<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 1</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hello!

Maddox: So, uh, we nailed the -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, we should say...you should...lemme give you...lemme give you some intro tips. Alright?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Are you open to intro tips? (smiles)

Maddox: Let's hear your intro tips.

Dick: I have a problem with your intro already, for the biggest problem in the universe.

Maddox: Well, wait. Uh, so we should explain what the show is!

Dick: Yes, go ahead.

Maddox: So the show is The Biggest Problem in the Universe. We are going through a comprehensive list of all the problems in the universe, and we throw them up on the website so you can rate them, and we will have...at the end of this series, which is never, you will...you will have a comprehensive list from start to finish of all the problems in the universe, in order. And so, we already have a problem with the -

Dick: (interjects) I already have one problem.

Maddox: Let's hear the problem.

Dick: This is not...so each episode we're gonna bring two problems...

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: ...to the show.

Maddox: Two problems each.

Dick: And we're gonna debate them in detail, because one of us is an idiot and likes to bring stupid problems in to every show.

Maddox: Dick does not like to flatter himself when he talks about himself.

Dick: Ha! Yeah. And the other guy is you. (grinning) (Maddox laughs) Uh, here's...here's my first problem. So, let's try: "Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe. Maddox, bestselling AUTHOR..." How 'bout that?

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: Possibly the *first*...I'm gonna say the first satirist on the Internet was you.

Maddox: Uh, one of the early ones for sure, yeah. I mean, I would have to go back and check, but -

Dick: (interjects) I'll put you up with Seanbaby...

Maddox: Seanbaby's great.

Dick: ...I don't know, maybe a bunch of other people, but...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Were you in the dial-up age?

Maddox: I was in the dial-up age! Yeah, that's how I used to connect to the Internet, is with dial-up. With Qmodem. It's an old DOS program.

Dick: Nerd. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs)

Dick: So we've got a dial-up satirist. One of the oldest writers on the Internet. A true, uh, founding father.

Maddox: Pioneer.

Dick: Pioneer.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm a pioneer of the Internet. Um...

Dick: Of Internet writing. Maddox, bestselling author: Alphabet of Manliness, I Am Better Than Your Kids...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Gotta be...there's gotta be another book in 10 years that I'm forgetting. Is that...?

Maddox: There is, uh...there will be. There will -- oh, also there's a...there's a -

Dick: (interjects) Okay, that was a joke. (grinning)

Maddox: Oh. (laughs)

Dick: That was a joke. Alright, yeah.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. Um...

Dick: And then me, Dick Masterson, Men Are Better Than Women. There you go.

Maddox: Men Are Better Than Women, and we've actually worked together on a lot of different projects, actually. We've uh, we've written together, we've actually sold a couple of shows, and...that have gone NOWHERE.

Dick: Yeah! They were great, though.

Maddox: Yeah. Absolutely fabulous...fantastic shows. Not fabulous. They are fantastic. Um...

Dick: Okay.

(brief silence)

Maddox: So.

Dick: Should we get to the problems?

Maddox: Let's get started!

Dick: Um, my first problem...which is the biggest problem in the universe, hands down, is...you. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Of course!

Dick: Maddox.

Maddox: Here we go.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Isn't that the same as your first problem you mentioned at the beginning of the show? (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah! That's a great example of why you're such a problem!

Maddox: Big problem.

Dick: Now, I have...so, I'm gonna specify. This is not...this is not a problem for *me.* Like, we're not just...this is not a show of personal gripes. Right?

Maddox: Of course not.

Dick: This is like, a problem...this is a real problem for the UNIVERSE.

Maddox: This is a universal...yeah. This is a problem that people would have in the real universe, uh, that would affect actual people.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause I have a litany of problems why YOU are a problem for ME.

Maddox: A litany? Oh, of course. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I am a big...big pain in your side.

Dick: Blatant disregard for time. For people's time.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Showing up hours late... (smiles)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Hours? (skeptical)

Dick: "Are we..."

Maddox: Minutes.

Dick: "Hey, are we doin' a podcast today?" "Uh, maybe."

Maddox: No, it's on my calendar! (annoyed)

Dick: Yeah! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Dick...

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: ...Dick does not adhere to, like, the common accepted...you know, calendars and, uh, time systems, and he forgets to CC people on emails all the time. Those people are me.

Dick: "Maybe" is not a time. That's all I'm saying. So, but, in a broader...in a broad scope...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...like in a universal scope...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...I think YOU are single-handedly responsible for filling the Internet with garbage. (Maddox splutters in protest)

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) WRONG. (both laugh) I'm sorry. You are wrong.

Dick: No! Uh, would you like to hear my explanation or do you wanna read your problem?

Maddox: Let's hear it. I would love to hear...let's hear your -

Dick: (interjects) Just a brief explanation.

Maddox: Yeah, of course.

Dick: Okay. You made Internet rants look cool.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, you made looking pissed off on the Internet look...cool!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You're like the Marlboro Man of Internet rants.

Maddox: Of Internet rants. Just as uh, just as hazardous for your health.

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox chuckles) No, it really is! So people see you and think it's cool to get on the Internet and swear a whole bunch and complain...but it's not!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not funny. (Maddox sighs) Funny when you do it!

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: It's a bestseller when YOU do it...

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: ...but when I see it everywhere else, it's painful.

Maddox: It's annoying. You know, I hate to agree with you, uh, just in general...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...ESPECIALLY on this point, because I hate to consider myself a problem, but in this case...I will say this.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: I actually hate myself a little bit. Uh, I mean I hate myself a lot.

Dick: A little bit? (skeptical) (Maddox laughs) Yeah, alright. Let's be fair. (smiling)

Maddox: Okay, I hate myself a lot. Right. Um...because I feel like all these clickbait websites that I bitch about all the time on Facebook -

Dick: (interjects) Like BuzzFeed.

Maddox: Like BuzzFeed!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And not just -

Dick: (interjects) You! That's you.

Maddox: What?

Dick: I'm blaming YOU for that.

Maddox: Yeah, I am...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...I am partly responsible for, like, the Upworthy-style titles.

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: Which are very hyperbolic and clickbaity. And now everything is "the best" or "the worst" or..."the best you will ever see in your life," or "it will - "

Dick: (interjects) It reminds me of an article entitled "The eleven worst songs of..."?

Maddox: "...of 2004."

Dick: "...2004"!

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: However, there is a reason that was eleven, and that's because there were eleven tracks on the U2 album.

Dick: Oh, I know, I...I remember the joke.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got it.

Maddox: Well, I'm explaining for people who haven't...who haven't seen it or don't remember it, which...which means you should probably stop listening to this podcast and, uh, throw yourselves into traffic. Um...but the problem is, everybody's doing this now, so it has lost -

Dick: (interjects) Being angry.

Maddox: Not just angry...I would say "hyperbolic." To the poi-...like, an extreme version of hyperbole.

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: So, it's...it's become so commonplace that you can't...you can't just have a cute video of a dog or a cat. It will be "the CUTEST."

Dick: Right.

Maddox: “It will BLOW - "

Dick: (interjects) Or "the doggest."

Maddox: Or "the..." (Dick laughs) "The doggest."

Dick: That doesn't make any sense.

Maddox: And it will be... (cracks up) Well, nothing...I mean, it's become this like, perverted...uh, cute version of extreme hyperbole. It is SUPER annoying. I can't stand it.

Dick: So I think I win! Show's over. You're the biggest problem in the universe.

Maddox: Well, thank you for listening everyone! Uh, I guess tune in never.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause that's...

Dick: Go.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: What's yours?

Maddox: My problem, my number one problem today...I wouldn't say this is the BIGGEST problem in the universe, but it's definitely on the list. And it's "crying." I think that crying is a huge problem.

Dick: Crying...

Maddox: Of any kind.

Dick: ...in baseball.

Maddox: There's no -

Dick: (interjects) Dude, you know...do you know how much crying...? Like, I'm on board, first of all. Um...like, how much crying professional athletes do?

Maddox: That's like, all they do! Right?

Dick: That's all...I think that is all they do. (grinning)

Maddox: They cry about...you know, you saw Pharrell on the Oprah -- did you see the Oprah clip of Pharrell online?

Dick: Oh my god. Are you kidding me? (Maddox laughs) I have never seen...the closest I've ever been to watching an Oprah clip is watching myself on Dr. Phil.

Maddox: Oh, that's a good point! Dick Masterson was on Dr. Phil.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Very hilarious clip. You should ALL watch it after you listen to this podcast.

Dick: Don't...I don't care if you watch it. I don't get paid for that. Dr. Phil gets money for that.

Maddox: That's a good point.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Do NOT support Dr. Phil.

Dick: Who cares? (cracks up) Go. Go, what is...what did Pharrell do on Oprah?

Maddox: He cried! On Oprah.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: He got on Oprah...I dunno -

Dick: (interjects) I think it's worse that you're watchin' Oprah than crying on Oprah! (laughs)

Maddox: For research. (annoyed) (Dick cackles) You know...so here's the thing: I have my Maddox feed on Facebook, and I see -

Dick: (interjects) It's chock full of Oprah. (smiling)

Maddox: Chock full of idiots. Uh...

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I've decided I've stopped...I've stopped pretty much unfriending people, 'cause there's no point. Everyone's an idiot, and everyone's posting this stupid bullshit!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I watch it because I...that's what I do. I have to consume a lot of shit to see what's out there.

Dick: I mean, what else are you gonna do? Write another book?

Maddox: Well, yes. Uh, but I have to see what's out there, just to comment on it. And there was this clip with Pharrell on Oprah and he cried. So, crying seems like one of those things...first of all, a lot of my girlfriends have done it in the past.

Dick: Uh, ye-..."a lot"? (skeptical) Yeah.

Maddox: 100 percent.

Dick: You mean, there is not...there's *one* girlfriend you've had who didn't cry? That's...I would be SHOCKED by that. Not because of you, just because of girlfriends in general. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Uh, yeah, she...I actually dated someone for about 3 months; not a single tear. And I even asked her, I said, "Listen, you've gotta be honest with me."

Dick: That's a long time.

Maddox: I know! I said, "You gotta be honest with me. Are you - "

Dick: (interjects) "Are you a robot?" (Maddox laughs) "Or a man?"

Maddox: No, I... (stammers) (Dick laughs) I said, "Are you crying secretly? Like, are you - "

Dick: (interjects) Ohh! That's smart!

Maddox: Yeah! "Are you ducking off into a closet and then just like, getting a good weep out and then coming out and you're fine? Like a - "

Dick: (interjects) Was she?

Maddox: "Like a guy would jerk off?" No, she wasn't! She just wasn't crying for 3 months. And then after that it was just waterworks, like, nonstop. And I...I encourage it to certain extent because for some people it can be cathartic. However, then I came across this article. They did some research and they...there was a study -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. Here we go. (playfully annoyed)

Maddox: Yeah! (smiling) This is actually...this is from The Independent, the newspaper The Independent. They said that tears kill men's sexual libido! Their libido, it kills their sex drive.

Dick: Oh, reall-...is that...?

Maddox: Did you know? This is actually...absolutely true. So here's a quote from the article.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It says, "Smelling the tears of a woman can quell a man's sexual desire, according to a study that determined female crying can have a direct chemical impact on male libido." [http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/please-dont-cry-ndash-it-upsets-a-mans-sex-drive-2178140.h...]

Dick: Um...I gotta go get checked out then. (Maddox laughs) 'Cause I got...I got the reverse of that.

Maddox: Ohhh, no... (uneasily)

Dick: Yeah. It's like...it's like 2 Viagras in 1. Every tear...

Maddox: Ohh. (still uncomfortable)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh boy.

Dick: That's a real thing!

Maddox: Yeah, uh...yeah, I mean, some people get off on that. Um...so, "Scientists have found evidence to suggest that tears from a weeping woman contain a chemical signal that can have a subconscious effect on a man's sexual desire."

Dick: So it's a boner killer.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Crying.

Maddox: Even if he's not witness to the crying, so that means just the *scent* of it. So here's the thing: this is actual, solid advice to all the men listening. If your girlfriend cries into her pillow at night, or into YOURS...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and you guys are living together, wash the sheets.

Dick: Or boyfriend! I mean...

Maddox: Or boyf-...no, this is only women's tears.

Dick: Only women's tears??

Maddox: Only women's tears have this chemical.

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: There's a chemical in women's tears that makes...that kills men's sexual libido.

Dick: Okay! Alright.

Maddox: And I've actually experienced it before, too! I've been, you know...I've been, uh, smashin' it and then I get a whiff of the pillow and I'm like, "Oh, there goes my boner!"

Dick: You experienced a sudden loss of essence?

Maddox: Sudden loss of essence. (smiles)

Dick: A loss of your manly essence.

Maddox: Yeah. My virility!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Just, "whoop!" (imitating drooping)

Dick: Okay. Um...well, I don't think that's a big problem.

Maddox: Really, you don't think it's a big problem to lose your sexual desire and not procreate? And end the human race, potentially, because women are crying?

Dick: No, because apparently I'm a genetic anomaly! Uh, if anything, my...my crying...my pro-crying genes need to be passed on to the next generation. That's what I'm learning here. All you guys are defects. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Uh, well -

Dick: (interjects) This is how...this is where thumbs started, with a guy like me that had a weird finger.

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: This is...this is how, like...uh, all the syndromes started. (chuckles) All the syndromes were these kind of mutations, where it's like, "Oh, one guy...one weirdo's gettin' off on this!"

Dick: Yeah! He's cool!

Maddox: Uh-oh. (makes sliding sound indicating he thinks Dick is crazy) (Dick laughs) Um...so, you know, there have also been a lot of studies that say crying is beneficial. But here's the thing: crying is a way...is a tool people use sometimes to *manipulate.*

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So if they...if people don't get what they want, they cry. Just like children do!

Dick: Does that...I think that works on you, though. 'Cause that doesn't work on me.

Maddox: Of COURSE it works! I don't want to see crying, ever! It's the worst!! I...there's the hyperbole.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It is...like, I cannot...I cannot stand that shit. If someone's crying around me I want them to stop or go away, just so I can move on with my life.

Dick: Dude, I really...like, I *don't* care when I...when someone is crying. Not saying that I don't feel bad if they're in pain, like if they're actually in pain, but if they're just throwing a big histrionic fit, it does not move me to do anything.

Maddox: (brief pause) Sociopath.

Dick: (chuckling) That's not a soci-...if you know they're doing it on purpose, right?

Maddox: But do you?

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: You KNOW. You know!! (teasing)

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: You don't know!

Dick: They're all...they're always doin' it on purpose. (cracking up)

Maddox: There we go. Uh-huh. (smiling) Okay.

Dick: Alright. So...uh, so Maddox can't get it up when his girlfriend's crying. Is that the problem?

Maddox: That's the problem!

Dick: That's the problem? (amused)

Maddox: Ends procreation; end of human race.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Huge problem. Vote for...

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: ...vote for crying on the website, guys.

Dick: Alright. Alright.

Maddox: I'm not that big of a problem.

Dick: Um...here's my next problem.

Maddox: What's your number two?

Dick: So far I'm in the lead. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: (sighs) Alright. This is a big problem. Guys asking other guys questions about their dog.

Maddox: Hmm. M'kay.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Alright, I'll bite. What's, uh...how is that a problem?

Dick: So...well, let me tell you what happened here. Um...I don't know how much backstory I wanna give on this either. I came into possession of a little dog.

Maddox: How...what do you mean? You kidnapped one?

Dick: No. I was...I was babysitting it.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: For a girl who I...had banged.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: So already you've...you're screwing up.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: You already banged her!

Dick: Yeah, but I wanted to bang her again that...that evening.

Maddox: Okay. Alright, okay.

Dick: So I figured...yeah, okay. So... (sighs) She said, "Oh, I have to go to this audition."

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: "Then I have to go do a modeling shoot."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: "So will you...Dick, will you watch my dog?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And my first thought is "no." Like, that's the last thing I wanna do today.

Maddox: Yeah, watching a dog is the worst.

Dick: Yeah, and especially -- like, it's a...it's a really poorly behaved dog! As you might imagine.

Maddox: It was a bad -

Dick: (interjects) Like it bites, she leaves the leash on it all the time so it has no idea when it's going outside.

Maddox: A bad dog, if you will.

Dick: It's a bad dog.

Maddox: Bad dog.

Dick: It's a CUTE dog. It's a great dog. It's just...

Maddox: Bad.

Dick: ...trained improperly.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Right? So I'm like, "Yeah, okay. Whatever. Yeah, leave your dog here." So I think to myself, "Alright! I'm gonna take this dog out."

Maddox: Mhm. (knowingly)

Dick: "And..." You know. What's the best...what could possibly...what's a...there's no better way to talk to girls than a little dog.

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: There ISN'T.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: There just isn't.

Maddox: I can't argue with you because you just said, "There isn't."

Dick: Well...uh, try to think of one.

Maddox: What about just "hi"?

Dick: No, that doesn't work. (both laugh) Don't be...

Maddox: Yeah, WEIRD!

Dick: ...don't be crazy! You don't do that. (teasing)

Maddox: Who would just...who would just go up to a girl and say, "Hi! Hello, how are you doing?" That's just wei-...that's weird!

Dick: Well, if you DO do that, wear like, a cell phone around your head. Or else they're not interested.

Maddox: If you DO, chicks will want to...want to text on them all the time.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So -- okay, you have your little dog. You know, it isn't a...it is a way that alotta guys will, uh...it is a strategy to meet women, sure.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And for guys to meet guys! I've seen that as well.

Dick: Well, okay. Here we go.

Maddox: Oh, is that where we're goin'? Okay. (smiles)

Dick: So I walk out with this little dog...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...who's, like, tearing around me like a tornado, and I'm trying not to choke the crap out of it 'cause I'm in public. And -

Maddox: (interjects) Because you're in public. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: THAT'S the reason.

Dick: And -- you gotta discipline it! Uh...I come upon, like, I'm not...I'm not joking, probably 40 models lined up to go on some like, stupid audition.

Maddox: Guys or girls?

Dick: Girls!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: ALL girls!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So I roll up with this dog and I'm like, "Oh my god, jackpot!"

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, I pass...I'm getting that eye from the first 10 or so. They're like, "Oh my god, please come talk to me with that dog," and I'm like, "Okay, ladies. I got...there's plenty of you. I'm not gonna go for the FIRST ones in line."

Maddox: Oh, of course.

Dick: "I gotta walk...I got all the time in the WORLD, here."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I got the cutest dog in the world. I'm gonna really pick the one of you that I wanna talk to."

Maddox: Plus it's a dog that a girl owns, so that dog is pre-selected to appeal to...

Dick: Right!

Maddox: Like, it's a...it's a *girl* dog! Right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: The girl likes the dog.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you have the girliest dog...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...in the girliest part of town, with all the girly models and your girly hair. So what happened?

Dick: And then I hear -- thank you. (Maddox laughs) And then I hear...I hear from behind, uh, "Hey, what kinda dog is that?" (deep, gruff voice)

Maddox: What do you mean, "behind"? Some guy standing right behind you? (laughing)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And I'm like...I turn around, and it's this...there's this big guy!

Maddox: This big burly girl. (laughs)

Dick: With like, a beard. He must've been doing, like, PA stuff on the...for whatever they were doin' there.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: But it totally threw me off! I was like, "What do you mean, 'what kinda dog'? What do you CARE? Why are you...what do you care? Why do you wanna know? Why do you wanna know what k-...it's a pug!" It's not a -- it's like, a husky or something. I'm like, "Wha-...what are you gonna do...what are you POSSIBLY gonna do with this information?!"

Maddox: He wants -

Dick: (interjects) "Why do you want to TALK to me??"

Maddox: Exactly. He wants your number!

Dick: No, he wasn't...he wasn't gay. He definitely wasn't gay.

Maddox: How do you know?

Dick: Be-...I'll tell you why.

Maddox: What did his dick taste like?

Dick: Because, because...whoahoh, wow!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's how you -

Dick: (interjects) So...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...I was thinking maybe he just wants to horn in on what I'm doing. Right?

Maddox: Could be.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's possible.

Dick: Yeah. So I was like, "Alright, get outta here. Get outta here." What do you know, ANOTHER guy comes up. "Hey, cool dog, man!"

Maddox: Mmmhm. (chuckling)

Dick: "How old is he?" I'm like, "Wha-...?? I don't know! I have no idea!" And like, my...the place I go in my body that makes lies (Maddox snickers) that I can just tell them, like, "Oh, it's 3...3 weeks old, or 3 months old"? It was totally empty, 'cause I'm talking to GUYS!!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, "I have no idea, you guys! This is TOTALLY messing me up! I gotta get outta here."

Maddox: These guys...wanted your butt, and they -

Dick: (interjects) Don't make this a gay thing!

Maddox: This is a gay thing!! It's totally a gay thing. Like, guys talk to -

Dick: (interjects) Maddox!

Maddox: Yes?

Dick: It happened ALL day. All day I was walking around with this stupid dog, and guys are coming up to me and asking me questions about it.

Maddox: The only time anyone asks *anyone* about their dogs, unless they're with their...with their partner -- and sometimes even then -- is if they want to hook up.

Dick: You...so -

Maddox: (interjects) 100 percent of the time. So those are all guys who just were interested in you!

Dick: You're TOTALLY...you can't possibly be this obtuse. You don't -

Maddox: (interjects) I ABSOLUTELY believe that.

Dick: You can't possibly think that! That's ridiculous.

Maddox: Unless they have a stroller and they're with their husband or wife -

Dick: (interjects) Maddox! This is...that's absurd! You can't actually think that all these guys were gay and trying to hit on me.

Maddox: I am giving you a huge compliment right now.

Dick: That's not a huge compliment. You're being ridiculous. (Maddox chuckles) It's absolutely not the case!

Maddox: That's *absolutely* the case. 100 percent true.

Dick: Well. Uh...

Maddox: Not a problem. Oh, I'm sorry that your problem is that you're so attractive to men. (heavily sarcastic)

Dick: No, here's the...here's the problem! 'Cause I think it's straight guys doing it. I think you're being stupid on purpose.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I think that what this is gonna turn into is guys just hitting...straight guys hitting on straight guys all the time.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: And that's the future! It's gonna be you sitting at a bar, and a guy -- a guy, a straight guy, walking up to you and going, "Hey, do you come here often?" And what are you...what are you supposed to do to that??

Maddox: You just say, "Yeah, man! Look at the game!" Maybe he's just tryin' to be friends!

Dick: Oh, well... (stammers) Yeah!!

Maddox: I talk to dudes in bars!

Dick: Yeah...ohh!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So you...again, YOU!

Maddox: I'm not HITTING on them! We're bro-ing out! Sometimes you bro out pretty hard! That's what happens.

Dick: Why...why do you wanna talk to a guy at a bar?

Maddox: 'Cause he might be wearing the same or similar jacket to you, and this actually happened to me one time!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I have this like, BADASS American flag jacket. It's...it's so fuckin' over-the-top Evil Knievel awesome, and I wear this thing around town. And I walked into a bar one time, and uh...Dick, I think I've told you the story. But I walked into a bar, and across the way I saw ANOTHER guy -

Dick: (interjects) Another idiot in an American flag jacket.

Maddox: Another fucking badass in an American flag jacket, and we locked eyes across this bar and we walked over, and everyone was like, STARING at us.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And we walked over to the middle of the bar without saying anything, unprompted...high five!

Dick: People stare at a car crash too.

Maddox: Well, this is...this is a car crash of awesome. We high fived and IMMEDIATELY bro-ed out, and we started talking about our jackets and how cool it was. He made his! He made his own American flag jacket. Anyway.

Dick: So you guys...so my theory's totally correct! You guys are employing pickup artist techniques (Maddox guffaws) to pick up other straight men. (slowly for emphasis)

Maddox: I mean, we didn't...we didn't have sex. You understand that -

Dick: (interjects) Oh nononono, I understand!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I understand that I'm the weirdo here...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and that everyone -- all these guys are now hitting on each other just to TALK to each other??

Maddox: No!

Dick: THAT'S what you guys are doing?!

Maddox: Okay. Hitting on and talking are two different things. Do you -

Dick: (interjects) No, it's not! (Maddox laughs) No, it is NOT. It is not!

Maddox: See?! (Dick laughs) So, I'm so glad you said this on the air, because this is...this is what I want everyone to witness: your insane thought process here.

Dick: (skeptical) I'm insane, 'cause I -

Maddox: (interjects) You don't differentiate...there is no such thing as talking! Everything you ever say is calculated to get laid!

Dick: Let me -- no, that's not true. Lemme...because I thought about it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I thought about...because I was like, "Alright, I don't wanna be too harsh on these guys."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "Maybe I've done this." So I thought about the times I've talked to a *guy* this week. Like, I've asked another guy something this week.

Maddox: Like, for his number or something, or...? (wryly)

Dick: No. What...do you have something you wanna get off your chest (Maddox laughs) about the...this gay stuff? Jeeeez!

Maddox: If you, if you want me to -

Dick: (interjects) Gosh!

Maddox: If you...I dunno, man! Do you want me to get it off my chest? Like, how do you want me, uh... (suggestively)

Dick: Okay, here's what I...here's what I came up with.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: I asked a guy...I was in a coffee shop...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...that's also a restaurant that I go to all the time. And this guy had what looked like a beer.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But I wasn't sure, 'cause it could be like, a fancy juice or a tea or something. You don't know.

Maddox: So... (hesitantly)

Dick: So I said, "Hey, is that a beer?" (Maddox bursts out laughing) And he said, "Yes."

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: And I THOUGHT...I was like, "Okay, this is over," but then I was like, "Wait a minute, what if he brought it in here? What if you're not allowed...?" So I said, "Wait a minute, wait a minute..."

Maddox: Whooooa!

Dick: "...did you get that beer *here*?" And he said, "Yes," and I was like, "Unbelievable! I didn't know you could get beer here."

Maddox: Ahhh! Okay, so here's the -

Dick: (interjects) End of conversation!

Maddox: End of conversation.

Dick: And I couldn't even look him in the eye.

Maddox: So you screwed up before you even opened your mouth, because in your thought process you thought, "What is that, juice or tea?" There was the possibility -- you thought there was a possibility that he could be drinking tea.

Dick: Yeah, of course!

Maddox: So you just put yourself in a position where you're asking a guy about his tea. Who's hitting on who?

Dick: Do you not...do you not understand the point of that conversation?

Maddox: Oh, I understand the point of your conversation.

Dick: I wanted to know if I could get beer at that restaurant.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, you could just say, "Hey, did you order that here?"

Dick: But I don't know if it's beer!

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: Have you seen, like, a fancy beer bottle and a fancy tea bottle? They look exactly the same.

Maddox: No, tea bott-...

Dick: Except one is full of garbage.

Maddox: Tea bottles are like -

Dick: (interjects) One is full of dirt water.

Maddox: The Honest...the Honest Tea bottles where they're plastic and they have that bullshit label?

Dick: There's a lot...there's many different bottles of tea out there, Kemosabe. (annoyed)

Maddox: Ohhh! (sarcastic) Oh, I didn't know there were so many different kinds of...I'm not a tea expert, apparently, so uh...you know all the different tea bottles? Oh, I guess you don't, 'cause you had to ask the guy for the beer. Basically you hit on the guy.

Dick: Okay, here's...here's question number two...

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: ...that I asked.

Maddox: Yes?

Dick: I was at another bar.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I was at a bar where I KNOW they serve beer.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And a guy was walking around smoking!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I was like, "Wait a minute." (Maddox snickers) "Is this one of those places that just pays the fine and you can smoke inside?"

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So I said, "Hey, are you allowed to be smoking in here?"

Maddox: What do you...?! That...okay, that's -

Dick: (interjects) What are you so excited about?

Maddox: That's just like, such a...like a policeman-type...like, what are you, the librarian? (stammers) The smoking police? However, I know where you're going with this!

Dick: What, what are... (taken aback)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: This is a, just a...this is a guy walkin' around a bar, smoking.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Do you think he cares if he gets caught?

Maddox: No.

Dick: No! So he said..."No." (Maddox laughs) And I said, "Okay, well, I don't wanna get kicked outta here, so I'm not gonna smoke."

Maddox: Okay. No, that -- okay, the second one was legitimate. So, you think those guys went home and sat down and they're recording their own podcasts right now, and they're saying, "Man, I can't believe some guy hit on me. He asked me what kind of beer I was drinkin'." Or, "He asked me if I was drinkin' a beer."

Dick: No, because it's...there's an easy explanation for that: "He was wondering if he could buy beer here." When a guy asks me how old my dog is, what in God's name could he POSSIBLY do with that information?

Maddox: Ask you for your number. That's why...

Dick: Yeah... (stammering)

Maddox: ...that's why people have pets.

Dick: Beyond the gay stuff.

Maddox: People have pets -

Dick: (interjects) Like, forget about the gay stuff for 10 seconds.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is a case of straight men, peacocking in your case...

Maddox: Mmm... (skeptical)

Dick: ...like, using -- employing this hitting on each other with other straight men. That's the future! That's the future and if you don't think...if you don't think that's the future, you're dead wrong.

Maddox: Dick, you don't know if those guys were straight or not. And we can only assume, since people generally have dogs -- they walk their dogs at dog parks and that sort of thing -- to meet other people. So I think it's safe to conclude that those guys were gay and they were hitting on you. I assume! If I had a dog and someone wanted to talk to me, and uh...I would assume that they wanna get in my pants. Unless they...unless there was absolutely no sexual attraction to me, or they were just like, a dog nerd, which I can't...I wouldn't wanna talk to anyway. I don't like dog nerds. Like, who cares? Okay, you got a fuckin' dog. Great. I'm movin' on with my life. I'm goin' on to the rest of the park. Or just going home. I'll just get in my car and drive home.

Dick: You're part of the problem on this one. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Well, I wasn't hittin' on you.

Dick: What's your last problem?

Maddox: My last problem, and this is a big one -- I think you'll agree with me on this one, maybe not -- is -

Dick: (interjects) This is worse than your remorse over making your girlfriend cry? (amused)

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Is what causes...

Maddox: Oh, no, no.

Dick: ...erectile dysfunction? (Maddox laughs) And some...not some goofy science explanation where their tears are full of "reverse BONER..." (mocking) (cracks up)

Maddox: It's boner killer!

Dick: Reverse boneritis.

Maddox: It's reverse Viagra, yeah!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The opposite of Viagra. They...they put women's tears in those pills. Um, no, this one is...this one is potentially worse than that. And I had no remorse over making my girlfriends cry.

Dick: Clearly. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Um...okay. Families! "Families" is my second problem.

Dick: The concept of a family or the execution of a family?

Maddox: Both. The concept of a family -- well, the concept of a family is fine in theory. Right? They're there for you, they support you, they're always...they've always got your back. Right?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: However...yeah. Great. But that's rarely the case. And if you think about... (Dick scoffs) Think about the -

Dick: (interjects) I can't wait to see the science on this one. (grinning) (Maddox laughs) That's *rarely* the case, that a family supports you?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: No. Families don't support; they take. (Dick giggles) So, here's... (cracks up) Here's... (stammers) Okay. The standard family...uh, the most common family -

Dick: (interjects) Like The Simpsons?

Maddox: Yeah! Like The Simpsons.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: 2 parents, 2 kids...well, I guess they have 3 kids. But 2 parents, 2 kids.

Dick: I don't know if that is the standard...like, aren't there...are there f-...is the majority of, uh...are the majority of families married still?

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: Or are they...or are they divorced?

Maddox: I'm not sure. The majority of divorces end in...or the majority of MARRIAGES end in divorce, but I'm not sure about the majority of, uh, child-bearing marriages. I'm not sure about that.

Dick: Oh, that's true. Okay, I guess I don't know that.

Maddox: So I would say that, uh, on average, a family would have like 2 kids. Right? 2 kids, a dog; that's -

Dick: (interjects) I think it's like 2 and a half. Yeah.

Maddox: Right. Yeah, 2 and a half kids. We'll round down to 2. So, you have...let's look at each element of the family.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: You have the father, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who's essentially a stranger! You don't know this man!

Dick: I mean, this is like...it's so bizarre to hear you talking about this and pretending it's like, an abstraction at all. Like, are you talking about *your* family? (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah. (both laugh)

Dick: Ohokay! So...go ahead.

Maddox: Okay. You know, it's not just that my family's been...been rough. (Dick laughs) Or bad, at times.

Dick: Oh, here comes the tears. (laughs more)

Maddox: There's no tears! And MY tears -

Dick: (interjects) I better get an erection really fast so I can test your theory! (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. You're gonna get a...you're gonna get the biggest boner you've ever had in your life. (Dick laughs more) You better...I'm gonna move my stuff. You're gonna knock this table over.

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: So if you think about the father figure, your father is a STRANGER. Okay? You don't know this man! He came from a different era! How many dudes do you hang out with who are separate from you by 60 or 50 years culturally? Zero. Except for your father, who -- it's suddenly okay because he's your father. What...what do you have in -

Dick: (interjects) 50 or 60 years culturally??

Maddox: Okay, let's say 40 or...40 or 30.

Dick: 30!

Maddox: 30 years.

Dick: 20 to 30, I would say.

Maddox: 30 years is a lot! If you were cultur-...if you were culturally...that's 3 generations apart!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Essentially. You have nothing in common with this...with this weirdo!

Dick: No, it's...it's uh, it's ONE generation apart. It's your DAD. (amused)

Maddox: Okay, fine.

Dick: It's... (scoffing)

Maddox: But I mean culturally -

Dick: (interjects) Let's say it's 3 decades apart.

Maddox: You're 3 decades apart. Right.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Culturally, you're 3 decades apart. You guys listen to different music, he came from a different era, different principles, different economic...everything! Everything was different about his upbringing.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Alright.

Maddox: And by the way, my dad was...was 51 when he had me. So...

Dick: Okay, that's...that's older.

Maddox: Right. And you know, it's not that uncommon. I've found other people have had...who have, like, really old dads.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So essentially, you're growing up in this...with a STRANGER who has no right over you other than he MADE you. Great! He's -

Dick: (interjects) This is a...this is a BIZARRE description of a family.

Maddox: This is a -

Dick: (interjects) What you're doing. No, this is a...

Maddox: No!!

Dick: ...this is a VERY bizarre description of a family.

Maddox: This is a very ordinary description of a family, and uh, this is what we've come down to -

Dick: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Maddox: - is you...you have just these weirdos who are raising you. These strangers!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who...who, just by virtue of the fact that they conceived you, you are supposed to adhe-...like, respond to them, adhere to them. These are the people who tell you what to do, how to raise you; they influence your upbringing.

Dick: Well, you can't...you can't survive without them for a couple years. That's kind of important.

Maddox: Why can't you pick your family?

Dick: Is that the problem? Is it the problem that you're bringing?

Maddox: No, the problem is families. I'm not...I'm not sure what the solution is. The problem is definitely families. Your mom is also -

Dick: (interjects) What is the prob-...what in the HELL are you talking about, "the problem is families"?

Maddox: So, there are two types of families: good ones and bad ones. Right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay. And then there might be mediocre ones, but whatever. Let's just focus on the good and the bad. The bad, we know is bad -

Dick: (interjects) Let's...let's just make it black and white so it's easy to be a complete jackass about it. (grinning) (Maddox chuckles) Go ahead.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Let's focus on the... (cracks up)

Maddox: No, it's like in mathematics. You...you focus on the extremities of a graph. You want to know when it intersects zero.

Dick: I guess YOU do! Okay.

Maddox: That's what mathematicians do! (yelling) (Dick giggles) You focus on the '1's and the '0's, so we're goin' with '1's and '0's.

Dick: Let's focus on your family problems. What specifically is wrong with the family to you?

Maddox: Okay, so if -

Dick: (interjects) They're a-holes?

Maddox: If a family is good, if a family is nice; if a family is...perfect, that pisses me off. Like, have you ever seen a family where just everything about them is so perfect, it makes you -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it's mine! It's my family.

Maddox: No...okay.

Dick: We have Christmas cards every year, it's great!

Maddox: FINE. Great. (Dick laughs) Great. Awesome. (annoyed)

Dick: We have Thanksgiving dinner, everybody pitches in...

Maddox: Oh, wonderful. Great! (sarcastic)

Dick: I get s-faced...

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: ...by like 11:30. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Oh, great. Awesome!

Dick: Perfect.

Maddox: Awesome family. A little...that's dysfunctional.

Dick: We have a Christmas letter. (still grinning)

Maddox: You realize that's dysfunctional? (Dick laughs) Um -

Dick: (interjects) We all went to each other's graduations. (laughs more)

Maddox: Oh, gre-...yeah. Did your...okay, great. You invited some stranger, your dad, to your graduation.

Dick: He's not a...they're not strangers! (laughing)

Maddox: (yelling) You don't know...they're people who are 30 years apart from you.

Dick: And they kinda look like you.

Maddox: Yeah! So what? I kinda look like lots of people. They're not my father.

Dick: Ah, this is...I'm...I have...I need to wrap my head around this.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: It's just too bizarre.

Maddox: So -

Dick: (interjects) And I don't know specifically what the problem is. You can't s-...like, "family" is not a problem.

Maddox: Family's...okay, so... (stammers) So, bad families are a problem. Right? GOOD families -

Dick: (interjects) I guess!

Maddox: Sure, of course! You don't wanna have a dysfunctional family, it brings up dysfunctional people!

Dick: Got alotta good art that comes out of dysfunctional families, like apparently your website and all your books. (cracking up)

Maddox: GREAT.

Dick: According to this. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah. At a huge psychological cost, apparently.

Dick: Nahhh. (laughs)

Maddox: So, let's look at... (cracks up) Let's look at the good family. Right? There's...there are families sometimes where you see, like, the mom is attractive, the dad is handsome...

Dick: That's my family again!

Maddox: ...the kids are good -- that is absolutely not true. Their kids are good-looking -

Dick: (interjects) Excuse me?!? "Absolutely not true"??

Maddox: Well, I would -

Dick: (interjects) Are you talking...

Maddox: No, your parents...

Dick: ...are you saying my mother is not beautiful?! (yelling)

Maddox: Your mother's...

Dick: (interjects) I will KILL you!

Maddox: ...super hot. (bursts out laughing)

Dick: ARE YOU S-...I will...I will DOUBLE kill you! (cracking up) (Maddox keeps laughing) How DARE you!

Maddox: Your dad...actually I've met your folks, they're awesome.

Dick: Alright, don't talk about my family, please.

Maddox: The part...okay, GREAT. The part I'm getting at is the kids. The kids are attractive, which you obviously didn't get, uh, from your fa-...from your parents.

Dick: Right. Mhm.

Maddox: And they're perfect, whatever. There was that song that came out around Christmas called "Christmas Jammies."

Dick: "Last Christmas, I gave you my heart." (singing) That one?

Maddox: No. That is a good...no. Not that song. There was a song that came out called "Christmas Jammies," and it was -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, is it the one that went, "Ruff, ruff, ruff! Ruff, ruff, ruff!" (barking to rhythm of "Jingle Bells")

Maddox: NO.

Dick: "Ruff ruff ruff, ruff ruff!"

Maddox: But that is a good song. I do like that song. It's g-...uh, yeah.

Dick: Okay, "Christmas Jammies." What is it? (grinning)

Maddox: "Christmas Jammies." Actually, I have it here. I wanna play a little piece of it. This was a Christmas card that, uh...like a video card that their family sent out to people. That was the premise, that they sent it out. Right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Here we go. Listen to this piece of shit. And by the way, the family is...is just NAUSEATING. They're nauseatingly perfect. Here we go. [**plays "Christmas Jammies" music video:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kjoUjOHjPI]

Dick: Okay. (reluctantly)

Little girl: These are my Christmas jammies!

Dad: Awww, yeah! (music from Will Smith's "Miami" kicks in) **It's a Holder night!**

Dick: Okay, that's enough. You gotta stop it.

Maddox: (**pauses video**) It's already annoying, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Let's hear the...let's just hear the first... (**resumes video**)

Dad: 2013 in review! Video Christmas card, part 2.

Dick: So it's a...a white guy rapping?

Maddox: White guy rapping.

Dick: Okay.

Dad: Dancin' in the front yard night and day, and the neighbors walk by and this is what they say.

Female Neighbor: Are those Christmas jammies? (obnoxious voice)

Maddox: (**pauses video**) Already...already you just want to stab -

Dick: (interjects) Why does this upset you so much?

Maddox: The levels of anger that I have right now, I would...I have, like, a stack. Like in programming you have stacks and queues, and -

Dick: (interjects) Nerrrd. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: And my stack has like 80 items on it. (Dick laughs) I don't even know where to begin right now.

Dick: I wish... (squeaking through giggles) I wish that you could have a shirt that said, like...I don't know, "DOS like a boss," (Maddox laughs) and on the back it was like, "My stack has 80 items on it." You are SUCH an effing nerd. (Maddox keeps laughing) Okay.

Maddox: So already -- like, the family...first of all, it started out with a kid who can't even talk.

Dick: So your...your processing stack is very high.

Maddox: VERY high. The kid can't even talk, it's already...

Dick: That's adorable, though.

Maddox: ...the video, the premise is terrible; that's 3 things.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The kid is NOT adorable, he's annoying.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: He's got mush mouth, he can't speak. He shouldn't be on camera. (**resumes video**)

Dick: Mhm.

Dad: They are Christmas jammies.

Maddox: (**pauses video**) Oh great, real cute. Yeah, they are Christmas jammies. Their pretentious neighbor comes by, "Are those Christmas jammies?" (nasal voice)

Dick: Why does this upset you?

(brief silence)

Maddox: Because it's insincere. It's fake.

Dick: So you think -

Maddox: (interjects) AND, and it's...it's, uh, show off-y. That's what it is. It's bragging.

Dick: Show off-y?

Maddox: That's what it is!

Dick: Okay. (amused)

Maddox: It's...it's "LOOK AT US!"

Dick: They're ramming their perfect family down your throat.

Maddox: Yes! YES.

Dick: That's what annoys you. And you're...meanwhile, you're livin' with a stranger.

Maddox: Yeah!! (laughs)

Dick: Who you didn't even pick! Who are THESE guys, comin' in with their jammies? (teasing)

Maddox: Who are these weirdos? Yeah, their JAMMIES. Oh, their perfect fuckin' matching jammies. GREAT.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The perfect hot mom, and just listen to the...there's uh, there's just a few more seconds left. (**resumes video**)

Dad: Check it out, we just bought a Prius V!

Maddox: (**pauses clip**) Great, they bought a Prius V. AWESOME.

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: Thanks for bragging! We care because why? Why are you telling us this? And, listen. (**resumes clip**)

Dad: And it matches these perfectly! (pointing to jammies in video)

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: Ohh, perfectly! How perfectly it matches. (disdainful)

Dick: Oh man, I really hope my family does this for next Christmas. (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, great! Fine.

Dick: So...

Maddox: More shit to burn.

Dick: Instead of...instead of "Family," can we title your problem, um, "Jealousy"?

Maddox: No, it's not jealousy!! It's -

Dick: (interjects) It seems a little bit like it's jealousy.

Maddox: Okay, maybe!

Dick: Okay. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah, I want a hot wife, sure! (Dick laughs) I want a hot wife and a fuckin' perfect family and a fuckin' perfect house.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Great. And a Prius V...

Dick: Yeah. (still laughing)

Maddox: ...and fucking annoying-ass, ugly...ugly neighbors.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) But you'd have to change your attitude a little bit.

Maddox: No!!

Dick: Probably. (grinning)

Maddox: My attitude is perfect.

Dick: No, I think your attitude is, uh, not conducive to the video that you just played and the song that just played.

Maddox: It's absolutely...I am, like, so angry I'm sweating right now. (Dick laughs hysterically)

Dick: That's what I think...can you imagine a perfect family centered around YOU? (Maddox laughs loudly) A guy who gets so angry at viral videos that he starts gushing sweat into his nerdy t-shirts?? (both laugh more)

Maddox: So...okay, the other question is, can you trust your family? Can you *ever* trust them?

Dick: Uh... (stammers) Yeah.

Maddox: Mmm, really? (skeptical)

Dick: To varying degrees.

Maddox: Okay, if your mom says, "Dick, you're uh, you're so handsome today!" LIES.

Dick: Awesome! Thanks.

Maddox: Absolutely lies. Nope! Lies.

Dick: Uhh, that's definitely true.

Maddox: ABSOLUTELY lies.

Dick: Are you calling my mom a liar? (Maddox laughs) I will KILL you. I will stab you with the...

Maddox: No.

Dick: I will... (cracks up)

Maddox: Your mom is so hot. (laughs more)

Dick: Oh. (exasperated) So, you can't trust your family to give you compliments?

Maddox: You can't...any compliment coming from your family is...you have to take with a grain of salt. They might be lying!

Dick: Oh, you are...

Maddox: 'Cause they're trying to build you up!

Dick: ...you are SO messed up.

Maddox: No!! That...it could be a lie! (Dick laughs) You can't trust them!

Dick: So who can you trust...who else can you trust, then?

Maddox: You...

Dick: Doesn't that go for everybody?

Maddox: No! You trust your critics! Your critics are your best friends.

Dick: So lemme get this straight: the only people...the only time you feel comfortable when you're talking to someone is when they're actively criticizing what you do.

Maddox: No.

Dick: That's what it sounds like.

Maddox: Okay. It -

Dick: (interjects) It sounds like the only people you trust are the ones who are shitting on you.

Maddox: I trust them if they're shitting on me...but not necessarily, 'cause some people could shit on you because they don't like you, or because they have an agenda, or they have some motive, or some ulterior motive or somethin' like that. You have to take it -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, like if you were the biggest problem in the universe, they would take that opportunity to...that would be the motive that you're talking about. Like if someone were to have a *problem*...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...on a show...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...and it was YOU.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Yeah. That would be the motive.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, okay. If it's coming from an honest place. Like for example, there are people who don't like me and they don't like my style of humor. Great. I don't care about their opinions. However, there are people who DO like me -

Dick: (interjects) Well, there are also people who don't...who DO like your style of humor and just don't like YOU, to be fair.

Maddox: That's true! That's al-... (cracks up)

Dick: Okay. It's not always -- I'm saying it's not about the humor necessarily.

Maddox: Great. (**baby laughing sound effect**)

Dick: Maybe it's just you. (grinning)

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: You get a baby laugh. (**baby laughing sound effect**)

Dick: Thanks. (both laugh)

Maddox: So, uh...yeah, you can't trust your family. "They're always there for you." Are they always there for you? (skeptical)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: What if your...what if your parents are alcoholics?

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: Mine aren't, but I'm just saying, what if they are? Or what if they have some problem? And should you love someone unconditionally? They're supposed to love you unconditionally, right?

Dick: Like, what is...what are you proposing, like, The Matrix? Is that how you think it should work?

Maddox: What -

Dick: (interjects) Where there's just a bunch of...you've seen The Matrix, right?

Maddox: Yeah, I've seen it.

Dick: Where there's just a bunch of babies in pods and they don't have any parents? Isn't that weird that they never had any parents in The Matrix?

Maddox: They...I guess, I -

Dick: (interjects) No they didn't, they were just printed out! They were grown!

Maddox: But from someone's DNA. That's...those are your parents. Your DNA -

Dick: (interjects) Randomized DNA. They were just like, cloned.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Yeah, that's pretty cool. That's what we should...yeah.

Dick: So how did they grow up in the Matrix? Like when they were kids, who was their parent?

Maddox: Well, they had those memories implanted in them.

Dick: When they were little babies in the pods...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...like, and growing up...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...who was...what were they doin'?

Maddox: They were just hang-...they were just bein', uh, fed and grown.

Dick: But what were they doin' in the Matrix?? Were they kids in the Matrix?

Maddox: Yeah yeah, in the Matrix!

Dick: Who were their parents in the Matrix?

Maddox: Uh, probably the same randomized -

Dick: (interjects) Other people?

Maddox: Yeah, other people, just randomized. That's essentially what we are right now!

Dick: I don't know, it's weird!

Maddox: You're just some random sperm floatin' around in your dad's dick, and then it finds your mom's, uh, ovaries!

Dick: I think you need an anatomy lesson. That's not where sperm floats around. (smiling)

Maddox: No, well, if... (cracks up) Well, uh, you are the expert! Um...so, you have...so you can't trust your family.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Uh, 'cause they're...and they're always there for you, supposedly. But why is that a good thing? Like, what if...like, there are people...uh, you know, Osama bin Laden's son was interviewed -

Dick: Oh, here we go.

Maddox: - after he died... (cracks up)

Dick: Here we go. (grinning)

Maddox: He was -

Dick: (interjects) 9/11! That's...that's how you know this is a crappy argument.

Maddox: Always...no, this is a great argument.

Dick: Go ahead!

Maddox: So they interviewed him after 9/11, and they asked him...they said, "Do you know where your father is?" He said, "No."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They said, "Would you turn him in if you knew where he was?"

Dick: No, of course not.

Maddox: Well, yeah, he actually hesitated! He actually disagreed with what his father did. He thought -

Dick: (interjects) Well, yeah, 'cause he didn't wanna look like a jerk. That's why he hesitated. He's like, "Uh, do I wanna tell the truth on TV where I look like a jerk, or do I just wanna lie and get this over with?"

Maddox: No, he actually did tell the truth. He said...he said -

Dick: (interjects) Well...

Maddox: He said -

Dick: (interjects) Here we go. (mocking)

Maddox: No! Here's -

Dick: (interjects) So your family always lies to you, but Osama bin Laden's son ALWAYS tells the truth. (Maddox laughs) What did he say?

Maddox: You don't know him!! I don't know him. Okay, so he said, "What my father did is terrible, but I still would not turn him in. Because he's my father."

Dick: I know I've been on TV! (chuckles) It is pretty easy to lie on TV.

Maddox: Ohh. Oh yeah? Is it? (smiles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: What?

Maddox: Well, no, he...that's what he said! He said, "I know what my father did is terrible, but I still wouldn't turn him in because he's my father."

Dick: Sure. Yeah.

Maddox: So that's...I feel like that's an honest answer. He's being...he's like, looking at both sides of things.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So, if your son or daughter -

Dick: (interjects) I bet he felt so good about that answer. He's like, "Oh man, I really answered it honestly there."

Maddox: I don't even -

Dick: (interjects) "I was really...I was really put to the crucible, and I answered...I gave my honest..." (Maddox chuckles) Such a joke.

Maddox: "Put to the crucible." (amused)

Dick: Yeah, it's just...people are so happy about..."Oh, I really had integrity with that answer. Uhhh." (stupid voice)

Maddox: (laughing) Nobody said this! This isn't -

Dick: (interjects) Everybody thinks that.

Maddox: You're conjuring!

Dick: Nahhh.

Maddox: I mean, *I* think that. I love to pat myself on the back.

Dick: Yeah. Everybody does. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Uh...it's -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, they do when they take a stand for themselves. (sneering)

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, that's...

Dick: Stupid.

Maddox: ...that reminds me of a problem. (under his breath) Okay. So...so um, families kinda stick out for each other, right or wrong, which is WRONG. (Dick scoffs) What if your son or daughter was a ped-...what if you had a son or daughter and they were a pedophile? Would you...would you turn them in?

Dick: They were a pedophile as a kid?

Maddox: No, they grew up to be pedophiles. (annoyed) (Dick giggles) You can't be a pedophile as a kid. You'd just be a weirdo. It'd be like, "Oh, here comes that weird kid..." (cracks up) "...molesting other kids."

Dick: Other kids, yeah!

Maddox: That's just weird. That's weird.

Dick: That IS weird!

Maddox: I mean, it's a problem -

Dick: (interjects) Do you think they are when they're kids?

Maddox: No, they can't be pedophiles! If you're a kid attracted to another kid, that's normal.

Dick: Do you think they still smile like that? Like your "pedosmile"?

Maddox: The pedosmile? I...no. I don't think so. The pedosmile is kind of like a creepy type of, uh...

Dick: I know, but a kid could smile like that. Can't they?

Maddox: Maybe, but the intent is different. The intent is...'cause I've been attracted to little girls when I was... (cracks up) ...I was a little boy.

Dick: Wait... (apprehensively) Oookay.

Maddox: Yeah. When I was a little boy I was attracted to little girls.

Dick: Man, isn't that weird?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that you can be...whatever, like 12 years old?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And you can totally find a 12-year-old girl attractive.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And you remem-...you can think about it years later and you don't even remember what she looks like, and you're like, "Man, I don't know. For some reason I was just attracted to that girl!"

Maddox: She -

Dick: (interjects) Isn't that weird?? And you...it's like you know that they're your own age, and...

Maddox: You know, and that's...and I think back too, 'cause I remember kids, like little girls I used to have a crush on as a little boy...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and I think, "Oh yeah, they were really hot." And then -- but I don't think of them as children anymore! I don't think of them...I don't even think of them as children.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Like, I think of them as their...like, whatever their grown-up -

Dick: (interjects) An equal.

Maddox: Yeah. Then I look 'em up on Facebook and they have...they're fat and they have like 4 kids.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: So, there's that.

Dick: And then you go write an angry rant about it. (smiles)

Maddox: Then they cry and I lose my boner.

Dick: Um...yeah, alright. Your family thing's WEIRD, man. It's very personal.

Maddox: Wait, you didn't answer the question!

Dick: It's not...what?

Maddox: Should you love someone unconditionally? If your son or daughter grew up and became a -

Dick: (interjects) Dude, I feel...I feel like I'm talking to a chick right now. Like, "Should you love someone unconditionally?" What in the EFF are you talking about?

Maddox: That's what families do!

Dick: What the...no, they -

Maddox: (interjects) Do you think that's a problem? You don't think that's a problem? (incredulous)

Dick: They definitely don't. (chuckling)

Maddox: They...well, a lot of 'em do! That's what...that's the virtue of a family!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You're supposed to love someone unconditionally.

Dick: Do I think they *should*? Is that the question?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They do.

Maddox: They do!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that's a problem!

Dick: Why is it a problem?

Maddox: Because it shields pedophiles. (laughs) Done. QED. Argument made.

Dick: Okay, so...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...we finally got to your problem.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Which is specifically, "families shield pedophiles."

Maddox: Families shield pedophiles. (cracking up)

Dick: The family unit, as has evolved for millions of years...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...is designed to shield pedophiles. (slowly; incredulous)

Maddox: To shield pedophiles. AND, the world's number one terrorist. We have a quote -

Dick: (interjects) Well, we don't know. He said he didn't know.

Maddox: He said he didn't know, but he said if he DID...even if he did, he wouldn't.

Dick: I don't know where my dad is all the time! (Maddox stammers) (laughs)

Maddox: Well, that's diff-...okay. (annoyed) What...fine!

Dick: Maybe...you know, maybe he threw 'em off track! I don't know.

Maddox: Sure, but if someone... (stammers) It's shielding the number one terrorist in the world, it's shielding pedophiles, it's shielding criminals. And we see it on the news all the time. People, uh -

Dick: (interjects) I really...like, when did you become Internet Batman? (Maddox laughs) That you're so worried about all this crime's taking place. Who gives a crap?

Maddox: Since always. That's what Maddox does. That's what I do.

Dick: Well, he's like a crappy nerd Zorro? That's what Maddox does? (Maddox laughs) I don't think so. (grinning)

Maddox: Crappy nerd Zorro! (giggling) Oh man, just one more on that stack. It's like 84 high now.

Dick: I didn't... (laughs) Um, I'm feeling a bunch of...I'm thinking a bunch of people are gonna be inspired by this anti-family rant to write a bunch of unfunny Internet rants!

Maddox: Yeah, potentially.

Dick: So that makes YOU the biggest problem.

Maddox: (talking over Dick) And are you digging on my inspiration article? Is that, is that...you're takin' a dig at my inspiration article.

Dick: No, I'm not! I'm not. I'm digging, um...I'm taking a dig at myself if anything, because YOU, you have...like, I would...you remember when Beavis and Butt-head got shut down because they were doing...they were lighting stuff on fire, then that kid burned his trailer down?

Maddox: No, that...

Dick: You remember that?

Maddox: No, vaguely. (stammers) Let's recount that. What happened?

Dick: Uh, that's the entirety of the story.

Maddox: Alright. (chuckling)

Dick: And then Beavis and Butt-head had to put that stupid disclaimer up. And everyone was always saying that, you know, emulation...well, I was always saying like, the argument that kids are gonna see things and emulate it is, uh, stupid.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Well...

Maddox: I mean, they do.

Dick: Because I wanted Beavis and Butt-head, that's why.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's the real reason.

Maddox: So, okay. Conflict of interest.

Dick: But they obviously do, and you -- my biggest problem -- you influencing all these people to do what you do, to try to do what you do, makes me question my values and I hate doing that. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well, okay, yeah. Potentially I could inspire some idiots to write some unfunny, shitty rants. And that happens! That's actually happened several times.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's uh, there have been all sorts of knockoffs of my website and that sort of thing. But that's like saying that somebody enjoying a beverage in a bar or restaurant, like a beer, is inspiring alcoholics.

Dick: Yeah, but -- no, it's...it's worse than that. It's worse than that. Here's why my problem is worse than that: because YOU...I think you are like, the first horseman of the idiocracy. Where the...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...the angry communication is now, like, standard. And it's like, "Okay! Well, first...first everybody's pissed off all the time..."

Maddox: I guess. (skeptical)

Dick: "...and ranting all the time..."

Maddox: That's different, man.

Dick: "...and using hyperbole ALL the time."

Maddox: Yeah, that does -

Dick: (interjects) That's like, step number one!

Maddox: That does annoy me. That does absolutely annoy me. Um...but it's different. It's different. Like, the...I feel like people have become these...there's this expression that floats around on the Internet of "Social Justice Warriors"? You've heard of this before?

Dick: I've NEVER heard of this expression on the Internet.

Maddox: Oh. Oh yeah, it's fantastic. They're, they're -

Dick: (interjects) Is it people who post on Facebook and 'like' things?

Maddox: Mm...

Dick: Like, to make a difference?

Maddox: Uh, that's part of it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But essentially it's...it's somebody who, uh, does a moral crusade for some kind of cause, like...for example, the rape culture, and -

Dick: Whoa! Okay.

Maddox: - that becomes -- yeah, and they talk about how every...almost everything contributes to this rape culture, which is damaging to rape victims because essentially you're saying...you're taking culpability away from the RAPIST, and blaming it and shifting it onto society! RAINN, the anti-rape network, has actually even come out *against* this concept of "rape culture."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But there are these Social Justice Warriors who go around on forums and they...they sign petitions and they shut down Facebook websites -

Dick: (interjects) Can...can I interrupt you for one second? (sheepishly)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I just...I'm just, I'm thinking of your family problem... (Maddox snickers) ...and I'm imagining you with a kid.

Maddox: Yes?

Dick: Who's like a...you know, like the KID...what if he's, like, really normal? And he's like, "God, I wish I coulda just picked...I got this stranger, this effing weirdo, who raises me for no reason." (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Always ranting about a rape culture, and..." (Maddox laughs harder) "God knows...an organization I've NEVER even heard of, I'll never hear of again." This poor little kid has gotta sit with this guy... (cracking up) I'm just picturing your perfect family.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Scenario.

Maddox: And I empathize and sympathize with my...

Dick: With your own son.

Maddox: ...with my own son.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: I'd be like, "Look, I'm sorry, man! This is your luck of the draw." (Dick laughs more) "If you want...if you find a better family, I'll give you my blessings. Go live with them."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I would have to vet the family. I would have to make sure it's a good family, not full of pedos.

Dick: What gives you the right?

Maddox: Your son or daughter.

Dick: What gives you the right? How dare you. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well, you would shield...who you would shield if they were pedophiles.

Dick: I don't know! That's a...eugh, man.

Maddox: That's a tough one, right?

Dick: Well, because first you have to deal with the...I mean, first you have to look at the fact that like, you created a pedophile?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it seems like they're...it seems like they show up in cases of like, massive sexual abuse as a kid.

Maddox: Sometimes.

Dick: Well, I...yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, I wouldn't do THAT, so it's hard to then imagine a child growing up as a pedophile that you're responsible for.

Maddox: Fine. I mean, pedophilia's such a heinous crime.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What about other...other crimes? Like drunk driving. Your son kills somebody -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, I don't, I don't...uhh...

Maddox: Yeah, you'd be fine with that.

Dick: I wouldn't be FINE with it!

Maddox: You'd shield them?

Dick: It's like...oh, of course, yeah!

Maddox: Okay! Well, there...there's the facts.

Dick: A child?! A CHILD of mine??

Maddox: No, not a chi-...okay, he's 16 years old, he just got his license. Like that, uh, rich kid who was suffering from "affluenza." He killed someone drunk driving -

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: - and his parents bailed him out, the judge gave him a slap on the wrist.

Dick: What are you gonna do, send your own kid to JAIL?

Maddox: Ehh...

Dick: Is that what you're gonna do?

Maddox: Therein lies -

Dick: (interjects) Are you an idiot?

Maddox: And that's the problem with families.

Dick: Oh, what I just expressed? (derisively)

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Okay! So... (both laugh) That's parenting advice from two single IDIOTS (Maddox bursts out laughing) who are about the same age. One was raised, uh, in a PERFECT family and the other, I'm not...I don't know, I'm not gonna comment. But that's where we've arrived at: me not sending my child to an ass-rape penitentiary, and you saying, "You know what, Government? I just don't know what to do anymore. Take him, do whatever you want."

Maddox: Yeah, I guess. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Again...

Maddox: I mean, when you put it that way.

Dick: ...you are the biggest problem in the universe. (grinning)

Maddox: No, absolutely not. Uh...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So as for the biggest problem in the universe, we should probably be wrapping up here. Make sure to go to the website,http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. Uh, that's http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. It's a mouthful, but we have all these problems on the website for you to vote.

Dick: It's a mouthful but we're too cheap to buy a shorter domain.

Maddox: Yeah, a shorter dom-...they're all gone, thanks to you idiots.

Dick: Okay, and the problems were...Maddox, is the biggest problem in the universe, um...or Guys Asking Questions About Little Dogs, which is...dude, now that I look at it, I don't know. That's... (stammers)

Maddox: Silly.

Dick: Imagine a future...like, im-...can you imagine your dad looking at what you're doing with the same jacket? Peacocking and hitting on another guy in a bar?

Maddox: (annoyed) It's not peacocking, it's just a cool fuckin' jack-...I can't help that my jacket draws people to me!

Dick: And then you like, run over and *hug* each other, like...?

Maddox: We didn't HUG, we high-fived!

Dick: It's like a romantic, like uh...

Maddox: It is NOT!!

Dick: What is that movie with Brad Pitt?

Maddox: You tell me. This is a trap.

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: Uh-huh. (amused)

Dick: Yeah, I don't know. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know either.

Dick: I don't know either!

Maddox: I don't know any movies with Brad Pitt.

Dick: Hm! Alright.

Maddox: I've never, I...Brad who?

Dick: I know Fight Club!

(brief silence)

Maddox: Yeah, alright.

(talking over each other)

Dick: That's one...that's one manly Brad Pitt movie!

Maddox: That's one. I do know, I do know...

Dick: Do you know...let's hear it!

Maddox: I do know Fight Club. (Dick laughs) That's it! That's the ONLY manly movie he's ever been in. I don't know any other movies he's been in.

Dick: He was in Snatch.

Maddox: (**booing sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: Alright. Exactly what I said, not payin' attention, lookin' at your stupid sounds. Okay, what...and what are your problems?

Maddox: My problem, uh...number one problem was Crying.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It kills libidos; end of the human race. 'Cause we can't -

Dick: (interjects) Ah, we shoulda talked more about that one instead of weird family stuff.

Maddox: Yeah... (hesitantly) Well, yeah. You blew it. 'Cause you're -

Dick: (interjects) No, your family was WEIRD, dude!

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's a WEIRD...like, families in gene-...? It took so long to get to the actual problem, which is "families protect pedophiles"? (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah, and terrorists.

Dick: Yeah, who...I mean, who's a terrorist?

Maddox: Osama bin Laden's a terrorist.

Dick: Okay. (reluctantly)

Maddox: Like, he is THE de facto terrorist.

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: The number one terrorist. WAS, I guess.

Dick: Alright, if that's what they say. (muttering)

Maddox: Yeah, so we can't protect them. So yeah, the family thing -- I feel like the reason it's so confusing and weird and abstract to you is because I have just...enlightened you. (Dick scoffs and laughs) I feel like this is -

Dick: (interjects) False!! (giggles more)

Maddox: This is, this...no, it's absolutely true! This is...this is a new mode of thought! This is -- we're getting somewhere! I'm moving humanity forward.

Dick: No, it's like...it's like I'm seeing...it's like I'm seeing a train wreck.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: But it's not trains; it's a vehicle -- I can't figure out what the vehicles were before the wreck. I'm like, "This has gotta be a train wreck, but there's, like...there's half of a BOAT stickin' out of it..."

Maddox: Yeah. (flatly)

Dick: "...and there's, like..." You know? There's, um...hot dogs all over the place? I'm like, "What ha-...?! What happened here?" That's me trying to look at what you're saying. Like, your idea. Your idea is this impossible...it's like a Gordian train wreck. That's what I'm saying. Do you know what a Gordian knot is?

Maddox: No.

Dick: A Gordian knot is a myth, like a...whatever, a Greek myth? But it's a knot that's so complex, it couldn't be -

Maddox: (interjects) It couldn't be untied?

Dick: So some dude came along and just chopped it up with a...with a sword. He was like, "There you go! I untied it."

Maddox: (stammers) Okay.

Dick: Cool! Yeah.

Maddox: So, that is EXACTLY what this analogy's like. Perfect.

Dick: Gordian train wreck. Yeah.

Maddox: Gordian train wreck, yeah. (smiles)

Dick: That's you.

Maddox: There we go. An untieable...except with a sword. Perfect analogy!

Dick: What...oh yeah, okay. So Crying and Families.

Maddox: Crying and Families, and then we had, uh, People...I guess, Guys A-...Hitting on You?

Dick: No, I already said mine.

Maddox: Yeah? Great!

Dick: I don't need you to...I don't want you to put a color on mine.

Maddox: Yeah, they're...oh, there's already plenty of color on it.

Dick: You need color commentary on it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright! That's the end of this episode. (**closing riff starts**)

Maddox: Thanks for listening! Tune in next time, and uh, and vote on these! We're gonna talk about which ones you guys voted. This is very important.

Dick: This has been Maddox and Dick Masterson. Thanks for listening. (grinning)

Maddox: Thanks, guys.

(Theme riff)

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 2</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey, everybody!

Maddox: Also with us today is our audio engineer, Sean. Uh, he may be chiming in, maybe not, but he's also recording which is probably why the audio sounds so much better this time.

Dick: Look, I got a big list of apologies to get through today.

Maddox: Oh! Alright, let's hear your apologies.

Dick: From last week.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, number one, I'd like to apologize for the sound. I did a horrible job on the sound.

Maddox: I thought it was pretty good! I thought you did a good job.

Dick: Okay! Well, I apologize that it wasn't great.

Maddox: Thank you! That's a good apology.

Dick: Thanks.

Maddox: I like that, actually.

Dick: Alright. Uh, the SECOND apology is, I gotta apologize for interrupting you so much.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: I...it's my...it's my fault; I thought I was doing a podcast with a MAN. (Maddox laughs) Who...I grew up with men, I talk with a lot of men. It's impossible to interrupt them. They just roll right through it.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So I apologize, I didn't know...that I was doing a podcast with *you.* (smiling)

Maddox: Oh, okay. That's, uh...so, a backhanded NON-apology is your apology. (Dick laughs) Thank you for that. Which, by the way -- so we launched the website, http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com, where you can go vote on these problems. And the first comment on here, from a Facebook comment, is: "Why is it that every time Maddox tried to talk Dick Masterson interrupted?"

Dick: What's that guy's name?

Maddox: His name is No-...

Dick: (interjects) What's his first name? Don't say his last name. What's his first name?

Maddox: Noah.

Dick: Noah! You're DEAD, Noah! (cracking up) (Maddox laughs) I'm gonna KILL you!

Maddox: You gonna unfriend him?

Dick: Yeah, I'm gonna friend him and then unfriend him.

Maddox: Friend him and unfriend him, yeah.

Dick: I'm gonna friend him and see if he's married and then hit on his wife.

Maddox: Oh! Nice.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Nice...good move.

Dick: Thanks.

Maddox: I've had, actually, people reach out to me and ask me to bang their wives. Uh, 'cause they said that it would be an honor, I guess, to have my sloppy seconds.

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) Can you...can you read those emails?

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: At a future date?

Maddox: Of course!

Dick: Ah, because I think that's happened to me one time. Like this guy would send me pictures of his wife's...uh, snatch, I think is the proper term for it? (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah, that's the proper term. (smiling)

Dick: And it would be like, these really graphic emails about...like, women? "Don't you think women are this, and women are whores? And check out my wife, isn't she a whore?" And I was like, "Dude, I don't know what...I don't know what you want me to do here."

Maddox: I guess he wanted you to jerk off! Uh, he sent these to you so you would...I don't know.

Dick: Well, I did jerk off, but it wasn't because of that email.

Maddox: That's pretty gross. I mean, you jerkin' off. Um...

Dick: Okay, so...let's talk about last week's problems. What's the ranking?

Maddox: So last week, we had -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I thought I brought in some great problems.

Maddox: Uh, so Dick brought in Guys Asking Other Guys About Their Dogs, and...me, Maddox. And I brought in...my problems were Crying and Families. And the highest-ranked problem according to our listeners is Crying, at uh, at the number one position with 41 upvotes. Uh, followed -

Dick: (interjects) Are you serious?!

Maddox: 41 upvotes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right. And then followed by Families, with 30, and then your Guys Asking Other Guys About Their Dogs, not that big of a problem! Got a number 2...2 votes.

Dick: Hey, 2 guys! 2 guys know what I'm talkin' about! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: 2 guys...and then Maddox, your uh, supposed problem...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...-10. Not a problem at all. I'm a SOLUTION, buddy!

Dick: Okay. Well, this is a...this is a win for me. (Maddox laughs) Because it...it proves what I've been saying all along, that voting is for stupid idiots who don't know what they're talking about. Alright. Well, congratulations. You won...you won fair and square. Good job.

Maddox: Alright! Alright. Well, I...I think the important takeaway here is that I'm not a problem. I'm a solution. So, speaking of problems, we should...let's get goin' with this week's problems. Dick, you uh, you go first. You have the first problem this week.

Dick: Okay! My first problem is...long emails.

Maddox: Long emails!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! I'm on board with this. Okay, let's hear it, yeah!

Dick: So I punched it into the Google machine, like, "how much time does email waste at work," and the headline of The Guardian said: 40 percent of your time is spent emailing. (slowly for emphasis)

Maddox: At work?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Hm. Well, would you consider -- I'm playin' devil's advocate here -- would you consider email part of your work?

Dick: Okay. This is...this is how I know if an email is too long. So...like, this is what I do now, and this what I want everyone to try to do.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: To fix this problem. You write an email, and it's usually like 2 paragraphs or a whole page or whatever, you're tryin' to express yourself. Then what I do is I go back and I delete everything except for one sentence. (Maddox chuckles) Because what is all that other garbage for? Like, someone either agrees with you or they don't. If they do, they're gonna do what you're saying. If they don't agree with you, fuck 'em. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. I... (stammers)

Dick: You're not gonna convince them.

Maddox: Well, no -- okay. I mean, I get that this is your approach through life. It's...it's very defeatist, and uh, and very kind of sullen and bleak.

Dick: There you go! That's the email.

Maddox: That's... (cracks up)

Dick: "I get that that's your approach to life, it's sullen and bleak." (Maddox laughs more) What else do you need to say??

Maddox: There's no solution!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's just, you're...you just can't convince anybody. Um, I disagree. However, I would say that, uh, long emails are a problem because...well, no, you know what? I thought about it; you're right! Um, I can't imagine a long email that I've ever read and coming away from it thinking, "Wow, I really understood something. I really got something out of this."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I would say more than a paragraph or two and it's pushing that bullshit territory.

Dick: It just gets embarrassing!

Maddox: It's crazy. It's like, "What are you wri-...are you writing...is this a sample chapter? Are you pitching me a proposal here? Is this is a book? What am I reading? Why...why does it have to be so long?" In fact, on that point, I don't read my email anymore! Um, until at the end of the night, usually. Which frustrates you and a lot of my friends, because they'll send me important stuff like, "Hey, are we on for today?" and I usually don't get back to them. I don't check my email. Emails annoy me, text messages annoy me, voicemail REALLY annoys me, and phone calls annoy me. Like, basically any kind of communication annoys me.

Dick: Yeah. So what's the best way to get through to you? Like...pay a hooker (Maddox cracks up) to come have sex with you and like, communicate through a headpiece? That would work, right?

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: Theoretically.

Maddox: So we're both wearing headpieces? Like Bluetooth headsets, or what?

Dick: No, the hooker is wearing the headpiece and I'm telling HER what I wrote you in an email.

Maddox: Oh. (about to laugh)

Dick: And she's asking YOU...

Maddox: Oh, I see.

Dick: What do you mean, "we're both wearing headpieces"? You and me? While you're having sex with a hooker that I bought? (grinning) (Maddox laughs) Talking about it?

Maddox: Yeah, I imagined that -

Dick: (interjects) You sicko!

Maddox: That's kind of a bribe! Like, "Hey, please reply to my email."

Dick: Well, I'm surprised that you agree with me on this, 'cause you're the worst offender of writing enormous emails.

Maddox: I do write long emails.

Dick: You sent me...this guy sent me an email after the last show that was about 3 pages long...

Maddox: Oh, Jesus. (under his breath)

Dick: ...and it could've been summarized with just, "You interrupt me too much; stop interrupting."

Maddox: Yeah, you know, I'm an evidence-based guy, and I like to have evidence. I like to have examples. In fact, I brought some. (both laugh) I seriously did. I have so many examples of everything. I'm an evidence-based guy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: When it comes to...when it comes to everything! You gotta make a case. Why should I...why should anyone take anyone's word for it, right? 'Cause we have confirmation bias.

Dick: Who cares? People are just gonna believe it or they're not. (Maddox laughs) If they don't believe it, what are you gonna do, pull out some stats? "Hey, check out some MATH!"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Do ya believe me now?"

Maddox: Right! Yeah, evidence! That's like, the foundation of every solid, sound argument, is evidence.

Dick: The foundation of every argument is...making fun of someone until they admit that you're right. (Maddox snorts and laughs) Because they don't wanna look stupid anymore. THAT'S how you win an argument.

Maddox: So you think there's, like, a stupid...a stupid critical mass, where someone feels SO stupid...

Dick: No, I know exactly what it is! It's the feeling that you get when you pee in your pants. (Maddox snickers) You have to make them feel that emb-...if you can make them feel that with your WORDS, then they'll just acquiesce the point and you win the argument.

Maddox: Okay. (skeptical) Uh, I...I'm not sure. I'm not sure I follow exactly. So you want someone to get the feeling like they're peeing their pants.

Dick: Yeah! Like that shame.

Maddox: That shame of feeling...of peeing their pants.

Dick: Like just being embarrassed. Like, "Oh, I can't believe I'm getting so embarrassed!"

Maddox: Doesn't it...doesn't it feel great to pee your pants? Like, doesn't it just...aw, man. It's warm...

Dick: Well, I guess, like, when you're a kid -- I'm trying to trace it back to when you're a kid and you pee your pants in front of a -

Maddox: (interjects) Like in class, that's embarrassing.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah, I'll give you that. Alright! Alright, well -

Dick: (interjects) Alright, that's my problem.

Maddox: Alright. (chuckling)

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Um...long emails, I guess, are a problem.

Dick: Just ev-...just cut it down to one sentence, for a week. Try -- pretend like you're on Twitter when you're emailing. YOU, espe-...you!! I want you to try this!

Maddox: Oh, I don't know, man. I'm a pretty verbose writer. When it comes...I'm efficient, usually, when I write status updates and things, like on my Facebook page, but when it comes to emails...

Dick: Oh, boy. Here we go. (muttering)

Maddox: ...I'm pretty verbose! I like to EXPLAIN things. You know what? I guess it's a...it's a projection. It's telling you what I think about you. It's like, "Oh, this guy needs lots of explanation." (smiles)

Dick: Yeah, it's ins-...it's condescending!

Maddox: Uh, yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs)

Dick: Believe me, everyone gets it!

Maddox: No intrigue.

Dick: Everyone gets what you're doing.

Maddox: Oh, you're... (laughs more) Everyone gets it?

Dick: "Hey...Dear Dick: Great job on the podcast. Just a couple notes."

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: IMMEDIATELY infuriating.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (amused) Well, you know, I just thought I would finesse it.

Dick: One note! One note, not a couple notes. Just one note: "stop interrupting."

Maddox: Nah, there was a cou-...there were a couple notes. There WERE a couple notes.

Dick: Alright, what's your problem?

Maddox: Alright. My first problem this week is horoscopes.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, huge problem, and...for SO many reasons. First of all, the people who believe in these things, uh...kind of like, base their lives -- they make really big life decisions around them. And I'm not saying I'm above it completely. Like, I... (stammers) Of course I'm above horoscopes, 'cause I'm not an idiot. BUT, I am...I'm not above, uh, making irrational decisions based on nothing. For example, a coin toss. You would not *believe* the number of REALLY important life decisions I've made based on a coin toss. Including -

Dick: (interjects) I...I would believe that. (both laugh) Bucko.

Maddox: Including, and not limited to, my decision to write my first book! That was a coin toss.

Dick: You threw it up to a coin toss?

Maddox: It was a coin toss, yeah.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Uh, because at the time, I -

Dick: (interjects) You shoulda wrote yourself a couple of 6-page emails about it and seen which side had more evidence. (wryly) (Maddox snorts and laughs) Why? What were you...what were you doin' at the time?

Maddox: Well, at the time I was debating whether or not I should try to publish this thing on my own, or whether I should go with this agent who emailed me out of the BLUE. Uh, this guy emailed me just randomly one day, literally while I was negotiating the contract with agency, and I wasn't sure whether or not I should go with him so I flipped a coin.

Dick: So, wait a minute. Can I...um, just to set the context for this story, this was in what year? That you were considering publishing it yourself?

Maddox: 2004.

Dick: Yeah, that's...there were NO resources to publish a book yourself back then.

Maddox: Well, there were a few. It wasn't as...as robust as we have today. But there was, uh, Lulu.com, and you could...you could still do like, the e-publishing thing, and...

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: I would basically raise some capital and try to publish the book myself. Which, uh -

Dick: (interjects) That woulda been interesting.

Maddox: Yeah! Well, I knew some author friends who tried and it was REALLY difficult to...uh, specifically because of distribution. So, that's -

Dick: (interjects) So you...you flipped a coin.

Maddox: I flipped a coin, yeah.

Dick: Did you do that thing where you, like...as soon as the coin's in the air, you know which one you want it to be? (smiling)

Maddox: No! I don't -

Dick: (interjects) Have you heard that thing?

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: Oh, chicks post that all the time on Facebook.

Maddox: Oh, really?

Dick: "You know how you make a hard decision? You flip a coin and as soon as it's in the air, you know which one you want it to be." (dreamy voice)

Maddox: (annoyed) No, no, that's bullshit. And speaking of chicks -- so, back to horoscopes. Uh, so... (cracks up) So this is...this is a huge problem because people will base their lives on these very generic horoscopes! There was a guy who did a study, I think in the '50s, where he gave his classroom a bunch of horoscopes to read, and he told them they were all custom horoscopes tailored to themselves. And he asked them at the end of it to rate on a scale of 1 to 5 how accurately it represented them, and the average in the class was around 4.6 on the accuracy. But then after he collected everybody's responses, then he told everybody they received the same horoscope. So everybody thought it applied to them. That's what...that's what makes horoscopes bullshit! They're all generic...these general things that apply to *everybody.*

Dick: So, did this...the students walked away from class that day just having learned that they're dumb idiots?

Maddox: Yeah, basically. (laughs)

Dick: Like, that's what the state paid that jerk to do? That sounds like something YOU would do to a class.

Maddox: Yeah! It is!

Dick: "Yeah, you know what I did to my class today? I made 'em all feel like dumb jerks."

Maddox: Yeah! (amused)

Dick: "They'll believe anything. They're so STUPID."

Maddox: Yeah. "Today's lesson: you're an idiot." (laughs)

Dick: "You're an idiot." (guffaws) Great study.

Maddox: So, uh, I have some horoscopes here. I brought -

Dick: (interjects) Okay, wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because I...I disagree with you. I love horoscopes.

Maddox: Oh, great. Great. (sarcastic) Of course!

Dick: Because it's like, the BEST in to talk to girls about themselves.

Maddox: You don't wanna talk to girls who are into horoscopes!

Dick: They're...they're ALL into horoscopes! Every single one of them will talk about themselves using the horoscope as a crutch.

Maddox: I dunno man, that's a deal breaker for me. That's a red flag. That's like, "This is crazy town. I gotta get outta here."

Dick: It's a red flag?! You're nodding like this is true!

Maddox: Yeah, Sean's nodding.

Dick: Find me one chick that's not into horoscopes!

Maddox: Okay, there -

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute, what's...what's your sign, first of all? (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Maddox: Trap! I don't know. I've never known. I don't even know my birthday. (chuckles)

Dick: Ah, I don't know your birthday either, 'cause I'm a man.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm an Aries.

Dick: I knew it. (smirking)

Maddox: Ahh!! (laughs) You know what?? That's...and that is the response every single time! (Dick laughs hysterically) When you tell somebody your sign they say, "Oh, you're a total Aries. Oh my god, yeah. You're a total Aries!" Well, really?! Why didn't you say that before I fuckin' said it, Nostradumbass?

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: Like, why didn't you say...? Yeah. [indicating for Dick to talk]

Dick: ...'cause I'm a Scorpio, man. I would never do that. (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, you're a Sc-...oh, Scorpios would never do that. Of course. (smiling)

Dick: No, but like, don't you...you don't use this to talk to women?

Maddox: No!!

Dick: So you, you walk up...so a girl's like, "Hey, what's your sign?" and you're like, "Well, frankly, madam, that's a red sign to me! That's...there was a STUDY where a professor..." (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: No, I say -

Dick: (interjects) "And you would fail it."

Maddox: I say, "I don't know" and I walk away. I find a girl who's not a dumbass.

Dick: Is this...is that true?

Maddox: Yeah, I've -

Dick: (interjects) Is this...I need to know this!

Maddox: What, that I don't talk -

Dick: (interjects) That this is a sign of being crazy!

Maddox: Oh, absolutely! It's a huge red flag, man!

Dick: Hold on, I'm gonna write this down.

Maddox: Yeah! Write this down. (cracking up) So, two things you learned today: that the kids in the '50s were dumbasses, and it's a huge red flag. Um...

Dick: I know, but joke's on...me, 'cause I'm not gonna use it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's just too easy to talk to them about horoscopes.

Maddox: You know what, though? I mean, do you really wanna do...you could talk about nails. You could talk about manis and pedis, whatever those are.

Dick: No, 'cause you, like...if you pretend you're into it and they're talking about themselves, they...that's like an intimacy thing. Like, it's...suddenly the conversation's more intimate. (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Maddox: You... (laughs more) An intimacy -

Dick: (interjects) It's a great shortcut.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Well, so I -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, I don't have to talk about myself! Which is even better.

Maddox: What do you mean, "you don't have to talk about yourself"?

Dick: If they're talking about their own sign.

Maddox: Oh, yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: Like, "Oh, I'm a Cancer! We're, like..."

Maddox: Well, first of all it's not THEIR sign. Uh, it's some generic...whatever. And it's...and they don't even know what their sign is, because there is an astrological phenomenon...an astronomical, rather, not astrological. It's an astronomical phenomenon -

Dick: (interjects) It's both!

Maddox: Well... (chuckling)

Dick: This is the first time that it could be both!

Maddox: It could be both, actually.

Dick: Alright, go ahead.

Maddox: It's called the precession of the earth's axis. Have you heard of this?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. This is people -

Dick: (interjects) Don't...don't big league me with your astronomy terms. (disdainful)

Maddox: Okay! Alright, well, I know that -

Dick: (interjects) I know what precession is.

Maddox: Really? (skeptical)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Great.

Dick: Go ahead. (smug)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: What does it mean?

Maddox: Okay, Professor. Well, this is for the *listeners* who aren't familiar -

Dick: (interjects) Let me check your definition. You tell ME what it means. (grinning)

Maddox: Okay... (breaks down laughing) Classic. Uh, so for the listeners, this is...precession of the earth's axis is: once every 26,000 years or so, the earth wobbles because of the pull of the moon. So, as it...as the moon kind of rotates around the earth, it has like, this...this wobbling effect that causes the earth's axis to rotate, uh, off of its tilt. So what we have as the North Star TODAY is not gonna be the North Star in about 13,000 years.

Dick: WHAT?!

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Really??

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I didn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah! So, this is according to, uh, to LiveScience...Livescience.com: "Unbeknownst to the ancient astrologers, the Earth continually wobbles around its axis in a 25,800-year cycle. This wobble -- called precession -- is caused by the gravitational attraction of the Moon on Earth's equatorial bulge." So, basically what this means is -

Dick: (interjects) I didn't interrupt you the whole thing!

Maddox: Great! Thank you.

Dick: Thank YOU!

Maddox: Congratulations.

Dick: Thank you for the "thank you."

Maddox: You want a pat on your back? Yeah -- no, that's...that was a sarcastic "thank you." But I take your sincere -

Dick: (interjects) I'll take it! I'll take it. (grinning)

Maddox: I'll take your sincere "thank you"! (smiles)

Dick: It's just as good to me.

Maddox: Great! So, if you're born -- so here's an example: if you're born between November 29th and December 17th, your sign would actually be one that you've never even seen in newspapers. It's the sign, uh, I think it's called "Ophichius." [mispronouncing it at first]

Dick: Oph-...

Maddox: O-P-H-I-U-...

Dick: O-P-H-I-U-...

Maddox: Ophiuchus. Yeah.

Dick: Oph-...and then what? 'U'?

Maddox: O-P-H-I-U-C-H-U-S. Ophiuchus.

Dick: Okay, so that's your sign!

Maddox: (annoyed) No, it's CHANGED. That's the thing! Astrologers -

Dick: (interjects) What are some qualities of this sign that you've just discovered? (smiling)

Maddox: I don't even have it! It's not...it's not listed! People don't use this sign in Zodiac charts, 'cause they don't know what it...that it exists!

Dick: You've just...dude, you know how exciting this is in the world of, like, talking to chicks?

Maddox: Oh my gosh. (under his breath)

Dick: You've discovered a new sign! (laughs)

Maddox: (annoyed) I didn't discover it, first of all. And it's not a thing! This isn't a thing.

Dick: (chuckling) 'Kay, so, profuse sweating when angered...

Maddox: I'm getting angry! (laughing)

Dick: ...is one of the qualities of this sign.

Maddox: You know, if astrologers can predict so much shit, why couldn't they fuckin' predict that there would be another astrological symbol that they didn't foresee because of the wobble? Okay. So, here's...here's the actual horoscope, right?

Dick: (interjects) It's not about predicting, though. It's about understanding yourself.

Maddox: No, it's...okay, dude. (flustered) (Dick bursts out laughing) I'm not a chick, and this is grossing me out. Like, I'm getting goosebumps.

Dick: Dude, can I...wait a minute, wait a minute. Can I...in defense of astrology, can I give -- oh, I wanna give people this...so, I have a whole...I have a whole routine where, if a chick starts talking about like, astrology and her sign?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I have this like, whole routine to, uh...I'm trying to think of a euphemism where I'm more intimate with her, and I'm only thinking of bad euphemisms. (cracking up) Like "hit the nail in the coffin"...

Maddox: Ugh. (quietly)

Dick: ...or "sink the ship." It goes like this: "I totally...believe in astrology, because it's like when you were born, the way your parents treated you in the first 2 months of your life..."

Maddox: Oh my god. (under his breath)

Dick: "...has like, a major effect on your personality!"

Maddox: Oh my gosh. I can, I can just picture you...

Dick: You can picture me saying this!

Maddox: ...your sleaziness, yeah.

Dick: Ohh, I've said this to...I don't know, probably 30 girls. It works every time.

Maddox: I can...I can picture you saying that, and it's SO slea-...and I can picture the girl nodding like, "Yeah, totally!" (eagerly)

Dick: "Yeah, TOTALLY!"

Maddox: "Because I remember - "

Dick: (interjects) "I never think of the science part!"

Maddox: No. (exasperated)

Dick: Like, they never try to justify their...

Maddox: No.

Dick: ...crazy beliefs with science, so I can do that for them!

Maddox: No, I -- yeah!

Dick: They LOVE it!

Maddox: "I remember...I remember when I was kid, yeah, this...this thing happened, and..." It's all -- yeah, of course...uh, confirmation bias. So, I have with me some astrological signs that I want...some horoscopes I want to read.

Dick: Oh, read mine!

Maddox: Uh, I will! We'll get to it, buddy.

Dick: Cool. They're fun!

Maddox: This is from Seventeen Magazine. (smiles) Uh... (cracks up) Which, by the way, I bought this issue of Seventeen Magazine because it's incredible. You...I highly recommend you go out and buy an issue of Seventeen Magazine. It's the BEST reading I've read in a LONG time. It's almost, like, self-satirical. You know it's all written by 30-year-old guys like me, who are just sitting around -

Dick: (interjects) Like YOU?

Maddox: Yeah...yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Really??

Maddox: (stammers) Like, big hairy dudes are sittin' around writing this stuff, and teenage girls are lappin' it up! Like, this is...this is incredible. I love this.

Dick: I don't know. Is it really? Is that really true?

Maddox: Oh yeah, it's gotta be!

Dick: So you know something that I don't? 'Cause that seems awfully cynical.

Maddox: I've written an article for Cosmopolitan.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: There you go! So, uh, okay. I'm gonna read Aries. I'm gonna read my -

Dick: What was it called?

Maddox: - my horoscope sign. Uh, I forget. It was, um...

Dick: Was it a ghost-written piece, or did you write it as Maddox?

Maddox: I wrote it as Maddox, but uh, they do have ghost writers.

Dick: Wow! (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, it was...it's hilarious. Um -

Dick: (interjects) Typical "Oh-fwee-chus" behavior! [mispronouncing "Ophiuchus"] (both laugh)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: How do you say it? Is that how you say it?

Maddox: I think it's "Ophiuchus."

Dick: Ophiuchus. Typical Ophiuchus behavior. (smiling)

Maddox: So, Aries...uh, in June: "Near the 25th, your bestie will spill a shocking secret. Whatever it is, be supportive." And then in July: "You rarely show your softer side, but on the 13th you'll go full-on mushball with your guy. He'll love it!" (slightly ditzy voice) (laughs)

Dick: Yeah...that's prediction stuff, though.

Maddox: Oh! (derisively)

Dick: That's dumb.

Maddox: Oh really? Okay, what's yours, Scorpio?

Dick: It's not about who you ARE, man.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (sarcastic)

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, gimme the Scorpio.

Maddox: Let's read Scorpio.

Dick: This is gonna be totally wrong.

Maddox: "Thanks to the moon on the 27th, your crew will kick off summer with an epic party everyone will be posting about." (mocking)

Dick: (gasps) I DO have a...I do...I am going to a party on the 27th!

Maddox: With your crew?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You're a girl.

Dick: How's it gonna go?

Maddox: "On the 26th, you'll get the perfect opening to flirt with your new crush."

Dick: Ooo, yeah! (sexy tone)

Maddox: Yeah. And your symbols for the month -

Dick: (interjects) Probably that guy sending me more pictures of his wife to bang. (both giggle)

Maddox: And your symbols -

Dick: (interjects) Her snatch! I dunno, what do you call it? You call it a "snatch"?

Maddox: I mean, if I wanna be romantic. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Your symbols for the month are 'smiley face' + 'heart'. So the smiley face -- they have a legend here for the horoscopes -- the smiley face is "fun with friends" and the heart is "flirty fun."

Dick: Okay, so what's your problem? That made me feel good. All that that you just said, I feel like I'm gonna...I'm gonna nail some broad on the 26th (Maddox snickers) and I'm gonna go have a great time on the 27th. Probably -- maybe the cops will get called on a party, that sounds fun!

Maddox: 'Kay, I don't even -

Dick: (interjects) What's your problem? Why does it bug you that people are into this?

Maddox: 'Cause it's bullshit, and it sets up false expectations. And people make important decisions based on this bullshit!

Dick: This is no better than a coin toss.

Maddox: It's...WAY worse than a coin toss.

Dick: Explain that.

Maddox: Well, with a coin toss, at least it's...you know, you have a 50/50 probability of either way. And I only generally make those decisions when, uh, when I feel like I've weighed all the pros and cons and they're equal on both sides.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This isn't one of those things where somebody's critically analyzing all the possibilities and then choosing an option based on those...those uh, those pros and cons. This is somebody just reaching into the ether with a ladle and dipping out bullshit and then pouring it down their throats.

Dick: Nah, they're goin' with their gut!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's they're doin'! That's good!

Maddox: See, so -

Dick: (interjects) Go with your gut!

Maddox: That's a more concise way of saying what I just said. (amused)

Dick: Yes! (Maddox laughs) That's what I...so next time you email ANYBODY, remember this conversation. Just shrink it.

Maddox: Great. What's your, uh, what's your second problem?

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) Oh, man. Uh, my second problem is Tinder.

Maddox: Tinder! Really?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, let's hear it.

Dick: I had to think about this one a lot. Because I hate it, it bugs me...

Maddox: Tinder? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah! It really...it really annoys me. I really don't like it.

Maddox: Why's that?

Dick: Well, I'm just gonna go over the things that I don't -- I did end up, I think, figuring out why I hate it so much, but this isn't why. Uh, it's addicting.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Is it not addicting?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's -

Maddox: (interjects) It's fun! It's a fun thing.

Dick: I mean, is it fun? Is it fun? (skeptical)

Maddox: Well, it's like a video game where you could potentially get laid. Unlike every other video game.

Dick: My...okay. Yeah, except a video game, while you're playing it, you're not constantly getting rejected by chicks. (both crack up) Like, when you go to a bar, you're...you would have to go to a bar the size of the Super Bowl to get a rejection ratio that you can get in 20 minutes on Tinder. You can get on a bus ride on Tinder, you can get rejected...400 times.

Maddox: Ehh...

Dick: Do you Tinder? Do you -- Sean?

Maddox: Sean's nodding "no."

Sean: I don't even know what it is.

Dick: (yells angrily) Oh, you're such a man! Eff you! Eff you, Sean, shut up! (Maddox laughs hysterically) He's got no reception in his house, that's why! That's why he doesn't Tinder.

Maddox: Ohhh, Sean!

Dick: Tryin' to look cool, Sean! (taunting)

Maddox: Yeah, lookin' cool, Sean.

Dick: You a-hole!

Sean: It's true. I thought you were talkin' about like, burning small pieces of wood, or like... (Dick groans; Maddox laughs) ...or legal tender? Like, I had no idea what the hell you were talkin' about.

Maddox: Okay, well, that's good, but especially for some of our international listeners, they probably don't know what Tinder is. (Dick cackles) So describe what Tinder is.

Dick: Um...

Maddox: 'Cause I've used it! I used it in Sweden, and it actually surprisingly worked. I went through the entire lot of Swedish women in about, I dunno, 15 minutes.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause -

Dick: (interjects) Okay, Tinder is like, an app that shows you a chick and you say, "Yes, I wanna bang you" or "No, I don't."

Maddox: It's not necessarily -- it's like, potentially to meet up.

Dick: Okay, sorry.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Lemme...Tinder is an app where fat women (Maddox snickers) can post pictures of themselves when they looked skinny. (Maddox keeps laughing) Right? So far?

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: That's accurate.

Maddox: Yeah. (hesitantly)

Dick: And then a buncha losers can rate them and know that they're never gonna go on a date with them. That's essentially what Tinder is.

Maddox: It's like Hot or Not, but a dating app. Yeah. That's essentially what it is, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But here's the thing: the rejection that happens is invisible. It's like you...you're accusing Tinder -

Dick: (interjects) That's the worst KIND of rejection!!

Maddox: No, no, because you could...you're accusing Tinder of the type of rejection that you get when a bus full of cheerleaders passes you and not one of 'em goes out on a date with you. They rejected you too, technically.

Dick: Yeah, I don't like that! (Maddox laughs) It's like getting driven by a bus full of cheerleaders all day, every day! It sucks!

Maddox: You know they're out there, but you're not DOING anything. Like, they're not -- it's not an *active* rejection. Sometimes they don't even log in, so they never even see your profile.

Dick: Oh, that's...that's the worst. (exasperated) Um, okay. But that's not why I hate it!

Maddox: Okay, why do you hate it?

Dick: Nononono, I'll get there. Settle down.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: Um...okay, I also don't like that it's dehumanizing dating.

Maddox: It's dehumanizing dating...okay, I disagree, but go on. Why do you think that?

Dick: You know what...you know what I like?

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: About women?

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: I like walking up to 'em and putting it all on the line. Sayin like, "Hey, sweetheart..." (both burst out laughing) "Hey!"

Maddox: "What's your sign?" (laughs more)

Dick: "What are ya...what's your sign? I got a cheesy line for ya..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "...and if you don't like it, I'm gonna feel like a jerk!"

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: "But if you LIKE it, this is gonna be AWESOME." Right?

Maddox: Mmm...okay, I do prefer meeting -

Dick: (interjects) Not a BUTTON!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, "Oh..." Sorry, I interrupted you. (Maddox laughs) Go ahead.

Maddox: Thank...well, you caught yourself though! Very, very good. Uh, I do prefer meeting people in real life. Meeting women in real life. It's much easier, I feel like, than online. Which I didn't think anym-...uh, I didn't think that was the case, but it is now!

Dick: You said "easier"!

Maddox: It is, yes!

Dick: Okay, okay. I...I'm building my case here.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: I'm gonna write down "easier."

Maddox: Good.

Dick: 'Cause I'm...this is where I'm goin' with this.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: 'Cause it's not, like, I don't really care about the dehumanizing thing. It's like...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's fine. We're all gonna be Wall-E in 100 years anyway.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Doesn't matter. Buncha fatsos, "Yes, yes, I like you, yes yes yes yes." (Maddox snorts and laughs) In fact, texting won't even be a part of Tinder. So if you match on Tinder, Sean? Then you get to text each other. But not with your phones; you get to text on their goofy little...texting thing that doesn't work.

Maddox: Right, their little chat app. Mhm.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And Tinder also shows you the number of mutual friends that you have in common AND the number of mutual interests.

Dick: Yeah, so you can go on Facebook and find them and message them for a dollar, and bypass the whole Tinder system.

Maddox: That's creepy, but...I mean, yeah.

Dick: They love it. (Maddox cracks up) They don't care. Look, if they're attracted to you, they don't care.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Okay. Um...what was I sayin'? Oh yeah.

Maddox: So you...you had the problem with -- what was...you were building the case for your problem.

Dick: Right, thank you.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So, I don't care about the Wall-E thing. Like, they're gonna get rid of texting. It'll just be...it'll just be a bunch of canned responses, like one of those Japanese games where you just pick what you wanna say to the person.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And then they'll have a bunch of like, choices on the other side. It'll just be...it'll be two people, two fatsos, controlling chat bots on both sides of the app.

Maddox: M'kay. (smiles)

Dick: That's the future!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Of dating.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: 'Kay? I don't care! That's fine.

Maddox: Very bleak.

Dick: Here's why I hate it: Tinder, in all of online dating, has added an additional step to the da-...to the getting laid process that's, like, BEFORE first base. Like, they've added an extra base to dating. You don't just go, you meet, you're up to bat...you know the bases, right? You have to -

Maddox: (interjects) Yes, I -- yes, you condescending fuck, I know the bases. (irritated) (Dick laughs) Played baseball.

Dick: You have to...you go to first...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...then you're...you're off.

Maddox: What do you think the bases are, by the way? What's first base?

Dick: I know what the bases are.

Maddox: What's the bases??

Dick: First base is kissing.

Maddox: Okay. Second base is what?

Dick: What do YOU think it is?

Maddox: Second base is feeling up.

Dick: Okay! That's accurate.

Maddox: Yep. What's third?

Dick: Third base is any penetration -

Maddox: Any penetration.

Dick: - with any part of your body that's not your penis.

Maddox: Yes, correct.

Dick: And then fourth base is...anal. (Maddox bursts out laughing) Everyone knows that. (grinning)

Maddox: (still laughing) Okay.

Dick: Right??

Maddox: Sure, yeah. Anal -

Dick: (interjects) Is that...what do YOU...you don't think...is that not it?

Maddox: It's any kind of...any kind of penetration, but specifically anal.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Yes. (about to laugh)

Dick: What are you?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're gettin' thrown out at home!

Maddox: No, it -- no! I'm not getting... (cracks up) ...gettin' thrown outta home! I'm a home ru-...I'm a grand slam!

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: That's a threesome.

Dick: Three guys on...? (chuckling)

Maddox: Oh...yeah, three guys on base. (laughs more)

Dick: One girl?

Maddox: One girl... (giggling)

Dick: Yeah, one guy...oh. Okay, I don't wanna picture that anymore. Um...yeah! So Tinder -- all this online dating garbage...like look, guys won by getting, uh...um, oral introduced as a regular thing, I think? That was like, in our lifetimes, maybe, that became a thing? I don't think it was a given before...like in our parents' generation, that you get a blowjob. Right?

Maddox: Uh, I don't think so.

Dick: No!! And it is now!

Maddox: Yeah! My dad...I think my dad has never received a blowjob. From my mom.

Dick: WHOA.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah. Uh, I inadvertently found out one night when my mom called me 'cause she accidentally went to a porn site, and she was CRYING 'cause she saw something so...gruesome and terrifying. She's like...she's like, "Do you know what I saw?" I said, "No Mom, what did you see?" She said, "I saw what Monica Lewinsky did to Mr. Clinton." (both laugh)

Dick: Oh my god!

Maddox: Yeah! And then -

Dick: (interjects) So she doesn't do that?!

Maddox: Yeah!! 'Cause my...and then, she couldn't possibly...she doesn't even have it in her vocabulary to say what she saw, what that act was!

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: And then it clicked for me, my dad has never gotten a blowjob from my mom!

Dick: I feel like you have to do something about that!

Maddox: I'm not gonna do anything about it.

Dick: I feel like you owe it...

Maddox: I don't owe... (uncomfortably)

Dick: ...to your dad.

Maddox: No! I am not gonna blow my dad. (breaks down laughing) Is that what you're suggesting??

Dick: Uh, Madd-...no!! That is NOT at *ALL* what I'm suggesting.

Maddox: What, a hooker? Get a hooker?

Dick: Something, I don't know! You gotta roofie your mom, I think! (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Maddox: Eh, she'll just pass out.

Dick: That's what family does, they look out for each other. (smiling)

Maddox: You know, my mom'll just cook more. She's a great cook, she'll just go...go to the kitchen.

Dick: Well anyway, I feel like...uh, oral was introduced as a given in our generation. But now we're losing ground, 'cause all this online BS and texting and technology is adding bases before first!

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: You know what I'm saying?? Like, you gotta butter these broads up on Tinder! Like, "Oh, hey! I notice you also like, um...whatever! Uh, Wes Anderson movies!"

Maddox: Mmm... (skeptical)

Dick: "Nice tiger in your picture!" (Maddox chuckles) This is like, "Oh, I don't have to do this in real life!"

Maddox: Uh, you know, I actually...I -

Dick: (interjects) And that's just to GET the date! Sorry.

Maddox: Yeah, I actually...I actually like Tinder for the superficiality of it. And I don't think it's introducing an extra base; it's drafting season. That's what you're doing.

Dick: It's introducing a whole minor league. It's introducing a whole set of bases...just over text!

Maddox: Yeah, I... (unsure)

Dick: Like, now we're talkin' about, now we're kind of...there's some innuendo in this!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because it's like...it's 2 in the morning. What am I gonna...I'm not goin' out, I'm just lying in bed. "Alright, I'll text you right now. What's...?"

Maddox: Yeah, she's already in bed, dude! The first...how often is it the first time you talk to a girl, she's in bed in her jammies? And usually horny, at 2 in the morning. That's what happens every time! I always get nudes with Tinder. Nothing else. Even Snapchat, which annoys the shit out of me! Snapchat is this app that's a sexting app. You send a picture to somebody, it lasts 10 seconds, and then it gets deleted!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So it's INVENTED for boobs and dicks. And I never get any nudity on it. Nothing! Everybody always sends me, "Haha, here's what I'm doing today. Here's my Pepsi."

Dick: And it's like, a picture of their car or something.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you're like, "You dumb broad! What do you think I wanna see this for?" (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, that uh, that pisses me off. So, I like Tinder *because* it's so superficial! It's more akin to how you meet people in real life than any other online dating could possibly be. So if you see somebody in a bar, you think they're attractive, you walk up to them and say "hi"! Or you talk to them, you say, "Hey, sweetie...sweetheart..." What was your line? "Sweetheart"?

Dick: It was much angrier than that. (Maddox snickers) I'm usually very angry and drunk.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's fair. Um, well, I don't think it's a huge problem. How specifically is it a problem? I don't, I still don't...oh, 'cause you're saying it introduces bases.

Dick: 'Cause it's...look, it's like, I'm saying it's like the anti-blowjob! Like, it's...what we got in blowjobs, we're losing ground in the sex war...

Maddox: Nyeah... (skeptical)

Dick: ...on this online crap.

Maddox: I don't know about that. Have you had any Tinder hookups?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. (brief silence) And, what's the... (both crack up) What's the problem?

Dick: Eh, I just didn't like it as much as a regular...if it would've been regular, I would've liked it more.

Maddox: "Wah, I got laid from Tinder, not a bar!" (nasal whiny voice)

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox chuckles) That's what I'm saying. Alright.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: What's your next...?

Maddox: My next...

Dick: What's your -- oh! By the way, have you noticed that there's a lot more hookers on Tinder now than there...there used to be?

Maddox: There's...there are some hookers, yeah. That does annoy me.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, I always swipe left on hookers. I imagine they always swipe right! Pretty handsome dude!

Dick: It's probably a bot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, what's your...what's your last problem?

Maddox: My last problem is...the plastic bag ban.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Which drives me *insane.* Uh, so for those who don't know, maybe this is a regional thing, but California has started doing a plastic bag ban at grocery stores. So that means when you go to check out, they no longer give you plastic bags! They expect you to bring so-called "reusable bags" with you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And these are these, like, really tough and sturdy nylon bags that they make, or they're burlap sacks or whatever the...whatever the fuck they're using to produce these. And by the way, they're not...they're not chintzy bags! These are pretty legit bags. They're heavy, they use lots of material. I'm not even sure how it...it saves anything. And the -

Dick: (interjects) Wait wait wait, the ones they expect you to buy and reuse?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That are 2 dollars a pop, by the way.

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: And if you DON'T, they charge you 10 cents per bag!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 10 cents! So what the grocery stores have done is they've introduced profit into something that used to be a loss for them.

Dick: Well, you know what's interesting about that, is they always say it's because of the new law but they could just pay the 10 cents themselves.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like...they don't need to make you pay it.

Maddox: Exactly. They're using the premise of environmentalism here, but uh, it's just to make money. 'Cause otherwise they wouldn't charge you so much for it. They would charge you the cost of the bag.

Dick: So, can I tell you a story of how I found out about this law?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, it was New Year's Day, January 1, and I was on my way to meet you!

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And I...I stumbled into Ralph's, I was very hungover, and I said, "Man, I need a tall boy. Like, I need some beer." So I walk over to the beer place, I grab a Sapporo, I walk...on uh, somewhere around, I dunno. I forget where I was. Somewhere in LA.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: I walk up and I'm like, "Hey, yeah, I need this..." -- I look like crap -- "...and I need one of those little bags."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Where you can drink it in the street. And the woman starts laughing and she's like, "We don't sell those anymore." I'm like, "What do you mean, 'sell'? I just want the little, like, paper bag." So she goes, "No, we don't do that anymore. There's a new law where the only bag we carry is the normal...like, grocery bag."

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: "The paper ones, and they're 10 cents," and I said, "Alright, well, gimme one of those, I guess!" So I had to walk around all day on New Year's Day with a regular-size grocery bag and drink beer out of that.

Maddox: Which was pretty cool, I have to say. (Dick laughs) I have to...I have to hand it to you. That was pretty...pretty fuckin' cool. You walked around... (**clapping sound effect**) Here, you deserve some applause for that. You walked around with a giant bag on the street and a beer inside, which made it look less conspicuous!

Dick: Exactly!! Exactly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah! That's what I noticed halfway through. I'm like, "Wow, I'm not even getting dirty looks, 'cause nobody realizes that I'm drinking a BEER out of this 2-foot Ralph's bag!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I could do this all the time!"

Maddox: That's kinda cool, actually. So I went to the website for...like, the government website that talks about this plastic bag ban, and the necessity -- it's all written by environmentalists. And it looks *awful.* It looks like...like it was designed in the Microsoft Word web template. Like, you know how you can design a web page in Microsoft Word or save it as web document?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: It looks even worse than my website. So, these are the tips they say on how to use reusable bags. They say, "Keep one or two reusable bags in your car, and put a sticker on your keys to remember to bring your bags into the store." [http://ladpw.org/epd/aboutthebag/tips.cfm] Put a STICKER on your keys?! Are you fucking kidding me? Who has time for that? Who has stickers?? Who has -

Dick: (interjects) Speaking of which, go to maddox.store.com and buy your Maddox stickers today! (both laugh)

Maddox: Uh...and then the second tip: "Place your reusable bags by the door, near your car keys, or with your store coupons. Jot a reminder down on your shopping list." Which, by the way, makes you a moron! If you use a shopping list, you're an idiot. Like, how hard is it to remember like 10 things?

Dick: It's hard!

Maddox: No!!

Dick: I have a shopping list.

Maddox: You go to the store, you see butter, and if you need butter you're like, "Oh yeah, I need butter."

Dick: But then you gotta walk up and down every aisle looking at everything. If you have a list, you can just go get it!

Maddox: Don't you generally buy the same things all the time? Don't you make the...the racecar track around the grocery store? The outside, and then skip the middle bullshit?

Dick: No, dude, but I...I don't think I'm the...a good target for this. I always eat out.

Maddox: Okay. "Have some reusable bags at the office." Oh, just...and look at the number of assumptions this shitty little list is making. 'You work in an office now, and have some reusable bags at the office!' What are you, like, some fucking crazy bag lady??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Can you imagine someone on Wall Street bringing BAGS into his...to his like, brokerage? To his firm?

Dick: Like Gordon Gekko? With his... (both crack up) ...with his Armani suit pants bursting with reusable plastic bags?

Maddox: Yeah! So, "If you do forget your bag while in the store, simply walk back to the car to get it (although this is not advisable when you are in the checkout line)."

Dick: That needed a tip?

Maddox: That's a tip, yeah!

Dick: 'If you forget it in the car, walk back to your car and get it?'

Maddox: Then walk back to your car and get it, yeah!

Dick: Man. (exasperated)

Maddox: Isn't that insane??

Dick: An actual...a team of people...

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: ...thought that they did a good job by putting that tip on the website.

Maddox: Right! So -

Dick: (interjects) That is...that's messed up!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's like, how you get Nazis.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Like, those are people who woulda said, "Yeah, sure! We'll be Nazis."

Maddox: So, uh, then this next tip is the important one. This actually came about because they found that these reusable bags were KILLING people. Um, "Remember to clean and wash your reusable bags frequently."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And nobody does it, because they found -- they did a study and they found that E. coli is going up, E. coli has increased. Two researchers in 2012...this is from, uh, The Washington Post. Actually, these two researchers published this study. They said in 2012, they examined "the number of emergency room visits for E. coli infections in San Francisco in the 10 quarters before and after the plastic bag ban, and they found a jump right after the ban took effect. For comparison's sake, there was no such jump in E. coli-related emergency room visits in nearby Bay Area counties that didn't have a ban." [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/02/16/is-san-franciscos-ban-on-plastic-bags-mak...] Now, uh, this is actually ending up...they've actually found that this is killing about 5.4 people per year. (slowly for emphasis)

Dick: What?!

Maddox: This E. coli -- yeah! This E. coli increase is killing -

Dick: (interjects) The bag ban is killing 5 and a half people?

Maddox: Yeah! "In 2004 San Francisco estimated that plastic bag waste cost it about 8.5 million dollars annually" to clean up. So that's without the ban, it's costing them 8.5 million to clean up. "...which is 10.3 million in current dollars. Especially given that plastic bags are generally estimated - " [http://blogs.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/SSRN-id2196481.pdf]

Dick: (interjects) This is too much information for me to take in.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, well...

Dick: 5 people are dead because of the bag ban.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's the stat!

Maddox: Right! Well, so, they asked people, they surveyed people. This is from, uh...it's Komonews.com. They asked people...uh, or no, this is the -- I'm sorry, this is San Jose Mercury News. Yeah.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) By the way, man, you should be putting these...these stories on the site.

Maddox: Oh yeah! Good call.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'll put the links up there. Um -

Dick: (interjects) Sorry to interrupt, but I'm sure people would be interested in reading this. 'Cause that's...I didn't know that!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's...Tinder hasn't killed 5 people every year.

Maddox: Right? This is actually killing people. So they asked people...this is, uh, in San Jose Mercury News. They said...they asked somebody; he said, "'It's the wrong thing to do,' said a middle-aged man of the ban. 'But they're killing the innocent turtles,' his wife said, adding that in Europe, reusable bags are just a way of life."

Dick: Dude, I dated this girl who very briefly...because like, her crusade was the bag thing.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And, um...I tried to pretend like I was on her side about it, but I funda-...like lie, 'cause I wanted to bang her. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Um...you know her, actually! It was the Halloween girl.

Maddox: Oh...

Dick: Don't say her name!

Maddox: Yeahhh.

Dick: Yeah. It was her!

Maddox: Okay. Uh-huh. (amused)

Dick: Her whole...like she was doing a whole, um, like an independent film to try to promote these killer bag usages.

Maddox: Of course. (derisively)

Dick: And I was like, "Oh, wow! That's so fascinating," but I could not fake sincerity.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: So she could kinda...she kinda picked up on it and she goes, "I feel like I'm the kind of person you'd make fun of on your site." (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Maddox: She read right through you, dude!

Dick: Yeah! Yeah, she said it right away.

Maddox: She got right to the core of your essence, your BEING.

Dick: Ohh. (groaning)

Maddox: So check this out. [continues quoting foodborne illness study] In 2011, they "randomly selected reusable grocery bags from consumers in grocery stores in Arizona and California. They examined the bags, finding coliform bacteria in 51 percent of the bags tested. Coliform bacteria were more prevalent in the California bags, especially those collected in the Los Angeles area. E. coli was found in 8 percent of the bags examined. The study also found that most people did not use separate bags for meats and vegetables. Further, 97 percent of individuals indicated they never washed their reusable grocery bags." 97 percent!

Dick: So let's...sum it up. If you use those bags, you're killing your family. (slowly for emphasis)

Maddox: You're killing your family.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: But that's -

Dick: (interjects) Basically!

Maddox: Right. And, and...but that's not all! Um, they've ALSO found that shoplifting goes up! This is...

Dick: Well, I shoplift the shit outta those bags. (Maddox laughs) I don't pay for a single one.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: CVS always has that dumb grid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Would you like 0 bags, 1 bag, 2 bags, or 3 bags?" I wish it had an option that said, "I would like to fuck CVS!" 'Cause I would pick that every time -

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: - and just grab a handful of bags.

Maddox: I always walk out of the store with those bags. It's BULLSHIT. So, check this out. This is from a newscast...uh, Komo News in Seattle. [**plays Komo News clip**: http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Plastic-bag-bans-tied-to-increase-in-shoplifting-194071981.html?t...]

Female Correspondent: It may still come as a surprise to some that about 20 percent of stores in Seattle say increased shoplifting because of the bag ban is a problem.

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: So -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, was that about what I do?

Maddox: No. No, they're...no, this is actually a different kind of shoplifting. They're talkin' about people who walk into the store with the reusable bags...

Dick: Uh-huh. Okay.

Maddox: ...fill them up with groceries...

Dick: Ohhh!

Maddox: ...and then walk right back out.

Dick: Oh, that's a BETTER idea! (Maddox chuckles) I'm gonna try THAT!

Maddox: So -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they won't stop you! They don't...I mean, they don't stop...I've walked outta stores with bottles of liquor! They don't stop...they don't even ask!

Maddox: Well... (hesitantly)

Dick: They're instructed not to! Because if there's any kind of altercation, uh, their insurance policy skyrockets!

Maddox: Uh, okay. Not true, but uh, you've gotten lucky.

Dick: Wait a minute. It's ABSOLUTELY true!

Maddox: Okay, I'm sure that that *happens,* but they do stop shoplifters.

Dick: No!! (Maddox cracks up) They are not al-...what are you gonna..."Hey, are you shoplifting something?" "Go eff yourself. I'm outta here." What do you think they're gonna do, GRAB you?

Maddox: If they have...if they saw you on camera, then you're fucked.

Dick: NO. (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Maddox: Okay! (giggling)

Dick: I disagree with that.

Maddox: Okay, well... (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: I'm gonna keep... (cracks up)

Maddox: You're wrong. (both laugh) Um...okay, so the newscast continues. Listen to this. Listen to what happens when people shoplift.

Dick: Alright, wait a minute, wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: I gotta...I like the multimedia presentation and all, but I need a break from all these science stats. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: And...what are we gonna do about it? What's to be done about the reusable bag thing?

Maddox: Nothing, you just go back to the plastic bags! End of story.

Dick: So you bring your own plastic bags?

Maddox: No! They give you plastic bags like they used to, end of story! (cracking up) And by -

Dick: (interjects) Well, I don't think that's gonna happen, man!

Maddox: Why, what -

Dick: (interjects) I got these...we got these hot girls makin' independent films about it! We're screwed!!

Maddox: Why can't you...why can't you just recycle those like anything else? So, this is what...this is the repercussions that are happening.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: Uh, listen to this. [**plays second clip from Komo News video**]

Female Correspondent: One storeowner tells us he believes thousands of dollars of food walks right out the door by people who conceal it in reusable bags.

Dick: Oh my god!

Maddox: Yeah.

Female Food Industry Representative: We have to absorb those losses, and so all of the honest customers are paying for that loss.

Female Correspondent: Well, we tried talking to a number of storeowners about this. One corporate spokeswoman -

Maddox: (**pauses clip**) So, so -

Dick: (interjects) So honest people like ME...

Maddox: Right. (laughs)

Dick: ...are getting screwed...

Maddox: No! (still laughing)

Dick: ...from this bag ban TWICE! I'm tryin' to get...I was happy with just a bag that I could walk around on the street, drinkin' my tall boys...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...in the middle of the afternoon.

Maddox: So, what do you think is gonna happen? What do you think...so they're...they said they talked to the grocery stores, and they tried to get somebody to comment on camera. What do you think is gonna happen?

Dick: What do you mean? They talked to people at the stores?

Maddox: They tried to talk to somebody who runs a store. Listen to this. (**resumes clip**)

Female Correspondent: ...spokeswoman for one of the local grocery store chains said she didn't wanna put anyone on camera to talk about this, 'cause she was afraid it would give the store a bad image.

[**clip ends**]

Dick: Well, yeah.

Maddox: So they're getting BULLIED by environmentalists! That's what's happening!

Dick: Yeah, but that's all...

Maddox: They're afraid to even talk about it.

Dick: That's all those a-holes ever do.

Maddox: And when they...yeah, of course! And when they asked somebody, they asked a customer outside a store...they said, "Hey, did you know that all this shoplifting's going on at 20 percent of the stores and it's costing thousands of dollars, and your grocery bills have gone up?" Guess what he says? (Dick laughs) Guess what he says.

Dick: More clips!

Maddox: Right, right here. (grinning)

Dick: Come on!!

Maddox: No, listen to this. Listen to this.

Dick: Do we have to pay for this news program, for using this much of their episode on our show? (chuckling)

Maddox: Nope, just stolen. Listen to this. [**plays another clip from Komo News video**]

Male Grocery Store Customer: Oh, really? Wow! Well, that's unfortunate.

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: (snorts and laughs) "That's...Oh! That's unfortunate."

Dick: Alright. So we got a bunch of bullies on the loose.

Maddox: Environmental bullies, it's increasing the cost of groceries...

Dick: Listen to me.

Maddox: ...it's KILLING people.

Dick: This goes back...this goes back to what I was saying at the very beginning of the show. You know how you fight bullies? You gotta make them feel like they just pissed their pants in the 3rd grade. (Maddox giggles) So if you talk to anybody who's talking about the environment, don't try to argue the points about the killing families; just make fun of them. (Maddox snickers) Until they feel bad and shut their mouths. Does that make sense?

Maddox: Yeah, I...

Dick: You got it??

Maddox: I guess... (cracks up)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Thank you! Don't bully me! (sternly) (Dick laughs) I already have to pee.

Dick: See? There you go!

Maddox: Yeah. I'm gonna...wet myself. It's gonna feel great!

Dick: I mean, that's the only way outta this, right?

Maddox: No! (annoyed)

Dick: You can't talk people...you can't give all these statistics and all these quotes to these idiots! The girl...dude, the girl that was...when I was in her car, trying not to laugh that that was what she was dedicating her life to, like, there was NO way of...that was her...that was her version of God. Like, that was the purpose in her life. There was, I could've...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...for a million years I couldn't have talked her out...I could've said...I could've introduced her to the 5 people she was gonna kill that year by pushing this stupid bag ban. She still woulda done it, 'cause it made her feel good. So how do you fight that? You make 'em feel bad. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Well, then they're just gonna create some group, or some other cause and some legislation that makes it..."Oh, well, let's make making people feel bad illegal!" And they'll ban -- they'll outlaw that, and they'll charge you 10 cents per insult, or some bullshit like that.

Dick: Oho man, could you imagine?

Maddox: 10 cents per insult?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I'd be broke.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: (**clip from video of man saying, "Oh, really? Wow! Well, that's unfortunate.**) (laughs more)

Dick: I like the "that's unfortunate" part.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can you just put...

Maddox: "That's unfortunate." (smiles)

Dick: ...can you just pull the "that's unfortunate" part? Okay. Well, um, I'm gonna point out a major...a logical fallacy in this problem, though.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Which is why this doesn't deserve to be the biggest problem in the universe, coming from you: because it kills families, and you think families are the biggest problem in the universe.

Maddox: Oh...oh, no. (under his breath)

Dick: So, you've got...you gotta pick one! You gotta either pick families or plastic bags.

Maddox: Well, okay. That's an assumption you made, that it's killing families. This is just killing *people.* So I'm imagining that they're healthy, young, strapping bucks like myself. Who are dying.

Dick: I...I pictured they were hot chicks! But if you wanna picture strapping young men, that's cool. (cracking up) (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Hot chicks don't buy groceries, come on. They're doin' -- they're buyin' smoothies, and they're doin'... (suddenly yells) They're doin' cleanses! (disdainful)

Dick: Oh yeah, juice cleanses.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah. Fuckin' cleanses, man. (muttering)

Dick: Dude, how 'bout that gluten thing? Was that great that it came out it was a big...fraud?

Maddox: Oh! Oh, that's comin' down the pipe. I don't even wanna talk about it.

Dick: Oh okay, alright. Alright, alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: I got a big thing comin' down the pipe on that. (smiles) Yeah. Um, alright. Well, uh, so we got our problems. Again, let's hear your...what were your two problems?

Dick: Okay. Uh, emails are way too long. And I just wanna say if you're writing an email this week, after you write it, cut it down to one sentence.

Maddox: That's, uh...

Dick: Maybe one comma! I'll give you one comma, no semicolons... (Maddox cracks up) ...no double dashes, no em dash; just ONE sentence. You especially!

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: I only wanna see one sentence emails from EVERYBODY this week.

Maddox: When you were sayin' that, I *immediately* went to semicolons. I'm like, "Well, I'll use a semicolon."

Dick: I know your tricks. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Um, and my other problem was Tinder. Look, would you rather...would you rather bang a chick off Tinder, or get to third base with a girl you just met at a bar? I'm...I'm going with bar!!

Maddox: I'm goin' with both. Like, why...why are they mutually exclusive?

Dick: This guy. Ridiculous. (muttering) Alright.

Maddox: 'Cause here's the thing: you set up a date, the chick's late to the bar, so you hop on Tinder, set up another date.

Dick: Is that even a real thing?

Maddox: It's happened to me.

Dick: Well, that's pretty cool. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, it IS pretty cool!

Dick: Alright. Alright, what are your problems?

Maddox: I got some stories. (smiling) So my problems...number one was Horoscopes. Uh, they don't even know about the precession of the earth's axis; there's a new symbol that nobody uses, a new Zodiac sign -

Dick: (interjects) Oh wait, wait, wait! We got Oph-...Ophiu-...

Maddox: Ophiuchus.

Dick: ...Ophiuchus.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Ophiuchus. I gotta write it down phonetically. Oh-fee-uh-kus.

Maddox: O-P-H-I-U-C-H-U-S.

Dick: That's not phonetically! That's how you really spell it. Phonetically, like how it sounds.

Maddox: I think that, uh, the accurate spelling...oh, yeah. No, you're right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So, yeah, Ophiuchus. And the second problem is The Plastic Bag Ban, which is killing people, costing people more money, and it's not really cutting down that much on pollution. If they really wanted to -- you know what? Here's the thing: I'm not entitled...I'm not entitled to free grocery bags. Right? They don't have to give me shit. But

don't fucking lie about it! This is about *money.* They wanna make more money on somethin' that used to cost them something -

Dick: (interjects) I don't...I don't think so. I think it's about penalizing you. Because there's no way they cost 10 cents.

Maddox: No, that's what I'm saying!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're making MONEY on this thing.

Dick: But I think it's a penalty. Because I would...they wouldn't do it unless the government made them do it. There's no way -

Maddox: (interjects) Absolutely not! Grocery stores are on board with this! Corporations...like, they're run by people who are business savvy. They want to make money, and that's all this is. That's ALL it is, and if they came out and honestly said "this is about money," I would have no problem with it. 'Cause I'm not entitled to free grocery bags. But the number -

Dick: (interjects) You are retarded if you think corporations are doing this.

Maddox: It's -- absolutely!

Dick: They would charge for the lights on then!

Maddox: I have emailed the corporations, and I have told them that -

Dick: (interjects) How long was this email? (grinning)

Maddox: Short emails! You would love...these were ginger...

Dick: Oh. What? (laughing)

Maddox: ...ginger emails. They were perfect.

Dick: What did you say?

Maddox: I sent them an email, and I sent them a picture of my bike that used to be...I ride my bike everywhere. It's my primary form of transportation. (Dick laughs hysterically) Not because I care... (cracks up) Not because...not because I care about the environment, but because it's efficient, it's fast, and also it gets your fat ass off the couch a bit, right?

Dick: Hold on! (squeaking) You sent a company a picture of your bicycle? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: Go on. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay. Yeah, it's called "evidence," DICK. Look into it. So I sent them a picture of my bike fully loaded with grocery bags on both handles, and the grocery bags were plastic! (Dick laughs to himself) I used to have...I used to be able to carry my bags on my bike to and from grocery stores. Now I have to carry around this BULLSHIT. I use my bike as my primary form of transportation. So even this list, this government list, assumes that everybody's driving. Now when I go to the grocery store, I have to take two tons of metal with me! How do you think THAT'S impacting the environment? I used to be able to like, go

to the grocery store on my bike and load up my bags; now I have to make a special trip to the grocery store. I can't go to a meeting, I can't go to lunch, I can't go to a theater 'cause I gotta carry all these bulky bags -

Dick: (interjects) (taunting) Listen to this fancy pants! Meetings and lunches and THEATERS. (Maddox laughs) Who the hell is this, goin' to these places?

Maddox: I dunno man, when you leave the house... (Dick laughs) If you use your bike as a primary form of transportation, those are the things you do with your bike.

Dick: No, okay! So, negative environmental impact...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...uh, also, what do I put in my bathroom trash can now?

Maddox: Exactly!! (yells) Guess what? Plastic bags are already reusable, 'cause I was already -

Dick: (interjects) Plastic bags are our friends!

Maddox: Yeah! I was already reusing them. I was lining my garbage bags with them. I was using them for all sorts of things. (Dick sighs thoughtfully) Condoms.

Dick: I gotta... (both laugh)

Maddox: Yeah? (suggestively)

Dick: Condoms, snuck it in there.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: I gotta...I gotta concede this one. This is clearly worse than any of my problems.

Maddox: It's worse than any...so far, as far as I'm concerned, this is the biggest problem...

Dick: This is the biggest problem in the universe.

Maddox: ...in the universe.

Dick: 'Cause it's indicative about...it's indicative of so much more than just, uh, than just what it is. Than your stupid sending pictures of bicycles to customer service. What are you thinkin'?? Why are you sending pictures of your bicycles to companies? Like, what do you think...in your mind, what happens to that email?

Maddox: So this lady who they interviewed, they said: "'Oh, but they're killing innocent turtles,' his wife said." Innocent turtles, as opposed to guilty.

Dick: Nononononono!

Maddox: No, I'm gettin' to it!

Dick: When you are sending a picture of your bicycle to, like, customerservice@ralphs.com...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...what do you think happens?

Maddox: I'm getting to it, Interrupto! So this lady who said, "Oh, they're killing innocent turtles"; that emotional reaction, that gut -- that knee jerk response comes entirely from a PICTURE they saw of a turtle with a plastic bag around its head. So they keep that in mind and it's engrained, it's burned in their heads.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like, "Oh my god, that's so terrible! We can't do this!" So I sent them a picture to create an emotional attachment.

Dick: Of a Maddox sad face? (both laugh) On your bicycle like a clown?

Maddox: Uh, no, it's to create that emotional response. Like, "This is an actual thing that's happening."

Dick: That's not what I'm asking. I'm not asking WHY did you do this insane thing, I'm asking what do you think happens to the e-...like, it *arrives* at someone's computer.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Who do you think that person is, and what do they do with the email they've just gotten of some lunatic's bicycle? (both crack up)

Maddox: I...you know what? The person at one of the grocery stores replied to me, and one of 'em didn't. (Dick laughs hysterically) One did and one didn't.

Dick: What did this...what did their reply say? (through giggles)

Maddox: The person that replied said, "We're sorry this inconveniences you, we're taking all things into consideration, blah blah blah..." (Dick cackles) And then it ended, "But we care more about profit than anything else. Uh, fuck you and enjoy your E. coli."

Dick: "P.S. - Only little girls ride bicycles." (laughs more)

Maddox: Okay. (playfully annoyed)

Dick: "Ralph's."

Maddox: Tell that to Lance Armstrong. (chuckles)

Dick: I didn't say it!! They probably said it. (Maddox keeps laughing)

Maddox: Alright. Well, let's uh, let's wrap up here. Go to http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com, vote on these problems. We'll discuss which ones you voted next week, and also, uh, leave a comment if there's a problem that you think we should discuss, or anything you...any thoughts about the shows. Um...yeah! http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.

Dick: And Noah, bring it on! Why don't you say that to my face?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You think I'm interrupting. (disdainful)

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: I'll interrupt your LIFE, bro!

Maddox: Yeah. (amused) You know what's great about Facebook, is you can't interrupt his sentences.

Dick: Oh, wouldn't that be cool?

Maddox: Yeah, it would be kinda cool.

Dick: If you could? (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. (**closing riff starts**)

Maddox: Well, that's it!

Dick: Great show! Thanks for listening, everyone. This is Dick Masterson and Maddox.

Maddox: 'Til next time.

(closing riff)

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 3</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey!! Maddox -- I'm gonna get it right this time -- author of The Best PAGE in the Universe and The Alphabet of Manliness, your bestseller. I'm Dick Masterson, author of Men Are Better Than Women. Right?

Maddox: Hey, we nailed it!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Perfect!

Dick: Good job.

Maddox: Excellent.

Dick: Uh, I've got...do you mind if I launch into something? I have to...I have some chewing out to do.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: At the top of the show.

Maddox: Alright, let's hear your chewing out.

Dick: Sean, our audio engineer, I have a big problem with you. Okay? So last week, we did the podcast. Sean takes it, he sends it back; I listen to it when it goes online, and I notice that Sean has cut out a bunch of my hilarious jokes! (Maddox laughs) So Sean, I don't know where you get off thinking that you can just go through and edit things out that I say. I really appreciate you helping us with this, but I don't know what you think you're doing! Cutting out things I'm saying that I think are really funny.

Maddox: Dick, are...are you sure, uh, Sean cut those out?

Dick: All I know is I...we do the podcast, and then when I listened to it...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...stuff that I'm -- who else would do it?

Maddox: Oh! You know, uh, I did actually make some edits to the podcast. (smiling)

Dick: Oh, it was you?

Maddox: Yeah, it was me. (laughs) Ohh boy.

Dick: Sean, I apologize.

Maddox: Oh! So I guess Sean, uh, Sean wasn't a problem at all, huh?

Dick: (inhales) No, the problem again is you.

Maddox: It was me.

Dick: Speaking of you being a problem, let's go to the...the board.

Maddox: The board, okay. So last week, our problems were Horoscopes, The Plastic Bag Ban -- those are my problems -- and then we had Tinder and Long Emails, were the 4 problems. And ranking in number one, at the highest problem -

Dick: (interjects) Here we go! It's me! (Maddox chuckles) Here we go! Tinder and Long Emails. It's gotta be Tinder and Long Emails.

Maddox: It's Horoscopes. Horoscopes is number one with 36 votes. (Dick sighs in disappointment) Number two is The Plastic Bag Ban, number three is Tinder and number four is Long Emails. However, they came pretty close.

Dick: So you're telling me that my problems came pretty close to each other, both in last place?

Maddox: They both came in last place. However, on the overall -

Dick: (interjects) Okay, eff...eff you. (Maddox cracks up) Don't give me the condescending, "Oh yeah, mine both won but yours both tied for last. So, good job."

Maddox: Yeah, they did tie for last. However, your...the highest problem of one of yours so far is Guys Asking Other Guys About Their Dogs. That's uh, that's in the positive territory. So I guess -

Dick: (interjects) Good, 'cause I think that's the worst problem I've come up with so far. Um, Tinder actually screwed me over again this week. Do you wanna hear about that?

Maddox: Yeah, what happened with Tinder?

Dick: Okay. So I match...I match the girl.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And she's like, "Let's go out and, you know, bang. Or whatever." (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: Is that what she said? (amused)

Dick: No, but that was the subtext.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: So I'm like, "Oh, cool. Um, you know, where? Where do you live? I'll come...I'm a romantic guy. I'll come bang you in your territory first. 'Cause I don't want you to know where I live."

Maddox: It's like Shakespeare I'm listening to.

Dick: Yeah! I am.

Maddox: Right. (amused)

Dick: So she goes, "Hawthorne." And I said, "Ugh. God dammit." For those of you who don't know, I live in Hollywood, so Hawthorne is about...I think it's about 2,000 miles away from Hollywood. It's like a 40-minute drive. So I'm like, "Alright." So I go drive to meet her at this bar, first of all, so she can find out that I'm not...a weirdo.

Maddox: Well, okay. That's debatable.

Dick: Anyway. (Maddox snickers) I'm outside the bar, and this chick is smoking outside the bar and I'm like...

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: The girl's late, so I'm like, "Hey, what's goin' on? How you doin'?" She's hot!

Maddox: Mhm. This is not the girl you're meeting, another girl's smoking? Okay.

Dick: No, this is another girl. I wanted it to be that -- I was wishing it was that girl.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I told her that, which was a great line. She ate it up. So I'm like, "Look, how much of a creep would I be if I asked you out while I'm waiting for this other girl?" And she's like, "Not...not creepy enough!" Like... (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Good...good sign.

Dick: So she gives me her number, and I'm like, "Awesome! Where do you live?" "Santa Monica."

Maddox: Ha!

Dick: So Tinder is setting me up...now I've got...I've gotta drive an HOUR for the first girl, and now I'm meeting a second girl that's, what, 40 minutes?? I'm spending my whole day in the car! (yelling)

Maddox: That's outrageous! How dare women live far away from you? (teasing)

Dick: You know what I'm saying. (annoyed) It's unnatural. I meet a girl at a bar, she lives right around the corner.

Maddox: Yeah, not necessarily. I mean, you met this girl, she lives in Santa Monica! Which is, what, 45 minutes away from where you were. What was she doin' out there, by the way? Maybe on a Tinder date.

Dick: Nononono, no. Hawthorne and Santa Monica are very close.

Maddox: Oh, I didn't know that.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Eh, well, there you go.

Dick: Let's not rehash it.

Maddox: Hey, uh, real quick! We do have some comments that I wanted to uh, that I wanted to mention. One of 'em...one of 'em is from a guy named...Talusin, and he said that "Only superficial people with total lack of deep perception concern themselves with proofs, statistics, evidence, and other assorted superficial nonsense." And then he cited a book called "How to Lie with Statistics" by Darrell Huff.

Dick: Hey, that's in support of me!! Right?

Maddox: Eh...

Dick: 'Cause I hate statistics too!

Maddox: Well, okay, but listen to his next line. He says, "Go get some real problems, gals."

Dick: Uh...what's his name?

Maddox: Talusin.

Dick: Talusin? You're in luck, because we've got some *real* problems today. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well, they're -- you'll like this next comment too. One more comment. This one's from Handy...the guy's name is Handy. Uh, this is -

Dick: (interjects) That's not a real name.

Maddox: Well, it's on Facebook, it's gotta be. Uh... (cracks up) He says, "Nice podcast. Dick, just a couple of notes: You need to interrupt *more,* because you're fucking hilarious."

Dick: Hey!! (cheerfully)

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Alright! Thanks, Handy!

Maddox: Yeah. Up yours, Handy.

Dick: You can handy me anytime. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, oh...okay. Why don't you guys go give each other handys. Let's get to the problems!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Uh, Dick.

Dick: I'll go first. Um...oh man, I have so much more that I wanna talk -- so much more weird stuff that I wanna talk about here. (inhales thoughtfully) But let's get to the problems. This is a show about problems, finding the biggest problem in the universe. Let's go. Um, Tesla. The car.

Maddox: Tesla...Tesla Motors, or just the, the...? Well, I guess it's the same thing. The car?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: There's nothing more to Tesla Motors than the car.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Tesla the car.

Maddox: Tesla the car. Why Tesla?

Dick: Um...'cause it's a lame car.

Maddox: What's lame about it?! It's like, the most cutting-edge, high-tech car that there is!

Dick: No it's not!

Maddox: What's a more -

Dick: (interjects) You only think that because of the press!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It is DEFINITELY not. Look, look, look. This is like a...the electric car field is, like, brand new...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...technology.

Maddox: Eh, not really, but... (brief pause) Okay, it's new, sure.

Dick: The combustion engine is, like...that's like a race car. Like, there's billions of dollars going into it. THAT'S cutting edge! The Tesla is just a bunch of laptop batteries attached to a gigantic remote control car.

Maddox: No, laptop batteries didn't exist 100 years ago! The combustion engine's been around for almost 100 years now.

Dick: Alright, but that's not why...that's not why it's the biggest problem...in the universe.

Maddox: Okay, why is it the biggest problem?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: 'Cause they're cool cars.

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) No, they're not. They're lame. And I'm gonna get to why you think they're cool.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Um, it's also not...that...it's subsidized...it's like a gamble by the government, which paid off, which means they're gonna do it again. Right? So the government dumps 500 million dollars into making a Tesla.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Then they pay the loan off, so the government's like, "That's win-win! We could do this all day!"

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: "It's a money machine."

Maddox: Alright. What's wrong with that?

(brief silence)

Dick: It's -

Maddox: (interjects) It made money. The government invested -

Dick: (interjects) It's a gambling...it's a gambler's fallacy. That's what's wrong with it.

Maddox: Well, no, but they...that's a measured, uh, risk that they took. They invested in this company, they got a return on their investment -

Dick: (interjects) You don't want the government doing that with your money! (chuckling)

Maddox: Don't tell me what I want the government to do with my money!

Dick: No...okay, fine. (Maddox cracks up) You're right! You're right.

Maddox: I want the government to invest... (laughing)

Dick: You're right. Everybody wants the government to be gamb-...I don't -- why don't you just send...send the government a plane ticket to Atlantic City. They can go sit with your money at a slot machine... (Maddox laughs) ...and pull until another Tesla pops out.

Maddox: That's gr-...that sounds awesome.

Dick: Yeah. Okay. (annoyed)

Maddox: (**audience laughing sound effect**) (giggles) I like that...I like that idea a lot.

Dick: Um, here's the real reason why it's the biggest problem: it lets...it lets guys who don't know anything about cars finally feel like men for the first time in their lives.

Maddox: How so?

Dick: Because, like, it's...it's a good feeling to talk about something that gets you around! It's like having a superpower. Like, having a car is like a real version of having a superpower.

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: You can go a hundred and...whatever you wanna go, you feel like you're flying, you know? It's a powerful thing that you wanna bond with other men about. But this whole generation of guys who've grown up on computers and don't know how to get their hands dirty...don't know how to talk about cars!

Maddox: Hmm... (skeptical)

Dick: So here comes a Tesla, here comes a Tesla and lets them live out these fantasies of talking about their car with other nerds.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what? I'm on board with this. This is cool. Because guess what? The old, the -

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, "it's cool"? You're on board with what I'm saying? You think it's cool -

Maddox: (interjects) No, I'm on board with the g-...with the nerds (Dick sighs) who are feelin' like men now, 'cause guess what? It's the changing of the guard. I can finally have one up on my dad! My dad, the old, uh, war vet! The old badass. He knows everything

about cars! He can build an engine. He HAS built an engine. He's an awesome mechanic. And now finally, it's the changing of the guards. Well, well, well. Welcome to MY territory, Pops! (smiling) You don't know computers? (switches to frail voice) "Oh, I don't understand! My fingers are too big!" Or whatever the excuse is. Now *I'm* in control. I'm the powerful one, baby.

Dick: You'd put wheels on your computer? (flatly)

Maddox: I'd put wheels...yeah!

Dick: Congratulations. (dryly)

Maddox: Great! That's awesome! Computers are GREAT. You know what? And they're...and Google just came out this week, I think, with a new driverless car that doesn't even have a steering wheel. Doesn't even have BRAKES. It just has a stop button if you need to stop, but that's it. You're in complete...you're, uh, out of control. You're out of the loop.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: From this driving process. It is -- it does have some chilling potential here, because if there was a high-speed chase or something they could just shut you down, and who knows, I mean...

Dick: What do you mean, if you were the bad guy? You phrased that -- that's a chilling... (Maddox laughs) ...consequence? If you're being chased by the police, they can just shut you down.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Okay! You're...now you're playing into my argument.

Maddox: Hey, just 'cause the cops are chasing you, doesn't mean you're the bad guy. Think about it.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: So I want, like, an internal combustion engine that's not...in the grid in any way, that I can have like, a tank of gas and be totally on my own and self-reliant.

Maddox: Yeah. (unsure) I dunno, man. I feel like, I feel like this...again, with the... (stammers) Back to what you said earlier too, with the government investing. So what's the alternative? With every step of one of these problems, that like, "Oh, we can't have the government investing this money in this tech company." Like, what was that...uh, Solyndra! Uh, we invested in Solyndra, the -

Dick: (interjects) Is that the solar power one?

Maddox: That was the solar power one!

Dick: That went bankrupt?

Maddox: Yeah. Huge...huge -

Dick: (interjects) Blew a bunch of money.

Maddox: Yeah, huge controversy.

Dick: Burning it.

Maddox: However, what's the alternative? Uh, where would you have the government spend that money? Like, not spend it on -

Dick: (interjects) Give it...give it back to me!!

Maddox: Give it back to you? (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And what, and -

Dick: (interjects) I'LL go gamble it!

Maddox: Yeah. And then, and then -

Dick: (interjects) At least I have fun gambling then!

Maddox: So, so then -

Dick: (interjects) Not WASTING it on a dumb laptop with wheels! That's my money!!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, so then the hope is that somebody just, uh, magics upon an industry...

Dick: No!

Maddox: ...that gets us off -

Dick: (interjects) The hope is nothing. I don't care! I don't want an electric car!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm fine with a COOL car...

Maddox: Yeah. (unsure)

Dick: ...that uses gas!

Maddox: Yeah, and then we gotta dick around in the Middle East for it.

Dick: I don't know, is that true that we have to do that?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Do we really need the gas that bad?

Maddox: Yeah, man. It's a limited resource.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Like, uh...yeah! I mean, it's...you know, what are you gonna do?

Dick: Look, you know what? I don't really know why I dislike them.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I think it's because I know...I think it's because I know, like, I know both parts of it and I'm kinda like, "Ahh, you guys, you're so excited about the electric car 'cause you finally can talk like men about your cars, but...you coulda just put a little time into learning the other way."

Maddox: Yeah, well, I think you should understand both. However, I do like being in control, and I'm going to fully embrace this new revolution. I can't wait.

Dick: It's not a revolution, though! It's inventing something we already had...with different technology.

Maddox: Yeah, but it's technology that the old guard doesn't understand! I can't WAIT to be standing in a mechanic shop with my dad, or in his shop working on something, and we open up the hood and he just kinda scratches his head and he's like, "I don't understand!" (frail voice) And I'm gonna step in and show him how things are done. Huh? (cocky)

Dick: What are you gonna do?

Maddox: Fix the car like a hero, that's what I'm gonna do.

Dick: How?

Maddox: Just with my...knowledge.

Dick: Okay. (muttering)

Maddox: My smarts. Yeah.

Dick: Alright, do...do your problem.

Maddox: Alright, let's get to a real problem here. Alright? My problem -- my first problem today, and this is a big problem, is monkeys. (**monkeys whooping sound effect**) (both giggle) Monkeys! Okay. Let's talk about the elephant in the room here. Alright? Monkeys are dead weight. They're holding us back. And I'm not talkin' about just monkeys or chimpanzees or apes, I'm talkin' about the whole thing. Primates. Primates are dead weight. What can you do with them?

Dick: Is that...wait, is that people also?

Maddox: No, I don't consider people primates.

Dick: Does science consider them primates? (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: Who cares what science thinks? (laughing)

Dick: Okay. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you mean...uh, hairy, like, hominids that are walkin' around that are not human beings?

Maddox: Non-human.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Non-human primates is what specifically I'm talkin' about. You can't eat them! Right?

Dick: Monkeys?

Maddox: Right! You can't eat them.

Dick: I don't WANT to, no.

Maddox: Nobody wants to! 'Cause they're just, you know, it's...you feel kinda guilty 'cause they're kinda smart. They can like, solve a Rubik's Cube that has like 2 sides on it. Like, what...you know, it's...what would that be, just a coin? (cracks up) Monkeys...monkeys are dead weight, and I en--

Dick: (interjects) Why are mon-...what's not dead weight to you?

Maddox: Humans!! Humans are the only thing on this planet that are moving things forward. Like, when's the last time you saw a monkey build a Walmart? Or an oil platform?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or a -

Dick: (interjects) So these are, what, moving...moving things forward to what? To what end?

Maddox: So we can get off this planet! You know this earth is doomed, right?

Dick: You know what I get?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is...okay, I don't...I don't get this about you people. (excited)

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: You tech nerds.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's all you Tesla people, too, that are always on about colonizing the universe. Why?? Why do you want to get off the planet so bad?

Maddox: (raises voice) Because this planet is fucking doomed!

Dick: So what?

Maddox: In about a billion years, it's -

Dick: (interjects) So are you!! Hey, here's a newsflash: you're gonna die first! So who cares?

Maddox: No, not necessarily! I -- see, humans are...are solving this problem of mortality. I WILL overcome mortality eventually. I suspect the second I die, I'm gonna wake -

Dick: (interjects) This sounds like a supervillain speech. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I think it...like, 80 percent of the things I've said today sound like a supervillain.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, uh, monkeys...monkeys aren't doing anything.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) So, wait wait wait wait wait. You wanna get...your goal is to have your brain...I'm just, I'm extrapolating based off of what you just said.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because I think I get, like, the...I think I get what you guys are goin' after. You wanna put your brain in a computer -

Maddox: (interjects) Don't "you guys" us! Okay?

Dick: I'm sorry. I get what you PEOPLE are after. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Don't "you people" us! (giggling)

Dick: You wanna put your brain in a computer...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...so you can live in, like, a fantasy Matrix world, and then you want this...uh, let's just refer to it as a "thought virus," scattered all over the universe for no reason. So you can live in a virtual world where you sit on your couch arguing with people over the Internet. Over the virtual Internet all day.

Maddox: Thought virus? What, are you talkin'...are you calling humans a "thought virus"??

Dick: No! I'm... (stammers) Yeah.

Maddox: (excited) You...

Dick: Yeah! I guess, yeah.

Maddox: Okay, there's an article that came out in...I think it was like Fizz.org, that talked about how they believe that matter may...that life might be a form of matter. So there's solid, liquid, gas, plasma, and then they're sayin' another form of matter might be life, because they're starting to create, uh, nanotechnology that -

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute, wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is getting too science-y.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I just wanna...I just wanna ask...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I just wanna know, is that the goal? To get yourself immortal in a computer and get off the planet?

Maddox: I'm not gonna be in a computer, but I will get off the planet, yes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We HAVE to! We have no choice BUT to get off this planet. This is a doomed planet. Everything and everyone on this planet -

Dick: (interjects) But *why* does it matter...why is it important to you that we colonize other crap?? That's what I'm asking. Why is it important to get off the doomed planet?

Maddox: Uh, is that a serious question?!

Dick: YES!

Maddox: Listen to the sentence you just said! It's a DOOMED PLANET! What else is there?

Dick: I don't know, other doomed planets?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Who cares?

Maddox: So we just use the resources, we jump from planet to planet using them up as much as possible! But back to monkeys for a second. Monkeys are like the chicks of the...the animal kingdom. Right? Have you ever listened to the maddening screams...? Listen to this. (**sound clip of a chimpanzee screeching wildly**) Isn't that -

Dick: (interjects) The way you phrased that, I think that you jerk off to sound clips like that. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I'm not gonna -

Dick: (interjects) "Monkeys are the chicks of the animal kingdom"?

Maddox: Yeah, they're the chicks -- they scream! They just scream all the time.

Dick: Okay. So their sounds annoy you?

Maddox: Their sounds annoy me, and there's only two cultures on earth, really, that eat...uh, eat monkeys at all! Like monkey brains. Which, by the way, can give you spongiform encephalophagus, whatever the hell...uh, the bovine, um -

Dick: (interjects) I think it's "encephalitis." It's not a mup-...muppet. Alright? (Maddox and Sean laugh) Uh, so... (chuckling) Yeah, but I think...I think your main point, though, is this progress thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I *really* think...I think that you believe humanity is somehow, uh, moving technology forward.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And that's just a good thing.

Maddox: It's great.

Dick: Like, you got a goal of getting off Earth for no reason.

Maddox: Mhm. (suddenly excited) No no, NOT "no reason"! This is a doomed planet! Like if you were standing on...on a platform that was dissolving, and you knew there was lava

underneath you -- and by the way, this is...the analogy here is lava is the sun, so literally lava. Uh, and you saw the platform dissolving -

Dick: (interjects) You're asking me this?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: If you saw the platform dissolving, wouldn't you move? Wouldn't you step off that rock?

Dick: Well, where, where...where? Where am I stepping to?

Maddox: Step off the rock!! We're goin' to Mars! We're gonna terraform Mars, baby!

Dick: No, what...

Maddox: Let's do it!

Dick: Don't...don't break your own analogy. Where am I stepping to?

Maddox: Mars is the next rock.

Dick: I'm stepping to Mars? (skeptical)

Maddox: You're stepping to Mars.

Dick: Lemme explain how an analogy works.

Maddox: Okay, okay! (laughs) Well, no no -- okay. That's...that's the step analogy, but if you were stepping off that platform that's dissolving, you would step onto another one.

Dick: Ehh...

Maddox: And of course, that one's dissolving too!

Dick: Nah, you're putting...I don't know know that I would! What's over there?

Maddox: What are you, just gonna die?! (Dick searches for words) What's the point?

Dick: I'm dying before the platform dissolves. Am I gonna go jump on the other platform?

Maddox: You don't know that, dude.

Dick: Die over there?

Maddox: You don't know, the platform could disintegrate any second.

Dick: I just want one of you guys to explain why it's so important to colonize outer space! I don't get it!!

Maddox: Because... (stammers)

Dick: I really don't get it!

Maddox: Again, all of humanity, every species that has ever existed, every tree, plant, and animal; everything on this planet will be engulfed inside the sun! In about 4 billion years.

Dick: Dude, in...yeah, 4 billion years!! Like, you guys...I think this is what it is. I think you guys wanna feel like you're saving -- like, you all think you're Techno Jesus, so you wanna

feel responsible for like, saving everyone from the sun being a supernova. (mocking) But in reality, no one gives a shit.

Maddox: (yelling) No one gives a shit about the planet?!? Are you kidd-...there's so many fucking environmentalists and hippies!

Dick: (talking over Maddox) Sean, do you care about the sun going into a gigantic supernova that will kill everyone on Earth? Do you really?

Sean: I do not.

Dick: Yeah. I don't either.

Maddox: Great. Great. (annoyed)

Dick: No one cares.

Maddox: Buncha idiots. (**buzzer sound effect**) There you go. (**audience booing sound effect**) Losers.

Dick: But you know what I do like? I like goin' to the zoo and I like lookin' at monkeys!

Maddox: (groaning) Ohhh, BOO! Eff you! (**sound clip of chimpanzee screeching wildly**)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Here, scream. (**screeching sounds continue**) Yeah, there you go. Why don't you hang out with your dumbass monkeys? (**monkeys whooping sound effect**) (imitates sound effect) "Hoo! HOO! I'M STUPID! Hoo!"

Dick: How many sound effects do you have over there? (amused)

Maddox: I got a bunch. I got a buncha sound effects. Yeah, why don't you hang out with your dumbass monkeys in the zoo while the sun engulfs this planet? Meanwhile, I'm gonna be -

Dick: (interjects) In 4 BILLION YEARS.

Maddox: Yeah, great! And I'm gonna be banging Mars babes.

Dick: I love this. This is a guy...tell me that you've done your taxes ahead of time every year.

Maddox: Almost never.

Dick: Almost never! So you're planning...you don't plan your TAXES, the most important thing in the year, on time, yet you're thinking ahead by 4 *billion* years.

Maddox: Yeah. The key words in that sentence are "thinking ahead." Right? Because here's the thing: taxes don't matter!

Dick: (talking over Maddox) It's not thinking ahead, jackass!

Maddox: No... (annoyed)

Dick: Yeah, your taxes definitely matter.

Maddox: Taxes don't...they don't matter if the earth...if the platform dissolves! You don't KNOW -

Dick: (interjects) A parking ticket matters more than something does in 4 billion years.

Maddox: Okay. We have way less than 4 billion years. We have about 1.5 billion years according to NASA's estimates, and even less than that. Some people say as little as 5,000!

Dick: What is the difference? (exasperated)

Maddox: Well, exactly! We're...we're doomed. This is a doomed planet.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We need to get off of it.

Dick: WHY?!

Maddox: Everything...everything you've ever known relies on us getting off this dumbass planet. And monkeys -

Dick: (interjects) I don't know that I like everything I've ever known that much!

Maddox: Well, great! Then leave...leave behind the shit that you don't like! It's fuckin' awesome! It's like movin' out after a breakup.

Dick: Okay. Who's payin' for this?

Maddox: We...

Dick: Who's paying for sending everybody all over the universe?

Maddox: Nobody! It's all fucking...look, there's no such thing as money! We just CONJURE this bullshit. Everything we have -

Dick: (interjects) No such thing as money. (smiling) (Maddox cracks up) You're this guy? There's no such thing as money, he's gonna be immortal...and, uh, the earth is doomed.

Maddox: Look, let's say, let's say Earth...

Dick: Classic supervillain speech.

Maddox: ...let's say Earth is this spotless, pristine marble. You just come over, plop some humans on it. Right? Where's the money? How are they gonna pay for things?

Dick: Wait, what?!

Maddox: Oh, I don't know!

Dick: (laughing) Hold on. What?

Maddox: Like, you know, populous.

Dick: "Let's say the earth is a..." (still laughing) Why are we saying the earth is a pristine marble?

Maddox: Okay. Just -- let's just say...

Dick: Walk me through it.

Maddox: ...someone came over -

Dick: (interjects) Pretend that I'm a stupid idiot.

Maddox: Okay. (bursts out laughing)

Dick: Walk me...walk me through it! (chuckling)

Maddox: Oh, this'll be a stretch. Alright, here we go. So there's a pristine marble, it's just living...it's just floating around in the solar system.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You come down, you plop some humans down, and then you say -

Dick: (interjects) You just said the same thing but...slower.

Maddox: Yeah! I'm tryin' to explain!! (excited)

Dick: Why are we plopping anyone down on it?

Maddox: No, I'm just SAYING... (cracks up) I'm trying to explain why money doesn't matter. Okay? (Dick laughs hysterically) So you put down...you put down -

Dick: (interjects) Okay. You're never gonna explain THAT. (grinning) (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: You put people down on this planet, and you...and then you come over to them and say, "Hey guys, by the way, there's a ticking time bomb. This planet's gonna self-destruct in about - "

Dick: (interjects) Am I one...am I one of the people?

Maddox: Who are on the planet?

Dick: Do I get to be on the planet? Yeah.

Maddox: No, you plopped down the people onto the planet. You're -

Dick: (interjects) Why would I do that? (laughs)

Maddox: Because we're doin' this experiment and you're on my rocket ship, for some shitty reason. I haven't kicked you off yet. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: (cracking up) Well! Probably 'cause I can fix it. (Maddox bursts out laughing) Probably 'cause I...probably 'cause it has a gas engine, like any good rocket, and it doesn't use a bunch of dumb BATTERIES.

Maddox: Oh... (worn out from laughing) (**baby laughing sound effect**) There you go. You get a baby laugh.

Dick: You know what? That's...hold on. Let me say...back to the Tesla thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We need more jobs like that. Like, we need more...guys -

Maddox: (interjects) More mechanics. Who are...

Dick: Yes! More mechanics, more manual laborers.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: We need more plumbers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We don't need more...we don't need more bad laptops on wheels.

Maddox: Let's get some more TV repair shops goin', huh? Let's get some appliance repair centers. (cynical)

Dick: I don't think we need... (chuckling) I don't...okay, wait a minute. Let me -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah. Let's regress a little bit! Let's make TVs less efficient, let's go back to the fuckin' Stone Ages when we were...when we were takin' our...hauling our giant, heavy Magnavox and RCAs down to...or Zeniths down to the repair center to have some IDIOT who smells look at -

Dick: (interjects) Uh, you got...you got me there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You got me there.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: You're...you're layin' it on a little thick.

Maddox: Hero. (Sean laughs in the background) I'm awesome. Alright. What's your second problem?

Dick: Did we get...was that..."monkeys" is your problem?? (cracking up)

Maddox: Monkeys! There's 424 species of monkeys! (yelling) You know what -

Dick: (interjects) He's got all these...he's got all this stuff written down that he didn't get to get to.

Maddox: Yeah, whatever!

Dick: All these stats, I know. I can... (grinning)

Maddox: Who CARES.

Dick: ...I can tell.

Maddox: It doesn't matter. (Dick laughs) I got...you know what? I got my problem out. Alright? And it's a big problem. Monkeys are holding us back. They're dead weight, we can't eat them.

Dick: So monkeys are keeping us from...wait a minute, why are they holding us back from exploring the universe?

Maddox: Anything that's not helping us is hold-...is in the way!

Dick: JESUS! You...everything you say sounds like a supervillain!! (Maddox laughs) What you're saying is called "eugenics"!

Maddox: No, I'm not suggesting we wipe them out! They can, they can hang -

Dick: (interjects) When you say "them," do you mean monkeys or do you mean people who are not working together to explore the universe? (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: No, the monkeys.

Dick: 'Cause it kinda sounds...

Maddox: I feel like people -- so, I used to...my, uh, thought process has evolved here. I used to think -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, hohohohoh! (jeering) (Maddox laughs) Go ahead.

Maddox: I used to think that people who worked at menial jobs -- menial labor, manual labor, uh...you know, fry cooks and things like that, people who worked as janitors, so on -- weren't contributing as much as people like me, geniuses. However, I changed my mind because they're doing an important function -

Dick: (interjects) Uh, hold on. You gotta leave...you just really...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You...this is a trick you do.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: You say something that's totally false, (Maddox laughs) and you're able to slam the next thought in real fast before anyone can disagree with it. I love it! I respect it.

Maddox: 'Kay. (chuckling)

Dick: As a...as a duplicitous person, I do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I also know you're doing it. What do you do that's better than a janitor?

Maddox: I'm a cultural critic. I'm an author, baby! That's what I do.

Dick: That's what I thought. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Keep going.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I help enlighten people. Which is probably the most important task there is, next to bein' a rocket scientist.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) I think you said it. You don't need to overexplain how important you are. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Keep going. (cracking up)

Maddox: Uh, I CAN'T overexplain how important I am. (Dick laughs to himself) So, anyway. We have all these people who do these menial jobs, and I used to think that I was above it...which I am!

Dick: (interjects) Menial... (sighs) Service industry.

Maddox: Service industry, sure!

Dick: Let's not use "menial."

Maddox: Well, some of it's menial. I've seen some...so, anyway. They're, uh, filling an important role and function that I'm not willing to do. And I used to think that those people were worthless and they're not contributing. However, they are! Because they're doing...they're doing a task and they're doing a job...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...that frees up other more important and smarter people to sol-...to work on problems to get us off this planet.

Dick: "Smarter." (disdainful)

Maddox: Unlike fucking monkeys, who are sitting there eating their own SHIT. Have you even seen a monkey lately? That's all they do!

Dick: They don't eat their own...shit.

Maddox: They eat their own shit! I'll send you a video. There's a 5-minute video, it made...it almost made -

Dick: (interjects) I can send you a video of a couple GIRLS eating their own shit too. (Maddox bursts out laughing) That doesn't prove very much. So, back to the uh, the janitors thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Let me just present this...just one thing as evidence.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Um...not that you're ABOVE the work, but perhaps that you would instantly be fired in any of these jobs. I'm using the fan as an example in this room. Maddox has a fan in this room where -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, you could say I have a couple of fans in this room. (smiling)

Dick: Couple of fans. The one that I'm sitting directly under...where, instead of fixing the motor of the fan because the switch that turns the fan part is broken...am I explaining that correctly?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't pull the chain to stop the fan part.

Maddox: There is no chain.

Dick: So instead of fixing THAT, you've removed the blades from the fan. (slowly for emphasis)

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So that the motor is continuously on...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and it's impossible to ever turn off.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So that whoever moves in here next will have (cracks up) a fan that's on all the time.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Can you imagine if a janitor ran their job that way?

Maddox: Oh yeah. Well, you know, I don't care. That's the, that's the big...the big, uh -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you got more important things to worry about, like getting everyone off of the earth in 4 billion years. I understand.

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: I get it, I get it.

Maddox: Not 4 billion -- it's less than 4 billion. Like maybe 1 billion. Or 5,000 years, potentially. So.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's a ticking time bomb.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Alright, dude.

Dick: No, I get it!

Maddox: Yeah, that... (stammers) It's a huge problem.

Dick: I get it, I get it.

Maddox: And you idiots better vote for that shit. Alright, what's yours?

Dick: You mean...?

Maddox: The monkeys! Monkeys are a huge problem!

Dick: On our website or in the government?

Maddox: Yeah, on our website. http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.

Dick: Okay, yeah.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Yeah, vote there! If you're gonna vote on that, vote on the website. Where it doesn't matter. (cracking up)

Maddox: And... (laughs) ...our government. Alright, let's hear it. What's your second?

Dick: This is my...this is my next problem. I don't know how to phrase this exactly either. I'm debating on which way to phrase this. Um, the biggest problem in the universe is...everyone needs to lose 20 pounds. (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Maddox: Alright. What about, uh...okay. Immediately you're wrong. What about anorexic people?

Dick: Uh.....I don't know.

Maddox: Oh! Okay. Question mark.

Dick: Just... (stammers) Really?? Are...do anorexic people... (searches for words)

Maddox: What? Do they what? Do they...what are you gonna say?

Dick: They don't count.

Maddox: Okay! (cracking up)

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: So should we revise your problem?

Dick: No! You know what? No!! (Maddox laughs) Because people who think...'cause people...there are people who DO need to lose 20 pounds who think they're anorexic! So everybody just...everybody needs to be engaged in the process of losing 20 pounds. People who are actually anorexic are already doin' it. GREAT. (Maddox laughs) So, nothing wrong with it! Nothing wrong with that. EVERYBODY...

Maddox: Uh-huh. (amused)

Dick: ...needs to lose 20 pounds.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know about that. Okay, why do you say...why is that...first of all, why is it even a problem? Why is that...I mean, for people who are really obese, they need to lose clearly more than 20 pounds to be healthier.

Dick: No, that's...no, but then they use that as an excuse. I'm tryin' to stay realistic here.

Maddox: 20 pounds is...I can lose 20 pounds overnight, dude! I take a shit in the morning, that's like 4 pounds right there. Are you kidding me?!

Dick: Yeah, you got 16 to go! (Maddox laughs) What else are you doin' today? How many times are you jerkin' off to lose that 16 pounds? (chuckling)

Maddox: Oh man, we can get rid of a couple ounces. (smiling)

Dick: Wow. (grossed out) Um... (Maddox laughs) Look, they're like...I think they're gonna kill the healthcare system! How 'bout that?

Maddox: They're going to kill the healthcare system? (flatly)

Dick: I can't even say that with a straight face. I don't care. (Maddox bursts out laughing)

Maddox: There we go!

Dick: I don't care about the healthcare system.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um...

Maddox: Well, no! Actually, I'm glad you brought that up! I actually AGREE with that. So, should weight be regulated? And I know...I know your stance on this.

Dick: Well, tell me.

Maddox: You're a firm ‘no.’ Yeah!

Dick: Oh yeah, of course not! No.

Maddox: I think you're a firm ‘no.’

Dick: No.

Maddox: Well, okay. So...

Dick: But I'm also a "yes" out of spite because I can't smoke and drink as much as I want.

Maddox: (groans) Ah, I was gonna get to that!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So smoking is regulated, right? Because it affects other people.

Dick: I guess.

Maddox: Well, why shouldn't...why shouldn't obesity?

Dick: It makes everyone a lot cooler. (chuckling)

Maddox: No, it doesn't make people cooler. It just makes 'em smell more.

Dick: Eh, that's true. Uh, okay. Let me get to the real reason why...

Maddox: Okay. (amused)

Dick: ...everyone needs to lose 20 pounds. Okay. The average...the average woman's weight is 156 pounds.

Maddox: For what height?

Dick: Doesn't matter. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Of course it matters!

Dick: No, it doesn't.

Maddox: If she's 5'0", it's...

Dick: It doesn't matter.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: (excited) What is with the...everything is like a huge extreme for you! "Lose 20 pounds!" "Uh, what if you're anorexic?"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, come on!

Maddox: You always look at the extremities, like on a chart, on a graph!

Dick: No, you don't! (annoyed)

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: You look at most people. It's "The Biggest Problem in the Universe," not "The Biggest Problem For A Couple People." Look -- okay. 156 pounds, right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Would you bang a woman that was 156 pounds? Be honest.

Maddox: Of COURSE!

Dick: Would you...would you *want* to?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: You would?!

Maddox: Depends on...depends on her proportions, man! If I'm attracted to her, if she's got a hot face...BBW!

Dick: Are you serious?

Maddox: Yeah, sometimes! (Dick scoffs)

Dick: 156 pounds. Do you know how heavy that is?

Maddox: You think 156 pounds is f-...? Well, hold on. Is she 6'0"? 'Cause that's normal for a 6'0" woman!

Dick: I don't, I don't even understand what you're...

Maddox: A leggy, 6'0"...

Dick: What are you thinking in your mind?

Maddox: A 6-foot-tall woman? 156 pounds is pretty normal, dude! About 150 is -

Dick: (interjects) How many 6-foot-tall women have you banged?

Maddox: A couple!

Dick: How many do you run into around town?

Maddox: Uh, I would say at least 3 or 4 an hour. (both laugh) You know, a couple times a day I'll see a really tall woman.

Dick: Yeah, but the average weight for them is gonna be more than 156 pounds. Do you see what I'm saying with "average"? You understand how -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, but you also -

Dick: (interjects) You love statistics.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You like...so you understand that the average also means the average height.

Maddox: No -- okay, but factor in the height! What is the average height?

Dick: It's like 5'4", dude. It's like 5'4" or 5'5". It's short.

Maddox: 5'4", 5'5"?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. And...and if she's muscular -

Dick: (interjects) 156 pounds.

Maddox: Eh, you know, it's a little heavy.

Dick: Muscle?! How much muscle's..."a little heavy"? (incredulous)

Maddox: If she's muscular, that's a little...you know, that's not too heavy. But if she's NOT muscular, if she's not toned and she weighs 156 pounds, sure. That's a little heavy and she could probably stand to lose like 20 pounds to be a little bit healthier.

Dick: Imagine if she was...listen.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Imagine if she was 136 pounds.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: WHOA. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: "WHOA." (mocking)

Dick: That's way better.

Maddox: Well, I mean, depends.

Dick: Imagine the motiv-...imagine...can you imagine walking around the world with...*all* women have lost 20 pounds?? (Maddox laughs) Do you know how much motiva-...look, if that happened? Guys would be building spaceships left and right!

Maddox: What are you talkin' about?! No one would be building spaceships! Everyone would be screwin' their brains out all the time!

Dick: No!! 'Cause they would make you work for it. They would make you build a spaceship. The only reason guys do anything is to get laid! They would have to work a lot more to get these...skinny girls! Right now it's kinda like, "Uhh, I guess. I don't really wanna build a spaceship. Like, what do I got to win? I'm gonna go nail some 156-pound girl outta this?" (Maddox bursts out laughing) "Come on. I don't need to get off Earth THAT bad."

Maddox: Yeah. Well, okay. You're...you've only been talking about women. Why do you think guys also need to lose, uh, 20 pounds on average?

Dick: I don't give a shit.

Maddox: Okay. (about to laugh)

Dick: About that.

Maddox: You don't care.

Dick: I just didn't wanna say...

Maddox: You just think women should.

Dick: I'm sure there's a reason!

Maddox: You didn't wanna sound SEXIST. (teasing)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I think I succeeded.

Maddox: No... (laughs) Nope!

Dick: No, you know what? Actually, I was gonna go with both, but then I looked up...I looked up, like, a study? 'Cause I was like, "Okay, I bet fit guys make more money," and it turned out that guys who were 20 pounds overweight made like 8,000 dollars *more* than skinny guys. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And it's the reverse for women. I don't know why. I can't imagine why that might be.

Maddox: Oh, wait a second, that's interesting! So guys who were 20 pounds overweight made, on average, 8,000 dollars more per year?

Dick: I mean, yeah, I didn't really read it that closely, so those might not be the right numbers. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Okay! Okay.

Dick: But...it's somethin' like that.

Maddox: No -- okay, so based on "somethin' like that," let's -

Dick: (interjects) It's the right orders of magnitude.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's...that's what I remember.

Maddox: Okay. Uh, so, you haven't quite made a strong case, or I would say ANY case -

Dick: Are you KIDDING?!

Maddox: - for why this is a problem. Why exactly again is this a problem? That women are, on average, 156 pounds.

Dick: Um... (sighs) 'Cause...don't you ever just see a girl and you're like, "Come on, man. If you were just..." (both crack up) "If you were just like 10 pounds lighter, you would be SO much hotter."

Maddox: Yeah, if I wasn't attracted to the girl then I wouldn't date them. Like, that's...that's that. And I just move on! I find someone who I AM attracted to.

Dick: Yeah, there's not enough.

Maddox: What's the problem?

Dick: There's not enough fish in the sea. That's what I'm sayin'.

Maddox: Not enough fish in the sea, huh?

Dick: Everybody's gotta be skinnier.

Maddox: Eh, I dunno, man. I think instead of...instead of expecting people -- 'cause I've dated girls before...I've dated, actually, a BUNCH of girls -

Dick: (interjects) WOW. Can we get like, a...extra-extra newsflash to that? You've dated girls before? (**rimshot sound effect**) (both laugh) Alright, go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: (giggling) I've dated girls before where I...I felt that, um, I would be way more attracted if they had lost a little bit of weight, but you can't ask them to! I mean, if you don't like someone the way they are, you gotta fuckin' move on! You can't ask them to. Um, and -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: Yeah. So I HAVE moved on. And rather than expect them to lose the weight and improve THEMselves for me, *I* improve MYself for the higher class of women that I am attracted to: the really attractive girl who's fit and funny and has a good personality. I make *myself* more attractive and attract those types of women.

Dick: (stammers) I have to ask you a serious question.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Do I sound like you sound like right now when I talk about women?

Maddox: How's that?

Dick: Like a complete douchebag? (both laugh)

Maddox: Uh, yes. I think we both in this case sound a little bit like douchebags. (Dick sighs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, okay, so it's a problem because...so let me recap this: it's a problem because there's not enough fish in the sea...and you're not procreating? Is that the problem?

Dick: (chuckling) No, that's not a problem. Are you crazy?

Maddox: Well, yeah... (skeptical)

Dick: Get outta here. Dude, I was at...I was at Disneyland today.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And um...the thing was like, there were more Rascals than there were not Rascals.

Maddox: Yeah. But that -- isn't that a scam? Isn't that just a scam to get on rides?

Dick: No, no no no no! It was definitely not a scam.

Maddox: To get sympathy? Won't people, like, let you cut lines if you come up with a Rascal?

Dick: No, 'cause they're all on Rascals!

Maddox: Everyone's on Rascals?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Eh, that sounds like...that sounds like it's kinda fun. You're takin' a ride to the ride. What's the problem?

Dick: Um...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Good question.

Maddox: If you could ride a golf cart around everywhere...right? I would ride a golf cart from my bed to the bathroom if I could. And I would take forever.

Dick: Wait a minute, you CAN. You definitely can. Get a Hoveround!

Maddox: A hover?

Dick: A Hoveround.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: It's like a...it's like a scooter that you can ride around your house.

Maddox: Oh, really??

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I would totally get one!

Dick: You can ride a scooter from your...your bed to the bathroom.

Maddox: I...when I used to live at home, I would call my mom from my bedroom in the living room to ask her to bring me some corn, or whatever. Like if I wanted a snack or something, uh -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you're so exhausted thinking about how to save the human race... (Maddox laughs) ...from extinction, that you need your thinking corn.

Maddox: Yeah... (laughs more)

Dick: As quickly as possible. (grinning)

Maddox: Need a little bit of fuel, baby! (yells) "Hey Mom!! Moooom!" She can't hear me yelling, so I gotta get on the cell phone! And then when I used to -

Dick: (interjects) You call your mom in your own house to bring you *corn*?

Maddox: I mean, you know, whatever it is I need! Maybe it's...

Dick: What else do you need? Name three things that you would ever have needed in this scenario.

Maddox: 'Kay. Corn...

Dick: (cracks up) Okay, two other things.

Maddox: Soup...

Dick: (snorts) Basic-...basically corn. Okay.

Maddox: And then, uh...you know, sometimes I...oh, my mail! Like if I got a package... (Dick laughs hysterically)

Dick: "My correspondence!" (Maddox laughs) "Mooom! Bring me my corn and my letters IMMEDIATELY."

Maddox: And my soup!

Dick: "I need my PC Magazine!"

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, what's the problem? That was when I lived downstairs -

Dick: (interjects) It's just, it's extremely bizarre! That's what the problem is. (chuckling)

Maddox: When I lived downstairs in my parents' basement, that was a big thing. 'Cause I didn't have a broom...I would sit down, my chair was so low to the ground that I wouldn't be able to reach the ceiling to...to pound on the ceiling to get Mom... (cracks up)

Dick: WHAT the HELL?! (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Why is it so weird to you?? You never asked your mom for anything?

Dick: I don't ask her with a BROOM!

Maddox: Well, you don't have a basement! You didn't have a basement growin' up, did you?

Dick: This is like...no, this is like one...one little tweak away from being, um, like the...the Addams Family! What you're describing. A weirdo in the basement who lives off of corn and mail? Hammering with a broom to attract his family to come down and feed him?

Maddox: Well... (laughs more) Well, eventually -- when you put it that way, dickhead -- eventually I got a megaphone. And that solved a lot of problems. (both laugh)

Dick: You're totally telling the truth, aren't you? You're not exaggerating this!

Maddox: (laughing) Of COURSE I'm tellin' the truth! I got it from RadioShack!

Dick: What kind of insane arms race are you...living in?! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: It was gr-...I still -

Dick: (interjects) In this basement??

Maddox: I still wish I had that megaphone! It's the great-...I can use a megaphone all the time. I find SO many uses for a megaphone. It's incredible! You've never -- so, here you are on your...on your, uh, monument of judgment, sitting there casting stones at me, yet you've never tried... (stammers) ...a megaphone, or -

Dick: (interjects) You know what? I was just about to compliment you.

Maddox: Not. (muttering)

Dick: But because you're about to keep insulting me, I'm not gonna do it. Go ahead! Keep going.

Maddox: Aww. (mocking)

Dick: About my monument of...judgment.

Maddox: Your monument of judgment, yeah. Your towering, teetering monument of judgment. (sarcastic)

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Throwing stones at my brilliant -- okay, well, yeah! The megaphone, you have to be on board with that. Right?

Dick: No!! A megaphone?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: No, I feel like it's cheating. I feel like -- and actually, um...

Maddox: Oh. (annoyed)

Dick: No, I really feel like it's cheating. I feel like if you -

Maddox: (interjects) Says you. (chuckling derisively)

Dick: If you can't get your message out with your own natural voice, then...you just, you don't deserve to be heard.

Maddox: Hey, Dick, it IS my natural voice, just LOUDER.

Dick: No, you're...

Maddox: It's fucking awesome!

Dick: ...you're using science, it's cheating.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Well. (disdainful) You know what? It's the closest thing -- it's more close to bein' a...to havin' a superpower than driving a *car.* (cracks up) Which is what you said earlier.

Dick: Kinda is! That's true.

Maddox: Alright. Let's get to my next, uh, my next problem. Um, my second problem, second-to-last problem for the day, is...other N-words. 'Kay? So you got the N-word -

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, "other"?

Maddox: Other... (laughs) Well, you just have the one that you use. Um... (clears throat) But no, there's uh, there's other N-words. So you have the classic; it's the...it's *the* word. The N-word is the worst word. There's no other word...like, everyone...and everyone is trying to glom on -

Dick: (interjects) I'm shocked you would pick this as a problem. Go...okay.

Maddox: Uh, yeah.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Well, so there's all sorts of different words. So, I'm gonna go down this list here. I'm gonna see how many of these you can get. Have you ever heard of...the R-word? You know what 'R' stands for?

Dick: "Retarded person"?

Maddox: "Retard." Yeah, "retard"! So, um -

Dick: (interjects) Is this just a list of offensive words that people use?

Maddox: No, no, I'm gettin' to it!

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: I'm gettin' to the problem!

Dick: Nobody says "the R-word"!

Maddox: Yeah!! There's a big fucking meme goin' around on the Internet that says, "Hey, uh, do you want to use the word 'retard'?" And then there's a flowchart. It says, "Are you trying to offend somebody?" Then they say, "Use another word," and then it says "If you're NOT trying to offend somebody, use another word." So essentially they're calling for the outlaw of this word! Like, "Let's just banish this word! We're not gonna say it anymore."

Dick: No... (unsure) Uh, yeah, okay.

Maddox: I mean, yeah, it's an offensive word, of course!

Dick: Only a-holes use it.

Maddox: Only a-holes use it, I agree.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sure! So, okay. So there's the R-word; there's -

Dick: (interjects) It...well...yeah, I use it when I'm talking to my friends, but I don't...

Maddox: Of course!

Dick: ...I don't use it, like, with people I've only met once.

Maddox: Yeah, you gotta meet 'em -

Dick: (interjects) Unless I've been drinking.

Maddox: Mmm'kay. So when you're drunk, you become an a-hole. Um...okay.

Dick: (chuckling) That's my superpower. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yep. (amused)

Dick: What's the next...what's the next word? (smiling)

Maddox: Uh, more appropriately, your stupor power. Um, so we have... (cracks up) Right? We have the C-word -

Dick: (interjects) Wow. (surly)

Maddox: Come on, "stupor power" is pretty good.

Dick: The C-word is...?

Maddox: The C-word is..."cunt." Right?

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: And people have a huge problem with the C-word!

Dick: I'm...I'm uncomfortable by it. I'll be honest with you, I don't use it.

Maddox: You're uncom-...?! Wait, here's the problem with the word "cunt"! First of all, it's not offensive to everyone! It's not even offensive in the countries of New Zealand, Britain, and Australia. It usually can -- this is from Wikipedia -

Dick: (interjects) He's got this written down!

Maddox: Yeah, of course!

Dick: Like, where...you wr-... (stammers) Go ahead, sorry.

Maddox: Yeah! So, "it can convey a positive sense of the object or person referred to." [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cunt] So there's a book called "Glue," and on page 266...it's by Irvine Welsh. He says -

Dick: (interjects) I'm sure he's thrilled to be mentioned in this context. (smiling)

Maddox: Eh, sure. It's on Wikipedia. I read this. It says, uh, "Billy can be a funny cunt, a great guy..." [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cunt#cite_note-Irvine_Welsh-8] Right?

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: So when you say that the word "cunt" is always offensive, what you're doing is you're forcing an American perspective on the world.

Dick: Okay. (protesting)

Maddox: It's offensive to Americans, sure, but it's not offensive in Australia and Britain! People say "cunt" all the time! "He's a cunt of a guy," "she's a cunt of a girl." It doesn't matter! It's not used as an insult always.

Dick: Well, here's the problem with that, Mr. Roboto.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: That...being offensive is dependent on the context you're using it in. So if someone's telling you you're being offensive for saying "cunt" a bunch of times in *America,* you're being offensive!

Maddox: Oh, but yet, there's a double standard! 'Cause we come down on Muslim societies for having burkas -

Dick: Oh my GOD!! (chuckling derisively)

Maddox: No, of course! We come down on Muslim societies. We judge their societies for having -

Dick: (interjects) For having burkas.

Maddox: For having women wear, uh, burkas and cover up and have...and like, have their traditional, uh, their customs! (Dick inhales thoughtfully) Right? We come down on them

and say, "Oh, that's unfair! That's...that's so, you know, oppressive!" And yet, here we expect -

Dick: (interjects) Well, it's like, it's also kind of...dumb.

Maddox: Well, I agree.

Dick: Like, don't you wanna see what's goin' under there, man? (suggestively)

Maddox: Of COURSE I do.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Sure! Sure. BUT, the point is that you can't force your culture and perspective as a universal norm. That's what we're doing with the word "cunt." So, let's move on. Um... (Dick laughs) What about -

Dick: (interjects) No, hold on! (laughing)

Maddox: There's nothin'...what?

Dick: Okay, alright.

Maddox: Alright. The M-word. 'M'. What is the M-word?

Dick: "Magician."

Maddox: "Mormon"! Did you know "Mormon" is offensive?

Dick: What?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: No, it's not offensive. (dismissively)

Maddox: "Mormon" is offensive!

Dick: Yeah, but if...you can...anything can be offensive if you use it in an offensive WAY.

Maddox: No, that's not true. Uh, "Mormon"..."Mormon" is a pejorative...Mormons have a problem with it because they say that you're supposed to say "Latter Day Saint," "LDS." "Latter Day Saint" is the name of the church, the belief. Right?

Dick: I...okay.

Maddox: So they say that "Mormon" is offensive! It's NOT -

Dick: (interjects) That sounds like a branding thing.

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Dick: Like, they're tryin' to be...they're tryin' to...

Maddox: I'm from Utah, man! I talk to my friends, they all get, uh, uppity if you call 'em Mormons! Um...okay. So what about -

Dick: (interjects) Uppity? (amused)

Maddox: They get uppity!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: What about the I-word? What's 'I'?

Dick: "Indian."

Maddox: Nope! Ille-...

Dick: (interjects) (excited) No, no! Don't...

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: ...don't give this stuff away!!

Maddox: Alright, let's hear it. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: So...this is a fun game!

Maddox: Okay! Yeah, what's the I-word?

Dick: (sighs pensively) Il-..."Illegal alien."

Maddox: Close, yeah. "Illegals."

Dick: (yells over Maddox) No no!! Okay...okay.

Maddox: Yeah, alright.

Dick: Yeah, "illegals." Alright, alright.

Maddox: Yeah, "illegals." You got it. Uh, "illegals"! So there's a campaign called Colorlines, and they're trying to drop the I-word. It's the campaign to stop using the word "illegal" in the immigration discussion.

Dick: I wish we had like, a game show music for this.

Maddox: Yeeeah! That'd be...

Dick: Like, "Guess the...Guess the Offensive Word"?

Maddox: Yeah, we can dub that over. Um...okay, so "illegal" is...there's the I-word. We're not supposed to use the I-word. So are you keeping track? We got the I-word, the R-word -

Dick: (interjects) No, I'm not keepin' track.

Maddox: Okay. So, what about...the G-word? (Dick inhales thoughtfully)

Dick: Okay...

Maddox: You will NOT guess the -- you will not even *believe.*

Dick: 'G'...

Maddox: Yeah, the -

Dick: (interjects) I feel it has something to do...can I get hints in this game show? Guess the Raci-..."Guess the Epithet," is the game show that we're playing.

Maddox: "Guess the Epithet."

Dick: 'G'...

Maddox: What's...what's the G-word?

Dick: Do I get any hints in this game? Do I have lifelines?

Maddox: You get...okay, you get -- what's the lifeline? What's this shenanigans?

Dick: Well, Sean's the lifeline.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: But I need to get like, a...I need to get a 'yes or no' question from you.

Maddox: You get two 'yes or no' questions...

Dick: I get two 'yes or no' questions.

Maddox: ...and the lifeline is Sean.

Dick: And the lifeline is Sean.

Maddox: Our engineer Sean, audio engineer Sean. Yes.

Dick: And I get to ask Sean what...if he thinks what I think it is is right.

Maddox: You can just ask him what he thinks it is.

Dick: Yeah, but I don't wanna make him say words he doesn't wanna say.

Maddox: Alright. Okay. So go ahead.

Dick: G-word...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: (sighs) Does it...does it have to do with women? I think.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Oo man, that doesn't help. (under his breath) Um...is it a pejorative term for women?

Maddox: (pauses) Oh, it's hard to answer that! Uh, no!

Dick: It's not a pejo-...but it has to do with women...

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: ...and it's not, it's not "bossy." I know that's...you can't say that on the Internet anymore. Like, you know.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: Uh, okay. Sean, do you think the G-word...that has to do with women but is not a pejorative term *for* women, is g-....."gay"? (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, so close. No.

Sean: I don't think it's "gay."

Maddox: No, it's not "gay."

Dick: Okay. Well, you tell the answer. (muttering)

Maddox: Alright. The answer is "girl."

Dick: WHAT?!?

Maddox: Yeah! "Girl" is now offensive! It's the G-word! And it's because the BBC -- this just recently happened -- BBC...this is a headline from dailymail.co.uk: "BBC bans the G-word." "Broadcaster Mark Beaumont, 31, joked after being hurled to the floor" -- this is during a documentary -- he was "hurled to the floor by a judo champion." He says, "I am not sure I can live that down -- being beaten by a 19-year-old girl." [http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2638404/Now-BBC-bans-G-word-Sports-reporter-joked-hed-beaten...] Now that expression the BBC deemed was offensive, and they censored it from the documentary! "The athlete herself Cynthia Rahming left bemused," and she said, I quote: "I wasn't offended – I didn't find it sexist." And then -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it is...it's like, a surprise when a girl beats up a guy.

Maddox: A 19-year-old girl beat up a 31-year-old guy.

Dick: Yeah, that's... (chuckles)

Maddox: It's surprising. Right?

Dick: ...that's a surprise!

Maddox: Yeah! So, the show -

Dick: (interjects) That's the headline. (smiling)

Maddox: Right. The show was edited and rebroadcast to remove the word. Now, there's even a feminist novelist, her name is Kathy, uh, Lette -

Dick: (interjects) Okay, but hold on. Hold on, hold on.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We're getting off track. Your problem is, if I can summarize...what? Like, thought police? There's too many...

Maddox: Censorship.

Dick: Censorship?

Maddox: Well, yeah.

Dick: There's too many words being...? You know -

Maddox: (interjects) Everybody has a word...everybody is offended now, everybody wants to be overly sensitive, and we can't say...we're BANNING words? Are you fucking kidding me? Yeah, it's thought police! That's bullshit!! You can't just banish words! But this feminist author, Kathy Lette -

Dick: (interjects) Hold on. Somebody figured out...whoever figured...whoever called it "the N-word" the first time, like, invented a really horrible thing! By letting people continually say *the word* without saying it! Like, I don't, you don't use...you don't use the term "the N-word." Right?

Maddox: When I'm insulting somebody? (cracks up)

Dick: It's just a way of...no, EVER!! Like it's not something you just say, unless you're like, "Oh, that guy said..." You know.

Maddox: "...the N-word."

Dick: The N-word!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: BUT, it's become like a TOOL for people on the news and media outlets to say the word without having to say it!

Maddox: Yeah... (unsure)

Dick: Right??

Maddox: Nah, I...you know what? When they do that, usually they try to censor the word -

Dick: (interjects) (excited) But they don't...that's not...they don't need to say it! Like, they could just say, "He...said a pejorative term."

Maddox: You know what? I just thought it in my mind...

Dick: Right??

Maddox: No, it's not the same. I just -

Dick: (interjects) WHY?

Maddox: Because that word is so loaded. It has so much power. But wait, wait. Let me get back to this, real quick. Um, this is the last thing I wanna say about this...the G-word. "Feminist novelist Kathy Lette, 55, however, said: 'If the athlete didn't find it upsetting why should the BBC mount their politically correct high horse and gallop off into the sanctimonious sunset?'"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This, from a feminist. And she's saying...even SHE wasn't offended by the G-word. And yet, here's the BBC trying to come in like some fucking white knight trying to save everyone.

Dick: So why is this a big problem? You wanna keep using swear words?

Maddox: Uh, no, this isn't a swear word...! This isn't...we're starting to just banish words? Are you kidding me? I want to be able to speak my mind freely and not have to worry about whose toes I'm always stepping on. We have the N-word, yeah. It's part of...it's part of culture and part of society. We can't get rid of it. BUT, when we start introducing these other words suddenly...I went through the alphabet, there's almost a "word" for every single letter! And the last one I wanna end on is this. And you already mentioned it earlier, but it's 'B'. You know what 'B' is.

Dick: "Bitch"? (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: No, but...

Dick: "Bae"?

Maddox: ...that is actually -

Dick: (interjects) Hold on! "Bang"? I could come up with a 'B', do NOT give...do not blurt it out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: But "bitch" is one of 'em, but it's not the word I'm thinking of.

Dick: "Boogers"?

Maddox: No. (cracks up)

Dick: Um...

Maddox: Okay, you got it. (smiling)

Dick: Uh, "boner"?

Maddox: Mm, nope!

Dick: Um...uh, b-... (sighs)

Maddox: You said it earlier!

Dick: I'm...uh, "bang"? No, that's already a 'no,' right?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Um...

Maddox: The B-word.

Dick: Ba-....."Babe"?

Maddox: I'm just gonna come out and say it, 'cause we're short on time.

Dick: Gimme a hint!

Maddox: You said it earlier! That's your hint!

Dick: Gimme a better hint than that.

Maddox: It's a word for...bossiness. (cracks up)

Dick: "Bitchy."

Maddox: It's "bossy"! (laughing)

Dick: Oh. Nice hint.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Way to...way to play the game. (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: We're runnin' out of time. Let me...let me just get to this -

Dick: (interjects) We're running out of time on a podcast... (Maddox laughs) ...on an imaginary clock on a PODCAST. We don't have time to play these GAMES. I need to read my manifesto!

Maddox: Well, okay. So you mentioned earlier, "bossy." "Bossy" is the other one.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) What do you got, a "saving the earth" meeting to get to after this? Do you... (grinning)

Maddox: Oh, Jesus. I got so many...I gotta yell at my mom...

Dick: ...put your tinfoil hat on and go in the garage and...?

Maddox: With my megaphone.

Dick: Build your spaceship? (laughing)

Maddox: Eatin' corn...it's gonna be great. Okay. So "bossy," "bossy" is the other one. And I wanna play this...this uh, this clip -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but wait. Okay, dude...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...you're ge-...this is WAY too much.

Maddox: We got one more after this! You know what? Yeah.

Dick: No, hold on. Who CARES about this? So make new offensive words.

Maddox: No -

Dick: (interjects) Don't use the R-word anymore. Uh, call them "exceptionally abled." Like, "Wow! That was a really exceptionally abled thing you did today. Idiot." (both crack up)

Maddox: Hey, you just used...

Dick: And then eventu-...

Maddox: ...the other I-word. Excuse me, I take offense to that.

Dick: I'll replace that one too.

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic)

Dick: Uh, "You did an exceptionally abled thing today, MADDOX." (laughs)

Maddox: Okay. Great, thank you, Thought...thank you, Thought Police. (Dick laughs) Here's...here's the actual problem! Let me get to this.

Dick: (yelling over Maddox) Yeah, but that happens!! It happens!

Maddox: Let me get to this!

Dick: No, you're gonna play a clip, you're not listening to what I'm saying. It happens! You lose words.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm TELLING you why it's a problem! Here, listen to this clip. This is why it's a problem.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So, this is from ABC News. Here we go. [**plays ABC News clip:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBykQXkdgxI#t=40]

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg: We are 50 percent of the population; we are 5 percent of the Fortune 500 CEOs. We are 19 percent of the U.S. Congress.

Dick: Retards?

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg: That's not enough for 50 -

Maddox: (**pauses clip**) No, she's talkin' about...

Dick: Is that who she's talkin' about? (grinning)

Maddox: She's talkin' about, uh, women. (cracks up) She's talkin' about women, and she's -

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute. (still grinning)

Maddox: Okay. (apprehensively) (laughs) Bravo. Here we go. So she's talkin' about women, she's talkin' about the problem of using the word "bossy." This is, uh...what's her name, the COO of Facebook.

Dick: Okay. Now that I understand what it is, I'll sit and listen QUIETLY. (cracking up)

Maddox: Oh, thank you. (dryly) Alright. So, uh, here we go. I'll just...I'll start the clip over. Okay, so this is... (**restarts clip**)

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg: We are 50 percent of the population...

Dick: No, don't start it over! Start in the middle!

Maddox: There you go.

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg: ...**we are 5 percent of the Fortune 500 CEOs. We are 19 percent of the U.S. Congress. That's not enough for 50 percent of the population.**

Diane Sawyer: Why does it happen? (Maddox and Dick snort and laugh) **She says it all comes back to "bossy."**

[**Maddox pauses clip**]

Dick: (laughing) Did you hear the...? "WHY does it happen?" (exaggerating upward slide of Sawyer's voice) Like, she sounds like Dr. Seuss! (both giggle more)

Maddox: Well...blame ABC News! Alright, here we go. (**resumes clip**)

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg: I was called "bossy" when I was in 9th grade. My teacher took my best friend Mindy aside and she said, "You shouldn't be friends with Sheryl. She's bossy."

Dick: Ooo.

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg: And that hurt!

Diane Sawyer: So she's launched the "Ban Bossy" Campaign.

[**clip ends**]

Dick: Ohh, wow.

Maddox: So she was called "bossy" -

Dick: (interjects) Why did she start with this?

Maddox: Okay, because I was building up to it, Dick!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah! (annoyed)

Dick: You took too long to build it up.

Maddox: Yeah, alright.

Dick: You spent too long reading your offensive words list. (smiles)

Maddox: Well, too many...you wanted to guess the fuckin' B-word after you already said it.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause that's a fun game!

Maddox: Alright. Well, there's one letter you can still guess. Okay, but "bossy" -- so, here is the problem: she's blaming cultural...she's blaming the fact that there aren't enough women on the Fortune 500 list, or female senators, on the fact that we use this one fucking word! (yelling) This one word is *oppressing* women! This is the word that's holding women back? Are you KIDDING me??

Dick: "Bossiness"?

Maddox: "Bossy"??

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: They launched a campaign to strike this word from our vocabulary! They want to ban it in schools! They don't want kids to call each other "bossy," they don't want teachers to use it. Ever! But what if a kid is bein' a little dictator shithead? 'Cause I've seen both boys and girls do that. They yell orders out at people...that's not leadership! That's not strength, that's not courage!

Dick: That's what we're callin' it now, then.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: You can't use "bossy"; let's call it, "He's being really leader-y today." "He's being really leadership-y today."

Maddox: That's actually what they say in this...in this campaign, yeah!

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: They actually say that.

Dick: Fine! You know, here's...here's why I don't think it's a problem: because I can ruin a word faster than they can ban them. (Maddox laughs) You guys...you thought "bossy" was bad? Wait 'til the w-...I'll come up with a way more hurtful word than that!

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Bravo.

Dick: You KNOW I can, too.

Maddox: I know you can! That's pretty cool! (smiling) Okay, the last word...that's just part of this game. Uh, guess. It starts with 'Y'.

Dick: 'Y'. Uh...

Maddox: You'll NEVER get this. I'll give you two lifelines.

Dick: Every...every time anyone says 'Y' I immediately think 'W'.

Maddox: Yeah, well, don't.

Dick: 'Y' is...okay, does it...is it against women?

Maddox: No. One more question.

Dick: Is it against a race?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Oo, ooo. Um...Sean? Do you think the word...it's against a *race*...

Maddox: And I'll even add this: that 3 people were arrested for using this word. Or they were charged for it anyway, yeah.

Dick: A w-...I mean, I...I don't even think this is a racial term, really, but..."yellow"?

Maddox: That IS a racial term, but no, that's not the word.

Dick: Is it... (stammers) Eh, okay. Hold on.

Maddox: "Yellow" is definitely a racial term that you shouldn't...you shouldn't use.

Dick: Why? I thought it was a term for cowardice.

Maddox: Yeah, but it can also apply to a certain race.

Dick: I love that your problem is thought police and you're censoring me actively, telling me I shouldn't use a term that I don't mean in a racist way...

Maddox: Well, if you don't -

Dick: ...because it COULD be racist.

Maddox: No, you'd go ahead and use it!

Dick: Do you realize that, you friggin' hypocrite?

Maddox: You can USE it! I'm just saying, if you want to not offend people you shouldn't use it. Right.

Dick: Do you know me?

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs loudly)

Dick: Is...does that rank high on my priority list? (cracking up)

Maddox: Not at all. I, uh, I recant that.

Dick: What's the word?

Maddox: "Yid."

Dick: Oh, that's HIGHLY offensive.

Maddox: Yeah! Well, 3 people were, uh...I don't know if they were charged or arrested. It says here -

Dick: (interjects) Were they murdering someone who was Jewish while they did it?

Maddox: No, this was just during a soccer game, or "football" if you're in the U.K.

Dick: Oh yeah, okay. Yeah, I know about that law.

Maddox: Right. Yeah, they threatened arrests, and -- this was in October: "Metropolitan police warned supporters in early October that they risked warnings or arrests for using the word 'Yid,' even if it was in the context of supporting their own team." (chuckling) 'Hey, way to go, ya Yid!' Right?

Dick: Is that in there, or are you ad-libbing that?

Maddox: I just ad-libbed that. "While the..." Which I can't even imagine -

Dick: (interjects) Did you really?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Did you really ad-lib that? (grinning)

Maddox: I just ad-libbed it! (laughs)

Dick: Did you think people needed an EXAMPLE? (giggling)

Maddox: Well, how can you possibly use it in a...in a supportive context? I can't imagine!

Dick: I noticed that, 'cause you don't read as well as you come up with stuff off the top of your head. (still laughing)

Maddox: Okay. (amused)

Dick: It's just like, "Well, there's no way that was in there."

Maddox: Well, thank you! I'll take that as a compliment. So, I can't even imagine how you could use that as a compliment. Unlike "cunt," which you can call somebody "a funny cunt." So, uh, they say it's..."'Unacceptable language' might lead to banning orders or criminal prosecution." [http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-2543402/Saddened-not-surprised-Spurs-fans-trust-di...]

Dick: Did you say you don't know how people could use that as a compliment?

Maddox: "Yid"?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, it's only ever used as an insult, I THINK.

Dick: Yeah, but the N-word's used as a compliment, isn't it?

Maddox: Uhh, no.

Dick: I mean, I don't see how, but it's like...

Maddox: No, I don't think so.

Dick: Alright, I don't get it. Alright.

Maddox: No, I don't think so.

Dick: So, thought police, thought crimes, the words; I don't think that's a big problem, dude.

Maddox: Banishing...?? Well, here this lady is making the case that women are being held back because of one fucking word. Yeah, it's a problem! If you want to start banishing these words, sure! Where do you stop?

Dick: Why is it a problem? Is it a problem because you want...you don't want women held back, or is it a problem because they'll just come up with another word to get on TV?

Maddox: They'll come up with another word. EXACTLY.

Dick: Fine! I don't care.

Maddox: Where do you...where do you draw the line?? Where do you say, "Okay, no more words, ladies. You have enough. These are the words that we've banished."

Dick: You don't!

Maddox: We can't call people "Mormons" anymore, that's offensive. Don't use the word "girl"! Don't use the word "cunt." Don't use...don't use the word "illegal." Are you kidding me?? Like, where do you draw the line?

Dick: Uh, I don't know. You don't.

Maddox: Are words...are words offensive, or are *ideas* offensive? I can give you a sentence that is more offensive than ANY word you can think of.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: I can think of some offensive words.

Maddox: I can just...I mean, there's SO many offensive concepts. Like, racist thoughts -

Dick: (interjects) I just see how pissed off you are about it.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm sweating.

Dick: I wanna know why THAT is.

Maddox: I'm already sweating. I got my, uh...my angry sweat.

Dick: Like, I think...I think that YOU don't like the idea that you might accidentally say one of these words. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: I...

Dick: And that you won't know it was offensive.

Maddox: (annoyed) No! I just hate the fucking tear-fest that comes after every word. Like, "Hey..." You know what I'm tired of, is this new group coming along, wagging their fingers in my face and telling me what I should and shouldn't do. Let's hear more fucking, uh, lecturing, like they're my mothers. I already have a mother who tells me what not to do. I don't need a billion of 'em on the Internet also telling me.

Dick: (cracking up) There's not enough brooms in the world for you to handle that many moms! (Maddox laughs) THAT'S why you wanna get off the earth, by the way. To get away from your mom. I finally figured it out.

Maddox: You know, I -

Dick: (interjects) That's why you people are obsessed with getting off the earth. (grinning)

Maddox: Don't "you people" me! (yelling)

Dick: 'Cause you wanna get away from your moms.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: That's why.

Maddox: I've already -

Dick: (interjects) I don't care about...I love my mom, I don't care about getting off the earth. Sean, I don't wanna know what your opinion is on this. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, GREAT. You can stay here on the earth with your...

Dick: Okay, let's wrap up the problems.

Maddox: ...STUPID monkeys. (**monkeys whooping sound effect**)

Dick: I think these were all shitty problems. (Maddox snorts and laughs) Um, Tesla, the car...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...which I hate.

(brief silence)

Maddox: It's, I mean...you know what? I'll give you this: I think the drivers are smug as shit, and I wanna punch them all right in the mouth. But other than that, they're kinda cool cars.

Dick: There you go. Never...he'll never help you right away, but in the end he's a good guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, Everyone's Gotta Lose 20 Pounds!

Maddox: That's not true. I think, Dick, by far this might be your worst problem. (cracking up) (Dick sighs exasperatedly) Guys Asking Other Guys About Their Dogs...I mean, maybe it's a tie. Let's see -- I'm curious to see how this ranks next week.

Dick: You tell me -- wait a minute. You look at that list and you tell me, with all these problems, the one you wouldn't want...if you had one wish to fix, wouldn't be "everyone lost 20 pounds."

Maddox: Well... (skeptical)

Dick: Yes, it ABSOLUTELY would.

Maddox: That's not fair. But that's not...that's not a problem! These aren't personal gripes!

Dick: It's the BIGGEST problem in the universe. (Maddox laughs hysterically) It would...if you had to fix ONE, it would be the FIRST.

Maddox: No, it's not a thing you fix, it's a thing you *change.* You're not fixing anything, you're changing something.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) Let me...wait a minute, let me pitch this to the voters, okay? That means if you're married, your wife will instantly lose 20 pounds. Or your husband! Or whatever!

Maddox: That's unfair.

Dick: That's a good pitch!

Maddox: Okay, that is a good pitch, but that's unfair. Also, you're not fixing a problem! Again, you're only CHANGING the state of something. That's not...that's not fixing a problem.

Dick: What??

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What's the difference?

Maddox: "Oh..." (stammers) "Oh hey, I think it's a problem that your house is red. Let's make it green."

Dick: Light it on fire!

Maddox: "There you go! Biggest problem in the universe."

Dick: Oh, well, that's...

Maddox: "Let's just solve that!" No, that's stupid! You're not doing anything, you're just changing the color! It makes no difference.

Dick: If this...go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And your problems are...

Maddox: My problems are Monkeys...

Dick: Stupid.

Maddox: They're just in the way, and you can't eat them. Uh, and my second problem was Other N-words. So everybody's got one, and they're blaming serious societal problems on them.

Dick: Oh, I think we coulda spent a lot more time on the Other N-words one.

Maddox: Other N-words is a big one, yeah. (Dick sighs) You had to dick around with monkeys. I just wanted in and out! Monkeys, here we go! Boom!

Dick: Are you listening to all the sexual stuff that he constantly says with monkeys??

Maddox: What are you talkin' about?

Dick: I had to "dick around with monkeys"? You just wanted "in and out" with monkeys? And you don't even notice you're doing it! I...it's, it's...this is the only topic I've ever heard you talk about where it's a CONSTANT stream of innuendos that you don't realize you're doing. (chuckling)

Maddox: No, Dick! (frustrated) See, YOU'RE the sick one, because it's like a child who says innocent things like, "Hey Mommy, can I...breastfeed?" And you're like, "Oh, did you hear that kid? He wants to suck his mom's tits." (stupid voice) But it's innocent coming from a child, 'cause he doesn't INTEND for it to be. You're sittin' here, like, with your PERV mind, thinkin' about monkey anus. (laughs)

Dick: Again!! Again, "monkey anus"!

Maddox: Innocent! I meant just, how beautiful it is... (breaks down laughing) Like an orangutan's...by the way, the most disgusting ass in the universe is an orangutan's. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: That you've compared monkey asses to know this is more weird monkey fetish stuff!

Maddox: Or baboons! No, it's baboons. Baboon asses are the worst! The worst asses. Like, wouldn't you love to never see a baboon's ass again?

Dick: Alright. Uh... (Maddox laughs) This has been The Biggest Problem in the Universe.

Maddox: Thank you. Uh, don't forget to vote on these on the website, http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.

Dick: And go to worstmonkeyasses.com to vote on which monkey has the worst ass in the universe. (**closing riff starts**)

Maddox: It's the baboon, for sure. Anyway. This is Maddox.

Dick: This is Dick Masterson. Thank you for listening.

Maddox: 'Til next time.

(closing riff)

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 4</u>

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy! Happy to be here! With you!

Maddox: Happy times.

Dick: So happy. (Maddox laughs) SO happy. I forgot how *happy* it makes me to talk to you.

Maddox: (chuckling) Are you sure?

Dick: For an hour.

Maddox: It doesn't SEEM like you're happy.

Dick: (sighs) Ahh! There should be a pre-podcast for this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The Biggest Problem in the Universe. Like, the hour leading up to it...

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: ...with the pains in the ass...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and the fumbling around with sound effects and papers.

Maddox: Well, you know. What Dick's referring to is we had a false start because everything doesn't work. We have the exact same setup week after week and suddenly everything stops working. So, let's go to the board. Let's just get right to it. Right? Uh -

Dick: (interjects) I wanna know how you're doin'!

Maddox: I'm doin' great!

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Doin' good, yeah!

Dick: Let's get to the board. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Got a new pop filter. So if you guys notice an appreciable increase in the fidelity of this podcast, it's because I spent 6 dollars on Amazon.

Dick: It's not because of Sean, our audio engineer?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Who works...

Maddox: Mm-mm.

Dick: ...to make the show as good as he can?

Maddox: Ehh...I mean, I'd say that's like 3 percent of the audio fidelity. The rest -

Dick: (interjects) And you're 110 percent. Right? (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: 110 percent...my pop filter from Amazon.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Let's check the board. (Maddox laughs) We had a great set of problems last week. Um, I can't wait to see -- I think I have a good chance of winning this one.

Maddox: Yeah? Alright!

Dick: Yeah. With Tesla. Because everyone hates those stupid electric cars. That's what I'm predicting.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Over all the other ones, it's gonna be Tesla.

Maddox: You wanna put a wager on this?

Dick: Yeah! If I lose, I get to punch you right in the mouth. (Maddox giggles) That's what I'm wagering.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: And if you win...

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: ...what do you want?

Maddox: I get to punch you right in the dick.

Dick: That means...

Maddox: That means I gotta get -

Dick: (interjects) I'm confused.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I confused myself.

Maddox: I gotta get a monocle. Alright.

Dick: Who won?

Maddox: That's what that means. (cracks up) (Sean laughs in the background) Uh...alright, let's start. Back to the board. Last week, the number one problem from the problems we had last week was Other N-Words. (Dick sighs in disappointment) That's right! People think this is a big problem!

Dick: You know what? Um, speaking of other N-words, did you see Jonah Hill getting busted?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: For using the F-bomb...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...the slur for gay people?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Oh god, I love that.

Maddox: And he went on this apology tour. And here's the thing: I don't...nobody believes he's a homophobe!

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: No one... (stammers) No one in their right mind believes he's a homophobe! Of course, like, these guys goaded him and they got the clip out of it, and they're making millions of dollars off of Jonah Hill's suffering and misery.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Nobody believes he's -- you know, Jonah Hill, stop apologizing, we don't...nobody -

Dick: (interjects) We don't believe the apology either! (Maddox laughs) Like, this LAME ASS apology these celebrities come out with!! Like, "Oh, you know...oh god, I would never say that!" (dopey voice) Like yeah, you obviously do say it.

Maddox: Well, yeah.

Dick: You obviously say it all the time when you're pissed off. (grinning)

Maddox: You said it.

Dick: You just messed up.

Maddox: Right, well...and of course, like, who cares? I mean, he's not, he's not...he's not a homophobe. Like he's not an a-...he's not a bigot.

Dick: Well, I mean, I don't KNOW him. I...I don't know, he *might* be.

Maddox: He's not a bigot, dude. Come on. That guy's not a bigot.

Dick: Why "come on"? 'Cause he's famous? I don't know that he's not a bigot!

Maddox: No, 'cause he's just like, a doughy...you know, he just...he doesn't, he's not -

Dick: (interjects) I don't CARE if he is either way, 'cause...what does he...it doesn't affect me at all! I'm just saying, I don't know that he's not!

Maddox: I can't say I disagree with that. Alright. Number two on the list is Everyone Needs to Lose 20 Pounds!

Dick: YES!!

Maddox: Hey! (cheerfully)

Dick: Second place, man!

Maddox: Yeah, second place!

Dick: Second place.

Maddox: This is the first time!

Dick: First loser!

Maddox: First... (cracks up)

Dick: I'm number one at being the loser this week. (smiling)

Maddox: Hey, that means you're still number one.

Dick: Um...

Maddox: According to my book! I actually wrote about that in The Alphabet of Manliness.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Number two is awesome! Yeah! Second place is awesome.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I'm a number two New York Times bestseller.

Dick: Are you really?

Maddox: You bet!

Dick: Oh, alright!

Maddox: Number two!

Dick: So we're both number one losers.

Maddox: Number one losers. (smiling) Uh, then comes Monkeys...some people thought this was a problem!

Dick: How many votes did that stupid problem get? (annoyed)

Maddox: 6 votes!

Dick: 6 votes. (grumbling)

Maddox: 6 votes. Well, dead last came Tesla. (Dick sighs) You lose... (breaks down laughing)

Dick: That's...not a surprise.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: How many negative votes did that get?

Maddox: -132.

Dick: That's a record!

Maddox: That...may be a record! That actually might be the lowest problem on the list. Actually, I think the last time I checked it was Maddox, another problem that you brought in during the first episode.

Dick: I feel like people are not listening to my compelling arguments about why these are big problems.

Maddox: Oh no, wait! Actually, you're right! That is a new record. Uh, that is THE lowest problem on the list, Tesla. On the overall all-time record of lists...uh, record of problems.

Dick: That's two wins for me this week, dude!

Maddox: Eh, that's not a... (cracks up)

Dick: One win for you, two wins for me. That's more wins! I win! (smiling)

Maddox: What?! (chuckles) That's not...what are you even talkin' about? That's not a win. Um...and besides, all I ever do is win. We have a couple of comments on the board...which uh, you know, your favorite, Dick. 'Cause they're usually -

Dick: (interjects) No, I hate comments.

Maddox: Yeah, I know.

Dick: I don't read them.

Maddox: I know. 'Cause they're usually, they're...'cause they're usually saying -

Dick: (interjects) No, let me tell you why I don't read comments.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Because if you read the comment?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: They win. Like, all they wanted to do was waste your time by writing garbage. So if you read it, they wasted your time and they win. If you don't read the comment, then YOU win!

Maddox: Okay. Let me read you this comment, and you tell me whether it's a waste of time or not.

Dick: Okay. YES.

Maddox: This is from Christian... (laughs) This is from Christian. He says, "Eating monkeys causes prions disease and probably the origin of HIV."

Dick: Is that true? Probably, right?

Maddox: It doesn't cause HIV to eat a monkey. But I think what he's trying to say ham-fistedly is that eating monkeys causes prions disease. Maybe, I don't know. I haven't looked it up. And he's also trying to say that they're also probably the origin of HIV, which is actually true.

Dick: Oh, I see what you're doing here. You wanted to mention last week...you forgot to mention that monkeys cause HIV, so now you picked a comment so you can work in your reasons why monkeys suck. I see what's goin' on here.

Maddox: Yeah. Whatever.

Dick: Very clever! (grinning)

Maddox: Uh-huh. (laughs)

Dick: Very clever, what he's doing here!

Maddox: You saw RIGHT through me.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Whatever!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Monkey lover. (Dick laughs) (**monkeys whooping sound effect**) Great. Make out with your stupid monkeys.

Dick: What's the next comment?

Maddox: Next comment. This is another guy piling on to the cacophony of, uh, of interruption! He's uh, Horatio -- or Horatiu...I think it's Horatiu, is the guy's name. He says, "Jesus Dick, just shut the fuck up. You're yapping worse than a woman. Let the fucking man speak his idea, then go on blabbering." What do you have to say to Horatiu?

Dick: Um...

Maddox: He's a software developer!

Dick: ...does his mom know that he's using these obscenities on the Internet?

Maddox: Well, Horatiu? Does she?

Dick: No, I get...look, if you wanna talk like you're passing a baton back and forth, uh, run for office.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles) Alright.

Dick: I guess. That's just not how I talk. Sorry.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sorry that it bothers everyone so much that I interrupt your precious train of thought. (derisively)

Maddox: Mmm. (skeptical) Yeah, well, then the other comment we have is, uh, is somebody defending the Family -- they say they don't understand how you have a problem with the concept of a family being a problem. Because if you think about it, the family is the base unit of society, and -

Dick: (interjects) Of pretty much everything that we know.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So if that's bad, then you have bad people. It's like the root problem of...pretty much everything!

Dick: So you just cherry-picked comments -

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: - that prove what you're saying is right?

Maddox: Of course! (amused) Yeah!

Dick: To re-argue something you *already* argued.

Maddox: Correct.

Dick: Again, I'm so thrilled to be here with you. (Maddox laughs) So typical of a Maddox conversation. So, what, he's -- he's saying that families are...

Maddox: Yes! Right.

Dick: ...to blame for everything in society? All of society's ills?

Maddox: Yeah. You know, Dick, YOU could also cherry-pick your own comments and bring them in.

Dick: Then they win! (Maddox stammers) They win!

Maddox: They're not terrorists!! This is not...terrorism. (smiling)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I mean... (cracks up) Okay.

Dick: I'm not reading them.

Maddox: Okay! Well -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I have new problems to get through, man! Out with the old, in with the new!

Maddox: Let's get to it.

Dick: Um, my first problem. And I think, I want...I want you guys to explain to me why it's SO fun to screw with me while I'm trying to talk to a beautiful lady. What is it about me that makes it so delightful to *fuck* with me while I'm trying to get laid?

Maddox: Wait wait, is this, uh...what's your pro-...is that your problem?

Dick: I'm getting to it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: The problem is...the problem is guys who need to get laid.

Maddox: I agree -- guys who need to get laid, I agree! I was actually just talkin' about this this weekend!

Dick: Yeah. Well, I was LIVING it this weekend. Um...you know him. A friend of ours who looks like Baby Huey?

Maddox: Okay. I know EXACTLY who you're talkin' about.

Dick: You know who I'm talking about?

Maddox: Yeah. This guy looks...he's like a giant...

Dick: Doofus.

Maddox: ...baby. Yeah. (laughs) Well...he does look like a big baby. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah! So, um, the guy needs to get laid. He gets drunker than hell, and he proceeds to go on a...a campaign of game-ruining (Maddox snickers) against ME, talking to this hot girl. This is -- and this is literally what happened. Okay? I'm at the point in the conversation where I'm like...where I say -- the words come out of my mouth, "So what's your dad like?"

Maddox: What??

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Wait wait, you were asking the girl "what's your dad like"?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Ohh, boy.

Dick: You gotta know!

Maddox: Whoaaa boy. (groaning)

Dick: You gotta get right into the dad stuff. (smiling)

Maddox: No.

Dick: Yeah! Sean's givin' me a thumbs up!

Maddox: No, Sean!

Dick: This isn't...yeah!

Maddox: Two single guys -- two single idiots say... (stammers) You think this is good game? You think you should talk about the girl's dad? (incredulous)

Dick: Uhh, yeah!

Maddox: 'Cause guess what?? If the girl's dad's an abuser or not in the picture, she's suddenly depressed.

Dick: And she wants to BANG. (Maddox giggles hysterically) She wants to bang that depression right out of her system. That's how it works.

Maddox: You are so hopeless! (Dick laughs) This is...

Dick: What?! (screeching) How is that hopeless??

Maddox: 'Cause you want a girlfriend potentially, and this is...you're just gonna get these busted-ass women!

Dick: Look, want...whatever I want is irrelevant. I'll take what I can GET.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles more)

Dick: And that's what...what I'm getting is a conversation that's very naturally and very smoothly leading to, "Oh yeah? So what's your dad like?"

Maddox: M'kay. (about to laugh)

Dick: Then, suddenly, this dummy lumbers over...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...reeking of day drinking...

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs more)

Dick: ...uh, and immediately starts salting the earth! That's my problem with this. Okay? This is my whole problem with the thing.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: Guys who need to get laid just walk around all day and night, salting the earth so no one gets laid. (Maddox inhales thoughtfully) They're like zombies! Like, they multiply. They don't get laid, so then NOBODY gets laid. (Maddox cracks up) And then nobody's getting laid, what's a bigger problem than that?! That's a HUGE problem! (yelling hysterically)

Maddox: Oh my god. Alright. Where do we even start here? First of all, this guy in particular that we're talkin' about -- Baby Huey, we'll call him -- um, he doesn't care. His modus operandi in life is just to have fun. He doesn't give a shit. I was actually with...I was actually with him just this last weekend at a strip club for a bachelor party!

Dick: Did anyone get a lap dance in that strip club or did he ruin everyone's...?

Maddox: Yeah! Bunch of people got lap dances.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I mean, I...I guess. I didn't see anything, I don't know any names, I don't know anyone. But people may have gotten lap dances.

Dick: (chuckling) What's...what is that?

Maddox: I dunno.

Dick: Is that like a...

Maddox: It's the bro code. (Dick giggles) The bro code!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So, anyway. And Baby Huey actually did get a couple lap dances! But we were at the strip club, we were sittin' at the front, and just...you know, whatever, fuckin'...who cares. Strip clubs are weird, I'm not a fan. I'll just go there -

Dick: (interjects) Really?!

Maddox: Yeah! I'm not a fan. What do you do at strip clubs? I don't MIND, I'll go! I'm not OPPOSED to them.

Dick: Here's -- okay. Here's...let me give you a tip on how to enjoy strip clubs more. 'Cause I *love* strip clubs.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I really do.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Um, you try to get stuff for free.

Maddox: Yeah, well that's exactly what I did!

Dick: How is that...that's great! That's fun!

Maddox: It was great, I didn't spend a single dollar all night! It was...except for the fucking drinks I didn't know were 20 -- uh, 10 dollars a bottle of water. That's not bullshit, they were charging 10 dollars!

Dick: Who's drinkin' WATER at a strip club?? What are you, on a health regimen? What are you...

Maddox: No, I was drinking alcohol, but some of the other people were sayin'...

Dick: Were drinking water?

Maddox: I said, "Hey, what do you want?" And they said, "Just get me a water," so I would go up and they'd give me a bottle of water; 10 dollars.

Dick: I think that's a bigger bro code violation than saying somebody went to a strip club, saying they got WATER at a strip club. That's...weak!

Maddox: No, 'cause they...they getcha drunk, and that's how they rope you along. "Oh hey, how 'bout a lap dance, big boy? Let me...let's go back in the champagne room." (sexy voice) Which is bullshit. But I didn't pay a single dime the entire night. So, anyway. We're sitting at the stage, and -

Dick: (interjects) That's how they rope you in. All these naked broads (Maddox laughs) get you drunk, and then get naked on you and dance. That's how they SCAM you, Sean. That's what I'm learning here. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Go ahead. So what did Baby Huey do?

Maddox: Yeah, you'll leave a couple hundred dollars lighter. With...

Dick: Eh, whatever.

Maddox: ...with blue balls.

Dick: They need it!!

Maddox: Enjoy it.

Dick: Those girls need it, dude! They got no other skills!

Maddox: *I* need it! Oh, come -- oh, wooow! No other skills! (jeering) That is -

Dick: Oh, you think they like to be there?? If one of them...if they could type, they would not be at a strip club.

Maddox: Oh my -- wow, that is unbelievable! That is egregious.

Dick: Why?!

Maddox: I have stripper friends! They, they...some of my stripper friends strip because they LIKE it. It's a fun job for them.

Dick: Ohokay. (disdainful)

Maddox: Some of 'em don't. Some of 'em have, like, kids and bills and shit like that, but some of 'em strip because they like it! Yeah, it's -

Dick: (interjects) Absolutely false.

Maddox: Okay. (cracks up)

Dick: That's RIDICULOUS. What else do...are they tryin' to sell you a bridge, too? That's not true. They're just sayin' that to...

Maddox: Yes, Dad.

Dick: ...'cause they feel bad.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused) Yeah, they're tryin' to sell me a bridge. Uh...anyway. So, we're sitting at the stage...yeah, lemme finish this. We're sitting at the stage, me and Baby Huey...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and this girl's dancing. She starts...she starts twerking.

Dick: How, how uh...what did she look like?

Maddox: Hot.

Dick: I mean, you know, what was...what was her ethnicity?

Maddox: Big thighs. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: What did she look like? "Hot"?? "She had big THIGHS"?

Maddox: Big thighs. (sexy tone)

Dick: That's the order you go in?!

Maddox: Sexy...'cause I'm getting to -- I'm telling you as I recall this moment. The thing -

Dick: (interjects) You like big thighs! (surprised)

Maddox: No, the thing I was looking at was her thighs because her...she was bent over doggy-style in front of us. So, you know, that's her thing!

Dick: Alright, alright.

Maddox: Well, okay. Well, you asked for the details! Don't "alright" me! So she's sittin' there dancing, she's doin' the twerk. She's doin' the butt clap. And... (cracking up)

Dick: Oh, that's a good move.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a good move!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And Baby Huey goes, "Uh, it's not that impressive. I could do it." (deep voice) (both laugh)

Dick: Augh!! Salting...dumping salt allll over the stage.

Maddox: No! It's BRILLIANT, because the girl started laughing. She stopped dancing, she started laughing, and then...and then doubled over, and she turned around and she goes, "I like you guys. I wanna talk and come hang out." And she did after she got offstage! She came and hung out with us. And guess what? Instead of getting some, like, weird...money transaction with a stripper, suddenly she's sittin' next to us broing out with us! Like, who cares?

Dick: How is it weird??

Maddox: (stammers) Like, I...you know -

Dick: (interjects) Are you one of those...are you, like, you think it's weird to pay a stripper to do something?

Maddox: I don't -

Dick: (interjects) Do you not like that? 'Cause I -- that's part of the fun for me. Like the fact that I'm paying for it, I like even more than *getting* it.

Maddox: No, that's, that's...that's weak sauce. I don't pay for sex. I just don't!

Dick: (chuckling) It's not SEX, it's just dancin' around!

Maddox: Any kind -- no, it's just, it's whatever. I don't want there to be a money thing.

Dick: What do you mean, "you don't pay for sex"?! Yeah, you do!

Maddox: Eh, okay. (dismissively)

Dick: Everybody does!!

Maddox: Well, the long con, sure. But I'm not gonna pay for it outright. I'm not gonna say, "Oh yeah, you wanna sit on my junk and grind and gimme a lap dance? Here's 20 dollars." That's vul-...that's vulgar!

Dick: Yeah, that sounds like a good deal!

Maddox: No, that... (breaks down laughing)

Dick: That's vulgar??

Maddox: That's vulgar! Yeah!

Dick: Oh boy, oh boy. (grinning)

Maddox: It's vulgar. Yeah!

Dick: Look at YOU! Prince Charming over here!

Maddox: I am! (smiling)

Dick: Doesn't pay for sex -

Maddox: I don't!

Dick: - 'cause he respects strippers SO much.

Maddox: No no no, it's not out of respect! 'Cause I don't DISRESPECT them. I don't disrespect what they do, I mean, it's fine!

Dick: Look, if you don't disrespect them, then you respect them.

Maddox: Uh, yeah! Sure.

Dick: So profound, it has blown your mind. (cracking up)

Maddox: No, I didn't...anyway. So uh, yeah! So she -- instead of paying for these strippers to give us a lap dance and there's this weird transaction, then we're like...these gardeners and these landscapers who were in there. (laughs) Like, tryin' to get their -

Dick: (interjects) Excuse me?

Maddox: It's most...most of the clientele, uh, at some of these strip clubs are just like, land--

Dick: (interjects) Gardeners and landscapers.

Maddox: They're just...mostly gardeners and landscapers! (chuckling)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: So rather than lookin' like them with our -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's...that's weird! What are you...how do you know? Are they in like, their...did they bring trash bags full of lawn trimmings inside with them? (Maddox laughs) How do you know they're gardeners and landscapers? (chuckling)

Maddox: Eh, you know. They're comin' in with their weed whackers. (smiling) I don't know, they just look like...you know. They've done some hard labor.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah. They're kinda rough men.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. So anyway, the salting the earth thing, it -

Dick: (interjects) And they're all gardeners...rough men are all gardeners and landscapers.

Maddox: No, sometimes they drive trucks!

Dick: Okay. Sorry. So the...so what did he do? So what did you do?

Maddox: Just hung out with this...with a couple chicks all night! And they just came and sat and talked to us, and it was awesome. And then, you know, when they were...when it was goin' to time for them to make money, they went to find some...bozo (cracks up) who was willing -

Dick: (interjects) Like me!

Maddox: Yeah, some -- like you! "Oh, there's a...there's a mark! There's a sucker, let's go get some money out of his pockets."

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Meanwhile, who's gettin' a lap dance? Me. You guys are talkin' about their problems.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't...

Dick: Who's the sucker? Who's the real sucker here? You.

Maddox: We're not talkin' about problems, we were talkin' about video games.

Dick: Well, I mean, you saw...you got Baby Huey on a good night then.

Maddox: He was great! (smiling)

Dick: 'Cause he was, he...like, he tried multiple assaults on my game. And finally the chick told him to buzz off...

Maddox: Wow!

Dick: ...the third time. That's how I knew I *really*...had somethin' goin'!

Maddox: She's like, "Hey...hey, buzz off, I gotta talk to him about my dad. This really depressing story about my dad." (Dick laughs) And by the way -

Dick: (interjects) I can't believe you think that's weird!

Maddox: It's a stupid...do not -- that's a terrible question to ask.

Dick: Maddox, that's my...that's a standard play in my game!

Maddox: Oh, I know!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah! Eternally single. That's you. 'Cause you -- 'cause that's your standard -

Dick: (interjects) How is that a bad thing?!

Maddox: Uhh...well, yeah, you got me there.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're crazy if you don't think the daddy issues are, like...a never ending gift to guys. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs) Like they...it's a gift that keeps on givin', man.

Maddox: You're sick, man! What... (stammers) ...what do you hope to get out of that, other than potentially laid with a broken woman? Like, you need to calcul--

Dick: (interjects) Yeah! No, that's the...goal!

Maddox: Oh, that's it. That's your goal. Okay. (amused)

Dick: So, look. That's my problem, Guys Who Need to Get Laid. Uh...they just, they make everything worse, they cause fights all the time...same guy that I'm talkin' about has just walked around clubs running into guys, 'cause he can't bang a GIRL. (Maddox smirks) He

can't get laid with a girl, he's like, "Well, I'm gonna touch somebody, so it might as well be a guy." (Maddox laughs quietly to himself)

Maddox: Uh, it sounds hilarious.

Dick: You're laughing 'cause it's true!

Maddox: (stammers) I...this is hilarious.

Dick: Listen, you know what? I was dating this girl for a while, and before we would go out with her friends, 'cause they were all pains in the ass, she would have sex with me just so I wouldn't be an asshole at dinner. And it worked every time. Like it annoyed me a little bit because it worked, because I would just not pay attention at dinner. I was like, "Eh, I don't care. Like, say whatever you want. Whatever, I just got laid." (Maddox scoffs and laughs) "These things don't annoy me." And she totally had it clocked, too!

Maddox: Yeah. She had your number.

Dick: Yeah! I think if...if that just happened *more,* the world would be better!

Maddox: Okay, I agree.

Dick: If guys just got laid more...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...everything would be better.

Maddox: I agree, but I would extend that to women too. I feel like women need to get laid. And they look at it as...they are gatekeepers. So they are the ones GIVING sex, rather than it's something that they receive.

Dick: Yeah, they are.

Maddox: No...well, no, I mean, that's...that's how they view it; that's not the case.

Dick: That's how I view it too. (Maddox laughs) What the hell are you talking about? They do give sex. (chuckling)

Maddox: *I* give sex.

Dick: Oho, you're outta your mind, pal.

Maddox: No. No, baby. Women line up around the block for some of this. (grinning)

Dick: Yeah, uh, that sounds familiar. "Women line up to date guys like me." (suggestively)

Maddox: Oh actually, yeah! That's a...you said that on, uh, Dr. Phil!

Dick: On Dr. Phil. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the lady said, "Well, I'd be at the back of that line."

Dick: She still would be. (wryly) (Maddox laughs) Um, did I -- yeah, that's...that's my whole problem.

Maddox: Well, okay. So -

Dick: (interjects) And by the way -- and girls...girls do not need to get laid too.

Maddox: Of course they do!!

Dick: They don't...they don't chill out afterwards.

Maddox: Eh...

Dick: They're the same pain in the ass they were before.

Maddox: You know, I've been with women sometimes when they're in bed and they get all uppity, and they just won't..."Nyah, nyah nyah nyah nyahh!" (nasal, nagging voice) And then I'll bang 'em, and then they'll go to sleep! And I'm like, "Thank God, now I can get up and go to work."

Dick: That.....really??

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I thought that's what...

Maddox: I just wanna get my work done.

Dick: I thought that's how chicks worked.

Maddox: Yeah, that's what I thought too, until I realized, "No, this is...like actually, I'M the one...I have shit to do, and she's - "

Dick: (interjects) So you just bang them like a fireman? (Maddox laughs) You hose out that fire and then you get back to work? (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Ha! Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, exactly! I hose 'em out and get back to work. (smiling) So um, so the reason I agreed with you at the outset of this is because over the weekend, I was...uh, with a girl, and she -

Dick: (interjects) I knew it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well...

Dick: Yeah. Look at that smile.

Maddox: Well, whatever. (sheepishly)

Dick: Look at that smile. He's got...

Maddox: Whatever, yeeeah. You know, you should see the smile on HER face! So, uh... (cracks up) So I was with this girl, and she had two male suitors who were tryin' to get her to come hang out with them.

Dick: Prince Charming! With the "male suitors." (Maddox giggles) "I was with a debutante, and she had a number of male suitors." (snooty voice with English accent)

Maddox: Whatever. So, anyway. These two guys were tryin' to get her to come hang out, and this one guy was REALLY laying on the guilt trip. He said, "Well - "

Dick: (interjects) Ooo!

Maddox: Yeah! He was, like, tryin' to guilt her.

Dick: I mean, that can work! I've seen it work.

Maddox: Yeah, it works for pathetic people and broken women.

Dick: Yeah, but they got it all...they got it figured out! Like, I can't do it. I've tried running that game and it does not work for me. I don't know how they do it.

Maddox: Yeah, but don't you want some fuckin' self-respect? Don't you wanna be able to look in the mirror and like who you see? Do you wanna look in the mirror and see some pathetic, groveling dipshit? "Oh, please...please gimme some of your pussy, please? Come over -- oh, you...why can't you please come over and just hand me some...just put a little bit of vagina on me?" (frail, whiny voice) Come on! It's pathetic!

Dick: Yeah. (unsure)

Maddox: Stand up straight!

Dick: I don't know. It's not...it's not very pathetic if no one knows about it, I guess, is my philosophy on it. (Maddox laughs) Like I agree with you, I like to sound like a cool guy too, but...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...if it worked and I knew how to do it, I would do it.

Maddox: (groans) It's SO lame. And it doesn't work, 'cause it just comes across as desperate.

Dick: So what happened? What happened with the girl?

Maddox: Yeah, so he kept, like...he kept, uh, he kept saying, "Oh, please just come out! Oh, I thought we were friends, I thought we were gonna come out," whatever. Just tryin' to manipulate her...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...into coming out and hanging out, and of course she said, "No! Fuck off! Like, that's...you're a loser! Why would I wanna hang out with someone like that?" Nobody wants to hang out with someone desperate!

Dick: So, what, did that...? That sounds like it made you look good then.

Maddox: Well yeah, of course.

Dick: 'Cause he's obviously the guy who didn't get laid.

Maddox: He didn't get laid!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But that's a problem because there's...and it wasn't just him, it was his friend and his friend.

Dick: And you know what? She woulda gone over there, not had sex with him, not had sex with you; NOBODY'S havin' sex! It's a huge catastrophe. (Maddox chuckles) That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Well, that's not how it...how it turned out.

Dick: Right! BUT...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...still a problem.

Maddox: It is a problem. I'll give you that.

Dick: 'Kay. What's your...what's your first problem?

Maddox: Let's get to my -- yeah. Let's get to...my first problem this week is dogs. (**dogs growling and barking sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: With the sound effects. (cracking up) Such...such jackassery.

Maddox: I got a request for more sound effects, actually.

Dick: From...from who I think you're talking about?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Mhm!

Dick: Good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm glad he's...I'm glad he asked for more sound effects.

Maddox: Great! It's not just -- it's everybody. Everybody loves the sound effects. So, dogs are the chicks of the animal kingdom. (cracking a grin) Right? And if you think about it...just listen to this. Listen to them. (**sound clip of a dog howling**) Listen to that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who would want anyone or any kind of animal, any thing, any person in their lives...Sean, you look like you're -

Dick: (interjects) Sean wants to say something. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He looks like a dog about to pounce on a big juicy steak over there.

Sean: I can't it let it pass, because this is exactly what you said about monkeys last week! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: It is! It is.

Sean: You said MONKEYS were the chicks of the animal kingdom. (in unison with Dick)

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Sean: "Listen to them!"

Dick: Dogs. (laughs)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: And then you played a sound bite.

Maddox: Yeah. (**monkeys whooping sound effect**)

Dick: Well, I guess we got your template down!

Maddox: Yeah. You got monkeys and dogs, are the chicks of the animal kingdom.

Dick: So what...why are they the chicks of the animal kingdom, because they...are loud?

Maddox: They're emotional!! They're the most emotional animals out there! You can't leave a dog alone for 5 minutes, otherwise it'll get sad and depressed! You have to walk it every day. You have to -- you can't leave it in your car!

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: Right? Like, you can't -

Dick: (interjects) Well, you -- no, you definitely can't leave it somewhere where it will DIE.

Maddox: You can leave a child in the car! (laughs)

Dick: You definitely can't do that.

Maddox: I mean, come on. (giggling) You can... (stammers) A child knows to crack a window. Dogs are stupid. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Come on. (cracks up) Right?

Dick: So, they're needy?

Maddox: They're needy, they're emotional, they get...they get SUPER sad and SUPER happy over nothing! They're just -- they're like these stupid, emotional, uh...weathervanes! That's what they are. You know, they blow in the wind. The winds of emotion.

Dick: They can be neurotic? Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: They're VERY neurotic. They -- dogs shit everywhere!

Dick: Did you grow up with dogs?

Maddox: Uh, no.

Dick: Okay. That...that explains some of your misperceptions about dogs, I think. They're not all like that! Just dogs raised by crazy people are like that.

Maddox: Well, okay. So I've seen the 3 types of dogs. There are the dogs that are very -

Dick: (interjects) Big dogs, (Maddox chuckles) little dogs, and medium dogs.

Maddox: And medium...medium-sized dogs. The -- no, the dogs...I've seen some really friendly, you know, family-type dogs that are, uh...you know, moderately active. They'll play catch with you, and they'll kinda chill the fuck out when you go to the park. (Dick smirks) Then I've seen the dogs that are...almost dead. Like, why are you keeping that thing alive? (clears throat) Excuse me. Um...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It is just, it's on its last legs...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...it's hobbling around, it's fat, it smells, its hair is matted; it just makes me depressed. And then I see the dogs that are -

Dick: (interjects) Well, you know, 'cause...'cause they love it. (Maddox cracks up) That's why they keep it around. Just to answer your question. Just so you know it's not a rhetorical question, that's why it's around. (cracking up)

Maddox: But wh-...why? Why -

Dick: (interjects) Companionship.

Maddox: Great! Why don't you just keep a fucking ball of yarn? An old, ratty, smelly ball of yarn around? Like, what's the point? The dog doesn't do anything! It doesn't DO anything!! It's just there! It's like havin' a pet snake!

Dick: Have you ever had either a pet dog or a pet snake?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I had a dog for a night. (Dick smirks) It was a Pomeranian. (cracking up)

Dick: What was her name? (**rimshot sound effect**) (giggles)

Maddox: Alright, Dick. (grumbling) So I had a dog for a night, and it was, uh...I was sleeping in my front yard in a tent.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And all of a sudden, in the middle...like 3 AM, this -

Dick: (interjects) How old were you when you were sleeping in the tent?

Maddox: Uh, I was probably about 11.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This dog ran into the tent, and -- it was a teepee, actually. I set up a teepee on my lawn. It was super cool.

Dick: THERE we go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: So ya set up a teepee -

Maddox: A teepee.

Dick: - when you were 11, because you wanted to see if all the...like, what, the stuff about teepees was true?

Maddox: What stuff about...? No! I was just hanging out, like, camping out in a teepee!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah! So this dog ran into the teepee and scared the shit outta me, but it was a very delightful dog. It was very smart, very friendly...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and this dog immediately took to me and just wanted to sleep next to me.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It was an awesome dog. Sure! I...you know, I get it. Dogs are cool.

Dick: And THEN what happened?

Maddox: Well, I...I found its owner and returned it to the owner.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah! That's that. But uh, you know, dogs are cool, they're fine, but they shit everywhere! The reason I don't have a dog is 'cause they shit so much. I don't wanna...I don't wanna deal with it, and I don't wanna have to -

Dick: (interjects) No, that's a big...that's a big issue.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Cleaning up dog poop is a big issue.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I don't know if it's the biggest problem in the *universe,* though. We're t-...you're just sayin' dogs are...dogs raised by crazy people are crazy?

Maddox: Well, there are -

Dick: (interjects) The owners are worse than the dogs!

Maddox: Well, I agree, yeah!

Dick: 'Cause you can't hit the owner when nobody's lookin'. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs) No, that's horrible. I don't mean that.

Maddox: (giggling) Yeah, wellll... (Dick laughs) You know, there's 83 million dogs in the U.S., and there's 95 million cats. I can tell you, I've stepped on dog shit at least 20 times in my life. I've stepped on cat shit NEVER.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And there are more cats out there.

Dick: So is...dog poop the problem, or is it dogs?

Maddox: (brief pause) Uh, it is...

Dick: What else you got? Besides the poop.

Maddox: Yeah, the dog owners! Well, they're so...and people -- here's my number one problem, I guess, with dogs.

Dick: Yeah. Okay.

Maddox: Is that their owners can't shut up about their dogs.

Dick: Mm. (inhales thoughtfully)

Maddox: Like, dog people JUST become dog...dog people. Like, that's IT. They - "Oh, how old is he? What's his mix? Where's he come from? Oh, how...let's see his teeth. Let's...can he do any tricks? Oh wow, she's really cute! She's really sweet!" (fussy voice)

Dick: You know what? Uh, you're right. I think that you...you should love babies. I know, I think -- and I'm not sure if you hate babies or not, but babies totally put an end to the type of dog relationship you're talking about. Like when someone's way too into a dog, a baby comes and they're like, "Dog who?" That -

Maddox: (interjects) (**baby laughing sound effect**) I'm not sure if they do actually put that into it.

Dick: Babies are the kryptonite for dogs.

Maddox: Are they?

Dick: OH, yeah.

Maddox: Ehh... (unsure)

Dick: Yeah. Soon as that baby...uh, arrives, dog's out the door.

Maddox: Well, so, because this symptom...them -- people not being able to shut up about their dogs is the symptom.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And the problem manifests itself to the point where you can't even tell whether or not people are talking about their dogs or their children! So I actually have a game, uh, that we can play today. I brought in a bunch of headlines.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: (**light game show music starts in background**) And, uh...yeah, we got some game show music this time, too.

Dick: (cracks up) Okay, GREAT.

Maddox: So, I got some headlines that are...dogs or children? What are they talkin' about, dogs or a child?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So I'm gonna read the headline -

Dick: (interjects) Can Sean play too?

Maddox: Sean's playin', you guys are both playing.

Dick: What do we win?

Maddox: Uh, you win a punch in the dick. (cracking up)

Dick: Alright! That sounds like a pretty good prize.

Maddox: Oh yeah. Okay. First one is, "Boyfriend Charged With (Blank) Abuse After (Blank's) Death." Is that a dog or a child?

Dick: Oh, a dog. I'm going "dog."

Maddox: Sean?

Dick: 'Cause it wouldn't be in the paper if it was a kid, 'cause it happens all the time.

Sean: That...that could be either. But, uh...

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: So you win a punch in the dick either way.

Maddox: Yeah. Sean... (**buzzer sound effect**)

Sean: Yeah, exactly. (Dick giggles) Well, that's what I'm going for, yeah.

Maddox: Sean, I'm sorry, that's wrong.

Dick: That's wrong! (laughing)

Maddox: And Dick... (**buzzer sound effect**) Also wrong.

Dick: Oh, it was a kid?

Maddox: That is a child.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: "Boyfriend Charged With Child Abuse After Toddler's Death."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay. So, number two is -

Dick: (interjects) So, not a good trick question.

Maddox: Not a good, not a... (laughs)

Dick: Right outta the gate. (grinning)

Maddox: Well, you got it wrong, so that IS a good trick question!

Dick: (chuckling) Oh, god. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. That was uh, "23-year-old boyfriend of Merissa Anderson was arrested on child abuse charges on Saturday, just hours after an Orange County judge increased Anderson's bond to 80,000 dollars."

Dick: Ah, that's...what's the next headline?

Maddox: Next one. "Police Officer Saves (Blank) from Vehicle Submerged Underwater."

Dick: Dog!

Sean: Yeah, I'll agree. Dog.

Dick: Yeah, dog.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Correct! That is a dog.

Dick: Good job, Sean.

Maddox: Good job. Uh, okay. Next one: "(Blank) Dies After Being Hit By Car."

Dick: Dog!

Sean: I'll go "child" on this one.

Maddox: Ohh, Dick! (**buzzer sound effect**) I'm sorry.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And Sean... (**'ding!' sound effect**) It IS a child. Good job, yeah.

Dick: It feels like...but it feels like it could be either one in any...in all of these headlines.

Maddox: Yeah! That's the...that's the point of the game! That's why it's the... (cracks up) It's a fucking game! That's why I was saying, you can't tell -

Dick: Yeah, but the headlines...

Maddox: - if they're talking about the dog or the child!

Sean: No, I read that story. The...the kid was running across the street to sniff a poodle's butt. And got hit by a car.

Dick: See, that's funny!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like if you had said, "(Blank) Runs Across the Street to Sniff A Poodle's Butt" and had us guess THAT, that would be a better...headline.

Maddox: Well, that wasn't the actual headline though.

Dick: Right? 'Cause you'd think it was a dog, and it was a kid.

Maddox: That is pretty funny. (smiling) That is pretty funny.

Dick: Yours is just like... (laughs)

Sean: Maddox is so honest. (Dick laughs more)

Maddox: I got -- you know, Sean, I wish I had that. That's actually true.

Dick: Your game is just like, 'A Guy Beat His Girlfriend's (Blank) to Death.' Like, "Oh god! I don't know, that's...horrible! It could be either one, though."

Maddox: Yeah, exactly! That's the point! Okay. So, here we go. Here's the next one. "(Blank) Left Home Alone Escapes Fire."

Sean: Uh, dog.

Dick: Dog. (grinning)

Maddox: Mm... (**buzzer sound effect**) (Dick laughs) I'm sorry, it's "child." (cracks up)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: You idiots. (laughs)

Dick: It could probably be more than just a dog or a kid too, if I'm honest. Go ahead. Read the next one.

Maddox: Mmm no, not really.

Dick: Go ahead!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Let's see. Let's find out. That's the game.

Maddox: Okay, let's find out! Let's see, fine!

Dick: Let's find what else it could be.

Maddox: Fine. Great. "Ask (Blank) Lady Column: Dinner Game May Have Gone Too Far." So this is an advice column -

Dick: (interjects) What's the "blank"?

Maddox: Okay, the "blank" -- I'll read it again. It's "Ask (Blank) Lady Column: Dinner Game May Have Gone Too Far." So it's the name of the column -

Dick: (interjects) Dating advice. That fills the blank. "Ask Dating Advice Columnist: The Dinner Game May Have Gone Too Far."

Maddox: "Ask Dating Advice Lady Column"??

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "Dinner Game May Have..." No, that's...no.

Dick: It works, it fits!

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) It does not. (**buzzer sound effect**)

Sean: No, it's...

Dick: "Scientist"!

Sean: ...it's "kid."

Maddox: It's "dog."

Sean: It...this is "dog"?

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) You guys are all idiots. Um...

Dick: So she's -- what, she's giving dog advice for dinner parties?

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: How did this game end??

Maddox: Dog advice for...I don't...I don't know! It's just an advice column. It's for dogs, I guess.

Sean: I'm so confused.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You got -- we gotta stop playing this game.

Maddox: Nope. We got a couple more.

Dick: (chuckling) There's too many...dude, a couple more?!

Maddox: You suck! You guys...you guys suck! You're terrible.

Dick: This GAME sucks!

Maddox: YOU suck!

Dick: This is a horrible game. (cracks up)

Maddox: YOU'RE a horrible game. Alright. (laughs)

Dick: Can...

Maddox: Wait wait, you'll get this one.

Dick: ...so your problem is dogs?

Maddox: No no, hold on! We're gettin' to it.

Dick: How about shitty game shows? That's a pretty big problem in the universe.

Maddox: How about...how about shitty co-hosts? How 'bout that?

Dick: Okay, what's the next one?

Maddox: "Cultures Clash Over Forced (Blank) Marriages in Pakistan."

Dick: Kid!

Sean: Yeah, that's "child."

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Correct.

Dick: Oh my god! What... (cracks up) Now you're just reading headlines...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...of arranged marriages.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Well, you got that one.

Dick: Okay. I got a headline for you.

Maddox: You got a...? Yeah.

Dick: "(Blank) Prodigy Plays at..." um, "...Carnegie Hall." (brief silence) Child. That's the answer.

Maddox: Great. (flatly) (**crickets chirping sound effect**)

Sean: I thought for sure it was "dog" on that one.

Maddox: Good joke! Good joke, Dick. (sarcastic) Alright. (**game show music stops**) We have, uh..."World Cup: Here's What It Would Look Like If We Sent (Blanks) to Play in Brazil 2014."

Dick: This....."dog."

Maddox: Sean?

Sean: Yeah, it's gotta be "dog." It's gotta be like, a .gif or something.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Correct! "Do Not Give Your (Blank) Ibuprofen."

Dick: Dog.

Maddox: Sean?

Dick: I'm gonna go "child."

Maddox: It is "dog"! (**'ding!' sound effect**) I'm sorry, Sean. (**buzzer sound effect**) You're an idiot. Uh, and then this -

Dick: (interjects) Classic dog advice.

Maddox: The final one -- so, you would know that being a dog owner.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. The final one is, "(Blank) Hit and Killed By Garbage Truck in Tooele."

Sean: What was the last word?

Dick: Kid.

Maddox: It's the name of the city. Tooele. You say "kid," Dick? Sean?

Dick: Well, I mean it's both...it happens all day every day!

Sean: Yeah, I'll go "dog."

Dick: Either one happens!

Maddox: Well, that's -

Dick: (interjects) You're just randomly picking one.

Maddox: No. Let's, uh, let's hear the clip. [**plays news clip**]

Male Correspondent: A 5-year-old boy was killed in Tooele this afternoon when he was hit by a garbage truck while riding his bike.

[**clip ends**]

Dick: Alright. (Maddox snickers) This was a kid!

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) (**buzzer sound effect**) I'm sorry, Sean. That was a kid. Well, the score is: you're both at zero.

Sean: That's not true! (Maddox laugh)

Dick: I feel like we all lost anyway.

Maddox: Sean's 3, Dick's 2.

Dick: So, what's the problem with dogs? What is your...what is your real root problem with dogs? Is it the people? (Maddox inhales thoughtfully) People have a weird...people are narcissistic and they brag about their dogs all the time?

Maddox: People are...people are obsessed with their dogs, they bring them everywhere, and here's the thing: I see dogs in Target, I see dogs in grocery stores...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...I see dogs in malls, and people bring their dogs like they're...they're family members! They're NOT, first of all.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And second, people have allergies to dogs. So when you're bringin' your little mutt with you everywhere you go, you're not taking into consideration other people might be having a really shitty time because your fucking little, uh, mangy mutt is with you.

Dick: Eh, I guess so. But not a lot of people have allergies to dogs, do they?

Maddox: Does it matter??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Does it matter how many people have allergies to dogs?

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: How do you know? You might be -

Dick: (interjects) Because it's like, that's the same thing that annoying parents say about, "Don't bring...peanut cookies into class, because *my* kid has a peanut allergy."

Maddox: No, that's not the same.

Dick: "Ohhh, everybody stop..."

Maddox: Not everyone's carrying peanut cookies with them to the mall and grocery store! (annoyed) This is DOGS, okay? How...how inconsiderate do you have to be in order for you to say, "Um, okay. I want to have my pet with me, therefore I don't care that you're miserable"? Like, it's THE most inconsiderate thing. You don't think that's a problem?

Dick: Nah.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing) Well...

Dick: Not really.

Maddox: There's no reasoning with Dick!

Dick: I just don't think that dogs are that big of a problem. They're cool.

Maddox: Great. So your rebuttal is, "I don't think dogs are that big of a problem," comma -

Dick: (interjects) Well I agree with you about the narcissism.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: Like, I agree with you that it's annoying that people brag about their dogs. But if it wasn't dogs, it's anything else. If it -- they talk about themselves when they're talkin' about dogs, they talk about themselves when they're talkin' about babies, they talk about themselves when they're talkin' about music! They talk about themselves when they're talkin' about movies. It's all "me me me me me me me."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah!

Dick: That's a pretty big problem.

Maddox: Right. But uh, this is a very specific one. Them bringing their dogs everywhere they go.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah. That's my problem.

Dick: I'm on board for that.

Maddox: Okay! What's your number two?

Dick: Uh, college. Okay. Um...it's worthless.

Maddox: (inhales) I would agree with that! (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: It's just about drinking. It's about -- it's drinking and drama.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's college.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's what it teaches you to do.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And here's a stat for you: the price of college has increased by 1200 percent in 30 years. More than anything else.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Has the value? No.

Maddox: No! The value has gone down, because college diplomas are easier to get than they've ever been. So people are...they're printing them -- you know, it's like a false currency. They can print them as many...as many as they want, there is no...uh, fed that's going to regulate it, there's no inflation to college degrees...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...so they just print them out! Now a bachelor's is basically worthless. It's like a high school diploma. If you don't have a bachelor's, then...you know, you're worthless.

Dick: No, that's true!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a good point. Like, you...people think that you might not even...you might as well not even apply for a job if you don't have a college degree.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: And it doesn't teach -- like, you don't come out of college with any skills.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: People don't...they don't even know how to write!! Like you don't even know how to write papers. It's like, "Oh, I wrote one 30-page term paper, and it was nearly a life-ending crisis to do so."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "That's what I did in college."

Maddox: Right! I...I totally agree.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: College...uh, people ask me a lot of times, they say, "Hey Maddox, what should I take in college? Uh, what should I go into?" Or, "Should I even go to college?" And I tell them...I ask them the following question: I ask them, "Are you driven, and are you self-motivated? Do you have any aspirations? Do you have anything that you want to do in life? Because if you DO and you're good at it, then do it! Otherwise, if you don't, if you have no direction, if you have no idea what you wanna do, then go to college. Why not? 'Cause you might -- you WILL get exposed to a lot of different...um, fields, and a lot of different disciplines. So..."

Dick: Is that a good thing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Getting exposure to different fields?

Maddox: If you don't know what you're doing, then absolutely, yes.

Dick: Yeah, I don't know about that. Is it...should it cost...does it need to cost your parents, like, thousands of dollars every year for you to kinda poke your head into a -

Maddox: (interjects) Whoooa. Uh-uh, no. It shouldn't cost your PARENTS anything! You should pay for it -

Dick: (interjects) Parents are paying for college.

Maddox: No! I paid for every...dime of my college out of my pocket.

Dick: Everybody else's parents are payin' for college.

Maddox: Well, then...buncha slackers!

Dick: Well, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So that's a pretty big problem.

Maddox: I guess!

Dick: I mean, you're...by the way, YOU'RE paying for this problem too, 'cause if everybody paid for their own -- if everybody had to pay for their own, it would be a lot cheaper.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But you're getting nailed 'cause parents are footing the bill.

Maddox: Oh yeah, sure.

Dick: So you're having to pay parents' rates.

Maddox: Yeah, I didn't go into any debt when I went into coll-...when I went to college. I worked about 60 hours a week at my shitty...uh, job at a telemarketing company, programming, and then I also put my way through college, yeah! I paid for all of it.

Dick: Yeah. Was it worth it?

Maddox: Um, no. (both crack up) I...absolutely not. I have nothin' to show -- I am within one degree...one test of graduating with a math degree.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: In college.

Dick: And your life would be no different.

Maddox: No different!

Dick: If you had that degree.

Maddox: Yeah! People ask me all the time, they say, "Hey, why didn't you go back and...and take the test?" Well, first of all, I have. I've taken the test 3 times. The first time, you know, I came within 1 point of passing, and it was heartbreaking, and then the second time I came within 2 points, and the third time I came within 3 points. So, you know. I can see the downward trend, I can see the pattern, and I realized that, uh...I changed careers and I'm a writer now. I'm a New York Times bestseller, so what do I need a math degree for?

Dick: And you don't have a writing degree for that. So the...

Maddox: I DON'T have a writing degree for that. In fact, they put me in the most remedial writing class in college! When I took the test, the writing placement test? They put me in the LOWEST writing class that I could possibly take. (chuckles) And ironically, I learned more in that class than anything else I learned in college, which is...fascinating, because my teacher almost got fired because he refused to follow the curriculum. And that's the only reason I learned anything, is because he taught us things that he felt that we needed to learn, like critical thinking.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Rather than just writing.

Dick: And editing, I would think.

Maddox: Mmm, no.

Dick: Don't say a bunch of stuff that's not necessary.

Maddox: Oh, concision.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um...I don't know where I learned that, but it wasn't that class.

Dick: Oh. Well, here's my problem with it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think...I think that colleges have basically...it's basically like, they've convinced everybody that if they don't get their kid a college education, then their kid's screwed. It's like feel-good insurance for your kids. Which is very manipulative, if you think about it.

Maddox: You think it's manipulative for parents to tell their kids that they are gonna be well-off if they go to college?

Dick: Yeah, because the only...the only stat, like the only anything I could find in support of colleges, the only reason that they say to go, is that you'll make a million dollars in your lifetime. Like, you make a...people with degrees make a million dollars more than people without degrees. So they're basically saying, "Look, until college costs a million dollars, you gotta send 'em!"

Maddox: Here's the thing: if parents...if you knew nothing else about your child...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...about your child's future, you wanted that child to have the best possible outcome; you would probably send them to college.

Dick: But why? What can we do to stop that? 'Cause I don't think it's necessary.

Maddox: Well...I don't know! I, I think -

Dick: (interjects) People laugh at you if you suggest otherwise. Like if you're like, "Well, why don't you send them to a trade school?" They're like, "Oh my god, a plumber! I don't wanna...I don't want my kid to have PLUMBING skills."

Maddox: Yeah, basically.

Dick: "I want him to have an art history degree."

Maddox: Look, there's a way out...there's a way into success without, uh, college. And the way to success without college is, you gotta work your ass off and teach yourself something. Like I taught myself programming for the longest time, and then actually I got the, uh, theoretical education as well in computer science in college. I was a computer science major for a long time.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Um, that helps, but if you're not driven and motivated by yourself then yeah, you probably should go to college. 'Cause otherwise you're gonna be, what? A fuck-up. You're not doing anything.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So it's...college is for some -- I would say college is good for some people. I don't think it's this necessary requisite for all people. In fact, um, I went to college with the guy who created Winamp. He was in my computer science class, and the guy should not have been there. It was VERY clear. He was CONSTANTLY correcting our professor in class...um, pointing out errors in his syllabus, and the lesson that he was teaching us. He...our professor didn't know very basic things about C++.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And this kid was constantly raising his hand. And he wasn't doin' it to be a snot, he was just like, "No, that's...that's just incorrect information. You're misleading everybody in class." And he was tryin' to teach us -- and so he would finish his assignments within, I don't know, 10 minutes of the class? And the rest of the time he would write 3D models, and work on Winamp. It was incredible! So, people like that should not be in college. I would...I would even argue that people like me, after a certain extent -- after 2 years, I didn't get anything out of college. But when I went to college the way I, uh, took my classes was to...take things that were genuinely interesting to me. And that's why I took a lot of physics and things like that, that I didn't need to take.

Dick: But -- and it's still...you would write it off 'cause the cost is outrageous.

Maddox: The cost is...yeah.

Dick: Like, you could spend an hour on Wikipedia and get the same "exposure" that you get at a college.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That you get at a university. Yeah! It's a big joke. Big scam.

Maddox: Yeah, I agree.

Dick: And it takes everybody in their prime, right when they're, like...18 to whatever, and just lets them sit in a babysitting campus instead of working.

Maddox: (inhales thoughtfully) You know, that...that said, I would still say about 60 to 70 percent of the population should probably go to college.

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Yeah. 60 to 70 percent.

Dick: To what end?? Like, what do you really think they get out of it?

Maddox: Well, they might get exposed to something that they didn't know beforehand.

Dick: Like what??

Maddox: Well, for example, I was in a college bookstore...a university bookstore one time and I came across this book that seemed fascinating, and I looked into it and it was a

course that I'd never even heard of. It was called Family and Consumer Studies, and it was all about, uh, consumerism and the sociological aspect of consumerism. And I took that class just because the book seemed interesting. I would've never been exposed to that school of thought and that ideology had I not been in that bookstore and not gone to college.

Dick: There's, um...there's a fallacy that's called...what you're doing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, where...because you experienced something, it's worth it? Do you know the name of that fallacy?

Maddox: Mmm...

Dick: 'Cause that's what it is.

Maddox: There's a lot of fallacies.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't know what that one is. But, I mean, am I wrong?

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: How am I wrong?

Dick: Yes, because it's like saying that you were exposed to something 'cause you did something, doesn't mean you shoulda...doesn't justify doing the thing. 'Cause you're exposed to things all the time.

Maddox: Yeah, but how else would you be exposed to an experience that's good? Like, that -

Dick: Just by, like, you know...

Maddox: - that specific experience.

Dick: ...going to w-...having a job?

Maddox: (hesitates) No, no. I had a job for 9 and a half years.

Dick: You didn't get exposed to anything while you were workin'?

Maddox: Well, a few things, but they were all very tangentially related to my job! Or very...very *directly* related to my job, rather.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Um, how do you get exposed to something that's completely, like, a different trajectory from what you're learning? What your...what your education is?

Dick: You hit "random article" on Wikipedia.

Maddox: Nyeah... (skeptical)

Dick: 10 minutes. "Random article," "random article"...

Maddox: Then you're reading...yeah, then you're reading about like, some squid somewhere. Where does that get you?

Dick: Well, that's my problem.

Maddox: Not a problem. Uh, let's get to a real problem. And uh, Dick, I know you will disagree with me on this, 'cause we've had this argument in real life.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Uh, this is...this is a big problem, and...some of this problem was made up by my last problem! But uh, here it is. My problem is expensive steak. (**plays clip from the song "Eat Steak" by Reverend Horton Heat, overlaid with sounds of cows mooing**)

Dick: Steak. (amused)

Maddox: EXPENSIVE steak.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Expensive steak.

Dick: What's expensive steak?

Maddox: I'd say anything north of about 30 dollars.

Dick: Okay! I wouldn't say that, but go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah, I know you wouldn't! So uh, and I -- what's that in euros, like 20?

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: I'm guessing it's like 20 euros.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Somethin' like that. Yeah! So, expensive steak is a ripoff. Because I've had lots of steak, and I've had some really expensive steak and I've had some cheap steak, and I've had everything in between. And the best steak I've ever had...uh, was probably about a 110-dollar steak. 110, 120-dollar steak.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The SECOND best steak I've ever had was 30 dollars!

Dick: (smirks) Okay.

Maddox: And it was incredible. I still remember that steak! I remember both steaks, they were both really good.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But 110 dollars to 30 dollars. I'll take the 30-dollar steak over the 110-dollar steak ANY day.

Dick: So what's your problem? That...restaurants are charging too much for steak that's not as good as the 30-dollar steak you had?

Maddox: Yeah, restaurants -- just in general, it's just, uh, this false market. People are wasting money on steak.

Dick: Wasting money on steak. So if I'm going to the Pacific Dining Car for, like, a 60-dollar baseball steak...

Maddox: For those -

Dick: ...I'm wasting money?

Maddox: Yes. For those who don't know, the Pacific Dining Car is a very expensive, 24-hour steak restaurant in Los Angeles.

Dick: It's great! ALWAYS great.

Maddox: It's -

Dick: (interjects) They got a million-dollar meat locker in there. Did you know that??

Maddox: Yeah... (skeptical)

Dick: They got a meat locker that's got a million dollars worth of meat. How 'bout that?

Maddox: Oh, I'm sure...I'm sure they *think* it's worth a million dollars. I'm sure they'll tell people it's worth a million dollars. Do you know what steaks are? Steaks are the diamond of the food industry. They can make up the rate, they can make up the cost, they can tell you it's worth anything you want, and then you pay 100,000 dollars for your steak and you can't sell it for anything, nobody wants it. Nobody else will pay for it, it has zero market value, it's not fungible. It's just a piece of meat that you bought that somebody ascribed a price to, and you're just paying it like a sucker.

Dick: Mm, no.

Maddox: Yeah. Why don't you go to...go get a steak and then get a lap dance? That's just like -- that's like, the perfect sucker night out.

Dick: So...going to a fancy restaurant and paying a premium for a steak that you know will be well-made...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...to YOU, is a problem?

Maddox: Mhm! Right, of course.

Dick: What part of that is a problem? What are you, what's...what would you rather it be? Like, randomly go around and pay...$10.99 for a steak and just cross your fingers?

Maddox: No, you don't have to pay a lot of money for a good steak! You can get...you can -

Dick: (interjects) You do if you want one reliably!

Maddox: No...

Dick: Yes, you do!

Maddox: ...you won't...there's no "reliable." There's no reli-...you could make your OWN steak.

Dick: There absolutely is!!

Maddox: Noo. (dismissively) Here's the thing: the restaurant -- like, unless you go to a *really* high-end restaurant where they're goin' to the butcher and picking out the steaks, you know, the chef is doing that...from a really good butcher. Which, by the way, there's no guarantee you're gonna get a good cut of meat just because they bought it grass-fed and free range and all that other bullshit.

Dick: But that's what the money's for! Guaranteeing that you get a good steak experience.

Maddox: (excited) No, but...but there's a cognitive bias going on. You see, you're PAYING a lot of money -

Dick: (interjects) THERE we go.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Here we go! (smiling)

Maddox: So you're paying a lot of money, and then because you paid a lot of money you think you're getting the value. But that's not the case! That's not necessarily the case.

Dick: So what you...you're saying is that I don't know what I'm talking about when I'm paying a lot of money for a good steak. Basically I'm so stupid...

Maddox: Yes. (grinning)

Dick: ...that because I dropped the 100 dollars, I will never admit that the steak wasn't as good as what it could be.

Maddox: Right. Because you would be a fool *not* to.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's the Ben Franklin effect.

Dick: So there's no possible way for that to be disproved? Just throwing that out there.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: 'Cause no matter what I say about the quality of the steak, I'm saying it 'cause I paid a lot of money for it.

Maddox: Yeah, you have to believe that!

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: You CONVINCE yourself that it's a good steak because you PAID a lot for it. Otherwise you'd be a jackass!

Dick: I think if you reliably ate expensive steaks, you would not think that anymore.

Maddox: (splutters) You can't possibly know, because it's possible that every single expensive steak you've ever had, you've *thought* was good because you paid so much for it.

Dick: Yeah...nahhh.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I'm tryin' to get to the bottom of what you're...why you think this is a problem.

Maddox: Sean, did you wanna chime in on this?

Sean: Do you think that no one has ever sent an expensive steak back?

Maddox: I'm sure they have, yeah!

Dick: Why do you think they sent it back?

Maddox: Eh, status. Pompousness. (Dick laughs) They're at a meeting.

Dick: So, does anybody -

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, I was just curious.

Dick: Yeah. Good question. Does anybody do things for genuine reasons in your mind? (amused)

Maddox: Sure they do, but not when there's money at stake! If -

Dick: (interjects) But not if they have money. (smiling) That's the root of this. You just don't like rich people.

Maddox: No, I didn't say that! If there's money if stake, if they have a financial incentive, then you have to question their motives.

Dick: So in your mind, uh, a 10-dollar steak would be horrible. Right? You wouldn't eat...you wouldn't order a 10-dollar steak, would you?

Maddox: Uh...sure! Why not?

Dick: In general, you would go to a place...you order a 10-dollar steak, it comes back as, like, an 8-inch thick piece of crap with fake charbroil lines on it?

Maddox: (excited) Wait wait wait! (laughs) That's not what you described! You just said an 8-dollar steak...er, 10-dollar steak. If you describe a shitty steak like that, then yeah, that's gonna be a shitty steak.

Dick: That's what you should be expecting if you order a 10-dollar steak.

Maddox: I've had...I've had great cheap steaks.

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) So in your mind if you see steak on the menu, $10.99, and you order it, you think, "Well, this could be the most amazing steak I've ever had, or it could be horrible. Equal chance of both! 50/50! It's a coin toss."

Maddox: I don't know that it's 50/50. Like, I wouldn't trust necessarily that a steak coming from Sizzler or...you know, like an Olive Garden-type place is gonna be a good steak. Yeah.

Dick: Uh-huh. On average, would you say...what would you rate it? If you were to pay $10.99 for a steak?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just on average, what number would you give it on a scale of...0 to 10, 10 being delicious?

Maddox: Well, I don't know! Does the...depends! Does it come with a side of fettuccine and shrimp? (cracks up)

Dick: Just a steak.

Maddox: Um, I...on a scale of 10?

Dick: 0 to 10.

Maddox: I would guess it'd be about a 5.

Dick: About a 5!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. So if you were to pay 20 dollars for that steak...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...what do you think it would come in at? Or let's go with 30.

Maddox: Um...

Dick: What would you expect?

Maddox: I would expect about a 7.

Dick: You would expect about a 7?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And if you...do you notice a trend here? That as the money...

Maddox: Well, two does not make a trend.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's -

Dick: (interjects) What if you paid 50? What would you expect?

Maddox: Eh, still about a 7.

Dick: Still about -- so no matter...so once it hits 30...

Maddox: It plateaus.

Dick: So you th-...there is no way to expect better than a 7 from a steak restaurant? (chuckling)

Maddox: No. Not unless it -- not unless you know the reputation of the place, or you know that this place has...I dunno, they're doin' somethin' special to the steak. Look, there's basically -

Dick: (interjects) And if you know all that...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...shouldn't you pay for it?

Maddox: But you DON'T -

Dick: (interjects) If they've established a reputation, shouldn't you have to plop down another 20 bucks for it?

Maddox: But go back to the steak that you're spending so much money for.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Say you've spent 80 dollars on a steak.

Dick: Oo!

Maddox: And you say, "Wow, that's a great...that's a great steak!"

Dick: Probably delicious.

Maddox: If, if -

Dick: (interjects) Probably got some Roquefort cheese on there, and a little...

Maddox: Ugh. Cheese? Get outta here, man! Why would you want cheese on your steak? It's a steak!

Dick: It's good!

Maddox: Get outta here. It's not -- it's a steak, it's not a piece of fuckin' garlic bread. Get out. With your fuckin' cheese. (muttering) Gimme my meat.

Dick: So then what?

Maddox: Yeah, I don't wanna get constipated. So, you get your steak; you don't know if they...if you had bought, say, I dunno, paid 70 dollars for that steak, if you would've gotten an equal quality steak. Or 60 dollars, or 50 dollars. My theory is, around...after 30 dollars, you will not see an appreciable difference in the quality of the steak. 'Cause meat -

Dick: (interjects) I don't even know how to wrap my head around that! I've just -- like, if you can't expect more than a 7, why are you even...like, what are you even going for? I want a 9, man!

Maddox: How can you...

Dick: I want a great steak! What am I supposed to do?

Maddox: But you -

Dick: (interjects) If I want a 9 or a 10?

Maddox: How can you, how can you be assured... (cracks up) See, you're...everybody's kind of like, pulling the wool over your eyes and telling you like, "Hey Dick, come into our restaurant! Buy our 80-dollar steak!"

Dick: I know what a good steak tastes like, jackass!

Maddox: No! You THINK you do! (yelling)

Dick: No, I definitely know.

Maddox: Because you've been TOLD this is a great steak! "Hey, pay lots of money! We'll give you a good steak. Oh, you want a good steak, buddy? Come right in." (Dick sighs exasperatedly) You might be eating SHIT your whole life, you don't know because people have been telling you it's good!

Dick: You don't think I just won't go -- you don't think I won't just go to another good steak restaurant??

Maddox: Yeah! And who's...

Dick: Like, "That one was horrible, I'm gonna go to another one!"

Maddox: And who's saying it's good??

Dick: By the way, ME! I'm saying it's good!! (yelling)

Maddox: No, the restaurant owner!

Dick: I'm saying I like Pacific Dining Car over Mastro's!

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, okay. (sneering)

Dick: 'Cause I like...I like the QUALITY of the steak there. It's slightly different!

Maddox: Yeah. Mhm.

Dick: They're both just as GOOD as one another, and I would pay 60 dollars for both, but I *prefer* Pacific Dining Car.

Maddox: Great. And before you went to either of those restaurants, they had an out-of-this-world reputation, didn't they?

Dick: I don't know, I don't...yeah, of course!!

Maddox: Of COURSE!

Dick: They've been around for 100 years!

Maddox: Alright, they have that reputation! And guess who made that reputation?

Dick: (yelling over Maddox) Everything -- you think just everything is a scam, don't you?

Maddox: Not everything!

Dick: Everything is a scam.

Maddox: Not everything, but who created that reputation??

Dick: THEM, by making amazing steaks.

Maddox: Mmm...or them by putting out ads.

Dick: Marketing?!

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: So in your mind, McDonald's could start a marketing campaign about the quarter pounder being the most delicious Angus beef in the world, and in a year or so I'm so stupid that I'll think it's true and go plop down 70 dollars for a Big Mac?

Maddox: Hey, who -

Dick: (interjects) Is that possible in your mind?

Maddox: Well, not 70 dollars, but they could increase the brand value of their Big...of their food, yeah! McDonald's actually tried this with the Arch Deluxe menu. They failed, but they TRIED it. Uh, different companies have tried that with different brands, and they've tried to make premium brands and they try to create, you know, luxury!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Apple is a luxury computer product! Same with De Beers -

Dick: (interjects) Apple's great!

Maddox: No, it's GARBAGE.

Dick: Apple's better than PCs!

Maddox: No, it's not!!

Dick: They always work!

Maddox: It's garbage! No, it DOESN'T always work! (groaning)

Dick: Get outta here. (surly)

Maddox: YOU get outta here! We always have problems with our Apples. Every single Apple I've -

Dick: (interjects) Who's "our"?

Maddox: Well, in here! We're usin' Sean's...you know, Sean's -

Dick: (interjects) What problems do we -- no, the only problem we had today was your jackass soundboard on your piece of shit netbook, neither of which was made by Apple!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Everything else works great!

Maddox: Nah, your...your phone battery's always dyin', you have to go the Apple store every time your battery...with your tail between your legs, you gotta get your battery replaced. You know what?

Dick: Let's stick to the meat.

Maddox: Yeah, let's stick to the meat. It's like the diamond industry. EXACTLY like De Beers. De Beers created a false market for diamonds; they inflated the value of diamonds by creating artificial value, and that's exactly what they're doing with steaks.

Dick: Comparing steak to diamonds...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...is fuckin' retarded. (Maddox laughs) It's not anywhere NEAR the same thing!

Maddox: You know, the only time a steak could be worth anything more than a normal kind of meat -

Dick: (interjects) Than 30 dollars.

Maddox: Yeah. If -

Dick: (interjects) Which, by the way, is...a completely arbitrary value based on YOU.

Maddox: It's based on my...considerable life experience.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Empirical evidence. So, uh, I've had lots of steaks; I've had very expensive steaks and very cheap steaks. Around 30 dollars, you're not gonna see much of a difference. Um, so unless they did something special to the meat...like uh, Kobe beef. Which, by the way -- oh, and here's one for you: Angus beef! It's pure marketing!! There's no such thing as Angus beef! They just put the word "Angus" on it.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) They're not selling Angus beef at expensive steakhouses. It doesn't say "Angus beef baseball steak" at the Pacific Dining Car.

Maddox: Then what is it, Kobe? Is it Kobe beef?

Dick: No, it's aged!!

Maddox: Oh, AGED, of course.

Dick: There's all kinds of stuff that goes into making a good steak. Are you kidding?!

Maddox: Yes, but age -

Dick: (interjects) That's why they got a million-dollar meat locker!

Maddox: But age -- oh, your million-dollar meat locker!! (sneering)

Dick: I'll be damned if I'm gonna sit here and let you, uh...

Maddox: You sucker.

Dick: Go -- what, Sean?

Sean: I was just gonna say, it's...it's dry-aged USDA Prime.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: Which is a government stamp they put on it. I mean, Choice and then Prime is better than that.

Dick: Right.

Sean: And then they dry age it for...

Dick: There you go.

Sean: ...28 days, or whatever.

Dick: They dry age it.

Maddox: And guess who's...

Sean: Blah blah blah blah blah.

Maddox: ...guess who's on the USDA board who developed that stamp and that certification process?

Sean: So it's all...yeah, it's...

Dick: So you think there's a meat conspiracy?

Maddox: No, it's not a conspiracy!

Dick: Like, this is getting bigger.

Maddox: This is not...this is not secret!! It's public knowledge! This is what they do! They go to the government and they say, "This is what we certify as this cut of meat." And aged meat? Like, what's the big deal? I've had aged meat, it's fine. It tastes good, sure!

Dick: Dude, can you...wait a minute! Can YOU tell the difference between a good steak and a crummy steak?

Maddox: Why don't you test me?

Dick: Well, that, that would...

Maddox: We can have a test, yeah!

Dick: You've had all these steaks, what do you mean? Can't you just tell me?

Maddox: I would love...

Dick: Can you tell what a dry-aged steak tastes like compared to a regular steak? 'Cause it tastes different.

Maddox: Yeah, I know it tastes different.

Dick: The meat breaks down.

Maddox: I know. (annoyed)

Dick: The enzymes break it down, that's why it's better. It's more tender.

Maddox: Don't condescend to me, you fuck. I know what dry-aged beef is.

Dick: That's what you're payin' for!

Maddox: Yeah! Well, you can get that at a cheaper steakhouse.

Dick: They don't age beef at a cheap steakhouse.

Maddox: You can get aged beef -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you have to keep it refrigerated.

Maddox: Yeah, they have refrigerators at cheap steakhouses. Every steakhouse has a refrigerator.

Dick: I can't believe what I'm hearing!

Maddox: Yeah! There's nothing special -- there's no magic in that fridge!

Sean: It's the...it's more like a humidor.

Maddox: Okay!

Sean: With the temperature control. Because you have -- you can't just put it in, like, a really dry thing. You can't let the moisture leave too quick.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's not like a Corona locker.

Maddox: Right. (amused)

Dick: It's not like a cooler that they keep in the back, they just throw some more meat in!

Maddox: Yeah. You think it has to have this REALLY expensive price tag on it in order for it to be...oh, because -

Dick: It's not...

Maddox: - it's such a labor-intensive process to put a piece of meat into a humidor and then just walk away from it! Oh, god! That's gotta cost at least 100 dollars. (sarcastic)

Dick: Maddox, it's not that much more expensive. (cracking up) It's another 20 bucks.

Maddox: Well, that's 20 -

Dick: (interjects) That turns a 30-dollar steak into a 50-dollar steak.

Maddox: Mm. So, almost a 100 percent increase in price.

Dick: It's not that much! (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: 100 percent!!

Dick: 20 dollars! 20 dollars...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...turns a piece of garbage, a 7, into maybe a 9!

Maddox: I've had dry-aged beef for 30 dollars that tasted great! It was fine! I don't need...

Dick: I think a meat man hurt you one day.

Maddox: No.

Dick: And you're...now you're bitter about it.

Maddox: No. I would love to see the comments on this one. I wanna see where people stand on this. I think that...that steak is a bullshit industry, uh, just like diamonds is a bullshit industry. More than 30 dollars, I think it starts to plateau. You're not gonna get much quality...you're not gonna see a cost-benefit return much beyond 30 dollars, I don't think.

Dick: Do you think this about all restaurants that charge, like, more than 30 dollars for food?

Maddox: No, absolutely not.

Dick: So there are some food items that you think get better as the money climbs?

Maddox: Yes. And for 2 primary reasons: one, the ingredients used. If they're really rare or really hard to come by, then yeah, I understand why it's expensive.

Dick: You don't think the process has any -- like, the reliability of the process has anything to do with it? And that's what you're payin' for?

Maddox: Well, potentially, but you can't -- that's not a guarantee. And then number two is the preparation.

Dick: That's...it's a guarantee when you're *payin'* for it.

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: That's the point!

Maddox: That's not a guarantee, though!

Dick: Otherwise you send that back!

Maddox: I've gone...I go to restaurants; there's a restaurant I like in particular that uh, that creates these awesome Mexican moles.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And it's, it's...renowned, and that's the one, like, chefs go to if they wanna have mole. It's a really good restaurant. I've been there probably...I dunno, 100 times. And of those times, I would say about 75 to 80 percent of the time it's been great; the rest of the time it's been kinda shitty, because who knows what the...what the chef, you know, different pinches of ingredients go into what mix to make the mole at the time, or whoever -- you know, whatever the chef's temperament is that day. You don't know! You can't guarantee consistency. Unless you're McDonald's.

Dick: There's a middle ground.

Maddox: There...okay, go on.

Dick: So...no, no. I've, uh, I've made that point.

Maddox: No.

Dick: That you're paying for consistency of a delicious steak.

Maddox: You're *hoping* to.

Dick: (chuckling) Yeah! That's what the money's for.

Maddox: Yeah. It's... (stammers) You're also paying for the consistency of the haircut, but unless you have -

Dick: (interjects) I think you're, I think you're more...I think you're more, uh, focused on people getting duped. Like, I think you think people are getting duped by 50-dollar steaks. And they're not! They taste better! They're more reliably better.

Maddox: Uh...I mean, there's no -- there's no qualitative way you can measure that.

Dick: Yes, it exists! That's the qualitative way. People will pay money to get that steak.

Maddox: (excited) No no, that's...that's a cognitive bias! That's all that is. You pay more, so you think you're getting more.

Dick: I don't know, I guess we gotta test it. (smiling)

Maddox: They've done tests, there have been studies where they take the exact same product, charge twice as much -

Dick: (interjects) Product, not steak.

Maddox: No. (stammers) Look, it's...it doesn't matter what the product is. It could be steak, it could be...jam, it could be shoes. It could be whatever. They take the exact same product, re-label it, change the price, and then ask customers about the satisfaction before and after they purchase. Customers OVERWHELMINGLY feel more satisfied with the more expensive product than they do the cheaper one, even though it's the exact same fucking product!

Dick: I woulda believed this with water.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, if you had used water for this. Yeah, you too. [to Sean]

Sean: I've seen it with water.

Dick: Yeah, I've seen it with water.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And it was all filled up out of a, uh, garden hose.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And then they put a spider in the bottom and said it was like, the most expensive thing.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: This was like, a few years ago, and it...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yep.

Sean: Yeah, but the water was just tap water.

Maddox: Ergo, your steak.

Dick: But not steak.

Maddox: Why not?! What's diff-...what's magic about steak?? What's precious about steak? Why do you think steak is immune to this cognitive bias?

Dick: Because it SO OBVIOUSLY tastes better.

Maddox: (splutters) You don't know that!! You're already tasting it, so you're biased!

Dick: Yeah, but I've had steak that I made *myself,* and I can taste the difference between a poorly-made homemade steak and a well-made...homemade steak.

Maddox: Oh, you're a fuck-up! If you watch -- Gordon Ramsay has a video on YouTube, a 2-minute video, "How to Cook the Perfect Steak." It's impossible to screw up. Like, you just...follow the instructions! What is there to it?

Dick: That's it?

Maddox: Yeah! Have a hot pan!

Dick: So there's just one type of...I think you're underestimating what goes into making, uh, steak.

Maddox: There's multiple ways to make steak, I'll give you that. But it's not that hard to make a perfect steak.

Dick: Alright. Well, I guess I'm a sucker then.

Maddox: You ARE a sucker!! (smiling)

Dick: I don't think this is a big problem.

Maddox: Well... (skeptical)

Dick: I'm a sucker, eating my amazing Pacific Dining Car steaks and uh, paying for lap dances. And that's the problems for this week.

Maddox: Glad we agree. So, we have Dogs, Expensive Steak...

Dick: Uh, Guys Needing to Get Laid...Guys Who Need to Get Laid. I'll phrase it like that.

Maddox: Guys Who Need to Get Laid.

Dick: And College. 'Cause it trains everyone to be, um...well...it trains everyone to think in a way that I don't think is good for them.

Maddox: Uh... (exhales, unsure)

Dick: You know? Like, they're focused on training you how to think, and...I don't think they're doin' a good job.

Maddox: I don't know if they're...they're training you how to think necessarily. Like in college, I learned how to do critical thinking. That's not teaching you how to think, it's teaching you how to...um, solve problems, I think.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is different. Do you think that college indoctrinates -- okay, wait wait wait, hold on. I think I got somethin' here. Do you think colleges indoctrinate people politically?

Dick: Um...yeah, I think they indoctrinate people to be pro-college. Extremely pro-college. If that's politically, then sure.

Maddox: Well, I'm not sure that's a political...point of view.

Dick: Might as well be.

Maddox: To be pro-college. Well, uh, so there you have the problems, or non-problems as, uh, in Dick's case of College and Guys Who Need to Get Laid. Although I do agree with the guys not getting laid. That is a huge problem.

Dick: Yeah, it's a bigger problem than STEAKS.

Maddox: It's pathetic.

Dick: Than you... (cracks up)

Maddox: No. Steaks, come on!! Steaks! (**closing riff starts**) Anyway. That's it for this time. I'm Maddox.

Dick: Go vote on the site! http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.

Maddox: 'Til next time.

(closing riff)

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 5

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy, buddy! How ya doin'?

Maddox: Pretty great...doin' excellent.

Dick: Dude, who wrote that theme song? I feel like we should be thanking them.

Maddox: Brett Mann! Actually, I just added him to the 'Who' on the website. So if you click on the 'Who' portion of the website -- the 'Who' link at http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com, you can see the guy who made it. He's awesome. He's actually done a lot of music for my uh, my YouTube shows.

Dick: Cool, man!

Maddox: He made the "Maddox Metal Riff," which is BADASS. Uh, he's a very talented dude.

Dick: Yeah, and he likes fuzzboxes! (sexy tone) Me too.

Maddox: Is that a...euphemism?

Dick: No, that's a musical term. (cracking up)

Maddox: Oh, okay. I don't know.

Dick: That's that sound, that 'ehh-eh ehh-eh ehh-eh ehhhh'! (imitating theme riff's electric guitar)

Maddox: (chuckling) Alright. Cool! Well, I thought it was, um...like a -

Dick: (interjects) What'd you think I was talkin' about? (grinning)

Maddox: Just like, box.

Dick: What could "fuzzbox" mean?

Maddox: Well -

Dick: (interjects) When I say "I really like fuzzboxes," what do you think I'm talkin' about?

Maddox: Like, a fuzzy box. (laughs)

Dick: What do you wanna say, Sean? With us as always is Sean, our audio engineer. That's why this sounds halfway decent.

Sean: Thank you, thank you. Uh, Maddox, you will be pleased to know that there is a fuzzbox called a Big Muff. (Maddox snickers) For real.

Dick: There you go. (amused)

Sean: Been around since the '60s.

Maddox: Oh, it makes my, uh...my immature self so happy.

Sean: Wanted to make your day complete.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You could never be a musician 'cause you'd be up there giggling about the parts the whole time.

Maddox: Oh yeah, I got yelled at when I had to sing something in...in elementary school.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Probably turned me off to music forever!

Dick: What did you have to sing?

Maddox: "Coming to America" by Neil Diamond. (everyone laughs)

Dick: And when you say "have to sing," what do you mean you had to sing? Who was making you sing it?

Maddox: It was just...it was just me, I was singled out. (smiling) Uh, it was my -- no, it was my third grade teacher. We had to sing it for the governor, and my teacher was SO pissed because we fucked up during the song and we started giggling. (cracks up) And she came back, her face was RED, furious!

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: And she said, "You guys make me wanna CROAK." (grouchy voice) (both burst out laughing)

Dick: Ohh, eff you.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright, how'd...what do you got?

Maddox: Yeah, let's get to the board. So last week we had the problems Guys Who Need to Get Laid...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...College, Expensive Steak, and Dogs.

Dick: So let me just say before you read who's in the lead that I don't care (Maddox snorts) about the voting.

Maddox: Lies.

Dick: That means nothing to me, that you always win.

Maddox: Lies, those are lies.

Dick: I don't care... (stammers) Everyone can suck it! Doesn't matter to me. But go ahead, read the stupid voting results like always.

Maddox: Mmhm. Okay. Well, coming in at number one is Guys Who Need to Get Laid.

Dick: Yehehehehehahahahaaahh! (gloating) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Uh-huh. (amused)

Dick: Alright, good! That's me!

Maddox: Well, well, well. Surprise, surprise. You...

Dick: First place! (grinning)

Maddox: ...you finally ranked. And then number two -

Dick: (interjects) What's second?

Maddox: The second problem is College.

Dick: Ohohohohoooh, TWO! (loudly)

Maddox: Which...okay, and then -

Dick: (interjects) Two, and they're both for me, dude!!

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: You got skunked! Eff you!!

Maddox: Yeah, well, eat a dick. You know why? It's because -

Dick: (interjects) OHHH, I am the winner!

Maddox: No, you're a loser!

Dick: I am the winner.

Maddox: You are the KING of the losers. Because you know why? You know why, you know... (trails off laughing)

Dick: (interjects) I'm the king of the losers, that's right! You are Loser Number TWO. (taunting)

Maddox: The reason people voted Guys Who Need to Get Laid is because...like, 100 percent of those votes came from guys who need to get laid.

Dick: Yeeeah, that's right!

Maddox: Losers! You're the king of the losers.

Dick: Yeah, whatever!

Maddox: And then -

Dick: (interjects) I'm the North, you are the South, buckaroo. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical) And then College, you just got a bunch of like, frustrated college votes. Great. (sarcastic) Way to -

Dick: (interjects) I am SEAL Team Six, you are Osama bin Laden. (Maddox laughs) I just annihilated...I just smoked your ass.

Maddox: Yeah, you're SEAL -

Dick: (interjects) Woooooo!

Maddox: You're... (cracks up) You're SEAL Team Pander. Um...

Dick: Oh, man. That's great! (sarcastic)

Maddox: And then, uh...and then comes in Expensive Steak. And then dead last is Dogs, because everybody has an ADDICTION to dogs, which just proves my point! Thank you for voting it last, 'cause you guys just proved my point.

Dick: No, your thing with dogs was weird, 'cause you've never had a dog. So you don't understand why they're cool.

Maddox: So what?? You don't need to have a dog to understand!

Dick: Well, I guess everyone disagrees with you.

Maddox: Yeah! No, it's because...it's because people have dogs and they can't...uh, they can't feel threatened. They can't feel like they can agree with somebody even though they have a dog.

Dick: Alright. I don't care! I won.

Maddox: Whatever.

Dick: That you're just jealous, because...if there was a chick in here she'd be like, "Ooo, Dick! Look at you with all the votes you got! That's so sexy and manly and funny! Then what about this guy over here with no votes?" (high-pitched girly voice)

Maddox: No. Chicks...

Dick: "You look like garbage!" (cracking up)

Maddox: Chicks actually are very turned off by Dick Masterson. (Dick guffaws) I've gotten several -

Dick: (interjects) Ha! False.

Maddox: Nope! I've gotten several -- there's a comment right now on my Maddox wall...

Dick: Why? (amused)

Maddox: ...that says "I don't like Dick Masterson." 'Cause -- what do you mean, "why"?! (laughs)

Dick: Why?? What's her...why not?

Maddox: The constant onslaught, the on-...the barrage of like, anti-women and stupid theories that are all bullshit...and the desperation to get laid. I think that's why. Um...

Dick: I don't care! (Maddox laughs) That's not an insult to me! Yeah! (grinning)

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: I'll -- look, I'll take it if it's easy, and I'll work really hard for it! Doesn't matter to me.

Maddox: You guys are just feeding him. Okay, so let's, uh...a couple comments I wanted to read from last time. The first one comes from (attempts Belgian accent; slightly high-pitched) Dam-...Damieen. (switches to normal voice) He's from Antwerp, Belgium. He says, (returns to goofy accent) "Ze college and steak problem seem more of a problem in

ze U.S. than a problem of the universe. Neither of those issues apply to me as a European. What changed? The other ones were universal."

Dick: Is that how people from Antwerp sound? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! (through giggles)

Dick: Like...like they have their nuts in a vice?

Maddox: Yeah, Damieen, that's...yeah, that's Damieen. He's "European." (goofy accent) Uh... (cracks up)

Dick: So he doesn't think it's a universal problem?

Maddox: Yeah, I guess in Europe they don't have steak, right Damieen? Is that what your problem is? And they don't have...uh, what, dogs in Europe? What exactly don't they have in Europe? How is that not a European problem?

Dick: They have guys that need to get laid, though! Yeeeahh! (gloating)

Maddox: Yeah, mmhm. Yeah, I guarantee -

Dick: (interjects) Hmhmm, winner!! Chicken dinner!

Maddox: I guarantee Damieen needs to get laid. His...his profile picture is like, some stupid, goofy cartoon character.

Dick: You say it...you say that like an insult! We all need to get laid, dude!

Maddox: Eh, it's... (dismissively)

Dick: Get over it.

Maddox: I don't NEED to. Come on. It's not a problem here! Um, the next comment is from Nicholas from Olin, North Carolina. He says, "I'm with Maddox on the steaks. Also, Dick's debate method is to simply repeat his rebutted argument; this does not further his point, nor in any way validate it. I do agree with Dick on the college issue, though." So there you go.

Dick: Great, so I made my point there.

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic) So you got a...you got a frustrated college loser.

Dick: Oh. (dismayed)

Maddox: Well, he's not a loser. He agreed with me. Alright, Nick.

Dick: That's hurtful.

Maddox: Nick's...Nick's on my side.

Dick: He could probably sing Neil Diamond songs. (chuckling)

Maddox: Nick? I don't know about that.

Dick: For the governor, yeah.

Maddox: I don't know about that. Let's get to the -

Dick: (interjects) Let's get to the problems, pleeease.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Number one this week, you go.

Dick: Uh, I get to go first because I'm the winner. (Maddox laughs) Right?

Maddox: Just go, go first. You're the biggest loser, go first.

Dick: I'm the BIGGEST, though.

Maddox: The king of the losers.

Dick: We can agree that I'm the biggest and the king. (Maddox snorts and laughs) Here's my first problem: table nazis.

Maddox: Table nazis, what is that?

Dick: Okay? So, I'll tell you what it is. Um...I went to Stout Burger last week. You know that burger place?

Maddox: Well -

Dick: It's like a delicious...it's, it's not the best -- it's like the BEST burger place ever, man. It's like, all the waitresses are hot...

Maddox: Well... (skeptical)

Dick: ...and like, some of them are not a bitch, (Maddox chuckles) and the burgers are...they look like they came right out of a commercial. And they're all -- it's all high-quality, like, crispy prosciutto and this sauce that I don't know what it is, but it tastes amazing.

Maddox: Yeah. Does it have the Roquefort cheese on it?

Dick: Uh...yes. They have that cheese on it.

Maddox: That bullshit cheese?

Dick: And they've got like a hundred beers on tap and it's out on a patio, it's outside. It's really nice. Like I'll plan a whole day around just going to Stout Burger.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: My buddy will call me up like, "I'm getting off of work early, I'm coming over and let's go...run up like a 300-dollar tab at Stout Burger."

Maddox: Yeah, I believe it.

Dick: So I go in there, and um, I wanna get a burger. The girl won't let me sit at a two-person table because there's only one of me! (indignant)

Maddox: So where are you supposed to sit?

Dick: (stammers) In the...on the toilet?? In the bathroom, I guess? She invited me to sit at the bar.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: I was like, "Uh, no, I would like to sit at the table like a HUMAN."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "And not like a depressed alcoholic sitting at the bar by myself, hunched over a bar with my feet dangling off a stool like a child." (irritated) (Maddox laughs) "I'd like to sit like a man at a TABLE." So I'm immediately...incensed. Right? Uh, I think about leaving, but I really want the Stout burger so I'm like, "Well, what's...what are you talking about?" She's like, "Well, you know, they don't want...they don't want you to sit at the table if there's not the full amount of people to fill up the table."

Maddox: Well, how busy was the restaurant? Was it pretty full?

Dick: Does that matter?!

Maddox: Yes, it matters.

Dick: What the he-...you too?!?

Maddox: No, it -

Dick: (interjects) So now I'm pitching myself to you in restaurants that I should be able to sit and eat like a human?!

Maddox: They're running a business, not a therapy session! They don't give a shit that you don't have friends!

Dick: Yeah, here's the...here's the 'they' part, 'cause this is not what pisses me off. I get running a business. It's not THEY telling me I can't sit there, it's this WOMAN who's supposed to be a hostess telling me I can't sit there.

Maddox: You say "woman" so...uh, with so much venom.

Dick: (chuckling) Well... (Maddox laughs) That...that's what it was!

Maddox: Was she hot?

Dick: Uh, no, or else I don't I would've been as pissed off. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: Of course! 'Cause then you woulda sat at the bar like a little lapdog and then flirted with her, talked to her!

Dick: No, I woulda invited her to sit with me. Um, but here's, here...okay, here's really why it pissed me off. This is why it's a problem: because people don't, like, don't ask...they don't just sit there and think to themselves, "Gee, what do you wanna do...what are you tryin' to do here and how can I not get in the way of you doing that?"

Maddox: Hmmm. I...you know, I personally do the opposite. (cracks up) I look and see what you're tryin' to do, and I'm all about obstruction, baby! 'What are you tryin' to do? I'm gettin' in the way!'

Dick: Are you tellin' me you've never gone to a restaurant and been denied it? Like if there's one four-seater table left, you walk in with two people; they're like -- they don't give you, uh...they don't give you guff for wanting to sit at the four-person table? Instead of

being like, "Oo, I don't know! Gosh, if YOU guys sit there maybe a party of four'll come in and then we're out two precious diners!!" (mocking)

Maddox: Well, it...no, it depends!

Dick: "God forbid!"

Maddox: No, it depends. If it's a really busy restaurant and it's a very busy night -- like it's a Saturday night, somethin' like that? I'm going to...yeah! You know, I get it, they're running a business and I'm not gonna take up a giant fucking -

Dick: (interjects) How do you understa-...how do you GET that??

Maddox: (raises voice) Because look at the flipside, Dick! If you show up at a restaurant with your four friends and there's one loser bozo sitting at a four-person table, and you're just sittin' there waitin' around with your dick in your hand 'cause that guy wouldn't sit at the bar! Sit at the bar, dude!

Dick: You know what?

Maddox: (interjects) You don't have to take up a giant fuckin' table! You don't need that much real estate for one person.

Dick: Get a bigger place!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay! (sarcastic)

Dick: That's the solu-...it's not my problem! (yelling) My problem is not table logistics! My problem is getting a burger and 50 dollars of beer in my stomach as quickly as possible.

Maddox: (sneering) Oh, and it -

Dick: (interjects) THAT'S what I'm thinking about.

Maddox: Great, and it's interesting that that...that you're suggesting they get a bigger place. What Dick failed to mention is that this burger joint, this burger establishment, is in the HEART of Hollywood. Like, one of the busiest places. So if they DID get a bigger place it would cost more, and those costs would be passed on to you in terms of the burger.

Dick: I don't care!!

Maddox: I know you don't care, BUT you also wouldn't go to the burger establishment! Because in order for them to find a bigger place it would probably have to be outside Hollywood. You would have to drive further -

Dick: That is... (disdainful)

Maddox: - you'd have to go further!

Dick: First of all, Stout DOES have a location outside of Hollywood.

Maddox: I know!

Dick: And it's not as good.

Maddox: (stammers) They have one in uh, Santa Monica, yeah!

Dick: It's weird. It's like, in a parking lot, like the...

Maddox: What?!

Dick: ...in the Hollywood one, the patio is on the street and you can look at people goin' by.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: But in the other one it's like, the patio's in a parking lot and it feels...it feels too ghetto.

Maddox: Dick, you've never been to a restaurant in Asia, have you? You've never been to an Asian restaurant.

Dick: *In* Asia?

Maddox: Or Italy! Have you been...you've -- you've been to Italy!

Dick: Uh, please. (derisively)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Uhh, I've been to Italy more than you, bucko.

Maddox: Mmm, I dunno. I dunno about that.

Dick: But, yeah. (sneering)

Maddox: So in Italy, I went to this really -

Dick: (interjects) What the HELL...no, I've never been to a restaurant in Asia.

Maddox: Okay. So, in...in Asian restaurants, like in Hong Kong, if it's very busy -- if it's a very popular place -- you show up and you sit down where they tell you to. You sit down, you might have to split a table with some strangers.

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: And I did...I did the same thing in Italy when I went to this really fancy -- like one of the most, uh, renowned pizza joints in all of Italy. It's so busy, they don't have time for your precious manners and your precious little etiquette and your table nazi rules. You sit down where they tell you to, and you might have to split a table with some strangers.

Dick: Will you have to sit at the bar?

Maddox: They didn't have a bar at this place.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: But who cares?

Dick: Mmhm. (sassy)

Maddox: Oh, no! (mocking) Wahh!

Dick: So what? So what. That's, I'm being...I'm being a princess because I wanna sit at a table and, and...?

Maddox: (interjects) You're bein' a HUGE princess. Yeah. Because who cares? Just sit down and get your fuckin' burger. (chuckling) Especially -- also, if you're sitting at the bar -

Dick: (interjects) (yelling) I don't wanna sit at the bar and jab DUDES with -- look, I'm a big guy! I don't wanna jam a bunch of other idiots in their ribs while I'm trying to eat a delicious hamburger.

Maddox: That is lies, there is plenty of space in between the seats! I've seen the bar stools at this restaurant -

Dick: (interjects) You are ab-...wait a minute, wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: I will bet you that there is not space at that bar.

Maddox: PLENTY of space.

Dick: There is...NO. Absolutely not.

Maddox: And I've sat...I've sat at the bar before and I sat next to chicks! And guess what? We TALKED, and it was awesome.

Dick: No, it was all dudes there when I was there though.

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Look, I -- you know, I don't always wanna...sometimes I just wanna sit down and eat the damn burger! And I don't want some HOSTESS telling me, uh, where I can sit! Where I can and can't sit. That's the issue.

Maddox: You just wanna walk in like you own the joint, sit wherever you want! (chuckling)

Dick: Hey, I don't need her at all!! She doesn't need to be involved in the transaction! I can just walk in and sit down. A sign that said, "Hey Dick Masterson, go FUCK yourself" propped up at the front of the restaurant would've been more useful than that girl. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah...I dunno. I think they hire a hostess because they want to maximize their...and you know what? I'll give you this -

Dick: (interjects) They hire the hostess to make you feel welcome! (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah, she made you feel welcome to go -

Dick: (interjects) She made me NOT feel welcome. (cracking up)

Maddox: - go sit at the bar. (Dick laughs) Go sit -- go feel welcome at the bar. Again, I wasn't there so I don't know how busy the place was, but if it was really busy I get where they're coming from.

Dick: Ugh, man. (exasperated)

Maddox: If it's not busy, sure! You should be able to sit wherever you want. I don't care. I've gone to restaurants where it was dead, and I just sat at a booth for eight people. Like, who cares?

Dick: I can't believe you're cutting them this much slack.

Maddox: Eh, I get it. They're runnin' a business!

Dick: So what would you do? Just eat at the bar like a sucker and hang your feet off?

Maddox: I HAVE, and it was great.

Dick: Alright, well...that's my problem!

Maddox: That's your non-problem. Non-problem. Okay, so Table Nazis -

Dick: (interjects) That's a universal problem, too! I bet that happens in uh, Antwerp. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: In Bel-...oh yeah, we'll...we'll make sure that uh, Damieen (in goofy Belgian accent) chimes in and lets us know if that happens in Europe. Damieen, we don't know that. Um, okay. Let's get to a -- let's get to a real problem here, man. My first problem this week is marriage. (slowly) (Dick smirks) Marriage.

Dick: That's a...are you looking for a sound clip?

Maddox: No, I don't have...I don't have -

Dick: (interjects) You know what? I dunno, in my head I expect the theme song from Married with Children to start playing when you say that. (smiling)

Maddox: Ah, that's a great theme song. Oh, and speaking of that theme song, you know on Married with Children, the DVDs? They didn't include that song.

Dick: Yeah! They changed it.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, it's horrible.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, marriage...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um.....yeah, that's a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah, it IS a big problem. So first of all, let's look at the statistics: 50 percent of marriages end in divorce. Right?

Dick: Okay. (Maddox cracks up) I don't know that that's true, but I don't care either way.

Maddox: (laughing) It is...it is true!

Dick: Like, I'm sure it's...that sounds about right.

Maddox: So, here's something kind of interesting: since the recession hit in the last, uh, 3-4 years...well, before the recession, the marriage -- er, the divorce rate had gone *down.*

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So during recessions, the divorce rate goes down. Why do you think that is?

Dick: Wait, wait. DURING a recession...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...there's less divorces.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Probably because...people can't afford to live on their own. Like, it's a lot scarier to try to -- if you don't have a job to try and survive on your own, so it's just better to stay with whatever jerk you're...sticking it to.

Maddox: That's *exactly* it! That's exactly correct. Here's actually a news clip. [**plays CBS news clip:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wF1CNRZuVyI]

Female Interviewee: During the recession, a lot of people felt so financially strapped that they couldn't even figure out a way to split up. According to the University of Maryland, there's 150,000 couples that waited until economic conditions got better.

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: Isn't that depressing?

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Like if you were...if you're in a miserable relationship -- first of all, you know that Lewis Black [Louis C.K.] clip where he says that when somebody says they're getting a divorce, you should congratulate them because no good relationship ends.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: I guess, okay.

Maddox: So...so you are in a miserable relationship, and you can't even get out of it because you can't afford to. Isn't that the most depressing thing that you can think of?

Dick: Not really.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Dick: That...who cares?

Maddox: What do you mean, "who cares"?!

Dick: 'Cause they're just a buncha idiots who are together 'cause there's nothing better. Isn't that what a marriage is, basically? Like there's nothing better for you, so you gotta stick it out with this jerk that, like, fails you every day in a new and unique way? And you're like, "Whatever, I'm just too tired to go look for anything better than this." (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Dick, you...like, talking to you (Dick laughs) makes me feel like -- I see the world grayer after we have a discussion.

Dick: Yeah! (grinning)

Maddox: Everything's a little bit more bleak, everything's a little bit more depressing...I feel like I have less to live for after talking to you. (cracking up)

Dick: That's why I don't think it's a problem! It's like, people get married and you're like, "Yeah, okay. I'm sure your relationship sucks. You're all fun and games on your wedding day, but I know..." Like, who's that good?? Who's really that good, that you wanna stand there in front of everybody and be like, "Ooh, I really love this person!" (stupid voice) (Maddox laughs) Like, okay, whatever. (cynical) I'm sure they're a jerk.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just like everybody else. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. Buncha jackoffs, gettin' married. "Oh..." (mockingly sentimental) And you know what? I'm getting to the -- so I'm past the hump now; I'm, uh...I'm past the hump where all my friends were getting married.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And NOW I'm getting to the point where all my friends are getting divorced. (cracks up)

Dick: Do you tell 'em "congratulations" when they do?

Maddox: Uh, not always. I'm pretty supportive. However, I did have a friend recently who did get a divorce and had a divorce party!

Dick: Oh, that's cool.

Maddox: And it was...yeah! It was -- I mean, it was kinda weird, I didn't know what to expect. But uh, they were both there and it was...you know, just this supportive environment. They, they -- the reason they got divorced is because they said they're taking different paths in life, and they still love each other but they don't wanna be...you know, they need to like, go their separate ways. And I get that. But, again -

Dick: (interjects) You get that?

Maddox: No, I get the reason for the divorce.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Not the reason for the marriage. I don't see any...I feel like...so this is a thesis I've been workin' on for a long time, uh, I may be writing about soon. But I feel like there's no better way to tell somebody that you don't trust them than marriage. Than to insist that they marry you.

Dick: I guess.

Maddox: Right? Because if you say to somebody, "Hey, I love you, I wanna be with you, I wanna spend the rest of my life with you," and then they say, "Well, why don't you - "

Dick: (interjects) "On one condition." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Uh, and they say to you, "Well, why don't you take the next step and why don't we get married?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's saying that they don't really trust you! They're undermining your, your...your vow to them.

Dick: I think you're thinkin' about it like a computer, though. (Maddox snickers) 'Cause...like, people just get emotional and they want it. They wanna make...people like making proclamations like marriage.

Maddox: Dick, how is that at all rational?! Like, that is the *opposite* of a rational decision. Why would you make an emotional decision?

Dick: (yells) What's RATIONAL about plugging a piece of your anatomy into a broad?? Like, none of it's rational! What are you TALKING about?

Maddox: Of course it is, you have to reproduce! That's why we have that drive. We -

Dick: (interjects) That's not rational!!

Maddox: Reproduction is rational. You have to, otherwise we die. That's the end of it.

Dick: So you're...so you're saying that the reason you wanna bone chicks is, like, this global meta-sense of needing to propagate the species?? That's retarded!

Maddox: That's...

Dick: It's just a biological impulse! You just WANT it, man! 'Yeeeah!' (raunchily) Like this! 'Yeeeeah!' (laughs)

Maddox: No, you're not explaining... (both laugh) Dick was making a disgusting hump motion.

Dick: Everybody knows what I was doin' with that sound. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it's... (grossed out)

Dick: Ooohoohoo, yeeeah! (sexy tone)

Maddox: Oh my gosh. I wanna like, wash my ears right now. Um...no, the reason -- you're not explaining WHY, you're explaining WHAT. You're just explaining that there IS a biological response, but not why. The reason is -

Dick: (interjects) Impulse!

Maddox: No! It's... (cracks up) What?!

Dick: It's a biological impulse!

Maddox: Again, that's what, not why. What's the 'why'??

Dick: What the hell are you talkin' about?!

Maddox: You're explaining what, not why. Tell me why.

Dick: That's like explaining why you have two arms! You just do. You EVOLVED with it. Like, it's an evolutionary trait!

Maddox: Okay...

Dick: (stammers) What's...what more do you want than that?

Maddox: Because it increases our chances of what?

(brief silence)

Dick: (chuckling) It's how life WORKS!! What the HELL are you asking?

Maddox: Dick, we evolved two arms and opposable thumbs because it increases our chances of what?

Dick: Survival!

Maddox: EXACTLY. And that's probably why we also feel this -

Dick: (interjects) That's not a logical choice!

Maddox: What do you mean? What's not a logical choice?

Dick: Evolving arms to survive is not a logical choice.

Maddox: Well, I -

Dick: (interjects) Neither is wanting to bone!

Maddox: I mean, it's not, it's not...what do you mean?? What are you talking about?

Dick: You're not making the CHOICE to have arms or wanna bang broads, or wanna get married. It's in your DNA!

Maddox: (chuckling) Wha...whooooa! Okay, okay. To *want* to and then to execute -- are you saying it's the same thing? To want to have sex.

Dick: To want to bone...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...is a biological impulse.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah, there's no reason for it. You don't need a reason for it, it's in your DNA.

Maddox: You DO! It's for reproduction. Okay, I don't...there's nothin' to argue here, you're just wrong (cracks up) and we're goin' around in circles.

Dick: Okay. So, what's wrong with marriage then?

Maddox: What do you mean, "what's wrong with m-..."?! Okay -- first of all, it wastes so much fucking money. Right? How much money have you wasted just going around to marriages?

Dick: Oh my god... (exhales thoughtfully)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...a lot.

Maddox: Yeah! And you gotta dress up, and it's the same song and dance, it's the same jerkoff: we're standing around saying, "Ohh, my god! Oh, it's so lovely, it's so beautiful."

Dick: Yeah, and you never get laid.

Maddox: No! Nobody -

Dick: (interjects) Like, the return of getting laid to going to a wedding is...is like, lower than Vegas.

Maddox: Well, it's -

Dick: (interjects) Right?? You can't...right? You cannot get laid in Vegas. That's a marketing ploy to get people to go to Vegas. Nobody gets laid in Vegas!

Maddox: Yeah, Vegas is bullshit. I hate Vegas. Um, what -

Dick: (interjects) And weddings are one step below it.

Maddox: Yeah! I think -- I think you have a less...you have a lower likelihood of getting laid in a marriage...or in... (cracks up)

Dick: At a wedding.

Maddox: (chuckling) At a wedding...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...than in Vegas. And also in marriage! Like, a lot of marriages end because they become these long, boring, sexless relationships.

Dick: Yikes. (quietly)

Maddox: Yeah! Terrible.

Dick: So you were saying, before we got into the biology thing...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...you were saying that it's not logical to wanna propose to somebody?

Maddox: There's...the only -- the only reason I can see, the only rational reason I can see to want to get married is if you're ready to have kids. Because then it just makes things less complicated; it makes hospital visitation rights easier, it makes a bunch of things easier. You can...you can worry about the name thing easier. There's a lot of uh, a lot of things that it makes less complicated if you're ready to have kids. However, outside of that there is NO FUCKING reason to ever get married. And every time I ask one of my friends and I ask them, "Why are you getting married?" They say, "Oh, well, you know, we just want to make a public vow that we love each other." I'm like, "Then DO it! You don't need to...you don't need to get married to do that!"

Dick: Yeah, I... (stammers) I think you're...I think you're looking for too much logic in this. Like I hate marriage and weddings...um, but still, I think it's just built into people. It's like a fun pretend time that they get to -- like, "Oh, look at all this dumb stuff we're doing and saying, and everyone believes it! Whoooa, we feel so good!" (dreamy voice)

Maddox: Yeah, but you're not explaining why. Again, you're explaining the 'what.' Uh, all you're saying is it's...it's this thing that we do, but the reason we do that is...this tradition is steeped in -- uh, in like medieval times, when they wanted to make it easier for property to be handed down from generation to generation. Like, that's all it was.

Dick: Well... (sighs)

Maddox: It was like...it was a way to create treaties and allies. That's all it was.

Dick: I feel like I'm making your head explode with this explanation I keep giving you, and I'm trying to figure out why. 'Cause it makes sense to me, but it seems to...like, I can see veins... (Maddox chuckles) I think steam's gonna start shooting out of your ears.

Maddox: So angry. (muttering)

Dick: I definitely think there was an analog for marriage before the Middle Ages. Like, I'm sure they had some stupid ceremony dating back to the beginning of civilization.

Maddox: Are you sure?

Dick: Where people would be together forever.

Maddox: Yeah. I, I mean...

Dick: Yeah! Sure.

Maddox: These are always steeped in some kind of political thing, or... (stammers) ...some property thing -

Dick: (interjects) You're saying poor people didn't do this? Like are you saying poor people didn't sit there and say, like, "We'll be together forever?"

Maddox: They -- the landowners had a vested interest in making sure that their...uh, their servants, their subjects, stayed together. Because it made their kingdom more stable, it made their...it brought more property value. It brought more wealth in.

Dick: So you think everybody is brainwashed to wanna be married??

Maddox: (raises voice) Yes, because there's no point! You can be in a relationship as long as you want, you don't need to be married! I was in a relationship for over 7 years one time, we didn't get married.

Dick: Oh my god! What is this, talkin' about our feelings and...? (Maddox laughs) No, I'm kidding. Um, dude, that's...no! I don't...I can't believe I'm defending marriage!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: To you! It's...

Maddox: Who the hell am I doin' this show -- what has happened?

Dick: It's not...it's not logical!

Maddox: Bring back Dick.

Dick: (chuckling) It's just not SUPPOSED to be logical! Like, it's retarded!

Maddox: No, that's my point. If it's not logical, then we shouldn't...it's this...first of all, I don't have a problem necessarily with doing things that are, uh, purely emotional. *I* don't do them, 'cause I don't have any. If you do -

Dick: (interjects) Any...emotions? (amused)

Maddox: Any emotions.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I'm dead inside. So...but if you...if you also do something that's emotional that costs your friends and family tens of thousands of dollars and then you piss away tens of thousands of dollars on ONE fucking night, on some bullshit party, when you coulda put that down as a down payment for your house or traveled the world or put it towards college or ANYTHING, then that's when I have a problem with it.

Dick: Yeah, I'm with you on that. Uh, the fact -- like, people have weddings and they act like they did you a favor by inviting you.

Maddox: Oh. (exasperated)

Dick: But they should be apologizing. Like, "I'm sorry I made you blow a night..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "...coming here, I'm sorry I made you spend all this money..."

Maddox: Oh, and the worst is a holiday wedding! Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They think they -- like they'll lump it into Labor Day or Memorial Day or, you know, whatever...whatever day off. Like Thanksgiving - "Oh, we're havin' a Thanksgiving wedding! Everybody already has it off, it's convenient!" Yeah, it's convenient for YOU, dickhead. 'Cause then you're gonna go on your honeymoon, but the rest of us wasted our vacation time comin' to see you bozos get married. And then, of course, get divorced four years later.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, I'm with you on all that normal stuff, like it's a ripoff and it costs -- like dude, I've probably spent a couple grand on destination weddings this year.

Maddox: Oh, easily.

Dick: Already.

Maddox: Yeah. I -

Dick: (interjects) And they're just always...like even at their best, they're just like, "Yeah, it was a wedding." (flatly)

Maddox: I had -

Dick: (interjects) "That's what I did." But still, I think your reasoning for not...for thinking it's a problem is like, a little...like I can imagine you explaining that to your girlfriend. Like, "Look, the reason why I won't get married is because there's no logical reason for this." (stiff voice) (Maddox laughs) And I start rolling my eyes immediately 'cause it's like, do you never want a blowjob again? Why would you ever say that? (grinning)

Maddox: Oh my GOSH. What? (smiling) Dude, do you let girls hold blowjobs hostage to *marriage*?

Dick: It is -

Maddox: (interjects) Do you just tell them that you...do you string them along with the promise of marriage so you can get blowjobs?

Dick: Um, it is the only important thing -- it's the only thing that matters to me in the world, is getting blowjobs. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs) So I will do...WHATEVER to get them.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: Including -

Maddox: (interjects) GREAT.

Dick: Whatever it takes!

Maddox: Sad. Just, again, the world is grayer.

Dick: How is that sad?!

Maddox: Because you shouldn't have to! Like, the girl should WANT to. Every girl I ever -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah! Oh, they want to. (Maddox laughs) Yeah! (provocatively) 'Cause that's the only time it counts, when they want to. Get outta here. (smiling)

Maddox: Um, I once talked to a friend who was defending marriage, and he said that the reason marriage is a good thing is because...he said, "You know sometimes when you're in a relationship and you have a fight with a girl, and - "

Dick: (interjects) (annoyed) Oh, I've heard this stupid...I've heard this response from a lot of guys. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you have a fight with a girl, and you...you know, rather than storm off and end the relationship, if you're in a -

Dick: (interjects) Like I do! (Maddox cracks up) Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Right, like you do, 'cause you're VERY emotional. (Dick laughs) Uh, rather than storm off -

Dick: (interjects) I stormed outta Stout! Like, "THAT'S IT!!" (snapping) (Maddox laughs) "I'm outta here!! How dare you treat me like this!" (pretending to get hysterical)

Maddox: In a tizzy. (Dick guffaws) With your skirt... (laughs)

Dick: And then I got on the Internet and complained about it! Ohh, no! (self-deprecatingly)

Maddox: Yep...yup!

Dick: Aaaoohh! (groaning)

Maddox: Princess Masterson. (smiling)

Dick: Ohhh, I've become my dad.

Maddox: Yeah. So, so... (laughs) So rather -- so he's makin' the case, he says rather than just storm out of a relationship if things go bad, if you're in a marriage it forces you to...to have a cooler head, to calm down and try to work things out.

Dick: Yeah... (unsure)

Maddox: However, the flip side of that is, marriage also prolongs a bad relationship!

Dick: Well, the -- my first response to the first part is like, "What are you? What, do you have another chick lined up that you're gonna go bang?" (cracking a grin) Every time I've ever heard that from a guy, I'm like, "You have no play! What are...you're just here because you need to bang! Like, it'll be YEARS before you bang another chick if you're not here! What are you talkin' about??" (switches to a stupid voice) "Oh, marriage is good 'cause we can fight and then in the morning..." Like, neither of you are goin' anywhere!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (laughing) You don't have any other opportunities!

Maddox: Buncha -

Dick: (interjects) THAT'S why people get married!

Maddox: Yeah, buncha dead-enders.

Dick: They're terrified!

Maddox: Yeah, they're terrified.

Dick: That they'll never get to bone again.

Maddox: AND it's almost exclusively a thing that the girl's pushing for. I've rarely ever met a guy who's like, "Yeah, I really wanna get married. I really...like, this is my goal. I wanna get married."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, that's marriage.

Dick: So, your problem is...marriage *and* gay marriage, basically. We can say that Maddox thinks gay marriage is a problem. By extension. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: Oh, very...very nice.

Dick: What are their divorce rates?

Maddox: Very nice. Gay...gay divorce rates -

Dick: (interjects) Is it the same? Is it comparable?

Maddox: (inhales thoughtfully) I don't know, but I'd imagine...I'd imagine it's comparable. I know in, uh, lesbian relationships, I've heard that, um...

Dick: (interjects) I've heard that they bring a U-Haul to the first date. Is that accurate? (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: What, just move right in?

Dick: Lesbians, yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Uh, you -

Dick: (interjects) I dunno, that might've been a joke.

Maddox: Well, we should probably...

Dick: But no one's laughing, so you can't tell. (laughs)

Maddox: We should probably... (breaks down laughing) We should probably check Wikipedia. (chuckles) It's probably on there. Uh, no, I've heard a lot of lesbian relationships go stale much...uh, much sooner than straight relationships. I have heard that.

Dick: Ohh. (quietly) (smirks)

Maddox: But I dunno. I imagine, like, gay guys have it all figured out. Right?? Like you know, they're the ones who get married, and usually they... (stammers) A lot of my gay friends who are married have been together for like 20-plus years.

Dick: Hmm...yeah.

Maddox: So, you know. They're happy, whatever. But the gay guys who aren't married probably have the *best* lives! 'Cause they have the sex drive of a man, and then they have -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, wait... (cracks up) Okay.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: They have the sex drive of a man, and then the dating pool is all other men. All other gay men, yeah.

Dick: I don't know. You know, I think about...'cause it's easy to say that, but then if I'm like, "What if I...?" Like the only reason that chicks I'm dating really piss me off is 'cause I want...like, I want to bang them more. I want things out of them that I don't want from my friends. Like with you guys, I'm just like, "Okay, whatever. That was dumb, I gotta get outta here. I'm gonna go play video games."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So. But with a chick, it just...it annoys me 'cause I have to sit there and try to bang her, so it's like getting hammered in the head by the annoyances. I feel like maybe gay guys are like that too! Like maybe they sit there and they're hitting on a guy and it's like, "Oh, god! This guy's really drivin' me nuts with this BS, but..." (gritting his teeth)

Maddox: No, no, no!

Dick: "I gotta bang him!"

Maddox: It can't be, no way.

Dick: Maybe it's the same!! What if it's the same? That's all I'm sayin'. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, I, I think that...I think that gay guys...uh, from what I've seen, they're way more straightforward; if they wanna have sex, they just walk up to the dude and say, "Hey, let's go have sex," and...

Dick: That seems a little stereotypical. (chuckling)

Maddox: No no, I'm sayin' I've SEEN this. I've actually seen this.

Dick: You've seen...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...gay guys approach...?

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah! Totally. I've seen it...I've seen it happen. You know, they're...you know.

Dick: Wow! Alright.

Maddox: And it's all across the board; you have the gamut. You have people who flirt -- like, gay guys who flirt with each other and try to pick each other up, and then some guys who are very straightforward. They just say, "I just wanna have sex." That's where Tinder came from! Uh, the gay app Grindr!

Dick: Grindr, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I know. Um...

Maddox: Which is brilliant!

Dick: Are you -- did you get all your weird marriage stuff out? What else do you got?

Maddox: You know, I got enough out. I'm gettin' pissed. I'm, like, too sweaty right now. (Dick laughs loudly)

Dick: What else do you have?!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: I'm not tryin' to be obtuse about the biological thing, I'm just saying that it's not logical! Like, you're lookin' for logic and it's a thing that's not logical. It's like looking for logic in why someone likes music. They just do!

Maddox: (hesitates) No, there's...there's probably a scientific explanation for why we like music. There's probably some evolutionary reason for it. Um...so, marriage...I mentioned marriage prolongs a bad relationship. Also, after a divorce -- this is kind of interesting -- a woman's income goes down by about 40 percent, and a man's income goes down by about 25 percent.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So you both stand to lose, right? And after divorce, you're entitled to your ex-spouse's Social Security benefits.

Dick: Ugh. Alright.

Maddox: If you don't remarry. And then anything you make during your marriage is susceptible, so you have to give up like 50 percent of everything you make, essentially, during the marriage. I can't think of anything more vulgar than two people...well, there's a couple things I can think of that are more vulgar than what I'm about to say. (cracking up) However, uh, when two people are in love, and they like each other, they're spending good time together, they're happy, they're best friends...

Dick: Uh-huh. Best friends??

Maddox: ...they say -

Dick: (interjects) Whoa!

Maddox: Well, I mean...you know, an ideal relationship.

Dick: That doesn't happen.

Maddox: Whatever. Um, so -

Dick: (interjects) That's just something that...that's just something people say. (smiling) "Oh, we're best friends!" Like, no one EVER means that they're really best friends with their wife, do they? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Again, grayer and grayer. This is just the most bleak...

Dick: (laughing) Like, you call your wife - "Oh, you gotta hear this story! Uh, Sean was drivin' home, we saw this Mexican guy kick a soccer ball under a bus, and then this other guy shit in his pants!" Like, you're...THAT'S what I tell my best friend. You're gonna call some wom-...you're gonna call your *wife* and tell her that story? About a bum shitting in his pants on the street? Yeah, right! (laughs more)

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: They're your best friend? (sneering)

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: Get outta here!!

Maddox: I have dated many women who are like that to me.

Dick: Who are your best friend?! (screeching through giggles)

Maddox: Yes!!

Dick: Ohh. (derisively)

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: Oh...oh, get outta here! (Maddox laughs) Just get right outta town!

Maddox: Maybe I'll go to Stout. (both laugh loudly) I'll sit...I'll sit at -

Dick: (interjects) Well, I'll go with you just so you can get a table, and then I'll LEAVE...so, joke's on them! So you'll be sitting there at their PRECIOUS table by yourself. (spiteful)

Maddox: That's a hilarious joke. (mocking) Um...yeah, anyway. So uh, so there's nothin' more vulgar than...well... (searches for words) Okay. It's not -

Dick: (interjects) Two people getting together...

Maddox: Two people getting together and then saying, "Let's involve the government. Let's bring the government into this union."

Dick: Well, I agree with you big time on that.

Maddox: Yeah. It's disgusting! Why...why do we need to document this officially with the government? Why does the government ever have to come into any of this? You know what I AM in favor of, though? Marriage for scam. Like if you're gonna do it for health insurance, or if you're gonna do it for tax reasons, I'm all about it. 'Cause the government's lookin' for EVERY opportunity to screw you, so you should also...

Dick: Wait a minute.

Maddox: ...return in kind. Yeah.

Dick: Is this...are you propositioning to me 'cause you know I have health insurance? Is that what this is? (slyly) Is this an elaborate con to...so I will wanna marry you (Maddox cracks up) to share my health insurance with you, you scumbag? Is that what you're doing here?

Maddox: Wooow.

Dick: (chuckling) I see what's goin' on!

Maddox: Wow, you saw right through it. (dryly)

Dick: I'm on to you!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: I'm on to you.

Maddox: No, I don't wanna get married. (suddenly excited) Is that YOUR elaborate way of asking ME to get married?

Dick: Lemme think about it. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: It might be!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic)

Dick: That's a...it's a big problem.

Maddox: It's a big problem!

Dick: Marriage.

Maddox: Marriage. Let's move on to yours...your second.

Dick: (sighs wearily) Car insurance.

Maddox: Car insurance!! (growling) Oh, wow! I am so glad I didn't...I was thinkin' about bringing that problem in today.

Dick: Car insurance, today?

Maddox: Yeah! I was thinking about car insurance.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, thankfully -

Dick: (interjects) Lemme tell you...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...lemme tell you what happened to me. I wrecked up my car. Little bit.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Um...a lot.

Maddox: (**sound clip of man saying, "Well, that's unfortunate."**) (laughs)

Dick: I ran it into a...this, this is what happened. I hit an unavoidable natural obstacle... (slowly; cautiously) ...water, in the rain, and hit a curb. That's what happened, let's just leave it at that. (Maddox splutters and laughs) Okay? THAT'S what happened to my car.

Maddox: Well, uh, there are alotta questions I have, Dick. (knowingly)

Dick: No there's not! (Maddox laughs more) That's the story, that's what the insurance company knows happened...

Maddox: Uh-huh. (amused)

Dick: ...that's what's on the accident report.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So shut the hell up about what happened to my car. (Maddox laughs) And it looks like...it looked like Paul Bunyan hit the front right tire with an axe. That's how it looked. So basically, like...destroyed.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I take it -

Maddox: (interjects) Paul Bunyan would fuck up a car, right.

Dick: Oh yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You better believe it. So I took it in to get repaired, right? And I've been paying car insurance for whatever...however long I've paid it for.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Never used it.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I get in there, and they're both -- the mechanic and the insurance company are like, "Don't worry, we'll take care of it." So they're going back and forth, fixing my car for me, figuring out what gets fixed and what doesn't need to be fixed. And I'm sitting there on the sidelines getting an update every couple days, going, "Wait a minute! No one in this equation gives a SHIT about me!" Like these guys are fixing things and basically getting approval from the insurance company, who doesn't care, and the body shop sure as hell doesn't care! They just wanna get it out the door. (annoyed)

Maddox: Are you looking for that personal touch in customer service? Like, what's... (cracks up)

Dick: No!! There's...there's no one for me to STRANGLE and say like, "Hey, jackass!" Like, they're...at the end they say, "Um, well, we can't match your rim. Your rim...that rim doesn't get made anymore, so do you want us to just approximate it?" I'm like, "No! I want you to fix...I want to have four matching rims! You know, like a real car!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Like everybody else. I want it to look like you would want YOUR car to look like, you stupid jerk. That's what...that's what I wanna do in this equation." I want that person to be involved, and they're not!!

Maddox: Right, so they would either have to replace all four rims so they match...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...OR pull out their big guns and go to a junkyard or check eBay and find a rim. I guarantee they can find that rim somewhere!

Dick: Right?? So I was gonna do that, but the... (stammers) ...so I'm like, "Just let me get my car and I'LL do that. I'll fix it CORRECTLY."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And they're like, "Well, what are you gonna drive it on? You got no wheel." So I'm like, "Okay, dude! Uhh...yeah, I guess I'm totally screwed here! What am I gonna do, go get a...a placeholder wheel, drive it to the auto body shop, then drive it away and start doing...??" Meanwhile, I'm out a car by 3 weeks, so I'm totally hosed. So I'm like, "No, you know what? Just do whatever you want." So they negotiate with the insurance company; now I'm stuck with Persian rims. (annoyed) (Maddox bursts out laughing) Like Persian racing -- like, the guy...I pick it up and the guy goes, "Hey, what do you think, bro? Pretty cool!" (imitating a Persian accent) (Maddox laughs more) I'm like, "Uh...yeah, dude. Ya NAILED it. It looks exactly like it looked before. THANKS." (heavily sarcastic)

Maddox: Oh, sounds pretty cool, bro. (teasing) Those Persian rims sound like they're number one. (smiling)

Dick: You would love them. (laughs)

Maddox: Number one racing rims, my friend. (Persian accent) (laughs) You...it sounds like you got an upgrade, my friend. (laughs more)

Dick: He wheeled out the old rim -- it was this beautiful black-spoked rim -- he wheels out the old one and he's like, "What do you think? Pretty good match!" I'm like, "Yeah, it's a pretty great match, except the one you put on it has all this god damn writing on it that says, like, how much RACING that I do!" (Maddox laughs hysterically) "Thanks a lot! You -- it's *exactly* perfect."

Maddox: Ohh. (worn out from laughing)

Dick: (yells) You're telling me they don't have any blank rims? Like, they didn't have ONE blank black rim?!

Maddox: This makes me happy. (smiling)

Dick: Oh my GOD!! (screaming)

Maddox: Why don't you just sand it off if it bothers you that much?

Dick: Sand it off. (sneering) What the heck are you talkin' about?

Maddox: Come onnn.

Dick: That's THEIR job!! That's what they were...THEY shoulda sanded it off!

Maddox: Hey, it sounds like he got you a pretty cool rim, my friend. (laughs)

Dick: You know what? You know what, and when I went in there, I said that you referred me to them. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs hysterically) Like, thinking I might get some kind of...discount. (grinning)

Maddox: (yells) You know, I am SO tired of this bullshit! (Dick laughs) It's not just you, all my friends use me for the Armenian card. They're like, "Oh..." They go to an Armenian mechanic and they're like, "Well, my friend, uh...you know, my friend is Armenian."

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: "You know, you should come in, and..." (cracks up) I've actually gone to a mechanic shop with my friends -

Dick: (interjects) Who knew you? (laughs)

Maddox: No!! Because...

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: ...because my friend's like, "Oh, this guy's Armenian. Why don't you just hang out here? Maybe he'll give me a discount." And so of course I go there and I have to like, schmooze with them and, you know. They see...immediately when I walk in they see me, and they're like, "Ohh." They know what's goin' on!!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah, they know what's goin' on.

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) Uh, well, I needed you, buddy.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: (suddenly yells) Oh no, I probably woulda got even WORSE rims!

Maddox: You woulda got... (laughs)

Dick: They're like, "Oh no, these rims aren't cool ENOUGH! Go back and...go to the catalog and find some *better* rims."

Maddox: Yeah, you woulda gotten even BETTER racing rims. Persian racing rims! (laughing) By the way, what IS that? I don't even know what Persian racing rims are.

Dick: Tell me -- when you see them, tell me that that's not the perfect description of them.

Maddox: (chuckling) Persian racing rims?

Dick: Persian racing rims.

Maddox: What are they, like, turquoise and gold? And... (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, you'll see them -- you see them and you'll think... (stammers) You saw my old rims.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what my old rims looked like. Did the words "Persian racing rims" ever enter your mind?

Maddox: I'd...I would say your whole car is Persian racing. (laughs)

Dick: Get the hell outta here, you son of a bitch. (seething) (cracks up) How DARE you.

Maddox: It's not an insult. What YOU'RE doing is offensive; I'M not insulting. That's a -

Dick: This guy. (muttering)

Maddox: - that's pretty... (laughs more) That's pretty cool.

Dick: So, um...check this out. I got a stats for you. The average person pays 94 grand in car insurance throughout their life. (slowly for emphasis)

Maddox: That's bullshit.

Dick: Yeah!! Is everybody out there bashing up 100,000 dollars worth of car?

Maddox: No, never!

Dick: NO!

Maddox: And I'll tell you what the problem is with the insurance companies. The reason that you -- okay. So you have Aflac, right?

Dick: You could buy a CONDO with that!

Maddox: Sure!! That's a...you could pay for college with that! Uh, say you have...so you have the Aflac duck, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The mascot of Aflac.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: You have the Esurance cartoon girl...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...you have Flo -

Dick: (interjects) She's hot. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not Flo...whoa whoa whoa, that's not what I was saying. (Maddox chuckles) I was saying the *cartoon* is hot.

Maddox: Sure. (dryly)

Dick: Not the fatso. I'm not a WEIRDO.

Maddox: Well... (skeptical)

Dick: Go ahead. (laughing)

Maddox: I dunno. I think you'd do it. (smiling) If she was...if there was any hope of you gettin' a blowjob, you would definitely hit Flo. Uh, you'd hit Flo real heavy. Um, there's the... (cracks up) ...there's the Geico gecko, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Do you notice a theme with all these...with all these different mascots? With the potential exception of Flo.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They all are appealing to...younger -

Dick: (interjects) Retards.

Maddox: (chuckling) No. Younger...younger people.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They're appealing to a younger demographic.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: And that's because the biggest market where they...where they increase their, uh, their customer base is people who are just turning 16 and need insurance for the first time.

Dick: Yeah! You wanna know who else does that??

Maddox: Hm?

Dick: Cigarette companies!

Maddox: Yup! There you go!

Dick: That's -

Maddox: (interjects) You got the camel, Joe Camel!

Dick: Yeah. If you're doin' stuff that's, like, what other people do who are dickheads?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're a dickhead yourself. That's MY motto.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't need to see...I don't need to know what's goin' on here, but if you kinda look like yourself that *you're* being a dickhead? You're a dickhead.

Maddox: How the fuck does everybody have a problem with Obamacare, and NOBODY bitches about the government-mandated regulation that we have to have car insurance?

Dick: 'Cause we lost that battle a long time ago. It was in our lifetimes, too. That that was a...that that became a thing, and it was like...and it was horrifying at the time that it -- that this would be a real thing for us. Here's the result! The result of losing that battle is me and my Persian racing rims. (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Maddox: Which makes me, again, SO happy. (grinning) This is like, the one argument for insurance I can see.

Dick: (excited) I could've -

Maddox: I mean, it's hilarious. (about to laugh)

Dick: - I coulda not paid any insurance and got a...like, a brand new car. With whatever rims I wanted, if I coulda just done it myself.

Maddox: That's true! Well, okay. So what about this? So, Tracy Morgan is in the news recently because he had that huge, horrific car accident in...uh, in New Jersey.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: There was a 6-car pileup, and the truck driver fell asleep, and they're...they're potentially gonna press, uh, murder charges against him.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: So, what do you do in that kinda situation? You know, just to play devil's advocate here. What do you do if you are responsible for a 6-car pileup? I mean, that's more than 100,000 dollars, potentially. You're looking at millions of dollars of...of damages on the line. So what do you do in that kinda situation?

Dick: I...would never be responsible for that.

Maddox: (mocking) Oh, no! Not... (Dick laughs) ...not Careful Dick!

Dick: That's...that's what would happen. (cracking up)

Maddox: Not Rain Slick Dick! (laughs) That's what I'm gonna call you from now on! Rain Slick Dick. (through giggles)

Dick: (sneering) That's cool. Um...

Maddox: Hittin' immovable objects. (smiling)

Dick: So what? A guy caused...a guy causes, like, a million dollars of damage to all these cars, and...

Maddox: Yeah! I mean, you know, accidents happen, so what do you in that situation?

Dick: (talking over Maddox) I dunno! Then you go to...you go to jail. I guess.

Maddox: I guess!

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Right? So...okay. So the insurance thing -

Dick: (interjects) I'm just saying, I'M getting screwed here.

Maddox: I think there should be...if the government regulates and mandates that we buy car insurance, there should be -

Dick: (interjects) Already a problem.

Maddox: - a LOT of...a lot of oversight on the insurance companies, and there ISN'T. They're charging hand over fist -

Dick: (interjects) No, dude. No oversight! It's too...it's too expensive. Then we're payin' this girl at Stout to go do a job that...they can't do?

Maddox: What the HELL are you talkin' about?

Dick: Having people oversee *anything*?

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Like, you know people! (Maddox cracks up) They're incompetent!

Maddox: I do know people. (laughs)

Dick: They can't do anything right! (smiling) Sorry, I...go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: With the oversight thing.

Maddox: No, I... (stammers) There could be potential...there could be oversight. Like, the problem with...with government is lack of accountability. Right? And the, the -

Dick: (interjects) No, I'm not WRITING that. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: You don't think -

Dick: (interjects) What are your...

Maddox: You don't think that's...? Alright. Okay, then I'M going to say that a problem with the government is...is lack of accountability.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And that...uh, by extension, has filtered down to the insurance companies. I've read that the insurance companies, by the way, have SO much money on hand; they have SO much revenue that they could, they could poten-...they could withstand somethin' like 30 Hurricane Katrinas, and not even put a dent -

Dick: (interjects) Really?!

Maddox: Oh, yeah. They're -- it's INSANE how much money they're making. They're just RAKING money in hand over fist.

Dick: You know what? Here's what I would do if I caused a pileup like that: I would have a deal with these guys that gave me the Persian rims, and I'd give them a little bit of money and be like, "Hey, if I ever cause a big pileup, you guys just fix the cars. Go give everybody some new rims." (brief silence) How 'bout that?

Maddox: What, you just...you just -

Dick: (interjects) I would pay them in advance.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a...dude, you know what I was...you know what I was thinkin'?

Maddox: Hm?

Dick: Okay. So, you pay insurance...to prevent, like, a life-ending, catastrophic financial disaster from happening.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Like that pileup. However -- and that's SMART. It's smart to pay 200 bucks to keep yourself from having to pay 6 million. Right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: BUT, it's stupid for some reason to pay a dollar in the hopes of winning the lottery! Which is exactly the same thing! Isn't it?? But in reverse?

Maddox: Hmmm. (inhales thoughtfully) Oh boy, I think you just made the first... (cracks up)

Dick: Isn't that right?? (excited)

Maddox: ...rational argument for a lottery. (amused)

Dick: Is that how this feels, to make a rational argument?

Maddox: I guess!

Dick: It feels gross! (Maddox laughs) I feel like a scumbag! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, I guess! I mean...essentially, you're gambling. That's...that's what the insurance companies are doing too.

Dick: Right?!

Maddox: The insurance companies are making a bet, and they...the house almost always wins in this case. They're making a bet that whatever you're gonna pay, they're gonna pay less. So that -- I mean, otherwise they wouldn't make money. They wouldn't EXIST. If the insurance companies existed to make your life easier, or to pay out anything, I...it's a big threat. It's a big gamble that you're hoping that you're not gonna on the hook for one of those 6 million-dollar accidents.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: However, those are exceedingly rare. So you...you could mitigate your risk, potentially. But what about...what would you say -- again, playing devil's advocate -- what would you say about, um...other insured...other uninsured motorists? So, sometimes you can pay for coverage that will cover for uninsured -

Dick: (interjects) That's code for Mexicans, by the way.

Maddox: Woooow.

Dick: I'm...dude, I'm Mexican! I can say that.

Maddox: Yeah, well...I mean, you are, but you're so white. (chuckles) You're the white -

Dick: (interjects) So, what do I think about uninsured...?

Maddox: Uninsured motorists.

Dick: There's uninsured motorist insurance.

Maddox: Yeah, that's what I'm saying!

Dick: Dude, you know what I...if I get hit by an uninsured motorist?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Whatever! I'll get a new car, 'cause I'll have saved 100 grand not paying insurance!

Maddox: Eh, I guess! I mean, would you actually put that money aside? For car insurance? Or would you just spend it on stuff?

Dick: I have a credit card! I don't care. I'll get a new car.

Maddox: Well... (pensively)

Dick: I have great credit.

Maddox: Well, I guess this is "The World According to Dick!" As long as YOU got it covered, it's not a problem for anyone else. (teasing)

Dick: Yeah!! Yeah!

Maddox: What about people who...who are maxed out on their debt, on their limit? Their credit limits?

Dick: What do you mean? What if...what if THEY need a car?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck 'em! Take the bus! (Maddox scoffs) (laughs)

Maddox: "Fuck 'em, take the bus." (cynical) "Fuck 'em," - comma - "take the bus."

Dick: Take the bus!! (laughing)

Maddox: Your solution. (dryly)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Dick Masterson for president.

Dick: That's a pretty good problem! (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical) It is a good problem, but not for ANY of the reasons you stated. (cracking up) (Dick laughs) I wish I would've brought it in.

Dick: You gotta see -- I shoulda taken a picture of those rims, man.

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Ohh, gosh. (groaning)

Maddox: My next problem...is conspiracy dipshits.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You know the type. Right? You know...like, everybody has a conspiracy -- they know a conspiracy dipshit. And the newest one, unfortunately, is STILL this fucking 9/11 Truther shit. This guy -- there's this new guy who comes out who's saying that the 9/11...that the planes who hit the... (cracks up) ...World Trade Center -- I can't even say this with a straight face -- were *holograms,* and it was -

Dick: (interjects) Whoa. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, and it was a CGI...it was a CGI glitch on video that you're seeing. Um, the -

Dick: (interjects) Cool!

Maddox: Here's a little -- yeah. Here's a little excerpt from his...from his little conspiracy video. And by the way, this has over 2 MILLION views on YouTube, and it's gaining steam -

Dick: (interjects) I'm gonna go watch it! That sounds awesome!

Maddox: Oh, you don't need to, man. It's...it's fuckin' stupid. Here's an excerpt from it. [**plays clip from "100% Proof Holographic Plane" video**]

Male Narrator: The second impossibility is in plain sight.

Maddox: [**pauses clip**] Listen to the...listen to what a, like, nasally nerd this guy is too. Listen to this. [**resumes clip**]

Male Narrator: In fact, I can't believe it took me over 12 years to see. Let me show you a still of this video. I've highlighted a building that's CLEARLY behind the South World Trade Center Tower.

Maddox: [**pauses clip**] It's not. It's not, by the way. Salon just wrote an article about it. They showed a Google Maps image. He said it took him 2 seconds to just pull up a picture of New York; the building is CLEARLY in the foreground.

Dick: And he got attention from Salon for doing that?

Maddox: Because it's gaining speed! It's gaining momentum! This guy said that his...one of his friends who's a "Normal" -- quote, a "Normal" -- posted this video.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And his friend is rational, he has a good job, he's not an idiot. And he goes, "When the Normals start to pay attention to us - "

Dick: (interjects) Like me! You're describing me, right?

Maddox: Well... (skeptical) (Dick laughs) Uh...

Dick: Okay, "when the Normals start paying attention..."

Maddox: Yeah, when they start paying attention to this shit, that's when it starts to become a problem. So he just wrote this article about it, about how we ALL have a personal responsibility for debunking this bullshit. So uh, listen to the rest of this clip. Here. [**resumes clip**]

Dick: 'Kay.

Male Narrator: Yet when we pay close attention to the video, Flight 175's wing should appear in FRONT of the building, not behind it.

Maddox: Wrong. (**buzzer sound effect**) (Dick laughs)

Male Narrator: This is a layering CGI glitch, and this proves that this video is a CGI rendering, thus it's NOT an amateur witness video.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Male Narrator: It's a fake.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**)

[**clip ends**]

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Wrong. IDIOT.

Dick: I get it, I get it.

Maddox: Moron. It's a fake, it's a fake video...so he's suggesting -- like, if you... (stammers) I'm going to...I'm going to -

Dick: (interjects) You're gonna have an aneurysm.

Maddox: (stammers) It's insane, I don't even know where to begin. I'm gonna beg all you conspiracy dipshits who are listening right now -- and by the way, we will lose fans today!

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Because these guys are so staunchly...STUPID that they will...they are so staunch and so ideologically driven that they will refuse and reject ANYTHING that challenges their world view.

Dick: Yeah, but don't they like that? Like, don't they like getting persecuted 'cause it makes them feel more right?

Maddox: They get off on it, but uh...but also, they, they...they're very staunch! Like, they will actually -- you will lose...you will lose people. Um -

Dick: (interjects) And they make you SO mad, though!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I know you got a problem with these conspiracy guys, like you've written it before. I just feel like...I feel like it's watching an adult beat up a kid, watching you prove them wrong. 'Cause they're...there's something wrong with them. ALL of them. Right?

Maddox: You know what, though? It's... (stammers) If they were just sitting there spouting nonsense, I don't really mind so much. But these guys are, are...insulting the fucking victims. Okay? Let's just look...let's start -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, you're takin' the moral high ground, you a-hole! (cynical)

Maddox: Of course!

Dick: That's not why it pisses you off! Shut up! (smiling)

Maddox: Of course! That's ONE of the reasons!

Dick: Sh-...okay. (sneering)

Maddox: No! No, of course. Come on.

Dick: I'm...that's probably like Reason 47 on the list.

Maddox: Get outta here. You don't even know. (Dick laughs) No, it's insulting the victims. They don't have an explanation -- they have an explanation for the hologram technology and the CGI glitch that supposedly took place, right? And this video has been propagated to EVERY news outlet in the WORLD, and they all simultaneously agreed to air the same fucking video on the same date, with NOBODY talking about it, no leaks, no -- like, this is the best-kept secret in the universe!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They can't even keep fucking Pentagon secrets, they can't even keep the NSA secret, and then yet, this is the best-kept secret in all the world, in all the universe! Every single news outlet simultaneously aired this, and they can't even BEGIN to explain what happened to the victims who died that day. Where are they?? Huh, asshole? You wanna go tell that to somebody who lost a family member? That "Oh, hey, it was a hologram. Your family member's alive."

Dick: Maybe the FAMILY'S a hologram. (slyly) (Maddox bursts out laughing) Maybe we're all a hologram!

Maddox: Again, conspiracy dipshits. You're one of them. (Dick laughs) Uh...

Dick: No, I...I do find them entertaining, they don't anger me like they anger you.

Maddox: You know -- okay. Well, so that one...and that one actually does anger me. Um, one of the worst -

Dick: (interjects) They all anger you. Get outta here.

Maddox: Ehh, no. I mean, there's some REALLY crazy ones out there that, uh...you know, they're not harming anyone, but they're fucking BONKERS. Like the Hollow Earth

theorists? Have you ever heard of these people? Or the Reptilian, uh, conspiracy theorists?

Dick: Yeah! Yeah, I've heard of those guys.

Maddox: They're people who believe that the earth is hollow! And that there's another culture, there's another civilization that lives inside the earth.

Dick: Does it really bug you about the victims? Is that really what bugs you the most about it?

Maddox: Absolutely, because it's a big "fuck you" to them.

Dick: (hesitantly) Yeah...I don't know.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: I'm lookin' at you and I'm tryin' to get a...I'm tryin' to get a read on you to see if that's the real reason. That's the real reason why?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Okay! Alright.

Maddox: Absolutely! Absolutely. Because ultimately, that's what...and you know, if it's not hurting anybody, I don't give a shit. It also pissed me off with the Boston Marathon bombing, when everybody was speculating about the government doing it, or the mercenary groups doing it, or Blackwater, whoever it was.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That pissed me off too! Because again, there are actual real-life victims who are suffering right now, while you dickheads are sittin' there on your fuckin', uh, forums, coming up with these INANE theories.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So. But you know, then there's the...then there's the, um, the less offensive ones. The ones that -- like, have you heard of the Raelians? You know who the Raelians are?

Dick: Yeah, I've uh...I've MET a Raelian. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well...

Dick: That's real. I really did. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. Well, according to the Raelians, we all have. There's actually a video on YouTube -- and this is not just a video, it's a website, and it's a movement; they're trying to actually create, um...an embassy for the Raelians to come visit Earth!

Dick: Isn't it crazy how otherwise normal...how many otherwise normal people believe this shit?

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: Like, you'll talk to 'em -- you'll know 'em for like, a long time, and all of a sudden they'll be like, "Well, yeah! It's because they're Raelian." You'll be like, "Uh, I'm sorry. Excuse me? What was that part about the Raelians?"

Maddox: Yup! Out of nowhere one day they're just 'poo poo, pee pee,' bonkers. (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, it's just...nothing. Nothin'.

Dick: It could be anyone!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It...YOU might even...I've known you for a long time, and maybe *you've* got a conspiracy thing in there.

Maddox: Well, let's not speculate. (both laugh) Uh, I have this video from...this is an excerpt from the video where they're asking people to build an embassy.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: This is the introduction about what Raelians are. [**plays clip from Raelian Embassy video:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bW805IZVSt4]

Female Narrator: Hundreds of thousands of people around the world believe, as all Raelians do...

Dick: Oh.

Female Narrator: ...that we were created by advanced scientists from another planet who made us in their image.

Dick: That could be!

Maddox: Sure! (laughing)

Dick: You don't know that!

Female Narrator: These extraterrestrial creators, mentioned in the Bible as the Elohim, have continued throughout history to monitor our progress.

[**clip ends**]

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: Yeah. They're just sittin' there watching us. They're just monitoring us. Like, "Oh, what are the humans up to? Oh, fuckin' around? They're, they're..." (cracks up) "2 Girls 1 Cup? Alright, cool."

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: "We'll check in..." (laughing) "We'll check in in a couple of years."

Dick: I mean, that's what I do all day, pretty much monitor everybody! Like on YouTube, I'm like, "What's this guy doin' over here? Alright."

Maddox: Yeah. Like a creeper. Okay, what is the number one motive for most people? Well, other than...other than getting -

Dick: Getting blowjobs! That's what it is. (grinning)

Maddox: - other than getting blowjobs. Uh, you know what? You're not gonna give me the right answer. It's money. I'm just gonna say... (both laugh)

Dick: Money! Money is an abstraction to get blowjobs.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, there you go. Uh...which, actually, I'm kinda on board with.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: How, uh -

Dick: (interjects) So why, you think all these people are tryin' to dupe people out of money?

Maddox: Well, listen to what their end game here is. This is the Raelians. This is their -- they're sayin' this is the incentive you have to build an embassy in your country. [**plays second clip from Raelian Embassy video**]

Female Narrator: The country granting the necessary extraterritoriality and authorization for the embassy to be built within its territory will not only benefit financially, but enjoy the protection of the Elohim. It will become the spiritual and scientific center of the planet for millennia to come (Maddox snickers) **and happiness will prevail within its borders. This can be YOUR country.**

[**clip ends**]

(Maddox giggles quietly)

Dick: Cool! Isn't that the same pitch that they gave for the atomic bomb? Like, "If we pursue this technology we'll be safe," and...

Maddox: Yeah, it sounds like when she was talking she couldn't even keep a straight face. (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, "We don't believe this horseshit."

Dick: So why is this a big problem to you? 'Cause this is very different than...like, you can't claim that 'victims' shit for this.

Maddox: No. There's no victims for this. Except for the -- actually, there are! The financial suckers who are put on the line.

Dick: Eh, f-...

Maddox: So they're bilking people out of money for this.

Dick: Fuck them. They didn't need...what are they gonna do with that money?

Maddox: Come on. These are sick people who need that money for medication. (cracks up) Right? Essentially.

Dick: Why do you -- seriously, why, what...what is the problem with these guys? To you?

Maddox: It's dishonest! They're looking for money to build this embassy. They're...the embassy's never gonna fuckin' be built! (laughing) It's not an embassy, it's not a thing! (Dick sighs) It's just a bullshit CGI video and a website with a WordPress front end. Like, it's just some bullshit website; they're just tryin' to bilk people outta money. They're sc-...they're con artists.

Dick: So, those people giving the money...like, you see them give the money, you tell them it's dumb, they still do it. Don't they get a big kick -- it's like goin' to Disneyland for them. People getting bilked, as you claim?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're getting something out of it.

Maddox: No, 'cause I'll tell you what. I know people in real life who...who are very susceptible to conspiracies, and they get very worked up and they're very emotional, to the point where they become...they get -- they start to develop a mental illness. They feel very conspiratorial, they feel like everybody's watching them all the time, and it's...it's uh, it starts to interfere with their day-to-day functions. Their day-to-day lives. Like, they tend to not go outside the house, and they might be constantly paying attention to someone that, you know, might be following them or listening in on their conversations. It makes them sick and paranoid! It is actually causing real-world problems to people who get really, uh, wrapped up in this stuff.

Dick: Well, that's true.

Maddox: These things. Uh, one of the worst -

Dick: (interjects) Look at you, lookin' out for all these people that need protecting. (smiling)

Maddox: Hero!

Dick: Here comes Maddox!

Maddox: That's right, hero.

Dick: (parodying Maddox) "Don't get duped! Stop right there!!" (Maddox laughs) "They don't need an embassy! I'll save your money." (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, give me your money, I'll take care of it. Uh, one of the worst...one of the worst offenders of this is Alex Jones. You know who Alex Jones is?

Dick: Is he the guy that flipped out on Piers Morgan?

Maddox: That's the guy!

Dick: That was a GREAT interview, man.

Maddox: He's an idiot. He's a hothead idiot.

Dick: That was a great clip, though. Come on, give the guy THAT.

Maddox: Oh, it was a great clip...

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: ...not for the reasons he thought. Um, there's a video on YouTube that's "42 Stupid Alex Jones Predictions," and... [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwURLwd8pEA]

Dick: We don't -

Maddox: ...that are false.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: These are predictions he's made. He ALWAYS makes predictions that are ALWAYS wrong. He's a fucking blowhard.

Dick: He should do what, uh, Stephen Hawking does and just predict 'em 1,000 years out in the future so they could never be wrong.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Well, he's not that smart. (Dick smirks) Uh, here's one of his predictions: he made this in February of 2010, I believe. [**plays clip from Alex Jones predictions video**]

(dramatic background music)

Alex Jones: In the next 16 months -- this is what they're planning right now -- they're gonna bring in a new total financial collapse, they're gonna bring down at least 15 European nations...

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: 15! 15 European nations. (chuckling) (**buzzer sound effect**) Wrong. Never happened.

Dick: So...okay. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It's fulla shit! And of course, I argued with these dipshits -- actually, some of 'em were on my fan forums for a long time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They were arguing that Alex Jones was correct, and that all these conspiracies were gonna happen. None of it ever happened. Here's another one. [**plays second clip from Alex Jones predictions video**]

Alex Jones: I want you to listen carefully. In the next 2 years, they're gonna devalue your currency by at least 50 percent.

Dick: Ohh.

Alex Jones: You're so STUPID when the government tells you it's not devalued, you still won't know it's devalued.

[**clip ends**]

Dick: I'm stupid??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Also? Man, well, I gotta buy this guy's book! (cracks up) Or whatever...what is he sellin'?

Maddox: There you go! (laughing)

Dick: So, lemme ask you something. Um, do you find...do you think that this stuff is different than, like, religions? Like a, like a...normal religion? Like giving money to these con artists is different than giving money to like, an established religion?

Maddox: Well, it's a little different in the function. Like, these guys aren't, um...they're not telling you that...well, I dunno. I -

Dick: (interjects) These guys are just tryin' to make you panicked. I would say religion probably isn't. Probably tryin' to get you to chill out.

Maddox: Yeah. (unsure)

Dick: Relax, have a better day.

Maddox: Yeah, probably. I mean, at...at least most religions have some message of peace, some message of, "Hey, do good will towards your fellow man." Plus there's Christmas, which is fun.

Dick: Man, we're...

Maddox: (interjects) Conspiracy theorists -- if they had a Christmas...

Dick: ...a couple of great, kindhearted guys.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: That's what this podcast is all about. (cracking a grin) Protecting people...

Maddox: Warmhearted.

Dick: ...protecting people's tables...

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: ...protecting people's money.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What was your first problem?

Maddox: Marriage.

Dick: Protecting people's...

Maddox: Sanity.

Dick: ...getting blowjobs?

Maddox: They're, they're -- protecting people's...(cracks up)

Dick: Sanity?

Maddox: Uh...uh, non-celibacy. Their ability to get laid. Which diminishes significantly when you get married.

Dick: I don't know that that's true, but I doubt it, man.

Maddox: I know very few people...actually I only know one couple of mine who are married -- one couple friend, uh, that I know -- who are probably having regular sex, and it's because they're both really hot. They're just, like, really hot people, and I just figured, "Ehh, yeah, they're probably bangin' all the time." But other than that, I just can't picture very many of my married friends...banging.

Dick: Oh, they do.

Maddox: Ever. No! (scoffing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No way! How do you know??

Dick: I think they do.

Maddox: You don't know!

Dick: Well, so they'd be together. (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: 'Cause they -- yeah, 'cause it's a pain in the ass to get divorced!

Dick: 'Cause it's expensive to get divorced? Yeah.

Maddox: It's expensive to get divorced and we're in a recession.

Dick: Eh, you're right.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright. Uh, you got any more for conspiracy theories?

Maddox: (inhales thoughtfully) Uh, nah. That's...you know, I got the Raelian shit.

Dick: It really bugs you when people get taken advantage of, doesn't it?

Maddox: Of course!

Dick: Like that.

Maddox: Oh, I do actually have one! There's one about the 'giant' conspiracy? Have you, you've...I think you've heard of this, I sent you a video a while back.

Dick: There's giants??

Maddox: Oh yeah, these people believe that there's giants, and there's a huge coverup!

Dick: Let's hear it.

Maddox: Listen to this one. [**plays clip from documentary on giants**]

(mystical-sounding background music)

Male Narrator: A local legend says the temple was built by the giantess Sansuna.

Dick: Why does it sound like Lord of the Rings? Like, why are...?

Maddox: [**pauses clip**] This is from, like, a documentary. They're trying to make it sound more legitimate than it actually is.

Dick: They failed.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs) Yeah. [**resumes clip**]

Male Interviewee: The blocks are so huge, so heavy, that no normal human being could have moved it.

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: "These stones were so huge, no *normal* human being could have moved it." (mocking) So -

Dick: (interjects) I wish I could play that clip every time I unzipped my fly. (cracking up) (Maddox giggles) It's like, that guy: "These stones are so huge, no normal human being could lift them."

Maddox: Oh, man. I'm sure they could use that mud, or whatever the Egyptians used for their stones. Which, by the way, is...is, you know, a very simple, reasonable explanation for how the pyramids got built. They, you know, they just wet the sand and they just pulled heavy stones across it. (chuckling) No normal human could've moved it, except for the Egyptians with wet sand.

Dick: Or...it could've been aliens!

Maddox: Or giants.

Dick: They were all in the same latitude of the earth!

Maddox: Maybe it was a... (laughs)

Dick: That's weird!

Maddox: Maybe it was Alex Jones with the sheer power of the...of the bullshit coming out of his mouth.

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: The sheer force. The shockwave of bullshit coming out of his mouth.

Dick: Alright. What do we got?

Maddox: So again, uh -

Dick: (interjects) Let's have another Dick victory this week.

Maddox: No. (annoyed)

Dick: Yeeeah!! (gloating)

Maddox: No Dick victories.

Dick: Yeeeheheheahh!

Maddox: We don't need to, we don't... (cracks up)

Dick: I'm the Alex Jones to your Pierce Morgan, dude! (grinning) (Maddox laughs loudly) You LOSE! I embarrass your shit online, yes!! (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, if you think that's how that went down, then yes, absolutely. Absolutely.

Dick: It was great!

Maddox: Yeah, well, it was great, but it was great *theater.* That's all it was.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Alright. Let's not reward Slick Dick over here with... (cracks up)

Dick: My problems were...Table Nazis and Car Insurance.

Maddox: And my problems were Marriage and Conspiracy Dipshits.

Dick: I have a feeling Marriage is gonna win.

Maddox: Marriage IS gonna win.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: It's a huge problem. Anyway. (**closing riff starts**) That's it for this time. Until next time, check out http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Don't forget to vote! Thanks.

Dick: See ya.

(closing riff)

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 6</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: Same old! Doin' the podcast. (cracks up)

Dick: How ya doin'?

Maddox: Pretty great.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Pretty great. (smiling) So uh, I feel, uh...I see kind of a mischievous grin on your face today. I feel like your problems are gonna cause trouble.

Dick: No, I -- yeah, they are! Uh... (Maddox laughs) ...but I have another surprise for you that I'll get to.

Maddox: Oh. Great, great. (sarcastic)

Dick: Yeah! No, it's a fun surprise!

Maddox: Alright...

Dick: It's a good surprise.

Maddox: Well, it usually isn't. But, uh, we'll see. (amused)

Dick: It's a surprise that will make everyone feel good!

Maddox: Oh yeah? (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Oh, this is uh...this is a harbinger. So, let's get to some comments first. Um, so after last week's episode -- which, by the way, on the board the number one problem from last week was Conspiracy Dipshits. (gloating)

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: CLEANED house. Followed by Marriage...then Car Insurance! Car Insurance actually showed! (Dick inhales thoughtfully) You're in the positive territory.

Dick: Man, I really hate your condescending recap of the problems. (Maddox laughs) I lose EVERY week, and I always get skunked, and you always read me the third place like...it matters.

Maddox: Yeah. Hey -

Dick: (interjects) Like, you read it so earnestly and honestly, like...congratulating a child, for even placing on the board, and it just PISSES me off every time.

Maddox: I'm so glad you picked up on that. (cracks up) 'Cause that's exactly what I'm doing. And then we have, dead last, Table Nazis. And speaking of, uh, somebody left a comment on the board that said, "Table Nazis: Hey Dick, quit being a fucking vagina. Tim." (laughs)

Dick: Okay. (quietly)

Maddox: Princess Masterson. (grinning)

Dick: I'm... (chuckles) 'Cause I wanna sit at a table.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, 'cause you wanna sit at a table! (taunting)

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Why don't you just sit...who CARES where you sit?

Dick: Me, man!

Maddox: "Oh, I need a...I need a table!" (dopey, effeminate voice) "One table for Princess Masterson, please!" (adding a lisp)

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox laughs) I don't care!

Maddox: What... (through giggles)

Dick: I want the table, man!

Maddox: You know what, though?

Dick: As I already covered last week.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: And I wanna -- I just wanna point out, I think it's the...'cause I noticed something that you're doing every week?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You phrase your problems so they'll look good on the board...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...and they're -- when in actuality they're a little bit different.

Maddox: Ehh... (skeptical)

Dick: Like...like your Monkeys problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That wasn't...it wasn't really about monkeys. It was about space exploration, but you made it that way so it would look funny. (Maddox laughs) So I'm gonna be on you for doing that in the future.

Maddox: Yeah, but Monkeys is one of the lowest-ranking on our overall problem list.

Dick: Good!

Maddox: So it didn't WORK. I mean, if you think that's what's going on. But, anyway. So uh, let's get to some more comments here. I got (cracks up) another comment from Matthew James. I decided if they publicly -- if they post publicly on Facebook, uh, then I can read their full name. So, Matthew -

Dick: (interjects) NO, no, no! (chuckling apprehensively) I don't think you should do -- okay!

Maddox: Yeah! Well, it -

Dick: (interjects) Do whatever you want!

Maddox: It's on the website, so...it's posted. So Matthew James says, "I've got a stats for you." You know what that's, uh, that's in reference to?

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**) (laughs more)

Dick: What is... (cracking up) Hilarious. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Yeah, I love it so much. (smiling) I love it. I'm so glad...I was gonna say something during the episode, but I didn't wanna steamroll the problem. Anyway, one other comment -- I got an email, actually, from somebody who's a professional meat cutter!

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: Yeah! And he says that USDA -

Dick: (interjects) Ugh, this is gonna be more proof for YOU?! (yelling) (Maddox laughs) You do this every week!! You bring in emails and comments that only support your problems! EFF YOU. Go ahead, read...read more about why I'm wrong about meat by some crackpot who CLAIMS to be a meat cutter. (spiteful) (Maddox laughs more) Who CLAIMS to be -- did he attach a picture of himself cutting meat??

Maddox: Well, he actually -

Dick: (interjects) NO. Then you have no idea if he's a meat cutter or not. (Maddox keeps laughing) Go ahead.

Maddox: Oh, Dick! You know what? Why don't you *ever* bring in some evidence to support ANYTHING you've ever said? You don't! (cracking up) It's always bullshit. Except you do -- last week you did, and... (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**) (laughs hysterically)

Dick: Go -- what did the meat cutter say?? (annoyed)

Maddox: He says... (through giggles)

Dick: What did the meat master say?

Maddox: He says that "USDA grading is really just a measure of marbling in the steak. And marbling is great, but it doesn't entail a great steak. The grading system is very deceptive too." He says -- now, this is kind of in support of what you said, actually.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He says, "A restaurant can put any price tag they want on a piece of beef." Well, that's in support of what *I* said. And then he said, "And you can rest assured that they have a massive markup. That said, a 20-dollar steak on the menu is pretty much a guarantee that it's not a very good piece of meat. If you pay more than 100 dollars, it's more likely that they're serving you a better quality steak. Still - "

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Maddox: "Still, you don't - "

Dick: (interjects) That proves what I'M saying!

Maddox: BUT, "...you don't get a guarantee." That's what he said.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got an email too.

Maddox: WHOA...do you really?!

Dick: It's also -- yeah. It's also from a butcher.

Maddox: Okay. (cracks up)

Dick: It says, "Maddox is a fuckin' idiot." (long pause while Maddox dies laughing) Hey, I brought you a present. So my, uh...my problem last week was Car Insurance, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because...because they screwed up the rims on my car.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I told you -- what did I tell you? That when you take ONE look at these rims, the first thing you will think is 'Persian...

Maddox: Persian racing rims.

Dick: ...racing rims.' Okay, I brought you a picture of the rims.

Maddox: Oh, let's see this!

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Here you go.

Maddox: Alright. [takes a look at photo] Ohh, wow! Yeah! (breaks down laughing)

Dick: What do you think?

Maddox: Pretty cool, bro. (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah. (sarcastic) (Maddox laughs more) So, I would like to -- Exhibit A.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would like you to call...I would like to bring your attention to the, uh, chrome rivets? That surround the rim, that are *not* black?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: On the black rim? Okay? Chrome rivets. I would like you to also notice the embossed lettering...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...on the rim, in ADDITION to the weird, silver...like, crown in the center of the hubcap. (slowly for emphasis)

Maddox: Uh, that's, that's a...I believe that's the symbol of the rim company. It's called Motegi Racing? That's pretty cool, bro. (teasing)

Dick: Yeah! (quietly)

Maddox: You got...you got ace number-one rims. (smiling) Uh, you should post that on the website. And post your other rims for comparison too, because I forgot what your other rims look like. What, what -

Dick: (interjects) I have a picture of them destroyed.

Maddox: Great. (laughing) Great! Post that!

Dick: Alright. (under his breath)

Maddox: But uh, let's...uh, let's get to the problems, yeah?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Um, go ahead.

Dick: My first problem is a little topical.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: The U.S. soccer team sucks.

Maddox: Yes! Correct. (**'ding!' sound effect**) It DOES suck. (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah, and I think it's about time they get good! Like, we gotta figure this out. America kicks ass at everything except soccer. (Maddox smirks) And it's like every four years, I feel like the whole world holds it against us. Like, it's EMBARRASSING.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, that's the one thing the world has on us. But you know what's kind of...good that we have on them, is that we don't care. So.

Dick: (stammers excitedly) I care -- I'm sick of pretending I don't care!! (Maddox chuckles) I care that we suck at soccer and always lose, and never even get to the quarter-finals except for that one time in like, 2002. So I was at, I went to...I went to a pub, 'cause the World Cup is awesome for drinking.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You get to wake up at like 7 in the morning and start drinking.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uh, I went to this pub, and my friends were supposed to be saving a seat for me.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I get dressed in all my cool Team USA, like, soccer gear?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Kit, as it would be called? I show up and of course it's sold out, so I have to stand outside in my soccer uniform looking like a jerk, watching the game from the street as we beat Ghana.

Maddox: Yeah! We beat Ghana! That's cool!

Dick: You know what? I don't even know where Ghana is. (Maddox laughs) I don't want to be PROUD that our biggest accomplishment this World Cup is BEATING GHANA.

Maddox: You know what though, you gotta imagine it from the perspective of a Ghan-...Ghanese? Is it Ghanese?

Dick: See?! You... (stammers) You don't even know!

Maddox: Ghan-... (cracks up) Ghanese?

Dick: That's not an enemy for the U.S. to HAVE, man!! (shouting) We got, like, the Soviet Union is our bad guys! ENGLAND is our bad guys, not Ghana! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: England has always been our bad guys. (grinning) Since...since what, the 1800s. Um, no, but it's so much more soul-crushing.

Dick: Germany! That's a bad guy! Not *Ghana*!

Maddox: Don't you feel good stepping on, like...it's like, something that you CLEARLY overpower.

Dick: Yeah, but we barely beat them!!

Maddox: And by -

Dick: (interjects) This is -- that's like, our rival! Is GHANA! (yelling frustratedly)

Maddox: (cracking up) By the way, this is so much funnier if you could actually see Dick, because he's wearing an American flag do-rag. (laughs) It's just incredible that he's makin' this...this argument here. Uh, I'll post a picture on the website. But yeah, I feel great that we beat Ghana! I feel like I've accomplished something.

Dick: It should be... (Maddox chuckles) It shouldn't -- we shouldn't even have had to think about it. It should be taken for GRANTED that we would beat Ghana. Of course! We're America! (Maddox laughs more) Of COURSE we'll beat Ghana! Like, you remember when we had the basketball team, the Dream Team?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was a JOKE. We stomped all over everyone.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's what sports should be about!

Maddox: Yeah, but that's our *industry.* I mean, I GUESS, sure, but who cares, really? At the end of the day, who cares? Who cares who...who wins the World Cup? (chuckling) Uh, Americans don't! Unless you studied abroad for a semester and then you can't shut the fuck up about it in a bar. Like, that's...that's the one thing. But other than that, like, who honestly cares about the World Cup? Other than the rest of the world. Like America -- isn't that...isn't that, like, the embodiment of American exceptionalism, to not even care about something that the entire WORLD cares about? (smiling)

Dick: Well, I don't know. I don't know -- I don't really get what you're saying. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: I'm saying that.....okay. Have you even gotten in an argu-- well, okay. I know you HAVE.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You...you've gotten into arguments with -

Dick: (interjects) I got into an argument trying to get into that bar in my soccer uniform to watch the World Cup, yes. I got in -

Maddox: (interjects) Why wouldn't...why wouldn't they let you in?

Dick: 'Cause they said they were 'sold out'!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, how do you s-...? What are you, sold out of BEER?

Maddox: Yeah. Idiots. You know, I -- okay, I got a story about that. But anyway, you've gotten into arguments with your...with ex-girlfriends?

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: In the past?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Nothing pisses them off more, even more than being right, than when you don't even care. Right? It's SO dismissive. Because that REALLY puts a fire under their ass. They get *so* pissed off.

Dick: So what are you saying, that America wins the World Cup 'cause we don't care?

Maddox: Right!

Dick: That is BULLSHIT. I care!

Maddox: Well...then you're -

Dick: We care!!

Maddox: - then you lose! (grinning)

Dick: No, that's... (defiantly)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That is denial, man.

Maddox: Yeah, the rest of the world is terrorism, and you're America after 9/11 and you lost. (laughs)

Dick: That's too meta for me. I...look, I care about it, I think other guys out there care about it, and I want -- I'm trying to call them to action here. Like, we REALLY need to get good.

Maddox: Eh... (skeptical)

Dick: At the World Cup!! (Maddox sighs) And there's -- and so I was reading about it, right?

Maddox: Yep. Mhm.

Dick: Uh, I was...going on the Internet and doing research, and reading opinion pieces. (wryly)

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause that's good research. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And nobody even knows WHY we suck at soccer! How 'bout that?!

Maddox: Well, probably because there isn't as much money, we're not looking for the most qualified coaches necessarily, we're not looking for the best *players* necessarily, and it's just not on people's radars. Like, if there's a kid growing up in Oklahoma, coming up through high school...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and, you know, all he sees is 'baseball, basketball, football' on TV...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...it's not even in the back of his mind that "Hey, I should try out for soccer." Uh, or football, with the umlaut or whatever the hell the rest of the world calls it. But like, it's not even on their radar.

Dick: I think -- here's why I think that's bullshit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because we're the best at cup stacking, and there's no money in cup stacking.

Maddox: Is that true? Are we the best at cup stacking?

Dick: I don't know, probably. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: So... (cracks up) America's not number one in a lot of things, though. You know what I would care about WAY more than winning the World Cup? Is getting our Internet speeds up to just...South Korean levels.

Dick: Okay. That, you're -- don't hijack my problem.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: Internet speeds is not...I don't...I care way more about the World Cup right now than I do Internet speeds.

Maddox: Really? (flatly)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's stupid.

Dick: So... (Maddox smirks) Everybody said all the problems you just mentioned. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I think they're wrong.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: The real reason why I think the U.S. sucks at soccer?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Stick with me on this.

Maddox: I'm with ya!

Dick: Is that when little kids play soccer, they...adults take the fun out of it. *Only* for soccer. Like, you play baseball as a kid?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They teach you to whack things with the ball, they teach you to -- they teach you to shit-talk the other team...

Maddox: Well... (pensively)

Dick: ...you know? You're all in the dugout together, conspiring, nobody can see what you're doing...it's fun! Football for little kids is about bashing each other. (Maddox chuckles) But SOCCER is about not keepin' score and teamwork. (Maddox cracks up) They make it lame! You learn all the worst parts about sports, like...SPORTSMANSHIP (cynical tone) in soccer. And they don't teach that shit in any other kids' sport!

Maddox: Dick, I don't even know if you're fuckin' with me right now. Like, of COURSE that's...that is the sport, yeah. You have to have some modicum of *teamwork* to make soccer work.

Dick: Totally false! See? (Maddox laughs) This is the American attitude toward soccer, why we suck at it! No! Soccer is...uh, punching another guy in the nuts when the ref isn't looking?

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly)

Dick: Fake falling? Fake falling, going "Wluhughh!" (giddily) "Look at me fake fall!" Like, THAT is what soccer's about. That's why it's FUN.

Maddox: You know -

Dick: (interjects) And that's what kids gotta start...learning, if we're gonna be good at soccer.

Maddox: Yeah, but the fake falling is the biggest pussy, bullshit move in any fucking sport. (raising his voice) And that's why I don't like -- I can't watch that shit. It just, it makes my, my...my blood curdle. Like when I see guys fake fall and like, cry and pretend they're so hurt. I've seen people -- like, watch UFC. A guy will get punched right in the face and then brush it off, and then shake that guy's hand.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But in soccer they fake fall and they pretend like they broke their nails or whatever. (disdainful) They just sit there and cry!

Dick: (interjects) Look, it's lame, I agree with you, but that's what it takes to be competitive on the world stage.

Maddox: Maybe it's a game that, uh, we shouldn't be...we shouldn't be playing. Maybe America should abstain.

Dick: Okay. So... (Maddox smirks) You ever see those, like, the English team? Walkin' around? They look like...they look like a-holes, and every time I hear a clip or a quote or a story about them, they SEEM like a-holes. Like they're always doing dirty stuff!

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: The superstars, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then I see *our* guys; they're on TV, and they're like, "You got any predictions for the game?" And the guy, uh, the main guy, Landon...Landon -- is that his name? Landon Donovan? I dunno how many d's he has in it.

Maddox: I...I dunno.

Dick: He says, "Yeah, I think we're gonna play a great game." Like, what?!? (Maddox chuckles) No!! We're gonna...we're gonna KILL them!

Maddox: Dick, this is...this is endemic in all of sports. This stupid -- what are you asking the guy if he has 'predictions' for? (exasperated)

Dick: I wanna hear some balls from this guy! (yelling) You ask him that to set him up to be a jerk!

Maddox: Yeah... (skeptical)

Dick: That's why you say, "How are you gonna do?" and he's like, "How are we gonna do?? Ghana's a joke! I don't even know where it is! THAT'S how we're gonna do." (Maddox laughs) That's what you say! That's how you know your team's fired up.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what could solve this problem, is just put wrestlers onto the soccer team. (smiling)

Dick: Dude, you read my -- you read my mind! (excited) I wrote that down!

Maddox: Fuck yeah -- we just fist-bumped. (laughs) That is SO cool. Uh, yeah. Wrestlers on a soccer team!

Dick: Stone Cold Steve Austin needs to be the coach of the men's soccer team.

Maddox: Hell yeah. (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Alright, that's my...I think that's all I got for this problem.

Maddox: Ooh, you're really fired up about this America -

Dick: (interjects) Dude, 'cause I hate losing!! We always lose! (yelling excitedly) And I gotta sit here and listen to my foreign friends, like, joke! They don't even make full JOKES about how bad we suck at soccer. It's just like, "Oh, did you guys even get in the quarter-finals this year?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm like, "Oh my GOD, I'll show you a quarter-finals!" (gritting his teeth)

Maddox: Yeah. 'Ever heard of Ghana? We beat them. Asshole. How 'bout that?'

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Um...okay. Let's move on to my first problem. My first problem is people who can't spicy food.

Dick: Oh! (quietly)

Maddox: Right?? Aren't you tired of that shit? Aren't you tired of pandering and kowtowing and having to go, "Oh, no INDIAN food, because I'm with Princess...whoever! Who can't eat spicy food."

Dick: I'm sorry. Someone who can't eat spicy food...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...is -- I'm talking about the World Cup, man. (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: Yeah. (sardonic)

Dick: A global athletic competition...

Maddox: Right. Yeah. (dryly)

Dick: ...that's worth billions of dollars, probably?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you're talkin' about people who can't eat spicy food? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah! Well, you know -

Dick: (interjects) Who gives a shit about people who can't eat spicy food?

Maddox: Oh, excuse -- all of India, okay? All of India eats...pretty much spicy food, most of China eats spicy food. Most of Asia! That's like, that's already almost half the population of the WORLD. So this is a HUGE problem. So if you go to India, let's say you get...let's

say you stumble into the unfortunate predicament of marriage. And on your honeymoon you go to New Delhi with your wife, and she can't eat spicy food.

Dick: Is this a real...? (chuckling) (Maddox laughs) Is this...where would you take your wife on a honeymoon?

Maddox: New Del-- well...I dunno.

Dick: Does that rank? Is that on the list? (grinning)

Maddox: I mean, you know, maybe if she's adventurous! Which she ISN'T, if she's not eating spicy food. (smiling) And I would've -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. For some reason -- you know, play along. (cracks up) For some reason if you didn't know before you married her that she didn't eat spicy food and you went to New Delhi, your honeymoon would be ruined!

Dick: Oho...oh, no! (mocking) (Maddox laughs) Okay. So Maddox's problem is...that his fantasy wife, that his hypothetical wife is ruining his honeymoon. Is that your -- should we name your problem that? "Ruined Honeymoons"? (amused)

Maddox: No. (playfully annoyed) (both laugh)

Dick: No, who did this to you? You're obviously talking...you're OBVIOUSLY talking about someone specifically who doesn't eat spicy food! (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What happened?

Maddox: Any of my friends. So, it ranks up there with vegetarianism and veganism in terms of what a pain in the ass it is to go out to eat with these people. Because it takes Thai food out of the mix, takes Indian food out of the mix, takes Indonesian, takes Ethiopian -- well, Ethiopian food sucks. But...it takes most of these foods IMMEDIATELY out of the mix! They can't have any.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: And also, if you get a pizza - "Oh sorry, no jalapeños!" They can't even deal with pepperoni, are you kidding me?? I went to a grocery store and I saw EXTRA MILD salsa! What the fuck is extra mild? Is that just tomatoes?? What IS that?

Dick: Are these, are they not...do they *refuse* to eat spicy foods?

Maddox: Yes! Oh, they'll cry and bitch about it!

Dick: Okay. (unsure)

Maddox: And here's something interesting; I actually...I have some uh, some stats here. (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**)

Dick: You love that soundboard. (amused) (Maddox bursts out laughing)

Maddox: I love it so much! (through giggles) Uh, this is from PopSci. So, Mexican parents give their children packets of sugar mixed with red chili powder, which they eat straight up in order to build their spice tolerance!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Huh?? How 'bout this: we all need Mexican parents.

Dick: I agree with you!

Maddox: There we go! Great! Finally, we found some uh, some common ground. I wish MY parents were Mexican.

Dick: You are.....you are, uh, you're a shady character. (slyly) (Maddox snickers) I'm gonna start with that.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: These friends that you have, who refuse to eat spicy food? Do you ever think about like, secretly slipping them a little...like gradually-increasing amounts of spice in their food to wean them off of this...lifestyle?

Maddox: Oh, yeah! It's...I've tried. I have snuck -- okay. Any time I hear a friend of mine has an allergy -

Dick: (interjects) I knew it. Right? I knew it! (grinning) (Maddox laughs) I knew, I KNEW that you had done this. Somehow.

Maddox: Yes, uh...for example, my brother thinks he's allergic to avocados. (Dick laughs hysterically) (Maddox chuckles) So, so -

Dick: (interjects) The most inert fruit that there is. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah! Avocados.

Dick: Like, it's a staple -- a superfood.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: He is allergic to avocados.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Question number one...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...does such an allergy exist?

Maddox: Uh, not that I know of.

Dick: Okay, perfect.

Maddox: I've never HEARD of anyone else, I've never MET anyone else -- OH, just the other day I talked to some chick who said her friend is allergic to chicken! I'm like, "What?! Is that even a thing?? How can you be allergic - "

Dick: (interjects) Yeah! Sean is!

Sean, you're allergic to chicken?!? (shouting)

Dick: Okay, lemme tell this story. (grinning) Lemme tell this story. Real quick, Sean, before you jump in. 'Cause everyone loves the Sean chime-ins. I'm...I was pickin' up Jack in the Box for Sean, and he was...we're giving the order, right? And I'm like, "Sean, what do you want?" And he goes, "Um...ohh..." And he thought about it for a really long time, then he's like, "(sighs) I'll have a spicy chicken sandwich." (in a low voice; suggestively) (Maddox laughs) I'm like, "Sean, uh...why are you thinking about it for so long?" (amused)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he goes -- for some reason I remember this VIVIDLY -- he goes, "Well, whenever I eat chicken, my fingers and my toes start tingling, like all night. Like they're numb."

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: I was like, "Uhh...okay, are you -- do you wanna change your order then?" He goes, "No, no. I really like eating chicken, but I'm...my feet.....are numb. They fall asleep." They do something, I don't know!

Maddox: What?! (quietly; astonished)

Dick: Explain it -- explain what happens to your feet and your hands. [to Sean]

Sean: It started happening in my uh, mid-20s. And uh, I just noticed that when I would eat chicken, my arms -- sometimes it goes into my legs, but yeah, I just get the pins-and-needles about 20 minutes after. And it lasts...it lasts about an hour to two hours. It's never gone further than that. I eat as much chicken now as I ever did. Um, I just notice -

Dick: (interjects) And you have tingly arms and shit? (grinning)

Sean: Yeah!

Dick: After you eat it? (laughs)

Sean: Yeah, yeah!

Dick: Isn't that weird?! (through giggles)

Maddox: Huh.

Sean: It takes about 20 to 25 minutes. And I looked it up; somebody had said it was an enzyme, uh, or something. And I've eaten the most processed chicken in the world *and* the free-range, organic...whatever, blah blah blah, bullshit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It must be something naturally-occurring because...um, it happens with every type of chicken I eat.

Maddox: Including the broth? Like, if you drink...if you have chicken soup.

Dick: Oh, good question!

Sean: Uh...I don't know. I can't -

Dick: (interjects) Let's try it!

Sean: I can't remember the last time I just had chicken broth. But I eat plenty of chicken and it doesn't stop me from, you know, doing anything. And it's never progressed! But it was weird because it didn't happen until...I would say my mid-20s.

Dick: Lemme say, I don't believe that woman who told you that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I believe Sean.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But I don't believe that chick.

Maddox: Sure! Well, lemme tell you -- so Sean, uh, that's... (**sound clip of man saying, "Well, that's unfortunate."**) (laughs) That is unfortunate. However, this GIRL, she said her friend's -

Dick: (interjects) Look at you, sittin' giggling! You love your little soundboard so much. (about to laugh)

Maddox: Oh, I love it so much. Yeah. (amused)

Dick: He's like a child. (laughs hysterically)

Maddox: They're great. Um...this girl I talked to, she said her friend gets migraines if she eats chicken. (cynical tone) Doesn't that sound like a bullshit thing?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: 'Cause most -

Dick: (interjects) And I'll tell you why.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because every chick's medical problem induces her to be a pain in the ass. (Maddox laughs) It's like every single problem -- like, Sean's tingling thing is funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But -

Maddox: (interjects) It's hilarious! (smiling)

Dick: Every chick allergy is like, "Oh, I have this weird allergy, like if I see kids having a good time I become a huge bitch." (Maddox laughs) (Dick groans) GREAT.

Maddox: I feel like I have that, actually. (both laugh) Uh, I once met a girl who said she's allergic to *Cajun* seasoning. I'm like, "What the fuck? What, how do you -- how can you possibly be allergic to CAJUN seasoning?? There's like...19 ingredients in there!" Oh! And back to my brother's story about the avocados, speaking of!

Dick: Yes, PLEASE.

Maddox: So, I remember the day he developed this allergy. We went to a restaurant and we got nachos. And he ate the nachos -- the nachos had like, jalapeños, and tomato, and chicken, and beans, and cheese...

Dick: (laughing over Maddox) This is like...this is a nice night out for the Maddox family. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'We're gonna go eat some nachos.' (Maddox chuckles) The brothers are there -

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: - and... (cracks up) I have a feeling something really bad and weird is about to happen. (through giggles)

Maddox: Oh, well, you know. He just...well, he got sick from the nachos! And he came home and he just said -

Dick: (interjects) Like food poisoning.

Maddox: Food poisoning!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah! And he goes -

Dick: It happens.

Maddox: - "Well, I'm allergic to avocados." I'm like, "How do you...?!" (laughs) "How do you know it's avocados, dickhead? You ate -- there was like, 10 ingredients on those nachos! You just arbitrarily picked avocados!" So from that day on, I made it a point to sneak avocados into EVERYTHING he ate. (Dick gasps, amused) Yeah! And of course, nothing ever happens, 'cause he's fulla shit! He just thinks -

Dick: (interjects) Did you...did you tell him this? Like did you spring this plan on him?

Maddox: Oh, no. No.

Dick: So you're...you've been slowly building up this really slow-burn...some might call, like, *psychotic* plan? (Maddox laughs) Of slipping avocados in your brother's food? (about to laugh)

Maddox: Oh yeah.

Dick: For how long?

Maddox: Uh, for years I've done this. (Dick laughs hysterically) Like I've just put a little bit of avocado here and there. Just to see what happens!

Dick: Do you have pictures of it?? Do you have pictures of you slipping in...? Like dated, like in Se7en? (cracking up) Like that guy's lair where everything's all -- the urine is all date-stamped?

Maddox: Oh yeah...yeah. (quietly)

Dick: What's up, Sean?

Sean: I have to ask, were the nachos super complex in their ingredients? Was it like, you know, sour cream...

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: ...and beef, and beans...

Maddox: Right!

Sean: ...and all that kinda -- okay, so there was a -

Maddox: (interjects) There was at LEAST 10 ingredients in these nachos.

Sean: Yeah, like restaurant nachos. It could've been...

Maddox: Restaurant nachos!

Sean: ...ANYTHING.

Maddox: Anything.

Sean: More likely the beef, more likely the -- more likely ANYTHING than the avocado.

Dick: Yeah, but you don't throw up from allergies! Right? Like, you get...

Maddox: No!

Dick: ...your histamines or whatever go crazy.

Maddox: Well, no...you do -

Dick: (interjects) Your feet tingle.

Maddox: You can get nausea, you can get rashes...like, those are some common things. Not migraines! (annoyed)

Dick: That's just not what I would immediately think.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, if I got -- if I threw up I wouldn't think, "Oh, I must be allergic! To beer!"

Maddox: "Must be allergic to SOMETHIN'." Yeah. No, allergies usually cause you to like, sneeze or something. (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I DO know people who have allergies to beer, and I didn't believe them! I'm like, "Drink some beer right now. Let's see what happens." And so this girl did, and she IMMEDIATELY started sneezing. I'm like, "That's cool!" (gleeful) (both laugh) I felt great. You're miserable; I'm awesome. Uh -

Dick: (interjects) Man, you have this sick...lust of like, feeding people things that they're not -- that they don't wanna eat or that they CAN'T eat!

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: This is -- have you ever heard this shit?! Have you ever heard of somebody slipping all this weird food into people's stuff?? *I* haven't!

Maddox: Yeah, and Tabasco too! My brother HATES Tabasco. I always put Tabasco in his food. Um, so... (breaks down laughing) Maybe that's why he hates it! (Dick laughs) But back -- so back to spicy -

Dick: (interjects) That is demented!

Maddox: Yeah, well, fuck it! You know, quit bein' such a fuckin' pansy about everything. Just EAT it. Jesus. (exasperated) (Dick cracks up) Um, so back to spicy food. (chuckling) Do you think this is -

Dick: (interjects) Did you...what was the food like when you grew up?

Maddox: Spicy.

Dick: Like, what was the...? Okay.

Maddox: My mom gave me pepper jam sandwiches when I was a kid. No joke.

Dick: What is that?

Maddox: It's...pepper jam. It's literally jam made out of pepper.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: It was all -- I just spread it on bread and ate it!

Dick: (chuckling) Oh, okay!

Maddox: Yeah! So, do you think -- here's a question. Do you think that -

Dick: (interjects) How many...how often would you eat...pepper sandwiches?

Maddox: Uh, probably at least once a week.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Once or twice a week. Plus I ate her other peppery, spicy foods. Like I'd...you know, I just, I loved it! It was great.

Dick: I'm just diggin' for somethin', 'cause the avocado thing is.....pretty funny.

Maddox: Yeah, it's great! Um, so HERE'S something -- this is interesting -- Penn State University investigated the link between personality traits and affinity for spicy food. Do you think it's personality or do you think it's nature?

Dick: Um...

Maddox: Well, I kinda led that one.

Dick: Wait a minute, wait a minute. What are the options?

Maddox: Do you think people...do you think people are naturally born to not like spicy food, or do you think it's personality?

Dick: I would say...just because of like, my healthy cynicism for people, I would say that they're faking it and that it's a personality thing.

Maddox: It is, actually! There's some truth to both actually, but they say that it's a personality trait. They found -- this is from PopSci.com -- they found that the sensation

seekers, or people who enjoyed the thrills of roller coasters, gambling, meeting new people...these are people who like spicy food. [http://www.popsci.com/science/article/2012-12/love-spicy-food-built-your-personality]

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah! And they did a survey -

Dick: (interjects) So if someone's a pain in the ass, they don't like spicy food? Is that basically what that's saying? Like if someone who's not fun...

Maddox: Yeah, someone who's not fun doesn't like spicy food!

Dick: Wow! That's a good tip.

Maddox: Boring people like boring food! End of story. So they did a questionnaire; they asked a questionnaire of these people, and these were some of the questions they asked them.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: "I would have enjoyed being one of the first explorers of an unknown land." People who like spicy food answered "yes." So without spicy food, we probably wouldn't even have America!

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) Oh, man...

Maddox: Right?

Dick: ...you took 20 minutes (Maddox laughs) to answer my first question, which is "Why the hell is this a problem?"

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: And I didn't realize I'd been duped until you just answered the question. Yeah, you're right!

Maddox: Yeeeeeah! (gloating)

Dick: It's a big problem.

Maddox: Alright, baby! Then, uh, they asked another question; they said, "I like a movie where there are a lot of explosions and car chases."

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: People who like spicy food like those types of movies. So -

Dick: (interjects) Uh, is this survey...is it...is it just men? And women here?

Maddox: Oh, men AND women, yeah. Who else?

Dick: So...well, it's just -- the questions now are getting...it seems like men would all say yes to that. And women would say, "Well, not really."

Maddox: So, no, they asked -- this is actually a REALLY well-done study. I looked at...I couldn't believe how in-depth this study was.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: But uh, they...so, here's something that's kind of interesting too -

Dick: (interjects) Penn State likes goin' deep. (smiling) Right?

Maddox: What's...I don't know what that reference is.

Dick: Oh, 'cause that guy at Penn State molested all those boys.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh! (hushed tone) No, oh, that's... (cracks up) Awesome. (sarcastic) Uh... (chuckles nervously) No, I'm pretty sure he probably didn't like spicy food. (laughs)

Dick: Ohokay. (apprehensive) I don't...yeah.

Maddox: That's not a... (through giggles)

Dick: I hope not.

Maddox: No. No, he...I guarantee he doesn't. Um, so, [continues quoting PopSci article] "Sensation seeking emerged as a much stronger predictor of spicy food liking than in the previous studies, and it also predicted how often a person ate chili-laden meals. [...] Surprisingly - " Now, this is the part that REALLY kicks ass: "Surprisingly, frequent chili-eaters didn't feel the burn from the capsaicin sample any less than people who ate peppers less often." So what that means is, people who eat spicy food still feel the burn; they just don't give a shit, 'cause they're that awesome.

Dick: Really??

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Wow! (in a low voice)

Maddox: We still feel the burn! I ate the world's spiciest pepper a couple months ago. There's a YouTube video on it. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VP9E_YtW7Es] And I felt the burn -

Dick: (interjects) Of you eating the pepper?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I saw that. Don't you take your shirt off in that video?

Maddox: Yeah, I started sweatin'.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox chuckles) I don't know if that was the right move for that video. (grinning)

Maddox: Well... (Dick laughs) Probably not. It's...it's rarely the right move.

Dick: So if you wanna see Maddox take his shirt off and eat the hottest pepper in the world...

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: If you wanna see the hottest shirt taking-off in the world... (gleeful)

Maddox: Yeah! That's uh, that's me. I was doin' it. So...so yeah, these are the people who are scuba diving, they're skydiving -- these are people who are exploring. These are people on the MOON.

Dick: Do you tell your friends this? Do you tell your non-spicy-eating friends all this data?

Maddox: What data...?

Dick: That they're boring?

Maddox: No, 'cause it's impossible to argue -- to reason with them. One of my friends in New York, he CLAIMS his wife is something called a "supertaster"? Have you heard of this before?

Dick: No, man. (dismissively)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I have not heard of that ever. (chuckling)

Maddox: So, she cannot have even a...a granule of spice, because she's a supertaster. (cynical) I'm like... (Dick groans loudly)

Dick: Ugggggghhhh, these PEOPLE! (gritting his teeth)

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, it doesn't sound like supertasting to me. That sounds like *special* tasting. You know what I mean? That's...that's stupid. Like, you can't have even a granule of spice? (mocking)

Dick: 'Cause she'll throw a huge fit?

Maddox: Yeah! She'll throw a huge fit! And you know what? You can build your tolerance to it. Just eat it, like Mexican parents! We all need Mexican parents. That's my problem.

Dick: You know, it's...but now I'm thinkin' if there's this correlation to...spiciness and like, adventure-seeking, that -- the spice kinda hurts, right?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like it kinda...it BURNS! It feels good!

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: It's a good feeling! You actually get a rush of endorphins in your body after you eat spicy food.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I feel like that would correlate with a lot of other stuff too.

Maddox: Sure, it does actually! So there's a scale, it's called the Sensation Seeking Scale. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sensation_seeking]

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And so they broke it down into four traits: there's thrill, and that's like...uh, thrill- and adventure-seeking, and that's "desire for outdoor activities involving unusual sensations and risks, such as skydiving, scuba diving, and flying." There's experience-seeking; that refers to things like, you know, social and psychedelic experiences, and going out and meeting people. There is disinhibition; that's a "preference of 'out of control' activities such as wild parties, drinking and sexual variety."

Dick: That's what I was talking about.

Maddox: There you go!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then the final trait is boredom susceptibility: "intolerance of repetition or boring people, and restlessness in such conditions." These are the people who like spicy food. That's me.

Dick: So, like -- yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is...I hate being informative and not funny. Like, I hate informative things.

Maddox: That's true. (amused)

Dick: Uh, but this is...that's good info!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: If someone...if someone doesn't like spicy food, they are not fun.

Maddox: They're boring!

Dick: Scientifically proven.

Maddox: They're assholes.

Dick: Alright, man!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think you're gonna...that's a solid problem!

Maddox: Thank you. Let's, uh -

Dick: (interjects) I think the U.S. men's soccer team needs some spicy food.

Maddox: Damn right they do!

Dick: Okay.....get ready for this. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is gonna make your problem look like a joke.

Maddox: Hm'kay. (chuckling)

Dick: 'Kay?

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Here's my next problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (pauses) Condoms. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Everyone...

Maddox: Correct. (laughing)

Dick: ...everyone hates them.

Maddox: You bet.

Dick: Do you have a boner sound effect?

Maddox: Ohh, no, I -- well...

Dick: Get a boner sound effect for next week.

Maddox: I got an anal sound effect! (**fart sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: Nah -- hmm, no. (dismissively) Everyone hates condoms!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Men AND women!

Maddox: Yeah! That's true!!

Dick: So don't...I'm not...don't accuse me of being anti-women, er, sexist during this podcast. Everybody hates them.

Maddox: Everybody hates condoms.

Dick: And yet, we're still usin' 'em.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: WHY?

Maddox: Probably to avoid STDs.

Dick: How many people seriously have all these STDs?? Have you ever gotten an STD?

Maddox: No.

Dick: I never have either.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh...don't need 'em!

Maddox: Well, I guess that proves... (cracks up)

Dick: That proves what I'm saying.

Maddox: ...that proves we don't need condoms! (amused) Do you actually have, um -

Dick: (interjects) Look man, I mean... (sighs) Honestly, it ruins -- I spend more time trying to talk chicks out of condoms than I do trying to talk chicks into having sex with me in the first place.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: How messed up is that? (Maddox inhales thoughtfully)

Maddox: Very. But for so many different reasons. (chuckling) (Dick laughs) Um...

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Well...first of all, if a girl doesn't feel comfortable having sex with you without a condom, then why push the issue? Just put it on and get it done.

Dick: They're TRAINED! It's like everybody's trained to compulsively put a condom on when you don't really need it. (annoyed) You DON'T really -- I'm saying that!

Maddox: Yeah. (unsure)

Dick: You don't really need it; stop having sex with scumbags.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's it. Both ways!

Maddox: Well... (skeptical)

Dick: Stop having sex with...trashy people!

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Then you won't get an STD!

Maddox: But this is coming from Dick. Desperation Dick. Let's call, let's call it -

Dick: (interjects) That's offensive. (smiling) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well, you were just saying last weekend you would do anything -- do or say anything to get a blowjob. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So that means sometimes you might run into some trashy women. Uh...and also, if it's DARK -

Dick: (interjects) Well, I don't want...I don't want a blowjob from THEM, though. I don't want it from *anybody*!

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: You know, a GOOD one!

Maddox: Alright. A good one. Sure. (smirks)

Dick: I want that perfect mix of, like...you don't give them often, but you're doin' it now. That's what I -- I wanna ride that razor-thin edge. You know what I'm talking about?

Maddox: (inhales) No.

Dick: I'm not just indiscriminately out there wanting blowjobs.

Maddox: You're just, um...no I, I don't know what you're talkin' about. You want, you want the qual-- how can you tell you're gonna get a quality blowjob? And how can you tell she's not -

Dick: (interjects) I want like, a whole...because! I want like, you know, I want like a Casablanca of blowjobs. (Maddox chuckles) Like, I -- no, I want the Goldilocks of...like, not *too*... (stammers)

Maddox: Uh... (laughs nervously)

Dick: I don't wanna think you've done this too much, and I don't wanna think you've NEVER done this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I want you to make me think this one is special!

Maddox: Okay. I'm...TOTALLY on board. 'Cause I've had both, and I know what you're talkin' about. (cracking up)

Dick: You know EXACTLY what I'm talking about.

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: I don't want her to stop in the middle and say, "Is this good? Guys always tell me it's really -- I'm really good." And I'm like, "H'okay, well..." (hesitantly)

Maddox: "Well, it WAS." (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. "It was, 'til you started talking."

Maddox: Yeah! "It was fine..." Uh, I dunno, man. Yeah, but I have... (cracks up) I've experienced both, where it's like, "You don't know what you're doing. Get away from that." And then the other end of it is, "This girl's TOO good at it." Uh, which is -- it's like pornstar good, you know?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Where it's like, "What, wha...*should* I be using a condom? Like, what's goin' on here?"

Dick: Nonononononono. Don't you start with that.

Maddox: No. I think condoms with blowjobs are totally pointless. I...I won't stand for that at all.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's stupid.

Dick: I'd rather just not get ANYTHING.

Maddox: Yeah, I guess. (unsure)

Dick: You know what I'm saying??

Maddox: You know...yeah, but what's the tradeoff here? So, the cost-benefit analysis is...the benefit is, you would have a better sexual experience.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Presumably. Right? The cost is, potentially, you're gonna -

Dick: (interjects) NO cost. (Maddox laughs) There's no downside to this, because not everyone...society is not rampant with STDs. It's JUST not.

Maddox: I don't know about that, dude. I've seen some girls where I thought, "Okay, this is pretty questionable." Also, it -

Dick: (interjects) But would you bang them??

Maddox: No!

Dick: No!

Maddox: And I haven't.

Dick: Of COURSE not!!

Maddox: Yeah. (hesitantly)

Dick: That's, I think that...I think everybody has like, a natural level of disgust that protects them from getting an STD.

Maddox: Eh, I dunno, man. STDs are scary, 'cause the cost (cracks up) that you didn't let me finish is that your dick is gonna drip. Uh, it's gonna swell up and drip...

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: ...and you're gonna get pustules, and all sorts of nasty funk. And *then* guess what? You're gonna be the one that THEY'RE worried about.

Dick: You're stuck with that for life then.

Maddox: Yeah! You're stuck with that for LIFE.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Versus like, a 5-minute experience. And by the way, I'm -

Dick: (interjects) Look man, I don't have all the answers. I'm just saying I would rather...I would rather, uh, drop a dictionary on my dick than have sex with a condom on. (Maddox chuckles) That's all I'm saying. I think everyone can get behind that.

Maddox: I can totally get behind you dropping a dictionary on your dick.

(brief silence)

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Yeah. We'll post the video on the website. (laughs) So, do you have any...any actual stats or anything for the number of STDs that people have out there? I've heard it's

really high! Like, especially syphilis and gonorrhea are up to like 30 percent of the population.

Dick: (stammers) Yeah, can that possibly be true??

Maddox: Well, I mean, just 'cause -- your experiences are tainted, so you kind of think that your experiences are common just because you have that perspective and empirical evidence. You've never gotten an STD! But ask someone who's HAD one and their, their life is kinda...demolished, right?

Dick: You know what's weird? Um, this friend of mine was telling me about her friend who got herpes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And -- this is an example of someone who's trashy -- the girl said, "Well, you know, it's not like her life is over."

Maddox: Well... (unsure)

Dick: I'm like, "Uh, yeah, it kind of is! Like, no one is gonna wanna have sex with you with herpes."

Maddox: Nahh, well, that's not true. I just read an article about this. Um...

Dick: You can't dance AROUND that!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like those Valtrex commercials? When it's like, "It's only bad for 5 days a month." No, it's bad all month!

Maddox: Is it? I, I mean...

Dick: What would YOU do? Would YOU.....bang someone with herpes?

Maddox: Oh, there's -- that's a loaded question. I mean, it would have to be...A) she'd have to be THE ONE, essentially. She'd have to be a perfect...uh, you know, the perfect girlfriend for me, or whatever.

Dick: She would have to eat spices every day?

Maddox: Eat spices, go skydiving, go to the moon...uh, and discover a new land.

Dick: (over Maddox) She'd have to hate monkeys?

Maddox: She'd have to HATE monkeys, 'cause I *fucking*... (**monkeys whooping sound effect**) ...hhhhhate monkeys. (under his breath)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But yeah, if she was the perfect one and I saw myself in a long-term thing, then potentially, yeah. 'Cause, uh, I read this thing -

Dick: (interjects) With herpes? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah, potentially. I mean, if it's somebody...

Dick: I want you to think about this. I'm gonna let you give a different answer for this.

Maddox: (sighs) Ahh, boy. Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I'm putting you on the spot, I know.

Maddox: Yeah. (unsure) Okay, you know, my answer is "no." (laughs)

Dick: Yeah! MY answer is "no."

Maddox: No, I read this article about this recently, about a girl who had...she got herpes when she was 22 from a boyfriend that she didn't...HE didn't know he had it, she didn't know he had it, and then she got it. Like, they had sex ONE time or somethin' like that.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: And she got herpes. So then she talked about the rest of her life and her dating experiences; she dated like 10 guys since then, and she had that tearful, uh, confession every time they were about to have sex that she had herpes. And it turned out, like -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, man. Can you imagine getting that...getting that conversation? (in a low voice)

Maddox: I know! It's tough, man, but what do you do? I mean, what do you do, just end your life? Like is that the end of your sex life?

Dick: No, what do you do as the GUY? I'm not imagining it from her point of view, (Maddox smirks) I'm imagining it from...MY point of view.

Maddox: Well, surpri-

Dick: (interjects) Getting told that conversation.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, ugh.

Maddox: Well, surprisingly, a lot of the guys -- like probably about uh, 7 or 8 of 'em -- were okay with it. You know, you have a lower likelihood of contracting it if there's no sore. No open sore.

Dick: Alright. (quietly) That's gross.

Maddox: Yeah! Well, it's your problem, man! But uh, condoms... (sighs)

Dick: Okay, so if there's all these STDs out there?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then I guess...people aren't using condoms! The RIGHT people aren't using them! 'Cause they're goin' around like crazy. Meanwhile, uh...girls who are totally clean, that *I* wanna hook up with, are like, "Yeah, yeah, yeah. You gotta put a condom on." I'm like, "Aggghhh, why?!"

Maddox: That's 'cause they're totally clean! That's how they stay that way.

Dick: Sucks!

Maddox: You know what? That's a test! That's a test. So, if you...if she says "put on a condom," she's already passed the test. And then if you say -

Dick: (interjects) And then -- so we don't have to use one.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: That's what you're saying, right?

Maddox: Yeah... (hesitantly)

Dick: Just say it, and then we can't...then we don't have to.

Maddox: Yeah. Say it, and then we don't have to, yeah. That should be the test right there! There's your solution to the...to the condom problem! Just have them bring it up, and then say, "How about we don't?" And if she's okay with it -- yeah.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) I mean, you know...like, I've been called a scumbag for trying to talk girls out of using them?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I feel like what you're saying is kinda what I'm doing. Like, that's the dance. You insist on wearing one, and I...you insist on me wearing one and I try to talk you out of it so we don't have to. That's the test, okay?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You passed the test, and now I gotta fix this.....so this feels good.

Maddox: Yeah, but you can't push it too hard. If they, if they don't feel un-

Dick: (interjects) Of course, you can't push it too HARD.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm just saying, you know, you pretend to put it on and then you take it off. (Maddox spits out laughing) What's wrong with that? (grinning)

Maddox: Everything is wrong with that. That is...there's so much wrong with that. Um, no, the condom thing -- actually, it's interesting, most girls...I'M usually the one to say "Hey, uh, lemme get a condom," and then most girls are like, "No, let's not. I'm on the pill." I'm like, "Oh! Alright, well, I guess..."

Dick: Oh, man. You lucky bastard. (in a low voice)

Maddox: Yeah, what is it with you, man?? What are the type of girls you're dating?

Dick: They're ALL, they're...oh no, they're all ABOUT it!

Maddox: They don't wanna give you blowjobs, they don't wanna -- they wanna use condoms...

Dick: No no, they wanna, they -- what are you talkin' about, they don't wanna give blowjobs? Yes they do!

Maddox: Weren't you saying like, what, two episodes ago that you had to persuade... (cracks up) ...that you had to persuade them?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And say anything? (smiling)

Dick: Yeah, of course you...that's -

Maddox: No!

Dick: - that's why you take them out on dates!! (Maddox chuckles) That's what the whole dating thing is!

Maddox: That's...yeah, that's what I'm talkin' about. I don't, like it doesn't -- it's not this like, TRADE, tit for tat.

Dick: You don't take girls OUT? You just...get blowjobs?! What are you TALKIN' about? I don't believe that!

Maddox: Yeah, welcome to *my* world, man.

Dick: Oh, SHUT up! (Maddox laughs) Stop showing off for Sean!

Maddox: Sean's sittin' there with a raging hard-on. (through giggles)

Dick: OH, my GOD. (disgusted)

Maddox: Oh boy. Alright.

Dick: THAT'S what dating is.

Maddox: Uh, a trade for blowjobs. (dryly) That's...

Dick: No! It's like, you know...buttering them up.

Maddox: Oh, gross.

Dick: To get a good one.

Maddox: No...NO way! That's gross, man! That's, that's...that's makin' it vulgar.

Dick: Well, I envy you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And your... (sighs)

Maddox: No, I take girls on DATES, yeah! That happens, but I don't expect...it's not this expectation that, "Oh, now she's gonna give me a blowjob." Like, a lot of the girls I've dated...uh, I dunno. Maybe I just -- maybe I just pick 'em better! I dunno, who knows, man?

Dick: What are you talk-...I think you're putting words in my mouth that I didn't say. What are you saying? Are you suggesting that I don't get blowjobs?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 'Cause I DO, buddy.

Maddox: Nyeeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Mmm. You look like a guy who doesn't get blowjobs. (cracks up)

Dick: You're outta your MIND. (playfully annoyed) You like these pictures of my rims? I'll bring you some REAL pictures next week!

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: Yeah. (mischievously)

Maddox: I don't wanna see ANY other kinda rims, coming from you. (laughing) Um...let's move on. Yeah? Next, uh, my next problem?

Dick: Alright. Well, mine's -- first of all, lemme just add, mine is a universal problem.

Maddox: Uhh...

Dick: Everyone's gotta deal with it!

Maddox: ...yeah. You know, I -

Dick: All over the earth!

Maddox: - I will add this; this is actually kind of a sad note. Well, maybe I w-...I don't wanna end your problem on a sad note. We'll uh, we'll just move on. Um...

Dick: Why? What are you gonna say?

Maddox: Well, in Africa, it's a HUGE problem with AIDS. Right? And there are some of these slums -- these villages that are just slums, and I remember watching this, uh, this newscast that went down there and interviewed somebody who said that he regularly has unprotected sex with prostitutes who he knows have HIV.

Dick: Jesus!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Ohhhkay.

Maddox: So, and they asked him like, "Well, you know this woman has HIV; why are you still having sex with them?" And he says, "Look around you. There is a sewer behind me. It's...the stench makes me wanna throw up EVERY single second of my life." He says, "This is ALL I have to look forward to." (chuckling) So, I guess there is that! Uh...

Dick: Jeez, that's a really sad story.

Maddox: I know, it's a bummer! I didn't wanna end on that note.

Dick: Ehh.

Maddox: But uh, yeah. That's...that's kind of the flip side of it. Sex without a condom is such a powerful motivator that people would even risk getting HIV.

Dick: Yeah, alright. (gloomily)

Maddox: So, there's that. Huge problem, I guess.

Dick: Figure it out!

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: Somebody figure it out. It's not workin'.

Maddox: However, but -

Dick: (interjects) The current thing is not workin'.

Maddox: Yeah, that supports your argument though! I mean, if people are willing to go to such lengths, then condoms are...you know, a problem! I guess.

Dick: Yeah. Alright, what's your next problem?

Maddox: Alright. My next problem is non-apologies! People who don't give apologies, and people who don't give *good* apologies.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right? Don't you have a problem with that? Right??

Dick: Uh, no, because I give them. I've never given a genuine apology.

Maddox: Mm. (knowingly)

Dick: I don't...I THINK like, 90 percent is just saying, "I'm sorry." (flatly) For the sake of it.

Maddox: (annoyed) No, there has to be sincer-...so, I would suspect that you're a really bad apologizer.

Dick: Oh! Uh, what makes you say that?

Maddox: (chuckling) Because you're insincere with *everything*. Every... (cracks up) Every aspect of your life is TOTALLY insincere.

Dick: So what does sincerity have to do with an apology? (Maddox splutters explosively and laughs) Walk me through...

Maddox: THAT'S... (laughs hysterically) Exactly!! That is EXACTLY what the problem is. (giggles more)

Dick: I mean, in a way...like, isn't an apology just something you say to get someone to shut up? (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: See? So therein lies the problem! NO. If you actually MEAN it, then that's not -- you're not just trying to get them to shut up.

Dick: Okay, gimme an example.

Maddox: An example of what, an apology?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Like a, like a scenario that -

Dick: (interjects) I dunno, you had...you have this problem. What do you, have an apology in mind? Do you have a non-apology in mind?

Maddox: Yeah. So, for example -

Dick: (interjects) Like, I know celebrities are *never* sorry when they apologize.

Maddox: They're rarely sorry. They're trying to cover their ass. Um, here's a non-apology: when you go to a restaurant and you have a bad experience, the restaurant...the manager might come over and say "Oh, well, we're sorry that you feel that way."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's BULLSHIT.

Dick: But that's like a corporate apology.

Maddox: Exactly!! It's a bullshit apology!

Dick: Like, businesses have to.....okay.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Really??

Maddox: Yeah! And I -- for example, if you argue with like, a girlfriend or boyfriend or whatever, they might say, "Well, I'm sorry your feelings are hurt." But...

Dick: Yeah, that's a...that's bullshit. (quietly)

Maddox: ...WHAT is that?? What -- like, let's deconstruct that statement for a second: "I'm sorry that YOUR feelings are hurt."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: What are they actually apologizing for?

Dick: They're accusing you of...of being, like, too sensitive.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's an accusation.

Maddox: So they've shifted the responsibility of being hurt onto...

Dick: On you!

Maddox: ...YOU.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So now you are responsible, A) for your own feelings that they intentionally -

Dick: (interjects) And making them apologize.

Maddox: Yeah, and making them apologize.

Dick: Like, "You're SO hypersensitive."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So you know what I used...I did, um, with the last girl I dated for a while? 'Cause I would always wanna say that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I did, like, blame her for it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I would just SAY "sorry" (Maddox smirks) and not add that part, with the "Sorry that your feelings are hurt." (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it, like...it really tripped her up! 'Cause I think she was still pissed off, but she knew she couldn't take offense to it 'cause it seemed like a real apology.

Maddox: Yeah... (pensively) No, you know, I...people can read this. There's like this innate sixth -- or what are we at, like, seventh, eighth sense now, whatever? That we can -

Dick: (interjects) It's just six. We've...there's only five. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah, but people always say -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but the phrase is "sixth sense."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: Okay, whatever. So we have this innate ability to tell when someone's bullshitting us with an apology!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I dated someone for a long time who was THE worst apologizer. THE worst!

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: First of all, she would NEVER apologize for anything.

Dick: I think I know who you're talkin' about. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs loudly) Yeah, you do.

Dick: And I knew...like, I knew the second I met her that we had that in common. (Maddox sighs exasperatedly)

Maddox: Ohh, you dickheads.

Dick: Like, I could totally tell. (about to laugh)

Maddox: You assholes. (muttering)

Dick: Go -- what would she say?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, first of all, NOTHING. Which was just like, deafening silence. (Dick laughs) Like, you know, uh...especially if we, if we had -

Dick: (interjects) I knew that. (through giggles)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I know! And especially if we had a fight where we both, like, mutually may have said something that we, uh...you know, upset each other.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And so I'll come -- I'll be the bigger man, and I'll offer the apology first, and I'll -

Dick: (interjects) Do you say that? Before you apologize? (Maddox laughs) Do you say, "Look, I'm being the bigger...I'm being the better person here"?

Maddox: No.

Dick: "I'm sorry"?

Maddox: No, not at first. Eventually, yeah, I did. I'm like, "Look, I'm tired of bein' the bigger man!" (irritatedly)

Dick: See, we're all the same! You're acting like I'm the asshole 'cause I give fake apologies immedi-...like, all the time?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And just, I give apologies out like I'm throwin' out beads at Mardi Gras.

Maddox: Oh, I know!

Dick: Like, "Sorry! Sorry! I'm sorry!" (offhandedly)

Maddox: Yeah! That's bullshit!

Dick: "Do you mean it?" "Yeah, I really mean it!"

Maddox: Noo, you don't mean it! That's bullshit!

Dick: Who CARES?? Who ca-- nobody ever means it!

Maddox: That's... (annoyed)

Dick: Everyone is a selfish asshole.

Maddox: WRONG. That's bullshit. No, absolutely wrong. Absolutely wrong. Like, if you have genuinely...you know, you fucked up -- let's say you destroyed your friend's car or somethin' like that, and you feel actual deep remorse.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: Right? THAT'S...that's a satisfying apology, when it comes from someplace. Like, a place of remorse.

Dick: Yeah. (unsure)

Maddox: That's what apologies mean!

Dick: I feel like that's really easy to apologize for though. Like, "Sorry I messed up your car, dude!" (nonchalantly) "I'll...I'll pay for it, I guess."

Maddox: (stammers) You know what, dickhead? Like, that would be...the end of your friendship with that person. (Dick laughs) "Hey, sorry I messed up your car, dude. I guess I'll PAY for it, I guess." (mocking)

Dick: What do you WANT?! Like, you want me to write you a soliloquy about how sad I am?? Like, "Ohh, the heavens could not express the depth of my sorrow for messing up

your fuckin' CAR." (switches to less dramatic voice) "I'm sorry I messed up your car!" What more do you want?

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) See, your inability to have any...ANY level of sincerity is the problem.

Dick: That is sincere!! (yelling)

Maddox: You don't have to...no, but you don't have to...it's not a verbose -- the VERBOSITY of it doesn't matter. It doesn't have to be a LONG apology, it just has to be a sincere one. And people -

Dick: (interjects) Okay, lemme try it again.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you tell me. This is a...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: (imitating a concerned tone) "Hmm...gosh, man. I'm really sorry I messed up your car." (Maddox cracks up) Is that more sincere enough for you?

Maddox: Noo, it's still bullshit! (annoyed)

Dick: What do you want?? (snapping) (Maddox laughs hysterically) What are the words that I have to say to shut... (breaking into a grin)

Maddox: Ohh, don't you dare say that to me! (growling) (Dick laughs) Don't you dare say that!! Guys say that to chicks. I'm like, "What do you want me to say so you'll stop - "

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause you're bein' a chick! (yelling) You want this -

Maddox: I'M not!

Dick: - you want apologies?? For WHAT?

Maddox: Okay. (dismissively)

Dick: Who CARES?

Maddox: No...'cause you know what? The most -- another type of insincere apology that I hate is...uh, when somebody's just like walking through the mall or whatever and they might walk around you and they say "sorry."

Dick: Yeah, I do that too!

Maddox: Like, why are you saying...why are you saying "sorry"?! That's an insincere, bullshit little thing. Say "excuse me," fine!

Dick: 'Cause you INCONVENIENCED them.

Maddox: Well, just say "excuse me"! That's fine. You -

Dick: (interjects) But what if you already did it?

Maddox: Well, if you bumped into them, yeah. You say "sorry" and then you move on.

Dick: Okay... (puzzled)

Maddox: But I have seen fights start because someone DIDN'T say "sorry."

Dick: You gotta say "sorry"!

Maddox: Exactly!

Dick: You just have to SAY it! These are words that you have to say in society.

Maddox: Well, yeah! But you should...there should be some sincerity to it. So I'll -- lemme tell you why this is a problem.

Dick: Wait a minute! Nononono, don't move on yet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you're at a movie theater, right?

Maddox: Right?

Dick: And you're getting up to go to the bathroom.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you say -- is it okay if I'm like, "Oh, sorry"?

Maddox: Yeah, that's fine.

Dick: "Sorry, I gotta go."

Maddox: 'Cause you are genuinely inconveniencing them.

Dick: (stammers) That...they gotta move their legs? (incredulous)

Maddox: Or you say "excuse me." "Excuse me" or "sorry," either one is fine.

Dick: Okay, so THAT "sorry" is okay; what kind are you talking about that's bullshit? In the mall?

Maddox: Like uh, like for example, if somebody is...no, if you're in a grocery store and you're just walking down the aisle.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: And you walk around somebody and you say "sorry." Like, why would you say "sorry"? What are you...what are you apologizing for?

Dick: And that bothers you?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: WHY?

Maddox: Because it's in-...it's just a bullshit... (stammers) It desensitizes people to A) saying it and B) hearing it.

Dick: Okay. See, this is a -

Maddox: So it just becomes this THING.

Dick: - this is a great topic, because I, like your ex-girlfriend, don't give a shit about "sorrys."

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly) I know! Oh, I know.

Dick: And it, like...you REALLY feel like the word is cheapened.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And some -- and people are lying to you when they apologize...

Maddox: Well...

Dick: ...at a grocery store.

Maddox: So, "sorry" is such a powerful thing. Like, apologizing. 'Cause what you LOSE is a little bit of your...

Dick: Dignity.

Maddox: ...ego.

Dick: Oh, 'kay. (cracks up)

Maddox: Your e-...you have to like, swallow -- yeah, sure. Not dignity. (derisively) Come on. But you have to -

Dick: (interjects) That's what I...that's how I think! (smiling)

Maddox: You have to swallow a little bit of your pride!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And this is such an important thing because -- I'm gonna take you back to April 1st, 2011. Or 2001, rather. So April 1st, 2001...uh, or maybe it is 2011!

Dick: (talking over Maddox) April Fools' Day!

Maddox: Yeah, it was April Fools' Day!

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: This was uh, 2001. There was an incident called the Hainan Island incident, where a U.S. spy plane bumped into a Chinese fighter. So, we had some spy planes over off the coast of China. [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/world/shoulders/planetimeline.htm]

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And what would you say...what would you say if we intercepted a spy plane, say, from Russia, off of our coast -- off the coast of California -- and there were, uh...we sent up some fighter jets to escort them away from our airspace.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And they clipped one of our fighters, and our fighter went down into the ocean.

Dick: And crashed?

Maddox: And crashed, yeah. What would you -

Dick: (interjects) Well, they owe us a...they owe us a plane!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I'm sending them the bill!

Maddox: There you go! They owe us a plane. And the pilot died, by the way.

Dick: Well, I can't fix that!

Maddox: So...so that happened in China. We... (cracks up)

Dick: Whoa, we bumped the guy -- we killed the Chinese guy? (amused)

Maddox: We killed a Chi-...there are different accounts of what happened, but they essentially...wings -

Dick: (interjects) Someone messed up.

Maddox: Yeah, someone messed up.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: One of the wings was clipped; the Chinese fighter went down and crashed.

Dick: I feel like they should send me to China to apologize. (Maddox chuckles) 'Cause I'm GREAT...

Maddox: The worst. (amused)

Dick: ...I'm GREAT at apologies.

Maddox: Aw, the worst. You are absolutely the worst. I'm a great apologizer, you're a terrible apologizer.

Dick: Okay, let's -- Sean, you...no, everybody... (stammers) Here's the apology.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We each are gonna apologize, and then somebody's gonna decide who had the better apology here.

Maddox: H'okay. (laughing)

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic) (suddenly raises voice) ALREADY this is flawed, because neither of us are being sincere about anything! Like, you have to apologize about a real thing.

Dick: I'm...VERY sincere. (Maddox bursts out laughing)

Maddox: You're not! (through giggles)

Dick: "China?"

Maddox: You are the least sincere!

Dick: "China, I'm sorry...we messed up your plane and killed your guy." (hesitating) (Maddox snickers) "We will buy you a better plane." (Maddox laughs harder)

Maddox: "Go fuck - "

Dick: (interjects) "I'm sorry." (flatly)

Maddox: "Go fuck yourself. Ni hao. Go fuck yourself. Zai jian." (laughs more)

Dick: Okay, now you...let's see YOUR master...let's see your sincere apology! That sounded sincere as SHIT, dude.

Maddox: That DID sound sincere as literal shit. (Dick scoffs) Um...

Dick: Go ahead!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Let's hear it, master! (disdainful)

Maddox: You want a sincere apology?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: How about this, how about this: "We are sorry...we regret the unfortunate incident that happened. We're sorry for the loss of life, and we're sorry that this cost you so much money, and we hope that it never happens again. We'll try our best to make sure it never happens again."

Dick: Ahh, see, now you're gettin' shaky! (smiling)

Maddox: That's a fuckin' sincere -- nope!

Dick: Now you messed up!

Maddox: No, that's not a mess-up!! 'Cause that's the...that's the element that makes it a good apology, is that you are...sincerely trying to avoid making the mistake again.

Dick: Eh, I think uh...alright.

Maddox: Yeah! So let's go back to this timeline: April 1st...so, uh -

Dick: (interjects) So what happened?

Maddox: A U.S. Navy spy plane involved in a collision with a Chinese fighter jet...spy plane makes an emergency landing; the Chinese fighter pilot dies. So we had 21 people aboard this plane -- or maybe it was 24 -- they landed safely in Chinese airspace. So even though we clipped the wing of one of their fighters, they still let us land in their airspace. Right?

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: So...April 3rd, "Chinese president Jiang Zemin says that the United States must 'bear full responsibility'; asks for an apology and calls on Bush to halt all spy flights near China's coast."

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Is that unreasonable?

Dick: I mean...uh, yeah?

Maddox: I mean, yeah.

Dick: Did we do it?

Maddox: We're not gonna stop spying, of course. But he asked...he asked Bush to apologize. April 4th -

Dick: (interjects) Nah, you can't do that!

Maddox: What do you mean, you can't do that?

Dick: Make our president apologize?

Maddox: Ohh, of COURSE not! (mocking)

Dick: 'Cause some pilots messed up?

Maddox: Oh, GOD. Yeah! No, it's not the pilots messed up! We were in their airspace. We had... (cracks up) We had a spy craft in their airspace and one of their pilots died because of us.

Dick: I...look, I don't know all the details? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, I'm TELLING you the details.

Dick: For the reason the dude died? Yeah, but you weren't up there in the sky! I mean, what are they, dickin' around in the plane? Were they goin' like, "Ohh, check this out! I'm gonna freak this guy out"?

Maddox: (stammers) I mean, it doesn't matter; we were in their airspace. We were over there. We shouldn't have been -- I mean, we got caught...

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: ...and so somebody died because of it! So, Secretary of State Colin Powell at the time says Washington has "nothing to apologize for." (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And refers to the crew as "detained." So then April 4th -

Dick: (interjects) Look, you don't tell us to apol-- you don't tell someone to apologize! That's a dick move on THEIR part!

Maddox: They -

Dick: (interjects) Have you ever tried to say that with your girlfriend??

Maddox: YES!

Dick: "Hey, uh, baby? You need to apologize for this."

Maddox: Absolutely!

Dick: Ohoho! (derisively)

Maddox: And I shouldn't have to! Because if I have to, I've already lost that war.

Dick: Get... (incredulous) Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Get outta here, telling someone to apologize.

Maddox: No, that's bullshit!! Just fuckin' man up and apologize. I've lost friends 'cause they wouldn't apologize. It's an important thing. You gotta fuckin' man up! You have to feel remorse for something that you've done.

Dick: See, this irrational...

Maddox: NO.

Dick: ...this irrational love of apologies is why I just do it compulsively and immediately and without any remorse at all. Because it just -

Maddox: (interjects) And they mean ABSOLUTELY nothing.

Dick: It...I will totally dupe you every time!

Maddox: No you won't! No you won't.

Dick: I, I'm...I feel like we gotta test this. (grinning)

Maddox: No, we don't have to test it. So, the Chinese government...even though we crashed one of their fighter planes, even though we killed one of their pilots, even though we landed in their airspace, they said, "We'll give you your plane back; just apologize." Because in Chinese culture, and many cultures around the world, losing face means something. Like, you will lose a little bit of face -- you will lose a little bit of your ego, or your...your pride by apologizing. And, and -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but that's very aggressive!

Maddox: No, it's not!! (irritated) Apology?! How is that aggressive?

Dick: "Do what I - "

Maddox: (interjects) Aggressive would be, "We're gonna fuckin' INVADE you. We're gonna put sanctions against you."

Dick: But this is a step towards that! Because what he's saying is, "Do what I tell you to do and we'll give you something."

Maddox: Yes! It's pride! Swallow your pride, America! Apologize. So April 4th: "Jiang, leaving for a South American tour, repeats the call for an American apology. The U.S. spurns the demand."

Dick: Good!

Maddox: This is from The Washington Post, by the way. And then April 5th: "Bush expresses regret..." Finally! "Bush expresses regret for the loss of the Chinese pilot; says he does not want the dispute to destabilize U.S.-China relations." And by the way -

Dick: (interjects) You know what he shoulda done? Can I...can I interrupt for a second?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He should've said, "You know what? We're sorry. We're gonna fly the pilot's family to Disneyland." (Maddox laughs) "Fuck you, Chi-...you don't have Disneyland!" (smiling)

That's what he shoulda...that would've been a GREAT...that's the kind of apology that I wanna see.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical) Well, except they do have Disneyland. So...

Dick: They do?

Maddox: Yeah. In Hong Kong.

Dick: Probably sucks, though.

Maddox: Uh, I dunno! I dunno, I've never been there. So...uh, so he expresses regret and then he says that he doesn't want this dispute to destabilize U.S.-China relations. And by the way, we did 16 billion dollars of trade with them that year! So this is what's at stake here, 16 BILLION dollars and 106 billion on China's side. So then April 7th -- by the way, why is this going on so long?? April 7th: "Washington rebuffs - "

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause that's these people's jobs! These morons that are running the country? Their job is to protract these dumb things to make it look like they're busy.

Maddox: This is like, two words that Washington won't say, that would...that's potentially going to destabilize our economy!

Dick: Nah...

Maddox: This is fucking STUPID.

Dick: Nobody's gonna stop buying Chinese crap -

Maddox: No!

Dick: - because the president didn't apologize.

Maddox: They were talkin' about sanctions! America was talkin' about sanctions and China was talkin' about sanctions. This is back in uh, in 2001. April 7th: "Washington rebuffs ANOTHER Beijing demand for an apology." April 8th: "Dick Cheney insists Washington will not apologize over the incident." April 9th: "Jiang Zemin, on a tour of Latin America, repeats Beijing's demand for an apology."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: April 11th: FINALLY, after 10 full days, finally they get an apology. And they phrase it in kind of a bullshit way. They said that the U.S. is "very sorry" to the family that the pilot died; they're "very sorry" that the U.S. plane had no verbal clearance when it entered Chinese airspace and landed. Finally, after...for no reason, almost 2 weeks we escalated this thing into an international incident, when all they had to say is "I'm sorry." That's all the Chinese government was looking for.

Dick: I got a longer time that I've made somebody wait. For an apology.

Maddox: Oh, I'm SURE.

Dick: Than 10 days. (smiling)

Maddox: I'm sure!

Dick: I...you know her. Uh, I broke up with this girl 'cause I made a joke about her smoking.

Maddox: Oh, I know who you're talkin' about! (cracking up) This is great.

Dick: And...yeah. And uh, no, 'cause you know how I break up. It's: "You're DONE."

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: "You're dead to me."

Maddox: Not true.

Dick: "Deleted."

Maddox: Not at all. You're very...

Dick: Oh yeah, no! I don't...I don't stay in contact with girls that I'm not talkin' to anymore!

Maddox: You are in contact with a girl you're not talkin' to anymore *today.*

Dick: Oh, dude! Well, that -- yeah, that's like a one-off.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: No, I mean, we're... (stammers) Yeah, we dated a long time ago.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah.

Dick: And we were friends -- then we were friends before that, though.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I mean, what...but, right? As a rule...

Maddox: As a rule. In general.

Dick: ...I don't do like a wind -- I don't do a wind-down, like, debriefing of what everyone messed up in this relationship. It's like, "Okay, it's over! Bye!" (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I mean, that is how you handle it, yes.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I see this girl after no contact, uh...eight months later. And I think one of the first things I said to her was like, "Oh, sorry about that cigarette joke."

Maddox: Ohh, wow!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Eight MONTHS it took, huh?

Dick: Eight months. Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So China is...they got it easy.

Maddox: This is finally, FINALLY when Bush finally apologized; here's the apology. Here's all it took. [**plays audio clip of former president George W. Bush**]

President Bush: This has been a difficult situation for both our countries. I know the American people join me in expressing sorrow for the loss of life of the Chinese pilot. Our prayers are with his wife and his child.

Dick: (talking over clip) I miss this guy.

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: (giggling) Oh, DICK.

Dick: I miss his voice.

Maddox: No, what a g-...what a dumbass.

Dick: I miss his goofy, like, cartoon voice. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah, it was a goofy, like, idiot voice. Moron. It -- that's all it took.

Dick: You're so...you're so anti-Bush? Really?

Maddox: Oh, absolutely. He's a moron! He's an idiot. He got us into the -

Dick: (interjects) I don't think he's a...you think he's a moron, though??

Maddox: ABSOLUTELY. Yeah, he's a moron!

Dick: I don't think someone can elevate to that position in this country and be a moron!

Maddox: Oh, excuse me, he is absolutely a moron. He had...he got elevated to that position through nepotism! He got everything in his life through nepotism. Come on, he's an idiot! The "axis of evil" speech was THE single biggest diplomatic international blunder, probably.

Dick: I mean, yeah, but you realize it's not...it's like a team of people crafting these speeches and these policies.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's not HIM. Like, he's a punching bag for...THEM. For the team.

Maddox: And who, who put together that team?

Dick: Probably him! (Maddox laughs) But what...?

Maddox: Oh, so therefore... (giggling) There we go! Back, circle...

Dick: I don't know, I just don't buy into the whole like, "Bush is an idiot" mantra.

Maddox: (raising his voice) He took almost two weeks and elevated this thing to an international incident, lost a lot of diplomacy, lost a lot of credibility, and then ended up apologizing anyway! What did we gain by holding off this apology?

Dick: I dunno, I'm more interested in why YOU'RE fixated on fake apologies.

Maddox: Because it causes problems. And this is an example of a real-world problem where billions of dollars were at stake, because someone wouldn't apologize.

Dick: Nyeeah... (skeptical)

Maddox: It's a huge problem! I've lost friends over non-apologies. I stopped talking to my own family for a long time because they wouldn't apologize.

Dick: What's the last thing they didn't apologize for? Your family?

Maddox: Oh, it's just...I don't even know. I don't even -- it's been resolved now, but it was...you know, it's a serious thing! If you don't feel remorse for what you've done, then fuck off!

Dick: Yeah, but what if you just don't? What, Sean?

Maddox: Yeah, Sean's gotta say somethin'.

Sean: If you get busted, will you apologize for the avocado? (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Absolutely not. Because that's bullshit! There's no, there's no...you know, there's nothing goin' on there. There's no.....allergy.

Dick: I think it's just something you say to make people feel better.

Maddox: YES, but it has to be sincere! Otherwise it doesn't count.

Dick: Yeah, but doesn't your desire to make them feel better -- isn't *that* sincere? Like if I...let's say I'm watching...I dunno. Let's say I'm watching my girlfriend's dog, and somehow it gets all its hair dyed a weird color.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: 'Cause someone thought it would be funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay? If I'm not sorry I did it but, like, I just want her to kinda get over it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Isn't that the s-...isn't that sincere?

Maddox: Eh, no. You want them to feel better; however, you have to find a way to sincerely apologize. Even if you don't care about the dog's hair color. So for example, you have to say, "I'm sorry that I...that I let that happen." That's a sincere -

Dick: (interjects) But I did it.

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: But I did it.

Maddox: (stammers) "I'm sorry I did it." Then you have to apologize for doing it!

Dick: But that's a -- like, that's not sincere!

Maddox: And then follow up with, "I'll never do it again." That should be sincere.

Dick: So, moralize?

Maddox: (laughing) Don't -- no! I'm not saying lie! That's the...that's the problem! What aren't you getting? Just don't lie! Say it sincerely.

Dick: Yeah, but they're not the...but to not lie is to not...like, I'm not really sorry! I'm sorry that you're so *upset* by it, and I just want this to be over.

Maddox: That's a bullshit apology!

Dick: It's like a magic word that makes people not sad anymore!

Maddox: No, it's not magic, dude. (exasperated) It's not. You have to actually mean it, otherwise it means nothing. It comes from nowhere.

Dick: *I* don't need that, though! Like, I just need 'em to say it.

Maddox: Well, I know, because your...your fucked-up mind thinks everyone works the same way you do. You think -

Dick: (interjects) No, it's not fucked up, and I'll tell you why! Because I just need them to acknowledge that it pissed me off. I don't need you to feel BAD about it; I just need you to say, "Yeah, I can tell you're pretty pissed off about this!" (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah... (skeptical)

Dick: And I'm like, "Yeah, I am! Fine."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: "I can see that you...can see that."

Maddox: And what would you hope to come of that?

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: That they would never do that again?

Dick: Mmm, I don't...yeah, but not...I don't hold people to that high of a standard. Like, I think that they probably just messed up.

Maddox: Well, yeah...

Dick: I don't think they have that kinda control over it.

Maddox: Well, if it's something that's controllable -- like for example, alcoholism. I've known people who are alcoholics and they keep relapsing and they keep relapsing, and they keep apologizing, or they're gambleholics or whatever. They -

Dick: (interjects) Are you talkin' about me? (Maddox laughs) With the alcohol?

Maddox: No, I...no. You're, you're a...you're a functional -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I'm fine!

Maddox: (laughs more) 'Cause that...sure! You SEEM fine. (teasing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're a functional alcoholic. But yeah -

Dick: (interjects) I want an apology for that. (smiling) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I'm sorry. (slowly; deliberately)

Dick: Great! (amused)

Maddox: There! There we go, we resolved it.

Dick: And you know why?? I'll tell you why I accept that! Because it still hurts you to say! And like, even if you don't mean it, it still feels like you're degrading yourself by apologizing.

Maddox: You have to swallow -

Dick: Even if you don't mean it.

Maddox: You have to swallow your pride.

Dick: THAT'S why I think it counts.

Maddox: Do you think that pride has any actual value in life?

Dick: Um...it makes you FEEL good.

Maddox: Think about it! Think about what you're about to say.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Do you think pride has value?

Dick: Va-...only insofar as it makes you feel good about yourself, which is the *entire* point of life. I think it's stupid when people, like, blow big opportunities or are assholes out of pride, BUT I can't say it's illogical because it makes you feel good! Like yeah, everything else in life you do is...what makes you feel good; you gotta find a balance.

Maddox: Pride has a lot of value, and for some people that's all they have. So if you make somebody swallow their pride it really means something.

Dick: Yes!!

Maddox: 'Cause you're trading something that has...that's worth more than money.

Dick: I think THAT'S more important than actually being sorry, is making them sacrifice pride to say it.

Maddox: Well, that's...you know, they're -

Dick: (interjects) You know what? I had this sudden realization that...that we sound like COMPLETE whack jobs when we're talking about apologizing like this.

Maddox: Why is that?

Dick: I don't know! I just had that sudden feeling. I don't know if it's gonna be true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We gotta check the comments after this.

Maddox: Oh, I can't wait to read the comments after this. (amused)

Dick: But I think somehow both of us are WAY off on this topic.

Maddox: Oh, I think I -- I think one of us is way off, and I think it's that side of the table. Um, but I can't -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but everyone does what I do! Everyone gives fake apologies!

Maddox: No!! You're, that's...that's your fucked-up, like, perspective because you think everybody thinks like you, but we don't! We don't. That's you.

Dick: I don't think they THINK like I do, I think they just DO it. Like I don't think they realize they're doing it, I think they just kinda say, "Oh, sorry!"

Maddox: No! I am...I am evidence that you're wrong. I give sincere apologies when I actually mean it, and I say that I'll never do it again. That's a sincere apology! That's all you should do. And you shouldn't cheapen it by saying "oh, sorry" if you, like...I dunno, if you're getting gas or something and you don't have exact change. That's not an apology, you don't have to apologize for that.

Dick: I apologize to the gas machine. (Maddox chuckles) Just to like, keep my apologizing chops up?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like if I put the card in too hard I'm like, "Oh, sorry about that, buddy." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Hopeless. (smiling) Alright.

Dick: Alright, what's our problems? I had...I had the U.S. Soccer Team -- the U.S. Men's Soccer Team, because the women always win the World Cup. Know what, I mean, I don't really care about that, but. (Maddox snorts) The men's...

Maddox: (laughing) Okay. Just dust that under the rug!

Dick: I'll get into -- I can get into that.

Maddox: I'm sure.

Dick: On another episode. The U.S. Men's Soccer Team -- or just the U.S. Sucks at Soccer.

Maddox: Yeah. The U.S. Sucks at Soccer. Is that how you wanna -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause we do as a country!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: That's the...that's the problem: The U.S. Sucks at Soccer.

Maddox: Should we...should we um, call it "football" on the website, I think?

Dick: No!!

Maddox: Probably? So the rest of the world can know -

Dick: No, it's SOCCER.

Maddox: Alright. Soccer, fine.

Dick: I'm not spelling it with a 'u' or an umlaut! (Maddox chuckles) Or whatever!

Maddox: Put your foot down.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: No umlauts.

Dick: It's soccer. I want us to be so good at the next World Cup that everyone has to call it soccer. (Maddox snickers) Yeah, we win the World Cup and we're like, "Eff you! Now everyone has to call it soccer for 4 years! That's the game."

Maddox: Hell -- I'm on board. Yeah, I'm on board with that 100 percent.

Dick: It's us versus the WHOLE world.

Maddox: Correct. (**'ding!' sound effect**) Absolutely.

Dick: Okay, and the other one was Condoms. Because everyone hates them.

Maddox: Alright, so -

Dick: (interjects) And I don't think they're necessary. I don't think everyone should be so crazy for condoms like they are.

Maddox: Yeah, maybe you're right. Uh, my problems are People Who Can't Eat Spicy Food and Non-Apologies. So...

(**closing riff starts**)

Dick: Alright, head to the website, http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com to vote!

Maddox: That's right, and we'll read your comments next week! Thanks for listening.

(**closing riff**)

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 7</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy, what's up, buddy? YOU have had a banner week!

Maddox: I have!

Dick: Can I bring this up first?

Maddox: Let's do it!

Dick: Your new video, uh, the "Life..." What did you call it? "Life Hacks..."?

Maddox: It's "Things you're doing wrong every day: everything." You're doing EVERYTHING wrong, every day.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's all about life hacks.

Dick: And if I could summarize real quick, it's basically shitting on life hacks.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Because they're all stupid and worthless, and I never realized how much I hated them and how much everyone hates them until I watched your video. I love it! I think it's my favorite video of yours that you've ever done.

Maddox: Yeah, thank you! It's actually gone, uh, it's gone really popular. It's...I'm not gonna use the word "viral," 'cause it pisses me off when people do it and I'm not even gonna say it. (irritated)

Dick: I'll say it! It's gone viral.

Maddox: H'okay. (laughing)

Dick: I don't mind.

Maddox: Thank you. Thank you for sayin' that. Um... (both crack up) It has, in less than a week -

Dick: (interjects) Such a weirdo! (through giggles)

Maddox: I just hate it so much. (Dick laughs hysterically) Like, it makes my skin crawl. It makes my DICK shrivel.

Dick: Yeah! (grinning)

Maddox: Augh.

Dick: It's...it's gross!

Maddox: It's gross.

Dick: It's funny.

Maddox: But the video, in under a week, has gotten over 600,000 views. It's bein' linked everywhere. In fact -

Dick: (interjects) YEAH!! (smiling)

Maddox: So, I was shitting on this website called Foodbeast.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh, 'cause they have all these shitty life hacks, and they even tweeted at me (cracking up) and they said, "Hey, we're big fans!" (laughs)

Dick: Yeah! But I feel like...like with you, you're like an insult comic? Like if you shit on something I did, I would be SO happy.

Maddox: Oh, you're gonna be -

Dick: (interjects) That's how you know you've made it!

Maddox: You're gonna be real happy in just a minute, buddy. (giggles)

Dick: Oh, okay. Well... (dismayed) Just wanted to start things off nice, and uh...

Maddox: Thank you! Thank you.

Dick: ...compliment you on the cool video, but go ahead and whatever you were gonna say.

Maddox: Thank you, yeah. And you know what? Let's also mention that, uh -- so I promoted the podcast on the front page for the first time, and even in spite of that the podcast is hugely successful! We have over 52,000 downloads in just over a month.

Dick: Cool!!

Maddox: Which is an insane amount for a newly launched podcast! So, you know, this is great! Keep it up. Keep listening to every episode.

Dick: Thanks for listening!

Maddox: Yeah! So uh, let's look at the board from last time. We had...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So the first problem, the number one problem from last week, is People Who Can't Eat Spicy Food. CLEANED house. (Dick sighs disappointedly)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: And you know, I just wanna say one thing about that. I didn't even get to this point last time I wanted to make.

Dick: Here we go. This is like your victory lap. (Maddox laughs) Every week...EVERY week you win, and every *effing* week you take a victory lap and shove it down -- what else?! What MORE reasons do you have to be in first place?

Maddox: No, I didn't even get to this last time. I just wanted to say that other people's inability, or unwillingness...let's say unwillingness -

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: - to eat spicy food affects me, because then it causes restaurants to dumb down their spiciness. So if you order 'spicy,' they think, "Oh, this is a pussy who can't handle it, just like every other customer." So they -

Dick: (interjects) So they give you mild.

Maddox: Yeah, they give you mild!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I can't get real spicy food because of these idiots.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So, anyway, I wanted to add that. So after that is Non-Apologies, and then Condoms -

Dick: (interjects) Non-Apologies?!?

Maddox: Yeah, Non-Apologies! Huge problem!

Dick: You know... (exhales frustratedly) (Maddox smirks) I gotta...I gotta pay you another compliment, which I hate to do, especially this early, but your problems REALLY pissed me off last week.

Maddox: Yeah! You -

Dick: I don't know why.

Maddox: - you mentioned that! (amused)

Dick: I went home, and I -- when we started this podcast I was like, "Okay, just don't...I'm never gonna let these dumb problems get to me." But after the last episode I went home, I fumed about it, I was thinkin' about it all night...I don't know why. I don't know what about that non-apology thing pissed me off, but it really does. It STILL does.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, well -

Dick: (interjects) There's something...there's something you think about it that everyone does, and it -- then it pisses me off. And I don't know what it is.

Maddox: Well, we have some comments, actually, about your perspective on non-apologies.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Uh, so this is from David Razi. So, he quoted you -- you said in the last episode, "Sorry is a magic word that you use to make people stop talking." And he said, "These are the words of a sociopath." (smirks)

Dick: What is he, like, a psychologist?

Maddox: I don't...I mean, he looks like he might be a psychologist. He's wearing a tie. Uh, and then (cracks up) from -

Dick: (interjects) I doubt it. (Maddox chuckles) I doubt that he knows whether or not I'm a sociopath. I HAVE emotions.

Maddox: Yeah, too many! Too many, I would say.

Dick: I am experiencing rage right now. (Maddox laughs heartily) And then sometimes I experience a distinct lack of rage.

Maddox: Yeah...those are two emotions.

Dick: Those are two very clear emotions.

Maddox: Well, he's got ya there, David. What do you have to say about that?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, and then this one's from Menso Posthumus Mey-...Meyjes. I don't even know how to pronounce this. Uh, he says, "I think Dick wins this round..."

Dick: YES!!

Maddox: "...just for this gem of a line: 'What does sincerity have to do with it?' As there is just undeniable proof that he doesn't get the first thing about the point of apologizing." (both break down laughing)

Dick: Look! I really think I'm right on this stupid apology thing, and that's what upsets me so much! (gritting his teeth)

Maddox: Everyone disagrees. So, uh...

Dick: Hey, I got comments too.

Maddox: You got some comments. Yeah, let's hear 'em.

Dick: Okay, this is from @JtheSpartan on Twitter. Uh, "@dickmasterson Loving the show. You're bringing the balls to it every week. Maddox must have stuffed his in his ass." (Maddox snorts and laughs) Wait, he continues: "To each their own." (both burst out laughing) Take THAT!

Maddox: Thank you -- what was his name?

Dick: Uh, JtheSpartan.

Maddox: JtheSpartan. JtheSpartan, I want you to eat a dick. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Nah. So, uh...I may not have won the votes, but I guess I'm bringing the balls to the podcast, man. What can I say? (breaking into a smile)

Maddox: "Bringing the balls," please. (disdainful)

Dick: Uh, I got another one too. I think this guy's, this guy's also shitting on you. Uh, Matt...Matt Tamasi, or something. I didn't write his last name down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, "Maddox, if you hate monkeys so much..." Which was one of your problems.

Maddox: Hate monkeys.

Dick: "...why did you choose one to co-host your show?"

Maddox: Ohohoho!

Dick: So, he's got you there!

Maddox: Whooooa! (sarcastic)

Dick: 'If you hate monkeys so much, why do you...?' He's -- I think that's on my side.

Maddox: Uhh, I think he's...he's aping on you. I think that's what... (laughs)

Dick: Whoooa. Boo.

Maddox: (**monkeys whooping sound effect**) (laughs harder)

Dick: Boo.

Maddox: Yeah, not a fan of monkeys. Um, I got an email from somebody; I'm not sure if he CC'ed you on this or not, but this is from Miguel and he says he's a sex worker.

Dick: Ohh! (intrigued)

Maddox: Um...yeah, I mean, not a... (cracks up) Not a sex worker. Um, he works in the, you know, sexual -

Dick: (interjects) Sex industry?

Maddox: Sex -- I guess.

Dick: What do you mean? What does he do?

Maddox: He says... (laughs) Okay, I *totally*...I totally misrepresented him.

Dick: Is he a phone sex operator? (chuckling)

Maddox: No. He says, "As a worker in the health sector..." (laughs more) So I took -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, so he could be, like, a doctor or a nurse.

Maddox: He's probably a doctor or a nurse, yeah.

Dick: And you're presenting him like a prostitute. (amused)

Maddox: As a prostitute. (laughing)

Dick: Like a male prostitute.

Maddox: So, this hooker emails me.

Dick: Okay. (grinning)

Maddox: And says that... (breaks down laughing again)

Dick: 'And here's his name.' (teasing)

Maddox: Here's his name: Miguel. (Dick laughs) And he says, "As a worker in the health sector, I have something to say about not wearing condoms to Dick Masterson."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: [email continues] "Since he likes brief emails, I'll write a short response - "

Dick: (interjects) Already too long. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: He says, "I'll write a short response and a long response. The short response is: Shut the fuck up, Dick Masterson. And the - " (cracks up)

Dick: (interjects) Why?! What did I DO?

Maddox: Well, that's in the long response. He gets into it. It's actually *really* long, and I -- like, this is even long -

Dick: (interjects) Is it pro-condoms?

Maddox: Yeah, it's pro-condoms.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But he essentially -- this, I wanna read this first sentence, 'cause I've been thinking about it a lot.

Dick: Okay. (wearily)

Maddox: This actually makes sense. "Being healthy is not a black-and-white thing; it's within a spectrum. You can do things that will increase or decrease your chances of being healthy, so you can reasonably be assured that they'll make you healthy. For example, the only thing that would absolutely assure that nobody got lung cancer was if you had no lungs." Right? But since that's -

Dick: (interjects) I guess...yeah, okay.

Maddox: Right! But since that's ridiculous, then what you can do is, like, improve your odds of not getting lung cancer. So. Uh, I think that's what -- that's the case he's making about condoms.

Dick: Yeah, I read a comment where a guy said it's, uh, what did he call me...I wrote it down. Um, lemme find it...

Maddox: A sociopath?

Dick: No no no, it wasn't the sociopath one or the monkey one -- oh yeah, here we go. Justin from New Jersey says, "Suggesting people not use condoms is irresponsible and stupid." (Maddox snickers) Like, you know, I... (stammers) I just wanna say, everybody already hates them!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It doesn't matter! I'm not -- I'm just saying it's a big problem.

Maddox: You know, we didn't even mention pregnancy? So, there's that. (both laugh)

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: Well, let's move on. (laughs more)

Dick: I'm just sayin' it's another base!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you got the bases, right?

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: You're comin' in...you're makin' a home run, man! You're sliding into the plate...

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: ...you're scoring; the catcher drops the ball, and then the umpire goes, "You're out! You gotta wear a condom!" So NOW, now the bases are...when you're scoring, you gotta stand up and argue with the umpire!

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: For ten minutes. (Maddox inhales thoughtfully) And pretend like you're not arguing with the umpire about whether or not you have to wear a condom. Do you see what I'm saying?

Maddox: Crystal clear. (sarcastic)

Dick: Do you really see what I'm saying??

Maddox: Absolutely not. (laughs)

Dick: Sean, do you...? Sean, the audio engineer -- thank you for all your hard work -- do you understand what I'm saying? Do you understand what I'm saying, that a condom is like adding an extra base after home base? Or between third and home?

Sean: I do, but I think I picked the wrong time to tune out. (Maddox bursts out laughing) (Dick sighs exasperatedly)

Dick: Alright, I'm done talking. (frustrated)

Maddox: Let's get to the problems.

Dick: I'm done talking.

Maddox: Let's get to the problems. Alright, what do you got this week?

Dick: My first problem is armchair psychologists.

Maddox: Ohoooh! Wow, very apropos!

Dick: Yeah! Because that guy -- and that guy, David, is the one who set me off on this. "'Sorry is a magic word you say to make people stop talking.' These are the words of a sociopath."

Maddox: Is that REALLY the problem you brought in today?

Dick: Yeah! That's really the problem I brought in today!

Maddox: Oh, that's amazing!!

Dick: Because I got SO pissed off last week from your problems that I decided, "Fuck it, I'm already pissed off. I'm gonna read the comments."

Maddox: Great! (smiling)

Dick: And I found that one and I was like, "Wha...??" (spluttering) This is what, this is what everyone does now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you say ONE thing wrong...you say one, like, honest thing...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...and you're a 'sociopath.' (scathingly)

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Like, it's like everybody's living in an episode of Dexter now. They're running into sociopaths and psychopaths ALL DAY, when in reality they're just ASSHOLES. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Who's assholes, the people...?

Dick: *I'm* an, I'M -

Maddox: You're just an asshole.

Dick: - in this case, I'm just an asshole.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, I'm not a sociopath with a misconfigured brain who can't function in society! I just -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, sociopaths are usually highly functional. Right? Like, the...

Dick: I don't know!!

Maddox: ...the highly functional sociopaths?

Dick: I'm not a psychologist! (cracks up) (Maddox laughs) I'm not an armchair psychologist.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's my point.

Maddox: Well, that's fair. Uh...okay, but to play devil's advocate here, I don't think -

Dick: (interjects) Ohoho, okay! (Maddox chuckles) Go.

Maddox: I mean, you *might* be. (teasing) No, but that's, what I wanna say is, um...so, he probably wasn't seriously -- this isn't an actual diagnosis. He's not actually saying, "You're a socio-..." He's saying it as an insult, like as a 'fuck you.'

Dick: Oh, that's the new version of "asshole"?

Maddox: Yeah, that's a new -

Dick: (interjects) Is calling someone a sociopath?

Maddox: Right. To give them an armchair analysis, I think.

Dick: You see.....I think that you mean what you're saying, and it's probably true in some cases.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I think...I think the majority of people actually think that they're armchair psychologists. Like, I think it gives them some sick power to sit on their high horse and assign these, like, quasi-medical designations to people that piss them off. Like calling them, like, "Oh, she's just co-dependent," or "Oh, she's SUCH a narcissist," or "Oh, this guy's a psychopath!" (mocking) Like, "THAT'S why he got so pissed off when I dented his car door at Fatburger, 'cause he's a PSYCHOPATH." (Maddox chuckles) Like, "It was a TRIGGER." It's not just, like, "No, I'm pissed off 'cause you weren't paying attention and you dinged my car!"

Maddox: At Fatburger. (wryly)

Dick: At Fatburger! (cracking up)

Maddox: What an asshole.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, you know what though? But, here's the thing: you can't, with any accuracy, diagnose somebody without being a psychiatrist. Like, without ANY expertise -

Dick: (interjects) Even then!

Maddox: Even then! Exactly.

Dick: Even then.

Maddox: So that's my point. That's actually -- you're makin' my point for me, is even psychiatrists sometimes get it wrong. But they just look for a series of signs, a series of symptoms, and then based on that they contextualize it and say, "Well, you MAY...there's a probability that you may have this thing." Why can't normal people -- just to play devil's advocate -- why can't people normally, from day to day, make those analyses and make those assumptions?

Dick: 'Cause it's annoying. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So, your problem is...well, okay! You know what? I can't argue with that! It is annoying. It bugs me.

Dick: It is!

Maddox: Yeah. And I mean -

Dick: (interjects) It's like their way of shutting down the conversation.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, um...

Maddox: It's dismissive!

Dick: It's DISMISSIVE!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why -- and it's dismissive, and it seems like they're...it's like a brainy way to dismiss somebody.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, why don't you just say "Shove it up your ass"?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, okay, at least you're being honest.

Maddox: "Hey, shove it up your ass!" (wise guy voice) (laughs) Uh, yeah, it is dismissive. It's a pretty big 'fuck you.' It's like in Dave Chappelle's Block Party...uh, did you...I don't know if you ever saw that movie, but he says in that movie that the most, the WORST thing you can ever say to somebody -- worse than "I hate you" -- is "You're crazy." Because that is the most dismissive thing. That's like, you're not even going to consider their thoughts because you have dismissed them as somebody who's COMPLETELY irrational.

Dick: Right. Yeah, I think that's true.

Maddox: Yeah. And essentially, that's what calling somebody "crazy" is; you're making a psychoanalysis about their mental state and deciding that... (cracks up) ...that none of their -- nothing they're saying makes sense, and they're not worth listening to.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, that's what annoys you about it.

Dick: Um.....I don't know what annoys me about it, actually.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: It does...it annoys me because I think...like, this guy in particular: "Oh, you're a sociopath." Every time I hear somebody say "Oh, he's such a narcissist" or "sociopath," it's like, "Well, THEN what? What do you...like, just, you're writing off the ENTIRE communication? It's just, it fits into this neat little box, and that's it? You don't have to think about it anymore?"

Maddox: Yeah, but you can call somebody an asshole and then mean it in that instance, but not also dismiss their entire BEING. Like, you might do something that's narcissistic, and someone might say, "Oh, he's a narcissist," but they don't necessarily mean that *everything* you do is narcissistic.

Dick: Uh, yeah, I feel like they do, though.

Maddox: Yeah. (unsure)

Dick: Well, it really pisses me off 'cause I think it permeates, like, every part of -- I think it's uh, I think it's a prevalent problem, or 'the biggest problem in the universe'...(jokingly provocative) (Maddox laughs) ...because it's like, it's like SATURATED the way people interact now. Like, um...oh god. The last girl I dated would, like, look for 'triggers'?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Like when she pissed me off, she would call them "triggers."

Maddox: Ohh, I HATE that WORD!! (groaning) I -- that's gonna be one of my problems one time!

Dick: You see??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But you see what I'm saying? You see why it's so upsetting?

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: And I can't put my finger on exactly why. But it's like she's sitting there and she's pretending to be a psychologist, and I'm like, "No, I'm pissed off because you just, you PUT the McDonald's -- the medium McDonald's Coke -- on my table, and everybody knows that medium McDonald's cups bleed through!" (Maddox chuckles) "And get RINGS all -- first of all, you're not drinking all the diet soda." (annoyed)

Maddox: That's very specific, by the way. Why medium? Is it only the mediums? The large -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah yeah yeah, 'cause the larges don't leak! Right? [to Sean] Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Sean's nodding.

Dick: Sean knows what I'm talking about!

Maddox: The hell are...? (puzzled)

Dick: Everybody who regularly drinks McDonald's soda knows what I'm talking about! The mediums leak like a sieve, and everything else doesn't. 'Cause the medium has, like, that waxy...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...that waxy cup.

Maddox: I dunno, I guess I thought they all were -- just stop goin' to McDonald's, first of all. There's your problem.

Dick: No, McDonald's has the best Diet Coke on earth. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: What are you TALKING about?! (laughing) It's fucking...syrup! They mix it, it's pre-regulated -

Dick: (interjects) The way they mix it, first of all -

Maddox: (interjects) Even Sean's agreeing? What -- what, Sean?

Dick: No! They have the best...they have the best mix on earth because they mix it with *love.*

Maddox: Oh my GOSH, get OUTTA here!!

Sean: I don't know why, but I believe that, and I hear that from so many different people.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: They say, "McDonald's has the best Coke," or Diet Coke. It just must be the...it must be the mix!

Dick: It's the way they mix it. ABSOLUTELY.

Sean: The way they mix the carbonated water with the syrup. I know, it should in theory taste the same everywhere, right?

Maddox: Do you think it's -

Dick: (interjects) You don't think so?? [to Maddox]

Sean: As long as they mix it right? But it doesn't, it tastes different!

Maddox: Do you think it's some kind of potential selection bias because everybody's saying that? And also that you're eating greasy fucking food and it's coating your throat with grease, so it might -

Dick: (interjects) NO. No.

Sean: No, because I don't eat McDonald's.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So what do you, just go there and get their sodas? (incredulous)

Dick: I do.

Sean: I have, if I'm in the area and I'm like, "I'm thirsty"!

Maddox: Get outta here, Sean!! (exasperated) You just walk into a fuckin' grocery store, or -- a gas station's infinitely faster than a McDonald's!

Dick: No, I will -

Sean: What if I'm right there??

Dick: I will do a taste test for you, and I will pick out the McDonald's Diet Coke.

Maddox: Oh, YOU'RE ON!

Dick: Yeah! Bring' em in!

Maddox: Next week, we're havin' a McDonald's...

Dick: Bring 'em in!

Maddox: (cracks up) ...Diet Coke taste test.

Dick: Test-OFF.

Maddox: Yeah, a test-off!

Dick: I will bet! Figure out what you wanna bet -- what you want me to bet on that.

Maddox: 25 dollars, that's my standard bet.

Dick: Naw, put something funny on it. (Maddox snickers) Put something funny on it. (smiling)

Maddox: Okay! You shave -

Dick: (interjects) Think about it! Think about it.

Maddox: Yeah. It's, there's gotta be some kinda shaving involved. (mischievously)

Dick: What were you gonna say, shave my pubes?

Maddox: Shave your -- nooo, gross.

Dick: Are you -

Maddox: (interjects) 'Cause I will NOT check. (Dick laughs) That's a...that's a trick! 'Cause you're just gonna flash your dick at me.

Dick: Yeah. (amused) Um...

Maddox: Like usual.

Dick: Yeah, but she didn't -- she put the McDonald's cup on...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and I'm like, "It's not a 'trigger.' This is not a 'trigger,' it's YOU being careless. Okay?"

Maddox: That's careless, yeah! I agree.

Dick: "This...psychology doesn't need to enter this. It's - " There's too much psychology!! (suddenly yelling)

Maddox: Well, how did you respond to her? Did you snap at her?

Dick: No! I just said, "WHAT THE EFF IS THE MATTER WITH YOU?!? WHY WOULD YOU PUT...?!" (screaming) (both burst out laughing)

Maddox: Very calm, uh, rational response.

Dick: No, I'm pretty sure I said, "Uh, hey..." Um, I try to let them volunteer the information?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know, I like to treat women like I'm their parent.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm like, "Uh, hey, I know that - "

Maddox: (laughing) Very... (Dick laughs) First of all, women LOVE that. Not condescending at all. (grinning)

Dick: Well, I don't tell them that. (cracking up)

Maddox: Oh, of course!

Dick: But, like, I'm looking at what I -- how I do it, and how I treat them.

Maddox: Sure. (sardonic)

Dick: And I'm like, "Hey, uh, I noticed that there's...it *appears,* it appears that..." (Maddox sighs knowingly)

Maddox: That's the worst. (under his breath)

Dick: "...some CUP has leaked onto the table. Do you know anything about that." (snidely) "Darling." (both laugh)

Maddox: Dick, if you said that to me, I'd be SO pissed, 'cause I know exactly what you're doin'! And say, just fuckin' spit it -- and you're doing the exact same thing (Dick giggles hysterically) that YOU hate when I do it to you! Like, you know, if I send you an email like, "Hey - "

Dick: (interjects) I don't do it to you!

Maddox: No, *I* do it to you, and you hate it.

Dick: And I hate it, yeah. (amused)

Maddox: But you do it to chicks, and -

Dick: (interjects) I do it to chicks!

Maddox: Huh...? You did it to your ex! With the soda.

Dick: No I do, I DO do it to chicks, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, why? That's terr-- that's...

Dick: I'm agreeing with you!

Maddox: Oh, okay. So you're agreeing that you're being a DICK.

Dick: Hey, look...I mean, that's my coping mechanism. That's how I've learned to deal with women. I don't know what to tell you.

Maddox: Ohh, listen to this bullshit! "Coping mechanism," that's a psychological -

Dick: (interjects) OH MY GOD, I'M DOIN' IT!! (hysterically) Yeah!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: See?! It's a big problem, dude!

Maddox: Yeah, it... (cracks up) I guess, in your universe! 'Cause you -- you're part of it! You're part of that problem! (chuckling)

Dick: I'm not saying I'm not guilty of this.

Maddox: So, what are the ramifications here? What are the repercussions of people...?

Dick: The repercussions are, er, why this is the biggest problem is nobody's talkin' the same language anymore. We're just throwin' out psychology terms that WE think mean something, but no one's a psychologist, so no one knows...no one has any idea what they actually mean! (flustered)

Maddox: Well, some people are psychologists. (chuckling) I mean, I'm sure there are *some* psychologists out there. At least one.

Dick: Yes, 93,000. (Maddox groans loudly and laughs) I looked it up, 'cause you always bitch at me for not having stats. (grinning)

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**) (laughs more)

Dick: Yeah! That's the problem. No one...no one's speaking the same language, and we're not resolving anything. It's like everybody's in, like, a big corporation.

Maddox: Mhm. (amused)

Dick: Like, we're all answering to HR by using these stupid psychology terms, and I hate it.

Maddox: Yeah, well... (pauses) Okay!

Dick: Well, you know what? You know what, actually? Let me tell you, actually, a real problem with it. You know how every time there's, um...there's like, a big school shooting?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And everybody's like -- yeah, this is gonna get -

Maddox: This is gonna get... (laughing)

Dick: - this is gonna get dark really quickly.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Uh, and everyone's like, "Oh, you know, it's...they had a mental illness! Like, they're clearly some kind of a psychopath," or something.

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: It's like, "Well, you know, maybe not!" Like -

Maddox: (interjects) NO!

Dick: Maybe -- "no"?! -- maybe something's wrong with them that could be looked at and addressed! Like, they're not -- making them a monster doesn't help work out this problem. I really think that.

Maddox: Okay, Dick. I actually made that case on my Facebook page a while back. I said that one hundred percent of mass shootings -- of random mass shootings, like at schools and malls and things like that -- are by people who have a mental illness. And the ONLY thing you need... (Dick sighs skeptically) ...the ONLY evidence you need is that they committed a mass shooting! Because that in itself is...should speak to some kind of mental disorder. Rational people don't do that!

Dick: (talking over Maddox) But then you're just saying, "Problem solved!" That's like, "Welp, there you go! I've identified - " That's like Captain Hindsight in South Park. Then you're just saying, "Problem solved. Welp, he was a...he was a psychopath!"

Maddox: No, problem isn't solved! The problem is...to solve that problem, you have to give greater awareness to mental health issues. And, you know, some of these different websites -- like, fuckin' Upworthy's the *worst.* They try to say, "Well, they're all men, " or "They're all WHITE men." They love to just throw "white" in there.

Dick: Ohh!

Maddox: Yeah, they make it a race thing every time. And then some other people say, "Oh, well, they were all taking prescription drugs," or whatever. But the only common thread, really, is that these people all had mental illness! A diagnosed -- like, every single time, EVERY single time a shooting happens, I just scan the headlines and I scan the articles for "he was seeing a psychiatrist," "he was seeing a therapist," or "he was on some medication..."

Dick: Yeah, but lots of people do that stuff and DON'T shoot up schools!

Maddox: Yeah! I'm not saying *all* people with mental illness...shoot people.

Dick: I think that's what the headlines are saying when they do that!

Maddox: No, they're -- but they're not, they're not doing that. They're saying it's 'guns, guns, guns.' (Dick inhales thoughtfully) They're blaming guns every single time.

Dick: Well, I'm blaming armchair psychologists. (Maddox cracks up) That's my problem.

Maddox: For...for mass school shootings. (laughing)

Dick: No, no, no. I don't wanna say that.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: 'Cause it's not funny enough. (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: "Funny ENOUGH." (through giggles)

Dick: Uh, go ahead.

Maddox: Alright. My problem. My first problem this week is.....shy people.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Shy people!

Maddox: Shy people.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I want to add to that: introverts. I -

Dick: (interjects) Shy guys! (smiling)

Maddox: Shy guys... (cracking up) I wanna add introverts to that too, because -- so, at first I was under the impression that shyness and introversion were the same thing. Do you know there's a difference between a shy person and an introvert?

Dick: No, 'cause I'm not a psychologist. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Great. Well, I read it. You can READ things. Psychologists learn from books, so I read it, and I LEARNED it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So...

Dick: What's the difference? (amused)

Maddox: The difference is, uh, an introvert actually likes to be alone and likes to be by him or herself, whereas a shy person doesn't necessarily want to be alone; they just are afraid to have social interactions.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, I guess that makes sense. But let me tell you -

Dick: (interjects) What's wrong with shy people?? I feel like they suffer enough! They're tryin' to put it out there...

Maddox: No, they're not!

Dick: ...they can't, they get all "Hllllllgh!" They get all tied up, and they...just screw it up!! (tensed up voice) (both laugh) "BLAAAAGH!"

Maddox: No, that's the problem! So, so I -

Dick: (interjects) Have you ever been shy?

Maddox: YES! That's what I'm getting at! I used to be really shy! I used to be really closed off, and uh, afraid of talking to people, afraid of -- the first time I ever had to give any kind of, like, public speech or anything like that was when I did my first book signing event in Salt Lake City, Utah. And that was *terrifying* for me. I had... (cracks up) I had NEVER done anything like that before.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: Uh, so I stood up in this room full of like, 70, 100 people, whatever, and I had to give this speech.

Dick: (interjects) Can I ask you something first?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Did you...how much preparation did you put into this speech? 'Cause YOU prepare a lot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I know you as a preparer.

Maddox: Yeah, I did. I did. Probably about 2-3 hours, at LEAST. At least 2-3 hours of preparation, and then...uh, you know, trying to remember all of the things I was gonna say and everything like that. So.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I was nervous! If -

Dick: (interjects) What was the turnout? And this was, this was when? This was when your first book came out?

Maddox: My first book came out, yeah, The Alphabet of Manliness. That was in 2006. The turnout -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, man! I remember, that was so exciting.

Maddox: Yeah! It was...

Dick: When you got like -- 'cause I didn't know you at that time. Like, I only knew you as a fan.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, and when you, when you got that book deal it was like...it FELT like a turning point. Like for some reason, I dunno why, it was like, "Yeah!! This guy got...!" (excited) Like, now that I know about books?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, I don't...everybody kind of reveres books, and it was like, "This guy's finally made it."

Maddox: Made it. Yeah.

Dick: "Maddox is finally gonna stick it to somebody."

Maddox: Yeah, that's cool, thank you!

Dick: Yeah, it was! It really was.

Maddox: Yeah. So, the turnout was pretty good! It was, uh...I didn't know what to expect, but there were about 70 or 100 people, I think. I remember. And it was WAY more than I expected. I expected maybe like, you know, 10 people, and most of them bein' my family members. But, uh... (Dick laughs loudly) (Maddox cracks up) It was...it was a great turnout, and I was SO nervous, but uh...

Dick: Did your family come?

Maddox: ...I overcame it. Yeah! They did, and they kinda, like, stood off in the back. They KNEW not to come over and like, talk to me or anything -

Dick: Oh, wow!!

Maddox: - 'cause they were like, "Ohh, no, no. We're not gonna embarrass him." (amused) Uh, but -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's...nice of them!

Maddox: Yeah. So, that was the first -- and the first time I went on book tour, the ENTIRE time -

Dick: (interjects) Well, wait a minute. What happened...I wanna hear about the first book signing thing.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I really wanna hear more about it! Like, what was...? Because your fans bring, like...they want you to kick them in the face?

Maddox: Right. (chuckling)

Dick: And like, write obscene stuff on your book and other people's books?

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah.

Dick: Was that a surprise? Did you think that would happen?

Maddox: Ohh, it was absolutely insane. Like, it was insane! Every single book signing I had, something weird happened. First of all, I had all these rules on The Alphabet of Manliness website, like "If you come to my book signing, you have to have proper attire; you have to dress in a suit. Don't look me in the eyes." (Dick sighs in amazement) Uh, "Keep at all times a 1 1/2 to 3-foot distance from me..."

Dick: Crazy!

Maddox: ...um, you know, and "Bow before you leave, and bow before you enter." And SO many people did that! (cracking up) And people were, like, on the ground groveling, and people were asking me to draw dicks on them, and uh...you know, sign their breasts, and slap their asses, and like all sorts -

Dick: (interjects) Men AND women probably wanted you to sign their breasts.

Maddox: Yeah...come on, guys. Get your shit together. (under his breath)

Dick: No, I love it! I love those rules of yours.

Maddox: So anyway, I went on this -- the first time I went on this book signing tour, I was absolutely shy and a wreck.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: And every time I went to any signing, I insisted on being there an hour early so I could prepare!

Dick: So you could pace and sweat...

Maddox: Yeah, pace and sweat.

Dick: ...and, like, change your clothes. (teasing)

Maddox: Mmhm. Exactly. Um...the SECOND time I went on book signings, something happened; I took some improv classes, actually, because I wanted to get out of my shell a little bit.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And the best way to do that is to be able to stand in front of a room full of strangers and have nothing to say. And that...nothin' will force you out of your head faster than being able to do that. So, uh, that changed everything. So I put -- so the message is, I put *work* into it. 'Kay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This is what pisses me off about -

Dick: (interjects) But you're shy, NOT introverted.

Maddox: That was -

Dick: (interjects) That's what you'd say. 'Cause you like people. I know you like going out there and, you know, being among people.

Maddox: Well, I do NOW, but at the time I would say I was also introverted.

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: I was fine staying home and playing video games! I was shy AND introverted. You can be both.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, that was -- and then that changed, I forced myself to change. Like, I *wanted* to change. Because I know it's a problem, and here's why: so, there's this web comic that went viral a while back -- and I HATE that word!! (growling) But it went viral a while back. It's called "Dr. Carmella's Guide to Understanding the Introverted." [http://romanjones.deviantart.com/art/How-to-Live-with-Introverts-PDF-available-291305760] Have you seen this?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Okay. So it's this web comic where there's this guy in a hamster ball, and he says, "This is what it feels like to be an introvert."

Dick: Oh, god. Yeah, I don't read that shit.

Maddox: Yeah. (wearily)

Dick: Like, when I see...if it starts like that? 'CLOSE.'

Maddox: Yep. Well, I gotta, I gotta check it out. Um...so, it says -

Dick: (interjects) You like upsetting yourself. (Maddox sighs) Like, you really...something about...you will read it even if you know it's gonna upset you.

Maddox: Yeah. You gotta know what's out there.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, what I do is social criticism, so I have to know what's popular. And my rule is this: I ignore it three times, and if I see it again then I have to read it, 'cause it's popular.

Dick: Okay. (amused)

Maddox: Um, so it says, "What is introversion? Introverted people live in a human-sized hamster ball." And then in parentheses, "(Not really, but you know what I mean)." No, I DON'T know what you mean. The fuck are you talking about? So, he says, "The major trait of a true introvert [...] is how they gain their energy."

Dick: What?

Maddox: Yeah!! Exactly! "How they gain their energy," how does that make you feel?

Dick: Confused?

Maddox: Exactly. What the fuck are they talkin' about, "how they gain their..."? [continues quoting comic] "Extroverted people gather their energy from their surroundings." Bullshit. (**buzzer sound effect**) "They absorb the 'good vibes' of the people around them and thus need a LOT of social interaction." Is that how you get energy, uh, Dick?

Dick: No, I get energy -- like honestly, I get energy through, uh, liquor.

Maddox: Food, liquor...calories.

Dick: Yeah, but like, I feel like after a couple drinks I really loosen up, and...you know, I'm ready to go.

Maddox: M'kay, but you're not gaining literal energy. That's bullshit. That's a bullshit term, what are you talkin' about?

Dick: No, no -- from *people*? Like, what, just enjoying... (sighs hesitantly) ...being...? I don't know! This whole thing sounds like -

Maddox: Okay, let me continue. Let me continue.

Dick: - it's just, like, geared for weirdos to spread.

Maddox: No, it's -

Dick: (interjects) Like, it just sounds like it was written specifically to dupe dummies into spreading on their Facebook accounts. Right?

Maddox: No, 'cause INTROVERTS send this -- they post this. So it says, "Introverted people make their own energy and, rather than taking it from others, GIVE it on social contact. This means that they naturally find most interaction exhausting and need time to recharge." (cynical tone) Aww. Wahhh.

Dick: Yeah, and nail yourself to your cross. That's...

Maddox: Jesus. (disdainful) Oh, you need time to re-...?

Dick: ...it's not a hamster ball.

Maddox: It's ex-- I'm sorry it's so exhausting to TALK to me, dickhead! I'm sorry I'm EXHAUSTING you, you fuck. Like you're doing me a favor by listening to me?? Get lost! Get the hell outta here.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What are you, doin' me...you're *deigning* to talk to me? I got shit to do! I got other people to see, I don't NEED to be spending -- MY time I'm spending on YOU is charity. Alright?

Dick: Yeah! (playing along)

Maddox: I'm doing YOU a favor.

Dick: This is a tax write-off!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. I got stuff -

Maddox: (interjects) This is a social tax write-off!

Dick: I got stuff to do! All these great stories I'm tellin' you??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For FREE?

Maddox: Right!

Dick: I'm doin' all the work here!

Maddox: I'm doin' the heavy lifting, fuckface! (angrily) Why don't YOU do somethin'? Why don't you say something??

Dick: Why don't you listen a little...why don't you smile a little bigger?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You know? Gimme a laugh every now and then!

Maddox: Yeah! Why don't you look less bored?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: 'Cause everyone else likes this story! YOU'RE the dickhead! (chuckling derisively)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Jesus! And he says, "Because this energy is a limited resource, they tend to see extroverts as obnoxious predators out to steal their sweet, sweet, energy juices." (heavily mocking)

Dick: Ew. (giggles)

Maddox: The fuck...?! (cracking up) We're...we're having small talk in a fucking bar, we're not milking your udders, your prostate, you asshole!

Dick: Ohh. Oh! (grossed out)

Maddox: Jesus! And so then it has these rules, and this is -- it's ALWAYS endemic -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, what is...what was your juice? What kind of juice?

Maddox: Uh, "sweet, sweet energy juices."

Dick: Energy juice? (amused)

Maddox: Yeah. (snidely)

Dick: Ehh...

Maddox: What is that?

Dick: That's gross, man!

Maddox: It's SUPER gross! So then he says, "Here's how to interact with an introverted person: Just because someone is introverted doesn't mean they don't like company." Great. "Interaction is just expensive and they don't want to spend it on something annoying (read: wasteful)." Oh, I'm sorry that you're WASTING energy on me, asshole!

Dick: Is it really...is the day really that long for them?

Maddox: Oh, they must have -

Dick: (interjects) Like, they can't sit around and have a conversation with somebody without...

Maddox: Yeah! They must have exhausting lives! (sarcastic)

Dick: ...their energon?

Maddox: And by the way, EVERY single time it shows a picture of someone introverted, it shows them reading a book. (Dick laughs loudly) Because that's what makes them happy, right?? They're just fucking intellects, moving society forward! (derisively)

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: And moving forward literacy, because they're sitting home READING! They're reading their *tomes* of literature!

Dick: Ohh, they've got so much to think about! (jeering)

Maddox: Yeah! Ohh!

Dick: It's like the weight of the world is pushing on them! They can't make one little screwup, or else... (jokingly anxious voice)

Maddox: Oh, they have such limited energy, they can't spend a single atom of energy on you! On your conversation! They're busy, uh, thinkin' about PHILOSOPHY.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? These assholes. (Dick laughs) So, it says "Just because someone is introverted doesn't mean they don't like company." Great. So, "What you do: Say hello, be polite and relaxed..."

Dick: What?! (laughs hysterically)

Maddox: And then, "Show..." (cracks up) "Show - "

Dick: (interjects) That's -- "Say hello"?!?

Maddox: Yeah! And -

Dick: (interjects) Who is this...who is this guide written for??

Maddox: Introverts! Er, no, this is written -

Dick: (interjects) People DEALING with introverts.

Maddox: Well, yeah, and it's -

Dick: (interjects) So it starts out by saying introverts are great, and this is how YOU, as an inconsiderate jerk who's wasting their energy juice...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...should treat them.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: By saying "hello"!

Maddox: Yeah, listen up, jerkoff! Here's how you should 'treat' introverts [continues quoting comic]: "Say hello, be polite and relaxed," and then this is the part that pisses me off the most, "show that you recognize and approve of their presence."

Dick: What??

Maddox: Yeah! Why should I SHOW -

Dick: What does that mean?

Maddox: - and recog-...I don't know!! How can you possibly show somebody that you approve of their...?

Dick: Of their presence?

Maddox: Now we have to *approve* of their presence?!

Dick: I think you just offer to buy them a drink!

Maddox: Or how 'bout offer to tell them to fuck off? Like, I shouldn't have to approve anything!

Dick: Yeah, that's weird, man!

Maddox: "It is important..." It goes on. "It is important for introverts to feel welcome - they won't spend their precious energy..." And it says -- these are his words -- "their precious energy on someone who doesn't want them around." Well, guess what, dickfuck? We don't wanna spend OUR energy on someone who doesn't WANT to be around.

Dick: Yeah, what, Sean? Are you an introvert? Are you jumping in to the defense of introverts? (amused)

Sean: No, I'm just, I'm just thinkin'...so, this guy's talking completely about himself!

Dick: Right?! Yeah! (giggles loudly)

Sean: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Sean: I mean, like, as I psychoanalyze...

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Sean: ...like, somebody. But holy shit, no! He's...he's talking about no one but HIM.

Dick: So like, I was gonna say, imagine this is -- if it hadn't gone viral?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, is this just something he's writing for his friends? (cracking up) So they know how to deal...

Maddox: I guess, yeah!

Dick: Like, what happened in this guy's world that caused this? (smiling)

Maddox: It's a passive-aggressive way -

Dick: It is!

Maddox: - of telling all his fuckin' friends -- his loser friends -- like, "Hey guys, just 'cause I don't wanna go out doesn't mean I...you should still invite me! Blah blah..." (stupid voice) No! NO!

Dick: I mean, that's what...that's what people say about my website. (chuckling) Like I've, that's -- I've heard, "What, did you just write this to piss off your mom?" (Maddox laughs) I'm like, "Uhh...I don't think so!" (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, they...aw, they nailed you, dude. (grinning)

Dick: What? (laughing)

Maddox: Now, uh, so it goes on, there's a little bit left. It says, "Now the introverts know that you are friendly and open to interaction..." So, after you've said "hello" and APPROVED of their presence. "...but will not push them into spending energy if they have no need to." So, "Remember: [...] Don't demand to have energy spent on you when it's not particularly needed, and don't take silence as an insult - it isn't!" (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: It's not an insult, it's just, like, boring!

Maddox: Yeah! We don't want you around if you're not gonna say anything, dickhead!

Dick: I don't know, I don't mind...I don't mind people not sayin' things.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, the worst...the WORST thing to me is having to listen to a bad story.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Or like, someone who feels like they're obligated to talk, to fill space?

Maddox: Well, if you're on a date, say, with an introvert...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and this has happened to me, where they don't SAY anything...

Dick: It's brutal!

Maddox: It's brutal.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I can do all the heavy lifting; I can carry both sides of a conversation, but I don't WANT to. (Dick laughs)

Dick: I think you do. (Maddox laughs) Let's be fair. (grinning)

Maddox: No, 'cause then I -- what the hell am I doin' on a date?? Like, why would I wanna hang out with you, jackass?

Dick: No, I think your best -- I think your ideal date is someone just parroting your own opinion back at you.

Maddox: Nuh-huh, no! (laughing)

Dick: Let's be fair! Be honest! Be honest.

Maddox: No, absolutely not. I am TOTALLY honest. I went on a date a while ago, and the girl was...almost exactly like me. Like, *scary* exactly like me. Like I could...I -

Dick: (interjects) Physically? (Maddox laughs) That would be scary.

Maddox: No, I'd be married right now if she was. Uh... (everyone laughs) No. Uh, she, she...like, I could predict her thoughts. I knew what she was gonna say, I knew what she was thinking about everything.

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: Yeah, and it was boring!

Dick: True love, man!

Maddox: No, it was absolutely boring.

Dick: You let that girl slip away!

Maddox: Nope. It was boring to me, because I want to be challenged! I actually like being challenged.

Dick: You know what? I retract my statement. You do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You get off on someone criticizing you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You do!

Maddox: I love it. (breaking into a smile)

Dick: I'm the opposite.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would like to hear what I think parroted back to me.

Maddox: Ohh, so you were projecting just now. What's that psychological term...there's some -- I'm sure there's something.

Dick: Look, I just made a mistake! (Maddox laughs) It's not projecting, I JUST made a mistake. (annoyed)

Maddox: Yeah. That's, uh, that's psychoprojection, buddy. (teasing)

Dick: Um... (Maddox laughs) So, what's wrong with shy people?

Maddox: Shy people -

Dick: (interjects) Like, they're not -- not all shy people are that jerkoff -

Maddox: No.

Dick: - that was tryin' to write a...it's like, almost a suicide note, basically.

Maddox: Right. So on, uh...on xoJane, this feminist website, they also talk about how to deal with introverted people. [http://www.xojane.com/relationships/how-not-to-be-a-dick-

to-your-introvert-friend] And they say here that, uh, "Don't be offended when your introvert friend doesn't want to hang out. Just don't." So they're not saying WHY you shouldn't -

Dick: But this is introverts!

Maddox: - and they're not saying HOW you shouldn't. They're just saying, "Don't do it."

Dick: Your problem was shy people.

Maddox: Okay. Well, shy people...so, they're saying -- I read a couple things, uh, psychologically, that say shyness can be overcome -

Dick: (interjects) 'Psychologically.' (amused) What a...what a weird coincidence, that we brought these in.

Maddox: Yeah. Super weird. (smiling)

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: It said that shyness can be overcome with therapy. Um, so -

Dick: (interjects) Therapy?!?

Maddox: Well...you know, if you have to talk to somebody and get over your fears of being shy and rejection, then so be it! But with me, for example, I WORKED for it.

Dick: You just do it!

Maddox: Yeah, I just did it!

Dick: Uh, this therapy shit? I don't think...I don't think they fix anything.

Maddox: Well, says YOU. (chuckles)

Dick: Like, I think people like it, but I think it's just -- all these headlines are meant to gin up business for psychotherapists.

Maddox: Yeah, ehh... (skeptical)

Dick: That's what I really think.

Maddox: Do you think there's a big psychotherapist lobby that's putting out these...? (amused)

Dick: Look, from some guy who's accusing the MEAT industry of inflating the prices of steak? (Maddox laughs) You don't think psychoanalysts can build up their profession with this shit??

Maddox: I mean...

Dick: I absolutely do!!

Maddox: I guess. But you...that's not the only way to overcome it, as I am proof of that!

Dick: I don't think that's ANY way to overcome it!

Maddox: I did overcome it!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And I worked towards it! That's my problem with shy people and introverts, is you can DO somethin' about it. You know it's a problem, you know people think you're an asshole, you know that people are tired of your shitty attitude and tired of you always saying "no" and staying home! You know what? Fuck off! Why don't you move to the MOON, asshole? (Dick laughs) You hate people so much, just fucking move to the moon! Stay home! (angrily)

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Oh, and read your fuckin' philosophy books on the moon, dick! And then this other web comic I saw, this girl says, "Well, sometimes shy people just like the silence in a world that talks too much." [final page of this comic: http://heyluchie.tumblr.com/post/53461087106/my-comic-introversion-is-finished-please-go-to] And then the last panel shows her standing next to a windowsill all alone in her house, and a little bird chirps up next to her. (breaking into a grin) Oh...! (mocking)

Dick: (interjects) Being annoying?

Maddox: No no, that didn't annoy her!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Because of course she's tranquil, she's one with nature, and she reads a lot. (cynical)

Dick: Man. (under his breath)

Maddox: Every shy person, right? But shy people are really sittin' home, eatin' a personal pizza like a fatass, and then doing nothing but flippin' through channels!

Dick: I would like, uh...I would like to see that rant done like a Scared Straight program with you on, like, Dr. Phil (Maddox snickers) addressing a panel of shy people. Just screaming obscenities at them. (Maddox laughs harder) How they just need to get out there, and... (cracks up) ...then have it take, like, that really personal turn where you're like, "I'M TELLING GOOD STORIES HERE! I'm telling good stories, and you're not doing ANYTHING!!" (hysterically angry) "We'll be right back with Maddox, the..." (laughs)

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yes sir! Absolutely, I'll scare them straight. So, one last thing I just wanna add. This is -

Dick: (interjects) I don't think it's a big problem in the universe, though.

Maddox: Well -

Dick: Like, some people are quiet. What's the big deal?

Maddox: Okay! Okay -

Dick: And there's annoying viral pieces. So what?

Maddox: Yeah, okay, Dick. It may not be the BIGGEST problem in the universe, but this is a show where we rank all the problems, so we have to discuss all of 'em eventually. Everything from mice to...AIDS. Eventually. So I just... (cracks up)

Dick: That's a cop-out. (both laugh)

Maddox: It is. (giggling) I do want to add one thing, though. This is from LiveScience.com. It says here -- they did a study about this!

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: About, uh, introverts. It says, "Human faces may hold more meaning for socially outgoing individuals than for their more introverted counterparts, a new study suggests. The results show the brains of extroverts pay more attention to human faces than do introverts. In fact, introverts' brains didn't seem to distinguish between inanimate objects and human faces." [http://www.livescience.com/8500-brains-introverts-reveal-prefer.html]

Dick: Ohh!

Maddox: Isn't that interesting?

Dick: That's kinda...yeah, that's weird.

Maddox: Yeah! So they could look at a shelf, and then they could look at you, and kind of have a blurry distinction! Like, "Well, that's just another thing!" They objectify -

Dick: (interjects) I don't -- I still don't get why shy people upset you so much though. Do you think that they think they're better than you? I think that's it.

Maddox: Because they're lazy! And inconsiderate.

Dick: Ohhh...okay.

Maddox: Right? They're lazy!! They're just sitting around and waiting -- like, how are we -

Dick: (interjects) What if they have that gripping fear, though? Like, you're...you overcame it.

Maddox: Shy people? Yeah, shy people have that gripping fear.

Dick: You overcame your shyness.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But you're like, you know...MADDOX.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Like, not everyone can be you.

Maddox: But nobody forced me to do this! I CHOSE to, because I recognized the problem! If you recognize a problem with yourself -- "Hey, I'm overweight." By the way, that's another fuckin' problem I overcame! I was overweight and I lost 80 pounds. Guess -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, "overcame"? I would say you're...you're *dealing* with it. (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing) I wouldn't say "overcame." (grinning) (both laugh more)

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Alright. Can I do my second problem now?

Maddox: Yeah. Do your second problem.

Dick: I don't think yours is...it's definitely not the biggest problem in the universe.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: And I am gonna be pissed off if that shitty problem outranks Condoms.

Maddox: Well, you know what to do, guys!

Dick: If -

Maddox: (interjects) http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com!

Dick: Yeah! (sneering) Go blow up -- go blow Maddox's ego more, and have this shitball problem outrank my good problems. Uh, here's...here's a problem that's WAY bigger than shy people.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: The movie Frozen. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Alright. Sure.

Dick: Do you know...do you know about this movie?

Maddox: Never seen it! I know everyone keeps singing that fuckin' song from it.

Dick: Yeah! That's... (laughing) Well, that's pretty much what triggers -

Maddox: (interjects) That's the whole thing?? (laughs)

Dick: Oh! Dude, it's like, it's just in my head.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I had to watch it with my niece, er, my cousin...whatever it is when it's your cousin's kid. Um...

Maddox: Nephew?

Dick: His daughter was.....nononono, that's your brother's kid.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: Um, my -- little girl. Let's just call her my niece. She was in town and she watched Frozen over and over, and that effing song has been stuck in my head for a week. Like, I think...it's the song I play in my head when I'm jerking off. (Maddox snickers) It's like, I can't get it out!

Maddox: Why...what, uh....?

Dick: And I don't know what to do.

Maddox: That, uh, that "Let It Go" song, right?

Dick: "Let it goooo, let it go..." (background sounds of Maddox searching for clips) What are you doin'? What are you doin' over there?

Maddox: Well, I was gonna pull it up, but fuckin' YouTube has ads on it.

Dick: You think you're...(laughs) You think you're doin' sound effects on the fly over there?

Maddox: Yeah, I was.

Dick: Yeah. Um...'cause usually I sing, like, the Super Mario Brothers theme song in my head when I'm jerkin' off. (Maddox chuckles) Just 'cause it's stuck in my head!

Maddox: You know, it's interesting you mention... (cracks up) Because a long time ago when I first, uh, started masturbating, I was around...I dunno, 15, 16 years old. And I didn't -

Dick: (interjects) Ha, wait a minute. (Maddox laughs loudly) Wait a minute! (cracking a grin)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I got a LOT of questions.

Maddox: Allllright.

Dick: "When I *first* started masturbating..."

Maddox: Yeeeah...

Dick: How did THAT go?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: How did that sce-...how did that dance go? (amused)

Maddox: That's another story, my friend. That's a weird one.

Dick: Hoho, that's the one we're telling! (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, no, that's uh...that's a weird one. Uh, I'll get to the -

Dick: (interjects) How weird?

Maddox: I'll get -- wellll, it's pretty weird.

Dick: Gimme a teaser!

Maddox: Eh, it's -

Dick: Gimme a teaser.

Maddox: I didn't even know what masturbation was.

Dick: No! We didn't -- well, we never do!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I didn't...no one told me...well, we didn't have the Internet. Do kids know now what it is? 'Cause we had no idea!

Maddox: I, I -

Dick: (interjects) It's like, all of a sudden, "This feels good and I don't know what it is."

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: And you don't find out 'til years later that it's masturbating.

Maddox: Well then, that -- okay. Then fine, that's...that's kinda normal then. That's the experience I had.

Dick: Oh, that's VERY normal.

Maddox: Oh yeah. I thought I broke my dick, uh, essentially. When...when that happened. So -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you were getting a hard-on, or...?

Maddox: No! (laughing) I've always gotten hard-ons! I was born hard. Um...

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: But anyway, I wanna -- I just wanna say this real quick.

Dick: That's cool. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Uh...I didn't have porn. So I grew up in Utah, and porn in Utah is really hard to come by. Especially, uh, REAL porn, 'cause it's all censored. I don't know if people know this, but genitals in Utah are censored. So -

Dick: (interjects) Wow, like Japan!

Maddox: Yeah! Like Japan!

Dick: Wooow.

Maddox: It's weird! Um...

Dick: That IS weird.

Maddox: So, I was forced to draw my own porn... (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...in Mario Paint. (laughs) So I have this weird Pavlovian response -

Dick: Of the Mario Paint theme song! (astonished)

Maddox: - every time I hear the Mario Paint theme song. (grinning)

Dick: Ohh, wow!

Maddox: I get a boner! It's weird, it's the weirdest thing! (laughing)

Dick: That is weird.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What did you draw?

Maddox: I drew a girl, uh, doggy style with like, Mario on top of her? Like, because you're... (both laugh hysterically) Because I had that 'Mario riding Yoshi' stamp, and I was like, "Well, I'm gonna use this!"

Dick: Oh my god!! (through giggles) Okay!

Maddox: Yeah, and I was like, "Well, I'll be Mario." And then, you know, he's doin' this chick doggy style, and she's like "Ohhh!" (imitating a girl moaning) And uh, yeah. That was...

Dick: Um, can you recreate that picture?

Maddox: Oh, absolutely.

Dick: Somehow?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Please. And post it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Please do that.

Maddox: So, back to Frozen. You were saying.

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: It's that stupid song, you were... (cracks up) ...you jerk off to that song. Weird.

Dick: I can't get it outta my head! Like, I try other songs! Everybody has, like, a song that gets stuck in their head when they're jerking off, right?

Maddox: No. (smirks)

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: I don't...not all...no? No. Right? Sean? Do you??

Dick: Sean?

Maddox: Sean's noddin' 'no.' No! This is a weird thing.

Dick: No, I know Sean does. There's no -- really?? (brief silence) Oh.

Maddox: Yeah! Why, why...?

Dick: I just can't it outta my head, I don't know!

Maddox: No, that's weird, dude!

Dick: There's no way that can be weird. Like, there's -

Maddox: (interjects) Why...why during jerking off? Like, why wouldn't you -- why not, like, during cereal or whatever? Like while you're eating cereal or goin' to the bathroom or somethin'. Why jerking...why do you go to jerking off? (chuckling)

Dick: I don't know!! It just happens! Like I get songs stuck in my head all day, but it's somehow...always then. OH -- well, anyway. If that's...if nobody else does that then I guess it's just a weird thing! Um, so here's what this movie's about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Frozen.

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: It's...two chicks who are fighting.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And they're -- no one's the bad guy. Like, there's no bad guys in this movie. It's just two sisters who are, like...kind of not really great at dealing with the world? I don't...I don't know! I don't -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, would you say they're introverts?

Dick: Yeah! I guess -- well, one is and one isn't!

Maddox: Well, well, well.

Dick: One is and one isn't.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: The ice one is an introvert, I guess?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: 'Cause the parents were...listened to parenting advice from some trolls?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So they raised her poorly.

Maddox: She's an ice queen?

Dick: Oh, yeah. I get it now.

Maddox: Interesting. Interesting that they would make the ice queen an introvert, sure.

Dick: So she, like, runs away and then the other one chases her down, and never in this movie is there a bad guy!

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: Like, never is there a guy that -- like a fire guy who tries to light things on fire? That's what I need in a movie. Alright?

Maddox: Yeah. A fire guy.

Dick: Yeah! I need, like, a Jafar...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...or, uhh, who was the bad guy in, uh...in Toy Story? Was there a bad guy in Toy Story? (quietly; to himself) That guy next door! That kid that lit all the toys on fire.

Maddox: Mmm...

Dick: What are you doin' over there?

Maddox: Nothin', don't worry!

Dick: Oh, alright.

Maddox: Uh, no, I don't -- the bad guy in Toy Story was the bully kid, right? Who...er, it had like, KIND of bad guys. It didn't have an overarching bad guy. Except for the, uh, the third movie, it had the bear. The whatever bear -- the purple bear?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The bad guy.

Maddox: And he was kind of -

Dick: (interjects) Frozen, no bad guys.

Maddox: Nyeeah, but he was kind of like, not really a bad -- he was a bad guy, but not really. That's...okay, so it didn't have any bad guys, but weren't the sisters bad guys?

Dick: Uh, I don't know. Uh, they -

Maddox: (interjects) Why, wha...?! (stammers) Wait, wait, whoa! Let's back up -- why did you see Frozen??

Dick: I told you! 'Cause my niece was there watching it -

Maddox: Ohhh! (exasperated)

Dick: - so I'm sitting there with her and watching Frozen. I'm like, "Oh, okay! This movie's huge." Like, Disney movies are always good! They always are. There's always a good story!

Maddox: Oh, my -- NO.

Dick: Yeah they are!!

Maddox: No!

Dick: They're good stories!

Maddox: Let's back up -- no, they're not! No!

Dick: WHY?

Maddox: I watched, I FINALLY watched -- so, I've heard about Lion King my whole fuckin' life. It was like, "Ohh, Lion King, Lion King, Lion King."

Dick: That's a good movie!!

Maddox: That STUPID song everyone sings - that, uh, "Hakuna Makata," whatever bullshit -

Dick: (interjects) "Hakuna Matata," you know what it is.

Maddox: Oh, who cares. (annoyed)

Dick: Don't pretend like you don't know what it is.

Maddox: I DON'T! I honestly don't. So, I saw Lion King for the first time last year. In my life. So I thought -- yeah! It's because Disney re-released in 3D or whatever, and it was at the fuckin' Pantages Theater, so I was like, "Alright! I'm gonna go see Lion King, see what

all this fuss is about." And it's about 15 minutes of story with a bunch of SONGS in between! Like, I don't...why are they singing?!

Dick: 'Cause it's a musical.

Maddox: Why?!? What's the...why...? It's so WEIRD! Isn't that jarring to you? I'm watching this movie, and all of a sudden someone's playing a song?? What's going on? I'm lost!!

Dick: That's what a musical is!

Maddox: No! (stammers) So is it a good movie or not?? Like, the story's 15 minutes long! This kid gets born, the dad gets betrayed, and then it's like a 5 -- it's like an Aesop's Fable stretched into a movie! What -

Dick: (interjects) So what do you want, like, a 3-hour movie? Like uh, the Transformers one where it's just like --okay. This is my problem with it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What was...did you see Godzilla?

Maddox: Sure did.

Dick: Not enough Godzilla.

Maddox: Not enough Godzilla.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Imagine no Godzilla at all!

Maddox: That would piss me off.

Dick: That's Frozen.

Maddox: (chuckles) That is Frozen.

Dick: That's what happening! It's all these dumb little stories, these human stories; no bad guys!

Maddox: Yeah. This is the song, by the way. Right? This is the song that you have a problem with? [**plays clip of "Let it Go" from Frozen**]

Dick: I mean, I don't think...I...

Elsa from Frozen (singing): I don't care what they're going to say...

Dick: [over clip] Yeah.

Maddox: This is the song that -

Dick: (interjects) That's not what I think about while I'm masturbating.

Maddox: That's...that's sick, dude.

Elsa from Frozen (singing): ...let the storm rage on...

Dick: I can't get it outta my head!!

Maddox: You can't get this... (laughing) Ha! You -

Dick: (interjects) I can't get this stupid song outta my HEAD! It's a big problem!

Maddox: You were with your nephew!

Dick: NIECE!! (Maddox laughs loudly) Get it straight! [music still playing in background]

Maddox: Ha, "niece"!

Dick: Are you listening to the story or not?!?

Maddox: No...kind of, vaguely. [**stops clip**]

Dick: Yeah! Pay attention! (annoyed)

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering) What, that's...that's weird, dude! Why... (cracks up) Why...it's only -- is it the biggest problem when you're masturbating or is it all throughout the day?

Dick: That's not...what do you mean?

Maddox: Like, you're hearing the song all throughout the day. It's haunting you.

Dick: Yeah, kinda! I think it's haunting everybody.

Maddox: No...I, I guess. I mean, you know, I didn't watch it. And even if I did -- if I was gonna take my niece or nephew to see this movie, I would be tuned out. Was this in a theater?

Dick: No, it was sitting around on the couch.

Maddox: Oh, so you had a phone on you, presumably? With apps and, say, a web browser? And work to do, potentially?

Dick: I'm sitting around with my niece!

Maddox: Yeah! Doing something -

Dick: (interjects) Well, I'm not surfing around on my phone like a JERK.

Maddox: Yeah, but your niece is checked out, so what do you...?

Dick: No! Kids -- that's not how kids watch movies. They're in and out.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah. They watch...like, that's why the songs exist!

Maddox: Why don't you take your -

Dick: Because...to pull them back in.

Maddox: Why don't you take your niece to the park or something?

Dick: We did that.

Maddox: Be like, "Hey, you know what? We're not gonna - "

Dick: (interjects) Whatta...what are you?! (Maddox laughs) You don't have -- you have NO idea what it's like hanging around with kids!!

Maddox: Yeah! So I'm the expert. (smiling)

Dick: Look, it's a big problem. So, this girl movie...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...has taken over; nephew's there, sittin' there. What's he learning?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: What's there for him? Absolutely nothing! It's a whole movie for chicks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No one's punching anyone!

Maddox: Yeah. Shitty movie. Um, I would say REALLY, really low on the problem list.

Dick: Okay! Enjoy your Godzilla-less Godzilla then. (Maddox laughs) 'Cause that's what this is!

Maddox: How dare you. (playfully) Um, okay. Let's get to my last problem...uh, real quick. My last problem is the Resolution Race.

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: So, not...so what I'm talkin' about here is the CONSTANT race for the highest resolution. So uh, you know, we had 720, we had 1080; now everyone's pushing 4K! Have you heard of this? You know what 4K is? 4K resolution?

Dick: Yeah. Uh, can I say something about these resolutions?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When you watch, like, movies in 120 Hertz -- is that a resolution?

Maddox: No, that's a frequency.

Dick: Oh. They all look like dog shit. Like, they all look like they were filmed by...they all look like student films. They all look like home movies. Have you ever watched Star Wars in 120 Hertz?

Maddox: Yeah, but -

Dick: (interjects) It looks like garbage.

Maddox: 120 Hertz is more for video games, 'cause you need the higher refresh rate. Um, so the resolution is more -- but yeah, people were complaining about that with The Hobbit, because they shot The Hobbit, I believe, in 4K.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the resolution was so crisp that it was off-putting! Like, people were...it was taking people out of the movie because you were noticing details that you normally wouldn't. You don't need to see the grain on a branch that's passing you by. You don't need to see -- so, there's this website. Uh, I believe it was...oh, it's Ars Technica. And they talked about the size increase, from going from like 720 resolution -- 720p, that's the resolution that most of YouTube is in -

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: - up to 1080. And of course, file sizes are gonna increase. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, one of the biggest traffic draws on the Internet today is Netflix. And Netflix is starting to push 4K. So suddenly, we're going to get...right now Netflix, during peak times, is pushin' -- 34 percent of ALL Internet traffic is Netflix. And even more now because they're gonna start offering 4K resolution. Why do we need 4K resolution?? It's impossible to edit! Every...EVERY machine I've used, even machines specifically *built* for it, choke on 4K. And there's -- now they're comin' out with 8K resolution! Have you heard of this?

Dick: No...no.

Maddox: Yeah! They -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, I don't think, like, you have to HEAR of it. It's just gonna keep going forever.

Maddox: But what's the point?! So, I read -- this is, this -

Dick: (interjects) To sell TVs.

Maddox: Well, exactly. But, but...practically, there's no point. On Wikipedia it says, "One advantage of higher resolution displays such as 8K is to have each pixel be indistinguishable from another to the human eye from a much closer distance. [...] This effect would be achieved in a distance of 20 inches." [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/8K_resolution] So 1 foot 8 inches. So, what...?

Dick: Yeah. That's me. (mischievously)

Maddox: If you were standing a foot away from your TV -

Dick: (interjects) 1 foot 8 inches. (Maddox laughs) That's... (cracks up) That's how big my dick is. (grinning)

Maddox: No, we gotta convert that to metric, and then...

Dick: Still big!

Maddox: ...nanometers. Nope! In nanometers. Um...so, if you were standing a foot away from your TV, and that's the distance you would need to stand to notice *pixels* on your TV? Fuck off.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright? You're being an asshole. Sit back! Calm down! Just watch the fuckin' show, and shut up.

Dick: Yeah... (unsure)

Maddox: 8K resolution's ridiculous. 4K resolution is ridiculous! We don't NEED it! 1080 is fine, end it at 1080. We DON'T need higher resolution. (chuckling derisively) Everything looks great, all the time now. Same with video games! I'm tired of this, like, constant race

for resolution and frame rate. Everything looks great already! STOP! Stop! Just, like, focus on making shit better and don't worry about making labels more...more legible, in TV shows.

Dick: Yeah, I would rather play, like, a good game of Pac-Man than any of these licensed video games that come out these days.

Maddox: People play Tetris! People played Tetris on an old-school grayscale Game Boy for YEARS! And people STILL prefer to play Tetris. It doesn't matter what resolution it is; you play a good game, it's a good game.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Same with TV shows!

Dick: So, is your problem that the quality of the thing in entertainment is suffering, and too much emphasis is being put on the technology around it?

Maddox: Yeah! And it's...and it's going to clog up the Internet, because the more we push -

Dick: (interjects) Clog up the Internet? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What do you mean, "clog up the Internet"??

Maddox: Well, Netflix accounts for 34 percent of traffic, as I mentioned, and in 2014 -- this is from Wikipedia -- "Netflix began streaming House of Cards, [...] and 'some nature documentaries' at 4K to compatible televisions." [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/4K_resolution] So -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but what's it gonna clog up?

Maddox: The bandwidth. It's gonna take up bandwidth 'cause everyone's downloading 4K to see their stupid fucking...

Dick: Orange Is the New Black. (smiling)

Maddox: ...Orange Is the -- yeah, do you really need high resolution to watch, uh, House of Cards?? What do you wanna see that's high resolution in that show?

Dick: Um...I can't remember if there's boobs in that show. YES, there is!! (suddenly excited) Yes, there is boobs in that show! Uhh, the hot -- the reporter. Have you seen...have you seen it? You haven't seen House of Cards, have you?

Maddox: I've seen it.

Dick: Remember the hot chick in the first season?

Maddox: Did she show her boobs?

Dick: Yes! She shows her boobs...uh, when Kevin Spacey is, like, going down on her in that WEIRD apartment scene?

Maddox: Whoa! Gross.

Dick: You remember that?

Maddox: No...huh.

Dick: Yeah, you got boob action there, buddy!

Maddox: Yeah, whatever, dude. I'll download high-resolution boobs. And by the way, I don't *want* high-resolution boobs; you see pores and shit. It's gross. Like, you just want -

Dick: (interjects) I don't know!! And now I'm thinkin' about it, I kinda LIKE high-resolution boobs!

Maddox: Ohh... (disgusted) No, Dick is gettin' a boner, and he's thinkin' of the Frozen song. (smirks)

Dick: You don't?! You don't like seeing the high-resolution...?

Maddox: Yeah, in real life! It's called "life," and I just...grab 'em. But, like, (cracks up) I don't need to see it on my TV, I don't CARE! How...I'm not gonna -

Dick: (interjects) You know, you've talked me into high resolution! Like, I was really anti-high resolution when you started this, but now I'm thinking...

Maddox: Ohh, my gosh. (exasperated) Unbelievable.

Dick: ...of that scene, and I'm like, "Wait a minute! Yeah, I COULD tell the difference!"

Maddox: Stupid. (under his breath) No. What's...? No! It's weird, and you see like, weird...you know, every time I think of high-resolution boobs -

Dick: (interjects) You see, like, those little hairs?

Maddox: Yeah, peach fuzz!!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I was thinkin' about peach fuzz, yeah!

Dick: That's hot!

Maddox: I guess! In real life, but not -

Dick: (interjects) That's a real woman, Maddox.

Maddox: I know -

Dick: Maybe you're used to your...

Maddox: Oh, let me tell you about real women.

Dick: ...plasticine models. (jeering)

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: But real women have a little bit of hair on their boobs!

Maddox: Yeah. Sorry that the supermodels I'm dating don't stack up to your hairy... (cracking up)

Dick: You're so...you're so fulla SHIT. (chuckling derisively)

Maddox: ...your hairy-chested... (laughs)

Dick: You're so fulla shit! You always say this shit on this show. You're SO fulla shit.

Maddox: Not.

Dick: With the 'supermodel'...

Maddox: Absolutely not.

Dick: ...the Tinder -- the hottest girls on Tinder that you're dating. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. They're all hittin' me up, buddy.

Dick: What supermodels??

Maddox: All of 'em.

Dick: What supermodels are you dating?

Maddox: All -- you name 'em.

Dick: You're such a liar! (laughs)

Maddox: You name it, I'm datin' all the supermodels. Yeah. (playfully gloating)

Dick: Oh, you're such a liar.

Maddox: So, anyway, dude. Yeah, I -- it's fine in real life. (Dick laughs more) I don't need to see it...like, it's not ADDING anything! I'm not thinkin' about peach fuzz when I'm jerking off! It's just -- I'm just not! I'm sorry that you're dating all these hairy-chested women -

Dick: (interjects) It makes it better!

Maddox: No. (annoyed) These -

Dick: (interjects) What are you talkin' about, "hairy-chested women"? See, you always -- you clown on me with this dating shit! (Maddox laughs) I'm telling you, looking at high-resolution boobs is better than low-resolution boobs.

Maddox: Is it? (skeptical)

Dick: Yes!!

Maddox: Why?

Dick: That's what I'm saying!

Maddox: No! Because what they do in magazines -- like Hustler, Playboy, Penthouse -- they airbrush the boobs, SPECIFICALLY to get rid of imperfections and details!

Dick: Yeah, that's because it's an image though! This is...this is a big difference between image porn and video porn.

Maddox: Okay, I got ya, dickhead. 'Cause you know what they do with -

Dick: (interjects) Hold on!! I'm not done!

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Don't you DARE interrupt me when I'm talkin' about porn!

Maddox: Oh! (disdainful) Oh, I'm sorry, did I interrupt you? (**sound clip of Dick saying, "Can I interrupt you for one second?"**)

Dick: Image porn, you need to have it all...perfect, because your eyes are taking it in. And if there's imperfections you'll focus on it. But VIDEO porn, it's always moving around, so it's about immersing you in the visual! Which means: don't fuck with it, it's gotta be as natural as possible.

Maddox: Dick, I want you to gather your crew -

Dick: (interjects) No, no! You think about that! (angrily)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Don't respond right away!

Maddox: No, I...

Dick: You just think about what I said.

Maddox: I did, I did. I listened quietly, and I know what I'm about to say, and I -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, you just listened quietly until I was done so you could start talking! (taunting)

Maddox: No, I know -- no! I'm, I -

Dick: (interjects) GODDAMMIT, I'M SO UPSET! (screaming) (Maddox bursts out laughing) I'M SO UPSET AGAIN BY YOUR PROBLEM! Go. What?? WHAT.

Maddox: Ohh, this is a psychological disorder, my friend. (teasing) (Dick laughs) Uh, so, I want you to gather your crew and prepare -

Dick: (interjects) My CREW?!

Maddox: Yeah, I want you to prepare to evacuate your battleship, 'cause I'm about to sink it. (Dick laughs more)

Dick: Go.

Maddox: So...so, most editing software that you use for 4K and above has specific filters to soften skin. Because they know it's a problem. And it just, it's turned on -

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, "they know it's a problem"?

Maddox: Because you don't...there's so many skin imperfections at that high resolution that you're sitting there looking at monsters on TV! 'Cause you're just looking at every wrinkle, and pore, and drop of sweat, and...and ZIT, and everything -- it's just gross!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: They...they cake on makeup on newscasts because everything's in HD now, and that -- if you see them in person, they look like mannequins. 'Cause they have so makeup on, because they're covering their imperfections! AND, the cameras have -

Dick: (interjects) I don't care about the news! I don't watch the news.

Maddox: Well, that's fine, but I'm just telling you: in movies, in TV, in film, everything high resolution has skin filters. They soften the skin...the skin tone.

Dick: So you're telling me in that scene in House of Cards, when that reporter takes her top off, that has, like...editing done to it?

Maddox: Yeah, everything goes through post!

Dick: I don't know, man. That chick's really hot.

Maddox: Well...you know, you're probably thinkin' that because they softened her skin a bit! Who knows, man?

Dick: Ohhh! (annoyed) No!

Maddox: No?

Dick: I'm gonna give it to her. She deserves it. (cracking a smile)

Maddox: What?!

Dick: NO, no!! I'm giving it to her, like, (Maddox laughs) I think she's that hot.

Maddox: Oh, I thought you were going to do her the favor of sex. (amused) (laughs harder)

Dick: No, it's never a favor when I'm doing it. (laughs)

Maddox: No, I know. I know. They're not -- yeah. Um...no, dude. You're wrong, man. We don't need this high resolution.

Dick: I think -

Maddox: (interjects) And it's clogging up the Internet! (yelling) Everything's gonna be slower.

Dick: I don't give a shit about the Internet thing, though! Our Internet always sucks! It's always gonna suck in America.

Maddox: We...NO! Wrong!

Dick: That's the thing.

Maddox: WRONG.

Dick: It's gonna get worse.

Maddox: Yeah, because of fuckin' 4K and 8K resolution!

Dick: Ehhh... (dubious)

Maddox: This resolution race! It's a race to the bottom.

Dick: Google will figure it out. Google and Netflix will figure it out. We'll be fine.

Maddox: Ohh. I can feel my head just like, throbbing. Just angry.

Dick: What do you doubt...?! Like, why do you need all this bandwidth so much anyway? What are you DOIN'? What are you downloading all the time?

Maddox: I just want -- I type in real time, 'cause I use Linux through a shell connection. And so I like to type in real time, and I like there to be no lag when I'm tryin' to send text! BITS of text! (yelling) I don't want you clogging up my bandwidth -

Dick: You're...typing... (incredulous)

Maddox: - with your fucking 4K resolution hairy tits that you're downloading on Netflix! (cracking up) I don't CARE about your hairy tits. I wanna get my work done. That's what I care about. Alright? That's why I need fast Internet.

Dick: So everyone's gotta suffer...

Maddox: No!!

Dick: Everyone's gotta see crappy-resolution boobs (Maddox snorts) 'cause you're, what, writing...writing an OPUS on... (Maddox sighs exasperatedly) ...why Lifehack is shit? (smiling)

Maddox: You know -

Dick: (interjects) THAT'S why? 'Cause you can't be bothered with the -- you can't write, like, with a pencil or paper, or locally? What, Sean?

Sean: Sounds like an introvert.

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox laughs) Sounds like a real introvert! (grinning)

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean! (amused)

Dick: Sounds like a real introvert.

Maddox: You guys are assholes. No.

Dick: I can't believe you've talked me outta something! Like I thought high resolution was stupid, but now I'm totally on board.

Maddox: Well, you guys are idiots. I don't know what else to say.

Dick: They -

Maddox: (interjects) High resolution's a waste of time. That's why The Hobbit was so off-putting!

Dick: Yeah, but there's...

Maddox: I mean, there is no more...what else do I need to say? The Hobbit was off-putting.

Dick: I think it was just boring. But there has to have been some jackass who was saying this about color movies, right? And you certainly -- you don't think COLOR movies are dumb, and black-and-white movies are better, do you?

Maddox: No, 'cause color adds a lot to a film. And sometimes, sometimes it doesn't!

Dick: Well, what is...why doesn't the resolution, then?

Maddox: Because -

Dick: (interjects) I see, those boobs look better in high resolution!

Maddox: How do you -

Dick: That's a FACT, Jack!

Maddox: Okay. When I... (cracks up) What...? Jesus. When I was a kid I would go to my dad's store with him and I would sit around, and I'd be bored outta my mind. And he had this old, shitty TV that got...uh, that had rabbit ears and we got BARELY any reception, and I remember I would watch anything that was on TV. Any kind of movies, anything. And sometimes a movie would be on like, uh...you know, Friday the 13th or an alien movie or something. And I would watch that thing, and at first you notice how shitty the TV looks, but after like 5, 10 minutes you get kind of inv-...

Dick: Hypnotized.

Maddox: ...yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You get kind of sucked into the movie -

Dick: Right.

Maddox: - and the movie becomes this thing that you see in your mind's eye. And then I realized like years later, after I watched the same movie in theaters, that same effect happens to me in theaters. The bigness of the screen kind of fades away, and you get kind of sucked into the movie 'cause you're there living that experience. So the size of the screen doesn't matter that much, the resolution of the screen doesn't matter that much. That's why people are able to watch movies on their phones and they're not complaining. Nobody's like, "Oh, we need bigger phones! We should make 'em BIGGER! Gimme a bigger tablet!" I mean, SOME idiots are, but you don't *need* it. Because you -

Dick: (interjects) It just...it just seems arbitrary, then, to decide that right now whatever we have is all we need.

Maddox: Do you see pixels when you look at your screens?? Like, do you see -- does that really *bother* you? Is it that jarring, that you see pixels?

Dick: Well, I do, but that's 'cause I pirate everything.

Maddox: Okay...well, stop downloading shitty pirated copies of... (cracks up) ...stuff, and then download -- if you watch a normal 720 resolution, uh, feed of ANYTHING, is it really that jarring? And isn't it insincere, this whole resolution race? You yourself said it right at the top, it's -- they're doing it to -

Dick: (interjects) It's for selling TVs!

Maddox: Yeah! It's to sell TVs!

Dick: Yeah, but then I thought about that black-and-white and color thing, and I'm...like, when they went from black-and-white to color, it looked shitty. But now, color's way better! Like, what if...look, in order to get to like, cool holograms, where I wanna see -- like Godzilla's like, "WHOOOA! It's a hologram, it's comin' outta the screen, cool!" In order to get there, we gotta up... (Maddox sighs irritatedly) You gotta keep uppin' the resolution!

Maddox: No. (annoyed)

Dick: You gotta just do it! That's called progress!! That's how it works.

Maddox: No, that's LATERAL.

Dick: It doesn't always make sense.

Maddox: That's a lateral movement, not a vertical one. That's just moving forward in the resolution race; that's not moving forward technology, Dick. That's just saying, "Hey! Let's make -- you know this thing that we already have? Let's just make this thing that we already have better!"

Dick: Better!

Maddox: They're not sayin', "Let's make a new thing." That's...that's different! People are working on hologram technology, but they're not -- so, this was...the same thing kinda happened -

Dick: (interjects) This is how it works.

Maddox: No, the same thing kinda happened -- they're always trying to come up with some new gimmick to sell you something. The same thing happened with 3D TVs. Remember 3D TVs?

Dick: Oh, god. (exasperated)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I HATE 3D so much.

Maddox: It's pretty much...pretty much dead.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Here's a...this is from, uh, a clip I have here. Um, this is from...oh shit, I'm not even sure. I'll put the link on the website. Here. [**plays clip from France 24 International News**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eELeraSVzc#t=79]

Male Interviewee: 3D was exciting three or four years ago when we came out with it. Now we've moved on to newer and exciting things, like doubling the resolution or the new technology of OLED.

Dick: [over clip] I don't think it's that exciting.

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: No, it's not exciting! But that's what he's...this is the DICKHEAD who's selling you new, higher, high-resolution TVs. THAT dickhead is selling you TVs. "Oh, now we've moved on to double resolution!" (idiotic voice) What do you need double resolution for?! What do you need 3D for?? It's bullshit!

Dick: Then why not cut it in half? You don't make any sense.

Maddox: 1080 -

Dick: (interjects) Why not just cut it in...why not cut it in half from there? 'Cause you don't like it then?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Why not just have half the resolution that we have, then?

Maddox: I think the resolution we have is fine. We already have retina displays and OLEDs...uh, monitors, that you can't distinguish pixels. How much better can it get?

Dick: For a guy who wants to like, go to other planets?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: This is like a real anti-science...

Maddox: No.

Dick: ...problem.

Maddox: No! We're done! We're done. What...you don't need high resolution! You can make -- here's the thing: there's a limit to the resolution that the human eye can see, and we have EXCEEDED that resolution at 4K!

Dick: Yeah...I don't know.

Maddox: So we're just -

Dick: (interjects) That's probably true.

Maddox: We're just adding -- you're just putting bricks on bricks! Like, you're just building to nowhere. You're...like, you're building extra floors -

Dick: (interjects) But doesn't it add up? Like, doesn't the detail add up?

Maddox: No! It doesn't!

Dick: You can't tell the difference, but surely there must...there might be some cumulative effect.

Maddox: Well, no, NOT surely.

Dick: On your eye.

Maddox: That's...there is no cumulative effect! You CAN'T see that resolution.

Dick: Ehh...

Maddox: It's, it's THERE -

Dick: (interjects) I think I can sell that though. Like, if I was trying to sell a TV, I think what I just said would sell a TV.

Maddox: Yeah, to some...some idiot. THAT bozo. You'd be sittin' there with a suit and tie on...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...at some convention, at CES. Like that dickhead.

Dick: Yeah. Sellin' TVs? Sellin' TVs. (mischievously)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) Like a used car -

Dick: You think Frozen's good NOW...

Maddox: You look like... (taunting)

Dick: ...wait 'til you see it on 8K, or whatever. (grinning)

Maddox: You are such a used car salesman, man. (Dick laughs) That's what -- yeah, that's what you are.

Dick: Everybody's selling something, Maddox.

Maddox: Oho. (chuckling) Well, I guess!

Dick: But have -- that's advice for you. (teasing)

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: From... (cracks up)

Maddox: Thank you. From Dick. Advice from Dick.

Dick: Um, alright. Can we sum up the problems?

Maddox: Let's do it.

Dick: Armchair Psychologists and.....The Movie Frozen.

Maddox: Mine are Shy People and Introverts, and The Resolution Race.

Dick: Are you going with Shy People AND Introverts?

Maddox: You know, I'm gonna put it as "Shy People/Introverts" on the website.

Dick: Like it matters, you're gonna win!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 'Cause everyone just loads your votes up.

Maddox: No. (annoyed)

Dick: Such HORSESHIT! This voting is such bullshit!! (snapping)

(**closing riff starts**)

Maddox: It's not bullshit.

Dick: At http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com! (Maddox laughs) Go there and vote for Maddox's problems, like every week!! (yelling)

Maddox: Do it!

(**closing riff**)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 8

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: Oh man, we have had a week.

Dick: Yeah, great week!

Maddox: We have had an incredible week. So, uh....

Dick: You're the stats man.

Maddox: Yeah, I got some stats for you. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. And I wait all week for the stats from you of how we're doing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And this was an exciting week. For this show.

Maddox: It was a very exciting week. So....already, right off the top, we have 100,000 downloads (Dick cackles maniacally) We've already hit 100,000 downloads in just over what, a month and a half we've been going.

Dick: Can you put that in terms of a sex tape? Who would release a sex tape that would get 100,000 downloads? Maybe one of the Golden Girls?

Maddox: Maybe Scarlett Johannson, on a good day.

Dick: Really?! (laughs)

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: I think she'd get a couple million.

Maddox: That's what I'm saying.

Dick: I think you'd need like, a B-lister to get 100,000.

Maddox: I don't even know celebrities, so I'm out.

Dick: Kathy Bates! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Kathy Bates?!

Dick: She would get 100,000 downloads, I think.

Maddox: I…you know, I would watch that. Like, out of curiosity.

Dick: You are one of them.

Maddox: Right? I mean, you gotta see those pancake tiiiitties! (jeers). Uh, so.....but that's not the important stat. The important stat is: We have already hit not only the top 100 on the iTunes Comedy Podcast, we are in the top 10.

Dick: Yeaaaaaahahahhhhhh!! (cackles)

Maddox: Almost overnight, we hit number 9 on the overall Comedy Podcast list in iTunes.

Dick: That's amazing!

Maddox: It's incredible!

Dick: That's amazing.

Maddox: We are less than…what, two months old. And we are already in the top 10 of iTunes Comedy Podcasts. We are beating…we are like, outranking Norm MacDonald and like, all these like, celebrities and Comedy Central, their official podcast.

Dick: Oh my God!

Maddox: And we, on the global overall podcasts, we're in the top 50. We're number 47.

Dick: I mean, I gotta give it up to you. (claps) I'm applauding, but I gotta give it up to the Maddox brand. The Maddox idea. (**clapping sound effect**) There you go.

Maddox: Very popular. Yeah. That's incredible. So, uh, we're kickin' ass. Thank you for the support.

Dick: Thank you for listening. And, I would like to say, that, uh, also, eff you, because all of this tracking has gotten you to install iTunes on your computer. A day that I thought would never happen! And you did it.

Maddox: Oh my gosh. What an incredible pain in my dick iTunes was to install. Like, it was INCREDIBLY difficult to install! It doesn't just work. I had to unpack it and install different modules separately, reboot my computer twice, uninstall Bonjour, their bullshit little app, which - I'm not even sure why I'm explaining this, because Apple users are non-technical and they don't understand anything.

Dick: A piece of software that my parents managed to install on their own, took you God knows how long with how many obstacles. I feel like you and computers, you're like that kid, Pig Pen, on Peanuts, with that cloud around him all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, your computers just fuck with you nonstop.

Maddox: No. It's not me, there are thousands of people who have the exact same issue, cause it's on forums everywhere. Error 127, or whatever the fuck that is. Thanks, Apple. Um, so, the problems last week.

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: Ugggh, Dick, here we go.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Number one, armchair psychologists.

Dick: Hahahaha, that's me!! (laughs maniacally) I'm the big winner!! (laughs)

Maddox: You're the big dick. There you go.

Dick: I'm the big winner. (laughs) You're new Coke, I'm regular Coke. I'm the winner. (Maddox laughs) I'm Jesse Owens, you're Hitler. In the 1930 Olympics. (Maddox laughs) I'm Ernie, and you're Bert from Sesame Street! (laughs)

Maddox: How is that…first of all, they're both winners. Okay. So the number 2 --

Dick: (interjects) Wait, because gay marriage is now legal, is that why they're both winners?

Maddox: Of course. I mean, everyone knows they're gay. Uh, the number 2 problem was…the movie Frozen!!

Dick: (laughing maniacally) Ohohoho!! Skunked! You got skunked, bro.

Maddox: Yeah. You know…you know what?

Dick: Two wins for Dick!!

Maddox: You know what, this is unprecedented. I am going to come out and say that I take full responsibility. This is my fault. I am disappointed in myself… for having dumbass fans.

Dick: No!

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: No, you brought bogus problems last week and the fans spoke. They recognized… what were your problems?

Maddox: The resolution race -

Dick: (interjects) The resolution…stupid. No one cares about that -

Maddox: (interjects) And then shy people.

Dick: Shy people.

Maddox: How is that not a problem?!

Dick: Because you came off like an asshole! (Maddox giggles) Yelling at shy people for being shy - so what?! So let them sit there!

Maddox: That's my website! That's my M.O.! That's what I do for a living!

Dick: No. You pick on…you…you are the David to like....Goliaths out there on your website, but shy people are like, just trying to mind their own business.

Maddox: No they're not!

Dick: Now you're just outside stomping on flowers!

Maddox: Pricks.

Dick: Wallflowers.

Maddox: No. Wrong. Wallflowers. (disdainful) Get out of here.

Dick: Alright. I got some comments. Brendan from Oakland…"I can't believe how well Dick won this week. Great job."

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's a pretty unbiased comment.

Maddox: Ohh, of course. Brendan. Good job, Brendan. Idiot.

Dick: Here's a good one. Uhh…Matt Bertram…"Maddox's laugh sounds like a man shining my shoes."

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah. Uh, and then he left a…

Dick: (interjects) "I just want to be clear. That's a compliment." (quote continued)

Maddox: There we go. Yeah.

Dick: I don't know what that means.

Maddox: Well, you know, that's a very calming sound, right? The sound of a shoe being shined?

Dick: Oh. What about the laughter, though?

Maddox: That's what he's talking about. My laughter is very calming. It's a soothing laugh.

Dick: So you think that he is saying your laugh sounds like a guy shining shoes?

Maddox: Yeah. That's very calming.

Dick: I think he's saying that your laugh sounds like the laugh of a guy shining shoes.

Maddox: Ohhhh, I see. I see. Okay. Well, you know what? That's unclear, so it's on the fan.

Dick: Yeah, Matt, clear that up for us, please.

Maddox: Yeah, clear it up please, next episode.

Dick: Also, a couple of guys…what about that reproduction of the Mario sex drawing, and where is the Mario porn?

Maddox: Ohh, yeah. I need to draw that. You know, I launched a website a long time ago called "Commujism", and it's a website that I was going to create for communist-related porn. And…I started to draw some a long time ago and then I just lost interest. I made a really cool logo of like a fist in the air with like a used-up jizz towel in his hand.

Dick: What were your intentions with this site? Drawn Communist porn…

Maddox: I was gonna make it a custom porn site where people uploaded drawings of porn that they made. Um....and then I lost interest, so. I may resurrect it at some point.

Dick: Was this....was it for purposes of eroticism, or was it for purposes of comedy?

Maddox: Well, everything I do is for the purposes of eroticism. (sexy tone) (laughs)

Dick: Okay. Great. (sounds disgusted) You got any comments?

Maddox: Yeah, I do have some comments. This one came in an email from someone named "cockexpertwield", and he says "Hey Dick, your contribution to the podcast is uninteresting and you're always wrong." (laughs)

Dick: Oh. Well. (Maddox laughs) The voting disagrees with you, cock wielder guy.

Maddox: Bravo. No....you know, "cockexpertwield". Then I got one from Richard Watkins. He said "I would never trust anything a Diet Coke drinker says." So, last episode, you talked about the Diet Coke challenge. You said you think that Diet Coke from McDonald's -

Dick: (interjects) Is the best. Diet Coke from McDonald's is superior to all other Diet Cokes. And everyone knows that.

Maddox: Well, ladies and gentleman, I have brought Diet Coke with me from a bunch of different sources. And I am here to test both Dick and Sean, because both of them claimed that Diet Coke from McDonald's…they can taste it, right?!

Dick: This is not us. Everyone knows this. Everyone in the world knows that Diet Coke from McDonald's is the best, by the way.

Maddox: No. That's bullshit. And…and by the way, I bought my Diet Coke from McDonald's in a medium cup, and it didn't leak.

Dick: You got…(stammers) you have to leave it out. (Maddox laughs) Like, you have to leave it out. Like, you have to leave it out for the sweat to start. The larges don't do that.

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah! That's condensation! That's not spilling, that's condensation.

Dick: No, the medium glass melts. It's made out of wax and it falls apart!

Maddox: They're all made out of the same material.

Dick: No they're not!! (snaps) The construction of the large is solid. It's like a piece of cardboard that's wrapped into a tube. The medium glass is full of…Sean! I…(stammers)....No, you know what, fuck you! I can do this myself. It's made out of wax. It feels like a ball of wax. You can scrape it off with your finger. You know exactly what I'm talking about if you really did…I don't actually think that you went to McDonald's if you don't think that the medium glass is made out of wax.

Maddox: It's in my fridge. You can check it right after the show. Let's…let's get this started. So, I have five different samples for Sean and Dick to test.

Dick: This is such a bullshit test. I am looking -

Maddox: (interjects) No, it's not a bullshit test.

Dick: I'm looking…you've got. First of all, did you piss in any of these? You've got five red cups full of a brown liquid.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Is there anything gross in any of these?

Maddox: Yeah, Diet Coke. (laughs)

Dick: Is there anything that…(sighs)…is there anything that I'm gonna be pissed off that I swallowed?

Maddox: You? No. Me? Absolutely. I hate Diet Coke. Just....drink the fucking soda....

Dick: No, cause I know you like slipping things into things that people eat.

Maddox: Okay. There's nothing in there that I put in there that I didn't get from the store.

Dick: Alright. I object to this test because -

Maddox: (interjects) Let's get this started. (light background game show music starts)

Dick: The whole point of the McDonald's Diet Coke is that you get it fresh and you drink it.

Maddox: "FRESH" soda. Get out of here.

Dick: It's the ice. It's the way the ice cools it down. It's the way…it's how fizzy it is…

Maddox: Oh my gosh. It's a fucking....it's syrup. It's chemicals. You're not talking about… flowers.

Dick: So what do you have…these are all lettered.

Maddox: So they're lettered 'A' through 'E'. There's five of them.

Dick: Sean, take an 'A'.

Maddox: I want Sean - yeah. Both Sean and Dick are both trying an 'A' right now. And, by the way, I got a comment from Sandra Tovalin-Schmidt from Benedictine, Illinois. She says -

Dick: (interjects) It's not 'A'. First of all.

Maddox: Not 'A'?

Dick: 'A' tastes like it has whiskey in it.

Maddox: Well, let's write this down. Here, give me a pen right there.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Let's keep…yeah. Let's keep track. So, you're saying 'A'…okay. Dick says not 'A'. Sean says…what do you say, Sean? Is 'A' McDonald's, or not?

Sean: 'A' doesn't taste like McDonald's.

Maddox: 'A' doesn't taste like McDonald's. Okay. 'A' is out.

Dick: No for 'A'.

Maddox: No for 'A'.

Dick: Here's a 'B'.

Maddox: Trying 'B'.

Dick: By the way, if this was a real test -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, you should write these down separately. Don't…don't say your answers -

Dick: (interjects) No, I'm writing - You can't remember our responses for five things? (incredulous, yelling)

Maddox: No no no. No, because your response is going to change Sean's answer. You guys can both like…yeah.

Dick: Sean and I have known each other a long time.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Dick: He is not gonna do…Sean, you're not gonna change your answer based on what I say, are you?

Sean: No.

Maddox: Ugh, of course not! It's a psychological experiment. They've shown that people change their answers…

Dick: It's 'B'! It's 'B'.

Maddox: Okay, great. So, write that down. You think it's 'B'. What do you think, Sean?

Dick: I think 'B' is a maybe.

Maddox: 'B' is a maybe.

Sean: I don't know, but 'B' tastes way different than 'A'.

Maddox: Yeah, well, maybe. I mean, who knows. Who knows what's in there?

Dick: Oh, Sean's got water, too!?!?

Maddox: Well, yeah. He's taking swigs of water in between. You should have done that, as a scientist. So, lemme read Sandra's comment. She says, "McDonald's does have the best pop, and it's because they make it with love. Idiots. (**buzzer sound effect**) They have the best filtration system and are anal in maintaining it. Other than that, Maddox is still more awesome than you." So…

Dick: Yeah, but do you see what I'm saying?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, you do realize the difference between, like, a slap-dick organization like Wendy's, where anything goes when they fill up the Diet Coke, and McDonald's, where they're extremely regimented. They always do it the same....

Maddox: Oho…oh… (sarcastic) the highest quality and the most regimented product, from McDonald's. (laughs)

Sean: Well, stuff has gotta build up in those lines, though. Like, I'm just saying, '3', or 'C', or whatever it is, tastes different than all…tastes closer to regular Coke than either of the other ones. 'A' tastes like piss.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'A' tastes horrible.

Maddox: Okay, it tastes horrible, so…

Sean: They all taste different.

Maddox: Well, I'll tell you afterwards where the sources came from. But I argued with a girl for about half an hour, about....she believes that McDonald's does have different Diet Coke.

Dick: Okay, can you turn off the game show music, first of all?

Sean: Ugh, this is terrible again! 'D', or whatever. Yeah. 'D' tastes like shit!

Dick: Ooooh, I think it might be 'E'.

Maddox: 'E'…so…so…hold on. You thought it was 'A', you thought it was 'E'…you thought it was 'B'…which one - which one is McDonald's?

Dick: As I taste it, they seem to taste more McDonaldsey.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: First of all, these are all flat sodas.

Maddox: Of course they're flat.

Dick: Yeah, but that's…so, none of them are good.

Maddox: The carbonation doesn't add anything! Like, whatever. It's just carbonation.

Dick: What you're doing is, like, I'm saying I can identify, like, a beautiful painting (Maddox "Ugh"), and then you're showing me a painting taken with, like, a Nokia camera from 1992.

Maddox: Yes, but as long as…

Dick: (interjects) Like, here, is this a Renoir or not? Like, I have no idea, cause it's a picture of it!!

Maddox: But I'm showing you every picture taken with that same phone, so they're all consistent. They're all consistently bad.

Dick: They're all consistently bad.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. What, Sean?

Sean: Look, they're all flat. I can't tell you with certainty which one is the McDonald's. It may be 'E'. I think 'C' may have been Coke Zero, even. I'm not sure.

Maddox: Oh, ooh, okay.

Sean: 'B' was somewhat close, but 'A' and 'D' were awful. Definitely not McDonald's Coke, I don't believe. If one of those is…then, yeah. I have no idea, because those tasted like shit.

Maddox: Give me the pen, right there. So, you said 'A' and 'D' are definitely not McDonald's.

Sean: 'A' and 'D' are not.

Dick: What are we betting on this?

Sean: Those are the most -

Maddox: (interjects) Here's what I think you should have to bet.

Dick: Turn that music off. It's driving me crazy.

Maddox: Yeah yeah, we're done here. Alright. Here's what I think. Here's what I think. If you lose, you should have to get a tattoo.

Dick: Okay, no.

Maddox: That says…

Dick: (laughs) I am not doing a tattoo (incredulous)

Maddox: No no no, listen, listen. You can get it any size you want, anywhere you want on your body, except for your dick or your asshole, cause I'm not gonna inspect.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And…it has to say "Diet Dick". Anywhere on your body.

Dick: I am not getting a tattoo based on this shit experiment. If this was a real experiment, with fresh Diet Coke, I might consider that.

Maddox: It is fresh Diet Coke. It's less than an hour old.

Sean: And I have that tattoo.

Maddox: (laughs) You already have a Diet Dick tattoo?

Dick: But I'm not getting a tattoo!

Maddox: Why…aren't you getting a tattoo? You could get it anywhere.

Dick: Are you insane?! Why am I not getting a tattoo?! For this experiment?!

Maddox: You could get it on your pinky toe.

Dick: No! I'm not getting a fuckin' tattoo for this....for a bunch of flat sodas in red cups. Think about that.

Maddox: Okay. Addendum.

Dick: Think about that. Think about that. (Maddox laughs) Pick something that's not a tattoo, jackass!! (yells)

Maddox: Okay, cut your hair.

Dick: (laughs maniacally)

Maddox: Cut your stupid fucking hair. Dick has this giant, ridiculous, like, mop-top for a haircut.

Dick: Yeah, it's like a 70's rocker, man.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a 70's something. 70's like…

Dick: Yeah, like Slash. I look badass.

Maddox: 70's drug dealer.

Dick: Alright, um. I'm not gonna do that.

Maddox: Alright, what are you gonna do?

Dick: I'm not gonna do that. If you don't have a real thing -

Maddox: That was a real thing. I guess uh…so let the record state that Dick won't get a tattoo anywhere on his body, especially not his vagina.

Dick: If this was a real test, I might consider the hair cutting thing.

Maddox: Okay. So, what's your guess? What do you think is the Diet Coke?

Dick: With nothing at stake?

Maddox: Well, just get a haircut, man.

Dick: I am not getting a haircut.

Maddox: Shave off one eyebrow. How about I give you five bucks. Do you want (laughs) Is that what you want?

Dick: I'll take five bucks.

Maddox: These are all bad things. Okay, so what do you think?

Dick: Well, knowing you, you wouldn't have put it at the end. I think it's either 'C' or 'E', and knowing you, you wouldn't have put it at 'E' just to screw with me, cause that's too obvious.

Maddox: 'C' or 'E'.

Dick: 'E' tastes like flat…see, I know flat McDonald's Diet Coke too.

Maddox: Alright. Sean, what's your final answer?

Sean: I'm gonna go 'E'.

Dick: Okay, don't…don't tell us who won until the end of the show, by the way.

Maddox: Alright, end of the show. Here we go. You guys are getting cockteased. We'll find out at the end of the show.

Dick: I think…I'm gonna go 'C'.

Maddox: Okay. Alright, Dick goes 'C'.

Dick: Can you tell us where these Diet Cokes were from?

Maddox: I'll tell you at the end. I'll tell you everything at the end.

Dick: Can you tell me one of the sources?

Maddox: Yeah, a can. A can of Diet Coke.

Dick: I think I guessed the can. Shit, let me test it again.

Maddox: Oh, no no. You can't change your answer. You're locked in.

Dick: No, that's a can! 'C' is for can, too!

Maddox: You're locked in, buddy. Too late.

Dick: Alright, whatever. I'm going with 'C'.

Maddox: Alright, so uhh, go on. The first problem.

Dick: Cause if either Sean or I win, we win the point of the argument, which is that you can identify it.

Maddox: No! You both have to win, cause you both have to be consistent.

Dick: Nooo, 50-50 is pretty good!

Maddox: 50-50 is bullshit.

Dick: What? Sean, what do you want?

Sean: I think the fact that they're all different tells you that Diet Coke ain't Diet Coke.

Dick: Ohhhhh, he's right! So, because they're all different, we've proven that you can taste the difference and identify it over time. You are so full of shit if you can't admit that!

Maddox: First of all, Scientist Dipshit. You haven't proven anything. You just think it tastes different.

Dick: We all said that they tasted different.

Sean: They're WILDLY different.

Dick: They're WILDLY different, dude.

Maddox: (laughs) Well, I tasted them before. I disagree. So, we're not at a consensus. You haven't proven anything.

Dick: How do you taste things?

Maddox: With my mouth.

Dick: Do you eat like a seagull? Do you just pour it down your throat?

Maddox: No. (laughs) No. Let's get to the problems, man. What's your first problem?

Dick: My first problem is…not enough bartenders.

Maddox: (scoffs) Not enough bartenders.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Big problem. Why?

Dick: I was at…no no no, I'll tell you why. I was at Tacolandia this weekend....

Maddox: Which is what?

Dick: It's an event where a company has figured out how to milk money from white people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like uhh....they rent out, like a big parking lot, and they have a bunch of food trucks show up. They sell tickets for like, 40$ a pop. You come in, you get all you can eat tacos, and you're SUPPOSED to be able to trade your drink tickets for drinks. HOWEVER, um, the line is 30 minutes long.

Maddox: Of course!

Dick: (stammers) But you're eating, like, spicy tacos.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They got like 5000 people showing up, 40$ a pop, and they have six bartenders to serve drinks to these people who are known for their complicate drinks.

Maddox: Right! That's capitalism, Dick! That's what all these things are. They're shitshows. Any kind of like, German Oktoberfest thing in a tent, they don't have enough bartenders cause they want to maximize their profit -

Dick: (interjects) Whoa, whoa, whoa whoa. German Oktoberfest? The German Oktoberfests are run like clockwork.

Maddox: Not in America.

Dick: Yeah - false. Alpine Village Oktoberfest, you can get absolutely s-faced.

Maddox: Yeah, I did, eventually, but after waiting 30 minutes at a time for a beer. And you have to hand in tickets. What's a system to hand in tickets? (disdainful)

Dick: There's no tickets at Alpine Village. It's all cash. I think you agree with what I'm saying, though.

Maddox: Yeah! No, it's a problem. But it's also a problem, like, at these events for suckers, because, why would you go there expecting to get any kind of decent service -

Dick: (interjects) Listen to me. You're saying it's like a capitalism thing -

Maddox: It is.

Dick: But, with the review I'm giving it, this is negative. Like, they want…To have a line at your bar is pissing money away.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You're charging 8$ a drink. That's where you're making all your money. You should have a bartender for every person there. Just go pick up a bunch of guys from Home Depot and say "Hey 'ese', you're handing out beers all night." You'll make a fortune! (Maddox laughs) You'll make a fortune!

Maddox: Okay, sure. Why…what I don't understand is why they don't have those....like, those soda machines, where you can like -

Dick: (interjects) For beers?

Maddox: Yeah, for beers.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Like 50 different beers and sodas and you can just, like, walk up to it and they've already checked your ID, or you can swipe it, cause every driver's license has a magnetic strip on it!

Dick: I'll do you one better! Grab a guy from Home Depot, (Maddox laughs) and have him just HAND OUT beers! That's all he does. The Shortstop does this. You know the Shortstop, that bar next to Dodgers Stadium?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, it gets so packed before the game that they have dudes standing in the bar only selling Pabst Blue Ribbon. 2$ or 3$ Pabst....Pabst Blue Ribbon. Handing them out.

Maddox: (sighs) Ugh. I'd rather dehydrate than drink Pabst Blue Ribbon. I'd rather dehydrate. I'd rather die. I think.

Dick: Well....

Maddox: It's so bad. Pabst Blue Ribbon is awful.

Dick: Yeah....I don't know. It's not great. I mean, I'm not a fan of it, but that's what they sell, cause that's the neighborhood they're in. They're in a hipster neighborhood.

Maddox: Mmyeah. So…not enough bartenders. So, again, Dick, you always do this. You bring in great problems sometimes, but terrible arguments! Like what…

Dick: Wait a minute, I haven't got to my argument.

Maddox: Okay, let's....yeah.

Dick: So, I was sitting there with…I had a punch card of five drinks. And I had only managed to punch two of them, with like, 20 minutes to go in the event. You understand what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I got in line, and waited, and I was like "Okay, I guess I'm just going to have to get like, three shots in here."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I get up to the front and this muscle dummy security guard cuts the line off at this, like, young couple right in front of me. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Like, we can reach out and touch the bar, but he goes "No, no, that's it. You guys are cut off."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Right at this…right at this young couple, because I think he knew he could get away with it. Cause they're just like, you know, they're, like, on a date. They're having a good time. They're looking to eat some tacos and get sauced up.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So I'm thinking, I'll be damned if I'm gonna let this jerk screw up this date. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm a good wingman.

Maddox: Yeah, you are.

Dick: I am.

Maddox: You are. I'll give you that.

Dick: Thank you. For anybody!

Maddox: For real. Sincerely, you're a good wing man.

Dick: Thank you. For, like, the people.

Maddox: Wait, wait wait. Addendum: When you're not super drunk.

Dick: Yes. Okay, I will give you that. So I said, "Dude, the bar is still open, get out of here. Like, what do you mean, the bar is closed? When does it close?" And he goes "Uhh… 6:25." And I said, "Okay, okay, uhh....fucker…I see your watch. It's not 6:25. Bar's open." And I did. (Maddox laughs) And he goes "Oh, well my digital watch says it is 6:25." And I was like "Alright, let's see it!" So he gets his phone out, and sure enough, it's 6:25.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I was like alright, dude, whatever. So, he calls it in. And they extend the bar hours for 5 more minutes.

Maddox: Oh, great.

Dick: Just for us.

Maddox: Okay. So he did you a solid. Kind of.

Dick: And I did that couple a solid.

Maddox: Oh, I thought he cut off the couple before they got up.

Dick: Well they were in front of me.

Maddox: They were in front of you. Okay.

Dick: So I extended it....for....you know.

Maddox: So you hooked 'em up.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Very nice of you. Gentlemanly.

Dick: Yeah! But these guys…what, this couple's not drinking? That's a big problem!! That's young love.

Maddox: (laughing) Dick, since when do you care about young love?

Dick: (laughing) Since it involves me having a can of Margarita…what is that, Limerita? What is the Bud Light thing with lime in it called? It's disgusting, but that's what they gave me. They wouldn't pour me a drink, so they gave me --

Maddox: (interjects) Ehhh, I don't mind it.

Dick: Three crappy Bud Lights with lime in them.

Maddox: Yeah. It's such a shitshow. Why would you even submit yourself to - First of all, you have to pay…I hate any of these events where you have to pay and then you're herded in like cattle and you have to stay in a circle and wait in line for fucking 40 minutes when you wouldn't any other time.

Dick: Dude, you know what I did?

Maddox: Hmm?

Dick: You're absolutely right, so I scalped this girl's ticket as she was coming out....

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And she had already walked in, and like, gotten her ticket scanned, so I just put on her band and got scanned like I was coming back in…

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: And I totally scooted past, like, the hour-long wait.

Maddox: Oh, that's great. I do like scamming bullshit lines like that. Cause it's a bullshit line! They always say "Oh, Fire Marshal...." Whatever. It's not a fire thing.

Dick: It was outside!

Maddox: Yeah, of course! It's always outside. Who's the comedian, I think it's Mitch Hedberg. He says "If you're flammable, you're never blocking a fire exit."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: That's pretty funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So that's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah. Not (laughs).... Not enough bartenders, because you can't get enough booze quickly enough.

Dick: NO ONE can get it!!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, it ruins everyone's good time.

Maddox: So, how is this a universal problem? Like, how-

Dick: (interjects) I'm sure they will have bartenders in space!

Maddox: Tell that to an Ethiopian. Like, if you go to Ethiopia and you say, "Hey man, you know what a big problem is? Not enough bartenders." And they'll be like "Yeah man, I get you." You think that's gonna happen? You think that would happen?

Dick: Uhh…do I think an Ethiopian would want…yeah! If my life was as miserable as an Etiopian's, I would want liquor as fast as possible.

Maddox: Cause I tell you, they sure as shit would be angry about the high resolution race. (laughs) A real problem.

Dick: I have a solution for this one, though.

Maddox: Oh yeah? What's the solution? More bartenders?

Dick: No. Well, kind of.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a deputy bartender program. Okay?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So like, you know how, like, in the Wild West, people could get deputized cause there weren't enough cops or lawmen? This is....you can get trained and like, licensed by the government, to be, like, a deputy bartender…

Maddox: (laughs) Okay.

Dick: So if you see that this is happening, like if you see there's a big line, people like me can go, like, "Okay, hold on, I'm a deputy bartender. I can get back here and serve some drinks."

Maddox: Alright, you know, I'm on board with that. That's a cool program.

Dick: Yeah, that would be cool, right?

Maddox: You could get a badge.

Dick: Yeah, of COURSE you get a badge!! What are you talking about?!

Maddox: Alright, yeahhh. And I would wear spurs and cowboy boots, and a hat. A cowboy hat.

Dick: Alright, but just keep that under wraps until I get this program going. That's the kind of talk that sinks a program like this.

Maddox: (laughs) Why, cause they think it's too cool? They don't wanna initiate it? It's too cool?

Dick: No, I'm dead serious about this!

Maddox: Yeah yeah! No, me too!

Dick: I'm not making it a goofy cowboy thing.

Maddox: It's not goofy. I always wear cowboy hats seriously (laughs)

Dick: I think I would wear like a Patrick Swayze, or a cocktail outfit, like those tight pants and no shirt, with like, a rag.

Maddox: Mm, gross. (Dick laughs) That's gross, dude.

Dick: Alright. That's my problem.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: It's a pretty big problem.

Maddox: Well, it is A problem. You know, again, I really meant what I said last time. We're not always gonna bring in the biggest problem in the universe. We're eventually going to get all of the problems from ants to AIDS.

Dick: Wait a minute. What's a bigger problem than that?

Maddox: Pretty much anything we've talked about on the show, including your bullshit movie Frozen problem, which ISN'T a problem at all, by the way, you idiot.

Dick: No no no no, you gotta understand something. Life, where you encounter this stuff, is your universe.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Like you're saying the universe like it's a big thing, but everything you know about the universe is what you experience every day. And this is a big problem.

Maddox: Not true.

Dick: Yes it is!!

Maddox: I've never experienced a supernova.

Dick: This ruined my whole week! A supernova wouldn't even be a problem. It's just over. That's it. (Maddox laughs) There's thousands of them happening all the time, probably. I don't know, I'm not Neil DeGrasse Tyson. I don't have all the facts over here about when supernovas are happening! But they're not a problem, cause they're happening way out in the middle of nowhere.

Maddox: Wait, they are a problem, and they're going to be on this episode eventually, in a future episode. Supernovas?

Dick: They're not as....okay, they're a problem, but they're not as big of a problem as not enough bartenders.

Maddox: Wrong! False. Absolutely. Wrong. (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: You know what the problem is with a supernova? Kills all the bartenders.

Maddox: Ugh, my god.

Dick: That's the real problem with the supernova is that it wipes everything out!

Maddox: Get out of here with your bartenders. Let's get to a real problem.

Dick: Kay.

Maddox: This is a universal problem. My first problem this week is "the Webby Awards".

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: Okay. Well, (laughs) it's this online award.

Dick: Is it something that's dumb? Cause it sounds dumb.

Maddox: It's super dumb. It's the dumbest. It's this online award. It's been going on since basically the Internet existed. And there's this organization called the "Webbys" and they give out awards to different, like, internet websites and stuff like that. And I thought…when I first heard of this, I was like "Oh, okay, so the Internet gets its own dog and pony show, kinda like the Oscars for movies or the Emmys for TV, or, you know, the Grammys, or the Tonys, or whatever." I'm like "Okay, great, the Internet gets one."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So I was like, alright, I'm on board with this. Let's see which Internet properties…

Dick: (interjects) I love it. You're such a sucker. Like, the second I hear about awards, the first thing I think is "Scam.", and you think "Oh, cool, maybe somebody is doing this right."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Never gonna happen.

Maddox: Cause I'm an optimist. That's what I am. (Dick laughs) A very positive optimist.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: That's me.

Dick: There's an optimist born every minute. Have you ever heard that saying?

Maddox: Uhhh, I don't think the word is optimist. (Maddox laughs) So, I looked at the Webby Awards this year and guess who won for "Best News"? "Best Online News".

Dick: The Daily Show.

Maddox: No.

Dick: The Onion?

Maddox: The New York Times.

Dick: Oh....

Maddox: The New York Times (incredulous) won a Webby Award. So, I have a question to the Webby committee. This is a serious question. Who the fuck do you think you are? (Dick laughs) Huh? Who the fuck…who do you think you are to give the New York Times your bullshit little nickel-and-dime award. Do you think they give a fuck about having a Webby? They wouldn't even deign to put a Webby on their website. That would insult them. (yelling) That would bring down their credibility if they said they "earned a Webby". Cause the New York Times has received two Nobel Prizes -

Dick: (interjects) Have they really?

Maddox: Yeah. Two Nobel Prizes -

Dick: (interjects) For what?

Maddox: For expressive journalism.

Dick: That's Nobel Prize?!

Maddox: Yeah. A bunch of like....Chicago Tribune has gotten one. I think they stopped doing it in 1997, but -

Dick: (interjects) Can I say something really quick? That's just the Nobel Prize committee trying to get free advertising in the New York Times. That's the Nobel Prize committee giving a fake-ass award, just like the Webbys, to try to get their newspaper.

Maddox: (sighs) Okay, you're wrong. Except, they also give a million dollars. So it's not a fake-ass award. There's an actual monetary compensation here.

Dick: Okay. What else have they won?

Maddox: They received 101 George Polk awards and they've received 112 Pulitzer Prizes.

Dick: What's a George Polk award?

Maddox: It's for journalism.

Dick: I give a "polk" award to every girl I've ever banged! (laughs)

Maddox: Oh my God, get outta here. Ugh. Terrible. As you finish your disgusting Diet Coke. So, the New York Time has won legitimate awards. It's a legitimate journalist outfit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They don't need your Webby. You know who does need your Webby? Some dickhead who started out his little news website in his garage…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who is trying to do something independently. Who embodies the spirit of the Internet. Not the New York fucking Times, that's older than this country. Like, we don't need more recognition....

Dick: Wait, what?

Maddox: Well, it's not really, but you know, it's an exaggeration.

Dick: Cause it's New York, that's why. Cause the name is the New York Times, it's not older than the country.

Maddox: No no, I know, that was a joke.

Dick: Oh, okay. Okay.

Maddox: So, the best game or application. Here are the nominees.

Dick: Wait a minute, hold on, hold on, I have a question, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What did the New York Times do?

Maddox: For the Webby?

Dick: Yeah. Did they even notice?

Maddox: They just existed. So hoooo, let's congratulate people who don't need more congratulations. Oh, and by the way, the runners up were the Guardian, you know, theguardian.co.uk? Variety Magazine, and Rolling Stone (incredulous)

Dick: So they're like, the top of mind newspapers?

Maddox: Yeah, they're just giving people who already get all the accolades and congratulations in the world, more awards, that they don't need, and don't even give a FUCK about. The Rolling Stone wouldn't mention that they got a Webby, and even if they did, that would make them sound stupid. That would be like…

Dick: That's weird.

Maddox: ....you know what, I'm going to create an award show and I'm going to give Rolling Stone Magazine an award. That's bullshit!

Dick: Those places are also not known for, like, their traffic, right? So if the Webbys are trying to get recognition, wouldn't they try to bait, like, a big online news site? I mean, I'm thinking of it from a point of pure cynicism, that the Webby committee sat there and said "How can we get as much attention as possible?" Wouldn't they want to target, like, a big online news site, that's likely to link to them?

Maddox: No, because the exact opposite is true. The bigger the online new site, the less likely they are to link to them.

Dick: Right!

Maddox: The smaller guys, like me, who might actually give a shit....

Dick: Who get suckered into this....

Maddox: Yeah, who might get suckered into this…which I don't, by the way. I will always reject Webbys, so long as it's this bullshit little thing where they're giving celebrities (disdainful)....and that's who hosts their show! Celebrities! They get Kevin Spacey and Patton Oswalt, all these, like, celebrities, to host their show!

Dick: To host the Webbys?

Maddox: To host the Webbys, yeah.

Dick: That's pretty cool.

Maddox: And by the way, I love Patton, he's great.

Dick: That's pretty cool. Kevin Spacey.

Maddox: Yeah, but he doesn't represent the Internet! When I think the Internet, I don't think Kevin Spacey! (yelling)

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: He has nothing to do with the Internet.

Dick: Yeah, you know who they should have asked? You. Right? (Maddox laughs) Is that what you're thinking? Are you pissed off? Sure you would!! Come on!!!

Maddox: I wouldn't. I wouldn't.

Dick: You'd host the Webbys!!

Maddox: No. Actually, I think -

Dick: (interjects) No, look at me! Yeah you would.

Maddox: I think Patton -

Dick: (interjects) Look me in the eyes, I know when you're lying!!

Maddox: If the Webby changed fundamentally and they changed and they stopped awarding the New York Times and popular celebrities awards…

Dick: Yeah, that's....that's stupid.

Maddox: Then maybe I would consider it. But not this fucking bullshit.

Dick: They've lost their integrity.

Maddox: They never had it!! (laughs)

Dick: They should be honoring, like, homegrown heroes. Like you.

Maddox: Well....(stammers) not necessarily....

Dick: I'm saying that seriously!

Maddox: Well, okay, sure, I agree. Like, it should be Internet properties. Things that were born and raised on the Internet. That's what the Webby is! The word "web" is in the name, is in the title!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, uh, the best game, or application, is....

Dick: Wait, wait, lemme guess.

Maddox: You won't get this.

Dick: No no no, cause I'm trying to think of the worst one, like what the best game would be. Scrabble?

Maddox: Actually, Scrabble was a runner up. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Monopoly! No, no, Hopscotch!!

Maddox: You're not gonna get this. You're not gonna get this.

Dick: Rock, Paper, Scissors!

Maddox: You will not get this.

Dick: Was that on the list?

Maddox: No, no no.

Dick: Okay, what is it?

Maddox: It's The Scarecrow, and it's…The Scarecrow is an ad campaign that Chipotle came out with last year, where it was this, like, 10-minute short about a scarecrow who is living in this futuristic 1984-style world, where it's all industrial, and he finds this nice little farm that produces chickens without hormones or antibiotics, or whatever, and that's what they use for Chipotle. So, it's by the Creative Artists Agency.

Dick: That was a game?

Maddox: Yeah, they made a…

Dick: Oh, it was by CAA?

Maddox: Yeah, CAA. The Creative Artists Agency. The number 1, the largest agency in the world. They gave CAA an award.

Dick: A Webby.

Maddox: CAA wouldn't wipe their ASS with a Webby. They don't give a fuck about your little podunk bullshit little award. And it's sponsored by Chipotle. How is anyone realistically…

Dick: How is this a Webby?

Maddox: How is anyone indie supposed to compete with that?

Dick: But it's also an ad, right? It's not a game. Shouldn't it get a Clio?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I'm sure they did get a Clio! But they also got a Webby.

Dick: No, I don't think they did, cause that doesn't sound like the best ad of the year, but like, what's going on at the Webbys, do you think?

Maddox: It was up there. It went viral. Well, here are the runners up: They gave Adidas' NitroCharge game a Webby.

Dick: Going viral is not the only criteria for a good ad, though. There's some artistry in there.

Maddox: Well there's definitely a…I'll say this. It's a decent ad. I'm not saying it deserves a Webby, because it's sponsored by Chipotle.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Then there's Adidas' NitroCharge game, and then there's Assassin's Creed: Black Flag Defy History. Assassin's Creed got a Webby.

Dick: So, what should have won?

Maddox: I don't know, some, like flash game that somebody made.

Dick: Like, what was a big one?

Maddox: What was a big flash game?

Dick: Can you think of a big flash game from last year?

Maddox: Actually, they did give a Webby to somebody who did an independent HTML5 game called something like "Run and Jump", or something like that, and it's a full screen kind of tunnel Synesthesia-style game. It's....I mean, they did give one to one of those. So, the runners up were Perrier water, which is also an ad game. For sports, guess who won the first prize?

Dick: Magic Johnson.

Maddox: Nike! Nike!

Dick: Jesus, I never would have guessed Nike.

Maddox: And then Red Bull. GQ. Red Bull again, and then Sports Illustrated. Oh thank you. Thank you for congratulating Sports Illustrated. Cause they were really worried about not getting an award this year. (laughs)

Dick: Can I ask you something?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When did this happen? Like, did you look back at the older Webbys to see what they were awarding in the past?

Maddox: It's always been this shit show. It's always been this bullshit.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: It's always been like this. And that's why nobody gives a fuck about the Webbys. And no one will EVER give a fuck about the Webbys. It's always this…Cause they're sucking celebrity dick. That's what they love. That's all they care about, is celebrity, celebrity, celebrity. So they have the hosting, they have the award show…

Dick: Wait a minute, though. Wait a minute. Before you start playing the stuff, how is this different than any other award?

Maddox: Well, the difference is, at least the Oscars are industry related. So they're congratulating, they're giving awards to themselves.

Dick: But they always give awards to the biggest movies.

Maddox: Well yeah, but…

Dick: Like, the biggest movie of the year, it's always like, "Oh, American Hustle." And "Oh, lookit, there's a bunch of movies that everybody saw."

Maddox: Yeah, but the Oscars are by celebrities, for celebrities. The Webbys are by the Internet, for celebrities. Do you see the problem?

Dick: No, I don't see the problem. I see the logical inconsistency, but I definitely don't see a problem with another organization blowing celebrities.

Maddox: Well the problem is, first of all, it's a waste of time and energy, and money.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? This is something....they could actually be a force for good on the Internet. They could be promoting small properties into legitimate operations! Actually, one of them....

Dick: (interjects) So why don't you have like, your own awards? The Maddox Awards?

Maddox: Yeah, I may at some point. I may at some point. But I don't think the type of people (laughs)… I think I'm too polarizing to give awards to people.

Dick: Pish posh. You're an…you're an all audiences kind of guy. (laughs) What would you award? What's some of your favorites from the year?

Maddox: Newgrounds. Newgrounds.com. I like Newgrounds a lot.

Dick: As what?

Maddox: A game website. A game portal. The best game portal is Newgrounds.com.

Dick: What else?

Maddox: Well, you're putting me on the spot. I haven't thought about this.

Dick: Like best mauling by a polar bear on Youtube?

Maddox: (laughs) The best mauling…Yeah, actually, that sounds great. The best mauling by a polar bear.

Dick: Yeah, I thought so.

Maddox: The best…you know, there are these videos on Youtube (laughs) and you should go search for them. They're just women walking upstairs. And....they're the best. It's just slow motion videos of just chicks walking upstairs.

Dick: That sounds like a good award. Best Youtube Series. Chicks walking upstairs.

Maddox: Chicks walking upstairs. And sometimes, there's hip-hop playing. So....

Dick: So you can mute that. No problem. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Great. (laughs)

Dick: That's the sound of a man shining your shoes. Right? That laughter right there. I guess.

Maddox: Yeah. That's it right there.

Dick: I guess. I don't understand why.

Maddox: So this is…

Dick: (interjects) I think it's cause it's so wholesome! It's such a wholesome laugh.

Maddox: It's a wholesome laugh, yeah.

Dick: It's like an old world comforting laugh.

Maddox: It's a guy who knows an honest day's work. Right? An honest day's work.

Dick: Uhhh, well…yeah.

Maddox: That's me.

Dick: That's you?

Maddox: That's me. That's me to a tee. That's the first thing it says on my resume. I know an honest day's work.

Dick: You have a resume? (scoffs) (laughs)

Maddox: No, I don't. (Dick laughs) I haven't made a resume in at least 12 years. No, longer than that.

Dick: Yeah, you have a good laugh. I think my laugh kinda sounds like I'm a prick.

Maddox: Yeah, you do. You are.

Dick: Yeah. Oh. I'll work on it.

Maddox: But a lovable prick. So okay. Here we....so this is the award show. They asked Patti Smith, the punk rocker, Patti Smith....

Dick: I don't know who that is.

Maddox: I didn't either. I had to Wikipedia it. She is known as the queen of punk rock. She introduced the Webby Award, listen to this one, for best actress.

Recording: "The 2014 Webby Best Actress is being honored for her work on our Netflix Original Series, Orange Is the New Black."

Dick: How much do you think she smokes every day?

Maddox: Sorry. You talked over the line.

Dick: I mean listen to her. "Aaaaaaaaaaaeeehhhhhhh." (laughs) "Next up on the Award Show" (making smoker voice)

Maddox: Well, she awarded…

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: I'm going to have to play the whole clip over. So, she awarded the show…

Dick: I didn't know that, I apologize.

Maddox: Yeah. She awarded the show, the Best Actress Award, to the actress from Orange Is The New Black. The Netflix Original.

Dick: Uhhhhhhhhh…

Maddox: Is that an Internet property now? Is that what we're considering an Internet property?

Dick: Dude, maybe....yeah!! Cause it's not anywhere else. It's on the Internet. It's Internet based.

Maddox: But it's....

Dick: You were complaining about it last week, taking up like 30% of Internet traffic, weren't you? WEREN'T YOU?

Maddox: Yeah, but Netflix is a huge…(stammers) it's not like a little indie Internet operation. Kevin Spacey is not an Internet guy. I wouldn't give Kevin Spacey an Internet award.

Dick: Yeah, but wait a minute, I'm thinking…but Netflix grew out of the Internet. Without the Internet…that's where they started.

Maddox: Yeah, so give Netflix an award....

Dick: I just think that's the only example of a good Webby award, is Orange Is The New Black.

Maddox: Kind of. But it's not really…it's not made for....it's not a general Internet property. It's something that was created for Netflix. Like, would you give George Clooney an award

because his movie Syriana was on Netflix? Like okay, well, George Clooney is also....you know, yeah. Any movie that's on Netflix isn't suddenly an Internet property.

Dick: I would give George Clooney an award for that thing he does with his eyes, that I do to chicks all the time.

Maddox: You don't do that.

Dick: You know, where you do the bottom of your eyelids, you like, make them tight when you're looking them in the eyes....

Maddox: No, you definitely don't do that.

Dick: He does that.

Maddox: Yeah, I know HE does that.

Dick: Like, when he's doing romantic…oh, you're saying that I don't do that?

Maddox: No, you don't do that. No.

Dick: I'm gonna do it to you right now. Watch. (pause)

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: See? Isn't that erotic?

Maddox: Gross. No. No. Not in the way....no.

Dick: No, the Syriana thing isn't the same, though. That network comes from the Internet.

Maddox: The difference is, Orange Is The New Black was a made show and it was licensed by Netflix and you know, the terms of the licensing agreement may expire at some point and someone else may be able to syndicate it, or maybe they have it in perpetuity, we don't know, but the thing is, it's a licensed content. It's basically a TV show that was created and Netflix licensed it. That's all it is. It's not something that Internet people created. That's not…that's a huge studio with actual producers and directors....

Dick: So you want something for the little guys.

Maddox: That's what the Webby Awards should be.

Dick: Should be.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is there any real award show for the little guys? You're always about the little guys, man. The little guys get enough attention. (Maddox laughs) What about the Netflix? What about the big guys in the world, the celebrities?

Maddox: What about the Kevin Spaceys of this world? (laughs)

Dick: Yeah! The little guys are used to not winning awards! Celebrities, man, they need awards all the time, to live.

Maddox: They gave, like, NPR an award. And again, they gave The Scarecrow, the Chipotle commercial, from Creative Artists Agency, the biggest agency in the world, they

gave them another Webby Award. They gave them like three awards. Like, how much can you suck one agency's dick?

Dick: It's a clean sweep, man. Just like my problems this week.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Well, oh, yeah, okay.

Dick: Clean sweep.

Maddox: Let's get to your next one.

Dick: Alright. My next problem…So, I disagree with you about this just being a list of problems. I think it's really the biggest problem in the universe.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So I brought in a very big problem.

Maddox: Alright, let's hear it.

Dick: Global warming.

Maddox: Okay. Alright.

Dick: I mean, what is…Give me one reason why it's a problem.

Maddox: (long sigh) Here we go. Ohh boy.

Dick: Seriously!

Maddox: Here we go. Okay, first of all, "global warming", that phrase, "global warming" is…

Dick: (interjects) That's my problem.

Maddox: …is kind of outdated. It's no longer global warming, it's global climate change. Because it's not just that the world is getting warmer, it's certain areas that are supposed to be cold get warmer, other areas that are supposed to be warm get colder. So it's climate change. It's an overall net effect.

Dick: Why would they rebrand it? Global warming had such a nice ring to it.

Maddox: Because it's more nuanced. It's no longer global…it's not just global warming.

Dick: Aww, jeez.

Maddox: There's also an effect that Nova did a documentary about called "global dimming", because the same process that is...that causes...global warming in certain other areas, deflects sunlight, like in…I forget which regions, but…

Dick: Is it Never-Never Land? In that region? (laughs)

Maddox: Oh my gosh. Alright. (Dick laughs) Sorry guys, you tuned into the Biggest Problem in The Universe. (Dick still cackling) What you got instead was the Glenn Beck radio program.

Dick: No, I don't…w-w-what are you talkin' about?! (yelling) I'm not saying it's not happening. I'm just saying what the hell is the big deal?!

Maddox: Are you serious? Like…do you want me to just pull up Wikipedia and like, uh...read?

Dick: You can do that.

Maddox: Do you want me to enroll you in a Climatology class? Like, what do you want? What exactly…

Dick: No, I don't want that.

Maddox: How is it…it's a big problem because of numerous things. First of all, temperatures rise and crops die. We get droughts. We get more intense hurricanes…

Dick: Okay, wait a minute. Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: So, me using squiggly light bulbs is stopping all the crops from dying and there being a Dust Bowl? Really?

Maddox: I don't. I don't…uh…(stammers) Okay. That's a straw man attack. I'm not sure…

Dick: (interjects) How is that…look, that's what it is to me. I gotta use dumb squiggly lightbulbs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People yell at me when I leave the shower on.

Maddox: (laughing) Why do you leave the shower on?

Dick: Cause I like letting the shower warm up before I get in there.

Maddox: Well, that's different. Do you leave it on after you're done?

Dick: Sometimes…sometimes I actually just go in there and take a nap. (Maddox laughs) I do that at hotels, like when I go to Vegas and I'm hung over.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I like the white noise of the shower, so I'll get up in the morning, turn the shower on, and just lay on the floor for…

Maddox: You know what? I honestly don't have a problem with that. You should be able to sleep in the shower. Cause until Las Vegas is decimated…until Dubai is decimated, these cities cannot possibly exist in the future. They are absolutely unsustainable. Like, especially Dubai. Have you ever been to Dubai?

Dick: No. (incredulous)

Maddox: So, I went there a long time ago with my friend, and my friend asked "Do you think this city will be around?"

Dick: (interjects) A friend. What kind of friend are we talkin' about? A lady friend?

Maddox: (suggestive) It was a lady friend.

Dick: Alriiiight. (suggestive)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. WAS. WAS is the operative word.

Dick: Ohh, okay. We don't need to get into the specifics of it.

Maddox: So anyway. We went to Dubai...

Dick: (interjects) So you took a beautiful lady friend to Dubai…(suggestive)

Maddox: Yeah, so. And she said, "Well, do you think it'll be around for a while?" And I said "There's just no fucking way." You just look around, there's too much of everything, and you can't survive in the desert! (laughs) It's like 120 degrees. You cannot survive without air conditioning.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So everybody…I mean, everything is artificial. Electricity is running all day long. They have a ski slope in Dubai.

Dick: (interjects) Cool!

Maddox: Like, it's completely unsustainable. Las Vegas needs to be decimated. Dubai needs to be decimated…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but say "Needs to be", but I'll tell you what these cities can run on, is money, like, indefinitely. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: Okay. I mean, that money works irrespective of the environment, so…

Dick: Yeah! So keep piping that environment in. No big deal.

Maddox: (Giggles) Okay, great.

Dick: Okay, so. Dust Bowl. I'm writing down your problems with global warming. Dust Bowl.

Maddox: Potentially.

Dick: Check that off.

Maddox: Famine, drought.

Dick: Famine…hold on.

Maddox: Rising ocean levels.

Dick: Okay, that's…okay, that's a big one. Rising ocean levels. So what, what, we're losing a bunch of buildings?

Maddox: Not…it's not uh…you know, it's not as intense yet, but…

Dick: (interjects) My…my landlord raised my rent 40$ this week, per month…

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I wouldn't mind his building getting knocked out.

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah, I wouldn't either. Yeah, that'd be pretty funny.

Dick: You know? So I'll just move in a little bit.

Maddox: No, I'm…I'm on board with that.

Dick: I'm gonna go buy some desert property like Lex Luthor. Bring it on!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm gonna be camped out right where the beach is gonna be.

Maddox: So here's the thing. If I …if I say anything in defense of global climate change, then I'm gonna sound like a bleeding heart liberal, which I'm not. I'm not a Liberal, and I'm not a Conservative. But I do wanna say this…here's the thing about global climate change. Back in the 70's, or 60's…whenever these models first came out, scientists were predicting these models back then.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the argument against these models came from the Conservative side, and they said "No, it doesn't exist." Well, over time, the evidence became irrefutable, and their argument changed. They said "Okay, well, it exists, but it's not manmade." So, now, they're kind of shifting…

Dick: (interjects) But, but, you're just giving, like, liberal talking points.

Maddox: No, no, but…

Dick: (interjects) Like, I'm not saying it's wrong, I'm just saying I don't care.

Maddox: You know who I trust?

Dick: Okay, go ahead.

Maddox: Who I trust are the people who had a model and predicted it to begin with. The side on the right didn't predict shit. And…follow the money. The money is always with the oil companies. Oil companies are paying for studies to counter climate change scientists. Like, oil companies have a vested interest in preventing any kind of legislation that prevents any kind of emissions, caps, or anything like that. So I don't trust the oil companies. I trust scientists more than oil companies.

Dick: You trust scientists?

Maddox: More than oil companies, yes.

Dick: (interjects) Lemme ask…lemme ask you something. How do you think science grants work?

Maddox: Well, I don't know. I've never received one.

Dick: They have to work around the year ginning up money from people who have it to fund their experiments.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And then…those experiments better pay off. They better have found what they were looking for. Do you know what I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah…(grudging)

Dick: Like, you're saying science…you're treating science like it's a religion. It's not. It's just a bunch of dummies in labs trying to make money.

Maddox: Yeah, well…science to me is not the end-all, be-all. I mean, I agree with that…

Dick: (interjects) I think it is to a lot of people.

Maddox: To a lot of people, sure.

Dick: You know what I'm sayin'? Like, here's…here's…you know what? I'll be serious with you. Um, it seems like every time global warming comes up online, people just get IRATE.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What is the DEAL with that? Like, what else to people get so angry about?

Maddox: Abortion. Planned parenthood.

Dick: I mean…w-w-like…what are they so afraid of? Right? Do you know what I'm saying at all? Why is everyone so pissed off about this?

Maddox: About…

Dick: Global warming!

Maddox: About the global warming?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Well, I…I…feel like the people on the left…

Dick: (interjects) Like, what are you gonna go yell at China! "Hey you guys, stop making cement over here!! Stop all these emissions!" Like, good luck!

Maddox: So, yeah…yeah. I-I can acknowledge the problem, but...

Dick: (interjects) How do you say "holocaust" in Chinese, cause that's your only argument on this side. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I can say…I can say that I can acknowledge the problem, but I'm not sure what the solution is and I don't agree entirely with the left's solution. Because if we legislate… let's say, let's say we waved a magic wand and we made America…

Dick: (interjects) And ALL of the light bulbs are squiggly light bulbs.

Maddox: Yeah. All of the light bulbs are low emission…

Dick: And I'm driving an electric car powered by a nuclear…powered by a bunch of windmills, excuse me, we can't have nuclear reactors.

Maddox: Fairies. Yeah, sure. Windmills and fairies and clean coal techno…whatever new thing is…right? That massages the energy out of the earth. Whatever that magic technology is…let's say we waved a magic wand and did that.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Do you think China's gonna give a shit?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Of course not.

Dick: No.

Maddox: China is soon becoming, if not already, the largest polluter in the world. We can't legislate the world.

Dick: There's a pollution gap. We can't let that happen. (Maddox giggles) Yeah, that's what I'm saying. Remember when the Russians had all the bombs and we were racing them with bombs?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We gotta pollute just as much as those damn Chinese.

Maddox: Oh…what do you call it. So, we had the Cold War, what is this, the Smog War?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeeeeah! The Smog War! I like that, it's like a Godzilla movie.

Dick: Do you know what I'm saying? Cause I think I'm making sense. I'm not just being a jackass.

Maddox: Nah, I disagree. (laughs) You are definitely being a jackass.

Dick: But it's like, it's like…no no no. It's like, I was up at my sister's house and I left the shower on. Like, I like turn the shower on, then I'll go get some coffee, and have a conversation.

Maddox: (laughing) Sure.

Dick: Then I'll come back up and take my shower.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And I'm downstairs and she yells at me for leaving the shower on, and I'm like "Whatever". I get home, and there is a fire hydrant in the middle of the street in Hollywood spraying out water…(incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How many hundreds of gallons per second…

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: And it's...it's taped off with police tape that has clearly been there for the whole weekend.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm like…"What are you doing? Why are you stressing out over 5 minutes of unoccupied shower, when there is a broken fire hydrant dumping water into the street?!"

Maddox: Oh, my god. Yeah, it gets even worse than that.

Dick: Who cares?!

Maddox: Exactly. I'm on board with that. Because, until the government takes their own water usage seriously, I don't give a fuck if I leave the tap running a few extra seconds. I have a friend who…

Dick: (interjects) I have my tap on right now at home!

Maddox: (laughs) My toilet's been running since I moved into this apartment. I haven't bothered to tell my landlord.

Dick: Oh, that actually did happen to me! I have one of those stupid Flush-O-Matic toilets...

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: Like, it doesn't have a tank. I flushed it and it broke. It wouldn't flush, I think because I tried to flush a condom down it.

Maddox: Ohh, gross dude.

Dick: And you're not supposed to do that. And I looked up online if you're supposed to do that, and it said "Don't." And I was like "Ah, fuck it, I'm gonna do it anyway."

Maddox: Ew.

Dick: And sure enough, it jammed. (laughs)

Maddox: You know what…you know that condom is full of your poop, now. It's probably like, jammed up in the hole and you just got, like, poop in the condom, cause your turds go down there…

Dick: Oh, I didn't poop in it after it was stuck.

Maddox: No no, but your turds…like, your condom is probably lodged in the…

Dick: I don't think about what happens to my condom when I'm done with it!! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, it's got poop in it.

Dick: Anyway. I called the (Maddox laughs) maintenance guy and he's like "Ahh, I'll fix it tomorrow." I'm like, "Okay, so I guess this toilet's just gonna flush like this for a day."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah…well, uhh…

Dick: Like, you understand what I'm saying.

Maddox: Of course, yeah yeah.

Dick: Everyone's pissed off and there's nothing you can do. Like, stop getting so upset about something you have no control over.

Maddox: Well, that goes back to my plastic bag ban problem a while ago.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah!

Maddox: Which does absolutely nothing in the grand scheme of things. Do you know the number one source of waste in this world is corporate waste. It's industrial waste.

Dick: You gotta let me guess, because I'm always gonna guess something funny.

Maddox: No, okay. What would you have guessed? (laughs)

Dick: Uh….you.

Maddox: Oh, alright (giggles)…

Dick: I can't do it now. It's too late, the moment's passed.

Maddox: Ohhh, alright (sarcastic), I'll let you guess. So anyway, it's corporate waste. It's industrial waste.

Dick: Lifetime.

Maddox: I read this study about…what, Lifetime?

Dick: That's a bigger waste.

Maddox: The channel? The TV show?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, okay, you got me there. Um, I read this study awhile back that said if every single person in the United States had like, even 95% efficiency in their recycling, it would reduce overall waste in the United States by about 5%.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: That's if EVERYBODY did it. Because industrial waste is sooo much bigger! It's so much bigger. It-it's a drop in the bucket. All our little…all our..."Oh, let's turn off the light switch here. Let's turn off the water so we don't run it an extra second or two."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It makes absolutely no difference.

Dick: Nothing.

Maddox: You go down to City Hall, they've got this giant fucking fountain outside that's running 24 hours a day, and people say "Well, it's recycled water." Yeah, but it's evaporating!

Dick: Like crazy!

Maddox: It's still evaporating. Yeah. It's a giant…there's, there's a black body, and it's evaporating. There's mathematical formulas that tell you how many gallons of water evaporate.

Dick: Lemme…look. Let me make the argument. Okay? This math stuff…

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: If you tried to do that at City Council, they're gonna tune right out.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Let me…cause I'll show up in like a white suit, like a preacher…

Maddox: Ugh….

Dick: Like, "Hey, water?! Water's the Devil! Did you know that all water is possessed by Satan?" (southern accent) And then they'll…you know what I'm sayin', they'll be on board.

(**baby laugh sound effect**)

Dick: I'll get those Korean church guys to come with me, too, with their signs. Or are they Vietnamese church guys?

Maddox: Oh, those guys are great. Korean.

Dick: Yeah, I thought so.

Maddox: I like those guys.

Dick: Alright, that's my problem. Why don't you do…the Diet Coke farcical test took so long that we're running short on time.

Maddox: Alright. Oh, yeah we are.

Dick: And we still have to read the answers for that.

Maddox: Well, real quick. I'll get to my last problem. It's self-checkout lanes at grocery stores!

Dick: You are dead wrong.

Maddox: Ohhh. BRING IT, BUDDY! (yells)

Dick: Those are the best thing to ever happen.

Maddox: Ohhh. I'm gonna bury you and I'm gonna throw the shovel in your forehead.

Dick: Let's go. I will punch you if you win this argument, because...

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, I'm absolutely winning. Okay. Why do you like them, first of all?!

Dick: Because. It's an express lane for people who have…understand the basics of checkouts. Dumb people have to sit in the line and smart people, who are, like, slightly above average intelligence, finally get a break in the world.

Maddox: Wrong.

Dick: We can take our groceries to the self-checkout line and run them through and get the hell out of the store. And plus, you can slip a little something into your bag every once in a while and not pay for it!

Maddox: (laughs) Oh, great, so you're a thief…it's good for thieves, I guess. (sarcasm) Great. If you're a thief, then self-checkout lanes are awesome.

Dick: Uh…AND everything else I said.

Maddox: No. No. No. Let me say…let me tell you a phrase why self-checkout lanes are not awesome. "Please remove the last item from the bag"

Dick: Okay. Their functionality is in question.

Maddox: "Please remove…"

Dick: Yeah. I'll give you that.

Maddox: Yeah. It's ALWAYS broken. That shit NEVER fucking works. It's almost always slower, unless you have a few items. If you have a few items…

Dick: (interjects) Define all of these "definite" things you're saying, like "Always" and "Never".

Maddox: Sure! I'll tell you why it's slower.

Dick: What percentage of the time would you say it's broken.

Maddox: I'd say about 30% to 40% of the time. That I've used it.

Dick: Holy shit. Okay. Okay.

Maddox: Because the buttons don't work. Something doesn't click. The attendant has to be notified. And I'll tell you what, Dick!! (yelling) Here's a problem. Why YOU shouldn't like these at all.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: You can't buy alcohol at them.

Dick: I know, I hate that.

Maddox: Yeah. So you have to stand in line anyway, and guess what, now they have fewer cashiers, because now they've replaced a bunch of 'em with fucking robots that don't work!

Dick: Okay, hold on, I feel like you're making a lot of sense right now. (laughing) (Maddox laughs) You gotta slow down. This is…I feel that sinking feeling in my stomach when someone's proving me wrong.

Maddox: Winner! Yeah. (**"ding!" sound effect**) You bet!

Dick: Well, with that 30% to 40% thing, I think you've just shown that you fail the intelligence test of using those machines.

Maddox: No, I know how to use the machine. I was a computer programmer. I'm not an idiot.

Dick: Pffft, oh, you, you get a 'C' at using it, if you fail 30% of the time. That's a C-, bro.

Maddox: The MACHINE fails, I don't fail! (yelling) (Dick laughs) It's a fucking buggy system. That shit is always out of order. Oh, out of service, the machine's flipped up, they did the…and then, if you have to stand behind some Midwest housewife who's using coupons, God, how the hell is she gonna figure that out?!

Dick: It's the greatest system ever, because there's one line and there's eight things. And anybody like you, who screws it up habitually, can sit there and fuck around, and waste their afternoon, while everybody else cycles through. It's perfect.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's the only thing that grocery stores have done right since they invented laser scanners.

Maddox: Wrong. They're slower and they've done (stammers) countless studies...

Dick: There's NO way you have stats on this.

Maddox: Absolutely have stats.

Dick: There is no way.

Maddox: Absolutely have stats.

Dick: There is absolutely no way.

Maddox: Heeere they come!

Dick: Where did you get this, some right-wing think tank?!

Maddox: Get ready…nope. Masslive.com. So check this out. "After extensive research, Big Y…" There's a grocery store chain, I believe it's in the northeast. "…Big Y has concluded that these self-checkout lanes not only do not save their customers time, but they usually take them even more time to check out than customers in standard checkout lanes. The company said in a statement Wednesday: 'self-checkout lines get clogged as the customers need to wait for store staff to assist with problems with bar codes, coupons, payment problems, and other issues that invariably arise with many transactions.'"

Dick: So they get clogged by morons, like I was saying.

Maddox: Yeah, everyone's a moron, except for the cashier. And, by the way, I don't like to memorize produce code. Cashiers have the produce codes memorized.

Dick: Well you can't bring your produce code through the… This is what you're doing! (yelling) You're trying to do dumb stuff with the self-checkout! You can't bring fruit through...

Maddox: (interjects) What, buy produce? Why not?!

Dick: Because that's not how it works!! (Yelling, frustrated) It's something....this is…you take a good idea and you ruin it!!! (Maddox laughing) By trying to cram shit through!! What is like this?! It's like…it's like watching a child try to use a Play-Doh Fun Factory. You just jam it up and you RUIN it for people like me, who love it!! (yelling, snaps)

Maddox: Mhhmm. So, this is from NBC News. "Albertson's, which operates 217 stores in seven western and southern states, will eliminate all self-checkout lanes…."

Dick: (interjects) Noooooooooo!!!! Noooooo!!!

Maddox: Yep. "…In the 100 stores that have them, and will replace them with standard or express lanes, a spokesman said."

Dick: Oh, fuck that!

Maddox: Wilcox said that "The replacement of the automated checkout lanes with human-operated lanes likely would mean more hours available for employees to work." So it's increasing employment.

Dick: Yeah! No. I want robots.

Maddox: Yeah. It's helping unemployment. Of course you want robots. They don't fucking work! (yelling) And by the way, here's a problem -

Dick: (interjects) They work EVERY time.

Maddox: Yeah, oh yeah? Here's a problem with self-checkout lanes, and I'll RACE you. If you get 10 or 15 of the same item, like if you're gonna buy a bunch of Kool-Aid or, or a bunch of, I dunno, beer, or something…

Dick: Uh…wait a minute. (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you're gonna buy a bunch of Kool-Aid?! (scoffs)

Maddox: Whatever you're gonna buy.

Dick: That's the FIRST thing that popped into your mind?

Maddox: Say you're gonna buy a bunch of bottles of Tabasco. That's what I buy! So, if you're buying 10 or 15 bottles of Tabasco and you're going through the self-checkout line…(Dick laughs)

Dick: (interjects) And a bushel of apples.

Maddox: Yeah, well, whatever I fuckin' buy. Don't…don't judge what I eat. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Do you load this up on your bike?! Like a guy riding through town…

Maddox: (interjects) I used to! I used to when they had plastic bags, which I can't do anymore!! (yelling) I have to carry around these bullshit latex bags everywhere…

Dick: Oh, you're doing a disservice to humanity right now, shitting on self-checkout lines.

Maddox: Alright, lemme finish this. Lemme finish this.

Dick: Everybody should adopt the technology, not the other way around!

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: Not in this case. This is a beautiful thing that we had and you're ruining it!

Maddox: No, Dick.

Dick: You people are ruining it!! I feel like...this is Atlas Shrugged. Alright? Who's the guy in Atlas Shrugged?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm that guy right now.

Maddox: It's a chick, and it's you.

Dick: No, the guy. A woman wrote it, but it's about a guy.

Maddox: That's you. I don't know, man, I haven't read that bullshit.

Dick: (yelling over each other, indiscernible) Because this is what it's about!!!!!

Maddox: Oh, this makes me so happy. Libertarians love self-checkout lines. And they don't fucking work. And this is why Libertarians are fucked. Because, it's…you know what? I'm not even gonna call…

Dick: (interjects) How dare you call me that?!

Maddox: I'm not gonna call you.

Dick: I don't call you names like that here.

Maddox: (laughs) I'm not even gonna say Libertarian anymore, I'm going to say Libertarian theorist, because it is a theory. There has never been a successful Libertarian government. It's always been a theory. And for somebody who, like…somebody who…

Dick: (interjects) First of all, I'm not.

Maddox: Okay, well, fine. But, I'll tell you what. All my Libertarian friends LOVE self-checkout lanes. But here's the problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Let me finish this.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: If you're going through with 10 of the same item, it doesn't fucking matter what you're buying. There is no multiplication key. You have to scan each…

Dick: (interjects) Is there not?

Maddox: …individual. No, there isn't! You have to scan each individual item.

Dick: You can't even get it to work 40% of the time and you're gonna figure out how to use a multiplication key? Get outta here!

Maddox: No. No, the…the…cashiers use multiplication keys. If I'm going through, even at a Dollar Store, as DUMB as they are, they know that if I have 10 items…they say "How many do you have?" and I say "10." And they hit '10' and they scan one, and it's all scanned. You don't have to scan each one, which takes an eternity!

Dick: You wanna race? You wanna go to CVS and race me on this?! I will squash your ass with self-checkout line. You know why? Cause I won't even check out. I'll just run out the door. (Maddox laughs) I swear to God, I'll beat you at a self-checkout line.

Maddox: You know what? Go…

Dick: (interjects) Anywhere. Anytime. Any store.

Maddox: Oh, bring it, bozo. You know what? If the line…

Dick: (interjects) I WILL get a tattoo if you beat me at a self-checkout line.

Maddox: Oh, you're on. You're on. If the line isn't a factor…look, if the line's short…

Dick: (interjects) (yelling) What do you mean, if the line isn't a factor?! That's the whole point!!!

Maddox: No, but the lines are longer because of these self-checkout lanes!

Dick: The lines in the "dummy" aisle?

Maddox: They're not the "dummy" aisle, they're the "smart" aisle.

Dick: That's what I call them!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The person behind the counter…

Maddox: Who knows what the fuck he's doing!!

Dick: NEVER. They NEVER know what they're doing!! (incredulous)

Maddox: See?! You always have such a low opinion, but they do that thing every single day and they're good at it.

Dick: No, they're not good at it, they're checked out!

Maddox: They're better than you! They're better than the fucking grandma I'm standing behind.

Dick: No, they're lazy, because they're there for eight hours. Everybody in the self-checkout line is incentivized to get out of there as quickly as fuckin' possible.

Maddox: Really?! While they're juggling with their dog?! Or talking on their cell phone?! I've never had a cashier talk on their cell phone! Never. (snaps)

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I have.

Maddox: Oh, great. What, one time?! Every time I go through self-checkout, some dickhead is having phone sex.

Dick: One time is all that matters!!

Maddox: No, no, fuck you, man.

Dick: You…no. This whole thing, with these bullshit statistics…is why I hate statistics! And I'll tell you why!! I've got 'a stats' for you. Yeah, no. I really do. (Maddox laughs) Because your gut says…what does your gut say when you think "self-checkout"?

Maddox: Bullshit.

Dick: You think "Great." "Good."

Maddox: Pain in the ass. No I don't. Never.

Dick: So these dickheads got paid to gin up a study on how these self-checkout lines are bad, probably by the union. Probably by unions wanting to get more...uhh…hours for their dummies, so they said "Hey guys, put together a bullshit study where you find that self-checkout lines take too long."

Maddox: Wow, that's a great theory, Dick (snaps). Except it's completely fucking wrong, because the manager of this grocery store said "we save money with self-checkout lanes, but customers don't like them." Customer satisfaction surveys are consistently down.

Dick: Because customers are stupid!!

Maddox: Of course they're stupid!! But at least the cashiers do this every day, so they're somewhat good at it.

Dick: Just…Okay. Alright. Just…fine. Whatever. Just…please leave me this one thing. Please, everybody. Let me have the self-checkout line.

Maddox: So…yeah.

Dick: I like it. I need it.

Maddox: So you can't buy alcohol? And you have to go with your dick in your hand a 2 AM and stand in this looong fucking line because they don't have any cashiers? And everyone's trying to beat the clock?! Huh? You've been there! There's a chick waiting out in the car…"Oh, hold on, sorry, I have to wait in this giant fucking monster line because self-checkout lanes exist and they don't hire enough cashiers. I have to beat the clock to buy us alcohol."

Dick: They're not gonna hire more cashiers cause those self-checkout lines are not there.

Maddox: That's what the study said!! (yelling) It just said that! NBC News!!!

Dick: Fuck...that's a lie!! They're never gonna do that!! (Maddox cracks up) They are never going to overstaff to compensate for self-checkout lines. Look at the too many fucking…'not enough bartenders' problem!! That place was rolling in money, they just don't care!! (yelling) (Maddox laughs) Nobody cares about your experience! At least with the self-checkout lines, you can manage your own experience!!!

Maddox: You can't buy alcohol. You can't multiply. You can't…there's…and it increases shoplifting. Go to the Wikipedia page for self-checkout lanes. There's one…

Dick: (interjects) (yelling) Of course it increases shoplifting! Who cares?! I don't own a grocery store, and neither do you!!!! Fuck them!!!

Maddox: Okay, great. It raises the cost of everything because they pass those losses onto us.

Dick: No they don't.

Maddox: Yes they do! They absolutely do.

Dick: They say they do to trick criminals into not stealing.

Maddox: That's so bullshit. Wrong.

Dick: No no, no no. They say that to trick good people like you into not stealing.

Maddox: I am not a good person.

Dick: That's why they say that. There's a whole system of advertising set up just to keep you from becoming more like me, where you'll walk out of a store with a bottle of liquor and not give a fuck!

Maddox: Yeah, but you also think that's not a crime! (laughs) You're an idiot!!

Dick: How is it a crime?

Maddox: (laughing) Okay…

Dick: How is…the liquor…all liquor in the world belongs to me.

Maddox: Ohh boy.

Dick: I'm just letting the store borrow it.

Maddox: You're lending it to them. (Dick laughs) Oh, so dumb. This may be your dumbest defense of an….

Dick: (interjects) This is…this is the worst thing you could….(yelling, panicked) Like, this is…I think you're really doing a bad thing to society.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which is why you are the biggest problem in the universe, which I said on the first fuckin' episode!!!

Maddox: Not according to everybody. Literally everybody. (laughs)

Dick: I'm like watching this beautiful thing fall apart! In 10 years, if self-checkout lines are gone because of you, I'll kill myself!

Maddox: Ohh, man. You're on. So, go to the Wikipedia page. One last thing I want to say about this. Go to the Wikipedia page of self-checkout scanners. Under the advantages, there is one sentence. And under the disadvantages, there's a giant paragraph.

Dick: What's the advantage?

Maddox: The advantage is that it saves stores money.

Dick: No!!!!!!! (frantic) The advantage is that it's for you!!!! The consumer!!

Maddox: No. No. The only time it's faster is if I have one or two items and I'm going through and there's no line, I'll go to self-checkout line. It's sometimes faster. But usually…

Dick: (interjects) Otherwise, you go to the dummy register?!

Maddox: It's not the dummy register. Stop calling it that. It's…if I have 10 or 15 items, it's quicker…

Dick: I'm trying. (laughs) I'm really trying.

Maddox: No you're not. (laughs) No you're not. If it's 10 or 15 items…

Dick: (interjects) No, I'm trying to make my case, I mean, with all the tricks I can. You gotta brand things so people hear it.

Maddox: Well, yeah. No. You can't buy alcohol. It's a pain in the dick. You have to wait for inept customers talking on their cell phones, which I mentioned. Grocery stores have found that decreased customer satisfaction…I mean, I'm just repeating myself. It's garbage. Let's get to the test.

Dick: MY satisfaction greatly increased.

Maddox: Great. Well, again. Dick Masterson's biggest problem in Dick Masterson's universe is…

Dick: (sighs) Okay.

Maddox: …we're getting rid of self-checkout lines.

Dick: (sighs) Let's hear…can we hear the results of the…

Maddox: The results!

Dick: This better not be some bullshit, either, where none of it was McDonald's Diet Coke.

Maddox: Well, you would know that, wouldn't you? So, Dick guessed 'C' and Sean guessed 'E'. Is that correct?

Dick: Yeah. Can we get a drum roll? Do you have a drum roll?

Maddox: I wish. No. We'll have to add that in post or something.

Dick: Can we get a boner sound effect at least?

Maddox: I have….

Dick: (interjects) That's almost as good as a drum roll.

Maddox: I had the drum roll queued up...here's the boner. (**'sproing' (boner) sound effect**)

Dick: Pretty good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Or, if you lose it...(**negative 'sproing' sound effect**)

Dick: I've seen…by the way, I've seen Sean play a drum roll with an erection. With his dick. Right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You remember that? Yeah? You remember that?

Maddox: Yeah, save it for after hours. That's pretty gross.

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: Alright. Again, Dick said 'C'. Sean said 'E'. 'A' was McDonald's!

Dick: SHIT! I knew it! I knew it was 'A'! (yelling)

Maddox: The worst...the worst tasting one was McDonald's! The ones that you guys…you had a consensus. You said that was the worst tasting one. That was the worst. That was McDonald's!

Dick: It was the worst. Because, you know why? I'll tell you why!

Maddox: Oh, that makes me so happy.

Dick: I'll tell you why.

Sean: 'D' was the worst to me, but 'A' was bad.

Dick: I still have some 'A', let me try it.

Maddox: 'D'? Oh, Sean, you say 'D' was the worst?! Cause guess what, 'D' was also McDonald's!

Sean: They were…oh, really? (Maddox laughing) Where did you go, like, Vermont and 56th?

Maddox: Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

Sean: Those were both terrible.

Dick: No no no, hold on. But he did something really smart here. Because we said every single flavor was different and now he's established that two of them were the same, so we…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Hold on, Sean.

Sean: I understand that.

Dick: Hold on. We really look like huge assholes right now. (Maddox cackles) Hold on. Hold on. Maddox, you're really…you really fucking duped me, and Sean. This was a great dupe.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaaah!! Wooo!!! This is awesome. (**ding sound effect**) I am awesome. I am going to give myself applause (**applause sound effect**)

Dick: What were you going to say?

Maddox: I am a winner. What's that, Sean?

Sean: Well done. Well done. Uhhh...no. I just thought that 'A' and 'D' both tasted like shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, they did.

Maddox: Those were the McDonald's ones.

Sean. And the reason…

Dick: (interjects) I'll tell you why.

Sean: I think the reason…I think the reason I even thought 'D' was worse, was because I had just drank something that was better. 'A' was the first one, and then I was like "Oh, okay, 'C' is pretty good." And then 'D' was back to "God, this is horrible!"

Dick: Okay, lemme…lemme tell you why this experiment is totally false (Maddox scoffs, laughs) and these results are invalid.

Maddox: Oh, God…you just…

Dick: It's because. It's because…I have a couple of different explanations.

Maddox: Oh, sure.

Dick: Number one, I'm so used to the delicious taste of McDonald's Diet Coke that when it's in this crappy plastic cup, it's a huge disappointment.

Maddox: They're all in a plastic cup.

Dick: And it's tricking me…yeah, but this one smelled the worst in the little plastic cup. I dunno what to tell you.

Maddox: Yeah, cause it's from McDonald's. It's shit. And…okay, so 'B' was from a place called Daphne's, a Greek café, I went and got their fountain soda, just for comparison.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: 'C', you're correct Dick…

Dick: (interjects) I'm so pissed off at you. That's such a…you goddamn…ugh, you set it up so perfectly, too, with two of the same. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you do that on purpose?

Maddox: Of course. Yeah.

Dick: Knowing that we would say they're all different and that would be a…oh, man.

Maddox: Just as a control.

Dick: Ffffuck.

Maddox: 'C', you were correct, was the can.

Dick: This feels like the end of like, Ocean's Eleven. Where, like, it's revealed that it was, like, a double heist?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And they even tricked the audience?

Maddox: Uh-huh (cocky). Yeah. So, 'C' was the can. You were correct. 'C' is for can. I used...'C' was the can.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And 'D' was McDonald's, as we mentioned, and 'E' was the bottle. I got a plastic bottle of Coke.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Diet Coke, rather. Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, there you go.

Sean: It's amazing that the two were…well, the same McDonald's, obviously, but it tasted the worst by far.

Maddox: I will say this, though. I will say…to corroborate a little bit of what you guys said, I…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, fuck you. Don't give us a consolation…don't corroborate us after the fact! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Oh, I feel so good.

Dick: Just shut up and take your win.

Maddox: Alright. Thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com and, by the way, I'm getting a lot of people who don't know where the overall list of the problems are. If you click on the problems in the upper right hand corner, you'll see the comprehensive list. We'll probably have to add that to uh…to the table at some point, but…yeah.

Dick: What…what table?

Maddox: Just so that there's a link to all the problems underneath the weekly problems, on the main page.

Dick: Oh, yeah, okay.

Maddox: We'll add that.

Dick: Can you…what's the biggest problem in the universe right now? What's ranked right now? Cause you can vote on all the problems we've ever had and like, it's got links to the episodes that they were featured in. It's pretty cool.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't have that up at the moment, but we'll bring that in next time. We'll go over all the...the comprehensive list. Anyway, so, thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. Don't forget to vote. We are number 9 on iTunes Comedy Podcast!!!

Dick: Yeah!!!

Maddox: Pretty fuckin' awesome!! (closing riff starts)

Dick: Yeah, you really nailed it. You REALLY fucked me this week. I cannot believe it.

Maddox: Thanks guys.

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 9</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy! What's up, buddy? (smiling) How ya doin'?

Maddox: Great. So, uh, we -

Dick: (interjects) Who won?

Maddox: Okay. Alright. So, the only time Dick asks this is when he knows that some shenanigans are up. So last week, our problems...uh, the number one problem from last week was Webby Awards!

Dick: Hey!! (cheerfully)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Congratulations!

Maddox: Actually. We were -

Dick: Congratulations. (sincerely)

Maddox: You know what? I wish it wasn't as big of a problem as it is.

Dick: The Webbys?

Maddox: I would LOVE for the Webbys to not be a problem.

Dick: Well, I...um, I think everyone got on board your, uh, disingenuous intentions...

Maddox: Oookay! (angrily) You know what?

Dick: ...rant. Nonononono! You -- that's what you were claiming, right? The Webbys are disingenuous when they say they're honoring... (trails off)

Maddox: Ohh, okay.

Dick: Jesus Christ!! What is... (chuckling; taken aback)

Maddox: I see what you're sayin'. Ohhh! (taunting)

Dick: ...what is goin' on?! (laughs more)

Maddox: I'm prepared! I'm prepared for YOU this week, buddy.

Dick: I'm comp-- this is why no one compliments you.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: I'm trying to compliment you, and you're jumping down my throat!

Maddox: Okay. Thank you. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah! And I also read, a guy in the comments said that originally the Webbys DID pander to, like, high-traffic sites to try to con links back to their dumb awards?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then...since they figured they knocked THAT out, then they started with the celebrity stuff.

Maddox: Well, you know, Dick, last episode too you mentioned -- this was such a bullshit thing, I was so, uh, just dumbfounded with bullshit that whole last episode -- but you said that the Nobel Prize awards... (cracks up) ...awards to The New York Times just to get, you know, gin up free publicity. But the Nobel Prize award gives a million dollars for their award, so they could simply just spend that money on advertising if they wanted to. Like, they don't NEED The New York Times' publicity. In fact, they've given more awards to smaller publications.

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) You know, I'm not gonna disagree with your logic there (Maddox snorts) but it seems like...a sham. To me.

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: It seems kind of lame. Like, the Nobel Prize is about science and, like, the brightest minds in physics and chemistry and biology...you're awarding it to a newspaper? It's like, a newspaper's like a thing to sell ads.

Maddox: So, let me translate that. (cracks up) So: "I don't have any evidence, but it just doesn't feel right."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Okay, great. (laughing)

Dick: Is that not...is that not normal?

Maddox: No, no, that's normal for you.

Dick: That's how I think! Yeah!

Maddox: That's definitely normal for you. So, number two on the list was Global Warming, your bullshit sham problem that I'm gonna call you out on!

Dick: Uhh, excuse me?

Maddox: Yeah, global warming...so, I was actually pimped into having to defend global warming. You didn't actually have -

Dick: (interjects) You weren't pimped into anything!

Maddox: Mhm. (skeptical)

Dick: You didn't have to defend it!

Maddox: Eh, I guess. But then, then what?

Dick: Okay -- oh, so I...so when you immediately jumped down my throat and called me Glenn Beck, that was "pimping" you? (Maddox laughs) Is that what I wanted you to do?

Maddox: I guess!

Dick: And then, what else did you call me? Glenn Beck, then I was a libertarian...

Maddox: Yep! (grinning)

Dick: ...did you call me a Klan member? At any point?

Maddox: No, no, not yet! That's comin' this episode, dude. Spoiler, come on. (teasing) No, but the libertarian part had to do with the grocery shopping. Um, then came Not Enough Bartenders, so, congrats, there's that. I guess people agree. And then, everyone's an idiot again; they think that Self-Checkout Lanes aren't a problem, apparently. And you know what, those scales never work! If I put something light on those scales, like a little package of, I don't know, like, toothpicks -

Dick: (interjects) Like a 3-pack of condoms? (smirking) (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: I've *never* bought a 3-pack of condoms. Maybe a 3-CASE. So anyway, those were the problems last week -

Dick: (interjects) Then if the scales don't work, you're saying they're busted. The machines are busted.

Maddox: Ugh, they're ALWAYS busted. You gotta get an attendant to come over and see what light-ass item you bought.

Dick: Uh, I got a comment about that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: From Brian Kruise. He said, "If there is a self-checkout lane and all my items have bar codes, it takes me about half the time than it would have waiting for a cashier to do it." True! "Unless you're too stupid to use a bar code scanner and swipe your card."

Maddox: Yeah, except the bar code scanner has a built-in delay, because they know that customers are slow and dumb and inept, and the weight, er, the scale doesn't work. And God forbid you put something on the scale, or -- and you have to...everything gets cluttered on the scale! There's not enough room for all your groceries, so you have to put some on the floor or call an attendant over and be like, "Oh, sorry, I bought too much stuff! Sorry I'm purchasing things." It's bullshit. (grumbling)

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: The whole system's bullshit, and everyone who likes it is bullshit. Uh, I got a comment from Seth Johnson.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: He actually noticed an interesting coincidence. On our all-time list of overall problems, Conspiracy Dipshits is in third place, or was at the time of this, and it had 911 votes. (both laugh)

Dick: Great. Uh, I got a comment regarding your horseshit Diet Coke challenge.

Maddox: H'okay. (chuckling)

Dick: That you claim settled the debate once and for all -

Maddox: Once and for all.

Dick: - that McDonald's is not the best Diet Coke.

Maddox: Yep, publish that in a journal - Nature!

Dick: Here we go: Twitter...@rbanke says, "McDonald's Coke is better because they have contracts with Coca-Cola to do the calibration and maintenance." Whereas the other restaurants don't!

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: So, all of your shit about McDonald's employees being just as worthless as Wendy's employees is NULL and VOID, sir! (taunting)

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Because Coca-Cola is there protecting the taste of their brand.

Maddox: And clearly, companies ALWAYS honor their contracts, especially with minimum wage workers enforcing those contracts, right? (heavily sarcastic) That's the -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, are you saying that Coke DOESN'T show up and calibrate the machines like @rbanke is saying?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: That's...that's ridiculous!!

Maddox: Well, they might calibrate it at some point, but those lines aren't cleaned by minimum wage workers! They don't give a FUCK about your soda.

Dick: Ohh, you're just never gonna give this up. You're so...you're so stubborn.

Maddox: This is a comment... (laughs)

Dick: You're so stub-- you're so RIDICULOUS. (scathingly)

Maddox: (still chuckling) This is a comment from Michael C. Main. He says, "Don't forget different minimum wage employees forgetting to clean the taps, removing the bacteria and fungal growth that might be what gives each fast food joint its distinct flavor." Which, actually, he might have a point. Those lines NEVER get cleaned. Those employees don't give a shit. I walked into that McDonald's...everyone behind the counter looked like they were thinking the word "duh."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, they just looked slow, and they don't give a shit. They're checked out, they're trying to graduate from high school. They don't care about your quality assurance.

Dick: Look, dude, I don't know the magic. (Maddox laughs) But McDonald's has it.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: All I'm saying is, you used the word "magic." (Dick laughs) So.

Dick: Uh, I got one last comment.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: From Philip Rushik: "Dick's arguments this episode were the best ever. Everything he said this episode was on the verge of nonsensical, but also exactly right." (Maddox sighs wearily) And I brought that comment in because I just wanna say, that's what it takes to make sense of the world that we're in. (grinning)

Maddox: Nonsense.

Dick: Nonsense!

Maddox: It takes nonsense.

Dick: The only thing that beats nonsense is bigger nonsense.

Maddox: I thought you were gonna say "bigotry." (laughs)

Dick: No, I'm NOT saying that. (annoyed)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: More -- bigger nonsense.

Maddox: Not...yeah, bigger nonsense. Great.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: You wanna get to some problems?

Maddox: Let's get to the problems. What's your problem?

Dick: Let's get to some problems. (jokingly businesslike) Problem number one: indignant drivers.

Maddox: Indignant drivers...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: Not...not road rage.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: I don't know if that's the best way to say this, but NOT road rage.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because road rage is hilarious to me.

Maddox: M'kay, sure.

Dick: Uhh...

Maddox: Some good stories!

Dick: Yes... (suggestively)

Maddox: I do like road rage!

Dick: I know you do.

Maddox: Mhm. (chuckling)

Dick: But indignant drivers, where.....okay, I'll tell you what happened. I went to Venice Beach with this girl on Sunday.

Maddox: So, Venice Beach is in California.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: It's in, like, Southern California. Okay.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, and it is...it is the, like, heaviest traffic in LA on a Sunday, I would say? It is an absolute nightmare to get to.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: To park, to get to the beach in traffic; it's the worst.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Everyone's goin' to the beach on Sunday.

Dick: So we're driving around, trying to find someplace to park, and it's like every single move you make...you look at the guy, you look at the car approaching you, and THEY are...they have this look on their face, when you do ANY little thing, that looks like they're seeing, like, a magic show and also watching a racist tirade at the same time. They're like, "OH, ugh! UGH!" (huffily) Like, with their hands up in the air! (Maddox laughs) Flustered, like they're buttoning...like they're, uh, in the 17th century, buttoning their collar and turning down their ascot?

Maddox: Yeah. Like they're ready for a duel.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: 'You know what? You just looked at ME, buddy.' That's how I drive. I'm an indignant driver. I *love* it. I love shaking my head, I love angrily yelling at people who DARE make a left turn...

Dick: It's so -- why?! Why do...what drives you so insane while you're driving?

Maddox: Because you don't -

Dick: (interjects) RELAX!!

Maddox: No -

Dick: You have to wait a couple SECONDS? For me to slow down and look for parking?? Just calm down!! (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah, a couple seconds mean I miss the light, and then I miss the NEXT light. Then I'm late to wherever I'm going.

Dick: Wait wait -- you're going home to dick around on Facebook.

Maddox: No.

Dick: That's what you're late to. (taunting)

Maddox: NO.

Dick: That's what all these people are late to. They can't wait a couple SECONDS?

Maddox: I'm sorry, I don't know about these bozos, but I got shit to do! And it's not just a couple seconds, these seconds add up! 'Cause EVERY -- you said yourself, there was lots of traffic and thousands of drivers out there. Couple seconds here, couple seconds there; next thing you know, you're dead.

Dick: You're...you're dead? (incredulous)

Maddox: You're dead.

Dick: From waiting for people to slow down and park?

Maddox: From waiting, yeah. Might as well be. Cobwebs...

Dick: They're all waiting to park too!

Maddox: What if I have a spider on me?? What if there's something in my car? I have an urgent place to be!

Dick: Wait, wait. What? (chuckling) You have a...?

Maddox: (cracking up) I've had spiders on me before while I'm driving.

Dick: Yeah, me too.

Maddox: Yeah! And so I need to get out and I need to find this fucker and kill it!

Dick: It's horrifying.

Maddox: Yeah! It's -- you gotta kill it!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: So while I'm waiting for you to make up your mind and find directions -- and by the way, find your fuckin' directions ahead of time! Why is it so hard, people? Don't look at your GPS -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you're looking around for parking!

Maddox: Oh -

Dick: WHO CAAARES?! Like, you can't just calm the FUCK down when you're in your car?? (shouting) What bothers me about it is that you would never act like this without your precious car protecting you!

Maddox: No, I wouldn't act like this without the car 'cause I wouldn't NEED to. People...I can get around people in traffic, and I don't go to places where lots of people just

congregate and they create a log jam. But with cars...I was in a car one time, I had a media escort for one of my book signings. So for people who don't know, a media escort is someone they assign you who takes you from book signing to book signing. And they hate that expression, by the way. It makes them sound like prostitutes. (smiling) So... (both laugh)

Dick: The word "escort" makes 'em sound...?

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So we went to, um...we went to a Barnes & Noble, and this lady was just lookin' at her phone the entire time, idling through the parking lot.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Meanwhile, there's only one exit and one entrance to this parking lot, and cars behind her started to honk! And she goes, "Okay, okay, people," and like, throws her hand up and then CONTINUES to look at her cell phone. Like, what do you mean, "okay"?! What does that mean? You're not addressing anything, you're not solving the problem, you're obstructing! People have shit to do, they have lives to do. What -

Dick: (interjects) So what did the honking do? Nothing!!

Maddox: Well, in HER case -

Dick: It didn't change a god damn thing.

Maddox: Okay, so because people are stubborn, stupid, and refuse to change, and they're incorrigible, we shouldn't do anything about it. Right? (cynical) We shouldn't honk. So what's the solution?

Dick: Yeah, I'm saying that all your dumb honking and your road rage is part of the problem. YOU'RE the one causing all the accidents and all the delays, 'cause you're driving around like a maniac getting pissed off all the time and not just calming down.

Maddox: BULL SHIT. That's bullshit, Dick! *I* am the solution. You know, people who DON'T honk are inconsiderate.

Dick: Ugh!

Maddox: I absolutely believe that.

Dick: You're...

Maddox: If you don't honk...if you don't honk, you don't care. And if you don't care, stay the fuck home. What do you have to do that's so important?? Why are YOU out on the road?

Dick: Driving with you is like, I think it's like, um... (searches for words) The feeling I get is like if your son -- if you were telling someone about your son, and he was in prison -- it's like, VERY uncomfortable. (Maddox scoffs and laughs) (Dick cracks up) You're like...uh, that was a bad example. Driving with you is a fucking *nightmare.* It's like being, just,

TENSE. I feel like a chihuahua when I'm driving with you. (Maddox guffaws) 'Cause you scream like a lunatic, your hand is ALWAYS on the horn...

Maddox: Right!

Dick: ...you're not paying attention!

Maddox: I've SAVED LIVES! I'm always payin' attention, buddy! (scornful) I save lives because I honk. One time there was a cab driver coming towards me in an intersection, and I saw him kind of veering towards my direction, and I thought, "Well, this is weird. I should flash my brights." So I flashed my brights a few times. Still kept comin' towards me, and I thought, "Holy shit, this guy's not payin' attention!" He was looking at his GPS. So I started laying on the horn, and at the last minute he veered and avoided an accident! I was prepared to honk. People who AREN'T prepared -

Dick: (interjects) You had alotta time to think in this scenario. (cracking a smile)

Maddox: I think fast.

Dick: Um, I did look up some stats on this. (slyly)

Maddox: Oh my gosh, you actually have stats.

Dick: Okay. Road -

Maddox: (interjects) (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**) (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah. Road rage people, like you?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Cause 66 percent of traffic fatalities. (cocky)

Maddox: THAT'S BULLSHIT, GET OUTTA HERE! (explosively) That's bull-- I'm gonna call you out on that!

Dick: It's not bullshit!

Maddox: Nope. (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: It's not bullshit.

Maddox: Absolutely -- what's your source? Where is that?

Dick: Um.....uh, drivelikeapussy.com. (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing)

Maddox: Ohokay! I KNEW it! I fuckin' knew -- 'cause I actually know the stats, dickhead, and that's not even close.

Dick: Maddox, 66 is a reasonable number. There's no way I would've made that up a number like that. (wryly)

Maddox: Absolutely... (through giggles) No, 'cause it's upside down, it's 99. I'm sure you're gonna say it at the end of the episode - "Oh, I was holdin' this paper upside down!" (dopey voice)

Dick: 66! It's like two-thirds! (smiling) Two-thirds of traffic fatalities ARE CAUSED BY PEOPLE LIKE YOU!!

Maddox: You're full of shit! I'm not -- no!

Dick: 'Cause you're going around honking, being a distraction, dude!! (yelling)

Maddox: No! WRONG! Wrong! I'm gonna call you on this! That's not a source! That's not a statistic. Where'd you get that source? What's the actual source of that?

Dick: Safemotorist.com. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs loudly) It was number one on Google!

Maddox: It's fucking not! You know what number one is? It's distracted driving, by -- well, texting. That's number one now, ABOVE drunk driving. We've gotten a 10 to 20 percent increase in traffic fatalities over the last 10 years, specifically because of texting while driving. And it's NOT road rage.

Dick: (interjects) So you're saying texting while driving is more dangerous than drunk driving?

Maddox: It is now, yeah.

Dick: (gasps) So, every... (astonished) So everybody who texts and drives can shut their ass up when they start lecturing people about driving drunk! Right??

Maddox: Well...

Dick: That's pretty much what I'm getting out of that.

Maddox: ...you're both problems. That doesn't mean that you're...that doesn't mean you're both suddenly not problems. You're BOTH problems.

Dick: You can't take the moral high ground, though!

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: If you're texting, uh, a friend of mine about how he drives drunk... (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Yeah, I guess.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I mean, that's -- they're both terrible options. It's like, what's...? It's not that one is safer than the other. (chuckling) We're not sayin' drunk driving -

Dick: (interjects) You're saying it's safe to drive drunk! Right? (cracking up) That's what... (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: 'Kay. I knew, I knew that's what you were getting at. No. Uh, texting while driving has now surpassed drunk driving. And here's why: because drunk driving usually, MOSTLY occurs at night.

Dick: 'Cause you're really paying attention when you're drunk driving.

Maddox: No, wrong. (annoyed) It usually occurs at night when people -- because people drink at night, and then they have last call and they gotta get home, so that's when the majority of drunk driving occurs. Texting while driving occurs 24 hours a day. ALL the time. Any time someone's behind the wheel, they gotta, "Oh, here comes a red light! I gotta

check Facebook! I gotta check my fuckin' precious Facebook, make sure that somebody didn't 'like' my new picture on Instagram!" Whatever the fuck Instagram is.

Dick: Well, I mean, if I can even get to that! I gotta check Tinder first!

Maddox: Of course. (dryly)

Dick: Um... (cracks up)

Maddox: So you see all the girls that passed you up.

Dick: Yeah. I always wonder how they do the drunk driving stats, though. You know? Like, how do they know how many people were out there being drunk, not causing wrecks? You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: They don't...they don't look at that. They just tally -

Dick: (interjects) But how do they even guess??

Maddox: They just tally the total number of fatalities caused by drunk driving.

Dick: Oh. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: So that's all it is.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: They don't have to...yeah, they don't have to, like, do some crazy stats.

Dick: So you're saying my stats are BS?

Maddox: Your stats are absolutely BS, and I'm gonna call you on that.

Dick: No, but it could be both!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, you could be drunk and texting AND be being aggressive.

Maddox: Right. Road rage does not cause NEARLY as many accidents as either of those two problems, drunk driving and texting while driving. Road rage, by the way -- and it's not road rage that I'm honking! Why don't...why don't people care anymore?

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: I have gotten so pissed off now that I'm honking at cars in lanes *opposite* to me. I'm honking at cars going in a different direction, I'm honking at cars 2 or 3 lanes away because NOBODY cares; everybody's texting, nobody goes.

Dick: Maddox, that honking shit's gotta stop.

Maddox: No!

Dick: It's CRAZY.

Maddox: It's a solution!

Dick: Nononononono. It's annoying! It gives people -- like, you're gonna give somebody a heart attack with the way you drive.

Maddox: Oh, THEY'RE gonna give me a heart attack by the way they drive. By how slow they are.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Because you -- you're making a left turn over double yellow lanes, which I always honk at! Get the fuck out of the road! You're not supposed to make a left on double yellow lanes. And you know what? I approve of it if they do it when no one's around! *I* do it when no one's around. However, when there's a whole line of cars behind you, what, you need to stop commerce because you need to make a left-hand turn?

Dick: Just chill the fuck out! (exasperated) They need to make a left turn, who CARES?

Maddox: I -

Dick: (interjects) You're out there like it's Cannonball Run every day! Just go out and have a nice drive!

Maddox: Sure, okay. You know what? Maybe the guy who's running the theater projector for the movie you're watching on your date, he got caught up in traffic and he's like, "Yeah, you know what? Chill out, man." (hippie voice)

Dick: Yeah, man!

Maddox: "I'll just show up when I show up! The movie'll start when I get there." Things don't have to run on time anymore in DICK'S universe!

Dick: Yeah. Your honking? Doesn't help that.

Maddox: It absolutely does.

Dick: NO.

Maddox: People go!

Dick: Honking and acting like Audrey Hepburn in your car (Maddox scoffs and laughs) while people are just making left turns and minding their own business does not help with that.

Maddox: It's not left turns! It's people slowing down and looking for parking, or looking for their directions.

Dick: That upsets you?

Maddox: Yeah! Don't look for directions!

Dick: I mean, that's the problem?

Maddox: No! Don't look for directions. Know where you're goin' before you go. Where are you going if you're just -- what are you, driving aimlessly?? (cracks up) Get the fuck off the road! Go back home, park your car, and then set your house on fire. Like, what are you doing? (Dick laughs) What are you doin' with your life? (chuckling)

Dick: Very good. Well, I, um...I copied a test to see if you were a road rage.

Maddox: Hm'kay. (laughing)

Dick: But uh, ya pretty much...I think you, I think YOU rewrote the test on having road rage.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um...

Maddox: I don't think I have road rage, by the way.

Dick: You DEFINITELY DO!!

Maddox: Nooo. (dismissively)

Dick: How -- what else would road rage be?!

Maddox: No, I absolutely don't have road rage!

Dick: In your mind, what is road rage?

Maddox: I'll tell you what road rage is! So, there was this guy -- I was in a one-lane road one time.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And, um...and there was this guy that was parked right next to me, he was gonna make a right-hand turn. And it LOOKED like he was gonna make a right-hand turn; his signal wasn't on. And so I figured, you know, he just forgot to turn on his signal or whatever, so I started going straight, and he was to my right and he started going straight as well. There was a car parked to the right, so he couldn't get past that car, he had to cut me off.

Dick: (interjects) I have a hard time following car stories.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So he was turning right in front of you?

Maddox: Okay, it's a one-lane road...

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: ...I'm going straight...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and he looked like he was about to make a right. He was to my right.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: At the intersection. Right?

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So we both started goin' forward at the same time and I thought, "Okay, well, here's this dickhead not makin' a right! He's gonna try to snake me!"

Dick: (interjects) See, you're already -- you're already all, like, bugging whoever's in the car with you! This is already starting to bug me, imagining myself in this car.

Maddox: No one's in the car with me!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So I'm going straight, and this guy cuts me off at the last second. And so you know what? I LAY on the horn, and I give him the bird. I'm like, "Hey, buddy! Here's what I think of YOU!" So then he pulls over to the right, and turns on his signal and lets me pass him! I'm thinkin', "Oh, this is a good guy! He realized his mistake and he's lettin' me pass him."

Dick: You've intimidated him into letting you pass.

Maddox: "Yeah, you know what? Maybe he realized his mistake and he's gonna be cool."

Dick: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Maddox: So, uh -- no, that's not the case. He gets behind ME, and then he starts honking. (smiling) I'm like, "Oh. Alright." So we get to the next light, and this guy gets out of his car and he starts walkin' over... (cracks up)

Dick: Whoahoho.

Maddox: ...walkin' over to my car, and so I'm slowly, like, gingerly rolling up my window in my car. And I roll up my driver's side window just in time, as soon as he gets there and I'm like, "Whew! Safe." I lock the doors, then I look over -

Dick: (interjects) What a pussy! (Maddox laughs) What a complete pussy. (grinning)

Maddox: And I look over...this guy, no joke, was probably 6' 8". Tall black dude, bald; looked angry as fuck. And -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, right! It was probably some, like, old Chinese lady.

Maddox: Oh, please. (Dick laughs) I eat Chinese ladies for lunch. Uh, so... (cracks up) So I looked over to my passenger's side window, and it was completely rolled down. I completely forgot about it. Oops. Uh, so anyway, he starts like, just pounding on the window...pounding on the window and callin' me gay, he called me a little bitch..."Get outta the car!" My -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, you are kind of a little bitch in this story. (chuckling)

Maddox: No, I'm not gonna get out and fight this guy!

Dick: You're proving my point!! You wouldn't do this stuff, except you have your protective car around you! You're acting like an a-hole -

Maddox: Oh! (disdainful)

Dick: - only because you're not afraid of getting punched in the MOUTH.

Maddox: He cuts me off like a dick, and I'M the a-hole?

Dick: Yes!!

Maddox: An asshole, let's say "asshole." Okay? I'm the asshole because he cut me off? That's bullshit!

Dick: No! He probably just made a mistake! Chill out!!

Maddox: It wasn't a mistake -- oh, really? Maybe I made a mistake! Maybe I meant to flip him off with BOTH hands! (Dick smirks) Huh??

Dick: That's a good one. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah! (laughing) Yeah. Fuck that guy, he was a piece of shit! And also, he was a TRANSIT worker! He was a California transit worker.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I could've gotten his job! So who made the mistake here? He's a fuckin' idiot! I'm not gonna go to jail!

Dick: You -- wait a minute, you could've gotten his job? What do you mean? (grinning)

Maddox: I'm not goin' to jail potentially because this dickhead got out of his car. And by the way, I was waitin' for the light to turn; as soon as the light turns I just start driving off, and he's like, standing there jumping up and down like Yosemite Sam in the fuckin' middle of the intersection! (Dick laughs loudly) This, like, dumbass dude who cut me off. He gained nothing, he lost face, and what did the transaction solve? NOTHING.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Absolutely nothing.

Dick: Okay, so lemme go through those questions of if you have road rage or not.

Maddox: Please.

Dick: Um...uh, "Do you ever use obscene gestures or communicate angrily at another driver?" So that's a 'yes.'

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yep.

Dick: From that story -- yup, that's a 'yes.' "Do you use the horn often?" Did you use the horn in that story?

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yep!

Dick: I'll take that as a 'yes.' Uh, "Do you tailgate..." (cracks up) Already a 'yes.' (Maddox laughs) "...or flash your headlights at the driver in front of you, who you believe is driving too slowly?" I believe that's how you started this altercation?

Maddox: Nooo, that's not how it started.

Dick: By tailgating?

Maddox: He cut me off -- no, he cut me off! He -- (**buzzer sound effect**) Nope! I did not tailgate.

Dick: Is that perhaps because you were driving way too fast?

Maddox: No!!

Dick: And he HAD to cut you off?

Maddox: I was just going through the intersection at the normal speed, and he was just tryin' to cut me off like a prick 'cause he was trying to snake me! He didn't gesture that he was gonna try to come into my lane. How about using a signal, dickfuck? How 'bout that?

Dick: Yeah... (unsure)

Maddox: No. So that -- no. Absolutely not.

Dick: ALREADY angry. (Maddox laughs) You're experiencing road rage while just sitting in this chair in front of the microphone.

Maddox: I'm miming a steering wheel as we're talking. (chuckling)

Dick: Um, and "Do you try to beat red lights because you're in a hurry?" I dunno, that doesn't seem as good as the other ones.

Maddox: Of course! That's -- that makes sense. Why wouldn't I?

Dick: 3 out of 4. You got road rage, buddy. Go see a doctor. (Maddox smirks and laughs)

Maddox: Alright. I guess -

Dick: (interjects) Road rage isn't really my problem, though. It's the indignant drivers.

Maddox: Indignant. (thoughtful)

Dick: Who sit there festering, and...I LIKE the guy that got out of his car, with road rage! That's cool!

Maddox: What do you...? You don't call that "indignant"??

Dick: NO, that's not indignant! He was gonna punch you right in your mouth!

Maddox: And by the way, I was -- no! He's not gonna punch anything. I was grabbing my taser, I was ready to like, "Alright, I gotta throw down with this guy." (smiling)

Dick: Did you grab your rape whistle as well? (cracking up) (Maddox laughs loudly) What are you DOIN'? (teasing)

Maddox: You know what? I know that tasers don't always work, and sometimes it pisses them off even more, which -

Dick: Wait.

Maddox: - if I'm gonna get punched? If I'm gonna fight a guy? I want him to be *really* pissed.

Dick: They don't work? What do you mean?

Maddox: Well, if you...the guy was the size of a mammoth. Alright? This guy's like...maybe 8 feet tall.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Bald black dude.

Dick: He would've killed you.

Maddox: (laughing) He would've, he would've killed...

Dick: That would've been funny.

Maddox: He coulda punched through my roof. Like, this guy was *giant.*

Dick: Did you learn...did you learn anything from that? Like, did it make you gun-shy at ALL for being a road rage dickhead in the future?

Maddox: No! I -- you know what? I rarely ever flip people off, uh, while I'm driving, BUT I...there was this one time, this girl...she had Vermont plates, I still remember her license plate! I remember the -

Dick: (interjects) Jesus Christ!! This is, like, you DEFINITELY have road rage!! Like, it's etched in your memory, 'cause you're so full of RAGE from the incident! (yelling) I'm sorry -- go! Go, go, I'm sorry.

Maddox: That's like saying...yeah, I've HAD road rage; what do you mean? Road rage is not a condition, a state that you're in. I mean, *occasionally* you get road rage. It's like you're saying, "Oh, you definitely have love, 'cause you've been in love before!" Whatever, like, "You've been full with food, so you're definitely full!" Like, that doesn't make sense.

Dick: This sounds like an alcoholic at an intervention. (Maddox laughs) Like, "Whaddya MEAN, I'm an alcoholic?? I have a couple drinks a couple times! That doesn't mean I'm an alcoholic!!" (ornery tone) (Maddox laughs more) "I'm an '-oholic'? What does THAT mean?"

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: So what did the Vermont girl do?

Maddox: Ohhh, THIS bitch. (growling) (Dick laughs hysterically) So, I'm drivin' up this road -

Dick: (interjects) See the rage?!? (high-pitched; through laughter)

Maddox: OH, my -- it's unbelievable, this one! This one coulda caused an accident! So I'm drivin' up this road at like 45 miles an hour, the speed limit.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And immediately she pulls into the middle lane. What I THOUGHT she was gonna do was pull into the middle lane and then merge into traffic. Right? Wait for her turn to merge into traffic. Nope! Cuts RIGHT in front of me. I slammed on the brakes, came within...*inches* of hitting her. And so then, I flipped her off and turned on my brights, 'cause this chick needs to be checked.

Dick: Oh, wait a minute! The brights are on the list, hold on!!

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: (excited) "Turning on..." Yeah, yeah yeah yeah! "Flashing your headlights at a driver in front of you that you believe is driving too slowly"! You said 'no' to that, that's a 'yes'!!

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: That's 4 out of 4, dude! (yelling)

Maddox: No, you know what, though?

Dick: 4 out of 4!! You are a TEXTBOOK case of road rage!

Maddox: She wasn't driving too slow, she just cut in front of me! Like, we came within inches of hitting her!

Dick: Okay, and then what? (amused)

Maddox: Yeah, so I slammed on the brakes, turned on my brights, and then started flipping her off. (Dick laughs hysterically) And then SHE, she -

Dick: (interjects) Turns out SHE was a 6-foot-8 black guy too!

Maddox: She was a 6-foot-8 black... (laughing) 8-foot-8 black guy, he gets bigger every time! Uh, no, this -- so, she started flippin' ME off!

Dick: Oh, cool! (mocking)

Maddox: I'm like, "Ohh, no you didn't!" (snarling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "You did NOT flip me off." And so I started following her! So I'm, like, honking the entire time, and my brights are on -

Dick: Uh-huh. (dryly)

Maddox: - and she's flippin' me off, and I'm flippin' HER off, and we're havin' a really good time! (gleeful) So we get to the next intersection and she's *really* drivin' erratically, and then she starts brake-checkin' me. I'm like, "No. You know what? FUCK that." Fuck brake-checking.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Brake-checking is a bullshit, chickenshit move, 'cause you're trying to cause an accident! Which is...FUCKED up. So then -

Dick: (interjects) Oho, wait a minute, uh, Mr. High Horse!

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: BOTH of you were driving like morons at this point.

Maddox: I was drivin' normal! What, just 'cause I'm, like, chasing her down? Whatever.

Dick: Because you're not thinkin' about driving, you're thinking about SCREWING with this person!

Maddox: I'm not screwin' with her!

Dick: That's why you're causing all these accidents!!

Maddox: I'm letting her know...I'm calling her out! I'm checking her. She needs to pull over, that's what SHE needs to do. So that's what the brights -

Dick: (interjects) And what?

Maddox: Pull over and think about her life. Alright? (cracking up) She needs to pull over and write in her LiveJournal, or whatever it was at the time -- this was like, 10 years ago,

whatever -- she needs to think about the decisions she's made in her life. That's what I wanted her to do. So she DIDN'T do that, and she kept driving erratically, so you know what? Called in drunk driving! I reported her for drunk driving. (pleased with himself)

Dick: Even though she wasn't.

Maddox: She MIGHT'VE been!! She's driving erratically! She's drivin' like an asshole!

Dick: I mean, this is...this is just...that is *crazy.*

Maddox: It's not -- yeah, right? The way she was driving?

Dick: Reporting someone for drunk driving... (incredulous) No, YOU. YOU are crazy for doing that.

Maddox: I call in drunk drivers all the time! If someone's driving like an asshole, they're drunk.

Dick: Uh, what is your...for some reason, I don't think that's the end of the moves that you have to screw with people who are driving poorly. Do you -- what else is in your bag of tricks? (sardonic) To do, uh...to put an end to crazy drivers on the road out there? Do you, like, lob...baggies of scorpions in their window? (Maddox laughs) As you drive past them? (grinning)

Maddox: No, nothing. That's it. That's all I do.

Dick: That's it? (teasing)

Maddox: No, but seriously, I want drunk drivers off the road and I will call them in.

Dick: SHE WASN'T A DRUNK DRIVER!

Maddox: YOU don't know that!

Dick: Don't act like you're doing everybody a service!! (screaming)

Maddox: You don't know that! She was driving like SHIT!

Dick: No!! She's an a-hole! She's a -- she's addicted to rage just like you, apparently!

Maddox: She was also swerving! She was SWERVING in and out of traffic. So I was trying to pass her up so I could get home, and she started swerving! I'm like, "Okay, this chick's drunk!"

Dick: (laughing scornfully) You're...SO crazy! How come I never encounter all of these, uh, poor drivers? How come I never get in these life and death situations?

Maddox: (yelling over Dick) 'Cause YOU ARE THE POOR DRIVER!! You're the people that people are encountering!

Dick: But no one's pulling in front of me all the time like they are with you! Why is that?! Why is it -- you ever think that when you encounter SO many assholes on a daily basis, that YOU are the asshole?

Maddox: No!

Dick: That YOU are the bad driver?

Maddox: I'm not the bad driver! There are great drivers out there. Sometimes people cut me off and I don't even have to tap my brakes! I'm like, "That guy's driving like an asshole, but God bless him."

Dick: You need to...you need to chill out. You need to have a stress ball in your car.

Maddox: No...no! I'm fine.

Dick: You're not helping anybody!

Maddox: I'm helpin'...

Dick: You're not helping anybody -

Maddox: (yelling over Dick) Yes I am, I'm helpin' COMMERCE!

Dick: - by reporting FAKE DRUNK DRIVERS, pulling cops away from real drunk drivers -- I'm saying that, but I don't really care.

Maddox: Yeah, of course. (amused)

Dick: I mean, I'm tryin' to bust you on that, but, you know.

Maddox: Fulla shit. No. Fuck this chick -- this chick, she's lonely and she's gonna die...she's gonna die alone.

Dick: Alright. That's, that's my problem.

Maddox: Alright. Great. Great problem. (sarcastic)

Dick: Uh...Indignant Drivers.

Maddox: Indignant Drivers. (derisively) And don't forget, next time you're sittin' behind someone drivin' like a grandma, it might be Dick.

Dick: Oh, I drive -- whoa, whoa, whoa, WHOA!

Maddox: Mhm. (skeptical)

Dick: How many speeding -- I drive WAY fast! How many speeding tickets do you have?

Maddox: One.

Dick: Ohohohoooh! Yeah, I got speeding tickets galore, baby. (gloating)

Maddox: Yeah, that just means you get caught. I don't, I'm like Batman. (cracks up) The speeding Batman.

Dick: I, I am...I drive WAY faster than you. How DARE you.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh. (sneering)

Dick: I will race you any time, any where. (cocky)

Maddox: You sloppy...sloppy driver!

Dick: Pedal ALL the way down.

Maddox: Mhm. And then you're gonna have to come to a screeching halt 'cause someone's makin' a left.

Dick: Don't care, I'll buy more brakes! (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Great. (dryly) Alright. My problem! My first problem this week is shame shaming.

Dick: Huhuh, what?

Maddox: Alright? Yeah. (smiling) So, you've heard of fat shaming. Right?

Dick: HEARD of it? (Maddox laughs) Yeah! That's my middle name! (gleeful)

Maddox: I'm sorry, I'm talking to the guy who invented it. (Dick laughs loudly) So... (chuckling)

Dick: Come on, baby! (grinning)

Maddox: So there's this big -

Dick: (interjects) That's my big break, was fat shaming! On Dr. Phil!

Maddox: Fat shaming? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, that's -- actually, that's true, yeah!

Dick: Remember??

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah, that's true! So there's this big Body Positive movement going on right now by the Social Justice Warriors, and these are people who think that, uh, you know, it's okay to be fat. And you know what? It IS okay to be fat. To an extent. Um...so, there's all these people who come out, like for -

Dick: (interjects) Well, can you define "okay"? Like, what you think...it's okay to be fat?

Maddox: Well, you should be allowed to live your life and body how you want.

Dick: Agreed.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: We absolutely agree on that. However, the limit is when it comes to....public health. So if there's universal health care, then suddenly everyone's kinda chipping in to the system and your health problems become *my* health problems.

Dick: Well, your health problems become my FINANCIAL problems, is what they become.

Maddox: Right. Well, that's what I meant. So, if you become....unhealthy, or if you become sick, or there's some complication due to your diet, and the public welfare has to PAY for it...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...then your problem *is* my problem. And I do have a say in it. So you can't -- so if you wanna be fat, that's fine, but you also have to be against universal health care. Right?

Dick: (stammers) Uh, yeah. I guess!

Maddox: So you agree with that!

Dick: If like, no, because I think it's....yeah, logically? If you're making, like, a logical choice to be overweight or to smoke or do any of that stuff, then yeah, but that's not how people work. (Maddox inhales thoughtfully) I mean, you're -- by the way, I'm kind of surprised that you accused me of being a libertarian last week -

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: - yet you're making, like, the cornerstone of the libertarian argument right now.

Maddox: Right. I say things that sometimes conservatives agree with, and sometimes libertarians agree with, and sometimes liberals agree with.

Dick: I'm just asking if you realize that.

Maddox: Yeah, I realize that! Absolutely!

Dick: Like, this is the entire philosophy of libertarianism.

Maddox: No! I totally, I totally understand that and I totally agree; however, I'm not a libertarian. So. The...on Salon.com, there's an article that says, "A recent study published in the Journal of Health Psychology aimed to evaluate why the positive correlation between stigma and obesity exists, specifically for women." [Salon article: http://www.salon.com/2014/07/10/fat_shaming_women_is_unhelpful_insensitive_and_downright_sad/] And this is *always* -- if you search for "fat shaming" or "body positive," the first links that come up are Huffington Post and Salon.com. ALWAYS.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then xoJane...all these, like, women websites.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Because they think it's a problem exclusively to women, and that's all they focus on. So, "By reviewing daily assessments of the weight-based interactions of 50 overweight women, researchers found that the negative feelings associated with fatness can lead to negative psychological health overall, in addition to reduced physical well-being." So, they're saying -

Dick: (interjects) So if you're fat, you feel bad?

Maddox: Yeah, you feel bad!

Dick: That's what they're saying?

Maddox: Right. (amused) But you know what? If you're fat, you're morbidly obese. You're gonna have all sorts of different health complications.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So, there's this woman who said that "Participants experienced" -- and this is participants in the study -- they "experienced an average of three fat-shaming moments per day." Three per day. (Dick giggles wildly) But... (cracks up) But the researchers said that "these stood out:..." So, this woman said that "Teenagers made animal sounds like 'moo' - "

Dick: (interjects) Mooing? (gleeful)

Maddox: " - outside of the store." Yeah. (amused)

Dick: I've done that.

Maddox: Yeah... (laughs)

Dick: Oh, you know what else I did? Um...uh, I do 'beep' sounds?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's a good one too, like, if a...

Maddox: What does that mean?

Dick: ...a fat person's beeping? Like, "Beeeep! Beeeep!" (high-pitched)

Maddox: Oh, if they're backing...if they're going backwards? (about to laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay! Yeah.

Dick: That's a good one. I pulled that one in high school, I got a big response. (pleased with himself)

Maddox: You know, I should say, that's...I should say, I used to be fat! I used to be pretty overweight. But especially -

Dick: (interjects) No -- oh, "pretty overweight"? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah! Definitely!

Dick: You used to be a BIG fat fatso.

Maddox: Definitely. When I was writing The Alphabet of Manliness, that was one of the most stressful times of my life, and that's when I gained a lot of weight. I gained over 35 pounds in the course of like, 3 months. I started losing hair around that time, I got high blood pressure, and I got high cholesterol. I was on my way to an early death. Early grave.

Dick: All to just make your masterpiece of a book for your fans.

Maddox: Yeah! For you guys.

Dick: Yeah. The sacrifices that you go through!

Maddox: Sacrifices for dick jokes. (dryly) So...anyway, so I understand. Like, I understand everything associated with it.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I used to be a fat guy! So she says -- she goes on. These are some of the things that she felt, uh, the fat-shaming instances throughout the day: "The dentist was worried I might break his chair." (Dick roars with laughter) You know, you know what though? It's an expensive-ass chair! Those hydraulic things aren't cheap!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: If you -- you might actually break a chair! I -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, that's a moment of fat shaming? Sorry.

Maddox: 'Fat shaming,' yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: If the DENTIST says "You might break my chair," yeah! Also, he's concerned about his chair!!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Why aren't YOU concerned about his chair? Why aren't you concerned about ANYTHING, apparently?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, this dentist is sincerely concerned about his chair! He spent lots of money on it, you might break it! How could he possibly sensitively say that to you? What's a sensitive way of saying to somebody who's overweight, sayin', "Look, you might break this chair." Like, what can you possibly do? You might have to, like, "Okay, sit in a non-..." Maybe she was so big that she might actually break the chair! (Dick smirks) If you want to say that to somebody, how can you say it sensitively?

Dick: "Moo."

Maddox: H'okay. (chuckling) Then she says, "I was told what a bad mother I am because I can't set limits as to what my son or his friends eat during sleepovers, because I can't even control myself." Okay, that's unfair.

Dick: Ohh, my god!

Maddox: That's -- I would say that's unfair.

Dick: What kinda life is this person living where people are SAYIN' that stuff to her?

Maddox: Yeah! And -

Dick: (interjects) Can you imagine, like, a person saying that to you? It would be like, "What the HELL are you...?" (seething)

Maddox: Yeah... (dubious)

Dick: "How DARE you!"

Maddox: ...you know what though, Dick? I'm gonna call bullshit on this one, because the only person -- so, look at a clue she left in this sentence. She says, "I was told what a bad mother I am." So somebody told her -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: - based on what her son and his friends eat during the sleepovers. So this is somebody intimately in her life. Right?

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: And if it's somebody that intimate in her life, why is she friends with this person?

Dick: Right! That's what I'm saying!

Maddox: Yeah. Why would she possibly have somebody that close in her life who KNOWS her son is havin' a sleepover, and her son's friends are havin' a sleepover, AND what they're eating for snacks?

Dick: And it's such a neurotic thing to nitpick. It's a sleepover, they eat everything! Come on!

Maddox: So here's another one; she says, "With friends at a baby shower I went to McDonald's first so people wouldn't look at me eating more than I should." (Dick laughs tauntingly) So, she's sneaking -- so she goes to McDonald's ahead of time, gets her...gets an extra meal, whatever.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: I...I can't begin to explain the psychology that goes on behind gaining weight. I gained weight for my own reasons; it was stress. Mine were stress-related. Mostly! Mostly, in that period of my life. But, like, different people gain weight for different reasons. Who knows -

Dick: (interjects) Is that true? It just seems like it's all...I mean, it seems like if I liked eating as much as I like drinking, then I would be a big fatso.

Maddox: Uh, no, people eat in excess sometimes because they are depressed, sometimes because they just like food, sometimes because they're stressed...sometimes just because they have always just been that way, and they've always just -- it's cultural! Sometimes it's just cultural. Like, some families like to eat a lot of food, and they sit down and they put huge meals out in front on the table. I get that. I mean, I totally get that.

Dick: It just sounds exactly the same -- it sounds like an analog to any addiction.

Maddox: So, this is from Time.com; this is kind of interesting. [http://healthland.time.com/2013/01/02/being-overweight-is-linked-to-lower-risk-of-mortality/] It says that "new research confirms that obese people, and particularly those who are extremely obese, tend to die earlier than those of normal weight." However, "The findings also suggest that people who are overweight but not obese may live longer than people with clinically normal body weight."

Dick: What do you -- can you sum that up?

Maddox: So, they're saying that people who are overweight live longer.

Dick: Oh. Why? (puzzled)

Maddox: Okay, THAT'S the question. Right? That's the million-dollar question: why? 'Cause I've seen these fat-shaming websites, especially TEDx. If you go to YouTube right now and search for TEDx, and it says "Why It's Okay To Be Fat," there's this lady who goes on... [TEDx video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73SXX0w4eY8]

Dick: (interjects) I'd rather eat some rocks than watch a TED talk about this.

Maddox: That's fair. That's absolutely fair. You don't even have to check the calories on that. So, if you go... (cracks up) If you go watch this video, this lady goes on and on about how fat people live longer than, uh, normal-weight people. And it's true! About 6 percent. 6

percent longer. And then I looked into the study, and it turns out that the REASON is: "It's possible that overweight and obese people get better medical care, either because they show symptoms of disease earlier..." (chuckling) "...or because they're screened more regularly for chronic diseases stemming from their weight, such as diabetes or heart problems."

Dick: So they get sicker faster? So they get more attention quickly?

Maddox: So, they're in hospitals more often, so they catch... (cracks up) ...catch diseases that are fatal.

Dick: (interjects) See, this is what I'm telling you about stats, though!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that is a stat where your gut says 'no,' and then you look at the stat and you're like, "Oh, the stat's worthless."

Maddox: So, here's -

Dick: (interjects) Your gut's right!

Maddox: Right. Absolutely, you're -- no, I agree. That's why I read into the study, I don't just end at the stat. Um, there's another instance -- this is from Kotaku.com -- there's a 19-year-old girl in Japan; her name is Kanna Motoyoshi, and she loves cosplay. She was really overweight, and she dressed up as this cosplay character one time, and everybody started makin' fun of her because she looked nothing like the character. (Dick giggles) So... (chuckling)

Dick: 'Cause she was overweight?

Maddox: She was overweight. She was *really* overweight.

Dick: What did she dress up as? (smirking)

Maddox: The character's name was, uh...Tiera? It's "a huge fan of..." Tieria! T-I-E-R-I-A. I'm not even sure -- it just looks like a Sailor Moon character or somethin' like that.

Dick: Ohh, that's...eugh, God, that's bad. (in a low voice)

Maddox: So she decided to go to an anime convention, like, dressed as this character, and [continues quoting Kotaku.com article] "Here is a dramatic recreation of the event with an actor playing her. The show's depiction was hardly nuanced -- note the bandanas, which are a stereotypical otaku, or 'geek,' trope in Japan." So they were kind of, like, making fun of her on this show. She got fat shamed, and guess what? She lost weight!

Dick: She lost weight.

Maddox: She looks really great now, she's the healthiest she's ever been in her life; she's happy!

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So fat shaming can potentially have a positive effect. I'm gonna ask you this question, Dick, and this isn't a rhetorical -

Dick: (interjects) So this is what your shame shaming is about?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're saying that shame helps people.....get better.

Maddox: It can! It can make people feel worse. But why are we entitled to never feel bad?

Dick: Well, you're not! (chuckling)

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: So, I'm gonna ask you this question. This is a sincere question, not a rhetorical question. What's wrong with shame?

Dick: It makes people feel bad.

Maddox: But why...I mean, that's not necessarily a bad thing. We both agreed, right?

Dick: Well, then marketing companies can use that bad feeling and pitch people this idea that they should never feel bad, and sell shit at the same time.

Maddox: Oh, and you know who's the most notorious at doing that?

Dick: Dove!

Maddox: DOVE!

Dick: Dove soap.

Maddox: ABSOLUTELY, Dove!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Absolutely. (**'ding!' sound effect**) Fuckin' nailed it. Dove.

Dick: I mean, that's all they're doing!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they don't...they don't give a SHIT about women.

Maddox: No! They're -

Dick: They just want to sell soap!

Maddox: Yeah, they wanna sell soap. They wanna -- and they have those advertisements, which are SO...duplicitous. No, not duplicitous; what's the word...

Dick: I don't know what you're -

Maddox: (interjects) Devious!

Dick: Devious.

Maddox: They have those advertisements that are SO devious that show women who are, like, kind of shielding their faces and it says, "When was the last time you felt beautiful?"

Dick: Well -- so, this is what I think about those. Like, they're pitching this idea that being beautiful is a thing...is, like, the same as being *good.* Like, you...

Maddox: Right!

Dick: ...while they're saying they're empowering women, they're also saying you're not worth anything unless you're beautiful.

Maddox: Unless you're beautiful!

Dick: Which is REALLY shitty!

Maddox: It's a shitty thing to say!

Dick: Like, it's not that -- it's not something you can work on. You're either beautiful or you're not.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Sorry! (bluntly)

Maddox: Yeah! And you're not entitled to be beautiful! Not everyone is beautiful! Fucking stop calling people "beautiful" when they're not.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's that girl who's suffering from that disease online. Everybody's like, "Oh, she's so beautiful! She's so brave." She's brave, sure. Beautiful? Not...not by most people's standards. Like, that's -- you're not ENTITLED to be beautiful. Some people just aren't. But you don't...like, that doesn't make you less of a person! That doesn't make you worthless! You just didn't get the genetic lottery.

Dick: Yeah. So what Dove should do is come out and say, like, "Hey, fatty!" (Maddox laughs) "Lose some weight." That's what you're saying? (smiling)

Maddox: No. But, uh...so, here's what, uh, the argument is. This guy who wrote this Kotaku article about this girl who lost the weight from shaming, he ends it on this sentence: he says, "Look, people should be able to do what they want." Right? I agree with that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: [continues quoting article] "If someone wants to cosplay as a certain character, and their body -- or skin color or gender, whatever! -- isn't an exact match, who cares. They shouldn't be made to feel bad about that."

Dick: Well, they are. Like, sorry.

Maddox: Well, look more closely at his first sentence. He says, "Look, people should be able to do what they want."

Dick: They can.

Maddox: Okay. If people should be able to do what they want, that INCLUDES people who fat shame.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: EVERYBODY should be able to do what they want. And if you make people feel bad for shaming you -- for fat shaming -- guess what? They're starting to feel bad about shaming you. And by the way, I don't necessarily do it! It's fine. Like, different people have different body weights.

Dick: Yeah... (unsure) Yeah.

Maddox: You seem really conflicted on this one!

Dick: Well, no, because it's easy to agree with you...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and say that, uh, "Yeah, you should just be able to mock people." That's like, the 'cool' thing to say. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, to what, just mock people? Or what?

Dick: No, it's just cool -- like, it's the cool guy thing to say, uh, "Yeah, just fuck 'em." Like, "You should be able to say whatever you want about however anybody looks." But I guess people just kinda get that they're dealing with an addiction, and think maybe that for all the people that get shamed into losing weight, there's probably a lot more who just, like, kinda feel shittier. And it makes it harder for them. Like, I don't know, what's...what's a better way out of it for 'em?

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: Tough love, or...

Maddox: No, no, that -

Dick: ...regular love?

Maddox: I'll tell you what the better way out of it is. So I have this solution; this is the light at the end of the tunnel. I have some friends who are fat, and they revel in it. They *love* it. I have one friend in particular -

Dick: (interjects) Do they do it externally, though? Because a lot of them say, like, they'll make jokes and they don't really feel that way though.

Maddox: Well, I don't know, man! I can't -- I mean, I can't get inside their head. But they're externally...like, I never see them depressed, I never see them bummed out, and I never see them WORRIED about what they eat. They just eat it -- and they know, like, people call 'em fat and they're like, "Yeah yeah, I know! Alright!" (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "That's cool, whatever." They just live it, and they love it! That's their body and they're comfortable with who they are.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: But when you get all butthurt about it -- like, you've made a choice in your life, and you're...for you to be indignant...alright? (cracks up)

Dick: Uh-huh, yeahhh! More indignance! (wryly)

Maddox: (laughing) For you to be indignant about the choices YOU made, uh, based on what other people are saying about you? That's bullshit, dude. At least cop to it. Take responsibility for the decisions you've made in life.

Dick: Yeah. So who's the most vocal about this? Is it companies that are trying to sell things? Like, who's starting this movement of shame shaming?

Maddox: Feminists. (both laugh) Mostly feminists. Feminists, Dove is, uh...it's actually coming from a lot of Tumblr bloggers.

Dick: Ohh, yeah.

Maddox: And fat people themselves, they said that "Well, we're sick and tired of it."

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: It's like, okay, well, I'm sick and tired of lots of things! And sometimes they're things I can change, and sometimes they're not, but I'm not just gonna sit here and write a fucking 27-point list about all the ways I'm an awful person for thinking a certain stereotype about fat people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And this is coming from a fat person! And let me tell you what, here's -- a former fat person.

Dick: (interjects) This is coming from somebody who does exactly what you're saying you do. Like, writing out why people should feel bad about things.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like all your reasons that iPhones suck, (Maddox laughs) and all your reasons that U2 was the worst album of the year. (smiling)

Maddox: Well, you shouldn't feel bad about it, just get a new phone! So, uh, so what is -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, I have a question for you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Were you ever fat shamed when you were, uh, a lardass?

Maddox: Oh yeah, of course!! All the time! And I've BROKEN chairs when I was a lardass. (Dick laughs) I sat down in chairs and busted them! (cracking up) It's kinda hilarious, but it's also like, "Ooo...oh boy. Oh boy, I should lose some weight." Like, I broke one of the benches at lunch at my elementary school. (Dick cackles loudly) I broke a bench! Like, I...the kids thought it was really funny when I sat down that the entire bench would shake. The entire table would shake.

Dick: That's funny.

Maddox: So I kept doing -- they were like, "Do it again!" So I stood up and then sat down again, and they were like, "Do it again!" so I stood up and sat down again, and then 'CRACK'...the bench broke. (slowly for emphasis) (Dick laughs) And for the rest of the school year -- we had *just* enough seats for every single student, and for the rest of the school year, about 6 to 8 students had to sit on the floor because I broke that bench! (smiling)

Dick: 'Cause of yooou!! (in stitches)

Maddox: And then I raced to lunch every day, because I didn't want to be one of those kids sittin' on the floor! So... (breaks down laughing)

Dick: Sean, what? Sean, the audio engineer, is chiming in.

Sean: How many other kids did it take to counterbalance the teeter-totter?

Dick: Yeah, good question!

Maddox: Oh, I never even got on. I never even got on.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: It would've been at LEAST two. I remember, actually -- no! One time, I DID go to the park -

Dick: (interjects) Why did you get so fat as a kid? Oh, sorry. When you went to the park, what...?

Maddox: No, no. Yeah, I went to a park when I was a kid and I remember, my friend and his brother both got on one end and they still couldn't lift me. (Dick chuckles in disbelief) I was...I dunno, man, I was just always a big kid! I was a big kid!

Dick: Is your brother big?

Maddox: Ehh, yeah. I mean, not...not huge, but I was definitely big. He was...I was bigger than he was, growing up.

Dick: Were you big like that until recently?

Maddox: Uhh, most...yeah!

Dick: I mean, you know, like the last...to your late twenties?

Maddox: Until about, uh...yeah, until about the last 8, 9 years or so. Yeah. I was pretty big - I was always a big kid! And then eventually I became bigger, when I was writing The Alphabet of Manliness. So I get it! I remember, like, my pants size was HUGE! I found some of my old pairs of pants; I could, like, fit in one leg. It's so...

Dick: Oh yeah, I've -- you've lent me some of your old pants. They're huge. (amused)

Maddox: Oh, yeah! Yeah, it's gross. So...so most of the bitching comes from Salon.com and Huffington Post, and they complain about how the media's obsessed with weight and image. However, here is a quote -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but it's the MEDIA. It's, like, pictures. Of course they're obsessed with it! (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, and they say it's so unfair 'cause it happens to women all the time, and that's about it. Right? (mocking) And yeah, it is the media! That's what they do!

Dick: And I'm like, "Yes! Like, it's what they do, they deal in image. Duhhh!"

Maddox: Yeah, and it's not just women! Chris Christie, they're...it's ALWAYS fat jokes about Chris Christie and Rob Ford. And drug jokes, I guess, 'cause of Rob Ford. But here's a quote from a media -- from The Associated Press: "For a guy who runs a manly man's Web site, he's just what you'd imagine him to be in person -- T-shirt, jeans, and a physique shaped by spending hours in front of a computer or playing video games." That was by Debbie Hummel for The Associated Press, and she was writing about *me.* [http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2006/May/15/il/FP605150313.html]

Dick: That's accurate!

Maddox: Yeah! It's accurate.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I didn't take offense to it. Just like, "Alright!" (nonchalantly) I mean...

Dick: Why are you sayin' it?

Maddox: She commented -- because she still commented something about my physique when she didn't have to.

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: And this is EXACTLY what Salon's complaining about; this is exactly what Huffington Post is complaining about. And it's happened to me, and guess what? I move on, folks! (shouting) It's not the end of the world! There's bigger problems in this life. Right?

Dick: Yeah, so you don't have a problem with her.

Maddox: No, but I'm just saying. Like, it happens -- like, this is coming from somebody who's actually experienced it.

Dick: You know what we should do? We should all just have, like, uh, ration cards for shaming or insulting people? (Maddox laughs) And you just have your pack of the day, and when you insult someone you can just give them the card - "Here you go!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "I just called you a big fatso," and then -

Maddox: (interjects) So you get a quota?

Dick: Yeah, but then other people give you THEIR cards, and then you get more! To go around...it's like a hate bartering system.

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: Like, you hit somebody up for being bald...

Maddox: Mmhm. (chuckling)

Dick: ...and then they say, uhh...I dunno, what would you say to me?

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: Like, I'm too handsome, or something?

Maddox: No...stupid hair.

Dick: Stupid hair! Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Your hair looks like a girl, and it's ugly and it's frizzy. Here you go!"

Maddox: Uh, I didn't say THAT. (cracks up)

Dick: I get three cards for that.

Maddox: Yeah, alright!

Dick: And then I could go insult three other people! Right?

Maddox: That's...that's pretty great. (breaking into a grin)

Dick: That'd be a great system!!

Maddox: I actually like this system. And if you're out of cards -- if somebody insults you and they don't have a card on them, then there should be a penalty, right?

Dick: You get to punch 'em right in the mouth!

Maddox: Right in the genitals. Or mouth, yeah yeah yeah! Mouth.

Dick: Yeah. (pleased with himself)

Maddox: Alright. You break their teeth.

Dick: Alright. Is that your problem?

Maddox: That's my problem.

Dick: Is that a universal problem?

Maddox: Fat shaming? No, SHAME shaming is. Yeah!

Dick: Well -

Maddox: (interjects) You're never supposed to make anyone ashamed of anything!! (yelling) Now there's this movement on Facebook too, where kids who do something bad, their parents make 'em hold a sign and then post the picture on social networks! And everyone's like, "Oh, what a terrible parent!"

Dick: That's...CRAZY. (in a low voice)

Maddox: What's crazy? That they're, that people are shaming them? Or parents who do this?

Dick: That parents would make their kids do that.

Maddox: Wrong!

Dick: That's *crazy.*

Maddox: Ab-- no! What are you talkin' about?! (**buzzer sound effect**) So, they're shame shaming! That's shame shaming.

Dick: No, I'm not, uhh...no, that's just a crazy parenting strategy!

Maddox: WHY?? If a kid doesn't -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you're a horrible person if you do that! Yeah!

Maddox: Nooo. (exasperated) If your kid fucks -- if your kid's, like, getting into drugs or screwing around at school or somethin' like that, and you wanna teach 'em a lesson -

Dick: (interjects) It's because you're a shitty parent!! That's why! You don't compound shitty parenting with MORE shitty parenting!

Maddox: Absolutely not. NO.

Dick: You look at yourself and say, "What did I do to cause this maniac?"

Maddox: No. BULLshit.

Dick: "I'm neglecting them in some way!"

Maddox: No, absolutely not! I have friends who have families where there's two normal daughters, two normal sons, whatever, that grow up great -- they're productive, they have healthy lives -- and then there's one fuck-up in the family who's doin' drugs and gettin' tattoos and shit. So you're tellin' me they're bad parents because one of the kids is falling out of line?

Dick: I'm saying that they did something different with that one! He obviously had different needs that they didn't address!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: They don't come OUT like that!

Maddox: Well, potentially, yes, but sometimes it's outta your control.

Dick: But you -

Maddox: Like, if they fall into the wrong crowd.

Dick: - you don't use FACEBOOK to, like, publicly humiliate them!! That's CRAZY!

Maddox: Why is that crazy??

Dick: Because it's totally impersonal!

Maddox: Well, of course it's impersonal! (smiling)

Dick: Like, you need to have -- if you're a parent, you need to have a personal interaction with your kid!! You don't say, "Hey everybody, check this dumb kid out! I'm pulling his fuckin' PANTS down in front of the whole world!" (Maddox laughs robustly) It's basically the same!

Maddox: No, it's not the same.

Dick: It's causing the same kind of humiliation!

Maddox: Nooo.

Dick: That's fuckin' crazy, man!

Maddox: You think humiliation is bad?? You think shaming is bad? That's the problem with it.

Dick: I think it's a bad PARENTING technique!

Maddox: Is it? (skeptical)

Dick: YES!!

Maddox: If you get caught stealing and your dad makes you stand outside the store with a sign -

Dick: (interjects) My dad would ask me why I got *caught.*

Maddox: Okay. (dismissively) Okay, if you -

Dick: (interjects) Good parent!

Maddox: Good parent. (chuckling)

Dick: GREAT parent!

Maddox: Great parent. Great. (sarcastic)

Dick: Great parent!

Maddox: Awesome. But if you're standing outside a store with a sign that says "I got caught stealing" -

Dick: (interjects) No, that's fuckin' CRAZY.

Maddox: Why is that crazy?

Dick: That just makes you hate your parents! Your parents are -

Maddox: (interjects) Does it?

Dick: Yes!!

Maddox: Nah.

Dick: You don't...you have to understand why they did it! You don't just REACT to it. You say, "Okay, well, why did you steal it then? Like, what's goin' on? What do you want, attention? Or were you trying to show off for your friends?" You don't say, "I don't care why ya did it. Here, I'm gonna pull your fuckin' pants down in front of the store and make you sit there!"

Maddox: Why -- it's not -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it's just, it's just humiliating! Look, I'm all on board with this for, like, adults?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But not for KIDS! That's crazy!

Maddox: Nahh, come on. It's not pulling pants down! Your example's off!

Dick: It's the same thing!

Maddox: Naw, no way.

Dick: It is the same thing, because all they know is that they're sitting there doing something humiliating that their parents made them do.

Maddox: Well, yeah, but you can do both! You can sit down and ask them why they stole it, get to the root cause of the problem, AND also teach 'em a lesson! You want to put their hand on the stove sometimes.

Dick: No, you do NOT! (both laugh) Don't, no...no, you do not!!

Maddox: Alright. This is goin' to the comments, 'cause I'm gonna see -- I think people are gonna side with me. They're gonna say that you SHOULD put your kid's hand on the stove. Let 'em touch the stove!

Dick: There's gonna be people who have kids and people who don't responding to this!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: And the people who have kids are gonna know you're TOTALLY fuckin' outta control on this.

Maddox: Alright. (dismissively)

Dick: That's totally wrong!!

Maddox: Alright. More next time with Dr. Phil. Go on. What's your... (both burst out laughing)

Dick: Ohh, you...

Maddox: Yep. (mischievously)

Dick: ...you always throw a screwball in at the end. (grinning)

Maddox: There you go. What's your next problem?

Dick: Alright. So, I mean, I thought I brought a pretty good problem last time with Global Warming, but I've got an even *bigger* problem THIS episode.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: (pauses for suspense) Leaving your fly open.

Maddox: Ohh! (dryly) Alright, interesting. Why is that a problem?

Dick: 'Cause it happens to me all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I work at home, and I've, like, knocked it out of my routine.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: You know? 'Cause it's just easier to not...do it.

Maddox: You just don't zip up? Yeah yeah yeah! I've done that, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. But now I can't get it back!

Maddox: You can't remember to zip up your fly?

Dick: No! Like, uh...I was in the elevator, realizing it was down, and the elevator stopped at the floor a couple floors down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm, like, panicking to zip it up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So this girl...this hot girl walks in, and I'm like, playing with my zipper.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: In the elevator.

Maddox: That's pretty cool though, man! You want a hot girl to walk in and see you fiddling around with your junk! She's like, "Oh, what's goin' on down there?" (sexy tone) (Dick scoffs)

Dick: I don't think that's what you want. (smiling)

Maddox: Absolutely, dude!

Dick: No.

Maddox: I've gotten...I've gotten so many dates that way. (teasing)

Dick: Actually, I just wanted to tell you this story. (Maddox laughs) So... (cracks up)

Maddox: I KNEW it!

Dick: I'm... (laughs more)

Maddox: There's always some bullshit personal anecdote! Let's hear it.

Dick: Yeah, so this is...okay. I was, uh, I was doing this show. Alright?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like a theater show.

Maddox: Yeah. Mhm.

Dick: Uhh, a sketch show.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Which I do.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: So, I had -- part of the sketch was, um, that I had to have raspberries on all my fingers?

Maddox: Uh-huh. (amused)

Dick: Right? So I'm like a bad guy? Like, I'm...

Maddox: A bad guy with raspberry fingers? (chuckling) Sure.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's -- you know, you understand.

Maddox: Sure. (grinning)

Dick: Yeah, it's funny.

Maddox: Okay. (smirks)

Dick: So, I'm dressed like a dickhead...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...and I have all these raspberries on my fingers and, like, a bad-guy suit on.

Maddox: Ohhh...yep.

Dick: And I'm getting ready to come out and do the big reveal and, uh, I'm supposed to come out right when this girl dies. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So she gets shot in the scene. And I look down, getting pumped up, and I see that my fly is wide open. (Maddox laughs) Like, in a suit, fly wide open...and I'm wearing, like, gold underpants?

Maddox: Nice.

Dick: For some reason? 'Cause I thought they would be fun to wear.

Maddox: Sure. Well...

Dick: Like, bright yellow underpants from American Apparel? (about to laugh)

Maddox: You always wanna wear fun things. Right.

Dick: I do! I like funderpants! (gleeful)

Maddox: Funder-- ohh, my gosh. Get outta here.

Dick: I like wearing some fun underwear! (guffaws)

Maddox: So you're wearin' your -

Dick: (interjects) So...

Maddox: Yeah. [indicating for Dick to talk]

Dick: ...I, uh, I go to zip them up but I've got raspberries all over my fingers! (Maddox smirks and laughs) So I can't grab the zipper! Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause a suit zipper is very difficult. You know how a suit -

Maddox: (interjects) (**sound clip of man saying, "Well, that's unfortunate."**) (both laugh)

Dick: Yeah!! So I start...I start running around backstage, like, "Hey! Hey, hey, hey, you gotta zip up my zipper!! I don't have time to explain this!" While the girl's dying onstage, I'm like, "YOU HAVE TO ZIP UP MY ZIPPER! You!! You HAVE to zip up my zipper!" (frantically)

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: So these girls are looking at me like...like, the sideways face?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The puppy face?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And I get a girl to do it, and she kinda jabs at my groin with her...like, a pinch move?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like there's a spider that's about to lurch out of my fly? (amused)

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: So I'm like, "AHH! That's not gonna work!!" (Maddox laughs) Like, "I gotta find someone else!!" (hysterically) So I go to ANOTHER girl, and I'm like, "LOOK, YOU GOTTA ZIP...!" This is, the girl's dying, like, *right* now.

Maddox: Uh-huh, and you're supposed to be out! You're missing your cue!

Dick: I'm supposed to be -- I'm not...yeah, I haven't missed it yet!

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: 'Cause she's really stretching it out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Thank God. Find a girl to do it, and she has the same weird pinch thing! Like there's gonna be a bug crawling outta my -- I'm like, "UGH! Just use two hands!!! You gotta use two hands!! Like... (splutters in frustration) Trust me! It doesn't work without two hands!"

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: So she does, she grabs it, and I.....it worked. It -

Maddox: Oh! So you did it, you made it on time.

Dick: - yeah, I walked out, yeah. I made it out in time!

Maddox: Whew!

Dick: No one was the wiser.

Maddox: Wow!

Dick: It was pretty traumatic, though!

Maddox: That was... (cracks up) That was almost, that was almost dangerous. That was almost, uh.....that was almost exciting. (laughs heartily)

Dick: That -- what, you weren't excited by that at all?

Maddox: I mean, no. (laughs more) Uh, you know what I -- why don't you do this? When you pull your fly down, don't you leave the little handle out? Like, the little flap, the little 'thing'? The little handle?

Dick: Yeah, of course!

Maddox: Yeah! So why was it so hard for these girls to like, to uh...crab-claw it up?

Dick: Because they don't know...girls don't know how to zip up a guy's zipper! When has a girl ever done that?

Maddox: Yeah! They shouldn't be expected to! They're always...they know how to zip it DOWN, they shouldn't have to learn how to zip it up. That's terrible! You never want a girl to zip it up.

Dick: Well, it's...it's one hand to zip it down!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's no problem! Zipping it UP, you can't use one hand.

Maddox: Girls...girls don't know they have to grab, like, that little bunch of fabric underneath where your crotch is and then kinda hold that while you zip up with the other side so it gets taut. They don't know that!

Dick: Right!

Maddox: Right? No no, but girls have zippers! They know that.

Dick: No, nononono! Their zippers are totally different though! Plus you got your junk floating around down there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They don't wanna just, like, ASSUME and...get a handful of balls!

Maddox: Ugh. Again, Dick, your problem is something completely self-inflicted... (chuckles) ...that isn't *quite* a problem.

Dick: Maddox! This is a bigger problem in my universe than...anything else!

Maddox: Than any other problem we've discussed on the show?

Dick: Any other problems, yeah, is my friggin' fly, because I do it like every day!

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. You know, I'll tell you what the potential problem here is.

Dick: You've never done this?! It's very embarrassing!

Maddox: Of course I've done it! I actually did a show...I have my own show experience with my fly down. So I came out on the stage, and I was doing the introduction to the show. And I asked for a suggestion from the audience, and somebody said, "Zipper!" (both laugh) And I thought, "Oh! Okay, 'zipper.'" So we went back, did the show... (Dick roars

with laughter) ...went on. I swear, like, MONTHS later -- and I kept thinkin' back, I'm like, "That's an interesting..."

Dick: "Zipper!" (gleeful)

Maddox: "...'zipper.'" (pensively) And I remember -- 'cause I remember the pair of pants I was wearing that night, and uh, it had buttons. It didn't even have a zipper, it was one of those with all the buttons.

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: And so I kept thinking about it and I realized something to do with that: I only buttoned one of the buttons. So it looks like it's open all the time, and THAT'S what they were referring to.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: They were tellin' me my fly was down, and I didn't get it 'til MONTHS later. That was fffffuckin'... (under his breath)

Dick: Why do you only button one of the buttons?

Maddox: 'Cause for the longest time it was a pain in the ass to...you don't wanna button a bunch of buttons! You're not putting on a suit, you're just zipping up your dick.

Dick: Why do you have a button fly, then? (amused)

Maddox: I don't know, man. I bought those pants by accident. (Dick laughs) And I dig 'em now, though! I'm into the button flies.

Dick: Alright, well, that's my problem.

Maddox: (laughing) Good...good problem.

Dick: I think it's worse than Shame Shaming!

Maddox: No, it's not! There's absolutely nothing at stake. (Dick guffaws) Nobody cares.

Dick: People seeing your underwear?!

Maddox: No. You know what the real problem for YOU is?

Dick: What?

Maddox: That people are gonna see your small dick.

Dick: Hahohoho! (jeering)

Maddox: Yeah. They're gonna see your little gremlin.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah. (breaking into a grin) They're gonna see your cute little gremlin in there.

Dick: You...you have nicknames for my dick? That's weird!

Maddox: No, that's not a nickname!

Dick: That's fuckin' weird! (laughing)

Maddox: That's not a nickname, dude! A gremlin isn't a NAME, it's a, it's a THING.

Dick: That's weird, though. (still laughing)

Maddox: It's a category. It's like calling it a cat. (brief silence) Okay.

Dick: Whoooa! (grossed out)

Maddox: I'm done.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I'm done with that. (grinning)

Dick: What's your problem?

Maddox: My second problem -

Dick: (interjects) What's your last problem?

Maddox: My second problem is, uh...my last problem, actually, yeah: the movie rating system.

Dick: What, like, R and PG-13?

Maddox: R, PG-13, PG, G -- the movie rating system. Now, this is a big problem because it causes censorship. And when the MPAA was first created back in, like, the 19-...I believe it was the 1920s. The reason the MPAA, the Motion Picture Association of America, was created was because the government was starting to come down on the motion picture industry because of puritanical beliefs.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And they wanted wholesome movies in theaters, and they threatened the motion picture industry; they said, "Look, if you guys don't regulate yourselves, WE'RE gonna come in and regulate you FOR you."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's exactly what's happened to the health industry right now, with Obamacare! That's what's happened -

Dick: (interjects) No, that's not what happened to the health industry.

Maddox: Oh, absolutely! They were turning away people -

Dick: No, the government took it over.

Maddox: Yeah, but BECAUSE the health industry was turning away people with pre-existing conditions and shit like that. The government was like, "No more!"

Dick: Ohhh, this is...

Maddox: "You guys lose your cards!"

Dick: ...this is a WHOLE other thing. That is *bullshit.*

Maddox: No, if...if industries don't regulate themselves, the government does it for 'em. That's what happened with video games!

Dick: What, the government told them the same thing?

Maddox: They were under threat, there was -- Congress was having hearings left and right because of Mortal Kombat and because of Grand Theft Auto.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: And they said, "Look, if you guys don't get your own rating system, we're gonna make one for you." And you NEVER want the government to make their own rating system, because it gets tied up in bureaucracy and all this other bullshit! You want the industry -

Dick: (interjects) So it's success! The movie industry made a rating system. Good for them!

Maddox: Great! Good for them. Solution, right? Wrong! Because you fast forward to today, and what's happened is...movie companies know that they will make significantly less money if they release a rated-R movie.

Dick: Oh, I know, dude. It sucks. (exasperated)

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why the new Die Hard movies are all DOG shit compared to the original! I saw Die Hard 4 as my first Die Hard movie. And I -

Dick: (interjects) That's unfortunate. (sincerely)

Maddox: Right! But I didn't KNOW that at the time. I watched it, I'm like, "Well, okay. It's an okay movie. I don't, I don't get what the big deal is." Everybody HATED it. Then I went back and I watched the original.

Dick: Perfect!

Maddox: And it was *incredible.*

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was JUST mind-blowing. SO good! The atmosphere, the acting; everything about it was great. And part of it is that they created this universe fully. In Die Hard, uh, John McClane was walking down a hallway -- there's this, just, throwaway scene where he's walkin' down a hallway and he passes a security station. In the security station, there's a bunch of pornography pinned up.

Dick: Yeah, cool. (raunchily)

Maddox: Right? It just...that little moment sets a kind of atmosphere that you can't get -

Dick: (interjects) There's danger!

Maddox: Yeah, there's danger!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's a seedy place, and it's also realistic 'cause you...you immediately know the kinda guy who's a security guard who pins up porn, and you know what that says about the company that hires him, and you know what that says about the BUILDING oversight, and the supervisors who live there. So you think, "Oh, yeah! That's kinda realistic, that John McClane could get through here and there's no security guards on the top floor 'cause it's run by a bunch of fuck-ups!"

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: "They have PORN hanging up there!" That little throwaway detail -

Dick: (interjects) Plus you get to see tits! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: And plus you get to see tits. Absolutely. (**'ding!' sound effect**) So, that little throwaway detail added SO much to that tiny little scene that was onscreen for maybe a few seconds. And you miss that today in movies, because companies are SO...desperate! They're so hungry for that PG rating, or PG-13 rating. Did you see the new RoboCop movie?

Dick: You know, it's really shameful. Can I just say one thing?

Maddox: Hm?

Dick: Um, I did see the new RoboCop and I loved it.

Maddox: Oh, GET out... (annoyed)

Dick: Even though it was PG-13, it was -- dude, it was pretty cool.

Maddox: Terrible.

Dick: Did you...you didn't like it?!

Maddox: Oh, SO stupid. It was like watching a boring video game where nothing's at stake and nobody gets hurt.

Dick: I don't know, 'cause there's no way they coulda topped the original RoboCop when it came to violence, though. I did like it. But, uh, Expendables 3? I'm actually, like, offended, that they went PG-13 with Expendables 3. After people like -- dummies like me were on board for 1, which was okay; 2, which was alright; it's like, "Okay, come on, we got you guys a budget for this. Can't you do, like, an awesome R-rated movie?" And now they're like, "Eh, eff you. It's PG-13."

Maddox: You know, stay true to the pedigree. It's a series that came from R-rated; stay true to the R-rated rating. Stay true to the characters, stay true to the source material! DON'T change horses mid-stream and say, "Okay, now it's a PG-13 property, 'cause we're gonna sell it to kids." And by the way, the original RoboCop sold gangbusters to kids! They sold action figures, video games, comic books - EVERYTHING was sold to kids, and it was an R-rated property! And they made money hand over fist!!

Dick: Yeah! And I watched -- I remember watching it!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I don't know why...why can't kids watch that, uh...why can't kids see boobs??

Maddox: They can, and they DO, and that's what made it so fucking cool to watch R-rated movies when we were kids! 'Cause we had to sneak to do it, and it was a fun thing, and we talked about it at school, but now it's a PG-13 bullshit-ass movie where my PARENTS are gonna go. Any movie my parents would approve of me watching, I don't wanna watch.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, here's -

Dick: (interjects) That sounds pretty, uh...that sounds pretty reasonable. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Originally, here -

Dick: It's weird, though, that kids immediately can see -- like you can have, you can steal your mom's phone for 2 seconds and see, like, the most hardcore porn...

Maddox: Well, yeah, of course. That -

Dick: ...on the EARTH, but you can't go see a...you can't even see somebody cursing in a movie!

Maddox: Yeah, that war is lost.

Dick: It's WEIRD!

Maddox: When the MPAA -

Dick: (interjects) See, that's the nonsense that that guy's talking about in the comment that I read earlier.

Maddox: No, you're... (skeptical) Okay. So, the original ratings when they were creating these guidelines...here's some things that they WEREN'T allowed to show in movies: blasphemy! That was originally -- this is where the...these are the roots of the MPAA rating system.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: [continues list] Mercy killings! (Dick laughs)

Dick: That's specific!

Maddox: (chuckling) Very specific! And...white slavery. (cracks up)

Dick: Ooo!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, chicks getting sold into white slavery?

Maddox: I guess - Shanghai operations, I guess! You can't have any white slavery. These were things that they specifically outlawed by the MPAA. Well, they -- you know what? It was never an actual law; they were guidelines for the studios.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: However, they enforced them very heavy-handedly, 'til what we get today is this really...opaque system where you don't really know why your movie gets its rating, and they won't tell you what you have to change specifically but they'll just say, "Sorry, you

have to go back and change a whole bunch of shit." That's why Matt Stone and Trey Parker, when they were making, um...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...what's, the movie, the...

Dick: South Park the Movie.

Maddox: No no, the other one. The puppet movie.

Dick: Oh, Team America?

Maddox: Team America! When they were making Team America, they went above and beyond with the sex scenes in the movie because they KNEW the MPAA was gonna come down with the banhammer, and they kept cutting stuff from the sex scenes in the movie. These are sex -- this is sex simulated by PUPPETS, by the way.

Dick: Puppets, right.

Maddox: Which shouldn't matter, it's puppets! It's just two people holding action figures and just goin', "Uh, uhh!" (imitating moaning) Like, who cares?! But -

Dick: (interjects) Which, kids do.

Maddox: Yeah! Oh yeah, absolutely. That's all I do with my puppets. So... (cracks up) So the MPAA came down with the banhammer so many times, they eventually cut it down to exactly what Matt Stone and Trey Parker wanted! Because they thought, "You know what? We gotta give 'em some red meat to cut," so they started with some REALLY raunchy sex scenes in the puppet -- like, as raunchy as puppets can get.

Dick: Yeah, it's pretty -- it WAS pretty raunchy. (Maddox laughs) That scene with the puppets? (smiling)

Maddox: Puppets. (scoffing) Man, who cares? It's little wooden pegs.

Dick: Suggestive!!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I guess. So in 1956 they made a revision to the code; uh, it's the PCA code, and it was the first update since 1930. And, "The revision allowed for the treatment of some subjects which has previously been forbidden, including abortion and the use of narcotics, so long as they were 'within the limits of good taste.'" [quoting Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motion_Picture_Association_of_America]

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you can have a 'tasteful' abortion. (both laugh) And then they replaced the 'X' rating with, uh, NC-17. Now I'll tell you why this is a big problem. So, it causes censorship in movies; they make movies tamer to chase that dollar.

Dick: Well, I don't really like to go see action movies anymore, 'cause they're all just, like, kinda lame.

Maddox: They're all...they're all -

Dick: (interjects) With the PG-13 shit.

Maddox: Yeah, they're all tame! There's nothing goin' on! There's no sex in 'em. I mean, and I'm not just saying "sex" in the literal sense. I'm talking about, you know, sex it up with some action! So, here's where it's a problem: they're talking about, now, in universities -- colleges and universities -- about adding trigger warnings to literature. Have you heard about this?

Dick: What do you mean, like a...like a book? They're gonna rate BOOKS?

Maddox: Yup! That's what's comin'! So, I'm absolutely opposed. I argued with this guy on IRC for about an hour about why trigger warnings were a problem. You should not -

Dick: (interjects) What's a...what's a trigger warning, exactly?

Maddox: Oh, Jesus, trigger warnings! (exasperated) So, every time -- now, trigger warnings are generally only for rape victims. I mean, there are trigger warnings for everything, but generally when people talk about them...

Dick: OH, like, "Be careful when you read this book if you've had..." Like, "if you've ever been raped"?

Maddox: Yes. Mmhm.

Dick: Or...

Maddox: Any kind of trauma, like sexual trauma, whatever. I understand that they're, they have good intentions. Like, I GET it. You have good intentions. You're trying to protect rape victims.

Dick: Yeah, but that's the worst possible thing you can have, is good intentions. (Maddox scoffs) It really is. It really is!

Maddox: Ehh...

Dick: Like, the 'gooder' your intentions...the 'gooder' your intentions are, uh, and the less plan you have? The more harm you cause.

Maddox: I disagree. But, uh, anyway. That's...that's a different argument.

Dick: I don't know, man. I would rather have a guy with bad intentions than with good -- than deal with an idiot with good intentions any day.

Maddox: I think most people have good intentions. I absolutely believe that.

Dick: Well, yeah, that's the problem!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, no, the problem is their execution. If they had good intentions and they knew how to execute...the problem is, nobody's a manager. Like, we need more good CEOs and managers in the world. That's why they're so few and far between. If you knew how to execute on your good intentions, you'd be awesome. But most people aren't. So it's the same reason why people shouldn't have Myspace, because they shouldn't design their own website. People aren't designers. They shouldn't have that much control over their, their bullshit website. And if they want to, they could create their own website.

Dick: So you want *more* CEOs? (Maddox cracks up) Ohh, that's surprising!

Maddox: I want more GOOD CEOs.

Dick: What's a good CEO to you? Somebody who takes, like, a minimum wage salary and always has the right answer? (teasing) (Maddox smirks) To everything?

Maddox: I don't know, man. (chuckling)

Dick: I'm pretty sure you don't like what's goin' on with CEOs in the world. (smiling)

Maddox: Most CEOs are bullshit, no.

Dick: Ohokay.

Maddox: But there are some good ones, like Elon Musk. Uh, he's got -- he's doin' some good things, I think. But you would disagree, 'cause you think Tesla's a problem. So anyway -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, it's a...yeah.

Maddox: But back to this trigger warning thing. So they have good intentions. They want to protect people who've had trauma from additional trauma by saying, "Hey, by the way, there's a rape scene in this; there's slavery in this; there's some language in this," or whatever. Then you kind of have to think, "Okay, well, where do we stop? What trauma - "

Dick: (interjects) Stop there! Don't do that!

Maddox: No -- well, we should stop before we start. But where...what trauma do we include on this list of trigger warnings? 'Cause lots of things give people PTSD, including fat shaming! Should we say in the syllabus -- or in the titles of the book, or the credits of the book -- say, "Warning: there's some offensive language in here"?

Dick: Is this happening in a college?? Or with all books? What the hell...?

Maddox: They're starting to suggest it in colleges, that they put trigger warnings on literature. Now, here's what's coming next -

Dick: (interjects) See, that's really stupid.

Maddox: Well, I'll tell you what! It seems innocuous, it seems like, "Okay, who cares? Let's just protect rape victims, right?" But here's...here's where-

Dick: (interjects) No! It seems like a big...like a stupid waste of time!

Maddox: Okay, why?

Dick: Because like, what, you don't know...so are you not reading the book, then?

Maddox: No no, okay. So let me get to this. So, if you start -- you START with these trigger warnings. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What's coming next is a ratings system. And as soon as they start rating books, I guaran-fuckin'-tee, the same thing's gonna happen to books that has happened to movies. And THAT'S when we see the start of the end: censorship in books. As SOON as we see censorship in books, because publishers -- as soon as publishers find out, "Oh, hey, guess what? To Kill A Mockingbird? If we remove this and this passage, more schools will carry it! So let's go ahead and remove it so we get this rating."

Dick: Didn't they take, like, N-word Jim out of Huckleberry Finn?

Maddox: Yeah! Out of Huckleberry Finn, that's where this controversy started!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They said, "Hey, that's really offensive. Let's take this out." No! It's literature! It stays in, PERIOD. No trigger warnings, no ratings, end of story. Hey, guess what? Life isn't going to always be safe for you! You're not guaranteed to never be offended.

Dick: Uh-huh. It's...it sounds like a stupid plan that I don't think is gonna get -- I'm not really worried about books getting banned.

Maddox: It's getting momentum, dude! As soon as we have trigger warnings, next thing is ratings. And as soon as we have ratings, publishers aren't gonna greenlight books that have offensive content in them.

Dick: Oh, then you're...then we'll just have to put everything online! Fine. Right?

Maddox: Yeah...yeah, and then net neutrality'll come along and say, "Oh, well, you want access to this website? You have to have an adult pass, and you should pay a little bit extra!" And next thing you know, everything's gone to SHIT, and then we're stuck behind slow drivers and we can't shame our kids! (yelling) (starts laughing)

Dick: Yeah, I'm tryin' to digest this...this book ban that you're proposing. Um...hm, that's...it would be STUPID, but it seems a hell of a leap!

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Let's wrap it up. What are the problems this week?

Maddox: Shame Shaming for me, and the Movie Rating System.

Dick: I got, uh, Indignant Drivers and... (chuckles) ...uh, with the surprising revelation that you are a road rage-oholic.

Maddox: I'm not '-oholic'!! (disdainful)

Dick: And, Leaving Your Fly Open. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You know, Dick...

Dick: Which I think everyone can identify with!

Maddox: NO. First of all, chicks don't have this problem! You've immediately alienated 50 percent of the population.

Dick: Ehh...I dunno, do they?

Maddox: No! They don't...

Dick: Probably! They have flies!

Maddox: I've never...I've never had to tell a chick, "Hey man, your fly's down."

Dick: Meh. (Maddox smirks)

Maddox: Um, and then uh, yeah. Your road rage problem, which, YOU'RE the problem. You're drivin' so slow.

Dick: I don't drive slow!!

Maddox: Mmm. (dubious)

Dick: I just don't honk like you!

Maddox: Why don't you honk?! Aren't you considerate? Don't you want people to move??

Dick: Because it...is obnoxious.

Maddox: No! What's -

Dick: (interjects) You're bothering EVERYONE with your honking! You're -- you think you're targeting that message at one person, but you're really just bothering everyone, making them ALL anxious, and it serves no purpose.

Maddox: IF YOU -

Dick: It accomplishes nothing!

Maddox: If you get anxiety from hearing honking while you drive, don't fucking drive! (yelling) You're driving, you should expect honks!!

Dick: (yelling over Maddox) That's the nature of the horn, jackass!

Maddox: NO!

Dick: It is a disruptive noise! Of COURSE everyone gets anxiety when they hear it.

Maddox: No!

Dick: It's designed to cause anxiety!

Maddox: No, you don't get anxiety! (chuckling derisively) It's designed to say, "Hey buddy, move it! Let's go!!"

Dick: No, that's not what it says! It's, everyone hears in their ear a blaring sound and it freaks them out a little bit.

Maddox: There's a polite way to do it -

Dick: (interjects) You're CAUSING more accidents than you're saving.

Maddox: Abso-fuckin'-lutely not. Okay, if you're standing in line at the bank teller, and the guy in front is texting and fuckin' around, and not paying attention, and the window's open, the cashier's open - everyone's waiting!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Do you think it's obnoxious to say, "Hey, man! There's the cashier!"

Dick: No, I say, "Hey, you're up."

Maddox: Oh, really?! That might give somebody anxiety, Dick! Better not do it!

Dick: No, I -- what I DON'T do is "EHHH-EHHHHH! EHHHH!" like that! (imitating car horn) I just say, "Hey, you're up." But in a car you don't have that ability.

Maddox: If I had a honk... (cracks up)

Dick: So I don't do anything. (spiteful)

Maddox: If I had a horn in a bank, I'd...you bet your ass I'd use it. (grinning)

Dick: (laughing) Yeah, you're an asshole.

Maddox: Like, "Let's go, asshole! Let's move it, I gotta cash this check!!" (**closing riff starts**)

Dick: Alright, let's wrap it up.

Maddox: http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com , don't forget to vote!

Dick: Thanks for listening.

Maddox: Thanks, guys.

(Closing riff)

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 10</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: Same old.

Dick: The big question every week is...who won last week?

Maddox: So, last week, the number one problem was Movie Ratings. Clean sweep. (Dick sighs disappointedly) Followed by Shame Shaming! That's two for me!

Dick: Okay. (quietly)

Maddox: Shootin' you down, dude!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You're the Red Baron. (chuckles) And I'm...I dunno, everyone else.

Dick: No, I'M -- if I'm getting shot down, I'm, whatever, the Allies, and YOU'RE the Red Baron.

Maddox: You know what?

Dick: (interjects) You jerkoff.

Maddox: Your stupid, uh, fly problem was ranked SO low... (Dick scoffs) You're not even the Red Baron, you're a kamikaze pilot. That was just suicide.

Dick: Uh, that was a suicide mission?

Maddox: You brought that in -- yeah, that was a suicide mission. (grinning)

Dick: Ehhh. (dismissively)

Maddox: So, it was -

Dick: (interjects) I can't believe your stupid MPAA problem got the highest...won first place that week.

Maddox: Of course!

Dick: It was a HUGE leap you were making -

Maddox: NO.

Dick: - from movie ratings, which I admit ruin movies -- like, movies getting watered down ruins them -- to books being banned. (derisively) That was the leap you were making.

Maddox: It wasn't much of a leap, because you admitted that movie ratings...movies are WORSE now because of movie ratings, because they're chasing that PG-13 rating.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sooo, the same thing could happen to books! As soon as they put book ratings on there, which is the next logical step past trigger warnings.

Dick: When you say "logical," I picture you taking, like, a hat made of tin foil (Maddox chuckles) and putting it on as you're like, "Everybody, now, follow me to this crazy conspiracy!"

Maddox: Nope. Not at all. That was...that actually was a very cogent argument. And then, uh, you had your Indignant Drivers problem -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: - which, I got a comment from Andria Lopez; she says, "I love Dick screaming at you because he doesn't think you're calm enough in the car." (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. I saw that one. (amused)

Maddox: Which is all you did! All you did last episode! (Dick chuckles)

Dick: I get it all out here! Then I'm -- when I get on the road, I'm fine, man.

Maddox: Sure. What comments do you have?

Dick: I got some comments. Um, it might be the same girl, @emotionallyeasy on Twitter?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: She says, "Hahaha I literally just walked to my car and found this note on it. I am #thebiggestproblem." And her note -- did you see this note?

Maddox: I did.

Dick: Somebody had written on a napkin, "DEAR MORON, CALM DOWN" (Maddox laughs) and put it on her windshield.

Maddox: And I saw this note, and it's hilar-- like, it looks like it was written by someone old. Like, even the Ds are really squiggly; it even looks like they...they *write* slow.

Dick: I mean, someone old? It's probably just someone who didn't wanna deal with a maniac on the road! I got more comments.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Uh, we'll put that picture up on the website, too. It's funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Joey Rogers: "Damn Maddox, Dick has a point - you could probably ditch the taser if you take a few of those women's self-defense classes."

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: And just for context, I think he's talking about when you're screaming at this big guy on the road, and you grip -- when you've pissed him off enough for him to get out of his car and beat your ass, you grab your taser (Maddox sighs) to defend yourself. (teasing)

Maddox: Okay. You know what? I gotta be a...I gotta be honest, here. Uh, I actually lied during that last episode; it wasn't a taser, it was another weapon. (cracks up) And I'm not gonna say what it was, 'cause I don't wanna incriminate myself. So.

Dick: Well, what could it be? (smiling)

Maddox: That's it, I'm not gonna say!

Dick: What could it be, Sean? Sean, our audio engineer. It could be -- what's a criminal weapon to have? It could be a knife, it could be a giant machete, or it could be a gun. Right?

Sean: I don't think he owns a gun.

Maddox: I own a gun.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: I have several -

Sean: Oh, you own a gun?

Maddox: I have two guns, yeah.

Dick: Ohh, wow! It could've been a gun! This is just me speculating, it could've been a gun.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: You know what else is illegal, that it could've been? Child porn! (Maddox bursts out laughing) He could've pulled it out to frighten the guy away, like, "Look at THIS! You don't wanna mess with this! I got a buncha kiddie porn in here!"

Maddox: Yeah, I'd just roll it up, whack him with it like a newspaper.

Sean: Do you think he has brass knuckles with his name on them?

Dick: That would be -- YOU SHOULD GET THAT. (in a low voice; stoked) That's awesome.

Sean: If anybody needs those, it's you. [to Maddox]

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's pretty cool. And it's written backwards, too, so it leaves an imprint and they can see it in the mirror.

Dick: I got more -- can I read more comments?

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah!

Dick: Is that okay?

Maddox: Then I got one, uh-huh.

Dick: Um...okay, Joel Bailey: "Rain-Slick Dick could beat Maddox in a race; he's got those Persian racing rims for a reason." (Maddox laughs) That's right! I am...fast, and I'm not ashamed of it. That's why it's ALL over my rims.

Maddox: You're the driving Prince of Persia. (laughs more)

Dick: Ha. (annoyed) And then, Justin Case, uhh...oh, that sounds like a fake name...uh, Zimbaluk: "Yeah, Maddox is totally wrong about the driving problem. He's just driving like a total asshole."

Maddox: Oh, okay. Well, thank you for the actual argument that was completely opinion-based. (sarcastic)

Dick: Can I propose something for you? Do you have driving comments?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah!

Dick: 'Cause I -- okay, read those. I have a real thing.

Maddox: No, it's actually not a driving comment, but go on, yeah. What were you gonna say?

Dick: Okay, I have a real test that I wanna do with you.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Because the driving thing's a hot button thing.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: For both of us, I feel like.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Uh, I'm about the driving experience.

Maddox: Mhm. (skeptical)

Dick: Like, being pleasant.

Maddox: Oh. Sure, of course.

Dick: And being, you know, expedient! As expedient as traffic allows.

Maddox: Well, that's a lie, but go on.

Dick: And YOU are about...jamming your car through traffic like a virgin on prom night. (Maddox scoffs) Like, "Hurr, git, git, git!" (spastically) "Honk, honk, honk!" I propose -- and you've been saying I'm slow.

Maddox: You're slow.

Dick: So, okay! So I propose that you and I have a race wher`e we drive from one place to another, through moderate traffic...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...we time it there and back, AND...and, with us on the journey is, like, a hot chick.

Maddox: Alright! (chuckling)

Dick: Alright? Then we time it -

Maddox: (interjects) Just one?

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: I'll fill my car up. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, well... (cracks up) I would love it to be more than one, but I'm being realistic here.

Maddox: Yeah. You drive a coupe.

Dick: I think we could get one...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...oh, yeah yeah yeah. I'd have to cram them in.

Maddox: And that too, yeah.

Dick: It's not a coupe, by the way. It's a sports car. Okay? (wryly)

Maddox: Okay. Oh, of course, it's a sports car. Yeah. Well, you can cram -- you got a glove compartment (cracks up) and a trunk.

Dick: And a trunk, I could cram them in. (Maddox laughs more) Uh, that's what I'm saying. I think that would be fun!

Maddox: You're on!

Dick: Do you think that would be fun?

Maddox: I could beat you on my BIKE.

Dick: Yeah, but see, it's -- we'll let the audience vote on it.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: And the chick, it's all about her commentary, too. She's like our Simon Cowell.

Maddox: M'kay! Alright, you're on.

Dick: You know? If you make her have a heart attack, you lose.

Maddox: Oh, no, that's bullshit!! Every chick has a heart attack with me! Alright.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: I got a comment. This one seems like a real name: it's Justin Hon-...it's... (cracks up) Justin Honky-Kong Rodriguez. (Dick laughs) He says, "You can only have a tasteful abortion if you use the right spices." (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Oh, that's good. (amused)

Maddox: I agree. (chuckling)

Dick: That's funny.

Maddox: Because we were talking about the MPAA and how they were trying to ban abortions in film.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um...okay. So, that's all the comments I have. Do you have any more?

Dick: Nope!

Maddox: Let's get to the problems. So, uh, last time you had Indignant Drivers...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...this time, I have indignant co-hosts. (everyone laughs)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick yelling, "That's ridiculous!"**) (giggles)

Dick: Me? *I'm* the biggest problem in the universe?

Maddox: Well, I'm not saying necessarily you!

Dick: H'okay. (chuckling)

Maddox: But, any podcast who has a co-host who becomes indignant. So last time, your problem with indignant drivers...let's recap. Here's what you said. [**plays first sound clip taken from the previous episode**]

Dick: Problem number one: indignant drivers.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: Not...not road rage.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: I don't know if that's the best way to say this, but NOT road rage.

Maddox: Yeah.

[**sound clip ends**]

Maddox: Okay. So you... (cracks up)

Dick: Is that what I sound like?

Maddox: That is what you sound like. (laughing) So you said -- like, someone said P.J. from Goof Troop. And, what was it...

Dick: (interjects) No you -- no no, YOU. YOU said I sounded like P.J. from Goof Troop, you a-hole.

Maddox: P.J. -- no, it wasn't me! It was an email, I actually got that from a fan.

Dick: So you got that from a fan, and then you went on Twitter and reposted it as you?!

Maddox: No no, I SAID -

Dick: You shady fuck!!

Maddox: What -- look, If I was trying to take credit for it, I wouldn't just SAY...I wouldn't just come out and say, "Yeah, I got that from a fan." I said on Twitter, too, someone said that you sound like P.J. from Goof Troop.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And then what was the other one, Animaniacs? Um...

Dick: Uh, Yakko.

Maddox: Yeah, Yakko.

Dick: Yakko, I'll cop to. That's -- I mean, I do sound like, uh, Yakko.

Maddox: So that was the problem that you stated, right? You said -- again, it was not...it was indignant drivers, not people who have road rage.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Then you followed it up with this. [**plays second sound clip taken from the previous episode**]

Dick: All your dumb honking and your road rage is part of the problem.

[**sound clip ends**]

Maddox: Oh! That's curious!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But you specifically just said it wasn't road rage!

Dick: Well, that wasn't the problem I was bringing in.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: You know, these things evolve!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: We talk them out, and they evolve...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...into, uh, into new problems.

Maddox: Or devolve, as the case may be sometimes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So then, uh, as you're going on about indignant drivers -

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: - here's what an indignant co-host sounds like. [**plays third sound clip taken from the previous episode**]

Maddox: Road rage does not cause NEARLY as many accidents as either of those two problems, drunk driving and texting while driving. Road rage, by the way -- and it's not road rage that I'm honking!

Dick: Maddox, that honking shit's gotta stop. (Dick and Maddox burst out laughing over clip) **It gives people -- like, you're gonna give somebody a heart attack with the way you drive.**

[**sound clip ends**]

(Maddox keeps laughing hysterically)

Dick: I think so! I really think that!

Maddox: Yeah! No, I know you do! I know you do, and it doesn't count if it's a girl. 'Cause literally every single girl who's ever been driven in my car, even when I'm just pulling out of my DRIVEWAY -- I got criticized for driving recklessly while pulling out of my driveway! I'm like, "What do you mean, 'recklessly'? I never get in wrecks!"

Dick: Well, yeah, but driving recklessly doesn't mean you get in wrecks; it just means that you're driving like you're outta control.

Maddox: No, I'm in COMPLETE control, and if I wasn't, I'd have more accidents!

Dick: So what's your problem with, uh...it's not me, it's indignant co-hosts?

Maddox: Indignant co-hosts is the problem.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Because -- so, you were yelling -

Dick: (interjects) Wait wait wait, wait.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Lemme just ask you, just so you can prove that it's not me.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Can you name three indignant co-hosts in the world? In general? (Maddox laughs) Just 'cause it's not me, right? (disdainful)

Maddox: No no, not JUST you. No.

Dick: Okay. So what's another indignant co-host?

Maddox: Oh...

Dick: I'm gonna write these down.

Maddox: Sure. Okay. I'd say, uh, Tom from Bob & Tom. (laughs)

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: You'd have to look it up, and don't, because it's alotta...it's alotta chuckles.

Dick: (cracks up) So it's a made up, a made up...?

Maddox: No, no! There's a Bob & Tom radio show! It's a morning radio show.

Dick: Okay. Tom from Bob & Tom, okay.

Maddox: Yeah, Tom from Bob & Tom.

Dick: You got any others?

Maddox: Yeah, there used to...well, I'm a big fan of both these guys, and they no longer do a radio show together, but it's the Don and Mike radio show.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: Uh, Don Geronimo used to be very... (cracks up) ...very indignant sometimes. Um, you know. And uh...I don't know, I can't think of anything off the top of my head. There's other co-hosts, but, you know. We're not just picking you out!

Dick: Kathie Lee. Regis and Kathie Lee - how about her?

Maddox: Oh, there you go, yeah! Kathie Lee gets very indignant. Yeah!

Dick: Okay. So you're saying I'm the Kathie Lee of this podcast.

Maddox: You are Kathie Lee, right.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Here's another one... [**plays fourth sound clip taken from the previous episode**]

Dick: Two-thirds of traffic fatalities ARE CAUSED BY PEOPLE LIKE YOU!!

Maddox: You're full of shit! I'm not -- no!

Dick: 'Cause you're going around honking, being a distraction, dude!! (yelling)

Maddox: No! WRONG!

[**sound clip ends**]

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah. No -

Dick: (interjects) Did you ever check that stat, by the way? (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, I DID check that stat, and it SAYS it's not road rage! It says 66 percent of traffic fatalities are caused by *aggressive* driving, which is bullshit! I looked up the actual statistic from the WHO -- the World Health Organization -- and of course, it's distracted driving, by far! And also according to the CDC, and also according to numerous other studies. This bullshit 'safedriving.com,' or whatever, 'drivelikeapussy.com' website that you went to -

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: - has absolutely NO factual information on it. (chuckling)

Dick: No validity in your court. (annoyed)

Maddox: So then... (cracks up) Then you followed up with this. [**plays fifth sound clip taken from the previous episode**]

Dick: I copied a test to see if you were a road rage.

[**sound clip ends**]

(Maddox laughs heartily)

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: So, Dick, am I "a road rage"? (through laughter) (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Yeah! You are!! (Maddox laughs more) You -- I blatantly proved it! I BLATANTLY proved -- is this being too indignant for you now?? (scornfully)

Maddox: Ohh, you're absolutely indignant! You didn't prove anything!! And also, you said at the beginning it wasn't road rage! You didn't have a problem with road rage, and then you spent the entire rest of your time trying to prove that I was "a road rage."

Dick: Look, I didn't know it was such a hot button issue with you! I was just talking about people who are acting like Audrey Hepburn on the road, and shaking their heads and being so -- you know what happened to me yesterday?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Um, I was leaving my parking lot; they're filming...I live like, in the middle of Hollywood...they're filming a big movie there.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Like I live in, you know, a really nice-looking building, so it looks like a set.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I'm just saying, this happens all the time. They always film movies on my street.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uh, and they're setting up this gigantic crane in the parking lot. And I pull up, and they've got -- like, they've got all their crap everywhere; all the grips are working their asses off to try and put this thing together so they can get on the crane and get it up in the air. And I pull up, and the guy comes over to me, hat in hand already, like, "Oh my god, dude, I'm so sorry. You're gonna have to wait, like, 5 minutes." And I was like, "Dude...don't even worry about it. Like, where am I goin'? Just put your thing together and take care of it, I don't care." So he goes back. This girl pulls up behind me, she stops her car...the car has barely stopped MOVING, and she is OUT in a huff, strutting up to my car and saying, "Are they stopping you because of THIS?! Did they stop you here because they're putting this crane together??" And I was like, "Uh...yeah! They're filming a movie, like what -- it's gonna be a couple minutes! What is your problem?" THAT was my problem!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Her indignation.

Maddox: So, so -

Dick: At being...at being inconvenienced for a MOMENT!

Maddox: Yeah. So, you think she should be a little bit calmer, right? (teasing)

Dick: Yes, I think she should calm down, moron!

Maddox: Yeah. And here's how you tell people to calm down. [**plays sixth sound clip taken from the previous episode**]

Dick: WHO CAAARES?! Like, you can't just calm the FUCK down when you're in your car?? (shouting)

[**sound clip ends**]

(Maddox laughs hysterically)

Dick: What's the problem with that? (flatly)

Maddox: You sound like a real CALM person, Dick. (cracking up) You sound like, just...tranquil. Tranquil and zen.

Dick: Whadda you want, NPR?!? Outta me?? (screaming) (Maddox laughs harder) OKAY? I get very -- I think this is a healthy thing to do. I get -

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: - if something bothers me in the world, I just bottle it up...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...and then, eventually, I just explode and spray poison everywhere!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what -- I think I read somewhere that you're supposed to do that.

Maddox: In messages of calm and tranquility. You just EXPLODE on people...like this. [**plays seventh sound clip taken from the previous episode**]

Dick: RELAX!!

Maddox: No -

Dick: You have to wait a couple SECONDS? For me to slow down and look for parking?? Just calm down!! (yelling)

[**sound clip ends**]

Dick: Uh, alright. (wearily) (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: Tell me all about it, Dick! Tell me how to calm down, as you YELL at me. (cracks up) Uh, and by the way, Dick, maybe she had a problem because she has shit to do, unlike some people! If you're sittin' there with your dick in your hand, why leave?! If you don't have anyplace to go, why leave the apartment? Why leave the house? Why don't you just, like, sell your car and just stay home?

Dick: (stammers) There's no way she had stuff to do.

Maddox: Heh, okay. (chuckling)

Dick: Uh... I'm calmer than you are. (Maddox bursts into laughter) Let's -- can we take a calm test? (cracking up)

Maddox: Calmer than you are, dude!

Dick: Yeah. I'm calmer than you are. Let's take a...I don't know how you take a calm test.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm pretty sure you have to go to a doctor?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Or something? But I bet I'm calmer than you. I'm a...I'm a Zen master.

Maddox: You're a Zen masturbator. I am literally more calm than you, right now and always.

Dick: What would that be? (smiling)

Maddox: A Zen masturbator?

Dick: A Zen masturbator, yeah.

Maddox: I would say -- I would imagine it's somebody who meditates, right? They're in the meditation pose, whatever the...what's that, the Lotus or whatever? And they get a boner, and then they are able to, uh, complete without touchin' it! (both burst out laughing)

Dick: That'd be a cool skill. (grinning)

Maddox: So it just, like...it just kinda drizzles. Like... (laughs hysterically)

Dick: Alright. Disgusting.

Maddox: Well, you asked. So -- so, it doesn't end there, Dick! It just goes on, okay? 'Cause it's not just that; you're also indignant about certain problems. So for example, here's some evidence you brought in -

Dick: (interjects) IS THIS WHAT I GET?! (Maddox laughs explosively) Is this the thanks I get for coming in here and doing a podcast with you, is just a humiliating display of what a jerk I am all the time?!? Jesus CHRIST!! (screaming)

Maddox: The *epitome* of calm. Dick Masterson. So... (cracks up) So you brought in, as counter-evidence -- against my Coke problem -- you said, uh...this was evidence! 'Kay? This was your slam dunk case against me. [**plays eighth sound clip taken from the previous episode**]

Dick: Twitter...@rbanke says, "McDonald's Coke is better because they have contracts with Coca-Cola to do the calibration and maintenance."

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: So, all of your shit about McDonald's employees being just as worthless as Wendy's employees is NULL and VOID, sir! (taunting)

[**sound clip ends**]

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Oh! Oh, well, slam dunk, according to Twitter user @rbanke! I can't argue with that! (cracking up) Some guy on the Internet said this, therefore it's a slam dunk. Case closed.

Dick: You know, I really...I really just yearn for the day, back in the day, (Maddox laughs) when you could get information from a guy, and you could pass it on without some obnoxious fuck telling you that you have to CITE where you got this -

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: - and pull up the study -- it's like, "Look: a guy told me this. He SOUNDED like he knew what he was talking about..."

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: "...uhh, there you go."

Maddox: And if you explain to that -- if you had a time machine and you went back in time, like, say, in the '50s or whatever, and you said, "Look, a guy explained this to me on this thing called the Internet! It's this abstraction that exists NOWHERE, and it's a series of characters that creates a username, and this person who represents a username *supposedly* has this fact." Do you think that guy would believe anything you had to say?

Dick: Maddox, does that sound like what I would do? (Maddox laughs) If I went back in time and had to explain myself? "Where did you hear about this, Dick?" "Some guy told me."

Maddox: Yeah. Eh. (skeptical)

Dick: "What do you want? What do you want, the whole backstory of where I heard this?! GOD!"

Maddox: Well, it's a lie.

Dick: "Just go to a sock hop!"

Maddox: Alright. And then you followed up with this. [**plays ninth sound clip taken from the previous episode**]

Dick: Wait, are you saying that Coke DOESN'T show up and calibrate the machines like @rbanke is saying?

Maddox: Yes!

[**sound clip ends**]

(Maddox giggles)

Dick: Are you? Are you calling that guy a liar? (Maddox draws back in disbelief)

Maddox: ...Dick, it's not a source! It's not a fact!

Dick: Get out your taser! (teasing)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 'Cause he's gonna come looking for you!

Maddox: So then...so then, you just concluded this. [**plays tenth sound clip taken from previous episode**]

Dick: Ohh, you're just never gonna give this up. You're so...you're so stubborn.

[**sound clip ends**]

Maddox: *I'm* so stubborn, and YET, in the previous episode when we had the Coke test, this is what you said at the end of the test. [**plays first sound clip taken from Episode 8**]

Dick: We said every single flavor was different, and now he's established that two of them were the same. We REALLY look like huge assholes right now. Maddox, ya really...you really fuckin' duped me and Sean.

Dick: (interjects over clip) That doesn't mean you're...yeah.

[**sound clip ends**]

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: That doesn't mean you're not stubborn, though. You got a...you pulled a good one on us -- Sean, what do you wanna say?

Sean: I say we won that test.

Maddox: OHH. (groaning)

Sean: And I say that -

Dick: (interjects) ME TOO!! Me too! (explosively)

Maddox: Oh, my GOD.

Sean: For some -- hang on. For some reason, Dick had his lips human-centipeded to Maddox's butthole that day (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly) and I don't...I DON'T know why!

Dick: What does THAT mean? (Sean cracks up) WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?! I'M GETTING SHIT FROM YOU NOW, TOO?? (screaming)

Sean: I think -- yeah, hang on! (Maddox laughs more) I think you were really, really into the, uh, 100,000 downloads and you were in some kind of...aspartame-induced hysteria, or something.

Dick: OHHH, like a...like a Maddox hypnosis!

Sean: Maybe!

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick yelling, "That's ridiculous!"**) (laughs heartily)

Sean: Look, did we or did we not -- 'A' and 'D' contained the McDonald's, right?

Maddox: Yeah. (in unison with Dick)

Sean: Did we or did we not pick 'A' and 'D' as the WORST-tasting thing?

Maddox: Yes. (chuckling)

Sean: Our bias was trying to pick the *best*-tasting soda. That's where we went wrong. We readily identified the McDonald's soda as tasting like SHIT.

Maddox: Yeah, but lemme explain -

Sean: (interjects) In both 'A' and 'D'. WINNER.

Maddox: No, but you didn't SIMULTANEOUSLY, Sean!

Sean: Yes!

Maddox: You didn't simultaneously. You said -- at first, Dick said 'A' -

Sean: (interjects) Yes...we...DID. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: No, that's bullshit! I got the tape, I can pull it up right now.

Sean: Me too!

Dick: Yeah, he's gonna fuckin' play it NEXT week, about what jerks we are again! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: It DID... (cracks up)

Dick: Once wasn't enough to win!

Sean: I said 'A' was bad and 'D' was terrible, because it was relative to 'C,' which was the can, which I thought tasted GOOD.

Dick: Sean, you said -

Maddox: Therefore, Sean... (sternly)

Sean: Therefore 'D' tasted worse to me.

Dick: - you said something wrong, hold on.

Sean: What?

Dick: You said where we fucked up was, something -- where we fucked up was playing that stupid game (Maddox laughs) that was rigged from the beginning. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick yelling, "That's ridiculous!"**) (everyone laughs)

Dick: What you wanna say, man? You're right. [to Sean]

Maddox: Sean, next week it's gonna be indignant sound engineers. How about that?

Sean: FINE.

Maddox: Fine.

Dick: Nonononononono. He's great. He's GREAT. (earnestly) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Alright, is that your problem?

Maddox: No, I'm not done.

Dick: As much as I -- you're not DONE?

Maddox: Nah, I'm not even done. This is uh, this is another one. So, again, another example where I bring in a slam dunk case against you...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ...and then you just bloviate and get flustered through it. (smiling) Like, for example, the grocery store self checkout lane; here's what you said. [**plays second sound clip taken from Episode 8**]

Dick: It's the greatest system ever, because there's ONE line, and there's EIGHT things.

[**sound clip ends**]

Maddox: (smirks) Okay, slam dunk argument from Dick. So, one line and eight -

Dick: (interjects) WHADDA YOU MEAN?! That's a good description of a checkout line!!

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: The self checkout line!

Maddox: Sure, I guess! There's one line and eight things. And then...but then I brought in this evidence. [**plays third sound clip taken from Episode 8**]

Maddox: You can't buy alcohol at them!

Dick: I know, I hate that. (growling)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you have to stand in line anyway, and guess what? Now they have fewer cashiers, because now they've replaced a bunch of 'em with fucking robots that don't work!

Maddox: Right! (over clip)

Dick: Okay, hold on, I feel like you're makin' a lotta sense right now. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs) **You gotta slow down.**

[**sound clip ends**]

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So...so there's that, and then I brought the functionality into question, which you ALSO agreed with! [**plays fourth sound clip taken from Episode 8**]

Dick: Okay, their functionality is in question.

Maddox: "Please remove..." Yeah. It's -

Dick: I'll give you that.

[**sound clip ends**]

And then I brought in the fact that you have to wait behind Midwest housewives! [**plays fifth sound clip taken from Episode 8**]

Maddox: ...if you have to stand behind some Midwest housewife who's using coupons...

[**sound clip ends**]

Maddox: And then you didn't have a rebuttal for that! So I brought in all these cases, and then you STILL, like stubbornly...you call me stubborn, and then you stubbornly stick to your guns! (amused) And it's not just you, there's a certain type of FAN out there who also believes this bullshit! 'Cause I did the exact same thing -

Dick: (interjects) Who's on my side, you mean?

Maddox: Yeah! He's on your side.

Dick: "A certain type of fan"?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay. (annoyed)

Maddox: This guy on my fan...on -

Dick: (interjects) Smart people!

Maddox: - on my Maddox page -- not the Maddox fan page but my Maddox *account* -- he commented on this and I argued with him and he goes, "Yeah, Dick made a real good point with the self checkout lanes." I'm like -

Dick: (interjects) I did!

Maddox: - "What exactly was the point he made?" Because I brought a slam dunk against you! (cracking up)

Dick: My point was, FUCK you... (Maddox laughs) ...leave my checkout lanes alone. If you're too stupid to use them, that's your problem.

Maddox: Yeah. It's not that I'm too stupid, it's that they never work. If you're gonna buy a packet of taco seasoning, God help you, because those scales won't register. And then you said -- and then I brought in some stats...I brought in some stats and here's what you said. [**plays sixth sound clip taken from Episode 8**]

Maddox: They're slower, and they've done countless studies -

Dick: (interjects) **There's NO way you have stats on this.**

Maddox: Absolutely have stats.

Dick: There is NO way.

Maddox: ABSOLUTELY have stats.

Dick: There is absolutely no way.

[**Maddox pauses clip**]

Maddox: Aaaand, sure enough... [**resumes clip**]

Maddox: [quoting Masslive.com - http://www.masslive.com/business-news/index.ssf/2011/09/big_y_to_eliminate_all_self-checkout_kio.htm...] **"After extensive research, Big Y..."** (Maddox and Dick laugh loudly over clip) **"...has concluded that these self checkout lanes not only do not save their customers time, but they usually take them even more time to check out than customers in standard checkout lanes."**

[**sound clip ends**]

Dick: Yeah, I remember this.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What is this, a clip show?

Maddox: Nah... (starts laughing)

Dick: Is that what this is?

Maddox: ...flashback clip show. Anyway Dick, uh, that's my problem this week, Indignant Co-Hosts. And -

Dick: (interjects) Happy fuckin' tenth show to me! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Oh, I guess that's a mini anniversary, huh?

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Heh, huh, alright. Let's not get girly about that. (Maddox laughs) So can I do my problem now?

Maddox: Yeah, do your...do your next.

Dick: (clears throat) .....Lady Thor. (Sean smirks in the background)

Maddox: Lady Thor. (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, that's Marvel's new character; they re-branded Thor as a woman, right?

Dick: Yeah, let's say "new character."

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: Uh, so Marvel slapped tits on Thor...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...basically, and then put it out on the Internet. And Sean, you're laughing, so I -- you know about this Lady Thor thing, right? [Sean agrees] Yeah. Which is shocking, because you don't know anything about comics or nerd shit at all.

Sean: No. (from background)

Dick: Yeah, you're shakin' your head "no."

Maddox: That's shocking to me. (smirks) That Sean doesn't know -

Dick: (interjects) Dude, THIS guy...this guy is like, a ghost on Facebook.

Maddox: Yeah. Actually yeah, I don't even know if you are on Facebook -- *are* you on Facebook, Sean?

Sean: Yeah, I'm on Facebook, but I don't really check it. Sometimes I see...you know, somebody commented on a photo I'm in or some shit like that, or part of a conversation, but I haven't been on in years.

Maddox: That's respectable.

Dick: So here's...you know, I thought about this Lady Thor thing a lot. Uh, and I don't have a problem with...women having characters?

Maddox: Sure. (chuckles)

Dick: You know?

Maddox: Very...very progressive of you.

Dick: Yeah! (amused) (Maddox laughs) I'm not just, like, an asshole.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, uh...Alien, with Sigourney Weaver?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Was a better movie 'cause a woman was in it. You know what I mean?

Maddox: I mean, it's hard to say, 'cause you never saw the movie with a man in it.

Dick: No, it's not hard to say. I know it is.

Maddox: Alright, fine.

Dick: Uhh -

Maddox: (interjects) She was great in the movie!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because, like... (stammers) A woman is...their strengths are like, protection, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And like, they're just more vulnerable. So you got this giant alien coming and killing these big military... (Maddox laughs quietly) You know what I'm saying? What.

Maddox: Again, very progressive, Dick. (grinning)

Dick: How is that not progressive?

Maddox: 'Cause you're...you're trying to compliment and simultaneously are insulting women. "They're more vulnerable..."

Dick: They're more vulnerable!!

Maddox: Well...they're not -

Dick: (interjects) Are you fuckin' kidding me?!

Maddox: - they're not as physically strong as men, I'll give you that, but uh, vulnerable? Like, what do you mean, "vulnerable"?

Dick: Yeah, but they're not like, aggressive retards, too!

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Like if you see a guy with a gigantic gun, you think, "Oh, GREAT. Okay, so this dummy's gonna run in with an alien, like, shooting up the joint."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But then if you see a chick in a space suit, like Sigourney Weaver, you're like, "Whoa!" You know? "What's goin' on here? She's gonna have to use her..." (Maddox laughs) She's not gonna be like, a boasting jackass. Exactly -- I'm just explaining the movie!

Maddox: Yeah, no, I get ya.

Dick: That's what they did in the movie!

Maddox: Dick, I could picture you as like, some sleazy alien trying to pick up on her. (cracks up) Like, "Hey, whoa, hey. What's goin' on here?" (sexily) (Dick laughs)

Dick: Like, the same alien in the movie? With the tentacles and stuff?

Maddox: Oh, yeah yeah yeah, the actual alien, yeah. With the tentacles and stuff.

Dick: Yeah, I bet some chicks would be into that.

Maddox: Yeah..."You want a facesucker?" (sultry tone) (laughs with Dick)

Dick: I got TWO mouths. (suggestively)

Maddox: Oho, gross! (laughing)

Dick: Heyyy...guess where the second one's goin'. (grinning) (Maddox and Sean laugh) I call it "the reach around."

Maddox: Ooo. (grossed out)

Dick: Um, you know, I thought...like, I thought that Tomb Raider was also great, that there was a chick in that? 'Cause she's gotta use her brain! (Maddox smirks) Right?

Maddox: M'kay. (hesitantly)

Dick: 'Kay?

Maddox: You would think, but...yeah.

Dick: What? Is that wrong?

Maddox: Well, they don't... (searches for words) Yeah, typically, like Tomb Raider -- Lara Croft is not, like, a detective. She kind of puts together clues in the video game, and tries to solve puzzles and things like that.

Dick: Yeah, puzzles and shit.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Okay.

Dick: And then they make it -- like Uncharted, with that guy Nathan Drake?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or whatever the main character of that? And he's just a jackass! Like, he's a one-liner jackass. Right? So, better game with a chick in it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But this Lady Thor...I just, I feel like it's insulting to people that annoy -- it annoys me when these people are insulted.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: And I don't know why I feel like this. Uh, it's the same thing when I see, like, some cheesy new show on USA or something, and it's, um...it's just a COP, and she's also *a woman.* (jokingly provocative)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? My sister said that. There was a commercial, and she was like, "Oh, check out THIS show." She's like, "Oh, it's a cop, and she's also *a woman.*"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's like, it's very insulting to a segment of women that I think don't deserve this kind of shit.

Maddox: Yeah! No, I'll agree with that, actually. Yeah, sure. If...if they're trying to pitch it as some alternative, like, progressive thing -- they're like, "Hey, we're taking this classic male trope and turning it upside down and making it a woman." That's not interesting! I don't care if the character, if the protagonist has tits and a vagina or a dick; I *just* don't care. And that extends to video games, or cartoon characters, or ANYTHING. I care about interesting, compelling characters. That's it. Period.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So, how exactly is this a problem with, uh, with female Thor? What is the problem?

Dick: Um.....I don't know. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Do you think it's condescending? (cracks up)

Dick: I DO think it's very condescending.

Maddox: Well, hold on...yeah.

Dick: Like, it's condescending and you can't say anything, because you seem like an asshole. Like, I'm gonna seem like an asshole...there's people all day on Facebook saying how great this is and what a jerk you are if you don't think women deserve more representation in comics. This ain't representation in comics for women.

Maddox: Right, well...first of all, there's already been a female Thor. Came out in 2000! I forget the name of it; it's like, uh, Thor Thoress or something like that?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That was a female Thor character, and she looked actually even cooler than the one they have now. So this is kind of a ploy that Marvel has done from time to time. There's actually -- Thor has also been a frog!

Dick: I saw that.

Maddox: Uh....what's that?

Dick: I saw that, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, Thor has been a frog, Thor has been a dinosaur...what's his name, Beta Ray, or whatever's the name of the guy. Uh, Thor has been basically -

Dick: (interjects) That was his name?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not, like, Thorannosaurus?

Maddox: No, THAT'S... (excited)

Dick: Or Tyrannothorus? That's a better name!

Maddox: Ohh, there you go! That's a cool name.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Trithoratops? (laughs with Sean)

Dick: Stegotho-- oh, I guess that's just saying "Thor" for everything.

Maddox: Stegothorus...yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What's another one...Thormetrodon?

Dick: I don't know what that is.

Maddox: Thorodactyl?

Dick: Thorodactyl! But what are you saying?

Maddox: So, yeah, Thor has been a number of different characters. I don't...this is a non-issue to people who are outraged by it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And also, I've talked to Marvel -- actually, somebody from Marvel contacted me a long time ago and they asked me to pitch them a bunch of comics, and what they were looking to specifically replicate is the success they had with...I think, the Sundance Kid, or Sundown Kid? It's this comic that they reintroduced back in 2000, 2001, somethin' like that, where they took this old, classic character from '50s and '60s Marvel, when they were doin' pulp...

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: ...pulp-style magazines and stuff, and -- yeah! So they took this character, and he was like, a cowboy or somethin' like that and they made him gay. (Dick bursts out laughing) And he was the first... (laughs) Right.

Dick: So they brought YOU? They said, "Who's the gayest guy on the Internet?" (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, alright. (playfully annoyed)

Dick: "We gotta get him in here to write this"? (through giggles)

Maddox: Here we go. No, Dick, that's not -

Dick: (interjects) I'm seriously asking! How did -

Maddox: (interjects) No, that's not what they asked me to write, dickhead. (Dick scoffs) They were giving that as an EXAMPLE of something they were trying to replicate, because it was really successful -

Dick: Ohh, okay. Okay.

Maddox: - it was very controversial, because oh, God forbid a fictional character be gay! (sarcastic) And so, that was what they were trying to replicate; they wanted that kind of controversy in these characters.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So they were looking to make characters gay, or transgendered, or flip a character who's traditionally male into traditionally female, et cetera, et cetera. So that's what they're doing right now; Marvel's doing this to drum up publicity and controversy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why they also came out -- I don't know if you saw this, but they just came out with news that the new Captain America's gonna be black.

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) Yeah, I mean...so why is it news, then? Marvel?

Maddox: Yeah. It's not, really. We also have a black president, Marvel. It's not -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah! Get with the times. (Maddox laughs) People are white and people are black!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's not news. (getting cheeky)

Maddox: It's not news. (smiling)

Dick: That's on you guys.

Maddox: It's not a big deal...

Dick: Mmhm!

Maddox: ...nobody really cares.

Dick: That's right!

Maddox: They also... (cracks up) Dick is bein' real sassy right now. (Dick chuckles) They also had an Indian Spider-Man, I believe. Right? In India, they had an Indian Spider-Man, which I...

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: ...again, don't have a problem with. I don't see why it matters.

Dick: Like, *in* India?

Maddox: Yeah! In India they have a representative superhero. What's wrong with that?

Dick: Yeah, I mean...alright. That's cool, I guess.

Maddox: It's a fictional character, who CARES about any of this stuff? Yeah, but the Thor...there's all this outrage about her being a woman. First of all, I didn't... (cracks up) I didn't even know Thor was a man. (Dick smirks) Uh, Thor is like, THE most boring -- even his name rhymes with "bore." "Thor" rhymes with "bore."

Dick: You know, I agree with you on that too! (animatedly) My dad is a huge Thor fan, and when he told me that I was like, "What the fuck?" I wanted to get inside his mind to just go, "WHY?" Like, what about Thor is compelling to you? 'Cause he seems very two-dimensional to me.

Maddox: He IS! He's a meatheaded moron. In all the comics, too, he's ALWAYS a moron. He's just kind of like, this dumb jock character. And he -

Dick: (interjects) And that's the last place I want a woman to be! You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Well, you know what's gonna piss me off, is they're going to make her intelligent! I guaran-fuckin'-tee they're gonna make her intelligent. If they -- I have NEVER seen a girl on any kind of sitcom or TV show or anything like that who is as dumb as Homer or Peter Griffin. Why don't you show me a big, fat, slovenly woman who's a moron, and who sticks crayons up her nose and doesn't realize it?

Dick: Uh, Star Jones! How 'bout that character? (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: You wish that was a character. (grinning)

Dick: You ever see her? She's stupider than Homer Simpson.

Maddox: She's dumber than...dumber than a brick. But that doesn't count. I would LOVE to see them make a dumb Thor character who's also a woman. Because they're gonna smart her up, they always do! (Dick guffaws) You can't have a dumb -

Dick: HA! "They're gonna smart her up!" Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah! Oh, she's gonna be smart and elegant and noble! She's not gonna be a meatheaded jock! Who, like...what's the equivalent, a sorority girl? (cracks up) Who just goes around, just...you know, partying it up, sleeping around?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: If they made -- so, Thor -

Dick: (interjects) If they made a chick analog to Thor?

Maddox: Exactly!

Dick: Like, the dumbness and the meatheaded mentality?

Maddox: Right. Thor is a frat guy, meathead superhero. If they made -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, what is the...what is the girl version of that?

Maddox: Yeah, the female equivalent! Which is just like, a...just a sorority girl, right?

Dick: Ehh...

Maddox: Just kinda bubbly and dumb? Is that what it is? 'Cause Thor is a dumb character!

Dick: Well, he's using, like, traditionally -- he's an exaggeration of masculine strengths, right?

Maddox: I guess.

Dick: Like, characteristics.

Maddox: Sure, sure.

Dick: So I think the girl version of that is just like, very...promiscuous? Or someone who uses a lot of feminine wiles in all situations, like aggressively sexual? Is that...?

Maddox: You know, if you want to stay true to the stereotypes, and true to the trope of Thor -- which, you're right -

Dick: Yeah! That's...

Maddox: - Thor is the masculine stereotypes, right? So let's go ahead and make her female stereotypes!

Dick: Well, which is Loki! In the original...this might be boring, but in the original folklore Loki changes into a chick, like, not infrequently!

Maddox: That's what I'd be doin'.

Dick: Excuse me?

Maddox: (cracks up) If I was Loki, I'd just turn into a chick sometimes! Why not? "Hey." (as female version of himself)

Dick: ...Yeah. (puzzled)

Maddox: Just look at myself in the mirror. "What's goin' on?"

Dick: Ohhh, okay!

Maddox: "What's goin' on, Maddox?" (flirtatiously) "Maddilox?"

Dick: Uh, would you...would you bang other chicks, then?

Maddox: Of course, yeah!

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: I'm still straight. (laughs)

Dick: Do you think it would be easier if you were a chick to like, rope bicurious girls?

Maddox: You know, I'm not sure. I just read this thing on a fan's wall recently...uh, you know, it sounded like she was straight. She was at a playground or somethin', hanging out, and some girl came up and started harassing her and stalking her...and she just wasn't interested, and she said it was very uncomfortable. But I've also seen the opposite happen, where two lesbian girls, like -- if they meet in kind of an environment where it's a lesbian club, or somethin' like that, they are *very* aggressive with each other.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: I've seen it. They're very grabby, and they do things that guys can't get away with.

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: Yeah, I've seen that happen. So if I were a lesbian, uh, Thor -- who am I again? Loki. A superhero...

Dick: No, you said Maddilox was your name, didn't you?

Maddox: Well, Maddilox is the female -

Dick: (interjects) Didn't he? [to Sean] Didn't he say "Maddilox"?

Maddox: Yeah. Maddilox is the female Maddox, yeah.

Dick: I would love to see you write, like, with a female -- I actually, I had written down here, like, a reboot of Maddox as a woman.

Maddox: As a woman, did you really?? (laughing)

Dick: I would LOVE to hear the female version of the Maddox voice.

Maddox: Yeah, you're hearing it. (laughs) Nothing's changed. (pauses) Okay.

Dick: Yeah, um...well, that's why it annoyed me. That's why it was such a big problem to me. (suddenly excited) Okay -- okay, dude, by the way, did you see this girl who won the American Ninja Challenge?

Maddox: Yeah! She's badass!

Dick: Amazing!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Amazing, right?

Maddox: Five foot nothin'...

Dick: And SUPER hot.

Maddox: Yeah, she's great!

Dick: Yeah, um...you think she's enjoying this chick Thor reboot?

Maddox: No! She doesn't get...

Dick: No!

Maddox: She hasn't read a comic -- she doesn't look like the type of person who would be really into comics. She's very athletic. And I know these are stereotypes -

Dick: (interjects) That's a good point!!

Maddox: Right? These are all stereotypes, but that's all we have to go off of. Some stereotypes are true for a reason; generally people who are super athletic spend hours in the gym and hours exercising, and they have time for little else. That's what they spend their time doing! It's also like people who say they like classical music, and then I ask them what they like to listen to and they say -

Dick: (interjects) "The good ones!" (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: They say "the good ones." (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But you know, Mozart. And Beethoven.

Dick: You know. (sardonic)

Maddox: And that's it. And that's, you know, the classical Top 40.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you don't spend any time listening to classical in a week, in a given week, you don't listen to classical music! Just cop to it. You don't have to come across as some...pseudo-intellect who listens to classical music. Likewise, you know, reading comics, or anything it is that you do.

Dick: This is Maddox sliding in that he listens to classical music, like a real intellect. (grinning)

Maddox: Oh, it's no secret.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs) Alright, that's why it...I just, I feel like it's shitting on, uh, the wrong people. And I think I'm pretty good at shitting on the right people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: You know.

Maddox: Do I...the 'right people' being...?

Dick: Uh, just like, when I went on Dr. Phil?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was like, "Everyone who likes this show is gonna be pissed off 'cause I'm on here being a jackass..."

Maddox: Yeah. That was hilarious.

Dick: "...and I *love* it." Like, I just LOVE it, and I feel like this shit's on my people and it pisses me off.

Maddox: Yeah, well, fair enough! 'Your people' being who, comic book readers?

Dick: Uh, I don't know. (Maddox smirks) Whatever. (cracks up) Anyone else who's pissed off by this stupid thing...

Maddox: Solid.

Dick: ...by this stupid Lady Thor thing.

Maddox: Okay. Uh, let's get to my next problem.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: Is that...is that all you have on Thor?

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Alright. So my next problem is...drones. And I wanna say this, I wanna come out right up front and say that you should always shoot drones. (slowly for emphasis) (Dick laughs)

Dick: H'okay!

Maddox: Always shoot down drones.

Dick: Military drones too.

Maddox: Uh, yeah! Yeah! If you ever see a military drone, and you're not in America -- if you're outside America, you're gonna wanna shoot it, and if you're inside America, you're DEFINITELY gonna wanna shoot it. Always shoot drones.

Dick: Oh, that's true -- wow, I said that to be a smartass!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But I, uhh, you're...I agree with you! (chuckling)

Maddox: Mmhm!

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Sharp as a tack, I am. So drones, drones are a problem. Here's what's going on with drones: I don't know if you've been keeping up on drone tech, but there's a company that made -- this is from Time.com, it's a link to a CNNMoney video. [http://time.com/19929/watch-this-drone-taser-a-guy-until-he-collapses/] They made a drone that actually fires high-voltage taser charges at people. Listen to this -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, who did?

Maddox: Some company did.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It's, uh, I believe it's called the CUPID? Uh, here's the clip. This is from Time.com, and they were linking to CNN. Here it is. [**plays video clip**]

Male Presenter: So we're about to do a live demonstration here at South by Southwest of our Project CUPID, which is our Chaotic Unmanned Personal Intercept Drone.

Dick: (over clip) Ohh. (exasperated)

Female CNN Correspondent: Does that mean the drone is gonna stun this guy behind us?

Male Presenter: That's exactly what's gonna happen. It's gonna stun him with about 80,000 volts.

[**video clip stops**]

Dick: Can I...how annoying is that shit when they make the name of the robot, like, so the acronym is some cute-ass name of what the thing is?

Maddox: Ugh. That is annoying.

Dick: The "CUPID"?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then they -- some jerk sat there and spelt it all out, so it says "CUPID."

Maddox: Mmhm. "Oh, and you know, it's like a cupid because it shoots an arrow, and it's a dart that shocks you." (pretentious voice) Like, what is it...how does that translate to the metaphor?

Dick: "ZEUS" should've been the name, you jerk.

Maddox: "ZEUS"!!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's a great fucking name, 'cause it shoots lightning!!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, that's a PERFECT name! Holy SHIT!

Dick: But they probably -- how do you do a thing with Z-E-U-S?

Maddox: "Zero..."

Dick: "Unmanned Surveillance" could be the end...

Maddox: Yeah. "Zero..."

Dick: "Zero..." What's 'E'?

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: "Zero...ENGAGEMENT"! (excited) "...Unmanned Surveillance"!

Maddox: "Zero Engagement Unmanned Surveillance." There you go.

Dick: YES!! Okay!

Maddox: Nailed it! "ZEUS." Fucking idiots, "CUPID." It's not shooting love, it's shooting DEATH. So -

Dick: (interjects) So, they did that.

Maddox: 80,000 volts, this thing. And this thing shoots this dart that looks like...it looks like a bullet, and it stabs you in the back? This thing must've gone a few centimeters into this guy's skin, into his SPINAL COLUMN, and knocked him off his feet immediately! This was insane, how powerful this thing was. So this is coming, by the way! This is -- police are interested in this, the Department of Defense is interested in this. (Dick sighs angrily) And these guys -- these chickenshits who made this drone, this killing machine, they came out and they said, "Well, you know, we're just trying to raise awareness about what drones can do, 'cause, you know, hopefully people will use drones to deliver emergency aid, and, you

know, rescue services..." (smug voice) (Dick laughs cynically) Oh, really, dickhead? Then why didn't you create a drone to deliver emergency aid and rescue children? If it -

Dick: (interjects) Uhh, yeah, it could do both. Can I just say real fast, my position on this is that I love drones and I think they're awesome. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Great. (cracking up)

Dick: Just so you know what you're...I mean, just so you know what you're pitching against.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah. No, no, I mean, that's fine; I UNDERSTAND that you're part of the problem, Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: These are going to be surveilling us in the near future!

Dick: We're already being surveilled!! All the TIME!

Maddox: Yeah, but not by -

Dick: (interjects) Didn't that dumb Snowden stuff prove that?

Maddox: Of course we're being surveilled, I don't care -- like, listening in on my phone call conversations and checking my web stream, in case I type in the word...I don't know, "ricin attack," or "how to create anthrax" or something like that, that's a different -

Dick: (interjects) Wow, you knew those really fast! (chuckling) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Eh...oops! (Dick laughs) Actually, no joke, I did search that today. Um...you know, for research. But that's different -

Dick: (interjects) Research on what? (amused)

Maddox: Uh, because that girl who sent ricin to Obama got arrested.

Dick: Oh my god, somebody did that?!

Maddox: Yeah, someone did that!

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: She was a former actress from, uh, The Walking Dead - I think she was an extra, or something?

Dick: Whoooooa!

Maddox: Uh-huh! She and her husband, they're these insane gun nuts who were just so paranoid that Obama was gonna 'come take their guns'... (imitating Southern accent)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...that she made ricin and sent it in an envelope to Obama.

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: And I was talkin' to my friend -

Dick: (interjects) I don't think that's gonna fix anything, though.

Maddox: No, of course not!

Dick: It's not a good plan.

Maddox: What are you gonna do?? And it's ricin, it takes DAYS to kill you! So, it's a dumb -- she's a dumbass. (Dick snorts) So anyway, she sent this ricin to Obama, got arrested - that's what I was researching. I'm sure I'm in some database right now at the NSA; anyone listening to this podcast probably is, if they do any kind of voice analysis and they find that (chuckles) we were saying "anthrax" and "ricin" on this podcast.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's different than having a fucking Predator, a little helicopter drone, chasing you around with a taser on it! Which, by the way, might malfunction, shoot you in the eyes...tasers aren't meant to be shot in your EYES! That can make you go blind!

Dick: Well, uh...it's comin'.

Maddox: Of course it's coming! And you know what? Even worse than that is coming. There's a company in South Africa that has produced a drone -- listen to this. [**plays RT news clip:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEAhR1efe0E]

Female Newscaster: The machine has been branded the "Skunk" for its relation, of course, to a skunk's spraying capacity. It has 8 electric motors -

Dick: (over clip) Ew.

Female Newscaster: - with propellers that can lift and carry 4,000 pepper spray balls (Dick laughs) **or other non-lethal ammunition.**

[**Maddox pauses news clip**]

Dick: Oh my god! (giggling)

Maddox: 4,000 pepper spray balls!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Now listen how fast this thing can shoot, listen to this.

Dick: Okay. [**Maddox resumes news clip**]

Female Newscaster: The device is equipped with 4 barrels firing up to 20 balls per second each, which could equate to 80 pepper spray balls per second.

Maddox: [**pauses clip**] 80 pepper balls... (slowly for emphasis)

Dick: Pepper balls. (grinning)

Maddox: ...per second. (cracks up)

Dick: 'Pepper balls!' (chirpily)

Maddox: That's, uh...

Dick: You know that chick was thinking about, like, balls. Like guys' balls, when she was doing that.

Maddox: Oh yeah, that's what...that's what I got between my legs. Pepper balls. (smiling) Here, listen to this. [**resumes news clip**]

Female Newscaster: It's also fitted with strobe lights, blinding lasers, and on-board speakers -

Dick: Sounds like an awesome show!

Female Newscaster: - to give verbal warnings to the crowds.

[**news clip ends**]

Maddox: Yeah! (skeptical) Strobe lights...

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, like a Styx show! (laughing)

Maddox: ...BLINDING lasers?! It can shoot -- it has 4,000 rounds of pepper balls! So I did the math - that's at 80 rounds per second? That means 50 seconds of continuous rapid-fire attacks!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Almost a solid minute of nonstop, 80 rounds per second.

Dick: Okay, but you...you're bitching about like, military technology, but -

Maddox: This is not...

Dick: - everything that they make always ends up being something else cool.

Maddox: This is not military technology! This is -- they're selling this to private companies! There's a mining company in Africa that bought these so they can control any kind of worker unrest, or if they're gonna have a protest or anything like that, they have these. And they're also deploying these now with, not just pepper spray balls, but with UV-coded, uh, paintballs, so that they can tag protesters.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: So even after the fact if you were at a protest, they'll tag you, they'll hunt you down, they'll find you with UV lights, and they'll arrest you!

Dick: This is in Africa?

Maddox: This is gonna be *everywhere.* They're making these drones everywhere. So, again, always shoot drones. (slowly for emphasis)

Dick: I don't...I don't know, man. I like -- I think that the arms race that you're talking about is good. Because it's like, a good incentive to get better, cooler stuff. You know? Get the drones up there, fine. But then all the other guys will take that and make other, like, good guy drones! Like drones that deliver groceries, and drones -- did you hear about the drones that deliver beer? (eagerly)

Maddox: No, where's this?

Dick: Uh, it's like, in an ice fishing place? I think, like, up in the north, up in Alaska or Canada somewhere. These guys have a drone that will fly you beer out to your ice shack.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical) Well...

Dick: That's pretty cool, man!

Maddox: It's pretty cool, but guess what? What if someone malfunctions, someone screwed up their job? Which, YOU don't believe in humans even being able to run a check stand correctly!

Dick: Yeah, DEFINITELY not!

Maddox: So if somebody malfunctions and sends a drone to you that shoots a taser in your eyes, guess what? You didn't get beer, you got blind.

Dick: I mean, that would be a pretty lousy customer experience. (Maddox laughs) I just think the likelihood of that happening when I'm ordering beer...uh, at 1:30 in the morning, is pretty low. You know?

Maddox: The likelihood that you're gonna...?

Dick: The likelihood that I'm gonna get tased in my eyeballs from the wrong drone?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is very low.

Maddox: Is very low, VERSUS the likelihood of me getting tased in the eyes and goin' blind when I go to a liquor store is ZERO. I just walk in, buy my beer, and walk out. I don't have to worry about a malfunctioning drone that might shoot me in the eyes!

Dick: Why are you so worried about drones?

Maddox: Because it's not -

Dick: (interjects) Is it because of like, military power?

Maddox: No, because of police. Police are already corrupt, police are already abusing their powers; the next thing they're gonna have is drones flying around everywhere, with tasers and control mechanisms and pepper sprays! It's gonna make people more afraid -- rubber bullets! And these drones aren't accurate! They can be knocked down with a...with a T-shirt, or wind blows and it throws it off its coordinate, and then the cops are gonna have NO accountability. They're gonna say, "Well, it malfunctioned. What can we do? Sue the contractor!" And the contractor's gonna say, "Oh, sorry, we signed a non-...uh, whatever contract!"

Dick: "We changed our name!" (mocking)

Maddox: Yeah! Of course, yeah. (cynical)

Dick: "We're different guys now!"

Maddox: Oh, of course! "We went bankrupt now!"

Dick: You know, you're not...I mean, what you're saying isn't crazy. Uh...I was looking at -- I love drones, I really do. And I was looking at the long distance flying drones...how hard would it be to slap a GPS on one and carry weed across the border?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Just, like, to see what's going on. Right?

Maddox: I'm sure that's coming too, yeah!

Dick: Uh, and I found out that the companies making these things are not allowed to sell the version with GPS to consumers.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: They're LEO only.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: They're Law Enforcement, uh...I don't know if it's Officers or Officials only.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, how long before some drug cartel gives someone a boatload of cash and says, "Hey, fit this with GPS," and here we go! Now you have to worry about drones -- and by the way, it -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, so just to stop you for a second, my email's on the 'Who' page if any drug cartels are listening. (wryly) (Maddox laughs) Uh, but they already do that! They have submarines that like, are self-piloting submarines that go around the border.

Maddox: Yeah! But sub-- of course, but submarines are limited to sea access only. Uh, this is going to be a game changer in the drugs wars. This is gonna be a game changer in SO many things, so many applications that are bad. And there are only a few applications that are good; there's that stupid bullshit video where someone flew a drone through some fireworks, which, everyone's like, "Ohh, it's so amazing! I'm so glad this technology exists!" (mocking) I got bored...I dunno, 30 seconds into this thing. I get it.

Dick: Yeah, me too.

Maddox: I've seen -- it looks like a screensaver.

Dick: Yeah. It does! It does. (cracking up)

Maddox: Except worse...right? It looks like a screensaver, except worse. It's kinda blurry-looking, and I don't really need to see fireworks up that close. It's not that interesting.

Dick: Yeah, I'm really on board with you about not letting cops have technology.

Maddox: Yeah. Because they're going to abuse it, EVERY chance they get! And by the way, there's already police helicopters flying around 24/7!

Dick: Showing off!

Maddox: Showing off, that's all they do!

Dick: Just showing off their fuckin' helicopters, all day.

Maddox: Yeah, because they HAVE it, and they bring their friends and family aboard, and they buzz your house, and they buzz the towers, and everything they want! They just fuck around and waste taxpayer money. (angrily) Next thing it's gonna be, drones are gonna be lookin' through your back window, they're gonna be sneakin' off, flyin' off -- "Oh, sorry!" And EVERY time they get caught, they have all the lack of culpability in the world by simply saying, "It was a malfunction."

Dick: So is that the future? Is it gonna be, like, cop drones flying around and then like, Anonymous? Like uh, eBaum's World drones just flying up and taking them out? 'Cause you can't -- how do you trace a DRONE back??

Maddox: To...to its location?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: To, like, the resistance fighters. (cracks up) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Pretty much, yeah. You would have to -- you could create drones, so that's why we need, um...turrets! Auto-tracking turrets, which isn't that hard. There's libraries, there's open source libraries -

Dick: Heh, okay. (skeptical)

Maddox: - that track motion in the sky, and they just shoot down drones!

Dick: Slow down. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're, uh, you're really building a dystopia in our backyards (Maddox laughs) with this turret shit.

Maddox: Well, uh, I'm not done. I have the full 20-point plan.

Dick: (interjects) What would be the -- yeah, what would your future be? (smiling) Is it really cops with drones, and then everybody has like, homebrew turrets that they printed out on 3D printers with Linux and open source software, and they're shooting down drones?

Maddox: Basically! We're getting to that point, and I don't care if it's more convenient for Amazon to ship stuff for me, it's not worth what I'm giving up in freedom. What I'm giving up in freedom is the ability to go unrestrained around earth, without having some fucking drone malfunction and shoot me in the back of the head, or in the eyes, or some bullshit like that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: These pepper spray...4,000 rounds of pepper spray at 80 rounds a second? Are you insane?? (incredulous)

Dick: Is that to disperse like, the...like when Egypt had that big rebellion? Is that for stuff like that? Like, they just pop up a couple drones and they're done with it?

Maddox: Yeah, it's GOING to be. It's going to be, and it's not just gonna be -- they could probably disperse -

Dick: Yeah, I dunno, man. (hesitantly)

Maddox: - they could probably disperse a crowd of 100,000 people with 4 or 5 of these drones. If they had 4 cannons firing 80....20 rounds per second, or 80 total rounds per second, shooting pepper spray everywhere!

Dick: I'll tell you what, I'm excited about it. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: GREAT, Dick.

Dick: Look, I'm excited about the way the world's gonna change.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (dubious)

Dick: It's gonna get a lot more interesting...

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Dick: ...there's more power in fewer people's hands on both sides, it's gonna be fun.

Maddox: It WILL be. It will be, but that's why I say, always shoot drones.

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: Don't forget, always shoot drones.

Dick: Uh, can I...can I go now?

Maddox: Yep. What's your next - yeah.

Dick: Okay. Um.....priests!

Maddox: Priests? (snickering)

Dick: Yeah, I wanna lighten things up here. We're gettin' kinda heavy.

Maddox: Yeah, let's get into some light territory. (sarcastic)

Dick: The pope said, uh, this week, or last week or whatever, that 2 percent of priests are child molesters.

Maddox: 2 percent! (thoughtfully)

Dick: Yeah, lemme read you this quote. I actually wrote down a quote, which I never do. Um, "Many of my collaborators who fight with me against pedophilia reassure me with reliable, blah blah blah blah blaaaah..." That it's about 2 percent, that he was quoted as saying. Pope Francis, that's the guy, right?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. So 2 percent, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uh, when you hear that 2 percent of priests are pedophiles, what do you think? Do you think that is high, or do you think that is low? (cynical)

Maddox: I think that's about right.

Dick: Okay! Um, do you think it should be more or less?

Maddox: ...I think that's about right. Neither more nor less.

Dick: Nononono. Do you think it *should*? If I -

Maddox: (interjects) Well it -- oh, it SHOULD be less! It should be zero.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Thank you, that's all I -- I just wanted to get your initial gut reaction.

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: Here's what this jackass pope says.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Uh, "This data should hearten me..."

Maddox: Hm'kay. (chuckling)

Dick: That's his response!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: "...but I have to tell you that it does not hearten me at all." No shit, jackass! (Maddox laughs) [quote continues] "In fact, I think it's very grave." [quote ends] 'It SHOULD hearten me.' (dismayed)

Maddox: Well, I think what he's trying to say is that most people thought it might be higher. Most people might've thought it mighta been in the 50 percent range, or 40 percent range, or whatever. It's a small percentage of the priests out there.

Dick: And that is sick on its own.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: That people think that the... (stammers) That the conception is that it's higher than 2 percent. But like -

Maddox: (interjects) Right, because all you hear about in the news is priest abuse scandals. So that's probably why people have this perception that priests are all pedophiles.

Dick: 2 percent is a huge, HUGE number.

Maddox: Is it?

Dick: YES. Can you imagine if, um...okay, let's say I had like, a jar of gummy bears here.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I told you that 2 percent of them would molest you.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracking up)

Dick: Would you eat them?

Maddox: No.

Dick: No!

Maddox: Of course not.

Dick: A HUGE number, 2 percent. Imagine going to the Super Bowl, and I told you, "Okay, 2 percent of guys in here are gonna molest you. There's a 2 percent chance that every guy here in this 100,000...er, 50,000 people crowd, stadium...are going to, when you're at the urinal, reach back and stick a thumb up your ass when you don't expect it."

Maddox: Well...ehh, I don't know about that. 'Cause then I got my guns with me, and I can elbow 'em. I'll be watchin'.

Dick: Okay, but you see what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: That's a SHITLOAD of people.

Maddox: Well... (skeptical)

Dick: 2 percent is -- so, what's the, what's the number...? (yelling) What I'm asking is, what is the number where the pope woulda come out and said, "Uh, you know, that's fine"? Like, if 2 percent 'should hearten him'?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: What was the number that was...that was decent?? Like, if it had come back at 1 percent, is that low enough?

Maddox: No no, again, I think that he had the -- everybody had this perception that the number of priests who molest kids is...high, astronomical! But it's not!

Dick: I think 2 percent is fuckin' astronomical!!

Maddox: Okay, Dick, but what is it in relation to the rest of the population? How many pedophiles do you think are going around molesting kids right now, just in the standard population? Just forget about priests.

Dick: I looked, I couldn't find any.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Well, I did find some interesting stuff that said serial killers and pedophiles are, like, the same? But nothing that...there's nothing that helped me. Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, but there are pedophiles out there! People get busted for, you know, child porn and being attracted to kids all the time. Uh, especially -

Dick: (interjects) What do YOU think the number is?

Maddox: I think it's probably around 2 percent! That's why I think this '2 percent' number is not -

Dick: (interjects) You think...? Sorry.

Maddox: Yeah, probably! Yeah, probably 2 percent! That doesn't sound too outrageous. Like, as a percentage of the population that has this, this...I don't even know if it's a disorder or what it is -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: - but they have this compulsion towards molesting kids; it's gotta be a low percentage.

Dick: I REALLY think that 2 percent is *astronomically* high. Like, I think if you look at a normal population that is not priest-based...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...that doesn't spend the majority of their time having an imaginary friend...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...uh, it's way, WAY lower than 2 percent. Like, in the .000....it's a HUGE disease, I think.

Maddox: Well, that's absolute speculation.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Like, you have no stats.

Dick: Who cares??

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I've got a stats for you."**) You have no stats on this. (chuckling) Like, of course it -- what do you mean, "who cares"? This is your entire argument! If you're trying to make the case that 2 percent is astronomical -- which, by the way, ANY percent is astronomical. In an ideal world, we would have no pedophiles, but they exist. Is it...is it unusual, is 2 percent unusual amongst priests? Or is it in line with any other population? That's an important statistic to write down.

Dick: That's what I'm asking you!

Maddox: I don't know, yeah!

Dick: Like, if 2 percent, um...if 2 percent of the time that cops pulled you over to use your drone -- if 2 percent of the drones shot that electric zapper up your ass? (Sean snickers in the background)

Maddox: Right, yeah. (smiling)

Dick: I would think that would be a huge friggin' problem.

Maddox: Yeah. (long pause) (Sean snorts in amusement)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, it would be! It would be. So what exactly is your problem? So he said...but he said it's a -

Dick: (interjects) So the failure rate of priests is 2 percent, and his attitude is like, "Well, you know, um...we're gonna give it a shot," basically. "We realize that it's severe; we feel

like this is *kinda* good news, 'cause it's not as high as we thought, but we're gonna give it the old college try and try to..." (Maddox chuckles) "...try to FIX this." (cynical)

Maddox: No, but that's not the full quote. He also came out and said -- for the first time, a pope has actually taken culpability for, uh, priests who have molested and sexually abused kids. This pope -

Dick: (interjects) "Culpability," by the way, meaning "said words" and not giving away any of their trillion-dollar empire.

Maddox: Oh, no, there have been a lot of settlements. Especially in America.

Dick: Not NEARLY enough.

Maddox: Not nearly enough, I agree! This is a heinous, heinous crime. But he did also follow up with...what did he say, "it's grave"? How did you say -- how exactly did you read that quote?

Dick: Yeah yeah, he said it was grave, but I just -- I think it's bullshit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, I think like, if that's the response to 2 per-...to 1 out of 50 of your guys is a friggin' *pedophile*? Your response is, "It's grave"? (incredulous)

Maddox: It...is it 1 out of 50? Is that what the number is?

Dick: 2 percent! Yeah.

Maddox: Well, how many priests are there?

Dick: You're a math major, you tell me. 1 in 50.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: 1 in -- I mean, right??

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah, 1 in 50, so you fill a -

Maddox: Yeah yeah, 1 in 50. Right.

Dick: You fill a bus up with priests...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and one of them is a FRIGGIN' PEDOPHILE?!?

Maddox: But I feel like if you go up and down just a neighborhood, and just get 50 neighbors -- 50 of your neighbors -- probably one of 'em's a little weird.

Dick: 'Weird'?!

Maddox: Probably one of 'em's a little...

Dick: 'PEDOPHILE.'

Maddox: That's what I'm TALKIN' about, is a pedophile.

Dick: Really??

Maddox: Yeah, probably pokes a kid or two. Or he's probably into, uh, some child porn. Like, there ARE weirdos out there! That's why people are so deathly afraid of taking their kids or letting their kids go to strangers' houses, and they don't want -- and by the way, I feel like this fear is, uh, misplaced. Because in the '60s and '70s, the rule was if you were lost as a child, go find an adult, go find a stranger and they'll help you. Whereas today, if you're lost, go to a police station or something, or go to a payphone, or find a phone; DON'T go to an adult, don't go to a stranger, DON'T talk to strangers. Because there's this absolute fear that *everybody's* a pedophile, where...I genuinely believe that number's probably pretty low. Have you known any pedophiles? Have you known anyone who's ever gotten busted for pedophilia?

Dick: Um....no. No, I haven't.

Maddox: So, I have.

Dick: And I know alotta people!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So that's zero percent for me.

Maddox: Well, that you KNOW of, that have been busted.

Dick: Sure, okay.

Maddox: I do! I actually do. Uh, this kid -- well, I can't...I mean, there's no evidence that he's actually done anything. However, there were these -

Dick: (interjects) But we're not sayin' his name anyway.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sure. So, there were these groups that go around and try to set up sting operations to catch people who are looking for child porn, and looking to hook up with underage, uh...you know, adolescents. And -

Dick: (interjects) Online?

Maddox: Online, yeah.

Dick: Like, one of those guys?

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And this was in Utah, and this, uh, this company set up a sting operation; they set up this account that was a 13-year-old girl talking to this guy who was 22, 23 years old.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they -- she said, "Come by my house, I'll bring condoms..." Very much like To Catch A Predator.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And when this guy did, he got spooked, and the police tried to chase him down but he got away. And then he left the state, went to New Mexico or somethin' like that. He had a wife and kids, and all this other shit. So, this guy's a creep. Uh...he was an absolute creep. However, of all the people I've met in the world that I know of, it was ONE out of thousands. So I think that number's probably pretty low.

Dick: So he got knocked by them? Yeah yeah yeah -- no no, yeah!! (suddenly excited) That's exactly what I'm saying!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: One out of thousands. So, what is that? What are the...that's a .001?

Maddox: Right, but that's my own personal experience. I -- again, unless we have a statistic -

Dick: (interjects) And we know a LOT of weirdos and scumbags.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: Actually, no, I DO know someone who did get arrested! Uh, one of my old teachers. And this happens with teachers -

Dick: (interjects) Whoa, for being a pedophile?

Maddox: Yeah! This happens with teachers all the time!

Dick: Whoooooa!

Maddox: Especially women teachers! There's that girl...uh, that lady teacher, actually, she had -

Dick: (interjects) Debra Lafave.

Maddox: Well, she was one of 'em, yeah!

Dick: She was hot. (sexy tone)

Maddox: And she ended up marrying the student she had sex with.

Dick: Ohhhh. (intrigued)

Maddox: But just recently in the news there was another lady, I think, up north in Washington? She had sex with two 18-year-old students and she still got arrested. She brought them to her house, gave them beer, and still got arrested for delinquency of a minor, or whatever, because if you're still in school -- they just passed a law -- if the student's still in school, it's still illegal. Still against the law.

Dick: What'd she look like?

Maddox: Um, probably a solid 6. 6 and a half.

Dick: Eughhh, that's sad.

Maddox: Hot enough, you know? Hot enough for a teacher fantasy, just so you can grub and say, "Yeah, I banged a teacher."

Dick: Nyeeeah... (skeptical) I mean, that's not worth it, though.

Maddox: No, of course not.

Dick: I think.

Maddox: Not for me!

Dick: And that poor kid that married -- what did you say, the other one, Debra Lafave?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She got married to that...?

Maddox: She married -- uh, I think so, yeah! She married -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, he's in...he's in for a real bad surprise in like, 10 years...

Maddox: Oh yeah.

Dick: ...when she falls apart?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's too bad.

Maddox: Well... (cracks up) But that's not the important statistic! Again, what we're talkin' about is -

Dick: (interjects) We were talking about...so you're saying that there's a lot of pedophile teachers and a lot of pedophile priests.

Maddox: But those are the ones that we HEAR of, because they're around kids and they -- it's easy to bust them.

Dick: I think that's part of the problem, man. Like, I can't see...I can't see '2 percent' and think, "So, what are you 2 percent, you gettin' in there to get access to kids?"

Maddox: Possibly! Is it teachers? Is it Boy Scout leaders? Girl Scout leaders? Is it, uh, preschool teachers?

Dick: Well, those are parents. Those are usually parents.

Maddox: Yeah! And some of 'em screw around with kids, and they get busted! Those are the ones that you hear about.

Dick: I mean, I don't know, man. (hesitantly)

Maddox: Like, you NEVER hear about the priests who don't get busted. You never hear about news from Mexico when there isn't a drug killing or somethin' like that. You only hear the negative news.

Dick: But you ALSO never hear about them actually cracking down on it! Like, what did this jackass say? Uh, the pope. He's gonna...he pledged to use "the rod" to fight evil inside the Church.

Maddox: The rod? (puzzled)

Dick: What the FUCK does THAT mean?

Maddox: What does that mean? (quietly)

Dick: Yeah! (Sean scoffs in the background) ...Yeah! It's just a bunch of BULLSHIT! It's ALL bull-- what he should've said was, "Okay, 2 percent. You know what we're gonna do? We're gonna lock all the priests in the Vatican..."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "...and I'm gonna say, 'Tomorrow I'm gonna come back, and there better be ZERO percent pedophiles, or I'm burning the whole fuckin' building down.'" THAT'S what I wanted to hear.

Maddox: Yeah, well...there have been cover-ups in the Church. That actually did come out, that there have been cover-ups. But uh, as far as -- I dunno. I don't know if this '2 percent' number is astronomical, and some...actually, I'm reading now on the LA Times: "An interview that credits Pope Francis as saying about 2 percent of Roman Catholic clerics are pedophiles stirred controversy Sunday, as the Vatican sought to raise questions about the article's accuracy and others called on the pope to take more action on the issue. The remarks, reported in the Italian newspaper La Repubblica, came a week after the pope asked for forgiveness in the first meeting with victims of clerical sexual abuse." [http://www.latimes.com/world/europe/la-fg-wn-pope-francis-pedophile-priests-20140713-story.html]

Dick: IMMEDIATELY with the forgiveness. (annoyed)

Maddox: Well... (chuckles)

Dick: That's what he's...?

Maddox: I mean, they ARE Catholic, that's what -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, JESUS CHRIST, man! Like, are you a PERSON or what?!? (yelling) Are you some kinda weird MUTANT? Do ya not understand what's happening here??

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I mean, what else...like, what would be the appropriate response, other than just...?

Dick: Uh, if you're already covering up child abuse, cover up a murder! (cynical)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a lesser crime. Just DO it. Sack up, Padre, and get rid of these fuckers. That's all I'm saying...that's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a shitty thing, man.

Dick: I guess it's a problem I actually care about! We finally found, you know.....what are you readin'?

Maddox: So, it says here, [quotes same LA Times article] "Lombardi did not rebut any assertion Francis was said to have made, but raised questions about the lack of a closing

quotation mark at the end of the paragraph that included the 2 percent figure. 'A lapse of memory or an explicit acknowledgement the naif reader is being manipulated?' he asked." So.

Dick: So what's the number, then?

Maddox: I don't know. I don't know, man.

Dick: Yeah. No, that's my question for THAT guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Oh, so what is it, then? What's the okay number?" So, that number was -- he obviously felt that number was too high. Right?

Maddox: Oh, well, here's the number -

Dick: (interjects) He obviously felt that number should've been fudged, and they shoulda just said, "Oh, you know, we're looking into it." (stupid voice) THIS -- see, THIS MOTHERFUCKER right here, that's EXACTLY what I'm talkin' about!

Maddox: Well, so here's what it says, according to the LA Times. It says, "At a United Nations hearing this year, the Vatican said it had defrocked 848 priests over the last decade and ordered 2,572 to 'live a life of prayer and penance' because of abuse allegations. There are about 414,000 Roman Catholic priests worldwide, according to the BBC; if 2 percent are pedophiles, that would be more than 8,000."

Dick: That's alotta pedophiles. (chuckling in dismay)

Maddox: That's a decent amount, yeah.

Dick: 8,000. (taken aback)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, you could have like, a pedophile city! Of just those guys! (cracking up)

Maddox: So, he says here, though, "In his meeting last week with victims of clerical sexual abuse, Francis pledged that the bishops who covered up such abuse of minors would be held accountable." So, whether or not he comes through and actually does something about it...I mean, it's fuckin' high time. This is, this IS bullshit and this has gone on way too long.

Dick: They're never gonna do shit about it.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: 'Cause they don't -- you know what? They don't care. And people who go to church and give money to the Church also don't fuckin' care.

Maddox: No, that's not true! People are outraged by this.

Dick: Why are they givin' money to it, then? (angrily)

Maddox: Well, because your HOPE is that, if it is 2 percent, it's not -- it's obviously some errant problem! I mean, even in any organization, you're gonna have people who do cocaine, who break the law, who are pedophiles, who have sexual deviancy -

Dick: (interjects) This is not an organization!

Maddox: It is!

Dick: It's a RELIGION!

Maddox: Right, but -

Dick: (interjects) There's a DIFFERENCE. They get tax breaks 'cause shit like this isn't supposed to HAPPEN. Cut off the money, this problem'll go away real fast.

Maddox: What, you... (cracks up)

Dick: That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: ...you think that pedophiles are, uh -- this is a safe harbor because they get tax breaks? (amused)

Dick: Uh, nononononono! I'm saying that you expect -- it's not just an organization, you expect more out of a religion! You HAVE to, because they have tax breaks. Like, they're treated differently as a legal entity, so we should expect different results from them!

Maddox: Yeah, I guess. You know, so you're saying there should be -

Dick: (interjects) They're giving corporate-speak here!

Maddox: Right. Well, if they give more accountability to the Church, like if there was more government oversight; is that what you're saying that they should have? Well, I know YOU'RE not in favor of any government oversight.

Dick: Well, I do think they should be treated like a corporation. I don't think they should get any kind of tax breaks. A religion?

Maddox: So, if a corporation...if a corporation had employees that they found abused kids -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: - what is the correct response?

Dick: Uh, a massive lawsuit. Immediately fire the people, they go STRAIGHT to jail...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...or a trial, whatever. Legal system.

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: And then an enormous lawsuit!

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: Is there any of that stuff happening here? No!

Maddox: There have been settlements, yeah. There have been.

Dick: All the legal stuff that I said? NO.

Maddox: Well, I don't know...I mean, I don't...you're putting me on the spot, I don't have the evidence.

Dick: I mean, if you're -- oh, I'm telling you, no. Uh...

Maddox: (splutters; laughing) There HAVE -- like, I've read, there have been *huge* settlements with some of these kids.

Dick: They switch -- yes, of course there have!

Maddox: Not enough!

Dick: Not enough.

Maddox: And it doesn't justify any of this. This is bullshit!

Dick: A corporation would never get away with this. That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah... (thoughtfully) Yeah -

Dick: (interjects) Because if you knew -- if you came out as a corporation, like if Microsoft, if... (stammers angrily) Uh, who is it, Steve Ballmer? He quit now. Who -- if Tim Cook came out tomorrow and said, "You know, uh, 2 percent of Apple store employees are pedophiles, we think." Do you have any IDEA what the FBI would say?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They would say "Oh, WHO?!?" (hysterically) "Who are they?? Give us who they are RIGHT NOW, so we can investigate them! Why do you think that?" But the pope? Nope!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Say whatever you want. Say whatever you want about pedophiles, nothin' happens to you, 'cause money keeps ROLLIN' on in! (heavily cynical)

Maddox: Well, if that was an estimate, then...you know, you can't pin much to it.

Dick: He SAID he had credible...evidence. Like, he said specifically that he had credible evidence for it, I *believe.*

Maddox: Well, so, it said -- according to the LA Times -- again, 414,000 priests worldwide, and if 2 percent of 'em are pedophiles, that's about 8,000. They have acknowledged finding about...3,300.

Dick: He said "reliable statistics." He said he has reliable statistics on it.

Maddox: Is that what it... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Is that what it says, Dick? (grinning)

Dick: Yeah, so, let's go! Nonono, I wrote it down.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Uh, so let's go! Hand it over to Interpol.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause YOU guys obviously don't know what the FUCK you're doin'.

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: You know how to throw a good wedding...

Maddox: Right. (laughs)

Dick: ...and, uh, look at your sculptures all day, but if you're gonna be investigating pedophiles? Turn it over to the authorities.

Maddox: I agree with that! They should. If they DO have credible information, if they have...and by the way, they should investigate *every* fucking allegation, no matter how small, and get to the bottom of it. That's absolutely bullshit that this has gone on for so long. But at least he's one of the first popes -- I think he's the first pope who's ever come out to even acknowledge it and try to say that, you know, "we're trying to solve this problem."

Dick: That means ABSOLUTELY zero to me.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, it is, um...it is a pretty big problem! I'll give you that.

Dick: Hey! (in agreement) But, you know, what's the -- what was the other problem? (breaking into a grin) What's the biggest problem in the universe right now? Do you know?

Maddox: The current biggest problem in the universe?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is, People Who Can't Eat Spicy Food. (laughs)

Dick: So, okay. So I gotta say, if you're voting...if you're VOTING, you know, look in your heart and see if priests molesting kids is a worse problem than People Who Can't Eat Spicy Foods. (scoffing)

Maddox: Uhh, okay. (Dick cackles wildly) Well, you know what? We need to... (cracks up) We need to -- you do this, Tricky Dick!! (Dick's laughter escalates) Tricky Dick does this! We need to name the problem "Priests Who Molest Kids."

Dick: Nononono! (urgently)

Maddox: Not just "Priests."

Dick: Nonono, because I don't think it's the pedophiles that are the problem, 'cause that's what they do! It's the priests who let it HAPPEN! It's all, it's this whole enclave of scumbags that allow this to happen! That's what I really think the problem is.

Maddox: Yeah, but it's not specific to any particular religion. Lots of different religions have 'priests.' Are you talkin' specifically about Catholic priests?

Dick: Mmmmm. (unsure)

Maddox: Because there's pedophilia in Mormon religion...uh, I know there were pedophiles cuttin' in Jewish religions; their pedophiles cost -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, but they don't have priests! They call them something different, like "deacons" and stuff like that.

Maddox: Yeah, I GUESS, but they're -

Dick: (interjects) "Priests" is Catholic. Like, other religions have a different name, you motherfucker. You tried to trip me up there! I see what you're doin'.

Maddox: Mmm...no no, they do...you know, they have priests in all sorts of different religions.

Dick: No, I really -

Maddox: No -- uh, denominations.

Dick: - it's the whole thing that's priests.

Maddox: You can be a priest who is also not...uh, not in any particular denomination.

Dick: No, nonono.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You have to be Catholic to be a priest.

Maddox: No, you can be an ordained, like, an ordained minister. What's the difference?

Dick: Minister! It's called...the NAME is the difference.

Maddox: What's the difference between a minister and a priest? (scoffing)

Dick: The name is describing a different thing. That's what makes it different.

Maddox: Yeah...well, I don't know, man. I don't know that you've made the case that priests are wholesale defending pedophiles. I mean...

Dick: Well, they're not doin' anything about it!!

Maddox: That's not true! That's not true.

Dick: They're not doing enough!

Maddox: They're not -- okay! If you wanna make THAT case, that they're not doing enough, sure. To have any kind of, like, evidence to back that up is hard to say. Like, what is...? You can speculate and I can speculate -- look, until there's zero pedophiles, you can ALWAYS say, "People are not doing enough." But how much more...like, what is the solution? What do we do?

Dick: Look, I got a number in my head.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If heard this number...if the pope came out and said .0002 percent of priests are pedophiles?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I'd be okay with that. 2 percent is WAY off the mark!

Maddox: You'd be okay with .0002... (laughing) That's still a few!

Dick: I mean, it's still a few, but what are you gonna do? It happens. I'm okay with that margin of error. 2 PERCENT is HUGE! If ANYTHING else failed at a rate of 2 percent, I would be outraged!

Maddox: Okay, do you know what the actual number is? Based on the numbers here, according to the U.N....according to Interpol -- I just did the math here -- it's .008 percent. That's -

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean?

Maddox: So, I just added those numbers that they said: the 2,572 who supposedly have to "live a life of prayer and penance," and then the 848 who were turned over.

Dick: Yeah, but you're not privy to the shit he's talkin' about. Like, he's making -- the Vatican, they do all their own, like, studies and research, and he obviously read something...I think that he read something that said "2 percent," he ran his mouth a little too much in public like he's not supposed to do, and the handler chimed in with, "Uh-uh-uh-uh, he was confused! He was confused." So then they threw out a bunch of dumb stats so people would get confused, like chaff! This is what they do!

Maddox: Please...

Dick: This is what these handlers do.

Maddox: ...Dick, can you say that again with an Italian accent? (Dick chuckles)

Dick: A-so, thees is a-what they do-a! They throw out a bunch of a-chaff-a! (rapidly; singsong)

Maddox: He was a-confused-a! (laughs)

Dick: He was -- ah, the pope-a, he was a-confused! 2 percent are pedophiles? A-come onnn! (Maddox laughs more) I want-a 2 percent of a pizza, right now! (switches back to normal voice) That's...and they're like, "Oh, okay, okay." 2 percent of a pizza, that's funny.

Maddox: Okay, problem solved-a! Time for a meat-a-ball! (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. So, what, you're not gonna let me call it "Priests"? Is that what you're sayin'?

Maddox: Uh, I think you need to be more specific than that.

Dick: You're fuckin' not, what are your problems? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: My problems are Drones...

Dick: "Drones"? That's not, that's...no, your REAL problem is that -

Maddox: DRONES!!

Dick: - law enforcement officers have drones. Dude, don't dick me...don't nickel and dime me with the fuckin' problems, or I'll do it to you.

Maddox: H'okay. (chuckling) Fine! Fine with me!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You want me to say "Law Enforcement Drones"? I'm fine with that.

Dick: No! I don't! It's funnier when it's "Drones."

Maddox: Okay. (cracking up)

Dick: It's titillating! It's titillating. I wanna get -- I wanna hear more about it.

Maddox: And, Indignant Co-Hosts. (pleased with himself)

(long pause)

Dick: Well, I don't know what you're talking about. (Maddox laughs quietly) I had a wonderful time today.

Maddox: Ohh, that's a first.

Dick: Uh, you brought up a lot of great points, and I brought some...you know, I tried my best.

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick yelling, "That's ridiculous!"**) (laughs with Sean)

Dick: I.....that guy sounds like he's got something stuck in his craw. I don't know what to tell ya.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, who was THAT guy? (mocking) Who wants to be HIS co-host? (laughs more)

Dick: And my first problem was Lady Thor.

Maddox: Oh, Lady Thor, that's right!

Dick: Lady Thor.

Maddox: Yeah!

(**closing riff starts**)

Dick: Go to the website, http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com to vote, and you can vote on several different problems!

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Don't forget to vote. Thanks, guys.

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 11</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: Doin' the podcast.

Dick: Yeah. Alright! What's the biggest problem in the universe from last week?

Maddox: Drones! Drones. Finally, our fans aren't idiots for once, and they voted something that's an actual problem to the top of the list!

Dick: Eh, you know, um...you threw me on that one, when you started with drones, but I just totally agree with you, man. Like, the one, the *one* thing -- I think maybe this is an American thing, because as I understand it, cops in, like, England don't have Tactical Response Teams and a military division. Like our friggin' cops have military divisions, militarized divisions, and it's…I think it's just ridiculous! The last thing I want is for them to get drones.

Maddox: Yeah! It is ridiculous. And, you know, it will lead to more corruption and more abuse. Because already they're abusing people even just for recording them; I mean, forget about it! You should ALWAYS shoot drones. So.

Dick: No, my buddy is, um...he's, I don't wanna say a "gun nut," but he kinda is really into, like, rights? (Maddox chuckles) And guns?

Maddox: Okay. Did he mail ricin to President Obama? And get arrested recently?

Dick: Uh...you know, I don't know what he does all day.

Maddox: Okay! (cracks up)

Dick: I don't watch him all day. Uh, but he's…like, I'm kinda glad he does get in cops' faces, just because it's like, "Dude, if you don't, then no one's gonna do it."

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And I'm sure as hell not gonna do it!

Maddox: Alright. I guess. Uh, but of course, you don't HAVE to. All these...you know what, now people are -- gun rights people are coming out against open carry dickheads, who bring their fucking assault rifles or their regular rifles...any kind of rifles…if you're bringing it to an Arby's, you're a DICK. And you're not making it better for gun rights people, you're making it worse! Because people get scared -

Dick: Ohh, man.

Maddox: - no one walks in -- no! These are actual gun people who are coming out and saying, "Look, I'm a Second Amendment guy, I have an NRA membership, I love guns; I'm

always gonna defend the right to have a gun. But you're not helping our cause by carrying around your guns like fucking assholes."

Dick: You know what, though? Uh...okay. I've done those open carry things...

Maddox: Yeah, of course. (grinning)

Dick: ...and we did change the law.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you wanna hear...? Like, I don't know if I wanna get into this now, because it's a whole thing.

Maddox: Save it for a problem! That's actually -- I know the story, and it's a good one. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. And we totally...changed...California.

Maddox: This is true. This is actually true, this is a really good story.

Dick: I'll get into it another time.

Maddox: Speaking of the problems, I wanted to mention: we've never really gone over the overall problems on the list, but it'd be a nice recap. Uh, 'cause we haven't done that yet, since we just celebrated our 10th episode! The all-time top five problems are -

Dick: (interjects) So, can I just say, real quick?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: If you go to the website, http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com, and click on "Problems" on the top, you can see this list that you're about to read from right now.

Maddox: Right. So... (**drumroll sound effect**) Number one is People Who Can't Eat Spicy Food.

Dick: Welp. (quietly) (Maddox chuckles) I mean, I don't know what to say about that.

Maddox: Then, number two is Armchair Psychologists.

Dick: Okay...

Maddox: Number three is Conspiracy Dipshits...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ...then, Other N-Words; if you remember, that was, uh, people who have a problem with the "R-word," and the "F-word," and the "G-word," and "M-word" -- everything.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then, Non-Apologies.

Dick: Non-Ap-- that one is such bullshit. I still get pissed off about that problem. What was that, like, Episode 4? 5?

Maddox: Somethin' like that.

Dick: Oh, that's...it drives me insane.

Maddox: Well, it's fair.

Dick: So the biggest problem is People Who Can't Eat Spicy Foods.

Maddox: Yeah. What...oh, and by the way, speaking of people who can't eat spicy food: so from that episode, I made a thumbnail to promote that episode that was a chili pepper inside a condom. (snickers) And one of the comments I wanted to read -- and I forgot to when we aired this episode -- but it's from Foseph Jerschke, and he just...he titled this perfectly. He called it a "chili pecker." (laughs) Which was *perfect.*

Dick: Oh, boy...yeah. That's good.

Maddox: Perfect. I loved it, absolutely.

Dick: That's funny!

Maddox: Uh, what comments do you have?

Dick: You know, so I got...I have one comment. My brother-in-law, he lives in Indiana.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And he calls me one morning way too early and he goes, "Um, Dick...I just listened to your podcast, and I've got, uh...I'm really angry with you."

Maddox: Uh-oh.

Dick: "Like, I'm really upset."

Maddox: That's a good sign.

Dick: Yeah. And he's a -- he goes, "Yeah, I was listening to it on the way into work." And he works, like, at a huge corporation.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: Thousands of people work there, they have a campus...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...uh, he's not a slapdick, like, menial.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: He goes -- like, he has meetings -

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: - he has PowerPoint presentations, and he has to...he has to do these things, that you hear about on TV.

Maddox: Yep. Sounds real boring, yeah.

Dick: Sounds awful!

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: So our podcast is probably the one exciting thing that he's doin' this morning.

Maddox: Yeah, you're welcome. (smiling) So...yeah.

Dick: You're welcome! So, he goes, "Yeah...yeah. I was, uh, I was listening to your little podcast on the way into work, and something you said made me spit my coffee all over my khakis." (Maddox laughs) Like, he's dressed in a nice suit, or whatever.

Maddox: That looks -- that sounds like it'd look cool! He's got like, brown camo khakis!

Dick: That's what I said! (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So I was like, "Dude, come on! What's the big deal? You just take your pants off and work with no pants, like me." (Maddox laughs loudly) And he goes -

Maddox: (interjects) Again, you're welcome! Yeah.

Dick: Yeah! And he goes, "Yeah, that's not funny. Uh, I had to go around for the rest of the day looking like I pissed coffee all over my pants, because of your FUCKING podcast." So I was like, "Oh, uh, what joke did it?" Like immediately, fuck your problem!

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: "What was the joke that did it?" And he said it was something where I was yelling at my girlfriend. And I was like, "Ah, okay."

Maddox: Probably about smoking or something, yeah, you usually yell. Uh, that's funny. That's a good story!

Dick: Yeah! It's pretty good. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah, good story! Uh, speaking of comments from our fans, this is actually a review on iTunes about The Biggest Problem in the Universe. Except he calls it "The Best Podcast in the Universe," which, I agree, it is!

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: Five stars! He gave it...uh, this is by Stygian Emperor, is the name.

Dick: This is on iTunes?

Maddox: On iTunes, yeah. So he said, "I've been waiting for a Maddox podcast for a while, and it's great as expected. His majesty the King is joined by lowly co-host Dick Masterson..."

Dick: Oh, COME ONNNN!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: "...who offers a hilarious bounce pad for conversation and argument by constantly being wrong." (laughs more)

Dick: Jesus Christ, I'm like a fuckin' garage door.

Maddox: "As a cool bonus it has audience interaction on its website where YOU, the viewer, can vote on which universal problem Maddox puts forth is bigger, or if you want, which of the measly annoyances Dick brings up are lesser." (laughs) (Dick sighs wearily) Well, Lady Thor was, uh, a big problem. (teasing)

Dick: Shut up. (Maddox bursts out laughing)

Maddox: "On the following episode the numbers are tallied and a conclusion is made, drawing us ever closer to the answer: What is the Biggest Problem in the Universe?" That is actually a great review! Right?

Dick: No, it is! Yeah, it's great. (cynical) (Maddox laughs) It's great. You seem -- you went over really well.

Maddox: Uh, yeah!

Dick: You sound really great. (annoyed)

Maddox: I sound great. But I really like the end of that tagline, the way he kinda built that up. It's, uh...I like that copy, it's written well. So, good job, Stygian. I'm sure Dick doesn't agree with...with parts of it. So what's your first problem? Let's get into the problems.

Dick: Alright. Um...okay, well... (chuckles) I got real measly annoyance for ya. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Like usual. What is it?

Dick: Uh, know-it-all masseuses.

Maddox: Oh! Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Know-it-all masseuses. (amused)

Dick: Know-it-all masseuses!

Maddox: What does this mean?

Dick: Is that -- do you know what a masseuse is?

Maddox: I know what a masseuse is, Dick.

Dick: Okay. (chuckling)

Maddox: Let's define it, however, for our audience.

Dick: A massager. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Also known as a massagist. No, look, my shoulder's KILLING me, man.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Like, I got one of these...I got one of these aches in my shoulder that's like, under your shoulder blade?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's in that spot -- like, I'm a pretty muscular guy.

Maddox: Well... (skeptical)

Dick: You can....you know, you can say that.

Maddox: YOU can say that.

Dick: No, YOU can say it!

Maddox: I'm not.

Dick: You can *verify*...

Maddox: I will not!

Dick: ...that I'm very muscular. (teasing)

Maddox: I'm not gonna -- I'm not even looking at you.

Dick: Just look at me.

Maddox: I'm not, I'm looking down. I'm looking down at the ground. (quietly)

Dick: Okay, well... (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: This is a trick!

Dick: ...in submission, because of my muscles. (amused) (Maddox chuckles) So, I -- but anyway, I can't reach all over my back, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I'm not one of those contorty guys. I can't...I *can't* get this stupid knot out from under my shoulder blade.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I go to a masseuse, right?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And I'm like, I explain that to her, just without all the muscles parts? (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: 'Cause you don't wanna sound like a complete DICKHEAD.

Dick: (guffaws) Yeah! No. No, 'cause they're -- you're in their hands. And I'm like, "Look, I just got this...I got this thing right here, I just really need you to...I REALLY need you to just get this *fucking* knot out of my back. It's miserable. It's making me miserable." And she goes, "Yeah, well, the thing with pain is, it's all over your body." (Maddox sighs) "So, you know, I kinda gotta work all over, and maybe it's in your legs, and maybe it's in your..." And I'm like, "Ohhh god, okay. Okay, okay, just keep it together."

Maddox: One of these. Yeah.

Dick: And it's...I was prepared for it, 'cause it's not the first time I've heard this from a masseuse.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Every single fucking masseuse I go to gives me this same rap when I come in with a VERY specific problem.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, 'It's under my shoulder blade...'

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: '...it's right between my legs, like right above my balls - that area over there needs some attention...' (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Right. 'It needs to be worked out with your mouth,' huh? (laughs more)

Dick: Uh, HEY. Whoa, whoa, whoa. They...hands only. (smiling) Um, no, but I was prepared for it, but I STILL -- like, I had this whole routine to try to get her to just focus on that one spot…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: …and it was like pulling TEETH!

Maddox: Oh! 'Cause you know what, it's kinda like they're mechanics, and they know they can sucker you with all their...jargon, and mumbo-jumbo, and chakras, and all that bullshit. (cracks up) By telling you, "Oh, well, it's a whole full-body -- your whole body's connected," and they're gonna start giving that spiel about how your hip bone's connected to your neck bone, and your dick bone, and whatever it is.

Dick: Wow! (chuckling in disbelief)

Maddox: Yeah, they're going to have to -

Dick: (interjects) Is that what it is?? Is it a long con?

Maddox: It's a long con! That's all it is! They want more hours outta you, that's all. They want to book you for half an hour, as opposed to five minutes. They could just stick their thumb under your shoulder blade, and you're DONE.

Dick: And fix it! Right?

Maddox: Yeah. There you go!

Dick: Oh, GOD. (exasperated) Dude, and I was -- I've been dealing with this all week! And I'm thinking, like, right now I'm at the point where...first of all, I'm not gonna ask a GUY to do it. I'm not gonna ask, like, YOU. Or Sean, Sean the audio engineer. I'm not gonna ask...you guys could easily do it, but I'm not gonna do that.

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: For obvious reasons.

Maddox: Appreciate it.

Dick: Uh, but I'm like, what do I need to...what do I need, a WIFE?? To do this? Like, how do I FIX this? How do I fix -- do I have to go on Tinder and match some fat broad to come over and work this thing outta my shoulder? (Maddox laughs loudly) Like, what do I do?!? I can't go PAY for it? (yelling) I'm sitting there with the masseuse, and I'm like, "You know... (splutters) ...can I just give you -- like, if I give you 100 dollars, can you just fix it? Whatever the massage costs, I *don't* care! Can I just give you 100 dollars so you fix this thing in my goddamn BACK?!" (desperately)

Maddox: (sighs softly) (**sound clip of man saying, "Well, that's unfortunate."**) (laughs)

Dick: Yahhhhhhh!!!! AAAAAARGHH! (Maddox laughs hysterically)

Maddox: Ohh, boy, Dick. Why don't you just like, rub it up against a wall or something?

Dick: I've been doing that ALL WEEK, I look like a god damn bear!! (Maddox laughs) I've been -- EVERY single corner I see. I was at a FUCKING bus stop, rubbing my shoulder against a bench!! Against a bus stop bench, to try to work this thing out, and I CAN'T! (through gritted teeth)

Maddox: Yeah, well, that's really bad. You know, your whole body's connected, and the muscles are connected... (mockingly) (Dick and Maddox both explode with laughter) Yeah...you go in wanting a spark plug, and they try to rebuild your engine. That's what they're doin'.

Dick: Yeah, they try to sell you a hot rod!

Maddox: Yeah. Next thing you know, you're gettin' a pedi.

Dick: And it annoyed me because I KNEW...I could see it in her eyes that this was rehearsed. Right? Like, some moron, some fatso comes in and says, "Oh, I have back pain."

Maddox: Dick, are you sure she wasn't just, uh...you know, maybe she was just into you! She wanted to get her hands all over you, huh? (**squeaky noises followed by 'splat' [happy ending] sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: What was that gross sound?

Maddox: That was a happy ending sound effect! (laughs more)

Dick: Oh! (cracks up) Oh, jeez...

Maddox: By Sean, our audio engineer, thank you. He made that custom for this problem! (through laughter)

Dick: I don't know if Sean wants credit for that. (grinning)

Maddox: I'm sorry, Sean, we'll edit that out. So uh, yeah. You, you...maybe she just -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, the joke. (playfully annoyed)

Maddox: What was she into? Maybe she was just into you!

Dick: No, no, shut up. No. (Maddox laughs) She was NOT into me. No one is -- no women are ever into me when I'm just being myself, trying to get a massage! (chuckles self-deprecatingly)

Maddox: Are you suuure? You know? You're lyin' down...

Dick: No, I lay it on real thick to get women into me.

Maddox: You're lyin' down on that table, she's massaging you all over your body, next thing you know... (**'sproing' [boner] sound effect**) (cracks up)

Dick: I...yeah. I, uh, that has happened to me.

Maddox: Oh, no!

Dick: I got like a half...a half a stiffy?

Maddox: Ew. Augh!

Dick: What do you mean, "ew"?

Maddox: Say "semi." It's "semi," is the word.

Dick: A semi?

Maddox: A semi.

Dick: Semi-erect.....erection?

Maddox: You don't have to finish it! (urgently) Everyone knows what you're saying, yeah! A semi.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I -- what are you "ew"-ing for? Oh, are you "ew"-ing 'cause I'm talking about an erection that I had?

Maddox: YES, yes! Yes. (exasperated)

Dick: Why is that "ew"??

Maddox: I don't wanna think about...your dick! EVER.

Dick: You...why were you...that makes you think about my erection? Just me mentioning my erection makes you think about my *actually* having an erection. (provocatively)

Maddox: Yes! Why wouldn't it? You just said "my erection."

Dick: Does it...does it help if I stand up?

Maddox: Ohh, boy...

Dick: So you can see -- (laughing) No, look, that...yeah, that happened to me. I don't know, this one massager was, like...I think she was into it too!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And I always regret not doin' something...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...but I didn't know what the move was.

Maddox: Well...not what you did, apparently. Which is, what, just left? (**negative 'sproing' sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: Uhh -- yeah, alright. (playfully annoyed) Fucko. Get off your sound-... (Maddox laughs more) Yeah, I just left. I couldn't think of something, uh...whatever, to say.

Maddox: How about just this: "How much for a handy?" (laughs)

Dick: No, it was a -

Maddox: (interjects) "Or a happy ending?"

Dick: It was a classy place. I'm not gonna start throwing out...terms like that with a classy girl in a classy place.

Maddox: Dick, if it's a classy place, they're not doin' that shit anyway! It wasn't THAT classy, if you -- if it came to that.

Dick: Nah, you can always...you can always get a little bit more.

Maddox: Mmm, not -

Dick: You can -- no matter where it is, you can...I think you can get a handjob.

Maddox: Uhh...okay. (uncomfortable)

Dick: I really think so.

Maddox: Dick, we're in a room with three guys; I'm sitting across the table from you. You're not gettin' a handjob in this room, ever.

Dick: Well, you know... (slyly)

Maddox: I will put money down on -

Dick: (interjects) Lemme start putting it on! (suggestive)

Maddox: NOPE.

Dick: Lemme start -- um, yeah. So that's what happened to me. And it's due to -- 'cause what's worse than pain?? Like, what is worse than physical pain in your body? NOTHING.

Maddox: Death.

Dick: I'd rather be dead!!

Maddox: Than...than be in pain?

Dick: Than being in like, excruciating pain.

Maddox: That's stupid. What are you, Million Dollar Baby over here?

Dick: ...Oh, is that what happened in that movie?

Maddox: Oh, you didn't know? Yeah! Million Dollar Baby, with Clint Eastwood and uh, what's-her-name, with the big mouth. She, uh, she got paralyzed, and it was a big, long...it's probably like a 45-minute suicide scene.

Dick: Ohh. (gloomily)

Maddox: That's essentially what it is. (through giggles)

Dick: Euh...

Maddox: SUPER depressing. But -

Dick: (interjects) What a bummer!

Maddox: Yeah, well, that's you, man! You're... (cracks up) What did you, is that -- are you announcing your suicide on this episode, or what's -

Dick: (interjects) I gotta get this fixed, man. (desperately) I gotta go to...I gotta go to a strip club or something to get this knot outta my back.

Maddox: So you went to the masseuse, and she said, "I'll fix your problem," and you were apparently willing to pay 100 dollars for her to stick her thumb under your shoulder blade.

Dick: I shoulda said it. That was my plan. Like, she -- I kinda thought I cajoled her into doing what I wanted?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But then she didn't completely, and I shoulda just said right off the top, "Look, I'll just give you 100 dollars, if you just *please* do what I'm asking you to do."

Maddox: Yeah. Well...

Dick: But I got -- I swear, dude, the best shoulder rub I've ever gotten in my life was at a strip club. And I'm...if this thing doesn't clear up by tonight, I'm goin' there.

Maddox: ...Alright! Well, I guess...uh, I have plans too, I guess I'll tag along.

Dick: You can see a semi...

Maddox: OH-kay. (repulsed)

Dick: ...you can see my semi for yourself! (grinning)

Maddox: Gross. No way. Welp, I guess that's uh, that's your problem!

Dick: Yeah, that's my problem.

Maddox: That's all you got. Alright. Well, let's get to my first problem. This is a big one, actually....slacktivists!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right? These are slacker-activists. These are people who sit in their armchair and try to solve problems without actually doing anything. And this includes changing your profile picture on Facebook! So -

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: - a couple years ago, there was this campaign that was asking people to change their profile picture to their favorite cartoon character from a kid -- from childhood, to raise awareness about child abuse! (heavily cynical) (Dick laughs) What?! You fucking idiots! That's not raising awareness about anything, except for cool cartoons. And so all these -- like, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands of people, *millions* of people started doing this, and of course everyone lost focus and it didn't raise awareness about shit. Yeah, I know it exists; how is raising awa-- everybody's always just trying to raise awareness about everything! Sometimes raising awareness works; for example, if you're trying to raise awareness that gay marriage is acceptable, you wanna come out and make a stand, and say, "Hey, I'm okay with this, because it's a cultural phenomenon." But raising awareness about child abuse?! That's not gonna stop child abuse!

Dick: Well, lemme -- oh, you're definitely right -- but lemme also say, if you're raising awareness for gay marriage rights? Uh, don't do it in the middle of West Hollywood.

Maddox: (splutters; laughing) ...I'll agree with that! So, for those who don't know, uh, what is -

Dick: (interjects) No, 'cause when that Prop -- wait, what was Prop 8? It was either...

Maddox: Well, hold on.

Dick: ...it was called -- okay. A while ago, when gay marriage was allowed in California briefly, there was a proposition out to shut it down.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? And it was called Prop 8...

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: ...and that was gonna end it, 'cause they called it "Prop Hate." That's why I remember that.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: *Great* name! Great marketing.

Maddox: Good anti-branding, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. So, all of these supporters of gay marriage poured out into the streets of West Hollywood...like, the second largest gay community in the U.S.?

Maddox: It may even be the largest. It may even be larger than San Francisco's Castro District.

Dick: Yeah! And I'm just sitting -- they're all having a big party, which was maybe the point, but I'm thinking, "You know, uh, why don't you guys mobilize to somewhere where they are gonna vote *for* this proposition?"

Maddox: Right!

Dick: If you wanna raise awareness, go somewhere and show people that you're not a bunch of monsters, that you're cool guys!

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: Like just go there and show them that you EXIST.

Maddox: Right. You don't have to do it -- you don't have to stand -- you don't have to go to a gay club and say that you're for gay marriage. (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Pretty much everyone there is already.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Go to the suburbs, go to the sticks and start talkin' to those people, 'cause those are the ones you have to convince. You don't have to convince your friends. Alright? We're on board with you.

Dick: Is that slacktivism, to you?

Maddox: Uh, no. That is not slacktivism. Well, it is if they're not doing anything. So, slacktivism is anything where it doesn't inconvenience you; where you can do something supposedly without lifting a finger, without getting up out of your seat. Listen, if it's not going to inconvenience you, if it's not gonna take WORK to do, then you're not CHANGING anything! And this includes...here's some famous slacktivist campaigns: KONY 2012. Remember this guy?

Dick: You know what, I remember that thing, but I don't even know what that guy was about.

Maddox: Joseph Kony was the leader of...what is it, the LRA? Or some, uh...basically a militant group in South Africa, I believe, and he's jumped around through different countries. But he's this militant leader who kidnaps children...

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: ...militarizes them...

Dick: Okay...

Maddox: ...and abuses them, and -- you know, sexually, physically -- and he creates monsters.

Dick: (chuckles, grossed out) H'okay.

Maddox: And so this guy created this 30-minute video a long time ago -- what, in 2012. Just two years ago. He created this 30-minute video that went WILDLY viral.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was wildly successful; uh, tens of millions of views, almost overnight. And he cracked under all the pressure. He didn't even know what to do -- he ended up masturbating in San Diego. (cracks up)

Dick: Wait, really? The guy did? (amused)

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah! He got caught in San Diego...he lost his mind! And he was out in the middle of the street, he stripped down naked and was jerking off. (Dick gasps in recognition) That's why they made that South Park episode!

Dick: THAT'S what that was about?!?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: OH, my GOD!! I didn't KNOW that! They ref-- they did that bit TWICE!

Maddox: Uh-huh! Yeah!

Dick: Oh, wow!! Cool! (genuinely excited)

Maddox: So that masturbating guy is the guy who created the KONY campaign.

Dick: So you're saying -- this whole time I thought that Kony...that was like, a thing to get him elected as a president of something! (Maddox laughs) You're saying he was a *bad* guy? (Sean and Maddox laugh more)

Maddox: Yeah, because they BRANDED it like a presidential campaign! "Kony 2012."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And it was hashtag #Kony2012. And by the way -

Dick: (interjects) And that was -- so he was, like, an evil person?? THAT'S how they did that?!

Maddox: Yeah! That's how they did that.

Dick: Jesus Christ... (whispering in disbelief)

Maddox: And by the way, they were saying that this is the number one criminal in the world; this is who we should ALL be focused on and going after right now.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: YET, he's still at large, and all these dickheads who went around putting up "KONY 2012" stickers on their bumpers, and on telephone posts, and passing out brochures at fucking STARBUCKS in Milwaukee...guess what, dickheads? He's still out there! He's still at large! What are you doing to capture him from Milwaukee, in your suburban house, dipshit?? (Dick smirks) You're not doing anything!! Put down the stupid fucking status updates, SHUT up, and do something...look, you wanna capture this guy, pick up a rifle and go to fuckin' Congo! Go to Africa and try to find this guy.

Dick: Wow! (impressed)

Maddox: Yeah, they -- you're not doing any with your fucking bumper stickers!! Or hashtags! No one cares!

Dick: Yeah...uh, I'm trying to think of any time that that *could* be useful. Slacktivism. I totally agree with you!

Maddox: Yeah! Well, the one example I gave is gay rights, 'cause you -- that is a cultural shift, you have to make a cultural shift.

Dick: So you think everybody should be saying that they're pro-gay rights on Facebook, and that that does something? 'Cause I don't think it does, man.

Maddox: It COULD...

Dick: Like, if you're preachin' to your own friends, and then they just, like, hide you or unfriend you?

Maddox: Well, you know, there are those stubborn people. But it's kinda like the acceptance of interracial marriage in our society, in -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, how'd they do that?

Maddox: Well, one of the first -- it was a slow acceptance, and one of the first TV shows that was brave enough to feature an interracial marriage, or interracial love scene was the original Star Trek.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It showed, uh, I believe it was Sulu making out with Kirk?

Dick: No, it was Uhura.

Maddox: Oh, Uhura! That's what it was.

Dick: Yeah, but Kirk was under mind control when it happened. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Was he really??

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: What, you're bringin' -- you don't know this?!

Maddox: No, I didn't.

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah. No, Kirk got hit with a mind control ray, and he was like, evil Kirk, I think?

Maddox: Oho... (chuckling)

Dick: And they were like, so, *so* sexual.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, he -- they made out and they kissed, or whatever.

Maddox: Well, whatever. So that's an example of, I think, where it helps to make a cultural shift. Because you see icons who are famous and popular and LIKED, supporting this cause, and then that can create a cultural shift. You're like, "You know what? I'm okay with this."

Dick: Yeah, I think it's just...it's so much, though. Like, the gay -- okay, let's...I dig what you're sayin' with the Star Trek thing, and the interracial kiss. But it seems like with the gay marriage activism, it's just like...it's past that point where they're not getting more awareness going. It's like, okay, everyone on Facebook is... (searches for words) ...Am I wrong?

Maddox: You're wrong.

Dick: Is that wrong to think...?

Maddox: Yeah, you're absolutely wrong. So, you know -

Dick: (interjects) You think that MORE Facebook promotion is gonna...? 'Cause I don't think the people who hate it are that into Facebook! And if they are, I don't think they're friends with the people -- you know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick, I know what you're saying, and you're wrong, and I'll tell you why: because on my Maddox account, on my Facebook Maddox account, I'm friends with...well, "friends," and I'm using quotes here...but I'm friends with about 5,000 people -

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: - because that's the limit on Facebook, plus I have 20,000, you know, supposed followers or whatever. But I can see all of their status updates, and it's not just this liberal, uh...echo chamber that you get in liberal states, and it's not just a conservative echo chamber that you get in conservative states.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I see a large swath of America, and I can see that shift happening gradually over time -

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: - and I've SEEN the debate shift. So, that's one example. But I wanna get to back to slacktivists.

Dick: That's interesting!

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, Livestrong! Livestrong bracelets - remember Lance Armstrong?

Dick: Yeah, Lance Armstrong, man. (smiling)

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: One of history's greatest cheaters.

Maddox: Oh, I...

Dick: Let's say that. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, he's an admirable cheat. (scathingly)

Dick: He's great.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: He got a little greedy! He shouldn'ta come back for lucky seven!

Maddox: Yup! He did get greedy.

Dick: That was his undoing.

Maddox: Oh man, and he was such a prick to his competitors!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: He was SUCH an asshole. And yeah, he was unbelievable -- what, were you...what do you wanna say, Sean? [Sean declines] Oh...yeah.

Dick: Nononono, here's the lesson from Lance Armstrong: share the wealth. (Maddox chuckles) If he had included his teammates in on his cheating, he would never have gotten caught.

Maddox: Well, he DID, for a long time, and a few of 'em cracked under the pressure. They just felt guilty! Like, it takes a certain type of mentality to be that socially un-...uncaring.

Dick: Unbound by stupid moral... (Maddox cracks up) ...stupid moral quandaries.

Maddox: No -

Dick: It takes a WINNER. That's the mentality you're describing.

Maddox: No, it's almost sociopathic. A COMPLETE lack of empathy.

Dick: Almost! But not quite. That's the line you wanna ride in this world, buddy. (grinning)

Maddox: That's right, I don't wanna be an armchair psychologist. (Dick laughs) God forbid. So lemme get to another one; this one is actually -- this one *pisses* me off. It's the Product Red campaign. Now, have you seen...do you know what the Product Red campaign is?

Dick: Uh, is it like, AIDS?

Maddox: Yeah, it's...it's supposed to raise awareness -- again, there's that key word, "raise awareness" -- for AIDS.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But it's also, it's -- so, this was created by Bono, U2 frontman Bono, and -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah, I don't like that guy.

Maddox: Yeah, he's such a dick. And some guy named Shriver. So anyway, they created this campaign where they went to a whole bunch of different brands, and they said, "Look, create a certain type of your product that is red themed, and then a certain percentage of those sales will go towards helping fight AIDS in Africa."

Dick: Oh, boy. (derisively) Okay.

Maddox: That's the -- and then they had these large banners and billboards everywhere that said, "Inspi(red)," and then the word -

Dick: (interjects) Inspi-red. [articulating the word "red"] Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. "Inspi(red)," and the word "red" was in parentheses. Um -

Dick: (interjects) That's a cool design.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what? It's very 'ti(red).' (Dick and Sean laugh loudly)

Dick: Hahahahaaaaahaha! Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm so sick of seeing it. So, this is from Adage.com; they talked about the....the effectiveness of this campaign. This came out in 2007. It said, "It's been a year since the first Red T-shirts hit Gap shelves in London, and a parade of celebrity-splashed events has followed: Steven Spielberg smiling down from billboards in San Francisco; Christy Turlington striking a yoga pose in a New Yorker ad; Bono cruising Chicago's Michigan Avenue with Oprah Winfrey, eagerly snapping up Red products. [...] So you'd expect the money raised to be, well, big, right?"

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Maddox: [continues quoting article] "Maybe $50 million, or even $100 million."

Dick: 200! That's what I think.

Maddox: Nope! 18 million.

Dick: For all those celebrities to team up...and what, buy Red shirts and all this Red crap? They raised 18 million dollars?

Maddox: 18 million. It's says -

Dick: (interjects) That's it??

Maddox: That's it! Not 50, not a 100 million. So for all this fuss and all these stupid billboards -- "Inspi(red)," tired, whatever -- 18 million dollars. And it says, "…the collective marketing outlay by Gap, Apple and Motorola for the Red campaign has been enormous, with some estimates as high as $100 million." So, do the math here: they spent 100 million dollars in advertising and creating all these products and billboards, and all this BULLSHIT, and they only raised 18 million.

Dick: Well, how much did they keep for themselves?

Sean: Right. (from the background)

Maddox: That's -- so that's one of the problems here, is that there's no transparency! Nobody knows exactly how much is going towards donation efforts.

Dick: Yeah... (unsure)

Maddox: So it says...it says here -- there's a criticism from this San Francisco art group -- it says, "'Shopping is not a solution. Buy less, give more,' is the message at buylesscrap.org, which encourages people to give directly to the Global Fund." Now, had they just taken this 100 million dollars and donated it directly towards anti-AIDS...

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: ...uh, campaigns and promotions and organizations, they woulda had...

Dick: Prevention.

Maddox: Yeah! Actual potential prevention.

Dick: Yep. Mhm!

Maddox: And also, another criticism of this is that the money they're raising is going to pharmaceutical companies who are going to create a...they're going to create a cure for AIDS that isn't going to be free.

Dick: Okay, hold up. I gotta stop you before you get into the conspiracy shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because my only point is, people don't give a fuck about this stuff. You know what I'm saying? They like -- they're purchasing the ability to look like they care.

Maddox: Yeah! That's what it is, it's a very showy way of saying, "Hey guys, I CARE."

Dick: Well, you know what? What is...what is it against them? I'm really - I'm genuinely asking this. If somebody wants to look like they care, and whoever, Gap or Bono, sells them the ability to feel like they're contributing, but they're NOT really...do you think they really care? Like, do you think the average person thinks they're getting duped? 'Cause I kinda don't -- I think in the back of their mind, they just don't...they like to *feel* it, and they don't really care.

Maddox: Mmm. Maybe.

Dick: Is that too cynical, or do you think there's any truth to that?

Maddox: Well, I'm kind of on board with that. Look, I myself am responsible for a campaign similar to this. Back when Hurricane Katrina struck the United States, the...uh, what was it, New Orleans -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: - I decided to create a campaign on my website where I donated...I don't remember what percentage, but I said…for the month of, I believe, October, back in 2003 or 2004, I donated some percentage of my proceeds towards Hurricane Katrina.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: And I raised something around 3600 dollars, or somethin' like that. You know, I'm not a...I'm not a big player, I'm not making millions of dollars. However, it was a considerable amount, for me! So I donated that, and I remember... (cracks up) ...uh, when you donate it to the Red Cross, they ask you what you want your title to be. And I found this old, um...certificate that they sent me a long time ago and it said, "To The Honorable Maddox." (Dick chuckles) I remember, I chose "The Honorable," and then I went on this big campaign where I wanted people to kiss my ring -

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: - and I was gonna wear a crown and a cape. That's where, actually, my crown and cape getup came from.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's because I did this honorable thing, and I wanted people to praise me for bein' such a...philanthropist.

Dick: It's great marketing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did your sales increase as a result of this, uh, charity? (wryly) Ploy?

Maddox: They did! They did, and some people criticized me. MOST people -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I bet!!

Maddox: Most people -

Dick: (interjects) ME, right now. (Maddox laughs) Are criticizing you.

Maddox: Most people were on board. However, some people criticized me, because they said, "Look, if your intentions were pure, if you didn't try to do this just for publicity to make more sales, you could've just donated that money." However, there are certain people who absolutely wouldn't donate to the Red Cross -- they don't care about Hurricane Katrina -- however, they do like me and they do want my products. So for those people, I am taking some of the money that they're giving ME -

Dick: (interjects) Ohh, you're tricking them out of their money, to *donate* it. (mocking) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I'm tricking them into doing something good.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning) And you don't think Bono's doin' that? And Oprah, drivin' down the street?

Maddox: Well, not if they're spending 100 million dollars -

Dick: (interjects) I dunno, it sounds like you're doin' exactly what they're doin'! (teasing)

Maddox: No! Except -

Dick: To me, I'm just sayin'!

Maddox: No, but I'm not creating this showy -- I didn't create a specific shirt that said, "I donated to Katrina." 'Here you go, dickhead!' (mockingly) That's exactly what -

Dick: (interjects) Ehhhh, what's the difference? (still teasing)

Maddox: No, the DIFFERENCE is that he's making some showy statement about it. He's saying, "Okay, now you're buyin' this product, and you're -- it's RED, and everybody can see it, and it's very showy."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And by the way, some of the companies that jumped on board with this were so stupid! Like Microsoft? With Microsoft -

Dick: (interjects) Yeahhh!

Maddox: No, but here's how they, they...

Dick: I'll take a red Zune! (Maddox cracks up) Is that what they did?

Maddox: No, it wasn't like that! They just created a version of Windows Vista that came with like, some red backgrounds.

Dick: Oh. (disappointed)

Maddox: Some red desktop pictures! Are you kidding me??

Dick: So, what I'm seeing is...um, Maddox raised how much for charity?

Maddox: Around 3600....4000, yeah.

Dick: 3600? Okay. And Bono raised 18 million.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It looks to me like Bono's a better person than you when it comes to charity. (Maddox spits out laughing)

Maddox: Fuck you. (playfully)

Dick: I'm just looking at the numbers! That's what I see.

Maddox: Fuck you, and fuck Bono.

Dick: And Bono...Bono was putting on a big show about it, and you are humbly walking around in a cape and a crown. (dryly) (Maddox bursts out laughing) Is that...do I have the story right?

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick yelling, "That's ridiculous!"**) (Dick guffaws) No, you don't have the story -- you know, the difference is, though, DICK...

Dick: What's the difference? (smiling)

Maddox: ...is that I'm *honest.* Okay? (Dick laughs) I'm coming out there like a big fucking deal: "Kiss my hand, because I'm such a great philanthropist." Whereas Bono is trying to do it under this...veneer of actual philanthropy, whereas it's just this big fucking publicity -- these companies don't give a shit about people in, uh...suffering from AIDS in Africa!

Dick: They might!!

Maddox: Maybe! If they -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, they kinda might.

Maddox: Fine! Then they can just donate that money they're spending on ADVERTISING.

Dick: Yeah, but you can't do it like that. Like, you gotta -- if you're running a company, you gotta work it into some kind of sales thing. You gotta pitch it to the -- like, you have a responsibility to your shareholders to make the cash. Right?

Maddox: That's exactly what this is! So that's what they're saying.

Dick: But they could...they're also doin' some good, is what I'm saying too. I'm genuinely saying this!

Maddox: I don't think they did, and I think that people who buy those Red campaigns are just trying to show off. They're being -

Dick: (interjects) THAT'S what I think your real problem is!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The people who are showing off.

Maddox: It's part of the real problem, sure!

Dick: Yeah, but I'm with you on that one.

Maddox: Yeah. So, it's a very slacktivist thing, where you can go to the store and buy -- you know what, people these days are no longer just buying products; they're buying narratives.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're buying stories. So if you go to the store and you buy a package of eggs, they look on that carton and they see: "Oh, this is a...a free-range chicken! That lived on a farm!" (Dick laughs softly) "Oh, tell me about this farm it was raised on! Oh, it was fed Omega-3 and pure vegetarian feed?" Like, that's -

Dick: (interjects) Free-range? All day? (playing along with story)

Maddox: Free-range! Yeah, free-range, runnin' around...

Dick: It had a little TV? They had a chicken puppet theater out there every day?

Maddox: Oh, sure! It got little massages...you know, THOSE chickens didn't have knots in their shoulders! (Dick smirks and laughs) They got massages - they didn't have to do that runaround with the masseuse, either!

Dick: I'm gonna eat the shit outta that chicken. (playfully)

Maddox: Yeah! So people go out and they're buying this story, so they FEEL good about products, without lifting a fucking finger! You're just buying eggs, dickhead, you're not saving the world!

Dick: Yeah, um...I'm just gonna throw this out there: you are a huge slacktivist.

Maddox: I'm not!

Dick: You started -

Maddox: (interjects) How dare you. (flatly)

Dick: - your site is based on posting rants on the Internet.

Maddox: So?

Dick: You're not doing anything about these things, you're just...ranting about them.

Maddox: That's not true, sometimes I do things about 'em.

Dick: Lllllllike what?

Maddox: Like, for example, when my car got broken into, I stayed up all night -- up until about 4 or 5 A.M. -- with a machete, watching for the guy to come back. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Okay, that's not at all what I'm talking about. (laughs with Maddox) Do you have any MORE examples, aside from your, uh...?

Maddox: Well, the things that I bitch about -- like, for example, Crappy Children's Artwork, okay?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's kind of a joke that I'm making fun of these kids, but in the thesis of my book, in the introduction, I laid out EXACTLY why it's important that we harshly criticize our kids! (Dick laughs) Because they're growing up to be lazy -

Dick: (interjects) And when you say "OUR kids," you mean other people criticize their kids, 'cause you don't HAVE any. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yes! Yes. And by the way, Dick, last time -- uh, so, a couple episodes ago, we talked about shaming kids.

Dick: Don't shame your kids, don't humiliate them.

Maddox: Yeah -- no, that's bullshit! There's a guy...I forget, I think his name's Frederick something. His daughter posted this bitchy little comment on Facebook about how she was tired of doin' her chores, and her dad's mean because he doesn't pay her, and she has to clean off the counter when she gets home and make her bed every day. WAHH! (whiney voice) (Dick scoffs) So -

Dick: (interjects) Make your bed -- man, I don't make MY bed. She's right! I don't have to clean off my counters and make my bed.

Maddox: Okay, well...

Dick: Fuck that!

Maddox: ...Princess Masterson! (Dick giggles) You're fine, I guess, your parents are raising you differently, but -

Dick: So low. (grinning)

Maddox: - HER parents had these rules. And she said that her dad was bullshit, her mom was bullshit, and she said...

Dick: Whoa! Language!

Maddox: ...yeah, and she said somethin' about the cleaning lady; she said, "You know what, I shouldn't have to do this! That's why we have a cleaning lady." What a spoiled snot!

Dick: Hoo, spoiled! That's spoiled.

Maddox: Yeah, and the dad had just prior, just the day before, spent six hours upgrading her laptop, installed 130 dollars worth of software on it, fixing it up for her so this little snotnosed brat can go to school and get an education, do whatever she wants -

Dick: (interjects) Hold up, hold up. So already I'm seeing a big parenting mistake. Already I'm seeing a guy...a guy who's investing all this time in this computer, probably because he has this, like, stupid techno-fetish -

Maddox: No.

Dick: - where he likes upgrading computer systems and installing all this garbage.

Maddox: No, you're wrong.

Dick: Yeah, this is -- that's what -

Maddox: (interjects) He's an IT manager, that's why he did it.

Dick: Yeah, as an IT manager, he should know that this little girl doesn't need this kind of computing power. Like, it SEEMS TO ME like he's...this is a compulsion that he has, that he's putting on her, 'cause a kid doesn't need that kind of crap at school! (Maddox sighs irritatedly) And that he's not -- do you at least follow what I'm saying?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: My -- yeah!

Maddox: I mean, you're wrong already, but go on.

Dick: And that she's ALREADY a spoiled brat, taking a gift from him with this computer that means nothing to her, and he's not recognizing that.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: Okay. (laughing) (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Okay, Dick, now here's the actual truth: he was probably just installing anti-virus software, so his dumbass daughter doesn't install some...some bullshit virus, and he's just trying to protect himself. So, anyway.

Dick: You know what? Get a Mac. (Maddox scoffs and splutters)

Maddox: D'oh!! I'm gonna throw my fuckin' laptop at you, how about that? Huh? (Dick laughs) You're gonna have a PC right in your forehead. So anyway -

Dick: (interjects) So then what? What did he do?

Maddox: So he created this video -- this is all on a video on Facebook.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He went and he grounded her for 3 months...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...took away her laptop, he said, "Oh, you think I should PAY you on top of the laptop I've already given you, and your iPod, and all this other shit? And you're not even paying rent?!"

Dick: This is a very childish response.

Maddox: Nope!

Dick: Keep going.

Maddox: Nope! It's got 38 million views, and tens of thousands of people have approved, and parents constantly saying --

Dick: (interjects) THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S RIGHT!

Maddox: It doesn't mean it's WRONG! So anyway, he posted this video on her personal account, showing her friends how 'cool' she is for mouthing off at her parents -

Dick: This is *horrific* to me.

Maddox: - and, AND -- I know, Dick, because you're fucked!

Dick: Oh my GOD.

Maddox: And he took her laptop and shot it.

Dick: Oh...

Maddox: He shot her laptop to pieces.

Dick: And put that video on the Internet too, I'm guessing?

Maddox: Yeah! It was all on...yeah, it's all the same video!

Dick: What an asshole.

Maddox: Good for this dad! NO -

Dick: No, fuck that guy!

Maddox: - spoiled kids are -- oh, how would you fix your mouthing off daughter? Which, by the way, you wouldn't think is a problem, 'cause you wouldn't even make her make her BED.

Dick: Kids...mouth off. Okay?

Maddox: Oh, okay. (chuckling derisively) Okay, Momma Masterson!

Dick: Nononono, you're telling me that if you had a kid who went on their Facebook account and bitched you out...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...for doing -- I don't know what you'd be doing to this kid. You'd probably be installing, like, an anti-drone system outside their bedroom (Maddox laughs) so the feds don't spy on them.

Maddox: Yeah, you're welcome.

Dick: Yeah. And they went online and bitched at you...you would take something that you BOUGHT them, by the way, film yourself out in the backyard shooting it, upload it onto THEIR Facebook profile, and then you'd wipe your hands of it and say, like, "Yeah, I think that probably solved the issue."

Maddox: Uh-uh, you forgot grounding them. (**'ding!' sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: Grounding -- is that what you would do??

Maddox: That's absolutely what I would do.

Dick: I don't think you would do that!

Maddox: Why not?!

Dick: I really don't think you would do that.

Maddox: Of course! If some -- if my dickhead little kid, spoiled little brat, expects money on top of everything I've already bought for her?

Dick: You made this person! That's the difference! You made this kid into what they're doing. They're acting out 'cause of the way YOU raised THEM. You gotta look at yourself first. This jackass, before he goes outside and goes to town like Yosemite Sam on his OWN property -- number one, stupid (Sean laughs) -- he's gotta look at what he did to cause this! And the solution...I guarantee you, if somebody punished this guy the way he's punishing his daughter? It would not fix the problem. Like, whatever's wrong in his brain that's making him parent like this is the EXACT same thing that's wrong with her.

Maddox: No! He grew up, and he had a hard life! He talked about it, he said he went to college and high school at the same time. He worked...

Dick: What?!

Maddox: ...he moved out of his parents' apartment. Yeah! He had a hard fuckin' life!

Dick: He went to college and high school at the same time? What the hell does that mean?

Maddox: Yeah, because he's BRILLIANT. Because he's a genius, and that's what he does: he geniously raises his kids.

Dick: And he tells everybody about it on the Internet. (cynical)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: He's always talkin' about how smart he is and how right he is -

Maddox: Sounds like me!

Dick: - he sounds like a fuckin' nightmare. Yeah.

Maddox: Sounds like an awesome dude! Yeahhh. (gloating)

Dick: You know what? I take back what I said; if you did have a kid, you probably would do this.

Maddox: No way -- yeah, absolutely I would. (**applause sound effect**)

Dick: You can't... (flustered)

Maddox: I'm a hero.

Dick: You can't do it -- ehhhh. (dismissively) (Maddox laughs) That's another episode.

Maddox: Alright. What's your next problem?

Dick: Nononono, I didn't get through -- we didn't get through with you!

Maddox: Oh! Well, yeah, I just -

Dick: (interjects) That you're a huge slacktivist.

Maddox: I'm NOT a slacktivist, at all!

Dick: You got a problem with something, you go online and talk about it. What are you doin'??

Maddox: So, I Am Better Than Your Kids, I made the case that if you...if you coddle your children, they will never get better! You need to criticize them, and you need to be honest with them. And if it discourages them from creating art, guess what? They're not artists! Fuck off! And that's the same that goes for anyone who does any content, on ANYWHERE - YouTube... There's this big article that came out on The Daily Dot, where they were complaining about how hostile YouTube is to women. It's not just women, fuckheads! Read the comments on my account!

Dick: Yeah, they're horrible!! (cracking up)

Maddox: Read the -- I've been doin' this since 1997! I've been called EVERYTHING! I've been called every slur.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: I've been called the N-word! I've been called, uh...all sorts of ethnic slurs! I've been called gay, and straight, and virgin, and LOSER. (Dick laughs) And I've been told to kill myself!

Dick: (interjects) "Straight"?? Why'd you throw that in?

Maddox: Uh, 'cause some people thought I was gay, and they were like, "Oh, here's an insult!" (Dick laughs hysterically) I have been called *everything.* I've been -

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: - people make fun of me for bein' bald, for havin' a big nose, for bein' too dark-skinned, for bein' too light-skinned, for being too SKINNY, for being too FAT! I've heard it fuckin' all, and guess what? I persevere, because that's what I do. I create. And if you can't handle the heat from your parents who LOVE you, then you sure as shit won't be able to handle it from strangers who don't!

Dick: Oh, man, please don't raise your kid like that. (grinning) Please don't scream at them about how you've been called every name in the book, and that they shouldn't worry about it! (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Dick, I'm telling you -

Dick: (interjects) "Daddy Maddox, I got called an N-word at school!" "OH YEAH? Well, I've been on the Internet since 1998! I've been called everything in the book!!" (crazed voice)

Maddox: No, Dick, what I do is I criticize cultural trends. I'm not asking -- I'm not doin' a call to action, and I DON'T expect change to occur from a lot of what I complain about. Just because I say something is wrong, doesn't mean that my action is trying to solve it.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: That's actually what the root of this show is! We're just talkin' about problems, we're not solving 'em.

Dick: Oh yeah, I don't wanna SOLVE any of these. Jesus Christ.

Maddox: No! God, no. (mocking)

Dick: I mean, I... (cracks up) I can't even get a good massage!! (Maddox laughs) So, what am I, I'm solving...what was it, slacktivism?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, um...you think it's been goin' on forever? Probably. Slacktivism?

Maddox: For a long time. You know, it's gotten worse! I... (stammers) Say what you...I hate -

Dick: (interjects) Like, is...?

Maddox: Yeah. [indicating for Dick to talk]

Dick: Sorry. Is, um...in medieval times, would they go around selling potions to people to, like, fix the weather? It's pretty much the same thing, right? Like doing weird rituals and prayers and dances to...

Maddox: No...

Dick: ...fix something that's totally out of your control?

Maddox: No, slacktivism -

Dick: And make you feel good about yourself?

Maddox: Slacktivism is something that's kind of new, because it's...it's also called "clicktivism," because you click and expect social change. Like all these dickheads who thought they were gonna secede from the Union when Obama was reelected? (scoffing) Fuck off! You think signing a petition's gonna do anything, ya moron?? Also, if you actually believed in any of that horseshit, you'd move out of the country. But where would you go? Because you're xenophobes! You hate everyone else. Where would you go?

Dick: Oh, my GOSH! Oh my goodness.

Maddox: Yeah! You know, that's the conservative response to a president they don't like. The liberal one is, "We're gonna move to Canada." Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The liberals - "Oh, Bush got reelected, we're gonna move to Canada." (pouty voice)

Dick: What's the conservative one?

Maddox: The conservative one's like, "No, we're not gonna move! We're gonna make America move around us! We're gonna secede!"

Dick: Cool. (flatly) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah -- it's stupid! They're both idiots. (Dick laughs) They're both fucking MORONS.

Dick: Yeah. Um...

Maddox: Alright. What's your next problem? That's all I got, yeah, for my slacktivist...

Dick: Okay. Um, my next problem is Neil deGrasse Tyson.

Maddox: Yes! Finally! (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: "Yes"? You're on board with that?!

Maddox: I'm absolutely on board! I wrote this -- okay, well, what do you wanna say about it?

Dick: Nononono, because I know he's, like...I know he's the Internet, or hipster, pretend-geek Jesus?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But uh, I just kinda think he's a smug, condescending prick.

Maddox: Well...so, I don't know -

Dick: (interjects) I'm goin' with that.

Maddox: M'kay. I don't know how much of it I can fault to him. I don't fault him so much as his...his adherence.

Dick: Ahhhh. (satisfied) I'm glad you said that, because I brought in a great thing, here. So, I tried to find out what exactly about him rubs me the wrong way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I went on his, uh, Tweeter... (Maddox smirks)

Maddox: "Twitter."

Dick: ...and almost every single tweet annoyed me. So I brought them all in.

Maddox: Alright. (chuckling)

Dick: If you would like to go over some of them.

Maddox: All 20,000 or so?

Dick: Nonononono, just the ones that I found most annoying.

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it!

Dick: Okay, or do you wanna go into your...what you don't like about him, first?

Maddox: Well, actually -- so, I wrote this article about the Facebook group "I Fucking Love Science," and I said that "You're not a geek, and you don't 'fucking love' science, and nerds aren't sexy."

Dick: Save that one. Yeah, you're -- I'm absolutely on board with that, but save that one.

Maddox: Go.

Dick: Okay. Neil deGrasse Tyson quotes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, "What does it say about our society that we know the names of serial killers but we've never heard of Jan Oort?" (parodying a contemplative tone) Who is it?

Maddox: Um...she discovered the Oort cloud. I do actually, I have actually heard. I'm -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, so you have! So he's assuming.

Maddox: Is it O-O-R-T?

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah, you're right! It's the Oort cloud.

Maddox: Yeah! The Oort cloud, yeah.

Dick: Okay. Lemme tell you what it says about our society, Neil deGrasse Tyson, you obnoxious fuck. (Maddox smirks) It says that we're more interested in learning about what makes *humans* tick, and human relationships, and the human psyche work, than we are about stupid gas clusters (Maddox chuckles) in the middle of space that have nothing to do with anything. You condescending prick.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: THAT'S what it says that we know more about serial killers, 'cause they're interesting and fascinating, and we all wanna know where that monster is in all of us.

Maddox: Well, serial killers also can actually kill us, whereas the Oort cloud will not. Uh, and it's not a cloud of gas, it's a cloud of like, rocky debris that's at the edge of our solar system. But -

Dick: (interjects) NERD. (smiling) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: But yeah, actually, I do know who he's talkin' about. So there's that!

Dick: Oh, yeah! Okay.

Maddox: So yeah, that's pretty condescending.

Dick: Yeah! Okay! Um, next one: "Just" -- here's Neil deGrasse Tyson -- "Just an FYI: Thursday the 12th is just as rare as Friday the 13th." (patronizing tone)

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: I mean, is this...? Okay, so Cosmos is about, like, phenomena in the universe?

Maddox: I haven't seen it, but yeah, I've heard rave reviews about it.

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah, that's what it's about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, so we may not know where the biggest black hole in the universe is...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...but the biggest buzzkill in the universe is right here. (Maddox laughs) "Friday the 13th...uh, Thursday the 12th is just as rare." (stupid voice) Like, thanks, jackass!

Maddox: Well, that's true! (amused)

Dick: It's just a fun thing we kinda have, to do, to bond with each other, you robotic prick! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You know, but he's kinda coming down on numerology, I think, with that one. He's saying, "Don't put so much faith in numbers."

Dick: He's...he's showing off.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: He's just showing off his smarts -- like, that he's above everyone thinking that Friday the 13th is fun and cool.

Maddox: Alright, yeah...

Dick: And it is fun and cool. We have a good time.

Maddox: You kinda...yeah, you know, I was on board with this, but you're kinda sellin' me on him, if he sounds like a big braggadocious showoff that sounds like me! (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Okay! Here's one, here's another one. Um, "If aliens did visit us, I'd be embarrassed to tell them that we still dig fossil fuels from the ground as a source of energy." (smug voice)

Maddox: Ah! Okay, buhbuhbup, he stole that from me, actually. I... (cracks up) Not quite, but I wrote this article a long time ago saying that if aliens came to visit us, they would probably leave. And it's not just me, actually; I think the Calvin and Hobbes creator said that, uh, there's -

Dick: (interjects) People have been saying it since...FOREVER, man. I'm sure.

Maddox: Yeah, so lots of people have been sayin' that. And it's not just that fossil fuels -- here's the thing, Neil deGrasse Tyson: you know, we're doin' what we can. Sure, we could probably move off of fossil fuels quicker, but who knows? Like, we don't have anything to compare to. How's that for scientific? We have one sample of human beings, and that's US.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: We don't have any other sample of human beings to compare us to, for a gauge of where we should be at! So how do you know we're not already advanced for our age?

Dick: You know what? If you're so fuckin' worried about it, why don't you get off The Daily Show (Maddox chuckles) and your stupid documentaries and go invent it, Space Jesus? Show us the way, Neil deGrasse Tyson, so we don't have to dig gas out of the ground. (cynical)

Maddox: Mm, well...

Dick: Invent it! Go invent it for us, you effing jerk. (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) You know? Like, wha-- 'cause he's a scientist, he can say this?? Like, that's something that a 13 year-old GIRL would say!

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Or boy!

Maddox: Oh, OH.

Dick: Whoever! Whoever, whoever.

Maddox: Yeah, don't wanna be sexist, sure. (amused)

Dick: Um, let's see here...okay. "The more..." Nononono, this is a better one: "In my NCAA wrestling" -- Neil deGrasse Tyson -- "In my NCAA wrestling days, I dreamt of a hold I called the Double Tidal Lock, inspired by Earth-Moon physics."

Maddox: What? (quietly)

Dick: That is an excuse to talk about how you were a wrestler in college.

Maddox: Yeah, that's a little...

Dick: That's all that is. Shameless! It's shameless.

Maddox: You know what, though? He's probably trying to get that, uh, physicist tail right now. Like, he's trying to get a little bit -- he's trying to get laid, here. That's what's goin' on, right? He's trying to get some of that physicist tail, that science tail.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah, that's what's goin' on here. (suggestively)

Dick: Uh, I got a great one for ya. Um, "Curious that we spend more time congratulating people who have succeeded than encouraging people who have not." (smug voice)

Maddox: Ohh, stupid! Shut up! (yelling) Shut up! We need to STOP encouraging people! Alright? That's the problem! That's what I was gettin' at as the root cause of these slackers growing up in I Am Better Than Your Kids. You stop rewarding people who don't deserve rewards! Stop giving TROPHIES to kids for trying! Alright?

Dick: You don't think we should...like Neil deGrasse Tyson thinks? You don't think we should encourage people who haven't tried?

Maddox: Who *haven't* tried?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sure, but if they try and fail, don't pat 'em on the back! Say "try again," but don't...you know. And again, people who win, they put a lot of effort into it! What's the reward -

Dick: (interjects) No SHIT.

Maddox: Yeah! What's the reward at the end of the tunnel if you win and nobody comes and congratulates you? Why would you even wanna win, dickhead?!

Dick: Neil deGrasse Tyson: "Just an FYI: There are two kinds of people in this world: those who divide everybody into two kinds of people, and those who don't." (patronizing tone) (Maddox sighs wearily) So you just did it. I mean...

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, I mean, is that a joke?

Dick: So, so condescending!! (growling) SO condescending!

Maddox: Is he being...is he being ironic there? Like, what's he doing?

Dick: I think that he doesn't understand how people, like, get along! I think he has no conception of, uh...human interactions.

Maddox: Well, to be fair, he may be lacking in that area because he has focused on science for so much of his life.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, you know, I can't fault him completely on that. There are lots of people like that.

Dick: Okay, this is...I think this is the last one I'm gonna do. Uh, "One of the biggest problems with the world today is that we have large groups of people who will accept whatever they hear on the grapevine just because it suits their worldview."

Maddox: (inhales thoughtfully) Um...yeah, well...

Dick: I mean, this is a scientist -

Maddox: ...I kinda agree. I agree with that, though.

Dick: - this is what we're looking up to? This is what this guy....ehh. (trails off dismissively)

Maddox: Yeah. He's using his science fame as a platform. He's using it as some type of celebrity, so people look up to him and look to him for opinions, and he's using his platform to push other social agendas and that sort of thing. Which are tangentially related to science, but not really.

Dick: Yeah. You -

Maddox: (interjects) I'll tell you what, I've learned next to nothing scientific from Neil deGrasse Tyson, except he did de-list Pluto as a planet. He's responsible for doing that, when he was -

Dick: (interjects) FUCK that! Pluto is a planet! (Maddox laughs) We grew up with Pluto, it's been with us for the long haul...

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly)

Dick: ...it's a PLANET.

Maddox: Wrong. It's not.

Dick: It's just...it's more fun to have nine planets.

Maddox: Sure! It's more fun to have fifty! (cracks up)

Dick: Ooo, yeah!

Maddox: Think of the uh, homonym...what, er, the um...what's the word for -

Dick: (interjects) Names! (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: No, think...you know, that...what's the word where every letter stands for something? Homonyms? No, that's not it.

Dick: No, homonym is something that's -

Sean: (interjects) Acronym.

Maddox: No, it's...

Dick: Nononononono.

Maddox: It's something else.

Dick: Oh yeah, I guess it is!

Sean: But acronyms have to be pronounced as words.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah...anyway, whatever. Homophone? No.

Dick: Homophone's something that sounds exactly the same...sounds the same.

Maddox: Let's forget we ever said this. (muttering) Um, so yeah, of course it'd be more fun with fifty planets, but who cares? Like, that's not important. Pluto isn't a planet, and I'm glad it's gone. Fuck Pluto.

Dick: [reading another Neil deGrasse Tyson tweet] "Just an FYI: If scientists invented the legal system, eyewitness testimony would be inadmissible evidence." (haughty tone)

Maddox: Okay, he's...he is definitely showing off there. He's saying some smug...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's like, borderline philosophical. Which, by the way, a lot of scientists disagree with! A lot of scientists dismiss philosophy; they don't think it has a place in science. Which it does!

Dick: I'm sorry, wait -- you're saying a lot of scientists dismiss philosophy? Yeah, yeah they do.

Maddox: A lot of scientists dismiss philosophy, because they don't think it has a place in science, which it *absolutely* does! Just start with the philosophy of ethics, and then about experimentation with chimeras, and things like that. Of course! You would have to ask these ethical questions. So they're very derisive of philosophy, yet here....you know, Neil deGrasse Tyson might be in favor of it, though. He's actually said some, a couple smart things, just to be devil's advocate here.

Dick: What? (skeptical)

Maddox: So, he...a lot of people assume -- he's kind of like this atheist superhero, but a lot of people assume he champions their cause as an atheist. But he's not! He's come out openly, like people ask him if he's an atheist; he says he doesn't even understand why that word exists.

Dick: Ohh, GOD. (exasperated)

Maddox: Why does the word "atheism" exist?

Dick: Here's ANOTHER smug, condescending comment!! Go ahead! (Maddox laughs) So he's -- so somebody said something about atheism, and he said, "You know, atheism? I don't even know why that word exists." (pompously) Go ahead, what's the rest of the quote?

Maddox: Alright. Hold on, hold on, I'll tell you why!

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah.

Maddox: I'll tell you why, 'cause it actually makes a lot of sense. He says, "Why do they have to have a word for something...for a group of people who DON'T do something?"

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Right? There's no word for people who don't play tennis; there's no word for people who don't bowl; there's no word for people who don't own yachts; but there's a word for people who don't believe in any god, and it's "atheist," for some reason.

Dick: Yeah, but there's a word for people who don't appreciate art: "philistines." There's a word for people who don't live in luxury: "ascetics." There's a word -

Maddox: (interjects) That's -- well...

Dick: There's a word FOR it, because -

Maddox: (interjects) That's not specific.

Dick: What do you mean, "that's not specific"?

Maddox: "Ascetic" is not, is not...

Dick: "Ascetic."

Maddox: Yeah, it's not specific to people who don't live in luxury. It's also people who -

Dick: It's people who...

Maddox: - who live in denial. Denial of pleasures, any kind of pleasures.

Dick: That -- yeah. So, people who live in denial of God are called "atheists," you FUCKING jackass. (Maddox chuckles) Like, every argument he has for things is SO condescending and smug, I can't fuckin' take it. (seething)

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know. I think the -

Dick: (interjects) He's like the Pied Piper to me. Sorry, go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah, I think the reason he does that is...or, the reason he said that is because by default, when you're born, you're born not believing something and then at some point in your life, you choose to.

Dick: But what if that...that's not a scientific thing to...like, what if it's engrained in the human evolution? Love is! Love is absolutely part of the genetic code. What if believing in some kind of religious, like, superhero is part of it?

Maddox: Well, this is...you're gettin' really romantic here. (cracks up)

Dick: No! I'm just saying, it's not scientific to say that! It's not crazy, what I just said.

Maddox: There's no...well, there's no evidence that people are born believing in some kind of deity. There has to be...

Dick: There IS evidence, because all cultures across the globe evolved and grew up creating their own deities that are very similar!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's PLENTY of evidence to me.

Maddox: Right, but if you have a baby born in a room someplace, and you don't expose him or her to any kind of religion, the baby's not going to just -

Dick: (interjects) They will make up a religion.

Maddox: Maybe! Maybe not!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Maybe, you know? But, okay -

Dick: (interjects) Well, that's my response.

Maddox: Okay. Well, that's a fine response, and you're allowed to be wrong. (Dick smirks) So... (laughs)

Dick: What's your problem? You have one more, right?

Maddox: My article -- I do, but I just wanna say this: in my article a long time ago I wrote, about "I Fucking Love Science," I actually bitched about Neil deGrasse Tyson too. Because they worship him like some kind of...I dunno, Internet Jesus. Like, that's what he's become.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: He's like this Internet Jesus, and it's gotten to the point where, uh...he doesn't even have to do or say anything, people just love him by default! They don't even know what he's done! And I was talkin' to someone a while back who said, "Well, wouldn't you be excited to meet him?" I HAVE met him. It's not a big deal! It's not this life-changing thing. He's not this -- what has he discovered? What has he done? What has this guy...like, great, he's just a -

Dick: (interjects) He's been on TV. (cynical)

Maddox: He's a celebrity scientist, like Michio Kaku. And yeah, sure, he has some interesting papers, and he's, uh...you know, done some interesting things, but he's not on the level of Einstein or Richard Feynman, or any of these great physicists or scientists from the past.

Dick: He makes people *feel* smart. By teaching them about 5th grade science.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, he's the Internet Jesus. (**old-timey sound clip of man shouting, "Jesus had a big resurrection!"**) (laughs)

Dick: Alright, what's your last problem?

Maddox: So, my last problem is.....fries. (cracks up)

Dick: Say that again, please? (chuckling)

Maddox: Fries. French fries.

Dick: French fries. (amused) Fries. Okay.

Maddox: French fries. Fried potatoes.

Dick: Alright... (sighing)

Maddox: Alright, can we talk about what a waste -

Dick: ...here's your fuckin' French fries. (under his breath) (laughs with Maddox)

Maddox: Can we talk about what a waste of time French fries are? Like, do we...does anyone ever need to eat another fry, ever again? Huh? Aren't you guys sick of fries already? French fries, French fries, French fries. "What are you gettin'?" "Hamburger and fries." "What are you gettin'?" "Steak and fries. Steak-FRITES." Same fuckin' bullshit, French pronunciation. "What are you gettin'?" Oh, and then they tried to -

Dick: (interjects) They're delicious.

Maddox: They tried to say -- no, they're BORING! It's oil and potatoes! Oil...and POTATOES.

Dick: And they taste great!

Maddox: No!

Dick: What are you, you're saying the same -- you're saying, like, I'm supposed to understand what you're saying, but a French fry tastes amazing.

Maddox: Like, all...there's...every single fry more or less tastes the same. It's just salt, oil, and potato. (wearily)

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That's it. Sometimes, you can add some crazy cajun seasoning to it! (sarcastic) But other than that, it's the same fuckin' bullshit, all the time. And you know, the average person in America eats around 29 pounds of French fries every year. 29 pounds of that bullshit!! And so it's been implicated in an increase in type 2 diabetes, all these French fries! And you know what the biggest bullshit is about French fries? People who put them on SANDWICHES. Okay?

Dick: Also delicious!

Maddox: It's STUPID. It's stupid!! (growling) It's stupid! There's a place in -

Dick: (interjects) Do you not -- are you saying that French fries are not delicious?

Maddox: Hold on, hold on!

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: No, they're a waste of time! I went to Primanti Brothers in Pittsburgh. There's this place called Primanti Brothers, and they're famous...well, their saying is actually "Almost Famous," which is funny, because it's true. Uh, but they're famous for making sandwiches with French fries. They said, "We'll put French fries on just about any sandwich!"

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: First of all, why "just about"? You can put French fries on any sandwich, period.

Dick: How about a knuckle sandwich? (grinning) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I'll put French fries on it! Yeah, and then you can punch me anywhere but my mouth, 'cause I don't wanna eat those bullshit fries. So, Primanti Brothers puts French fries on their sandwiches; big fucking deal! *I* can put French fries on my sandwiches. Alright? You don't need to save me the step -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, you can put EVERYTHING on a sandwich! What do you mean, you can put French fries on a sandwich?! (about to laugh)

Maddox: Yeah, but if I get a side of fries, I know, if I want to, I can take a scoop of 'em and put 'em right on my burger! I don't need some fucking cook to do that! I can do that if I want to. It's like adding ketchup to my sandwich; I can do that. I can do these things, these are condiments!

Dick: Yeah, but they know what the correct ratio is!

Maddox: NO THEY DON'T, that's bullshit!! There IS no correct ratio, it's all made up!

Dick: Sure, it's a correct ratio! It's like, I'm gonna end up with a sandwich that YOU made that's got like, a stack of fries that's 8 inches high. That's...too many fries!

Maddox: Well, don't be a fucking idiot! You're not gonna put an entire potato's worth of French fries on a sandwich. If you don't know to not do that -- or maybe you want it that way, who knows!

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: You know what? Experiment! Do it once. Go crazy, do it twice!

Dick: Okay. (smiling)

Maddox: Who cares about French fries?? They're SO BORING! Everyone loves French fries!

Dick: Are you saying, yes or no, French fries are delicious?

Maddox: One or two are fine. And after that -

Dick: (interjects) One or two fries, in a meal?!?

Maddox: (stammers) I've tasted it, I get it. I get it. (Dick laughs in astonishment) It's oil...

Dick: This is... (hysterically amused)

Maddox: You know what's a good test of food?

Dick: Are you serious?!

Maddox: Yeah! You know what's a -

Dick: (interjects) Really? One or two fries?? (incredulous)

Maddox: And they're never good the next day! NEVER. Cold French fries -

Dick: Well, they're not *supposed* to be!!

Maddox: - are the saddest thing. I wouldn't even bring cold French fries...like, I would rather go to a funeral than eat cold French fries. (Dick laughs hysterically)

Dick: Yeah, NOBODY wants to eat cold French fries! (stammers; lost for words)

Maddox: Yeah! I would rather mourn somebody's passing than eat cold French fries. It's so sad! It's the saddest food ever! It's SAD.

Dick: So what do you...you think they should be warmer longer? (grinning)

Maddox: Ah...I guess! (Dick laughs more) Uh, would that help? I don't know!

Dick: I don't know! They're perfect to me as they are! (dumbfounded)

Maddox: They're fine, you know, take 'em or leave 'em. If someone gave me French fries I'd eat some, and, you know, if it had an interesting sauce to dip it in - that's what tastes good, is the sauce! It's not the oil! The oil is BULLSHIT. And they have waffle fries, oh... (exasperated)

Dick: What do you mean, "the oil is bullshit"? You said that before.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What do you mean, the oil is bullshit?

Maddox: Because the oil doesn't add flavor -- oil *mutes* flavor. If you ever go to a Chinese restaurant, they have that little bottle of chili pepper on the table with oil. It's oil, chili -- chili oil.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? The oil is there because it helps mute the heat; it mutes flavor.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: That's what oil does! That's what butter does. So, I don't want oil, more oil in my food -

Dick: (interjects) What are you talking about, oil with fries, though? Are you talking about the oil that they use to cook the fries?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's bullshit?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: How else are they gonna cook 'em?

Maddox: Well, I don't know! Figure it out. Maybe they shouldn't -

Dick: (interjects) They're called "fries," you *fry* them in oil! Whatta you want -- what do you want them to fry them in?!

Maddox: I guess I don't want them...I -

Dick: (interjects) Otherwise, they're grilled potato shards! (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Maddox: Exactly! It's the same thing, it's all bullshit, man! It's like -- okay, you know what, maybe I just don't like potatoes that much.

Dick: Uh, yeah, I think...you're getting...you're getting very amped up, (Maddox laughs) and I'm trying to understand what the *fuck* you're talking about, with French fries being a prob-- French fries are delicious. Everyone knows that French fries are delicious. And -

Maddox: (interjects) Fine. For a couple. After that, you GET it. You've tasted every fry!

Dick: NO. People can eat French fries by the wheelbarrow.

Maddox: Oh, I know, I've seen 'em! They look like wheelbarrows!

Dick: How can you not?! Like, whatta you...what's going on in your mouth and in your mind, that lets you eat one or two French fries?

Maddox: Okay, listen to this. Because it's boring; I've tasted...it's like eating plain Lay's chips, they're BORING. It's just salt and oil! Salt and oil is NOT THAT INTERESTING! (through gritted teeth) It's not an interesting flavor!! It's just not! It's salt.

Dick: It's just...it's so good.

Maddox: Boring!

Dick: So you have this problem with potato chips, too.

Maddox: You know, I had -- yeah, I used to eat 'em more when I was a fatty, and then I kinda stopped because I stopped eating that kind of food. And I lost the taste for it!

Dick: Ohhhh!

Maddox: No, but it doesn't -

Dick: (interjects) Is this -- is that what it's about?

Maddox: No, but I've tried all the types! You know, I've tried baked potatoes, and I've tried baked potato chips, and I've tried baked fries, and they're all the same.

Dick: You don't like baked potatoes either??

Maddox: No! Baked potatoes are NOT food. I will not eat -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, they are. They definitely are.

Maddox: No, absolutely not. Absolutely not! (Dick chuckles)

Dick: I mean...well...

Maddox: In elementary school, in junior high, and high school -- any time I went to school and for lunch, they had a baked potato bar, I said, "Fuck that, I'm gonna starve today!"

Dick: Oh! Throwing...? (laughs in disbelief)

Maddox: Yeah! I didn't eat on those days!

Dick: This is the goofiest shit I have ever heard. You don't think that baked potatoes...are delicious?

Maddox: No! Baked potatoes are BULLSHIT, for bullshit people. (**booing sound effect**)

Dick: Okay, what were you gonna read?

Maddox: So, I have some stats for you. (cracks up) I got a stats for you. "Since 1970, use of processed potatoes has surpassed fresh use in the United States." This is from the USDA.gov website. So, "Spurred by the innovation of frozen-French-fry processing techniques in the 1950s and the increasing popularity of fast food chains, processed potatoes composed 64 percent of total U.S. potato use during the 2000s, compared to 35 percent in the 1960s." So, here's something that's kinda interesting: in 1960 the obesity rate increased from 10 percent, in 1960, to 35 percent today.

Dick: Mhm, okay. I mean, that makes sense.

Maddox: So, it's almost...it's almost directly correlated to the increase of French fries that we eat.

Dick: Yeah, but you know what? You know, this is one of those rare instances where I actually know a stat for... (cracking up)

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: Like a real-deal stat. So, um...'cause I used to think that too, that it was like, the abundance of really fatty foods and calories that was making people fat.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But this dude who was, uh, some kinda trainer...he was, he seemed like he knew what he was talkin' about. He said that back in the day, people had to walk around so much and do stuff, physically, do stuff -- like, even to get up and change to channel on the television?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That the average woman would eat 3500 calories a day, and be at a normal weight.

Maddox: That's cool.

Dick: But that's...what is that? What do they say women should eat, 2000? Like, 1500 to 2000? That's SO many more calories than we eat today, that it's got nothin' to do with the food or fries. It's just all about how people can sit there and click and...punch remotes, and everything.

Maddox: Well, I never thought I'd say this, Dick, but you actually make a good point. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, no, I hate doin' it, but I just happened to know that stat. This guy said it, and I don't know why I remembered it.

Maddox: You hate makin' sense. (teasing)

Dick: I think, 'cause it had to do with fat chicks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why I remembered it.

Maddox: And you know, I KNOW I'm gonna go down in flames on this problem, 'cause you dickheads love your French fries and your dogs, you fucking idiots! But I don't CARE. French fries are boring food, and if you love 'em, you're an idiot and you like bland food.

Dick: They're not bland; they're great. (matter-of-factly)

Maddox: They're bland, and YOU'RE not fat!

Dick: You can dip them in delicious sauces.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? I believe in fat people, and fat people know good food. (Dick snickers) Not obese, but like, fat people. You know?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I used to be a fat guy, and I have a friend who's a fat guy, and HE knows his food, and he doesn't like French fries. Or coleslaw! Coleslaw's also a bullshit food!

Dick: I gotta...I gotta text a fat guy right after this show to see if he hates French fries too. You know who I'm talkin' about? Because he eats weird -- I do notice that he eats weird stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That he doesn't like some -- like, he won't eat chips, 'cause he says it fills him up.

Maddox: Yeah, it's boring! What are YOU eating chips for? And so here...

Dick: They're good!

Maddox: ...so here's the thing: I'll eat fries. Don't get me wrong, if somebody gives me fries, I'm gonna eat them!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're on my plate! 'Cause I'm not a little bitch. (Dick smirks) BUT, I never *crave* them. I'm just so tired of fries. Every day for lunch in high school I had fries. Fries and a burger, fries and a burger. It's the only fuckin' side...why don't you deep fry something else for a change? Like, the Japanese have it right - at least they're puttin' tempura on shit. If you like fatty fried food, tempura that shit! Tempura's great!

Dick: Yeah, but they're not as fun to eat as French fries.

Maddox: What, are you kidding me?! You get peas, and cauliflower, and potatoes, and...

Dick: Naw, too confusing. French fries, you can make, like, fangs out of them, and you can take little bites, and...fuck with them.

Maddox: You said two things, and "fuck with them" is too ambiguous. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: I don't know! It's just like, they're fun to fiddle with! They're satisfying to eat.

Maddox: So are fried carrots, have you ever had a fried carrot?

Dick: Nahh, see, they're too chewy. A French fry just goes right down, man. It feels great.

Maddox: Oh, barf. And it gets all mealy in your mouth, like you got mash in your mouth?

Dick: No, it gets delicious in your mouth, like a potato. (Maddox chuckles) Like a delicious fried potato.

Maddox: Potatoes are boring, oil is boring, salt...is boring. (Dick laughs) These are all boring foods for boring people. (slow, dopey voice)

Dick: Welp! Uh, ya stumped me. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: Alright. Well, are we, uh...we're wrappin' this up.

Dick: Yup.

Maddox: So, again, what's your two problems?

Dick: My two problems, uh, the biggest problems in the universe are Know-It-All Masseuses...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...you think, is "masseuses" too fancy? Should I say "Know-It-All Massagers"?

Maddox: I don't think "massagers" is the right word.

Dick: I think "masseuses."

Maddox: I don't think that's the plural -- "masseuses" is fine.

Dick: Okay. I don't wanna come off, like, sounding like a fancy-pants, you know?

Maddox: You don't wanna sound like Neil deGrasse Tyson, your problem.

Dick: Yeah, and Neil deGrasse Tyson. Those are my problems.

Maddox: And my problems are Slacktivists and Fries. And don't forget to vote on http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com (**closing riff starts**) and we'll look at your problems next week as well.

Dick: And check it out on iTunes! Go, uh, go give us five stars.

Maddox: Yeah, download, subscribe - everything. Thanks guys.

Dick: See ya.

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 12</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy, buddy!

Maddox: So we have some exciting news: we're already at 225,000 downloads.

Dick: YES!

Maddox: At just over two months old. Which is phenomenal for a new podcast.

Dick: You're amazing. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: WE are amazing.

Dick: Yeah, we're amazing.

Maddox: We're incredible. (dryly)

Dick: Thank you for listening.

Maddox: Yeah. So...uh, last week's problems we brought in -

Dick: (interjects) Who won, who won, who won, who won?

Maddox: (chuckles) The most important question.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Number one came in...Slacktivists, or "Slackticists" as it's written down, 'cause (cracks up) my Internet was out and Dick was gracious enough to make me notes, and I've been doing nothing but giving him shit because of a typo on the note. (laughing)

Dick: Everything's gotta be perfect with you!

Maddox: Yeah. And then number two was Neil deGrasse Tyson!

Dick: Hey!!

Maddox: Which was very controversial! There was SO much backlash in the comments, and on Facebook, and on the website.

Dick: Yeah, you had to know there would be, though. I mean...right?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: He's like, everybody's hero.

Maddox: He's -- yeah! He's this...he's Internet Space Jesus. And then was Know-It-All Masseuses, and dead last, as I predicted, you fucking idiots love your French fries, so enjoy. Choke on them.

Dick: Your French fry problem was really weird, man. I got a lot of feedback on that one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think you got your point across with the French fries. 'Cause I respect you, I think you always have a reason for your problems, but I don't know if you were able to get your real issue with French fries out.

Maddox: Well, they seem like such an arbitrary side dish. In everything that you order at a restaurant...a hamburger, a steak, anything, comes with fries...it's just arbitrary. Why fries?

Dick: Nah, I still -- it's not getting across. I want you to think about it and come back.

Maddox: Well, the closest -

Dick: (interjects) French fries, take two. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: The closest I made a case for French fries was the diabetic connection, which you kind of pointed out - rightly so, I think - that exercise also plays into that. So whether or not it's exercise alone, or the increased consumption of French fries...

Dick: Mmm. (thoughtful)

Maddox: ...that results in higher instances of diabetes, I'm not sure. So there's that.

Dick: Well, if that swayed you, go ahead and vote it up. You can go vote at any time on the website.

Maddox: Great. And -- oh yeah, go ahead.

Dick: Yeah. Well, I have, uh, some exciting news. I don't know if you know about this.

Maddox: No...

Dick: Speaking of voting on the website, the number one problem of all time (Maddox chuckles) is, as of this week, Armchair Psychologists!

Maddox: Armchair Psychologists. (amused)

Dick: That means *I* am the big winner.

Maddox: (**applause sound effect**)

Dick: I am number one!

Maddox: Congratulations.

Dick: I am William Riker, and you are Wesley Crusher. (Maddox bursts out laughing) I am pee-pee, number one, and you are poo-poo, number two. (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: You thought about that...

Dick: Yeah, I had that. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, of course, yeah.

Dick: I thought of that. (laughs loudly)

Maddox: Yeah, that's not a joke that just comes up off-the-cuff. That's brilliant.

Dick: I didn't write it down, though! I kept it so it would -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, I believe you did, yeah!

Dick: Yeah, alright.

Maddox: With typos. Um... (cracks up) (Sean laughs in the background) So speaking of the number one problem, I got a comment from Paul Schaefle. He says, "What the fuck, Dick? Maddox is telling a story about a guy upgrading his daughter's computer and Dick goes into this psychoanalysis about 'It seems to me that this guy has a techno-compulsion that's not healthy and blah blah blah.' What the fuck is this armchair psychology hypocritical bullshit? Dick, you didn't even add anything to the discussion. It just seemed like you were trying to preemptively argue against whatever point Maddox was trying to make before you even heard the whole story."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, Armchair Psychologists, number one problem in the -- you know what, Dick? I think this actually proves your point, because the fact -

Dick: (interjects) It was annoying!

Maddox: Well... (cracks up) It IS annoying -

Dick: Right??

Maddox: - but also the fact that you became an armchair psychologist; it's a huge problem!

Dick: MAN, you just, you can't resist it! (Maddox laughs) Like, I felt like a prick after doing it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And this guy was right, I sounded like a prick, but it's just...it's too easy to do, that's why it's such a big problem.

Maddox: And by the way, can I just point this out, Dick?

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Here's -- so last week we had Know-It-All Masseuses, know-it-all scientists...

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: ...here's my problem this week: know-it-all co-hosts. (laughs)

Dick: What did I do THIS week?!

Maddox: You -- okay, that's not really my problem, but you don't have a kid and you always espouse child-rearing techniques! Like you're an expert.

Dick: Look, I think -- um, I'm just out here giving my opinion. Alright?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: If you have kids, and you agree with it, great. If you don't... (Maddox scoffs) I don't know.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: I don't know what to tell you. It just seems to me that if you're trying to raise a kid, going out in the backyard and shooting up their laptop is stupid.

Maddox: Awesome. And effective. Uh, so what comments do you have?

Dick: I got comments...from Kurt Radyko: "Maddox, you piece of PISS!" (Maddox laughs) "If you ever talk smack about French fries or coleslaw again, you are going to be mourning death at YOUR funeral!" (Maddox laughs more) He did the right "your," also. "Absolutely love the show guys, keep up the great work."

Maddox: Great.

Dick: So mixed messages on that one, I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah. A "piece" of piss. So, what are you, freezing the piss, you idiot? What are you, putting piss in ice cube trays? You know, that's gonna spill everywhere. You're gonna get it on your hands. So I'm not worried about -

Dick: (interjects) I don't think you should antagonize this guy, dude.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I'm not worried about his threats, 'cause this guy's gonna come over with piss all over his hands, like a fucking moron. (Sean laughs quietly in the background) Alright, idiot. Um, I got a comment from Megan Pennock.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: It says, "When Dick asked for an example of actions Maddox has actually carried out in support of his rants, the first one that came to mind was the time he mailed a box of tampons and a bottle of No More Tears shampoo to Bill O'Reilly" - from the Fox News show - "from the 'Bill O'Reilly is a big blubbering vagina' article in 2004. That was so ballsy."

Dick: "That was so ballsy"?

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: Ew…

Maddox: It was -

Dick: (interjects) You got a low criteria of "ballsy" - what was her name? Megan?

Maddox: Megan Pennock. Yeah.

Dick: Did you ever get a response from that?

Maddox: No! Uh, no. I assume that they just took it out in the parking lot and blew it up, assuming that there were explosives inside.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is par for the course.

Dick: Uh, let's see. I got one from Canon Manley...uh, that's probably a fake name. (Maddox snickers) "Goddammit Dick, how you botched a slam-dunk like Neil deGrasse Tyson is beyond me." Well, sorry, Canon, I'm trying my best. "Though those tweets were smug as shit, when facing a power-house like Maddox you need to present clear evidence

of hypocrisy and douche-baggery." Uh, then he links to a YouTube where Neil deGrasse Tyson's being smug.

Maddox: Oh, that's true, we could've brought in some clips of Neil deGrasse Tyson. You know, I actually don't have a problem with Neil deGrasse Tyson himself; it is his zealous fan base that I have a problem with, who can see no wrong and admire him way in excess of his accomplishments. Great, he's raising science awareness, but he's not a fuckin' messiah. Chill out.

Dick: Yeah, um, speaking of 'not a messiah,' Kal Peduzzi says, "Maddox knows all about Jan Oort and her discoveries, but apparently not his gender." 'Cause you were showing off last episode (Maddox laughs) when you were trying to say what Jan Oort was responsible for.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like gas clouds, or some dumb stuff?

Maddox: The Oort cloud, right.

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah, but you said it was a chick, and apparently Jan Oort is a guy.

Maddox: You know, I looked it up and it is a guy - he is a guy. It's pronounced, what, "Yan" Oort? Because he's from the Netherlands, or something like that. So if you read that name in a physics book, which is where I read it, I read it in a physics book about astronomy -

Dick: (interjects) I would assume it's a man because it's not a cookbook. (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly)

Maddox: Bravo, Dick. Excellent. (**'ding!' sound effect**) Um, so...no, but when I read that in a physics book, there is no context! There's no reason for me to assume the gender. They're not gonna mention the gender of the scientist who discovered whatever. Who gives a shit? That's not relevant in a physics book! I read it in a physics book, and my whole life I thought, "Oh yeah, it's probably some chick who discovered this thing."

Dick: Yeah, I'll tell you why you know it's not a chick: because there's not six chapters dedicated to it. (Maddox smirks) If it was a chick who discovered that, it would be like, "Ohh, and then, the GREATEST discovery in science came about from this chick!"

Maddox: Yeah. Well, we got Madame Curie, so that's enough. Oh, and let me guess, I pronounced that wrong; it's "Madman" Curie, it's a dude too. Idiots. Okay, so I got a comment from one of my illustrators from The Alphabet of Manliness, Angelo Vildasol. I'm still friends with...you know, I talk on a regular basis with most of my illustrators from that book. He noticed an interesting thing about your voice, Dick. You know, you've had comparisons to P.J. from Goof Troop...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ...one of my friends sent that in. He also said that you sound like Raphael from the original 1987 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Dick: Oh, yeah! The cool one!

Maddox: Uh-huh! And -- well, no. He's, eh....

Dick: He was "cool but rude"!

Maddox: No, that's...

Dick: Yeah! It says it in the SONG, you asshole!!

Maddox: Oh, that's true, yeah. He is cool but rude, you're right, you're right. And then, uh -

Sean: (interjects) He's "tough but rude."

Dick: No, no, no!

Sean: Raphael...

Dick: It was "cool but rude"!

Sean: ...are you sure?

Dick: Or is it...

Sean: I think it's "tough."

Dick: Oh, no...

Sean: Raphael is "tough but rude."

Dick: Nononono, um...

Maddox: And Michelangelo is the "party dude."

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah...or was it "crude"?

Maddox: You know, it doesn't matter.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's irrelevant. However, Rob Paulsen is the guy who voices all of the names. So I looked it up just to double check...here's some clips from Raphael, from Rob Paulsen voicing these clips.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: From the original -- listen to how...(cracks up) how much this sounds like Dick.

[**Maddox plays series of Rob Paulsen voice clips**]

Rob Paulsen [as Raphael]: "Cowabunga! Shredder, you dead-faced geek, get back here and taste cold Turtle steel!" ... "You picked a heck of a time to become a philosopher!" ... "Does the phrase 'go suck a lemon' hold any meaning for ya?"

Dick: (interjects over clips) That's how I sound?

Maddox: [**pauses clip compilation**] Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: "Does the phrase 'go suck a lemon' have any meaning for ya?" (Maddox laughs) Does it sound like that?

Maddox: It sounds like I just played the clip twice! (chuckling) Listen to this. [**continues playing clips**]

Rob Paulsen [as Raphael]: "Somebody toss me a rope! They aren't paying me enough to take this kind of abuse."

Maddox: [**pauses clip compilation**] And that actually even sounds like it could come from this show. (Dick laughs) Just the whining...listen to more whining, listen to this. [**continues playing clips**]

Rob Paulsen [as Raphael]: "Man, Leonardo, you are such a downer." ... "Can't you hear? It says, 'beep, beep, beep!'" ... "It's really comforting knowing that you've figured that out."

[**clip compilation ends**]

Dick: Alright, I got a stupid-sounding voice, ENOUGH! (Maddox laughs) Jesus!

Maddox: Or a million-dollar voice. Either way.

Dick: Yeah. That's -- it's real erotic, when you're dirty-talking with a chick and you're like, "You know, uh, guys say I sound like Raphael from the 1980s Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles cartoon." (sarcastic)

Maddox: Um...so -

Dick: (interjects) You got a problem? You wanna get into the problems or do you have more comments?

Maddox: Let's get to the problems. What's your, uh, what's your number one problem?

Dick: You want me to go first?

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Alright. This one comes straight from the comments. So, L. Dix says -- again, probably a fake name -- "I'm curious what is up with the lack of swearing. You" - meaning me - "had a whole chapter in your book about how swearing is manly." Which it is, and I did have that chapter.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: [continues quoting comment] "It's not like this is on TV or any FCC-regulated medium, so I don't understand all the self-censorship." So my first problem, believe it or not, is too much swearing.

Maddox: Aw, you fucking pussy! (laughs)

Dick: Yeah! I know...I know I'm gonna get eaten alive for it, like I know I'm gonna get downvoted to hell -

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: - but it would be disingenuous for me to come in here and say that the problem is not enough swearing. 'Cause I really think it is too much swearing.

Maddox: TOO much?? I never -

Dick: (interjects) And I just…and I wanted to address it, 'cause a bunch of people brought it up in the comments. Like, "Why don't you swear? Why don't you swear more? Why don't you swear more?"

Maddox: Yeah! You have an R-rated character doing a PG-13 show. What...what the hell is up with that, Dick?

Dick: I think I have an X-rated character.

Maddox: Fine!

Dick: Doing -- yeah.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: Well, so here's my thinking on it: I went to...I did some research on it.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: And I ended up at the Cuss Control Academy... (amused) (Maddox and Sean laugh) ...like, trying to find reasons?

Maddox: Oh yeah, of course! The CCA! Yeah. (sarcastic) (laughs more)

Dick: Yeah, the...it's http://cusscontrol.com. (Maddox laughs harder) So I wanted to get some reasons for why there's too much swearing, right?

Maddox: And it's a .com, not a .org, of course. 'Cause they're for-profit.

Dick: (interjects) Or a .edu. (Maddox laughs) I don't know, those are probably too expensive for the Cuss -- you gotta go to this site, dude. (grinning) This guy has this book...like, it's this dopey-lookin' -- the guy looks exactly what you would think he would look like.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And his book says "Cuss Control," and it's all about, uh, controlling cussing. (Maddox smirks) But here's where -- okay, but I actually agreed with part of it, and I bring it up just so I can read these parts. The reason I don't do it on the show all the time is because "it doesn't communicate clearly" - this is from http://cusscontrol.com - and "it neglects more meaningful words."

Maddox: Um, what's more meaningful than the word "fuck"?

Dick: I don't know! Any -- anything! If you are...if you stop yourself from using the f-word, or the s-word, or the shit word, or any of these other words, I think you are gonna think of something funnier to say.

Maddox: You know...okay, Dick, I hate to actually give any credence to your bullshit-ass problem this week, because I *totally* disagree with it. However, I will say this. This is...I'm pulling the curtains back a little bit and telling, uh...I don't even know if my fans know this about me, since I've never really mentioned it in interviews or anything like that. But for the first, I would say, 10 to 15 years of my website, I never used the f-word at all. In any of my writing.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: It was a conscious choice, specifically for the reason you mentioned: 'cause I was trying to find a more creative way to express what I was expressing. However, I found

-- I finally gave in when I was working on a comic one time - uh, on my article "Things that are wrong about the movie Signs," or whatever.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: And there was this -

Dick: (interjects) I remember that article.

Maddox: Yeah! There was this line where I just wanted to say, "fuck me in the Ozarks," and I *just* couldn't think of any other way to say that, that had the same impact. And I finally just wrote it down as it is, because I really pushed myself to try a creative workaround, and I couldn't find it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But -

Dick: (interjects) And I think -- but I think, that's exactly what I'm saying. You did have to push yourself, and it wasn't just "fuck me," it was "fuck me in the Ozarks," which is much funnier.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And don't get me wrong, I love swearing.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: Like, I swear constantly, all day...

Maddox: Mmm... (skeptical)

Dick: ...when we're not -- you don't think I do?

Maddox: No, not enough. You use your crutches of "a-hole," "s-," "f-ing"...

Dick: I think that's funnier sometimes, though.

Maddox: Sometimes...when?

Dick: When -- I don't know. I get...like, I feel like a masterpiece painter with swearing sometimes.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Dick: I've been doing it for so long, and I love it so much, that sometimes I like to -- like Picasso.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm like the Picasso of swearing, I think. He would -- he was an amazing painter.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: Like, as a KID. Right? He could reproduce any still life, or any, you know...any actual painting to a masterful degree.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: But then as he developed, he would start that weird Cubist shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? So that's how I feel about my swearing.

Maddox: Um... (doubtful)

Dick: I like to not -- like okay, yeah, I could do the tapestry of swearing. But then I could throw in, like, an s-word...

Maddox: Oh. Ooo!

Dick: ...or "f-you," and now it makes YOU say the word in your head, and that's funnier sometimes!

Maddox: Ohh. No, it almost never is. You know -

Dick: (interjects) Or you go like, "AOOOHH, FUDGE!" (Maddox laughs) And then, 'cause -- yeah, see??

Maddox: Eh...

Dick: 'Cause people are THINKING you're gonna say "fuck."

Maddox: No, because - (cracks up) - because you, you...you look like such a finicky bitch right now, with your arms up in the air, which, I wish we were recording this. (through laughter)

Dick: Oh, that's why that's funny?

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause you're a finicky little bitch. Like, "Oh, fudge! Fiddlesticks!" Uh, it's funny in certain contexts but almost never funnier than the actual swear word. And it depends, however, um...you know, if you use swear words too much, I agree, it loses its impact and loses its meaning. But back to your analogy -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. That wasn't at http://cusscontrol.com. It had -- I brought in a bunch more reasons why it's bad, and 'they lose their impact' wasn't on their list, surprisingly. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: That's because they're such pussies, that they never cuss.

Dick: It could be.

Maddox: Yeah. So back to your bullshit analogy as Picasso.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Let's look at this analogy for a second. When you were a kid, you were a master orator. Right? You mastered speaking just like Picasso mastered painting. And then as an adult -

Dick: (interjects) No, no - not speaking. Just swearing.

Maddox: Oh, you mastered swearing.

Dick: Swearing. Oh yeah, man, when I was a kid, "fuck fuckity fuck fuck fuck" - like I could fuck with the best of them.

Maddox: No, but that's not mastery! That's...that's misuse. That's what THAT is. So Picasso, when he was a kid, if he was a good painter that means he mastered the use of color and palette, and not using too many colors. The number one mistake most kids make -- and, trust me, this is coming from somebody -

Dick: (interjects) Is overswearing!

Maddox: No! (cracks up)

Dick: No?

Maddox: No, no. Kids never swear, it's not enough. But when they're drawing or painting, they use a palette of all the colors, rather than restricting it to like, 5 -- the 5 most used colors they use in their...whatever they're trying to depict.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So in your example, you used swearing too much as a kid. I am gonna challenge you, sir -

Dick: (interjects) No! I'm not saying I did that!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: I'm saying I used it *just* the right amount.

Maddox: Just the right amount...

Dick: Which is all the time.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical) And now... (starts laughing) And now that you're a big, grown -- here's my problem with the, uh, with the censored swearing..."f-ing," "s-ing," "a-hole"...it's not saving anyone anything. 'Cause when you say "a-hole," I'm thinking "asshole" in my mind...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...and when you say "f-ing" I'm thinking "fucking," but then I'm also thinking you're a pussy, so it's distracting me from your message because I'm thinking of what a big vagina you are!

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Well, maybe that was this guy's point. (Maddox cracks up) So you disagree with me?

Maddox: Oh, yeah, I...absolutely.

Dick: That I should be swearing all the time?

Maddox: I think swearing is great. Not all the time.

Dick: I don't know...

Maddox: Not all the time. Use it like...pepper. Well, don't use it like I use pepper; I use way too much pepper. But use it like a spice or an herb in your cooking. Right? You don't wanna put too much basil in your spaghetti sauce.

Dick: I don't know, man. So, I learned to swear from my uncle. Like, I was first...I first fell in love with swearing when I was probably 8 or 9.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I remember meeting my uncle - my uncle Al - we were hanging out with him. He had -- he looked like a tough version of Tony Clifton. You know who Tony Clifton is?

Maddox: Oh, from uh, Man on the Moon. He's...

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah, Andy Kaufman's alter ego.

Maddox: Andy Kaufman's alter ego, yeah.

Dick: He was like a -- he's a very crass alter ego lounge lizard guy. Except this guy was a burly, tough dude with those '70s dark glasses, and a big bushy '70s mustache.

Maddox: That's cool.

Dick: Yeah! Oh, yeah, it was cool. Especially in the '80s, it was like, "Man, you already look like a throwback." Anyway, he would...he would get pissed off, and he would start gearing up to swear like Donald Duck. (Maddox chuckles) Throwing -- like, you would see the steam start shooting out of his ears, and every time, he would put his finger up to his mouth, like he was biting on it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know why he would do this. I think it was to, like, block his lips?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So you couldn't read his lips, somehow - or to muffle the swearing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But, OH my god. He would get pissed off and he would just let loose: "F-, f-, f-, f-, f- f- f- f!" (accelerating) And I thought it was the awesomest thing in the world. I remember seeing it as a kid and going, "Man, I'm gonna do that someday."

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: "I gotta figure that out. I gotta figure that guy out."

Maddox: But he didn't say "f-," did he, Dick?

Dick: No! No, but that's what I'm saying. I'm saying I love swearing, just in this case I try not to do it all the time.

Maddox: Yeah. Why?

Dick: To think of something funnier to say.

Maddox: Okay, but in...usually instead of something funnier, you end up saying the same swear word, just censored. Like "f-ing." Or "a-hole."

Dick: Well, I guess I'm fuckin' up, then. (Maddox cracks up) I don't know what to tell ya.

Maddox: There you go! You are fuckin' up.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, that felt so satisfying to hear. "Fuck" is such a versatile word, too. It could be used as a noun, as a verb, as an adjective...right? As a pronoun.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, it can be so many different ways. I think George Carlin had that piece about, um...

Dick: That it's, like...

Maddox: ...the fuck word, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I don't know. I've gotten that email, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's -

Dick: (interjects) Uh, look, I'm just getting sick of getting called a pussy in the comments for not swearing enough!

Maddox: So swear.

Dick: There's too much swearing! No! Not gonna do it.

Maddox: Oh, my....ah. Unbelievable.

Dick: It's perfect the way it is.

Maddox: Naww, man. So you -- look. You don't wanna swear, you wanna make your segment of the show...'cause here's the thing, we're recording - this is a really professional operation, believe it or not - we're recording our tracks on three different tracks, and then Sean, our audio engineer, mixes them and it comes out sounding perfectly. So maybe at some point in the future, we could release just the Dick track, which is just your censored, PG-13 show, and we could just have that, uh, just for kids, where you're talking to an imaginary host and then every few seconds (cracks up) you interrupt with some angry bloviating (laughs harder) and say "f-ing"....I'm gettin' the DEATH stare right now from Dick.

Dick: It's funny. No, that's -- come on, keep going. What else?

Maddox: Ohh, I'm so glad there's a table between us right now. So, anyway, I think that it is a problem that you *don't* swear enough. So, I guess, the opposite.

Dick: Oh, you know what, I heard something interesting this week. This girl said that the reason that the f-word is bad is because it combines sex and violence.

Maddox: How...how is it combining sex and violence?

Dick: Because it's...that's the word. It means -- when you fuck, the word means to violently have sex with someone. What do you mean, 'how does it combine sex and violence'?

Maddox: You don't have - you don't have to have violent sex.

Dick: It kind of implies that!

Maddox: No, there's all sorts of sex - you can...what about, um...

Dick: What do you mean, 'it's not violent'?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: So if a girl at a bar was like, "Hey, um...you know, why don't, uh, why don't you just go upstairs and, you know, we'll light some candles and I'll run some nice jazz music, and you can fuck the shit outta me."

Maddox: No...what, Sean?

Dick: What? Sean, what?

Sean: I'm sure someone'll double-check me on this, but I think the word...uh, I've heard it comes from a German word, which translates to "to strike or to knock." That's the origin of "fuck."

Maddox: Oh, okay. So you're...

Dick: There you go! That's pretty much the same.

Maddox: ...you're striking or knocking...that's, uh, the poon.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, I guess that makes sense. But, uh, you can also have all sorts of different sex. Like, what about lesbians? They CALL it "fucking," when lesbians aren't -- they're not necessarily striking, and they're not always scissoring.

Dick: What??

Maddox: I know that for sure. Yeah, they don't scissor.

Dick: What else do they do?

Maddox: Uh...I don't know, man. I don't know. What could you possibly do? (smirking)

Dick: I don't know. But it was interesting, 'cause I'd never heard a good reason of why the f-word is bad. That makes sense!

Maddox: No, but it's not necessarily violent, like...that sounds like a feminist theory, a feminist theory type thing, where they bring in some -

Dick: (interjects) I've never not meant it in a violent way!

Maddox: Gross! What do you mean, vi-...it's not violent! Stop saying "violent." When I think "violent," I think...things falling apart and bleeding. Is that how you're having sex, Dick?

Dick: Well, sometimes! (wryly) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Gross. Poor mangled women, or...you know, whatever, no judgments. Uh... (laughs more) But, I don't know, man. That's not how you -- that's not how it's done.

Dick: That doesn't make any sense to you?? I mean, you don't give any credence to that? I thought it was interesting!

Maddox: Yeah, but that's not something people internalize in their head! It's like...it's like feminists who have a problem with the word "men" being in the word "women," because they say, "Oh, well that -- it makes women a subset of men because the word 'men' is in there." But people aren't actively, critically thinking about that when they read the word "women"! Or when they say - like, for example, the word "hysteria." The etymology of the word "hysteria" means, uh, somebody who is hysterical; someone who has, you know, some crazy psychological malady -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: - that they're not able to -- and it used to be women who, I think, were on their period or something, way back in the day.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: And they were called "hysterics." So, they say it's -

Dick: (interjects) True!

Maddox: Yeah. But today if you read that word, "hysterical," right? You're not going to make that association because you don't even fucking know it exists!

Dick: (cracks up) I was just gonna say, I think of a woman...(Maddox laughs) Like, not on her period, right before.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. That's when they get nuts.

Maddox: Right. But the majority of people don't make that association because they don't even know the etymology of that word.

Dick: No, man, I think you're wrong on the f-word. I think they do, like, people -- as soon as she said it I was like, "Wow! I guess it kinda is a violent way of...it's like violence and sex together."

Maddox: What about just squeegeeing? That's not violent.

Dick: No, that's like, squishy. And funny.

Maddox: No, no. You know what squeegeeing is?

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's, uh, tittyfucking. That's not violent.

Dick: Is this like, an Urban Dictionary thing? That -- maybe I should bring that problem in.

Maddox: What, Urban Dictionary?

Dick: All these weird sex terms for things!

Maddox: Facesitting, that's not violent.

Dick: Yeah, but this is all comin' from a guy who uses the c-word like it's nothin'. You use the c-word WAY too much.

Maddox: Oh, no I don't! I RARELY use the c-word.

Dick: That's too much!

Maddox: You mean -- wait, wait. Are we talkin' about "cock" or "cunt"?

Dick: We're talking about the latter.

Maddox: (draws back, incredulous) Dick Masterson, creator of menarebetterthanwomen.com! Let's go on record -

Dick: (interjects) I've used it, like, TWICE.

Maddox: Oh, unbelievable.

Dick: I've used it twice on that site.

Maddox: Unbelie-- most *women* I know use that word like it's fucking water! They just say it, "cunt, cunt, cunt, cunt, cunt," it's like, nothing!

Dick: Augh!!

Maddox: And it doesn't MEAN anything, it's just -- again, that's only offensive in America. Most other cultures don't think it's offensive. We're perverting it into this thing, and giving it power. You know what? Why don't you guys - everybody listening right now, go to the big list of problems and vote up Other N-Words, 'cause here we go again. These are more "other n-words."

Dick: I just think it makes people uncomfortable! You're droppin' that thing in mixed company? It's like "Ohh, BOY. Alright. Did we all just hear that? Huhuhuh, cool." (uneasily)

Maddox: Alright. You know, you know -

Dick: (interjects) At least say it -- if your'e gonna use the c-word, at least say a British accent when you're doing it.

Maddox: How do you say it in a British accent?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: "Cunt!" (attempting a British accent)

Dick: "Coont."

Maddox: "Coont."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, that's...no, that's silly, I'm not gonna do it. There's nothing more offensive than ideas. WORDS aren't offensive. Okay? If you give power to a word...with the exception of the n-word, because it's SO damn engrained in our society, we can't escape it...but if you give power to words -

Dick: (interjects) I think you're kinda cherry-pickin', there.

Maddox: I am!

Dick: That the n-word is bad, but the other words aren't bad?

Maddox: I am, because there is no other word - there is no other word in our society that has the power of the n-word. It just doesn't. There *just* isn't.

Dick: Well, wait a minute.

Maddox: There just isn't!

Dick: For who, though?

Maddox: You can't say it to anybody! Like, black people can say it to other black people, but you can't say the n-word to anybody.

Dick: Uh, why??

Maddox: Because -

Dick: Why is THAT? This is a whole other topic!

Maddox: Well, okay...

Dick: But that's -- and by the way, I don't think all black people are on board with that.

Maddox: They're not!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Right, no, they're not.

Dick: So what do you tell them?

Maddox: Well, I actually agree with them, and -- look, if you want to take the power away from words, then stop giving them so much power. Stop acting like it's big fucking deal! It's not. They're just words. Ideas are way more offensive than words. I can go out on TV; if I say the word "fuck," great. Everyone older than 6 years old is gonna say, "No big fucking deal." When the planes hit the World Trade Center, the first thing out of everyone's mouth, during the hit, on the videos - during the recordings - was "Holy shit!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They weren't thinking about offending people! They didn't give a shit, that's what just came out of their minds. They were saying, "Holy shit, holy fuck, look what just happened!" What's important there isn't the words; it's the context, it's the *ideas.* So if you go out on TV and you make a racist statement, say...um, I don't know. Say, just pick a race -- say, "All Chinese people are lazy." If you go out there and you make that statement -

Dick: (interjects) That's not...they're not...when have they ever been called lazy?

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: Chinese people?

Maddox: I specifically chose Chinese, because that's not a stereotype that applies to them. But if you came out and you said that statement about a specific race, that is

INFINITELY more offensive than "cunt" or "fuck." You can go out on TV and say "cunt" or "fuck" all day and night and not be offensive...as offensive as you would be if you said an idea that actually rubbed people the wrong way. Ideas are infinitely more powerful than words.

Dick: Um, well, all I'm sayin' is, that's why I don't swear as much. Trying to keep things funnier.

Maddox: Mmkay.

Dick: See what else I can think of.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) There you go. (laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Let's move on. Let's move on to a real problem.

Dick: Too much swearing! I think -- you think that's gonna get a lot of votes?

Maddox: Yeah, a lot of down--

Dick: (interjects) Somehow I don't think so.

Maddox: It is going to get a lot of votes - a lot of downvotes. So, here's my first problem this week: anti-cyclists. Okay?

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: These are all the dickheads -- oh, here we go, Dick's one of 'em.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: These are all the dickheads who have such a fucking bone up their ass about cyclists.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: And you'll hear them all the time - they're drivers who say, "Ugh, can you believe this cyclist? He acts like he owns the road!" First of all, cyclists aren't owning the road, they're just part of traffic. And if you can't swerve your steering wheel three degrees to the left and go around somebody who has the physical footprint of a human walking, then turn in your fucking license!

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: Okay? And every time you see a cyclist riding on the street, you should get out of your car, pull over, pull their pants down, and kiss their asshole. Because everywhere you go, (cracks up) every time you find a parking spot, there's one more parking spot free because of a cyclist.

Dick: One less car?

Maddox: One less car!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The gas prices are cheaper because of cyclists! And I don't do it for the environment. I cycle all the time, but I don't do it for the environment, and I don't -

Dick: (interjects) You do it for the chicks, right? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Oh, yeah. It's, uh, it's been a real winner on dates, let me tell you, when I go out to my *bike* to ride back home. But no, it's faster, you get some exercise, you get off your fat ass...and, uh, that's about it. Those are the only two reasons I cycle. (chuckling)

Dick: Okay, lemme ask you this, 'cause I hate cyclists.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Um...I hate everything about them.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: I think -- it's okay if they're on the road, I'm not one of those guys who are just pissed off to see a bicycle guy there. But I do hate them. Lemme ask you this: do you walk your bicycle across the crosswalk?

Maddox: No.

Dick: 'Cause I have yet to see one of you motherfuckers do this.

Maddox: If I'm...if I'm in the crosswalk, then yes. But if I'm not -- why would I ride my bike through the crosswalk? I'm not on the sidewalks.

Dick: Nononononono - okay. You approach a red light with your bicycle.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Then it turns green or whatever, and you're supposed to walk your bike across.

Maddox: No, Dick. You're not supposed to walk your bike across unless you're walking it on the sidewalk. You're not supposed to ride on the sidewalk! It's illegal to ride on the sidewalks.

Dick: I swear, you're supposed to walk your bike across crosswalks.

Maddox: Yes...

Dick: Not when you're in traffic, but when you're on the sidewalk, or whatever.

Maddox: Yes, when you're on the sidewalk, which means you're already walking your bike. So that's a false problem.

Dick: 'Cause I see them do this all the time, and I almost hit them every single time, 'cause I can't see 'em comin'.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, they're not supposed to be riding through the crosswalk because they're not supposed to be riding on the sidewalks. So that's the problem - motorists always yell at me and say, "Hey, get on the sidewalk!" Well, guess what, dickhead? It's illegal to ride on the sidewalk! And then when I do occasionally ride on the sidewalks - say, if I'm going to a business or somethin' like that - pedestrians yell at me! They're like, "Hey man, that's dangerous! You should ride on the street." First of all, it's not fucking

dangerous. How many people do you know who've died because of a cyclist? A cyclist hit them - how many pedestrians?

Dick: Uh, none.

Maddox: None!

Dick: 'Cause a bicycle hit them?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, I think it would hurt the bicycle guy more.

Maddox: Yeah. It's so incredibly rare. However, I have been hit by a car while cycling.

Dick: What, Sean?

Maddox: Yeah, what's up?

Sean: No, I was gonna say, knowing people who have lived in New York City for a long time, it's almost a rite of passage to be hit by a bike messenger.

Maddox: Yeah...

Sean: Bike messengers hit people on sidewalks all the time. (slowly for emphasis)

Dick: Ohhh, yeah, I bet everybody hates bicycles in New York! Right?

Sean: I don't know if anybody's died, but I know multiple people who have been hit by bike messengers.

Maddox: Well actually, there was somebody who died...this was actually recently in the news. Uh, this is from The New York Times - a San Francisco cyclist was charged with manslaughter recently, because he was riding down a very steep hill and didn't stop when the light turned red, and hit a pedestrian walking through the crosswalk. They both tumbled about 20 feet, 'cause the guy was going about 35 miles an hour. Which is really unusual for a cyclist. But that's *exceedingly* rare. It's SO rare.

Dick: I feel like bicycle riders think they own the road, though. (Maddox splutters angrily) Like, I feel like they all got a chip on their shoulder about having their goddamn bicycle, and...

Maddox: No!

Dick: Like, "Ohh, we're just like a car! We're just like a car, you guys should be thanking us!" (stupid voice) I do feel like they're all like that, though, and that does piss me off.

Maddox: Yeah, you know, because all these fucking car drivers are such pussies. They say, "Oh, man! I have to slow down a little bit to go around a cyclist!" You know, if only there was some utopia where there were no cyclists on the road, there would be no traffic, huh? Oh, except we already have that - it's called a freeway, and it's always fucking gridlocked because of cars! Cars, cars, cars, choking up all the fucking roads.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: Cyclists aren't the problem; they're the solution, buddy. Your gas is cheaper because of us, you have parking because of us - everything's better because of us. And

you're just sittin' there in your stupid car, with your Persian racing rims, like an idiot. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. Maybe -- that all might be true, but why are you guys so *annoying* about it? Like, why do you cyclists...it's always about bicycling. Everything is about bicycles, bicycles, bicycles. You do those dumb things where like, 300 bicycle guys show up, and you hog -- you take up the street, riding up and down, riding all over town.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're always getting harassed by the cops. Right?

Maddox: Meh...yeah, cops do harass us.

Dick: Why is that?

Maddox: I don't know! Because cops have nothing better to do. They just...you know what it is? I've even heard a friend of mine who said that a cyclist wouldn't get out of the way when he honked. I'm like, "Well, of course not! Would a car get out of your way if you honked? No! They're just gonna continue driving down their path, you dick!" And he goes, "Well, I have 2,000 tons of metal around me - who's gonna win in a battle?" Well, I guess you are, dickhead, if you're gonna be a homicidal FUCK.

Dick: Yeah! I win.

Maddox: Great. Yeah, you win what? A trip to jail, ya moron.

Dick: So how can someone who's so into driving fast support bicycles?

Maddox: Because -- no!

Dick: Like, the slowest wheels on earth.

Maddox: Dick, it is NOT -- I will race anyone. I can get within a mile of anywhere in this city faster on a bike than a car -

Dick: Okay. (skeptical)

Maddox: - guaranteed. In heavy traffic.

Dick: Alright! I gotta call you out on that, because we've DONE this race, and I fuckin' beat you by like 5 minutes, dude!

Maddox: No, you -- BULLSHIT.

Dick: You remember??

Maddox: Yes, the coffee shop! And it wasn't 5 minutes, we pulled in at the same time!

Dick: And you were sweaty and disgusting. And I was on my phone, I had a nice conversation the whole time... (Maddox laughs) I was -- I had already purchased my coffee!

Maddox: Ohh, no. That's a LIE. First of all -- and it was 1.2 miles, uh, I actually calculated it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I can do one mile faster than anyone in a car.

Dick: I mean, I'll take you up again!

Maddox: You're on!

Dick: With that bet.

Maddox: Heavy traffic, you're on. I can get there faster on a bike than you can in a car.

Dick: Heavy traffic, and what else? No roads? What other...what other stipulations do you wanna put on it?

Maddox: We'll go on, uh, mountain biking trails. (laughs)

Dick: Why...why do people with bikes have such a chip on their shoulders?

Maddox: We don't!

Dick: I do wanna know that.

Maddox: No. Look, some of them do, I'll give you that. Some of 'em are assholes, absolutely, 100 percent. And by the way, I'm not a bike activist. I'm not an *any* kind of activist. Because those guys annoy the shit out of me.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: I'm not out there protesting and trying to make a point. But, I just wanna get where I'm fucking going without some DIPSHIT in a car behind me, havin' a FIT because they have to go around 3 degrees! They have to turn their steering wheel 3 degrees to go around a guy who has the physical footprint of a human being.

Dick: Yeah. What do you do when you encounter bicycle riders on the road?

Maddox: I just go around them! It's not a big deal.

Dick: Really? You're just totally, like, chill?

Maddox: Yeah! Because, you know -

Dick: (interjects) You don't react at all? You're just like, "Well, you know, that's just something we have to deal with, bicycles in the road."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "No problem at all." (amused)

Maddox: Because, you know what, Dick? If you pay attention, next time you're driving - I want everyone listening to do this. Watch a cyclist that you pass by, and then watch what happens when you get to the next red light. They're gonna pass you, and then you're gonna pass them again, and they're gonna pass you - and eventually they're going to be WAY far ahead of you, and you're gonna be stuck in traffic because you're an idiot. And they're gonna be wherever the fuck THEY'RE going quicker than you're going. I use cars as pace cars. Every time I see a U-Haul truck, or a big vehicle, whatever, I look at it and I keep that in mind, and I say, "Okay, if I was driving, how fast would I get to my destination?"

Dick: So let's go over some of the negatives of bicycles. (grinning) Since you're going over all the positives.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Uh....looking lame? (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) That's a pretty big negative.

Maddox: I don't know, man, I think I look pretty cool. (amused)

Dick: Hold on, I'm writing these down.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Looking lame...you definitely don't look cool...

Maddox: That's definitely your opinion.

Dick: Uh, being sweaty and gross?

Maddox: Sweaty is cool! Chicks dig sweat.

Dick: Really? So...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...you're telling me that every time you've ridden your bicycle everywhere, the sweat hasn't been an issue.

Maddox: Well... (Dick laughs) I'll tell you one time that it has.

Dick: OH! Okay!

Maddox: I rode my bike to a meeting with...I believe it was Comedy Central. (bursts out laughing with Dick) And I was -

Dick: (interjects) Walk me through the thinking on that.

Maddox: Well, you know...I was just a mile down the road, but I left late, and I had to cruise really fast. I got there on time, but then I locked up my bike to this handrail, and this fuckin' like, mall cop came up to me - he's like, "Hey, uh, duh, no, you can't park your bike there." (stupid voice)

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: I said, "Why not?" He goes, "Uh, 'cause it's a liability. If somebody's walkin' up the stairs, they might trip and fall."

Dick: Mmkay.

Maddox: And I said, "Hey, IDIOT, if somebody's walkin' up the stairs and they need to use the handrail - "

Dick: (interjects) Like that guy knows! First of all, like whoever trained him took the time to EXPLAIN why these rules are enforced. (cynical)

Maddox: Yeah! Uh-huh, yeah. Thanks...thanks, buddy. Yeah, if somebody's walkin' up the stairs and they need to use the handrail, they're probably handicapped anyway and they're not gonna get more handicapped. Like, who cares? So - (laughs) - that's my argument.

Dick: Okay, so this is from a bike guy: "Fuck the handicapped." (Maddox laughs harder)

Maddox: Whatever!

Dick: Good start.

Maddox: I...uh, sure. Whatever. (Dick cracks up) So anyway, I had to race down into the parking garage. I had to park my -- and by the way, they didn't have any bike locks downstairs! It was just a fucking parking garage where executives park their cars. Where the fuck am I supposed to park my bike?

Dick: In, uh...you were supposed to park it when you were 13, and then you never ride it again. (Maddox laughs robustly) 'Cause it's not something that adults do.

Maddox: So anyway, dude. I got to my meeting on time. However -

Dick: (interjects) Where'd you lock up your bike??

Maddox: Oh, I just rode it back up and parked it on a sign, or something. Who cares. (Dick cackles) So I got to the meeting...however, the reason I was sweaty is because Dickhead Security Cop made me run downstairs, run back upstairs, and I came to the meeting all sweaty, lookin' like shit - so, whatever.

Dick: Okay. (giggling)

Maddox: Yeah. That's why you don't see my show on Comedy Central, 'cause I was too sweaty.

Dick: 'Kay..."sweaty"...that's another con.

Maddox: Okay, what other negatives do you have? Hm?

Dick: Um, I think almost getting -- like, the reason I don't have a motorcycle...I go through motorcycle withdrawal every year, about summertime, 'cause it'd just be so cool to have a motorcycle and drive around LA.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uh, but I think I would get hit! Like, I'm pretty sure I would get hit by a car.

Maddox: So, I've actually done the research, and motorcycles are WAY more dangerous than cycling. Because you're driving at faster speeds, you have lower reaction time, and you're actually in both lanes of traffic, whereas cyclists tend to stick to the side, and slower side streets - things like that. So that's why cyclists are safer than motorcyclists. In fact, I have some stats from The New York Times. It says, "4,834 cyclists and 59,925 pedestrians were killed by motor vehicles in the United States between 1999 and 2009..." So, in ten years. [continues quoting article] "...the most recent year for which figures are available." Now, "...according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cyclists killed just 63 pedestrians, or about six per year, during the same time period."

Dick: Oh, I'm getting all mixed up with the numbers. What's the...what is the amount?

Maddox: So in ten years, cyclists killed just 63 pedestrians.

Dick: Okay. Yeah, but no one's concerned about bicycles killing people!

Maddox: Exactly! That's my point.

Dick: They're concerned about bicycles being annoying!

Maddox: Oh, no! WAHHH. What are you gonna do about it, dude?? Look, if you just waved a magic wand and all the cyclists were gone, do you think traffic would get better or worse?

Dick: I don't CARE! I just don't wanna deal with them! I don't want them buzzing -- I don't wanna have to try to squeeze around them when they're taking up, like, more room than they need to be.

Maddox: Yeah, mmhm. (skeptical) Yeah, then you have to...then wherever you get, there's gonna be ten more cars parked, because suddenly cyclists aren't there anymore. Right?

Dick: You know what, bicyclists are like pregnant women. (Maddox laughs) Like, it's just -- they make everything about their dumb bicycle. Every pregnant woman's like, "Oh yeah, you know, Shakespeare...that reminds me of my baby. And how I'm pregnant."

Maddox: No...no. That's not at all -- first of all, if you have a cyclist who's making everything about cycling, then you have dickhead friends. When I cycle places, I don't make a big fucking song and dance about it. I just get there, do what I'm doing, and then go the fuck home. I don't care if anyone knows how I got there! My form of transportation isn't important.

Dick: (guffaws) Ha! That's such bullshit. I only have one cyclist friend, and it's YOU. (Maddox bursts out laughing) And it's always, "I can get there on my bicycle faster than anyone in their car!"

Maddox: Well...

Dick: "You guys are suckers!"

Maddox: Yeah. That's true, eat a dick. Well, here's another interesting stat: the number of trips made by bicycles in the United States more than doubled in the last decade, according to the U.S. Transportation Department and Federal Highway Administration. Meanwhile, the total number of cyclist fatalities has *fallen* by 21 percent since 1988.

Dick: All these stats don't make you guys less annoying. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: (cracks up) Dick, I don't know how...like, I've made such a cogent, clear argument, and all you're sayin' is, "Well, it's annoying." (nasal voice)

Dick: (interjects) LOOK! Because anti-cyclists -- people don't give a SHIT about lives you're saving or not saving, or whatever! It's just fuckin' annoying to deal with bicycles in the street! (yelling)

Maddox: You know what's fucking annoying? Traffic, and that's you! You're traffic. I'm clogged up, sitting behind some dipshit with Persian racing rims, because you're too much of a moron to get a cycle...a bicycle -

Dick: You know what?

Maddox: - and ride around town.

Dick: I -- yeah, I will not get on a bicycle and ride around town. It's uncivilized. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Uh...ride on the sidewalk! Just do us all a favor, take your toy (Maddox laughs more) and go on the sidewalk with it. Take your Huffy --

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah. Why don't you ride on the sidewalk? Take your bullshit-ass car and ride on the sidewalk. Oh wait, that's what you were doing already. So -- uh, Rain Slick Dick... (laughs)

Dick: Ohhh. Oh, that's a low blow, man. (Maddox keeps laughing)

Maddox: You know what, dude? I can't ride on the sidewalk, I can't ride in the streets - I can't ride anywhere, huh? So maybe everyone should just drive everywhere all the time, and traffic would TRIPLE! That's what would make you happy. And there's no more parking spots, there's more...and the gas prices would go up, 'cause everyone's using gas all the time.

Dick: Yeah. You know what? Nothing would make me happy.

Maddox: I know. I know, Dick.

Dick: That's what...it's just the...I'm just explaining to you why you guys are so annoying.

Maddox: Do you think cyclists are morons?

Dick: Morons?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: No.

Maddox: What, so...then how would you describe cyclists? What are they?

Dick: Um...they're a pain in the ass.

Maddox: "Pain in the ass." (scornful)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you're saying -- what Dick is saying, here, is he wants more pains-in-the-asses on the road in cars, behind wheels. That's what you want. (Dick smirks) You want more pain in the ass people...in cars.

Dick: I don't -- look, I don't WANT...I don't have a solution for this!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People who hate bicycles don't have a solution!

Maddox: Maybe, maybe...it sounds to me like you have a *final* solution in mind.

Dick: Hm. Very good. (dryly)

Maddox: Fuckin' fascist. Alright. What's your next problem? (cracking up)

Dick: Speaking of fascism, my next problem is the Nuremberg Defense.

Maddox: Oo, great transition!

Dick: Yeah. So, you know what the Nuremberg Defense is?

Maddox: Let's define it for some of our listeners who are morons, which is a lot of 'em, so...

Dick: Uh, the...I think it was...when World War II was won, they lined up all the Nazis -

Maddox: (interjects) When America won World War II, let's make it -- let's go on record sayin' that.

Dick: Yeah. (amused) They lined up all the Nazis in court, in Nuremberg.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: The Nuremberg Trials. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And they said, "Okay, you guys are guilty of all this horrible stuff." And they said, "Well, we were told to do that. So it's not really our fault."

Maddox: So, the phrase is "we were just following orders." Right?

Dick: Orders. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I guess that worked...?

Maddox: Did it? Were they let off the hook?

Dick: I think that's -- I think they got let off for that. Sean, you always know facts. That's true, right? Everybody basically was...got away with everything, because they said somebody else -- someone's shakin' their head "no."

Sean: I don't think they did!

Maddox: No, I don't think so either. I don't think that was a good defense.

Dick: Oh. Really?

Maddox: No. And also -

Dick: (interjects) It doesn't SOUND like a good defense!

Maddox: Isn't that the premise of the -- what was the psychological...the famous psychological experiment that's...

Dick: The Millican experiment.

Maddox: ...the Milgram...no, the Milgram trials, er, the Milgram experiment. Where they asked people to shock - give a painful jolt - to somebody behind the wall who was acting like they were in pain. And because a doctor who had authority told them to do so, they kept shocking and shocking -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: - beyond lethal levels, because an authority told them to.

Dick: Pretty funny experiment. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Pretty...pretty hilarious. But that's essentially a replication of the psychology that went into Nazis saying, "We were just following orders."

Dick: Yeah! Okay, then you're saying it's a big problem.

Maddox: It is!

Dick: So the reason I brought this up is, um...have you heard that Comcast call? Where that guy tries to cancel his Comcast service?

Maddox: Yeah! There was that -

Dick: (interjects) It's kinda old, but I just got around to listening to it this week.

Maddox: No, it's still pretty current. There's that guy who called Comcast and he tried to get his cable service canceled -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: - and he argued with the guy for over, what, 20 minutes! 20, 30 minutes!

Dick: He records the second half of it, and he says he did it for like, 20 minutes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, but I finally listened to it this week, and it's, like.....it's painful to listen to.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: It is frustrating to listen to. But everyone's excuse is, "this guy was just following orders." Like, "this guy was just doing his job."

Maddox: "Just doing his job."

Dick: They're basically giving the Nuremberg Defense for this jackass.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But I listened to the thing, and it's clearly just the guy being an a-hole! Like, if the Nuremberg Defense didn't work for the Nazis, it shouldn't work for this guy.

Maddox: No!

Dick: You know what I'm saying? So I brought in...for a first time, I brought in clips to this show, to prove what I'm -- I didn't bring in the whole thing, 'cause it's like, I don't wanna...if you wanna listen to the whole thing, just go and Google it or whatever.

Maddox: We'll link to it on our website.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Play, uh...okay, play the...hold on, not yet. The first one is...where did I -- oh, yeah. Okay. So the first one is this guy throwing out the Nuremberg Defense. Go ahead, play number 1.

Maddox: Okay, here we go. [**begins first clip**]

Disgruntled Comcast Customer: I don't understand why you can't just disconnect us.

Comcast Employee [over telephone]: Because my job is to have a conversation with you, about havin'...about this, I mean, keepin' your service! I'm finding out why it is that you're lookin' to cancel the service.

[**first clip ends**]

Dick: Okay, false.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That guy's job is not to do what he just said.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) Idiot. Yeah, his -- oh, it's his "job," to just...

Dick: To sit on the phone and dick around.

Maddox: ...to sit on the phone, yeah, to dick around -- no, your JOB is to handle customer service inquiries, dickhead! If someone wants to cancel, you fucking cancel!

Dick: Yeah, I mean, I...I hate Comcast as much as everybody else, but I don't think it was their fault here.

Maddox: You don't think it's Comcast's fault?? (incredulous)

Dick: No.

Maddox: They TRAIN these dickheads! And I'll tell you why I DO think it's Comcast's fault. (Dick sighs thoughtfully) Because I used to work in a telemarketing company, and we had lots of clients inbound and outbound.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: Outbound was mostly soliciting calls, and inbound was customer service-related for different clients, like Sprint and Nextel, and all these different phone companies. And they taught us, when somebody called in to cancel their service, to give them a first objection - now, that means we object to their cancellation and try to keep them on board - and then if that didn't work, give them a second objection. And some clients thought that the second objection was too much, and we shouldn't do it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But some of them went to third, fourth, *fifth* objections, and some of 'em were taught, "Don't let the customer cancel, no matter what," and that's EXACTLY what this sounds like.

Dick: So -

Maddox: Some dickhead told him not to let the customer off the hook.

Dick: - that doesn't excuse this jerkoff from doing this!

Maddox: Right! No!

Dick: Like, this guy's sit-- and the people at your company are making a CHOICE to follow these, like, orders?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That are coming from on high?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's still their fault! (Maddox splutters in objection) They're still the dickhead doing it, it's not the company!

Maddox: No, it's both. I think it's the company, AND it's the person that's doing it.

Dick: Yeah, well, you can't punch a company in the stomach.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: That's the point I'm making. It's -- this guy deserves more blame than the, whatever, the atmosphere, the boiler room atmosphere that Comcast is generating.

Maddox: It's their policies. I'm telling you, Comcast tells their reps on the phone -- Comcast is trying to eject from this one, saying, "No no no, it's just a bad seed, it's one guy!" It's not the one guy! If this guy didn't have an INCENTIVE to do this, he wouldn't do this.

Dick: I don't think that excuses it, though! I really don't -- like, I'm not defending Comcast. I don't wanna seem like I'm defending Comcast, 'cause I hate them, too. I think they're scumbags too. But I -

Maddox: (interjects) I mean, it SEEMS that way.

Dick: What?

Maddox: That you're defending Comcast.

Dick: Oh yeah, I know, it seems like I am. I actually think they love this. Because -

Maddox: (interjects) Comcast?

Dick: Yeah. Because they get -- everybody's thinkin' about them, everybody's talkin' about them, and all -- like, they can come out like priests, saying, "Ohh, my god! We're gonna change EVERYTHING!" (parodying insincerity)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "This is SOO bad."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "This is obviously soo bad, we're gonna fix everything." And they're not gonna do shit, of course.

Maddox: Oh, of course not.

Dick: So they get a bunch of free ads for it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, go to.....uhh, yeah, you kinda already said that. Go to number 3. Okay?

Maddox: Alright. [**begins next clip**]

Disgruntled Comcast Customer: I'm just gonna wait until you can confirm that we've canceled service, so I'm just gonna hang out here.

Comcast Employee [over telephone]: Okay, well, you're all set. It -- you know what, it's disconnected. I'm really sorry to see you go to somethin' that can't give you what we can, but I'd like to thank you very much for bein' a great part of Comcast, have a wonderful day.

Dick: (interjects over clip) Okay.

Disgruntled Comcast Customer: Uh, can you give me a confirmation number for the cancellation of service?

Comcast Employee [over telephone]: I...I don't have a confirmation number.

[**clip ends**]

Dick: There is NO WAY that that's Comcast's policy. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: No, that guy's a little bit of a snot at the end. But -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, he's an a-hole!!

Maddox: He's an ASSHOLE.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: An *asshole,* for sure. 100 percent for sure, an asshole. But, uh... (cracks up)

Dick: I see what you're doing there! (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: But, yeah. Okay, maybe Comcast's policy IS to give the customer a confirmation number, but uh...the fact that they, they -

Dick: (interjects) And he's so EMOTIONAL about it! You can hear it in his voice, like, how emotionally invested he is in getting this sale! He's just a total PRICK!

Maddox: Yeah, he's a prick, but he's that way because Comcast incentivized his prickish behavior!

Dick: See, you're letting him off. And that's why this is -- that's why I'm bringing this up as a problem.

Maddox: (interjects) No!

Dick: Because you are totally letting him off the hook by saying that!

Maddox: No, they're both guilty! I think you should hang this guy, right? I mean...

Dick: That's -- yeah! That's what I was thinking.

Maddox: Metaphorical OR literal, I'm okay with capital punishment in this case! Or...and/or destroy Comcast. Uh, brick by brick. Just dismantle that whole fucking evil firm, I FUCKING hate Comcast. Everybody hates Comcast, they're the w-- they're absolutely terrible. And for our international listeners, Comcast is a cable and network provider that has HUGE monopolies in huge swaths of America, where if you sit out in the suburbs someplace - in Utah or New Jersey or wherever - sometimes the only service you have is Comcast. You have to pay whatever fee they want you to pay, because they have

monopolies, they have contracts, they have lobbyists, and they keep other competitors out of their areas.

Dick: Well, they give local politicians kickbacks. That's how they get those monopolies all over.

Maddox: Oh, absolutely!

Dick: So here's why the Nuremberg Defense is the biggest problem in the universe, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause Comcast is gonna go away. Alright? They're gonna get driven out of business by whatever Internet...Hulu, or Amazon TV, whatever TV networks are coming along when we don't need cables anymore. But the Nuremberg Defense is gonna be here forever. (Maddox chuckles) People -- whatever the next thing is that's gonna kill cable is gonna come out and say, like, "Uhhh, I was just doing my JOB, by being a total jerk to these people when they're trying to cancel their service."

Maddox: Yeah. Well, if we can effectively -

Dick: (interjects) Same reason a bouncer won't let me into a bar when I'm wearing flip-flops!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, "Well, I'm just doing my job!"

Maddox: "Just doing my job," yeah.

Dick: Like, wha... (splutters) Can you just be a PERSON for a second and let me in??

Maddox: You know, Dick, I'm glad you brought this up, I actually do agree with you. This is...a legitimate problem! And you actually brought in research! This is like, the first time you've done this and I'm *so* happy. (cracking up)

Dick: Thanks!

Maddox: But - (still cracking up) - yeah, this is a great problem! I actually like this a lot. Uh, I have been trying to -

Dick: (interjects) Maybe I could get less shit for this next week, then. (wryly) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I think so, yeah. You're -- I'm on board with this. Um, I think that, I've been trying to...dismantle, or reverse engineer the Nuremberg Defense...

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: ...and I'm not sure if this is the right way to do it, I'm still experimenting with it, but sometimes I'll run into a dickhead security guard -- like, I was riding my bike the other night in a parking structure. And, who cares? (Dick scoffs) It's fucking 10 o'clock at night, it's empty, there's no one around, and some dickhead happened to be on his walkie-talkie upstairs -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: - just passing me at the wrong time, and he goes, "Uh - gah - stop right there!! Are you lookin' for your car?" And, uh, I got tripped up, 'cause I wasn't expecting -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah! (grinning) "I got my BICYCLE to look for my car, you FUCKIN' idiot!" (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: Idiot. Yeah! So, anyway. I was like, "Uh, no. I'm just riding around." He was like, "Oh, you can't be up here! You can't be up here!" I'm like, "Dude, who cares?" And I kept riding, and he goes, "Stop, stop, stop!!" I'm like, "Alright, man, alright." (exasperated) He's like, radioing in people -- and I'm glad I did, 'cause there were cops right downstairs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, so...I came up to the guy, and before he could even say it to ME, I said it to him. I said, "I get it, man. You're just doing your job."

Dick: "You're just doing your job." (amused) Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So I'm trying to defuse the situation, but I'm not sure how to get what you want after you've defused the bomb.

Dick: Okay, well, um...well, what did you wanna.....why were you riding your bicycle around a parking structure, I guess? Let's find out what you wanted in this situation.

Maddox: I was just goin' for a ride. (Dick laughs derisively) If you've never ridden -

Dick: (interjects) In a parking structure?! (laughing)

Maddox: It's fun! It's...you ride all the way up, it's a big spiral, you ride all the way back down, you get to the top, you get a great view, there's a breeze - it's nice!

Dick: Is this your workout??

Maddox: No, I just do it for fun!

Dick: You ride bicycles up parking structures, and then down? (cracking up)

Maddox: You know, if I'm riding by somethin' that looks interesting, I'm gonna put my bike in it! (laughs)

Dick: Okay, no, I'll give you that! 'Cause I like climbing parking structures.

Maddox: Yeah. In your car?

Dick: No, when I'm drunk.

Maddox: Oh. (chuckles) So, in your car. (laughs more)

Dick: Um...hmm.... (sheepishly)

Maddox: So, Rain Slick Dick. (laughs even harder)

Dick: Let's, uh...let's, uh, talk about something else... (grimacing)

Maddox: Anyway, yeah. So I'm trying to dismantle the Nuremberg Defense. I've been able to defuse it, but then to get what you want, I don't know what the next step is.

Dick: I don't -- well, this...that happened to me this week. I was at Stout again...my favorite hamburger restaurant.

Maddox: The burger place, yeah.

Dick: And they're open 'til 4.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which means their last call goes right up until 2.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And it was like, 1...it was like, 1:52.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: And I *ran* in there. I was like, "Alright, thank god, I can still get a beer."

Maddox: Thank god. (amused)

Dick: So I go to the counter, like, "Yeah dude, gimme a...a Mama's Little Yella Pils, stat. Right away. Give it to me."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he goes, "Alright, here you go! Uh, just so you know, I gotta come and collect this in 6 minutes," or in 5 minutes, whatever he said. (Maddox laughs) I was like, "Hey, buddy? Um...good luck."

Maddox: Exactly. (through laughter)

Dick: I was geared up for, like, "Well, I've never been tossed outta Stout before, but I am NOT givin' this beer up."

Maddox: No.

Dick: So I'm like, fuming, right?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Like amping up for getting what I want, like you were saying!

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Uh, so he comes back like 5 minutes later, and I had already drank the whole beer. So.

Maddox: Ha! Alright. Well...

Dick: Joke's on me.

Maddox: I guess you're both losers. Um... (laughs) Well, I guess you for alcoholism, and him for being a Nuremberg Defense dickhead. Um, okay. So is that -- is that your problem? Is that everything?

Dick: Yeah, that's the whole thing. I also wrote down all these dumb quotes from, uh...The Verge surveyed all these Comcast employees.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And, all of their interview clips make it sound like they're being trained like Nazis!

Maddox: They are!

Dick: WHAT THE FUCK, though?! Like, you're on the phone talking to somebody - just give 'em what they want!

Maddox: Yeah. And don't...don't do shitty things just because some authority told you to do it!

Dick: Yes! Thank you! Don't do shitty things to people!

Maddox: Stop being a FUCKING robot! That's why I don't -

Dick: (interjects) Unless it's funny. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Hokay, unless it's funny. I...okay, just real quick, an anecdote. I was at the New York airport, the JFK Airport, standing in line for security. And there was a long security line, and I was near the front, and I heard this lady -- this wife and her husband were standing near the front, and the security guard told her to go through the first class lane because it was empty.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And no one was coming through, no one was coming through for...you know, all the way down the terminal you could see was empty, no one was coming through first class. So the security guard told her, "Go ahead and go through first class."

Dick: Bein' a cool guy.

Maddox: Bein' a cool guy!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Because his job -- he was also breakin' the rules, I'm sure, trying to expedite the process. So this lady says, "Well, uh, it says 'first class.'" And he says, "I know, ma'am. It's okay, go ahead and go through first class."

Dick: Yup.

Maddox: And she goes, "But my ticket is not first class, it's coach."

Dick: (interjects) Alright, that's it, lady! Go to the back of the line! (sternly) (Maddox guffaws) That's it.

Maddox: No, but then, it goes on! And then he said, "I know, it's fine. Just go through first class." And she goes, "Are you sure?" And he says, "Yes!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then she goes, "But my ticket is still -- it's coach! I'm flying Southwest and it's coach." And the guy's like, "Just go through first class!" And then she's like, "Well, I don't know if I can! My ticket - " And I almost butted in, I'm like, "LADY! Just fucking go!! Just FUCKING go!" I was gonna PUSH this bitch right through the fucking line! Are you insane?! Are you that fucking ROBOTIC? You're so engrained to the fucking rules of

society, you can't fucking -- even when someone's *telling* you? He's the authority! You can't even override the previous authority?? Jesus. (surly)

Dick: Yeah! My dad used to do something similar to that, when we were kids and we'd go on a trip.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He'd be like, "Alright, we're boarding early. Uh, you guys have to act like you're under 12." (Maddox laughs robustly) And we'd be like, 18. (cracks up) Like, "Uhh, sir...they're not - " And he goes, "Yeah yeah yeah, they're fine!! They're fine, they're fine, they're fine. They're FINE." And he'd shove us through.

Maddox: Yeah! Just walk through, just do it! Just do what expedites the process, make people's lives easier, stop following authority. JESUS. Alright. I'm all pissed off now. (gruffly)

Dick: Alright, what's your last problem?

Maddox: That was a good problem, Dick. Um...

Dick: Thanks, man! I really thought about it, I worked hard at it.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, I did a bunch of research, I made those dumb clips...

Maddox: Made the clips, brought evidence, it was great! Great problem. Um, my next problem - and now I'm the one with minor quibbles this week - is hyphenated names.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Alright? (chuckling) I am so tired of hyphenated names. Okay, first of all -

Dick: (interjects) So a hyphenated name, I'm just gonna say what it is. 'Cause I didn't learn this until I was in my 20s.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That it's when a woman takes the guy's name and tags it onto her last name when they get married, and puts a hyphen in there.

Maddox: Yeah. Basically, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Basically. Or the guy does that with the woman's name, and they share each other's last name.

Dick: Like, the mayor of L.A.? Or did he just take her name? Villaraigosa, is that...? Yeah yeah yeah, I think his name was like, Villar, and hers was Raigosa, and he either took her name completely...'cause it was, like, more Mexican-sounding?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: He probably did.

Sean: He, uh, combined two names into one name. There's no hyphen there.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: But he took her name!

Sean: Yeah, "Villaraigosa."

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's WEIRD.

Maddox: That's name-melding. So, hyphenated first names -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's not the right thing, Sean. We're talking about something else, so why don't you...keep a lid on it. (sarcastic) (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: No, but it's all related -

Sean: (interjects) Dick had brought it up! (Maddox and Dick laugh harder)

Maddox: It's all -- no, it's all related. I have a problem with all of it. All of it's a problem. Now, uh...and then now, people are hyphenating first names. You know what? Any time I see a hyphenated first name, it just means that it's the result of two people who shouldn't have gotten married. Right? (Dick scoffs) Because they -

Dick: (interjects) A hyphenated FIRST name?

Maddox: Yeah, because they can't make a decision.

Dick: Wait, they hyphenate their *own* first names?

Maddox: Well, not with their last names, but say, for example, there's...you know. You know a guy named, uh, "Ken-John," or "Duane-Reade," or somethin' like that. It's a hyphenated first name.

Dick: Okay. (smiling)

Maddox: Because...because, you know what that comes from! The mom wanted "Duane," the dad wanted "Reade."

Dick: Are you serious?! This is a real thing??

Maddox: Yeah! That's what it is.

Dick: Well, I know, like, "Peggy-Sue."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, that's a...is that a hyphenated first name?

Maddox: That's a hyphenated first name!

Dick: So this is actually happening, where the mom wants a first name and the dad wants a different first name?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they hyphenate the first name as a COMPROMISE?

Maddox: That's the compromise!

Dick: ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Where is this happening??

Maddox: Everywheeere! Everywhere. I have a -- some of my good friends have hyphenated names, and (cracks up) I love 'em to death, but it's *annoying* as shit.

Dick: First names?

Maddox: Yeah. First names!

Dick: Oh, that's goofy! (taken aback)

Maddox: Yeah. Even my editor for the Alphabet of Manliness... (through laughter)

Dick: Yeah, Ruby-Strauss! (grinning)

Maddox: ...awesome guy, Jeremie Ruby-Strauss.

Dick: He's great!

Maddox: He's a great dude! I love the guy, but uh, you know, he's got one of these bitch last names. And then, uh - (cracks up more) and then you have, you know.....oh, I don't even wanna say any of these names, they're all coming to my mind, but yeah! "Peggy-Sue" is another one, and uh...

Dick: I learned what hyphenated names were because of Ruby-Strauss!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was like, "What is with the...what's the deal with the name? Why do they have that fancy hyphenated name?"

Maddox: Yeah, because they're not on board with the cultural, um...the cultural norm in America where the wife takes the husband's name when they get married. And, fine. You know, who cares.

Dick: I kinda like the idea of hyphenating the first name, though.

Maddox: WHY? That's stupid!

Dick: No! 'Cause then you get, like, two really, really, strong -- you could get like, "Derek-TheIncredibleHulk"...like, "Hi, I'm Derek-TheIncredibleHulk Masterson."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause obviously the dad wanted "Incredible Hulk," you know. (grinning) (Maddox laughs) You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: You think the mom's gonna go... (cracking up)

Dick: The mom wanted something lame, like "Derek" or something like that.

Maddox: Were you -- I think, uh, Dick, you have an interesting story; weren't you telling me you have a friend who has a superhero name?

Dick: ...oh, GOD. Uh, yes!!

Maddox: Yeah, with the kids.

Dick: OH! You know...you know who it is. Um...

Maddox: Can you tell the story on the air?

Dick: Yeah, yeah yeah yeah.

Maddox: Okay, let's hear this story.

Dick: Yeah, I think he would love it! Um, so he snuck in...his kid's name is Eddie.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He managed to sneak that in, and he made - like, as an afterthought - he made the middle name Brock. After Venom. Like Venom, the superhero, er, supervillain's name is Eddie Brock.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So the kid's name is Eddie Brock. (grinning) He totally -- like, I know he didn't explain why "Brock" was sentimental to him.

Maddox: But wait, wait; wasn't there more to this story? That his wife hated comic books, wasn't that...? Maybe it was someone else tellin' me this! But someone was tellin' me that, um, they have a friend -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, that sounds like a better story, so...

Maddox: This is -- yeah. I thought this was the story.

Dick: ...if that works, yeah, share it.

Maddox: So a friend of mine said that his friend LOVES comic books, and his wife *hates* them. And so, uh, when their kid was born -- she doesn't even want comics around the house, she doesn't want the kids reading comics, anything like that.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: She just hates comics. She thinks they're bad, they're a bad influence, and whatever. So this - yeah, this guy's a big pussy, so he married her.

Dick: That's weird. (chuckling)

Maddox: And, um... (cracks up) And THEN, he named his first kid Xavier and his second kid Logan.

Dick: Oh, funny. (amused)

Maddox: And his wife went along with it! Totally fine. And then they were at a friend's house one time, and he said, "Yeah, this is Xavier and Logan." (Dick laughs) And then the friend goes, "Oh, you mean like the X-Men?"

Dick: "Like the X-Men!" (gleeful)

Maddox: And he goes, "Shhhh! Sh-sh-shh!" (bursts out laughing) He snuck that under the radar, with his wife! It makes me so happy.

Dick: He probably thinks about that while he's banging her.

Maddox: Oh, my GOSH, yeah.

Dick: Like, "Oh, I got away with that! Yeahhh! Yeah, you take it!"

Maddox: That'd be -- that'd give me the biggest boner for the rest of my life. I would love it so much, gettin' one over like that. But yeah -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, sneakin' stuff into names is really fun! It's a funny idea.

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Meh, yeah.

Maddox: I was also thinking, um...it is funny, but not at the expense of having a hyphenated name. If you have to have a hyphenated name, fuck off. Here's -- I have a new theory; I have a new theory. So, the more syllables your name has, the bigger asshole you are.

Dick: Oh, yeah?

Maddox: Right? The more syllables...the more syllables that you have, the bigger asshole.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: If you have 6 to 8 syllables, fuck off. "Neil deGrasse Tyson."

Dick: YEAH. A-hole.

Maddox: How many syllables? Yeah. That's a...yeah.

Dick: Ne-il...that's two?

Maddox: That's like, three.

Dick: Is that two, or is that one? Neil...

Maddox: That's three, depending on the pronunciation.

Dick: ...de-Grasse, Ty-son.

Maddox: I guess that's not too...that's like, what, 5?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. No, that's not too bad. And I don't really think he's an asshole, just his dumbass fans. Um, yeah, if you have 6 to 8 syllables -- and you're cursing your child to go through life having to speak a SENTENCE every time they say their name! And they have to repeat it all the time -

Dick: (interjects) That seems like something you would do, though!

Maddox: Yeah, well... (Dick guffaws)

Dick: HA! Didn't everyone have to call you, like, "His Honorable...something...Emperor Maddox"? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Actually -

Dick: At the book signing?

Maddox: - no, for an entire month. After the Hurricane Katrina donations, I did promise that I would not read or reply to a single email that didn't include, "To his majesty, the honorable Maddox" in the subject line.

Dick: Yeah, I remember that!

Maddox: Yeah. And everybody -- I even made my editor, I believe, my editor had to reply to me like that too. I wouldn't read anyone's email.

Dick: I mean, if you had a kid, it sounds like something you would do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, an outrageous middle name like that?

Maddox: Yeah... There's that guy in Sweden, too, who recently changed his name; it's the longest name in the world, according to The Guinness Book of World Records. But it's something like, uh, "Tron Optimus Prime Megadeth Metallica Viking Thor"...whatever.

Dick: Cartoons.

Maddox: And it just goes ON and on. All these cartoons, all his favorite cartoons...

Dick: Funny. (flatly)

Maddox: And then I think it says, "9-11 Conspiracy Theory," and all this other bullshit he just throws in there.

Dick: So what's your problem with hyphenated names? What is it, really? Like, is it that nobody's sacking up and naming the kid?

Maddox: Yeah, pick a name, people! Make a decision! Make a fucking decision. And also, about the hyphenated last names: what happens with your next generation of kids? Okay? So let's say somebody comes along, their last name is Ruby-Strauss -

Dick: (interjects) Mexico is what happens! That's what's happening -- dude, Mexicans have like, a hundred...they've got six middle names, and a buncha last names -- you never know which one's which! That's not racist!

Maddox: Yeah, if two minds can't agree on something as simple as a NAME, then don't get married. Idiots. Just don't get married! And yeah, the Mexican problem, sure. You're gonna have kids...if you have a hyphenated last name, and you meet a girl; or you're a girl, and you meet a guy who also has a hyphenated last name, guess what? Your last name's gonna have two hyphens and four names! That's STUPID.

Dick: Yeah, I kinda like that hyphenated first name, though. 'Cause then the kid could pick! You know? Like if you have a cool middle name, you would go with that. You got all these options to pick from!

Maddox: Ohh, my god.

Dick: If you wanna say your name.

Maddox: Too many fucking names! Just PICK one! Just pick a fuck-- and you know what? Everyone with a hyphenated name eventually starts going by their initials. "Hey, T.J.! Hey A.J., hey B.J.!" It's always a 'J.' There's always a 'J' in there. (annoyed)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I know a guy who just says one letter for his first name.

Maddox: Ugh. What is it, "P"?

Dick: "R."

Maddox: "R." That's stupid. "R" is stupid. And also, people who name their kids after, uh...you know, just silly-sounding names these days. Everyone's gotta be really -- and then, special spellings for their names is really annoying. Like, "Bryon," B-R-Y-O-N, what a....why are you doing that? (moodily)

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: What are you, 'standing out'? And only in print, by the way. When you introduce yourself to people, which is, the majority of the time, how people hear your name for the first time, is through introduction...VERBAL introduction...the stupid fancy spelling that you spent nights dreaming up with your dumbass wife (Dick smirks) isn't gonna come across!

Dick: No. (amused)

Maddox: So just get a fucking divorce! (Dick laughs softly)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: IDIOTS.

Dick: Well, you're clearly all worked up by this. (Maddox cracks up) I have no fuckin' idea why, hyphenated names.

Maddox: Because you're -- you can't make a decision! That speaks to bad decision-making. If -

Dick: (interjects) So what about middle names?? You have a problem with those, too?

Maddox: No, because no one ever sees or hears them, unless you're lookin' at someone's passport! And if you are, you're bored in a security line. I don't have a problem with that.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I think middle names -- if you should have all your interesting names, save them up and jam them right in the fucking middle. Because that's the only time anyone's ever gonna care, is when you're standing in a security line at an airport, and TSA's bein' a dickhead because some BITCH at the front won't go through first-class security! And then you have nothin' but time to kill, so you're standing around with your passport and your dick in your hand, and the person next to you says, "Hey! What's your middle name?" You're like, "Thor Jesus Christ. What's yours?" Right? That's the only time it matters.

Dick: It's a cool name! (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: It's a cool fuckin' name!

Dick: Hyphen. "Thor-Jesus-Christ."

Maddox: Oh, MAN. Fuckin' hyphenate the shit out of your middle name, 'cause no one ever has to know. And then when you're playin' that stupid game with girls, where, like, "What's your middle name?" (obnoxious voice) And they don't wanna tell you, and you just immediately blurt yours out, so you show your hand immediately and they're just fuckin' holding it against your head! (Dick giggles hysterically) All fucking night!

Dick: WHAT the HELL?!? (through giggling) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You've never done this? In bars, and they're like, "No, you have to guess! You have to guess!" (nasal voice) "Well, what letter does it start with?" "No, you have to guess!"

Dick: Ohh. (worn out from laughing)

Maddox: "Well, there's 26 possibilities for letters! Why don't you just narrow it down to 1 out of 26, bitch?" And she's like, "No, no!" (obnoxious) And then you....anyway. It makes THAT game more fun, when you have an interesting middle name.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So, hyphenate the shit outta that!

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: But nothing else, guys! Just simple fucking names! (clapping on each word) CHOOSE, make a decision! Make a decision.

Dick: So in your perfect world, there'd be like, 5 names that everybody gets to choose from?

Maddox: Yeah, it would be just like China. (laughs loudly)

Dick: Yeah -- ohhhh. OHHHH. (uncomfortably) (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: Everyone has the same the same surname in China, there's like 5 surnames in China. There's Chang, Chong, Li...and Liu, I think...uh, you know. That's an exaggeration; there's a lot more surnames. But um, this is kind of interesting...one other note I wanna make about this.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So the hyphenated name is not universal...I'm sorry. When people get married - er, when women get married, and they take on the surnames of their husbands, that's not universal. That's actually mostly common in Western countries, specifically America. In Saudi Arabia and in Muslim countries, women keep their surnames!

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: So all these women who are like, "Oh, let's liberate the Muslims, because they have to wear burkas! Let's liberate - " They're more advanced, culturally, than we are in certain aspects, because the women always keep their names. And I don't even

understand why it's a big deal, I don't give a FUCK what you call yourself. If you're marrying me and blowing me every now and then, I'm fine with that.

Dick: I don't know, I think I would want the name change.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: I don't know! I never thought of it before.

Maddox: Do you name your shits?

Dick: Sometimes! (Maddox cracks up) Yeah. I'll be like, "Oho, that was...I call that one Too Much Vicodin This Week." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Ew, what does it come out, all lumpy and gross? Like paste?

Dick: No, no, dude, uh...constipation is a side effect...like, if you take too much Vicodin for an extended period of time, you will shit a football.

Maddox: Yeah. Is that, uh...

Dick: That's a medical fact. (Maddox and Sean crack up) AND an anecdote. That I wanna end on. (laughs)

Maddox: I believe, uh, I believe it does say that on the packaging. So, okay. Yeah, let's actually...we should probably end there.

Dick: Let's summarize.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: My problems are Too Much Swearing...oh, god, I'm gonna get killed for that one.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And The Nuremberg Defense.

Maddox: And, my problems are Anti-Cyclists and Hyphenated Names.

Dick: Lemme just say, I'm predicting a Nuremberg Defense clean sweep.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? (**closing riff starts**) I would never say this, but uh, I actually hope so, 'cause it's a really good problem. (Dick laughs triumphantly) And don't forget to vote at http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com!

Dick: Thanks for listening.

Maddox: Thanks.

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe</u> <u>- Episode 13</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyyy! How's it goin', everybody? I got sad news to start the show off.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it.

Dick: I was the biggest problem in the universe last week for like, a couple days with Armchair Psychologists, but as of right now, I am losing to Slacktivists. (glumly)

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Which I don't think are as big of a problem as armchair psychologists! But, the listeners disagree with me.

Maddox: Slacktivists are a superset of armchair psychologists. So, slacktivists - a lot of them are armchair psychologists, and then they take that and try to make it some kind of action. They try to make a call to action based on their stupid theories.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that's why; it's a superset.

Dick: I tell ya, you lost me with the math stuff right away, with "superset." (Maddox laughs) I'm out. I'm checked out.

Maddox: Apparently a Venn diagram is too math-y.

Dick: AHHH-HAAAAH. (playfully frustrated) (Maddox laughs) Alright, who won? Who won last week?

Maddox: The number one problem from last week was The Nuremberg Defense -

Dick: YES!!!

Maddox: - followed by Hyphenated Names, and then Anti-Cyclists, and dead last is your bullshit Too Much Swearing problem, Dick.

Dick: You know, um, I'll cop to that. That was -- I listened to myself last week, and I sounded like an idiot. Uh...

Maddox: A huge pussy, right?

Dick: Yeah. Um, but here's why I brought that in, and I didn't get into it on the show - and I don't know why I got really excited about that Cuss Control Academy, 'cause it was so funny -

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: - but one of the reasons that I don't swear as much on this show is 'cause I don't want this show, and you specifically...you know, 'the Maddox podcast,' to get written off as, like, that show where everybody swears all the time.

Maddox: Oh, that's...that's a positive thing. That's definitely a positive - like, that's the show that I wanna listen to, is that show - "Oh, they swear all the time? Sign me up, buddy. I'm in."

Dick: Alright, well again, I think I'm gonna sound like a pussy *again.*

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs)

Dick: (cracking up) So I'm just digging it deeper -- I only know how to dig my way outta things, uh, you're probably right.

Maddox: Well, I'm glad you mentioned that, because I have a couple of comments that address that.

Dick: About me being a pussy?

Maddox: Yeah. Well...more or less. (Dick sighs) This one actually - this guy says he actually agrees with you, his name is Joey Rogers. He left a comment on the website, http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com -- leave your comments there and we'll read 'em on the show -- he says, "Actually, the more I think about it, Dick IS right about swearing excessively. Why he feels the need to say things like 's-word' is beyond me (seriously, Dick, knock that shit off) but he does make me think of hearing children swear - they do it excessively and it makes them seem foolish as a result."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Wrong, Joey! They seem foolish because they're children, not because they swear too much. AND - and, he says, "There is a sweet spot with profanity, and overuse just cheapens the emphasis it's supposed to give." Now, Joey, you said you're agreeing with Dick, but that's actually the point I made on the show.

Dick: Fuck you. (Maddox laughs) That's for you, Joey. Well, here's what I'm saying - and I wanna add to what he's saying - uh, I don't swear unless I feel the hate in my heart. (Maddox chuckles) And then I let the swear-- you know, 'cause that's authentic swearing. You gotta feel it in your heart, and then it just comes out of you like a...like a Care Bear, except Hate. (Sean laughs in the background) Like, it shoots out of your chest in this beam of sludge and tox...toxin, and that's what swearing is to me. So if I don't FEEL it, in my heart, I'll say like, "Oh, s-this, f-that, f-this..." but when I *feel* it -

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: - like when I'm looking at you in your eyes and I'm like, "You know what, Maddox? Why don't you just go fuck yourself with this problem."

Maddox: Yeah, well, William Itsasoftj Judge - how do you like that, William? I'm not gonna pronounce the soft 'J' - says, "Tell Dick to never censor his swear words, especially in a meeting or argument. If he did that…"

Dick: (interjects) In a meeting? (amused)

Maddox: Yeah, "If he did..." (cracks up along with Dick)

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: This guy's pretty hard. So he says, "If he did that at the weekly meetings I go to in the Air Force..."

Dick: (interjects) Ohhh.

Maddox: "...he would be targeted for sure. Either swear or don't swear. Saying something like, 'What an a-hole' says to someone like me that you're limited in what you will and will not do. If you have something I want, I will immediately start thinking about how to take what you have based on your current limitations."

Dick: Oh, bring it on! That's what this guy's saying? He's gonna fight me anytime, anywhere?

Maddox: Sounds like! Yeah!

Dick: What's his name?

Maddox: William Itsasoftj Judge.

Dick: Alright, bring it on William Gudge! (Maddox laughs) Is that how you say that?

Maddox: Hahaha, "Gudge."

Dick: "Gudge"? Is that a soft 'J'?

Maddox: Or is it "Yudge"?

Dick: Yeah, just probably "Yudge," like Carl Jung. Bring it on! Bring it on, pal. Um...well, here's the other thing, too: I feel like maybe some - I feel like people our age have KIDS now, and they want to listen to the podcast but maybe their significant other won't let them if it's like, "F-, f-, f-, f-, f- f- f-!" all the time. But a couple swear words is okay.

Maddox: I'm not gonna cater to pussies.

Dick: Oh, alright. (exasperated)

Maddox: This show is for hard people only!

Dick: ALRIGHT, alright. Alright.

Maddox: William Itsasoftj - yeah.

Dick: (interjects) I blew it last week, I blew it this week again.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright. Well, at least you ceded the point a little bit.

Dick: Speaking of blowing it, can I read a comment?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Uh, this one is from Derek Stutz. He sent me a gigantic one. You tell me when you get sick of hearin' this. He starts out: "Gays." - I'm not sure if he meant "guys," or if he was calling us gays, but it says "gays" - "Although I'm thoroughly disappointed that Maddox took the position of pro-cyclist, I have to blame a key omission in the anti-cyclist argument on Dick, as he was the one defending that position." So, your problem of Anti-Cyclists caused a huge shitstorm in the comments.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Yeah. Uh, [continues quoting comment] "The center of Maddox's argument revolved around traffic and gasoline, which helped him make a legitimate, sound argument," according to this guy.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "It's true that people who ride a bike in lieu of driving definitely save gasoline, and I guess save the earth or whatever."

Maddox: 'Or whatever,' right. That's not the reason I do it!

Dick: Well, I don't know, this guy says maybe it is. "Maddox brought up the fact that you're an idiot if you can't pass them, but if you're on back roads, which cyclists often are, sometimes you literally can't pass them because of oncoming traffic and you're forced to drive at 15 miles an hour, which is fucking infuriating."

Maddox: What's this guy's name?

Dick: Derek Stutz.

Maddox: (belches) How's that, Derek? Listen, if you're ridin' on the back roads of some city, why don't you move to a real city? (Sean laughs in the background) Is this seriously a problem?! That, like, you're so -

Dick: (interjects) That's the...that's the solution?

Maddox: Yeah, well, no - (splutters; cracks up) - that's the solution! Make your -

Dick: (interjects) Not like, 4-wheel drive around them?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Your solution is to move to a city? (mocking)

Maddox: Get off...why don't you get - become part of civilization? Where the fuck are you, that there's so many cyclists on the back roads? What are you, drivin' to WORK? (Dick cackles) What's your JOB, idiot? Whatta you, just...

Dick: Um, it says he lives on the route of the Tour de France. I don't know where that is.

Maddox: That's in France!

Dick: Oh. Well...

Maddox: (laughing) So he lives in France? Does he actually -

Dick: No, no. He's...that's...

Maddox: - he's gotta be sarcastic.

Dick: I just made that up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, "Here comes point #2 that Dick omitted like a bitch..." I don't know why THIS is necessary, to... (Maddox laughs) ...uh, "...You have to take into account the purpose of a bike ride." Then he goes on and on, and says that, you know, bike riders wear

skinny...skin-tight getups, "...and they travel in packs making it harder to maneuver around them, and that they act like cars and pedestrians at the same time." Which I think is true!

Maddox: Yeah. Well...

Dick: 'Cause they're in the road, and you're not supposed to pass them 'cause they're supposed to be cars, and then they jump on the sidewalk and cause problems there! That's exactly what happens.

Maddox: Uh, Sean's nodding his head. You know...

Dick: Yeah! 'Cause Sean hates cyclists too. 'Cause everybody hates them!

Maddox: Ohhh. (annoyed) Oh, you PUSSIES.

Dick: Excuse me, "bicycle riders."

Maddox: You...pussies. So I got a comment about this too, from this guy named Seth Charles Forsman. He said, "Maddox, if a cyclist wants to be treated like a car, they should be able to consistently travel at 35 mph and faster."

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Maddox: [continues quoting comment] "Since they can't, they should get on the sidewalk and stop impeding traffic." Well, first of all, DICKHEAD, it's illegal to ride on the sidewalk. And when we do, a buncha crybaby pedestrians bitch about it! So you can't ride on the sidewalk, you can't ride on the street; where are you supposed to ride?

Dick: (interjects) You're not!

Maddox: No place! Except here's the thing, SETH: cyclists don't impede traffic, cars do. Okay? Now, cyclists aren't the reason that traffic jams occur. You know what causes traffic jams? Too many fucking cars! The answer to traffic jams isn't more cars. Every cyclist you see on the road is one less car that you DON'T have to wait behind.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And all you fuckin' pussies are just *crying,* like babies! There has never been a traffic jam caused by a cyclist! NEVER.

Dick: Wait a minute, I got a quote -- somebody says...oh, somebody has a good quote for that. Hold on...uh, I can't find it…oh yeah, this guy! Dustin Singer says, "Oh, and Maddox I promise you, guys riding bikes have killed more people than just about anything." (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing) I don't know...I don't know what that's supposed to mean, 'just about anything'! Guys riding bikes. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah. Sounds like the argument I just... (Dick laughs loudly) ...I literally - not even joking, not even 45 minutes before this podcast, I just responded to a chick who sent me hate mail about an old article I wrote about whales. And she said that whales do NOT kill people, and they're very peace-loving animals. And -

Dick: (interjects) Aren't they?

Maddox: I wrote back -- no.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I wrote back and I said, "Whales are the #1 killer of sailors, and that's a fact."

Dick: Is that true?!

Maddox: Of course it's true. And then -

Dick: (interjects) WHALES are the number one cause...

Maddox: Number one cause.

Dick: ...of death among seamen?

Maddox: Oh yeah, absolutely. Whales kill...

Dick: Are you makin' that up, or is that true? Are you doing a joke?

Maddox: What do you think, Dick?

Dick: Well, I dunno, you're Mr. Stats!! (yelling) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**) (laughs more)

Dick: Alright. Uh, Dustin Singer also goes on to say, "Fuck bikes."

Maddox: Great.

Dick: So, there you go.

Maddox: Thanks, Dustin. Idiot. (under his breath)

Dick: I got one more comment, and then do you mind if I go on to my problem from there?

Maddox: Go ahead. Yeah.

Dick: So here's my last comment...this is from D.S.: "Hi Dick. If Maddox hates monkeys so much, then why does he look like one? Regards."

Maddox: Oh. Good...good diss.

Dick: That's a pretty good point.

Maddox: Hilarious diss, dipshit! You know, I've been compared to lots of things; monkey is all you got? MONKEY??

Dick: It's pretty funny! (grinning)

Maddox: Ye-- OH, yeah. (Dick giggles hysterically) Yeah, real hilarious. Yeah, pretty funny if you're 3.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Like, I've heard better disses from 3 year-olds!

Dick: What have you heard from a 3 year-old? (amused)

Maddox: "Poopstain." Poopstain's a good diss, if you think about it!

Dick: Yeah! It's -- that's gross, man! Good for THAT guy.

Maddox: They're essentially saying you don't wipe well.

Dick: Well, they're calling you, like, the detritus of a poor wiper.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So not only are you shit - 'cause shit could come from like, a good person...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...but YOU'RE shit from someone who has poor hygiene.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's WAY worse - that guy's insulting at a 12th grade level, man! (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah, that's pretty good! So, like I said - so this guy called me a monkey..."poopstain" is a better insult than that.

Dick: Well, I just thought it was funny that he threw "regards" in there.

Maddox: Yeah, thanks Dick. (sighing)

Dick: See, it's a pretty good set-up. Like, "If Maddox hates monkeys so much..." and you think something funny - like, smart's gonna come out of it, "...then why does he look like one?" (laughs robustly)

Maddox: I love that you're so amused by that, Dick.

Dick: It's the perfect joke!! And it's only a sentence. Um, great email. Here's my first problem: monkey copyrights.

Maddox: Monkey copyrights!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, well, well. Look who's come home to roost.

Dick: No, get it outta your system, go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah! (**monkeys whooping sound effect**) MONKEYS! Who brought up the problem of monkeys on this podcast, huh? (gloating) Like Episode #2, I was like, "Monkeys are a big problem!" And NOW what are they doin'? So explain...you can give the set-up to this problem.

Dick: No, no, no! I…yeah, Episode...maybe Episode 2 or Episode 3...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can go check out the biggest problems, you'll see it on the list, and then you click on it and you can listen to the episode. Maddox brought in a problem which I thought was the stupidest thing I had heard, uh...in a LONG time, that monkeys were a big problem. So this week...lemme set up what a monkey copyright is, 'cause I know Sean doesn't know what a monkey copyright is. Uh, this guy - this photographer, David Slater, he's a nature photographer. Right?

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: So he packs up all of his equipment, and he takes it to a jungle in Indonesia to take, like, weird monkey pictures. Right?

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: Or whatever you do…whatever you do as a nature photographer. I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah, he was takin' pictures of a bunch of monkeys.

Dick: Yeah. So he sets all of his crap up, like his tripod and his flash, er...right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Then some monkeys come along, and they start dickin' around with his equipment!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they take -- 'cause they like pressing buttons...

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: ...you know? So they end up taking all these funny pictures of themselves, by accident. So it's like a monkey selfie.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a stupid grin on the...you believe that the monkey has an Instagram, and he's uploading it right after he does it. It's funny -- have you seen the picture?

Maddox: Oh yeah, he's got these stupid horse teeth...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...he looks like an idiot. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Yeah, he looks like an idiot!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He looks like everyone's selfie, basically. So the guy comes back, and the image ends up on The Guardian or something like that, and it's like, "Okay, cool. What a jackpot for this photographer." Right? Next thing you know, the image ends up on Wikipedia.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Okay? So he goes, "Nononononono, you can't..." 'Cause everything on Wikipedia is free. Once Wikipedia gets their teeth into it, they're like, "Well, this is free. This is - "

Maddox: (interjects) Well, they have a Creative Commons license, which, a lot of it has to be either...that you can reuse it, you can upload it, you can use it for commercial purposes. Some of it you have to use attributions, some of it is just public domain, and Wikimedia...Wikipedia is claiming that this picture is public domain.

Dick: YES. Specifically - so, it gets...he gets it pulled down, somebody uploads it again - basically, now he's bailing out a canoe that's sinking with the speed of a thousand internet posters. This is Wikipedia's response: "The file is in public domain because, as the work of a non-human animal, it has no human author in whom copyright is vested." (slowly for emphasis) So Wikipedia is claiming that the MONKEY owns the copyright on this picture that CLEARLY belongs to this poor photographer, David Slater.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So I saw this, and I thought, "What a goofy news headline. This'll be done…this is obviously a mistake."

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: And, "Somebody at Wikipedia's gonna go, 'No, obviously we're not that fuckin' retarded. This is OBVIOUSLY - this guy owns this picture. We're not a bunch of jackasses.'"

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, "We don't have monkeys here clicking buttons to run this organization."

Maddox: Yeah. Or...

Dick: OR!! Or! It's actua-- or this is a CONTROVERSY?! (Maddox laughs) And that there's actually another SIDE TO THIS ISSUE? CAN YOU FUCKIN' BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK THIS IS CORRECT? That this guy actually doesn't OWN this photo, it belongs to a FUCKIN' monkey?! (screaming)

(Dick pauses for a second; Maddox keeps laughing quietly to himself)

Dick: That this is - THIS is the world! And of course, as soon as I saw the comments, I was like, "Of course I'M the crazy one! Of course *I'm* crazy for thinking that this poor guy who lugs THOUSANDS...TENS of thousands of dollars of equipment into the JUNGLE, and manages to capture this amazing picture that so, like, artistically describes the human condition at this point in technology -- of COURSE he gets shafted! OF COURSE he's getting shafted. Of course there's people who think - "

Maddox: (interjects) (**sound clip of man saying, "Well, that's unfortunate."**) (laughs heartily)

Dick: Yeah! It's unfortunate! This poor bastard shells out all this dough, and this is his big break; he takes this amazing -- he gets this amazing monkey selfie that, you know... (splutters) ...it's like a once-in-a-career shot. It's SO perfect....IMMEDIATELY fucked over. And EVERY fuckin' armchair -- every internet lawyer is comin' out of the seams, is creeping out of the bits of the internet, posting on Facebook: "Well, you know, he just...you know, really, ya think about it, the monkey did all the work!" (stupid voice)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. So -

Maddox: (interjects) Sure, the monkey *composed* the shot, the monkey bought the equipment...

Dick: Yeah! (incredulous)

Maddox: So, I was reading....uh, great rant, by the way, Dick. I was reading -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I'm gonna go have a heart attack, now. (Maddox laughs) I'M JUST -- LIKE, IT'S SO...DUDE, IT'S - (splutters explosively) - you lived your life's dream, and you IMMEDIATELY GOT FUCKED OVER! It's like The Old Man and the Sea, every time I think about it!

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) That's right!

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: So yeah, I've read all these comments of the people defending the monkey, and they said - essentially, Wikimedia's argument is that the monkey pressed the button for the shutter, so therefore the monkey owns the photograph. (Dick scoffs) But if you think about it... (cracks up)

Dick: Hahaha, RIGHT?! (beside himself)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Right?!

Maddox: Yeah. So I made the case -

Dick: (interjects) Unbelievable.

Maddox: I was looking into this. I was thinking - well, first of all, I have three points against this.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: The first point is that a contract is not legally binding for any child under the age of 18, due in part to the inability for the child to fairly or accurately interpret his or her rights!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So a monkey can't be legally binding to any contract for the same fucking reason! Monkeys aren't gonna be goin' to the copyright office at Congress. (Dick laughs) And if they are, they should get the fuck out! What are they DOIN' there? Morons. And then the question of who pressed the shutter is moot. Because -

Dick: (interjects) It's just - it's CRAZY.

Maddox: It's absurd!

Dick: It's a crazy point; it's a crazy distinction to draw when you're talking about art.

Maddox: Well, so, people...sometimes photographers set up cameras that have procedurally generated shutters. So for example, when they detect that a flash is gonna come on - so for lightning, or thunder - they try to take thunder photography.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So who owns that picture, the THUNDER, you fucking idiots?

Dick: God!

Maddox: Does the thunder own - (cracks up) - does God own the copyrights to that??

Dick: We gotta send royalties to the Vatican now. (Maddox laughs harder) Every time lightning takes a picture, we have to shoot money into SPACE for space aliens to grab it...

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: ...for causing the lightning, or you gotta mail a check to the fuckin' Vatican.

Maddox: OR you can have the shutter triggered by motion - there's motion detection shutters! So you could potentially -- what Wikimedia is suggesting is that there is a public claim on surveillance footage. So if surveillance footage inside a store is triggered by motion, I guess we own that! Because nobody owns that - the *motion* owns the copyright. Huh, Wiki? Is that what they're saying?

Dick: Yeah, you know what I would like to see? Let's take the mechanics out of it...JUST looking at it from an artistic point of view.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: If...okay. You know the movement - the readymade sculpture movement?

Maddox: No...no.

Dick: Okay. Marcel Duchamp...he's like, some fuckin' artist, I don't wanna sound like a fancy-pants here.

Maddox: Mm, too late. (laughs)

Dick: He had - (cracks up) - he got a urinal...a urinal, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he turned it on its side and signed it, and he said, "There. That's art."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, wha-- so, Wikimedia: who made this? Who owns the copyright to flipping a toilet on its side and signing it?

Maddox: Is he the guy who also made the statement - the artistic statement that said, "This is not a painting..."

Dick: "This is not a pipe"?

Maddox: "This is not a pipe," yeah.

Dick: This is not a pipe, "Ceci n'est pas une pipe"?

Sean: No. (from the background)

Dick: No no, that was a different guy.

Maddox: Because it's a photograph of a pipe or something like that.

Dick: Well, it's a painting of a pipe, and it says, "This is not a pipe."

Maddox: Okay, I know that guy.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's not him.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's a different guy.

Sean: That's Magritte, I think.

Dick: Yeah - oh, is it? Magritte?

Sean: Oh, fuck. I don't know.

Dick: I don't know.

Sean: I think it's Magritte.

Dick: You know what? Good for you that you don't know, and I don't know. That's cool. Yeah.

Sean: Meh.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's keep it that way. (chuckling) Let's not learn anything. (sarcastic)

Dick: So it's like - (splutters) - so, what do you guys...you fuckin' assholes, you just want that picture for free so bad, you're willing to screw over an artist who -- like, any other artist would've freaked out...

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: ...and would've thrown rocks at the monkeys, 'cause they might break his camera!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: But this guy, he's totally chill.

Maddox: He's chill!

Dick: He set up an *environment* where something might happen.

Maddox: Okay, Dick -

Dick: THAT'S the artistry.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's VERY cut-and-dry.

Maddox: So, I have two points to make. I have one in defense of the photographer, and then one just to play devil's advocate. So in defense of the photographer - by the way, there is NO fucking evidence that the monkey pressed the shutter! So he SAYS that the monkey did, but that's not evidence.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: The photographer can say anything! No, in court, that's not...it's his word versus the monkey's word. I mean, the photographer could've lied and said, "Oh, I did that for the narrative, to make it exciting," or whatever.

Dick: Ohh, that's what he SHOULD do!

Maddox: Yeah! He could -

Dick: (interjects) Yeahhh!

Maddox: Then he could just -

Dick: (interjects) He SHOULD do that!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You're right!

Maddox: You know, it would kind of deflate the mystique of this picture, but -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but it would be a real good, like, "fuck you" story.

Maddox: Yeah! It's a good "fuck you" story!

Dick: Like he's obviously lying, and he should be like, "Well, why don't you go round up the fuckin' monkey and ask him what happened?"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "You motherfuckers!"

Maddox: Ask the fuckin' CHIMP if he can speak in his stupid howls and... (**monkeys whooping sound effect**)

Dick: It wasn't a chimp. I don't know what kind of monkey it was.

Maddox: I think it was a macoque? Macaque? Ma...macoque. I wanna say "macoque."

Dick: A "macock"?

Maddox: Is that a type of, uh…macaque. Macaque?

Dick: Is that a type of what? (sexy tone)

Maddox: Type of monkey... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeahhhh. (suggestively)

Maddox: And then here's the point I wanna make, sort of in the opposite direction. So, what do you think of this? I was thinking about this problem the other day - uh, essentially the monkeys stole this guy's camera, USED it, and then the guy retrieved his camera. So the claim is that the monkeys own the photographs that they took with it.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: However, it's still his camera. What if somebody steals your laptop, and...just to, you know, just to play devil's advocate here...they go home, and they sit down and they write the next Great American Novel. Like, they write a novel on your stolen laptop. I *think* that the person who stole the laptop still owns the rights to that novel.

Dick: No. No way!

Maddox: Well, just because you used something stolen, doesn't mean the person whose property it is...you know, if you used a shovel that you stole to build a house -

Dick: Well, wait a minute.

Maddox: - they can't just come take your house!

Dick: Yeah, but if you steal a gun and you shoot somebody with it, is there a thing where if the person didn't secure the gun enough, then they're partly liable for that? I mean, we're in California, so I gotta assume that something that asinine is probably true.

Maddox: (exhales thoughtfully) Potentially, but that's not a creative expression. I think -

Dick: Could be!

Maddox: - I'm talkin' specifically about something... (cracks up) ...well, you could paint in the medium of dead bodies, I suppose...uh, but I'm talkin' specifically about creative expression or any kind of creation. So again, if you stole some construction equipment, built a house...do they then come take the house because you used stolen equipment?

Dick: No, I don't think so. I don't think that's true at all.

Maddox: So what about the novel? What about the novel that somebody wrote on your stolen laptop?

Dick: If somebody steals your -- yeah, it's your novel, still.

Maddox: It's your novel!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So -

Dick: (interjects) Just 'cause you used the tool to do it -

Maddox: Right.

Dick: - like, the process, the artistic process is what you copyright, not the tools you use to *do* it.

Maddox: Right. So to play devil's advocate, couldn't you then say that, okay, the monkey DOES have a case, becau-- well, you know, it's a fucking animal.

Dick: (yells over Maddox) NO, because it is a FUCKING MONKEY. (Maddox laughs) THAT'S why.

Maddox: Right. Well if it was -

Dick: (interjects) Look, you win! You win this, because you were right about monkeys! I shit on you before, but you warned us all -

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: - that the monkeys were coming to take our JOBS! (Sean laughs in the background) They're takin' our jobs, these monkeys!

Maddox: Takin' our women!

Dick: No, DOGS are taking our women.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up) Yeah, they are.

Dick: No, I saw this thing that women are, like, replacing their need for babies...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...with little dogs.

Maddox: Dogs! (Sean sneers in the background)

Dick: And the only reason women need men is to have babies.

Maddox: (**baby laugh sound effect**)

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: It's true. (chuckling)

Dick: I mean, why else would you want a guy around?

Maddox: Yeah, guys...

Dick: If you're a woman, why would you want a guy comin' into your house? Farting, and messing up your stuff, and...

Maddox: That's all we're gonna do.

Dick: ...breaking your shitty furniture that you bought on your parents' credit card at Pier One.

Maddox: Yeah. Eat your food, eat your fancy fuckin' salad...not even know or care about what's in it. Your uh, macrobiotic, organic bullshit - we're just gonna shovel it in our mouth and poop it out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Hours later.

Dick: Not watch 6 hours of Netflix every night...

Maddox: No, 'cause we're out DOIN' shit. Building shit, that's what we're doin'. Yeah.

Dick: Well, it really pissed me off, that monkey thing.

Maddox: Yeah, well, and rightly so. Monkeys are stupid, I WARNED all you idiots!

Dick: Yeah, you did!

Maddox: And you downvoted it - it was Episode #3, go listen to it. I made my case against monkeys. They're in the way.

Dick: So to make up for it, everyone should upvote *my* monkey copyright problem. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: Not *your* problem.

Maddox: ...don't hijack -- you know what, if I - if the monkeys don't go up in rank significantly, I'm gonna be really pissed off....at the world. (smirks)

Dick: I got -- I brought in a quote from an expert. Um... (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Oh! Oh, yeah? (amused)

Dick: Yeah, this uh...what is she...June Berserk [misreading of 'Besek'], an executive director of the - (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: What?? (cracking up)

Dick: - Kernochan Center for Law, some exec....whatever, at Columbia Law School. Right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Uh...listen to what this broad said: "It's a great final exam question for a copyright class." This...this question is a GREAT final exam question? Are you fucking kidding me?? That's what -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, because it comes up all the time. This is a great case study, huh, idiot?

Dick: Yeah! "So a guy gets dicked over by Wikipedia - is it legal? Durrr?" Um...there has to be - [continues quoting Besek] "Under the copyright law as it's been interpreted, there has to be human authorship for there to be copyright." Okay, which there is!

Maddox: Okay, so there is that!

Dick: "So I would say there isn't copyright on the photo," that's what she says. (chuckling in disbelief) That's the -

Maddox: (interjects) There's no photo… (Dick guffaws) Okay, so what about…again, what about procedurally generated -- what if you just set up a shutter to go off in ten minutes, or whatever? It's just a camera that someone set up a long time ago, it's a security camera or something...who owns that footage? Because somebody didn't press the shutter.

Dick: What if he had just said, "Yeah, I gave my camera to the monkeys, so they could dick with it"?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "To see what would happen."

Maddox: "The monkey promised he would give it back, and that I owned all the rights to the image." (laughing) Yeah, say, "The monkey TOLD me he..."

Dick: "The monkey TOLD me!" Yeah!

Maddox: "He told me! Want me to ask the monkey? Oh, he's not feeling -- he's not in the mood to talk." By the way, you can't force the monkey to talk! Fifth Amendment! Right? He can't...

Dick: He can't incriminate himself?

Maddox: ...he doesn't have to incriminate himself! Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, I don't know if he broke any...he's probably trespassing! (Sean laughs in the background) The monkey?

Maddox: Well...this was...

Dick: Are you allowed to be living in the jungles of Indonesia? Probably not.

Maddox: Well, the guy... (starts laughing)

Dick: He probably owes somebody SOMETHIN'.

Maddox: Owes some taxes to the Indonesian government! Why don't you collect on that, dickhead? Besides, that monkey should be a millionaire, with that photo!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Whatever. Fuck that monkey. I warned all you idiots, and you didn't listen.

Dick: No. Uh, that's it.

Maddox: Good. Alright. Let me move on to my first problem. Female genital mutilation. (Dick laughs in astonishment)

Dick: Jesus Christ!!

Maddox: Gettin' right into it. (chuckling) (Dick keeps laughing uncomfortably)

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Here we go. So, I've been thinkin' a lot, and a lot of the problems we bring in are either neutral or male-centric. And I was thinking, "What is a problem that actually is a real, serious problem that a lot of women have to deal with?"

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And by "a lot of women," uh...guess how many -- so, I heard this stat a long time ago on NPR, and it was so surprising that not only I was doubting it, but the correspondent doubted it. So she had to look this information up.

Dick: Oh, 'cause it was so big?

Maddox: It's so big! What was -

Dick: (interjects) Okay. Well, lemme guess, then!

Maddox: Yeah. You guess. What percentage...so the country Egypt is an Arabic country, but it's also very modern, it's very Western; they have a lot of the same laws and rights that *we* have.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: What percentage, would you think, of women in Egypt have...female castration?

Dick: Percentage?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, what do I know about Egypt...uhh, I know that's where Indiana Jones was...

Maddox: Um...

Dick: ...does that help?

Maddox: No, I don't think he was - (cracks up) - in Egypt. Well, in what, Part 4 -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause Sallah -- no, in 1 -- 'cause Sallah said, (Maddox sighs) "The Nazis have shanghaied every digger in Cairo." (cracks up) Uh, 80. 80 percent.

Maddox: Higher!

Dick: WHAT??

Maddox: Higher than 80 percent. Sean, any guess? [Sean declines] It's actually 91 percent.

Sean: Jesus! (from the background)

Maddox: 91 percent of women in Egypt have female castration done to them.

Dick: Ohhh, god. Alright. (repulsed)

Maddox: And for people who don't quite know the procedure - I mean, they are literally cutting the clitoris out of the women (Dick grimaces) or they mutilate them.

Dick: Alright. (uneasily)

Maddox: And it's even worse -- in Sierra Leone, 88 percent; in Guinea, 96 percent! 96 of percent of women.

Dick: Holy shit, man.

Maddox: 74 percent in Ethiopia. So combined, that's over 125 million women and girls in Africa and the Middle East, according to UNICEF.

Dick: Wait, wait, wait, *how* many million?

Maddox: 125 million.

Dick: 125 million?!

Maddox: Yep! And if you think this is just a Muslim issue or, uh, a religious thing, it's not! There's 144 thousand women in the U.K. and Wales who are at risk because their parents were born to...uh, excuse me, the kids were born to Tunisian parents or Ethiopian parents, so a lot of times the parents will fly them out when they become adolescents -

Dick: Ugh!

Maddox: - around age, you know, 13 or 14 years old, and they get their...uh, their clits removed. They get them -- they get cut.

Dick: Oh, my GOD. Alright.

Maddox: Now, so this is -

Dick: (interjects) That's a lo-- can we focus on that *number* for a second? Or am I interrupting your thing?

Maddox: It's unbelievable! No, go ahead.

Dick: That's...I mean, that's TWICE...that's twice as many people, then, that watch the Super Bowl. Isn't that right?

Maddox: I think so, yeah.

Dick: Like, 60 million people watch the Super Bowl?

Maddox: Well -

Dick: (interjects) That's half the country!! That's half the country of the U.S.!

Maddox: Yeah! Half the country of the U.S.

Dick: Ohh, my GOD!

Maddox: That's over 60 million in Egypt and Ethiopia alone. Those two countries alone.

Dick: That's disgusting.

Maddox: It's unbelie-- it's outrageous! I didn't know it was that big of a problem. And I don't think even a lot of people know it's that big of a problem in the U.S.! Especially feminists out here, who are sitting here (cracks up) railing about photoshop on Cosmopolitan issues. Hey, idiots! If you wanna take a cause, take up a cause and go to Ethiopia! Go to Africa, go to Egypt, and try to solve THIS problem.

Dick: Well, then...

Maddox: Because, guess what? This problem isn't rooted in religion! It's not! It's not rooted in men just trying to control women, either. It's just -- so, UNICEF actually asked people, they polled them -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I was gonna ask, why do they do this?

Maddox: Yeah! The presump-- it says here, this is from UNICEF, from an NPR article; it says, "The presumption has been that men often condone female mutilation. But when we look at the data, it doesn't support that. Many men and boys want the practice to stop, too. The problem - "

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. This lady, Moneti - I think she's a director at UNICEF - she says, [continues quoting article] "The problem, Moneti says, is that communities -- even couples -- don't talk about the issue. The desire to end the practice is hidden, she says. 'Men often don't know what women think and vice versa.'" So, [skips ahead in same article] "About 20 percent of women across all 29 countries surveyed have undergone the extreme procedure, in which the genitals are cut and then the vagina is sewn shut."

Dick: WHAT?!?

Maddox: Yeah! They sew the vagina shut!

Dick: You're nodding - like, you know this??

Maddox: Sean's nodding -

Dick: SEW it?!

Maddox: - you've heard this -- yeah!

Dick: Okay, WHY? Why the FUCK would you do that?

Maddox: Right! So here's the interesting part, here in the article. It says, "Some people mistakenly frame mutilation as an Islamic practice, says UNICEF Deputy Executive Director ... 'But it's not,' she says. 'There are many Islamic communities that don't practice it. It's not written anywhere in the Bible or the Quran.'" So this is not a religious practice.

Dick: I thought it was.

Maddox: No! It's not! "Instead, the practice is linked to poverty and lack of education, the report finds. And a girl is much more likely to be cut if her mother was." So this is just something that poor people do because everyone's always done it. It's always been tradition, so they just keep doing it!

Dick: Are you KIDDING me?

Maddox: That's it!

Dick: I thought the reason that we didn't get involved with this is because it was like, a huge religious war waiting to happen.

Maddox: That's what I thought! But it's not! A lot of Muslim - in fact, the majority of Muslim people don't do this. This is just in certain countries and certain communities, because it's been the practice for so long.

Dick: That's hard for me to believe.

Maddox: Yeah, well, that's what -

Dick: (interjects) I gotta hear like, a Muslim person tell me what you're saying. To know for sure.

Maddox: Well, if -

Dick: (interjects) You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's a...that's a mouthful, what you just...they're just doing it because they've always done it.

Maddox: Because they've always done it. So one of the -

Dick: (interjects) Ohh, my GOODNESS.

Maddox: One of the examples -- yeah -- in Iraq, it used to be as high as about 30 percent, and currently, it's dropped over the last few decades; it's about 9 percent of women in Iraq still get this procedure done.

Dick: Ugh!

Maddox: And it's not for any particular -- I mean, if it was a religious thing, Iraq, if anything, has become more staunchly religious.

Dick: Yeah, but...

Maddox: It's become a more staunchly religious state, and yet, female genital mutilation has dropped in that same time to about 9 percent. So it's just a tradition that people have always done, and nobody really knows why!

Dick: I mean, can you give George W. Bush some credit for dropping that number? (Maddox laughs) You know?

Maddox: NO.

Dick: Oh. So it's only his fault for invading on bad info, but...

Maddox: Well, he did -- no, no, I'll give him...

Dick: Pull somethin' good out of it, and...no?

Maddox: Okay, yeah, I'll…he did lower that number by also lowering the population in Iraq, so there -

Dick: Ah, well.

Maddox: - you have that. (laughs)

Dick: Well, you brought in a disgusting problem. (Sean chuckles in the background) Um...

Maddox: (cracks up) It's a real problem! This is an actual, real problem!

Dick: I had no idea it was just, uh...just a knowledge thing.

Maddox: Yeah! It's just -

Dick: (interjects) Is this like, a superstition? Or do they just think it's....something to do?

Maddox: Well, so, there's one woman in this NPR article who went out...she's a very outspoken critic of female genital mutilation because when she was 13 or 14 years old, she's -- I believe she's from Somalia, and her parents flew her out there, and she said she woke up in some dingy hospital room.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) I got - dude, I gotta tell ya, this is making me wanna throw up.

Maddox: Yeah! It's a really rough problem.

Dick: Like, all of this whole topic's making me wanna throw up.

Maddox: Yeah - no, it's gross! So they flew her into this dingy hospital room - she said she wasn't even sure if it was a hospital - and she said that this woman came into this room who was dressed not as a doctor, but, as she can recall, what you would imagine an African witch to look like. And so she came in there and mutilated the genitals. (Dick sighs in disgust) A lot of the time though, like in Egypt, 70 percent of these female genital mutilations are done by doctors. Especially the poor people, they don't wanna question the authority of doctors. So if a doctor's doing it, it must be right. Right?

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: It's kind of like, male...I mean, this isn't at all comparable in terms of the scope of lasting damage that it does, but it's kind of like male circumcision, where everybody just kinda does it. Do you know the reason people do male circumcision?

Dick: Well, okay. So, lemme say that I...I know what you're talking about, I know the big debate...now that we're talking about penises, I can talk. (Maddox chuckles) I know what's going on more, I can talk more about this. Uh, I know that there's controversy on whether you should do it or not, but then I've -- it seems like people are pretty staunchly against it, and I've heard the arguments where, 'the cleaning isn't so bad,' and 'you lose all this sensation if you get circumcised,' and 'it's like, a torturous experience'...right?

Maddox: I guess.

Dick: But then I hear people who are late in life and they get circumcised and they're like, "Yeah, that's all crazy. Just get it done." (Maddox laughs quietly) "Do it to your kids." I'm like, "I don't know what to think on the circumcision thing!"

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know what to think either, and there's actually a really funny video about this on CollegeHumor that talks about the history of circumcision. It's a 3-minute video, and it is *fantastic.* It's so well done. It talks about how circumcision just kind of came about, and because of some superstition, or somebody believed something, they just started doing it and it's always been done just because that's what everybody has always done. And to be totally cynical, some people say now that circumcision and female genital mutilation occur because it's a big industry. Doctors make a lot of money on circumcision and female genital mutilation.

Dick: Uh...(exhales thoughtfully)...well, the latter's awful. That's gotta stop, right? The -- circumcision, I don't know. I'm still out, I'm still undecided. Because people who are against it are so passionate about it, and that always makes me suspicious.

Maddox: Yeah. And it's always -- the most outspoken people are usually hippies...about the castration, I'm talkin' about. Er, not castration; the circumcision, I'm talkin' about. They're mostly hippies. You know, I go back and forth on the circumcision thing, but this castration thing's gotta stop.

Dick: You know what, we should have somebody from each side of the circumcision issue on this show. Because we know somebody who's anti-circumcision - uh, both of us do - and I would like to hear...I would like to actually get the real reasons for why it's.... We should get a late-in-life circumcised guy. (Maddox chuckles) And then we should look at their dicks, you know!

Maddox: No!

Dick: Just for fun!

Maddox: No, Dick - here we go! (Dick cackles hysterically) This was a long con! Dick's just trying to get me to look at dick, like usual. (**booing sound effect**) Gross, dude.

Dick: Okay, so here's what I think about...you know -

Maddox: (interjects) (**negative 'sproing' sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: - after doing the Men Are Better Than Women stuff, and going on the radio and getting screamed at all the time...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I've done -- I'm sure you've done the same thing: you go on the radio all the time, and people tell you what a jerk you are.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And this and that about how much you must hate women, blah blah blah. I always get the question, "Well, what do you think about feminism? Everything they're doing - trying to get women to make more money in the first-world, there should be 50/50 female CEOs, blah blah blah blah blah - don't you think that's great?" And I'm like, "Shouldn't their sole purpose be to stop…THIS?"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: This is SO MUCH WORSE than 'you're not making as much money as a man, allegedly' or 'there's not enough chicks in video games or comics'!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, where the fuck is the outcry for this?!

Maddox: This is why I think that people are giving a backlash to modern, third-wave feminism in America, because they're OBSESSED with these minor minutiae! These fuckin' Social Justice Warriors on Tumblr are complaining 'cause someone said "bitch" on Twitter!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Who gives a shit?? Go to Papua New Guinea! Go to Sierra Leone! Go to these places where women are having acid thrown in their faces, still!

Dick: Wait, is *that* a religious thing?

Maddox: Uh, it's actually based in superstition. They do witch hunts.

Dick: THAT'S THE SAME THING?!?

Maddox: Yeah! (Dick sighs loudly in dismay) Well, no, no - that's a different thing! This is actually, women are getting acid thrown in their faces.

Dick: No, I know about the acid thing.

Maddox: Yeah, because of witch trials. And this is something that feminists aren't taking up their cause for.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But of course, when it comes to 'not enough female video game characters,' let's talk about how Samus has been oppressed and has become a sexual object.

Dick: I know, man.

Maddox: Let's talk about a fake CARTOON fucking character. And you think this is what's causing female genital mutilation? In these cultures, they didn't have video games! They didn't grow up playing the same video games that we did.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And yet, we don't have female genital mutilation out here. Or if we do, it's extremely low - it's less than 1 percent.

Dick: Well, that's why I have a hard time taking them seriously. Because -

Maddox: (interjects) Taking who?

Dick: Any...well, anyone with a cause, I guess. (Maddox chuckles) But feminists specifically, because it's like...I mean, you're rearranging...you want a little bit more money, but you're saying that's like, empowering women? No, it's not, it's empowering...*you.* (cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And people who are exactly like YOU. Just say it...say it for what it is, you just want more of stuff. You're not crusading for anybody! You're not crusading for human rights, 'cause there's 200 million women out there getting their genitals shaved off. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. And their vaginas sewn shut.

Dick: That's - that's WEIRD, man! (repulsed)

Maddox: It's so disgusting. It's like - it's worse than medieval. If you wanted to torture someone in medieval times -- and by the way, that is *the* most sensitive area that I can think of on a woman's body, next to her heart. (laughs)

Dick: What are they doin' about that? (dryly)

Maddox: Nothin'. There's no cure. They just keep crying -

Dick: They're not removing their hearts?

Maddox: No, I... (cracks up)

Dick: I think they do that in LA. (Maddox's laughter escalates) I heard that!

Maddox: That is SO - (**'ding!' sound effect**) - fucking true, Dick. (through giggles)

Dick: I heard that was happening.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yeah, there's a whole bunch of, just...cold-hearted zombies walkin' around here.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, other than that...anyway, man. Yeah, that's my problem. Pretty big problem... (Dick sighs) But yeah, that's what I wanna talk about! It's a real, serious -

Dick: (interjects) Hea-vy.

Maddox: - it's a heavy topic, and it's something I don't think we've really delved into. And by the way: I think, of all the problems we've brought in so far, this probably, *actually* deserves to be number one on the list.

Dick: Well, slow...slow down, though. (Maddox laughs) I mean, that's easy for you to say, you're already number one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But, I don't know. Armchair Psychologists -

Maddox: Oh, my GOSH. (playfully annoyed)

Dick: - that's pretty bad too! (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um...they're doubly screwing themselves over, too. Because they're like -- that's probably why all these places are still broke as shit and poor, and don't have anything good, 'cause they're ruining their one incentive to do *anything.*

Maddox: Yeah, that's - (cracks up) - that's actually a good point.

Dick: You're sewing the vagina shut? Well, uh, why am I even getting out of bed?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Uhh, what's the point? "Hey, Dick, go build a dam." "...Why? Why would I do that?"

Maddox: Why do anything?

Dick: Yeah, why do anything? You sewed all the fuckin' vaginas shut. (grinning)

Maddox: What do I want money for? (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I want money to impress chicks, right?

Dick: Yeah, to bang them.

Maddox: What am I...I'm not gonna... And you know - can you imagine things from the female perspective here, for a second? If you had this procedure -

Dick: (interjects) No, I can't. Hmmhmhmhmhm... (tittering suggestively) (Maddox and Dick both burst out laughing)

Maddox: If you've had this procedure done to you, imagine growing old, growing to - becoming an adult, and having those sexual urges, but then also sex being incredibly painful for you, or...you know, it's not always. Some women are able to recover and they're able to gain some sensation, but for a lot of women sex just becomes this non-issue. It's something that they don't want to have, it's something that they don't crave, it's - because it's painful for them.

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: So that can...that's gonna totally fuck up the whole dating dynamic; it's going to fuck up their desire for men, and everything else in their lives. They have all these psychosexual disorders, and -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, armchair psychologist!!

Maddox: Ohh, boy. (cracks up)

Dick: Here we go! (amused)

Maddox: This is according to the article, though. This is actually from the NPR article. Anyway, it's a big problem, so that's what I'm bringing in this week. What do you got? What's your next one?

Dick: Um, is there a fix for it? Did NPR tell you how to fix it?

Maddox: The fix is to go to these impoverished communities and just try to educate people, and try to tell them that this is an archaic practice, and -

Dick: (interjects) Well, don't talk down to them.

Maddox: No, well... (cracks up)

Dick: That's what you're doin'. You can't go to them, like, what they got there...are these people with bones and shit in their ears?

Maddox: Ohh, boy. (laughing) Yeah, let's not TALK DOWN to them, Dick! (laughs more)

Dick: (grinning) Just a private conversation between...they don't have internet there.

Maddox: Oh, yeah! No, no...

Dick: I mean, what do you do? You're like, "Uhh..." -- how do you convince somebody who thinks this not to do it?

Maddox: You literally have to go to these communities and educate them, and say that…. The way that you're able to educate them -

Dick: (interjects) Convince me!

Maddox: Okay, I'll tell you.

Dick: I'm one of these people.

Maddox: Sure! Okay. So, you -- I would come to you and I would say, "Hey, listen. This is actually going to kill your daughter, so don't do it."

Dick: [continues mock conversation] "'Kill?' My wife didn't get killed, and she had it done to her!"

Maddox: "Well, she's lucky! But most - most women - "

Dick: (interjects) "Ohh, come on. We got 120 million women doin' this!"

Maddox: They don't know this!

Dick: "None of them are getting killed!"

Maddox: They don't have internet, they don't have the access to these stats!

Dick: Okay, fine! "We got a BILLION women doing it! I'm just makin' up stats now!"

Maddox: "Yeah. Well, it doesn't matter, 'cause YOU don't know you're impoverished. Remember? You don't have internet."

Dick: "Okay. Okay!"

Maddox: "So I can tell you anything and you have to believe it, because you're dumb."

Dick: No! (Maddox laughs) That's not how dumbness works, buddy. (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, APPARENTLY. 'Cause they're... "Apparently nothin' sticks to you. So, anyway, dude..." I don't know.

Dick: You didn't talk me out of it!

Maddox: (inhales, winding up) Dick, if you wanna cut your own clit, then go for it!

Dick: Whoa. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Go ahead, sew -

Dick: (interjects) No, you gotta say, "Look, man. You don't do this, these broads are gonna be out-of-control horny!" (Maddox laughs) That's what's gonna happen." You gotta tell the KIDS that.

Maddox: If you *don't* do this.

Dick: This is what the African warlords do. You gotta get the kids, and you gotta say, "Hey, you guys. These -- you gotta STOP this, because these chicks are gonna get crazy horny if you stop doin' this to them!"

Maddox: No -- you know, seriously, what the problem is? That over - I think I read this stat - over 96 percent of women 40 and older in these countries have had this procedure, and something about...something like 40 to 60 percent of women younger than 20 have had the procedure. So it's lower - it's less common in the new generation of women coming up -

Dick: Oh, that's good!

Maddox: - but again, if your MOTHER'S done it -

Dick: (interjects) Makin' progress.

Maddox: Yeah, you *really* have to go there and educate these people, and tell them the dangers, and tell them why this is such a bad procedure, and then maybe you can stop the process. Because this process stopped with this woman who had it in Somalia; she went back and she said that her two nieces were the first in her generation of women who have not had this procedure, specifically because she spoke up and she said, "No."

Dick: There you go!

Maddox: "Let's not do it." So if you tell women to speak up, I mean, that might be enough. That might be all it takes to stop this procedure.

Dick: Well, I don't wanna risk being a slacktivist, so I'm just gonna not do anything about it. (wryly)

Maddox: Well, there you go!

Dick: Mmkay?

Maddox: I would rather you not do anything about it than, uh, change your profile picture on Facebook. Or go out and protest on Hollywood Boulevard, or some stupid shit.

Dick: Well, then you're in luck! 'Cause that's exactly what I'm not gonna do. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Congratulations. (through laughter)

Dick: Here's my next problem.

Maddox: Okay. (still chuckling)

Dick: Um....no one talks on the phone anymore.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: That's not a good -- can you phrase it better? Nobody...nobody uses the fuckin' phone anymore. (Sean snickers in the background)

Maddox: There you go! I like that -

Dick: Is that better?

Maddox: - you put the word "fuck" in there.

Dick: I want - I tried to come up with like, a Seinfeld-y way to say it. Like, "phone-phobia," or something? But that's not what it is. It's, nobody...everybody wants to TEXT, and WRITE, and email and shit, and not pick up the phone -- look, you know, there is no bigger way to seem like a creep to a girl than to try to *call* her.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are you aware of that?

Maddox: Oh, absolutely! That's why I don't call girls.

Dick: Yeah, well, I did. I tried to, anyway. (cracks up in embarrassment) I really fuckin' blew it.

Maddox: Ohh, let's hear this story.

Dick: Um...alright.

Maddox: Do you have a story that you wanna tell about that?

Dick: No no - yeah, I'll tell a story. Um, sure. So, girl adds me on Twitter.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Never happens. Right? 'Cause I'm like, dead on twitter.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I messaged her with, uh, "Who the fuck are you?" Like, "What are you...what are you adding me on Twitter for? What's the deal?" Uh, we start talkin' for a while. Get her number..."Hey, do you have boyfriend? What's goin' on?" She knows a friend of a friend, we're havin' a good time...so I'm like, "Alright!" Got her number. Text her. Nothin'. ...CALL!

Maddox: Oh, that's a big mistake, buddy!

Dick: Oh, yeah! (annoyed)

Maddox: You NEVER call.

Dick: Well, that's what everyone tells me!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "You can't call!"

Maddox: You can't call.

Dick: That's...are you kidding me?

Maddox: It's intrusive! It's rude!

Dick: I -- how is it RUDE? (astonished)

Maddox: There's nothing -

Dick: How did we go from...'calling is chivalrous,' I would say...

Maddox: Ugh. BARF.

Dick: ...in what, the '90s? Do you remember that? Remember when like, pagers were a thing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I guess I'm just an old-fashioned kinda guy from the late '90s, that I think calling is cool!

Maddox: You're an old dick.

Dick: Yeah. I'm an old -- well, when I tell people that I *called* someone? They look - especially women - they look HORRIFIED.

Maddox: Horrified, exactly! They should be!

Dick: Well, this is an embarrassing story. But the reason I'm -- you can make fun of me, everybody's gonna make fun of me for being a loser, right? With this girl? But I'm bringing it in because I think this happens to a LOT of people.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: And I think it's, uh...I think people are setting themselves up for disaster by not talking to people on the phone.

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick yelling, "That's ridiculous!"**) (laughs)

Dick: Do you really think so?

Maddox: Dick -- no, it's not. By not talking...first of all, in terms of communication -- in terms of the types of communication, I would list talking on the phone as one of the most inconsiderate. The most inconsiderate form of communication, I think, is talking on the phone because you're telling -- you're saying to somebody, "Hey, this is urgent! I have to get through to you, drop whatever you're doing! Stop reading your email, stop working, stop doing whatever you're doing and pick up the phone and talk to me like I'm a fucking boss. Like I'm your executive right now."

Dick: What are you, so busy with shit?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: You're never just kind of just sitting there -

Maddox: No!

Dick: - and you can throw stuff on a back burner, and have a nice conversation with somebody? (incredulous)

Maddox: NEVER. Never! And even when I am talkin' to somebody on the other phone, I got apps running in the background, I'm checkin' my email, I'm checkin' everything.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) You're the fuckin' worst. You're the fuckin' worst!

Maddox: I *don't* want to talk on the phone. No, TALKING is the worst. What do you wanna, play girl talk? Like a chick?

Dick: Let me tell you why!

Maddox: Sit on the bed with your... (chuckles)

Dick: Let me tell you why, I brought in -- go...finish the insult.

Maddox: Yeah, ohh - (laughs)

Dick: You were saying, sit on the bed, and...what?

Maddox: Sit on the bed with your feet kicked up in the air, eating Twizzlers...

Dick: Braid my hair?

Maddox: Braiding your hair...

Dick: Talking about boys on speakerphone?

Maddox: Yeah, what are you...what are you talkin' on the phone for??

Dick: Lemme -

Maddox: It's so inconsiderate! Voicemail is the number one most inconsiderate, followed by phone calls.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I give you voicemail. You can get so much more information across in a phone call, though, that you CANNOT get across in text.

Maddox: Wrong.

Dick: When you send a text, you are basically, uh...you're basically a gray person with no personality, and you get absolutely nothing in the form of like, context and meaning. It's just words.

Maddox: That's because you're not -

Dick: (interjects) Words that you can make them mean whatever you want! You ever have a fight with a broad over text?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: You know exactly what I'm talking about.

Maddox: I do, and I'm a GREAT writer and I'm a GREAT orator. I can do BOTH. And when I write, they know exactly what I'm sayin' because I have the perfect vocabulary, and the perfect emoticons!

Dick: Totally false. (Maddox laughs) The reason why -- what are your emoticons? (amused) You put in those little Chinese ones?

Maddox: Oh, all sorts of crazy. Usually penis ones, with the squirty thing on the face?

Dick: Oh yeah. Tildes, yeah. I love those.

Maddox: Like, the tildes on the face? Yeah, yeah, yeah. Especially when you're having an argument and you send one of those after an insult? So you say somethin' like, "Well, wouldn't have happened if you wouldn't have sucked a dick last night!" And then (cracks up) you put a little, uh...you know, frowny face -

Dick: (interjects) Wow, that's a rough fight! (laughs)

Maddox: Well... (bursts out laughing) (Dick cackles)

Dick: Um, here's why...first of all, I gotta call you out on this.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: The reason why you like writing so much is because you're writing these texts and emails to YOURSELF, and then you decide, "Well, I understood everything that I meant! Fuck them," and send it off.

Maddox: No, Dick! I'm really good at communicating; that's why I can send texts and have them stick!

Dick: How do you know? You're not on the other side, interpreting it!

Maddox: Because I defuse bombs! I defuse situations! I know how to bring people down off the ledge. I just do that. I have that power.

Dick: You've sent me a lot of emails -

Maddox: Ohh... (annoyed)

Dick: - over the time I've known you -- every single one fuckin' infuriates me.

Maddox: (splutters) (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Dick: With your like, 'defuse' -- you always start...you start at -- it's a shit sandwich. There's a compliment at the beginning...

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: ...some fuckin' condescending compliment, (Maddox laughs robustly) then two pages of SHIT, then, "Hey buddy, but, you know, keep on keepin' on!"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: " - Maddox."

Maddox: That's actually... (laughs more)

Dick: Every single email you send me, I wanna strangle myself by -- as soon as I finish that first sentence, 'cause I'm like, "Oh, it's all downhill from here."

Maddox: Oh! So, it sounds to me like I'm accomplishing my goal! (bursts out laughing)

Dick: Okay, wait wait wait. So I brought in some stupid games, uh, to prove my point.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That you cannot -- that texting is TOTALLY worthless when it comes to communicating. Because you cannot tell if you're dealing with a complete psychopath or a normal person.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Because you are reading yourself in the words. That's what I'm saying; that's my point. Alright?

Maddox: Dick, I will argue this to my grave, because a good writer...you know, when you take a writing class and your professor says, "You should write in your voice, and you should learn what that voice is..." A commenter sent me an email a long time ago, and he said that what makes a good voice is, when you read it, you read it in that other person's voice and not your internal voice.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: So if you're able to communicate in a good voice, you're able to get your message across and transcend the person's internal voice.

Dick: It's great for a bestselling author. (Maddox laughs) Alright?

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: You wanna put out - you wanna crank out the books? I love reading them in your voice.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: I like TALKING in your voice after I'm done reading them. (Maddox laughs) For fuckin' *texting* people?

Maddox: Yeah. Alright!

Dick: To meet, and talk? Worthless.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Here's my -- okay. I got a quote, I'm gonna read it. (**light background game show music starts**) And I want you to guess...uh, I'll give you some people who might've said it, and you tell me who said it. Alright?

Maddox: Mmkay.

Dick: Here it is: "Maybe I haven't done enough. I might be ashamed of that, for not doing enough. For not giving enough. For not being more perceptive. For not being aware enough. For not understanding. For being stupid." Okay? Which -- now, who do you think said that? Um, let's go with...Obama, Steve Jobs, or Jesus?

Maddox: (chuckles) Obama...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...Steve Jobs, or Jesus...

Dick: Pretty inspiring quote, right?

Maddox: No, that's -- first of all, when I heard that quote, I thought immediately, "Pussy." Whoever wrote that is a huge pussy, and it sounds like a breakup text.

Dick: Okay, wait wait wait. Uh, change the last one to....I don't know. (grinning) That's not the point. Whatever... (laughs with Maddox) ...guess! Guess, guess, guess.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. So whoever said that sounds like a huge pussy, and is groveling to a chick. But if it's - if Obama and Steve Jobs are in the mix, then I'm thinking it's gotta be...well, Obama usually doesn't come out with these weepy apologies -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, he does.

Maddox: - and if he does...no, not like that.

Dick: All the time!

Maddox: I've never heard that.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's really bad. That's REALLY bad.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: And if it's Obama, I'll eat my words, but...

Dick: So you think it's somebody who's like, really weepy and a pussy...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and is, what? A really, like, tender person?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like who?

Maddox: Like...well, I'm just thinking of people I know in real life, but as for -- oh, Sean Penn! There you go, Sean Penn. Yeah.

Dick: Okay! Sean Penn. So like, a humanitarian, but also an actor, and kind of a real soulful guy. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, very liberal...

Dick: Okay. I want you to play Mystery Quote...that sound clip I gave you?

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: This is who actually said it.

[**Maddox begins clip**]

Male Voice: Maybe I haven't done enough. I might be ashamed of that, for not doing enough.

Dick: (talks over clip) Charles Manson!

Male Voice: [continues] For not giving enough.

Maddox: (over clip) Oh, wow!

Dick: Keep going.

Male Voice: For not being more perceptive. For not being aware enough. For not understanding. For, uh...being stupid.

Dick: (over clip) Here's where it gets good.

Male Voice: Maybe I should've killed 4 or 5 hundred people, then I would've felt better.

[**sound clip ends**]

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox laughs loudly) So, enjoy your text! When you get a text -- you can tell immediately that that guy's crazy, right?

Maddox: (**applause sound effect**) Bravo.

Dick: When that voice hits the...hits your ears?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know immediately that he's a psychopath.

Maddox: Yeah...well, no, actually I thought it was Willie Nelson when I first started playing the clip. I'm like, "Wow, that's..."

Dick: Yeah, well, it's Charles Manson!

Maddox: Yeah. Well... (Dick laughs) You know what, though? It had -- you dropped off the end, though. If you played...if I heard that first part of the clip where you couldn't tell that he's Charles Manson, I woulda guessed Willie Nelson!

Dick: Well, he's not gonna text THAT part. He's just gonna text the first part.

Maddox: OHH... (cracks up) Because he's gonna get cut off by the character limit?

Dick: Yes! (Maddox laughs) He's gonna tweet only that much. I got more -- okay.

Maddox: That's a great quote.

Dick: So you guess which one is the Charles Manson quote.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Alright? We can stop doin' this whenever you want. Sean, you guess too. Okay. I'm gonna - I got three quotes about pain.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Turn your wounds into wisdom." That's one. "Pain's not bad, it's good. It teaches you things." And, "One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life. That word is love." Which one do you think is the Charles Manson quote?

Maddox: Oh, boy. So, "Pain....wounds us"? What was the first one?

Dick: "Turn your wounds into wisdom."

Maddox: "Turn your wounds into wisdom."...

Dick: Second one's, "Pain's not bad, it's good. It teaches you things." And the third one is, "One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life. That word is love." Sean, what do you think? You think you got Manson dialed in?

Sean: I'll go with the last one, just because he mentions love -

Dick: Okay!

Sean: - and that would be counterintuitive to what you would think.

Dick: True! That's true, that's the misdirect.

Maddox: That's the misdirect, yeah.

Dick: So that's the word in this text that tells you this guy's crazy, right?

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: That word?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that was Sophocles.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Dick: Greek philosopher...you know, a brilliant man of antiquity.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Charles Manson was the -- oh no, I'm sorry. Oprah was the first one: "Turn your wounds into wisdom."

Maddox: "...into wisdom." Yeah, I was gonna guess the second one after...after, yeah.

Dick: Manson was, "Pain's not bad, it's good. It teaches you things."

Maddox: That's true, though! I agree with that. Absolutely agree with that.

Dick: Yes, but you couldn't pick the crazy psychopath just based on the words!

Maddox: Yeah, but Dick, if you get a text from somebody, you have a history with them and you have some context! Unless you met somebody in a bar and that's the first fucking text they sent you, then yes, they're psychotic. But even then, you KNOW that you just met them, and if they're sending you crazy texts like, "Hey, pain isn't bad, it's good, it teaches you things"? That's a red fuckin' flag.

Dick: Okay! What if they're texting you something like *this*...?

Maddox: Okay. (in amused anticipation)

Dick: "Dogs never bite me. Just humans." ... "Animals shouldn't be hunted and nature shouldn't be disturbed to benefit the whims of mankind." And, the third one: "I ask people why they have deer heads on their walls. They say it's because it's such a beautiful animal." (Maddox scoffs) Which one is the Charles Manson quote, you guys? You're so great at texting each other all the time and calling is such a pain in the ass; surely you'd be able to find the psychopath in these words! (cynical)

Maddox: Yeah. Alright, Dick. Lemme tell you which one Charles Manson is, based on my texting history with him. Uh, I'm gonna guess the one with the -- where, 'humans hurt me, and animals don't.' Is that...was that one of the quotes? The first one?

Dick: "Dogs never bite me. Just humans."

Maddox: "...Just humans." I'm gonna say the first one.

Dick: Maddox says the first one. Sean, what do you think?

Sean: What's the second one again?

Dick: Second one is, "Animals shouldn't be hunted and nature shouldn't be disturbed, even destroyed, to benefit the whims of mankind."

Sean: Oh, I'll go with that one.

Dick: Sean - that's the Manson quote! Good for you.

Maddox: Yeah. (disappointed)

Dick: The first one - yours, Maddox - that was Marilyn Monroe.

Maddox: Eh, she's a psycho.

Dick: (guffaws) Well...

Maddox: Based on the number of psychotic women who quote her in their profiles!

Dick: Well, that's true. (amused)

Maddox: You know her famous quote, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They say, "If you don't like me at my worst, then you don't deserve me at my best."

Dick: Yeah, I hate that quote.

Maddox: Every psycho chick I've ever dated, every one I've ever gone out with on a date, whatever, has had that as her profile. So, you know what? Let's not discount her as being psychotic either.

Dick: You wanna do one more?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I got one more.

Maddox: Let's do one more.

Dick: Alright. One more...um, this one's about being crazy.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: "A question that sometimes drives me hazy: am I or are the others crazy?" That's number one.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: Got kind of a little...little rhyme scheme to it, huh?

Maddox: Yeah, that is a little crazy.

Dick: "A long time ago, being crazy meant something. Nowadays everybody's crazy." That's number two. Number three: "Being crazy isn't enough." What do you think? What do you think, boys?

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: Which one do you wanna answer a phone call from?

Maddox: Again...well, no one. (Dick chuckles) If any of my crazy-ass friends sent me this, I wouldn't be friends with them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know - I would've, a long time ago, unfriended Charles Manson. If he was writing crazy shit like this on Facebook.

Dick: You would never know, though! 'Cause you'd just text with him all the time, and you've not guessed a single Manson quote!

Maddox: I wouldn't have -

Dick: (interjects) So you have not been able to identify the psycho!

Maddox: No, you said I got the last one!

Dick: No, that was Sean!

Maddox: What?

Dick: You got the Marilyn Monroe quote last time, dickbrain!

Maddox: Oh...oh, yeah. And then I convinced myself that she was psycho, so I got... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah! Oho! What do you think, Sean? Which one?

Sean: I'm goin' the third one -

Dick: Okay!

Sean: - because it implies that he wants motivation.

Dick: "Being crazy isn't enough." Sean, you think that's Manson. Maddox?

Maddox: What was that first quote?

Dick: First quote was, "A question that sometimes drives me hazy: am I or are the others crazy?"

Maddox: It's gotta be that one, because -

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: - he's actually looking at the rationale of what he's doing.

Dick: Right, okay. So, let's see, Maddox is texting -- the guy that YOU think is crazy?

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Uh, Sean...that's Dr. Seuss. Beloved children's author.

Maddox: There you go, Sean.

Dick: "Being crazy isn't enough." Maddox, you've selected...Einstein.

Maddox: Oh, great!

Dick: Yeah, Manson was actually the middle one: "A long time ago, being crazy meant something. Nowadays everybody's crazy."

Maddox: Well, I'm glad that Einstein had so much self-doubt!

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling) Look, that's...that's my game, that's my point. You can't tell who's crazy or not just by texting them; you gotta call 'em on the phone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You got problems with your life, call people on the fuckin' phone!

Maddox: Another classic non-problem by Dick. (cracks up along with Dick) (**game show music stops**) But, uh, speaking of problems, let's move on to my last.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: This is a really important one. So I brought in two heavy topics this time, um.....Beats by Dre. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Is my second problem this week. (amused) So, for those who don't know, Beats by Dre are those giant headphones that *everybody* seems to be walking around with these days.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those are the white ones with the red 'b' on the side.

Dick: Yeah, they look cool!

Maddox: Oh, GREAT, Dick. You're part of the problem. So those things, first of all, are giant thief-magnets. Have you heard of this?

Dick: Okay... (skeptical)

Maddox: Like, crime has gone up because of these stupid headphones! Because they cost 400 dollars!

Dick: Crime has gone up because of the headphones? (mocking)

Maddox: Yeah! Listen to this - this is a report from Chicago. Listen to this.

[**news clip begins**]

Female Newscaster: A far more brutal incident in Chicago left Charles hospitalized after his Beats by Dre headphones were snatched from his head last Saturday afternoon. He was left unconscious, beaten, and bruised, with a black eye.

Male Interviewee: I am gonna be afraid for anybody that I see out on the streets with their...their flashy headphones.

[**news clip ends**]

(Dick, Maddox, and Sean all roar with laughter)

Dick: ...So that guy got his headphones stolen?

Maddox: Yeah, got his headphones stolen.

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: And his ass beat. (Dick laughs) And then he went on -- this actually pisses me off, and it may be a problem at some point that I bring in -- but then he went on and said, "Well, I had three guardian angels come save me afterwards. They came and helped me."

Dick: Aw, Jesus Christ. (grumbling)

Maddox: And he kept referencing these guardian angels, like, "Yeah, thanks to my guardian angels, I'm here today!" I'm like, "Hey, dickhead! They're not guardian angels, 'cause if they were they wouldn't have let your fuckin' headphones get stolen AND let you get your ass beat!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Guardian angels save you before this shit happens! So anyway.

Dick: Well, you'd like to hope so, anyway. (dryly)

Maddox: So -- you'd like to hope so. So here's the problem with the Beats, actually. These are GIANT fucking headphones, and they have noise cancellation, and they're a distraction! Listen to this - this is from the same news report.

[**news clip begins**]

Female Interviewee: There also is advice not to wear headphones, because you can't hear if someone IS comin' up to you. You're not really aware of your surroundings without your audio.

Female Newscaster: Exactly, and that's what Chicago Police say: not to wear them while you're walking in the street. It can be distracting, and that's exactly what happened in this case.

[**news clip ends**]

Dick: (guffaws) HA! That's the news...tip?

Maddox: Yeah. That's from -

Dick: (interjects) 'Don't wear Beats, so you can hear people coming up to rob you'? (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, that's -

Dick: (interjects) What are you gonna do, run?

Maddox: That's from myfoxchicago.com. (Dick laughs) Yeah, they're saying -- so this is actually from Gawker. Gawker has an article that says, "How to Get Your Beats Not Stolen" ["How to Not Get Your Beats by Dre Headphones Stolen"]. (Dick cackles) They have an article...they say, "If you pay hundreds of dollars for your headphones, make sure they don't have any easily identifiable markings on the outside that would alert thieves to that fact." So they're saying, 'Buy your expensive-ass Beats, and then cover up the markings on the side'?

Dick: Is this really a problem?!

Maddox: This is one of the tips!

Dick: Are people getting their Beats *stolen* -

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: - all around the...all around the world? (cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah, all the time! And then, here's the other tip: "Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Don't wear headphones." (laughs loudly with Dick) This is actually from Gawker! They're saying that those expensive headphones that you spent a fortune on - 400 dollars? Don't wear them.

Dick: But that's the entire purpose of Beats!

Maddox: (chokes on laughter) Yeah!

Dick: Their second-biggest selling point on their website is, "Put the world on hold."

Maddox: So I have another clip, actually. This is a guy on the New York subway, and he got his Beats stolen. (Dick laughs more) First of all, I'm just gonna come out and say, I am glad this guy got his Beats stolen.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: Because he's one of the obnoxious pricks who's sittin' there with these giant cans on his head, SINGING as loud as he can, annoying other passengers...listen to this, here's the clip.

[**video clip begins**]

(sound of a man singing loudly and stomping his feet)

Male Onlooker: He's a crazy-ass nigga, man.

Dick: (interjects over clip) Whoa, whoa! [referring to language]

(sound of subway doors opening; singing man abruptly stops)

Singing Man: WHOA! My BEATS! MY BEATS!!

(sound of cameraman snickering)

[**video clip ends**]

(Maddox and Dick burst out laughing)

Dick: Hahahaha!! "My Beats!"

Maddox: Someone standing right next to him had enough -- maybe he didn't even wanna steal them, maybe he just wanted him to shut the fuck up, and he took his Beats. So...

Dick: Sounds like a self-correcting problem, though.

Maddox: Eh...

Dick: Like, you hate the Beats 'cause they're annoying, but all these annoying dickheads are getting their Beats stolen.

Maddox: Yeah, and guess what?

Dick: What's the issue?

Maddox: Now you're getting even MORE annoying dickheads walking around with Beats - the people who STOLE them. You don't want those jackasses walking around!

Dick: I don't know, I kinda...they look COOL, though.

Maddox: Aghhh. (annoyed) Garbage.

Dick: You gotta admit, they look cool.

Maddox: They look stupid! They're giant! You look like a fucking robot. You're not a DJ, dipshit! You're walkin' along the street - put your fuckin' earbuds in and shut the fuck up! Who -- why do you need 400 dollars...what kind of sound fidelity do you need walking on the streets of New York or Chicago? There's traffic running by, there's TRAINS running by, there's people talking, there's cyclists...and by the way, you need to be paying attention to all those people! All those people in traffic. If you have these giant CANS on your head, you're not gonna hear anything! You're not gonna hear shit! You're gonna walk into a manhole like a *moron.*

Dick: Yeah, but I'd rather somebody be on Beats than be looking at their cell phone. Right?

Maddox: Great, but that's not the problem. That's not the -- that's a false dichotomy. You're not really...that's not the choice here.

Dick: I don't know what that is.

Maddox: Okay...that's not the choice here. So, uh, the Beats are actually kinda shitty headphones, too! According to ZDNet, "Beats by Dre headphones get dinged for noise-cancelling performance (40%) and an uneven sound (25%) with overpowering bass (10%)." Fixya...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...there's a website called Fixya.com, and they did a report - it's like a blog that does reviews of these headphones. They say that "...with the randomly varying highs and lows producing music that doesn't sound cohesive, Beats by Dre can be notoriously spotty across all genres of music." They tend to drown out all the mid-tone -- all the mid-range, and the high-end, because they're so bass-heavy. [switches back to quoting ZDNet article] "But perhaps even more worrying was the level of headphone malfunction (15%)."

Dick: Are you serious??

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: 15 percent of those headphones malfunction! You pay 400 -

Dick: (interjects) Seems like a lot.

Maddox: It's a really high failure rate!

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: 15 percent of headphones - with no moving parts, by the way, except for maybe the noise cancellation - which require batteries.

Dick: You know what I did read? That all these reviews are reviewing these headphones based on all types...of genres of music?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And the reason they're so successful is that they reproduce a specific genre of music -- like whatever, the techno, EDM, "tween wave" stuff, hip-hop -- with such heavy bass, and they scoop out all the mid-tones, and it's just the 'bleep-bloop-bleeps" and whatever. That's why they're so big.

Maddox: No, they're so...

Dick: That's why they're so...that's why the reviews don't make any sense, because they're reviewing it across this huge spectrum of music, and they're specifically made to listen to like, the popular music right now.

Maddox: Yeah, but hip-hop has -- there's a lot of interesting hip-hop out there with a lot of interesting things going on in the mid-range, and they're not...they're just drowning all of that out! There's hip-

Dick: (interjects) Well, not according to Dre. (Maddox sighs) He's the one makin' the Beats, man!

Maddox: Yeah, well, you know what it is, this is just Nike in headphones. You're buying Air Jordans, except to put on your ears. And by the way, here's what you actually need -- here's what every Beats by Dre headphone should come with: a neck brace. Because these fucking headphones weigh a pound!

Dick: Oh, do they really?

Maddox: Almost! They weigh 14 ounces, which is .88 pounds.

Dick: Have you listened to them?

Maddox: Oh, Beats by...? Yeah, I put on a demo. Yeah. You know, it sounds fine, but all the reviews I've read...the top review on Amazon for the Beats by Dre headphones - the red one - says that they sound about as good as 60 dollar Sonys, or any of the 60 dollar -- like Sennheisers. You can buy 2 Sennheiser high-quality headphones for the cost of one Beats by Dre.

Dick: I'm wearing Sennheisers right now. "Sine-heisers." [alternate pronunciation] It's "sine-heisers," right?

Maddox: "Sine-heisers"? Or "sen-heisers"?...yeah.

Dick: Yeah, but they look so cool, man!

Maddox: They DON'T! They look stupid!

Dick: Like, they're all...no, they're cool-lookin'! They're all future-y, and they got those circles, and...like, these Sennheisers right now that I'm wearing? No one's -- I'm not gonna get laid with these. With these giant, puffy things?

Maddox: Dick, it doesn't...

Dick: On the side?

Maddox: ...it doesn't matter what you wear, you're not gonna get laid. (Dick laughs) But, here's the -

Dick: (interjects) Ha! Yeah, 'cause I CALL everybody, that's the problem. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, you call everyone, like a sucker. No, but in the future -- things don't get bigger in the future, they get smaller and better. Those don't look futuristic, they look past as SHIT. I would see someone in the '50s wearin' those things and think, "Oh, what a moron! Look at those giant cans he's wearing." (laughs with Sean)

Dick: I don't know, man...

Maddox: Go to... (cracks up)

Dick: ...I really want some Beats. They look cool.

Maddox: You dummy. (Dick laughs) Go to the U.N., go to the -- there's a website. Go to Google Images and search for the U.N. communicator...transponder, or whatever. The communicator...uh, TRANSLATOR.

Dick: Okay, yeah.

Maddox: And there are these GIANT boxes. (cracking up) They look bigger than the biggest walkie-talkie you've ever seen. And that's what they use to talk into at the U.N., to translate their discussions in real-time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's...that's what these Beats look like. These giant monstrosities on your head.

Dick: I think you would look cool wearing Beats, too.

Maddox: I don't know. (Dick smirks) I don't think I'd look cool wearing them. (chuckles)

Dick: We'll get you some nice, white Beats...yeahhh. (grinning)

Maddox: No, I don't think so. I don't think so.

Dick: You'd look cool, man.

Maddox: They stick out!

Sean: He needs a hoodie, too.

Dick: Yeah, a hoodie!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: Are you wearin' a hoodie?

Dick: Yeah, dude!

Sean: You could pull that off.

Dick: You'd look cool!

Maddox: Could you guys stop dressing me? (Dick giggles) Alright? Stop dressing me with your eyes.

Dick: So what's your problem with the Beats, they're shitty headphones? That's it?

Maddox: They're shitty headphones, they weigh a lot, and they're distracting!

Dick: So don't BUY them!

Maddox: They're distractions -- I'm not, but all these idiots walking around the streets are bumping into people, and increasing crime...

Dick: Increasing crime? (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: This is a shitty reason to hate Beats.

Maddox: (interjects) YOU'RE a shitty reason to hate Beats. (cracks up hard) (Sean laughs in the background) No no, these are god-awful headphones. They look tacky, they're giant. How can you defend these?! These are...these look horrible!

Dick: 'Cause I think they look cool!!

Maddox: Well, it looks cool, but they're giant! They don't look cool!

Dick: 'Cause they're so like, CLEAN, man.

Maddox: You know what's clean -

Dick: (interjects) They're clean like cans on your ears -

Maddox: No!

Dick: - and they got that cool thing - they got that cool 'b'...that looks cool!

Maddox: The definition of "clean" -- if you look down the ocean and you see there's nothing on the horizon, that's a clean skyline! If there's anything jutting out from it that's not CLEAN. These are giant monstrosities jutting out from the side of your head like a fucking idiot. You're not a robot! Get that shit off there! Stop trying to become a cyborg by putting 400 dollar cans on your head.

Dick: (snickers) I mean, that sounds like it looks cool, too! Daft Punk looks pretty cool, they look like cyborgs.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I'm sure Daft Punk has a neck brace under there, too. (Sean laughs) Maybe they're listening to Beats during their concerts. (grinning)

Dick: That doesn't sound like a big reason to hate Beats. They're increasing crime...what else you got?

Maddox: Distraction, theft -

Dick: Distraction...

Maddox: - increasing crime, they look awful, and they...are hurting people's ears, by the way. (cracks up) All this heavy bass...

Dick: Oho, here we go, they're "hurting people's ears" now. Alright! (jeering)

Maddox: Okay, I'm really stretching with that one, 'cause I don't give a shit. You know what? Go ahead - (Dick giggles hysterically) - buy your Beats, eat your french fries, and worship your dogs, you IDIOTS.

Dick: I do want Beats! I would really like a pair of Beats, except I found out that they cost 14 bucks to make. And they sell 'em for like 300, 400 dollars and they cost 14 dollars to make.

Maddox: Yeah, you're supporting this brand, this label...

Dick: Apple!

Maddox: No, it's...well, Apple bought them now, yeah.

Dick: Apple owns them.

Maddox: Yeah, Apple owns them now.

Dick: What a great buy, man.

Maddox: Yeah, I guess. But you -

Dick: (interjects) I'll tell you why it's a great buy. No, go ahead, you finish.

Maddox: 'Cause it's the same -- yeah, I know why.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Because it's the same suckers who buy these...who overspend on Apple for the luxury brand, are gonna overspend for Beats for the luxury brand.

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's the same sucker market.

Dick: It's NOT. That's not why they -- I'm telling you, that's not why I think it's a great buy. It's a great buy because for 3 billion dollars, Apple has just bought an ad on *every* fucking prime time karaoke show, every sporting event, every interview...any time there's Beats anywhere - they're all over TV - that's now an Apple ad.

Maddox: I don't know, man.

Dick: EVERY fucking celebrity, every shitball celebrity, like for kids, is wearing Beats all the time. That's now an Apple ad.

Maddox: Well, you -

Dick: That's why they bought it.

Maddox: - you could...no, I disagree, because for 3 BILLION dollars, Dick, that's an awful lot of ad space you could buy! You could cover New York entirely with Apple banners. Which, they already have, you fucking idiots with your Apple store on 5th Avenue.

Dick: That's a different kind of ad. THIS ad, like, gets in kids' brains.

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: They're watching Richard Sherman ranting after a game, and what's he doin'? He's wearing Beats.

Maddox: Is he? I don't know.

Dick: You can't BUY that! You can't -- yeah! Of course he's - he's cool!

Maddox: No, he's not.

Dick: All COOL people are wearing Beats!

Maddox: Why is he wearing Beats and ranting after the game? Wouldn't he take them off?

Dick: 'Cause he's Richard Sherman!! NO, he's wearing them 'cause IT'S COOL TO WEAR THEM.

Maddox: You know what doesn't look cool? Those stupid headphones they wear in the NFL! I was just thinkin', those things are giant monstrosities, and that's what these Beats look like - those giant headphones in the NFL.

Dick: What are you talkin' about, coach headphones?

Maddox: Yeah, the coach headphones! They look stupid!

Dick: THEY'RE EQUIPMENT!

Maddox: Stupid as shit -- EXACTLY! It's equipment! (Dick laughs in amazement) You look like you should work in construction, not walk around listening to hip-hop.

Dick: Get the fuck outta here! (laughs more)

Maddox: Get the fuck outta here, with your fuckin' Beats and hoodies and your bullshit. Fuck your stupid headphones. You know what? You can get better audio fidelity out of 60 dollar cans, I guarantee it.

Dick: Well, that's what I was gonna say; when I found out that they only cost 14 bucks to make, I tried to find a good quality set of headphones -

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: - that look that cool -- that look as cool as Beats do?

Maddox: They don't look cool.

Dick: Well, then they look *as* cool as Beats do, fine.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: But, uh...

Maddox: So, stupid-looking.

Dick: Yeah, well, whatever. I found a couple, but I wanted to run 'em by Sean to see what his audio take on them was. I don't have 'em on me, but that was just what I was doing in my personal life. I just wanted to tell you that.

Maddox: Thank you, thank for telling me... (cracks up) (Dick giggles) ...for telling me that you went shopping, Dick. You know, when they call -- slang for headphones in the music industry and in studios is "cans."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And Beats *actually* look like cans. They look horrible. They look like tin cans you're putting up to your ear, they're so giant. They're SO big.

Dick: Okay, if you think Beats look cool, downvote this shitty problem; if you think that Beats are ugly, upvote it.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Is that...is that what's goin' on here?

Maddox: I can't wait for a couple episodes from now, when Beats try to take photo copyrights, and I'm gonna come in like, "I'm right, you idiots! (cracks up) Now Beats owns all the photo copyrights." You're lining Dr. Dre's pockets. Fuck that.

Dick: I don't mind that!

Maddox: Oh, why? Why DON'T you mind that? Why isn't that a problem?

Dick: Well, I'm not lining them, 'cause I'm not buying them. When I found out they only cost 14 bucks to make, I was like, "Oh, no, I can't do that. Then I'm a sucker."

Maddox: Well, of course they cost 14 bucks to make! And they have a 15 percent failure rate.

Dick: Yeah, that's bad.

Maddox: What an awful product!

Dick: That's bad.

Maddox: Who...why would you support a shitball product like that?

Dick: Well, once Apple takes it over they'll probably improve the manufacturing, though.

Maddox: Okay, seriously, can you remember -- look, one...these Beats almost weigh one pound. That's like having four quarter-pounders on your head!

Dick: Ooo...

Maddox: Walkin' around with four hamburgers on your head! Imagine walkin' around all day with four hamburgers. You look THAT cool, wearing Beats. (Sean laughs quietly in the background) Like a moron, with your greasy -

Dick: (interjects) How much does a beer weigh? Like with those beer hats?

Maddox: A 16-ounce? That's about a pound, yeah.

Dick: No, but it's - that's fluid ounces. It's not a weight ounce.

Maddox: No - yeah, I'm not sure, actually. I don't know, probably around there. But you're drinking it, so you're not wearing it for more than an hour.

Dick: That's true, it incentivizes you to drink it faster.

Maddox: Right! Whereas Beats incentivize people to steal them, I guess. Because they're 400 dollars!

Dick: Yeah, that's pretty funny. I do like that that guy got his Beats stolen. That's...cause of Beats, that exists. That's pretty funny.

Maddox: What, that clip?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, I would rather idiots not be singing in the subway -

Dick: (interjects) I don't know why it makes you so angry! The Beats things. Like, why do you really hate it?

Maddox: I TOLD you, they're shitty headphones -

Dick: Shitty headphones...

Maddox: - they weigh a lot, they increase crime, they increase theft, and it's distracting. And you look STUPID wearing them.

Dick: People are getting suckered into buying them, do you feel like?

Maddox: Yes! You're not a DJ, wear your earbuds and shut the fuck up. And by the way -

Dick: (interjects) Ohhhkay. People are pretending to be DJs who are wearing them.

Maddox: Oh, please. Yeah, they think they're so cool with their Beats, walkin' around. And where do you even STORE those things?! Where the fuck -- if you went to meet your friend for coffee, what are you, gonna haul out your giant fuckin' one-pound headphones and put them on the table?? "Oh, excuse me, I'm done listening now!" Where are you even gonna store that shit?! You fuckin' idiots are obsessed with your iPhones and your Beats, and you walk around with CHARGERS and you always gotta -- you're tethered to the wall like a SLAVE, and with your stupid fucking Beats -- like, just more chains, more shackles that you have around yourself. Your neck, your head - a pound you're carrying around like four quarter pounders.

Dick: I think you...you take the Beats off and you wear 'em like a scarf when you sit down. Like, you put 'em around your neck.

Maddox: That's not a scarf, that's a shackle.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: So, that's the problem...so this week, what are your two problems?

Dick: Let's sum it up - I got Monkey Copyrights...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and No One Talks on the Phone -- can you think of something better than "No One Talks on the Phone Anymore"? There's alotta words there. "Phone-phobia"...what is it, "Voice" -

Maddox: "Phone Call Phobia." How about that?

Dick: "Manson Phone Calls."

Maddox: "Manson Phone Calls." (chuckling) ..."Lack of Phone Calls."

Dick: "Phones Are For Creeps."

Maddox: "Phones Are For..." No, you know what? "Lack of Phone Calls." How about that?

Dick: Yeah..."Lack of Phone Calls"?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Eh...

Maddox: How about "The Extinction of Phone Calls"? "Phone Call Extinction."

Dick: Yeah, "The Death of Phone Calls."

Maddox: "The Death of Phone Calls," there you go.

Dick: "The Death of Phone Calls"! There we go, thank you for your assistance. And you got what?

Maddox: I have Female Genital Mutilation, and -

Dick: (interjects) JESUS Christ! Alright. (uneasily)

Maddox: - Beats by Dre. Two big problems. (**closing riff starts**) So, that's it. Go to the website, http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com and vote on these.

Dick: Yep! Thanks for listening.

Maddox: Thanks guys.

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 14</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hello! (brightly)

Maddox: So today we have a very special guest with us - I have The Alphabet of Manliness illustrator, Leah Tiscione with us!

Leah: Hi!

Dick: Hey!

Maddox: (**applause sound effect**) Leah, thank you for being with us today. Leah is a very talented illustrator -

Dick: (interjects) AND hot.

Leah: (chuckles modestly) Oh, GOD.

Dick: Have you...have you ever been told that before?

Leah: No…

Dick: Or is it - well...

Maddox: I have, Dick.

Dick: ...it's true!

Leah: No.

Maddox: I get told all the time.

Dick: Just for the people listening, I just want them to know that! (Leah laughs)

Leah: Thank you! Well, I have been told by various grandparents that I'm...that I'm, you know, "cute." But that's it.

Maddox: Are your grandparents cute?

Leah: ...They're dead. So yes! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Um. So -

Dick: (interjects) You look like a hot version of Sarah Silverman. Is that accurate?

Leah: Oh my...god! (good-naturedly) Uh -

Dick: Do you think that, Maddox? Do you think that's accurate?

Maddox: I think Sarah Silverman's a hot version of Sarah Silverman.

Leah: Yeah. She's - I would agree.

Maddox: Right? She's got a little somethin'. She's got somethin' goin' on. She's pretty hot.

Leah: Yeah, she's funny.

Maddox: Plus, you know she sat on Jimmy Kimmel's face, so that's kinda hot.

Dick: Ohhkay... (quietly; disgusted) (Leah laughs)

Maddox: I mean, she had to have, at some point. So, I just wanna mention, uh, Leah has this incredible body of work. She's been working on -- We've worked together for a long time.

Dick: (interjects) That's what *I* was talkin' about! (laughs hysterically)

Leah: Just - (laughs) - yeah, cut off the "work" part!

Maddox: Dick, very respectful. Our very first ever guest...right out the gates...

Dick: (interjects) You work out a lot, right?

Leah: Uhh....oh. "Do I WORK OUT a lot"? Really?? (amused) (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Let's focus on the important body of work, here.

Dick: Okay, what? What.

Maddox: So (laughs) she...she's actually working with - uh, how do you pronounce his name? Dino Stama...Stam...Stamopoulos?

Leah: Oh, my god. Uh, Dino Stamatopoulos.

Maddox: Dino Stamatopoulos! And, they are working on a graphic novel together called Trent. It's a musical graphic novel, so it's a graphic novel that has an accompanying musical element, and they're probably gonna work on a TV show afterwards. But, uh, this is something you've been workin on -

Leah: (interjects) Or...yeah. Or just probably extend the series of novels, or - he wants to do a stop-animation movie about it.

Maddox: So, Dino, if you guys don't -

Dick: (interjects) That's cool!

Maddox: - yeah! For those who aren't familiar, Dino created the show Moral Orel, and...what else? He's worked on a number of things for Cartoon Network and Adult Swim.

Leah: Yeah - Frankenhole, um...

Maddox: Yeah, Frankenhole, he created Frankenhole.

Dick: That's a good show!

Leah: ...Drinky Crow...

Dick: Do you watch that show?

Maddox: I've seen it, but I don't watch it.

Dick: Oh, it's pretty funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Leah: Yeah, he's written for a LOT.

Maddox: Yeah. So, they're working together right now, and as I mentioned earlier, Leah illustrated the "Boners" chapter for The Alphabet of Manliness -

Leah: Ahhh. (nostalgically)

Maddox: - as well as the "Knockers"... (Dick starts clapping) (**applause sound effect**)

Leah: Best assignment I've ever had!

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, and uh, boners, of course... (**'sproing' [boner] sound effect**) (Maddox and Leah laugh)

Dick: Can I ask how you guys met? That's a long time ago. I mean, that's like -

Leah: Yeah, ten years ago! I was a deranged fan that flew to Utah to meet this guy.

Dick: Wooooah!

Leah: And he - yeah! He didn't - he wasn't scared! It actually happened, so...

Dick: He wasn't scared of a hot girl flying into his hometown? (wryly) (Maddox and Leah laugh)

Maddox: I - I had no idea what...

Dick: (interjects) Who already loved him?

Maddox: Yeah, I had no idea what -

Dick: (interjects) WOW. What a weirdo. (sarcastic)

Maddox: No. I had no idea what she looked like - she sent me an email a long time ago and said, "Hey, I'm a big fan, we should do a comic book together! And, uh, can I send you some samples?" And I thought, "Okay, sure..." And I expected to never hear from her again.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And then two weeks later, she sent me this *beautifully* illustrated article of mine that she interpreted -

Leah: Aww. (modestly)

Maddox: - the "X-Treme Marketing" one.

Leah: Yeah.

Maddox: And it was awesome - we actually included it in the comic that we made together, The Best Comic in the Universe, uh, which is available online. And that was - it just was mind-blowing. So we decided to work together, so we've had a working relationship and a friendship for over TEN years now, and -

Dick: (interjects) Is the friendship mostly you talking and her sitting there listening? 'Cause that's - I mean, seems like a great friendship. (cracks up) (Leah laughs)

Maddox: Okay, Dick...

Leah: God, you're such a DICK! (teasing)

Maddox: Yeah, right? Thank you.

Dick: No, I'm sorry for interrupting.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: But - can I interrupt you for one second? (sheepishly) (Maddox and Leah laugh) What then, what then? What then?

Maddox: So I just, I -

Dick: (interjects) So you flew in - what did you think of him when you flew in, and - did he line up to what you were expecting after reading him on the internet for so long?

Leah: Uhh, he was...he was disappointingly nicer, I thought - I was a little disappointed. I thought he would be a total dick.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm told that a lot. (Leah laughs) By a lot of fans - they meet me, they're like, "Hey Maddox, you're...why're you so nice to me?" I'm like, "Well, you haven't given me a reason to be a dick to you." I mean, I CAN be, but I'm a dick to dicks so why would I be an asshole to somebody who's - someone comes up to me and they're like, "Hey man, I'm a big fan!" What am I supposed to do, punch 'em in the face? Like, okay. (cracking up) (Leah laughs) Then I'm just an asshole I rail about.

Leah: I've given you a lot of reasons since to be mad at me. So.

Maddox: Well, that's true. (laughs)

Leah: It's come out. It's come out SINCE, but...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How did the stay go? Do you guys remember your first night?

Maddox: Yes... (Leah laughs) ...yes, actually. This is a funny story.

Leah: Yeah!

Maddox: So, I had a girlfriend at the time, and -

Dick: (interjects) Why are you blushing so much? [to Leah] Look at you...

Maddox: Ohh. (Sean laughs in the background)

Leah: 'Cause I... (flustered) ...because, first podcast, and you're so cute, with your -

Dick: OHHHHHH. (amused)

Maddox: Oh my...GOD.

Leah: - with your little bun!

Dick: Ohhhhh, HERE we go! Okay!

Maddox: Oh. BARF.

Leah: I'm not sayin' what KIND of cute. Like - "my mom" cute. 'Cause you have, like, your hair's up done in a bun...

Dick: Thanks. I'll take it.

Maddox: (**negative 'sproing' sound effect**) That's me, guys. (laughs)

Dick: Look, just - uh, one thing, just in case you're nervous: don't think about it, just...don't think about the number of downloads we get. 'Cause you said it last week - what did you say? It was like 30,000?

Maddox: About 30,000 per episode. And these are some important statistics - I looked into it, just out of curiosity, to see what the average podcast got for downloads. What would you guess, Leah? How many downloads does the average podcast get in 30 days?

Leah: I don't know. (under her breath) ...uh, 90?

Dick: Good guess! That's a good guess. Pretty close.

Maddox: That's actually pretty close, yeah! It's about 140.

Leah: Oh!

Maddox: So if you get 1,000 to 3,000 downloads per month, you're in the top 10 percent of all podcasts. We are getting 30,000 per month. We're almost in the top 1 percent - the top 1 percent get 50,000 or more downloads, we're getting 30,000 per episode right out of the gates.

Leah: This is a little self-congratulatory, I think.

Maddox: Oh, of course!

Leah: Yeah. I think -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah. You're talkin' to the guy who owns The Best Page in the Universe. (Leah laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Leah: Yeah, what am I talkin' about? You're right!

Dick: I only brought it up 'cause I wanted to say, like, "Don't be nervous; you're just having a conversation with two guys in front of all of Dodger Stadium."

Leah: Okay! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: So don't - you know.

Leah: Alright! Alright.

Maddox: Oh, so let me finish that story real quick. Um, I had a girlfriend at the time, and she was super jealous and intimidated of Leah -

Dick: (interjects) Who wouldn't be?

Maddox: Yeah, because she's -

Dick: (interjects) What girlfriend WOULDN'T be? (Leah laughs humbly)

Maddox: She's attractive and talented. And so when I asked her to take a picture of us - you know, just as fans or whatever - she took a picture of us and she cropped our heads out of the photo. (Leah and Dick laugh) And I looked at the preview, and I'm like, "Oh, uh, honey, you *accidentally* cropped our heads out of the photo." And she goes, "Oh, okay. Lemme do another one." So she took a correct photo of us...then, when we were setting up her bedding, 'cause she was gonna crash with us -

Leah: (interjects) The pillow incident.

Maddox: - the pillow, yeah. I asked her to hand me the pillow and she took it and she just TOSSED it right against my chest as hard as she could and she goes, "HERE you go!" (imitating her frustration)

Leah: Yeahhh, that was...you could taste the anger in the room.

Maddox: Yeah. But they've since become friends and everything, so it's fine. But uh, yeah, that's -

Dick: (interjects) Really? Friends, for real?

Leah: Yeah! No, I love her. She's great.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, even though we're not dating anymore, so there's that. Anyway, I just wanna mention real quick, too, Leah also illustrates for The New York Post and Sky & Telescope Magazine.

Leah: Yeah.

Maddox: So, incredible body of work. Thank you for being with us. Um, let's move on to the comments -

Dick: (interjects) Really a great illustrator.

Leah: Thanks, man!

Dick: Uh - no no no, let's hear, who won?! Who won last week?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Very important. Okay, so the number one problem - and thankfully so - is Female Genital Mutilation.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That DESERVES to be a problem.

Dick: Yeah, it just wasn't that funny!

Maddox: Dick, that's not the POINT! (Leah and Dick laugh) We cover real topics sometimes. Well, I try to, anyway. And then Beats By Dre - speaking of real topics - and, followed by Monkey Copyrights...

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: ...that was a good problem. And finally, The Death of Phone Calls. And by the way - this is the first time ever, I think, that we've had all four problems in the positive territory for votes.

Dick: Oh! Cool.

Maddox: So, yeah! We did a great job -

Dick: (interjects) I gotta apologize to you about the Beats thing. Um, because I thought...I was saying that they looked cool, and I actually saw this -- I was at the doctor's office and I saw this punk-ass kid walk in - off Beverly Hills, like in the Beverly Hills area - he walked in with his mom. He was bein' a little shit, and the Beats just looked WAY cheaper than I thought they looked.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, this kid was wearing Beats, he was a little asshole, and the Beats looked like garbage. I don't know if it was HIM ruining it -

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: - like, I saw somebody who was a loser wearing them - but I thought they looked cool, I take it back. They look like shit.

Maddox: Dick, how much does an iPad cost?

Dick: Oh, like 800 bucks?

Maddox: 800 bucks, okay. And most netbooks cost around 400 dollars, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So a netbook that has a CPU, RAM, a hard drive, a monitor, a keyboard - that costs as much as ONE set of headphones.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's stupid. You're just payin' for the brand. It's ridiculous.

Leah: Oh my gosh.

Maddox: Yeah, it's 400 dollars for a pair of Beats!

Dick: Yeah, but Leah, if it looked good, it's worth it. Right?

Leah: Uh, I don't know anything about that.

Maddox: Great. (satisfied)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Great. Okay, let's...you have some comments, right?

Dick: I got comments. This one is from...Kurt Radyko. "Dick, I will pay you 20 dollars to punch Maddox right in the dick."

Maddox: GREAT.

Dick: So...

Leah: (interjects) I vote "yes."

Maddox: Why don't you guys -

Dick: (interjects) There's no voting, it's 20 bucks! (Leah laughs) This guy says "I will put my PayPal info up online," and...you better watch yourself, buddy. (grinning)

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: You got a dick punch comin' right for you!

Maddox: It's a fist-fight, then. (Dick laughs) You got a return dick punch. And Kurt's gotta pay both of us.

Dick: This guy -

Maddox: (interjects) You know what, FUCK Kurt! (Leah laughs) I'm gonna pay...I'm gonna pay you, well, ZERO dollars - we're gonna fly out to Kurt's house and punch HIM in the face. How 'bout that, Kurt?

Dick: Okay! That sounds fair.

Maddox: Idiot.

Dick: Cyril Tighe says, "Maddox definitely listens to Wagner." Is that true?

Maddox: Uh, not a huge fan. Not a huge fan of Wagner.

Dick: Why not?

Maddox: Just, uh, not my jam. I don't...it's neither dark enough nor is it quiet enough that I can concentrate while I'm working. Maybe I just haven't heard the right piece.

Dick: I think you would find Wagner, specifically, presumptuous.

Maddox: Yeah, probably.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You mean pretentious?

Dick: Pretentious.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I have a comment from George Lightchild - stupid last name... (Leah laughs) ...uh, cool first name. Oh, he's Greek...I think so. Anyway, he says - he posted a link to an ABC News article that says, "'The clear winner in the tally was the telephone...'" So, he posted a link that talked about how people who use phone conversations lie. This is interesting. He said that - [continues quoting comment] "'...in the tally was the telephone, which was involved in 37 percent of the deception. Face-to-face conversations included lies 27 percent of the time, and instant messages came in at 21 percent.' Hence if someone calls you they probably want something and are willing to lie, since you won't be able to see their face and unless you record everything there is nothing you can do to prevent them from lying afterwards."

Dick: Yeah, yeah yeah yeah. Okay. No, I -

Maddox: (interjects) Phone calls lead to lies!

Dick: I saw this comin'. But this was my point for The Death of Phone Calls: you can tell if somebody is either boring or totally crazy in TWO SECONDS on the phone with them - that you could NEVER tell in text.

Maddox: No, that's bullshit.

Dick: That was my...that was totally my point -

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, AND... (indignant)

Dick: Go ahead!

Maddox: ...your point has been superseded by this article with ACTUAL research that just proved you wrong! It said that people lie on the phone, and they DON'T lie through texts! Not as much!

Dick: Nonononononono no, that's not what -- (splutters)

Maddox: It's deceptive!

Dick: They ATTEMPT to lie! They attempt to lie! I don't care about lying - I just wanna know if somebody's absolutely bonkers.

Maddox: Okay...

Dick: Which I can tell - like, I can tell right away if a girl is insane on the phone, 'cause she sounds like a 13 year-old!

Maddox: Uh, well...

Leah: Agreed.

Dick: YES! Thank you, Leah! Listen to the way Leah sounds: like a normal woman. (Maddox and Leah laugh) Like an ADULT woman.

Leah: Really?? (amused)

Dick: Immediately, I can tell!

Leah: I haven't spoken much...

Dick: Like a hot woman, actually. (sultry tone) (Leah laughs)

Maddox: Ohh, SHUT -- you...I'm... (disgusted) (Dick laughs hysterically)

Leah: Let's take this outside.

Maddox: I just burped up vomit. Pure vomit. (Leah giggles) Um...

Dick: You know what I'm saying, Leah? If you're talking - like if a guy's texting you, you know absolutely nothing about him. Right? Versus like a two-second phone call with him? If you're talkin' to a new guy, do you talk on the phone with him or are you afraid of the phone, too?

Leah: Uhh, I'm - well, I prefer text, just because you get exactly what you wanna say out.

Maddox: THANK YOU, Leah.

Dick: That's the PROBLEM!!

Maddox: If a guy calls you, he's a creep, right? You wanna talk to some guy on the phone??

Leah: Well, if I reject him first by not texting him back, I don't wanna hear from him on the phone. (starts laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Take that.

Dick: This sounds familiar. (disheartened) (Leah laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, it sounds VERY familiar, Dick. (amused)

Dick: Sounds like - this sounds familiar.

Maddox: Uh, I got a comment from Garett Miller - he says, "Dick u r chode." (Maddox and Leah burst out laughing)

Dick: Oh, I saw that guy!

Leah: Well said!

Maddox: Somebody afterwards commented on this guy - he goes, "Hey, you got a nice face," and he said somethin' like, "Thanks, I worked on it for 21 years." (everyone cracks up) This is a guy that looks like a total weirdo. Uh, thank you, Garett Miller. And one last comment I got, I wanna mention - it's from Anthony Mollison. He posted this on The Biggest Problem in the Universe Facebook page. He posted a picture of T.I., the rapper, and he says, "Why does Dick look like a white version of T.I.?" And this is so spot-on, I'm gonna post this on the website. It's hilarious.

Dick: Mmkay.

Maddox: And here, Leah, if you wanna take a look at that... (Leah cracks up after a brief pause)

Dick: Does he look cool?

Leah: Uh, you don't have the pencil pedo-stache that he does, but other than that, yeah.

Dick: I could grow one! Do you like that?

Maddox: Ohh...JESUS. (Dick laughs hysterically)

Leah: Umm...no. I'm actually not gonna say!

Maddox: I have, like - I don't know if I should have a boner right now? Like, this is so gross and weird...

Leah: No! *I* don't!

Dick: If you don't have one, Leah will draw you one.

Maddox: Thank you -- YES.

Leah: Ohh, yeah!

Dick: Allllright. You wanna get to...what do we got next? You have any more comments?

Maddox: I just wanna mention - no, uh, no more comments - but I just did wanna mention something. Just a little bit of business we need to get out of the way. So...a couple things. First of all, I've had a lot of commenters mention that they are deaf, and they want to listen to the podcast but obviously they can't because of hearing impairment. So we have been toying with the idea of getting somebody to transcribe these episodes for us. I had a fan reach out to us...her name's Laurie, and she's been very gracious to transcribe one of the

episodes. We did it as a test run - Episode #7 - we'll probably have that up this week, the transcription for it. However, this takes her about 5 to 6 hours to transcribe each episode, and she does a really good job. But I don't believe in having people do free work, and I want to pay them. So at some point, we're probably gonna have to talk about generating some revenue from this - the podcast, which may include some kind of limited sponsorship, OR possibly creating a bonus episode for purchase by the fans. So we're gonna put that out to you guys and see which idea you guys prefer, because we want to - and also, we wanna cover the hosting costs. This has actually become wildly successful...Dick, do you have any idea how many terabytes of data we're transferring?

Dick: No I do, because when we first did this, I had it up on Amazon for like 3 days and I think my hosting bill was like, 80 bucks by the time I transferred it over to Libsyn.

Maddox: Yeah. And that's just for the podcast hosting, not counting the web server that we're hosting, which is 70 dollars.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then it just keeps increasing every month because we use more resources, more memory, more bandwidth...so we have to eventually pay these. And, you know, it's been a struggle because I've always been against ads, but I don't put ads on my website because I still want that to be a censorship-free environment. But if we DID consider any kind of limited advertising, it would be from sponsors where we made sure that it was not going to be a conflict of interest with what we wanna say on the show.

Dick: Yeah...man, honestly I would just like to see you have the ability to use money for creative things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? Like your book was cool, when you got to pay all those people to illustrate it, and bind it - it was like a whole thing.

Maddox: And here we are in the room with one of 'em!

Leah: I like that!

Maddox: So, yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So anyway, just wanted to mention that. But leave a comment on the website, thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com, and we'll think about it. So anyway, uh, Dick -

Dick: (interjects) SPEAKING of people NOT getting paid for their contributions to society, this is my first problem - the biggest problem in the universe - Maddox gets NO credit!

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: So this, uh...what was it, last week, Robin Williams died. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Leah: Yes.

Dick: So ABC News throws up on their home page, "Robin Williams is dead...his family asks for peace and quiet and their privacy during this very difficult time." Same exact page, on the top in a HUGE banner, it says, "Watch aerial helicopter footage LIVE of Robin Williams's house!" Like, the EXACT opposite of what they JUST printed that they asked for. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So, guess who - the Internet Zorro over here, Maddox (Leah laughs) - takes a screenshot... (Leah starts clapping) ...yeah! (**applause sound effect**) Takes a screenshot of this home page...highlights 'Watch aerial footage'...highlights 'The only thing we want during this huge loss is for people to leave us the fuck alone'...draws an arrow to it, and posts it on the front of his website. Right? Within...I dunno, within 24 hours, they issued this huge apology - is that accurate?

Maddox: That's accurate!

Dick: Okay - SO. Here are the - the list of websites that covered this story...uh, lemme see, I got it here somewhere....TheBlaze, Hollywood Reporter, The Huffington Post, The Wrap, Deadline - they ALL have news of this apology, and then like, clips from a guy on Twitter who posted YOUR image!! (yelling) That, thank GOD, you had a watermark on - http://maddox.xmission.com - or you would've got ZERO FUCKING CREDIT for taking one of the biggest news organizations on the PLANET and making them apologize!

Maddox: Thank you -

Dick: (interjects) For doing something HORRIFIC!

Maddox: Yes. Thank you - THANK you, Dick! (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Leah: Yesss!

Dick: And you got NO credit for it.

Maddox: No credit!

Leah: That's frustrating.

Maddox: And Variety.com posted - when they wrote this article, they said, "A number of different news sources mentioned this discrepancy with ABC News." Apparently, I'm no longer a PERSON; I'm "a number of news sources."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's ONE PERSON, dickhead! It's ME, I created it! And I also - there was somebody on Twitter who, when this whole thing was happening, they started tweeting and they said, "Well, how come this Maddox guy posted this thing and now everybody cares, but I posted it 6 hours ago and nobody cared?" I said, "Hey DICKHEAD, you RETWEETED the image that I created! The reason nobody cares is because I created it, dipshit. (Leah laughs) It was me! It wasn't - you didn't ADD anything to this conversation, you were just retweeting me." And so, while this was going super viral on the internet, on Twitter and Facebook and everything, I decided to start focusing that rage towards the president of ABC News. And that's what eventually -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, really?!

Maddox: Yeah! Everybody was sending him - (cracks up) - sending messages to the president of ABC News. I said, "Hey guys, congratulate the president" - uh, Goldston...I forget his last name - "for doing a bang-up job of covering this Robin Williams story." And due to the pressure from all my fans coming down on him, they finally issued an apology. And of course, Maddox gets no credit.

Dick: (interjects) It was a bullshit apology, too!

Maddox: It WAS a bullshit apology!!

Dick: The apology was basically, "We found this link to not have, uh, news..."

Maddox: "News value." Any value, yeah.

Dick: "...news value." Yeah!

Maddox: So they essentially apologized for not making money from this aerial coverage of Robin Williams's home. And you know, what's the best possible scenario?? What's the best-case scenario that they could *possibly* hope for with aerial coverage?

Dick: That like, Robin Williams sneaks out the back of the house? (Maddox and Leah laugh) And they're like, "OH, HE'S ALIVE, actually! He faked his death!!"

Maddox: That'd be incredible, but you know what they REALLY -

Dick: (interjects) You asked! You asked.

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: I'm not insensitive for saying that, you asked.

Maddox: No no, of course.

Leah: They're trying to find weeping, sad people? Is that what they were trying to find?

Maddox: Possibly. But I'm gonna get really dark, here -

Dick: (interjects) I think it's safe to ASSUME that they were.

Maddox: Well, that's what they were hoping for. But I'm gonna get really cynical here...I think they were waiting for a body bag to come out of the house.

Dick: Oh, you're absolutely right!

Leah: So fucked up.

Maddox: That's what they wanted! They wanted that shot of the body bag, they wanted that dramatic image...and of course, Robin Williams's family, they're just inside the home fucking CRYING, because their FATHER passed away, their HUSBAND passed away, their FRIEND passed away. From DEPRESSION. And these fucking vultures -

Dick: (interjects) And Parkinson's, dude. (winces) Did you see that?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, they hadn't even announced it at that time!

Dick: Ohh, MAN. That's brutal.

Maddox: His body's still warm, assholes! And they're sitting in the sky, like - with metal vultures, just sitting there, watching the house with their telescopic lenses looking for that body bag. They just want that shot of that body bag, these vultures.

Dick: Yeah...I mean, that is what it is. The part that bothers me is that it woulda taken anybody about 10 seconds to see that Twitter guy's image, with YOUR website on it, to GO to your website and say, "Oh, yeah! This guy obviously is the one who figured it out and broke the news."

Maddox: Yeah, and comedian Bill Burr retweeted it, Jim Norton from the Opie and Anthony Show retweeted it, uh...what's his name, Joe Rogan retweeted it - it went around everywhere, like everybody...it was even on the Huffington Post! My nemesis. (Sean laughs in the background) These IDIOTS.

Leah: Yeah, but if you bring it up at the time, while it's a sensitive subject, you seem self-centered - like, "I'm trying to promote MYself by making a stink of, 'Nobody's giving me credit.'" You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that's why I brought it up. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Yeah! (Dick cackles)

Leah: Okay. (chuckles)

Maddox: Dick brought it up for that reason. Of course, yeah - I can't, I can't...and honestly, my number one goal was just to get this out there. Because I've actually met Robin Williams a couple of times -- I had the honor of sharing the stage with him at UCB Theatre in Los Angeles. We didn't actually do a scene together, but he was on the same stage at the same time, which to me was a huge honor. I never thought in a MILLION years I'd be standing on the same stage with Robin Williams! But this guy was just such a gracious dude, a nice guy - and people always say, "Well, why do you care about a celebrity death?" And I generally don't -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I say that.

Maddox: - yeah, and most people do. But I...I've actually met this guy, and he IS everything that people say about him: a NICE guy, a GRACIOUS guy. And he had no ego about him! He would go drinking with the performers afterwards. He would go next door and sit down and *listen* to you...doesn't matter what walk of life you came from. He asked me what I did for a living, and he asked me how long I've been doing improv, and that sort of thing. And he helped people feel comfortable about themselves, even though he's won an Oscar, and he's been on so many TV shows, and he has this HUGE body of work. He had absolutely no ego about him. ABSOLUTELY great guy.

Leah: Yeah, the same story -

Dick: (interjects) Did you learn anything from that?

Maddox: ...From Robin Williams?

Dick: Yeah, from not having an ego?

Maddox: Nope. (dryly) (starts laughing along with Dick)

Dick: Sorry, Leah, go ahead.

Leah: No, don't worry. (chuckling) No, the same story has been said by many people. It's all...it all checks out. 'Cause everyone says the same thing.

Dick: (interjects) Kinda sick of hearing it, right? Everybody keeps saying how great he was...like, "Oh my god, come on."

Leah: Yeah, I'm totally sick of him, he sucks. (heavily sarcastic) No, of course not! Yeah, he's...he was a beautiful person.

Maddox: Well, if you work at all in the world of comedy, if you do anything of the sort - uh, you have all these people who've had these run-ins with Robin Williams. They've met him backstage, maybe, or just passing on the street, uh...I've heard story after story after story from my friends, who've had personal encounters with Robin Williams. This isn't just a brushing, like they just saw him someplace and they said "hi" to him; he would stop and have a conversation with you, and spend TIME with you. And after his passing, it even came out that he secretly flew out, uh...there was a Make-A-Wish Foundation - this little girl was dying from cancer - her wish was to spend a day with Robin Williams. Well, when he agreed to do it, they found out that she was too sick to travel. So he secretly chartered a jet to her hometown, flew out there, played cards with her all day, watched TV - he even wore a disguise to sneak into the hospital so he wouldn't get mauled, and uh, to kind of surprise the girl. And...

Leah: Wow!

Maddox: ...it just made her day. And she's since passed away, but this is what he - this is the type of effort that he would put in. He paid for this stuff, I think, out of his pocket, so...

Leah: Wow.

Maddox: ...yeah! Just a great dude. Uh, huge loss.

Dick: Well, uhh, okay. But the PROBLEM is *you* not getting enough credit. Robin Williams has gotten enough credit for all this, but who's gonna be talking about the great and powerful MADDOX... (Maddox and Leah laugh) ...when YOU finally kill yourself? (Maddox, Dick, Leah, and Sean all laugh even harder)

Maddox: Uh, you know what would actually make me so happy - and I would promise not to haunt you guys if you did this for me - bring in my corpse. For an episode. Just have my corpse -

Dick: (interjects) For this show? (Leah cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah, of this show. I would be just -

Dick: (interjects) Like Weekend at Bernie's? With a puppet?

Maddox: Exactly.

Maddox: With your mouth?

Maddox: Yeah. Just sitting here, rotting in the corner. (Dick giggles)

Dick: Okay! We could do that.

Maddox: Yeah, I'd still probably be sweating as much. Just anger sweats. (Dick and Leah both giggle) Yeah.

Leah: There'd probably be -

Dick: (interjects) Well, for -- Go ahead.

Leah: Oh, no. (good-naturedly) There'd probably be an aerial view of your...of your funeral.

Maddox: Oh, yeah! (playfully)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I'LL give 'em somethin' to see. (Leah chuckles)

Dick: We'll FREEZE you and then sit you in the corner, 'cause it's so sweltering in here, to recreate the sweating. So you'll, like, be perspiring condensation.

Maddox: Ohh, yeah! That's very smart, Dick!

Dick: Yeah man, I'm way ahead of you!

Maddox: Yeah, you're a *scientist.*

Leah: Smells great! (sardonic)

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, well, uh -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, it's - the whole...the reason I brought it in is because it seems like that's what everything on the internet does. Like your whole BuzzFeed article - didn't you do an article with BuzzFeed?

Maddox: Sure did!

Dick: It's just a bunch of ripped-off stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nobody checks where it's from -

Maddox: (interjects) Nobody checks anything, nobody cares!

Dick: - like, "Who made this?"

Maddox: Yeah! And I read one of the comments on Reddit - of course, made it to the front page of Reddit, and some dickfuck just posted it on Imgur! No, IDIOT, this doesn't - and then he posted the source of the image back to Reddit! And it's OBVIOUSLY not the source, because the URL is on the actual fucking image! And then 9GAG... somebody uploaded it to 9GAG, which I think was just 9GAG.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They just cropped my URL off of it -

Dick: (interjects) I SAW THAT!!! Ohhh, my GOD.

Leah: Ohh, fuuuuck! (exasperated)

Maddox: These cheesedicks!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Look, but ultimately, as pissed off as I get about that stuff - and that's how, originally, my "I am better than your kids" article went viral; somebody posted it, and then they took credit off of it and they just STOLE my material, stole my content - but as pissed off as I get about that shit...honestly, sincerely, I am just glad that ABC pulled the fucking helicopters from Robin Williams's home -

Dick: (interjects) OHH, STOP with this -- (Leah laughs) Oh GOD, shut up, we get it!! He's great, you're great, everyone's fuckin' GREAT! What, Sean? You got some kind of a drop-in? Everyone loves the Sean drop-ins. What do you got to say?

Maddox: Nothin' at all.

Dick: No, nothing. Alright.

Maddox: So, anyway. That's my - yeah.

Dick: (interjects) BUT IT'S LIKE - well, okay. So this is my thinking on it...uh, Howard Stern is famous...I think one of his first big watershed breaks was when he interviewed Joey Buttafuoco. Did you know that?

Maddox: No.

Dick: I THINK that's true.

Maddox: (chuckles) Okay.

Dick: During like, the '90s. I'm...I don't know if it's true or not. But I think it's true, and everybody who ran it had to credit him on the news!

Maddox: Yeah! Not me, apparently -

Dick: And NOT YOU!!

Maddox: - 'cause Huffington Post...Huffington Post HATES me. Those motherfuckers hate me. They're *always* trying to bury me, and I hate THEM, too. You know why? 'Cause I call them on their bullshit. Their fucking shenanigans. They're so biased, they're so slanted - I fucking hate Huffington Post. And all they do is steal from other news sources! That's all they fucking do. (Dick chuckles)

Dick: Woah-ho, okay!

Leah: Alright! (enthusiastically)

Dick: That's your opinion.

Maddox: Pieces of shit. (Leah laughs) Alright, let's move on to, uh....Leah - our very first guest problem!

Leah: Oh! 'Kay! Well, I thought about this for a minute, and something that really bothers me when I'm out in public or at a bar - probably mostly at a bar...

Dick: Okay.

Leah: ...when you're meeting new people, or just talking to people - especially in LA, since I moved here about 8 or 9 months ago. Um, you meet -

Dick: (interjects) From where?

Leah: From New York.

Dick: Oh!

Leah: Yeah. So, we can have a cuppa coffee later, if you want. (in stereotypical NY accent) But, yeah - so, social cues really annoy the shit out of me. People do not pick up on them.

Maddox: So "people who don't pick up on social cues," is your problem?

Leah: Right. Yeah, sorry.

Maddox: Okay.

Leah: So, yes. People who do not pick up on them, if you...for example, you are looking away, or looking at other people when they're talking to you, like you're trying to get away from them; you don't - you're not interested in what they're saying, or they're talking too much and they steamroll over you. And you have NO - you have no INS, no...they're just talking *at* you rather than *with* you. And when you give some kind of social cues, like you look away, or you cross your arms, or you're trying to talk and you're like, "But - but I can't --" [mimicking someone being constantly interrupted] And they don't pick up on that, and they just...ugh.

Dick: (interjects) Hold on, I'm making a list: looking away...

Leah: Yeah. (amused) Or heavy -

Dick: (interjects) ...crossing arms...

Leah: Crossing arms!

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: ...I thought women did that to show off their boobs! So you're saying that they're bored of what you're saying when they do that?

Leah: No, even when I do that, that doesn't help me. With what I got. (Maddox laughs) But...so, no. That means, "Don't talk to me."

Dick: Okay.

Leah: Or heavy breathing, like - "(annoyed sigh) ...alright, when is this over?" You know?

Maddox: Oh, I take heavy breathing as a cue that they're in.

Dick: Yeah! See??

Maddox: Yeah!

Leah: No!

Dick: We got our signs all mixed up, dude! (laughs along with Maddox)

Leah: Shut up! (lightheartedly) (Dick giggles) No, like...you know what I mean. SIGHING, like "Ughhh....god, shut UP." You know, like THAT.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.

Dick: But you say LA specifically; you think this happens out here more than...

Leah: Mmm, it happens -

Dick: ...more than your precious New York?

Leah: No, no, no -

Dick: (interjects) It's so great over there? (teasing)

Leah: NO. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Everybody's living in harmony with their fuckin' signs and signals?

Leah: NO! (breaks down laughing) And the jaywalkin'...no, there's a whole different -

Dick: (interjects) Like a bunch of pre-cogs out there, just communicating telepathically? (still teasing)

Leah: (interjects) Alright, SHUT UP and lemme explain! (playfully) (Dick laughs) No, there's a whole...no. New York has its own slew of problems, I'm not even goin' there. But no, this is EVERYWHERE, obviously. It's all over the place. But in LA, it seems concentrated because there are so many people that are self-absorbed out here, and they're so into what THEY'RE doing, with THEIR life, and they don't wanna hear what YOU have to say about yourself....or are even INTERESTED in what you have to say, or who you are! They just - "Oh, so I'm working with this guy; and I know THIS guy; I'm gonna name-drop this person; BLEH." And they don't listen, or try to pick up on what you're throwin' out there.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: Social cues?

Maddox: Social cues.

Leah: Yes.

Maddox: Well, so, lemme play devil's advocate; is it possible that this is a symptom of the type of people you hang out with?

Leah: (inhales thoughtfully) No - uh, no, because I'm meeting a spectrum of people.

Maddox: I mean, because -

Dick: (interjects) At the bar? (wryly) (Maddox laughs)

Leah: No, not JUST at the bar, but all over the place! Anybody!

Dick: When's the last time this happened to you?

Leah: ...At a bar. (laughs along with Maddox)

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: No, don't -- But, uh -

Dick: (interjects) What bar? What bar and when do you go there? (playfully)

Maddox: No, no no. (Dick and Leah laugh). No, let's not...we're not doin' that. We're not doin' that, creepy. Creep. Um...no, but to be fair, you do spend a lot of time in the industry because you've been workin' with Dino, and you go to a lot of industry-type things. So maybe it's the type of people you meet at those parties - they're people who are talkin' about their jobs and that sort of thing.

Leah: I don't know...no, this happened in New York also. It happens everywhere. It's not JUST in this industry, or anything like that.

Maddox: Okay.

Leah: I just think it's concentrated out here.

Maddox: So, why do you think that is? Like, what do you...why is it a problem?

Leah: Because you're trying to communicate to somebody! They have - they just have a shield up and they're not taking in anything you're giving them. It's just all about them projecting onto you, and throwing out to you, and you're just a soundboard for THEM. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Leah: So you're just...yeah, they don't give a turkey!

Dick: Yeah! Why don't you guys get on your text machines, and TEXT each other about this (Leah laughs) instead of CALLING UP like a human? (sarcastic)

Maddox: Yeah, a constant interruption! "Oh, drop what you're doin'! I'm more important right now!" (mocking Dick) (Leah giggles) "You have to - you can't be working right now, 'cause I'm making a phone call to tell you some bullshit that I could send you in a text that you could read at your convenience."

Dick: Well, uh...so is the solution to this not just "get better stories"? (Maddox and Leah crack up) Is that...? You gotta interrupt them MORE, I think. (Sean snickers in the background)

Leah: Uh, even when you...

Maddox: Oh, yeah. This is the KING of interruption, here.

Leah: Yeaaaaah, 'cause that's how you win 'em over. (sarcastic) But...no, they're not even - they'll steamroll over you, that's the point!

Dick: Tell us about the last time this happened to you! 'Cause it sounds fresh.

Leah: Uhh, well yeah. The last time it happened it just regurgitated a whole buncha CRAP that I just...I am so tired of dealing with. Um, just some guy at a bar! You know, they - you just talk to them, and they have NO...they just don't...I was throwing out all the social clues that I threw out there, for you -

Dick: (interjects) Crossing your arms, sighing, heavy breathing...

Leah: Yeah! Looking away, just kinda backing up, not -

Maddox: (interjects) Which is body language! Like if you cross your arms, you're sending the signal to somebody that you're closed off and you don't wanna talk to them. So that's probably his fault for not being able to pick that up! Why do you think that is? Why do you think he couldn't pick that up?

Leah: Because he was just - he didn't - he wasn't aware of my presence! He was just wanting to get his stories out about himself, and to impress, and that's what people -- I don't know, a lot of people do DO that, as kind of a crutch, you know? Like, "I'm...I accomplished THIS, look at me! Aren't I cool?!" And it could be even, just....not confident. He's not -

Maddox: (interjects) He was hitting on you though, right? He wanted to -

Leah: Yeah.

Dick: He HAD to be.

Leah: Oh... (modestly)

Dick: I'll tell you why. It's - because of the internet, everyone now has Asperger's.

Maddox: Mmm... (skeptical)

Leah: So that - yeah, that's what I was gonna say. I looked this up, on what it could possibly be, and people...you know, since Asperger's or autism are kind of spectrum disorders, that yes, people have *slight* touches of it where they have to -- There are actually tutorials online for people with these disorders to, uh...that teach them social clues. Like to ask certain questions - like, "How are you?" (Maddox chuckles) "What is the weather?" You know?

Maddox: Like very basic things that humans normally do in social situations. These are people who lack those skills, right?

Leah: Right.

Maddox: Are you talking specifically about people with Asperger's, or autism? Or are you sayin' it's a spectrum?

Leah: It's OUT there. I'm wondering if that's *part* of what's going on? Because I feel like if you're a well-adjusted person and you're, um... AWARE of your surroundings and the people around you, you kind of - it's easy to pick up on these things. Like you won't...you know, you'll have a back-and-forth. You won't have a -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I think there is a lot of pressure on basic social interactions now. Like even the thought of asking someone, "How's it going?" or "How's the weather?" -- Because of the amount of ridicule that exists just around being a boring conversationalist, or hitting on people in a new way - like even talking to someone new is seen as a very daunting task now. I don't know if it always was that way, but I think that's part of it.

Maddox: I think it always was -

Dick: (interjects) You think it was?

Maddox: - and everyone's just a pussy these days.

Leah: Mmm...

Dick: You're right.

Maddox: And it is because of the internet. What, Leah?

Leah: I think, also, some people just lack curiosity of other people. They just wanna TALK.

Maddox: YES! Abso-fuckin'-lutely, that is ABSOLUTELY the case. (**'ding!' sound effect**) People, sometimes...sometimes I've been on dates with people where I will listen to them talk about themselves for a little while, and then I will sit there silently. I know how to carry a conversation, and I know how to make a conversation flow. But I'm curious if *they* wonder about *me.*

Leah: Yeah.

Maddox: Sometimes -- I've been on dates where they haven't asked what I do...

Leah: Right!

Maddox: ...they don't know where I live, they don't know where I'm from, they don't know who my friends are. So one day I was on a date - a shitty date - and I sat down, and after maybe 30 seconds of silence I finally asked the girl, "Hey, how do you know I'm not a serial killer?" (Dick laughs softly) Point-blank! And she's like, "Well, uh..."

Leah: (interjects) I STILL don't know. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: But she said, "Well, I guess I don't know! I never really thought about that." I'm like, "Well, do you know anything about me?" She said, "No." I'm like, "Why not?" She goes, "Oh, I guess I haven't asked!" I'm like, "EXACTLY!"

Leah: Yeah!

Maddox: That's my fuckin' point! You don't know ANYTHING about me! Aren't you curious?!

Leah: Yeah! Especially when you're asking a million questions about THEM, like, "Oh, where are you from? Do you have a brother?" Or, anything about them!

Maddox: You want to know, right?

Leah: You're constantly asking them - yeah! - about them, but they never return it, and it's just...you would think that that's something that's inherent. That everyone should -- If, when you're meeting someone new, aren't you curious? Why not??

Maddox: Yeah! And am I unreasonable to expect that when you have, uh...when you meet somebody for the first time, you ask them a question, or say a comment...you make a statement about yourself. What would you expect them to do? To follow up with either a comment about what you just said, or a follow-up question, or something related. Right?

Leah: Yeah.

Dick: Is this one of those autism tests? (Leah laughs)

Maddox: I mean, it's very basic, Human 101! (Leah laughs harder) Just be a fucking human! This isn't science, here! Just - a normal person would have those questions, or SOMETHING to say. It's called a "conversation" -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: - and people don't know how to have a *conversation.* They don't know how to talk to people anymore. And maybe, Dick, you're right, I think! It probably does have to do with the internet.

Dick: I don't know, I gotta think it must...it must have a lot to do with the internet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause the internet has to have rewired people's brains.

Maddox: Oh, yeah! Definitely!

Leah: Clearly!

Dick: Like I press on websites on a fuckin' newspaper to try to get the page to load. (Leah and Maddox laugh) That's not me DECIDING to be a stupid idiot, that's me just reaching out and pressing a website when I see it! Like, "Uh-dur, dur, dur!" [mimicking pressing a link on paper]

Leah: You can't DECIDE to be a stupid idiot.

Dick: You can't?

Leah: No! (cracks up)

Dick: No, you just are. Right?

Leah: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. So I really think it has rewired everyone's brains to be a total asshole.

Maddox: It's actually scary, especially Facebook. This is kind of scary what happened to me the other day. Someone - one of my friends sent me a link in a text message that I clicked on, and it was an interesting news article. Not interesting enough for me to comment, there was nothing - he just sent it because it was related to something I had written about a long time ago. And I thought the appropriate response to this (cracks up) was to 'like' the message, but I COULDN'T because it was a TEXT MESSAGE. (Dick and Leah laugh) Not on Facebook! But just because I thought that, it's already - I'm FUCKED. Because I -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it's deeply engrained! Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, Facebook has already changed the way I think about how I interact with people. It's dangerous!

Leah: Hmm.

Dick: I mean, we just gotta get over the, uhh - I don't know what the solution is though. People aren't listening to your stories, Leah...this guy's not askin' about you...

Leah: No, it's -

Dick: (interjects) You gotta have made him nervous, though! You know?

Leah: I didn't do SHIT! I STOOD there, and I was talked at! And that's all it was.

Maddox: Talked AT, yeah! That's bein' a probl-- Maybe that's a good way of phrasing the problem, even! "People talking AT you."

Leah: Yeah. That, and -- but when they talk at you and you DO have a second, you wanna follow up with a question. And so then you ask another question, and it's a whole other 20-minutes of railing on about themselves, where...you know.

Dick: You know what we need? Referees at bars!

Maddox: Yes!!

Dick: To start giving people red cards, or yellow cards, blowing the whistle, like "You're talkin' about yourself too much!" (Leah laughs)

Maddox: Uh-huh. (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: "You gotta let - you gotta ask this girl a question!"

Maddox: Amen! Yeah, ask this girl a question, idiot! Hey, dipshit!

Dick: Ask her about her hair, her shoes, or whatever.

Leah: Yeah! It's....oh, god. (Maddox and Dick laugh) What if you don't have hair OR shoes, what are you gonna do?

Maddox: (cracks up) Yeah. I date alotta girls with no hair and shoes. (laughs along with Leah)

Dick: No hair or shoes?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Those are called "guys."

Maddox: Ooooooh... (uneasily)

Leah: But yeah, it has nothin' to do with wanting to talk about yourself. It has to do with wanting to have a conversation.

Maddox: Being curious about another fucking human being in the room with you!

Leah: Yeah!

Maddox: Aren't you curious?? Aren't you afraid -- usually, why I ask questions sometimes is to suss out whether or not the person I'm talking to has lights on, in their home.

Leah: Right.

Maddox: I mean, not in their home; in their HEAD. Like, is someone - are the lights on? Is someone home??

Leah: Right! (laughs)

Maddox: What's going on? Right?

Dick: Yeah!

Leah: Just, AWARE. In the moment.

Maddox: Are you aware? Yeah! In the moment! How aware are you of your surroundings? How aware are you of me as a person? Because - that's right, Leah! If they can't pick up on social cues, that might mean...okay, here comes the armchair psychology, Dick. (Leah chuckles)

Dick: Yeah! He's the worst! Armchair psychology, all day.

Maddox: Oh, please. Yeah, last episode...please.

Dick: (interjects) Sigmund Futon over here. (Maddox and Leah burst out laughing)

Maddox: Did you make that up?!

Dick: Right on the spot, dude! Yeah.

Maddox: Sigmund Futon, that's hilarious! That's really good.

Dick: Thanks.

Leah: ...Sigmund Rhoid.

Dick: Sigmund Rhoid? What does that mean? (amused)

Maddox: Oh, Sigmund Hemorrhoid?

Dick: OHHH oh, oh! Yeah.

Maddox: No, I don't get hemorrhoids. (Leah chuckles) Not anymore. Since I stopped eating hummus. (grinning) Uh... (laughs loudly)

Leah: Oh, GOD.

Maddox: Anyway! Yeah, that's a whole story. (Leah laughs) But yeah! You want to know that the lights are on at home.

Dick: (interjects) What kind of social cues would you give a guy telling you about his hemorrhoids? What's the social cue to get THAT to stop?

Leah: Interest! Um, hand-on-chin.

Dick: Ohohohoho!

Maddox: Hand-on-chin! Yeah, thank you, Leah! That's exactly the right response. (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You WANT a guy - 'cause if a guy is telling you about his hemorrhoids, guess what he is? Fucking confident! (Leah laughs) Huh? Right??

Dick: I mean, I...or, totally CRAZY!

Maddox: Well...okay. There is a fine line. (cracks up) You have to see their eyes -if they're making good eye contact with you. But if their eyes are going in, uh - you know, they're a little darty -

Dick: (interjects) Or if they're, like, looking at you from the top of a pit that you're in. (wryly) (Maddox and Leah laugh) Then they're probably crazy.

Maddox: Okay. Well, uh...yeah. That's a good problem! I don't know if it's the BIGGEST problem in the universe, but it's definitely worthy of being on the list.

Leah: Yeah. When you're trying to meet new people, it's...it's a problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How have you found meeting new people in LA? Than in New York?

Leah: VERY easy.

Dick: Really?!

Leah: Yeah. It's pretty easy. Um, New York, there's...ah. I'm not gonna get into the whole New York/LA battle royale, but it's...I feel like everything's harder in New York, it's more difficult. People are closed off, you know.

Dick: Really?

Leah: Yeah!

Maddox: I never really have a problem meeting people in New York. I've heard this: I've heard in New York, there is a disproportionate amount of single women.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: New York's a chick town. Chicks love New York.

Leah: It's 3-to-1! 3 women to 1 man!

Dick: WHAT?!?

Leah: Guys...yeah -

Maddox: (interjects) I don't know it's that high, but -

Leah: - flock to New York.

Maddox: Yeah! It's pretty high. Like, it's one of the only places I've been to in the world where servers actually hit on me! Which is usually the opposite: guys hit on servers. (cracks up) But in New York, I've had multiple servers give me their phone numbers while I'm just sitting there, trying to enjoy my coffee...

Dick: THIS guy... (grinning) What a stud! (Maddox and Leah burst out laughing) Girls flyin' in to UTAH - you're conning beautiful women into flying into Utah to talk to you...

Maddox: 'Conning'...please.

Dick: ...waitresses are giving you their phone numbers!

Maddox: Panties...

Leah: "Just trying to have a beverage with titties in my face!" (teasing)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, what's your social cues? How are you luring these broads in?

Sean: (interjects) All the hemorrhoid talk. (dryly) (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: (laughing) The hemorrhoid talk! THANK you, Sean! Yeah, because they look at me and I talk to them about my hemorrhoids - they're like, "That guy's confident." (sexy tone) (Leah laughs) "I want some of what he's cookin'!" (Leah keeps giggling) It's just, like...a big puffy asshole, really! (bursts out laughing)

Leah: Like a baboon!

Dick: Is that what happens? Did you think anything would go on when you went and saw him for the first time?

Leah: No! I knew he had a girlfriend.

Dick: Well, I mean...does that really mean anything? (cheekily)

Maddox: Yeah, well...right? (quietly; amused)

Leah: Now it's just a brotherly type of - "Aw, c'mere, gimme some noogies!" Or, "I'll give *you* some noogies!"

Dick: Ohh, yeah, THAT'S your move! (suggestively)

Maddox: Yeah, that's my move!

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Yeah. A noogie is code for "scratching her head." (mocking Dick's bawdiness) With my knuckles. (laughs)

Leah: Yeah! (through laughter)

Maddox: So...anyway.

Dick: Pretty good problem!

Maddox: Yeah, good problem, good problem! So let's move -- is that all you have, Leah? Or is there anything else you wanna add to that?

Leah: Nope!

Dick: I wanna hear more about this poor bastard that hit on you.

Leah: (sighs) No, you - I don't give a turkey about him!

Maddox: No, we don't. We don't wanna hear that - that guy's an idiot. Let's move on to my problem, uh, the third problem - and by the way, since we have a guest, this time we're doin' three problems.

Dick: One each!

Maddox: One each, there we go. So my problem is....wine snobs. (Leah cracks up) Alright? (Dick sighs) These are people who are pretentious about wine, just like DICK is PRETENTIOUS about steak. (Dick exhales wearily) Now, I have been arguing about this for a LONG time, and I've always thought that wine snobs are fulla shit. Right? Everything has "notes" of something in it. It's a "note of cherry," it's a "woody aftertone," or a "woody taste," or some..."acidic, citrusy...berry...currant-y...."

Leah: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...some BULLSHIT adjective-y....THING. And no one's ever consistent with these wines! Ever!

Leah: Yeah, when I worked at a restaurant in New York, where there was a 'sommeliere'...a sommelier....

Maddox: It's a sommelier, yeah.

Leah: And uh, in order to be...in order to serve wine in this place, we had to taste all the wines. But I had to buy a book of adjectives for each wine, and LEARN - like, "Oh, this has got an oaky, full-bodied aroma..." (pretentious voice)

Maddox: Yeah, "full-bodied aroma"! (derisive)

Leah: ...with drops of quail diarrhea." (Maddox laughs) I don't know - whatever it - (cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah! And here's the thing -

Dick: (interjects) Probably not that. (bluntly)

Maddox: - by the way, unless it has -- they always say it has "notes" of cherry, or it has "notes" of apricot -- if there's no cherry in the fucking wine, then there aren't notes of SHIT in that wine. You're fulla shit! (yelling) There's NO apricot in the wine, there's NO cherry, and if there IS, guess what? That's a shitty fuckin' wine field! (Leah bursts out laughing) That's a shitty vineyard, if they're accidentally getting CHERRIES in the fucking wine?! Are you fucking kidding me?? You're gettin' cherry pits in there, you're gettin' *apricots* in there? What the FUCK kind of dime-and-nickel operation is this?!? You fucking idiots! (Leah still laughing uncontrollably) What are you gettin' - oh, "EARTHY"? "Earthy" is code for DIRT, you fucking morons! You're putting dirt in the wine, and people are CONGRATULATING THEM? Wine experts are giving them '90s' and they're putting them in BevMo! - are you fucking kidding me? Throw that shit away! Your fuckin' sour-ass wine. BULLshit. So, I - (cracks up) - I have this article... (suddenly calm)

Dick: (interjects) I wish there was a wine snob who was as passionate about loving wine as you are about hating it. (Maddox and Leah laugh)

Maddox: Oh, well, there is! And I actually have his name, which I'll get to in just a second. However, The Guardian published this article - which, I just wanna *kiss* their feet for publishing this. It's called "Wine-tasting: it's junk science." And there's a guy named Robert Hodgson who had a vineyard in...uh, I believe, in California. And every year, he would submit his wines to a bunch of different wine festivals. Sometimes he'd win the gold medal, and then sometimes the EXACT same wines that would win gold medals at some festivals would do very poorly at other ones. So he thought, "Well, this is kind of curious...why do my wines do so inconsistently at different festivals?" And this guy has a background in statistics, so he decided to do a scientific analysis to see if he could get his wines to be consistently tested by the same people. So, he actually did this! He said, "Some wines would be presented to the panel three times, poured from the same bottle each time. The

results would be compiled and analyzed to see whether wine testing really is scientific." And the results are: "Only about 10% of judges are consistent, and those judges who were consistent one year were ordinary the next year. Chance has a great deal to do with the awards that wines win." What do you think of that?

Dick: That...wine competitions are arbitrary? Or at least somewhat arbitrary?

Maddox: The awards...yeah.

Dick: I believe that, sure.

Leah: Me too.

Maddox: 10 percent! 10 percent of the judges were consistent.

Dick: Yeah. Um...

Leah: 'Cause they're wasted! Well, no - they spit it out, don't they?

Maddox: Yeah, they swish and - you know, they sniff and swish and...

Dick: Don't you think it has a lot to do with your mood, though? When you're drinking a wine and you're following it up with another wine? Like, your "notes" thing - that the "notes" are bullshit - I think is dead wrong.

Maddox: Really??

Dick: If you taste something, and it kind of makes you think of cherry -- like, I'm sure there's no actual GRAPES in Dimetapp - (Leah and Maddox laugh hysterically) - but it tastes like grape, god dammit!

(Maddox and Leah keep laughing)

Dick: If they say it's "earthy," it's like, it tastes like dirt! I don't fuckin' know. What do you want?? You want like, a formula for what EXACTLY this tastes like? It just makes me think of dirt.

Maddox: Why -- if it makes you think of DIRT, then you're a fucking moron! Why are you even -- spit it out! Why is that in your mouth if it tastes like dirt, ya moron?!

Dick: It's like, whiskey tastes like smoke! It just does!

Maddox: No...some whiskey. Shitty whiskey, that YOU like.

Dick: Oho, yeah! Your FIREBALL doesn't taste like smoke! (derisive)

Maddox: Yeah, I like Fireball, it's so good. Tastes like cinnamon. No, but - by the way, use a different adjective! Why is everything a "note"? Everything's a NOTE of something. Why don't you use something else? Don't use "note"! Use "note" for music.

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: The last time -- I haven't even seen -

Leah: (interjects) A "hint"?

Dick: A hint?

Maddox: A "hint," yeah! How about "a hint"?

Dick: Oh yeah! You're, like, a trained wine bullshitter!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Right? (Leah chuckles) So what else you got?

Leah: Uh, I just remember "oaky."

Dick: Oaky!

Leah: "Oaky," "full-bodied"...

Dick: Full-bodied...

Maddox: A "hint," a "note" - what else? What other word can you use?

Dick: ...sounds like a pirate prostitute. (Leah laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, right. So anyway - and these judges, by the way, these aren't amateurs! These are judges - they read like a "who's who" of -

Leah: (interjects) Crisp!

Maddox: Crisp. Great.

Dick: Criiisp!

Maddox: This is -

Dick: (interjects) "Crisp wine," that sounds good, man! (cheerfully)

Maddox: FUCK you. (Leah bursts out laughing) So this guy - (cracks up) - when he tested these judges...uh, this is from the article. It says, "They read like a who's who of the American wine industry, from winemakers, sommeliers, critics and buyers to wine consultants and even academics." So these are the top of their field!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: These aren't just like, fly-by-night wine critics who write for whatever your city weekly magazine is, in whatever shithole city you live in. So this guy did this test for a number of different years...he said, "Results from the first four years of the experiment, published in the Journal of Wine Economics, showed a typical judge's scores varied by plus or minus four points over the three blind tastings. A wine deemed to be good with a 90 rating would be rated as an acceptable 86 by the SAME JUDGE minutes later and then an excellent 94." So they tasted the same wine, and minutes later rated it from an 80 to like, a 94! Or a 90 to 94. The EXACT same wine. MINUTES apart.

Dick: Yeah, look. You know what? Uhh, your steak thing --

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: -- your expensive steak argument - was fuckin' stupid.

Maddox: Oh, really? (sarcastic)

Dick: But I think I agree with you on the wine.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I think that expensive wines, or like, this idea of...I dunno, this idea that some wines are an order of magnitude better than cheaper ones, or what have you -- I think you might have some merit to that.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: I was AGREEING with you, you prick!

Maddox: Ohh! (mocking) Yeah, I KNOW - yeah, I said -

Dick: What are you "WRONG"-ing me for?!?

Maddox: - the STEAK argument. 'Cause it's interesting you should mention that expensive wines aren't susceptible to this bias. Because guess what, DICK? [quotes Guardian article] "In 2008 a study of 6,000 blind tastings by Robin Goldstein in the Journal of Wine Economics found a positive link between the PRICE of wine and the amount people ENJOYED it." Well, well, well!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That means the more you pay for wine, the more you FOOL yourself into thinking that it's a good wine! Because you - you have that cognitive bias! "Oh, I paid a lot for it...it must be good!"

Dick: THAT DOESN'T APPLY TO EVERYTHING! (Maddox laughs hysterically and claps) Just because it's true in the case of WINE, does NOT mean it's true in the case of everythi-- listen to me. Do you drink any wine?! Do you EVER order wine, in your life?

Maddox: Yeah! Cheap -

Dick: (interjects) What do you say, "Bring me the cheapest swill you got in the back"?

Maddox: Pretty much. YES.

Dick: Do you even have a varietal preference?? (yelling) What is ordering wine like for Maddox?

Maddox: EIGHT DOLLARS. I love Naked Grape wine; it costs 8 dollars, I don't give a FUCK, it tastes GREAT, I DRINK it and I'm DRUNK. It's AWESOME. 8 dollars!

Dick: Alright. (dismissively) You like Naked Grape. You got any other labels that you like?

Leah: Oh, wait wait wait - have you tried Carlo Rossi?

Maddox: I've tried...yeah, I've had Carlo Rossi.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) NO, because - he probably hasn't, because the name isn't manufactured to make idiots buy it! "Naked Grape," I GUARANTEE you, is a marketing ploy to get you to buy their shitty wine.

Maddox: IT'S AN EIGHT DOLLAR WINE! They don't have that brand recognition! People aren't tripping over themselves to buy 8 dollar wine, they don't give a shit. They don't serve that in high-end restaurants, they serve it at a fuckin' Wal-Mart! It's a great wine, by the way.

Dick: I think you have some kind of agenda against rich people. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Hahahaha!! Dick, you fu-- ...so fulla shit! So -

Dick: (interjects) Lemme ask you this.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Ray-Ban sunglasses versus gas station sunglasses. Do you...can you tell that there's a difference and that the gas station ones are horrible?

Maddox: Uhh, I've never bought -

Dick: (interjects) 5 dollar gas station Wayfarers, versus legit Ray-Bans.

Leah: Do Ray-Bans have the rainbow reflective...you know?

Dick: Polarization? Oh, no - like the mirrored, rainbow one?

Leah: Yeah, and the neon frames?

Dick: Yeah, some of them do.

Leah: Oh, they do?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, I don't think so. I think that potentially...so Ray-Ban, they're offering you not much for the value except for the brand -

Dick: No!!

Maddox: - and that's my problem with Beats.

Dick: No! Their sunglasses are way better than the gas station ones! The gas station ones will fall apart that weekend! Ray-Bans'll last you your whole life!!

Maddox: No. It won't.

Dick: So I'm saying, just because -- yes, they will -- just because it's more expensive doesn't always mean it's a scam.

Maddox: Right, but there is an upper limit to how much value you're going to get, for your money, for those Ray-Ban sunglasses. If it's costing 100 dollars, guess what? If it falls apart - if your gas station glasses fall apart in a month - buy another one every month of the year! (Leah laughs)

Dick: They just feel like shit all the time!! There's plastic seams all over them -

Maddox: (interjects) Who cares?!

Dick: - they are always fuckin' crooked --

Maddox: Oh, SORRY. Vanity Fair Dick, over here. What are you, wearing your sunglasses going to Vogue? You goin' to runways?

Dick: I only put expensive things on my face. Okay?

Maddox: Oh, great. Great.

Leah: Oh, wow.

Dick: No, you know what? I saw this movie, uh, Somm? S-O-M-M. It was about sommeliers, and I was really anticipating - I thought it'd be cool, 'cause it'd be an insight into how they actually grade the wines and what makes them qualified to speak on whether one wine is better than another.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And they were *all* over the fuckin' map!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, they worked their ass off for years to try to even take this test, and just watching it...I don't know if it was me as a viewer, or maybe it wasn't put together, uh...to draw attention to the exactness of the test, but it seems like it was just all over the map!

Leah: Isn't that the type of job that's subjective, though? Like a movie critic? I mean, you can't have the same opinion across the board of everything. Right?

Maddox: Right. But with a movie critic at least...if a critic likes a certain genre or a certain type of movie, or it puts him in a certain mood, they can be consistent in THAT aspect. So for example, Roger Ebert doesn't like dark, cynical comedies like Army of Darkness. So when I read that he pans a movie like Army of Darkness, I know that it's coming from a reliable source; he reliably doesn't like those type of movies, and I know not to give his opinion that much weight when it comes to that genre, whereas he does like certain other genres of movies pretty consistently.

Leah: Okay.

Maddox: But with wine, it's such a complex chemical that...there's so many nutrients, there's so many different flavors, and uh, things that are going on on your taste buds that it's almost impossible to be consistent from one wine to the next!

Leah: Right.

Dick: OBJECTIVELY, for like a *reviewer* to do it, but don't you think people could HAVE a favorite wine? Don't you -- it could be like, an art to them?

Maddox: Yeah! Sure!

Dick: Instead of, like, a computer?

Maddox: Well, okay. It's interesting you mention that, 'cause there's a guy named Robert Parker. He is considered by most the world's leading wine critic. So this guy's been tasting wines all around - like he gets paid professionally, he flies out everywhere to taste wines - he's considered the best of the best.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And this is according to the article; he said, "...is the world's leading wine critic and his score is key to determining the price of new vintages. But Orley Ashenfelter, a Princeton economist, invented a simple mathematical formula based on weather data to predict the price of vintages, which mimicked the predictions of Parker's system." So a

simple mathematical formula was able to consistently replicate the world's most leading expert on wine on how to price wine, based on vintages!

Dick: Wait, doesn't that prove that...he's operating logically? If a computer could mimic his tasting, doesn't that prove that he's tasting what the computer was programmed to do?

Maddox: No, other way around. They emulated his guesses, essentially. Because he IS self-consistent, but that doesn't mean he's consistent across the board.

Dick: Yeah, but what if he's tasting for all that stuff? Like the weather, and...whatever?

Maddox: Yeah...maybe. I mean, he might just be getting lucky every time. That's not scientific; you can't just say, "Okay, let's..." -- you only have one Robert Parker. There aren't multiple Robert Parkers you can test this theory with, this isn't scientific. This is the one guy who happened to be getting it right, *sometimes.* (Dick smirks) So they created a formula to duplicate his success, and guess what? The formula's pretty accurate, and it's a simple formula.

Dick: Leah, when you worked at your wine-conning job (Leah and Maddox laugh) did you have people like this come in and, like, raising hell about wine snobbery?

Leah: Yeah...yeah, once in a while. Yeah. It was - I mean, ugh. I just tried not to serve them. Give 'em to somebody else. Because they're just gonna complain about everything. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Right. They do complain about everything, yeah.

Dick: Yeah! They do complain about everything!

Maddox: "Oh, excuse me! Send this wine back, it's SWILL." And by the way, these same morons - there's a French academic...his name is, uh, Frédérick Brochet, I think, and he tested the effectiveness of changing the labels of wines. So he took normal table wine - which is considered swill - and then he took superior wine and he served it to the same people week after week, and used very positive words to describe the table swill and very negative words to describe the superior wine. And people generally agreed with the descriptions. So they couldn't even tell the difference between normal table wine that was cheap - just the house wine - versus the really expensive, superior wine, based on the adjectives that were used.

Dick: (interjects) When they were being actively conned into liking it!

Maddox: Dick, if you're TOLD that something is good and you taste it and you agree, and then find out later that it's bad, then that means you're a moron! (yelling) You're suggestible.

Dick: EVERYONE IS SUGGESTIBLE! That would work for water!! That HAS worked for water! I know they've done that, where they've taken hose water and like, Fiji water and said, "This one is the Fiji," and people were like, "Oh, well, okay. I guess so."

Maddox: Yeah...yeah. And yet, the great Dick Masterson doesn't believe that it applies to steaks!!

Dick: NO -- Maddox!! It's because people don't have all this energy to sit there analyzing EVERY FUCKIN' THING that comes down the pipe! It's like, "Do you want wine that costs 8 bucks or 20?" and you're like, "I don't know. Probably 20, because over the course of my life I would HOPE that the 20 dollar wine is eventually better."

Maddox: Yeah. Mmhm. (skeptical)

Dick: Like, more often than not, I hope it's better.

Maddox: You know what you guys are listening to right now? You're listening to the desperate last gasps of a man who has wasted *so* many dollars on steak.

Dick: HAH! That's NOT why they do it!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The reason steaks are expensive is because of the whole experience! (Maddox laughs robustly) It's the waiter who remembers you from last opening day, who knows what you like! (yelling)

Maddox: Oh...ohh, wow.

Dick: It's because the place will let you drink six martinis at the bar, FALL OFF the fuckin' stool, and then not kick you out! THAT'S what you're paying for!!

Maddox: Oh, so NOT the steak. (keeps laughing)

Dick: It's NOT necessarily the steak! (yelling over Maddox)

Maddox: Hahahaha, great! That's -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they will let your friend PASS OUT in the corner, 'cause he's TOO HIGH to eat! (Leah laughs)

Maddox: Great. You know what, Dick? I'm gonna accept that as a concession. (**'ding!' sound effect**) Thank you. Thank you for finally conceding that steak pricing is bullshit.

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but this is - this is what it is to you! It's a whole art form! Like, a meal to you is...you won't be happy until everyone is eating their food and their wine out of packs like GO-GURT (Maddox and Leah laugh) and we're all paying a dollar fifty for it. That's your ideal world, but the REST of us *enjoy* eating and *enjoy* drinking!

Maddox: Oh, great. I enjoy...PLENTY, my friend. But here's the thing: the guy at 7-Eleven remembers my name, down the street. I just walk in every time -- "Hey, Maddox! What's up? Here's your Corn Nuts or whatever the fuck you're eating today!" (Dick laughs hysterically) (Leah giggles) What a gentleman! (cracks up)

Dick: HAHAHAHA!! "Here's your Corn Nuts!" -- Okay...

Leah: Class. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: ...is a one million dollar Picasso painting a rip-off to you when compared with something that you could buy at a thrift store? Let's blow this logic completely up! (amused)

Maddox: Well, yeah, because the Picasso has all this built-in -- that it's hype -

Dick: (interjects) All this built-in WHAT?

Maddox: Hype!

Dick: So it is a rip-off! You're saying, like, a beautiful Picasso masterpiece is a rip-off when compared to something you can get at a thrift store -

Maddox: Uh...but's that's so -

Dick: (interjects) OR is that art you APPRECIATE, so it's okay?

Maddox: No, it's so subjective, 'cause you could buy a print that looks exactly the same!

Dick: But it's NOT THE SAME!! He didn't TOUCH it! (irritated)

Maddox: Why?!

Dick: 'CAUSE HE DIDN'T TOUCH IT WITH HIS HANDS!

Maddox: Ohh. (sarcastic)

Dick: There's a whole backstory!! (still yelling)

Maddox: Really. So you should listen to Radiolab -- I don't wanna plug another podcast, but I have to, because it's SO good -- Radiolab did a topic about this, where they specifically talked about the history of "things," and whether or not the fact that the artist originally touched it matters.

Dick: Yes!

Leah: Really? (intrigued)

Maddox: And apparently, to you, it does!

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: Yeah! [answering Leah] -- Why does it matter?

Dick: Because it's a real piece of history! It's a thing that's unique!

Maddox: Who cares? Everything's a piece of history! So's the fuckin' print! "Oh, some guy at the print shop touched it!" Just because he's not famous, doesn't mean anything?? Huh? It's still a print, it looks exactly the same!

Dick: It's the same reason people want you to autograph their book! So they can look at it and say, "You know what? This guy who does this awesome stuff actually interacted with this book."

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, I don't get it. (laughs along with Leah)

Dick: Do you appreciate -- ?!

Leah: No - yes you do! Yes, you do.

Dick: Yes, he does! Wow! -- Leah. [indicating for her to talk]

Leah: Well, I'm just saying, you don't wanna...you don't wanna depreciate your brand. Of course you do.

Maddox: Oh, I can't! It's impossible to depreciate my brand. (laughs)

Dick: You're an artist, so you must appreciate the difference between a drawn thing, that the artist touched, versus a reprint.

Leah: Yeah, well, I've done some stuff...actually when we had our comic book - we were selling it at Comic-Con - people would pay a lot for the original artwork. Do you remember, we sold...?

Maddox: Yeah, that's true actually, the original artwork. Yeah, you know...I mean, I get it. Some people really place value on that, and honestly I'm kind of a hypocrite because I did wait in line for a signing a long time ago for Bruce Campbell. And it eventually meant -

Dick: (interjects) Ah-HA!!! (Maddox and Leah laugh) What if Bruce Campbell had a VINEYARD? (more laughter)

Maddox: Hahaha, what?! What the fuck are you talking about?

Dick: (yells over Maddox) I got you now, you snake in the grass! (Maddox laughs hysterically) If Bruce Campbell opened up a vineyard, and it was Army of Darkness cab--what's that Army of Darkness cabernet - er, uh, wine? What would it be?

Leah: Army of Dark Grapes.

Dick: Army of Dark Grapes!! That's what it would be! And there would be notes of...*hints* of...

Leah: Hints of...anarchy?

Maddox: Hints of bullshit. (matter-of-factly)

Dick: Hints of...gore? And ash? Did you say ash?

Leah: No, uh, anarchy.

Maddox: Oh, "an ashy undertone," uh-huh!

Dick: Ashy undertone!

Leah: Ashy!

Maddox: Uh - dark flavors, huh? Some very dark, brooding, Necronomicon-y...(laughs)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Very chainsaw-y...uh, shotgun-y...(keeps laughing)

Dick: And you would be...S-Mart...to get - to drink it. (pleased with himself) (Leah laughs)

Maddox: Ohh, you - fuck, I love that, actually.

Leah: "Shop S-Mart!" [quoting movie]

Dick: Would you buy that wine? 'Cause it had a story that you could relate to. 'Cause that's what I think these wines are all about for people sometimes. They have stories they can relate to.

Maddox: (interjects) Look, if it costs less than 10 bucks, I don't give a fuck what the wine label says. I'd buy it. Sure.

Dick: What about Two Buck Chuck? Would you eat that swill?

Leah: It's three now.

Maddox: Yeah, it's NOT swill -- oh, three -- so what. Yeah, of course. And for those who don't know, there's a little grocery store out in California that sells this really cheap wine that a lot of people trash because they say, "Oh, it's machine-harvested."

Dick: It's fucking disgusting!

Leah: Trader Joe's? You talkin' about Trader -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, Trader Joe's wine.

Dick: Yeah!

Leah: Oh, yeah. It's -

Maddox: (interjects) Trader - Two Buck Chuck - who cares?? Whatever! You don't...you can't even tell the difference!

Dick: (yells over Maddox) Why don't you just spike Gatorade?!

Maddox: I guarantee that in a blind taste test you couldn't tell the difference!

Dick: That's the POINT! It's been engineered so you can't tell the difference! It's like having GATORADE in VODKA, it's NOT FUCKIN' WINE!! (Leah chuckles)

Maddox: What...are you talking about?!

Leah: Neither of those are wine.

Dick: 'Cause it's like - they churn - because of the mass production, you get gross shit thrown in with the wine -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, you mean -

Dick: - and they mask it with chemicals. That's what I read, anyway.

Maddox: Great, you know what? No, they don't mask it with chemicals -- you know, it's actually giving these undertones - these tastes...these notes of earth, and twigs, and all this other bullshit that gets in there. (sarcastic)

Dick: (interjects) And dead grass.

Maddox: Oh, who cares? Guess what, it's all gettin' in there...it's...whatever, shut up! (Leah laughs) Okay, here's one last point I wanna make (cracking up) -- here's one last -

Dick: (interjects) I think I gotcha on that one.

Maddox: NO. Here's one last point I wanna make, and this is the smoking gun. This makes me so happy I get a fucking boner. Okay, listen to this: "Color..." - this is according to the same article - he says, "Color affects our perceptions, too. In 2001 Frédérick Brochet of the University of Bordeaux asked 54 wine experts to test two glasses of wine -- one red, one white. Using the typical language of tasters, the panel described the red as 'jammy' and commented on its crushed red fruit." (Dick laughs) Now - "The critics failed to

spot that both wines were from the same bottle. The only difference is that one wine had been colored red with a flavorless dye."

Dick: You love these cons. So much.

Maddox: Well, well, well!

Dick: People getting conned -- when you give people two distinct things and ask them to describe them in different ways, they will do it no matter what.

Maddox: BECAUSE THEY'RE IDIOTS! They're suggestible idiots!

Dick: (interjects) It doesn't prove ANYTHING. OF COURSE they're suggestible idiots!

Maddox: No, you're *testing* whether or not it's a scientific way of them being able to tell the difference! If they can't tell the difference between a red and a white because of DYE?! Are you kidding me?? Red and white wine is supposed to be the most different-tasting wines in -- the biggest chasm of taste is between red and white, right? They can't even tell the difference between red and white.

Dick: Even if they tasted exactly the same, nobody would EVER say it. That's the point!

Maddox: Why?

Dick: BECAUSE YOU LOOK LIKE A FUCKIN' IDIOT! No one is expecting to get conned to that degree! If you get a red wine and a white wine and you're like, "They taste exactly the same, but they - why...?" That's insane. That's insane! THAT'S INSANE!!! (Maddox and Leah burst out laughing) BECAUSE YOU WOULD NEVER EXPECT THAT TO HAPPEN, that's the point! These aren't TESTS, they're PRACTICAL JOKES! (Maddox laughs hysterically) These aren't scientific experiments!! You motherfucker! (suddenly calmer) Leah, I feel like you didn't get to weigh in on this problem. What do you think?

Leah: I think you're sweating from the pecs. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Hoo, yeah!

Maddox: Gross! (Leah laughs)

Dick: Yeah, yeah! (sexy tone) Oooo. Woooow.

Maddox: You guys, get a room. And it's NOT mine! This is disgusting.

Leah: I -- it's not MY fault, he's sweating from the pecs!

Dick: Yeah, you're right, I am a little sweaty over here. (under his breath)

Maddox: Gross! Ohh, shut UP.

Leah: I didn't say it was a good thing, shut up!

Maddox: BARF. I'm -

Dick: (interjects) I need a nice cold bottle of wine to relax. (laughs along with Leah)

Maddox: Ohh man, this is... (**negative 'sproing' sound effect**) ...oh, barf. Okay. (Leah keeps laughing)

Dick: What do you think - besides my pecs, what are you thinking about right now?

Leah: Um...I don't think that it's, people don't wanna seem like idiots. I think they just genuinely...uh, I don't know, lots of wine tastes similar, so maybe they're just not thinking that they're CRAZY, and that they taste the same.

Maddox: Because they're being duped.

Dick: Do you think it's a scam? Do you think expensive wines - more expensive wines are a rip-off?

Leah: Uh, I...I hate wine, I really don't have an opinion. I'm sorry.

Maddox: Okay. So Leah, as a former sommelier, hates wine. So this was - (Dick laughs loudly)

Leah: (interjects) I was not a sommelier, I just had to know adjectives and bullshit my way through my shift, yeah.

Maddox: Oh, you just had to know that shit - okay.

Dick: She was a salesman.

Maddox: (scoffs) Oh, "salesman." Okay, so -

Dick: (interjects) Or a LADY salesman - what's the term for a woman who's...?

Maddox: A saleswoman...

Leah: A ladyman! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: A ladyman, I thought it was that!

Maddox: She was a "lady man." (laughs more) Let's call her a lady man from now on.

Leah: Yes. (amused)

Maddox: But - uh, you know what, Dick? I'd just like to point out that this guy, the Robert Hodgson dude who had the background in statistics? The way he tested these experts was to pour the same wine three different times. The SAME wine. And that's exactly what I did to YOU AND SEAN with the Diet Coke test. (pleased with himself)

Dick: Another practical joke.

Maddox: Yeah. Diet Dick, failed that test -

Dick: (interjects) With YOU...with you -

Sean: (interjects) And we said they both tasted like shit!

Dick: YEAH! We -

Maddox: (interjects) NO!! Not consi-- not at the same time! First, Dick said 'A' tasted the worst, which was Diet Coke from McDonald's, and then you were like, "Well, I think 'D' tasted the worst." But you didn't say they BOTH tasted the exact same!

Dick: Yeah, we did...yeah, we did.

Sean: We both agreed that they were both the shittiest-tasting wines...

Maddox: The shittiest tasting ones, but you didn't say they were the SAME ones.

Sean: ...er, wines - uh, Cokes!

Maddox: But you didn't say they were the same.

Sean: No, they just both tasted like shit.

Dick: BECAUSE, we were under this insane idea that you were hosting a fair, unbiased experiment (Maddox laughs) when you were actually just FUCKIN' with us (Maddox laughs harder) to make us look stupid!!

Maddox: Every test has to have a control, and that was my control. It has to be scientific...and not to say that that was purely scientific.

Sean: There was *nothing* scientific about that test. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: There was nothing scientific about that test!

Maddox: Yeah, except that you guys lost. Hard.

Dick: (interjects) Except for the grade-A asshole running it. (Leah laughs)

Maddox: That's me! I love it. (**applause sound effect**) So good. (**audience laugh sound effect**) (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah, alright. (disdainful)

Leah: I gotta hear that, I haven't heard it.

Maddox: Oh, the Diet Coke test.

Dick: What episode is that?

Maddox: It's great.

Dick: 5?

Maddox: Uhh, I believe it's Episode 5, yeah.

Dick: Okay, so lemme ask you this: What is the chance that these people's palates are just not refined enough to appreciate the wine?

Maddox: Zero.

Dick: No, because I could tell - like, I can tell the difference in whiskeys just by smell--

Maddox: (interjects) Wellll! Well, well, well.

Dick: Yeah, bring 'em in! (gleeful) That'd be a fun show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Leah: Well, I think - actually, if it's aged...I think the only thing that should determine a price is if it's aged. You know, if it's old, it should be more expensive.

Dick: Mmm. (in agreement)

Maddox: Well, you could make the case that *rarity* should change the price, sure. But the more people pay -

Dick: (interjects) That's not the case she was makin'.

Maddox: - the better they think it is. Yeah, it is. Yeah. (Dick giggles quietly) Because more people pay - it's a cognitive bias!

Leah: It's...no, it's not. (laughs)

Maddox: If you PAY more, you think you're GETTING more. Yeah, thank you, Leah. (sarcastic) (Dick and Leah burst out laughing) Wait, are you agreeing with me or disagreeing with me?

Leah: I'm -- no, I didn't say that that's the case. I was saying that AGE -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, look at her social cues. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, but the age - the reason that age matters is because it's more rare! You're not gonna get a vintage -

Leah: Well...

Dick: (interjects) No, it's because of the rent it costs to hold it.

Maddox: What RENT?! They just put it in a fuckin' cellar in the ground! (Leah giggles) There's ground everywhere!

Dick: Here we fuckin' go. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, you want me to age somethin' for ya? Here, dipshit, take your pick!

Dick: Oho! Take it to UTAH. I'll take it to the desert in Utah. (mocking)

Maddox: Yeah, great! Put it anywhere, it doesn't fuckin' - I'll dig a hole. Gimme whatever you want, I'll age the shit out of it. Aged meat - you want aged steak, Dick?? I'll charge you a thousand dollars for it! Here you go, here's the full experience! Why don't you get drunk in my restaurant? (cynical)

Dick: No, I want the whole experience! I want -

Maddox: Yeah, I don't - oh, I'll get an experience! (shouting over Dick)

Dick: - I don't wanna be looked at in a condescending way, either, by you at any point in the evening...

Maddox: Well...

Dick: ...which you couldn't do for TEN thousand dollars. (Maddox, Leah, and Sean all laugh) So, why don't you think about THAT before opening your shitty steakhouse.

Maddox: Yeah, it's gonna be the best! (through laughter) It's gonna be called "Maddox Steakhouse," which, by the way, exists. If you google "Maddox," one of the first things that comes up is this steakhouse. Which has nothing to do with me, unfortunately, but I guarantee -

Dick: (interjects) How much are their steaks?

Maddox: Uh, if I ran the place it'd be like, 12 bucks! (Dick cackles) Here you go, here's your 12 dollar steak and your 8 dollar wine, dipshit! Here you go! (cracking up) Oh, if you want I'll give you the deluxe package of my, uh, "superior" wine and my fancy aged steak! You idiots.

Dick: You see the condescension? (grinning) (Maddox laughs loudly) I don't think he knows he's doing it.

Leah: Wow.

Dick: It's immediately - IMMEDIATELY he was running a respectable steakhouse and immediately he got condescending.

Maddox: I can't help it! I love it so much! (Leah laughs)

Dick: I do think...I'll probably bring this in, as we don't have time to talk about it now, but you have some kind of agenda against rich people.

Maddox: Okay! Great. (disdainful)

Dick: That's the problem here - you don't like rich people enjoying their wine, feeling good about paying a little of money for whatever...

Maddox: 'Cause they're idiots. They're just paying more money and THINKING they're getting quality. You know what? I'd *love* to fleece these morons! I'm gonna open up a steakhouse and charge a thousand dollars for just, fucking, Wal-Mart steaks! Right off the fuckin' shelf at Wal-Mart. I'll charge ya a thousand dollars, you morons. Come on in to my - (cracks up) - come into my steakhouse, I'll charge you whatever you wanna pay. And you'll think you have the best steak because you paid a thousand bucks for it.

Leah: Honestly, I went to a place called -- I don't know if we're allowed to defame businesses at all.

Maddox: Sure.

Leah: Um, Peter Luger's in Brooklyn, New York.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's AMAZING.

Leah: I didn't -- I had one experience there. The steak...

Dick: Me too.

Leah: ...was gross.

Dick: No! (astonished)

Leah: I mean, not gross, but it was just - it was *average* at best!

Maddox: Very average, yeah! I had a steak that cost 120 bucks, it was very average!

Leah: Yeah.

Dick: When you went to Peter Luger's, too?

Maddox: No, this was a place in New York -

Dick: (interjects) Alright, fuck that anyway, then. We're talkin' about Peter Luger's.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: My sister hated the steak there, too.

Leah: Ah!

Dick: I went there with her. I LOVED it.

Maddox: Oh, did you pay a lot for it, Dick? (wryly)

Dick: Uh...oh, yeah. I don't even remember how much I paid.

Maddox: Ahh. I think you're the most suggestible person here. (Dick laughs) That's why you think your steaks are so great, 'cause you PAY a lot. (mocking)

Dick: No no no, but they deliver it...Leah, did they deliver it -- it's like a hubcap-size steak. They don't even precut it. We had like 5 people, so they just - the guy just nods and walks away and comes back with a steak that looked like a brontosaurus burger.

Maddox: Well, that's a sign of quality, when you get a LOT of somethin'. (laughs along with Leah) "Here you go! Here's an all-you-can-eat buffet, Dick!"

Dick: It was awesome, though.

Leah: Never-ending pasta bowl.

Dick: Is that what happened to you when you were - did they do it like that?

Leah: No. Well, I just got one for a normal person. But it was not...it was just sub-par. There was nothing great about it. It was actually fatty, and...

Dick: Yeah!

Leah: ...wasn't good.

Dick: No, that's a good - that's a good thing! You want that.

Leah: No! Like, marbled - it wasn't...it was tough, it wasn't good!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, did you order it medium-rare? How do you like your steak?

Leah: Medium-rare.

Maddox: Okay, that's the way to order it! And how about you, Dick?

Dick: Uh - no, dude, we just...I was so drunk, that guy took one look at us and he's like...I'm just like, "Five, five, five!" (slurred voice) Like, barfing it at him and he's like, "Okay, okay, I got it." And he just brought back...steak...he just brought things back to the table.

Maddox: So in your drunken stupor, you thought that you had a great steak.

Dick: Oh, it wasn't a stupor. It was like the Tas-- that was a bad -- that was like, a Tasmanian devil night. I wasn't in a stupor yet.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: It was amazing, though.

Maddox: So being drunk, you thought you had a great steak. That says everything.

Dick: I had a great time! (Maddox bursts out laughing) That's all I need to know. I had a great time, the steak was delicious.

Maddox: Ohh. You know what, Dick? I just wanna get you all liquored up, spin you around a couple times, take you to a buffet, have you sit down...you'll have the time of your life eating whatever shit they serve you.

Leah: Yeah! If we bring in clowns and ponies and all kinds of balloon animal guys, you know...

Maddox: Yeah! That's what Dick wants.

Leah: ...and you're eating a shitty steak -

Dick: (interjects) So you think I'm like, 5 years old? (chuckling) (Maddox and Leah laugh) Why would I want clowns and ponies?

Leah: I - of course I do! So, yeah. If you're...or titty dancers, whatever you love, you know, surrounding you.

Dick: Okay! I like!

Maddox: Ooo, yeah, you're selling him.

Leah: And you have a 5 dollar Ralph's steak, you know, and you're eating it but you're having a great time - that influences your experience.

Maddox: Yeah, it does!

Dick: Absolutely!

Leah: So it's not the steak!

Maddox: You know, one other thing -

Dick: (interjects) That's what you're PAYING for!

Maddox: No, but that's what you *think* you're paying for, Dick!

Dick: That's what the money's for!! (yelling) (Leah laughs)

Maddox: No, you're not.

Dick: It costs money to put on that show!

Maddox: Oh, Jesus. Okay, you've backed down from the "money buys you a good steak because of experience" and now you're just sayin', "Well, I just had a good time, 'cause I was drunk." (laughs)

Dick: No no, they were inseparable!

Maddox: No, that's not true. You can have good food at a shitty restaurant, and vice-versa. Like, you can have a shitty time at a great restaurant. It doesn't matter. And also, this article mentioned - one last thing - they said that the type of music you listen to before you taste wine influences how much you like the wine!

Leah: Oh my god, really?

Maddox: Yes! (in unison with Dick)

Maddox: If you listen to Hendrix, you'll happen to like Bordeaux a little bit better...or merlots, or whatever...versus different types of music - it puts you in a different mood! So your frame of mind - let's say you just had a fuckin' bad day, you might hate the wine you just tasted!

Leah: Well, this... people are -

Dick: (interjects) You might want a specif-- go, sorry, go ahead.

Leah: I was just gonna say, people are spending money on these studies? This is a STUDY? (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly) This is fuckin' stupid!

Dick: Oh, yeah! Now I know my problem for next week!

Maddox: Okay, great.

Dick: Maddox's horseshit studies! (Maddox laughs) Horseshit practical jokes being perpetrated in the name of science.

Maddox: Sure. Except here's the thing, Leah: they could either spend the money on these studies ONCE, or spend thousands of dollars on bullshit, made-up wine experts who are telling you how much you should pay for these bullshit-ass wines that are based on NOTHING, just a coin toss! According to the article, they found that it's - you're just as likely to get the correct wine just by a coin toss. (Leah chuckles) So you could pay thousands of dollars for a study once, or thousands of dollars on bullshit. Which one -- and apparently Dick prefers bullshit.

Sean: Why would you believe a study that was done one time? (Dick explodes with laughter)

Maddox: Sean...

(Dick keeps roaring with laughter and starts clapping)

Maddox: Sean, I cited at least 5 studies - fuck you, Dick - (Leah chuckles) - pisses me off. You guys all PISS ME OFF! I'm gonna erase this episode! There's gonna be NO EPISODE this week! (laughs)

Dick: Hahahahaha! Alright. So the problems are: my "Maddox Doesn't Get Enough Credit" -

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: - or, "Gets No Respect." What do you like? "Maddox Gets No Respect"?

Maddox: Yeah, uh - "credit."

Dick: "Maddox Gets..."

Maddox: Or - yeah, I don't know, we'll figure it out when we, uh...

Dick: "Maddox Doesn't Get Enough Credit OR Respect"?

Maddox: Yes. BOTH. Thank you. And especially this show! Alright. And Leah, your problem -

Dick: You gotta stick with one of them, though.

Maddox: Okay. Well, what was your problem, Leah?

Leah: Social cues.

Maddox: Social cues, and mine was -

Dick: (interjects) "People Who Don't Pick Up On Social Cues."

Leah: Yes.

Maddox: Right, People Who Don't Pick Up on Social Cues. And mine was Wine Snobs...should be the biggest problem in the universe. And by the way, I just wanna mention - check out Leah's Twitter account. It's @leahtiscione, T-I-S-C-I-O-N-E. We'll like to it on the website, because I know you idiots aren't typing this down or some of you are probably driving a truck, or whatever. But uh -

Dick: (interjects) I wanna click on my ear, just when I hear that website.

Maddox: Yeah, right? (chuckling)

Dick: That's how deep the internet is in my brain.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are there pictures of you up on that website?

Leah: Oh, GOD...no!

Maddox: Jesus, Dick...put it in your PANTS, man! Alright. So, again, go to -

Dick: (interjects) People would wanna know that!

Maddox: Okay - yeah, they might, and maybe we'll do it but not if you're gonna be such a CREEP about it. Jesus! Alright. So go to the website, thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com and check out these problems. (**closing riff starts**) Vote on all these problems, check out Leah's website, and her Twitter page!

Dick: Thanks for listening.

Maddox: Thanks guys.

Leah: Bye!

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyyy, what's up buddy? How we doin'? How did we do last week?

Maddox: Great! So last week was our first ever in-studio guest...

Dick: Yup!

Maddox: ...and, everybody loved it! It was great. Went over really well. And so the problems...the first problem was yours, Dick -- Maddox Gets No Credit -

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: - which, I agree, yeah, huge...huge problem.

Dick: That's a double win. I win that one and you...the only loser in that problem is Leah.

Maddox: Leah did come in last in this one. (chuckling) So it was followed by Wine Snobs, and...it was actually pretty close. It was followed - and then after that was People Who Can't Read Social Cues, our very first guest's problem.

Dick: Yeah, well, better luck next time, I guess!

Maddox: I guess, yeah...I mean, uh, we've been doin' this for so long, we're pros. (Dick laughs) We're pros at problems.

Dick: She did, no, she did...after the show she said we're "professional angries"...? Is that what she called us? She goes - she said, "You guys are professional angers," or something like that.

Maddox: You're "professionally angry" - which is funny 'cause one of my friends said today, literally, she said, "I'm a professional asshole." Which was hilari-

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's better. That's prolly what Leah meant.

Maddox: Two times in two days, I love it. So...uh, we got some comments.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I have one from Mark Sadler. So, we were talking about wine in the last episode, um, Wine Snobs specifically, and he said, "This episode with its overtones of fury and faint notes of calm (Dick guffaws) made me genuinely fear for the well-being of the participants." And then he said, "This isn't a podcast anymore; it's a blood sport. This is two punch-drunk boxers trading blows."

Dick: That's accurate. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, very, uh, very well-said, Mark. I like that, actually.

Dick: Yeah, you know, you're...I always know, or I always think it's a good episode when I'm furious for the entire week after we record it. (Maddox laughs) And this was one of those weeks, uh...I don't know why that wine thing pisses me off so much. I think it's because this is a classic example of you...taking a problem, and, making it very general? Like, turning it into something much bigger than it is so it doesn't make any sense. What - what is it when you reduce something to just the logic of it and not the application of it? It's like objective, something...absurdity - I dunno what it's called! LOOK, this is the point: if you go to a restaurant and get an 8 dollar glass of wine...

Maddox: Uh-huh...

Dick: ...it's gonna taste like grape juice -

Maddox: (interjects) Nope.

Dick: - but the 18 dollar glass of wine will taste a little bit crisper, and a little bit smoother, because it's made for an 18 dollar palate. That -

Maddox: (interjects) (**sound clip of Dick yelling "That's ridiculous!"**) (laughs)

Dick: - it's NOT ridiculous. People who order 8 dollar glasses of wine have 8 dollar palates.

Maddox: I haven't even said anything, and you're just *winding* yourself up here. You know, I read this article that talked about, uh, the cost versus - I guess it was benefit versus return...no, cost versus return, essentially, of wine. And he said that, uh - he did an experiment where he tried to do a blind taste test with himself and he gave himself like a 13 dollar wine, and then a 25 dollar wine, and all the way up to a 300 dollar wine. At a certain point, there's going to be very little return on your investment. Right? Because you're not going to get that much more value - like, if you appreciate a 30 dollar steak A LOT, and then you appreciate a 60 dollar steak even MORE, you would - you would think that...there's no 1-to-1 ratio of how much money you spend on steak, or wine, or whatever -

Dick: (interjects) No, of course not.

Maddox: - and the amount of appreciation you get. So there is an upper limit. It plateaus somewhere, and MY guess is that after...after like 10, 20 dollars, your experience of that wine is gonna plateau.

Dick: Uh, I think somebody, somebody summed it up in the comments...probably more than I ever could - Ross Ellis: "I bet Dick likes paying money for things. He gets off on throwing money down. It's some sorta financial fetish thing. Dr. Sigmund Fraud signing out." I never thought about that, but I think he might be right.

Maddox: (cracks up) Did he actually write "Dr. Sigmund Fraud"?

Dick: Yeah, he did. "...signing out."

Maddox: That's pretty funny. Yeah. (laughs) "Dr. Sigmund Fraud" and we had "Sigmund Futon" last episode. Those are hilarious. Um...yeah, you do, uh, you do seem to like to waste your money -

Dick: (interjects) I don't like when women pay for things, either. Well that's why - when he said that, that's why I thought he might have something there -

Maddox: (interjects) Wait!

Dick: - like, it's a turn-off when women pay for things.

Maddox: Wait, what?! WHY?

Dick: I dunno! I like -

Maddox: That's stupid! Are you kidding me??

Dick: Look, now that he SAYS this, I'm thinking, like, "Maybe it's a thing!" I like the...I like controlling what they eat a little bit. I like to have *paid* for it.

Maddox: ...Weird. That is such a fucked up -

Dick: (interjects) IT IS A TURN-OFF when a chick, like, pays for food! You know, we've talked about this before!

Maddox: - power...no that's uh, that's totally like a CONTROL thing, holy shit. That is so controlling! I didn't know that!

Dick: Well - (frustrated sigh)

Maddox: No, I love it! If a girl wants to pay for my meal...(stammers)...uh, it happens so rarely that I get the biggest fuckin' boner. Sean's nodding, here.

Dick: Fuckin' Sean over here, he doesn't know.

Maddox: Yeah. If a girl, if a girl...look. If I take a girl out to dinner and she doesn't even offer to buy drinks or coffee afterwards, I never call her back. It's it. That's it. You had your chance, you blew it. And, sometimes they text me back - "Hey, what's uh, what's goin' on? We had a great time." (higher-pitched) And I'm like, "Yeah, well, you didn't pay for SHIT, so, goodbye." They - 'cause you know what that is, that's the old-fashioned relationship. They're projecting an old-fashioned relationship, which is -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, where you pay money for sex! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Yeah! Okay, so -

Dick: (interjects) It's PERFECT.

Maddox: - so if THAT'S our role, okay, I'm PAYING for things and you, then, what, provide sex -

Dick: Sex! Right.

Maddox: - and then stay home and wash my socks and take care of the kids?? Is THAT what we're doing here? Is this the...is this the old fashioned - no, of course not! 'Cause they're not gonna do any of that shit, 'cause they're 'modern,' right? But yet, I'm still

supposed to pay for everything? FUCK you! No, you're not gettin' a second call, you're not gettin' a second date, you're gonna die alone. So....there ya go.

Dick: I'm just an old-fashioned guy, I guess. This guy's got me clocked -

Maddox: (interjects) (groaning) Oh man - I'm already SWEATING! (Dick laughs) It's like 30 SECONDS into the episode and I'm already sweating!

Dick: So, um, this'll probably calm you down. After Sean totally busted you on your bullshit study last episode - at the very end of the last episode, he totally called you out for using, like, ONE study.

Maddox: IT WAS FIVE!! I mentioned NO FEWER than 5 studies in that episode!

Dick: I mean, whatever. (Maddox laughs) We can go back to the tape. Everybody can make up their own minds. I was starting to think, "Man, maybe Maddox IS pulling, like, goofy studies!" Right?

Maddox: Okay...

Dick: So somebody said in the comments, um...Jory Folker...

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: ...uh, probably pronounced 'fucker'...

Maddox: Yeah, 'fucker.'

Dick: ...silent 'L'. "Maddox Rules, you've gotta be kidding me. 'Excellent article.'" - apparently you said something was an excellent article - (continues quoting) "The study collected only 7 days of data from 30 people, and they were all college students. On top of that, the data collected didn't include any questionnaire from the students on why they think they lie more over one medium than the other." That was the - the study you brought in about texting and lying and lying over the phone.

Maddox: Ohh, yeah yeah yeah. No, that was a comment, actually, that was a study that somebody linked to talking about how people are more likely to lie over the phone than over text. But the REASONING, it makes sense, uh...if you can't read someone's facial cues, then of course they're gonna lie over the phone as opposed to text; you can say exactly what you want and mean what you say with text. 'Cause you have time to think about it.

Dick: Well, I don't know, but now I just want YOU to know that I got my EYE on your studies here, now!

Maddox: Yeah, I got - you - why don't you put your eye on my *red* eye. Um... (smirks)

Dick: I got one more comment. Do you have any?

Maddox: Yeah, I got one more after this.

Dick: Alright. Uh, this - yeah, go ahead.

Maddox: Okay. So this guy commented, his name is, uh, Kojima Yoshiyuki. He says, "I think it's funny Dick brought up Ray-Bans, as there was an interesting conversation on Reddit a while ago that shows the 5 dollar knockoff Ray-Bans are comparable to the real

thing." So I checked it out, and these look *identical* to the original Ray-Bans. And they function identically, they LOOK identical, and they cost 5 dollars! You know why? Because all Ray-Ban and Oakley and all these companies do, is they just mark up for the brand name. They *invent* value for that brand -

Dick: (interjects) Look...

Maddox: - and then they sell - they make all the same sunglasses in the same factory. There's one company -

Dick: (interjects) ABSOLUTELY false.

Maddox: No, that's not true!! One company ALONE makes 80 percent of sunglasses in the WORLD. Like, 80 percent comes from one company!

Dick: Okay.....that's possibly true. (Maddox laughs) But they do not come out of the same factory! If you look a pair of expensive Ray-Ba- now, I'm not saying that the price difference is worth it, but I'm just saying I will pay the exorbitant fee for a pair of sunglasses that are slightly better than the cheap plastic pieces of shit that may APPEAR the same, to somebody who doesn't like looking as *cool* as I do...

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: ...but they're not. They got weird - they fall apart, the screws fall out, the plastic is made outta shit...

Maddox: Ohh, what a mark. What a sucker. What a sap. You know what you are? You're -

Dick: (interjects) It's only 100 bucks!

Maddox: - you're "Tricked Masterson." That's what you are. (Dick, Maddox, and Sean all laugh)

Dick: Shit, that's gonna stick.

Maddox: Yup. (laughs more)

Dick: Uh, my last comment - this is from... (searches for comment) ...Tom McKenzie - "This is exactly what I'd expect a 90's-era Seinfeld and Costanza podcast to sound like."

Maddox: Uhhh...thank you?

Dick: Yeah, I think it's a compliment.

Maddox: I guess! I mean, Seinfeld is...probably the greatest sitcom of all time.

Dick: Yeah, it also depends which one of us he thinks is Seinfeld and which one he thinks is Costanza.

Maddox: Oh, I gotta be Costanza.

Dick: Yeah, well I'll take that.

Maddox: Right? Alright. So uh, let's move on. What do you, uh - you have your first problem?

Dick: Yep! This week, my first problem is.....Facebook satire tags.

Maddox: Ooo! So, what is that? What do you mean by "satire tags?"

Dick: So, Facebook decided to do this thing where they would mark satirical articles posted in people's feeds as satire.

Maddox: Right! Oh, I have been SEEING this, and it's pissing me off!

Dick: Yeah! Me too!

Maddox: So why do you think that's a problem?

Dick: So... (exhales thoughtfully) ...here's the problem to me. Um, basically in the world, dumbness wins. Everything is dumbed down. And people who...don't like things being dumb get screwed over. Satire, in and of itself, like tricking people into getting pissed off at satirical news articles, is, like, one of our ONLY weapons against RAMPANT dumbness.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, satire is the adult version of putting someone in time-out. When somebody on Facebook overreacts to a satirical article...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...like from The Onion or something - when they treat an Onion article as, like, a real thing?

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: And they go on a huge screed about it and everyone's like, "Uh, hey, idiot!" (Maddox laughs) Uh...yeah! You're - like whatever that abortion one was a long time ago, like a 2 billion dollar abortions...

Maddox: They made like an abortion mega-mall -

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: - where you could go and... (laughs along with Sean in the background) It was like, there was a center that you...they had a daycare center, and, you know, while you could get your abortion -

Dick: (interjects) While you could get your abortion.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Hot dogs on a stick, that sort of thing, yeah.

Dick: So when you get pissed off about that, and everybody calls you out on it, you have to go in time-out!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You have to go think about what you did...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...you have to take a moment to say, "You know what? Maybe I AM a fuckin' idiot."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Maybe I need to think about...maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I am." And it's not gonna last, 'cause I don't think that these people are learning anything from it. But at least they're gonna shut up for, like, a week and a half, while that...like, every time they go post on Facebook again, they're gonna think about the shame they felt when they overreacted to the "abortion megaplex."

Maddox: So this is the Dunning-Kruger Effect in action. You know exactly - you know what that is, right?

Dick: No, I don't know what that is.

Maddox: Okay, so the Dunning-Kruger Effect - this is, these are a couple of researchers. It's "a cognitive bias..." - I'm reading this directly from Wikipedia - it says, "...cognitive bias manifesting in unskilled individuals suffering from illusory superiority, mistakenly rating their ability much higher than is accurate. This bias is attributed to the metacognitive inability of the unskilled to recognize their ineptitude." So if you're -

Dick: (interjects) So what is that? What does that mean?

Maddox: So, generally, people who are really unskilled or inept think that they will perform *better* than they actually do...

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: ...and, AND, it works in the opposite way. People who are really skilled and talented think, uh...they rate themselves *less* than they actually are. Lower than they actually are.

Dick: Okay, yeah. I buy that.

Maddox: Yeah! So this is the Dunning-Kruger Effect in action, where people think that they're really smart and they've figured it all out because they saw this thing on The Onion or The Daily Currant - which, by the way, The Daily Currant is one of my new favorite satire sites, not necessarily because they're doing great work - sometimes they do - but uh, sometimes it's shit. But occasionally one of those articles gets through, and somebody writes a screed and posts it - it's like, "This is outrageous!! Can you believe Obama said this, or Biden did this - "

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Maddox: - or whatever, and I love it. I sit there and laugh -

Dick: (interjects) And we win! WE WIN!

Maddox: Yeah! All the smart people, it's...it's one of our last joys, Facebook! Leave this *alone*! Let us just sit here and laugh at these idiots! Let us just sit there and read these comments of these people getting worked up! Let us ENJOY their suffering. (pleading tone) Can we just do that?? Can we just...have buffoons? Public buffoons - what happened to public buffoons?

Dick: No, I - well, they're...we don't have any now.

Maddox: Not anymore, 'cause everything's labeled "[SATIRE]"! Which, by the way, let's define. Because I don't think everyone knows what satire is. This is something that, uh,

that actually, people *think* they know, 'cause they say, "Oh, it's just satire," and they just brush everything off. Satire -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it's something - when something might be racist, you just tell people that it's satire (Maddox laughs) so you can get away with saying it. (sardonic) Right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: That's the definition of satire.

Maddox: Well, that's the way a lot of people use it, unfortunately. But no, satire is using...is pointing out someone's folly by using sarcasm, or something that's intentionally not true, or absurd. So using the absurd to point out someone or something's folly. Like, for example, the uh...who was the original satirist? Robin, uh, Swift, right? JONATHAN Swift, is his name.

Dick: ...I don't know.

Maddox: Swift is the writer. Yeah, he's the guy who wrote this paper about how to solve the problem of poverty, and hunger and homelessness. He said we should eat the poor.

Dick: Yeah, feed - okay.

Maddox: Yeah! 'We should eat the poor.' Uh, GREAT satire. Brilliant, because - especially at the time because it was so uncommon, and people were outraged and up in arms, and he's like, "Hey, idiots - obviously this isn't the solution but at least it's...it's pointing out the problem and how absurd the other solutions look in comparison." Because the fact that people...the more believable your satire is, the *better* it is.

Dick: Yeah! The more IMPACTFUL it is. So, let's throw...let's build Facebook a time machine so they can go back to the - what did you say this guy's name was?

Maddox: Swift.

Dick: So they can go back to, uh, Swift's book publishing and stamp a BIG OL' satire sticker on the front. You know what would happen? No one would have *ever* heard of this book.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause it doesn't work if you know that it's satire.

Maddox: Yeah. If you're in on the joke, it doesn't work. The whole reason it works is because people get outraged about it.

Dick: And even me, dude, like - this week, I read a...it was a new initiative that Facebook was gonna do by cooperating with law enforcement. They were gonna start like, turning over any text or uh, posts about drugs to law enforcement.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And MY first reaction was to get pissed off. But THEN I found out that it was satire, and I was like, "Wow! First of all, thank god that I don't post on Facebook, because I

would've looked like a real jerk. And secondly, maybe I gotta chill out about...drug shit." (Maddox laughs) Right?

Maddox: Right. (chuckling)

Dick: Maybe I should just relax a little bit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: THAT'S the purpose of satire.

Maddox: Yeah. So uh, I just realized, too, that this is the same Jonathan Swift who wrote Gulliver's Travels. He's the same guy - he's, you know, a classic writer. And he was also a satirist. So, yeah. When you point satire out in such an obvious way, also it raises the question of, "Who's *deciding* whether or not this is satire? How can they be sure what they're labeling as satire IS actually satire?"

Dick: Well, so they said - the statement they gave was, "We received feedback that people wanted a clearer way to distinguish satirical articles from others...uh, in their news feeds."

Maddox: Well, what is that -

Dick: (interjects) So these same idiots...whoever these...uh, the 'feedback'? Whoever's generating the feedback are the same dummies that can't spot satirical articles from real ones. Right? THEY'RE deciding.

Maddox: Well let's...let's step back a second. Let's think about why they would want these articles labeled satire. Why do you think that is?

Dick: Uh, I think it...frightens them? Yeah, I think it frightens them that they might read something that isn't true. I don't think people like being duped.

Maddox: They don't like being duped... (slowly, thoughtful)

Dick: 'Cause then -

Sean: I think they don't...I think they don't like looking like *idiots.*

Maddox: They don't like looking like idiots!

Dick: That's DEFINITELY true.

Maddox: You hit the nail on the head, Sean.

Sean: That's why, right?

Maddox: That's what it is. So these are dummies trying to buy insurance - they're trying to insure themselves so they don't look dumb. They want to cover their ignorance. They want to make sure that they never look dumb pointing out a satirical article as fact. That's what this is.

Dick: Yeah! I'll tell you the other thing - it's insulting to content creators.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: Like, if your post of...what was it, the iPhone - 'it sucks and so does your face'?

Maddox: "The iPhone is a piece of shit, and so is your face." That was my article.

Dick: So, that's hilarious. I love seeing it on Facebook, but imagine it with a gigantic "[SATIRE]" tag in front of it.

Maddox: Well, that would be offensive because it's wrong. It's not satire. It's just truth.

Dick: It could be qualified as satire!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, everything on your site could be qualified as satire.

Maddox: Not -

Dick: (interjects) And as soon as you see that, you write it off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're like, "Oh, whatever. Satire."

Maddox: Yeah, it's dismissive - it's a way to dismiss good writing. It's a way...yeah, like you mentioned, if Jonathan Swift's piece A Modest Proposal was dismissed immediately as satire with a LABEL on it, no one would've remembered it!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It woulda just been something that people brush aside - "Oh, this guy's just trying to get a rise out of me." No, we're not! It's a very...clever and powerful rhetorical device that people use to point out a flaw in something.

Dick: Yeah! That's why I think it's a big problem! 'Cause it's the only thing we've got. Like, they say, "The pen is mightier than the sword," or WHATEVER - they're takin' it away. Facebook is taking the pen away.

Maddox: Thanks, Facebook. (sarcastic)

Dick: It's like, you know when I went on Dr. Phil? And that fat lady stood up and was lipping off to me, when they had...they marched all the guests onto -- When I was on Dr. Phil, and I was in the audience -

Maddox: (interjects) Right, yeah. Let's explain for people who haven't seen the clip.

Dick: - yeah, yeah, yeah. So I went on...after I wrote Men Are Better Than Women I went on Dr. Phil so Dr. Phil could 'fix' me and a bunch of other, uh, lunatics.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So, Dr. Phil marches everybody up on stage, and I'm standing there in my aviators, with my awesome mustache - my *expensive* aviators, by the way, not knockoffs -

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: - and Dr. Phil goes around the audience whipping them up into a frenzy of hate. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So he goes to the first woman; she stands up and locks in on me immediately, and says, uh, "You'd never get a girl...this, that, and the other...no woman would ever date you..." And I said, "Women line up to date guys like me...they're always on this show! They always come on here dating guys exactly like me." And she said, "I'd be at the end of that line." And I said, "If ya hit the treadmill a little more often, you'd be at the front." (Maddox laughs) Right?

Maddox: Right. (chuckling)

Dick: Which was...which is great! Which - I really think this did damage to the Dr. Phil brand and the people watching this show. Like, I think they felt bad! That might be a little egotistical of me, but I think I actually scored a win for us in doing that. Like, "Look, you fuckers, you're not that fuckin' funny! You think you're gonna stand up and just shout down at people - like, use these childish insults??"

Maddox: Well, they don't like it when that mirror is turned back on themselves.

Dick: EXACTLY. And if you woulda said, "Hey, this is a satire thing that this guy's doing," she wouldn't have cared!

Maddox: I don't think he knew, though...did he?

Dick: Of course not.

Maddox: They...well, if he knew -

Dick: Do you know the lengths that I had to go to, to get on that show?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, hours of psychological evaluations and interviews after interviews with production people - it was *crazy.*

Maddox: Yeah. Which shows the depths of your neuroses. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Dick: Alright, well -

Maddox: (interjects) How's that for armchair psychology? (laughs)

Dick: - that's my problem.

Maddox: Uh, great problem!

Dick: And Facebook has been fuckin' with us forever.

Maddox: Hey -

Dick: (interjects) They did that 'other inbox' --

Maddox: - oh, the 'other inbox' pissed me off! I want everyone to do this right now - well, after you listen to the show. Go home, check your Facebook page, your Facebook inbox and then go to "Other." There's ALL these messages from people who are trying to get ahold of you - old friends who, they say, "Hey, I wanna add you - I'm trying to send you a message, or get ahold of you and send you something important, but I can't..." because it's

locked in your fucking bullshit 'other inbox' that you have to pay a dollar to access for other people. It's BULLSHIT.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So anyway, um -

Dick: (interjects) So you're gonna have about 3 of those, and about 1,000 messages from guys who wanna bang you.

Maddox: Basically...um, and that goes for men AND women. Uh, maybe we should add this too - maybe Facebook should just add a "[JOKE]" tag when people post jokes so they can EXPLAIN it, that it's a JOKE. "Hey Facebook, thank you for explaining that this is a joke and it's not to be taken seriously!" (mocking) What other tags could they add??

Dick: You know, I'll tell you what they can do: they can stop people from doing that, "You'll never believe what happens next!"

Maddox: Oh my god, YES.

Dick: That's *very* annoying!

Maddox: Yeah! Or anything - any title that ends in "THIS." "Oh, we went to the state fair and we witnessed racism...except for THIS." Or "...because this kid used THIS." And there's...what is "this"?! This thing - THAT'S the clickbait. So just replace that *word* with the *thing* that's in the video, that no one will have to click - we don't give a SHIT. (angrily picking up speed) We have to watch a ten -- There's this video on...PetFlow is the new Upworthy. Have you seen this? PetFlow?

Dick: No...

Maddox: It's a new...I don't even know where it CAME from, this fucking PetFlow website! It's just -

Dick: (interjects) I don't know what Upworthy is. What is - what is this? What's the premise of the site?

Maddox: Ohhh MAN, you don't know what UpWorthy is?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Upworthy is just this really far-left, liberal agenda website where they post...causes. Nonstop causes. Videos to...people who help homeless people or raise awareness for body positivity issues, or, uh, you know....all sorts of different agendas that they have. So, Upworthy - and basically they don't create any content. They just find videos on YouTube, do A/B testing on their homepage, and then use a headline that works, that gets people clicking...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ...and then they just generate revenue from that.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So they're not producing any content, they're just a wrapper for YouTube.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So, anyway, there's another one that popped up out of *fucking* nowhere called "PetFlow," and they just post links to...also causes, but also, uh, pet videos. And there's one that said this guy covered his pool, and he recorded his two dogs secretly doing..."THIS." And I watched the video, 'cause I thought, "Oh god, let's see what this AMAZING thing is that their dogs do when his pool's covered!" Guess what it is? ...Nothing! They just run around! Who gives a SHIT? They're just DOGS, of course they run around!

Dick: Yup! It's frustrating!

Maddox: Stupid. (irritated) Alright.

Dick: What's your problem?

Maddox: My first problem this week is emoji.

Dick: ...Emojis?

Maddox: Or, icons. Uh, I think emoji and icons are a huge problem.

Dick: Okay. Uhh -

Maddox: So, do you know what emojis are?

Dick: - what is an emoji? I KNOW Sean doesn't know.

Maddox: Sean - okay. So, for...

Dick: (interjects) Is that true?

Sean: (from the background) Yeah, I don't know.

Dick: Yeah, Sean doesn't know what it is.

Maddox: For the benefit of people who don't know...so, this is from Wikipedia. It says, "Originally meaning 'pictograph,' the word 'emoji' literally means 'picture' + 'character.'" So, "e" is for "picture" and "moji" is for "character." These are just little graphical...icons that you send along with your text messages to people, like birthday cakes, and bowling pins, and guns and things like that.

Sean: Oh yeah, I - okay. That's...I didn't know what you call them.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah, they're called emoji, and they came from, like, emoticons - emoticons have always existed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Smiley faces and things like that. So, yeah, these emoji are becoming so *ubiquitous* now, that I -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Maddox: - I used to -- wha- why are you smiling??

Dick: I...because I LOVE them. But go -

Maddox: (interjects) You're ALREADY annoying -

Dick: - go, go...I'm already smiling 'cause I already know why I love them, too. (gleeful) (laughs)

Maddox: Ohh, DICK, you're - 'cause you - I KNOW WHY you love them, 'cause you're a 13 year-old girl, that's why.

Dick: MMMMMmmmm... (struggling not to blurt anything out) ...ooooo. Uh, that hits a little closer to home than you realize. (Maddox laughs) But go...keep goin', I'll get into why.

Maddox: Yeah. Well -

Dick: (interjects) I'll tell ya why I like 'em in a minute. (still grinning)

Maddox: Okay. So...first of all I'll tell you why it's a problem.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, emoji is essentially replacing words with little characters - little pictographs. Right? And Microsoft has been moving towards this trend of using icons and little pictographs for YEARS. In Microsoft Word - I still use Microsoft Word 2000, rather than updating to 2003, 2007, 2010, et cetera. I never upgraded because they changed their icons at the top to the ribbon system.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It used to be this beautiful drop-down menu of "File," "Save," "Options," "Format," et cetera. You knew EXACTLY what you wanted because it was in ALPHABETICAL ORDER. You know why the Chinese don't have phone books? And this is true - do you know that in China, they don't have phone books?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah! THINK about it! Because they don't have an alphabetized character system!

Dick: Yeah! Okay!

Maddox: Yeah! So ch--

Dick: (interjects) How do they line anything up? Like...the more squigglier, the more the lineup is? Is that their version of alphabetical order?

Maddox: Kind of! Actually, you're pretty close, yeah. They *kind* of have an order -

Dick: (interjects) That was SATIRE, by the way. (Maddox laughs) It sounds vaguely racist! So I will say it's satire. (gleeful)

Maddox: Ohh, there ya go. So you're saved. No, that's kind of how they do it - they kind of organize it in complexity...in terms of complexity of the character. However, that's not an exact system. People have to - they don't have phone books! In China, a lot of people for a long time would carry these little black books of names and addresses of people that they knew, and they would write them down personally in there. Because if you don't have a character set that's ORDERED...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...you can't find anything! It's fucking nonsense! And what are we doing? We are *regressing* as a culture back to hieroglyphics! (Dick laughs) These are HIEROGLYPHS we're using!

Dick: Yeah, alright. (amused)

Maddox: So now instead of just hitting "File > Save," I have to hunt for this little square icon -

Dick: (interjects) For the little floppy disk.

Maddox: - yeah, the little floppy disk! Which, anyone born after -

Dick: (interjects) Which doesn't mean anything. (grinning)

Maddox: - yeah, born after like '96, it means NOTHING to them! They're just looking for the square with another tiny little square, they don't know what the fuck that is.

Dick: No - did you see this kid who defined "11" as "pause"?

Maddox: Oh my gosh, did he seri--

Dick: Did you see that?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. 'Cause on the - 'cause he's raised on these hieroglyphs. His parents were doing counting with him and he saw "11" and he said, "Pause!"

Maddox: "Pause." Oh wow, what a d-- so that's what's happening, because we're regressing to hieroglyphs! Now here's where it becomes a really big problem -

Dick: (interjects) Well, wait a minute...lemme jump in for one second, here.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You said we're replacing words with pictures, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I mean...literally saying, "A picture's worth a thousand words." What do you think about that?

Maddox: (snorts) Okay -

Dick: What do you think a smiley face says? A thousand...what do you think that says? That could mean ANYTHING in the context of a conversation.

Maddox: Okay, DICK, your stupid idiom doesn't change the fact (Dick laughs) that we are regressing our language! When I use SwiftKey - I use SwiftKey on Android. I don't know if anyone else uses SwiftKey out there...well, I'm sure they do, there's millions of people. Um, anyway, SwiftKey is this prediction - this text prediction software that figures out, very smartly, what you're going to say next. And now, they've introduced emoji as a prediction! So if I type the word "food," it just pops up this little basket of...FOOD, I guess. (Dick

laughs) Or it looks...it looks like a pie? Or SOMETHING. Or if I type in "joy," it literally shows a little picture of somebody jumping!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If I type that in to somebody, how are they going to interpret that as "joy"?! It's gonna...they might think I'm jumping, or skipping, or just somebody who just got kicked in the back. (Dick smirks) If someone's up in the air with their arms raised, you might...

Dick: Yeah, that's true. (amused)

Maddox: ...right! And that's usually what I mean - if I use that emoji? It's - first of all, it's by accident.

Dick: The "joy" emoji?

Maddox: The "joy" emoji. It's by accident, and second, it's because someone got kicked in the back.

Dick: Don't you find them, like, *hot* though? When chicks use them? Or is that just me??

Maddox: That's just...whoa...

Dick: When I get an emoji from a chick, man -

Maddox: (interjects) Whoooooa.

Dick: - I start - my motor starts GOIN'.

Maddox: Gross. First of all, how old are these chicks?

Dick: Our....I mean, not OUR age, but...legal.

Maddox: Ohhhhkay.

Dick: Not GROSS!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Not gr-- well...as they get younger (Maddox sighs) they use more emojis, I'll give you that. Uh...but it's still hot!

Maddox: No - if you see these chicks on Tinder, sometimes they don't explain anything about themselves, they just list a whole bunch of emoji. Like, a little bowling ball, a horse, um...a birthday cake...you know, a little traffic cone - what the fuck does a TRAFFIC CONE mean?! It -

Dick: (interjects) Danger! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Oho, danger...

Dick: "Danger, curves ahead!" (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Or it means, "potholes ahead."

Dick: You're - get outta here, you don't think it's hot when chicks do that!

Maddox: No! Why is it hot?!

Dick: They send you a bunch of emojis...?

Maddox: Tha-- why is it hot?? Why does that turn you on, gross-ass?

Dick: I don't know! I think you might be right with that 13 year-old girl thing, though. That's why I started laughing when you said it. Um...

Maddox: Yeah. Here's your average date. (**baby laugh sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: Oho, wow. (sarcastic)

Maddox: (laughs more) Your stupid emojis.

Dick: No, man, I think...um, I think women can communicate with them very effectively. With emojis.

Maddox: First of all, nobody has the same fucking character set! Everyone who has an iPhone sends me a shit-ton of emojis. I have no fuckin' idea what they're saying, I have no fuckin' idea what they're doing because it just comes across - if I don't have your character set installed, it just comes across as SQUARES. And vice-versa! If you send Android emojis that aren't installed on the other person's cell phone or their provider, then it's just gonna come across as squares!

Dick: Are you feelin' left out? Is that what the problem is? (teasing) All of us iPhone people are sending little cute texts to each other with pictures, and they're all comin' across as as squares to you?

Maddox: Ohh, MAN, fuck you iPhone people! I am so FUCKING tired of getting group texts that never end! I can't unsubscribe, I can't mute the conversation, I can't tell everyone to fuck off and drop dead because...god forbid I get ONE fucking wedding invitation or announcement or something via group text -

Dick: Uh-huh. (teasing)

Maddox: - and every dumbass iPhone user is just, "reply all," because they don't know how to fucking just reply to one person at a time?! (angrily picks up speed) You fucking idi-- why would I care about what some stranger - oh, I get all these like, strange numbers in my cell phone...you know what I'm gonna start doing? I'm gonna start adding them to telemarketing lists! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Oho! Alllright.

Maddox: You know what? Group texts? Go ahead, dickhead.

Dick: Ha! Alright! But back to emojis...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...I really - I do think that, uh...you can convey a lot of context with a couple pictures. Not from a guy, like I would never send one unless I was being, like, funny about it?

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: But when I get them, they explain a lot to me. Like I get what you're - you throw a little piece of poop on the end, that little poop guy with the eyes, and I'm like, "Alright, you're just dickin' around." (Maddox laughs) Okay? I get it now, I get what you're - I'm not takin' what you're saying too seriously. Or the chicks throw in that...that dancing girl?

Maddox: What's the dancing girl?

Dick: Like, that 'Olé!' -- No, it's this girl, she's in a red dress...

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: ...she's got her, like, hand up? She's doin' a twirl - it's like a Flamenco dancer.

Maddox: Uh-huh, uh-huh...

Dick: How can you hate them? You don't know - that's the one they use all the time.

Maddox: Flamenco dancer? Okay. Sure.

Dick: Yeah, a Flamenco-dancing chick.

Maddox: I guess!

Dick: Yeah, that means they're up for a good time.

Maddox: So you have to...so in order for you to understand the context of that, you have to understand Spanish culture, you have to understand Flamenco -

Dick: (interjects) It's a CHICK DANCING.

Maddox: Is it?

Dick: YES. It is a chick dancing.

Maddox: What if she's just trying to reach up for a light bulb? You don't know.

Dick: So, uh... (Maddox laughs) ...my ex would use her emojis to send, like, the most...depraved sexual messages to me...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...like in hieroglyphic form?

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: I dunno if that's biasing me -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, it is. (matter-of-factly)

Dick: - but, MAN. I have been a fan of emojis....she would use - they got all kindsa hand stuff on there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She would - like, "I wanna see you tonight"? She'd throw me that purple eggplant emoji -

Maddox: What...is...the purple....ohh, no. (apprehensive)

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. (gleeful)

Maddox: Okay, gross.

Dick: Do you know what they're sayin?!

Maddox: Yeah, I know -

Dick: (interjects) Do you need like, an emoji interpreter?

Maddox: Nah, I...I mean, I know what they're sayin', and you know what? The only emoji that I read loud and clear is usually if it's like, kissy lips plus a squirty mouth. Like, I see that - (cracks up) - I see 'kissy lips,' 'squirty mouth,' I'm like, "Oh, cool! It's time for a beej." Or, maybe they just accidentally hit the wrong fuckin' emoji and I go over there with my dick - (cracks up) - and I get the cops called on me! (laughs loudly)

Dick: Noooo, no, that's not wrong. Women take their emojis very seriously.

Maddox: Ohh, yeah. (sarcastic) Oh, as seriously as you can take stupid 13 year-old emojis.

Dick: (interjects) So what do you want - what do you want 'em to SAY, then?!

Maddox: I want 'em to FUCK OFF, okay? Don't send me a text -

Dick: (interjects) Just use your words?

Maddox: Use your words!

Dick: Is that what you're saying? Talk to 'em like a child?

Maddox: WHA-- (splutters)

Dick: "Honey, USE YOUR WORDS."

Maddox: For thousands of years, people have been communicating with words! And now we're regressing back to the fuckin' EGYPTIAN times, with hieroglyphs! I can't interpret anything anymore, if I wanna just type in "baseball" it comes up with a little baseball icon - WHICH, by the way, you're not sure if it's gonna come out clearly on the other side! (becoming irate) People might have emojis mapped differently, so you send them a baseball, they get SCISSORS, and they get all *confused* and they come over and wanna have TRIBADISM...scissoring sex on your... (Dick and Sean laugh hysterically) -- Jesus. Yeah, that shit pisses me off. And it should piss everyone off! It's regressing our language back to ancient times. (Dick laughs)

Dick: But it's FUN.

Maddox: You know what? I'll -- Ohh, okay, Dick. Thank you for that...BRILLIANT counterpoint. (Dick laughs more) "But it's fun!"

Dick: It's fun!!

Maddox: Yeah. You know what else is fun? Rollercoasters. Why don't you go to a rollercoaster every time you wanna send an emoji?

Dick: Do you hate those as well?!?

Maddox: No, they're fun. They're not a problem - I don't have a problem with rollercoasters. I do wanna say this: this is a counterpoint to ME, because I knew you wouldn't bring this in, Dick. But I actually found a counterpoint to myself, and uh, I can argue both sides of a debate if I have to. (Sean laughs loudly in the background) This is... (laughs) ...Sean?

Sean: It's so fuckin' condescending! (Maddox and Sean keep laughing)

Dick: I know!

Sean: He's like, "Hey, well, lemme do your job too."

Dick: Yeah! With no pause.

Maddox: Nope!

Sean: Just right into it.

Dick: Yeah. Hold on, I'm gonna look for an emoji to sum up how I'm feeling about this right now.

Maddox: Great. While you do that I'll read this.

Dick: Go ahead! Go ahead, I'll give you both.

Maddox: This is according to The Verge. They wrote this article called "How Emoji Conquered the World," and unfortunately I have to agree with that title...um, "The shorter, more casual nature of email led to a breakdown in communication." [paraphrases article] So if somebody says, "Wakarimashita," you don't know whether...so, that means in Japanese, "I got it." So if somebody says that to you, [continues direct quotation] "'...you don't know whether it's a kind of warm, soft 'I understand' or a 'yeah, I get it' kind of cool, negative feeling,' says Kurita," the guy who kinda helped develop these emojis. He says, "'You don't know what's in the writer's head.'" So I guess -

Dick: (interjects) Context!

Maddox: - no. Well, context -

Dick: (interjects) That's what I said!

Maddox: Ye-- no, that's supporting MY argument, if you say "context," because by context you DO know what's in the writer's head. However, if you're just gonna say one quick, simple phrase, like, "I got it" - if you send a smiley face after that, then people *do* understand that you mean it in a warm way as opposed to a condescending way, like, "Yeah, yeah, I GOT it." (imitates an annoyed tone)

Dick: Yeah, that's why when you're fuckin' with chicks, you don't give them emoticons when you're trying to, like, screw with their head...you know, to bang them?

Maddox: Uh, you...

Dick: You don't flash emoticons (Maddox laughs derisively) so they don't know, like - they don't know how you're *feeling* so their emotions get all, like...manipulated and they get thrown off balance. Right? That's what you're saying.

Maddox: Yeah. Don't "you know" ME, Dick. No, I'm not doin' that shit. I'm not doin' this emotional jiu-jitsu - this emotionally manipulative jiu-jitsu you're doing. So, what do you got? Do you have an emoji that sums up...

Dick: Yeah, I got an emoji for ya. What does that emoji say? Can you see it from there? [holds up phone]

Maddox: Let's see....thumbs down.

Dick: Yeah, thumbs down. (grinning)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's what I think of your anti-emoji thing.

Maddox: Well HERE'S an emoji...it's not on my phone, you just have to look at me. I'm flipping you off. (Dick and Sean laugh) That's my emoji. And that's...that's the *only* emoji I fucking want - that's the only emoji EVERYONE wants, is just flipping people off! I would send that DAY AND NIGHT. I would send that ten times in a row, and depending on how pissed off I am, that's all I would say. Repeatedly, all day, every day.

Dick: I think you just need to find a girl who's gonna send you dirty emoji's and you'll...she'll swing you.

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: She'll turn you. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: You know, I get it, I get it. I get dirty emojis, I get clean emojis, I get STUPID emojis, and you know what? It's just like Snapchat. Snapchat is a sexting app - it's meant for sending quick nudes to people, and NOBODY uses it for quick nudes! So girls aren't using emoji to send, uh, dirty messages. They're just sending emojis to say they're smiling, or happy, or glitter, or stupid bullshit like that. It's always glitter.

Dick: Welp! Is that it?

Maddox: That's my problem.

Dick: Okay. Uh...here's my problem.

Maddox: Your second problem this week.

Dick: Yup, my second problem is.....militarized police.

Maddox: Ooo, big problem!

Dick: Yeah, I actually think - uh, I've been kinda saving this one up because I wanted to be prepared to bring it in, but then all this Ferguson shit happened and I'm just too wound up about it.

Maddox: I almost brought that in last week, actually - militarized police. So, you mentioned it in a couple episodes kinda briefly but now you're bringing it in as a full problem.

Dick: Yeah, yeah yeah yeah, 'cause I think it's big enough now. Um, you wanna play...play that clip of the, um...of the officer - the Ferguson officer threatening to *kill* people -

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: - with his GIGANTIC assault rifle that he has to control a bunch of unarmed people. (cynical tone)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Who are just kind of milling around.

Maddox: And if you haven't seen this video, it's incredible. This guy's just walking around, brandishing his gun, pointing it in people's faces, and then he threatens to kill people. Listen to this clip.

[**video clip begins**]

Man holding video camera: My hands are up, bro! My hands are up!

Cameraman's friend: Hands up, gun's raised and pointed! Raised AND pointed!

Police officer: I will fuckin' KILL you! Get back! GET BACK!

Dick: (interjects over clip) "I will fuckin' kill you."

Man holding video camera: You're gonna KILL him.

Cameraman's friend: Did he just threaten to *kill* me?

Police officer: Get back!

Man holding video camera: What's your name, sir?

Police officer: Go FUCK yourself.

Man holding video camera: Your name's "Go Fuck Yourself"? Alright, Go Fuck Yourself. Hello, Officer Go Fuck Yourself.

Cameraman's friend: Officer Go Fuck Yourself just threatened to kill me!

[**video clip stops**]

Dick: This is the training that they get. Great - I mean, great smartass guy! (Maddox laughs) "Hey, Officer Go Fuck Yourself!"

Maddox: "Officer Go Fuck Yourself! Thank you for helpin' me!" Yeah.

Dick: So that's the training that the police get to handle their militarized weapons!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Is to go around antagonizing crowds so they can shoot them.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's the prem-- that's my entire premise.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You give them guns...you give them guns that belong to the military, who operate like a *military*...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...you know? You don't just get to fuck around if you're in the military.

Maddox: These are weekend warriors, essentially, with guns out there.

Dick: These are TRASHMEN. They are CIVIC SERVANTS.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: They are BARELY TRAINED to do what they do, and now we're giving them BILLIONS OF DOLLARS of surplus MILITARY HARDWARE, so they can shoot us up!

Maddox: Yep. They're just walkin' around with these Humvees, they're so reinforced they can survive MINES in the battlefield...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...and these are what they're putting out in suburban America, in little...white picket fences, these TANKS are rolling down the street. Are you fucking kidding me?! Is this Iraq or Syria? Or are we talkin' about suburbia?

Dick: I brought in this article from the New York Times about exactly what I'm talkin' about - these little towns are like, 20, 30 thousand people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it was split...uh, some of the police departments were really excited about these, uh, surplus dicks that the military was sending -- excuse me, these surplus military weapons (Maddox laughs) that the military was sending them.

Maddox: Right. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: They would bring - so, this guy...lemme find this quote from this guy. Uh...Richland, South Carolina - Captain Chris Cowan says they take it to SCHOOLS, and use it as a "conversation piece." (incredulous) A "conversation starter."

Maddox: What did they take in - like, AR-15s?

Dick: A gi-- uh, no, among other things, a GIGANTIC BATTLE TANK, like from a fuckin' comic book, with a .50 caliber automatic assault rifle on the top of it.

Maddox: Yeah, that's insane! This isn't a fucking JOKE.

Dick: They bring it to KIDS to *show off.* That's what they're doing!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're not starting a "conversation," they're starting a LECTURE about, "Obey the fuckin' police, or we'll KILL you."

Maddox: These are boys with their toys. And actually, Dick, on that note - did you see the article that just came out - it was in, I believe, The L.A. Times and The Washington Post. This is from Washington Post - it says, "I'm a cop. If you don't wanna get hurt, don't challenge me."

Dick: Hey, lemme ask you somethin' related to that. Have you ever had an encounter with military police? With militarized police?

Maddox: YES, one time. You remember the Chris Dorner incident, uh, in Los Angeles?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So this was a cop - just to refresh everyone's memory, this was a cop who went rogue because he...he got kicked off the force, he lost his job, he lost his family, he lost his

marriage, he got divorced - because he brought forth a corruption suit against the department and the department dismissed him -

Dick: (interjects) Well, among other things. He also, like, beat other guys - other cops up, I read? I think?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He also had a number of disciplinary...issues with the department before that. But sorry, I don't wanna interrupt. Go...

Maddox: Well, but it's hard to say because it's *supposedly,* because they kinda tried to muddy his record and, uh, paint him bad. Just like the cops are doing with this Michael Brown guy in Ferguson!

Dick: Yeah, but did you read Dorner's manifesto?

Maddox: I did.

Dick: Okay. So - you remember halfway through when he starts talking about The Hangover II?

Maddox: Yes. The celebrities he...yeah.

Dick: Uh, at that point, I instantly don't believe anything he says or ever said.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When your manifesto includes a personal letter to the writer of The Hangover II??

Maddox: Well, Dick, put yourself in the mind of somebody who's about to die.

Dick: Done. (immediately) (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing)

Maddox: That's all I have, thank you. No, but if you put yourself in the mind of somebody who's about to die - these are your last words, you know you're gonna have a public megaphone. You're gonna have a megaphone - a speaker that's gonna reach the entire world.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You can say anything to anyone. Look, this guy's not a celebrity, he's never had fame, he's never had any ability to DO that. So he figured, you know, this is his soapbox, he's about to *die,* so what the fuck does he have to lose? Whatever. I dismissed that - you know, it's a little bit crazy, but I dismissed that. Anyway, uh -

Dick: (interjects) Caddyshack 2 I would've respected, even though that was a shitty movie. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Fine. Whatever. The point is, when Dorner was - when there was that manhunt for Dorner, 'cause he was out there actively hunting cops. Which, uh, which was -

Dick: (interjects) Well, that's what he said.

Maddox: No, I mean, he DID. He shot some cops - he shot *at* cops. He took...

Dick: Yeah, sure, sure.

Maddox: Yeah. And he shot...I think the police chief's, uh, son-in-law? Or no, daughter-in-law and son-in-law, somethin' like that.

Dick: Somebody.

Maddox: Yeah, so - anyway, when Dorner was out there and all the cops were lookin' for him, they had...there was a FRENZY. These cops were *all* over the streets, everywhere. I remember just turning down the street to go to my home, and these cops pulled up in a Humvee...out - like, within SECONDS there were helicopters overhead, the Humvee cut me off, and this guy came out holding a shotgun with a bandolier of shotgun shells, POINTED it at me...I stopped, and then hung out for a second - within 15, 20 seconds, he got a radio call, somethin' like that, and he hopped right back into his Humvee, drove off like nothing ever happened.

Dick: Yeah! And that's it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, um, I got a bunch of quotes from that article that all make me sick.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uhh, here's a guy...Kevin Wilkinson is a police chief of some town that's probably got 50 people in it..."I don't like it" - he's talkin' about his new battle tank - "I wish it were the way it was when I was kid," he said. "But we're not gonna go out there as 'Officer Friendly' with no BODY ARMOR and JUST a handgun and say, 'Good enough.'" (disdainful)

Maddox: Oh, okay. Really. (sarcastic) So where do you draw the line? Huh? What else do you need? Do you need jet packs? Do you need *bazookas*? Do you need satellite coordination? Do you need DRONES? Where do you draw the line, dickhead?! Wha-- at what point do you say, "Okay, it's enough that we care about the officers' safety; let's worry a LITTLE bit about the public's safety"?

Dick: You know, just a little bit. (sardonic) Uh, "You've got a lot of people who are coming out of the military that have the ability and knowledge to build IEDs and defeat law enforcement techniques." [quoted from article] WHERE IS THIS HAPPENING?! These guys are - these cops are growing up in action movies!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where the fuck is this *happening* anywhere? That they ALL need helicopters, and battle tanks, and assault rifles. To do exactly what we just heard in the clip. (dismayed)

Maddox: Yeah, it's insane! There was a video, too, on YouTube - uh, John Oliver showed it on his show a couple weeks ago - of these kids who this militarized, uh, BATTLE tank, this police battle tank parked next to them in the intersection. And they were BLOWN AWAY by the armor of this thing. They were blown away by the size of the wheels of this vehicle.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And then, at the end of the video, you hear something interesting. These kids are like, "Wooow, that's so cool, I can't believe how awesome that is. It's incredible!" Then at

the very end of the video he goes, "Wait a second...has shit gotten that bad? Do we *need* this?"

Dick: They're just fuckin' showin' off!

Maddox: They're showing off.

Dick: It's got - the same reason there's ALWAYS cops in their helicopters flying around L.A., showin' off, for the same reason they come out on their fuckin' horses all over Times Square, showin' off! -- What's up, Sean?

Sean: I was gonna say, just to go to Maddox's point, I remember, uh...I think 2012 or 2013, violent crime in Los Angeles was at its lowest rate since 1967.

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Sean: So it's like - it doesn't seem like things are *that* bad. A lot of the stuff from the '80s, you know, when it was bad in Downtown L.A., Hollywood, all that kinda stuff -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, like when we had awesome movies like RoboCop, 'cause you could justify needing something like that.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: Yeah, but they don't have any reason to HAVE some of this stuff.

Maddox: Violent crime is down - crime across the board is actually down. That's not just -

Sean: Yeah, New York City, too.

Maddox: New York City - *everywhere.* Everywhere. Violent crime is down, all crime is down. And I actually read this article on The Onion today...it's called "The Pros and Cons of Militarizing the Police." And, one of the pros is that it's a "nice surprise treat for veterans to see weapons they used in war pop up on their hometown streets." It's a nice little surprise, right?

Dick: It is, it is a nice little surprise. Trip down memory lane.

Maddox: Yeah, nice little nostal-- they can feel nostalgic when they see their tanks back on their hometown streets.

Dick: In the last two decades, SWAT team activity has increased by 1,500 percent.

Maddox: Yeah! That's incredible! I read that statistic too, and I was blown away. 1,500 percent! In how long? What's the period?

Dick: Two decades. 20 years.

Maddox: Two decades! Unbelievable.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: And has crime gone up proportionately? Of course fucking not!

Dick: No, of course not.

Maddox: Do we have a drug war?! What the hell's going on at these -

Dick: Of course not! Of course it hasn't, because we can't make those awesome movies anymore. That's how you know the crime isn't there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because the new Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle movie - it's like, "Why do we have vigilantes? There's nothing bad happening." There's pretty much nothing bad happening, except a bunch of asshole cops walking around threatening to shoot people.

Maddox: Yeah, and telling them not to challenge them if they do! And this guy who wrote this article, by the way, is an L.A.P.D. cop. He says, "Don't argue with me, don't call me names, don't tell me that I can't stop you, don't say I'm a racist pig, don't threaten that you'll sue me and take away my badge. Don't scream at me that you pay my salary, and don't even *think* of aggressively walking towards me." Of all those things that he just said 'don't think of' doing, the only one that's justified is the last one. Yeah, of course, if you walk aggressively towards a cop, he's justified in defending himself. But the other shit - hey, why should we trust the police if we've seen, time after time after time, they DO abuse their power??

Dick: Of course they do!

Maddox: They get - I've SEEN it! I've seen - I've gone on drive-bys, by the way. I know there are cops listening right now. I've gone on drive-alongs... (cracks up) ...not drive-bys. Drive-alongs.

Dick: You've been on both! (Maddox laughs) You gotta see both sides!

Maddox: Gotta see both sides! I gotta be fair.

Dick: Yeah! You know?

Maddox: Yeah. No, I've gone on drive-alongs with cops and I've seen...I've seen their side of it, and I've seen the shit they have to deal with. And yeah, there's some shit! It's a stressful job. But on the other hand, occasionally I've also seen buddy cops...right? There's a buddy cop system - when cops pull other cops over, they flash their badge accidentally or they see a little...decal or something on the window and they just let 'em slide.

Dick: Sure, of course.

Maddox: It's corrupt! It's corruption. Little corruption begets big corruption. If you let little corruption slide - like the cop didn't pay his meter, or he's not paying his parking ticket or his parking fee - guess what? That corrupt cop can then justify doing other corrupt deeds.

Dick: Look. There's NO way to train for what they're being given. The military's trained precisely to use those weapons to KILL other people.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's IT. The military doesn't use them to go dick around with a bunch of people who live in their own hometown.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: There's no way to train cops to use those weapons for any reason that makes sense for their - the purpose of their job!!

Maddox: And these weapons are specifically engineered to be as EFFICIENT at killing as possible. That's what they exist for! This isn't something - they're not going to get any more functionality by brandishing a giant fucking ASSAULT RIFLE in someone's face than they would with just their plain, old-fashioned six shooter.

Dick: No, you know what? This reminds me - so, uh, something like this happened to *me* a couple years ago. I was walkin' home from Halloween...I was walkin' home from that big Halloween parade, you know, on Santa Monica?

Maddox: So there's a big Halloween parade every year in Santa Monica, yeah. In West Hollywood.

Dick: It's, like, the biggest thing we got. There's like hundreds of thousands of people that go there every year, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uh, I had just had a huge fight with my girlfriend at the time...

Maddox: That's - that's par for the course.

Dick: ...you were - yeah. Absolutely. Uh, you were THERE, I walked home halfway with you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And, I was dressed up like a pirate... (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: ...I was walking home to Hollywood, and somebody had gotten shot in a nightclub. So there were about 10,000 cops rolled out along the streets like the Roman phalanx. Right?

Maddox: Right, and...appropriate response for one shooting, yes. 10,000 cops.

Dick: Yeah. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I walked down to the street where I live, and I see a buncha cops lined up there with their riot gear and all this other shit - the streets are all wide open, everybody's milling around, everybody's leaving for the night. The town's shutting down. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I walk down the street and I'm like, "Aw, man. Is this...is the road really closed?" And the cop goes, "TURN AROUND." And I was like, "Yeah, but I live - like, literally I can see my apartment..."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "...I mean, I live right on this street." 'Cause sometimes they shut down roads and if you live there, they let you through."

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Right? He goes, "You're either goin' back the other way, or you're goin' to your knees."

Maddox: Oh. GREAT.

Dick: And I was like, "Okay!" Like, I hesitated a little bit because I was annoyed all night, I was on tilt -

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: - you know? I was not makin' good decisions, but I was like, "You motherfucker!" The first thing I thought was, "I think I could get one good shot in on you. I see your baton...I don't see a giant assault rifle but if you..." And, dude, as SOON as that thought crossed my mind, he took TWO steps forward out of the ranks and reached for his fuckin' baton!

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: I swear to god, this is true. And I was like, "Okay! If that's what we're doing, alright!" Out of nowhere, this cop with, like, salt-and-pepper hair just goes - (imitates exasperated sigh) - walks kind of a little bit in front of me, and he goes, "I'm sorry, man. Could you just go around?" And I'm like, "Yeah! Sure. No problem."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Walked away.

Maddox: That's all it takes.

Dick: That was it!

Maddox: De-escalate.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, de-escalate, dickheads!

Dick: So I walked like a mile out of the way to go home...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...but that was the experience! VERY different story if -- is this my fault? Yeah. Probably. I was being a jackass.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But...

Maddox: Yeah, you can de-escalate the situation. And by the way, I've seen this -

Dick: (interjects) You're allowed to be a jackass in America, by the way!

Maddox: Right. It's not illegal to be an asshole. You can be whatever - you can be as big of an asshole as you want. So, here's the thing: I've seen this exact same thing play out with other people, where there's been an investigation or something or...they're pulling someone over in front of someone's house, and they're blocking someone *out* or blocking someone *in.* And by the way, this is usually, you know - maybe it's just

somebody who, um...they're investigating something nearby and they won't move their cruisers. There's plenty of cops just STANDING AROUND with their hands on their hilts, but they're not moving their cruisers so they're blocking access to your house, and they won't -- There's a video on YouTube of this lady who is LOSING her fucking mind because she just went shopping for groceries, and...I think it was, the band was Pearl Jam. Um, they had this impromptu concert on top of the roof of the building that she lives in, and the cops blocked it off! And they didn't have a license for it, they didn't permit it, they didn't do anything that was appropriate. So this lady's just trying to get back into her apartment, and the cops are strong-arming her and saying, "No, you can't pass, you can't pass us." She says, "My garage is right fucking there! They don't even have a PERMIT for this shit - let me in my house!" The cops wouldn't let her! What if somebody's standing out there, and they have to get their *medication* on time? People have MEDICINE to take. People have BABIES to feed, people have DOGS to take care of. You're just locking people out arbitrarily because you're being a strong-arm - a fuckin' bully cop?? These dickheads! If they just would use their common fucking sense, and just not be such a fucking machine, a ROBOT, a COG - if you just put yourself in the position of somebody who's just trying to get home and EMPATHIZE a little bit, none of this would be a problem!

Dick: See, that's where I...I think you've hit on the crux of this issue for me. In the military, you're a robot. You should act like a robot, you do exactly what you're told, you handle every situation the same way, and that's why you get those gigantic weapons.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause you got a purpose, you follow orders. When you're a cop, I think you *should* use common sense, and I don't think common sense requires an AR-15.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Know what I'm sayin'?

Maddox: Well, uh -

Dick: (interjects) I don't think everybody -- yeah yeah, go ahead.

Maddox: No, I just wanna end on this point, too. Um, I also like this from The Onion, it said one of the pros of having militarized police is that "modern law enforcement simply cannot do their job properly by relying on handguns, tasers, and tear gas alone." (Dick laughs) Let's give 'em more. Let's give 'em grenades. (cynical)

Dick: Alright. What's your problem?

Maddox: My second problem this week, which I would say is equally important, is...Spider-Woman's Ass. (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This - (chuckles) - this is, uh, a big controversy right now! I don't know if you've seen this, but uh, Marvel is releasing a new - I guess they're rebooting Spider-Woman, and they're releasing a new Spider-Woman #1 issue.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: And *everyone's* up in arms - again - and by 'everyone' I mean mostly...mostly feminists.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because there's a picture of Spider-Woman on the cover - an illustration - where she's kind of on her knees, sort of, with her butt sticking out in the air.

Dick: Oh, I've seen that!

Maddox: You've seen the picture?

Dick: Yeah, I've seen that picture.

Maddox: Yah.

Dick: I remember when I saw it, thinking, "Uh, that's an unflattering angle of a woman's ass. Why would they do that?"

Maddox: Right - well, you can't see anything. It's just the top of her ass - it looks almost like an apple. And, you know, it looks like the uniform that she's wearing, the pants that she's wearing are *so* tight, it covers the - like, it goes down inside the crease of her asshole.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, I looked into this, and it turns out that the reason it's drawn that way is because Marvel actually hired this guy - his name is, uh, I think it's Milo Manara. And he's been - he's a classic erotic illustrator. (Dick laughs loudly) So this guy...this guy actually is famous! He's worked in the industry for over - he has 43 YEARS of experience. He won an award in 1978; he won, in 1998, the Harvey Awards; he was inducted into the Jack Kirby Hall of Fame; in 2004 he won -

Dick: (interjects) So these are real - these are real awards?

Maddox: These are real awards!

Dick: Sorry to interrupt -- not, like, porno awards? (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: No! These are real fucking awards! 'Cause he's a really - he's a classic -

Dick: (interjects) Okay. He's like a real artist!

Maddox: Yeah, he's a real artist!

Dick: Okay. (Sean laughs more)

Maddox: He's a classic Italian illustrator, like he's an artist! So he won the Jack Kirby Award in 1998 - er, was inducted into the Jack Kirby Hall of Fame; in 2004 he won an Eisner Award as part of the best anthology for the Sandman: Endless Nights series...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ...So this is a guy who has credits, he's done lots of work and he's done this classic - you know, this classic painting. So, this comes from io9 - there's a website called io9 - and, uh, one of these guys who's just becoming APOPLECTIC...I'm actually gonna create a video about this, I'm so pissed off...he became apoplectic because - so, he says, "First of all, even the dumbest, horniest teenage boy on the planet knows there's no fabric on earth that could possibly cling to Jessica Drew's..." - Jessica Drew is the name of Spider-Woman -

Dick: (interjects) NEEERD. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: - "...Jessica Drew's individual buttocks like that. She looks like she's wearing body-paint, and that's a big no-no for an industry still trying to remember that women exist and may perhaps read comics and also don't want to feel completely GROSS when they do so." (in a huffy, self-righteous voice)

Dick: Jeeesus CHRIST, this guy... (in a low voice; incredulous)

Maddox: Hey, LISTEN, dickhead - not only do WOMEN exist, but LESBIAN women exist. And this isn't necessarily offensive to lesbian women, you FUCK! (Dick starts laughing)

Dick: You took it in a weird way... (Sean agrees from the background)

Maddox: (cracking up) What did you think I was gonna -

Dick: So, you thi-- well, I don't know! I thought you were gonna be like, "It's...it's actual ART."

Maddox: Well - it IS art! Yeah!

Dick: Yeah! But you took it in like, "Well, lesbians probably like it!" (amused

Maddox: This guy's being heterosexist! He's just viewing the world from a heterosexual point of view, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "It's just for men!" Well, guess what, IDIOT? Women find that erotic, too! ANYONE could find that erotic!

Dick: Ohh! Yeah!

Maddox: And by the way, what's WRONG with that?!

Dick: Uh -- nothing...

Maddox: I'm seriously asking, what's wrong with that??

Dick: No, nothing.

Maddox: By the way, have you seen the cover for The Amazing Spider-Man #1? When they - when they...like, the reboot?

Dick: Oooooo...the guy version or the reboot?

Maddox: No - uh...

Dick: The original or the reboot?

Maddox: The reboot, yeah. The Amazing Spider-Man #1?

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's Spider-Man, sitting SPREAD-EAGLE on a web. So they're saying...there's this movement where people are taking comic book characters - taking comic book covers and they're saying, "Well, what if we drew men in the *women's* poses? What if we drew women in the *men's* poses? What would happen then??" (idiotic voice)

Dick: Yeah, we don't care!

Maddox: Well, okay - but besides that point, besides the point that it DOESN'T FUCKING MATTER and these are people without PROBLEMS in their lives...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...besides that, wha-- if they did that with Spider-Woman and put her in the pose of Amazing Spider-Man #1?

Dick: OH, yeah.

Maddox: SHE'D BE SPREAD-EAGLE on the cover of fucking Spider-Man!!

Dick: Very offensive.

Maddox: Oh, yeah - well, *supposedly.* I don't think it's offensive! I don't think sex is offensive. I don't think there's anything wrong with a woman's ass - I don't think it's bad to sexualize things, because I don't think SEX is BAD. I don't think sex is DEMEANING. I don't think sex is DEGRADING. Anything bad related to sex is not true - it's completely conjecture! If you have a problem with sex, then that's YOUR issue. You need to figure your shit out! Yeah, GUESS WHAT? It's Spider-Woman and they - if it's somewhat sexual, who gives a SHIT?? Don't fucking read it, if you don't like it! And by the way, here's what pisses me off most of all: this isn't even the main cover! This is a VARIANT cover! (Dick laughs softly) This is an ALTERNATE! You don't have to fucking *buy* this issue if you don't want to. Shut the fuck up!

Dick: Who do you think this guy's trying to impress by doin' this? (grinning) This io9 guy?

Maddox: Oh, his feminist friends. That's all it is.

Dick: Yeah, you think so?

Maddox: Yeah, that's all it is. He's trying to go for that "sensitive" angle.

Dick: I think he's writin' this for one person...I don't know who, though.

Maddox: His girlfriend. Who doesn't shave her armpits. (gruffly)

Dick: Or maybe his mom?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Somebody?

Maddox: Somebody.

Dick: It's a weird stance to take.

Maddox: Oh, and they're so pissed off - and there's this other website, I think it's Mary Sue, somethin' or other. I don't even wanna mention it, 'cause I don't wanna plug it. But it's...she says this is "misogynistic." MISOGYNY - the HATRED of women! Misogyny! She's saying, by drawing Spider-Woman on the cover in a *somewhat* erotic pose - which, by the way, it's only erotic in your MIND, if you MAKE it that way. When I first saw the cover, I'm like, "Okay, the ass is kinda prominent, but whatever. Moving on." Then I read that all these people are construing it as erotic...by the way, nothing is erotic unless you *make* it erotic. In your mind. You can jerk off to anything you want. If you don't...if you don't view it as erotic, it's not erotic. End of story.

Sean: She could be looking for, like, a contact lens or something. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: She might be, Sean, thank you!

Dick: Yeah, good point!

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs heartily in the background) Spider-Woman has issues too, people.

Dick: So, do these morons have a problem with, like, naked Renaissance paintings?

Maddox: Ohh, yeah! That's a good question, Dick!

Dick: Do they?

Maddox: I wonder if they do! I wonder if they think that THAT'S misogynistic because the woman might be NUDE, or the guy might be nude. Is that misandrist??

Dick: No, that's - that's EMPOWERING 'cause they're all fat.

Maddox: Ohh, of COURSE. It's part of the -

Dick: That's why. Then it's 'empowering.'

Maddox: Oh, it's part of the Body Positive movement! Which I was almost gonna bring in as a problem this week. That's coming in a future episode. But this *really* pisses me off. These are people who don't have ANYTHING going on in their lives. No problems, nothin' - and they're...the COMMENT threads are incredible! There's just comment after comment after comment with people weighing in on this shit. (irritated)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Are you fucking kidding me?! Move on! This is a non-issue, this is a non-story. Marvel can do whatever they want - and by the way, they hired this classic Italian painter to do this. Who cares. It's this guy who's like, 40 - he's like, 50-something years old...maybe he's 60 years old...he's doing his craft, his artwork...and in 100 years from now, we might look back at it in the same way that we look back at Renaissance paintings.

Dick: Yeah, uh...

Maddox: As a work of art.

Dick: So, lemme ask you something. Because, uh, I'VE always thought - well I thought that, you know, you see these giant, ripped dudes on these covers?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's like, "Well, you know, guys don't look like that either."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? 'Cause these lunatics always complain that they're 'unrealistic' standards of beauty on these covers, like this comic book? Like, they're hypersexualized? And it's like, "Yeah, but so are the guys. They're not wearing anything."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But then someone's like, "Yeah, but that's a male fantasy, too."

Maddox: Ohh, oh - so everything's a male fantasy!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: That's the Male Gaze, by the way. That's -- So, I just wanna point out something in this article that he - in this paragraph that he wrote. He says that "even the horniest teenage boy on the planet knows that there's no fabric on earth that could possibly cling to Jessica Drew's individual buttocks like that." There's no fabric on earth...THAT'S the problem he has with this, not that it's SPIDER-WOMAN who can CLING TO WALLS! (Dick laughs) THAT'S believable, but not that this fucking FABRIC could exist that could cling to her BUTT, huh?? Maybe it's the same fabric she uses to cling to walls!

Dick: Yeah, she shoots it out of her hands! (amused)

Maddox: Yeah! Maybe she just made the outfit, and MAYBE who gives a fuck?! Huh? How about that, ya moron?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a fucking COMIC BOOK, where people fly around and throw flaming pumpkins! (Sean snickers in the background) This isn't *reality,* you IDIOT!

Dick: I don't know what their problem is with it.

Maddox: What the fuck - I just wanna go back in time, find this kid as a baby and just shake him. (Dick and Maddox start laughing hard) I just wanna shake this guy!! (growling) I just wanna sh-- "WAKE UP, YOU MORON!"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Oh, my god! This is unbelievable.

Dick: I don't know what they *want.* Like, do ya just want a *trash bag* over her? Wheeere is - where does it cross the line?

Maddox: They want everyone to look ugly and plain. That's what you want, right?? Because they want 'realistic' standards of beauty? Well, guess what? There's realistic standards of beauty EVERY TIME I step into a grocery store. They're fucking everywhere! They look like people walkin' around like TOMBSTONES. They look...like TRASH. They haven't - they're in their PAJAMAS, they haven't put MAKEUP on, I see it everywhere! I want escapism! This is my escape, LEAVE IT ALONE!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is my one reprieve from the monotony of everyday life!

Dick: Well, it's also...art, you know?

Maddox: It is!

Dick: It's stylized, it's not literal -- No, as much as any horny teenage boy can tell there's no fabric on earth that can...like, loop into someone's butthole like that -

Maddox: Right. (chuckling)

Dick: - they also know that's not a real person.

Maddox: Wait, wait - Spider-Man's not a real person? Spider-Woman...?

Dick: No no no, it's like - you know, an archetype? Like a Jungian archetype, or whatever? It's a stylized version of...a hero.

Maddox: Well, listen to Sigmund Fraud. (laughs)

Dick: Right, right right right. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah - no, but that's true! So you're tellin' me, Dick - lemme see if I follow your logic.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're tellin' me that *nobody* in real life has gotten bit by a radioactive spider, then developed superpowers that could cling to walls, and then solved crime with those superpowers?

Dick: Yeah! It's like a STORY.

Maddox: Oh, that's not real?

Dick: No! It turns out, it's not real.

Maddox: Oh, shit! So why am I so *upset* about this alternate reality that doesn't exist?

Dick: I don't know! I don't get it. I never have.

Maddox: Maybe I'M an idiot. Yeah. Maybe I'm an idiot - how about that? There's some satire. (laughs) To bring it back....So, okay. What do we got this week? You had your first problem...

Dick: My first problem was the Facebook Satire Tags. Or - what do you wanna call it? Facebook Social Engineering?

Maddox: Let's be specific on this one, 'cause there's a lot we could delve into on Facebook.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, the Facebook Satire Tag - I like that a lot.

Dick: Yeah. And then, uh, Militarized Police.

Maddox: Okay, and my problems were Emoji - or icons - and Spider-Woman's Ass. (Dick chuckles) So, uh, that's it! Don't forget to vote on the website, thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. And we'll look at the problems next week.

Dick: Yep! Thanks for listening.

Maddox: Thanks guys.

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(**Theme riff)**

Maddox : Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick : Heyy! What's up, buddy? Happy to be here.

Maddox : Like always. So -

Dick : (interjects) Who...won? (apprehensive)

Maddox : So last episode, Militarized Police won.

Dick : Yeah, of course they did!

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Of course *I* did.

Maddox : Yeah. Dick, I gotta hand it to you, that was a real problem!

Dick : Yeah, I wish I could be happier that I won but just hearing about it again - making me - thinking about it again just pisses me off. It INSTANTLY pisses me off.

Maddox : Yeah…well you know, that, uh, that deserves to be up there. I don't know if it deserves to be number one. I still think, uh, Female Genital Mutilation probably deserves to be number one on that list.

Dick : Yeah, maybe so. Um...you know, I was thinking about it during the week too, and there's one thing that I wanted to bring up that I didn't bring up...

Maddox : Yup.

Dick : ...which is: I always see, in the big old gun debate - the big ol' gun debate of things, on the internet - is people saying, "Gun people are crazy, because you could never take on the military with guns…"

Maddox : Right. You can't.

Dick : You can't. Of course not, you can't. But the reason - you can...you COULD have taken on the police.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : And that's what it's for, to me. That's what it's always been for. It's never been about the military. But now that the police have military, goodbye liberty!

Maddox : You know, I forgot to mention in the last episode, uh, all these weekend warriors with militarized equipment? They're just like in, uh, Rambo: First Blood when they were trying to hunt Rambo, and they gave all these weekend warriors bazookas and they went up on the hill...they don't know what they fuck they're doing!

Dick : No!

Maddox : They're just, they're...they're doing their part-time little gig. They go home to their families and they wipe their kid's ass.

Dick : Yeah!

Maddox : These aren't hardened warriors; they don't know this equipment. They don't know what the hell they're doing. They don't go through all the same psychological evaluation...anyway, big problem. Kudos.

Dick : Thank you! And thank you for voting.

Maddox : So let's, uh, let's move on, we got some comments.

Dick : Yeah! Yeah yeah yeah, I got, uh - actually - usually, you know, we read comments from the site. But uh, today I have an *audio* comment that someone left on our voicemail.

Maddox : Ooo, audio comment!

Dick : Yeah yeah, we have a voicemail, uh...you wanna know what it is, you can go find out. But here is the voicemail from The Biggest Problem in the Universe.

Unnamed Voicemail Caller : "Um, hey Maddox. I dunno, I just saw your 'Who' page, and it just occurred to me - if you hate taking phone calls, and you think voicemail sucks, why the *fuck* do you have a voicemail on it?" (Maddox and Dick crack up) (voicemail continues) "Just, it doesn't make any kind of sense. Umm...yeah, that's it."

Dick : 'That's it.' (amused)

Maddox : ...Okay!

Dick : Yeah. 'Why the FUCK do you have a voicemail?'

Maddox : Yeah, good question, good question. So let's, uh, let's do a little detective work, shall we? Huh? Let's piece this together. So, let's look at what we know for a fact: I hate voice...voicemail - number one worst form of communication is voicemail. Followed by phone calls, then email, then texts, then, uh, what else...oh, Facebook Messenger. Well, I would swap, actually, Facebook Messenger way up there. Anyway, so if I hate voicemail, then...I have voicemail on the website, then whooose idea was it? Who...? (Dick cackles) Who could it have been??

Dick : Oh, fuck you, it's funny!!

Maddox : Nyeeeahh. (sarcastic) Alright. Great.

Dick : You got comments?

Maddox : Yeah, I do have some comments. Actually, so - this is something we haven't actually done on the show before, but...we have all this uh, this archive of old episodes, where people sometimes go back and listen to older episodes and leave comments on them, and I'd like to read some comments that we've never read on the air before from some of our older episodes.

Dick : Cool.

Maddox : This one comes from...all the way back from Episode #3, and if you don't remember, the uh, problems on the episode were Other N-Words, Everyone Needs to

Lose 20 Pounds, Monkeys, and Tesla. And so uh, this one comes from Scott Cornish. He says, "Catching up on the back episodes. I love how Dick complains about women he matches on Tinder being so far away, when he can just set the max miles away in the options on the app." Yeah Dick, why don't you do that?? If you're too lazy to go a couple miles to meet a date, why don't you just set your max options to - er - your max, uh, mile radius to like, 4 miles?

Dick : I dunno why I don't do that!

Maddox : Yeah!

Dick : Uhhh, I think I, like...it gradually creeps up. I'm like, what's goin' on? 'What's goin' on over here, what's goin' on over here?'

Maddox : You know what it is? You start out with like, your bedroom, and find that there's no women there -

Dick : Yeah... (amused)

Maddox : - and then you expand it to your kitchen, expand it to the block, and then you just burn out the entire radius surrounding you until you - there's no women left in the entire West Coast.

Dick : No, man, I'm fuckin' done with Tinder. Somebody actually sent me an email about Tinder after we did that episode...

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : ...and they said, um...their friend gets girls the regular way, like it's great lookin' girls the regular way and on Tinder he only matches duds.

Maddox : Hm.

Dick : And I was like, "Dude, that's exactly what happens to me!" Like, I don't understand it. I'm not built for online....whatevers. Hookups. Like I need it to be real.

Maddox : Yeah. I have...I can relate to that in that I do, uh, meet a lot of really hot women in real life, AND really hot women on Tinder.

Dick : (smirks, mutters) Here we go... (Maddox laughs)

Maddox : Sean, you were gonna say something.

Dick : He was gonna say, "Maddox is about to say a bunch of bullshit." (Maddox and Sean chuckle)

Sean : No, I was gonna say, I think you were spot on with that analysis - that radius thing, Maddox...

Maddox : Oh, right? (amused)

Sean : ...because at one point, Dick, like, basically fucked us out of every bar in Hollywood. (Dick and Maddox burst out laughing)

Maddox : Yeah!

Sean : I was like, "Hey, we goin' - we goin' to this one?" and he was like, "Oh nonono, I can't go to that one." (Dick's laughter escalates) God DAMMIT, dude! Do you have to *fuck* us out of every bar in Hollywood?!

Maddox : That's what he does!! (Dick is giggling hysterically at this point) It's not just bars, he's fucked us out of the entire fucking INDUSTRY!

Dick : Alriiight, alriiight, alright, you guys. (Maddox laughs) Come on.

Maddox : Ohh, fuck. This one -

Dick : We've all made mistakes, guys. (all three still laughing)

Maddox : Ohh, boy! Yeah, your mistake is called 'being born' apparently. Jesus.

Dick : Uh, I got a...I got a comment. Well actually, it's a problem; my dad had a big problem with this show.

Maddox : Oh! Let's hear your dad's problem. (chuckles)

Dick : Yeah, he says, uh...he says, "Dick....uhh, you guys talk way too fast. On the show." (Maddox laughs) I'm like, "What?! What the hell are you talkin' about? We talk - I talk at the same speed on the show that I talk to you normally. Do you have a problem with me talking to you normally?"

Maddox : Ohhh, that's what that is! He's...he wants to -

Dick : (interjects) No! Nononono, he's like, "No!" He's like, "No, definitely something's going on. I'll tell you what's goin' on - Sean is speeding up the show." (Sean cracks up in the background)

Maddox : What?! (laughs)

Dick : I'm like, "Dad, I really doubt..." ...he's like, "Did you guys tell him to do that?" I'm like, "No." And he goes, "Well then he's doing it on his own." (laughing) I'm like, "I really doubt Sean's doing it on his own."

Maddox : (interjects) Yup, heeere we go.

Dick : "...if anybody's doing it on their own, it's Maddox, but I don't think - I don't think he's doing it, 'cause I listen to it off the website all the time!" I go to sleep listening to this show.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : You know? Um...so I'm like, "Wha...(splutters)...you know, do you have it on like, a fast mode or something? Are you listening on like, fast forward?" And he goes, "Dick, what am I, an idiot? Don't talk...don't talk to me like that. You are speeding up the shows." (Maddox laughs) Like, oh, okay, whatever Dad. Nice talkin' to you. So, I go out and have dinner with him and my mom recently...my mom's like, "You gotta look at...you gotta look at what he's doin' over there. You gotta look at the phone." So I said, "Hand over the phone. Lemme hear, like, the..." 'Cause maybe it's like, you know, sometimes in the movies they speed it up like 4 percent so it'll fit on television...

Maddox : Right.

Dick : ...you know? So I'm thinking like, "Maaaybe Sean did something like that?" 'Cause he's adamant about it and he's not - he's not wrong! Like he's... (searches for words) ...he's wrong to an amount that makes me believe everything he says.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : You know?

Maddox : Like...like just, with like, Diet Coke challenges and things like that.

Dick : (bristles suddenly) Why don't you go fuck yourself, you sonofabitch.

Maddox : (laughs loudly)

Dick : So, I'm like, "Uh, Dad, gimme your phone." So, I play it, and it sounds like we're chipmunks.

Maddox : OHH, my - (groaning)

Dick : Like, it's like, "Badadadadada..." [rapid-fire syllables] (Maddox laughs) Like, "Dude, this is OBVIOUSLY fast-forwarded!" Sure enough....what?

Sean : Sample rate conversion?

Dick : Sean, there's a gigantic button on the iPhone that says, 'play this at double speed,' it's like a giant "2x" -

Maddox : (interjects) Ohh, my gosh.

Dick : - that was highlighted like a fuckin' neon sign. I'm like, "Whatta you...whatta you think THAT means? There you go!" Hit it, we slowed down to normal speed. So I'm bringing it in...this isn't my problem this week but I'm bringing it in in case...in case I sound like a chipmunk to anybody out there, look at your phone - it probably says "2x" right now - go ahead and press it.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Just press it and we'll slow right down to normal speed.

Maddox : It's a toggle. Just press it one...if you press it once and it's at chipmunk speed, press it again and it'll turn off.

Dick : See, you're throwin' out these words, "toggle?" That'll immediately...that immediately gets you tossed out.

Maddox : Ohhh, I lost your dad. Alright. Well, I got a comment. This one comes from Episode #2, way back when, and it's from Edwin...I think it's Eefting. Oh, and uh, for people who don't remember, the problems that week were Horoscopes, The Plastic Bag Ban, Long Emails, and Tinder.

Dick : ...Was it?

Maddox : No....Tinder, I thought Tinder was the last episode. Uh....oh, no, it was Tesla the last episode, but the guy did comment on Tinder. Anyway.

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : Because that was Episode #3, and that's why he was commenting on it.

Dick : Sure.

Maddox : So, anyway, he says, "I think charging money for plastic bags is a good thing; it forces people to use bags more than once which is good for the environment." Hey, EDWIN, guess what?? I already reused those plastic bags! They're already reusable! I lined my garbage bags with them.

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : I put them on my bike seat when it was rainy. I would do EVERYTHING with those bags! I would use them for...for just garbage around the house, I'd put flip-flops in 'em, I would use them all the time!

Dick : (interjects) I'd use 'em for condoms! (brief silence followed by Sean and Maddox bursting into laughter)

Maddox : (splutters, still laughing) Wha...what, you would -

Dick : AS a condom, I would use it AS a condom.

Maddox : Oh, you'd use it *as* a condom - there you go! There you go, Dick has elephantitis! So...these, these bags were already reusable. And then he says, "I usually reuse a bag a few times, and buy new ones after that. Or when I forget to take it to the store." Oh, well well well! So now you're wasting even more, 'cause those bags that you buy at stores are reinforced, they're heavy, they, they're...they have polymers, like, there are, uh, polycarbon blends in them, they have inks, alloys, molecules...(starts laughing)

Dick : (giggling) Yeah, they...like, 'your primitive minds wouldn't understand!' (parodying Maddox) Yeah.

Maddox : So anyway, uh, Edwin, um...yeah, you missed the mark on that one. (**buzzer sound effect**) So -

Dick : (interjects) Edwin, reuse a bag by putting it over your head, and breathe into it. Right?

Maddox : Yeah, breathe really hard. Uh, suck it ALL the way down your throat, and don't let it come back up. So, and then one last comment I have, this is from Episode #6 and the problems for Episode #6 were: People Who Can't Eat Spicy Food, Non-Apologies, Condoms, and America Sucks at Soccer.

Dick : Yup.

Maddox : This one comes from Anthony Giuliano: he says, "I'm tons of fun, and I hate spicy food." (Maddox and Dick laugh) Thanks Anthony.

Dick : I don't...we don't know that that's true or not. True, maybe he's the exception to the rule.

Maddox : Oh no, no, any time someone says they're tons of fun, they probably are. (sarcastic) Like, when people tell me they're fun, I know I'm in for a good time.

Dick : Hey, so speaking of uh, speaking of old shit: who is...who is currently reigning as the all-time biggest problem in the universe?

Maddox : So, number one clocks in with Slacktivists, followed by Armchair Psychologists -

Dick : (interjects) Heeeeyy, that's me! Alright! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox : There you go...there you go.

Dick : Alllright!

Maddox : Aaaand -

Dick : Nippin' at ya' heels! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox : - and, Conspiracy Dipshits.

Dick : Aaaohh, fuck you!

Maddox : Which - can we include your dad under that? 'Cause he -

Dick : (interjects) No!!

Maddox : - he thought there was a conspiracy with Sean speeding up episodes? (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick : If you...if you call my dad a dipshit, he will kick your ass. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox : I know he will, your dad's cool as shit-look, he's not a dipshit. But he is a conspiracy theorist.

Dick : He did jump...he...man, he like, IMMEDIATELY threw you under the bus. I couldn't believe it!

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : I couldn't believe it. I wanted to get more out - it was just like, "Whatta you...why would Sean DO that?!"

Maddox : Yeah...

Sean : Just to fuck with him. (dryly)

Dick : Yeah!

Maddox : Ohhh! Let's...let's send him a sp-

Dick : (laughs loudly)

Sean : (interjects) If it fucks with one person, it's worth it.

Maddox : Let's send him a special episode. Let's record one in like, triple -

Dick : (interjects) Well we can't, 'cause he listens to the podcast, so we just blew...unless, we'll have to intercept this one before he listens to it...I think we're too lazy to do that, though.

Maddox : Yeah. So uh, one little point of business - a couple episodes ago, we mentioned that we might, uh, we're considering either some kind of limited sponsorship or, uh, charging for a bonus episode, and actually the comments were split pretty evenly. Some

people said they really wanted to pay for episodes - they didn't mind doing that but they didn't like ads - some people said, "Hey, we can't afford to pay for episodes, so uh, let's keep the episodes free..." and, and, you know, throw an ad in there. So I think we might actually end up doing, uh, both at some point. Some people want the bonus episodes, and some people want the episodes to stay as is. And, the bottom line is this: uh, my philosophy towards ads is, I don't want them to be too intrusive, I don't want them to be, uh, you know, too obnoxious and too many. And only -

Dick : And they won't affect the content. You always say...you're big on that.

Maddox : No, they won't affect the content. That is my number one stipulation. Only companies that, uh, that support what we do and we actually believe in. So, uh, we may...we may actually look at doin' that in the near future, and that'll help actually pay for lots of things. And we may be able to take this show on the road!

Dick : Well, that's what I wanted to say, there is a lot that we could pay for around here that would really improve the show. Uh, whenever I think of like...whenever I think of the amount of entertainment products that do get funded, my first question is always, "Why the fuck don't you get that money?" [referring to Maddox]

Maddox : Right.

Dick : Like, what you could do with an entertainment budget is something I would actually wanna watch.

Maddox : Great. Thank you!

Dick : Or listen to.

Maddox : Well, there we have it. So uh, coming soon probably, we'll uh, we'll decide which to do. And I think the bonus episode would be a lot of fun, too. And those'll probably be, uh, ad-free, because we'll, you know - those'll be for a nominal fee, yeah.

Dick : Yeah, of course!! People are asking for video on those too, which I do think would be fun.

Maddox : Yeah! That would be fun. We'll have to figure out something with the lighting. But uh, okay -

Dick : Let's get to some problems!

Maddox : First problem this week.

Dick : Alright. My first problem this week is...cooooooold lasers!

Maddox : COLD lasers...okay.

Dick : You know what a cold laser is, Maddox?

Maddox : I do, but why don't we explain it to the audience?

Dick : You do, really?

Maddox : Yeah!

Dick : Do you really know what a cold laser is? Okay -

Maddox : Yeah, it's uh, I saw it on...I saw, I think Dr. Oz was talking about some, uh...

Dick : Okay, that's your first clue that it's BULLshit!

Maddox : Yup.

Dick : - is that it was on Dr. Oz.

Maddox : Yup!

Dick : Um...it is also known as "low-level laser therapy." Here's what...here's how Wikipedia defines it: "Other names for this therapy include low-power laser, soft laser, cold laser, biostimulation laser, therapeutic laser, and laser acupuncture."

Maddox : (scoffs) Laser acupuncture...

Dick : Yeah. Here's the only thing scientific that I could get out of this whole fuckin' thing, is that it's a beam of light that's 600 nanometers to 1,000 nanometers that's red, but they always say 'close to infrared.'

Maddox : Hmmm...

Dick : Right? 'Cause that sounds...that sounds scientific or magical in some way. It's basically a red fuckin' light!

Maddox : Mmhm.

Dick : And if you want...If you wanna know why I'm so upset about this, I will *happily* tell you. I fucked up my ankle big-time playing dodgeball.

Maddox : Cool.

Dick : Okay? Yeah. Cool. Couldn't walk on it for a week, everyone laughed at me and pelted me in the head with dodgeballs until I was dragged off the court. Right?

Maddox : Pretty hilarious.

Dick : Very hilarious! So I go to the doctor, I go to urgent care, I get the x-ray...I go to, whatever, another guy when I still can't walk for a couple days, and he says, "Look, it's just a really bad sprain. Here's a prescription for some physical therapy, you can do some exercises that'll, like, firm up your...your ankle, or whatever." Alright? Pretty, like, standard stuff for an ankle sprain.

Maddox : Ooh, firm...firm up your ankle, huh? (sultry tone) (**'sproing' [boner] sound effect**) (Maddox laughs)

Dick : So I go into the therapist's office.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : She sits me down, and she goes, "Alright, take your shoe off. Take your thing-" and I'm like, "You know, I just need the exercises. I really - just show me what I can do with the exercises at home and I'll do them." And she goes, "Yeah yea yea yea yeah. But first...*first*....we're gonna use *this* to heal you up. And then, you're gonna have, uh, you're gonna be pain free in no time." So she busts out...this, uh...looks like one of uhh, those 'defibulators?' Defrib...'defribulators?' Is that it?

Maddox : Defibrillators, yeah.

Dick : Defibrillators. And it's got a...it's got like, a...like, a diode series coming out of it like a plug-

Maddox : (interjects) Uh-oh.

Dick : - like a stethoscope, right? Like a long cord, and then a circle that has a bunch of, uh, a bunch of LEDs on it.

Maddox : Yup.

Dick : And she fires this fuckin' machine up, and takes - and these things light up red, right?

Maddox : Hmm.

Dick : Like a Lite-Brite. And she puts it on my ankle, and she goes, "This is a cold laser."

Maddox : (exasperated sigh)

Dick : (continues quoting therapist) "...Don't worry, it doesn't hurt. In fact, you won't feel anything." (dryly)

Maddox : Uh-huh. (starts laughing)

Dick : And I'm like, "Yeah! No shit! I know I won't feel anything, I've seen a FUCKING Lite-Brite before."

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : "...What is this?! Whaddaya doing?!" She goes, "Well, it's...it stimulates healing."

Maddox : (laughing) Ohohoho, it stimulates healing!! That sounds like a medical explanation! (sarcastic)

Dick : In the TENDONS of your foot...so, under the skin, under all the dermises or whatever you have, the, the ligaments that are connecting your FUCKING bones, this magical device is shooting COLD LASERS under your skin, to heal your body. (cynical) That is what I'm being told when I'm showing up at a *medical* facility in the modern age. WHAT.

Maddox : Ohhh, my g- this is unbelievable. That's an outrage! Are you kidding me?! So this thing is supposed to target what's injured in your body and just heal it magically?? Then why don't we just have these lights on all the fuckin' time?

Dick : All the fuck- right?!

Maddox : Yeah! Let's heal everything, all the time!

Dick : Let's make CLOTHES out of them! (Maddox laughs) We'll be supermen!! We'll be FLYING AROUND shooting MAGICAL HEALING RAYS OUT OF OUR ASSHOLES...

Maddox : Yeah!

Dick : ...if we have enough of these.

Maddox : Sure! Cure cancer, cure everything - cure everything! Why not? All the time. (heavily sarcastic)

Dick : You know what? You're not far off! So -

Maddox : (mutters) Oh, Jesus...

Dick : - of...of course, I looked into this, and of *course* it's standard procedure across, like, physical therapy as a whole. I called physical therapists I know, and I'm like, "Hey, this is bullshit, right?" and they're like, "Well, you know, a lot of studies, this, this..." (stupid voice) and I'm like, "Are you fuckin' kidding me? Am I...(splutters angrily)...am I...is this Pod Planet?? Are you all fuckin' POD PEOPLE?! IT'S A LITE-BRITE!" (Maddox laughs) It's a Lite-Brite that you can hold in your hand and you're putting it on my skin and telling me it's healing things?? There's NO WAY that can be true! I don't care what studies there are, I do NOT believe it.

Maddox : You know what, Dick? This sounds a lot like people who are on the cusp of homeopathic therapy, uh, those people, you know? The holistic healers, which...you know, "holistic" means something else in the medical term, but these are, these people have appropriated it for alternate medicine. And these COLD lasers...first of all, if it's NEAR infrared, when you...okay, so for people who aren't scientifically versed, when Dick said that there were 600 to, what, 1200 nanometers?

Dick : Uh, a thousand.

Maddox : 1,000 nanometers. That's in the visual range. So what that is...so normal light is usually around 600 nanometers. That's yellow, normal, like sunlight. That's what our sun, just -

Dick : (interjects) Like pee.

Maddox : - like...like pee. Yeah, sure. Great, Dick. Great analogy. (Dick giggles robustly) But that's usually what our sun beams towards Earth, and that's why stop signs are red, because we see color in that spectrum most readily because that's what comes from the sun. So this is just *visual* light.

Dick : Yeah!

Maddox : They're shining...they're just shining a flashlight, essentially, onto your leg!

Dick : Yes! Yeah!

Maddox : And there's nothing COLD about it, by the way, if it's near infrared -

Dick : (interjects) Well, it's plastic!

Maddox : - well, another word for - oh okay, fine - but another word for infrared is "heat." Heat is infrared. That's why when you have infrared cameras, they pick up HEAT signatures.

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : That's why in the movie Predator, when he covered himself in mud, the Predator couldn't see him. To use a scientific term...(starts laughing)

Dick : Yeah. Right!

Maddox : ...to use a scientific example. But seriously, like, that's what that is. So if you have something that puts out heat near the infrared spectrum, by definition it's not fucking COLD, now, is it?

Dick : So they're doing this, and I'm thinking, "I woulda bought this more if you had just left it off!" Because then I wouldn't see a bunch of red flashlights shooting magical light at my ankle!

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Just leave it off! Like, uhh, make it...at least TELL me it's shooting invisible rays out and have it shining actually fuckin' nothing out. So, part of my research to see if everybody knows this is bullshit or not, or if it's just me, the last person left, and I should just go ahead and kill myself because now the medical profession is run by QUACKS...

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : ...I found that, they - you wanna hear the things that this can cure? Cold lasers?

Maddox : Oh, let's hear it, let's hear this list! I guaran- I'm gonna make a prediction, Dick. I'm gonna guess that there's at least 10 things on this list.

Dick : I mean, you....on my list, I stopped at 10.

Maddox : Okay.

Dick : But here's, here's the list. Okay...Arthritis pain. Back pain. Carpal tunnel syndrome, fibromyalgia pain, knee pain, neck pain, tendonitis. Right?

Maddox : Right.

Dick : That sounds like...that sounds, that sounds believable. Right?

Maddox : At least it's all in the same wheelhouse of things that it, it cures, yeah.

Dick : Okay! And you...but you know these motherfuckers, with their motherfuckin' scams, they can't stop at believable, can they?!

Maddox : Noooope.

Dick : Because if - once you got 'em in, once you got 'em roped in with this shit, you gotta keep pullin', or someone else is gonna get your scam - someone else is gonna drink your milkshake, right??

Maddox : Sure.

Dick : Get ready for some more! Smoking cessation.

Maddox : What?

Dick : Yeah!

Maddox : So, so when you quit smoking, that feeling that you...your urge to smoke, that's what it's supposed to help?

Dick : Dude, you know what? Uh, I think you're putting more logical thought into the process than any of these fuckin' people are.

Maddox : Jeeze.

Dick : Like, you're...the steps that you described, it's probably just - "Oh, you know, just shoot it at your face!" (Maddox laughs) And then, 'mlehhhhh!' [mimicking pointing a laser at his face] Uhh...weight loss.

Maddox : Ohoho, it helps with weight loss! (incredulous)

Dick : Yeah!

Maddox : So that's actually -

Dick : (interjects) So deck out your whole house in them.

Maddox : Yeah, so when I mentioned I saw this on Dr. Oz, that is the application I actually saw this being used for.

Dick : ARE YOU FUCKIN' KIDDING ME??

Maddox : No! They said they - they used 'cold laser therapy' and I thought, "Huh, that's kinda interesting, I wonder when this'll be on the market." I never really thought about it, until you mentioned cold laser therapy today and I thought, "Huh, that sounds an awful lot like...cold fusion," which is also -

Dick : Which is also bullshit. (in unison with Maddox)

Maddox : Because fusion, when it reacts, it's releasing gamma rays, which are gonna melt the entire fuckin' facility! There's no such thing as 'cold fusion.'

Dick : Umm, speaking of market, you brought up 'when are they gonna bring it to market?' Guess how much one of these motherfuckers costs?

Maddox : Oh, I'm gue- uhh, 1200 bucks.

Dick : Hahahahahh, keep goin'!

Maddox : Uh...north of 10,000?

Dick : (pauses for emphasis) ...7 to 23 thousand dollars.

Maddox : Hoooly shit! For this bullshit LED display??

Dick : For a battery pack with a Lite-Brite.

Maddox : You can...you can get LEDs adjusted to any specification that you want! You can get any nanometer...any wavelength of LEDs that you want!

Dick : Yeah!

Maddox : And they cost nothing! You can go to Radio Shack and BUILD one for like, fuckin' 20 bucks! This costs 20 *thousand* dollars, are you kidding me?

Dick : (interjects) We should get into this business.

Maddox : Oh, yeah. Uh, Dick, uhh...uh, we, uh...

Dick : (gleefully) Yeah...cut, cut, cut -

Maddox : ...yeah, let's uh, we, uh, said too much this episode -

Dick : (interjects) Hair growth! It also promotes.

Maddox : Ya.

Dick : Apparently. So you got a bunch - somewhere in the U.S., there is a bunch of bald assholes sitting around in a doctor's office getting red flashlights shone on their heads and crossing their fingers that they're gonna grow a beautiful mane of hair.

Maddox : This was a big thing a while back. I remember seeing it on talk shows where people had these uh, uh...hair, hair laser combs, and they would just put it in their heads, and they supposedly grew - you know what, though? They did show some growth in some of these people, but, uhh, it's hard to tell whether or not it was attributed to the actual lasers or the, uh, stimulation of a comb goin' through your head for 20 minutes a day.

Dick : Or just like, 'Fuck you, I know it's not the lights.'

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : No matter what you're showin' me, no matter what - if some of these guys grew their hair back? Yeah right. (Maddox laughs) That's what...like, okay. And it's on TV? It's not real. (indignant) Fuck you. I don't need to see the study. Uh - well, it doesn't stop there. You know what else...

Maddox : What else?

Dick : ...they recommend using it for? Horses and pets. (cynical tone)

Maddox : Hmm. Well, that would make sense, of course, if it's gonna cure humans, it's gotta cure horses! (sarcastic)

Dick : Of course.

Maddox : Because, people who are doctors also are special- uh, have specialties in *animal* care, don't they.

Dick : You know what? People who own horses are rich as fuck, aren't they?

Maddox : They are.

Dick : These guys have it CRACKED, man. Hair loss, weight...hair growth, weight loss, and horses? Is there anything - like, do you even need to look at the studies to know that it's fake when they're targeting such a specific group of people?!

Maddox : Yeah. [in agreement]

Dick : Um, so....wait wait wait errrr I got somethin' else here...okay, so - I looked up where this came from, right? Some dude in Budapest...

Maddox : Okay.

Dick : ...In 1967, right? Land of gypsies. (mysterious tone)

Maddox : Yep. (Cracks up along with Sean in the background)

Dick : ...noticed that, uh, when he shot - when he shone this light on a bunch of shaved mice, their hair grew back more quickly.

Maddox : Oh.

Dick : That's it! That's the extent of the studies on this magical device. So here's the kicker -

Maddox : (interjects) So one, one - one study from Budapest in 1967. When, uh -

Dick : (interjects) OR possibly just an anecdote.

Maddox : Sure. (Sean snickers) From Budapest.

Dick : Yeah! So, here's why it's a problem: now, you're saying there's tons of crackpot theories out there.

Maddox : Right.

Dick : Right? You can get - you can get actual, uh...you can get acupuncture, you can buy a bunch of sage and wiggle it around your house, maybe that makes ya feel better, maybe it doesn't - I don't know, the placebo effect is very powerful!

Maddox : That's what I was gonna say, yeah, it might be a placebo effect. So, you can't discount THAT.

Dick : Well. You know what you CAN do with the placebo effect now, apparently?

Maddox : What?

Dick : You can submit it to your health insurance. Guess who paid (Maddox groans) for my first physical fuckin' therapy session with this god damn Lite-Brite on a stick?? I submitted that shit STRAIGHT to Blue Shield, and guess who picked up the tab?!

Maddox : Oh my god. That is - (**sound clip of Dick yelling "That's ridiculous!"**)

Dick : Yeah!

Maddox : That actually is ridiculous.

Dick : It ACTUALLY is ridiculous.

Maddox : That's absurd. That is...that *infuriates* me. So we're - this is why our insurance is so fucking expensive, 'cause we're paying for 20,000 dollar...flashlights.

Dick : Yeah! That you can get for...15 minutes at a time? I dunno, I dunno when the limit is - I don't know when you're 'full' of bullshit. Like, I don't know when the effectiveness of bullshit expires every day.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : So however long you wanna sit there, in the...uhh, I don't know if they are doctors, but they're, like, they're at least - they're more connected to the doctor than I am, so I'm gonna say doctors. As long as you wanna sit there under a 'medical professional's' care, and get *bullshit* shined on your leg, you can do that, and someone else'll pick up the tab. ALL OF US will pick up the tab, in fact, because we're all putting in for it.

Maddox : You know, I've always felt that physical therapy, the whole thing...the entire, like, field is a little bit just on the verge of bullshit.

Dick : Right?? It's a little wacky.

Maddox : Yeah. I remember one time I went to, uh, either a GNC or a Vitamin Shoppe or somethin' like that, and I popped in and there was this guy there who was a physical therapist, and he said, "Hey, we're, uh, we're checking people's posture and spines," er, their spine or whatever, and it was...um, I read the brochure and it said it was for people who are suffering from lower back pain.

Dick : Mmhm.

Maddox : Well, I didn't at the time, and uhh, still don't, thankfully but I, uhh, I was dating someone who did. And I thought, "You know what? I'll hop into this thing and I'll see how they...how they check me, and uh, and see, you know, see what the procedure is so I could tell her and then maybe she could check it out, right?

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : So I hopped on this, uh, this platform, and they used these, uh, these elastic bands to check my alignment and my posture and he said, "Ohh yeah, WAY off. Your spine needs to be realigned, this is off, this is bad. This is bad, this is wrong..." and he said, "You're *definitely* suffering from lower back pain." And I told him, uhh -

Dick : (interjects) Hahahahaha!! Kay...

Maddox : - and I told him I wasn't - "I, I actually feel really good." And he said, "Welll, that's...that's a surprise to us because according to our readings here, that you're way off." I'm like, "Well, I think SOMEBODY'S way off, and it's not me, buddy! 'Cause I feel great! I was actually just asking this for my girlfriend, uhh, but apparently you're fulla SHIT, soooo we'll be movin' on."

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : And of course, um, it had nothing to do with that. Most lower back pain is related to stress, but that's a different...that's a different issue.

Dick : But then you guys broke up and she's fine now. (wryly)

Maddox : Uh...no. (Sean cracks up in the background) Well, she...(Maddox starts laughing)...she was fine when we were together, broke up, back pain came back. So.

Dick : Ahhh. Yeah. Good.

Maddox : I'm okay with that.

Dick : Yeah, well, um -

Maddox : Big problem! Good, uh...yeah.

Dick : That's my - that's my problem. So basically I think, uhhh, anybody who...like if you get health insurance? Instead of asking you about like, health problems in your family, they should be saying, "Uhhh, are you a sucker? Do you - like, do you believe in horseshit? Do

you think that can cure you??" And if you say no, you should get a separate insurance premium, so you don't have to subsidize shit like this.

Maddox : Yeeeeessss.

Dick : And you know what, don't give it to me! Like don't let me - you know that they cover acupuncture now?! (Maddox groans) And that's the same shit - I don't buy that for a second! I don't need to see any studies of that, I know it doesn't fuckin' work.

Maddox : Yeah, well -

Dick : (interjects) Like maybe it works, but it's not...*real*.

Maddox : Well look, here's the thing, Dick: I believe in the placebo effect, because placebos work on me. And if, if placebos don't cost much, I'm all for them. Look, sell me whatever line of horseshit you want. If I feel better because of a placebo effect, great! I just don't wanna pay a lot for it. But if it's this 20,000 dollar bullshit label -

Dick : (interjects) 23,000 dollars, man! (incredulous)

Maddox : Yeah, this, this laser that people are subsidizing? Are you insane?!

Dick : Well at least it's horse strength. (dryly)

Maddox : Hey, speaking of uh, paying too much for bullshit...

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : ...here's my first problem.

Dick : Okay.

Maddox : Game pre-purchases. Mmkay. You know what these are?

Dick : Umm....explain it to me.

Maddox : So, when you go to the store, like GameStop or EB Games or Babbage's - I don't even know if they're still around. But if you go to any of these stores to buy a video game, they won't just outright sell it to you, or they won't just sell you the game that you fucking want; they'll try to cram some other shit down your throat as a pre-purchase. They say, "Hey, do you want the new Grand Theft Auto 5? Well, if you want this game you better pre-purchase it because we're not - we're only ordering just as many copies as people pre-order!"

Dick : Ohhhkay.

Maddox : Right? So what's the problem with this? What do you - what do you think the problem with this is?

Dick : Well, it's like a big dick in your mouth, like South Park said - it's just, screwing over your...brand loyalty? Like, I dunno.

Maddox : Well, these companies basically, they want your money before you have a chance to even know if the game is good.

Dick : Okay.

Maddox : So you've already paid for it, then if the game comes out and it's schlock, you read the reviews, it's garbage...guess what? Too late! They already got your money!

Dick : (chuckling) Yeah.

Maddox : AND, they rely so heavily on these game pre-purchases, they're banking on these hardcore fans who buy the game before it's even out, because they can sell it to them for 60 or 70 dollars. They up the price the first two weeks, then after that initial hype has died down, then they lower the price to 50 or 40 bucks, which is the actual market price. Which, by the way, I'm not even sure, it might be, uh, inflated, because it's -

Dick : (interjects) So you're saying it's a scam.

Maddox : It IS a scam.

Dick : It is a scam.

Maddox : Also, once you've given them your money AHEAD of time, what you've essentially done is turn the game company into a bank!

Sean : (from the background) YES.

Maddox : Right??

Dick : Ha! Yeah.

Maddox : I mean, because instead of you collecting interest on your money, THEY'RE collecting interest on your money!

Dick : Yeah, that's true! (amused)

Maddox : Yeah!

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : And there, there was actually an article a while back where some guy was using a game store, like a GameStop, as a bank. He would come in, he would basically take his paycheck, spend it on video games, bring it back in, sell his used games, and then get store credit!

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : Well that sounds an awful lot like a bank to me! They're - if you're getting store credit - except the only difference is, that unlike a normal bank you can only spend THIS store credit in this actual store!!

Dick : Sure!

Maddox : You can't buy goods, you can't buy milk and eggs, you can't buy services, you can't do anything except buy more bullshit games! And then more pre-orders! Now the other problem with this is that by pre-ordering a game, you're signaling to the publisher that you don't care about the quality of the game.

Dick : No, that's true. Alright...yeah, that - that's a good one.

Maddox : Yeah!

Dick : You got me on that one.

Maddox : Yeah! 'Cause you're saying -

Dick : (interjects) Well, because I'm for people getting conned outta money. It's like, you really want something? Just pay us.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : But, that's...you're definitely makin' a worse game by getting the money in advance.

Maddox : Right. Because remember a long time ago when publishers - like, back in the Nintendo era - they would make games with extra levels, hidden levels, BONUS levels, all this shit that they threw in there, that people who bought the game would then unlock and talk about at school, and be like, "Wow, can you believe this game?? I found this secret...." They would talk about it, and people would go out and say, "Wow, that's a really great game! I think I'm gonna go out and buy it."

Dick : Mmhm.

Maddox : Not anymore. They have no incentive. They have NO incentive!

Dick : Okay, so...can I ask you something?

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Uh - has this happened to you?

Maddox : Yeah!

Dick : ...the pre-game thing. When did you lose - when were you disenfranchised to the, um, to the practice of pre...pre-selling games?

Maddox : Oh man, so many times...

Dick : Yeah, 'cause I feel like we've all gone through it, and as you're describing it I'm remembering when it happened to me. And it's flooding - it's, like, it's all flooding back to me, the memory of pre-purchasing a game and getting totally fucked over and like, learning about life.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : When's the last time that it happened to you?

Maddox : The last time I really got burned on any kind of game pre-purchase was the 32X. The Sega...the Sega 32X. This is something a lot of people don't even remember, but right before the Sega Saturn came out, and right after the Genesis and Sega CD, Sega of America -

Dick : (interjects) So, wait, lemme set - just to be specific, because you have uh, an encyclopedic knowledge of video games - that was, like, right after the Super Nintendo and the Genesis were having their console wars, right?

Maddox : Yes, yes.

Dick : And then the 32X was like, supposed to be the next big thing.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Okay.

Maddox : Well, it wasn't. It was a big piece of shit, got very little support - a few months later they just stopped making games for it. I just plonked down 150 bucks on this bullshit piece of hardware, and now I can't use it!

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : Yeah! GARBAGE. It's totally garbage. And I got - I was so pissed off, I stopped buying anything ahead of time. I remember my buddy came to me, and this is the day I woke up...he said, "Hey man, do you wanna go stand in line to buy a PSP? A Sony PSP?" And I said, "Fuck no! NO I'm not buyin' a PSP! Is it good?? I don't know! What are the games like? I don't know, I'm not gonna fuckin' pay money for it! Are you kidding - (stammers) - I'm not buyin' this horseshit anymore! I'm done. I'm done with game pre-purchases."

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : And here's the other - now, here's the other thing that's really, REALLY pissing me off now. Now with games, they're not only doing game pre-purchases, but they're doing deluxe editions for different retailers. So, for example...uh, Nintendo, Nintendo has uh, this new...uh, Hyrule Warriors game coming out.

Dick : Okay.

Maddox : And if you buy the game from Best Buy, you get the Skyward Sword costume set. (Dick laughs) If you buy the game from Amazon -

Dick : (interjects) Wait, wait, in the game?

Maddox : In the game, yeah!

Dick : You get, like, pretend clothes?

Maddox : You get pretend clothes in the game. (derisive)

Dick : Alright, cool.

Maddox : Soo, if you want your character to look a certain way, you better buy it from the right retailer! From Amazon, you, you get the Twilight Princess costume set.

Dick : Ha! I'm okay with that! (with Sean laughing in the background) I'm okay with, like, (Maddox groans) the stuff that's goin' on there.

Maddox : Stupid. (Dick laughs) Well, I'll tell you why there's a danger here. And from GameStop, you get the Ocarina of Time costume set. So depending on where you buy it from, you get the different costume set. So this could potentially...actually, if you think about it this could potentially reveal where you live. (Dick giggles quietly) Right? Because say somebody has your IP address, they know approximately what state you live in, or something -

Dick : ...Yeah...

Maddox : - and then they see, 'well, this guy only has, you know, a GameStop Ocarina of Time,' whatever, and you can narrow it down to the town and find out where the GameStop is and be like, "Well, they gotta be within this radius!" They approximately know where this person's from -

Dick : Because of pre-purchasing video games? (doubtful)

Maddox : Yeah. (Dick shrugs) Yeah, you could, you're giving up a little bit of privacy there.

Dick : I guess so.

Maddox : Well, okay. But here's, here's - here's the really insidious part. You know the game Watch Dogs that just came out?

Dick : No, man.

Maddox : Watch Dogs is kinda like a Grand Theft Auto game where you're kind of a hacker.

Dick : I stopped paying attention to video games afterrr, um...oh, god...I played like, 'Justified'? Er, Just Cause 2, and then before that the last game I remember is like, uhh...Dead or Alive Beach Volleyball? You remember that game? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox : Heh heh heh, yeah, I remember that one.

Dick : Yeah, that was good game.

Maddox : Bouncy boobs. Uh, a lot of boob physics - a lot of people bitched about that! There was shit on Tumblr- a shitstorm on Tumblr about that...bullshit. So let's look at the number of editions of this game, 'kay?

Dick : Okay.

Maddox : Imagine this wasn't even a game. Imagine this was *any* other fucking product. Anything! This is the number of editions, and this is no joke: Standard Edition. Special Edition. Vigilante Edition. Uplay Exclusive Edition. Limited Edition. Dedsec Edition. Digital Deluxe Edition. Uplay Deluxe Edition. Gold, and Season Pass.

Dick : And what do you get...how do you get these?

Maddox : You have to buy - these are all individual, uh, packages that you can buy. And these...some of these editions include, like, exclusive packaging, some of 'em have the original soundtrack, one of 'em has a cap that your character can wear...

Dick : Yeah. (amused)

Maddox : ...a baseball cap, one of 'em has a mask, another one has a Steelbook, an artbook, badges, cards, map of Chicago, and all these like -

Dick : (laughing) A map of Chicago?!

Maddox : Yeah!

Dick : That's not a very good prize.

Maddox : No, it's kinda shitty, right? But these are all different editions that you can buy, and some of 'em have different content based on how much you pay.

Dick : Oh, well... (thoughtful)

Maddox : Right?

Dick : Ehh, I'm not, I'm not - I'm not as offended by that, I gotta tell ya.

Maddox : Okay. (annoyed) Alright, Dick.

Dick : I don't think people - well, I...so, I've done this with Army of Darkness, like there's...Army of Darkness has, like, seven different versions and it's always some new shit that they throw in.

Maddox : Oh, I'm such a sucker for that.

Dick : I know, I get scammed every time, but goddammit, I really love that movie and I really wanna see the deleted scenes.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Uhh...I got no one to blame but myself, though!

Maddox : Yeah...

Dick : If you can just keep your credit card in your pants and not whip it out every time you get excited, that's all you gotta do.

Maddox : Yeah, but it's ruining video games. It's ruining the video game experience. If you have to pre-purchase this stuff, and - and companies actually, uh, gauge the number of copies they order sometimes...you know what? I've stopped buying games from game stores, because if you walk in and you just wanna buy a game they won't sell it to you anymore. They say you have to pre-purchase it, and they'll PUNISH you for it! They'll say, "Hey, you didn't pre-purchase games, sorry, we didn't order enough." I'm like, "Hey, do you want my money or not?! 'Cause I'm gonna buy this on Amazon, dickhead. I don't give a shit if you pre-ordered or not, I'm just gonna buy it on Amazon." And they'll ship it you the same day, it doesn't matter.

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : Uh - yeah.

Dick : Yeah, I remember very clearly buying SimCity 3000 as a pre-purchase, like, 'cause I was so into SimCity for some stupid reason when I was a kid...

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : ...and, when I went to pick it up, they had, like, sold out of all of it? Like they had sold out of all the pre-orders.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Soo, uh, that annoyed me, but then when I went back again a couple days later and they got a ship- the shipment in, I made my mom - er, I asked my mom to drive me to the mall - I think it was Electronics Boutique - I picked it up, I took it home and the disks were corrupted.

Maddox : Hm.

Dick : Soo I took them down to like the computer guy, in our neighborhood...

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : And I was like, "Yeah, dude, this is fucked. They're, uh...they're broken. Like I just got totally screwed." So he goes, "Give 'em over here." Puts 'em in, and he, like, uncorrupted them? He did something, and he's like, "Yeah, you know, next time - next time you wanna get, like, games like this, just come talk to me. Don't buy them."

Maddox : Yup.

Dick : Right? (continues quoting) "Just get pirated ones." And from THEN on, I do not buy software. Anything that you can get for free online, I get for free.

Maddox : So...it's interesting that you mention that. I, I used to have a policy that I always paid for video games. I *always* wanted to support the industry, these are...this is the thing I love, I wanna support the people who make it, I wanna support the industry. I want…I want to reward these guys for making this content that I love. Right?

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : Changed. I've changed my attitude about that, and now if I can download a game, if, if...it depends. If it's an indie person, if it's somebody who just created this game and they're just, you know, they're bootstrapping this project, whatever, I'm gonna support them. However, EA Games? Forget it. I'm never gonna pay for an EA game again. EVER.

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : Because they fuck you every chance they get. They sell...they sell you incomplete games, and you have to buy a buncha shit afterwards. And then, uh...so, so uh, when I decided I was gonna stop paying for games that I, uh...is when I decided that, um, I realized I already had the game. If I have a game on Nintendo, and it's a cartridge form and I want it on Wii?

Dick : Uh-huh.

Maddox : Guess wha- I'm not gonna pay for it again. I already have it. What am I gonna pay them for again? Why am I gonna keep buying the same content over and over and over?

Dick : Yeah!! (Maddox laughs, skeptical of Dick's sincerity) No, I know! I think - uh, yeah, what a bunch of fuckin' nerds we are, talking - (chuckling) so upset about video games. But I totally agree with you.

Maddox : Thanks, Dick. (**8-bit video game 'level up' sound effect**) (Dick and Maddox laugh) That's the, uh, that's the special buzz for this episode.

Dick : Yeah, no, I get the anger.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Uh...everyone could just have a little bit more restraint, I think. Right, that'll fix it?

Maddox : A little bit of restraint, and also, uh, stop placing so much value on pre-orders.

Dick : Yeah, if you wanna spend the money just get, get somethin' else!

Maddox : No no, I mean, I'm tellin' the companies to stop placing so much value -

Dick : Ohhh.

Maddox : Believe in your product, put out something good, don't worry about the pre-orders and let us collect interest on our own fucking money. Stop turning video game companies, er, video game *retailers* into banks. It's not "GameStop Savings and Loans."

Dick : True.

Maddox : I don't wanna bank with these idiots...those smelly bastards. Alright, what's your next problem?

Dick : Uh, my next problem is...missing your Fantasy Football draft.

Maddox : Oh, woooh! (feigning enthusiasm) (laughs)

Dick : Yeah, which I did. (both laugh) So now I have, uh, three quarterbacks, um...no tight end...

Maddox : Ohh, Dick...I - you lost me right at football. I don't know what anything you're saying means.

Dick : So...I know that you feel this way about football...

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : ...but I wanna try to present this to you in a way that you'll understand.

Maddox : Okay.

Dick : Um...forget about football.

Maddox : Uh, DONE.

Dick : Just pretend that it's a vicious competition between you and your friends.

Maddox : 'Kay.

Dick : Lemme...I have a, I have a Fantasy Football team, uh, with my family every year. And the highlight of my week is writing the recap email on Monday that *shits* all over everyone.

Maddox : Hmm.

Dick : Ah, you're interested now. Right?

Maddox : Mmm, a little bit.

Dick : Yeaahhh.

Maddox : I do like shit-talking.

Dick : You do like writing big, shitty emails to your friends, right? (Maddox laughs) That's what Fantasy Football is!

Maddox : Okay.

Dick : It doesn't ma- and even if you LOSE, the email could be even shittier.

Maddox : Mmmhm.

Dick : Right?

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Yeah!

Maddox : If you lose...I'm a bad sport when I win, and I'm even a worse sport when I lose.

Dick : You can be the worst sport in the WORLD at Fantasy Football, and everyone cares. (persuasive)

Maddox : Um...let's back up for a second.

Dick : Okay...

Maddox : What is Fantasy Football? (laughs)

Dick : Okay. Fantasy Football is like regular football, except there's more points.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Like, you get points for doing everything. You pick...you pick guys....oh Jesus. Alright, I gotta go WAY back.

Maddox : Yeah, I don't understand any of it.

Dick : Okay, so...football, right? It's a whole league with all the teams all over the place, right -

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : - and usually you root for a team, and if they win, you're happy and if they lose, you get drunk and...get into a fight.

Maddox : Right.

Dick : Right? So with Fantasy Football, you pick players from all over the league and make your own team, as if you own it. And then, with whatever they do during the week, they get points based on what they did.

Maddox : Okay.

Dick : And then you play other people, in your little Fantasy League, who also made THEIR own Fantasy team...

Maddox : So thi- this sou-

Dick : (interjects) Like -

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Go ahead.

Maddox : This sounds like Dungeons & Dragons.

Dick : IIIII was just gonna say, (Maddox laughs) it's like Dungeons & Dragons, but for *jocks*. Right?

Maddox : For joc- uhh, yeah! It's the jock version of Dungeons & Dragons. Okay.

Dick : Yeah! So - sounds fun, right??

Maddox : No. (immediately)

Dick : AW, COME ONNN! (Maddox laughs) I'm tryna pitch this to ya, here!

Maddox : Okay, I get it, I get it -

Dick : (interjects) You GET it.

Maddox : - it's not fun, but I get it. Go on.

Dick : Okay, THEN, it gets like neck and neck, for the week!

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : And you lose, and then you go on to play other people and they lose, or whatever, and then you, you know, you talk shit. Basically. BUT! But. Here's the biggest - here's the most important part: the part where you pick your teams is a very intense, fast-paced process. (slowly for emphasis) You know? It's not like Dungeons & Dragons where you're just rolling fuckin' DICE, and you can sit there all day counting up your points, your whatever-they-are - right??

Maddox : Right.

Dick : This is...you're on the clock, you gotta make your choice, and then when you pick that person, that's person's gone for the next person. So if they wanted to pick your guy, they're fucked. They gotta think on their feet and pick another GUY.

Maddox : Why...why is this on the clock? Is this just arbitrary? You guys just set up a timer?

Dick : Uh, no, it's - it's, uh, controlled by Yahoo. (Maddox laughs) Like, it goes around... (cracks up)...they're act- they're actually really good at it. Uh, it goes around and you got, like, 4 minutes to make your choice, and then YOU pick, and if you don't make the choice, it picks whoever's on your list.

Maddox : Okay.

Dick : Right?

Maddox : Sure.

Dick : So, if your list is fucked up, and you are not there to adjust it, depending on who everybody else picked - 'cause you gotta pick, like, 12 guys -

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Right? You are *totally* fucked, you do NOT get the positions you want - like, you don't get your wizard, you don't get the wizard you wanted, you don't get the paladin you wanted -

Maddox : Thank you, Dick. (Dick laughs) For relating this in terms that I can understand. Thank you. (sarcastic)

Dick : Yeah!

Maddox : Thank you for not condescending. (Dick laughs harder)

Dick : You don't get the - you end up with three quarterbacks who are all SHITTY...

Maddox : Uh-huh.

Dick : ...you end up with no tight end...

Maddox : Oh. (dryly)

Dick : ...and you end up getting shit on by everyone in your league because you look like a joke. (frustrated)

Maddox : Oh no! (**sound clip of man saying "Well, that's unfortunate."**) (laughs)

Dick : Yeah. So, this season is starting off really fuckin' bad for me.

Maddox : Well, I'm really sorry to hear that, Dick. (mildy sarcastic)

Dick : You wanna know how important this stuff is to people??

Maddox : I don't.

Dick : You don't wanna hear....?

Maddox : No- I don't know...(both start laughing) I thought you said I don't know how important it is and I said, "I don't," but yeah - uh, both, both.

Dick : Are you getting a sense of how important it is to me?! Lemme tell you how important it was last year.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Last year...last year, I, um...I got *killed*...in my Fantasy league.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : But. BUT. I beat my dad's team -

Maddox : Ooo.

Dick : - and I beat my brother-in-law's dad's team. So I was a fuckin' hero!

Maddox : Dick, lemme - this is so many steps removed from ACTUAL football. And for you to take any credit for anything, for doing ANYTHING - you didn't beat ANYTHING. You just sat...first of all, you didn't...you didn't pick the football team that, that actually won - like, you didn't, you weren't coaching the team, you weren't playing the game, you aren't related to any of the characters, you don't even live in the hometown, I'm sure, of any of the, the teams - so, you then went one step FURTHER removed from that and then just picked them out of the ether, and just played, uh, played this points game and wrote them down on a piece of paper and you feel *proud* of that. (laughs)

Dick : Yeah! WHY ARE YOU PLAYIN' VIDEO GAMES, YOU ASSHOLE?! I'm not letting someone who's pissed off about VIDEO GAMES tell me about FOOTBALL! Alright?! FUCK YOU! It's important! (cracks up) It's important!!

Maddox : Yeahhh, real important. What a jock. (laughs some more) This is your, this is your jock...this is, this is - I wanna say it's Halo for jocks, but Halo IS Halo for jocks. What is it...it's like, even more jocky than Halo. It's like, it's one step -

Dick : (interjects) Whadda you mean, it's 'more jocky than Halo?' It's FOOTBALL. Not Halo.

Maddox : Halo is, like, the frat guy's video game.

Dick : Okay, frat guys, alright...

Maddox : Yeah. Same thing. Right? You're not gettin', they're frat -

Dick : (interjects) NO, frat guys and jocks are not the same!

Maddox : Really? (incredulous) What's the difference?

Dick : Uh, date rape?

Maddox : Ohh...(laughs) Wait, more or less? Probably more so in fraternities -

Dick : I don't know, actually, I don't know.

Maddox : Yeah. ...I dunno, I'd say it's comparable.

Dick : So you're saying it's the Halo of....you gotta keep alotta score, man!

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : I mean, you don't have to, 'cause Yahoo does it *for* you, you just kinda show up and log in and see how you're doin'.

Maddox : Does - so everybody, uh...does everybody use Yahoo? Is that what everybody uses?

Dick : I THINK so. Well, everyone in your league uses the same thing, yeah! 'Cause it, like, controls your, your league name, and it like, controls who's logging in, and keeps track of everything.

Maddox : Wooow. It sounds like a lot...it sounds - it sounds almost like, uh, math. It sounds like the least fun thing about math, which is statistics.

Dick : Yes! It is!

Maddox : Yeah. The least fun thing about math. That's what this is! This is just, like, really, um...really tame statistics.

Dick : I guess...

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : I mean, I dunno.

Maddox : So you're - "Hey, hey guys! You wanna come over, drink some beers, do some statistics??" (laughs)

Dick : Yeah!

Maddox : (still laughing) "Let's do some STATS homework, huh?"

Dick : Yeah, well, you know, it's very fun.

Maddox : Sounds like a good time. (Dick laughs) You know, I've been - I've been over during a Fantasy draft football thing, and...you know, none of my friends include me, they didn't - they never even offered to ask, or explain anything. I'm like, "Okay, fuck you guys, I don't give a shit-" So I went over there...first of all, the entire - (Dick explodes into laughter)

Dick : HAHAHAHA!! "'Fuck you, I don't give a shit!' So I went over there -" (mocking Maddox) (both laugh)

Maddox : You know, it was incidental, I was on my way to another party. An ACTUAL party.

Dick : 'I was on my way to a symphony - a SYMPOSIUM, where we were talking about COOL math...' (mockingly) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox : ...Which is any other math, actually. But, I went -I went over to their, to their...to their place, when they had a whole bunch of beers, and chips and shit out, like, there was an actual football game going on, except there WASN'T - they just had a projector up with Fantasy Football...

Dick : Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox : ...and the whole place smelled like farts - (Sean bursts out laughing in the background) - it was *humid* in there, everybody looked like they were just depressed and fat. Even people who WEREN'T fat, were fat.

Dick : Look, it's a very stressful time.

Maddox : Oh, yeah! Everybody was sweating, everybo- it just smelled, it *reeked* - it looked like the room was DIM. (disgusted) Like uh, uh...musky, like...you know, smo- like a smoky old bar, except no one was smoking! Why does it get that way around Fantasy Football?! Whatta ya, it's just like...like...

Dick : (interjects) 'CAUSE YOU HAVE TO - you have to dedicate a hundred percent of your mental faculties to your FUCKING team -

Maddox : (interjects) No!

Dick : - to the DRAFT.

Maddox : No, *you* do! I don't, 'cause that shit's stupid! (Maddox, Dick, and Sean all start laughing)

Dick : Oho, man...oh man, youuu...(splutters)...you better play - because you would get your ass kicked.

Maddox : Oh, you're on, Dick!!

Dick : That's - you're fuckin' afraid!

(Maddox and Dick shit-talking over each other)

Maddox : Oho, I'll kick your ass, bullshit -

Dick : You're fuckin' afraid.

Maddox : You know what, I'll just crunch some numbers, I'll - I'll figure out your bullshit little dime and nickel operation.

Dick : You're talkin' to the Dad Slayer over here! (Maddox laughs) How fuckin' DARE you.

Maddox : Hahaha, the Dad Slayer - the Dad Slayer who couldn't figure out how to hit 'double speed' - (Sean roars with laughter in the background) - on his podcast. (all three laugh hysterically) Ohhh. Alright. Yeah, you're ON Dick, I'll play - I'll play your bullshit little Dungeons & Dragons game. With uh, with football players.

Dick : That's what it is, it's Dungeons & Dragons for football. (amused)

Maddox : Yeah. Except - except instead of interesting characters with interesting archetypes and powers, these are people who just people who throw a ball, and they're millionaires. You're playing -

Dick : Wooooooah, woah, not interesting??

Maddox : No.

Dick : Uhh...do you know how many fuckin' murders happen? (Maddox chuckles) How many DUI's happen in this league every year?

Maddox : Well, sure.

Dick : These guys are WAY more interesting than Dungeons & Dragons. (Maddox sighs exasperatedly)

Maddox : Ughh. You know what, I would say...I would say they're comparably interesting. Dungeons & Dragons is fun from time to time, but I'm not...you know, I'm not investing huge amounts of time into doing it, 'cause I get laid. So, there's that.

Dick : (sneering) This fuckin' guy... (Maddox laughs)

Maddox : Alright. Is that, uh...is that uh, is that all you got for your, uh, big - BIG problem of the universe this week? (chuckling)

Dick : (interjects) I mean, I guess! Look, uh, there's people out there who get what I'm saying.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : My fuckin' brother-in-law was frantically putting his team together on the phone while his kid was in the hospital, with the...the croup, or whatever it was. That's how important it is. THAT'S how important it is, that's what I'm telling you. IT'S WAY MORE IMPORTANT THAN...not buying video games in advance!! (yelling)

Maddox : Well, I dunno about that...but, speaking of, uh, my second problem this week is....video game *post*-purchases - (Dick bursts out laughing)

Dick : (interjects) HA, oh, shut the FUCK up! (Maddox laughs heartily)

Maddox : Yeah, game post-purchases. This is downloadable content, or DLC.

Dick : Oh, ok- I know what that is.

Maddox : Okay. You know what it is -

Dick : (interjects) Yeah, but explain what it is, though, yeah.

Maddox : So, everybody just calls this 'DLC.' So let's say, Dick, you go out to the store, aaaannd you wanna buy a TV. And you think you're buying the top-of-the-market, the best TV out on the market, it's got...you know, HD...

Dick : Yeah, what's it got. (playing along)

Maddox : Yeah, it's got HD, it's got 4K, huh? We talked about that.

Dick : Okay, yeah yeah yeah yeah, I like it, I like it.

Maddox : Yeah, the resolution race - it's got 3D...well, you take this thing home, you plug it in, it works for a little while, but then you notice it's kinda missing some features. The fea-some features that were promised on the box that aren't in there. Oh, maybe it's not quite 4K yet, but that's coming - you have to do a firmware update. (cynical) And to get that firmware, you have to pay for it.

Dick : I gotta pay for that shit?!

Maddox : Ohh, yeah! You gotta pay for it. Uh-oh! Now your TV's not so hot, is it? You paid for a full TV, but what you got is an incomplete TV.

Dick : Mmhm.

Maddox : That's what DLC is, to video games. Companies are no longer selling you a finished product; they're selling you a bullshit-ass game - sometimes, the DLC is, is as...egregious as extra levels to the video game. Like I bought this Castlevania game -

Dick : (interjects) Ahh I don't - okay, yeah, go ahead.

Maddox : - Yeah, I bought this Castlevania game on PSN that was this, uh, Symphony of the Night kind of callback of this...this AWESOME game that came out on PlayStation -

Dick : (interjects) This is AFTER you were getting laid, right? While you were not playing Fantasy Football, 'cause you're getting laid? (sarcastic)

Maddox : Uhh, this was before...(Sean laughs in the background)...yyyikes. (laughs) But uh, no, anyway there were...the game came with one level - for 15 dollars. (Dick laughs) You want another...? Yeah -

Dick : Hahaha! That sucks.

Maddox : Oh yeah, it does suck. You want another level? 3 bucks!

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : You want the complete game? 35 bucks. So, essentially they sold me a demo, and paraded it...and masqueraded it as a full fucking game.

Dick : They roped you in, man! That's bullshit!

Maddox : Well, the -

Dick : Because 35 dollars, that's an actual full-blown game!

Maddox : Yeah, thirty -

Dick : And they clearly roped you in to sell you the whole thing. Yeah, that's horseshit.

Maddox : You know, I used to buy, uh, PC magazines that came with CD-ROMs, and the CD-ROMs had demos of games on them.

Dick : Mmhm.

Maddox : Or, sometimes they would just send them to you, like, Play- like, Sony would send out demos and let people play a level or two, and I LOVED that. That's how I got excited about video games! I would play them, they were really good, they were really polished; they gave me a sample - a taste of the game. And then I wanted to go out and buy the full game! No more! Now they're SELLING you the demo, and then hoping you'll buy the full game! Well, fuck you, I'm not buying SHIT. You...you sold me a full game, I expect a full game. End of story.

Dick : How rampant is this, though? 'Cause there's some, like - I only...I only know what you're talkin' about a little bit, and it's never seemed that egregious to me. Like, it's always seemed like additional content - like it doesn't seem like a broken TV when you got it. It seemed like, here's a whole game, and now you're buying extra levels - you're buying a dumb hat, or whatever - after the fact.

Maddox : Yeah. No, it, it's pretty egregious. There was one game, I forget the name of it but they sold the ending to the game...oh, I think was, uh...uh, Akura's Wrath or something like that? Some Akuma's Wrath? Somethin' like that. It was a Capcom game, where if you wanted the ending to the game, you had to pay additional money to *see* how it ended. (indignant)

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : Fuck you! How 'bout that?! Here's how it's gonna end: me unplugging it and throwing my fucking PlayStation out the window! Good fucking ending to your bullshit-ass game AND the end of the video game industry. Like, if this continues, this is gonna KILL the video game industry.

Dick : Well, I feel like it, uhh, it's actually defined the app industry.

Maddox : What's that...

Dick : Like, so many - this DLC, what you're talkin' about, like...

Maddox : (interjects) Post...post-purchases. Yeah.

Dick : ...downloadable content is the same to me as in-app purchases.

Maddox : Well, it depends...

Dick : Like - Oh really. (doubtful)

Maddox : Well, for example - give me an example of what you're thinking of.

Dick : Well, I got this, like, guitar app, that has like, guitar tablature, and they are ALWAYS hitting you up for shit that should be in the app in the first place. Like, pay 2 bucks, and like then you'll get a toggle that will stretch the guitar tablature to the right size. (Maddox exhales in frustration) Do you - Sean, do you have that app? I think it's like, 'The Ultimate Guitar App.'

Sean : I have, like, one tuner on my iPhone and that's it.

Dick : Yeah. And it's - and they charge for that, they have an in-app purchase for that but it's so fuckin' frustrating because it's like, man, this should...there's a very clear line between something that is a feature that could just be, like, a nice little feature to throw in...

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : ...and something that's completely different from the basic functionality of the app.

Maddox : Yeah. You know what these publishers - what they used to do is they just released the full software, like Microsoft is really bad about this. They used to just release the operating system with a whole bunch of apps and everything you needed was included.

Dick : Oh, yeah.

Maddox : But then, some marketing dickhead got involved, some business shitwad from fuckin' Brigham Young University got involved, and said, "Hey, you know what? All this shit that you're giving away for free, we could charge extra for!" So now, you get this crippled operating system where little - *little* dime and nickel features, like having global hotkeys...which, I know nobody uses because they're all idiots, but I do (Dick laughs)...global hotkeys is a PREMIUM feature! Oh, really?? Now you're fucking over the ONE customer who might care about this, who might actually tell other people to buy software. Hey, Dickhead Microsoft, this is exactly - I'm, I'm talkin' to Microsoft right now.

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : When we have to install operating systems on our parents' computer, guess who's gonna install it?? The people you're FUCKIN' over! And if you're fuckin' us over, we're not gonna install your bullshit operating system! Quit selling us shit after the fact - sell us the complete product, end of story. Now - here's, here's...

Dick : (interjects) Switch to Mac! That's what you're saying, right? (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox : Ohh, fuck Mac -

Dick : You gotta switch to Mac! (cracking up)

Maddox : (angrily chokes on words) Apple is just one...long...string of post-purchases. That's all Apple is.

Dick : Yeah. (amused)

Maddox : Yeah. So, anyway, here's where it really becomes a problem. Some companies let you buy *advantages* after the game has come out!

Dick : ...The fuck is that?

Maddox : So, for example, Battlefield 3? There's a Kit Shortcut Bundle. Have you heard of this?

Dick : You can like, buy...like, cheats?

Maddox : Ye-uh, no, you're buying -

Dick : (interjects) You can cheat with money?

Maddox : No, you can buy the weapons! You can buy the weapons that you have to EARN in the game! There's - here's - lemme read you what this gives you...

Dick : (interjects) Ohh, I'm for this though.

Maddox : Yeah, fuck you, Dick!

Dick : Go ahead, read it - but I am.

Maddox : Yeah, here's what it is: it unlocks all 39 weapons and gadgets for 2,000 Microsoft poi- uh, excuse me. It unlocks all weapons and gadgets for 2,000 Microsoft points. Which is approximately 25 dollars. Weapons are normally unlocked by earning experience while playing as different classes. So instead of earning the weapons in the game, whoever's richest can just have all the fucking weapons! You want - you want to unlock the secret level on Konami, you wanna get extra 30 lives? Here you go, just pay for it, dickhead!

Dick : Noo, no, no, I'm for this because I don't have the kind of time that I used to have to earn all this shit, man. (Maddox groans) Like I want to enjoy it - like, I played Diablo 3 last month...

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : ...and I did like, halfway through and I was like, "Well, there's still...there's alotta cool stuff in this game, guess I'll never get to fuckin' SEE it 'cause I don't have time to sit around all day playing video games like I did as a kid!"

Maddox : Well, you -

Dick : (interjects) Like, what about all of us guys, who just wanna - I'll plunk down 25 bucks to see this stuff, that's not a big deal!

Maddox : That's on TOP of 60 dollars you already paid for the game. So you're paying, what, upwards of 100 dollars for one fucking bullshit game?? Just to see some weapons?!

Dick : Hey, man -

Maddox : (interjects) And if you don't have time, just stop playing video games!

Dick : - that's less than a steak for me. (taunting) What the fuck do I care? (Maddox groans loudly)

Maddox : ...ooooooOOOOHHHHHHHH, you make me so fucking mad!!

Dick : (interjects) Noooo, that's good for, like, the dads of the world out there! Like, the young dads who just wanna - they want the satisfaction of playin' the game, and they don't have the time for it.

Maddox : Great.

Dick : Get the fuck outta here with, that's a problem.

Maddox : You know what, Dick, though? Here's the thing - the people who are using this are rich, snotty, bullshit - bullshit-ass kids whose parents are goin' through a divorce (Dick

cackles) and they'll give 'em ANYTHING they want! 'Oh, here you go, here's my credit card, honey! Why don't you go buy your fuckin' weapons pack!" And then you see their scores on the leaderboards, and you'll be like, "Holy shit, this guy's really good!!" NOPE! Not good, just has lotsa money to spend. Just had 25 bucks laying around -

Dick : (interjects) 25 BUCKS is not alotta money to spend for these kids!! (laughing)

Maddox : (interjects) OHHH, 25...come onnnn, it all adds up dude! 25 bucks for this game, 13 bucks for that game, 10 bucks for this game - next thing you know, you're spending a FUCKIN' FORTUNE just...getting things that you should earn! Right?? You're just takin' a shortcut - what about ge- what about paying for grades, huh?! Why don't you just like, fuckin', uh, create a pay-for-grades system? (Dick laughs) Richest people should just be able to get whatever they want!

Dick : Suuuure, I GUESS so! (hysterical laughter)

Maddox : GREAT.

Dick : Oh, I'm fine with paying for grades! (Maddox growls angrily)

Maddox : NyaaaAAHHHHH, you make me so fuckin' - I wanna SCRATCH MY EYES OUT right now.

Dick : What does it matter with paying for grades?! I KNEW IT! YOU HAVE AN AGENDA AGAINST RICH PEOPLE, I FUCKIN' KNEW IT! (Maddox cracks up) I called it three episodes ago!! (yelling)

Maddox : NO, because -

Dick : (interjects, yelling) YES I FUCKIN' DID, didn't I?!?!

Maddox : No, I know you said that, but it's not fucking true! I just get so MAD because it...it's an unfair advantage, I want people to just be on a level playing field.

Dick : I CAUGHT YOU, YOU SNAKE IN THE GRASS!! (Maddox laughs) What did these people do to you?! What did they fuckin' - is some rich kid out there kicking your ass on some video game that just pissed you off??

Maddox : Oh, I'll tell you what, though. This has - this has nothin' to do with DLC, but I was once playing Call of Duty 4, a LONG time ago. And I swore off all the Call of Duty games, 'cause they're all the same bullshit, and it PISSES me off...(Dick giggles hysterically)...Anyway, I was playing - (cracks up) - I was playing one night with this 13 year-old kid, and this kid was fucking cheating! He was shooting through walls, and so I sat up all night -

Dick : (interjects) How do ya know??

Maddox : - 'cause I was standing at - in a corner, and bullet came and hit me! I was standing at a fuckin' corner in a, in a closed room!

Dick : How do you know he wasn't, like, sneakin' arou- like, crawling under you or something?

Maddox : 'Cause you can see where they are on the map, and they're on the other fuckin' side of the map! Sniping me through walls?! Get fucked! That's bullshit, he was cheating! Anyway, so I sat there all night gettin' in this kid's head. And he was just like...

Dick : (interjects) This is great. (gleeful) This is great!

Maddox : ...he was callin' me gay, every other word - like he just, "Gay, gay, gay, gay, gay." (Dick laughs in amazement) That's all he's got, right? It's like a 13 year-old's insult. And then I was like, *really* gettin' in his head. I was like, "Hey man, that's a pretty nice PC you got there, huh? This game just came out - how do you run this game?" He goes, "My PC'S awesome!" I'm like, "Wooow. Uh...to run a game like this, you musta spent at least, like, 1200 to 1500 dollars on your PC, upwards of 2000 with the video card. What kind of video card ya got?" And he, you know, he's startin' to brag...I'm like, "Wow, that's really expensive. So um...parents must be goin' through a divorce, huh?" (Dick continues to laugh incredulously) He's like, "Ugh, how'd you know??" I'm like, "Yeah. Because...your parents don't love you enough." And then...(laughs)...and then finally after hours and hours of gettin' in this kid's head - got him to sign off. 6 AM. I felt like a hero. 30 year-old...beat a 13 year-old. I felt so good.

Dick : Uh, you'd make -

Sean : Maybe he was just *really* tired, after all those hours (Dick and Maddox burst out laughing) and he just went to bed on his own accord, you know?

Dick : Yeah, maybe he had a job the next day he had to get up for.

Maddox : Nawww, you idiots. No. That was awesome.

Dick : Maddox, I really gotta say, I think you are PERFECT for Fantasy Football, with the level of petty childishness you're displaying - fighting a *13 year-old* over the internet at video games.

Maddox : Um....

Dick : You're like the Teenage Hannibal Lecter.

Maddox : No, this was - (cracks up) - this was not just a battle on the video game front, it was a battle on the psychological front. And I won.

Dick : Hey, I got a question for you.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Speaking of downloadable content...

Maddox : Sure.

Dick : ...um, what do I remember, what was it called? What was the downloadable content for the Alphabet of Manliness? What was the addendum that was sold attached to that?

Maddox : There was none.

Dick : I think there was!! (Maddox laughs) I remember -

Maddox : (interjects) You know, I...okay -

Dick : - I remember you having a bestselling book called The Alphabet of Manliness. (ironic tone) And then I remember another...it coming out again with additional - that was 'Longer and Harder.'

Maddox : Yeah. Alright, dickhead. (Dick laughs) So -

Dick : (interjects) And it had some additional content! I think I remember that!!

Maddox : No, but - here's, here's what I told fans on book tours. So, any time I went on book tour and people would bring the book to me, and they said, "Hey Maddox, I have the original edition. Should I buy this new edition?" And I said, "No." (Dick laughs) I said, "You can sit down in a bookstore..." Yeah. I'm sure, uh, I'm sure the publisher loves THIS. But I, I said, "You can sit down in a bookstore...it's about 40 additional pages of content. If you - if that's valuable to you, if you actually want that for a collector's edition -" - like, because it does have like, some extra art and things like that - that was all stuff that was produced after the fact, and it's all new content. It's not stuff that I wrote and then left out of the book. It wasn't stuff I'd left on the chopping floor.

Dick : Okay.

Maddox : So the publisher came to me, and they wanted to do this extended edition. Originally, the idea I'd pitched to them was, "Hey guys, let's do a flip book, where on the front - on one side is the Alphabet of Manliness, and on the flip side is the Alphabet of Womanliness."

Dick : No, I remember this pitch - that's a GREAT idea!

Maddox : Thank you! Yeah! That's -

Dick : Yeah. That's one of my favorite ideas that you've ever had.

Maddox : Thank you! And it was gonna be a flip book, so on the other side it was the Alphabet of Womanliness: As Told by a Man.

Dick : Right.

Maddox : So, it was going to be just kind of like, a -

Dick : (interjects) I mean, 'man', like a, quote, "MAN" who argues with 13 year-old kids on the internet. (Sean bursts out laughing in the background) I dunno if you could say -

Maddox : (**buzzer sound effect**) (interjects) Fuck you, Dick. (Dick laughs) (**booing sound effect**) Piece of shit. Make me so fuckin' mad. (surly tone) I'm gonna gouge my eyes out and then I'm gonna gouge yours out.

Dick : Hahaha! 'Kay.

Maddox : Blind.

Dick : You should...you should reverse the order. (Sean agrees from the background)

Maddox : Nope. I'm gonna...(laughs) I'm gonna attack you blind.

Dick : You're gonna do yours first, anyway.

(Maddox and Dick both laughing)

Maddox : I don't need my senses. I don't need all my senses.

Dick : You're like a - like a ninja.

Maddox : Yeah, like in, uh...Ninja Scroll. The blind guy...So anyway, um...uh, so, yeah. The Alphabet of Manliness, the Extended Edition, I - I actually told people, I'm like, "Hey guys, you already own this book. If you want it just for the collector's sake or whatever, you like the cover better, go ahead. But if you sit down in a bookstore you could read it for free." Uh, so. There it is. Um, and it's not the idea I wanted, that's the - that's the idea the publisher came up with. The publisher, by the way, tells you nothing! I didn't even know there was a paperback edition of my book until somebody emailed me, and they were like, "Hey Maddox, what's, uh, what's the difference between the red and the yellow cover of your paperback?" I said, "I didn't even fuckin' know I had a - "

Dick : You had a paperback?

Maddox : Yeah, it's in paperback!

Dick : I didn't know that.

Maddox : Yeah, and they made two alternate covers because of an argument that I made with the publisher - oh MAN, this pisses me off. Okay...we'll uh, end on this, I know we're runnin' out of time - but um, when the publisher -

Dick : You want - you can, you wanna bring it in next time as a problem? Or do you wanna get this rant outta your system?

Maddox : Naw, I'll just get it out, 'cause it's not a whole, a whole problem. The publisher came to me and they said, "Hey Maddox, we wanna do this new edition of the book." Originally I told 'em, Alphabet of Womanliness as a flipbook. They said no. So, then they said - then they said, "Okay, well you can change the cover if you want, do whatever you want." I said, "Okay, great! I wanna make a blue cover so it's distinct from the previous book." They said no. They said, "What we wanna do is put a starburst on there that says, 'New Additional Content.'"

Dick : (laughing) Jesus, Christ.

Maddox : Like, literally, the quote was, "New Additional Content." I wrote back to them and I said-

Dick : Right on brand!

Maddox : Yeah!

Dick : Ya nailed it. (sarcastic)

Maddox : (laughing) You nailed it!

Dick : You fuckin' nailed it.

Maddox : Yeah. So I went - I wrote back to them, I said, "Uh, NO. We're not going to put a STARBURST on my book." And he said, "Why not?" And I said, "Because it's not a fucking detergent! This is a BOOK!" (Dick laughs) "We should make it at least on point with a brand or, you know, in the same theme or whatever." And...oh, man. (annoyed)

Dick : I can't believe this was a fight because I have both of your books and I actually like that the blue one is blue.

Maddox : Yeah! Right?

Dick : Like, it's just cool.

Maddox : It's cool! It's distinct.

Dick : 'Cause it makes the red one look more special.

Maddox : It does! And the red one, it's very distinct. Just at a glance, you can tell which is which.

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : And they wanted the exact same cover, just with a starburst on it. I'm like, "You guys are morons." So, anyway we went back and forth and finally I broke down with the publisher...I, I was so pissed off. I still have a vein in my head...(Dick laughs)...I remember the day I got this vein, it popped while I was at the gym 'cause I was telling my trainer about how PISSED OFF I was (Dick giggles robustly) and then he goes, "Hey man, is that...has that always been there?" I'm like, "Shit...no." And now I got this vein on the side of my head. Swear to god, that's what - that's the day I got it. Um...I told the publisher, I said, "Hey, has any...have you ever had any other book duplicate my success on Amazon? Hit number one on Amazon for over two weeks in pre-orders alone. Because if you have, let's do what you did for that book! 'Cause if not, shut the fuck up and let me market my book to my own fans. Those FUCKING idiots. I fought...it was a fight the entire time.

Dick : That argument WORKED??

Maddox : Oh yeah.

Dick : Wow!

Maddox : Why wouldn't it?

Dick : Well, they threw you - I dunno, 'cause it's so full of obscenities. (Dick and Maddox laugh) It's so bullying.

Maddox : Well, I didn't uh...you know, it was a little bullying, but I didn't, uh, I didn't actually cuss at the publisher.

Dick : Good! Fuck 'em.

Maddox : Yeah. Nawww, that pissed me off, man. That whole thing pissed me off. Now I'm in a great mood. I wanna just punch the wall. (surly tone)

(brief pause)

Dick : So, what are our problems for this week? (Maddox laughs) I've got, uh, Cold Lasers...man, cold lasers, fuck cold lasers, what's next, we're all payin' for healing crystals and acupuncture and prayer?

Maddox : And uh, bundles of sage, twigs of sage, yeah.

Dick : Yeah.

Maddox : Yeah. Power crystals and, and uh, remote therapeutic healing? Have you heard of that one?

Dick : Reiki? I have heard of that one.

Maddox : Yeah.

Dick : Yeah! I sure have! Sean, have you heard of that? Have you heard of Reiki?

Sean : I've heard of that, and he was talkin' about, uh, I think there's something called Therapeutic Touch, too, that's - that's equally bullshit.

Maddox : Uh-huh.

Sean : That's actually touching you, and Reiki's kinda...you know, you could be or maybe not be in the same state or country. You're just 'sendin' out good viiibes,' man.

Maddox : Yeah. You can do it over YouTube videos, by the way. People make YouTube videos about this.

Dick : See, if they could put that -

Sean : It's colossally stupid.

Maddox : Mmhm.

Dick : If they could put that in a machine, though, THEN you could get your health insurance to cover it, I think.

Maddox : Hey, this is a big problem, we gotta bring it in sometime. Uhh, what's your second one?

Dick : My second one was, uh, Missing Your Fantasy *fuckin'* Football Draft.

Maddox : (**sound clip of man saying, "Well, that's unfortunate."**) Woah, big problem.

Dick : Go ahead. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox : So, my -

Dick : (interjects) Go ahead before your vein blows. (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox : My problems this week are Game Pre-Purchases and Game Post-Purchases, or DLC. So.

Dick : Alright!

Maddox : That's it. (**closing riff starts**)

Dick : Go vote!

Maddox : Yeah, don't forget to vote on the website, thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. I'm Maddox.

Dick : This is Dick Masterson. Hey, leave us a voicemail!

Maddox : Thanks guys.

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyy! What's up, buddy?!

Maddox: Hey.

Dick: Happy to be here.

Maddox: Like always.

Dick: It starts out the best part of the week for me and it ends up, after an hour, the worst part of the week for me (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You know, Dick, I was thinking about the podcast recently, and there's something we haven't really done in a long time, which is just kind of tell people exactly what we're doing. Just as a reminder, we are ranking all the problems in the universe. Everything from ants to AIDS.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So we're gonna cover the entire spectrum. So…if this is the first episode you're listening to, that's what we're doing here.

Dick: Well, and, the surprise…the experiment that we're conducting here is really to crowd source what the biggest problem in the universe is. I am consistently surprised at what's the biggest problem in the universe according to people.

Maddox: And…I am not. (mutters) Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: Alright. Well, how did we do last week?

Maddox: So…the first problem last week ranking number one…was…"Coooooold Lasers"!

Dick: Yesssssssssssss!!! Yes.

Maddox: Congrats, Dick. You know, I…

Dick: (interjects) Hahahahaha!! (cackles)

Maddox: Why is it...why do you gloat like such a…like a happy idiot?

Dick: Because! It's…I'm the little guy here!

Maddox: Awwww.

Dick: You…you've got everyone voting for your horseshit video games, and when I finally plug a problem up to the top of the hill, man, it's great for me!

Maddox: It's a good problem. I thought that was a really good problem. Because that shit is outrageous. And after the episode, I had all these fans sending me pictures…because they were all getting therapy…they were all sending me pictures of their lasers. And I'm like yeah…that…that just looks like LED display.

Dick: It is!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they're all getting it too.

Maddox: Yeah, it's pretty hilarious.

Dick: That's like… I don't know. Millions of dollars in people…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah.

Dick: …Sitting in medical offices having flashlights shone on their extremities.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is medicine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'd rather go back to leeches.

Maddox: Well….I don't know. Uh…then followed by "Game Post-Purchases", then "Game Pre-Purchases", and then your bullshit non-problem that Dick thought of on the way in to record the podcast, "Missing Your Fantasy Football Draft".

Dick: (laughs) That's a big problem, man.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah…ohohoho yeah.

Dick: I'm suffering bad this week.

Maddox: According to everyone, it's almost the lowest problem that we have on the list.

Dick: (clears throat) Well, they don't have my fantasy team.

Maddox: Apparently. Apparently YOU don't have your fantasy team. The Dad Slayer. (laughs) Uhh…we've got some comments.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: I have one from Scott McGregor. He says, "Female genital mutilation is a bigger problem than male genital mutilation because women love their vaginas and men love vaginas…No one loves Dick. Except maybe his mom. His mom loves Dick." (laughs) (laughter in background)

Dick: Oh. That's great.

Maddox: That's a good comment, Scott.

Dick: Uhh...I've got one. Kyle Belmont. "Making most of my emails a simple sentence has really improved things. Thanks for saving me time." One of my first problems, as you know, was long emails.

Maddox: Mhmm. (skeptical)

Dick: And it sounds like I'm making the world a better place.

Maddox: What's that guy's name?

Dick: Kyle Belmont.

Maddox: Kyle. Kyle…you're not saving time if you have to go back and explain something because you didn't do a good job the first time.

Dick: Kyle, you nailed it. Ignore him. Here's one from Chris Davis. "I've got to call Maddox out. He hates conspiracy dipshits, but makes a conspiracy theory by saying that hackers can find out where you live by where you pre-order your game." And I got this…I heard a lot about that one.

Maddox: Really.

Dick: What the hell is Maddox talking about, finding out where you live by pre-ordering a game?

Maddox: Okay. You know…not the STRONGEST part of the argument, but not the entire argument either, dickheads! By the way, it's still possible. (excited) And I'm not saying it's a conspiracy that this is happening. I'm saying it's plausible. It's a possibility that it could happen. Okay. Whatever.

Dick: Get your tinfoil hat out, buddy.

Maddox: Go to Hell. Idiots. Um…I got a comment from Noah John. He was commenting about the steak episode where I said that you could get a cheap steak and cheap wine and be fine. He says, "A date with Maddox sounds like a blast. Shite steak, shite wine, Maddox bragging about how only idiots would spend more and endlessly repeating that the entire spread only cost 20$. Then a weird long awkward pause followed by Maddox suggesting he is a serial killer." (laughs)

Dick: And sound effects. Don't forget the sound effects.

(**buzzer sound effect**)

Maddox: There's a sound effect for you. Dick Noah.

Dick: What is a date with you like?

Maddox: It's great. It starts with a bang and ends with a ….(laughs) (Dick laughs)…ends with a bang. My dates are a blast.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah. You know, I am a great dater. I really am. Even a shit date, I can turn a shit date around. I know how to turn that ship around.

Dick: Like a shit date, like what? Like she's not into you…or she's just boring…

Maddox: Hey, no. They're all into me. Alright? No. Just...uh…a shit date, like 'Oh man, she's a dud' or she's just kind of weird, or she's had a long day and she's not talking or whatever. I can turn that shit around.

Dick: (interjects) Yeah.

Maddox: I can make that date…

Dick: (interjects) How? What's your secret?

Maddox: Oh, I leave. (laughs) (Dick and Sean laugh) Um, I've got one last comment. This Is from Kristen Moose Rider, and…so…this is in relation to the ad. This is the first episode we actually had the ad at the top.

Sean: (interjects) Wait…Kristen Moose Rider? (incredulous)

Maddox: Rider, yeah.

Sean: Like a moose rider? Like…

Maddox: Oh. I didn't even read that. Yeah. Kristen Moose Rider. Like a moose rider, I guess.

Sean: Strange name. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Strange name! Pretty cool. My fans have all sorts of cool, and ALL REAL names. So, Moose Rider here says…um…so we were talking about the advertisement we were going to do a couple of episodes ago. We finally got Audible on board, which is great. And it's a very nonintrusive ad, and we like the company, so this is what that ad is going to help support. Kristen says "I completely agree and would also like to directly donate. I've been interpreting the show into American Sign Language to my deaf boyfriend. We both love the show and would appreciate equal access for the rest of the deaf community." So people are not only doing this, they're offering to help out. Now we can actually pay some of these people to transcribe episodes.

Dick: Great. We're saints.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…I got a comment for you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: From Mr. X…and then Mr. X, like a happy face guy. "Hey Dick! Awesome show you three have. Would you mind asking Maddox if we can expect a new article every time one of your problems bombs voting-wise? I'd appreciate it. Thanks. Steve" If you remember, Spider-Woman's ass was a problem you brought into the show, and I think it got summarily trounced by all the other problems.

Maddox: I'm not…I'm not sure about that…we'd have to go back and check the records…

Dick: But! Then you turned it into an amazing video.

Maddox: Yes! I did.

Dick: How's it doing?

Maddox: Uh...incredible. So, normally, my videos, I expect to get around 120,000 views within a week. And this video, within several hours, was already near half a million views. And the latest I checked, it was near about a million views already, and it's only been up

for about three days. So I basically expanded that rant I did on the show and put all the stuff…'cause I did waaay more research…here's what the listeners probably don't even realize. That we do HOURS of research…well, I do hours of research (Sean laughs)

Dick: Yeah, I do a good, like, 10-15 minutes.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah…I'm not counting the drive in, Dick. Um, but yeah, I do hours of research for the show, and I don't even get to all of the points I want to make. So that's why I said, you know, I still have so much ammo here for this fucking Spider-Woman issue, I need to bring this in…

Dick: (interjects) And it got beaten really hard. That probably stoked a fire in you, too. (Maddox laughs) 'cause it got fucking hammered.

Maddox: No, you know what? It SHOULD have got…that's the point though! (excited) It should have gotten beat. It's a non-issue. So my fans listened and they know what the message was. And they voted it down. It's a non-issue. So I'm actually happy that…

Dick: (interjects) You're happy that you lost.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, so you won. That's a victory for you.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. That's exactly what I was going for.

Dick: Great. (laughs) Yeah, you'd be a great dater, man.

Maddox: Hey, real quick. (laughs) Real quick, one last commenter. My mom called me the other day (laughs) and she said she's been listening to the episodes.

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: Uh…yeah. (coughs/laughs)

Dick: Hi, Maddox's Mom!

Maddox: Yeah. Hi Mom! So, she said…here's some notes. She gave us some notes. You ready for this?

Dick: (breathes deeply) Yeah.

Maddox: The first comment she said "Listen, I really like the problem you guys brought in about the militarized police."

Dick: Cool! That was me!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: All me!

Maddox: Yeah! I didn't know that was even something on my mom's radar, or something she thought about, but she actually really liked that problem. Then, she said "Too much fuck". She says I "say the fuck word too much." And that's how she said it, too.

Dick: (interjects) That was a problem of mine too! (exclaims)

Maddox: (laughs) Dick, great. You and my mom have that in common. What else do you and my mom have in common?

Dick: We should go out, man. We should see what's going on.

Maddox: Yeah, no. Gross. (laughs) So, "too much fuck word". And then she says "Why are you so mean to your friend?" And I said "What do you mean?" and she said, "Well, you're always saying 'Dick, Dick, Dick'" and I'm like "Oh, oh that's his name, Mom." (laughs) So she wants me to stop calling you "Dick". And then the final note that she gave me is we talked about going out on dates and how I will never call a girl back or give her a second date if she doesn't at least make an offer to pay for something, right? She says "You're right, Maddox. Don't pay too much for a date, because then you're just paying for sex."

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: Yeah. Sound advice from Mama Maddox.

Dick: Uhhh....I mean, that's why I like doing it.

Maddox: You like…you like paying for sex.

Dick: Yeah, I would rather just, look, I'm putting it out there. This isn't like a weird communist dating dystopia where we're both bringing an equal share to the table. I'm bringing money, you're bringing sex! Perfect. Great. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Great, Dick. Yeah. A date with you sounds awesome. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Uh, can we get to the problems?

Maddox: Do it.

Dick: My first problem is "Shitty Road Trip Passengers".

Maddox: Oh, okay. "Shitty Road Trip Passengers". Big problem.

Dick: It is. So I drove up to…I went to Burning Man last week, which you know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And uhh…I offered to take this lovely Korean girl up there with me. She didn't have a ride.

Maddox: I think I know who you're talking about. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. So I was expecting…I don't let women drive, first of all…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh Jesus, Dick.

Dick: If we're going on a road trip. Oh no no no no! It stresses them out too much!

Maddox: Meh.

Dick: The last thing you want at the end of a road trip is a stressed out woman. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Oh, sure.

Dick: Plus, I don't want some fucking woman driving my truck.

Maddox: You know, you could have just started with that and ended with that. That's totally reasonable, but you went right for the unreasonable at first.

Dick: Yeah, well. Anyway. I expected like 12-15 hours of her dicking around on her phone, playing Sudokus, like (**Maddox:** Mhmm.) hearing half of a conversation as she fights with people over email. But this girl was like, looking up directions! Looking up coffee! I mentioned that I would like some coffee and she's on Yelp finding nearby coffee spots!

Maddox: Oh no!

Dick: No, it was amazing! (exclaims)

Maddox: Oh, okay, great, yeah.

Dick: It was amazing! I'm saying that my experience with her made me realize how every other person I've ever been on a road trip with is a total fuckin' asshole!

Maddox: Yeah! A total douche!

Dick: Sitting on their phone…

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Dick: Dicking around with whatever.

Maddox: I used to have a girlfriend who would infuriate me while we were driving because I'm battling traffic, I'm trying to find the destination, I'm doing the best I can, I'm trying to beat the clock, and I also have to pull over and look up directions on my GPS, and meanwhile, I look at her…ahhh, preening herself, you know, looking at herself in the mirror, umm, just dicking around on her phone, checking texts. I'm like "Hey! Are you part of this transaction, or do I have to do everything myself? Can you help out?"

Dick: Is this a bus? Am I a chauffeur?

Maddox: Yeah. Why do I even have to ask? I'm not your fucking chauffeur. Why do I have to ask?

Dick: What's up, Sean?

Sean: Well to be fair, it is really hard on a bike.

(Dick and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: Ahhh, fucking Sean.

Dick: Ohhhh, gotcha. Uh, so we pull over to get…after Burning Man, we pull over to get Indian Tacos.

Maddox: What…what are Indian Tacos?

Dick: Indian Tacos. It's a…it's like a deep fried tortilla or pita or something?

Maddox: A scone, yeah.

Dick: No - a scone? What the hell…

Maddox: (interjects) It's a Navajo…Navajo Tacos, that's what you're talking about, right?

Dick: Yeah. That's called a scone? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. They're scones.

Dick: Is that a…what about the things at Starbucks?

Maddox: Those are…those are different kinds of scones. Navajo Tacos do a fluffier, doughy scone, but anyway, yeah…

Dick: Okay, yeah. So you know what I'm talking about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a scone. A weird, not Starbucks scone.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Full of, like, taco meat and fixin's. So I order like three of them.

Maddox: Oh my God.

Dick: 'cause I'm starving. We get in the car, and I'm thinking…I'm looking at this smorgasbord of meat and cheese, and I'm thinking "I might as well just throw this all over the car". (Maddox laughs) Right? 'cause there's no fuckin' way I'm gonna be able to eat this and drive at the same time, and I'm sure as shit not NOT driving.

Maddox: You're not NOT driving.

Dick: Yeah. I'm going.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm eating on the road. I'm not sitting there staring at my car, watching it do nothing while people are whizzing down the highway on their way home, right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why…why would you do one thing fast and efficiently, when you could do two things slow and badly?

Dick: Yeah! Exactly. You know what I'm talking about!

Maddox: I know what you're talking about.

Dick: So, this girl. We get in the car, and I'm right about ready to just pour it all over myself and see what gets in my mouth across my fingers.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: She grabs my food and arranges it into, like, an edible cone, and hands it to me one by one! And then eats her food after I'm eating!!

Maddox: Oh my…who is this…

Dick: (interjects) It was unbelievable! I know! (yells)

Maddox: Who is this saint you went out to Burning Man with?

Dick: I think…I think it was a hallucination.

Maddox: Lemme see your hand, man. You got a ring?

Dick: No.

Maddox: You fucked up! You should marry that woman.

Dick: Yeah. Well…

Maddox: That's amazing!

Dick: No, I know it was amazing!

Maddox: Nobody does that.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Nobody's that considerate. Nobody offers. (disgusted)

Dick: You know, your story about your girlfriend reminds me…I had this long relationship with this girl. And the only...pretty much the only thing I remember…I remember two things about her. One, she had enormous cans.

Maddox: (laughs) Great.

Dick: And two, one night, these guys, their car was broken down or something, so I pulled my car over and helped them push it to like, a gas station.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Thinking…I was young and stupid, and I thought maybe she would jump over into the driver's seat and like, drive down the road to catch up with me.

Maddox: Uh-huh. No.

Dick: No. I walk the quarter mile back to the car, and uh…she's on her phone playing Snake.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: 'cause this was back in the day…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah.

Dick: When there were no cell phones…no internet on the phone, even.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Just playing Snake.

Maddox: Playing Snake. The old, LED, like, the black and white cell phones without even color screens yet.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'cause that's the only fucking thing that they can have to distract them and take them out of reality.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So she's sitting there playing Snake while you're doing a good thing and helping these dudes out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that's all I remember.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Is how much of a shitty passenger she was.

Maddox: Yeah. I've had those too. I remember in Utah, I think this was in Utah, or maybe it was more recently…but I was on a date and I was doing the gentlemanly thing, 'cause it was very cold outside, and I opened the door for her first and let her into the car. Then I'm walking around the other side to the door and I have to brush snow off of my door handle, and I'm fiddling with the keys, and the door lock is jammed with ice. And what is she doing?! Sittin' in there, lookin' at her naiiiiiils. Playing Snake. Or whatever the fuck. Not reaching over to unlock the door for me! God forbid. Because apparently you're entitled to having the door opened and it's just something that guys have to do for you, right? And then we just have to stand out there…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, who knows how door locks work?!

Maddox: Ugh, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: You know? You gotta have the key…maybe…(sarcastic)

Maddox: Ugh…every car is different. Who knows. (sarcastic)

Dick: The alarm might go off and that would be embarrassing (sarcasm continues)

Maddox: Plus, sometimes when you reach over, the brake might jab your ribs a little bit, so you don't want that.

Dick: Yeah. You'll flash too much skin.

Maddox: Might flash a little bit of skin. Too much. So, so…Dick. You're talking…you've talked about a REALLY good road trip partner.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, you haven't mentioned a bad one.

Dick: All of them. All of them except her are bad. Now I'm judging everyone based on this. If we're ever driving somewhere…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah.

Dick: And you pull your phone out, I will smash my car into the side of the fucking road.

Maddox: (yells) Me pulling my phone out! You're the one with your fucking phone out all the time, text text text! With your emoji!

Dick: Yeah but I'm driving, so it's okay. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: You make me so mad with your stupid emoji!

Dick: This girl wouldn't even sleep! Like, I was just…like, just stayed up talking!

Maddox: Yeah. Here's what I do. Okay? Here's what kind of driver I am. When I'm trying to get someone somewhere fast and I need to get them there, if it's a long trip, sometimes it's a four-hour road trip?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I'll bring a bottle of Tabasco with me and I'll start drinking it. If I'm starting to feel drowsy? Because I'm on a mission and I'm gonna get us there (Dick laughs) and I'm gonna get shit done. And if I'm starting to nod off, I'll just choke down that Tabasco and I'll be choking on it and I'll just have a runny nose, and I'll be sweating and miserable and my eyes are red and bloodshot and I'll fucking get us there alive, bitch!

Dick: Doesn't it reek of Tabasco sauce the entire way?! (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, yeah. The car reeks. I have also carried bottles of water on me and I just pour it on myself. I just start pouring water on me.

Dick: (laughs) What?! (incredulous)

Maddox: To keep awake. Yeah.

Dick: It sounds like you're being driven around by a trash man. (Maddox cracks up) Like you're soaking with water? What a disaster!

Maddox: But. The car smells like vinegar. So there's that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, no, the Tabasco thing. That's actually why I can tolerate a lot of heat when it comes to spicy food. People used to joke - actually, Tucker Max did an interview one time about the "Real Maddox" and he says "Yeah, in real life he's not really as aggressive and he doesn't really drink Tabasco…" and I'm like "Wrong, bucko, I actually do drink Tabasco." And I started doing that just to stay awake on long drives, because nothing else would keep me awake. Rolling the windows down wouldn't. Listening to the radio wouldn't.

Dick: Weird, man.

Maddox: What?

Dick: It's just. It's weird that you discovered your lust for drinking Tabasco sauce because you had to drive around at night so much.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I wouldn't say a lust so much as a crutch, I guess. But uh, you're setting the bar pretty high there, buddy, with that Korean chick. I mean, you're not gonna find another one of her. I'm a great…I'm a great passenger. I help. I look things up on GPS. I look up alternate routes. I look ahead to see where traffic is to route us around!

Dick: Here's where you are wrong. You are also a huge asshole…

Maddox: (laughs) (laughter in background)

Dick: …and criticizing someone's driving all the fucking time.

Maddox: Hey, it's constructive!

Dick: Like, how come you're not going there? How come you're not going there? Honk at this guy…YOU'VE HONKED MY HORN AT SOMEONE in traffic! (Maddox cracks up) Do you know what an egregious move that is? I would rather you cop a feel on a girl I'm going out with than honk my fuckin' horn!

Maddox: Ohhhh, excuse me! You know what, I had to move a layer of dust before I honked your fucking horn, because you're such a pussy when you drive! There's…you NEVER use that horn! That's the first time you've heard your horn in your life, buddy! And I helped you do it!

Dick: No, I sit there and jam out on it sometimes…what's up, Sean?

Sean: We have established that Maddox is a road rager from a previous episode. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah! Yeah, we have! You honk other people's horns, dude! That's crazy!

Maddox: Sean, you mean "a road rage". (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, he's a road rage.

Sean: Oh, that's right, it was…yeah, you are a road rage.

Maddox: I am a road rage (laughs)

Sean: Maddox IS a road rage.

Maddox: (laughs) Still. It's not aggressive! I'm saving lives! I seriously am! I seriously am! (excited, yelling) I was in an intersection, I kid you not, a couple of months ago. This guy started going through the intersection during a red light. I was behind him and I started honking my horn and he slammed on the brakes before someone turned into him, and backed up!

Dick: Yeah, that's the correct usage of the horn. You don't usually use it like that, though.

Maddox: Dick, you don't even understand the difference between an aggressive honk and a courteous honk.

Dick: (yelling) That's 'cause it's ONE HORN! There's NO INFLECTION!

Maddox: No!!!

Dick: (yelling) It just goes BEEP!!

Maddox: There is inflection, dude! A little "beep!" That's, that's a "Hey, I'm here!" or a "Hey, go!"…versus "BEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEP!" That's like a "FUUCK YOUUUUU!" That's the difference.

Dick: Can you imagine, if like everybody had a bunch of different horn sounds, like emoticons in their car?

Maddox: Yeah. Oh yeah.

Dick: Emoticons, which you hate, but I think you would love different horn frequencies.

Maddox: Oh yeah. Of course. Well, I think you would, 'cause I know how to use one horn with different inflections. (jeers) You apparently don't. You think it's all aggressive all the time.

Dick: Well, it depends what you're doing.

Maddox: You're projecting.

Dick: Yeah, alright. Um, well that's my problem.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: I think everyone can identify with that. I rewarded that girl, by the way.

Maddox: Which one?

Dick: Uh, did I tell you this? The Korean girl.

Maddox: Oh. How did you reward her?

Dick: So, she wanted some McDonald's on her way home.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: And my truck was like, packed up like the Beverly Hillbillies, right? So it wouldn't fit through the drive through, and the inside was closed. So I walked up to the window and I'm like "Hey, uhh...my truck won't fit through. Can I get some food?"

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: And she goes "No." And I said "Okay, well I'll tell you what then. You see that truck? I'm gonna drive it THROUGH the drive through until I get food." (Maddox cackles) So I backed it up. She's like "Oh, what did they say?" and I said "Don't worry about it. They said come and get it" (laughing) (Maddox and Sean laugh) I said "Wait here. Wait out in the street." So I backed it up and drove through, you know those clearance signs?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Knocked the shit out of that.

Maddox: Good!!!

Dick: Went up to the little ordering booth and starting ordering and like, gunning it to get through the thing...

Maddox: ((interjects) Yeah…(laughs)

Dick: So all this lumber that I'm hauling is, like, creaking and cracking.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And the manager comes on the box and goes "Sir! Sir! Back up! We'll give you food! Just stop doing what you're doing!" (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: So you're like a drive-through terrorist! (laughs)

Dick: (laughing) So I went back out where she was waiting. And she was like "Did you get the food?" and I was like "Yeah, you gotta go up and get it, though. 'cause they've seen enough of me for today."

Maddox: Uh-huh. Great. Great. Yeah, of course. (laughs) You know, I'm on board. I support that dickish maneuver.

Dick: Yeah, man!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everybody's got their skill.

Maddox: Yeah, good job, Dick.

Dick: I'm getting McDonald's at 1 AM no matter what. Go ahead, what's your problem?

Maddox: Mmyeah. Well, that's when you lose when you win. Anyway, (laughs) my first problem this week is "Nepotism"!

Dick: Ooh.

Maddox: Big problem. Big concept. So, for people who don't understand worse with syllables, nepotism is (laughs)…is when you favor somebody you know, friends or family, for, say, a job, or some kind of better placement in a line, or entry to a place that is closed off for special members, or whatever. And that's…that's what nepotism is.

Dick: Wait a minute. I thought nepotism was only family based. I thought cronyism is when you do it for friends and family. Or does it not matter anymore? It's just a word.

Maddox: Yeah…you know. It's in the same universe. Same concept applies. Cronyism versus nepotism is just semantics, but the problem is that you're favoring people you know, or friends and family. Cronyism. Nepotism. Good distinction. Um, so…here's…this is straight up from Wikipedia. This is some nepotism in politics that goes WAY back in our country's history. Around 30 family members or relatives of president Ulysses S. Grant prospered financially in some way from either government appointments or employment. Did you know that?

Dick: No, I assume that 100% of people in politics are just…like, I look at politics like a business. It's like a family business that one family passes down to the next one. So I absolutely…that doesn't surprise me.

Maddox: Yeah. John F. Kennedy made his brother in law, Sargent Shriver, the first director of the Peace Corps, and his brother Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And to this day, we still have a legacy of Kennedys in office. Well, wait. Maybe… did the last one die? I dunno.

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: Did they all die?

Dick: I dunno. (laughs) I don't know anything about politics. I only know headlines from the Drudge Report.

Maddox: Well…oh...great. Well, we here at the Biggest Problem like to be accurate, so maybe they're all dead. Um, you might want to check that. So anyway, this is from the Washington Post. So, there's a family called the Kulle family. K-U-L-L-E. Kulle family. And here's the number of people that they hired for the airport authority of Washington. Ann Kulle Helms, the son-in-law, Douglas Helms, the son Albert, daughter-in-law Michelle Kulle, and Michelle's brother, Jeffrey Thacker. They all worked for the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority. All at the same time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's like an entire generation, or two, of family members who worked for this family.

Dick: Yeah. Uh…wouldn't you do that, though? Like if you had to hire somebody for a position, what are you gonna do? Are you gonna go out and run an ad on Craigslist? You're gonna hire your buddies, right? 'cause you know them, you can work with them.

Maddox: Yeah. I've been thinking about this, man. What do you do? Because if two people came in…both…Here's the thing. If two people came in, both equally qualified, I would probably be friendly to the person I know. I wouldn't pretend like I don't know them. Right? You have to.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You…you have to…ethically, what you should do, is recuse yourself. So say, "Hey, I know this person. I shouldn't be involved in this decision-making process."

Dick: I've got too much shit to do to do that. To be ethical.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's…everybody does, though! I'm saying, like, you run your t-shirts. You sell your t-shirts, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So you need help doing that. Somebody you know is gonna come help you out.

Maddox: I mean, I guess…

Dick: If you were running…let's say you were running…uh…what is that? The government. Instead.

Maddox: (laughing) Right.

Dick: Somebody's gonna come in and help you out. Right? I'm gonna come in and say "Hey Maddox, uhh…you've got all this alcohol and tobacco and firearms stuff you gotta deal with. Lemme take it off your hands. Don't worry about it."

Maddox: Yeah. But, I mean…it doesn't always happen that way and it shouldn't happen that way. Because, what happens is…more often than not, you're not hiring the most qualified candidate for that job. You're just hiring your buddy. And, I used to…when I used to work for the telemarketing company, one of the guys who had the CUSHIEST job in the entire fucking company, he made well over six figures a year, and his job, entirely…well, you would think his job was to golf. But his job is to scout for new locations to open up

facilities. We opened up a new facility mayyyybe once every couple of years. And his job (laughs) full time, was to go around looking for locations. And these locations he looked for happened to be right next to golf courses. Almost every single time. Every single one. Yeah, you're nodding…

Dick: (interjects) He's a smart guy!

Maddox: Yeah...you've got that shit-eating grin! Why are you so happy? (Dick laughs) Why does that make you happy?!?

Dick: I don't know…it's like winning the lottery whenever I hear about stuff like that. I'm like "Yeah, I hope that's me someday."

Maddox: (sighs) …Dick.

Dick: What is your real problem with it, though? And it...it...what? Unqualified people are hired?

Maddox: Well, so, it goes on. Yeah, of course. And it creates a legacy. So, even the Bush family. Look at George W. And senior Bush.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? He got…he's…where did he go, to Yale, right? Bush went to Yale?

Dick: What, George Senior?

Maddox: Well, they both did. They both did. So he got in through this legacy and displaced somebody who may have been more qualified. Which, in Bush's case, is probably everyone! Uh…

Dick: Ohhhh, boyyyy, here we goooo.

Maddox: (laughing) Look…

Dick: (interjects) Like you would have done any better!

Maddox: In Yale?!

Dick: No, as a president.

Maddox: (cracks up) I would have been…

Dick: Oh, come on!

Maddox: Oh, you come on! I would have made a great President! First of all, no bullshit. I'd have a no bullshit policy. Big sign on the White House.

Dick: Here we goooo! (laughing)

Maddox: (laughs) No bullshit! I'd tear down the gates...

Dick: That's how you know you're getting bullshit, is somebody says "I'm not bullshitting you!"

Maddox: No…Aaaaghhhh….that's not…get out of here! (laughing)

Sean: Obama said it was going to be the most transparent administration, and it certainly hasn't turned out to be that.

Maddox: No no, he had been completely transparent bullshit. (laughter in background) So there's that. Yeah. I'm not…I'm not defending Obama either here, so let's get things on the record. So, anyway, yeah, I'd have a 'no bullshit' policy. I'd tear down the gates on the White House, and be like "Hey, you guys wanna fucking snipe me?! You wanna assassinate me?! (Dick cracking up) Come on in, buddy!!!

Dick: (laughing) This is your presidential action?!? Tear down the gates and come and get some?!?

Maddox: Yeah! I'll be….

Dick: (interjects) Like a WWF Superstar?!?

Maddox: I'll be in the front yard with my shirt off ready to fucking fisticuff anyone who comes in!! (Dick laughing) Let's have a fistfight right fucking now!!

Dick: Alright. Fuck policy! Let's just start fistfighting. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You know, honestly, dude, I have been thinking about this ISIS shit. This...these motherfuckers piss me off so much. I am like…so close.

Dick: What's ISIS?

Maddox: The Islamic terrorist group that has filled the vacuum of al-Qaeda in Iraq.

Dick: Ohhh! Yeah. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Which didn't exist before…like, pre-Saddam, but they came in, they funneled in through Syria, because that SHIT was a mess that no one took care of or intervened with. Anyway, (excited), so that's the…these are the fuckers who are assassinating Americans and cutting off their heads and stuff. I'm so close to just putting out a fucking call to arms and saying "Hey guys, I'm gonna be in Iraq in this-and-this location, this GPS location, be there. 2 o'clock. Let's just have a fight. Let's just fucking duke it out." And then…not show up and just bomb the shit out of it when they do!! (cracks up laughing) I…I guarantee…I know my fans would be on board with this!! (excited)

Dick: Yeah…

Maddox: They would get my back! They would come out there and fight with me! I'd be like "Look, here are the rules."

Dick: (interjects) Well, they'd come out and not fight with you. You said you weren't gonna show up.

Maddox: Yeah, you know what though? I actually may. (Dick laughs) So, here are the rules.

Dick: You better tell the bomb guys which one for sure!

Maddox: Yeah…we'll figure it out. We'll figure it out. So, I'll show up there. Here are the rules: Fist fights and swords. Swords are allowed. 'cause swords are cool as shit, right? No guns! Guns are chickenshit, right?!

Dick: I don't think so. I think guns are awesome!

Maddox: Ughhh…they're such chickenshit! You know what it is? It's remote control death. It's for pussies. For lazy people. Everyone who owns guns…

Dick: Guns are science, bro!

Maddox: (laughs) Guns are not science. Swords are science!

Dick: Yeah they are! They're weaponized science!

Maddox: Ehhhh…

Dick: Swords are just pointy sticks!

Maddox: Look, guns were invented in China like a million years ago. How scientific could they be?

Dick: Ugh. They…they've come a long way.

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah…I think guns are for lazy people who don't want to get up and kill somebody. 100% of gun owners are fat. That's a fact. (background laughter) (Maddox laughing)

Dick: Do you think these…do you think ISIS deals with nepotism? Like do you think the terrorists are like…(laughing)

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah! (yells)

Dick: They're like "Aww, man, like…"

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah! They'd be better terrorists if they didn't! If they didn't hire their buddies…their fucking terrorist buddies…so, anyway, man. I won't go on. The…the nepotism thing.

Dick: I wanna hear more about your platform! Um…oiled wrestling in the White House lawn (Maddox laughing)…duping terrorists into showing up like, for Candygrams and shit, like a Looney Tunes cartoon? And then you bomb them, I guess…

Maddox: Alright, dude…

Dick: To have a platform, you need a third thing.

Maddox: I wanna talk about nepotism in entertainment. (laughing) Susan Sarandon's daughter…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: …Eva Amurri, has been hired in Californication, House, How I Met Your Mother, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The list goes on. So, listen to this one. First of all, did you know Nicholas Cage, huge actor…

Dick: (interjects) Greatest actor of his generation…possibly of all time.

Maddox: Yeah. Do you think he has been helped out by nepotism at all?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah! I know his whole story.

Maddox: Oh, you know his whole story? Great. Great, Dick. Well, for the benefit of people who don't, um…he's…he's from the Coppola family.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? So, the Coppola family includes many distinguished filmmakers and actors. The careers of Sofia Coppola, Nicholas Cage, and Jason Schwartzman have been attributed to aid by director Francis Ford Coppola, who cast his daughter Sofia in the Godfather Part III. Cage changed his last name in order to distance himself from such charges. So he…he benefited from this, but then he just changed his last name so it wouldn't seem like there is impropriety going on, but there is.

Dick: Don't they all do that? Like, doesn't everybody in Hollywood do that?

Maddox: Some of them do. Like, here's another example. Meryl Streep's second daughter, Memie Gummer. So, she appeared alongside her mom in the movie Heartburn and she was uncredited in the film to avoid media scrutiny.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And then Clint Eastwood's son, Scott Eastwood. Lenny Kravitz's daughter, Zoe Kravitz. Jean Claude Van Damme's daughter, Bianca Van Varenberg?

Dick: So…so what do you want these people to do? Not put their kids in stuff?

Maddox: I dunno, man.

Dick: You gotta put your kids in stuff!

Maddox: You don't have to!

Dick: You gotta put your buddies in stuff. Yeah, you dooo.

Maddox: No, 'cause what you're doing is you're just giving them a silver spoon! Here you go, you don't have to earn anything, I already did it for you! Here you go, buddy! Why don't you just…here. I'm just gonna lift the fence for you, you don't have to climb it!

Dick: So what if your kid wanted to write. You wouldn't give him a link on your website?

Maddox: Fuck no! You have to earn that shit. (Dick laughs) Yeah! You have to earn that shit.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: 'cause if they don't, you're doing them a disservice! They didn't earn it. They didn't suffer like you did, for your art. They didn't struggle. So if they want to do it, they should earn it, right?! Why…why would you…

Dick: Because that's just not the way people work. They wanna help out their tribe.

Maddox: Dick.

Dick: They wanna help out people who are related or people who are similar to them.

Maddox: That's not an explanation of anything.

Dick: That's an evolutionary explanation! You want to help out people who are similar to you! Because they will do the same thing for you!

Maddox: Great. So maybe we should just create little cults of, like, black people helping black people, Koreans helping Koreans, Jewish people helping Jewish people, and we all become these insular little pockets of society where we don't…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, become?! That's what we are!!

Sean: (interjects) That's how it is!!

Dick: That's how we are!

Maddox: Yeah, that's a problem! That's a problem! (yelling) You don't think that's a problem?!?!

Dick: I don't know that it's a problem…

Maddox: Ugh. You make me want to barf.

Dick: Yeah! (laughs) Well you, uhh…

Maddox: I'm…here's why I'm gonna win this fucking debate, right? I'm gonna bring this in, 'cause it's very hot right now…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Here's some nepotism that pisses everyone off. As far as gamers go. Gamer Gate. Do you know what this is?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Gamer Gate. So this is a huuuge story in video games right now. There this huge scandal and people have been begging me to talk about this. This guy, basically…he broke up with his girlfriend because she cheated on him. And he wrote this looooooong exposé about all the different guys that she cheated with. Turns out…turns out there were five different guys that she cheated with.

Dick: God, that sucks.

Maddox: Look, man. Yeah, look. You got cheated on. It's your personal life. It's her personal life. Don't air out your dirty underwear. It's nobody's business, right? Except for one instance that one of the people she cheated with…she happened to be a video game developer and one of the people she cheated with is a journalist for a video game company. Er, for a video game website.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And, he…it's kind of controversial right now…he may or may not have given her a soft review. Like, a very beneficial review because he was bangin' her.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Or at least…at the very least, liked her before…

Dick: (interjects) Sure.

Maddox: Yeah. Before this game came out. So there's some nepotism that's working in their favor, and it's outraged the gaming community, because there's been censorship going on, and then on the other side of the coin, people have been attacking this woman. Just hateful threats and shit like that. It's been going back and forth as this big, ugly, drawn-out mess, but ultimately, it comes down to nepotism.

Dick: What, this game…video game soap opera?

Maddox: That's what's pissing people off, yeah.

Dick: They're pissed off because they had a soft review on a fuckin' video game?! Who cares!!! They're all soft!

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, that's not true.

Dick: Do any of those reviews mean shit? All I ever see is like, '9, oh my god, it's amazing! Wow, the graphics are so great!' "Was it fun?" No, probably not.

Maddox: What video game websites are you reading?

Dick: I dunno. All of them. I always assume they're all just fluff pieces. Otherwise they're not gonna get the free games!

Maddox: Yeah, you know…I…so, here's an example of nepotism that I didn't take part in. A video game company contacted me a while back, and they said "Hey Maddox, we'd like to send you some free games." I said "Uhhh, that sounds great. Yeah, send me free games." They sent me, like, nine free games, and they were awesome. Most of the games were pretty great. But I told them… I said, "Look, you can send me these free games. But I'm not gonna talk about it on my website. I don't do that. And if I did, I would fully disclose that you guys sent me these games." That's what you have to do. That's the ethical thing to do. Because then it takes that little inkling of doubt in the back of your mind out of the equation. Did this person genuinely like this game, or is he getting bribes? Like…that's what essentially this comes down to, right? It's a form of a…almost like a…

Dick: (interjects) Like a sex bribe?

Maddox: (laughs) No, it's not a sex bribe.

Dick: This girl that was cheating on the guy.

Maddox: Oh, the girl cheating on the guy?

Dick: Cheating on her boyfriend, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! Possibly. Like, who knows, man. Her personal life is nobody's business but hers and the person that she fucked over. She might be a terrible person. She sounds like an awful person. But, that's irrelevant only insofar as she benefited from her sexual deeds for better video game reviews.

Dick: Yeah, umm…I dunno, man. Your whole nepotism problem…I think I might be pro nepotism.

Maddox: Yeah, of course you are, Dick. Why would…

Dick: (interjects) 'cause it saves time! Like, what are you…you're just gonna go interview some other jackass who probably sucks at the job just as much as your friend does. Just hire your friend!

Maddox: Okay. Well, let's say you live in a country…

Dick: (interjects) And your friends are less likely to screw you over, because they know you personally.

Maddox: No! They're MORE likely to screw you over, because they'll take advantage of you.

Dick: Your friends?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: You think I'M more likely to screw you over than a random guy in the street? And I'm kind of a bad guy!

Maddox: Yeah. I guarantee you're screwing me over right now (Dick laughs). Like, there's three fucking ways you're probably screwing me over! I just know it. So, yeah. 'cause your friends are going to be inept and incompetent, whereas a stranger, who you're paying… who has no affiliation with you, is not.

Dick: No! Absolutely the opposite.

Maddox: No!

Dick: If you hired a stranger versus a friend to ship your t-shirts…Dude. You are losing like 10% right off the top. They're stealing merchandise. They're stealing money. They're stealing everything they can get their hands on.

Maddox: Dick. Always looking at the best in humanity.

Dick: That's what people do!!

Maddox: Yeah. That's what bad, shitty people do if you don't screen them well! If you don't try to read them and get a feel for them…

Dick: (interjects) Nobody's that good.

Maddox: (interjects) I'm fucking great.

Dick: (interjects) Eventually everybody steals.

Maddox: No. No!!! What do you mean, eventually…

Dick: (interjects) Eventually every employee grifts off the top.

Maddox: What are they going to do, walk out with my t-shirts? I'll put in…

Dick: Yeah! They're gonna shove 'em down their pants and walk out with 'em.

Maddox: (interjects) Well, then I'll have to…

Dick: (interjects) They'll ship them to the wrong people. They'll ship them to their friends…

Maddox: Then I'll tell my guard towers to keep an eye out (laughter in background) with their sniper rifles. (Maddox laughs) They'll be fat up there, too. (laughs)

Dick: You gotta trust your friends more, man.

Maddox: You know what, dude? Yeah, I get it. You know, I get it. In certain instances, you might want to benefit your friends, but where it 'causes a problem is if you are outside of that circle, that social circle.

Dick: Fuck you!!

Maddox: No, what do you mean, fuck you?

Dick: You'd better find your own circle, fast, man! If you're outside that one!

Sean: You'd better go to USC.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: That's the best in the world, man. There is no alumni program like they have. If you are in the neighborhood. Like, I mean, if you're barely competent, but you went to USC, and like, the person hiring you went to USC, you're in, man. You'll bypass a thousand people. And every USC grad knows that. And that's why they go there.

Maddox: Right. You know what that leads, to nepotism? Genetic retardation. That's nepotism.

Dick: (laughing) Here we go with the conspiracy!

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Dick: (interjects) Genetic retardation. We've been doing this for our entire existence, though!

Maddox: Yeah! So? We've been doing lots of shitty things for our entire existence, Dick! Like, if you're going to just continue making this insular little pocket of the same fucking people, same family members, only your buddies…You know, go to Sweden! In Stockholm, you know who the property owners are? They're all the same fucking families. There's like a handful of families who own property in Stockholm and it's just generation after generation after generation passes that down! And you keep talking about "Oh, well, you know…the wealth gets out there and people earn it, bla bla bla." No. I think upwards of 30% to 40% of the top Fortune 500 companies are people who inherited their money.

Dick: Wait, wait. Here?

Maddox: Yeah! Some or all of their money! Not the companies, rather, but the top list of billionaires. They're people who inherited their money. So if you're just passing wealth on…

you're passing jobs on, you're passing opportunities on, just to people you know…and it's so arbitrary! (yells) We didn't pick our families! Go back to Episode #1 and vote up families, guys! That's the biggest problem!

Dick: See, this is some kind of a weird…this is exactly like your Families problem and your Marriage problem. You have a problem with fundamentally the way evolution has made people. 'cause you didn't win the lottery! That's why. If you had…if you were next in line to be president of the United States…if you were Jeb Bush…

Maddox: (interjects) (laughing) Ohhohoho…

Dick: You'd love it.

Maddox: Yeah, that…dumbass. No, dude. Whether or not I hit the lottery. I would at least realize that I have these benefits and advantages. Right? I would at LEAST realize that and acknowledge it, and not gloat so much and say "Oh…I won, I earned this." 'cause I didn't. You didn't. If you benefit from nepotism, you didn't earn your credit. That's what Nic Cage has done. That's what Sofia Coppola has done…

Dick: (interjects) He…Nic Cage has earned his stardom.

Maddox: (interjects) Has he, though?

Dick: He's earned that castle!

Maddox: Mhmm…oh, then why did…

Dick: (interjects) Did you see Con Air?!? (Maddox cracks up) He changed his name because…first of all, because it sounds cool. Nic Cage sounds way better than Nicolas Coppola.

Maddox: Yeah, but you know what sounds cooler than Nick? Fuckin' Power. Why didn't he call himself Power Cage?

Dick: Power Cage?

Maddox: Yeah. Huh? Power Cage...that's like…

Dick: Then he can't be, like, a romantic lead, man.

Maddox: No, he could be a president and have an arm wrestling contest on the office lawn. Would be pretty rad. President Power Cage. Hey! So, Nic Cage had to change his last name, but he did that because he wants to remove doubt in people's minds. Because he knows, deep down, that the insecurity exists. With everyone who benefits from nepotism, that insecurity exists. I have this friend who is pretty high up in the improve community in Los Angeles. And there was one point, his girlfriend was trying out to be on the team. He was one of the judges on the team. And you know what he did? He recused himself. He said "Guys, I'm too close to her. I can't put my opinion in on this."

Dick: Yeeaaah…he probably did that so he didn't get bitched out at home. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: He was avoiding a huge fucking fight.

Dick: Yeahhhhh, exactly.

Sean: There's no doubt about that.

Dick: Again, more self interest.

Maddox: Why are you guys so cynical?! (cracks up)

Sean: Wait, but Maddox. Can't you differentiate between the person who…obviously, people are given jobs unfairly. They bypassed a lot of people. But don't you think people who stay in that industry, like, can be there of their own merit after that? Like, that doesn't negate everything that they do after, does it?

Maddox: You're right, Sean. No. You're right. You're absolutely right. But just that seed… that kernel is enough to put a little bit of doubt in people's minds. I personally would feel like shit if I thought maybe I got a little bit lucky. Maybe somebody pulled a lever for me and helped me out. I mean, you know what? Here's the thing. I'm kind of a hypocrite, 'cause I'll take advantage of nepotism sometimes. If I walk up to a bar or a club or something and there's a big, long line, and somebody there knows me and they're pulling me in, fuck yeah! I'm in. But it's unfair. And I realize it's unfair.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. What's your…well, before…before we get to the next problem…

Dick: (interjects) Before we move on, I just wanna mention that this episode is brought to you by Audible! Go to http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest for your free audio book download. Do you know about Audible?

Maddox: Yeah. Audible does the audio books. They provide audio books for people.

Dick: In fact, they have over 150,000 titles to choose from in every genre, Maddox. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Very smooth.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, I'm actually really genuinely pleased that we got Audible. This is actually going to help out a lot, guys. We're gonna have, you know, the transcriptions on the episode, and may be able to do a live show soon. And we're still talking about doing that bonus episode, too! So, yeah. Thanks to our very first sponsor, Audible.

Dick: Can I tell you that I bought my dad Audible one time, for like, Father's Day?

Maddox: What did you…

Dick: (interjects) 'cause you know how dads are impossible to buy stuff for?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you buy stuff for your dad?

Maddox: No, I just stopped trying.

Dick: Yeah man. Pretty much me too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But he had a long commute. He had, like, a two-hour commute every day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I got him an Audible subscription. And it was like, the one…the feeling of buying your dad a gift that he actually USES…is unlike any other feeling, I think.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: It's not like, that good…it's just different. It's like…it's kind of, it's good, but it's also, like, "I got you, you bastard. Take that. You're gonna use my gift..." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. It is pretty cool. Uh, especially because I feel like my dad is just a self-made man and he's so self sufficient. He NEVER wants anything. My dad especially. I've never seen my dad listen to music. He doesn't watch TV. He doesn't do anything except work. His favorite thing to do is chop down trees. Like, he likes to chop down trees, and weld, and build stuff. And there's nothing I can give him, 'cause he has every tool in existence. So if I find that thing for my dad…

Dick: (interjects) Try Audible! (Maddox laughs) That's what I'm saying! Do you realize what I'm saying? I'm saying try…try…throw an Audible at him.

Maddox: You know, my dad's partially deaf. He probably wouldn't be able to hear it. However, he could read the transcriptions of our episodes! So there's that!! (laughing)

Dick: So you get a free audio book download.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When you go to this URL. So I looked up some of the titles, right? To see what I wanted to listen to?

Maddox: (laughs) Okay.

Dick: Uh…one I thought would be cool…The Bully Pulpit, which is Theodore Roosevelt's story.

Maddox: Oh, wow. Yeah, that is…

Dick: That's cool.

Maddox: Theodore Roosevelt was a badass.

Dick: Yeah. I don't want to read that. But I'll listen to it.

Maddox: You should read the Theodore Roosevelt chapter I wrote in my book.

Dick: Alright. You could read it to me.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: I'll give you a call later (All laugh) I also thought Augustus The First Emperor of Rome. That might be a title I wanna get for free by going to Audible. Right?

Maddox: Alright. Dick. (laughs)

Dick: Right? That sounds interesting. Here's the one I ended up on, though. I think I'm gonna get this one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Milked at Her Uncle's Farm, Volume I: Vanessa's Dairy Farm Training and Erotic Lactation Story. (everyone laughing) It's a real book! You can download it for free, man! Just go to http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest. There you go! (**audience laughter sound effect**) I'm really gonna download that.

Maddox: Oh, I know you will. I know you will, Dick. Actually, we should bring in excerpts of that for next week's show.

Dick: Alright. You want my problem? We gotta move it.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Jennifer Lawrence's Tits!!!

Maddox: How…how are they…how is that a problem, Dick?!

Dick: You know…the big scandal happened, whatever they're calling it…

Maddox: What's the scandal? Let's get people up to speed.

Dick: The scandal is a bunch of hackers got into these celebrities' accounts and they, surprise, surprise, they've all got a bunch of naked pictures of themselves up there. Jennifer Lawrence is one of them, along with, like, Kate Upton and a bunch of other broads.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And when it came out, I kind of didn't really care. Like, I didn't wanna see her tits that bad, because it's always disappointing. Like, celebrity tits are always disappointing to me.

Maddox: Ooooh. Wrong.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Explain.

Maddox: So, when Scarlett Johansson's…I'll give you an example, and a counterexample. When Scarlett Johansson's came out, uhhh, someone sent it to me. I saw them. And they were pretty disappointing. I don't know what I was expecting…

Dick: (interjects) Very disappointing. Yeah.

Maddox: I don't know what I was expecting. But, but but…to be fair, they were these private photos taken not necessarily in the best light, or angle, or whatever, and they were stolen from her, so maybe I just didn't see them presented how they would want it presented.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But, uhh…yeah. I saw the latest ones, and I was not disappointed, my friend.

Dick: You saw Jennifer Lawrence's tits?

Maddox: I did, yeah.

Dick: Well, then, my friend, you are committing a sex crime! So, I didn't really give a shit about it until I saw, ALL OVER THE INTERNET, that it's MY fucking fault that she feels violated about this. ANYBODY WHO LOOKS AT THEM is committing a sex crime!! (yelling) Top of Forbes! A magazine that I always thought was in my corner!! Not anymore!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Why is Forbes in your corner?

Dick: 'cause it's about business.

Maddox: Ohh, pfff. (laughing) Oh, yeah, sorry, I forget. Business Dick. (laughter in background). Over here. All business.

Dick: Yeah! I just think the whole Internet's gone insane about this. It's funny. Celebrities fucked up. There's a bunch of naked pictures of them out now! Uhh, oh, heaven forbid that someone sees your bare boobs! Oh no, it's a fuckin' sex crime!

Maddox: (interjects) Uh…

Dick: So then I wanted to see 'em. What were you gonna say?

Maddox: Yeah. This is…this is…exactly the Barbara Streisand effect. In action. And I'm going to be talking about that as well. So, do you know what the Barbara Streisand effect is?

Dick: Explain it.

Maddox: Barbara Streisand, a long time ago, someone was creating…he was documenting pictures of the coast. The California coastline. And was putting them together on a website or something so you could go up and look at the coastline. Well, Barbara Streisand's house in Malibu is right on the coast. It's just right there. So, she sued this guy. She sent him a cease and desist. And the guy said "Uh, no. This is…that's insane. I totally have the right to take a picture of the coastline. Fuck you." And she wanted her house censored from this. So there was this big lawsuit, and he got…

Dick: (interjects) Just put a big asshole, right over her house.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Just a picture of her face and a big ass. So, she tried to get this guy shut down and she sued him, and he went to the press with it, and he said "Hey, Barbara Streisand is suing me for this ridiculous bullshit!" Every news outlet picked up the story and it was blown waaaaaay out of proportion. So had she shut the fuck up, no one would have even known that her pictures was on this rinky-dink little website.

Dick: Who, Jennifer Lawrence, you're saying? Is this…

Maddox: No. Barbara Streisand.

Dick: Barbara Streisand, okay.

Maddox: Yeah, Barbara Streisand. Yeah, this is the Streisand Effect. So, so, by simply going after it and making such a big stink about it, everybody saw it! And now it's impossible to remove and it's completely pointless. But the media outlets who were complaining about this are doing the exact same thing with Jennifer Lawrence.

Dick: Dude, they've successfully removed these pictures from the Internet. Basically. Like, I popped it into Google, you know, who is now an accessory to my sex crimes (jeers) (Maddox laughs) And I could not…all I found was, like, pages and pages and pages of news articles about how horrible I was for trying to look at them.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, you know…Jennifer Lawrence is everyone's darling. She's the world's darling. She's the Internet's darling. She's America's darling. Everybody loves her. I think the outrage here…you know, I see more Jennifer Lawrence in the headlines than Kate Upton, who was one of the biggest targets of this.

Dick: Yeah, and her pictures were great! (Maddox laughs) Right?

Maddox: Yeah, whatever. Everyone's got a body. Who gives a shit? Like, whatever. It's all genitals.

Dick: Well, that's what I'm…So, I mean, I just came back from Burning Man. I spent half of that naked! I don't care! (yells)

Maddox: I don't care.

Dick: Yeah!! You (laughs) definitely don't care. What is the big deal? Like, the only reason it's a big deal to her is because she could charge for it. Right? The ONLY reason it's a big deal when this celebrity gets busted being naked and stupid is because it's costing her money.

Maddox: (interjects) No…

Dick: (interjects) That's my premise.

Maddox: Well, you're wrong.

Dick: No, no! I totally think…like, it's a black mark on her image.

Maddox: Well, of course!

Dick: Like, I…I absolutely think that it translates into a direct dollar amount of, like, less, whatever. Money for her next movie.

Maddox: Well, as a businessman, Dick. (clears throat) You know, Forbes in your corner and everything. Wouldn't you…isn't that counter to your argument? Aren't you saying, then, essentially, someone has done monetary damage to Jennifer Lawrence. If you're saying her…her naked body does have value, which it does, clearly. She could sell those photos if she wanted to. Which I don't think she ever would. 'cause it would also hurt her career if she did that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But it does have value.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Easily upwards of tens of millions of dollars. If she wanted to do a spread for Playboy, you don't thin they would pay that in a heartbeat?

Dick: I do.

Maddox: Of course they would. But she is denied that opportunity now, because these photos are out. So, someone has done monetary damage to her. You don't think that's a problem?

Dick: I think it's a crime called hacking. I don't think it's a sex crime.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: I think it's a bunch of personal data that was stolen and the IDEA…this, this is the idea that upsets me. I'm reading these stupid journalists telling her that she shouldn't apologize for it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But she should feel bad for being stupid.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Yes, she should! If you don't want the pictures out there, don't take 'em and put them on your fucking phone!

Maddox: Hey. Why is she culpable for being stupid, and not fucking Apple with their bullshit iCloud service with your stupid iPhones, you idiots.

Dick: This is exactly what I'm talking about! What you said is exactly what I'm talking about. Assume that everyone is going to fuck up except for you! That's the lesson of this story! If somebody…if it's supposed to be secure, it's not gonna be.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: If you tell a guy not to show these pictures to everybody…as soon as he gets them, they're going to everyone in the fucking world!

Maddox: Well, sure, Dick, but also, with this iCloud service, it's automatically enabled, and unless you go through all these hoops and try to specifically opt out of this iCloud service, which is next to impossible for the typical Mac user, let alone someone advanced like me. It took me fucking two hours (laughing) to install iTunes, because I specifically tried to uncompress iTunes, the installer, the package, and install only the pieces I wanted. I didn't want to install their bullshit service that updated every fucking five minutes. I just wanted iTunes just to be able to check metrics. And it took ME like an hour to two hours just to unpack that executable. To find out how exactly to do that. You're expecting the typical…

Dick: (interjects) I can get my parents to come over and show you how to install iTunes.

Maddox: Ugh. (sighs)

Dick: They did it no problem.

Maddox: Yeah. Well maybe they can learn how to hit that toggle. The two-speed toggle, too.

Dick: Oh man! My dad heard you talking shit…

Maddox: (interjects) Ohohoho!!! (laughing)

Dick: He was pissed!! Oh boy.

Sean: That's just payin' it forward for throwing me under the bus so quick. Your dad.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: They just jumped on me. Sean fucked up the audio…

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: On purpose, no less. Look, what I'm saying is…here's…lemme read this quote. One second. Um…"It's not their responsibility..." this is what people are saying. "It's not their responsibility to protect their own property from theft by not creating said property or storing it in a specific way, more than it is any woman's responsibility to dress a certain way, travel in groups, wear special nail polish…" they're making it ridiculous, right? It started out like good advice, but then it got stupid. "…wear special nail polish or what have you to lessen the chance that someone will attempt to assault them." Newsflash! Yes it fucking is. Look out for yourself, because the world is fucked! Nothing works! None of your devices will ever work properly and people are CONSTANTLY trying to fuck you! It is absolutely your responsibility to protect yourself. That's what I'm saying. That's the problem with Jennifer Lawrence's tits.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay. Great, Dick. But here's the thing. You can do due diligence. That's what you're required to do, is due diligence. You try. You make your best effort. But nobody and nothing is completely unhackable or completely secure.

Dick: You know what is?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Not taking a bunch of nude pictures of yourself and putting them on the Internet!

Maddox: No, that's stupid. What, who are you, the fucking terrorists?

Dick: You need that?! You really NEED to take a bunch of nudes of yourself (yelling) that aren't very good, by the way, and put 'em on the Internet?!?!?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, is that, like, a need that you HAVE?! I don't compulsively have that! I'm sure my mom doesn't compulsively fucking' have that!

Maddox: Why not!? Why not!? Who cares? Who gives a shit? You can do whatever the fuck you want with your camera, and you shouldn't be expected for everybody in the world to see. You have a personal bank account. You have personal bank records.

Dick: Yeah. Sure.

Maddox: All that shit's available. It's accessible somewhere. Somewhere online. Someone has it. So if you get hacked because somebody was determined enough. If you are valuable enough of a celebrity, Dick, you would be a target and people might hack you and they might find your financial records, or who knows what?

Dick: Can you imagine that? What if pictures of my dick were all over the Internet?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Would you look?

Maddox: Of course NOT. So…actually, I have a theory. I have a theory.

Dick: Yeah? What is it?

Maddox: I've been actually working on this for a while now.

Dick: Do you understand what I'm saying? That it's your personal responsibility?

Maddox: No, no, I get it. I get it, Dick. I think that personal responsibility…you're only so culpable. After that…look. The company also failed here. Let's not just assume that this was just failure of passwords. It wasn't. There were a number of different hacks that they used to get this information. But here's what I'm proposing as a solution to this. And I actually may create this website. It is going to be like a Yellow Pages of nudity. Every single person on Earth needs to upload a picture of themselves completely naked. And you can just go to this website and look anyone up, like in a directory, and see what their genitals look like. Because the number one thing that everybody is afraid of when they lose their cell phone or their account gets hacked...it's like, oh my god, my nudes!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who gives a shit? Everybody's got em! Just post it online, get it over with, and then that way you're deflating this bullshit. No one cares about nudity anymore. Sex has so much fucking power in this country. And we need to deflate that. And the way to do that is to create a Yellow Pages of everyone's junk.

Dick: So, like, not Facebook? But like, Dickbook?

Maddox: Junkbook.

Dick: Junkbook?

Maddox: Junkbook. Yeah. That's what it is. It's Junkbook. So you go to this, you just type in, you know, you type in the first three letters and it brings up anyone. Like, you could even see your mom. Everyone's on there.

Dick: I don't wanna do…

Maddox: You have to.

Dick: No, this is a…Is this your third point of your platform as president?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Number one…greased up wrestling. Number two, zany antics with terrorists...and number three, everybody has to take naked pictures of themselves and send them to you so you can have a database.

Maddox: Yeah. Sounds about right.

Dick: I'm so sick of it! I'm so sick of hearing how I'm a fucking asshole because I want to see s a celebrity naked. It's funny. You fucked up! I wanna see it. I gotta see it! I just gotta see it. I wanna be a part of the fun.

Maddox: You know. Whatever. It's there. It's out there.

Dick: You fucked up! Not me.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I mean, it's out there. And, yeah, I dunno. I think the only way you're actually perpetuating this is if you share or pass on those photos. Or if you create the demand and somehow…I guess if you create the demand and somehow go to these websites and they're making ad revenue from your views, then you're contributing to the problem.

Dick: I mean, what's the loss? Like, feeling ashamed? It's not a real thing.

Maddox: No…

Dick: (interjects) What you're saying is that sex shouldn't be such a big deal…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Shouldn't that mean nothing really is happening here? Victimless crime?

Maddox: Dick…you…no. It's not a victimless crime. You agreed that there are monetary damages done against Jennifer Lawrence and Kate Upton. Kate Upton especially! People have been wanting her to do a nude spread for years and years.

Dick: I have.

Maddox: Well, of course! Now, that value has lessened because so many people have seen it out there.

Dick: Yeah. I would pay for it again, though. If I'm being honest.

Maddox: Well, fine. Fine. But you might not pay as much, because you've already seen it.

Dick: That's my problem, buddy.

Maddox: That's a show. That's a ticket to a show that you didn't pay for.

Dick: You know what? By the way, I don't even really want pictures of tits.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sent to me. I want real tits! If you're gonna send me phone pictures of tits, just bring your tits over.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: I'll check 'em out…you know.

Maddox: What if they're in another state, Dick? What are you going to do then?

Dick: What am I doing texting broads in other states?

Maddox: I don't know, man. Look, Dick speaks for himself. Send me all the tits. Yeah. No, um…

Dick: You got anything else to say on this thing?

Maddox: Uh, one thing I wanted to add to your celebrity tit problem…

Dick: What?

Maddox: Do you remember Gawker Media? Do you remember a long time ago, when the Hulk Hogan sex tape was released? Do you remember that!

Dick: Oh, yeah. Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Here's something kinda interesting. This is an actual title from Gawker. They said "Even for a minute, watching Hulk Hogan have sex in a canopy bed is not safe for work, but watch it anyway."

Dick: Oh. OH!

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: So you're allowed to watch Hulk Hogan be naked…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: But not Jennifer Lawrence.

Maddox: And here's the title they released for Jennifer Lawrence's sex tape. This was on Jezebel, which is part of the Gawker network, I believe? They said "Did someone just leak nude photos of Jennifer Lawrence? Updated." And of course, they're spreading it. 'cause they're playing coy. "Did someone?" Oh, like you don't fucking know?! Why don't you do some journalism? Why don't you answer your own question, you shits? And don't fucking report on it if you don't want the news story to spread so much. But of course, they want the clicks, too. Their righteous indignation. These hypocrites. They're still getting paid. They're making money from the nude photos indirectly!

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: They're fucking hypocrites. And here's another title from Gawker. This is also from Gawker. It says "A judge told us to take down our Hulk Hogan sex tape post. We won't."

Dick: Great.

Maddox: That's an actual quote from Gawker. And then, in the meantime, here's the one from Jezebel. "Porn site won't take down J-Law's nudes until she proves she owns them." So they had a huge problem with that.

Dick: That's fair.

Maddox: Well, but…(laughs)…but still, on the other hand, on the flip side, when Hulk Hogan's sex tape came out, it's hilarious!

Dick: Everybody laugh your ass off!

Maddox: Which, by the way, it was. Did you ever see it?

Dick: Yeah! Yes. It was great!

Maddox: Ugh…so gross. And that guy is fucking packing, too.

Dick: Oh, it's just such bullshit, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's such bullshit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't even know what to do about it!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I guess nothing. 'cause who cares? It's just tits and ass. You know what? If you guys seriously have a problem with celebrity nudes getting leaked, then next time it happens, don't comment about it. Don't mention it. Don't link to it. Don't check any news stories about it. Go about your day like nothing happened. Because this is the Barbara Streisand Effect. It's spreading shit around WAY bigger than it ever would have had you just shut the fuck up about it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why I don't…so, I hate to mention this, even now, in this context, but that's why I don't talk about PETA anymore. You know, the animal rights…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, because it gives them attention. I feel like they're dwindling. Like, I fee like everyone thinks they're a joke now.

Maddox: They are a joke. Even animal rights activists who contact me…I just have to mention PETA to them and they just roll their eyes and they say "Look, we're sorry about PETA. They're insane. They're out of their fucking minds. We don't want to be associated with them." Even animal rights activists don't want to be associated with PETA.

Dick: So don't talk about it. Just, uh...go on over to http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest and download yourself a book!

Maddox: Dick! (laughs) Well shall we move on to the next problem?

Dick: Well, yeah. Yeah, sure.

Maddox: Alright. My next problem is the Parent Television Council. You know what this is?

Dick: No.

Maddox: The Parent Television Council is this organization that has been trying to censor the news…well, they're trying to censor TV by creating these robo-mailers. So, there's only about...I think around 12,000 members in the Parent Television Council; however, when there is an offense that happens on TV, like, you remember the Superbowl Janet Jackson…the…what do you call 'em…the wardrobe malfunction? Right, you remember that?

Dick: Yup.

Maddox: Congress was inundated with mail, and flyers, and letters. Millions of them! From only about 12,000 or so people. And it turns out, it's because they send out these robo-mailers on behalf of people who don't even exist.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah. They bombard…

Dick: (interjects) That's nice of them.

Maddox: Yeah. They bombard Congress to create legislature to…they're the ones who helped push the V-chip through television. They made your TV sets more expensive. The V-chip is something that lets parents tune out things that are above a certain rating in

content and maturity. What's that, Sean? You were nodding. You were gonna say something?

Sean: No, I was gonna say, it's just like voting in this country, then.

Maddox: What's that?

Sean: I mean, just thousands of votes from dead people or people who don't exist, or whatnot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Sounds conspiratorial, but…(laughs) it happens on both sides.

Maddox: Yeah! That's what these guys are doing. And they have such a weird puritanical view about everything. The guy who founded this is an extreme, like, Christian dude, and they have all sorts of problems. They have problems with language. They have problems with nudity. They have problems with things that are suggestive! And now they're extending their reach to the Internet. Did you know this?

Dick: No!

Maddox: Yeah! So, they had a huge problem. They said…this is from E Online. They said "The conservative watchdog organization is calling on the network to rethink its decision to post an uncensored version of a Saturday Night Live skit on both its website and YouTube. This is a new low for NBC, PTC president Brent Bozell said in a statement. Clearly, the network will stop at nothing to find loopholes for its indecent programming to reach the public!" A loop…they're calling the Internet a loophole.

Dick: What are they trying to censor? What is the sketch they're talking about?

Maddox: It was the "Dick in a Box" sketch.

Dick: Ohhhhhhh, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, they wanted…you remember…that's a good sketch.

Dick: It's a great song, too! They want that stricken from the Internet as well?

Maddox: Well, yeah. They wanted…first of all, they wanted the word "dick" censored. The song is called "Dick in a Box" and they wanted the word…Dick, I wouldn't even be able to say your name right now, if they had their way!

Dick: No good. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So they wanted that censored not just on TV, but on the Internet as well. On YouTube.

Dick: How do they expect to do that?

Maddox: I dunno. I'll tell you what they CAN'T do anymore. They can't pay for it. Because in the most recent…this is from AdWeek…"So why is the PTC getting bent out of shape over this? Well, it could be because the organization has logged something of a

precipitous decline in donations over the last few years. The most recent form 990 available has the organization bringing in 2.7 million dollars for 2012 and with a little more than 2.5 million dollars coming in from donations. So as recently as 2008, the organization was seeing about 4 million dollars in donations and the thing that keeps the watchdog groups funded is presence in the public eye." They're actually declining. They saw a year-to-year decline of 26% in their funding.

Dick: Good.

Maddox: Yeah! 'cause people are tired of their bullshit!

Dick: Well, can they even function anymore? Like, with everything moving to Netflix and Amazon, or Hulu, or whatever? How the hell…the government can't tell them what to play.

Maddox: Yeah…well, that's their concern...this is like their last gasp. This is their death rattle. They reduced their staff by 38%. They reduced their funding by 26%. Because funding isn't coming in anymore. People are watching less TV. Thank God, this bullshit organization is going to go away.

Dick: Sounds like this problem is taking care of itself, buddy!

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah. You know what, though? It's just a matter of time before… they're…they're actively seeking legislation to try to get YouTube to have a rating system that is enforced that they can then control and have some say in it. Which leads to more censorship!

Dick: Man, I'll tell you what. When YouTube got rid of the anonymous comments, I felt that this was where we were going. Like, as soon as you were no longer allowed to comment anonymously on YouTube videos, I felt like the next step, or the eventual step was a full-on rating system. Full-on censorship.

Maddox: I'm okay with the YouTube commenting system. You can still comment anonymously. You can create and account, if you wanted to, that isn't your real identity. And a lot of people do.

Dick: Yeah. Of course. Of course.

Maddox: Here's something from the New York Times. They said that…you know the show Shit My Dad Says?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Based on the very popular Twitter account, Shit My Dad Says? And they said that..."declaring on September 17th that it would not rest, the Parent Television Council would not rest until the network changed the title or the show was cancelled." (incredulous)

Dick: Well that problem fixed itself too.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah, I guess it got cancelled.

Dick: Did you ever see that show?

Maddox: No. That's with William Shatner, eh?

Dick: Yeahhh, and it was like…imagine Married With Children with William Shatner as Al Bundy instead of Ed O'Neill? It was like…way too over the top. There was nothing…it wasn't like a depressed curmudgeon who was giving advice. It was like, this goofy character. 'cause I loved that Twitter!

Maddox: Yeah, the Twitter account is very funny. Um, I feel like William Shatner has become a caricature of himself, specifically since the Hotline commercials…errr…the Hotwire…

Dick: The Negotiator?

Maddox: Yeah. What's the website? Priceline, yeah. Priceline. Since the Priceline commercials, he has become a caricature of himself, and now he does this weird, fat, William Shatner kung-fu thing. And I feel like that's just him all the time.

Dick: Yeaah.

Maddox: Maybe that's just always been him and now he's just allowed to play himself.

Dick: Could be. Seems like fun.

Maddox: He's a real cocky dude, too.

Dick: Yeah. My mom hates him.

Maddox: Why does your mom hate him?

Dick: Uhh…I think that's part of the reason. And I think there's, like, some controversy over how his wife died?

Maddox: How did his wife die?

Dick: Like, she drowned in a pool, and there's, like, some kind of…some people wonder what he was doing.

Maddox: Hmmm. What, was he eating a steak or something?

Dick: I dunno. When an adult drowns in a pool, I think you got some explaining to do.

Sean: Well they said that he can't swim. I don't think people were buying that.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhh.

Sean: Like he didn't go in to get her out.

Dick: That sounds fishy.

Sean: I don't know if the man can swim or not, but that was what I heard thrown around.

Maddox: So…so his wife was drowning in a pool, and he couldn't save her, "cause he couldn't swim?

Dick: I guess, yeah.

Maddox: So what did he do, just stand by the sidelines and just scream and say "Ohhhhh!!"

Dick: I think he tried to drink the pool (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah. Looks like he was at least half successful. The side of a barn, man! That guy…he wouldn't have to swim. He'd just jump in and displace all the fucking water.

Dick: Yeah...(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Maybe his wife was a baby and he just left her in the tub to go answer the door or something. Like, what happened? I'm really curious about this now.

Dick: Me too. But that's all I know.

Maddox: Huh. Yeah, that's interesting.

Dick: So what happened with Shit My Dad Says? It eventually got knocked off the air and these guys are happy?

Maddox: Yeah. They're happy. Uhh…it got cancelled. The show got cancelled. But, yeah. That's that. Parent Television Council. They used to have more pull with Congress and legislation, but I am so glad that television is finally going away. This dying medium. It's in its death now. And people are moving towards the Internet where these shitty organizations like the Parent Television Council. Which…

Dick: (interjects) They have no power!

Maddox: Yeah, they have no power. But they're trying with every ounce they can. And guess how they're doing that? Nepotism. (laughs) Yeah. They've got buddies in Congress. They've got senators under their belt.

Dick: Yeah. Weren't you saying one episode that Netflix takes up 30% of Internet traffic and you had a problem with that?

Maddox: Something like that, yeah.

Dick: But then, it seems like it's defeating problems like this. Putting everything on the Internet, where it's like the Wild Wild West.

Maddox: No, I don't have a problem with Netflix using up bandwidth. Like, if people are moving towards Netflix at the sake of TV, traditional television, I'm okay with that. The problem I had with that specifically was that this 4k resolution is giving us resolution that our eyes can't even perceive, and that's what's taking up the bandwidth.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. We don't need 4k resolution, my friend.

Dick: So, why…why does this tactic that they do with the robo-calling…how does it possibly work. Like, who's sitting there getting automated complaints and saying "Well, guess we'd better do something about it. I got all these automated complaints!"

Maddox: Oh, I'll tell you what. Because then some lobbyist group will look at the statistics and not delve into it. And they'll say, "Oh, well, we received 1.3 million complaints or received 3 million complaints for the Superbowl, so we need to do something about this!" They'll present that to their Congressman. The Congressman, of course, is an idiot, and a robot, and just getting money funneled in through these lobbyists. So they say, "Well our constituents are complaining about this! This is a big, big problem!"

Dick: How do they not know?! Even I knew this. I knew this before you brought it in. That it's…that all they do is fake complaints. How does…not everyone know this?! (excited)

Maddox: It's selective blindness, Dick. They're having selective blindness to information they don't wanna see just so they can continue getting paid by these lobbyists.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Have you ever been in Washington, D.C., by the way?

Dick: Yeah, I've been there.

Maddox: Have you been to Dupont Circle?

Dick: I don't know what that is.

Maddox: Dupont Circle is kind of the central area where there's a whole bunch of restaurants and shops and things like that. There's a subway stop there. It's very central. It's probably about 5, 10 minutes away from the White House. It's just right there. You can walk around the corner and get to the White House. It's right next to all the action in Washington, D.C. Very central, commercial area. Almost every single restaurant there is a five-star restaurant. Just, with through-the-roof prices. I have NEVER seen anything like this. Every…

Dick: (interjects) Get some good steaks there, I bet.

Maddox: (laughs) You know what Dick, you can, 'cause I've had some excellent, excellent food there. But you walk in and the menu items start at 80$, 90$, 100$. I look at this, and I think, this is not America! Who can AFFORD this shit?! 'Cause you know who can?

Dick: What do you mean? What do you mean, it's not America?

Maddox: That's not America.

Dick: 'Cause it's pricy?

Maddox: You go ANYWHERE else in America, you're not gonna see those prices!!! (yelling)

Dick: What if you go to Beverly Hills, walk up and down! Ruth's Christ is right across the street from Morton's, isn't it?!

Maddox: Beverly Hills is a tiny little pocket, and by the way, you can get cheap meals in Beverly Hills. I don't see any of that shit in Dupont Circle. It's all fucking high-end restaurants. Look, the number of restaurants in Beverly Hills where they have outrageous prices is, what, maybe like, 5, 6? This is every restaurant in D.C. is like this.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Every restaurant is expensive as shit. And this is not…this is not America. This is a different economy. The economy of scale here is totally different. This is more expensive than New York. This is more expensive than San Francisco. Than Chicago. Every big city I've been to. This is insane. And you know why? Because lobbyists are paying for that. And Congress members are going to eat there. And senators are going to eat there. And

they're getting paid from the Parent Television Council and all these other lobbyists. That's who is funding this.

Dick: How do they get money?

Maddox: Oh, through donors. They send out fliers to their mostly Christian constituents.

Dick: And dipshits who don't like Dick in a Box are writing cheques to these buttholes so they can ruin the Internet?

Maddox: Yeah. Seth McFarlane had a really good comment about them awhile back. I'm just paraphrasing here, but he called them "The worst human beings" and "total dicks" and just "scum"

Dick: Like, they kind of are, right? You're just ruining everyone else's fun for no reason, really. You don't like bad words? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah, you're imposing your belief system onto other people. They had a HUGE problem with Nicki Minaj's new Anaconda video.

Dick: I don't even know what that is.

Maddox: Nicky Minaj came out with this video. It's actually pretty great. It's for a music video called Anaconda. And she mixes an old Sir Mix-A-Lot song into it, and talks about uhh…butts. And whatever. She's basically twerking and showing off her ass, which is fake. She has a fake ass.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, and anyway. They have a huge problem with this. A huge problem with this sexually suggestive…and they didn't want it aired during the MTV…VMA awards.

Dick: So who's their watchdog, who's like the closet pervert, who like spies all this stuff and then reports it? Is that how…do guys get caught in these circles doing stuff, and then they're like "Oh, just researching! We hate it now. Let's get it off the Internet. I gotta watch it a couple more times first though."

Maddox: Brent Bozell.

Dick: That's the guy's name?

Maddox: That's the guy's name. Yeah. He's a pretty far Christian dude.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: Has a huge problem with this. I think he's doing God's work. God would want him to watch a lot of hours of tits and ass and Dick in the Box.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: For the sake of us. For the sake of his flock.

Dick: Yeahhh.

Maddox: His sheep. (laughs)

Dick: Let's review the problems.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I had…I had..."Shitty Road Trip Passengers" and "Jennifer Lawrence's Tits".

Maddox: And I had "Nepotism" and "The Parent Television Council". Big, big problems this week. So go to the website, http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com, vote on these very important…and we will be discussing which ones won next week.

Dick: Yep! Thanks for listening.

Maddox: Thanks guys.

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 18

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyyyyy! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: So this episode, we have a very special guest with us. We have Ryan Holiday. Now, he is the directing marketer for American Apparel. The Director of Marketing, rather, for American Apparel.

Ryan: Mhmm.

Maddox: And he has a huge body of work. He's written two books. Some of your work has been used for case studies for Google, for YouTube, and even Twitter has used your work for case studies.

Ryan: Yes.

Dick: Even Twitter.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: I should have, like, reversed that order. 'Cause Google is more impressive.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You've worked with Tim Ferriss, the author of the 4-Hour Workweek.

Ryan: Mhmm.

Maddox: Tucker Max, which many of my listeners know, and even Robert Greene, the author of 48 Laws of Power and Mastery.

Ryan: Mhmm.

Dick: Whoa!! I know that one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a big deal, man.

Maddox: And your own books. You have the bestselling "Trust Me, I'm Lying: Confessions of a Media Manipulator", and "The Obstacle is The Way: The Timeless Art of Turning Trials Into Triumph". So, uhh…

Dick: Say hello!

Maddox: Welcome to the show.

Ryan: It's good to be here. I've been a big fan for a reaaaally long time. I read your stuff when I was in high school.

Dick: Were you talking to me or Maddox?

Ryan: Definitely not you. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Yeah. Well, uhhh..thank you.

Ryan: My friends had that sticker in the back of their pickup truck.

Maddox: Oh yeah! My Maddox logo sticker. That's cool.

Ryan: Mhmm.

Maddox: Just…they didn't know that you knew me?

Ryan: Well, I didn't then. But now I do.

Maddox: So, we got introduced through my editor, who is also Tucker Max's editor AND Dick's editor! That's how we we're all kind of friends together. Uhhh..Jeremy Ruby-Strauss. He worked on all our books together.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: And you helped market Tucker's book. Is that right?

Ryan: Yeah. Yeah. I think that's how we finally got introduced.

Dick: He's the godfather of 'fratire', Jeremy Ruby-Strauss, right?

Maddox: I guess, yeah.

Ryan: And a bunch of other huge books. I mean, he's, like, the guy behind the guy, on like, a million huge books.

Maddox: He's done…he's done everything. He's one of the few people who I can genuinely say gets it. Like, in the publishing industry?

Ryan: Mhmm.

Maddox: Which is very rare. Um, so…and that's how…did you work…you didn't work on Tucker's movie, just the book, right?

Ryan: No, I worked on the movie too.

Maddox: Oh, the movie as well.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: Cool. Alright, well, thank you for coming in.

Ryan: (interjects) Yeah, it's good to be here.

Maddox: This is our very second guest.

Dick: With that resume, I cannot wait to see your problem.

Ryan: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah (laughs), this is gonna be great. Alright, so let's get to the comments from…

Dick: (interjects) No wait, who won? Who won last week?

Maddox: Ohhh. Okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Number one last week was "Nepotism"…

Dick: (interjects) (loud sigh and grumble) Alright…

Maddox: Yeah! Big problem. Followed by "The Parents Television Council"…

Dick: (interjects) Goddamn it.

Maddox: Two for me! And then, your "Shitty Passengers" problem, Dick, which you didn't even mention a single shitty passenger.

Dick: You. (laughs)

Maddox: I'm a great passenger. I save lives.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. And…and my last one. "Jennifer Lawrence's Tits".

Maddox: And.."Jennifer Lawrence's Tits" is your last one. Yeah. Which a lot of people called you out on for…for, uh…they didn't like the phrasing of that problem. It's kind of vulgar.

Dick: Uhhh…alright, well, whatever, I lost.

Maddox: You lost. So, let's get…

Dick: (interjects) I don't need to know why I lost.

Maddox: Uhh…just….

Dick: (interjects) I just need to know that I lost. I mean, uh…why is not important.

Maddox: You're not gonna learn anything from it. (laughs)

Dick: No. I'm not even gonna try.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright, so…I've got some comments. This one's from Buddy Wagner. He says, "Dick, dude. Nic Cage sucks hardcore donkey nuts. I've actually seen Nic Cage fight through a crowd of people to get at a huge donkey scrotum and choke it down..." (background laughter) "…Watching that was better than all of his movies put together."

Dick: Really?! (incredulous) That…what's that guy's name?

Maddox: His name is, uhh…Buddy Wagner.

Dick: Buddy Whack-It. You didn't like Con Air? You can honestly say that Con Air wasn't, like, one of the best movies you've ever seen? That's a lie. That's false.

Maddox: Dick, he didn't parse his words here. He said he…

Dick: (interjects) The Rock?! (yells) The Rock is not donkey scrotum.

Maddox: Yeah. No.

Dick: The Rock is a great movie.

Maddox: I dunno. He said he's seen all of his movies and he'd rather watch Nic Cage suck a big donkey scrotum, so he didn't parse his words.

Ryan: Has he seen National Treasure?

Dick: No…ummm…Also good!

Ryan: All three of 'em!

Maddox: Are they really? Is this bullshit, or are they really good?

Dick: I kind of think it's bullshit now that all three of them have come up…(everyone laughs) I've got a comment for you!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uhh…Kyle Tarsia. "Nepotism is only flawed when someone unqualified is the only one benefiting. For instance, the only reason Dick is on the podcast with Maddox is because of nepotism." So… (Maddox laughs) he's got you there.

Maddox: You know, Dick, I actually brought that same comment in. And I was gonna say that maybe he's right, you know, you are on the show because of nepotism. So maybe we should have a formal interview process (background laugh) with all the listeners.

Dick: Oh, okay. Lemme tell you something, Kyle! (Maddox laughs) And anyone else who thinks that…If it wasn't for me…THIS would just be a figment of Maddox's imagination!

Maddox: Uhhhh…

Dick: (interjects) Just like every amazing idea this guy has!!

Maddox: (interjects) Mmmm….

Dick: It takes some asshole to squeeze it out of him!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, well…there's some history back there. We have six…actually, this is kind of…we've never talked about this, but we have six previously-recorded episodes that we shot…that we recorded a year ago before we actually relaunched this. Which is actually something they say that all podcasts should do. Record six episodes and throw them away. 'Cause they're probably gonna be shit.

Ryan: It's like the same thing with writing. You shouldn't…like, if you're publishing everything you write, you're not holding yourself to a high enough standard.

Maddox: Yeah. Absolutely. Absolutely! That's…I did a Rebbit…excuse me. I did a Reddit AMA, Ask Me Anything, and people were saying…were asking me why my content isn't as prolific as other writers'.

Ryan: Sure.

Maddox: I said "Look, nobody cares if you publish 100 different articles. They only care about the one or two good ones."

Ryan: Right. Harper Lee wrote one book.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: I think also the reason you're not as prolific as other writers…

Maddox: (interjects) Okay..

Dick: …Is because of Dark Souls…(Maddox laughs)…and Dark Souls II. Just to be fair.

Maddox: Okay. That is fair, actually.

Dick: Not quality control so much as Dark Souls.

Maddox: Yep. Well, so you read my "Nepotism" comment. I got one from Ryan William Smail. He says "Thanks for the good show and thanks for the audio book. I got "The Mountain of Madness", because it sounds like the tape from Evil Dead." So that was just this guy talking about one of the books he got from our new sponsor.

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: What do you have?

Dick: Uh, let's see. I got umm…Ben West: "Dick, you need to marry that Korean woman. You aren't gonna find any better than that on Tinder." That's probably true.

Maddox: Yeah. Although, I think I saw her on Tinder. (laughs) So….

Dick: You know, I was talking to her about Tinder today.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She goes, "Is it just for hookups?" And I was like "Uhhh…I mean, kinda."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, no. No. Um, I got one from Nobody Really. (clears throat) That's gotta be a real name on this one. He just asks "Whose phone kept ringing the whole show?"

Dick: It wasn't mine.

Maddox: Dick, do you know anything about that? Sean?

Dick: No!

Sean: Dick's phone was vibrating.

Maddox: Dick's phone was vibrating.

Dick: No it wasn't!! (yells)

Sean: It was….

Dick: (interjects) My phone was NOT vibrating (yells)

Sean: It vibrated twice. Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, it was like an earthquake over here!!

Dick: What the FUCK is this?!?!?!

Sean: It did.

Maddox: With your fucking vibrations the entire time.

Sean: Cause I mixed the thing, and it was, uhh…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I heard it a couple of times.

Dick: Why do you think it was…why do you automatically assume it was mine?!

Sean: Because it was sitting right next to your hand.

Maddox: It was YOUR phone.

Dick: NO!! This is…it was Sean's!! (yelling) (Maddox laughs) This is exactly what Sean would do, because he jumped right in with it was mine!!

Maddox: Dick!! I saw it on the table!! It was vibrating the entire show. This is unbelievable.

Sean: My phone's on silent behind me.

Dick: MY phone's on "Do Not Disturb".

Maddox: My phone's in the toilet.

Sean: Hmmm.

Dick: Hey, we got a…moving along.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We got a really awesome fanart.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Did you guys see this? I woke up…still drunk, like in the middle of the morning, and found this pop up on my Twitter…and it was like, the awesomest thing I'd ever seen. I retweeted it immediately. Sean, have you seen this? Here. Check it out. Uh, it was made by a dude named Tim. A French guy.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: A Cup of Tim? http://www.acupoftim.com/. And on Twitter, @acupoftim. It's awesome. He's got the…he's got our problems on there. I guess we're having dinner in Hell.

Maddox: Yeah. There's every reference to the show ever. Show Ryan too. We'll post this on the website.

Dick: It's a pretty good likeness.

Maddox: So, Tim. Tim is an illustrator I've known for a long time.

Ryan: Nice.

Maddox: I actually met him out in France when I was out there, and he's a really cool dude. Not too cool, but just cool enough. Um, so yeah. His work is incredible. I've always been a big fan of his work and he's been a big fan of mine. So, thank you Tim, for the fanart.

Ryan: Have you ever got creepy fanart before?

Maddox: Yes. Oh my gosh, yes.

Ryan: Like what?

Maddox: Uh…just me in various sexual positions with animals. (Ryan laughs) (background laughter) And uh…I got one one time where they were really trying to draw a bad caricature of me, but they…like, they exaggerated my nose and the circles under my eyes, and my baldness. And then, uhhh..I looked at it, and I'm like, "That's actually pretty good." (laughing) They pretty much nailed me. Um, yeah. Anyway. So, should we get to the problems?

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: What do you got this week?

Dick: The TSA.

Maddox: The Transportation Security Administration?

Dick: That's right.

Maddox: Just making sure. Alright.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What's the problem?

Dick: I'm gonna make it very simple. Everyone hates them. Everyone thinks they're a joke. I think we all know that. But here's why I brought it in as a problem. 'Cause I realized this week that they ruined planes. They ruined flying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They ruined man-powered flight for all of us.

Maddox: (sighs loudly) Yeah.

Dick: So, I was sitting around with a bunch of, like, you know, adults.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Not…people older than us. The previous generation. They were telling me that they had a…they got a sale one time, or something, when like, United Airlines was going global, or something like that. They had tickets, where for 700$, you could get unlimited flights in like 10 days. Which seems like it would be awesome. Go wherever you want, wherever they fly, for 10 days. And I realized that if the airlines were to do that right now, I wouldn't buy it, because the idea of waiting two to three hours and going through all the lines, and going through all the TSA bullshit, would completely ruin the experience for me.

Maddox: Mhmm. Yeah.

Ryan: But was that 700$ in like, 1952 dollars? So it was really, like, ridiculously expensive?

Dick: Alright, lemme tell you something about numbers. I'm not very good with them. (Maddox laughs)

Ryan: Alright.

Dick: It could have been…it could have been 500. It could have been 7…either way. If it was 2000 today, would you pay it?

Ryan: Uhhh…for unlimited travel?

Maddox: For 10 flights?

Ryan: Of course!

Maddox: Yeah, that's actually a good deal, Dick.

Ryan: Yeah, it's a great deal.

Maddox: It's a realllly good deal, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I mean, that's the conversion, right? Two or three thousand dollars?

Ryan: No. 700$ in 1952 dollars would be , like…

Dick: No no no no, the 70s. The 70s. The 70s.

Ryan: Oh, the 70s.

Maddox: Oh the 70s?

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, about 2 to 3 grand at most, right?

Ryan: Probably. I don't know.

Maddox: For 3 grand? If you go on three flights, you've paid for that.

Ryan: But what other form of transportation is pleasant?

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: I feel like you're laying something at the feet of the TSA that every other form of transportation also fails.

Dick: No, so this is what you could do, before the TSA got there. You just walk on the flight.

Ryan: Yeah, and planes got hijacked all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: And then they crashed a bunch of them into buildings and started 10 years of war!

Dick: The TSA is not…

Ryan: Fuck the TSA!!! (yells) (laughs)(Maddox laughs)

Dick: The TSA is not preventing planes getting hijacked and flying into buildings.

Maddox: I'll tell you what the problem is. It's Canada. Okay? So when I was going through a security check in Canada one time, I walked all the way up to my gate with my luggage in hand and I realized something was wrong, because I still had my luggage, and so I turned around and went back to the security station that I somehow just walked past. I said, "Am I supposed to go through here?" and they're like "Yeah." They said, "Where did

you come from?" I'm like "Over there." They're like "How did you get there?" and I'm like "I just walked past you guys." (Ryan laughs)

Dick: So I did some research.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Along those lines. 70% of weapons make it through the TSA.

Maddox: How do they…how do they know which weapons got through and didn't?

Dick: Right? So, they keep all of the internal testing they do on the TSA…

Maddox: Ohhhhh…

Dick: That's all private.

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: By the way. Somebody audited them, and they found that the TSA was getting alerted when the testing crew…the undercover testing crew was coming in to bring their fake weapons on board to test them out.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Dick: So they did a big investigation of this. Nobody got fired. Nobody was found to be at fault. They raised the contract. So that's who's watching the watchers. A company that lets them know when they're gonna come test them so they don't lose their contract.

Ryan: There's that other stat where it's like…the TSA has caught, like one terrorist, in like, 10 years. And, like 400 TSA agents have been fired for stealing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: It's, like, a ridiculous…

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: So, that's a point in your favor.

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Yeah. So, so…but on your criticism of all forms of travel.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: They're all pretty….what about bike riding? Do you like bike riding, Ryan?

Ryan: No. I'm not poor. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Or a girl, right?

Ryan: Yeah. Right. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Ryan: I don't live at the beach and I'm not poor, so I don't ride a bike.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh. This makes me so angry! (Ryan laughs)

Dick: Oh Maddox. He's a huge…he's a CYCLIST.

Ryan: You ride a bike?

Maddox: I love riding bikes. It's the best way around…LA. Yeah.

Ryan: Yeah, but that's because LA sucks for transportation.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. If I lived, in like, any place rural…like in Utah, I hardly ever rode my bike.

Ryan: Sure.

Maddox: Because it was just miserable. And everyone's such an asshole. But out here, you're constantly stuck in gridlock because people like Dick don't use their horns (Ryan laughs)

Ryan: I'm a big, big horn user.

Maddox: You're a honker? Thank God!

Ryan: Of course.

Maddox: Yeah. Smart guy. See, Ryan? Head of American Apparel, Director of Marketing. And he uses his horn.

Ryan: Do you guys have PreCheck?

Maddox: What is PreCheck?

Ryan: Do you know what PreCheck is?

Maddox: Uh-uh.

Ryan: PreCheck lets you skip…like, you pay, like 400$. You go through a background check. You get fingerprinted and then you get to skip…you don't have to take your shoes off. You don't have to take your laptop out, and you go through a shorter line.

Dick: I thought they were ruining that. I thought they were getting rid of that.

Ryan: Well, they ruin it because they let, like, old people go through sometimes, who are like, not a threat, but the point is, it's like…this is the genius of government, right?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Ryan: The TSA sucks so hard that you can PAY to get around it. And then, if you have money, you skip it, and, like, the airport in Austin is, like, 7 minutes from my house. And security takes me about 3 minutes. So I can leave, like 10 minutes before my flight boards.

Maddox: Oh, that's beautiful.

Ryan: It's amazing.

Maddox: Because you have that PreCheck.

Ryan: Because, yeah, I paid for it. And then, if you pay for global entry at the same time, then you don't have to go through US customs when you re-enter the US.

Maddox: Oh, which is just the biggest bureaucracy, US customs. It's such bullshit!

Ryan: Oh, totally.

Maddox: It makes travelling miserable. Everywhere I go in the country…in the world, I've never seen a bureaucracy as worse as America's customs. It's, like, almost like a mini-DMV in the airport.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: Every other customs I go through, anywhere in the world, you just breeze right through! Denmark, Sweden…

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: France! You just breeze right through. And in America, you just stand in this long fucking line, and they have people barking orders at you. And they never check anything anyway. I always put…I put down pornography for everything I'm gonna declare. And the guy just looks at it, and I'm like "Yeah dude, I just got a whole bunch of porn, what are you gonna do?"

Ryan: It's like "Welcome to America. Fuck you, wait in line."

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: Welcome to America, wait in line.

Ryan: Yeah. We suck.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: But then, you go to some crappy country, and it's like in and out, 'cause they want you to come there!

Maddox: Have you ever travelled in the Middle East?

Ryan: No.

Maddox: Either of you?

Dick: No.

Maddox: So, if you travel in the Middle East, that is security like it used to be. They don't give…they don't check anything. They don't give a fuck.

Ryan: Really?

Maddox: 'Cause they know no one's bombing THEM, huh.

Ryan: (laughs) Right.

Maddox: Right? No one's bombing them! No one's hijacking their shit!

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: So they're just BREEZIN' people through! They don't even check. They just kind of wave a wand at you.

Ryan: Sure.

Maddox: It beeps. They don't check what beeped. They just keep waving people through (laughs). They don't give a shit. Yeah. Middle East is a great place to travel.

Ryan: Yeah, unless you get on, some, like Malaysian air flight.

Maddox: Oooh. Yeah. Yeah. Well. And people were demonizing the pilots for that.

Ryan: Which one?

Maddox: Because they flew over…uhhh…Ukraine?

Ryan: Oh yeah.

Maddox: There were other flights in the area that didn't get shot.

Ryan: Yeah. Of course.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Well, I like that too. It's like when that first plane disappeared. We're like, mad that could happen. It's like, 50 years ago, planes were just disappearing all the time!

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah.

Ryan: And then now, it's like, "How dare they?!" It's like, that's what happens, man. You're flying a bullet through the sky.

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: Some of 'em aren't gonna land.

Maddox: And the reason it's such big news is because it happens so infrequently.

Ryan: Sure.

Maddox: No one would cover this if it happened every day.

Ryan: How long has Amelia Earhart been missing?

Maddox: Yeah. Why don't you guys find Amelia Earhart and then bitch about Malaysia Airlines?

Ryan: Yeah! Right. They've only had, like a couple of months to search for that one.

Maddox: Yeah. And she was the pilot. You know who to blame there (Ryan laughs) So Dick, what…what do you propose? What can be done about this? Like, what…

Dick: No, nothing can be done about it. We're screwed. Once you get a government organization going, there's no stopping it. It's like, out of control avalanche.

Maddox: What do you think…what do you think about…

Dick: (interjects) I'll tell you what's going happen… wait, what do I think about what?

Maddox: What do you think about profiling?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Because they talked about this after 9/11. They said "Look, we shouldn't be testing Midwestern grandmas. We shouldn't be checking kids of any of these people. We

should start profiling…people who look sketchy and ethnic." Which, by the way, right after 9/11, I got flagged for random searches..like every time I flew. And I went to stand in this line of other people who randomly got flagged, and they all had, you know..tunics and beards and weird hats, and they all looked super Middle Eastern, super ethnic, and I'm like "Ohhh…"

Dick: Were you offended by that? As a guy who looked like that? Did it bother you?

Maddox: No, I get it. No, it didn't bother me, 'cause I get it. I'm like alright, you know, if I haven't shaved for a couple of weeks, yeah, go ahead and pat me down.

Dick: I don't think it would bother me either. That's why I don't really care about it.

Sean: It happened to me! I got the full private room pat-down and everything.

Maddox: Well, sorry Sean, someone's phone just went off… (laughing) Literally…while you were talking!! (laughs)

Dick: Alright. Alright. Hold on, I can explain (Maddox cackling). I can explain that!! (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. I think we can all explain! (laughing)

Dick: I thought…I thought…

Sean: Guess who just won the race to zero credibility. (everyone laughing)

Dick: I thought that "Do Not Disturb" meant no buzzing either.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: But apparently, on Facebook Messenger, it doesn't mean that. It goes ahead and buzzes you anyway.

Sean: Do you listen to the podcast at double speed, too? (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Ughhhh.. YOU GUYS!!!! (yells)

Sean: It runs in the family.

Maddox: Ohhh, boy. Yeah. It's an iPhone thing. Actually, I just heard another podcast the other day where the guy was trying to figure out just how to silence his fucking phone, and it took him 5 minutes and three people to figure out how to just do silence, and that's it.

Dick: How did he figure it out eventually? Can you tell me the answer?

Maddox: By trial and error…(laughs)…you wanna know? We'll have to…

Dick: (interjects) So you got racially profiled, Sean?

Maddox: Sean, yeah. Why would you get racially profiled?

Dick: You look like the whitest…Irish…Greek man…ever.

Sean: I know. I have no idea, other than if anybody's ever been to the Philadelphia airport, they know what I'm talking about. It's just one of the worst airports in America.

Maddox: I've been there and I don't remember being particularly…

Sean: With the worst people and the worst layout. Yeah! I got the full…they said they detected a "foreign substance."

Maddox: Ohh… yeah.

Dick: What was that?

Ryan: Semen? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: They actually don't know. And then honestly, like, the guy…you know, I went into the room and they took my shoes, and they put them in this, like, oven-looking thing (giggling in background) I shit you not. And I said "What are you checking for?" And he goes "Explosives." (Maddox laughs) You know, knowing that I had no explosives on me, I was like "Okay, that's cool." And then the other cop, who had to, like grab me…

Dick: (interjects) Not cops! TSA people, right? They want you to think they're cops…

Sean: No, they're not. They're just dressed a little different from the people who actually take you in the private room, I think.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Sean: Yeah, no. You're right. And he, like, hemmed and hawed about that he had to touch me in my private areas. Like, he was really nervous about it. Like, you know, cause he probably thought…

Dick: (interjects) You're an attractive guy.

Maddox: You're packin'. (Sean laughs)

Dick: I mean, you are. People don't know. I'm saying that he was probably really nervous about…

Sean: I'm like "Dude, just do what you gotta do." Like, he thought it was a much bigger deal than me. I was like…I'm not gonna get a boner, you know? (laughs)

Maddox: What if you did, though?

Sean: Well, then, you know. I don't know. Then I would have just intentionally missed my flight, I guess.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: To wrap it up, the guy goes "You know, this happens about three times per day." The sensor just goes off and detects a substance that isn't there.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Whenever they see someone they wanna molest in the back room.

Sean: I gueeeeeesss. I don't know.

Dick: Which is basically what happened.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, like a giggling pervert molested you. Took your shoes off, probably because he wanted to see your feet.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't… I don't…

Ryan: Well, it sounds like you were the opposite of racially profiled.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: The machine went off.

Maddox: You're making people like me look bad.

Sean: That's true, actually. The machine dimed me off.

Maddox: You know what? I'll say this, though. There are…there are a disproportionate amount of hot black people who work at TSA, right?

Dick: What the fuck are you talking about!?!? (Maddox laughs) Where are you going?! Sam's…this beautiful woman that Ryan's brought into the studio is nodding her head like this is true!

Maddox: Yeah!

Ryan: What are you talking about?

Dick: Is that true?!

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: Disproportionate number of hot black women in TSA!?

Maddox: Yeah! They're just…they're always…

Dick: Are they hiding in all the enormously fat black women!?! (everyone cracks up) What the FUCK are you talking about?!

Maddox: I dunno, man. Every time I've…maybe I've just had the luck, 'cause I'm going through the right security checkpoints.

Sean: It's like you're Shallow Hal or something, like…(laughs)

Ryan: Yeah, maybe you just have really low standards. (laughs)

Maddox: Hey!

Dick: Do you go to the security checkpoint at Foreplay beside LAX, or do you go through LAX? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Oh, that's not part of LAX?

Dick: No, Foreplay is a strip club.

Maddox: Ohh…that might be the problem, yeah. 'Cause they always wanna check my wallet. At Foreplay. (Ryan laughs) Yeah. Anyway, Dick, okay.

Dick: TSA costs…lemme…I wrote shit down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 7.6 billion dollars. That's how much money they're getting for this.

Maddox: 7.6 BILLION dollars (Dick chimes in as well).

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's insane.

Dick: To molest Sean…

Maddox: What did 9/11 cost, by the way? 120 billion? Something like that?

Dick: What do you mean? The cost is our innocence!

Maddox: What? Oh..ohohoh…okay, Dick. Thank you, poet.

Ryan: Like, just the straight infrastructure cost? Or do you roll in the war in Iraq in there? Like, what do you…

Maddox: No. Let's end it at…just…the immediate aftermath.

Ryan: Sure.

Maddox: The first, like, say, 30 days to two months. So the loss in air travel, business…

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: Uhh…Wall Street…How many billions of dollars? A hundred…I heard it's like 120…

Ryan: Well, it's gotta be, like, trillions, right?

Maddox: Trillions? Okay, well, nevermind then, that argument's skunked.

Dick: No, yeah. You're…(Maddox laughs)(Dick laughs) But if we're talking about people's lives, here's something interesting I found.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This TSA shit is encouraging people to drive versus fly, 'cause it's such a pain in the ass, they're just like "Ah fuck it, I'll drive."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And all these extra cars in the road are causing vehicle fatalities.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: I've got a number, too. Lemme find it.

(sound effect: Dick saying "I've got a stats for you")

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah. Okay, 6% more people drove because of the TSA. 129 more people died in, like, the course of three months in 2002. Uhhh, this dude figured that…who's that…who's that stats guy, who always does, like the weirdo stats, like for the presidential election?

Ryan: Nate Silver?

Dick: Yeah. Nate Silver said it was, like, four fully-loaded 737's crashing each year and costing airlines a billion dollars in business.

Maddox: Wowwwww. That is…that's amazing. That's actually a really…

Dick: (interjects) That's the TSA.

Maddox: Where'd you get that stat from?

Dick: I dunno, man. The Internet!

Ryan: Oh gosh, Dick.

Maddox: The Internet. I mean, I gotta look this up afterwards. But anyway, that's really interesting, actually.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So four airliners are going down…the equivalent…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah.

Maddox: …worth of people dying.

Dick: Yep. Cause people are driving.

Ryan: Because they're bad drivers.

Maddox: Yeah. They're bad drivers. They're people who lollygag. They're people who are idling. They're a "road rage".

Dick: Accidents happen, man.

Maddox: Yeah…but, you know what? You know what's so sad about that statistic, too? Is that people who would otherwise never even travel, by just pedestrians…those are the people who are getting killed, too. 'Cause one of these…you know one of those people is gonna be an old man who fell asleep at the wheel and drove through a farmer's market.

Dick: Yeah. True.

Maddox: That happens. That happens like twice a year, I feel. I always hear about some old person just "I don't know what happened!" (old person voice) and (Ryan laughing) then they wake up in the middle of just a pile of bodies at a farmer's market.

Ryan: And you think those people would be flying if TSA was easier?

Maddox: Maybe. Or if they had family members who cared. (cracks up)

Dick: Well, that's my problem. They ruined flying. I think they're going to ruin self-driving cars, too.

Ryan: The TSA will?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, they might, yeah.

Dick: I think they're gonna get their mitts into buses. I think they're gonna get their mitts into sporting events. They're gonna fuck that up. They're gonna fuck that up. And I think they're eventually gonna fuck up self driving cars.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…here's hoping they don't. So, Ryan. You're…our guest problem this week.

Ryan: Yeah, I am.

Maddox: Or...guest this week who HAS a problem, rather.

Ryan: Sure. (laughs) Well, I didn't do my homework like you guys with stats. I didn't know this was what was required of me.

Dick: Stats are not necessary to make an argument.

Maddox: Dick, I have pressured Dick into bringing stats, so…

Ryan: Oh, okay. Problem number one could be how fucking hot it is in this room right now.

Maddox: It is pretty hot, yeah. We turn off the A/C during the recording.

Ryan: Look at him. He's covered in sweat.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, but that's partially anger sweat.

Dick: It's very much anger sweat.

Sean: It's also mostly booze. (all laughing)

Dick: It's a lot of booze.

Maddox: There's just like this sweaty whiskey smell in the room. Yeah.

Ryan: Well, okay. So, what I thought I would talk about is something…this is what my first book is about, which is just how bullshit and corrupt and terrible the online media space is.

Maddox: (gasps) Yes.

Ryan: And I think you and I have a lot of agreement about this. Your stuff on Buzzfeed has been awesome. Your shit about, um…so, people…

Dick: (interjects) So your stuff on Buzzfeed, sorry, is…what. What do you like about his stuff on Buzzfeed?

Ryan: Well, Buzzfeed is one of the worst journalism outfits to ever exist. It started purely to troll our Facebook feeds. It was a way of selling, sort of, cute nostalgia and pirated content, essentially…

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: That has now raised, what, 100 million dollars in venture capital funding?

Maddox: More. More. They just got a new round of funding.

Ryan: Yeah. For like another 50 million dollars.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: And at the same time, did you hear they had to delete 5,000 of their own articles because they don't even meet Buzzfeed's incredibly low standards?

Maddox: Wow. That is…that's amazing. That's like, uh…people going through their Twitter account and deleting tweets because they didn't mean to tweet…

Ryan: (interjects) I mean, first off, that you would HAVE 5,000 articles and you're only, like a couple of years old, is, like…says something. And then that you would have 5,000 that don't meet your standards, is like…appalling.

Maddox: The standards of Buzzfeed.

Ryan: Right, right. So, Buzzfeed wrote 5,000 articles that even Buzzfeed thinks sucks. And they tried to delete them sneakily so people wouldn't see.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Ryan: And of course, people caught them.

Maddox: Sure.

Ryan: Um, so, and what else have you written about Buzzfeed? Oh, you did that great thing about ABC news with the Robin Williams thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Which, then, everyone on the Internet ripped off. So, sort of the thesis of my first book is the economics of creating content online have sort of totally corrupted and taken over news and media in general. So, it's…it's what people are chattering about online that drives the offline media conversation. The 24/7 media cycle…

Maddox: Mmhmm.

Ryan: That is all driven by the economics of the Internet. And the economics of the Internet are essentially a million blogs trying to be heard over a million other blogs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: And so…within that, the majority of bloggers at these places, like at Buzzfeed, at Gawker, they're paid on the page they write. Or their pay is somehow tied to how much traffic their articles do on a monthly basis.

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: Which essentially makes everything that they publish a conflict of interest in one way or another. Right? So they could write the story the truthful way, or they could write it the way that gets them the most traffic.

Maddox: Mmmhmm.

Ryan: And this is a force that's sort of acting on the information that all of us get as a society, and it created this weird feedback loop where we're acting on shit that some 20-year-old college grad from Sarah Lawrence churns out at a basically New York sweatshop for content.

Maddox: Right. Yeah, it's…by the way, thank you so much for very eloquently spelling that out. Uh, so…creating this…it's almost like a race to the bottom with these clique headlines. And that's why I feel like on my own website, when I don't have any ads on my website, it's always been that kind of platform…

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: I don't really care if you click or not.

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: People…I lose fans ALL the time. They send me emails that are like "Hey Maddox, I've been a fan for 10 years. Your last article sucked. You've really gone downhill. I'm gonna stop reading." And I always write back, I say, "Adios, dipshit!" (Ryan laughs)

Dick: You know they keep reading.

Maddox: Yeah, of course they keep reading!

Dick: They want attention so bad.

Maddox: Yeah, of course they're gonna keep reading, 'cause what else is out there, Buzzfeed?

Ryan: Well, it's like, look. You ultimately monetize your content in a way that creates good incentives by…you sell stuff to people who willingly buy it.

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: Right, like you sell t-shirts. You sell…what else do you sell?

Maddox: T-shirts, stickers, posters, books, comics. Yeah.

Ryan: Books! Books. Right, you sell stuff. And so that creates a relationship of reciprocal value between you and your fans. You're not trying to generate a bunch of traffic to create a graph that makes it look like traffic is going through the roof so then you can turn around and sell your crappy company to Time Warner or…

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: Or AOL. You know? And then all of a sudden, they've got this sordid doubt on their hands. That's what…these companies aren't trying to become sustainable business. They are, like, essentially Ponzi schemes that they're trying…

Maddox: It's a cash grab!

Ryan: Yeah, totally.

Maddox: Yeah. That's all it is. So Dick, last week, brought in a problem. He was talking about Jennifer's…the celebrity leaks, right? So, all these…

Dick: (interjects) Jennifer Lawrence's tits! Say the whole thing if you're gonna bring in my problem!

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Thank you.

Dick: That I brought in and researched. Not you (laughter in background)

Maddox: Thank you for researching and going through the effort of looking at all the pictures.

Ryan: (laughing) Yeah, that must have been hard for you.

Maddox: Yeah. It must have been real hard.

Dick: No! It was not hard! That was part of the problem!

Maddox: Uhhh…yeah. So Dick wasn't turned on enough. So, so. Here's the thing. All these companies…Gawker, Huffington Post…they all wrote these…and even, you said, uhh..Forbes, right Dick?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They wrote these big screeds about how awful everybody is for looking at these pictures because…and then, there was some charity organization that even turned down money from Redditters who somehow profited from the server.

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: Even now, Wired magazine came out with an article saying that Reddit paid for x number of months of hosting through the scandal, right?

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: But, they're also profiting.

Ryan: Totally.

Maddox: These people who are reporting about…even just saying "Don't look at the pictures." You're still profiting as long as you run ads on your website.

Dick: Well, lemme ask you this, Ryan. 'Cause my thinking is…and I'll say it first, and then give my example. When has it been any different? 'Cause you said online specifically. Do you think it was different…do you think that online media has affected the offline media in such a way as to change…as to cause this problem? Specifically because yesterday, I'm sitting in this restaurant throwing back a couple beers, and I'm watching Anderson Cooper on mute slam Ray Rice over and over while they PLAY the slo-mo of him PUNCHING his fiancé (Ryan laughs) OVER and OVER and OVER and I'm like…"You guys are just making money off this awful video all afternoon!" (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's all I'm seeing here.

Ryan: Yeah, so. What I talk about in the book is…if you look at the history of media, um…if you go back to the late 1800's or early 1900's, media is mostly sold not by subscription. It's newspapers printed every day, and the whole idea of "extra, extra, read all about it!", right, is..comes from news boys shouting at the corner, trying to get you to buy THIS paper versus THAT paper. And that intense competition, rather than like, "Hey, I'm a New York Times man. It gets delivered to me on my doorstep.", which is sort of what ensued later, is what creates the yellow journalism scandals of that period. Right? So, Fatty Arbuckle…the famous movie star, is crushed by this sort of fake rape allegation in Los Angeles…

Dick: Ooh, hmm.

Ryan: Uhhh, the Spanish-American War is largely driven by sensational media coverage. So, but the New York Times emerges in that period as a…as a contrast to all that. Like, the slogan, "All the News That's Fit To Print" is statement against that kind of crappy journalism. Um, and so, like, when you at the Pentagon papers. When the Pentagon

papers leak, the New York Times story, is like "Interesting Archive of Documents Related to the Vietnam War Surfaces". It's like this super low-key headline for what was a world-changing bombshell.

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: 'Cause the New York Times has x million numbers of subscribers at this time. They don't need to be sensational or ridiculous.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Now, you know…Jezebel, or Gawker get some TINY leak about whatever, and it's, you know, an all-caps headline screaming about how this is, like, the worst thing that ever happened. And so, I like to sort of contrast those two things. And I think it's interesting you're talking about CNN. Well, who broke that story? TMZ Sports breaks the...Ray Rice video…

Dick: (interjects) And they put their watermark over the video…

Ryan: Sure!

Dick: I'm like, are you guys fucking kidding me!? You've got a video of a gigantic, violent man beating a woman unmercifully, and you put your WATERMARK on it?! (incredulous) (Maddox laughing) Did nobody pause and say, "Wait a minute. I don't think this is appropriate."

Ryan: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I didn't even want to see the video after, like a dozen times.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Ryan: 12 was enough for you? (laughs) (laughter in background)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And when I'm saying it's inappropriate, you've fucked up!

Ryan: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Dick is pretty much…so…at what point…look at what they're essentially doing. They've created a universe, or we have, I guess…where associating your brand with a man punching a woman in the face is a positive thing.

Dick: Positive!

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Sure. Well, and it's…what's crazy is the way in which these media outlets now, sort of dominate everything we're talking about. So, it…like, with the celebrity nude scandal, right? Like, for the last few years, celebrity scandals have been leaking all the time, right? Like Scarlett Johansson photos…whatever. None of these people have a problem leaking the photos. If it's ONE celebrity. And, like the Hulk Hogan tape! Gawker went to court to defend their right to mock and post a video of Hulk Hogan having sex.

Maddox: And they actively told their viewers to read it. To watch the video.

Ryan: Yeah! Right, right.

Dick: Yeah. And laugh.

Ryan: And then 25 celebrities get hacked, and they realize it's sort of beyond the pale, and now all of a sudden they're admonishing us for DARING to look at these photos…

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Like WE'RE the perverts. Like, they didn't create the fucking market for this shit. Create billion-dollar brands…or multi-million dollar brands off the back of it, and then when Perez Hilton can't get first to the story, now all of a sudden, he's like "Oh, I won't post these." It's like, dude, you posted underage upskirt photos of Miley Cyrus like three or four years ago and you had no problem, but then THIS one breaks on Imgur and Reddit and all of a sudden you want to talk about how evil and corrupt and perverted it is.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Ryan: They're the worst!

Maddox: Yeah, exactly. That's actually…what were you gonna say?

Dick: I was gonna say that that's pretty much what I meant to say last week. (Maddox cracks up) All of that stuff.

Maddox: All of that stuff. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Instead of all the victim blaming, huh? You know…Dick's argument was like "Well, you shouldn't have the pictures!" and I'm like, "Yeah, but when people's bank accounts get compromised, you don't say 'They shouldn't have bank accounts!'". Like…(laughs)…people are allowed to have property.

Dick: I keep all my money in whiskey.

Ryan: People should be able to take naked photos of themselves.

Maddox: Yeah! You should be able to do whatever you want.

Dick: You can!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can! Surprise, surprise. Your shit got hacked. Boo-hoo.

Maddox: Yeah, but look. I don't think that having a weak password is any excuse to say, "Well, it's their fault." And who knows if they had a weak password or they just exploited shitty iCloud, which is super shitty anyway. But anyway, I don't wanna get on an Apple rant, 'cause that's coming. (laughs) Um, but Ryan, I want to ask you…

Dick: (interjects) Literally for him. That's coming. An Apple rant.

Maddox: Mmmm…(cracks up) (Dick laughs) Oh, I've had a hayday this week with the iPhone 6 announcement. Um, so, Ryan, I want to ask you, in your book "Trust Me, I'm Lying". Is there some way…is there some particular egregious way that they are manipulating media, be it traditional or online, to get their…to get these clicks.

Ryan: So the book is about, like, stunts that I've pulled with online media. So, like, with the book, one of the things that I did was I went on…there's this service called "Help a Reporter Out". Where basically, lazy journalists go. Like, "Hey, I need a source about almond farming." And then, like some almond farmer goes "Oh, like, lemme be your source!" Right? And so..

Maddox: Mhmm.

Ryan: It's basically like Craigslist for lazy journalists. So one of the stunts I did for the book to promote it, is that I just went on it and I pretended to be an expert about literally anything. For like six months.

Maddox: Ugh, I love it.

Ryan: And then it got so easy, I just had…I paid my assistant to pretend to be me and do it for me. Like, I did this under my real name. Having announced and gotten a ton of press for writing a book about media manipulation.

Maddox: Wow.

Ryan: I was quoted in ABC News, Good Morning America, Yahoo, ummm…I was on 20/20, and then the New York Times! I was an expert in the New York Times about vinyl records. And I know literally nothing about vinyl records. I mean, I'm 27 years old. I've never listened to a fucking record.

Dick: Do you remember some of your quotes?

Ryan: Yeah, I was, like, an expert about boat winterization…like, how to prepare your boat (Maddox laughs) for the coming winter for this Canadian newspaper. So I pretended to be this source for months and months, and then I revealed it when the book came out. And everyone's like "Oh, you lied! How were they supposed to know!" It's like, umm…maybe if you want to know about vinyl records, you call a record store.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Or a record label. You don't troll for sources from random fucking people on the Internet.

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: I mean, the slogan for this website is "No Such Thing As Free Publicity: There is with HARO". And, so, like, this is how your sausage gets made. So that's what I sort of talk about in the book. Is the way in which these places create this content, which your average reader thinks is…like, you think you're reading, and you see a quoted expert in the New York Times. They must have some credentials. They're not just a random guy pretending to know about vinyl records based on what he Googled three seconds before he emailed this reporter.

Maddox: You would hope, yes.

Ryan: That's the paper of record in the United States. And here I am, quoted. And the New York Times, even after this, does not ban its reporters from using this service.

Maddox: I…I heard a long time ago that…so, this happens everywhere in print.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: I heard the New York Times was particularly good about it. They vetted their sources and checked…

Ryan: Sure!

Maddox: So I guess not.

Ryan: Of course not! Why would they? They have to create more content to compete with all these blogs.

Maddox: Wow.

Ryan: Like everyone is competing for a finite amount of eyeballs, right? And so, they're… this guy who did this for the New York Times is a freelancer, just phoning in articles. He knows what he wants to say, so he asks for a source to tell him what he wants to hear, and I raise my hand, and then there I am and my parents are like "Hey, we saw you in the New York Times today!"

Maddox: Hmm.

Ryan: "We didn't know you were a vinyl record fan" (laughs) You know?

Maddox: Yeah. Apparently you didn't either.

Ryan: Right! No, I wasn't. I learned what LP stood for…(Maddox laughs)…in the article that I was quoted in.

Maddox: That's incredible. (laughs) I love how the criticism of that was that, "Oh, you liked to these outfits.."

Ryan: (interjects) Yeah. Like I was the problem.

Maddox: Well, I don't know. Maybe because they're journalists and it's their job to know. It's their job to find out. Just Google somebody. It just takes 5 seconds. And find out whether they're full of shit or not.

Ryan: Totally.

Maddox: Yeah. That's unbelievable.

Ryan: Or maybe do more than, you know, just talk to your sources via email.

Maddox: Yeah! You know, when I was writing The Alphabet of Manliness, I worked with a couple of different publicists, and that's when I started to notice this thing happening.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: So, someone came out to my apartment in Utah and they did an interview with me from the Associated Press. And that one AP piece got picked up in SO many different publications because some of them…the publisher would pay for, some of them, they were genuinely covering this trend, or whatever.

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: But, that's when I started to notice this on my radar, that all these pieces started to come up around the same time and it's usually driven by some publicist firm or marketing firm and they're trying to get that….So…any time you notice on Google News… Google News is my favorite news portal because I can see how all the different media outlets cover the same headline.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: And I like to see those, because sometimes you'll see six stories drop about something at the same exact time, about coffee or milk, or whatever. I guarantee there's a lobby behind them.

Ryan: Yeah, or you see…Okay, so x happened. This is where. I came to this, like working as a publicist for a lot of clients. It's like…you would see something objectively happen, right? Like a lawsuit gets filed or a store opens, or you know, something…you launch a new campaign, bla blab la. And then you would see, like, one person cover it. And then you would see all those different outlets cover the same thing. And you would see how, as the headlines come in, they get more interesting as they have to compete with the ones that come before it. Right? So it's like on Google News, it's like the first person's like…"Hey! Blablabla happened." And then it's like "World's Craziest Blablabla happened!"

Maddox: Mhmm. (annoyed)

Ryan: Because they know that if you're the most clickable headline on Google News, the algorithm is going to favor you. It's the same thing, like, what does Upworthy do? They know that we've gotta get lots of shares on social media. Like on Facebook, right? So they just see what does well on the Facebook feed. They know how that algorithm works…and then they create this syrupy, artificial, bullshit content about, you know…"You think this preacher is going to talk about people who are gay in a bad way, but…what do you know?! He's actually really open minded!" And then we're like "Oh, I love this!" and it's like blowing up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Or, like, "Check out this kitten eating snacks!" and it just…you see the whole thing blow up because they know exactly how to play to our instincts to get us to click on things.

Maddox: It's almost like they've built in a twist ending for every single headline.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: Like. "BUT! You didn't see this coming!"

Ryan: Yeah! Right. 'Cause they know…There's this crazy study…somebody actually did it of the New York Times. I think this was, what's his name…Jonah Berger. He studied, like 7,000 articles, then made the most shared list of the New York Times.

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: The number one predictor…the biggest predictor is the valance of emotion it makes you feel. So, like extreme happiness is better than 'sort-of' sad, right?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Ryan: Or, like, extreme humor is better than moderate rage. It turns out, also, that anger is the most high-valance emotion. So articles that make people angry get shared more. So you don't think, like, writers who are sitting there with pageview quotas are gonna try to piss people off?

Dick: Or entire websites! (Maddox laughs)

Ryan: Right!

Dick: Dr. Phil's fat ass made more money off people being angry at me than I ever have or will.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true, actually.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It crashed your website, too, when you were on Dr. Phil.

Dick: It melted the server. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Just a big lead block.

Dick: Yeah. They used me for like 80% of the VO on that fucking episode. All the commercials, every single commercial, was me me me me me me me.

Maddox: So, what these clickbait websites do. They get people in and it's…there's actually this new…I don't even know what to call it. It's a new genre of website. So, it's not news satire like the Onion and the Daily Currant. And it's not quite news…it's just lies.

Ryan: Right. Just fake things that they know people kind of want to be true.

Maddox: Yeah!

Ryan: Or desperately don't want to be true.

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: And then they post it and they know 50% of the population will not know that it's fake and share it and then all their friends will be like "You're such an idiot! What are you doing?" and then that creates like a back-and-forth that's good for them.

Maddox: Mhmm. And it's still going to create people clicking. And they're getting that clickstream.

Ryan: Right. Well, it's sort of like arbitrage, right? It's like whatever we have to do to get people to click this thing, and then we immediately sell it via an ad exchange for advertising dollars…

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: And then we profit. It's not like they're trying to build a brand that people trust. That's not the model. They're not trying to sell T-shirts and books. You're the customer that they're selling.

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: They are tricking you and then selling you to an ad exchange.

Maddox: Once the click has been made, the sale has already been made.

Ryan: You can't unclick.

Maddox: Yeah, you can't unclick. The view's been loaded. The ad rank has been loaded. The pageview has been loaded. So, and they don't even care about their reputation, because as soon as their reputation gets out there, "Oh, that's a bullshit news site."

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: They just register a new domain, shift all their content to the new domain, and now nobody recognizes it anymore.

Ryan: Yeah! And they people that they're targeting don't care where it's published. They care what it says.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Right? Like..they're just looking…it's like the confirmation. They're exploiting the confirmation bias.

Maddox: Confirmation bias, yep.

Ryan: Like, we desperately want…I desperately want proof that Obama is not an American.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Ryan: So you post that thing, like I'm gonna share it, and I don't care what the source is, because I need to say it so desperately.

Maddox: Mhmm. I didn't generally have a rule of thumb. Any website that has the word "World" in it or "Truth". Worldtruth.tv, or .us.

Ryan: Sure.

Maddox: Any kind of health of health website. Any real pharmacies. Anything with the word "real" in it, I don't automatically believe. Anything with the word "truth" in it, I don't believe. Anything with "honest" or "natural". I don't believe any "natural" websites. These are all just…

Ryan: Well, and then what you have to do is you have to immediately unfollow any friend or acquaintance that shares one of those links, and it's a great way of sorting out the dumb people from your network of people.

Maddox: No, see, I would disagree. I'm going back and forth on that just internally, because I have a lot of dumb friends.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: But I feel like if I do that, then there's no help. I'm like their bridge. I'm like, reaching out with my hand, like "Come on."

Ryan: Let them go and drift, man.

Dick: What a fucking messiah complex on this guy. (Maddox laughs) Always coming to save the day.

Maddox: Yeah Dick. Through driving and through enlightening, I guess. So. Okay, well, good problem. What would you title that?

Dick: Why is it a problem?

Maddox: You mean, like, other than the last 10…

Ryan: (interjects) Well, there's this great quote, and I forget who it's from, but he says something like "America is a country ostensibly ruled by the people", right? By public opinion. And the media is what influences public opinion.

Dick: It's a good point!

Ryan: So, therefore, this is the lens through which our democracy then operates on.

Dick: Buzzfeed killed America.

Ryan: Yeah!

Dick: That's the headline. (Maddox laughs). That's my linkbait.

Ryan: That's a great Buzzfeed headline. (laughs)

Maddox: That's a very neutral….

Dick: Top 10 Ways that Buzzfeed Killed America!

Sean: I want to say that's H.L. Minkin. Does that make sense. Baltimore Sun…

Ryan: Probably.

Sean: Early 20th century. I think I know that quote.

Maddox: Oh. Dictionary Sean. Thank you. So, great problem. What would you title this overall? 'Cause I know there's a lot that's kind of onioned into this problem. But, what is it, like, "Clickbait"?

Ryan: Clickbait is one word. There's a couple…I think "Outrage Porn" is another great word.

Maddox: Outrage porn, that's great.

Dick: That's a good one.

Maddox: I love that. Let's do "Outrage Porn". Because, you notice, too, they even do it with positive stories. Like the ALS Bucket Challenge? Every single website…like, near a month into it, they were really running on fumes, and so they started using these titles. They said "This is the last ALS Bucket Challenge You'll Have to See." Oh my gosh, "So And So Celebrity Killed It. It Will Never Be Better Than This." And then I saw like five of those.

Ryan: Yeah. So, I think it's a bunch of…they know, like, 10 different triggers to pull to exploit us, right? But I think Outrage Porn is a big one and I think the other one is, I call it, like, sort of "Sanctimony".

Maddox: Mhmmm.

Ryan: Let's just create the most syrupy, cloying, sanctimonious bullshit you could possibly imagine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Like, what's the stuff that white liberal people will get excited about?

Maddox: Oh, my God. I am so sick of that shit. Polygon. Mic.com. Policy mic.

Ryan: That's a terrible one. Yeah.

Maddox: Terrible. Absolutely terrible. Everything on there INFURIATES me. Even stuff I agree with. I'm like "Fuck you for exploiting this."

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: Like…seriously. They're not creating any content. They're taking some video that somebody studiously created on YouTube, put a wrapper around it, and then published it on their website with some bullshit 50-word "article". Article I use in quotes.

Ryan: And then these people call themselves writers.

Maddox: Yeah. And then, they're making a hefty living off of this, too. They're…

Ryan: I dunno about that, but…

Maddox: Well. I hope not.

Ryan: I think their bosses are making a lot of money.

Maddox: Okay, there you go. It's a gian pyramid scheme! You mentioned that, Dick, right? You said it's like a Ponzi…

Dick: No, that was Ryan. Ponzi scheme.

Maddox: Oh. Ryan again. Ponzi scheme. Will, good job. Good problem. "Outrage Porn". I love that. Because that's…and even the Daily Show called them out for it. They said…they always have these headlines on Huffington post because they love Jon Stewart so much and they really want to get on his bandwagon.

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: They're like "Jon Stewart Obliterates Glenn Beck!" or "He eviscerates Sean Hannity!" and then Jon Stewart's like, dude, I just called them out on a minor misquote.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: I didn't quite eviscerate or obliterate anyone. I didn't decimate Fox News. They still exist.

Ryan: Well, yeah. And that's the thing, is like, they have to…here's an artist doing something. And then they have to exaggerate it and put context on it so then they can make a few pennies off what he did.

Maddox: Right. Well guys, great problems. TSA and Outrage Porn. But here's the biggest problem this week. My problem is "Babies".

Dick: You don't have a sound effect to accompany that? (**Sean:** "Oh yeah!")

(Baby laugh sound effect)

Maddox: There you go. (laughs)

Dick: Babies.

Maddox: Babies. So first of all, what do you do with them?

Dick: What do you do with babies? (incredulous)

Maddox: What do you do with a baby?

Dick: You take pictures of them. You enjoy them. You teach them.

Maddox: Oh, great.

Dick: You let them enrich your life.

Maddox: Boring.

Ryan: Propagate the species with them.

Dick: Create a family with them.

Maddox: (laughs) Propagate the species. Why don't you give me a real….

Dick: Basically live.

Maddox: You live with a baby.

Dick: Yeah, that's life.

Maddox: That's like a shitty roommate. (laughs) It's not paying rent. It stinks. It makes noise. The sound of a baby crying is the worst. I didn't even bring in a baby crying sound effect 'cause I hate it that much. It's the worst. Okay…but…first, here's my problem with babies. Right? Every friend of mine who is a parent…when I go over to their house, they want me to hold their baby.

Dick: Yeah. That's something that you're supposed to LIKE.

Maddox: Why am I supposed to like that?

Dick: Because it's a little creature.

Maddox: Oh, great!

Dick: That you're genetically encoded to love because of its helplessness.

Maddox: I have possums in my backyard. I can hold those.

Ryan: (laughs) Have you held a possum?

Maddox: No, 'cause I don't want to! I don't want to hold a possum, I don't wanna hold a baby. But I'd rather hold a possum.

Dick: Would you hold…if you could go back in time and meet you as a baby, would you hold you?

Maddox: Shit, no! (laughs) I'd put me down and go play video games or something. Like, come on!

Ryan: But you're glad somebody held you, right?

Maddox: Uh…I guess. I mean, maybe.

Dick: What, Sean?

Ryan: You wish they'd like, abandoned you on the steps of a church? (laughing)

Maddox: (laughs) I mean, no. That could be worse. But...what were you gonna say, Sean?

Sean: The moment has passed.

Dick: Well, now it's definitely passed.

Maddox: So…so…they always want to hand me their babies, and I'm scared shitless of holding their baby. It's like the most valuable thing they own…

Dick: (interjects) Ohhhhh, here we go.

Maddox: Right? It's the most expensive thing you own, is a baby. Um…

Dick: Welll…(incredulous, laughing) Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. So, they hand it to me and invariably, I hold it wrong. They hand it to me and I try to cradle it, and they say, "Oh, you gotta support its head! You gotta support its head."

Dick: Yeah! That's the one thing you have to do is support its head.

Maddox: Then if I support its head, then the rest of its body flops over and its legs are falling out of my arms.

Dick: How do you hold a baby? Pick up one of your shirts and show us how you hold a baby.

Maddox: Here, I'll just hold this bottle like a baby. Look at this. Like a hero. Look at that.

Dick: (snorts) No.

Maddox: I'm holding a baby…what's wrong with that?

Dick: That's not how you hold a fucking baby!

Ryan: Like a hero…

Maddox: How are you guys such experts on…you guys don't have babies!! (yelling)

Dick: How do you hold a woman? Let's start there!!!

Maddox: Not like a baby! (background laughter)

Ryan: Yeah, that's kind of gross.

Dick: Well, yeah, I regret the way I phrased that. (Maddox laughing) But you've gotta support the head a little bit! You know!

Maddox: I'm not grabbing a woman's head…

Dick: Like this! Like this!! Look, look, look, look, look. There's the head. There's the head. Wrap it up.

Maddox: Dick is holding his…

Ryan: How little are these women…

Sean: He's holding something by the hair.

Dick: Sam's shaking her head. Sam, I know how to hold a baby, alright?!

Maddox: No, no. She's shaking no. Uh-uh.

Dick: Are you saying no?!

Ryan: I agree. I don't like holding babies.

Dick: Or are you saying it's gross?! What the FUCK is wrong with both of you guys don't like holding babies!!! (yelling)

Maddox: What if you drop the baby? Why would you hand me that?!

Dick: DON'T!

Maddox: I would be more comfortable with them handing me their expensive jewelry, their laptop, their fucking flatscreen TV! I'll hold that. I'm not going to hold a fucking baby!! (background laughter) Jesus! Give me anything in your house! Any valuable you have!! A baby is the most expensive thing you own. And I found out…

Dick: It's not a valuable, it's a human being, you jackass!! (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Oh yeah?! Well, I have some stats.

(Sound effect: Dick saying "I've got a stats for you.")

Maddox: I got a stats for you, actually. So, how much would you say a baby is worth. Like, what would you pay for a baby? (laughter)

Dick: What do you mean?

Ryan: Are you talking about like, people who can't have their own baby and they need to buy one?

Maddox: Say that there was a black market where you could buy babies.

Dick: There is!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. You pay women who are like, drug addicts and going to prison. You can facilitate…

Ryan: 20 grand.

Maddox: 20 grand? You're actually pretty close. It's a lot lower, though. It's about 10 grand.

Ryan: Really?

Maddox: I did the math here. So…surprisingly, Google didn't have any actual stats about how much a baby costs, but the closest I found is how much it costs to raise a baby for about one year, which is about 10,140 dollars.

Dick: Okay.

Ryan: That's not bad.

Maddox: Okay, so. If the baby dies at the age of 1, then you'll have spent…

Dick: (interjects) Jeeesus Christ.

Maddox: Look! I'm just doing math. This is math. Math doesn't have any conscience here. Alright? So, if the baby dies at the age of 1, that baby cost you 10,000$ to raise. So, if you…and by the way, I fought hard to be a godfather for my friend's kid. Cause..

Dick: You fought to BE one? Or to not be one?

Maddox: Yeah! I wanna be a godfather.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Just like, another thing I can say I am. Oh, I'm a godfather.

Dick: Is that the only reason? It's not cause you wanted to impart some of your fucking wisdom onto the baby and you thought that would put you in a position to do that?

Maddox: Uhhh…maybe.

Dick: Aaaaaaaaah? Then I think you get what babies are all about!!!!

Maddox: Well, my friend asked me. He's like. "Hey, Maddox, do you wanna be the godfather of my kid?" And I'm like "Yeah, of course." And he goes, "You know what that means, right?" and I said "No." he said "If anything happens to us, you have to raise the kid." Like hey, free baby. (Ryan laughs) Right? (laughing) Free baby. So…what were you gonna say?

Ryan: You wanna know something terrible?

Maddox: Huh.

Ryan: So, I have this friend of mine who is looking, to like, adopt a kid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: Which is, like, free, but you have to go through a lot of stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: He was…but you have pay certain fees, or whatever, for adoption.

Maddox: Like shots and stuff?

Ryan: Yeah, yeah! So this is like…I'm trying to say this delicately. Different races cost different amounts of money.

Maddox: Wowwwwww.

Dick: Why?

Ryan: And non-white babies are, like, less.

Maddox: So white babies are the most expensive. See? Babies cost money and white babies are the most expensive.

Sean: Isn't that simple supply and demand, though?

Dick: Heyy, Sean. Watch out. (laughs) (Maddox cracks up) Why don't you just be real fuckin' careful with what you're about to do!!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah Sean, walk real delicately there.

Sean: Aren't there a lot more babies of other races…

Dick: (cracks up) Yes!!!

Ryan: Jesus.

Sean: …that are in need of homes? I don't see how that's racist.

Maddox: I'm gonna ask you guys something. I'm gonna ask you something. What would you do with $188,000 right now? What would you do? Would you find a use for that money?

Dick: I'd spend half of it on car insurance over my entire life.

Maddox: There you go. Well…or you could raise a kid to 18 years old. And that's without tuition. Without college tuition.

Dick: Is your primary problem with babies the cost?!

Maddox: No. They cost a lot and they're also so fucking fragile, they make me nervous around them. I don't want to kill one. Like, if I'm over at a friend's house, that would ruin dinner (laughing) if I killed their baby. Look…

Ryan: It would ruin more than dinner…(laughs)

Maddox: Well, if I dropped…let's say I didn't kill the baby. Let's say I just dropped it.

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, sorry man. Hey, sorry I dropped your baby. I guess it has brain damage now. I'm sorry I'm a terrible guest. I'll go home and fucking…I don't know, I guess hang myself 'cause I ruined this person's life and my friend's lives.

Dick: Yeah.

Ryan: And now it's gonna cost more than $180,000 to raise!

Maddox: Yeah. And then I'm not gonna be able to impart anything on that kid (laughs) other than the dent in his head. So…here's the thing. Adults…we can all agree that adults are stronger, right?

Ryan: I think so.

Dick: Than babies?

Ryan: Depends on the baby!

Maddox: Depends on the baby? I was a pretty strong kid. So…here's something. Babies just sometimes…just fucking die. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Have you heard of this?

Dick: Dude, I think…yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think it's a myth, though.

Maddox: No. It's not a myth! It's on the CDC website. There's all these statistics.

Dick: I think that's just a nice way of saying, like, the mom kinda went a little loopy and killed the baby. (background laughter) (Maddox cracks up) I really think that's true!

Ryan: There's probably a lot of them, yeah.

Dick: I think that's true! Yeah.

Maddox: No! Well, they actually have tips on how to try to avoid Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. There's…by the way…

Dick: (interjects) And one of them is "Keep an eye on mom and make sure she's not depressed!" (Maddox cracks up) Dude, postnatal depression is a big thing.

Maddox: Yeah, I guess. So, that's another reason not to have a baby. They cost too much and postnatal depression.

Dick: Hold up, though! They do give you some major tax savings.

Maddox: Ugggh. See, that pisses me off! Now I'm paying for other people's babies? Fuck that!

Ryan: True.

Maddox: So there's no such thing as Sudden Adult Death Syndrome. Huh? Adults don't just die because they slept on their stomach one day. That's stupid. Babies are ALWAYS dying. Listen to this. (giggling in background) "Always place babies on their backs to sleep."

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: That's insane! Are you kidding me?!

Dick: What is wrong with that? That's ridiculous!

Maddox: You have to have a baby on its back, otherwise it might die?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What if it just rolls over at night and you wake up to a dead baby?

Dick: They don't.

Ryan: There's like, devices that you can put on the baby.

Maddox: Oh, now you gotta buy devices! More things that you have to buy?!

Dick: No, you can just use a club. You just pick it up at Kregan Auto Parts.

Maddox: Oh, the actual steering wheel club?

Dick: Yeah, it's one of those things you put on your steering wheel. No, they don't roll over in the middle of the night if you put them on their back!

Maddox: Babies are always squishing around! Are you kidding me?! They're always, like…

Dick: They're not amoebas!!! (Maddox laughs) They have a skeleton…and they just…they lay there and like it!!

Maddox: Yeah! If they have such a strong skeletal system, then why is their head so soft? Here's one of the other tips they say. This is actually one of the Q&As. They said "Will my baby develop a flat spot on his or her head from back sleeping?" That's another concern you have!! (yelling) (Ryan laughs) You might have, like, a mongoloid-looking kid because it slept on its back, 'cause you don't want it to suddenly DIE suddenly in its sleep because you can't place a stupid baby on its face!!

Dick: I think the pressure of babies is what's getting to you.

Maddox: What are you talking about?

Dick: All this, like, "I gotta be careful of it, and keep it safe…and make its head…"

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah!! They make me nervous!! (yells) I'm, like, sweating right now. This is the first time I've sweat for this entire fucking show, because now I'm thinking about babies and how nervous and anxious they make me!! And listen to this! So…"Keep soft objects…" soft objects, mind you…"…toys, and loose beddings out of your baby's sleep area. Don't use pillows, blankets, quilts, sheepskins, sleep positioner…" that's what you guys were saying! "…or pillow-like bumpers in your baby's sleep area. Keep all items away from the baby's face." Can you imagine if an adult had to live under those restrictions? No toys…no bumpers or anything in your bed…(laughs)

Ryan: (laughs) You have bumpers in your bed? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I considered it at one point, 'cause I kept rolling out, but...(Ryan cracks up) I… you can't have sheets in your baby's crib?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Listen to this tip.

Dick: That's it. You just don't have those things.

Maddox: Then what's the baby gonna cover with? It's just gonna sit there and…

Dick: (interjects) They wear a onesie to bed! That's it!

Maddox: I wear a onesie, but…

Dick: (interjects) It's very easy! It's just like a box with a sheet over it and you put some pajamas on him, and you go "There you go, see you tomorrow, idiot!"

Maddox: Great. (background laughter) So simple. So simple to take care of this baby, yet…

Dick: (interjects) Almost a plant!

Maddox: Yeah. Almost. Except plants don't get flat foreheads if they sleep on their backs. Listen to this!

Sean: No, they don't get flat foreheads.

Maddox: Flat backs, I guess.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't know.

Sean: And now they just found out that those helmets don't really work.

Maddox: Yeah. I've read that. And sometimes they can even cause other complications, too, right? The helmets?

Dick: Yeah, like being a nerd. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So listen to this. Here's another tip. "Avoid letting your baby overheat during sleep." How the hell…how…it says…"Dress your baby in light sleeping clothing and keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for an adult." Which, by the way, how condescending is that? What, are you gonna just crank up the heat for the baby's room?

Ryan: There's a lot of dumb parents. That's why their kids keep dying.

Maddox: Sudden…they suddenly die. But you didn't do anything! And that's what they're saying, Dick! And you're saying you can put a onesie on it…

Dick: No…I'm saying it's nice…that's a nice way of saying you killed your kid, is this Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Like…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ooooh…you know, it just kinda died. Sorry! It's 90 degrees in here, but we don't know what did it!

Maddox: You know how crushed I would be if I just bought a laptop and it died, like, a year later? (Ryan cracks up) Right? Like, the hard drive starting clicking? I would be devastated. I would be devastated. Let alone a kid. Like…I would be…what am I gonna do?

Dick: 10 grand down the drain.

Maddox: 10 grand just gone!!

Ryan: And pregnancies have the same problems. Like…not all pregnancies go to term, too!

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Ryan: Right? They just die…

Dick: They're fetuses. That's a whole different episode.

Maddox: Mmmm. It's a whole struggle, though. Right?

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: 'Cause you might have a miscarriage. You've got fetuses. Then, once it comes out. "Oh, it survived the miraculous journey through your wife's vagina, and now it's out there in the hospital, and all the germs it could possibly have and all the complications,

and preemies, preemie babies, and all the different…" and then congenital diseases, and heart disease, and cancers, and all these awful things that kids can have, and then now… now… now, it might just fucking die anyway because it's sleeping on its stomach?!

Dick: I'm getting a real interesting insight into you right now. I think you would be, like, a really, really worried, protective parent. (Maddox laughs)

Ryan: Yeah, you would probably be a great parent.

Dick: Doesn't it seem like it!? Like, you're freaking out at the hypothetical situation of your kid getting a misshapen head!!

Maddox: Nope. It's slander. I will not stand for that. (Ryan laughs)

Sean: I think Maddox always secretly wanted a Cabbage Patch as a baby…as a young man, and never got one.

Dick: Maybe. I'm seeing you, like, outfitting the crib room with all this automation shit that you have in your house. Like, to check for the temperature…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: …and infrared cameras to make sure he's not rolling over.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Like, programming a Kinect to make sure he's not moving at night.

Maddox: Might as well. Gotta make sure…gotta check its temperature! Gotta stick a meat thermometer in this guy. Like…what do you…how are you supposed to monitor this?!

Dick: Nevermind everything…

Ryan: You're supposed to be around.

Maddox: Oh, you just gotta be AROUND all the time?!

Dick: Yeah.

Ryan: Yeah, that's parenting.

Maddox: Yeah, that's what drives me nuts. Like, all my friends who have kids now? I just say "Hey man, can we talk on the phone for 20 minutes…for like, 15 minutes, whatever?"

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah, they can't! They're "Oh, sorry, gotta watch the kid." You're watching the kid!! You're just talking to me! Why do you also have to, like, use your eyes and your mouth at the same time to watch the kid? You just need one of those. Use your eyes.

Dick: They need to concentrate, though. On the baby.

Maddox: Concentrate to make sure it doesn't die?! It's a full time job just to make sure this person doesn't die!! (Ryan laughs)

Dick: Or wreck your stuff! They love wreckin' stuff!

Maddox: Isn't that what cribs are for?

Dick: You can't put 'em in a cell all day long! They have to get out and roam around! And, like, learn motor skills!

Maddox: Ohhh, so they get out and roam around! So what if they're roaming around at night, huh? They're suddenly on their stomach and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome!

Dick: No, you get them out! You take them out of the crib and put them down, and then encourage them to grow.

Maddox: Ugh. You guys make me so mad! You guys are such experts about babies! Why don't you guys just go have babies?!

Dick: This isn't even expert stuff! (yells)

Ryan: Well, wait, what's the solution to the baby problem?!

Maddox: Just…

Dick: (interjects) This is always where his problems fall apart.

Maddox: No..okay, Dick. Listen.

Ryan: It should just be a Children of Men scenario?

Maddox: Ryan, this is the Biggest Problem in the Universe, not the Biggest Solution To The Biggest Problem in the Universe.

Ryan: Okay.

Maddox: I have no idea. Here…here's my solution. Be rich enough to hire someone to raise your child. Like a nanny. A full-time nanny or something? Then, that way, you can go live your life, go to comedy shows, go to bars, whatever.

Dick: (laughs) Go to comedy shows and bars.

Ryan: Number one thing you do with your freedom (laughs)(Maddox laughs)

Dick: Not travel.

Maddox: Travel too! Sure.

Dick: Sure! As long as there's a comedy show!

Maddox: Yeah! You travel to a comedy show. Come on, guys. And you take a delightful form of transportation (Ryan laughs), apparently for poor people! Bikes. You just ride your bike…(yelling) WHY am I the only one living in this universe?! Why am I so weird about this?

Dick: About babies?

Maddox: Yeah. You guys are the weird ones!

Dick: I honestly think it's the pressure. I think you can't handle the pressure of fucking up with a baby.

Maddox: I don't want to fuck up, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a lot of pressure. I don't even…I don't even wanna do things that, like, stress me out, like, in my real day-to-day life.

Dick: Like how stressed do you get about not fucking up a website? Imagine how you would be about fucking up a human being? (Ryan laughs)

Maddox: Exactly. Yeah.

Ryan: No, I agree. She texted me a picture of a baby today and I just said "Ew." Didn't I? Yeah.

Maddox: Oohhhhhh. Watch ouuuuuuuut. Ooooooooooh.

Dick: (laughs) Yiiikes.

Maddox: Yikes.

Ryan: They're gross!

Dick: Was that the right….

Maddox: They're gross, right?

Ryan: They're gross.

Maddox: And have you ever seen a barely newborn? It's the GROSSEST thing. Like, everybody posts that picture RIGHT when it came out of the oven.

Ryan: Right.

Maddox: And it just looks like an amoeba. Like a…

Ryan: Like, on TV, they use a six-month old. And it's all nice, and it's got, like, hair and features.

Maddox: Yeah. Peach fuzz. Uh-huh.

Ryan: Yeah! It's like…

Dick: Cleaned itself up a little bit.

Ryan: And then, so you see it on Facebook, and it's like "Why would you show anyone this?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: You know?

Maddox: And does your baby do any tricks? Or is it just boring? A boring baby.

Dick: Well, for like three months, they're, like, nothing. They just poop.

Maddox: Right.

Ryan: When are you okay with kids? Like, at what point?

Dick: That's a good question.

Maddox: When am I?

Ryan: Like, at what point are they not babies and then you don't hate them?

Dick: Like…is, like, a toddler okay in your book?

Maddox: No. A well-disciplined, like, five-year-old. I won't go lower than five. A well-disciplined five-year-old.

Dick: So if they can wear, like a suit with a little clip-on tie. At that age. Like, you see those little suit stores?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Like, the kids' suits? They're about five.

Maddox: No, I'll give you an example. So, my…I have a…my brother was…got to a point in his career where he's very successful, very high up. He and his wife both executives at companies…they had a beautiful house in the hills over the Bay Area, and they got to that point in their lives where they decided "Okay, we've made it. We're doing well. What's the next step? How do we challenge ourselves?" And they decided one challenging thing they could do is try to raise a good family. Which I agree. Yeah.

Dick: Is this their phrasing of what happened? Or your interpretation of what they did?

Maddox: No no. His phrasing. He actually told me this. He said he wanted to challenge himself, right? So they decided to have kids and try to raise great kids. And guess what? They're fucking killing it. I mean, not the kids, but they're raising their kids well. Their kids…

Ryan: They're killing their kids. (laughing) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Are they satisfied?

Ryan: Just one kid after another.

Maddox: Yeaaah. Just like they're off to have number four right now. (Ryan laughing) Yeah. Their kids are great. They're so well disciplined. They sit at the dinner table. They ask if they can be excused…when they play video games too much, like on the dot…to the minute, they say "Okay, you're done playing video games!" and they say, "Okay mom!" and they pack up, go to their room, they clean up after themselves, they put the dishes away. They do their chores. They're awesome kids! They do their homework. These kids are well-mannered. They introduce themselves! That's what pisses me off about kids! You go to someone's house…a kid comes up to you…like, you introduce yourself to them "Hi, I'm Maddox." And the kid just looks at you like an idiot and then puts his face in his mom's dress.

Dick: How DARE he!?!?! (laughing)

Maddox: Treat me like another human is present, idiot!! (Ryan laughs) What if adults did that? What if, like, you went to a business meeting and someone introduced themselves? Would you just like, put your face in someone's dress…(whines)

Sean: Rob Ford did that when I met him.

Maddox: You met Toronto mayor Rob Ford?

Sean: No, it was just convenient. The line.

Ryan: Oh, Jesus. Sean. (Maddox laughing)

Dick: How about this, Maddox? Children lower your blood pressure. What do you think about that?

Maddox: That's a lie.

Dick: No, no. I got a fucking study over here, duuuude.

Maddox: That's bullshit. Do you really? What's it…what's the source?

Dick: I do really. Oh…shit, I didn't print that.

Ryan: PolicyMic.

Maddox: Mhmmm. PolicyMic.com?

(wrong buzzer sound effect)

Dick: Wait a minute. Brigham Young University. Ooh, yikes.

Maddox: Brigham Young University! Well, well, well.

Dick: Okay, that might be a fuckup.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Family capital of the world. Brigham Young. Provo, Utah. That place is bullshit (background laughter)

Dick: All these stats I printed out now look really suspicious.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) Brigham Young University. Family Watch.org. Parent's Television Research Council.

Dick: So, your brother's experience, has that made you think about wanting to have a kid? 'Cause…just for the challenge of it?

Maddox: Yes. Yeah. So there are some variables here…

Dick: (interjects) Like it's a fucking video game?

Maddox: It is! It's a challenge. Like, you want to raise a successful family. You want to do it well. And you want to have all the pieces in place, right? So these are the pieces I think that you need to have in place. You need to have a stable relationship. You need to have money. And that's about it.

Dick: To have a baby?

Ryan: You need to have good genes, too.

Maddox: Okay, good genes helps. Good genes help. And then, maybe not invite your friends over who are nervous about carrying the baby, 'cause I might drop it?

Ryan: Yeah.

Maddox: Don't hand me your baby, people.

Ryan: Don't be friends with you.

Maddox: They insist! They push it on me! Hey, here, hold it, hold it, ehhhhhh!!! And if the baby cries, I don't know what to do!! God forbid it shits. Ugh, the worst!

Dick: I wanna see you hold a baby!

Maddox: I never shit on people.

Dick: I gotta see you hold a baby!

Maddox: Ugh. I'm sweating. I'm so nervous and angry and upset right now. I don't even… I'm never gonna hold…I'm never gonna hold…

Dick: Is there a doll in here? Do you have any dolls so we could see you hold one? (background laughter)

Ryan: Why would he have a doll in his house? (incredulous)

Maddox: They're all in the closet.

Ryan: Wouldn't that be so weird?! (laughs) (Maddox laughs) Oh! Here it is!

Maddox: I do have several issues of Seventeen Magazine, but no dolls. (laughs) Which I brought in for research a couple of episodes…okay. Don't look at me like that.

Dick: Babies are the Biggest Problem in the Universe.

(sound effect of a baby laughing)

Maddox: Damn right, they are. So you guys better vote that up! Um, okay. So let's go over the problems.

Dick: Let's go over the problems. "TSA"!

Maddox: "TSA".

Dick: The TSA is an out of control bureaucracy. Big fucking waste of money and ruined flying.

Maddox: Right. And Ryan?

Ryan: Media. We can't trust anything we see, watch, hear.

Maddox: "Outrage Porn"!

Dick: "Outrage Porn".

Ryan: "Outrage Porn". Right. That's manipulating us.

Maddox: Absolutely is. Annnnd, mine is "Babies". So….tune in next time. Vote for these problems on http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com/. Thank you for…

Dick: Do you want to pitch anything…do you want to promote anything?

Maddox: Yeah.

Ryan: What should I say?

Dick: Talk about your next book. What do you got coming out?

Ryan: Uhhh…yeah. So I got "Trust Me, I'm Lying", which came out….

Dick: (interjects) "Trust Me, I'm Lying"?

Ryan: …bunch of journalism schools. Yeah. Um…

Maddox: Mhmm. Yeah.

Dick: That was with the HARO lying spree? That sounds really funny.

Ryan: Yes. I'm on Twitter at @ryanholiday. I have a new book out that's about stoicism, which is Roman philosophy, that's called "The Obstacle Is the Way", and it came out in May.

Maddox: It's got great reviews, too, by the way. People love it. And that was actually kind of my introduction to stoicism. I took a philosophy class in college, but I didn't really…we didn't cover stoicism.

Ryan: Oh, nice!

Maddox: So I started reading about your excerpts and some of the comments and I started Wikipediaing it and looking this up and it's really fascinating.

Dick: Yeah. Guys, I know a lot about stoicism too, alright?

Maddox: (laughs) Oh yeah? What do you know, Dick?

Dick: Yeah. I'm smart too. (Ryan laughs)

Maddox: You got some Brigham Young studies?!

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. You tell us. You tell Ryan and I what it's about. As a test.

Maddox: You know…I don't wanna show off. I don't wanna show off. Let's not…let's not do that.

Ryan: That's very stoic of you.

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: I was gonna say that. I was right about to say that. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Alright, great! Well, we'll link to your books and your Twitter account on our website.

Ryan: Thank you. Yeah!

Maddox: Check it out. And don't forget to vote on these problems…next week.

Ryan: For sure.

Maddox: And uhh, yeah. That's it. Thanks guys.

Dick: Thanks Ryan.

Ryan: Thanks for having me.

Maddox: Yeah. Thanks for coming in, Ryan.

(closing riff)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 19

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy! What's up, buddy? Happy to be here, as always.

Maddox: Oh. Great week. Great week for problems.

Dick: Who won?

Maddox: So…last week, we had our second guest, Ryan Holiday, and the problems were…

Dick: Cute. Not as cute as Leah.

Maddox: Well, you know…

Dick: I give it to him, but…

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Coming as a straight guy, so…

Dick: I like to think I can be objective about it. (Maddox sputters, laughs) You know. Handsome dude.

Maddox: So, our guest's problem…

Dick: Can I accept on his behalf?

Maddox: No. "Outrage Porn" (laughing) won, and I will be accepting on his behalf, so I win!!

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: Thank you all for voting "Outrage Porn" as a big problem, which it is! This is something that really struck a nerve with people.

Dick: I guess. It's a problem on the Internet, though? It seems like as long as you stay off Facebook, it's not a problem.

Maddox: No, but…

Dick: (interjects) I didn't want to say that while he was here, but that's what it seems like.

Maddox: No. But he specifically mentioned how yellow journalism, like, way back in the day, kind of fueled some of the…what, the Spanish-American War and some of these other…like the…

Dick: (interjects) Good memory.

Maddox: …mafia. Yeah! A couple of weeks ago. So…that's kind of what fueled this and that actually happened and had real world repercussions back in the day. And now we're seeing it again, except on a larger scale, because Internet media gets permeated that much quicker.

Dick: Yep! Unplug, man. Just gotta unplug. Fuck it.

Maddox: (scoffs) Fuck it.

Dick: I get my news from just, uh…guys in the street. Telling me what's going on. No, wait, lemme take that back. I only get news from what I see with my own eyes.

Maddox: (laughs) Oh yeah?

Dick: Is that weirder?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Except what you see with your own eyes is just The Drudge Report. (laughing)

Dick: That's…that's true. That's fair. Alright. Do we have comments? This week?

Maddox: I do…I do…

Dick: You got any comments?

Maddox: This one…this one's from Clayton Passick and he's quoting you, Dick. He says "Maddox, you have serious road rage…"

Dick: I said that.

Maddox: Yeah, you said that. And then he says, "…then Dick proceeds to take down a MacDonald's drive through with his car." That's from a couple of episodes ago when you came back from Burning Man.

Dick: First of all, that was private property. (Maddox scoffs, laughs) It was not on the road.

Maddox: Oh. So it's not on the road, okay.

Dick: It's just assault or vandalism.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (smiling) (scoff in background) So would you say…what kind of rage is that? Private rage?

Dick: No! I wasn't even that enraged by it! I was very calm… (raising his voice)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: You know, like Hannibal Lecter. I just calmly explained to the MacDonald's people that if I didn't get food, I would drive my car through the drive through…

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, you -

Dick: (interjects) And then I did it.

Maddox: Yeah. You are a road rage. (laughing)

Dick: I didn't use my horn once!

Maddox: Oh. What a bozo. Hey, we got some voicemail.

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: Uh…this…this may actually be paying off. Here's the first one:

Voice mail(male): Voicemails are stupid and Dick is an asshole. Great show, guys. (everyone laughing)

Dick: Alright. Leave your name next time, idiot. (Maddox laughing) So you can take credit for that!

Maddox: He doesn't need to. No! He doesn't need to. That's timeless. You know what? They should chisel that into the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. That's how timeless it is.

Dick: (about to laugh) I'm an asshole? And voice mail's stupid?

Maddox: Voicemails are stupid and Dick's an asshole.

Dick: Nailed it.

Maddox: Yeah. Nailed it. And we got another voicemail. Here's number two.

Voice mail(male): "Hey Dick. How come you're so anti-cyclist if one of your biggest problems is that everybody needs to lose 20 pounds, you fucking moron." (Maddox and Dick crack up laughing)

Maddox: Yeah Dick, you fucking moron!!

Dick: (sigh) You know that I…I didn't take that guy seriously until he called me a fucking moron. (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, yeah. He's serious when he calls you…when you say the FM, totally serious, yeah.

Dick: The reverse of the MFer.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Do you lose weight cycling? I don't think so.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think cardio burns weight.

Maddox: You're looking…(yelling) YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE RESULTS…of losing weight through cycling. I rode my bike everywhere.

Dick: You didn't change your diet?

Maddox: Uhh…yeah, a little bit.

Dick: Let's talk…let's talk working out for a little bit.

Maddox: Hey…it had something to do with it.

Dick: You changed your diet. You gotta get that core going. You gotta work out, man. You gotta lift some weights. That's how you lose weight.

Maddox: Dick.

Dick: You gotta stop eating!

Maddox: Dick. When we ride bikes…when we've ridden bikes in the past, you are dead last in the pack. Cause you don't ride bikes at all. You have no stamina. No riding over here.

Dick: Yeah…you know…I feel really uncomfortable, like, jamming elbows and handlebars with people when I'm riding bikes.

Maddox: What do you mean, jamming elbows…(laughing) You don't need to, 'cause you're dead last!! (laughing) You can't.

Dick: I don't know what to tell you. It's just…I don't get it.

Maddox: Yeah. It does help lose weight. And that would solve your "Everybody Needs to Lose 20 Pounds" problem. I never see fat people cycling. 'Cause you know what? They don't stay fat. They can't. Cycling…you know what? I can't even stay drunk when I'm cycling. I sober up after a couple of blocks.

Dick: That's how I feel about driving. (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Dick, get off the road.

Dick: You got a problem this week? Can I go into the problems now, or you got more comments?

Maddox: Yeah, do it. Go ahead.

Dick: Alright (clears throat) My first problem is "Fireball Cinnamon 'Whiskey'".

Maddox: Uh-huh. (incredulous)

Dick: I'm quoting-unquoting the 'Whiskey' part.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's not fucking whiskey.

Maddox: Yeah. I…

Dick: This is actually an intervention. For you.

Maddox: Uh…This is an ambush? I'm leaving.

Dick: I'm…(cracks up)…that's what it is. (Maddox laughing) No, I hate this so-called whiskey so much, and I don't really know why.

Maddox: It's SO GOOD! You hate all things that are good.

Dick: Maybe so. Maybe I do hate good liquor, but it just…it really fucking annoys me, man.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: And I think, it's…it's partly because it's not whiskey.

Maddox: It's whiskey.

Dick: No, it's not. It's a liqueur. Here, I actually found out what it was. It's a (sigh) (exhales and mutters) (looking for his reference) Hopefully I wrote it down. It is a "cinnamon flavored whiskey-based…" what the fuck does that mean? Whiskey based liqueur.

Maddox: Yeah. It's based on…

Dick: (interjects) You know what else is like a liqueur? Schnapps.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not whiskey.

Maddox: Well, no one's drinking Schnapps, 'cause that stuff sucks.

Dick: That's what…I think that's what Fireball Cinnamon "Whiskey" is.

Maddox: You know why it's its own thing?

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Because you don't mix it with anything. It's perfect the way it is.

Dick: It's already mixed with a shitload of sugar!

Maddox: Uhhhh…(skeptical)

Dick: That's what it's mixed with!

Maddox: Is it? Is it sugar?

Dick: Oh yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, no. It's got…where is it? I wrote that down, too, man. It's got a ton of sugar in it. It's got…like 11 grams of sugar per shot, or something like that.

Maddox: Hey. You eat a can of Yoplait yogurt. That's got 12 grams. What are you gonna do?

Dick: Hold on, I'm looking for it. It's got…yeah, yeah. 11 grams of sugar per shot. (smug) That's what it's mixed with.

Maddox: Per shot?

Dick: Per shot. That's what I've got on the sheet here.

Maddox: That means I'm cutting down from the sugar I normally eat.

Dick: Compared to 0 with actual whiskey and bourbon.

Maddox: But…it's all carbs. It's all gonna turn to sugar anyway. You just can't taste it as prominently.

Dick: Look, I just hate it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I hate that it exists.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And I want everyone to hate it. And it annoys me that people drink it. 'Cause it's not fucking whiskey. You're drinking…you're drinking, uh…Zimas. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's bullshit. So, that's…that's egregious. I'll tell you my…

Dick: (interjects) I'm gonna spend this episode trying to convince you to hate it too.

Maddox: (sighs) Dick, but I love it so much. Here's…here's why. First of all, it's spicy. It's the only…it's one of the few spicy things that you can drink without looking like an asshole. 'Cause if you're at a bar at night drinking a Bloody Mary, you're a dick!

Dick: (scoffs) I have done that.

Maddox: Yeah. Like some jerkoff. "Oh, who's that jerkoff over there with a fucking vegetable tray in his drink and olives…and whatever the hell they put in there."

Dick: They'll put a hamburger in a Bloody Mary sometimes.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, I've seen it. I've been to those crazy places. Those are fun for brunch. They're fun for day drinking. But at night, at a bar, you're an asshole if you're drinking a Bloody Mary. You're just an asshole.

Dick: Yeah. I think part of it is that I feel like this Fireball Cinnamon shit is also just a gigantic marketing campaign.

Maddox: Maybe. But lemme tell you my story with Fireball.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The first time I ever got introduced to it was through an ex-girlfriend. She came home, and she said "Hey, I tried this incredible new thing. You might like it because you love spicy things." And I love cinnamon. Cinnamon's a great…I put cinnamon in everything and it's awesome!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I eat so much cinnamon that I sweat it out of my pores!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I just smell like cinnamon all the time, which is GREAT. It's awesome. Everybody loves it. Strangers stop me on the street and tell me how good I smell. So, I tried this cinnamon whiskey and I decided the first time I ever tried it, I decided, you know what? I'm going to drink a little bit of this every day for the rest of probably my life. And I kept to it for about two months. I drank a little bit of cinnamon whiskey every day.

Dick: I want you to drink real whiskey instead, though.

Maddox: I do! I drink that too! I do Jameson, I love that stuff.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah! It's great.

Dick: I want everybody to do that, then. And stop drinking this shit!

Maddox: Yeah, no, but the cinnamon whiskey is SO good. It's a good sipping whiskey.

Dick: It's not even whiskey! It's a liqueur!!! (snapping) Stop calling it a whiskey! It is a cinnamon…

Maddox: (interjects) It's whiskey-based liqueur.

Dick: Whiskey-based liqueur. You know what's not whiskey based?!

Maddox: What?

Dick: Whiskey! (Maddox laughs) They don't put "whiskey-based" on a bottle of Wild Turkey. It just says "Bourbon".

Maddox: Hey. What do you get…

Sean: (interjects) What's the alcohol content..of…

Dick: 66…uh…66 proof, right?

Sean: Okay, yeah, because what basically designates something a liqueur is a certain alcohol range.

Dick: Oh really?

Sean: Yeah, yeah yeah. Because whiskey and stuff is gonna be…like, for instance, bourbon HAS to be a minimum of 80 proof. That's a minimum of 40% alcohol. It also has to be bottled in Bourbon County, Kentucky, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Otherwise it's just…you know, it's American whiskey. But yeah yeah yeah, no. There's certain criteria for how they classify, you know, "spirits" are things like gin and…

Dick: (interjects) That's what it is!!

Sean: So it's a liqueur!

Dick: No, no, you're stumbling on it! 'Cause they gotta call it "Bourbon", 'cause it's from Bourbon County. They're calling this whiskey and it's not fucking whiskey.

Sean: No, they have to call it a liqueur just like Southern Comfort. People for some reason think that's a whiskey. That's a liqueur.

Dick: Also gross.

Sean: It's a liqueur. Because it has a much lower alcohol content.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Sean's right. I just looked this up. It says here that liqueurs have much higher proof rating. 200 proof means 100% alcohol. So, um, they have…usually, like 40. So it's higher…it's higher than that! 66% you said, right?

Dick: No no no no, 66 proof. That means 33%.

Sean: 66 proof, which is 33%.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Proof is twice the number of the alcohol by volume. So it's…

Maddox: (interjects) So it's a 33 proof?

Sean: So it's whiskey light. Basically.

Maddox: Yeah. Whatever. It tastes delicious. You know what? You can add whiskey to whiskey. Why don't you just add more whiskey to it?

Dick: Add whiskey to…(stammers) I don't want it to taste like a melted popsicle when I'm drinking! I want it to burn.

Maddox: You know…it does burn and it's a good sipping whiskey, and it pisses me off when people do Fireball shooters! Cause it has so much flavor! You don't shoot that shit! What, do you shoot hamburgers? Huh!?! No, you take them one bite at time, 'cause you want to SAVOR the flavor.

Dick: Isn't that a slider?

Maddox: Yeah, slider. You don't just shoot them. You don't swallow them whole. You chew it and you air out in your mouth. But people do shots of Fireball whiskey like it's going out of style. Especially chicks. Saying "Oh, let's do fireball shots" (whiny imitation voice) I'm like "No!" You know what, cancel! Bartender, cancel all these drinks! We're going home. (background laughter)

Dick: Yeah. Good. I agree with that.

Maddox: Yeah. You're gonna drink it on the rocks and you're gonna sip it and you're gonna contemplate your life.

Dick: I'm not gonna drink it at all, cause it's just sugar water. It's not…you know what I think it is? I want people to be grown up when they're drinking.

Maddox: Ohohoh. Tell me all about being grown up when you're drinking, Dick. (Dick cracking up)

Dick: Look. Look. I decided to bring this in because I want to bring in problems that piss me off, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm giving you my honest reason why…

Maddox: Uh-huh…(skeptical)

Dick: It's got something to do with me thinking that these people need to grow the fuck up and drink a real whiskey. Like, you can't be halfway! You can't half grow up! You can't half be pregnant. You put the sugar water down with your other kid stuff, you grow up, you be a man, and you drink 80 proof whiskey! (yelling) Or bourbon!

Maddox: You know what, Dick, I think this is…there's two things going on here. First of all, this is a diet thing. You just don't want to eat too much sugar in your diet, huh.

Dick: I also don't want to get the hangover.

Maddox: Looking to lose weight. You don't get a hangover, because here's the thing. You don't drink enough Fireball Whiskey! You don't slam Fireball and you don't drink it all night. You drink one cup of it over rocks and that's it. And you just chill all fucking night. You just sit down and contemplate your life.

Dick: Whoa whoa whoa whoa whoa. What?! (incredulous)

Maddox: That's what you do! Yeah.

Dick: What do you mean, you drink ONE drink?

Maddox: No. Of Fireball. You don't drink more than one…

Dick: (interjects) And then what?

Maddox: And then you move on to other drinks.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's a good starter or it's a good mid-drink. You never want to finish with Fireball, because then you might be dangerously close to shooting it. But it's a good in-betweener, especially if you kind of want to chill out in between the heavy…you don't want to…you know, Dick, you drink with a purpose. And that purpose is being drunk. Some of us drink…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, mostly, yeah.

Maddox: Some of us drink to reflect.

Dick: Uhh…that's the same thing. What do you mean? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Dick, I feel like you've spent so much of your life drunk…(Dick laughs) including today during this episode. (background laughter) You just have not stopped drinking since lunch this afternoon.

Dick: Look. Here's the…here's an actual problem with this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think this is gonna start…what if it starts infecting other whiskeys?

Maddox: What do you mean, it starts infecting other whiskies?!

Dick: What if like…Maker's Mark is like "Oh man, we gotta get in on this…this cinnamon craze. Let's just add cinnamon to all our shit."

Maddox: Oh, great. Then it'll make Maker's drinkable. (laughing) (Dick screams in frustration and laughs)

Dick: I'm gonna lose it! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: What's that…fucking…

Dick: Like, Tennessee…that honey whiskey…who's doing the honey whiskey now?

Maddox: Yeah. It's Jack. Jack does the honey whiskey, yeah. I have it.

Dick: No no no no! I see that on the shelf and I'm like "Aaaaaaaahhh, no no go away, go away, go away!"

Maddox: Ooooooh. It tastes like syrup. It's pretty good. Hey, Dick, what's that motor oil you like to drink? The Johnny Walker Black? Is that the…

Dick: Yeah, I like Johnny Walker Black.

Maddox: It's garbage. It just tastes like…

Dick: Uhh….it is always great.

Maddox: Ugh. It tastes like somebody put a sock over a muffler and then put that, like… just put it in with some cheesecloth into a bottle of whiskey…

Dick: Okay. Let me give my version of Johnny Walker Black.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: It tastes like a beautiful woman is smoking a cigar on your lap (Maddox shudders) and then blowing it into your mouth.

Maddox: Oh, man. (disgusted)

Dick: That's Johnny Walker Black.

Maddox: I like, like half of that. You lost me…

Dick: Which half? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: I think that is quite possibly the greatest description I have EVER heard for Scotch.

Dick: Thank you. Thank you.

Maddox: Wow. You know, it sounds like Sean wants to sit on your lap and blow cigar smoke into your mouth (background laughter) (Maddox laughing)

Dick: If he promises never to drink Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey, I'll let him!

Maddox: Sean, I was gonna buy you a shot of…I was gonna buy you a Fireball Whiskey drink tonight…it's not a shot. What do you call just a drink? It's just a drink, right?

Dick: Yeah. A glass.

Maddox: A glass of Fireball whiskey.

Dick: Of liqueur.

Maddox: I'm not anymore, yeah.

Dick: Of whiskey-based liqueur.

Maddox: No. No more. It's not a liqueur.

Dick: It's a whiskey-based liqueur!

Maddox: What do you…what do you mix it with?! Nothing!!!

Dick: You don't have to mix liqueurs! You don't mix Schnapps!

Sean: No. They've watered it down. Everything is cut to a specific proof. Because… (stammers) Unless you buy something called "Barrel Strength" or "Cask Strength", uh…

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Which is, you know, usually much higher alcohol content. But yeah. So they take whiskey and then they water it down and fill it with, you know, the other additives to make the flavor. To get a very specific proof number. That's why they can get it batch after batch.

Maddox: Yeah. You know…I just want cinnamon-based drinks. I drink cinnamon tequila, and that shit's great too. I love cinnamon…

Dick: (interjects) Oh my God, dude. That is disgusting.

Maddox: (yells) Do you even understand the process?! Like, when you…when you try, like cake-flavored vodka, or…

Dick: (yells) NO!!! I don't drink cake-flavored vodka!!!!!! (incredulous)

Maddox: Whaaatever.

Dick: I buy that, because it's cheap, and I go to parties of people that I hate and give it to them so I can drink their good stuff!!

Maddox: Look. We all do. We all do that. However, do you know how they flavor that? Do you know how they infuse the flavor into the vodka?

Dick: Yeah. They take a horse and they give it a vodka enema.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Dick: And then they have it shit into a bucket…

Maddox: Ugh…(sighs) (background laughter)

Dick: And then they pour that into vodka bottles with a picture of cake on them so retards buy it. That's ridiculous! (yells)

Maddox: You know, Dick, I blame myself for asking a rhetorical question. (Dick cackles) I should never ask…I needed, like…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, you fucked up.

Maddox: After 19 episodes now, I need to learn to never ask a rhetorical question. So the way they infuse whiskeys and vodkas and things is they take whatever they're trying to infuse it with, like say, put it in a cheesecloth. 'Cause you can do this yourself. And then just put it inside the alcohol. If you want it to taste like birthday cake. You take some birthday cake, put it in the cheesecloth, put it in the bottle, and leave it there for a month. And it infuses the flavor. It doesn't pick up any of the sugar or anything, it just picks up the flavor. The flavor of…the essence of whatever you're infusing it with. You can do that with cinnamon. You can do that with basil. You can do it with mint! All sorts of different herbs and stuff. So if you want your alcohol to taste that way, you just infuse it! That's all it is.

Dick: You think that's what they do? I think they use chemicals.

Maddox: Well, probably in huge batches, but that's one way to do it. So you're not necessarily…Look, Fireball whiskey's probably too cloying for most people. For you, apparently.

Dick: Cloying…what do you mean?

Maddox: Too sweet.

Dick: (thinking) Yeah. Yeah, it's way too sweet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's just…I don't like it. I don't like that it exists.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: (interjects) I don't like the whole thing that it's about.

Maddox: Hey, Dick..

Dick: (interjects) I don't like that it's the new Jäger and people are not just saying, like "What are you drinking, Jäger 2.0? Well, good for you. Go away."

Maddox: Jäger is like Robitussin. How dare you compare the two? By the way, Jäger is the last thing I remember drinking every time I black out. And three out of the four times I've ever blacked out in my life, Dick, have been with you.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: 'Cause you…you're a shitty drinker. (Dick laughs)

Dick: (interjects) WHAAT?!

Maddox: You're drinking wrong!! (yells)

Dick: What?! I'm a shitty drinker?!

Maddox: Yeah! You're trying to drink…you're going about it wrong. You go…you drink(laughing) TO black out.

Dick: I will fucking fight you!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You drink TO black out. I drink to have a good time. To just enjoy and be social. It's not my goal to black out and throw up.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Whereas I feel like it is for you.

Dick: Look. Get yourself a bottle of Johnny Walker Black and a bag of Atomic Fireballs.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Just do that for a while and you tell me that's not better.

Maddox: Tell you what…

Dick: And then eventually stop putting the Fireballs in and just have the Johnny Walker Black.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what? I would say do the exact same thing, except instead of the bag of Fireballs, get a revolver. (Dick cracks up laughing) Put that in your mouth and see which one tastes better. I guarantee the revolver smoke will taste better. You know what, Dick, you sound like…you sound like a feminist right now.

Dick: Do I? (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah. All those people who are outraged about the Spider-Woman's ass cover, hey, there's a real simple solution. Just don't buy it! So…it's there, and you don't have to buy it. So what if people like to drink it?

Dick: 'Cause you're talking about it.

Maddox: How about that?

Dick: They're talking about it at bars! And they won't stop talking about it!! (yells, angry)

Maddox: Maybe 'cause it's so good? Maybe that's why?

Dick: It's not good!

Maddox: I got in a fight with a girl at a party who was really interested in me and I decided right then and there that I was…I was forgoing any potential possibility of ever hooking up with this girl, and I was FINE with that, because she said she does shots of Fireball. And I put my foot down. I gave her the hamburger example…

Dick: (interjects) Why is that…why do you not like shots of Fireball?

Maddox: (yelling) It's a waste of the Fireball! Every little drop of that stuff is PACKED with cinnamon goodness! It's so good!

Dick: Oh, 'cause you get it down faster.

Maddox: Yeah, you get it down faster!

Dick: Yeah, I mean, I don't do shots either. I'm with you on not doing shots.

Maddox: Yeahhhh. Shots…are…what are you doing shots for?

Dick: It's not a fucking race. I'm not here to race.

Maddox: It's not a race. Yeah.

Dick: I'm drinking a drink. Settle down. I'll be here all night.

Maddox: Where do you gotta be in such a hurry? Yeah. Where do you gotta be in such a hurry that you gotta get there drunk?

Dick: You know, that reminds me. I went to this festival with a girl and she grabbed a bottle of Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey to drink…it was, like, a Bluegrass Festival. And she was passing it around all night with all of her friends.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She was like "You want some?" and I was like "No, I don't drink that shit." Turns out she got mono and I didn't. (Maddox laughing) So I think she got mono from…Cinnamon Fireball Whiskey.

Maddox: You know…she didn't get it FROM Cinnamon Fireball Whiskey, you dick!

Dick: I don't…I don't know!

Maddox: No. She didn't. She didn't. That's a verifiable fact. They don't put mono in that shit! So, rather than this be…

Dick: (interjects) Somebody did! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Why are you hanging out with people who have mono?

Dick: (laughing) I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah. You don't know.

Dick: Do your…you wanna do your problem?

Maddox: Let's get to my problem.

Dick: I think that's a big problem. And people will agree with me.

Maddox: People will not agree. It's another horseshit problem.

Dick: There's a whole culture around it!

Maddox: Yeah. A culture of cool people.

Dick: That annoys me.

Maddox: Cool people drinking Fireball. Okay. Here's a real problem. "Flat Tires". Yeah! Huh? Sean's nodding already! I already got him. Tune in next week…so. Flat tires. Huge problem, right? Let me ask you this? So, radial tires were invented around 1946, 1948. And they're always going flat. Why, in 2014, are we still using this outdated, ancient-ass, 70-year-old bullshit technology?

Dick: Well, I don't.

Maddox: What do you use?

Dick: I have run flats.

Maddox: What are those? What are run flats?

Dick: Uh…you puncture them and they don't go flat and you can drive on them.

Maddox: Yeeah. That's in theory, but…

Dick: (interjects) They've got, like, a bladder system.

Maddox: Yeah, but you get a deep enough gasp and they're still gonna go flat.

Dick: What, like someone takes a hatchet to your car? Or you ram it into a curb? (laughing) Then yeah.

Maddox: Dick. Of all the people I know who might risk getting a hatchet in their wheel, it's you. You're at the top of that list with some of the chicks you've dated.

Dick: They do work, though. Like, I have…

Maddox: (interjects) Do they?

Dick: Yeah, I've run over screws and stuff and the little sensor comes on that says you gotta drive to a… you know…a repair shop.

Maddox: Yeah. And then you still have to go to a repair shop. You still gotta get that thing patched.

Dick: Well yeah, but you don't have to put on a spare tire.

Maddox: I guess. (skeptical) But, you know, that's just gonna get you so far. It's just…it's saving one interim step.

Dick: Uhhh…yeah. Okay.

Maddox: I don't use run flats, 'cause A) I didn't know they existed. (Dick and Maddox crack up) and B)…No, I mean, I've heard of it. There's like, some goo you can buy, too. You can fill your tire full of goo. But that…

Dick: No, but this is like…these actually work. I don't know if that goo shit works.

Maddox: No, it works.

Dick: It's like a science chamber system of bladders and air and you pop one, and, like, the pressure seals it off. I don't know.

Maddox: Oh, so it's…it's kind of like the way a bladder system works in a ship, say, like the Titanic. Right? So that you puncture one bladder and it's not supposed to fail…

Dick: (interjects) Listen to me, you smug motherfucker…(Maddox laughs) I'm telling you that it works and that you would love them. So what, we're still using radial tires?

Maddox: Why are we still using bullshit-ass radial tires in bikes, in cars, in trailers…in diesels…'cause you know what? There's already a technology that exists that's FAR superior. They're called "Tweels". Have you heard of these? You know what tweels are?

Dick: No.

Maddox: So, it's…the name comes from a tire and a wheel and it's this radial tire…it's this tire they made…uh, Michelin invented, that they invented in 2005 (incredulous) and it looks like it's kind of like, almost like a hubcap, like it's transparent. You can see through it. There are holes in it.

Dick: Do you have a picture?

Maddox: No, uh…I'll post one on the website. But it's kind of a criss-cross matrix of spokes and weird things, and it's this awesome tire that doesn't have air in it!

Dick: What does it have?

Maddox: Nothing. It's just…

Dick: (interjects) It's just rubber?

Maddox: It's just rubber and this…I believe…it's cable reinforced bands of conventional tire that are energy absorbing. So they were invented in 2005 and we STILL don't have them on the market.

Dick: Why? The tire?

Maddox: Well, so…

Dick: How do we have Teslas and we don't have these awesome tires?

Maddox: Yeah. These tires are incredible. They've started to experiment with them on military vehicles 'cause they have really high tensile strength…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And if it gets damaged, you can replace the individual spokes that get damaged. These things…they look almost like a Chrysler wheel. Like the Chrysler hubcaps, you know, with the criss-crosses? Almost like spokes.

Dick: Oh. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! Looks kind of like spokes on a bike.

Dick: Like an interlocking lattice of spokes.

Maddox: Exactly. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, really? That's pretty cool.

Maddox: Yeah. It's really cool.

Dick: You don't have a video? You can't pull up a video?

Maddox: There are videos on YouTube. Just…just…

Dick: I wanna see this thing.

Maddox: Just YouTube "Tweel". Or maybe Sean's pulling one up. So, here are…here's some of the…

Dick: The name sucks. It's a stupid name.

Maddox: Well. I think that's just kind of like, the um…

Dick: Tweel?

Maddox: That's just kind of what the slang is for it. The nickname. So, they have calibrated directional stiffness…

Dick: Yeeeahh. (lewd) Mhmmm.

Maddox: (laughing) Dick. And then they have "flex under load", so they kind of…you know, they flex under load. And they have high lateral stiffness and low vertical stiffness.

Dick: That's what you gotta look for in a woman, man. All those things.

Maddox: Jesus, dude. (background laughter) It reduces hydroplaning.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Chicks don't do that. Chicks increase hydroplaning. They last two to three times longer than conventional tires. AND, here's another advantage. The tread around it, like the rubber tread can be replaced, as opposed to replacing the whole tire. So it's almost like those diesel wheels that have those treads around them…you seem them tear off on highways?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They have treads like those that can easily replaced.

Dick: Where the fuck are these things?!

Maddox: Yeah. It doesn't require air pressure sensors. So you don't need that bullshit that you have in your car.

Dick: Mine are all broken, by the way.

Maddox: Of course. They always break. It's another thing that's just gotta break. So you get rid of those, 'cause you don't even need to check the pressure in all four tires to make sure they're equal.

Dick: So there's no air? It's just like a metal wheel with rubber all around it?

Maddox: Yeah. It's not metal, exactly. And it…yeah. So it doesn't require pressure sensors. It's just a matrix…a lattice of just cables that kind of intertwine each other. It's just…it's a hallmark of engineering. These things are brilliant. And we're still…

Dick: (interjects) So why don't we have them?

Maddox: Exactly. Why don't we have them?

Dick: You don't know?

Maddox: I have a theory.

Dick: Okay, what's your theory?

Maddox: Well, so, this came out in 2005. They last 2 to 3 years longer than conventional tires. So who stands to lose out on that?

Dick: All the tire companies.

Maddox: All the tire companies. And guess who invented it? Michelin.

Dick: So…

Maddox: So here's a picture of the tweel I pulled up. It just looks like a lattice, right?

Dick: It's pretty cool. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And we'll be posting this on the website, but yeah. These tweels…

Dick: What, do you think, they're in, like, a conspiracy to withhold them? To not…

Maddox: Nooo..(laughs shakily)

Dick: So they can keep selling shitty flat tires?

Maddox: Yeah. I don't want to sound like a conspiracy dipshit.

Dick: That kinda sounds like a conspiracy dipshit.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, they look reasonably cool…

Dick: Yeah, it looks cool. I'll rock that. It looks better than my Persian racing tires.

Maddox: Yeah…(laughs)…Pretty cool, bro. So, we have these…this technology exists and we're still not using it. We're still dealing with this flat tire bullshit.

Dick: Yeah, but…what was your…you said you had a theory on why we don't have.

Maddox: Well, just that. That they last longer. It's possible that car companies haven't brought them out because they don't want to deflate their own market.

Dick: Yeah? You think so?

Maddox: Yeah. They might not want to…

Dick: How much are they?

Maddox: Don't know, 'cause they're not on the market.

Dick: Yeeeah, I bet they know, though.

Maddox: Of course they know. They've gotta be cheaper. So they last two or three times longer…

Dick: Ehhhh, I don't know. They don't GOTTA be cheaper. What if they're really expensive? That would explain it.

Maddox: Okay, yeah. But manufacturing costs go down with every new technology.

Dick: Yeah, but that's like the…light bulb that lasts forever. Like, they've definitely made a light bulb that lasts forever and found that it's too expensive. And no one will buy it.

Maddox: How do you…what's this based on?

Dick: Nothing. Just a story that I heard. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Here we go. Of course.

Dick: It's just a thing that I heard one time, from a guy. (laughing.

Maddox: Yeah. Sure. A guy. Yeah. From one of your news sources that you saw with your eyes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The Drudge Report. (laughs)

Dick: That's a good explanation.

Maddox: Yeah. We're still dealing with this ancient, ancient technology. So this is from the New York Times. They said…they were talking about this. The tire…this is another type of tire. This isn't the tweel I'm talking about. This is another type of tire. It's from an article titled "A Tire That Evolves As It Wears". "Michelin has developed a tire that counters the effects of wear with channels that grow wider and hidden rain grooves that emerge as the tire is used, along with special rubber compound for wet conditions. Michelin says that the tire, the Premier A/S…" That's the name of the tire, "…reduces stopping distances in wet conditions, and when worn, better resists hydroplaning, skating on a thin cushion of water, compared with conventional tires." So, this technology exists as well. This article came out last year. These new tires are coming out all the time. We're still using the same HORSESHIT in our cars!

Dick: Something's gotta be wrong with them.

Maddox: Like plebes. A bunch of Luddites.

Dick: I don't think it's…Yeah, I don't think it's a corporate conspiracy.

Maddox: Well, so…I read this a long time ago. This was probably straight up conspiracy, but a lot of oil companies, I heard, were buying patents for clean-burning engines and more efficient engines…

Dick: (interjects) I don't buy that shit.

Maddox: No?

Dick: Because then I read the patents and it's always like "Oh, here's the steps on how to reproduce this technology, whatever, and then step 11: Cram a bunch of magnets in it." And it's like ooooookay, there we go. (skeptical)

Maddox: You know what, Dick? Here's why I believe that there's some credence to these theories, is because TV companies…studios…do this all the time. They buy shows…and this is something people who are listening might not know, but they buy shows all the time that they don't intend to produce ever. They'll pay top dollar for it and they'll outbid another company just so the other company doesn't have something.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you don't think that tire companies might do something like this? They might create this technology?

Dick: No.

Maddox: So why are they coming out with this?

Dick: No…because there's something else wrong with it. Like, I think if Michelin invented the tire and it was actually good beyond, like, a press release saying how cool it is, they would just push it forward because then they would make a shitload of money, having invented something that none of the other tire companies did.

Maddox: Well, there is…to be the Devil's advocate and to argue both sides. I did read one of the drawbacks…(laughing)

Dick: No. Here we fucking go. (laughing) (Maddox laughs) You know, they don't even use that guy for the Popes anymore. You know where that phrase comes from?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Devil's advocate?

Maddox: What?

Dick: So, back in the day when they were picking a new Pope, one of the cardinals, or bishops, or whomever they are, as they pick the Pope, would have to play the Devil's advocate and argue against that guy.

Maddox: Good.

Dick: Yeah, well they all hated that guy so much, because everyone hates the Devil's advocate, that they stopped doing it.

Maddox: Oh! Let's just stop listening to the one dissenter. Let's all invade Iraq, 'cause that's what happened there. They didn't listen to their dissenters. They just kicked them out of the room! Oh, no counterargument? Okay! That's like kicking out the guy…the one guy at your wedding who says "Do you have an objection to these two people getting married?" You want that guy there! (yelling) Let's hear it! Let's air out all the grievances!

Dick: You know what? You should start doing that at every wedding you go to.

Maddox: What, be the guy?

Dick: Yeah. Saying "I'm being the Devil's advocate. What is the problem here?" (Maddox laughs) "I'm just…voicing a reasonable objection. Surely you can logic your way out of this during your wedding!"

Maddox: (laughs) I'm sure everybody will appreciate me for being so forthright and candid.

Dick: I think you actually should! That would be funny. That would be a funny tradition.

Maddox: And useful. It might help save some people from the heartbreak and agony of a divorce. 'Cause if you're standing on the alter, you have one last minute to change your mind. And I might be that guy to help them, huh? A hero. Hero Maddox.

Dick: Promise me you'll do that someday.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Object at a wedding.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Really. I really want you to promise to do that. (laughs)

Maddox: Well, if you ever invite me to…

Dick: (interjects) I'll do it! I'll promise to do it too!

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: (laughing) Doesn't mean as much when I promise it, does it?! (laughs more)

Maddox: Ughh…nothing means anything.

Sean: Guess whose wedding he's gonna object to.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What, ours? Are you proposing to me?!

Sean: No. It's gonna be yours! (incredulous)

Maddox: (laughing) Sean, you can sit on his lap and blow smoke in his mouth the whole afternoon.

Sean. Mmm. That honestly…that…

Dick: That's making me thirsty for Johnny Walker.

Sean: That description makes me miss drinking so much.

Maddox: Oh, barf. And a cigar? Cigars smell like dog poop.

Dick: WHAT the FUCK?! (yelling, shocked)

Sean: Some of the Scotches are smoky in a good way. Like smoking a cigar versus smelling a cigar. Because I agree with you, the…anyway.

Maddox: You guys are grossing me out so hard.

(dying boner sound effect)

Maddox: Hey, so, Dick. To finish my point…may I? To play Devil's advocate, I did read one drawback to the system. Well, a couple. One is that there is a lot of vibration…

Dick: Pretty big problem.

Maddox: Is it?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Just get over it! It vibrates. Your car vibrates. So what?

Dick: So hard that it, like, goes through time or goes through the road?

Maddox: Yeah……(skeptical)

Dick: How hard does it vibrate?

Sean: It'll shake apart your car. All that stuff loosens up!

Dick: Yeah. It destroys your car so that a gigantic class action lawsuit gets filed against Michelin. That's a big problem.

Maddox: Well, and the other problem, supposedly, is that it makes a lot of noise. So, but that was in the first generation! They've since solved these problems. And we still don't see these wheels on the road.

Dick: I don't know. They do look cool.

Maddox: Yeah. They look cool as shit. And you're driving on a PURE bed of science! A cushion of science!

Dick: I feel like I'm doing that right now.

Maddox: What, with your Persian racing rims?

Dick: With my run flats. Ugh, dammit. Man, you got me again. (muttering) Alright, my turn?

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: The…I actually, uh…I think this is a good one. I dunno how you're gonna feel about this one, though.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: "The Washington Redskins Controversy".

Maddox: Which is what?

Dick: It's football season. As you know.

Maddox: What is football? (laughs)

Dick: Football, as you call it, is a game where millionaires throw a ball around.

Maddox: Yeah. Millionaires throw a ball around. You're watching a bunch of sweaty millionaires throw a ball around! (taunting) Wow, let's give millionaires more attention. So anyway, let's hear this football problem you have!

Dick: So, the Washington Redskins found themselves in a bit of a predicament with their little racist name that they've got there.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Some representatives from some tribes got together, sued them, because it's offensive, because the term "redskins" is offensive to them…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And, ever since this started, it's been, like, every year, that's all I hear about. Every year, it's like there's this undercurrent of "Oh, Redskins is offensive, gotta change it! Redskins is offensive, gotta change it!" Uhh, they got their trademark revoked. (shocked) The team got their trademark revoked by the FCC. They appealed it and they said "Absolutely not."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. A bunch of senators came out and called them all scumbags. Lemme find the quote.

Maddox: The people…he called the Washington Redskins scumbags?

Dick: He called specifically Snyder, the guy who owns them, he called him, basically a scumbag for not changing the name. Lemme find the…so all these white senators…white, old-ass senators are very, you know, offended by the term "redskins".

Maddox: Why does their race come into it? What does that have to do with anything? The race of the senators?

Dick: Because I don't think they…if anybody has a right to be offended by it, whether they are or not, it's Native Americans. Right?!

Maddox: Yeah. Sure.

Dick: A bunch of asshole senators, I don't think have a say in this.

Sean: It seems opportunistic.

Dick: It's very opport…and, by the way, it was just a…it was 50 Democrats who signed this thing saying you should change it. Didn't invite any Republicans to sign it. It's like (sigh) okay…

Maddox: 'Cause Republicans aren't for it! Republicans don't give a shit!

Dick: Either way. It seems very opportunistic.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah, that's…that's my problem. Are you familiar with the controversy?

Maddox: I am. Yeah. I was just goading you on…

Dick: I don't wanna go through the whole thing, you know…

Maddox: (interjects) No, I want you to…

Dick: …steamroll over it.

Maddox: You're definitely going to get steamrolled over. But…(laughs) this is for the benefit of the listener who is not up to speed. Especially our international listeners.

Dick: So now there's a huge clusterfuck.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, do they change the name? A lot of people love it. Obviously. Uh…a lot of Native Americans love the name. Like, it's part of…it's a bunch of other school mascots, too. Like, a bunch of high schools, a bunch of teams. They wear it with pride. The reason it's a problem to me is because I see it as politically correct bullying. (Maddox scoffs) I think the people who are behind this, including all these politician assholes who have then come forward to support them, I think it's a form of bullying. They're taking people who had no racist intentions and they're bullying them into feeling guilty, by swaying the people who are just kinda like "I mean, I don't know, should I feel uncomfortable about this? I don't really have a dog in this fight, so I don't know what to say." And most people will err on the side of being sympathetic to people who are offended.

Maddox: Dick, do you even realize that, first of all, intent has nothing to do with whether or not you're racist? You can be unintentionally racist.

Dick: Of course you CAN.

Maddox: And they ARE.

Dick: You think they are.

Maddox: Okay Dick, what if…what if they wanted to honor, say, the heritage of slavery in our country and they created a team called "The Washington Brownskins" or the "The Washington Blackskins". Would you be okay with that?

Dick: Making it ridiculous…

Maddox: (interjects) Why is that ridiculous? How is that any different?

Dick: Because that would never happen. That isn't the problem. The problem is not that. Like, immediately equating it slavery is cherry picking this issue, I think. Because I don't think they…I don't think everyone's offended by this. I think a small bunch of people are offended by this and they're making everybody feel like shit because of it. Just like the Parent Television Council that you brought in a couple of weeks ago. I don't think this is, like, a universal opinion among Native Americans that they're offended by this term.

Maddox: No, it can't be universal. I'm sure…so, I argued with a friend of mine recently about this very controversy and he said that this isn't…this is something that politicians use to drum up…whatever!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: I don't know what their aim is…what their angle is, although, to be a total cynic, and again, to argue both sides (laugh), you know, to argue your point a little bit, Obama actually recently used this as a platform and tried to earmark, I think 70 million dollars fro tribal lands something or other along those lines…and I'm not sure what exactly the angle is, because, look, Native Americans aren't a huge population…

Dick: Which angle?

Maddox: The politicians' angle. Like, why would they be championing this cause if they didn't studiously believe on SOME level, sincerely believe that this was…

Dick: Politicians?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They - I don't think they believe anything. I think everything they say is drawn from focus groups. The politicians that are coming out against this are saying it because they think their constituency also either is against it or can be swayed in that way.

Maddox: Right, but why would they care about whether or not their constituency was for or against it? 'Cause most…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they look like heroes!

Maddox: Well…(stammers) yeah, I guess, but most people aren't Native American. Native American is a small population in the United States.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…so, but…

Dick: (interjects) But everybody has an opinion about this.

Maddox: To champion…I guess. Some people don't care, because at the end of the day it's a bullshit ass organization…

Dick: (interjects) What is?

Maddox: That gets government subsidies. The NFL.

Dick: The NFL?

Maddox: They get government subsidies to create bullshit and it makes cable cost more 'cause of ESPN.

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. These idiots.

Dick: I remember your opinion on the NFL now. (grinning)

Maddox: Uh-huh. So what about the Chinese? The Chinese who came over to work on the railroads?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Many of them weren't slaves. They just came over to work on the railroads. So, what if…Utah. So, for example, Utah is where the Pacific Railway met, what…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, yeah. The Golden Spike.

Maddox: Yeah. The Golden Spike. A lot of Chinese people stayed in Utah because they were working on the railroads.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: What if Utah came out and said "You know what? We want to create the UTAH YELLOWSKINS!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "To honor our heritage of Chinese rail workers!"

Dick: Are you being Devil's advocate now?

Maddox: No, I'm just being..

Dick: This is an actual question?

Maddox: This is an exact analogy, yeah.

Dick: It's…that's not happening. Okay? That's what I would like everyone who takes these insane examples of, like, the crazy racist names we COULD give teams!! (angry) That's not what we're doing. We're taking something that no one had a problem with. A couple of people did, and they started hammering their agenda down everyone's throat.

Maddox: You know, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) What about, like, Speedy Gonzalez? That guy's…that guy's a Mexican stereotype.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Not offensive! So what, if a couple of guys come out and say, "Well, you know what? We're Mexican. We're Latinos. We're very fucking offended by that." What are you going to do about it? Like…when, when, when does that STOP?! Do we lose that guy? Do we lose Speedy Gonzalez because a couple of people are pissed off about it?! (yelling)

Maddox: No, Speedy Gonzalez is different, 'cause he's not…he's…there are certain aspects of him that are stereotypically Mexican, but that's on you. If you're saying that's a Mexican stereotype, then you're projecting…

Dick: (interjects) (yelling) "Andale, andale, arriba!!" !?! That isn't…(cracks up) (background laughter)

Maddox: SOME Mexicans say that…I've heard Mexicans say shit like that.

Dick: OF COURSE they do!!!

Maddox: Yeah. So that could be one example of 'a' Mexican. So he's a Mexican mouse who says shit like that. That's not a problem.

Dick: What about Slowpoke Rodriguez, his cousin, who's the slowest mouse in all Mexico.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's a very offensive Mexican stereotype…

Maddox: (interjects) Right. Well…

Dick: (interjects) But you know what? Fuck it! 'Cause it's funny and it's not meant in harm!

Maddox: Dick! Also, it's one Mexican mouse! He's not saying all Mexican mice are slow and lazy! (laughs) He's saying one is.

Dick: This isn't even a Native American! It's a fucking football team! (yelling)

Maddox: Dick, a lot of our presidents in the past, including Teddy Roosevelt, who is one of the most badass presidents, has said some incredibly racist shit. Like, I believe…

Dick: (interjects) Sure.

Maddox: ,..I'm paraphrasing here, but he said…Teddy Roosevelt said, at one point, that nine out of ten Indians are better off dead. Or something along those lines. Right? We don't lionize Teddy Roosevelt because of his racist bullshit.

Dick: No.

Maddox: We lionize him in SPITE of his flaws. And so, as a nation, shouldn't we look forward and say, "Hey, we're a great nation. We still have a little bit of this shit we need to clean up." Let's just change the Redskins…(trails off as Dick interrupts)

Dick: (interjects) So you think this is shit we need to clean up, then.

Maddox: You don't think that this is in any way possibly offensive towards Native Americans?

Dick: I think it's obviously offensive towards some of them.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah. That's it. That's where…that's what I see. Obviously offensive and obviously a huge source of pride for some of them. I don't think it's the same as other races. Like the way that…people are like "No, it's very…you just don't understand. Imagine if you had "The Washington Brownskins" or "Washington Blackskins". See? It's obvious now." It's not obvious! Because this is not, like a racial slur. I've never heard this. In a whole lifetime, I've never heard this being used as, like, a specific racial slur.

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Let's go through a simple…you've never heard people use a racial slur as redskins for Native Americans?

Dick: Not really. Not as, like, a given racial slur.

Maddox: I have. I have. My friend married a Native American. His wife is Native American. And his dad was kind of like…he was okay with it, kind of, but he's also old school racist, so he kind of made some snide comments about redskins. He also said, this is an actual quote. He said, "Oh yeah, my son's marrying a wagon burner." (laughs) I'm like, what?!?!

Dick: Okay, that is obviously a racist slur!

Maddox: Oh, and redskin is not?! Is their skin red?

Dick: It's not! I don't know. No! I mead, kind of. Isn't it?

Maddox: Isn't everyone's if they get sunburned? Are you a redskin? Right now…you look pissed off right now.

Dick: I'm a little browner than white people, 'cause I'm half Mexican.

Maddox: Look. You would never call a Native American a redskin. Period.

Dick: Of course not!

Maddox: But yet somehow, the Washington…they're trying to say that this is representative of their Native American heritage, and they do it in a way…and by the way, the mascot is this grinning, toothy, stereotypical…he almost looks like a blackface…

Dick: No, that's the Cleveland Indians.

Maddox: Oh, okay. That's…

Dick: Ho! So, is that wrong?! (snide) Is that cool guy!? Is he a problem, too? The Cleveland Indians mascot?

Maddox: Some people would say, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. So where do we draw the line, dude? That's why it's bullying to me. It's a couple of people who have a problem. They want to gin up some money for their precious fucking cause, so they're making us feel like shit. I've NEVER thought that was bad!

Maddox: The poooor racists! Getting bullied by…

Dick: (interjects) Do you really think that everyone who likes…

Maddox: (interjects) I don't think they're racist, and I don't think that…okay, look, to be honest, I don't think that people who are defending the Washington Redskins are racist. I don't think that's their intent.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I don't think that it's a minority of Native Americans who are offended that are just "too PC". They've been trying to get this changed for years and years!

Dick: Yeah, but how…what's the number, then? I mean, I guess that's what I really want to come down to.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What is the percentage of people who are offended by it that we then say "Alright, that's it. We can't do it anymore." 'Cause that's what we're…if it's 100%, obviously you gotta stop doing it.

Maddox: Right. Right, right.

Dick: If it's 0%...if it's 1%...fuck you.

Maddox: I think it's probably a majority. That's my gut feeling.

Dick: (interjects) So is that the…

Maddox: Based on absolutely nothing.

Dick: Is that the number then? Is it 51% people who are offended by it? Then we stop doing it?

Maddox: Well, I mean…possibly, yeah! If a majority of people are offended by it…and it's not just that they're offended, it doesn't even have to be…I mean, I don't know, man, it's one of those things where you're literally just characterizing a type of people by their skin color and creating just a stereotypical…what is their mascot, by the way? The Redskins.

Dick: Isn't it like, a tough-looking, warrior guy?

Maddox: I'll pull up the Redskins logo. Yeah.

Dick: Alright. What does it look like?

Maddox: Uh…I'm imagining it's probably just a fenced-off little reservation and an American National Guard guy with a rifle. Okay, here it is. It is a Native American warrior, it looks like. He's got kind of…he's kind of looking, almost like a coin, you know? Like a wooden Indian coin.

Dick: Yeah. That's the one I thought it was. It's like a majestic warrior!

Maddox: Yeah, it looks pretty cool.

Dick: Like, full of pride, and vigor, and manliness. Look at that chin!

Maddox: It…it does look pretty cool.

Dick: Beautiful man.

Maddox: But also, in one of the logos I just pulled up, he literally has a red face. So, then…

Dick: I mean, I don't know why that's offensive.

Maddox: Because it's…you know where that stereotype comes from? I believe that slur comes from Native Americans stereotypically not being able to hold their alcohol…

Dick: See, you say "slur"…oh, really? (intrigued)

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: I don't think so, man. Because I've got a quote from Sitting Bull referring to…starting right away…"I am a red man. If the Great Spirit had desired me to be a white man, he would have made me so in the first place." It doesn't sound like he thinks it's a slur. It sounds like he just thinks it's kinda the tint of his skin.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: No big deal.

Maddox: When was Sitting Bull alive? Where did you get that quote from?

Dick: Wikipedia. So suck on that. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So, Sitting…

Dick: (interjects) From a reliable source.

Maddox: So, Sitting Bull, based on his 1890's, maybe, 1920s…

Dick: I'm just saying, it doesn't sound like it originated as a slur! He's saying very specifically, "I am a red man."

Maddox: But that…in that time and era, don't you think that it's possible that they could have used slurs based on the culture at that time?

Dick: I'm saying…not…

Maddox: To describe themselves?

Dick: No!!! (yells) He wouldn't have started out this quote with degrading himself for being an alcoholic!

Maddox: (interjects) Do you think…okay.

Dick: (interjects) He's just referring to his skin color!

Maddox: Well, okay. Then, do you think that at that time, before, say, Native Americans encountered white colonists…colonialists in America…in the North Americas…do you think that they referred to themselves as redskins?

Dick: No. They would have no reason to distinguish themselves from people who were not the same color as them. They probably had lighter-darker.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: If they needed it.

Maddox: So, where do you think…do you think that this phrase originated with Native Americans or with white people?

Dick: Probably on both sides. I think both sides probably said, like, "Uhhh, how are you gonna describe those guys?" "I dunno, they're a little darker than us. They're a little bit redder." "How do you describe those guys?" "Uh, they look white." Even though white people don't look fucking white, they look pale. But it's kind of close.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a good description.

Maddox: How about…how about just Native Americans?

Dick: What…you mean, when European colonists encountered…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's longer to say.

Maddox: (sighs) I dunno, man. What's the cost benefit analysis here?

Dick: Of what, changing the name? (incredulous)

Maddox: Changing the name! What do you lose by changing the name? (excited)

Dick: Dude…that's exactly the problem. So…nothing. You know what? Change your name. People…some people wear it with pride. A lot of people love it, but change it 'cause it offends people? Alright. I guess so.

Maddox: Uhh…look, Dick. I've been arguing with you for the last 10, 12 minutes, whatever. I honestly don't give a shit. It's the NFL. The whole organization is a waste of time. (Dick chuckles) Throw it away. Throw the whole thing away. Cancel ESPN. Let cable be cheaper. Everything would be better without football. So there you go. That's my rebuttal.

Dick: Yeah. Hey, by the way? "Oklahoma" is a Choctaw word for "Red people"

Maddox: Oh?

Dick: So I guess we should change that too, eventually. Right?

Maddox: I guess, Dick.

Dick: Oklahoma?

Maddox: If enough people bitch about it. Or! Or! Maybe just not give a shit that much about sports, 'cause who cares?

Dick: Alright, what's your problem? (Maddox laughs) What's your problem? That's my… it's…you know, it's my problem. You got it.

Maddox: Yeah. My next problem is "AIDS". (laughs)

Dick: Speaking of red!!!

Maddox: (laughing) What does that mean, speaking of red?!

Dick: Red ribbons!

Maddox: Ohh yeah! That's right. Red ribbons are the AIDS Foundation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I forgot, 'cause ribbons have been SO reappropriated by so many different organizations, yellow ribbons, pink ribbons…right?

Sean: When I was a kid, red ribbons meant like…anti-drugs, I think.

Dick: No, no.

Sean: Because AIDS wasn't such a big thing, though. In the 80s, I mean, yeah, people got AIDS, but it was…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, it was DARE, right? Wasn't that part of the DARE problem?

Sean: It was DARE! Yeah! It was, like, Nancy Reagan and shit. The whole war on drugs.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: It was red ribbons! At elementary school.

Dick: I didn't know that.

Sean: I remember that.

Maddox: Yeah. Now we got yellow ribbons to support the troops. You've got the puzzle ribbon to support autism. You've got pink ribbon to support breast cancer. Too many ribbons!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You got green ribbons now, which is some kind of mental disorder awareness. So there's a lot of ribbons. Anyway. So, you got AIDS. AIDS is a big problem.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Well, I think herpes is a bigger problem, if we're gonna go down the STD track.

Maddox: How many people die each year from herpes?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: I'm saying close…I'm guessing under a couple hundred.

Dick: So what's…

Maddox: (interjects) Is herpes even lethal? I'm not even sure. (mutters) So, AIDS, first of all, 1 in 6 people are living with HIV.

Dick: Wait, wait, what?

Maddox: Yeah. Globally.

Dick: Globally 1 in 6? (chuckles, incredulous)

Maddox: 1 in 6.

Dick: Oh man. Is this gonna be another female genital, like, mutilation, where I hear a bunch of numbers that seem outrageous and are actually true? (chuckles)

Maddox: Yes. So, yeah. It is one of those problems where you're gonna have uhh…

Dick: Terrifying stats.

Maddox: Terrifying stats. Another female genital mutilation. (chuckles)

Dick: Greaaat.

Maddox: So since, I believe 1981, when they first started the first cases of AIDS being reported…36 million people have died since then.

Dick: Because of AIDS.

Maddox: Because of AIDS. Yeah.

Dick: That's a lot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think anyone's died because of the Washington Redskins thing.

Maddox: (laughs) That's true. Although, many of their fans may……(cracks up, trails off) So, 1.6 million died of AIDS in 2012. 1.6 million.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Dead. That's enough people to fill this room. (laughs) According to the WHO. The World Health Organization, in 2012.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: An estimated 2.3 million individuals were newly infected with HIV.

Dick: That's a lot. Wait, in a year? With HIV?

Maddox: A year. Yeah.

Dick: Ehh, that doesn't seem like a lot.

Maddox: (laughing) 2.3 million is a decent amount, dude.

Dick: The 1 in…the 1 in 6 stat is going to be your money shot.

Maddox: That's my money shot?

Dick: That's a LOT of people.

Sean: Wait. That's right, though? There could possibly be…1 in 6? There's 7 billion people…

Dick: A billion people?

Sean: A billion people have AIDS?

Maddox: You know, that does seem pretty high now that…no, no. HIV. Not AIDS.

Sean: HIV. Yeah. So it hasn't developed.

Dick: That still seems pretty FUCKING high.

Sean: Yeah, that's amazing.

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Sean: I mean, I don't know, but…

Maddox: I don't know what to say. I don't know what to say. So, wear a condom.

Dick: Well, wait a minute. What is it in LA? That's the stat…

Maddox: I'm sure LA is throwing the Bell curve way off on this one. (smirks) So, this is from AIDS.gov, by the way. Which, I didn't know there was a .gov for AIDS. AIDS.gov?

Dick: I'm sure no one did. (scoffs)

Maddox: Why is there an AIDS.gov? That's kind of weird. Anyway, so that's where those stats are from.

Dick: That's a good piece of evidence that this is a big problem, though. That there's a .gov for it.

Maddox: Yeah. It is a pretty big problem. Although…

Dick: (interjects) There's not a flattires.gov.

Maddox: No, there…(laughing) (background laughter)…there isn't. And there isn't a Redskinds.gov, either.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: No. So, why…you kind of see AIDS as kind of diminished in the headlines. You don't see AIDS as big of a deal anymore.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It seems like one of those things where people get it, it's like "Oh, alright. That's kind of a bummer, but…" they're not talking about it as much as they used to.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's still killing…you know how many people died from SARS? Or like..what was it, bird flu?

Dick: Bird flu? Yeah.

Maddox: Like, less than 10,000, less than 5,000 maybe.

Dick: I'm surprised it's that high.

Maddox: Yeah! More people die from just influenza. 33, 000 people per year die from influenza.

Dick: Well, there was that Dallas **Buyers** Club movie. That was kind of a…like, an AIDS awareness thing, also.

Maddox: I never saw it.

Dick: It was all about AIDS. It was pretty interesting, dude.

Sean: The media only covers, like, the hot new diseases.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You know, like, AIDS is 30 years old now, at least, so it doesn't get the day-to-day coverage in the headlines.

Maddox: AIDS is a real mature killer, right?

Dick: Yeah. You gotta see that movie. You'd like…I dunno. Do you like movies like that?

Maddox: The Dallas **Buyers** Club?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I dunno man, it's just…I find it hard…

Dick: (interjects) Like a little bit historical, a little bit of drama. Do you like that kind of thing?

Maddox: Sure. Sure. I liked American History X. That was cool.

Dick: Yeah. You might like this, then.

Maddox: Yeah. American History X, I recently…if you haven't seen it, you should definitely go watch that movie. It's really good. Um, it's about racism, too. So you'd dig it, Dick. I'm sure everybody in that movie is a big Redskins fan.

Dick: See? You can't say one fucking thing! (Maddox laughs) All of a sudden, you're a racist! I'm just…

Maddox: No. I don't think that people are racist. I think they're clinging on to some bullshit tradition because they just don't want their precious team name changed, and also because all the fans have the merchandise already! They don't wanna feel like assholes 'cause they have all this shit.

Dick: I mean, you know what's gonna change it? Is when that merchandise stops selling.

Maddox: It won't.

Dick: Then they'll change the name immediately.

Maddox: You know, I feel like it's the same…it's the same people…it's the same kind of mentality of people who are afraid Obama is gonna come after their guns, so they go out and just start hoarding guns. So they're probably gonna do the same thing with Redskins merchandise if there's ANY hope of that name changing? So…the NFL's gonna make money hand over fist. HOW did you hijack my fucking problem?! (yelling) We're talking about AIDS!! (Dick cackles maniacally) It's bullshit!

Dick: What is your problem with AIDS?

Maddox: (laughing) Dick! What is your problem with AIDS? Great quote!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Other than it kills millions of people.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Other than that? Other than it costs so much money…you know, uhh…

Dick: How much does it cost? Do you know?

Maddox: No idea. No. I don't have those stats handy, but it…I mean, it costs a lot of money in medical care. People who died from AIDS usually don't die directly from the virus, but rather something else they contract because of it. Because it's an immunovirus. It attacks your immune system and makes you more susceptible to other diseases.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: But do you know…here's something kind of interesting. So, where do you think AIDS came from?

Dick: Umm…I think the government made it to kill gay people.

Maddox: Ohhhh. (laughing) Well, well, well, Dick.

Dick: Isn't that…I thought that was proven.

Maddox: A conspiracy dipshit. Actually, when I was…

Dick: (interjects) No, I don't think that. Obviously.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Well, it's interesting that you mention that, because there's a lot of different origin theories for AIDS and there's nothing that people are completely settled on. So, here are some of the theories. This one's called "The Hunter Theory". So, the most… have you heard of this? The Hunter Theory?

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's the most commonly accepted theory is that of the "Hunter". In this scenario, Simian Immunodeficiency Virus was transferred to humans as a result of chimps being killed or eaten or their blood getting into cuts or wounds on the hunter.

Dick: That seems pretty reasonable.

Maddox: Seems kind of plausible, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, by the way, this is all according to this website, avert.org, and there's also this theory, it's called the "Oral Polio Vaccine Theory". It essentially means, you know, during the polio vaccination campaign, some infected needles may have gotten people. But that doesn't really explain the origin of it.

Dick: No.

Maddox: They think that maybe it could have been infected in the lab. There's also the "Contaminated Needle Theory", very similar, because of disposable plastic syringes that someone may have picked one up from somebody who was infected.

Dick: From a monkey?

Maddox: I guess. (laughs)

Dick: Like, the monkey was shooting up, and then somebody grabbed it?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, monkeys own COPYRIGHTS NOW!!!! Huh?!

Dick: It's bullshit.

Maddox: And then there is the "Colonialism Theory". That Simian Immunovirus could easily have infiltrated the labor force and taken advantage of their weakened immune systems because of colonialism. They're enslaving people, essentially, and making them work in such…

Dick: Mmmm.

Maddox: …drastic conditions that their immune system has been lowered and that they contracted AIDS. THEN there's the Conspiracy Theory, Dick, your first go-to.

Dick: I love these conspiracy theories. They're so much fun.

Maddox: Yeah. This one is fun. Listen to this one. "Some people believe that HIV is a conspiracy or that it is manmade. A recent survey carried out in the US, for example, identified a significant number of African-Americans who believe that HIV was manufactured as part a biological warfare program designed to wipe out large numbers of black and homosexual people.

Dick: See? That's what I was sayin'.

Maddox: You were…(cracks up)…you weren't saying that.

Dick: Can you just, like…can you just imagine how…how competent those people imagine the government to be?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Like, that would be so comforting to be able to lie in my bed and think that the government could manufacture and distribute AIDS in secret.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it's just so comforting to know that these people are so powerful and competent out there that can do these things.

Maddox: They can do anything.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They're basically like "ubermensch". Or they have the ability to orchestrate the largest conspiracy in the universe in front of millions of cameras and witnesses, and PULL IT OFF flawlessly!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then have some armchair dipshit in his chair at home…

Dick: He figured it out.

Maddox: Yeah, he figured it out just by Goggling documents. Nice one, idiots.

Sean: While hiding the cure for cancer and flying planes into the World Trade Center.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And not letting clean energy vehicles…

Sean: (interjects) And making every…and making every sporting event series go seven games for the network ratings.

Dick: I would never feel that safe than I would feel if I was able to believe all these conspiracy theories.

Maddox: Sure. And of course, their intent's ALWAAAAAAAYS nefarious. Nobody…none of these scientists are ever working for any good cure or disease or anything. (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're always…you know, the government wants…they have, like a supervillain complex. They have a supervillain fetish. That's what they are. They're fetishizing supervillains.

Dick: Meanwhile, like, all the rich people got rich by like, making things that helped people. You know, basically. Like, you might disagree. You might think Windows is a pile of shit…

Maddox: (interjects) It is.

Dick: But, like…yeah! But Bill Gates made it so people could get more work done.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, he did it to help people be productive.

Maddox: And help him make himself rich.

Dick: Yeah, yeah yeah! (excited) But you hear what I'm saying…

Maddox: (interjects) No, I see what you're saying.

Dick: Like, people get rich by trying to help.

Maddox: Yeah, they're…

Dick: (interjects) Not by, like, these weird convoluted schemes.

Maddox: Yeah. They're serving a demand. They're creating a product that serves a demand. There's a demand for that product, so it exists.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, this is from…again, from avert.org. It says in February…this is the actual consensus about where AIDS came from. In February 1999…well, the closest thing to a consensus. "In February 1999, a group of researchers from the University of Alabama announced that they had found a type of SIV.." so that's, uhh..Simian Immunovirus..

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: "…that was almost identical to HIV1. This particular strain was identified in a frozen sample taken from a captive member of the subgroup of chimpanzees known as pan troglodytes." Did you know that was a subgroup of chimpanzees?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Pan troglodytes. (Dick laughs) You know what? I still don't understand why you guys defend monkeys so much!

Dick: I knew it. I knew this was…

(monkey sound effect)

Maddox: Go vote up monkeys!

Dick: I knew this was a back door problem for monkeys. I fucking knew it. 'Cause you obviously don't know shit about AIDS!

Maddox: Yeah…(laughing)

Dick: This is just a back door problem for you! You ONLY know AIDS facts that have to do with monkeys.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…they're…that's the reason that it's around, apparently. Because they were…okay, so these monkeys, these pan troglodytes…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: …were once common in West Africa. They claimed…

Dick: (interjects) Go vote on monkeys, everybody!!

Maddox: Yeah. Vote on monkeys! Vote monkeys! I keep telling you guys! "They claimed that the sample proved that chimpanzees were the source of HIV1 and that the virus had at some point crossed species from chimps to humans. Their final findings were published two years later in Nature magazine."

Dick: So monkeys caused AIDS.

Maddox: Monkeys caused AIDS. Now they're taking our copyrights!! Which, by the way, Dick, several people have pointed out that monkeys owning copyrights…the monkey won. In court. You happy?!

Dick: Oh yeah. No, I'm not happy!!! That was my problem!!!!! (yelling)

Maddox: I'm talking to the idiots who voted down monkeys. Go to the website and vote up monkeys. Biggest Problem in the Universe. (Dick cracks up laughing) Bigger than AIDS! Bigger than everything!!

Dick: I mean, I love about the monkey copyright, we already covered it in another episode, but like, so now this poor photographer finally got screwed out of his big moneymaking picture.

Maddox: Yeah. Yep.

Dick: His 15 minutes of fame. He's not gonna get a dime for. What he learned in that is…"Don't make art." Like, he's not getting paid for it. He's not getting rewarded for it. He will not be able to do that with more money. Go make…produce more art. The world has less art in it because of this. (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the moral of the story!

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: The whole point of copyrights is to encourage people who hold them to keep making art! So you can make money off of your art. And they've fucked them out of it. So we're all fucked out of this guy's future work!

Maddox: Yeah. It's people like YOU who voted down the "Monkeys" problem! You guys just don't see the threat here, do you? You don't see the threat!! (Dick laughing) You don't see monkeys coming after anything…you don't see monkeys…monkeys are spreading the most deadly virus to humans…I mean maybe not THE most, but it's up there, man!

Dick: It's up there. 1 out of 6. That's a lot.

Maddox: Yeah. 1 out of 6 apparently. I'm guessing like a lot of Africa has to be in that stat.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In those stats. And then the two other most populous continents, are what, India, and…not continents, but, like countries. India and China…(laughing)

Dick: Oh man…(laughing like a cartoon character)

Maddox: The continent of India and China.

Dick: I was hoping you'd finish that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Before spotting it.

Maddox: I caught myself, dude. So, yeah, monkeys.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Are the problem. And I, for one, am glad that some countries still view monkeys as a menace. As a problem.

Dick: Yeah. I'm fine with that. I don't like them.

Maddox: Have you seen Planet of the Apes?

Dick: Uhh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Think about that.

Dick: I have.

Maddox: Think about that on your drive home. Think about what monkeys could do if they actually became intelligent.

Dick: Hey, uhhh…

Maddox: These troglodytes.

Dick: Speaking of AIDS. Have I ever told you about…did I ever tell you about the time I got an STD test at the…(Maddox shudders) like, the AIDS Center?

Maddox: No.

Dick: 'Cause it was free.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. So I go in there, and it's like, the Gay and Lesbian Center.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: So this girl wouldn't have sex with me without a condom unless I showed her proof of an STD test.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Reasonable.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So I did it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I go in there…and this guy, he's like a way over-the-top gay guy. Jose. He's like going over the test parts with me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I see this, like, chart of the ways to have sex and how…how likely they are to communicate disease? It's like a terrorist threat…

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, it's color-coded.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So, like, the less dangerous ways to contract sexual disease were like, blue.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And the worst ones are like, purple. Right? (lowering voice) And I think vaginal was purple and like, anal, was like red. One I was confused on. So I was like "Hey, what's up with this? How come this is switched around? I thought it was the other way around, that anal was more dangerous for contracting AIDS than vaginal sex." And this gay guy's like "No, no no. You see? Because when a guy, like, cums in your butt…" and I was like "Okay, let me stop you right there…" (Maddox laughing) we went through the whole survey and it was like straight, male, and all this stuff. Like lemme stop you, first of all. Could you just use, like, some more medical terms, maybe?

Maddox: (laughing) When a guy cums in your butt. Immediately.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing) (Maddox cracks up) And he's like "Oh, yeah, yeah, okay." And I'm like, you know, maybe like some more hetero terms, maybe? Throw some in there?

Maddox: That could be a hetero term!

Dick: And he's like "Okay yeah, like when a girl cums in your butt…" (Maddox cracks up) (Sean and background laughter) (Dick laughing) Alright joker…get the fuck out of here. I don't care what these tests are anymore!!!

Maddox: Yeah. You could be with a real dominant squirter, dude. (Dick laughs) You don't know, she could be pegging you with her fucking…Chyna. You know what I'm talking about with Chyna, right? The wrestler? Yeah.

Dick: A DICK. That's what you're talking about! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaah, basically.

Dick: Well buddy. You said we were gonna cover AIDS. "Ants" to "AIDS" is this show.

Maddox: "Ants" to "AIDS". We're covering all the problems.

Dick: I don't know if you made a compelling argument.

Maddox: I didn't make a compelling argument for AIDS being a problem!? (yelling) Are you seriously kidding me?!

Dick: I don't think you!!

Sean: No! You just pointed out that it was a problem, but…

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: I know we're not supposed to be offering solutions, but…

Dick: Well, why is in the biggest?

Maddox: Well, it's bigger than most things we have on the list, because it affects both men and women…not just…like "Female Genital Mutilation" should be number one right now, followed by AIDS. No, AIDS followed by "Female Genital Mutilation". Other way around.

Dick: Make up your mind!

Maddox: I just did!

Dick: What's worse?

Maddox: AIDS is worse.

Dick: I don't know! Why?! You gotta live with female genital mutilation!

Maddox: Yeah. And you gotta die with AIDS, so there's that. I mean, you don't have to, but…

Dick: I don't think you have to anymore. Can't they, like, whip up a cure for you, as long as you're like white and rich? Is that true? I think that's true, man.

Sean: Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

Maddox: No, Magic Johnson is not white.

Dick: I dated this girl who knew way too much about AIDS and she told me that was true.

Sean: No, I listened to a very long interview with Magic Johnson and he was saying that there's so much misinformation about it out there that A, like a lot of people think the drugs are expensive. He said no. These have been out on the market for a long time. There's more than 30 drugs that make up a cocktail. The most important thing is to be vigilant about it and don't go off the cocktail because you're feeling good or you're feeling better. You stay on it…he said they're affordable to virtually everyone. He said…they brought up the South Park episode and stuff like that, and he thought it was funny, 'cause they just whipped up a bunch of money in a blender and stuff.

Dick: Hey. Problem solved.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: How about that?!

Sean: Well…it's…

Dick: (interjects) Not the biggest problem! Sounds like it's been cured!

Maddox: Hey, it's not been cured…

Sean: That wasn't my intention, but like…but no…but…

Maddox: (interjects) Thanks, Sean!!!

Sean: Ugh, fuck it. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Alright, let's wrap it up.

Maddox: Alright, so what are your problems?

Dick: Unless you've got more.

Maddox: Nooo, you know, you guys have already pissed me off too much. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: What?! What else do you have?!

Maddox: Nothing. Nothing. Go ahead.

Dick: It's a big problem!!

Maddox: Just vote…

Dick: I just don't know if it's the BIGGEST!

Maddox: Yeah. Just vote down monkeys and French fries, and dogs, and all the shit that you guys don't think is a problem…(Dick cracking up) Just vote up…the Washington Redskins controversy, 'cause apparently that's a huge fucking deal.

Dick: Uhh..'cause they're coming for you next.

Maddox: Yeah. And flat tires.

Dick: They're coming for whatever…can you imagine? Remember the Iron Sheik?

Maddox: Yeah. It's great.

Dick: Do you think we could get him in these political climates that we're in, in this climate of political correctness that we currently live?

Maddox: Oooh.

Dick: We couldn't have an Iron Sheik.

Maddox: Hell, I think we could get him in on the show. Have you seen his career lately?! (cracks up) You know, he's great actually. His Twitter is hilarious. He's out of his fucking mind.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So what were your problems?

Dick: My problems were "Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey".

Maddox: (interjects) Oh. Huge problem. (sarcastic)

Dick: "Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey-based Liqueur", excuse me.

Maddox: Mmhmm.

Dick: And the "Washington Redskins Controversy". Which I think is politically correct bullying.

Maddox: (sighs) Great. Poor racists being bullied.

Dick: I don't think they're racists!! (yelling)

Maddox: Ahhh, they're not racist.

Dick: You don't think they're racist either.

Maddox: No, I don't.

Dick: But I think like…I think a lot of people easily call them racists. And I don't think that's fair.

Maddox: Well, if you…it depends on…I feel like 100%...the overlap of racist people who also agree with this controversy, is like, 100%.

Dick: Yeah. Well…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's probably true.

Maddox: Yeah. Here's the rule of thumb. Look and see what position racist people hold on whatever controversial issue you're looking at or voting for, and you're probably in the wrong if racist people are in your camp!

Dick: I dunno. That seems like…that seems too easy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That seems like a slippery slope to me.

Maddox: Do you think racist people are for Planned Parenthood or against it?

Dick: Racist people?

Maddox: Yeah. What would you say?

Dick: Planned Parenthood is abortions, right?

Maddox: Yeeehhh. I mean, that's one thing that they cover, yes, like 10% of their funding goes towards abortions, sure.

Dick: Well, I'm…I'm just assuming that racists would be, like, very religious and they would be anti abortion.

Maddox: Yeah. Racists really follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Okay, so you got your cinnamon whiskey and…

Dick: "Washington Redskins Controversy".

Maddox: Washington Redskins. And I have "Flat Tires" and "AIDS". Two HUGE problems that you guys will vote down.

Dick: C'mon baby! C'mon baby! I need a win!

Maddox: Boo. Yeah. Well, vote for these on thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. We'll bring in more comments. Leave us voicemail!

Dick: Thanks for listening.

Maddox: Thanks.

(closing riff)

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy! What's up, buddy? Happy to be here!

Maddox: And joining us as always, is Sean, our audio engineer.

Dick: Alright. Who won?

Maddox: So, the winner, predictably, I think, last week, was "AIDS".

Dick: You gotta be fucking kidding me. (Maddox cracks up) AIDS?! How did AIDS beat… what were my problems? How did "AIDS" beat "Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey"?!

Maddox: Everything beat "Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey". Nobody thinks it's a problem. ALTHOUGH, I got beat up in the comments about it!

Dick: You got lit up like a Christmas tree in the comments.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can I read them?

Maddox: Please.

Dick: I brought in some.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear these bullshit comments. (Dick cackling) Hold on. Let me get my buzzer finger ready.

Dick: This is the first week where I've read….every comment.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: 'Cause usually, I'm getting my ass torn up, but you got fucking torn to pieces this week! (laughing) (reads the first comment) "Fireball fucking sucks. I'd rather drink, well, dog piss." From **Ryan Mason**. **Ray Alanis** says: "Fireball is a good sipping whiskey? Maddox, I hope Johnny Walker comes back to life and punches you in the ovaries." (background laughter) **Garth Ste-Rose:** "Fireball is like AIDS to whiskey." Which is true. I also brought in a voicemail about it. You wanna hear that? (laughing)

Maddox: (laughs) Let's hear the voicemail.

Dick: Okay.

Voicemail: "Hey Maddox. I've got a question for you. If you're gonna drink Fireball whiskey, why don't you just go back to your fucking sorority with your sorority sisters and go to your book club and read Twilight and discuss your feelings and uh…talk about which anti-itch ointment feels best on your vagina?" (laughing)

Dick: (interjects) He's only halfway through. (Maddox laughing)

Voicemail: "Real men, like Dick and myself. We drink real liquor. Whiskey. And you know what? We drink whiskey like some kind of bare-chested pugilist with a handlebar mustache."

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Voicemail: "The kind of guy that when he's done with the bottle, eats the glass bottle."

Dick: (interjects) I don't know about that.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Voicemail: "That's the kind of guy that you need to aspire to be, instead of drinking this bullshit Fireball nothing."

Maddox: Oh my God. (Sean laughing)

Dick: What do you think about that? (smug)

Maddox: What's that idiot's name? I shouldn't call him an idiot.

Dick: I don't know! They never leave their names!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know what these voicemail…like, don't these people hear voicemails on talk shows, you say, "Hey, this is somebody from somebody" and then you do your thing.

Maddox: Yeah, sure. Hey, Dumbass McDumberson. Let's call him that. While you're sitting there chewing your fucking glass bottle like an ape, I'm sitting here sipping Fireball Whiskey like the delicious beverage it is, like a chill motherfucker. Look, this guy, **Dan White**, he says, "Fireball over the rocks. That's possibly the least manly thing Maddox has ever said." To which I replied…

Dick: (interjects) It is.

Maddox: To which I replied, I say, hey, you see a guy drinking a cold glass of Fireball Whiskey in the bar? That's me, not giving a fuck. Right? That's what a real man does. He drinks what he wants to. It's not a popularity contest. I'm not sitting here caring what you yentas gossip about in the corner while you drink your fucking boot water. I don't give a shit...

Dick: (interjects) Uh-huh.

Maddox: …about your smoky, bullshit, cigar-blowing, you two idiots sitting on each other's laps. (background laughter) I don't give a shit about your fucking bullshit. I'm gonna drink what I want and not give a fuck. That's what a real man does. He doesn't care.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical) I read another comment on there that said, like "Yeah, you can say that while you're blowing a bunch of guys, too. Good for you for not caring." (Maddox laughs) I think this is a moral win for me, 'cause I know Fireball Whiskey got nailed in the voting, but I feel like the Bad News Bears. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A moral victory. Not by the numbers…but, fuck the score. Nobody will remember the score. Nobody cares that AIDS won. Uhhhhhhhhh. Big fuckin' deal.

Maddox: Wow. Listen to Rudy over here. Nail you to a cross. And then "Flat Tires" came in second place. Both your problems got trounced. Your stupid "Redskins Controversy". Which, by the way, was…again…like, one of those things. I got an email from somebody. People take this shit SO seriously. I got an email from somebody who was like "Hey Maddox, huge Redskins fan. Should I listen to this episode or am I gonna get pissed off and stop being a fan?" I wrote back and I'm like "I don't give a shit. Either way." This is such a stupid, bullshit non-troversy. And I'm so glad South Park…did you see South Park's episode?

Dick: Yeah, of course I saw South Park. But I think I failed to make one point crystal clear to you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay? What if…what if people were offended by you, which they are. So the government came in and said "Okay, now anybody can use the name 'Maddox'."

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Once 'Maddox' becomes a racial epithet, maybe that argument will hold some weight.

Dick: I'm just saying. I'm just saying.

Maddox: So, I got a comment from **Justin Tribuna.** He says "Dick, when you say that having a team called the Blackskins or the Yellowskins would never happen, you're pointing out why there shouldn't be a team called the 'Redskins'. You can't tell me that two of these names are racist, but one isn't."

Dick: Okay, lemme ask you something. Uhh…Red Man Tobacco? Did they lose their trademark, too? Since it's so offensive to call anyone "red", and have, like, a little mascot of an Indian guy?

Maddox: I dunno, man. I've never even heard of it.

Dick: No, no, they didn't! Red Man Chewing Tobacco? You've never heard of Red Man Chewing Tobacco?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Maddox, what do you chew?

Maddox: I don't…(laughing) I don't chew anything.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Not glass, like you idiots!

Dick: Yeah! This…did they lose their trademark? No! No. Because they're not getting enough attention.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's my whole point! This is all…it's all bullshit.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: If it was, like…if it was actually what's offensive and what's not, and they all decided that the classification of "red" was now a racial epithet, then go after Red Man Tobacco.

Maddox: You know, Dick, one of the…one of my friends sent me a survey from right after his episode aired. He was all pissed off and he sent me a survey and he said, "Hey, 90% of American Indians don't give a shit." Or, Native Americans don't give a shit about this name. It doesn't offend them. Right?

Dick: Sure. Yeah.

Maddox: But the survey's from 2004. That's the survey that everyone's referring in every news article. Is from 2004.

Dick: So what?

Maddox: You don't think that opinions and attitudes can change over the course of a decade? In 2004, the majority of people were opposed to gay marriage. Today, for the first time ever in history, more people are in favor of gay marriage than against. So, should we just repeal gay marriage based on 2004 statistics?

Dick: N…No.

Maddox: Yeah. (smug)

Dick: Yeah. I think 10 years…I don't wanna go over it anymore.

Maddox: Gotcha, fuckup.

Dick: Alright, you got me.

Maddox: What's your next comment?

Dick: Uhh…my next comment is…lemme see here. Oh yeah! Okay. **Charles Fairchild**… remember how my phone went off…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah.

Dick: …A couple episodes ago?

Maddox: Uh-huh. Like an earthquake.

Dick: I had it in "Do Not Disturb" mode.

Maddox: Mmkay. (smug)

Dick: I told you I did, and you fucks didn't believe me. Right?

Maddox: Mmm. Yeah, because…I didn't believe you because it went off! (yelling)

Dick: Okay. So. Apparently, on the iPhone, even if you have it in "Do Not Disturb" mode, if the screen is on, it will still vibrate.

Maddox: Oohhhhh. Okay.

Dick: So. So. So, you have to go in and say…because I use my phone as the timer…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: …for this show.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: So generously I give of myself and my equipment here with my phone being on the whole time…(smiling)

Maddox: Wow. (sarcastic)

Dick: Because I have it on, it went off. That's why.

Maddox: You're using a dual-core processor there as a kitchen timer, essentially.

Dick: Look, whatever. That's why it went off. It wasn't my fault.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I'm saying…I should…I'm…It wasn't my fault.

Maddox: Sounds like it's Apple's fault for making a shitty phone. I have got a comment from **Tobias Lövgren**. He says…this isn't funny. He's just kind of making a good point about this Redskins controversy. He says, "Would it be racist to change the Washington Redskins' name to the Washington Natives or perhaps the Washington Braves? You could keep the logo that way." What do you think?

Dick: Um…

Maddox: Why not? (snaps) What do you lose by changing it to the Washington Natives or the Washington Braves?

Dick: I think that's up to the people who own the business.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think that's…if they decided to do that, that's fine. That's up to them. I just don't want the government forcing them to do it. I don't want the government forcing people to…

Maddox: (interjects) Nooo one is forcing anyone to change anything!

Dick: Yes they are! By removing their trademark, they're preventing them from making money on it!

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: That's the whole point!

Maddox: That's all it comes down to, is money.

Dick: They're ruining the business!

Maddox: Nope. They can keep using it. They just can't use the racial epithet for a trademark.

Dick: That's so…it's…fine. Let the market determine it. Don't let the government determine it. That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Alright. Well, the market is determining it by making their own knockoff products, which is great. It makes me so happy.

Dick: Is that really happening?

Maddox: Uh…yes, actually. Look for my Washington Redskins shirts in my Maddox store, coming soon!

Dick: Ugh…South Park beat you to that.

Maddox: Yeah. That was a hilarious episode. I got a comment from **Cabot Roth**. He says, "Dick, you're a dumbass."

Dick: Hokay.

Maddox: "Classic Speedy Gonzalez cartoons from the 1940s haven't been shown on television for more than a decade because people woke up to the fact that they were incredibly racist in their depictions of Mexicans and Latinos in general. Every one of them, save for Speedy, were either stupid or asleep, the implication being that they were constantly stoned."

Dick: And then what? They brought 'em back, right? Mexicans said, like, "We like them. Bring them back."

Maddox: Yeah. Did you read that in the comment?

Dick: Funny.

Maddox: Alright. I read that too.

Dick: I read it! See, I read all the comments this week!

Maddox: Yeah. I didn't fact check it though, so that might be bullshit. Alright, what do you got?

Dick: I got another guy who hates me. You wanna hear another voicemail?

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it.

Dick: Alright. This was about your "Flat Tires" problem.

Maddox: Okay.

Voicemail: "Hey Dick, everything you say makes me want to body slam you through a table. You just gotta be contrarian to everything Maddox says. Of course tweels… of course it's a conspiracy. Shut up!" (Maddox laughing)

Dick: So he…he agrees with you. There's a vote for you.

Maddox: (laughing) Uh…thanks? I guess. He said of course it's a conspiracy?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, well, you're not helping my cause, buddy. But, yeah, Dick, why you gotta be such a contrarian? What else…you got another comment?

Dick: Ummmm…yeah, here's one.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: This was on…on Twitter.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: "@maddoxrules, I listen to your podcast every chore day. Thanks for making laundry folding suck way fewer balls. Love, your biggest Canadian fan."

Maddox: Oooh.

Dick: Did you see this girl?

Maddox: I did, yeah. What's her name?

Dick: Yeah. Not kiddin' around.

Maddox: What was the Twitter handle on that?

Dick: Oh man. @notkiddinaround. Is this what life is like for you?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just these hot broads telling you how much they love your shit all day?

Maddox: Yeah. It's pretty great.

Dick: Unbelievable.

Maddox: Pretty great. Um, I wake up and I just…start my day with hot broads and end my day with hot broads. (laughing) Okay, I got one from **Brock Hanley**. He says "Liqueurs are not manly, Maddox. I know you like cinnamon, but drink that at home in the dark. In shame." Thanks, Brock.

Dick: Hey, um…I got an AIDS voicemail, and then I'm done with comments.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's hear the AIDS voicemail.

Dick: Here's your victory voicemail.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Voicemail: "Hey Maddox. I'm glad you brought up the AIDS issue, because, you know who spent, like a ton of money trying to fight AIDS in Africa? Is your best friend, George W. Bush. So, suck on that."

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughing) So you guys are on the same side on something.

Maddox: Great. I actually don't have a problem with that. So, this one…here's a comment…this one came in email. By the way, we got a lot of comments this week, so that's why this is a little top heavy…

Dick: You really fucked up that AIDS one, though.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm getting to that. Okay, so…(everyone starts laughing) So this one… Dick, during that episode, when I first introduced the problem of AIDS, your first…the first thing you said is "Why is AIDS a problem?" (laughing)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Which is maybe, of all the 20 episodes we've done so far, the dumbest thing you've said.

Dick: I thought you were getting to what YOU fucked up on!

Maddox: No no. I will. I will. I'll get to my fuckup in a minute. I'm still talking about your fuckup.

Dick: Oh, okay. (grinning) It's a fuckup sandwich.

Maddox: So this one…this person wrote me…**Njaal Sand** says…in an email, says "Why AIDS is a problem. You get it by having unprotected sex with strangers and it's contagious. Also, people die from it."

Dick: Well, okay. That's…you could have said that. Instead, you pulled out wrong statistics.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: One in six people have AIDS!

Maddox: Ohhhhhh. And by the way, that pissed me off! Did you see the infographic that I referred to from AIDS.gov?

Dick: (laughing) Yeah. It looked like garbage!

Maddox: It's a GARBAGE infographic!

Dick: (yelling) That's where you're getting your stats from, though!

Maddox: Yes! AIDS.gov. That seems like a reliable source. And it is. It's just broken up with this shitty infographic. They need to fire that guy.

Dick: You just gotta pay attention.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Across a page.

Maddox: I guess.

Dick: Wikipedia, man.

Maddox: Yeah, because people naturally read sentences with giant graphics in between. (sarcasm)

Dick: Wait a minute! This win has to have an asterisk by it! Because you won with false stats!

Maddox: No! People knew…

Dick: That is a false stat!

Maddox: But I posted the correction immediately underneath the problems…the votes.

Dick: Naaaaaaaaaah, what are you gonna read AND listen now to votes? Get outta here!!! (yells)

Maddox: Yes, Dick. You actually have to be informed.

Dick: You should be disqualified for bringing in bullshit information. I can't come in here and say "Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey" killed 20 billion people last year!

Maddox: Dick, I fucked up with the "AIDS" problem and that's why it only has 852 votes as of this recording. So what does it say, if my limp-dicked attempt with AIDS still trounced your bullshit problems?

Dick: Ha….(trails off)…what, you want to win TWICE?! (yelling) Is that what you want here?!? You want TWO wins?!

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah. That's what I want. Okay, so **Scott Brooks** emails me, and he says "Maddox, the flippant treatment of AIDS was infuriating and wasted an opportunity." So, I gotta be honest. When I started doing research for that problem, it was overwhelming. It's almost imp…the scope and the breadth of that problem are so big that you can't possibly do anything in any kind of cohesive manner in about 15 minutes, which is what we had on the show. So, uhh…it was a big problem to tackle and cover, but he… he actually said, "Here are two details about AIDS that you could have mentioned that would have enabled you to make a much stronger point. The first is 'HIV and AIDS gets passed on from pregnant mothers to their offspring.'" So, that's actually something that I didn't consider during the episode, which is true.

Dick: Okay. (grinning)

Maddox: Makes it a bigger problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're just grinning! Why?

Dick: (yelling) Cause you already fucking won!

Maddox: Whatever.

Dick: And you're bringing in more stats to win more!

Maddox: It's not to win more, it's to inform, Dick. That's what we do. We inform.

Sean: Doesn't it…doesn't it beat him making a follow-up video, though? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Shut up, Sean!

Dick: Yeah. Is there gonna be an AIDS video?

Maddox: Yeah. It's gonna be Sean's Ass video. Is an amazing big deal.

Dick: I mean, herpes still gets passed on from a mother to the kid too, doesn't it?

Maddox: Yeah, but it doesn't kill at the same rate!

Dick: Well, so…Mmmmyeahh….

Maddox: Ugh. Okay. The second pointed he wanted to bring up is that there is a myth in certain countries that having sex with a virgin will cure AIDS, or presumably, any illness. Now, this…this is really depressing, but…"individuals affected with AIDS frequently seek out children and even infants and rape them in order to be cured. In 2001 alone, in South

Africa, there were 21,000 reported incidents of child rape and it is estimated that only about 1 out of 35 instances get reported."

Dick: Yeah. I actually knew about that, but I didn't want to bring it up last week.

Maddox: Why?!

Dick: Cause it's depressing, that's why!!!

Maddox: Of course it's depressing…

Dick: (interjects) It's gross.

Maddox: But it's a stat and it's building the case for AIDS! Oh man, that's the last time I post any link to support any bullshit argument you bring it. Which Dick NEVER does, by the way! He NEVER sends me any links! I have to do research for him and me!! It's insane. Alright. Anyway, that was from **Scott Brooks**.

Dick: Asterisk.

Maddox: Yes?

Dick: Asterisk. That win has an asterisk on it to me, just like steroids and baseball…

Maddox: Yeah. (sulking)

Dick: …for bullshit statistics!

Maddox: I'm gonna punch you in your asterisk.

Dick: Speaking of punching, can I do my first problem?

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: "Transgendered MMA fighters".

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…what's the story? Let's get everyone up to speed. I think I know what you're talking about.

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah. So, this week, there's a little bit of a controversy over this transgendered, what do you say? How do you phrase it if it was a man that became a woman? Is it a transgendered woman? Or is it a transgendered man?

Maddox: If it's a man who's become a woman after operation, it's a post-op trans woman.

Dick: Okay, so I'm gonna say transgendered woman.

Maddox: Yeah. I think you can say "trans" woman too.

Dick: Trans woman? You can say that?

Maddox: I think so. I think so. Yeah.

Dick: Alright. I don't wanna have a Redskins…a Washington Redskins on my hands here.

Maddox: No.

Dick: So, a trans woman…

Maddox: Yes…

Dick: Is apparently an MMA fighter.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Did you know about this?! Did you know about this before this week?

Maddox: I had just heard about it this week.

Dick: Yeah. I think that's it for me. I think that's the last stop. I'm just done. I'm done with everything. There is now…there is a woman. A trans woman who used to be a man…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who used to be Navy man, to be specific. Who paid for his surgery by driving a truck. By being a truck driver. Right?

Maddox: Okay. Mhmm.

Dick: This person is now legally beating the shit out of women. Like, natural genetic women.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's it for me. That's it. This is…and this is sanctioned (voice cracks) by California Athletic…whatever…licensing bodies and Florida licensing bodies.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So the reason it's a controversy right now is because there's been some shit talk between this trans woman, Fallon Fox, and the current female MMA UFC champion, let's see, where did I get her name? Rousey.

Maddox: Rhonda Rousey.

Dick: Yeah. Rhonda Rousey.

Maddox: Oh, he…she…beat up Rhonda Rousey?

Dick: No, no no no no. She's trying to like, do the…you know, like the Rocky III, with Mr. T?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Where they show up at the press conference and talk shit…

Maddox: (interjects) To shit talk.

Dick: To try to provoke…so apparently this trans woman is trying to provoke, I think. Trying to provoke, like a title match out of the current champion. But…just, just listen to this. Her last fight, the woman who got trounced by this trans woman fighter, Fallon Fox, suffered a broken orbital bone and needed seven staples in her head. And may have had a concussion.

Maddox: Uh-huh. And I heard she broke her jaw as well.

Dick: Yeah I didn't hear about that.

Maddox: Yeah. Supposedly, she broke her jaw and her eyeball. She has, like, a sunken eyeballs.

Dick: Yeah. This is where we're at, man.

Maddox: Yeah. And everybody cheered, by the way. So, the NFL does it a week prior. What's his name, Rice? Ray Rice?

Dick: Ray Rice.

Maddox: Yeah. Knocks his wife out in an elevator…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everyone is appalled…and yet, this…man-now-woman…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: A trans woman.

Dick: A trans woman.

Maddox: Right? A trans woman. Has essentially the strength of a man.

Dick: Well, now, lemme stop you there. I'm gonna let you run with it, because I have some interesting information from, like, a scientist about muscle mass and bone density that I can talk about in a little bit…

Maddox: Sure, let's hear it!

Dick: No no no, keep going with your train of thought.

Maddox: Okay, well, so essentially he has the strength of a man and he was put in the same weight class, the same class…the same gender bout as this woman, and totally trounced on her. Although, although, Dick, lemme play Devil's advocate here just for a second.

Dick: Oh, you know how much I hate Devil's Advocate…

Maddox: I know you do. I know you do. Who was her opponent?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Who was Fallon Fox's opponent.

Dick: I think from her record, I think she's had like seven fights, and she actually got her ass kicked once, which is great, but…uhh, no, just some woman with a losing record who's not in the UFC.

Maddox: I mean, it was her choice, right?

Dick: The other woman's choice?

Maddox: The other woman's choice to fight Fallon Fox.

Dick: Sure. Yes.

Maddox: Okay. So, is there a problem?

Dick: Is there…the problem…okay. The problem to me is not that this trans woman is walking…running around beating up women in MMA rings. The problem is that we all have to pretend that we're okay with this.

Maddox: Mmyeah.

Dick: Okay. That's it for me. I…(stammering) I'm gonna tell you honestly. I don't care about…it doesn't bother me that anyone is getting any kind of gender reassignment anything.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Or that anyone wants to be anything.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Not because I'm all for equal rights or anything like that. Just because it doesn't affect me. I don't care.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I really don't care. I'm thinking about my own shit. All the time. Whatever, you wanna do? That's great.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Right? I think we can both agree…that I think that.

Maddox: (laughs) (Sean laughs) I think I would agree that you think that, yes.

Dick: Yeah! Now, if you're for it because you want people to be fulfilled and feel good about themselves, and get over whatever, like, psychological things they need to do that gender reassignment thing? That's cool too. Alright?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Whatever you wanna do.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But now we're at a point where the pursuit of being happy with yourself has crossed the line into, well, wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute. You need to be…it's okay that you want to be a trans woman, but you also need to be an MMA fighter? This is what we all have to be on board for?

Maddox: Well, are you saying that a trans woman can't be an MMA fighter?

Dick: That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: You're saying they shouldn't be.

Dick: Yeah. I'm saying that I don't want a future where women's MMA championships are like 12 guys…12 drag queens beating each other up.

Maddox: Yeah. (pensive) So, Dick, you brought in a really…I'm gonna give you a real backhanded compliment right now. You brought in a…

Dick: (interjects) Your compliments are always backhanded! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: This one's especially backhanded. Um, you brought in a really interesting problem this week…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That is way more interesting than I think you even realize. (laughs)

Dick: Okay, great.

Maddox: (laughs) How's that for backhanded?

Dick: Good.

Maddox: Sean's shaking his head. Sean grimaced. Um, so, this is…this is super interesting because a while back, I got in an argument with a bunch of people…a bunch of trans people who invaded my Facebook wall.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I don't know why, still, exactly to this day, but I guess they took issue with something I said a long time ago in an article about video games, and I was talking about video game female developers, and I included a whole bunch of them, and one of them I included, I was basically shitting on the games and saying they're all…they're mostly boring. Um…

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Most of the games that have been developed. And one of them was a trans woman who made a game called "Dysphoria", and I said that…there was some throwaway line I had in there as a joke saying something about guiding some tits through a maze. And then I got into this long discussion with them and they were saying that if I referred to her as a man in any way, then I am denying her her own agency to refer to herself in whatever gender she chooses.

Dick: That…there. That's what I'm talking about! That's when it crosses the line…like, that's when it crosses the line into, "Well, I guess you're an MMA fighter too."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I…I don't know. Like…what do I have to do to make you happy, here.

Maddox: Well, so you've seen…you've seen all these different gender classifications that Facebook has introduced, right? There's over 50 of them.

Dick: You know how disappointed I…like when I heard that announcement, that Facebook let you pick your gender? I hopped out of bed, and I ran over to my computer, so I could make my gender "Sailor Man".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I got, like…I clicked the box to get the dropdown of all the genders? And it looked like gibberish to me.

Maddox: Oh yeah.

Dick: Like, I had never…I didn't know what a "cis" was. Like, a "cis" man.

Maddox: That's…white male, straight, capitalist, privileged, dick.

Dick: That's, like, a normal guy, right?

Maddox: Oh yeah, that's…

Dick: (interjects) Like a cis man.

Maddox: Yeah. So cis-gendered means that you are born a male who is straight or born a female who is straight and also align with your born, predisposed sexual orientation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what that means.

Dick: Yeah, I remember that day. Which is fine. I don't care!

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: I don't care if that's what makes you happy.

Maddox: So, I…so there's this huge kind of…befuddled, weird, ambiguous thing going on right now with gender. It's becoming almost like a spectrum where people can…here are all the options. You can be born a man and identify as a man, and also be straight. Right? But you can also be born a man…

Dick: I mean, you can be, if that's your thing, but, who…let's be honest, who's really that? Come on. (sarcasm)

Maddox: Who knows. So…so…um, you can also be born a man and identify as a man sexually and be gay. But you can also be born a man and identify internally as a woman.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And you don't necessarily have to have that surgery. That post-operation surgery.

Dick: Oh, that's a different gender too?

Maddox: That's a different gender, yes.

Dick: What is that?

Maddox: I don't know. (laughs) I honestly don't fucking know. And…and then, to even try to address this person as a man or a woman…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because if you talk to somebody who is pre-op who is a man, for example, who is pre-op, who identifies as being female, but for whatever reason chooses not to go through with the operation, then do we then allow this man, who identifies psychologically as female, to compete in MMA women's wrestling…err, women's fighting?

Dick: No! No!!. Okay, lemme…you know how you mentioned strength? Because that has a lot to do with it, I think.

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear this.

Dick: Uhhh, lemme, so…so, this jackass, Dr. Vilain, the Director of the Institute for Society and Genetics at the University of California, blablablabla. He had this…he gave his opinion to Time Magazine. And he says. Apparently because there's, like, a gender assessment criteria.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Since the Olympics in the sixties where everybody thought that the Russian women were actually men, they started genetic testing. And the waters are very murky when it comes to genetic testing. Like you…it's not just…you have a Y chromosome or no.

Maddox: What, are they taking leaks in these troughs?

Dick: They're doing everything.

Maddox: (mumbling) You know, murky waters? Alright.

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uhh…they do flash cards, like shoe sales, one of them? And they got their brains hooked up…(Maddox cracks up) they show, like…

Maddox: To see any spikes of dopamine?

Dick: yeah.

Maddox: Shoe sale?!

Dick: Basically, they just throw out of a bunch of shoes, and if they get in a fight with each other, then they're women and they can compete in the female Olympics.

Maddox: Babies. (creepy tone)

Dick: So, there's like, a lot of grey area and it takes a lot of analysis to get through these. And what this…what this jackass says is "Male to female transsexuals have significantly less muscle strength and bone density and higher fat mass than males." Right? So he's saying they're actually…he's saying that they're at a disadvantage.

Maddox: So, by becoming…going from male to female, they lose muscle density.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is that correct?

Dick: That's what he's saying. And the rules are that they have to have completed the surgery two years ago.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: They have to have been on hormones for two years, and then they're okay.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Then he says they suffer a loss of muscle strength and bone density. But then, listen to this. Listen to this quote from this woman that Fallon Fox, the trans woman, beat to hell. Listen to a woman that got beat to hell by a trans woman. "Her grip was different. I can

only say I've never felt so overpowered ever in my life, and I am an abnormally strong female in my own right. Her grip was different. I can usually move around in the clinch against other females, but I couldn't move at all in Fox's clinch."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What does that sound like to you? It sounds like man hands to me!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Can you…does that…do those go away? From what I've heard, they sure don't!

Maddox: Yeah, lemme tell the women listeners of our audience right now that once you get man hands, you always have them.

Dick: Right?!

Maddox: They're never gonna go…my hands are always man hands.

Dick: That's a real thing!

Maddox: No, I agree. I agree. My hands are pretty muscly, and…but, the only evidence you need…the smoking gun here is that she has a broken ocular cavity, a broken jaw, and what else, needed what, seven, eight stitches?

Dick: Seven stitches. Yeah.

Maddox: Seven stitches? Does that…is that normal in an MMA fight? How often does that happen?

Dick: I mean, it happens.

Maddox: It happens, sure. But does it happen to this severity.

Dick: Yeah. It'll happen.

Maddox: So what's the issue, Dick? (cracks up) You just avoided your own argument.

Dick: (yelling excitedly) The issue! The issue is that I don't want the...look, look! Women need their own thing! Okay?! Let 'em have it. For God's sake! Just let these women have their women's MMA! Can we do that?! Can we just let 'em have it!? Do we have to cram trans women in there?!

Maddox: Yeah. You know, so, what about this? What about this, Dick, as a middle ground? What if you have a new class, where it's…it's non…I hate to even use this stupid prefix, I'm so fucking tired of it, but non-cis-gendered people, so any kind of trans woman, trans man…all the trans, it's a trans league.

Dick: You know what? I love it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I love it. Let's do that.

Maddox: Why not? That would solve this problem.

Dick: Yeah, and I would watch the shit out of it!

Maddox: Of course. I would watch that! I would make that my priority to watch.

Dick: Let's start that league.

Maddox: That sounds fascinating. 'Cause here's the thing…like…suddenly, if I came out today and I said, "Hey guys, psychologically, I identify as a woman, so you have to call me a woman. I get to use women's restrooms." I haven't had the operation or the surgery yet.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Right? Nobody should be allowed to doubt my sincerity. And yet, we can. Right? Because if some guy did that and tried to fight in the women's league, then he might just be some dickhead who's trying to pass off as a woman, and he's like, "Well you don't know what's going on inside me."

Dick: Yeah. But they've got the rules. They've got that two years of hormone thing.

Maddox: The two years of hormone. Okay. Alright. Well that would solve that. Alright. Well, there should be…maybe just a trans league. Maybe that would solve that problem.

Dick: A trans league. I'd be happy with that. I just want…I just want these women to have their thing. Is that so wrong?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You know me. I love women!

Maddox: You do.

Dick: I just want them to have their stupid thing.

Maddox: (cracking up) Spoken like somebody who loves women.

Dick: And for it not to be a problem for them. I don't want them to have to worry about these gigantic trans men beating their eyes out, trans women, excuse me, beating their eye sockets in?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Listen to this…you wanna hear some of the shit talking that Fallon Fox has been doing?

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Uhh…she posted this on Facebook. "I'm quite sure that there are quite a few female MMA fighters who have the guts to fight another skilled woman without peeing in their panties and saying 'No, I wouldn't fight her.'" Does that sound like something a woman would say? Let's be honest.

Maddox: Uhhhhh, well. I mean…the panties line, yes. And also peeing, 'cause I think as a guy, I would say "pissing".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm pretty good, actually, at being able to tell whether a writer is female or male based on his or her writing.

Dick: Really? Why? What do you look for?

Maddox: There's subtle differences in language, man. Like, I wrote this article a long time ago for Cosmopolitan Magazine and I turned it in and I thought to myself, there's noooo fucking way they're gonna publish this. 'Cause there were all sorts of inappropriate jokes about balls and shitty dates, and everything. Turns out they did publish it, but the article that they changed…they changed so much that it was unrecognizable from what I turned in, and they changed all my language. Subtle things, like, I never call girls "chicks", or…I mean, sometimes I do, but…like, I never call guys "dudes" when I'm referring to them in third person? Like…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Talk to your "dude" and tell him this. I'm like uuggh, that doesn't sound like me at all. Uh-uh.

Dick: No way.

Maddox: Anyway. That's one way you can tell. Also, exclamation marks.

Dick: Oh, they use a shitload of those.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Uhh, let's see if I have anything else about this. "I fought a lot of women and I've never felt strength like that. I can't answer whether it was because she was born a man or not, because I'm not a doctor." That's where we're at. Need a doctor to point that out.

Maddox: Yeah. (sighs) So this, uh, Fallon Fox lady. She's been on hormone therapy for two years?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And yet…I mean, I've seen her, she looks like a giant.

Dick: Yeah. Um, yeah. Here's how the decision committee should work on that. She comes in, and if I'm running it, I say "Uhh, you know, no offense, but she looks kind of masculine. Can we get a genetic test done on this woman? To make sure that she's like, eligible to fight other women?" And her trainer, whoever, would say, "Oh well, you know, actually, she used to be a man." And it's like "Okay, then denied."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sorry.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is a dream you can't do.

Maddox: Well, you can, you just have to fight in your own league. I think if you're not born…if you don't identify with the gender you were born with, then you shouldn't be able to fight other people of other genders, necessarily…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Unless. Unless there's some kind of equivalent weight system or something going on. 'Cause I feel like…I feel like Rhonda Rousey…"Row-sey", or "Roo-sey"? (background: "Row-sey")

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Rousey. Yeah. I feel like Rhonda Rousey could probably take on a lot of guys. I mean, she's a kickass fighter.

Dick: Yeah. Sure.

Maddox: So where do you…I don't know. Where do you draw the line? 'Cause if you want to allow Rhonda Rousey to fight guys, then why wouldn't you allow this lady to fight Fallon Fox?

Dick: Look, there…they can do it…they're gonna do it, I just don't want the future to be that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I just don't want the future to be a bunch of trans women fighting each other.

Maddox: Well Dick, you're in luck, 'cause it doesn't have to be. It's the present. (laughing)

Dick: You know what the problem is, I think, for me, really, is that it's…is it her dream to be an MMA fighter that we can't crush? Is that what we collectively won't do?

Maddox: I guess, yeah. You don't want a little kid in kindergarten to grow up and say, "Hey, can I be a post-op trans woman MMA fighter…"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you don't want to say no to that.

Dick: Is that the line now?

Maddox: I guess.

Dick: That you just can NEVER say no? If someone wants to do it and…ohh, I guess. Yeah.

Maddox: Well, she did it. And she's there.

Dick: She did it.

Maddox: I'm not actually sure what the problem is (laughs) to be honest, Dick. So, every argument I tried to use to support you sounded like it was kind of shot down, so.

Dick: Well, I know it bugs me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You wanna do your problem?

Maddox: Something weird about it. Yeah. My problem…

Dick: Hey wait a minute, wait a minute. Before you do your problem, lemme remind you that this episode is brought to you by Harry's! Go to **https://www.harrys.com/** and enter

promo code "BIGGEST" to get 5 dollars off your first purchase. Maddox, do you know? Do you know what Harry's is?

Maddox: Yeah. It's the shaving company.

Dick: It's the shaving company. They…you can order a shaving kit. Lemme tell you some stuff about them.

Maddox: Which, by the way, I used just this last week.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, we got, like a sample kit.

Dick: For many of us, shaving is a pain, alright? It sucks. It's uncomfortable. It causes nicks, cuts, scrapes, and razor burns, and razor blades today are outrageously expensive.

Maddox: True.

Dick: Alright. With Harry's shave kits, on average, an everyday user, an everyday shaver saves 150$ per year on blades. Satisfaction is guaranteed and here's something: They own…their high-quality, high-performing German blades are manufactured in Germany in a factory they own.

Maddox: Yeah. They've bought the factory, actually. I read this about Harry's. Yeah. They were testing out a bunch of different blades from different factories and stuff, and they liked the blade so much from this factory in Germany, they bought it, and that's the factory that manufactures all their blades now. And they're…I'm not even saying this…bullshit, like, they're really great.

Dick: So we got…we got shaving kits.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: From them. To try them out.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: What did you think?

Maddox: I loved mine. I liked the shaving gel. It's really high quality. Shoots out like a rocket!

Dick: It does shoot out like a rocket. (laughs)

Maddox: (laughing) You will poke your eye out with this shaving gel. Uh, the speed at which it comes out. But it's a really good gel. The blade, I'm really impressed with. It feels like…it's really sturdy.

Dick: It's heavy.

Maddox: It's heavy.

Dick: Like a gun.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I liked it.

Maddox: Yessss! Like a cobalt steel gun, right?

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah yeah. It's like an expensive watch or a gun.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Dick: The razor's heavy. I really liked that.

Maddox: Yeah. No, it's nice. It does feel like a good piece.

Dick: So go to **https://www.harrys.com/** and enter coupon code "BIGGEST". You get 5 dollars off your first purchase starter set. It's an amazing deal. It's like 15 bucks. You get a razor…moisturizing shaving cream and three razor blades.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Thank you, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that would really help out the show. By the way, the transcripts are up. Now we're able to pay for transcriptions for this. So thanks for supporting the show, guys. So, my first problem and only problem this week, because we're running short on time. I've actually brought in…this is a lot of research on this problem. But, it's the iPhone 6.

Dick: (breathes in audibly) Oh boy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Heeeeeeeere we go.

Maddox: Great, Dick. What do you have to say about it?

Dick: Nothing! (yells) I actually, I think my response is gonna surprise you.

Maddox: Okay.

(Voice clip of **Dick:** "You know what? Maybe I am a fuckin' idiot.") (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: When did I say that?!

Maddox: Yeah, I don't even know. A listener sent that in to me. Reverend Scott. He sent that in from Twitter.

Dick: Oh. (dejected)

Maddox: So funny. Um, so the iPhone 6. Alright? I'm just gonna go out on a limb here and say that it's a big piece of shit.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: No, no. I retract that. It's the biggest piece of shit. The biggest piece of shit technology. First of all, there's no storage expansion on this phone.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Still. STILL. No storage expansion. When did the first iPhone come out? What was it, 2003? 2004?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I think it was 2003, right? Still. In over a decade, they still haven't put in an expansion slot. You only have the options of 16 or 64 gigs, or 128 gigs. So this is what Apple thinks. So, the base model is the 16 gig one, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That one costs 300$. So, to get four times more storage, to go from 16 to 64 gigs? That costs 100$. Apple is saying "Fuck you. We think that a 64 gig memory card costs 100$." An SD card.

Dick: Oh. I didn't think of it like that. But yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, that's kind of a rip off. (laughs)

Maddox: And then, if you want 128 gigs, guess what? You're only getting two times more, but you're still paying an extra 100$!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I'm with you on that.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's a pretty big "Fuck you."

Maddox: Yeah. So you're paying 200$ to go from a 16 gig drive to a 128 gig drive. Which is essentially just two SD cards. Two 64-bit SD cards. Which cost nothing! Every iPhone looks like a shattered piece of shit? Huh? Have you ever noticed this?! Every one of your friends has a shitty, shattered piece of shit iPhone?

Dick: Nooooo. But I've seen shitty shattered Androids, too, haven't I?

Maddox: No! They're all iPhones!

Dick: Nobody has a shattered Android?

Maddox: Oh. Occasionally, you might come across one by a real moron who probably owned an iPhone before.

Dick: I feel like that's…your first one was better.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: 'Cause they both shatter. Everything shatters.

Maddox: Seriously. I'm not bullshitting you, dude. There are just as many Androids out on the market, if not more, and I rarely see a shattered Android. I ALWAYS see shattered iPhones.

Dick: Oookayyy. (skeptical) What's your next?

Maddox: So. The screen can crack from heat while charging. Did you hear about this? This is a problem that's not even in the news yet. This is like, breaking news stuff right here on the Biggest Problem in The Universe. Okay? My friend on Facebook posted that she was just charging her iPhone and the heat from the battery caused the screen to crack.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: She didn't sit on it on accident?

Maddox: No! It was sitting on a table. She didn't sit on it!

Dick: (laughs) Alright. I mean…

Maddox: Yeah. And then…and then, I read on forums this is happening all over the place. People are having their screens shatter just my charging. The heat causes the screen to crack.

Dick: I want you to have, like, a science lab that's solely dedicated to shitting on the iPhone. Like where you have all these experiments going to fuck around (laughs). Like a fake console in a car that you have, like, an iPhone plugged into to see when it catches on fire.

Maddox: Yeaaah.

Dick: Like, if you charge it wrong?

Maddox: Oh boy. Um…that would be a neverending job. All the problems with iPhone. The material they use to make the case is too thin, right? These shitty phones are bending.

Dick: I saw that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, that's bad.

Maddox: You know what the problem is? It turns out that bullshit is not that flexible.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: They need to stop using so much of it in the case. So, they have a lower screen pixel density than most Android phones. Most modern Android phones. So…what that means..

Dick: (interjects) Nah, I don't care about that.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Well what that means, Dick! Is that when you're running your grubby fingers across your disgusting iPhone, it's less responsive! It's 326 ppi. Pixels per inch.

Dick: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Maddox: Which is less responsive than most modern Android phones.

Dick: Yeah, but here's the thing. Okay. Here's where I'm coming from.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Because usually…no no no no, I want you to continue this, because it's interesting.

Maddox: Oh, I will.

Dick: But just for some context. I usually defend the shit out of iPhones.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Because I have one and I like it. And I almost upgraded to the iPhone 6, like, the day it came out. Like, I was up at midnight when it was launched and somebody texted me and said "Hey, make sure you get your upgrade before it sells out." And it was like holy shit, I really fuckin' want this iPhone, I better do it right now, right? But then I thought about it and I'm like, you know, I'm not really that happy with my iPhone anymore, and all the things that Tim Cook's been doing have been kind of pissing me off. I don't like….

(Voice clip of **Dick:** "Maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I am.") (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Maybe…what is that?

Maddox: (laughing) Just another clip he sent in.

(Voice clip of **Dick:** "Maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I am.") (They both crack up)

Dick: Look, I'm proving your point!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think I'm kinda ready to switch. Like, ordinarily, I think a lot of your concerns about the iPhone are kind of, like, stupid.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Like the storage expansion? Like, who gives a shit? What are you gonna, what are you walking around with, like, a plastic Ziplock bag full of memory cards in your pocket that you need to switch your albums out?

Maddox: You know, everyone always says that!! (yelling) I say, yes, if I'm gonna carry around an extra SD card, I CAN. I have the option to! Every fucking…that's the DEFAULT argument of an iPhone user. "Oh, I wouldn't use that anyway." Well guess what? You can't. They've taken that option and ability away from you. If I WANT to, I can, and sometimes, I might. It's (stammers) it's like oh, tell that to Nintendo with the Nintendo DS. The most successful, the most popular handheld video game system in HISTORY. Everyone walked around with little game cartridges, didn't they? Nobody complained about that! But yet…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, everyone? Like…children.

Maddox: People who owned them.

Dick: It's video games for kids. (laughs)

Maddox: And 30-year-olds, sometimes. (cracks up)

Dick: (laughing) How many video game cartridges would you walk around with!?

Maddox: You know, like three or four if I'm going on a flight! They're as thin as a penny!

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: You carry around a couple quarters? You carry around a couple SD cards. It makes no difference.

Dick: Alright, but here's the thing. It's still…an iPhone is still nicer to use. Here's the thing you're gonna miss. (Maddox sighs, disgusted) This is the thing you're missing that all of us iPhone users know.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Your connection with the device is better on an iPhone than it is on an Android. The user experience of using an iPhone is just better than the clunky, shitty Android where nothing makes sense.

Maddox: Dick, how well your mouth forms a suction over the iPhone's dick is none of my business. (Dick laughs) Right? 'Cause guess what. The iPhone is STILL. STILL not waterproof. The newest Nexus 5 is. You can put that thing right under a fucking swimming pool. No problem.

Dick: Wait, can you really?!

Maddox: Yes!!! People have thrown that thing right into a pool while it works. They worked it underwater.

Dick: And it still works!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Still works. It's completely waterproof.

Dick: Look, I'm telling you. I'm telling you flat out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you convince me, I will switch to the fuckin' Android.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? I don't want you to switch to Android.

Dick: No no! I'm…this is a challenge for you.

Maddox: No. I don't want you to.

Dick: Okay, well, maybe I'll just get an iPhone 6.

Maddox: Good. Good. Stay…stay with your…

Dick: Maybe I'll get the 128 gig model, too. (grinning)

Maddox: Good. Stay with your shitty ecosystem. Why don't you put…wear your fucking weird cult clothes and go into your Genius bar with your tail between your legs every time you gotta get a new battery, 'cause you can't replace your own battery with iPhones.

Dick: I'm just saying!!

Maddox: Like a fucking dunce.

Dick: That waterproof thing was kind of titillating.

Maddox: Yeah. And, it's dustproof. Because it's waterproof, it's also dustproof.

Dick: Who gives a shit about dust?

Maddox: And iPhones aren't. 'Cause dust gets under your screen and it looks like shit!!! (yelling) Mr. Burning Man!

Dick: UNDER your screen!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yes! You should…you…I mean, you're lucky yours doesn't, because at Burning Man with all that dust with the hippies dancing around. Like you would have gotten a storm under your iPhone!

Dick: I don't carry my phone around at Burning Man. What are you talking about?

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause you don't want dust in it.

Dick: You know what Burning Man's about. It's not about phones. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So, no wireless charging. Still. On iPhones. Did you know this was a thing?!

Dick: Ehhh, I don't care about that.

Maddox: See?!?! iPhone users…..(frantic) cause you don't know it exists!!!!!!!!!!

Dick: 'Cause you have good reasons, but then you have all these shitty pros, too, like wireless charging. What am I, a superhero? I gotta walk around, like, collecting energy from…it's just…wireless charging works…you just set it on a pad, right?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So, just plug it in instead. Like I need a fucking pad sitting out looking stupid in my apartment all the time.

Maddox: If you have a pad, it's just something you place anywhere you go. You don't need to carry extra shit with you all the time, like cables! You know what, Dick? No. You're not a superhero with wireless charging…

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhh.

Maddox: You're a slave without it. Because what you do…every single iPhone user carries around their charger and they plug, they're tethered to the wall, like a slave.

Dick: So wait a minute. You're saying that at, like, a coffee shop, they'll have a charging pad that (**Maddox:** Yes. Yes.) you just come in and plop it down?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Does that actually exist?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Or at a bar?

Maddox: Yes. At kiosks.

Dick: Ooohhhh.

Maddox: They're doing this. This is something that iPhone users are missing out on.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So you don't have to carry around a bunch of BULLSHIT with you to charge your phone all the time!

Dick: Look, you got me on two things now.

Maddox: Mhmmm. The battery life is horrible. On an iPhone 6. This is something that iPhone users cannot cede to because they love their stupid phones and their stupid cult so much. But it barely lasts a day with just average use. It's only 1800 milliamps. The Galaxy S5, released five months before, is 2800 milliamps.

Dick: What the fuck does that mean? How many hours does it last?

Maddox: A third longer.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, if an iPhone lasts a day, the Nexus 5…or, I'm sorry, the Galaxy S5 would last a day and a third longer. Like an extra eight hours.

Dick: No no no. I'll tell you how that translates to me. My iPhone is always running out of batteries right at the wrong time.

Maddox: Yep. Right. Oh, I know, Dick! It's always fucking off! You're so unreliable. I can't get a hold of you! You could…you barely have enough juice to run this kitchen timer that you're running over here. Which, by the way, has lit up the room like a lightbulb. So…

Dick: So if I had a Nexus…a Galaxy…what is it called?

Maddox: The Galaxy S5, a Nexus…any…and you could use ANY charger…

Dick: Yeah, but here's the problem. Which one is it?

Maddox: Any of them.

Dick: Yeah. But which one.

Maddox: Get the M8. The HTC-One M8. Get the Galaxy S5. Get the Nexus 5.

Dick: No. This is again, another Android fuckup. It's overwhelming to have to choose between a bunch of different models. 'Cause you know you're getting fucked on something.

Maddox: Dick, what you're getting fucked on is your main phone. Your main communication device. By getting an iPhone 6. 'Cause it's bending in your fucking pocket! (yells)

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: It's a piece of shit! And then the guy who bent the phone just as a test, tried to bend it back and it cracked his screen. (Dick laughs) Garbage. And then Apple's doing a bunch of damage control by saying "Oh well, here's our testing lab and here's what we do." And they have all this high-tech machinery. Guess what? Why don't you just get a dipshit hipster with some skinny jeans in there? By the way, Dick, that other dumbass who

called in at the beginning of the show saying that he's drinking his fucking regular whiskey with his handlebar mustaches, I bet that hipster iPhone user has skinny jeans.

Dick: Well, I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We'll have to call him. I got his number.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm sure you got his number. So, this is from Wired. Wired Magazine. They're writing this review, kay? This guy loves sucking iPhone's dick so much. Listen to this. (Dick laughs) He says "Other than Lumia 1020, I've never managed to take such great photos and videos with a phone." That's what he says. So, he says here…so he just said that, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He said "There's nothing bad to say about this camera. The camera hardware and software represent a new gold standard. Everything about this phone is, at first blush, a new gold standard."

Dick: Mmmm…that's a little much.

Maddox: So he…yeah. He just admitted that the Nokia Lumia 1020 phone camera is better than the iPhone's. Which it is!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it came out, I think almost a year ago.

Dick: Oh that's another phone?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: The Lumia whatever?

Maddox: The Lumia 1020.

Dick: Okay. Is that an Android?

Maddox: No. It's a Windows phone.

Dick: Oh, Jesus Christ.

Maddox: Oh no. Not more choice! Not more options! Dick wants just one restaurant to go to.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Spaghetti Factory for Dick. (background laughter)

Dick: I don't even want a restaurant. I just want a box of food to show up at my door every day. (laughs) Like in prison.

Maddox: There you go. There you go, idiot. Here's your Taco Bell. So, yeah. The Nokia Lumia 1020 phone, which came out, I think almost a year before the iPhone 6, still the most advanced, the most incredible camera on the market. This phone is…I mean, the camera is just mind blowing.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's more advanced than most point-and-shoot cameras. So, this guy…just a paragraph later, he said that it's a "new gold standard".

Dick: The iPhone's is?

Maddox: Yeah. (incredulous)

Dick: It's got a pretty good camera.

Maddox: Yeah. Sure. Just not the best. And it's not a gold standard.

Dick: Yeah. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. So the Nokia Lumia came out in September of 2013. Here's another quote from this Wired article. It says, "After four days, I have a slightly bent, slightly scratched phone." (laughs)

Dick: (laughs) I read this article, man.

Maddox: Just four days.

Dick: No, I know. And this is why I'm on the fence.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I never thought I would not have an iPhone.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: 'Cause I've got all these FUCKING apps.

Maddox: They're all on Android!

Dick: Yeah, but I gotta buy them again!

Maddox: Well, don't…you know what? You buy one Android device, you're part of the Android ecosystem. Everything is backed up immediately…

Dick: Neeeeeehh, this sounds like…this sounds like a con.

Maddox: This sounds like an iPhone, right? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. This sounds like a sales pitch. Get the fuck out of here.

Maddox: No, you know, I regret saying it.

Dick: Say it right.

Maddox: I regret saying ecosystem.

Dick: Say it with more swearing.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay. So you get a fuckin' iPhone…you get an Android and everything is backed up on the contact list. I've NEVER had to export my contacts from one phone to another. If I LOSE my phone, I don't give a shit. Everything is already backed up. Everything's going just fine. I never lose contacts. I never lose calendar syncing.

Dick: I don't lose that shit.

Maddox: Yeah, well now, 'cause Apple followed Google's lead…which, people don't even know. The notification bar on an iPhone is so obfuscated because they've been trying to copy Android's. And by the way, I'm gonna give credit where credit is due here. Right? Android copied a lot of shit from iPhone.

Dick: Yeah, everything.

Maddox: A lot of things.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Which pisses me off, because they copied a lot of stupid shit that drives me nuts. iOS is a shitty operating system.

Dick: Look, I'm concerned about my apps.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: I'm telling you I'm not upgrading to an iPhone because I'm thinking about going Android. Alright?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Don't get pissed off at me! This is your dream!!

Maddox: I don't give a shit! No!

Dick: You don't give a shit about people switching from iPhones to Androids?

Maddox: No!!! That's the difference between people who use PCs and people who use Macs! People who use Macs are in a cult and they care a LOT about you switching! (yells) It's like people who live in New York! They want you to move to New York! But people who live in California or people who use PCs don't give a FUCK what you use! I don't give a shit. Use whatever you wanna use! (yelling still) (Dick laughs) Use iPhones! Use your fucking bullshit Macs! Pay more for your shitty hardware! I don't give a FUCK! 'Cause I'm using my PC. I'm fine over here getting my work done. You guys are dicking around with your fucking touch screen no button bullshit phone! Throw that shit away, bent in your fucking skinny jeans bullshit pocket with your shitty whiskey and your handlebar mustaches! Fuck you!! (everyone laughing)

Dick: How…after that sales pitch, can you EVER be surprised that someone would buy an iPhone? (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Good! I don't give a fuck! Buy your iPhones! I don't care.

Dick: iPhone rebuttal is "Hi, welcome to the Apple store." (Maddox cracking up) Sold. You mean that guy? Screaming at me?! About Androids? He's not here? I'm in for life!

Maddox: Oh man, you guys piss me off.

Sean: Wait, I have a question.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: How long has the 5 been out? The iPhone 5.

Dick: The iPhone 5?

Maddox: About a year and a half.

Sean: Yeah! Not that long…I mean, the 4 was out forever, right? Before they introduced… then they were the S and then they introduced the 5. But it was like YEARS…

Dick: Why?

Sean: 'Cause I'm just wondering…why did they hurry up so bad to…it seems like some basic R&D would fix a lot of these problems. I mean, see, they didn't know the fuckin' thing would BEND? Or…or the screen would melt from battery usage?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You think it's a Steve Jobs thing? Like, he's not there and then everything goes to hell?

Maddox: Well, so there's kind of a dichotomy of this problem here, right? First, it's Tim Cook, because Tim Cook REALLY fought, I guess there was an internal battle at Apple. Tim Cook was really pushing to have the bigger phones come out to compete with the Galaxy Note.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everybody loved the Galaxy Note when it came out. Everyone made fun of it, but people want the bigger screens, right? So, Tim Cook finally got his way…

Dick: (interjects) I don't. I think they look stupid.

Maddox: I do too. But they're very functional. They're very easy to read. You get a lot of real estate. They're nice phones. So, Tim Cook fought, I guess, Steve Jobs about this, and he finally got his way, 'cause Steve Jobs was too dead to have a rebuttal. (Dick cracks up) So, Tim Cook got his bigger phone and it's out there and there's no real-world testing. But yet, they're so staunchly adhering to that stupid iPhone ethos, which is, "Let's keep things thin and tiny and simple as possible" to the detriment of functionality, which is my problem with every fucking Apple product. They minimize to the expense of functionality. Which is exactly what happened and why you're getting a bunch of bent-ass shitty phones.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What do you got to say, Dick?

Dick: No, I'm telling you that I agree with…

Maddox: (interjects) Good.

Dick: Look! iPhone lost me when they stuck U2 on my phone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you know how fucking embarrassing it was to plug my phone into this girl's charger in her car and have U2 come out of the speakers? And I'm thinking it's her, 'cause I HATE U2 and would never listen to U2!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it's playing for minutes, and then I realize suddenly, like, I see on the dash, that it's like auxiliary mode? To my HORROR, it's coming out of my phone!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm like "I don't know what's going on here." Like, I swear to God, I swear to God I would never have U2 on my phone! And then I found out…it was explained to me later that Apple just bent everyone over.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And pumped U2 into our ass.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Whether we like it or not.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? That's a lawsuit on your hands. You know? Because they damaged your reputation.

Dick: They really did. They really did. I'll never recover from that.

Maddox: No.

Sean: Did you guys see the picture of the homeless guy with the sign that said "Will remove U2 from your iPhone for a dollar."? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's funny.

Dick: Will he really do it? 'Cause I don't know how to get mine off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I don't know. Maybe he has a secret.

Maddox: Apple. iTunes. Just works.

Dick: So I got a lot of thinking to do…

Maddox: (interjects) Wait wait, real quick, I got a U2…I got a Bono story.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So I saw Bono in a bar, uhh…a couple of weeks ago. Yeah. I went to this bar and…I'm there with a buddy of mine and he goes "Hey, tsss, check out behind you, there's Bono sitting there." Like, there's no way Bono's here, 'cause there would be a huge mob of idiots sitting there waiting for autographs or whatever. Sure enough, he's sitting right behind me with some old dude in this…on this couch. And this big, heavy bouncer is kind of standing in front of him. So people haven't really noticed. Just every now and then, someone walks by and kind of catches a glimpse of him. And sure enough, it's Bono. And, you know, he's sitting there with his douchebag glasses in his douchebag chair and his douchebag face and having a conversation. And then all these, like, really hot girls started finding out and they came over and sat on his lap, whatever. Now, I don't give a fuck about celebrities. I don't give a shit. But…so I don't take photos of them. It's just something I don't do. However, I don't respect Bono. I think he's a douchebag.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I wanted to take a photo of him because I wanted to treat him like an animal in a zoo. Right? So, normally, my flash is always permanently off on my phone. However… (laughing) when I took the first photo, the flash went off. Like an idiot. I'm like "Oh, fuck." So he looks right over at me and I'm like fiddling on my phone, turning off the flash, so I can take a bunch of pictures, or whatever, 'cause I would love NOTHING more than a picture with Bono. 'Cause I'd be flipping off in the photo and I'd put it up on my website like, "Yeah, fuck this idiot." So anyway, this lady marches over to me, like a hen, right?

Dick: Oh, like a PR lady.

Maddox: Yeah, the PR lady walks over to me. She goes, "No photos. No photos!" I said "Okay, yeah, whatever." And she's like "Gimme your phone. Delete those." I said, "Uh, no?"

Dick: No way. (laughs)

Maddox: She said "You have to give me your phone right now." I said "No, I'm not giving you my phone." What are you gonna do? Who are you? You're not…you don't even fucking…who are you?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So she's like "You need to leave." And I'm like "Well, I was leaving anyway, 'cause it's last call and they're kicking everyone out, but thanks." So, uhhh, as I'm walking out…because she caused all this commotion with Bono…

Dick: Well, YOU caused all this commotion.

Maddox: Yeah. Whatever. So then, then, just by chance…

Dick: (interjects) Semantics.

Maddox: Yeah, oh yeah, sure. So just by chance, when I turned around to go up the stairs, Bono was right in front of me. Like, I was closer to Bono than anyone, including his own posse. So then I get home and I tell my buddy this story.

Dick: You didn't take a picture then? Like over the shoulder?

Maddox: Nah. It's the back of his head.

Dick: Oh it's the back of his head. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah it's the back of his head. He's, like, walking out with his stupid Hawaiian shirt. So, I'm walking home…

Dick: (interjects) You know what you gotta do? You gotta turn around and, like, point the camera up, and be like hey, there's a naked chick over there! And when he turns around, take it real fast.

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah. Well, I guess there's some controversy, too, because awhile back he was caught with a bunch of…I guess he was photographed with a bunch of chicks and he's married and there's all this shit going on. So anyway, I went home and I told my buddy this, and I told him that he was wearing his douchebag shades at night in a bar.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And he goes, "Oh, you know why that is. It's 'cause Bono has a condition with his eyes." And I'm like, "What? That isn't…what kind of condition requires you to constantly wear stupid sunglasses indoors all the time?" and I looked it up, and sure enough, there's a Wikipedia article that says that he did an interview with the Rolling Stones a long time ago and he said he has some weird eye condition where if he sees bright lights or flashes…(Dick cracks up)…it causes his eyes to swell…

Dick: Like a gremlin?! (laughing) God.

Maddox: Yeah! It causes his eyes to swell. And he sees flashes all day. And I thought, "Wow, it's a real condition!"

Dick: Horseshit! No way that's real!

Maddox: Yeah. No. That's a real condition. And then I felt bad that I didn't turn on my flash for the rest of the photos!! (yelling)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Keep flashing right in his fuckin' face! I hate Bono. And his stupid fucking U2 on iTunes and iPhone. Anyway man. Yeah. You got a lawsuit on your hands.

Dick: Well, I got a lot to think about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Cause I'm really…I'm really thinking about making the switch, and I dunno why I thought you would be helpful…

Maddox: (interjects) No…(laughing)

Dick: …'Cause you've just been a tremendous asshole about it.

Maddox: Do not. I don't care. You know what? Androids are terrible. Don't switch.

Dick: You know what? I'm gonna do it just to spite you!

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, do. Do! (laughs)

Dick: And then I'll know…I'm gonna go research the shit out of it…and I'll be…I'll say I always did Androids and be like a brand evangelist.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And like, every time…

(Voice clip of Dick: "You know what? Maybe I am a fuckin' idiot!")

Maddox: (cracking up) I love that so much. Alright, lemme get through this list, we're running out of time. Um, so, he says…he says there are three small…this is the same guy from Wired.

Dick: Yeah yeah.

Maddox: He says "There are three small, distinct scratches and I have no idea how I got them there." He didn't carry his keys in his pocket and he didn't do anything unusual with it.

In four days, he got three scratches on his screen and it bent. He says "There's a wobble when you put it on the table." He says "There are some other minor quirks."

Dick: I couldn't take that. Can you imagine the phone just wobbling all the fuckin' time?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I couldn't take that, man.

Maddox: Well that's the case he was making. He said "iPhones are luxury products."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't expect them to wobble when you put them on the table.

Dick: No, no no. You gotta throw it away.

Maddox: It's garbage! So he says there are some other minor quirks. The camera doesn't always open from the lock screen.

Dick: Okay, so.

Maddox: What kind of world class product…

Dick: (interjects) So it works some of the time. (laughs) Basically.

Maddox: Yeah…okay. (laughing)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. "The apps crash too frequently, and even Apple's own apps." Right?

Dick: Jesus Christ. (laughing)

Maddox: "The biggest downside to me is that iOS 8 just isn't as productive or customizable an operating system as Android is." That's true. It's not. It's garbage. You can't customize anything. And here's one of the examples! There's no email button on the Home screen. Did you know that? You have to launch an app or go to the notifications to see how many messages you got. On iOS 8.

Dick: What are you talking about?

Maddox: Yeah. There's no…they don't have, like, the email…

Dick: (interjects) It's not like the little thing, and it has the number of how many emails you haven't answered?

Maddox: Nope. Not according to him. He says they removed that. And then he says "There's no Google Now integration." It's not by default integrated. But…this is something that iPhone users don't have any idea bout. Do you know what Google Now is?

Dick: No.

Maddox: It is probably the most impressive piece of software I've used in years. It's just installed on Android phones and what it does, is it combs through…when you log in, you sync up your Gmail account to your phone.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: If you get a phone…if you get an email confirmation from an airline, say you bought a ticket, you're going to Denver, and you're leaving this afternoon, or tomorrow. It'll send you an email and say "Hey, your flight number is this. Your gate number is this. This is when you need to leave to the airport to get there on time."

Dick: What?!

Maddox: Yep. "This is what the best route is. Click here to navigate."

Dick: Can you put how close you want to shave to your flight? (Maddox laughs) Like, 'cause it's gotta give, like, a normal person…I wanna walk right…first of all, I want to yell at an employee and say "Hey, I'm late for my flight! I can't wait in this line!"

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: And then they're like "Well, what flight?" "This flight! It's leaving in, like, 32 minutes! I gotta get there right now!" and they're like, "Okay sir! You can jump the queue." I did that last week. I was flying to Indiana. Right to the front, man.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Passed, like, a two-hour line. It was awesome.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Do they have an option where you can set, like, how big of an asshole you want to be at the airport? So you can…

Maddox: Dick, the answer is yes. (laughing) (Dick laughs) They got that. They got it. You're covered. 'Cause it'll read your email habits.

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: You know what though? Seriously. This thing is amazing. If you're just…if you are going to lunch, it will know you're going to lunch, because based on the other scheduled you have, the other things that you have on your calendar, and it will recommend restaurants for you in the area. Not only, like, random restaurants, restaurants that you like, that you go to based on emails that you've sent to your friends, or whatever…

Dick: What?!?!

Maddox: It's amazing software. It's an AMAZING piece of software.

Dick: Okay, listen to me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: My only problem with the Android is that when I sit down to use it, it feels like garbage.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Like, it just feels weird. I don't know where everything is.

Maddox: Dick, what's the last Android phone you used? 'Cause there are good and bad Androids.

Dick: Uhhhhhhh, probably like two years ago.

Maddox: Okay. So, based on 2012 technology, you didn't like Android. You know how many different versions have come out since then? You know…saying you don't like Android is like saying you don't like cars. "No, I drove a car once. I didn't care for it."

Dick: Yeh. (subdued)

Maddox: I don't care…I don't care for sports car.

Dick: Hey, fuck it man, I'm switching. I don't want a bendy piece of shit full of U2 in my pocket.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I hope you don't.

Dick: What's next, Coldplay? Do I gotta have an…iPhone with Coldplay on it, is that next?

Maddox: Might as well be. Your stupid cult. Alright, what's your last problem?

Dick: Well, I think we're out of time. You want me to…I'm gonna save my last problem until next time.

Maddox: Okay, well then we got a tight hour.

Dick: So we got, what are our…what are our problems this week? (Maddox laughs) We have "Transgendered MMA Fighters".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that's it, buddy.

Maddox: Oh, that's right, yeah, you only had the one. And the "iPhone 6".

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Which is the biggest piece of shit in the universe.

Dick: Yeah, I don't…I think um…I think mine's worse. I think mine's a bigger problem.

Maddox: It's…I'm not even sure you made the case that it is a problem at all. (laughs) Because we agreed that the girl who fought, what's her name, Fox? Fallon Fox?

Dick: Yeah, but she has to! What's she gonna say, no?!

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: She's gotta get in the ring! That's how boxing works! That's how fighting works! You gotta say yes!

Maddox: No, you don't! Look at Mayweather! He's been a pussy about fighting Pacquiao for years!

Dick: Because he's on top! When you're on top, that's what you do!

Sean: I know something about this! A little something about this.

Dick: Are you…the way you say it implies that we don't, though. That's what annoyed me immediately.

Sean: Well, I want…well, yeah. But you should be used to that by now, right? There's a big difference in the way boxing matches are made versus, let's say, the UFC works. Because Dana White, like, in the UFC, and this happened outside the UFC, right?

Dick: Yeah. She's…never gonna fight in the UFC.

Sean: Okay. I dunno how her…that system works, exactly, but in boxing, the promoters are all-powerful. Like they can…you'd think that other people would be influential in, you know, networks, or HBO, or Showtime, or whoever the fighters are signed with. They can't make those fights. The promoters are all-powerful. In the case of, like, the UFC, like, Dana White is God and you really can't say no to him if you're a fighter.

Dick: Well, he's never…he's never gonna let Fallon Fox in. Like…

Sean: (interjects) Oh, I'm sure he won't.

Dick: Like they asked him about it and he goes…they were like, "Well, what do you think about a trans woman fighting in the UFC?" and he goes, "Um, she's not a good enough fighter." Like oh.

Maddox: That's a very good answer.

Dick: Good answer.

Maddox: Very diplomatic. Skirted everything.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Sean: Yeah, but no. My point was just to back Dick's argument up a little bit, is like, in UFC and stuff, Dana White says you're gonna fight another guy? Like, you're gonna fight, 'cause he's like "This is what the fans are gonna want to see. This is gonna make us a shitload of money." So maybe that league works like that, too. Maybe she…it was like…"Hey, I'm gonna be out of this league if I don't fight." So she went and got her face fuckin' bashed in.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Well. So, uhhh…not a problem. And then we've got the iPhone 6.

Sean: Just like that! Not a problem. (laughing)

Maddox: (laughing) Not a problem at all. So, I'm really curious Dick, 'cause this will show how many iPhone zealots we have in our fan base. Which shouldn't be many, 'cause I have done nothing but RAIL on the iPhone basically since it came out.

Dick: Yeah, but we don't care. It's funny.

Maddox: Who doesn't care?! You guys….

Dick: We iPhone people. 'Cause I was an iPhone person for years. I've had two of these stupid things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, I've had THREE of these stupid things. But I'm…I'm over it.

Maddox: Okay. Alright, well, maybe you'll come to the Android side. Maybe not. I don't care either way. Stay with your stupid iPhone. I don't give a shit. I don't give a shit. Alright, well that's it for this week. Vote on these problems at http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com/ and thanks to Harry's, who are sponsoring us this week.

Dick: Enter promo code "BIGGEST" to get 5 bucks off. And give it a shot, it's actually, um, I liked it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (grinning) Thanks for listening.

(Closing riff)

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, buddy! How's it going?

Maddox: And as always, Sean, our audio engineer, and with us today, we have a very special guest…Asterios Kokkinos!

Asterios: Wooo! Hey, what's up, guys? Thanks for having me on!

Maddox: Welcome. Welcome to the show.

Dick: Thank you, man.

Maddox: So, Asterios is a comedian and a writer and performer. We've known him through the improve community in Los Angeles, and he is one of the guys behind Devastator Press, which is the only publisher in America devoted strictly to humor, right?

Asterios: Yeah, that's right.

Maddox: And he just released his mini-comic, Enemies of Twenty-Something Mega Man, which we'll link to on the website.

Asterios: Yeah, yeah. Thanks so much. It's just a little mini-comic I wrote about all of the people that Mega Man faces in his twenties, like uh…Nonchalant Cocaine Use Man…and, Name Drops His Celebrity Friend Man…Gives You Unsolicited Financial Advice Man…

Maddox: Oh, man. Those…

Asterios: (interjects) Just ALL the villains you run into.

Dick: And has $30,000 in the bank.

Asterios: Yeah. Exactly.

Dick: While he's telling you about stock investing.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, did you just learn about stock investing or something, Twenty-Something Guy? (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Well, welcome to the show. Thanks for being here.

Asterios: Thanks for having me!

Maddox: So, uh…we got some comments. Dick, you wanna…

Dick: (interjects) Can I ask you a question real quick?

Maddox: Yeah, what's your question?

Dick: For Asterios? Your…I don't know if they're tweets or if they're just Facebook statuses, but they are my favorite part of every day. (Asterios laughs) I think I "like" every single one of them. They're like Pokemon to me. I try to "like" every single one of your… can people see those on Twitter, or is that a Facebook private thing only that you're doing?

Asterios: Uh…yeah. You can go to **http://www.twitter.com/asterios**. Um, try to spell it. Good luck! And uh…

Dick: You might as well just ask someone you know who's Greek.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: They'll help you out.

Asterios: Any Greek guy.

Maddox: It's spelled like it sounds, guys. Come on. Get your phonetics together. But we'll link to it on the website.

Asterios: Thank you.

Dick: And you're one of the funniest guys on the Internet. I absolutely…

Maddox: (interjects) Absolutely…this is no bullshit. I'm not just blowing sunshine up his ass. He is consistently funny. Um, I just want to mention real quick, the problems last week. Guess who won?

Dick: Oh, lemme guess….between….

Maddox: (interjects) iPhone 6!!!!!!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. iPhone 6, baby. That's right. It's a big problem. As voted by consensus.

Dick: Man, fuck you. (Everyone laughs)

Asterios: Great retort, Dick.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Great comeback.

Dick: Big fuckin' surprise. Everybody…everybody in the Android cult was JERKING OFF at the possibility of the iPhone 6 failing. And they all loved it!

Maddox: Yeah. The possibility. Because it's never failed before! Remember Antennagate and that stupid bullshit when the last iPhone came out, where, uh, people's connections were dropping because the case was poorly engineered…(disgusted)

Asterios: Hey. That antenna thing wouldn't happen if you only held the iPhone with two fingers!! In the exact right place, okay?! (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: You know, all of these problems, I've never encountered. Why is that? I never encountered the antenna thing.

Maddox: Dick, that's because you hardly are able to use your phone. It's never charged. (Asterios laughing) You use your phone about 20 minutes a day.

Dick: Congratulations!

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: I'm just gonna accept that the iPhone is a big problem and that's the last we'll ever talk about it, alright?

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: That's it.

Asterios: Wow. That's very magnanimous of you.

Maddox: That sounds ominous and loaded.

Dick: You won! No, that's it. That's it.

Maddox: Oookay. (skeptical)

Dick: That's it.

Asterios: I don't detect any foreshadowing. I think we're fine.

Maddox: Nope. (laughing) Alright. Let's go on.

Dick: You got any comments? (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. I got a comment. This one's from **Michael Ruffin**, and he says, "I'm glad iPhones bend. Maybe now the fanbase can get bent too."

Dick: Geez. (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: Thank you, Michael, I agree. The fanbase should get bent. What do you got?

Dick: Oh, for comments? Um. Wait a sec, I'm not prepared. You got any more?

Maddox: Yeah. I got one from **Brandon Laza.** He says, "Can't replace your battery on an iPhone? Maddox seriously missed the thousands of third party unauthorized Asian stores everywhere that can fix screens and replace batteries dirt cheap." Hey, Brandon, the whole point of being able to replace your own battery is being able to replace YOUR OWN BATTERY. If you have to go to a store, it defeats the purpose! That's my problem with shitty iPhones! I don't want to go to a store with my tail between my legs to replace a fucking battery! I can do that on my remote…can you imagine if remote controls did that?! Or if you had to take your fucking fire alarm…fire detector to…

Asterios: To the guy at the fire house?

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: Hey, check it out. This is an Android phone. I'm gonna open it right now on the air and, uh…

Dick: Oh great, we got two of you.

Maddox: Yep.

Asterios: And I am going to replace my battery.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: It looks very awkward, by the way. If I can just say. (Asterios cracks up) It's not as easy as you're making it sound.

Maddox: Mine's popped open. Look at this. We've both got our batteries out.

Asterios: (yelling) Oh, look! I'm holding my battery!

Maddox: Yep.

Asterios: You wanna trade batteries for fun?!?!

Maddox: Hey, we can even swap batteries!!!

Asterios: Oh, yeah!!!!

Dick: (interjects) We got two dummies…

Asterios: 'Cause, I only got 14%, so do you have a full battery?

Maddox: You know, that actually happened to me one time. My buddy was in the car and his battery died on his phone and we had the exact same phone model. He needed to make an emergency phone call to his wife. So, I popped out my battery, put it in his. He had a full charge. There you go!

Asterios: Wow. So you're saying that Android's battery swap feature saved your friend's wife's life!

Maddox: Yep.

Asterios: That's pretty good.

Dick: Who fuckin' cares?! (Maddox and Asterios crack up) Nobody cares! Nobody cares about swapping batteries! Nobody cares about this stupid Android horsecockery that you were going on ALL WEEK ABOUT!!

(Sound effect: Audience booing)

Asterios: The people have spoken. (Maddox laughing)

Dick: I got another one, too. Uh, **Sean Arthur O'Neill.** "iPhones obviously are more intuitive out of the box with no customization." (snort in the background) "Dick only likes it better because he's a lazy shit." Yeah! That's why I like everything better! Because I don't want to fiddle around battery swapping with my friends when my iPhone gets low!

Maddox: Dick, you know what one of the worst inventions ever made was? Is…don't answer, 'cause it's a rhetorical question. (Dick laughs) Is the mouse. The computer mouse. I hate it. Because it has made everything slower. Everything mouse-driven for a user interface is slower than keyboard!

Dick: So you like the Kinect then? Is that what you want people doing, goofy interpretive dancing to control their fucking computer? (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: No. No.

Dick: You think that's better?

Maddox: No. I like buttons. I love to press buttons. They work! They're tactile response. You know…in an ideal world…

Dick: (interjects) I love this. I love this. Because you are PROVING my point.

Maddox: Mmmm.(skeptical)

Dick: That you hate the mouse.

Maddox: The mouse is awful.

Dick: That's the extension of hating iPhones.

Maddox: So are touch screens!! Touch screens are not functional! They're just garbage. They slow everything down. You gotta tap and pray. You can't feel anything. (stammers) If Steve Jobs had invented the keyboard, it would be one, big, flat, tablet, that would look super minimal, but you can't touch anything, you gotta stare down and hunt and peck like a moron in third grade.

Asterios: Yeah, but Steve Jobs is also the guy that insisted that mice not have two buttons.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Which is…which is the stupidest thing ever, because, like, if I want to right click, I gotta hold down Command and click, and it's just like…

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: How about you just give me a second button like a normal person?

Maddox: Yeah. Can you imagine that shit? Like…he is obsessed with minimalism to the detriment of functionality.

Asterios: Yes. That is…100% correct.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: God, you get off so hard hating on iPhones, and Macs, and Apple in general.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: To be fair, those things are popular and it is fun to take shots at popular things.

Dick: Yeah! That's all it is.

Maddox: It's a shitty brand!!

Dick: (interjects) That's all it is. It's got nothing to do with the BATTERIES. Or the STORAGE. Or the removable storage.

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, I swear…

Dick: (interjects) Or the fact that they have proprietary CHARGING PLUGS.

Maddox: Okay. I'm gonna blow your fucking mind right now. Okay? I hate Windows. Windows sucks dick! But I use it because it gets my job done quickest. I use whatever it takes to get my job done quickest. If it was Mac, if it was Apple, if there was any possible

way I could get my job done quicker or more efficiently, I would switch in a heartbeat, but that's not the platform, buddy.

Dick: And that's an iPhone.

Maddox: Absofuckinglutely…

Dick: (interjects) Getting it done as quickly as possible is an iPhone.

Maddox: No, it's not. Everything takes more taps…

Dick: (interjects) And a Mac!

Maddox: No. 'Cause they don't have enough buttons on the iPhone. Most Android devices still have a few buttons on the front, because it's convenient. It's a quick shortcut home. Instead of one button, you gotta tap and pray, and long press, and then swipe left, swipe diagonal, pinch, all this bullshit!

Asterios: Now, I want to agree with you that Android makes it a lot easier to access the really important functions of the phone.

Dick: Like calling?

Asterios: Welll…(stammers) Oh, wait, you like calling. (looks at Maddox) You hate it.

Maddox: Yeah. I hate it.

Asterios: So actually, you're right about that.

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: But uhh…but, you used to, before iOS updated, in order to turn on or off Wi-Fi, you had to click, like 18 times on an iPhone.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: You had to go to, like, System thing. And then Network thing. And then this thing. And then that thing. Whereas, with an Android, I just click the button on the front of my phone that says Wi-Fi, and then Wi-Fi's on, Wi-Fi's off.

Dick: Here's the problem! (yelling) This is…can I just bring up my problems? 'Cause we're already well into the arguing…(Asterios and Maddox crack up laughing)

Maddox: Well, we gotta come back to the voicemail, but yeah, what's your problem?

Dick: Oh yeah, yeah, yeah. We'll come back to the voicemail. Guess what? They all have to fucking do with this anyway. (Maddox chuckles) It's SUCH a big problem that's gonna span this episode!!! (yelling) My problem, and I'm not gonna phrase it like you want me to phrase it! Is "Nut Hugging Android Fanboy Cheerleaders Like You…" (Asterios and Maddox crack up) "Who Would Rather Jerk Each Other Off With Statistics and Features in a Fucking Basement Building their PCs than TALK TO A PERSON ON THE PHONE!!!" Like a human!!!

Sean: There's no way that's gonna fit on the website.

Dick: Fuck you!! FUCK YOU!!!

Maddox: No, that's not gonna…

Asterios: (interjects) That's a lot of characters!

Dick: You're all last week. Your three-card monte horseshit with Android features… (Maddox still laughing)…were ALL FALSE!! This is another asterisk episode!

Asterios: Wait a minute. Are you saying that iPhones DO have a high pixel density?!

Dick: No. They do. Don't they?

Maddox: No!!

Dick: That wasn't one of your points, though.

Maddox: No.

Dick: (interjects) No no no.

Asterios: I dunno…

Maddox: (interjects) And that's…

Asterios: (interjects) He used the phrase pixel density and I thought that was funny.

Maddox: It's pixel density and somebody pointed it out, they were like (silly tone) "Hey Maddox, the iPhone's retina display has a high DPI." I'm like, yeah, DPI is different from PPI. This is for the sensor. The touch sensor.

Dick: WHO GIVES A FUCK!?!? See, you start with these…with all these numbers and features, and people like me, who just want to use their phone to surf the web and call people's brains start melting, and I'm just like ahhhhhhhhhh….I hear that noise when you get shot in Call of Duty, that, like "EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!!" (makes a high-pitched ringing sound) (Maddox and Asterios cracks up) and like "I gotta get outta here! I gotta get outta here!!" Or I'm gonna KILL you!!! Why do so many people use iPhones if they're such shit?! (Yelling)

Maddox: Dick -

Dick: (interjects) Why don't they use Androids?!

Maddox: Because they're marketing sheep! They just see the…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, BULLSHIT!

Maddox: Why do so many people wear Nikes if there are better shoes available? Because they MARKET the shit out of it!! (yells) It's Coca-Cola! You've got the MacDonald's of cell phones, buddy!

Dick: Then why doesn't Google just buy better ads? They have more money!

Maddox: Google has enough ads. They have enough market share. More people use Android than iPhone.

Dick: Not the right people! Because Android…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, not the cool people!

Dick: No no no, because Android users spend double the amount of money on…oh, I got a shitload of stats for you (Asterios and Maddox crack up)…

Maddox: (interjects) Ohhhhhhhhhh. (taunting)

Dick: …this week, you motherfuckers!

Maddox: Says the guy, just a minute ago, who was like "Oh you gotta bring in all these numbers and stats and…" It's called evidence, Dick! If you brought some in sometimes, maybe your problems would win!!!

Dick: I got orders of magnitude stats for you!

Maddox: Ohhhh!! (laughing)

Dick: iPhone users spend double the amount on apps as Android users.

Maddox: And that's a problem how exactly? It's better for developers. It's better for the entire environment!

Dick: For the iPhone users. iPhone users spend double the amount of money on apps as Android users.

Maddox: Yeah! iPhone users spend double and triple the amount of money on hardware, because that shit's overpriced! It's garbage! You're paying for the brand! You're paying for Nike.

Dick: You are paying for your time! I wanna explain something very simple to you about Macs versus PCs. That PC in the front room that you're so fucking proud of?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That took time to research and build. People who use iPhones' time is worth more than the expense of the computer.

Maddox: Oh, really, is that so?!

Dick: YEAH! 'Cause they wanna spend it with their friends and family!!

Maddox: Oh! Yeah! Says the person who uses….I just want to point this out to everyone! (yelling) He…so, Dick, when he sends me a screenshot of anything, he sends me this stupid fucking Screencast website, so it's not just an inline image of a screenshot?! I have to click on another link that opens up another process on my browser on my cell phone! I have to go to some other website, I have to do a DNS ping, I have to pull up the URL…

Dick: (interjects) Stacking on…see? Here it comes! EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!!!

Asterios: Why do you have to do all these things?

Dick: You hear that fucking sound?!?!

Maddox: I'm not done! I'm not done!

Asterios: You HAVE to do a DNS ping?! You HAVE to?! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! No, it does! That's what the server does. It has to make that connection over the Internet. I have to open up another browser.

Asterios: Right, what does that take, like a millionth of a second, and you're bringing it up like it's this huge problem?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A billionth here and a billionth there. (Asterios cracks up)

Asterios: (yelling) ALRIGHT! Then you're three billionths of a second behind!

Maddox: No! And it loads up ads! I have to use…there's tracking cookies on my computer because of this bullshit Dick uses. Whereas I, to save time, I just paste it inline like a normal fucking human.

Dick: Using MS Paint. (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: It doesn't matter! There's an…

Dick: (interjects) He forgot that part. He forgot that part.

Maddox: (yelling) What difference does it make what you use?! You can use any copy buffer!!!

Dick: Asterios?

Asterios: Yes.

Dick: Let me ask you. First of all, The Enemies of Twenty-Something Mega Man.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Would a Nut-Hugging…what did I write here.,, Nut Hugging Android Fanboy Cheerleaders Who Would Rather Jerk Each Other Off With Statistics and Features in a Fucking Basement Building their PCs Than Talk to People in Real Life? (Maddox laughs) Would that be an enemy of Mega Man?

Asterios: Yeah. I absolutely…those guys are super annoying. Yes.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. And I'm speaking as an Android guy, like…

Dick: Right.

Asterios: iPhone users don't think about their phones. Android users think about them constantly.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: No! That's not true.

Asterios: Like…Android users are like…

Dick: (interjects) They're the real fanboys!

Asterios: Yeah. Exactly. Android users are constantly flashing nightly OS…like, you know, updates, and they're rooting their phones, and this and that..

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Asterios: Here's what I'll say about the iPhone. And I am an Android guy. The iPhone just works.

Maddox: Oh, shut up!

Dick: Yeaaaaaaaaaaah….

Maddox: That's a marketing ploy…

Asterios: (interjects) Let me finish my point! Let me finish my point!

Dick: Ohhhhhhhh!!

Asterios: Goddamnit! My mom wants to know what phone to buy. My wife wants to know what phone to buy. I tell them, "You go out and you buy an iPhone." And they go, "But you have an Android! Meeeeeeeeh!" and I'm like, "No! You go buy an iPhone because I don't want to have to fix your phone!" and the thing about an iPhone is it just works. It's not elegantly designed.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Asterios: It takes eight clicks to get to something that on an Android takes one click to get to. I'm a huge fan of widgets, you know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Androids have widgets. iPhones don't have widgets.

Dick: Fuck widgets!

Asterios: Fuck widgets?! (Maddox laughs) I know what my bank account balance is by turning on my phone and looking at my phone's desktop! You know, I can turn on and off 3G with one simple button press on an Android. You can't do that on an iPhone. You gotta press 18 buttons.

Maddox: You know, Asterios, good point about iPhones just working. And thank you for reading the literal marketing bullet point from the Apple website. That's what it says. "It just works!"

Asterios: It DOES just work! My wife…

Maddox: (interjects) Except…

Asterios: (interjects) My phone will overheat in my pocket. My phone will die and restart for no reason! Like…I'm not sure if you have…

Maddox: Ohhhh…okay…(about to talk)

Dick: Oh my God, really?!

Asterios: Yeah. But the thing is, those problems are worth it for me to have the customizability. My wife and my mom, they're not gonna be able to fix these problems. I want them to have an iPhone.

Maddox: Well, uh, it's interesting you say that, because there is a forum. There are actually countless forums on how to fix common problems with iPhones. Let me read a few of them. (Asterios cracks up) Here's one. Frozen Screen! "If your iPhone's screen

becomes unresponsive or frozen, your best bet is to power off the phone and power it on again." Oh, a power cycle. This is the troubleshooting they tell iPhone users because they're such morons. iPhone Won't Power On. Here's another common problem. iPhone Won't Power off. Oh, wow, it won't power on AND it won't power off. Having trouble connecting to Wi-Fi. That's a problem. iPhone Camera doesn't work. There's ANOTHER problem! Siri doesn't work! Oh, yeah, another fucking problem.

Dick: Maddox! What works?! What just works all the time!?

Maddox: Hey, I'm not making the claim that Android just works. It doesn't. Android is a piece of shit, too. I hate Android.

Asterios: Wow.

Maddox: There ya go! (Laughing)

Asterios: What do you use, Windows Phone? Do you have some sort of Linux Phone?

Maddox: No. Look, here's how…

Asterios: (interjects) Firefox OS?

Dick: He uses a smoke signal.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Oh! (sarcastic)

Maddox: Let me tell you my meek…my, not meek, rather, my bleak philosophy on how I choose products and services in life. Okay? A long time ago when I was doing my Maddox store, my online store to ship T-shirts and all the stuff in my store, like comics and whatever…I went to Google and I was trying to find out which carrier to use, so I typed in "Fedex Sucks" and then I typed in "UPS sucks" and then "USPS sucks". And then I just went with the one with the least number of results. And right now, for me, that's Android. Android still sucks, it just sucks less than iPhone..than iOS.

Dick: Yeah, but you're so proud of it. (Maddox and Asterios crack up) That's why the problem is Nut Hugging Android Fanboy Cheerleaders.

Maddox: Oh my god! Are you kidding?!

Dick: 'Cause you GET OFF shitting on something that those of us using it don't give a fuck about.

Maddox: That's bullshit. Dick, you and I right now, have a friend mutually, on Facebook, who literally, when the iPhone ad came out when they did the whole iOS conference, whatever, he posted a link that said "Wow. This is a game changer." You know how many of my dickhead Android friends have posted shit like that about Android? ZERO. 'Cause we're not fucking assholes about it.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause you're too busy talking about the iPhone. (Maddox and Asterios crack up) That's how you know the iPhone won.

Maddox: Alright. Let's here some of these…you got the voicemails or not?

Dick: I got a shitload of voicemails about this. Here's one.

Maddox: Let's hear some.

Voicemail: Hey guys. This is Sean and this message is for Maddox, the guy that doesn't care that people use iPhones, but will spend 45 minutes bitching about it. Because he doesn't care so much. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: First of all, that figure is off.

Voicemail: Maddox. Shut up. You iPhone haters have turned into your own sort of cult. You're your own cult! You can call iPhone users sheep ALL DAY, but you guys get in line to bash the iPhone. Even though you APPARENTLY don't give a shit!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, I…

Dick: (interjects) What do you think of that?

Maddox: So…Dick, a lot of people, I think, misconstrued why I brought that in as a problem. It's not the iPhone users necessarily, although they're idiots. (Asterios cracks up) What the problem is, is iPhone's undue influence on the entire cell phone fucking market. 'Cause now I can't buy a cell phone with buttons anymore. Because of the iPhone's influence on it. And it's not necessarily because they have the best product on the market. I hate touch screens! They're not functional. Everything's slower on these stupid fucking tap-and-pray smudgy pieces of shit everyone's carrying around, myself included! I have one of the last phones on the market with a physical keyboard, and I hate this phone. It's… (Dick cackles)…the keyboard is incredible, but the operating system's stripped down. Nobody gives attention to it. They're not releasing updates to the firmware. It's buggy as shit. They don't have the best hardware in it. And this is what I'm relegated to if I want to use buttons. That's why I hate the iPhone. Is because of the…because it's killed so much productivity.

Dick: What about a Blackberry?

Maddox: Blackberries are garbage. Blackberry is SO far behind on the OS. Even their newest one that keeps coming out. They have the operating system so restrictive. It's a business phone, but it's JUST business. It doesn't do any, like, multimedia functions that well. It's very restrictive.

Asterios: So you hate the Android, the iPhone, the Blackberry OS…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: So you hate 'em all.

Dick: Well, he hates calling! You just want a pager. That's all you need, is an alphanumeric pager. (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: You know, I haven't tried the Windows…I've played with the Nokia Lumia. I'll tell you what.

Asterios: Mmm?

Maddox: Back in the day, the Symbian OS is the only mobile OS that I absolutely loved. It's so incredible. But Dick, I don't want to…go on.

Dick: Well, here's more horsecockery that you tried to pull on us last week.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With your three-card monte lies. Do you know the game, three-card monte?

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's where a con artist. In this case, it would be you (Maddox laughs) has three cards, and they flip 'em around, and they say "Here's the queen, now keep your eye on the queen."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they flip it around, and it's always, like, a magic trick. Like, they slide it off so you can never find the queen.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And then they take your money, right? So that is YOU describing the features of the Android. So I'm gonna go…I got an email from Rob, the host of the "Today on iOS" podcast. And he says "The expandable storage argument died with the no physical keyboard and the no support for Flash." Your phone?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Your precious M8 one? Does that have expandable storage?

Maddox: I don't have an M8. But yes, this does have expandable storage, yeah.

Asterios: My phone also…

Dick: (interjects) The one that you hate. (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: Well that's a good point. My phone also has expandable storage, and I like that. I like being able to swap out the SIM card.

Maddox: It's nice. It's nice.

Asterios: I don't see what…it seems like…it seems almost…it…what's the word I'm looking for?

Maddox: Intuitive.

Asterios: No. There's no clear purpose behind some of Steve Jobs' iPhone decisions.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, the idea that they didn't have tethering until just a couple of years ago.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: The idea that there was no Notification Center until just a couple of years ago.

Maddox: No.

Asterios: The idea that they just…Swipe, which has been out forever on Android, Swipe just came out. And it's, like, you want to talk about productivity and saving time? Like, that's the best possible way you can save time with your phone. Being able to just type in words really quickly using Swipe. It seems punitive. I don't get it. I don't know why Apple makes some of these decisions they make.

Maddox: Well, and one of the comments, when I pointed out that the…I think it's the Galaxy S5 that's waterproof?

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: This guy was like (silly voice) "Well, you know, it would really complicate the engineering for the electronics on blablablablablabla!"

Asterios: No it wouldn't.

Maddox: No, it wouldn't. You know how they make it waterproof? It's just a rubber seal that goes inside the case. It's one rubber seal that costs less than half a penny to produce.

Dick: That's it. Chief of Engineering for mobile fucking phones over here telling us what it takes to make a PHONE WATERPROOF! (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: They show it on YouTube! They just crack the case open and they go, "Here it is! It's this rubber seal! There's water around it and it's dry inside." That's all it is.

Dick: Here's why it's three-card monte.

Asterios: (interjects) I actually…oh, I'm sorry.

Dick: You talk about the Nexus 5 being waterproof. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it doesn't have a replaceable battery or expandable memory.

Maddox: Right. And I don't like that about it.

Dick: The point is. Where is the magical phone that has all of these Android features you're talking about!? When I go…so, I tried…because last episode, you had me totally convinced that the Android was a superior phone to the Android because of all these features.

Maddox: Then I failed.

Dick: And…yeah yeah yeah. That U2 thing really pissed me off.

Asterios: Hah! Yeah, I know.

Dick: And someone also told me that they didn't know about the U2 thing, so they were getting ready to go chew their wife out for buying a U2 album?

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: And they were listening to this podcast and said, "Oh, I didn't know it was…like, we were violated with a U2 album." So…we probably saved his marriage. Uh…there is no magical Android phone that has all these features. What do you have to say about that?

Maddox: That's not true. There are phones…I mean, all the features that you want… Here's the thing, Dick, you can customize. You can pick and choose. There's no car that has every feature. You can pick and choose. You can choose whatever car you want. You can choose whatever PC you want. You can customize based on your needs. Versus Apple, they not only customize your phone, they customize your taste in music. Here's U2, dickhead. Now you're a fan of U2.

Dick: Yeah. It sounds like a used car salesman. This pitch that I'm getting where you can customize whatever you want…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You can buy whatever you want! You can get this in this color. You can get it with leather interior, but only in red! And that model doesn't have power windows. And if you want Sirius, you gotta go with this green one.

Maddox: Oh, Jesus. No.

Dick: It doesn't have windows on it.

Maddox: They all have it…they all have the same basic features that are useful. Most of them have expandable memory and those sorts of things. However, if you don't want it, you don't need it, you don't have to get it. And every iPhone user is like, (silly voice) "Well, I wouldn't use it anyway. I wouldn't use that feature anyway." And you know what? You don't have the option to.

Asterios: You don't have a choice!

Maddox: You don't have a choice. It's nice to have the feature.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: No one's saying you have to use it. But they're like "Well, I wouldn't use it anyway." And they ALWAYS say that until they get the feature, and then guess what? They're fucking using it. Dick, if I told you right now that I have a cell phone that is the most popular cell phone…it's the top of the market. However, you can't install apps on it. Would you buy that cell phone?

Dick: I have no fucking idea. What do you mean…if there's a magical. Obviously, you want me to say yes, or no…

Maddox: Yeah. (Asterios cracks up) Of course it's no!

Dick: Give me that again. Give it to me again!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: The most popular cell phone.

Maddox: Let me tell you…Here's a cell phone…

Dick: (interjects) But I can't put apps on it?

Maddox: You can't install apps on it.

Dick: Okay. But it's the most popular?

Maddox: Yes. It can't send MMS messages.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: No multimedia messages.

Asterios: Why is this phone so popular?

Dick: Yeah, that's what I'm ask.

Asterios: It sounds terrible.

Maddox: Yeah. It can't copy and paste. Okay? It can't…it doesn't have a flash on the camera. These were…I believe…these were all features of the original iPhone. You couldn't install any apps. You couldn't copy and paste. You couldn't send multimedia messages.

Dick: (groans) I know what this is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Keep going.

Maddox: And every single one of these idiots I argued with. I said "Hey man, you can't install apps." And they were like (silly voice) "Well, we wouldn't use that anyway! We would just use web apps!" And then of course, the next model iPhone comes out and Apple's all about apps. Back then, I was installing thousands of free, mature, developed apps on my Nokia platform. No problem.

Dick: (interjects) Thousands?

Maddox: Thousands. There were TENS of thousands of apps.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Nobody knew about it, because Nokia sucks dick at marketing their own fucking product. They had a superior product and they failed, because they're inept at marketing. However, that's the original iPhone, and people bought it in droves.

Dick: Okay. Lemme tell you what that is. What that reminds me of.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And this is why the Nut Hugging Android Fanboy Cheerleaders is a big problem. (Asterios and Maddox laugh) You sound like a former high school athlete talking about the good ol' days. When you're like "Man, in the good ol' days, we could shit all over the iPhone. That was when it was totally dumb."

Maddox: Dick…(Asterios cracks up)…we're still there right now. You just don't realize it. You're not listening to what we're saying. You don't have these features that everybody's using TODAY, and it's not the good ol' days, it's right now! Your phone is still behind!

Dick: I can't find a phone with all these features! That was my point! (yelling) 'Cause you had me convinced last week, so I set out to find this magical fucking phone that I could throw in a pool and have removable batteries and storage and walk around with my pants bulging like Santa Claus with all this power I was gonna have!

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhh.

Dick: I couldn't find it! (Sean laughing)

Asterios: I believe the…

Sean: (interjects) What mall Santas are you visiting?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I believe the Casio G'zOne is waterproof, has a removable SD card, and you can change the battery out of it.

Maddox: Just get it.

Dick: I didn't know that.

Asterios: There you go.

Maddox: Yeah. Just do a little bit of research, Dick. Pick up a magazine.

Dick: Well then I found that that Bendgate thing was all horseshit too.

Maddox: No it's not!

Dick: No, but that phone you recommended I get, the M8, bent at exactly the same amount of pressure…

Maddox: (interjects) No, it didn't, Dick!

Dick: Dude, I got the…I totally got a Consumer Report.org link!

Maddox: I know. Dick, why don't you read our own fucking website! I linked to it and I specifically mentioned that Consumer Report study! (Asterios cackles) Because they tested the pressure in the middle of every fucking phone. That's not where the iPhone is failing. The iPhone is failing near the top, where it bends, near the crease in your pants in your pocket! Because that's where the buttons are and there's an indentation. It's a groove, and that's where it bends. Not in the middle of the fucking phone!

Dick: So you're saying it's just the tip? (They all crack up)

Maddox: Alright. Do you have any more voicemail?

Dick: Yeah, I have voicemail, but I don't think any of these guys are gonna convince you. Uh…oh, oh, wait, well…I mean, there is just this one.

Maddox: Let's…(laughing)

Dick: There is just this one I've been saving for last.

Voicemail: Hey, Dick! Yeah, this one's for Dick. My name's Chris and I wanted to tell you something awesome about us iPhone guys. We actually have more sex, as according to an OkCupid stats thing.

Dick: Did you hear that, or do you want me to play it again? He said we have more sex.

Maddox: No. I heard it. Yeah.

Dick: He said iPhone guys have more sex.

Maddox: Yeah. They masturbate each other. (Maddox and Asterios laughing)

Dick: No no no no no no. That's not what he's talking about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's not what he's talking about.

Voicemail: Eh, I sound like an idiot. Fuck. Goddamn it. Let me try again.

Dick: No, okay. That's the point.

Maddox: Great point.

Dick: OkCupid had a survey and it said iPhone guys have more sex than Nut Hugging Android Fanboy Cheerleaders.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't…first of all, I don't believe that. And second…first, it's not possible.

Asterios: I want to say that I believe that. Because I believe iPhone users, generally speaking, have more money, and people that have more money have more sex, so therefore…

Dick: Ohhhh.

Asterios: I'm gonna give that one to the iPhone people.

Dick: It's not sexist, 'cause you said "people", instead of "guys".

Asterios: Yeah!!! Sure. Yeah..

Dick: I get it.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah. Well, if they have so much money, why don't they replace their shitty, shattered screen? (Asterios cracks up)

Sean: Why do all the poor people have billions of children?

Dick: It's a good question.

Asterios: They can have sex with ugly people. Only occasionally.

Maddox: Hey. Speaking of poor people. If you want to save some money, Dick…on audio downloads…

Dick: Yeah yeah. Today's show is brought to you by Audible. Please visit **http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest** for your free audio book download! Asterios, do you know about Audible?

Asterios: Yeah! I know about it.

Dick: Well, let me tell you about them anyway. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Please! I mean, I don't know about it. Tell me more!

Dick: They've got over 150,000 titles to choose from. Every genre, Audible has it covered, including erotic genres.

Asterios: Really? Alllright. (saucy voice)

Dick: If you want to get some erotic stories read to you.

Asterios: I'm leaving this podcast right now and going to **http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest**. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Listen whenever and wherever you want, just like the podcast you're listening to right now. I did download that, uh…that book that we talked about last time.

Maddox: The milk…

Asterios: (interjects) The milk maids?!

Maddox: The milk maids, yeah. An Erotic Milking Story? Or lactation story?

Dick: Yeah. Milked At Her Uncle's Farm, Volume I. (everyone cracks up) Volume I.

Maddox: Do you have any sound clips from that?

Dick: No, I should have. I tried…I was gonna bring some in, but I didn't have time. Uh… there is a Volume I, and after having listened to it, I can see why this needs to be a multi-volume story.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: An erotic lactation story. I'll bring 'em in next time.

Maddox: Sounds great.

Dick: I'll bring 'em in next time we do an Audible ad.

Maddox: That sounds kinda hot, actually, I'd be driving around with a big old boner, just listening to this thing. (Asterios laughs) I bet, I bet…I wonder if they read it like a sex phone operator. 'Cause that'd be really hot, right? You're just…

Dick: Uh, the girl could be hotter.

Sean: Yes.

Maddox: Her voice, you mean.

Dick: That's what I…yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah…but then, see, I think these books are written…are supposed to be consumed by women…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: 'Cause I got into, like…I was like the 20-second mark, and I hadn't heard how big the girl's tits were.

Asterios: Oh, what?!

Dick: It was like, wait a minute.

Asterios: That's weird.

Maddox: What, did you skip over it?

Dick: What do you mean…did I skip over…

Maddox: How did you not hear how big her…

Dick: 'Cause the books are written for women, I'm saying. These erotic novels are written for women.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh, I see what you're saying.

Dick: So there's a lot of, like…

Maddox: So they're not emphasizing the, uh…female…

Asterios: (interjects) The most important parts of an erotic story.

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Right, which is…

Asterios: (interjects) How big the boobs are.

Maddox: Yeah, that's so important.

Dick: And, it's like, I'll bring in some clips for it.

Maddox: How big or small. Uh, either way. I just want to know. I just want to know.

Asterios: Exactly.

Maddox: It's an important point.

Asterios: How am I supposed to visualize this character in my head if I don't know their cup size/

Maddox: I just visualize two empty black holes. Like space…just stars. I don't know what they are.

Asterios: I don't find that attractive.

Maddox: No. Stars. I do not want to bang stars.

Dick: Well, if you want to hear how big the girl's boobs are, go to, um…(everyone cracks up) **http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest** for your free audio book download.

Maddox: So, Asterios, you are, I believe our third guest on the show ever, and you can… you have a problem you brought in this week.

Asterios: Yeah, I brought in a problem. My problem, and thanks for having me. My problem is "Toms Shoes".

Maddox: "Toms Shoes"! Bravo! Yes.

Dick: That's a problem.

Asterios: I thought you were gonna play a round of applause there.

Maddox: You know, I was looking for the round of applause. This is the episode, too, I was like, "Yeah, let's get rid of the round of applause." Here's what I replaced it with:

(Sound effect: Asterios: "'CAUSE I'M A DIGITAL CYBER DEMON!!") (all laugh)

Dick: I gotta explain that real quick before we talk about Tom's Shoes. Asterios Kokkinos is responsible for the funniest thing I have ever seen at the Upright Citizen's Brigade Theater. And I mean that..before it was you, it was that guy who came out as the Wolf Man and

said…(Asterios cracks up) It was a guy who runs out of the back curtain and goes "Someone asked if the Wolf Man has nards!" and pulls his pants down and shows his dick, to like, the entire audience. That was the funniest thing. Your…when you came out doing the guy from the Polar Express…being basically an unhinged maniac, screaming about how you abduct children and turn them into mutants…(Asterios laughs) That was the new funniest thing I'd ever seen. So I brought in a clip of it.

Maddox: Yeah, that's…that's hilarious. Yeah.

Dick: Play it.

(Sound effect: Asterios: "'CAUSE I'M A DIGITAL CYBER DEMON!!")

Dick: That was the start. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, and people tried to…that was during the Tournament of Nerds debate show, where they tried to argue who would win a fight, whatever, and they tried to smear you by pointing out that the Polar Express guy is kinda creepy 'cause he kidnaps kids, and there's like, a 'molestery' affect to it. And YOU FULLY EMBRACED IT! (Asterios laughs) You were like "Yes, I love delicious children!!" and it was…

Dick: "Cause I'm a digital cyber demon!" (they all laugh)

Maddox: It was impossible to take you down. It was nonstop. That was incredible.

Asterios: Well, it's hard to top a pedophile. So…there you go. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: There's a soundbyte. (Asterios laughs) So, what's your problem with Toms? Which I agree. Yeah.

Asterios: Sure. No, look. I figure we're not really gonna be debating this one like the iPhone…(laughs) (Maddox giggles) But, I got a couple of problems with Toms Shoes. First off, let me start by saying, like, there are things that people wear that tell you everything you need to know about them. You're watching a movie. You see a guy in a suit with an earpiece, you know he's a Secret Service guy. You see a girl wearing Louboutins, you know she's rich. You see a guy in Toms Shoes, you know right away he's a douche. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yep.

Asterios: You know right away. Like, the guy…the 25-year-old guy firing your dad is wearing Toms Shoes.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: You know. He's the guy that's like (silly voice) "Oh, sorry pops, times are tough. We're gonna swap you out for six interns." Like, that's the Toms Shoes wearer.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And I know you guys agree with me by how they look.

Dick: Can I ask a question?

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: There are Toms Shoes for men? (Maddox and Asterios crack up) I honestly didn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah. These pieces of shit, garbage…Asterios, can you explain, like, what they are for people who might not know?

Asterios: Absolutely. So, for people who might not know, Toms Shoes are these garbage-looking shoes…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Asterios: …That you can buy in Whole Foods. (Dick cackles) And they're based around the idea…

Maddox: Can you really?

Asterios: The best possible place to buy your shoes. An overpriced grocery store.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Asterios: Yes. And uhhh…the point of Toms Shoes…it was a company founded in 2006, was the "Buy One, Give One" model.

Maddox: Yes.

Asterios: When you buy a pair of Toms Shoes for 70$, they will give a pair of Toms Shoes to a kid in need in Africa.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: So that's kind of the appeal of Toms Shoes.

Dick: In need of shoes or AIDS vaccinations? (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Nope, just shoes.

Asterios: Just shoes.

Maddox: Sorry. Here's your shoes.

Dick: Not food?

Maddox: Nope. No food.

Dick: They're not gonna give them like, a gallon of water?

Maddox: Here you go, eat your Toms, idiot.

Dick: Here's some shoes?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: See if you can wring some water out of this rubber?

Maddox: So, so. Here's the philosophy. You go to a place where you buy food, and the instead, buy expensive shoes, and then send the shoes to people and keep the food for yourself. (Asterios and Dick crack up)

Asterios: That's a very good point.

Dick: In Africa, do they get, like a Whole Foods box? And they open it up and it's full of shoes? (Asterios and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Here you go, idiots!

Asterios: Whole foods?! There's NO foods in here! What the hell?!

Maddox: You know, if they JUST had shoes. The poor children of Africa. If they just had shoes, rather than new schools, or I don't know, vaccinations…

Asterios: A sustainable economy.

Dick: Nuclear power.

Maddox: Or ANY power.

Asterios: Right, exactly. Well, see, now that's the thing, look. You want to give a guy a pair of shoes? That's…actually, look, I have no problem with giving someone that needs shoes, shoes. That's great. What happens when those shoes wear out? What if they don't get any free shoes from the next free shoe shipment? Like, what if the head of Toms goes crazy and Toms goes out of business? Oh, well, that's alright. 'Cause you can just buy a pair of shoes from your local shoemaker, right? No. Wrong. You can't. Because your local shoemaker went out of business because some asshole named Tom undercut his prices by 100% with his free shoes!! (Maddox laughs) So what these free shoes do…

Dick: They're killing local businesses! (laughing)

Asterios: Exactly!

Maddox: That's a good fucking point!

Dick: Oh, my God! I never thought of that!

Maddox: Yeah! It's killing the economy!

Asterios: TIME magazine called it an unsustainable aid-based economy. So, yeah, look. It's great to have shoes for that day. Or that month. Toms Shoes wear out pretty fast, so three months later, look, people are out of a job, you're out of shoes. You're fucked again.

Maddox: Yeah. Those shoes look like they're made out of burlap sack…

Asterios: (interjects) Yeah.

Maddox: And then sandpaper. They look like the most uncomfortable, shitty shoes. They're not waterproof. They look ugly as sin. (Sean laughing)

Dick: Like the Android (all laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, you're wearing a couple of iPhones on your feet. So, these shoes are just absolutely garbage. They look like…they always fall apart, they look ratty as shit. And so, these are the shoes they're sending these kids in Africa. The shittiest looking shoes. And then, the people who buy them, they feel like such fucking saints. Like, oh…

Asterios: That's the thing!

Maddox: Yeah. They're showing solidarity with some Ethiopian kid that they'll never fucking meet. And who knows if they'll ever even get that shoe in the first place.

Dick: Can you take the shoe? Can you say, "Can you just give me two shoes?" (Asterios laughs) like, I don't want to send mine to poor people?

Maddox: You know, there's also…this is kind of interesting, too. If you think about the size of the shoes that adults wear are, you know, 9+. Up to 13 or 14 sometimes? The material that they save on those…it's not a 1:1 ratio, 'cause they're making smaller shoes for kids and sending those over.

Asterios: Yup.

Maddox: So where does that cost disparity, go?

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Right in their fucking pockets, I guaran-fucking-tee it.

Asterios: Oh, you mean, Toms Shoes, the 650 million dollar corporation?

Maddox: Holy shit.

Asterios: It's not a not-for-profit, by the way. It's worth 650 million dollars and the head of Toms Shoes just sold half of it to Bane Capital, AKA Mitt Romney.

Maddox: Wowwwwwwwwww.

Asterios: So, these are the people that are…

Dick: (interjects) Smart guy. He should have been president. (all laughing)

Maddox: Fucking Dick. (laughing)

Asterios: Yeah, I saw…

Dick: (interjects) Good investment!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I saw a pair of Toms Shoes…

Dick: (interjects) I like that they kill local business, because, like, I'm imagining how you explain that, to like, a spoiled person, someone who would buy these shoes. Like, imagine if aliens, just like gave us a bunch of free shit, and then just never did again?

Asterios: Right. Exactly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like they just came down, and I don't know what the spoiled rich people would buy that aliens could just replace for free…

Asterios: Cars…exactly. Well, then the auto manufacturing sector goes out of business.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: And then where do you get your next car? The aliens have moved on to another planet and giving them cars.

Dick: Yeah, and then where would you get your Fiat?

Asterios: Exactly.

Dick: Or your Scion. Scion. (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Dick, was that a…

Asterios: (interjects) But the Scion is an alien car, so it works!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: So, here's a quote from the New York Times. This is an interview with Tom Shoes' "Chief Giving Officer" (Maddox and Dick crack up) Terrible…

Maddox: CGO…(laughing)

Asterios: Oh, and by the way, no…that's not the CEO…

Maddox: No, CGO. CGO.

Asterios: Right. Toms doesn't have a CEO. It has a CSG. A Chief Shoe Giver.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhh….ughhhhhhhhhhh..bleeeeeeeeeeerhhhhh (vomiting sound)

Asterios: Absolutely not kidding. Absolutely not kidding.

Maddox: Oh my gosh.

Dick: Is he in charge of the whole company?

Asterios: Uhh…he's, you know, the CEO of Toms Shoes, Blake Mycoskie. Who looks like a super douche.

Dick: That sounds like a fake name, too.

Asterios: He looks like the guy that steals your girlfriend.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Asterios: Yeah. He looks like Dick.

Maddox: Asshole.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, fucking Dick. (laughing)

Dick: I have done that. (Asterios laughing)

Maddox: Oh, yeah, what a way to be proud. (Sean laughs)

Asterios: So here's what the Chief Giving Officer said, "If we begin to create an environment where shoes are available, we hope the local shoe industry will take this up and start selling shoes." Yeah! Because people in Africa have no idea what SHOES are! It's a good thing you went ant introduced them to the concept of shoes and selling shoes by GIVING SHOES AWAY FOR FREE!!! (yelling) (Maddox laughs) You sell T-shirts!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It would be like if I went to all your fans and gave them free Maddox T-shirts and was like, "Well I'm introducing your fans to the concept of T-shirts."

Maddox: No no, Asterios, don't do that! I don't need you to do that.

Asterios: No, no, please, it's for their own good!

Maddox: No!

Asterios: They're gonna take these T-shirts! And they're gonna LIKE THEM!

Maddox: No, you're undercutting my market! I can't sell T-shirts if you're giving them away for free!!

Asterios: How will my douchebag customers feel good if I don't give away your T-shirts, for free?!

Maddox: Well, you're right Asterios, good argument. I guess I'll go out of business! (laughs)

Asterios: See you later, sucker!

Dick: You know what it is? It's like if someone from the future came back in time and just gave away copies of your next book.

Asterios: Yup.

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: Yup.

Dick: And then you're like "Well, what about me?!"

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Fine, fuck it, I'm not writing any more books!

Asterios: But it's helping people, right?

Maddox: Suuure.

Asterios: They want that book! It's a short-term gain, but we've lost an artist. That's not good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Who's making these shoes, by the way?

Maddox: Ohhhohoh..(laughing)

Asterios: Well, let me tell you! Thank you for saying…Thank you, Byron Allen, for setting me up! (Dick laughs) So, uhh…so here's the thing. Where are Toms Shoes made? I went down to Whole Foods, literally. I went down to Whole Foods and I put on a protective Hazmat suit…and I went into Whole Foods, and I pulled a pair of Toms off the shelf, well, surprise, surprise, the pair I look at, it's made in China!

Maddox: Oh!

Asterios: You know. Yeah! China! That bastion of worker's rights, China!

Maddox: Mhmmm.

Asterios: Yeah, every Liberal's favorite country where everyone earns a living wage and everybody is happy and they all have all the food and medicine they need. They've got great air….oh, wait, it's fucking China!! (yelling) (Maddox laughs) Where the only reason they stopped selling poison baby food was that an important baby died!!!!

Maddox: Wait,wait. Which baby?

Asterios: I dunno. Some politician's baby.

Maddox: Oh, some politician's baby, yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, so that's interesting Asterios, so they manufactured tens of thousands, probably millions of these shoes, right?

Asterios: Yup.

Maddox: In China.

Asterios: In China.

Maddox: Then they ship it to the US, and then they ship them from China to Africa. So it's two destinations they're shipping the shoes…

Dick: (interjects) Okay, I have a question.

Asterios: Sure.

Dick: So, they have to work twice as much in order to give themselves…in order to get spoiled rich people to buy free shoes for them?

Asterios: Yes. Well, I don't even think they go to China, I think they go to Africa, so those people are just shit out of luck with shoes. So, but actually, Maddox, that is a really brilliant summation, the Made in the USA blog made a similar summation. So, when you buy Toms Shoes, they're made in China, Haiti, Indonesia, so there. You're robbing an American manufacturer of a manufacturing job. Then, you send those free shoes to Africa. They get 'em for free. You're robbing an African guy of his shoemaking job. YOU! Wearing those headphones! Wearing Toms Shoes! Every time you take a step, you're killing TWO JOBS! (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: And you know what's so insidious about this, Asterios, is those shoes look like they could be made by some local African shoe cobbler, right?

Asterios: Yeah. Uh-huh. Yep.

Maddox: They look like shit!

Asterios: They do.

Maddox: Like, if you had no tools and very little power in whatever environment you were working in…very, like, sub-Internet, sub-electric. Those are the type of shoes you would make! They have the capability to manufacture good fucking shoes and send them to Africa! They're not! They're sending them the types of shoes they would make if they could!

Asterios: Right, exactly. Yes, yes. They are sending…they are often sending shoes that don't work in the appropriate climate. Like, in America, you can wear douche, flimsy shoes, because if something goes wrong, you can probably just go get another pair of shoes.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: You're probably not walking in a super-duper hot…

Dick: I have different shoes for that!

Asterios: Well, yeah, exactly! If it's raining…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. They have support.

Asterios: …you go wear your rain galoshes. If it's this, you wear…you know. It's just to make douches…college kids feel happy that they're giving another pair of shoes to someone they'll never see.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Asterios: You know. Exactly.

Maddox: It's the…they're not buying shoes, they're buying a narrative.

Asterios: Yup. Very right.

Maddox: They want to feel good…they want to feel good about doing something without doing anything.

Asterios: (yelling) WITHOUT DOING SHIT! Exactly.

Dick: You know what? We should do that. Every time someone listens to this podcast, we should go shout at someone in need. (Maddox and Asterios crack up) About the problems they're having in their life.

Maddox: Hey, I got an idea. Seriously. For every one download we get, let's send a download to a kid in Africa. (All crack up)

Dick: That's good. That's good.

Asterios: Goddamit! Buy one, give one! I love it.

Maddox: Yep. Yep.

Asterios: You philanthropist, you.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Asterios: And then you can write off those donated downloads, pay less on your American taxes, put more money in your pocket…now you're ahead of the game twice.

Maddox: But, we may be putting a couple of satirists in Africa out of business. (All crack up laughing)

Asterios: Goddamn it.

Dick: We don't have to go all the way to Africa. There's bums on the street in LA.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true. We could help out those bums. We could give them uh…Beats headphones and give 'em our podcast for free.

Asterios: I'm sure people would love to listen to that. That would be great. Hearing two homeless people fight over a can of beans.

Maddox: And I'm not sure…every time I see someone wearing Beats, too…sorry to bring this up from way in the past, but every time I see someone wearing Beats (laughs), I'm not sure, they might be hipsters or they might be homeless. It could go either way. (Asterios laughs)

Dick: Okay, so, Asterios.

Asterios: Yes.

Dick: I agree, this is a big problem.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: I think that these Toms guys are probably a subset of Nut Hugging Android Fan… (Maddox laughs) I mean, really, at the end of the day…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Well the Toms guys are rich, so they probably use iPhones.

Dick: So we're at odds. So this is like, an ideology battle we're at right now.

Asterios: Me and you? (incredulous)

Dick: I guess. Yeah.

Asterios: I don't even know.

Dick: That's what I'm saying.

Asterios: Eh, whatever. Okay, so lemme…I would wrap it up with this. I went to the Toms website. A pair of…this is the name of a pair of men's shoes they have. The "Navy Toms Plus Brocade Classics".

Maddox: (sputters, laughs) Brocade?!

Asterios: The Brocade Classics! Plus! It's a name so douche, it may as well have gone to film school. (Maddox laughs) These shoes cost 120$. (incredulous) Okay? These shoes cost 120$. How about this guy? How about you go buy some flip flops, which provide just as much support as this Toms garbage…

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And then you take the other 110$ that you didn't spend…(yelling)…and you GIVE THEM……to me, Asterios Kokkinos. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Bravo!

Asterios: I'll use some of it to help. I'm sure I'll help. Whatever.

(Sound effect: Asterios: "'CAUSE I'M A DIGITAL CYBER DEMON!")

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (laughing) Give it to this guy.

Asterios: Look. The bottom line is, if you want to help people, you fucking go out and help people. You take your money…go buy a 20$ pair of shoes. Give the other 20$ to a poor person on the street. You know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Go donate to a fucking food bank in America. There's one in five kids are starving in America! You know?

Maddox: Sure.

Asterios: Ehhh, don't do this bullshit where you buy shitting looking shoes to feel better about yourself. It's garbage.

Maddox: No. Same thing…same goes with food and everything else that comes with a narrative. You know what? I can give you guys a narrative. I can jerk you off with some…"Hey, you're buying…buy one of my T-shirts and some kid in Africa will be a little bit happier for a day." (Asterios laughs) Don't know how! Don't…somewhere in Africa. And it's always Africa. Africa's always the Dark Continent where everyone's starving and dying, right?

Asterios: Right.

Maddox: Well, speaking of…

Dick: (interjects) They are, right?

Maddox: (laughs)

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Well, it's interesting. 'Cause, speaking of…I want to bring up my problem this week, which is "Anti-Vaxxers".

Dick: (chuckles) Okay.

Asterios: Ohhhhhhh.

Maddox: Yeahhh.

Asterios: I think I just lost.

Maddox: You guys…(laughing)

Dick: Yeah, that's a big problem. (laughing)

Asterios: I think I just lost the game.

Maddox: Here we go. Yeah! Well, you guys know what these are, right? These are people who are anti vaccination. Mmkay?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Lemme read you some interesting statistics. This is from **http://www.motherjones.com**. In California in 2010, 10 children died in a whooping cough outbreak. 10 children died. Do you know how many kids died that year from gun violence? Like, guns in school? School shootings? How many would you guess?

Asterios: I dunno, 20, 30?

Maddox: 20, 30? Nope.

Dick: Yeah, I think that's a good guess.

Maddox: One. But 10 kids died from whooping cough.

Dick: From whooping cough.

Maddox: Right! And that's interesting, because it's on the rise because of anti-vaccination people. So, this is from the CDC website. This is the morbidity rate for various viruses from the 20th century and from 2010. Okay? Because of vaccinations, smallpox went from…in the 20th century, we had 29,000 cases of smallpox. In 2010, we had 0. That's 100% decrease. Diptheria, 21,000. In 2010, 0. Pertussis. This is actually whooping cough. This is the actual disease whooping cough.

Dick: These are all the disease you get on Oregon Trail. (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: It's true.

Asterios: How many people have died from failed river fordings?

Dick: Yeah! Or bandits!

Maddox: Oh, yeah. The bandits. Those fucking bandits. There's not a vaccination for that. Uhh, pertussis is whooping cough. 200,000, and in 2010, only 21,000. That's an 89% decrease. Tetanus, 580 in the 20th century, and down to 8. So this is what vaccination is solving, right? And now it's on the rise.

Asterios: May I interrupt you just briefly?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I believe all these statistics, obviously, but the people that don't vaccinate their kid are not gonna be convinced by statistics, so it's like, what the fuck do we do?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: Like, I know that on this program, you don't necessarily talk about solutions, but, like, seriously. What the fuck do you do? You can yell a million statistics. You can get 1,000 doctors.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's the same as the global warming thing. They buy this narrative they want to believe, like Toms Shoes buyers. Like, how do you fix this? What do you do?

Maddox: Yeah. It's almost like you could bring in statistics proving that one phone platform is shitty (Asterios cracks up) and you just, for some reason, cannot ever convince that person.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause statistics don't fucking matter.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: That's the point! That's the point we're making! Is that…yeah. The reason that this started, which you didn't cover. Are you gonna cover that yet? Is because people are afraid that vaccinations give their kids autism. Right?

Maddox: Right. That's…well, that's the fear. The misplaced fear. So, according to this Mother Jones article. It's interesting you guys bring up the reason, it's statistics. They tried to convince people who are anti-vaccination with four different methods to convince them to vaccinate their children. Here are the four things that they tried. The first message was called "The Autism Correction Approach". So, it was a factual, science-heavy correction to false claims that the MMR vaccine causes autism, citing multiple studies that disprove these claims, right? So they sent a bunch of these people these pamphlets saying "Hey, this is just false."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: The second attempt was called "The Disease Risks". They simply listed the risks of contracting measles, mumps, or rubella, and describing nasty complications. Right? They sent another group of people those pamphlets. Then the third message was "The Disease Narrative Approach", which told a true story about a 10-month old whose temperature shot up to 106 degrees after he contracted measles in a waiting room. Right? Pretty scary stuff.

Dick: Sounds good. (grins) That one sounds good. We got a winner! I'm betting on that horse!

Asterios: And hopefully that kid died!

Maddox: And number four…

Asterios: I'm rubbing my hands together!

Dick: Unless the fourth one, is like, a story like that, but all lies to make it way worse… (Maddox giggles) Then, I'm betting on that one.

Asterios: Right, like an anti-vaxxer RAPED someone. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Come on! Let's hear it!

Maddox: Nope. And the number four is simply called "The Disease Images" approach. So they sent people pamphlets. They sent the subjects images of diseased children. So, you know, just really gross-looking kids with measles and mumps, etc. Hearing the frightening narrative actually increased respondents' likelihood of thinking that getting vaccines will cause serious side effects, from 7.7% to 13.8%.

Dick: Wait, it backfired?!

Maddox: Yep. Every single one of these approaches not only didn't change their minds, but in some instances, increased the likelihood of them to NOT vaccinate their children.

Dick: Oookay. I get that. I get that.

Asterios: There's that thing, where like, any time a Democrat talks about taxes, the message you take away is "That Democrat's gonna raise my taxes."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, it doesn't matter. They could be like "I've lowered taxes a million times! I don't pay tax myself! I hate taxes!" and they're like, "That fucking donkey's gonna raise my goddamn taxes!"

Maddox: Yyyyyyyyeeep. It's depressing, man.

Dick: I've got a solution, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because this worked on me. When this first came out, my first step when there's a controversy, is to find someone I know who's an expert and just ask them. 'Cause I don't wanna read a bunch of garbage that I don't really believe anyway.

Maddox: Yeah. Just listen to some guy.

Dick: Yeah. (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: He said expert, Maddox! Come on.

Maddox: Yeah, sure. Okay. So, and what did you find?

Dick: So, I asked my mom. 'Cause she works with, like, autism all day. She works with autistic kids all day. And I was like "Hey, this seems…they're saying that these vaccinations are a cause of autism, maybe? It seems like that might be true? What do I know, you know? Maybe you get a bunch of vaccinations at the same time and it screws up with your developing brain, have you read about this? Is there anything? Is there any truth to it?" And my mom gave me a look and a tone that I have never received from her in my life. She just goes, "Dick……no." And I felt so ashamed of myself for even bringing it up that I never questioned it again and became violently anti-anti-vaxxers.

(Sound effect: Dick: "Maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I am.")

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox and Asterios cracks up) And that worked for me! So if we can just get all of these people's moms on the phone and have them call them up and give them, you know, that mom look and tone, problem solved.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, 'cause none of these, not a single one of these approaches was successful.

Dick: Yeah, you gotta make people ashamed of being stupid.

Maddox: I know.

Asterios: I know, but shame often works in the opposite. Like, if 10 people are calling a global warming denier an idiot, often that person will be like, "Well I must be right" (Maddox laughs) You know, like I must be onto something. If the MAN is so against me! Oh, so this is what the SYSTEM THINKS, HUH? I'm gonna be a rebel!

Maddox: Mhmm.

Sean: No, that's exactly right. And they also…these people don't want to be…they don't want to be educated. They just want…they don't want the info. They just want to be right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Well that's the thing!

Sean: (interjects) And they'll double down on it.

Asterios: It's the…did you talk about the sunk cost fallacy?

Maddox: What's that?

Asterios: Oh okay, I thought that was on this podcast. Uh, well there's the thing where, at some point, you've lost so much money that to stop would be an admission that you were wrong in the first place. It's why people continue to gamble even when they're down. Because they're like, "Well if I don't keep gambling, then it was stupid to have done this in the first place." I feel like there's a lot of anti-vaxxers and a lot of anti-global warming nuts that at some level know they're wrong, but they're just all in at this point, and to pull out and say I was wrong will cause them so much shame, that they'd rather give their kids fucking flippers! And they'd rather live on a goddamn cinder! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Well, this is why it's a problem. 'Cause I used to think that this was funny. Like, the anti-vaxxers?

Asterios: Yeah. I know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like "I'm not vaccinating my kids!" Like HAHAHAHAHAHA!! (belly laugh) Cool!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Like, see ya!

Asterios: It's funny, 'cause you're listening to Jenny McCarthy, you're listening to a girl that's not even that hot anymore, and that's convincing you? Alright, idiot.

Dick: So, I see in my mind, just like a shitty gene pool and these guys are collectively yanking the plug as it's right about to drain their whole stupid line right down the drain. Awesome!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, it's only gonna nail you. But NOW, 'cause all these kids are these incubators of diseases…

Maddox: Yep, mhmm.

Dick: …that we think we fixed a long time ago, they're infecting everybody else, so it's actually a big problem.

Asterios: Right, they're infecting vaccinated kids, and that's the fucking problem.

Maddox: So, who is to blame here? Hmm? Who do you guys think?

Dick: Jenny McCarthy.

Asterios: Jenny McCarthy.

Maddox: Jenny McCarthy? Actually, it's more general than that. I mean, she's part of the problem, for sure, but guess who listens to Jenny McCarthy? Rich people.

Asterios: Riiiiiight. Yep.

Maddox: Rich people are the PROBLEM. Enjoy that one, Dick. Use that sound byte. Here's the…listen to this…

Dick: (interjects) How are rich people the problem?

Asterios: Wait, how much do these people spend on their steaks?

Maddox: Uhhh, I dunno, but I guarantee they use iPhones and have more sex! (Maddox and Asterios crack up) Yeah. These unvaccinated dipshits are having more sex. Listen to this. According to the Atlantic, wealthy LA schools' vaccination rates are as low as South Sudan's.

Asterios: Ughh. Goddamn it.

Maddox: So, speaking of sending vaccinations to Africa, hey, why don't we just send them to Malibu?

Asterios: Hahahahahahaha.

Sean: Yeah, but that is a skewed statistic, because you're talking about Los Angeles.

Dick: Of course it is!

Sean: Like that is, that cannot be for rich people across the country.

Maddox: No, no, it's actually…so, this is rich people, not just in Los Angeles, but in Australia. They checked in Georgia. These are all rich communities that aren't vaccinating. So, "in some schools, up to 60% to 70% of parents have filed these PBEs…" It's a Personal Belief Exemption. That's what the PBE stands for. "Indicating a vaccination rate as low as that of Chad or South Sudan. Unlike in Santa Monica, however, parents in South Sudan have trouble getting their children vaccinated because of an ongoing civil war."

Asterios: (Cracks up) Oh, my God.

Maddox: Yeah. No civil war in Santa Monica. Just a bunch of dipshits driving around in their Priuses listening to their iPhones.

Dick: So are they not allowed to go to school now?

Maddox: No!

Dick: I heard talk that they were gonna keep all these…

Maddox: (interjects) They should!

Asterios: I heard talk that in New York, they were gonna…they were gonna stop. I don't know if it's official yet, but I heard that unvaccinated kids may not be able to go to New York public schools.

Maddox: Yeah. They shouldn't be allowed!

Asterios: I hope fucking so.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: They should just be…you know, why don't you just buy them coffins? Put them in coffins…(Dick cracks up) Ship it in just one big mass grave of rich dipshits, "Here you go, morons! Get right in the fucking coffin." So…

Dick: (interjects) Always with rich people! Such an agenda against rich people.

Maddox: Because these are the morons…like, they think they're smarter and better than everyone and they don't give a fuck about you or anyone else!

Asterios: That is exactly correct. You know that statistic that, like, you are more likely to be hit by a guy driving a BMW than a Toyota Corolla? It's absolutely true. When you have more money, you think you're special. You think that poor people are just stupid and that's why they're poor, not that the system is rigged against them. And because nothing bad has ever happened to you, because a fucking shitload of the wealth in America is inherited! So you grew up living a charmed life where you had absolutely no problems! You're like "Well, my kid won't have any problems if I don't vaccinate him! Because nothing bad ever happens to me!" Cut to…baby coffin.

(Sound effect: clapping)

Maddox: Bravo. I had actually pulled up that sound clip.

Dick: Or….or….you just have more time in the day to think about how fucking crazy everything might be.

Maddox: (laughing) Oh, sure.

Dick: When you're working 10 hours a day, you don't have time to sit around thinking about what might give your kid autism.

Maddox: Yeah. Because that's where smarts come from, huh, Dick. Thinking, not reading. (Asterios and Maddox laugh)

Dick: It's not smarts!

Maddox: So, listen to this. According to **http://www.salon.com**, one public elementary school in Malibu, an affluent beach town just north of Los Angeles, reported that only 58% of their students are immunized!

Asterios: Uuuggh.

Maddox: 58%! The CDC's goal is 90.

Sean: You keep going back to Los Angeles! This is not like other places! This is, like, alternative lifestyle, treehugging, grassroots, like this is…that is not…

Dick: (interjects) This is where Jenny McCarthy lives. This is like Mordor.

Sean: Yeah.

Asterios: But America's thought leaders come from Los Angeles and New York. Like, we make the TV and the movies. Jenny McCarthy is a fucking entertainer. She is a TV star.

She goes on The View. She talks…she didn't mention the anti-vax stuff on The View, 'cause she had to tone it down to try to keep her job! But she was a fucking celebrity, and people listen to celebrities.

Sean: Unfortunately, they do. Who are the most out of touch people in…

Asterios: Yep.

Sean: This whole town is a…collection of castoffs and…and, just…people who do not fit in anywhere else.

Asterios: Did you guys hear that the Richmeister lost his job because of his anti-vaccination views?

Maddox: No, who is this?

Asterios: This is awesome. So, Rob Schneider, who played the Richmeister on SNL. "Makin copies! The Rob! The Robster! Robarama!"

Maddox: Oh yeah, right.

Asterios: He started doing these ads for State Farm, where he was like "State Farm-O-Rama. Save you money-o-rama!"

Maddox: Right (laughs)

Asterios: And they fired him because he's an anti-vaxxer and State Farm's like, "No, we want people to get vaccines! When they don't get vaccines, we have to take care of their deformed flipper babies!" And that costs a lot of money. And that, by the way, is how I think you can solve this problem. A lot of times, you don't talk about solutions on this show. Here's one: Don't insure unvaccinated kids.

Maddox: Yup.

Asterios: Because these rich assholes will pay attention to money! Or charge them, like, a 100,000$ premium. Once you bring money into the equation and you make that the stick, I feel like you could solve this problem. And I feel like there's something in it for insurance companies and for hospitals. The hospitals will be like, "Look, we'll treat your unvaccinated kid, but you have to have a million dollar deductible." Or some shit. Just make it impossible to have an unvaccinated kid operate within the regular system, and I think you could solve the problem.

Sean: Yeah! Now you're…because that's a choice. Like, now you're not allowed to not insure people due to pre-existing conditions.

Asterios: Yeah.

Sean: But, it's like, that's a choice. Like, I'm allowed to not hire you if you have a tattoo on your face of a swastika. That's a choice.

Asterios: Which I do.

Sean: Yeah. And I'm…

Asterios: (interjects) And I love this tattoo.

Dick: Well, you guys, I'm sorry to ruin your libertarian fantasy world…(Maddox cracks up, Asterios laughs) But this America. You can be as stupid as you want! (Asterios laughs harder) And as long as a bunch of assholes with guns say you have to get insured no matter what, you get insured! Think of something else. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Another solution.

Maddox: Great. That's true. Well, listen…I just want to make a point to what Sean said, that this is just a wealthy, weird, Los Angeles problem…

Sean: (interjects) Well, because that's all you've cited.

Maddox: Okay, well, here we go. Um, so…this is from **http://www.smh.com.au**. It's a news website.

Sean: Australia's another huge alternative medicine country. As is Germany.

Dick: Yeah man, they're crazy over there.

Sean: Yep. You can look this shit up. Who mostly believes in alternative medicine.

Dick: They have, like Internet censorship all over the place down there.

Sean: Well, it's as cherry picked as can be. I mean, I'm not saying you did it, I'm saying the site did it.

Maddox: No, no, but I'm not telling you…look, you can't say all of Australia, okay Dick. Listen, you can't say all of Australia, because this is…Sydney's wealthiest areas have much lower immunization rates. Experts fear that children could be at risk from deadly but preventable disease. The prestigious northern and eastern suburbs, Manly and Inner Sydney, are four of the nine NSW local areas listen by the National Health Performance Authority as being at risk because of outbreaks because of low vaccination rates.

Dick: I mean, I believe that it's rich people just because they have time to sit around being worried about shit all day.

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Here…

Dick: (interjects) Like, they're gonna do whatever it takes to try to protect their kids and they have more resources. They just got conned into doing this.

Maddox: (interjects) Well, they…

Dick: It sucks, but they need to think of a better ad.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Just like your…

Asterios: (interjects) That's exactly right.

Dick: Nut Hugging Android shit, you gotta think of a better ad than what you're doing.

Maddox: Well, sure, I have a theory, but I just want to finish reading this from Salon. It says, "High education levels can enhance rather than deter anti-vax beliefs. There are

people who believe that they can know anything and know as much as their doctor, if not more, by simply studying it and reading about it.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. On Web MD and they just make up their own opinions, or whatever anti-bullshit website these weird, alternative health websites that they read. "Many of these people, he added, are used to being in control of their lives and at their jobs and want to control this aspect of their lives as well." These are people who feel entitled. They feel like they are allowed to tell everybody everything. They know better than everyone, because they've been…they've had these charmed lives. They've never been told "No."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Like that dipshit who shot up all the…you know, the college in Santa Barbara.

Asterios: Yep.

Maddox: That guy was never told "No." You know, yeah, he was a misogynist, but he was also an entitled shithead who felt entitled to everything in his life. These are the people who aren't vaccinating their children. And according to Washington Post, "No group within the county has lower immunization rates than residents living between Malibu and Marina Del Rey, home to some of the wealthiest and most exclusive suburbs in the country." At the Kabbala Children's Academy in Beverly Hills, for example? 57% of the children are unvaccinated, and at the Waldorf Early Childhood Center in Santa Monica, 68%.

Sean: Well, it spread like a disease through the…through that community, too.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Sean: Because they're just talking…"Oh, I'm not immunizing…I'm not vaccinating my kid."

Maddox: No.

Sean: Then, "Oh, I'm not either. I've…" and they get to together and they just…you know, what's the Winston Churchill quote, "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth can put its pants on."

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Hmm.

Sean: It's like, the shit just spreads like wildfire.

Maddox: That's a good quote. Um, yeah. So these are killing more people…you know how many people died nationally in 2010 from school shootings? Seven.

Asterios: Seven?

Maddox: Seven kids! So, 10 just in California, 10 died from whooping cough, yet that's not on the fucking headlines, but uh…"We got a school shooting! Seven kids died! Let's make a big fucking deal out of it!"

Dick: I know what you're saying! Everybody just shut up with the anti-gun stuff…(all crack up) Fucking cool it, you're a part of the problem. Period. I didn't have a second part of that.

Asterios: Well, that is super indicative, because, it's like, you could tell a gun nut the statistic that, "You are four times more likely to die by your own hand if you have a gun in your house." But it's like, that's not gonna stop someone that wants a gun.

Dick: No.

Asterios: They just want the gun.

Maddox: Yeah, of course.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: I just wanna end on this note here. There's a couple of dangerous websites out there. And I rarely would ever classify a website as dangerous, but this is dangerous in terms of just the misinformation and how much traffic these websites get. There's one that's called **http://www.realfarmacy.com**. They have an article titled "US government openly admits vaccines are seriously harming children." They didn't. That's not true. It's total misinformation and lies. And another one is worldtruth.tv. Guys, if you link to worldtruth.tv on my fucking Facebook wall, I'm going to…you know what? I'm not going to delete you, but I'm gonna berate you, because you're fucking morons. I get those…like, four or five times…they're conspiracy dipshits, these are the Alex Jones nutjobs. These are the people…you know, the Bilderberg Group dumbasses, and uh…the World Trade Center Seventh Tower bullshit morons.

Asterios: Uh, excuse me. To be fair, the lizard people are coming. (Maddox laughs) And if we don't prepare now, it will be too late.

(Sound effect: Asterios: "CAUSE I'M A DIGITAL CYBER DEMON!") (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: Says Asterios. So, yeah. Worldtruth.tv. Don't go to that website. It's full of bullshit and lies. And I wouldn't even say half-truths. Maybe quarter truths? Tenth truths? If that's a thing?

Asterios: Lies sell. It's like, I bet those sites do really good traffic and get really good ROI on those banners. It's like, you know. People want to fucking believe it. The problem with this anti-vaccine thing, unfortunately, is it doesn't just affect you, these kids don't have a say. Like, these kids can't advocate on their own behalf. They're just gonna grow up disadvantaged and some of them are gonna be seriously hurt. I think I read in Slate, there was an account from a woman who grew up unvaccinated and got polio, and this is 2014.

Maddox: Wow.

Asterios: She has fucking polio in 2014.

Maddox: That sucks.

Asterios: And she's like "Every day of my life is really hard." And so, you know, it sucks, because her parents didn't want to believe, and now she's gotta pay the price. And because we're talking about communicable diseases, you could vaccinate your kids 18

times, and it doesn't matter. An unvaccinated kid can hurt your vaccinated kid. So, it's fucking terrible.

Maddox: It's a shitty, selfish thing done by shitty, selfish people.

Asterios: Yeah. Rich people.

Dick: Yeah. It's like not getting an STD test when you think you might have an STD, right you guys? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Dick?

Asterios: Wait, what?

Maddox: Dick! What's the story?

Asterios: (to Maddox) Did you do that?!

Maddox: No! No!

Asterios: What are we talking about here?

Maddox: Dick is…yeah!

Dick: I'll tell it next time.

Maddox: Oh boy. Oh boy. Here we go. Alright, so what are the problems this week?

Dick: Problems are…um, how did I say it? Nut Hugging…(Asterios and Maddox crack up) hold on, I wrote it down.

Maddox: Dick changed it.

Asterios: I might vote for Dick's even though I disagree…I might vote for Dick's problem just 'cause I think his title is funny.

Maddox: It is funny.

Dick: "Nut Hugging Android Fanboy Cheerleaders Like You…" (Asterios laughs) "Who Would Rather Jerk Off Over Features and Stats In Their Basements While They're Building Their Fucking Superpowered PCs……" Bleeeeeeeeeeeeehhhh."…Than Talk to a Woman on the Phone."

Maddox: Yeah. You want all that in the title?

Dick: You know, whatever.

Asterios: I do.

Maddox: Asshole. Great.

Asterios: That would be great.

Dick: "Nut Hugging Android Fanboys?"

Maddox: Why don't we put the entire transcript of the episode as your problem. It's so fucking long.

Dick: You know what, I read the transcript…have you ever read our transcripts?

Maddox: Oh yeah, it's great.

Dick: Have you read the transcripts? It's funny…I was reading it, like, just to see what it looked like? And I got sucked in. (Asterios scoffs, laughs) While I was reading it.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Who does them? Laurie Foster? Is that her name?

Maddox: Laurie…there's two people doing 'em right now, Megan Pennock and Laurie Foster. Laurie Foster's been doing them for a long time and Megan's just started doing them as well, but yeah, thanks to those guys. They're doing a great job.

Dick: So, I was reading them, and I noticed that they throw in, like these little comments, like "smiling" in parentheses…(Asterios and Maddox laugh) Like, so I'm reading this, like smiling? What the fuck? What did I say…that, like…"sarcastically". Like they throw in all these little editorial things.

Maddox: Uh-huh. It's great.

Asterios: That's awesome!

Sean: That's necessary. Absolutely.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Sean: Because people who are reading this are not hearing, you know, the tone of your voice, so it's like they…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: They need to interpret that.

Dick: And then I got halfway through and I was like "Man, I wish someone could read this to me, 'cause I'm sick of reading it." (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah, it's pretty. Hey, **http://www.audible.com**, huh?

Dick: Yeah, I was wondering if it said **http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest**.

Asterios: I wonder if people are gonna start staging episodes of the show like plays in black box theaters. 'Cause with the transcript, that's all you'd need!

Maddox: That'd be incredible. Oh man, if we had like a dramatic reading of our parts? Especially our angry, sweaty rants…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, back and forth at each other about stupid shit like, being "a road rage" (Asterios cracks up)

Dick: You are a…have you got that checked out yet?

Maddox: Oh, with the…

Dick: Your road rage disease?

Maddox: Nah…

Dick: That's communicable! That's more communicable than measles, probably. I don't know.

Maddox: Well, apparently every BMW driver has it! (Asterios laughs, clapping)

Dick: "Nut Hugging Android Fanboys" is my problem.

Maddox: Okay, we got it. (exasperated) And then mine is "Anti-Vaxxers".

Dick: Well, Asterios too.

Asterios: Yeah, I got "Toms Shoes.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Toms Shoes." Asterios has "Toms Shoes".

Asterios: Yes. "Toms Shoes."

Maddox: And "Anti-Vaxxers" is my problem this week. And I also want to say, thanks again for coming in and we want to plug your mini-comic that you just released. It's "Enemies of Twenty-Something Mega Man", which sounds hilarious. They all sound like my friends, by the way.

Asterios: Uhh, a lot of them are your friends. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I based all of these Mega Man villains on comedians I know.

Dick: Ooooohhhhhhhh! (taunting) (Maddox laughing)

Asterios: Yes, absolutely. So, buy the comic at **http://www.devastatorpress.com/megaman**, and go through it and see if you can figure out who is who.

Dick: So, what are your…which one is your favorite? What's your favorite "Twenty-Something Mega Man" villain?

Asterios: I think my favorite…I think it would be a tie between "Won't Stop Talking About His Open Marriage Man" (Maddox laughing) and "Really Hardcore About Karaoke Man". I think those two guys really…

Dick: Oh, God.

Asterios: Yeah, can you see the LA douches these people are based on?

Maddox: Yeah...(hangdog) So many douchebags, like the Hardcore Karaoke Guy, I didn't know existed until I moved out here.

Asterios: Uuuuugh, I know.

Maddox: And started, like, talking to these weirdos, who were just like (silly hardcore voice) "Oh man, you gotta come to karaoke every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Monday…" (Asterios cracks up laughing) (Maddox laughs) (continues silly voice) "You know, we go to Japan Town, Little Tokyo, Vietnamese Town…" all these…every little pocket. They know everywhere there's karaoke all the time and I don't wanna know any of them because I never want to go…

Asterios: Any time someone has their karaoke go-to…it's like, I don't want to hang out with that person.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, like you know…uggh (shudders), my God. Ugh.

Dick: I like the open relationship one. Have you ever hooked up with a girl who's been in an open relationship?

Maddox: Uh, you know, I've talked to a few of them on dating sites, and I…

Dick: Did they talk about anything that wasn't their open relationship?

Maddox: (annoyed) No. Never. It's always that. Full time. "Oh, this is what we do. Here's our arrangement. This is blablablablablabla." I'm like, alright, alright, I get it. I get it. We're just gonna hook up. That's what this is. Real quick, I'm sorry Asterios, the computer that we're recording this on, a Mac, froze during this recording, so, sorry, what were you saying?

Sean: 'Cause the drive's full.

Dick: If I could just say…(excited)…how fucking happy this "Nut Hugging Android Fanboy" is that a working professional engineer, Sean, customized these settings for YOU for our fucking guest, our wonderful guest!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Thank you.

Dick: You are GLEEFUL that something he did has caused a small, small technical interruption! (yelling)

Maddox: No. No!

Asterios: I want to back that up and say that if we had lost this ENTIRE episode due to that crash, it would have been worth it for you to have been "right" in that moment! (yelling)

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. That's what you think is right.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: What just happened.

Maddox: I am the pettiest man.

Dick: A small technical difficulty. (Asterios laughing)

Maddox: I am sooo petty. But here's the thing. Sean's a professional. It's not his fault! It's Apple's fault for making shitty hardware that "Just works". Right? Idiots.

Sean: It was a hard…it was a space on the hard drive issue! Hard drive space is hard drive space.

Maddox: Ohhhh. (taunt) I guess so.

Asterios: (interjects) It's PORNOGRAPHY'S fault!

Maddox: Sure! You know? But it's still recording somehow, so something happened that still…that broke it down during the middle of a recording.

Sean: That's why we'd better end it. (laughs)

Maddox: Okay. Android…

Asterios: Let's go let's go let's go!! Aaaaaaaahhhh!!

Maddox: Alright guys.

Dick: Thank you, Asterios, for being here.

Maddox: Thank you for being here.

Asterios: Thank you guys.

Dick: Come by anytime, please.

Asterios: Thanks so much. Thank you, that's so nice.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Yeah, so, check it out. Uh, **http://www.thebiggestprobleminthеuniverse.com**. Vote on these problems. We'll link to Asterios' mini-comic and thanks for listening!

(Closing riff)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 22

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, buddy! How's it going? Happy to be here.

Maddox: Great! And as always, Sean, our audio engineer.

Dick: Hi, Sean.

Sean: (in background) Hi!

Maddox: So, uh…Dick. Last week, we had our guest Asterios in the studio, and he brought in our third ever guest problem. Did pretty well. My problem trounced everyone else's…(cocky)

Dick: (laughing) God.

Maddox: "Anti-Vaxxers". And it's almost in the top ten already.

Dick: Well, good for you, man. (reluctant)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Good for me indeed.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Way to appreciate your guest.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He was a great guest. Everybody loved him.

Maddox: Everybody did love him, but I do appreciate my problem more than anything else. But Asterios actually…we got a lot of praise for that episode. People really, really liked Asterios. They said that he matched our angry, frenetic energy, and yelled about as much as we did. Some people commented that it was our angriest episode yet.

Dick: You know, that's what I like about Asterios' comedy, and that's why I was excited to get him in here. He's a very funny guy, but there's always that Care Bear of hatred in him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That you and I share…where you can just…he always posts these jokes and they're always very funny, but every once in a while…

Maddox: Mhmmm.

Dick: …He'll slip one through the goalie that's not even a joke, it's just, like, a bunch of hate.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And I'm like "YES! That's how I know you're a guy!"

Maddox: Yes! Exactly.

Dick: That's how I know you're a guy.

Maddox: I know he's on the right side! Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He'll mention those. He'll slip those in. I'm like "Okay, I get it. I'm reading between the lines, buddy."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm on your page. 10-4.

Dick: I think he had a good time, too.

Maddox: Yeah, no. It was a really fun episode. And we…and I keep telling people in real life. I did a talk today for about three hours at this industry workshop and people were coming up and praising the podcast, and I told them that basically, when it ends, we don't stop. (laughing)

Dick: Oh, no. (smiling)

Maddox: The podcast ends, but we still bitch at each other for hours afterwards.

Dick: Well, I don't know if you remember this, but when we were talking about getting this started, I refused to argue with you anymore at lunch until we were doing a show about it. Do you remember that?

Maddox: I don't…only because we still argue at lunch.

Dick: Yeah, well, now…I'll start up with you again. I think we were fighting about Bitcoins, or something?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I was like…you know what? This is too much work for not putting it down somewhere. Not getting it out…(mutters)

Maddox: I mean, I do this all the time regardless, but uh…you're right. Okay, so we got some comments. What do you have this week?

Dick: I got a voicemail. It's about Asterios' problem. If you want to start with that.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Yeah. Actually, it's about all the problems. This guy…well, this guy shits on you for bringing in basically a problem that's a derivative of something you've discussed before…

Maddox: Oh, great. (sarcastic)

Dick: Which is true. He has a point.

Maddox: Monkeys?! 'Cause every problem's derivative of monkeys.

Dick: No, no, no. Well, I'll let him…I'll let him tell it.

Voicemail: Hey guys. Love what you do. My name is Mark. Dick, your problem of "Android Fanboys" as a continuation of Maddox's "iPhone problem"…it's pretty obvious that you guys are still funny…

Dick: I don't know if that's true. Continuation is like the opposite.

Maddox: Yeah, the exact opposite, actually.

Voicemail continued: Maddox, your problem of "Anti-Vaxxers" is a continuation of your other problem of "Conspiracy Dipshits", so your guest, "Boisterous Coconuts" or whatever the fuck his name was…(Maddox/Dick laughing) is the only person who actually had a real problem that episode…

Dick: Alright, did you catch that? (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, okay. What did he call him? Boisterous?

Dick: Boisterous Coconuts.

Maddox: (laughing) Boister….(laughing)

Replays voicemail: "Your guest "Boisterous Coconuts" or whatever the fuck his name was… (Maddox/Dick laughing again) **is the only person who actually had a real problem that episode, so I guess he should win with Toms Shoes, which are pretty shitty, you guys are right. Keep on doing what you're doing. Love you guys.**

Dick: Yeah, so.

Maddox: Hey! You're doing everything wrong. Keep on doing what you're doing!!! (grinning) What was that guy's name?

Dick: Uh, it wasn't Boisterous Coconuts.

Maddox: Boisterous co…

Dick: (interjects) I think it was Mark.

Maddox: Nah, I'm gonna call him Boisterous. Boisterous Mark.

Voicemail: "Boisterous Coconuts"? (Maddox laughs) **"Boisterous Coconuts?"**

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Is that a sound pull you got?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I'm pulling sounds now.

Maddox: That's great.

Dick: I got a comment from **Laurie Foster**, as well. You remember we were talking about the transcripts?

Maddox: Yes. Laurie has been so graciously transcribing these episodes, along with Megan Pennock. Yeah. What did she say?

Dick: She says, "**Thanks for the shout out, guys. J Dick, I would be happy to also read the transcript in my best phone sex voice and record it for you, if you'd like. :P**"

Maddox: Oh man. You get boners for the emoticons.

Dick: Yeah, I love em. Yeah.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: We gotta do that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We have to do that. Please, Laurie…please anybody, do that. Anybody with a sexy voice who is a woman, please do that.

Maddox: Ummm, I will extend that to men. It would be just for the sake of comedy. Someone sent us a…(laughing)…we're gonna do this in a future episode, though, but a little transcript of Asterios and I nerding out about our Android phones and it did…just reading the transcript does look a little too sexy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So we'll be bringing that in. I got a comment from **Matt Temasi**. He says, " **Maddox, out of all the things that make iPhones shit, I can't believe you haven't mentioned the fact that Apple has an overall fascist ideology, and that alone is enough to never buy their products."**

Dick: Jeeeeeeeeeesus CHRIST!!! (yells)

Maddox: No, wh…example, Dick. (disgusted)

Dick: FASCIST?!

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Like the Nazis?!? Apple is like the Nazis?!!?

Maddox: Hey! Let me finish!

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Let me finish. They BANNED my website in their stores, dickhead. They banned the Blockchain Bitcoin app soon after they patented something called "iMoney." Fuck Apple. They don't treat their customers like adults. They ban adult software. They ban adult things and they banned this Bitcoin software, now. And they've BANNED ME from their stores!!! What more is there?! You guys wouldn't even be able to listen to this podcast if you all had iPhones and went to Apple stores! They ban people! They're fascist! That's fascism!

Dick: Uhh, you can…it's not fascism. You can listen to our podcast on iTunes, though. So…go subscribe to it. I'm not talking about iPhones anymore. There's too much iPhones.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. I agree. I agree.

Dick: Too much.

Maddox: I agree. But that was a comment someone posted.

Dick: And it just HAD TO GET READ!!! (laughing)

Maddox: Subscribe on Stitcher. Subscribe on Stitcher instead. I fully support Stitcher, SoundCloud…okay, what do you got?

Dick: Here's, uh…here's another voicemail. It's actually germane to this conversation we're having right now.

Voicemail: Hey, Maddox. My name is Dominic Mizzone. You're a fucking idiot.

Dick: That's it. (laughing)

Maddox: Oh. Great. (sarcastic) Dominic? Donnic? I'm gonna say Donnic.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: What a moron.

Dick: Well, then he goes on to, here, I'll play the rest of it.

Maddox: Oh, so there is more. Okay.

Dick: Yeah, but it's…he tried to record the podcast in the middle of being played, on like another speaker.

Maddox: Ooohhh.

Dick: You can't do that.

Maddox: Idiot.

Dick: So…(tries to play more of the voicemail and it's garbled) Yeah, I think…right?

Maddox: Yeah, that sounds like garbage.

Dick: No, no. You can't do that, man.

Maddox: Yeah. Sounds like you tried to record a drive-through, you moron.

Dick: Quit while you're ahead. Just drop the idiot and leave.

Maddox: Or just don't call. Uhhh, I got one from **Ivan Sutalo**. He says **"iPhone users lie more about how much sex they have? Not surprised."**

Dick: You got me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, I got…oh, here, actually. I'm gonna read you a very special email that I got.

Maddox: Okay. Great.

Dick: Okay? No more cheap shots.

Maddox: Oohhh, okay. (laughing)

Dick: We're done with comment cheap shots this episode, you fucking asshole.

Maddox: Oh, here we go. No more cheap shots? Alright. (laughs)

Dick: So, do you remember…I think it was about 15 episodes ago, or so, when I said that a great line is to ask a girl what her father's like. You know, just, like, throw it out there. Hey, what's your dad like?

Maddox: And I said that was a TERRIBLE idea, because there's an abusive relationship, or he's not in the picture…

Dick: Okay. But let me just say…

Sean: (interjects) He sees those things as good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, I just don't see anything else. I mean, to be fair…(Sean laughing)…Anyway. A guy sends me an email:**"Hey, so Dick, I used that…"** This is from **Butt Sanchez**. (Sean laughs) I don't think that's his real name. **"So I used that "What's your dad like?" line on a chick, and dude, you were absolutely right. Banged her shortly afterwards."**

Maddox: Right.

Dick: From…Sean. So I said, "Hey, what happened? Tell me the story." Right, so I'm doing a new…

Maddox: Ugh, dude. What are you doing, jerking off while this guy writes you the story?

Dick: Well, not yet.

Maddox: Ohhh, man.

Dick: But I'm starting a new segment today.

Maddox: Okay. (skeptical)

Dick: I'm gonna read you the email…the story that he sent me.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Here's the intro:

(Raunchy porno synthesizer theme: "The Biggest Problem in the Universe Presents: Erotic Stories from Real Men")

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: How do you like that? (grinning)

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: Alright, lemme read you this guy's story. **"Alright, I know you hate long emails, but it's a story, so you gotta deal. I get a message from a girl on OkCupid. We talk for, like, a half hour. Then she's like "Well, what are you doing tonight? My parents took my kid to Florida. I've got my first night without him in years. Blablabla."**

Maddox: Ughh…(cackles)

Dick: Pretty good, right? (leers)

Maddox: Is that…I love the dialogue to this porno a LOT. (Dick laughs)

Dick: "So I'm like, 'Cool. Single lonely mom who needs some young lovin'."

Maddox: Mhmmm.

Dick: "She's 29 and I'm 24. But this broad is smokin' hot. A little on the chubby side…"

Maddox: Well…

Dick: "But in a good way." (using sexy voice)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Chubby is fine if they've got big titties and big ass.

Maddox: And big ass. Singular.

Dick: You know. **"But yeah, a couple of minutes in as I come by, she's like "If you're looking to get laid tonight, that's not happening. I'm not that easy."**

Maddox: Ohhh. Oh.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So this guy's got a night ahead of him.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah, sure. **"So we go out to the bar. We get tipsy. Bartender's hitting on her the entire time, but it gives me a platform to spit my game. And in a way, he's my wingman without realizing it. Also, he keeps giving her free drinks, so that's less money I gotta spend."** (leery voice continues)

Maddox: (chuckles) Alright. Great. This guy sounds like a real peach. A real salt of the Earth. (Dick laughs)

Dick: This is a real man, Maddox.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Real men don't have women throwing themselves at them all the time, alright, you spoiled prick?!

Maddox: (laughing) Sounds like a real desperate man. Okay, what else?

Dick: Yeah. We gotta work for it.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Go ahead.

Sean: All I heard was "Baby" and "Florida". And it's like "Yeah, that's all you need to know.", I think.

Maddox: There's just so many…

Dick: That's the real fucking world. Deal with it.

Maddox: Dude. This guy's not dating a chick. He's dating a land mine.

Dick: Oh, okay. Hold on. **"So we're outside smoking a cigarette and she's like 'Oh, I'm having so much fun, but don't let that go to your head.'"**

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Mhmm. **"So I dropped the dad line."** That was my advice, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Great, Dick.

Dick: "And she starts talking about how she's adopted."

Maddox: Ohhh! Wow.

Dick: Blablabla.

Maddox: Blablabla.

Dick: "And her initial shield starts to go down. We go back to her place and she's like 'Wanna get in the hot tub?'" (Maddox laughs) **"And I'm like 'You got a hot tub? I don't have a bathing suit.'"** (grinning, sexy voice)

Maddox: Ugh, what an idiot! (laughing) The answer's always "Yes", you moron!!!

Dick: "And she's like 'Let's just get in naked.'"

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: "Word."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "So we bang in the hot tub. No rubber."

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: "Fucking awesome."

Maddox: Whaaaaaat. (disgust)

Dick: "So thank you for getting me laid with that hot MILF."

Maddox: Great. You mean the hot…

(Raunchy porno theme starts playing again)

Maddox: Oh, God. (Dick and Sean crack up)

(Music continues, "You've been listening to a presentation of "Erotic Stories From Real Men", brought to you…)

Dick: (Music cuts off) Alright. You hate that.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: No. I think it's hilarious.

Dick: So that's good ADVICE!!

Maddox: No, dude! He banged a single mom!!! She's already had…popped a kid out. Who knows how many guys she's lured into that hot tub babymaking cesspool of hers…

Dick: Hey.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: The point is, my advice works. True or false?

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaaaah…(skeptical)

Dick: True or false?!!?

Maddox: Yeah, but…

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: You don't want…okay, Dick. Fine. Alright? If that's the quality of…you know, you're picking up the fruit that's fallen off the tree.

Dick: (laughing) STILL DELICIOUS!! (yelling) Still delicious fruit!

Maddox: Mmmmmmm…it's a little bit off. It's a little bit off.

Dick: Oh, man. (laughing) Mister Supermodels over here.

Maddox: Single mom!? Come on!!

Dick: You wouldn't date a single mom!?

Maddox: Uhh….that's a…I don't know, man.

Dick: You wouldn't?

Maddox: I've considered it a few times. I've considered it a few times. But I'm not ready to be a father, man. Get out of here! Are you…oh, I know you are! Your fucking ovaries ache for that shit, but not me, man!

Dick: Well, I'm just sayin'!

Maddox: Yeah, I KNOW you're just sayin', Dick! I know you're just sayin'!

Dick: I don't know. No rubber, hot tub? No rubber? That sounds like a good night. All thanks to me.

Maddox: Dick, you…this is like…a…every single bad decision is just being compounded here. She's a single mom. It's in Florida. No rubber. The bartender's buying her drinks all night. (Dick laughs) And she sounds like a real…like, this guy's a moron, too. Like, (silly voice) "Oh, well, I don't have a bathing suit…what do I do? Well, I forgot my underwear. What if I take my pants off?"

Dick: How…how dare you say that about my friend Butt Sanchez?! (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Sorry, Butt Sanchez. Okay.

Dick: You ready for a problem?

Maddox: Yeah, let's get to the problems. Oh, but before we do, we have a quick announcement to make. So, because a lot of people have commented in the comments about advertisements versus bonus episodes, we've decided to do both. We want to offer a bonus episode that's a little bit different than the problems we normally bring in, but it's still similar to the show, because we don't want people to have a separate set of problems to vote on for pay episodes and whatnot, so we're going to be…we're just announcing that.

It's coming soon. I think you guys will be really excited about it. It's something Dick and I are super excited about.

Dick: Yeah. I love doing this show. If we can sell a bonus episode and make some more money to do the show with, that would be just really fucking awesome.

Maddox: You betcha. Alright, what's your problem?

Dick: My problem iss……."California Drought Dickbags".

Maddox: Oh. (Sean laughs) Okay. If I…if it's going where I think it is, I'm 100% on board, Dick. What is it?

Dick: I think…I think you'll be 100% on board with this. I really do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I brought in a shitload of stats.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: So you'd better get a clean pair of underwear.

Maddox: Oh man. I can't wait.

Dick: Okay. So, uhh…this is why it happened. And keep in mind, if you live in LA, if you live in California…every asshole you know will talk to you about the drought whenever they want.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's..(stammering) It's everybody's crusade out here. They just want to remind you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's as if seatbelts were just invented and everybody is just reminding you to buckle up. It's just "save water, save water, save water."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So, ummm…I was at this party with my…that guy that I brought back from Burning Man.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: My man.

Maddox: Dick, you gotta mention…you can't just, like, gloss over something like that. This is a big nugget of information our listeners need to know about.

Dick: Okay, so. You know how…I brought a man back from Burning Man…(Maddox laughs) who saved me from getting chlamydia, by the way.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: This is the story I was eluding to last week.

Maddox: Yes.

Sean: He didn't rape you?

Dick: No, no, shut up, Sean. (Maddox cracks up) So I was at Burning Man and I meet this guy. He's a hell of a guy. Nice guy, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And his life isn't going…he lives in Oklahoma, he's from Oklahoma, and his life isn't going like he wants it to be.

Maddox: Mmhmm. (skeptical)

Dick: Uh, he just found out that his girlfriend is cheating on him with, like, three guys.

Maddox: Yeah. (trying not to laugh)

Dick: Uhh,

Maddox: One of whom was his best friend.

Dick: One of them was his best friend from when he was a kid.

Maddox: Still is.

Dick: Still is. Yeah, I don't get that, but some guys…

Maddox: These are the guys you're advising, Dick! These are the guys who are taking advice from you, and look at their lives!

Dick: These guys need my advice!

Maddox: (laughing) No, they don't! You're the LAST person who should be giving anyone advice, let alone people who are broken!

Dick: No, no, wait a minute, why? Explain that! 'Cause I totally disagree with you.

Maddox: Oh, my…Well, Dick, first of all, your advice is chaotic. You always tend towards…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Maddox: So, I have a group of friends who I trust. And you're one of them, because you're consistent!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Your opinions, your advice, are consistently bad! Like, I know you're always gonna give me the suggestion that is going to tend towards the most chaos, the most mischief, and the most fun. That's what you do, Dick! (grinning) And that's the same advice you're giving to Butt Sanchez. Poor Butt Sanchez.

Dick: That's what these guys need! Okay?!

Maddox: (laughing) They don't need that.

Dick: They need to mix things up. Every once in a while, you gotta do a pattern break with your life…

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And do the complete…the most ridiculous thing you can think of.

Maddox: Alright Dick, I'll bite.

Dick: And in this case, it was "Look, dude." I was like "Don't go back to Oklahoma. Just come to LA. Come live in LA with me. Get a job in LA."

Maddox: (laughing) Sure! Yeah.

Dick: Fuck your ex-girlfriend! You show her who's cool and who's living in LA!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Getting shitfaced and living with me! That sounds awesome, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And the next day, he was like, "Was that you? Or was that the drugs talking?" and I was like, "That was fuckin' me! Come live with me. You're my man now." (Maddox laughing) You know, like…like…what is his name…Rayce Banyon? What was his name, in Johnny Quest, that, like, bodyguard that just, like, lived with them?

Maddox: Yeaah.

Dick: And it's like what…what is it, what do you, pay him? No! He just lives there. And takes care of stuff.

Maddox: Okay. Alright.

Dick: So that's this guy.

Maddox: So you brought home a dude from Burning Man.

Dick: Well, but he saved from getting chlamydia, and not by not banging me either, Sean.

Maddox: Yeah, but he…you avoided chlamydia, but then you brought home something worse. A live-in guest who just, like, hangs out all the time. (laughing)

Dick: That's fun, man.

Maddox: Okay. Alright.

Dick: Like a guy, to have some funny conversations with.

Maddox: Mhmm. (laughing) I bet you guys had some funny conversations.

Dick: Yeah! Just a cool guy to hang around with. What's wrong with that? Like Bert and fuckin' Ernie over there. (Maddox giggles) Look, a guy saves you from getting chlamydia, and you own him.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Alright. I mean, you…no one forced you to have sex with someone who had chlamydia, which, of course, everyone at Burning Man does!

Dick: Well, I didn't know that!

Maddox: Yeah. Mr. No Condom, over here.

Dick: That's what…that's how he saved me. So, he saw me going with this, like, little raver slut, out into the…sorry. I think that's what they want to look like, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they dress, like, as provocatively as possible.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I don't think that's a pejorative, is it? They look like crazy little raver sluts. Whatever. I'm going out into the desert to bang one, and my man says, "Hey, take some condoms." Right? As a joke. Because he happened to bring a shit…he happened to bring 1000 condoms to Burning Man.

Maddox: He brought a suitcase of condoms to Burning Man.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. 'Cause there was a mistake at work. So he brought a bunch of condoms out. So she…I say "Eff you." She takes them. And I'm like "Oh great, buddy. You just screwed me on this, didn't you? Now I'm gonna have to power my way through this fucking condom." It all works, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I get back. On a Saturday night, at like midnight. I get a call from this girl saying "Hey, umm…you might want to get yourself checked out, because I got chlamydia."

Maddox: Oh mannnn.

Dick: And I was like "Ohhhhhh!" I started laughing, 'cause it's gross, and it's happened to me before, so it's like "Oh, it's funny." Go ahead, what?

Maddox: Sean and I just looked at each other, like we just bit into a bad burger.

Dick: (laughs) WHY?!? What's the big deal?!

Maddox: 'Cause you're banging chicks who have chlamydia. Don't you worry about that shit? I mean, even if you have a condom on, it can still get to you.

Dick: Well yeah, but what is it gonna do? It's not even harmful for guys.

Maddox: I don't…I don't know.

Dick: No, it doesn't do…it only hurts women.

Maddox: You…you don't want chlamydia, Dick.

Dick: You can easily fix it though, Maddox!

Maddox: Well, you know, you can avoid it more easily than getting it and then fixing it.

Dick: By what?

Maddox: By not…by having sex with condoms! How about that?

Dick: Well, thanks to my man, I did!

Maddox: Yeah. Why do you keep calling him your man? (scoffs) I get this imagery of you just, like, farting out condoms while he's over at your place in the morning. (Sean cracks up) (laughs) Oh, my man. My man.

Dick: Anyway. (Maddox and Sean laugh) I was at a party with my man.

Maddox: Yeah. (still laughing)

Dick: And he's being a nice guy. And he's washing dishes at this party. He's washing his dish that he was eating some stuff on.

Maddox: Nice of him.

Dick: Yeah, it is nice. He's a nice guy.

Maddox: He's a nice guy.

Dick: Nice guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Turns around to grab someone else's dish, 'cause it just happened to be sitting there. As he turns around, the faucet is running.

Maddox: Oh, Jesus.

Dick: This fucking dickbag walks over, and goes, "Hey man, don't you know there's a drought?"

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaahhhhh. (annoyed)

Dick: And MY jaw hit the fucking floor. I felt like I had just…I felt like I had just watched someone walk out of a supermarket as, like, the millionth customer…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: …And I was the next customer, and I was like "Fuck, that could have been me."

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause then they cock the gun, and you can fire.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I get it.

Dick: Because if they go from zero to insulting you…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't possibly…you can't do anything!

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: You can't even make up for it. Because you can't go from…you can't do an infinity increase from 1. You know what I mean?

Maddox: No. (laughing)

Dick: That logic makes sense to you, right? The…right?

Maddox: I think so. I think we're on the same page. You WANT them to insult you so that you have ample opportunity and reason for rebuttal. Is that right?

Dick: Look. I'm just saying, if you are so unconscionably rude to me…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I can say anything I want.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Because I didn't start it.

Maddox: No, I agree. We're on the same page here.

Dick: Right. Yes. Okay. So, whatever. Uhh, my man doesn't say anything, 'cause he's a good guy. He's at someone else's house. He doesn't want to cause problems. He doesn't want to get kicked out. Whatever. But I was imagining…what if it was me? Why do I have such a problem with these dickbags?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Because I don't think their…I don't think their crusade is doing jack shit.

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: Like, I'm like…with this guy, like, what is this, your water? Did you pay for this fuckin' water? Do you throw in for the bills here? Are these your dishes? Fuck you!! You don't have any say in this, so why, in your brain do you think you do?

Maddox: No, no, no, Dick. It's not about that. Their logic is this. Right? It's a non-renewable resource that they…this is their words. Their claim. It's a non-renewable resource. Oh man, I'm so fuckin' fired up about this. I have argued with so many of these, like, fuckin' water zealots. That's what they are, they're water zealots. And they turn off the water in between the time it takes to lather your hands and then put it under the sink again. They'll turn it off! You know how many…so, I argued with a friend of mine to the point where I tenured our friendship and said to her…(laughing) I said…she came back with a statistic that said "You waste up to 1.6 gallons of water for every minute you leave the tap running." And then I thought, "Wow, that's a lot less than I even imagined! Than I even expected!" So, if you leave the water running for an entire minute while you wash your hands, that's only 1.6 gallons, right?

Dick: That's nothing.

Maddox: It's nothing. It's a drop in the bucket. People, you don't even use enough water to make a difference. (riled up) If you completely stopped existing…and by the way, if you have such a fucking problem with this drought, move out of California, dickhead, no one's forcing you to live in the desert, where it's unsustainable. You're living here just like everyone else!!!!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can do more to save water and you're not doing it, fucko!!!

Dick: Yeah. Move to…move to Minnesota.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Move to Indiana.

Maddox: Fuck off in Minnesota.

Dick: They have shitloads of water there.

Maddox: Right. Shitloads of water and nothing else! You know what they need? More of you deadbeats. Get out of here.

Dick: Well, you know what it is? And it's all over California now. Like, it's on our freeway signs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It says, "Don't be a fuckhead, save water."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, you're always, ALWAYS fucking up! It's just an excuse for everybody to act like an authoritarian dick to you…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah.

Dick: …All the fuckin' time. Because you can't EVER possibly do enough to save water.

Maddox: Right! Right. And that's the thing that's mind-boggling, Dick. Here's the thing. I get bitched at for running the tap a little bit longer than I should, or whatever…but the thing is, I GUARANTEE I use less water than most of these zealots! I guaran-fucking-tee it! First of all, I take cold showers. That means the water heater doesn't have to heat up gallons of water for me.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I brush my teeth twice a day, I do laundry twice a month, and these people… they, they…I don't even use dishes! Most of the food I eat are just hand foods!

Dick: I guarantee you that I use 100 times more water than you. (Maddox laughs) So what's the fuckin' point?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I'm NEVER gonna stop. I'm NEVER gonna conserve a single fucking gallon of water and I will get to why. 'Cause I have a shitload of actual stats today. Not fuck-around stats.

Maddox: I would love to hear it. Let's hear it.

Dick: Alright. Ummmmmmmm, so. I picked up the man. Here we go. My next problem with it is that it's all about these tattling apps. Have you seen these…these tattletale apps?

Maddox: No. What are these?

Dick: Oh, dude. Yeah, I'm just setting the stage for what this problem is. There are apps on your phone that let you report your neighbors…

Maddox: (interjects) Wow….

Dick: …directly to the fuckin' government.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Because people are getting fined for this shit now.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: People are getting fined, like 50 bucks, 500 bucks, whatever. I think it's 500 bucks in LA. It's like, 50$ in San Diego or something like that.

Maddox: Well that's…that's one of the few ways you can actually try…you can actually save on water, is by going to a big…telling somebody to start watering their lawn. If you really cared that much, you'd have to get in their face about it.

Dick: Telling someone, yes. Reporting it to the fucking government? No! Because THAT'S 1984! Do you remember a dystopian, hellish future?

Maddox: Sure. Yeah.

Dick: Where there's no line between government, media, and neighbor?!?! That's what you're doing!!!!

Maddox: I agree.

Dick: You're being a part of that system.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that's…that's what really pisses me off. Like, deep down, it's not the hypocrisy of this, which I'll get to…it's that it's playing on everyone's fucking vanity and their need to be an authority on something that makes them behave like total fucking assholes!

Maddox: Right. As if their shit doesn't smell. As if they can't do more to cut down on water. Here's the thing. Here's my one question I want to ask every single one of these water conservation dickheads. Could you do more to save more water? Right? The answer is always yes.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: So, if you can do more, worry about you and I'll worry about me! (yells) Okay?

Dick: And it's worse than that. Uhhh, my buddy comes over. I walk into the bathroom and I find that my toilet is full of piss.

Maddox: (scoffs) Great.

Dick: So I come back out and I said…"Uh, excuse me. Are you aware that you've left a bunch of a piss in the bathroom without pressing this little lever I have on my toilet that will get it the FUCK out of my apartment?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And he's like "Well, you know, if it's yellow, let it mellow."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I said, "Get the fuck outta here, dude."

Maddox: Get the fuck out of my apartment. (laughing)

Dick: I'm not sitting around in acrid piss.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: To do what? He's like, "Well, to conserve." You know, the big question mark, to conserve.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So, I looked it up. I looked it up, right?

Maddox: Good.

Dick: Here's the stats. Um…water reduction.

Maddox: Mhmmm.

Dick: It's been from anywhere to about 10% across the board for, like, residences, for like, California residences, because of all this bullshit. 10%.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You know how much percentage of water we use in California as residences?

Maddox: What percent?

Dick: Okay. Urban use in California is 20%. 20% of the total water use in California is used by…

Maddox: (interjects) Is urban use! Exactly.

Dick: People. People.

Maddox: It's industrial. Industrial use.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. 75% is used by agriculture. (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 10% of our water is used by almond farmers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay? So…so…lemme get this straight! (yelling) I'm sitting around my apartment soaked in piss, now. People are replacing their lawns with PLASTIC grass that gets shit on by animals and stays there forever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everything looks like a dystopian hellhole so the world can have ALMONDS?!?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: FUCK almonds! I am not reducing my water footprint ONE FUCKING GALLON while everybody is sitting in their pools all over the world munching on California almonds.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Fuck you! It's not my problem! You know what else it's for? Uh, what does this say. Alfalfa, I think? It's not almonds.

Maddox: Yeah. It's mostly agriculture.

Dick: Alfalfa hay. Is 15% of the water supply! That we ship to Japan!

Maddox: Right. Right. It's agriculture. It's industry. That's what I keep telling people, especially…not just with water, but with recycling. Um, if every single…I read this statistic somewhere a long time ago, where if every single American recycled 100% efficiently. We're not even anywhere close to that. Most people are less than 40%. Right? But if we did 100%...guess what percentage of waste we would reduce completely?

Dick: 1?

Maddox: 5%.

Dick: 5%. Great.

Maddox: FIVE PERCENT. (incredulous) We're not even anywhere near that. At 40% efficiency, we're like 2% waste. That 5% is nothing, idiots! It's a drop in the bucket! Similar to these drops of water you're saving here and there! We don't use enough water to make a difference. A water main broke in West Hollywood.

Dick: UCLA.

Maddox: Yeah. UCLA.

Dick: 10 million gallons.

Maddox: Yeah. 10 million gallons. And then another something like 60 million gallons broke in West Hollywood just a few weeks ago!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And I saw that! I saw that happen, because I saw a leak in the ground that they never fixed. They just put CONES up. And of course, it's just deteriorating, the ground underneath and it's gonna create a giant sinkhole and the water main's gonna break, and millions of millions of gallons…I think it's more than 10 million, too, Dick. I believe it's upwards of 100 million. It's a ridiculous absurd amount of water.

Dick: So this is the cut, right? Imagine you have 100$ bar tab.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: At the end of the night. Right? It's 100$. You say, "Oh, okay. Who's gonna pony up to pay for this bill?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uhh…agriculture comes in and says, "Oh, we'll take 75 bucks off the tab." Right?

Maddox: Okay. That's fair.

Dick: So that gives you 25% left over. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, 20% of that is used for toilets. 20% of that is used for showers.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: 20% for leaks. And like 40% for yards.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So…not flushing the toilet, we've reduced 10% out of 20…we've reduced our usage by 2% overall?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: We're fuckin' fighting…we're being assholes to each other…we're narcing on our neighbors for 500$ over what amounts to a couple of dollars on a hundred dollar bar tab?!?!? Fuck you, man!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck "Drought Dickbags".

Maddox: Yeah. Fuck "Drought Dickbags". I agree, Dick. That's a great problem this week. And, you know, these…so let's say we collectively save this water, this whatever, 2%, or whatever. What is…what is the end result here? Okay? If you calculate the total number of gallons you save in a day just by being an asshole and shutting off the faucet obsessively and freaking out about that shit, and just…you know, building up this FRENZY that you built in your life, like just being NERVOUS about everything all the time, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Let's say you do that. At the end of the day, the only way that would POSSIBLY make any fucking sense…(yelling) is in this doomsday scenario where someone, somewhere in the desert opens a faucet and it's running dry and just a few drops of water come out into his cup, and it's those few drops of water that you saved, dickbag! That's you. You just saved that guy's life. That's a fucking INSANE made-up scenario! Your few drops aren't gonna make a fucking difference! Whatever water is on Earth will always be here. It's the same water we've been drinking for centuries and decades! It's the same fucking water. It's just gonna evaporate and go up into the sky and come right back down! And if it doesn't come down over California, guess what, guys? Climate change! We've gotta move! Yeah. Humans adapt and the Earth's climate changes. We've had Ice Ages. We've had hotspots. We've had deserts. The Earth doesn't stay the same. If we go through this looooooong period of drought and it never starts to rain again like it normally does, well, pack up your bags, gotta move!

Dick: No. Build a pipe! You figured out how to do it with oil. Why don't you build a fucking pipeline from wherever there's water and bring it out here, 'cause we're not the ones using it. It's people growing almonds!

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: The real-life scenario is not that we're all gonna die of dehydration, it's that these motherfuckers can't sell almonds. We supply like 80% of the world's almonds.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So, California just doesn't wanna lose all that big almond money.

Maddox: Oh, so economically speaking, Dick, that is a pretty significant chunk of California's revenue and income, is agriculture. Almonds…over 80%. That's an actual statistic I just learned, too, recently. I think it's like 80% of the world's almonds come from California.

Dick: Yeah. I just said it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You just learned it from me, right now.

Maddox: (laughing) No, I heard it before that, Dick.

Dick: You just learned it from me.

Maddox: Dick! I didn't learn it from you!! You're not the source, okay?! (angry)

Dick: Yeah, alright.

Maddox: Anyway, anyway. Over 50% of the agriculture for the entire United States comes from California. So….

Dick: That's not my fuckin' problem.

Maddox: Well, then what? What do we do, Dick? If… I mean, that's a significant amount of food that comes from California.

Dick: Charge more for the water, then.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: I don't know. I don't care.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Build…use all your fuckin' almond money and go build a desalination plant.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not my problem.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I take 90-minute showers. I need it. I'm hung over. (Maddox laughs) I need the fuckin' noise. I need the steam. I don't give a fuck about almonds!

Maddox: Ughh. Your shower sounds awful, with the rancid piss just sitting there and your steamy 90-minute showers.

Dick: Don't forget the maybe chlamydia.

Maddox: And the maybe chlamydia. And the fart condoms. Yeah, great problem, Dick. Do you have any more stats? You said you have more stats.

Dick: I dunno. I write 'em down and then I, uh…I lose track of 'em.

Maddox: Yeah. So. That's what pisses me off, Dick. It's not just…anyone who has any kind of, like, moral crusade like this, where they say "Hey, you could be doing more." You know what, dickhead? We could all be doing more always. If you really, really care about water conservation, commit suicide.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Honestly, that is the best way. The NUMBER ONE way to conserve water is to commit suicide. And in a way where they won't find your body, so they don't waste any time, energy, and resources at the funeral, 'cause I guarantee they're gonna be handing out tap water at your funeral. Well God forbid they do that. You'd better kill yourself in a ravine where they won't find you. Make sure the animals get you first.

Dick: Here's a…

Maddox: (interjects) Hey, there you go. There's recycling.

Dick: Here's a fun stat for you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The biggest water wasters in California. They're all council members.

Maddox: Ahhh, of course!

Dick: They all used about 10 times the normal usage. This guy, Mike Sobeiros, used a million gallons…3,000 gallons each day.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: He told this news team that to cut back on his sprinkler use would mean that his expensive lawn would almost immediately turn brown.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: So…

Sean: It's always those guys. Remember when Al Gore's monthly electric bill was published? It was like 17,000$ per month.

Maddox: Wowwwwwww. (incredulous)

Dick: Yeah! Doesn't this…doesn't this tell these…(stammers) but I don't understand what gets…strike that. I do understand what gets in their brain. They just want to be a big shot. Like this asshole that told off my man at the party. They just want to act like a big shot. Like they're an authority on somebody and on something, and that's what they get served up on this platter.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here! Here, you be…you be this…you make a difference!

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: And go harass people about their fuckin' water usage. You make a difference!

Maddox: You know, if I had to title these people, if I had to give them a name, I would call them "You know, actually…" Right? That is their fucking name! (yells) You know, actually… that's bad for you. You know, actually…that's wasting water. You could do better. You could conserve more. It's just like "Nya nya nya nya" (nagging voice) Nagging. All the fucking time. It's just like having a mom follow you around to fuckin' parties and tell you to do better. Like, fuck off, that's why I moved out of the house, so I can be my failure self on my own. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. Here's a good quote from a guy. "We're cutting back on showering and watering our lawn, so it looks crappy right now." Said Gerald Jackass, an East Palo Alto resident, who is determined not to waste water during the drought. So we're all sitting around not showering, steeped in ceramic bowls of our own piss…

Maddox: Hey…hey, Dick. Speaking of not showering, my first problem and only problem this week is "Hippies".

Dick: (scoffs) Okay.

Maddox: Speeeeeaking…oh, Sean's happy. (grinning) Here we go. Speaking of not showering. I am so fucking tired…'cause here's the thing. A lot of what you said today IS the hippie ethos. Right? Hippies are supposed to be the Earth's caretakers. (sarcastic) Right?

Dick: Are they?

Maddox: Yeah…are they? Good question.

Dick: Well, I'll let you define what a hippie is.

Maddox: So, there's a website…there's a website called Wikihow, and they have a list on there that says "How to be a Hippie". Okay? And here's…I'm gonna read some of these rules. Number 1, the first rule is, "Feel groovy". Okay?

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: You gotta feel groovy. Second rule is "Play it Forward". "Being a hippie is all about openness and embracing what's good, as long as you can dance to it."

Dick: (laughs quietly) Okay.

Maddox: Bunch of assholes. Yeah, yeah. Tell that to a guy in a wheelchair, dickhead! Who came back from Vietnam!

Dick: (laughing) Yeah, alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Three: "Get counter-cultured". "Learn how to howl". Uh-huh.

Dick: You have to learn how to do that?

Maddox: I guess. I guess you need to learn from our teachers, you know, wolves. Packs of wolves.

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: Idiots. Number Four: "Follow hippie ideals". "Contribute as little to pollution as possible. Hippies love Mother Earth and do all they can to keep it well. Learn to barter. Trade or barter rather than use money." Barter. Barter.

Dick: So avoid paying taxes?

Maddox: I guess. No, you don't pay taxes on turnips, Dick.

Dick: Well you don't pay taxes on bartering.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you can successfully barter, you don't have to pay shit in taxes.

Maddox: Right. There's no taxes on combs and turnips and paper clips, or whatever the fuck these hippies are bartering. Can you imagine if Wall Street decided to go off the barter system? "Hey, I'll trade you a sack of potatoes for a couple shares in Disney, I guess." Oh, here you go buddy. You know what? No contract necessary, friend. (laughing) Yeah. So, if they bartered on Wall Street. (starts to yell) The economy would come to a grinding halt if hippies were in charge of it!!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: China would invade us today.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If hippies took over our economy.

Dick: I don't think they care about that.

Maddox: No, they don't care about anything. Number Five: "Get the Clothes". Right? Now, here's something that really pisses me off. According to Britannica; I actually went to Britannica instead of just Wikipedia. The old school encyclopedia. One of the…

Dick: (interjects) Did you have to load up, like Internet Explorer 3 to do that? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah. Here's some of the characteristics of hippies. Right? Long hair. So I'm out. I'm mostly bald.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: I can't…I can't fucking be a hippie if I wanted to. I can't grow my hair long, idiots. Oh, you got…they're fucking discriminatory, that's what this is.

Dick: Well, yeah it is. It is discriminatory, 'cause they do also think that their way of thinking solves everything.

Maddox: Oh, of course. Of course they do.

Dick: It's very…what's the word when you're like ideologically obsessed? Like, you think your way of doing everything is the right way?

Maddox: Fascism. (Dick scoffs, laughs) They promote openness and tolerance as alternatives to the restrictions and regimentation in the middle class society. And yet,

Number Four…excuse me, Number Five on this list is "Get the Clothes". Because… sounds like a real open lifestyle when you have to wear a uniform.

Dick: Yeah. (cracks up)

Maddox: Right? These fucking hippies are so open and anti-establishment, yet you have to wear a uniform.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: 'Cause if you don't LOOK like a hippie, then you're not a hippie! (exclaims) You gotta wear…you gotta dress the code, right? You gotta fit in. You gotta conform.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Tell me all about your anti-establishment views while you're making all your followers conform to your ethos, you fuck!

Dick: Yeah. You mind if I interject something for a second?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, I hate to mention Burning Man again.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Speaking of hippies. (laughing) Let's hear it.

Dick: No, I'll get to that. But they threw the biggest shit fit when Grover Norq…when they found that Grover Norquist was going to Burning Man.

Maddox: He was like an old governor of California or something?

Dick: He's like a…no, he's like a libertarian-ish financial advisor, like, director…he just…he comes up with ways that the market should sustain society. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, because he has anything to do with money, they just hate him. Because he wears a suit every day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And, like, deals with Wall Street. And, like, values money.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: There was this outpouring of snark and vitriol. It was really disgusting.

Maddox: Yeah. They're all about individual freedoms and individual choices. Live your life how you want, mannnn. (hippie voice) Be groovy, MAN. Except, if you want to wear a suit, MAN. 'Cause you can't fucking grow out your hair and live like a fucking hippie! You have to dress the uniform!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can't look like a square, supposedly, and still fit in to your fucking hippie bullshit lifestyle? How fucking tolerant are you if you're rejecting all these people, MAN. (sneers) Number Six on this list. Listen to this. "Make the world better. Stand against anti-

life things." So I guess hippies are anti-abortion, right? They say stand against things that are anti-life.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they must be anti-abortion.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Sure. Free love, fuck it. Someone'll pay for it, right? Number seven. "Let your freak flag fly. Grow your hair out, again." Again. Some of us can't. (Dick giggles quietly) Number Eight: "Go GMO-free". "If the ingredients look confusing to your eyes, then they're not healthy." (Dick cackles) Uh-huh. Uh-huh. If it's confusing, then we should FEAR it. If it's something we don't understand, we should fear it.

Dick: Oh, that's true.

Maddox: They're going back into caves, these guys. Right? They're afraid of lightning and thunder. They don't know what it is!! Let's go hide in caves. It can't be good for you. Number nine: "Go to farmer's markets". Going to farmer's markets is also a hippie thing. No, it's not. Farmers aren't hippies. Farmers toil under the hot sun in fields all day long to bring you that food to the farmer's market. Just because you can buy beads and trinkets there that some hippies found a way into finagling some poor guy out of a…out of a booth…doesn't mean that farmer's markets are hippie joints.

Dick: Well, it also means you have to be rich. So you not only have to be rich, but you also have to not look like you're rich.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's very vanity…it's a very vanity-obsessed culture.

Maddox: Yeah. Be rich.

Dick: And you always have to say the right things and think the right things.

Maddox: Of course. Of course. And then number ten on this list is: "Study chakras".

Dick: Oh, man. (disgusted) They always sneak that one in.

Maddox: Of course. Study chakras. (laughing) There it is. You gotta have a religious element to it. Don't be Christian. Don't be Muslim. That's not cool.

Dick: 'Cause those are stupid! (jeers jokingly)

Maddox: Those are stupid. Don't be Jewish. (jeers)

Dick: But you do have seven magical cruxes in your body that govern your future.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh. (skeptical) Christianity is so un-hip, man. (Dick laughs) Jews are out. Muslims, boo. Chakras, in. Yay! Astrology. Now, here are the characteristics. Here are some more of the characteristics. According to…

Dick: (interjects) I don't know if this governs all hippies, by the way. But I…that…the look…not having the look seems to be a big part of it.

Maddox: Mhmm. And here's…again, it's more about the aesthetic here. "Casual unconventional dress, including tie-dye and psychedelic colors". And I put psychedelic in quotes here, because who the fuck knows what that is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Long, flowing, granny dresses. Okay? This is part of the uniform that you have to wear in this nonrestrictive lifestyle that lets you be what you wanna be, man. (hippie voice)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Rimless granny glasses for both men and women. So, they're getting rid of sexes.

Dick: So, like, John Lennon-style glasses?

Maddox: John Lennon glasses, yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Which I feel like you'd think are cool, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, but they look weird…'cause I've got a big head, so those glasses look stupid on me.

Maddox: Yeah. They look goofy…you know, some people just don't have the genetics to be a hippie, guys. You have to adopt a vegetarian lifestyle. Right? 'Cause they're healthier. These are healthier people, right? They don't eat GMO. They adopt a vegetarian lifestyle. They also practice holistic medicine, which, by the way, has been usurped. It's a term that used to mean something. Now it just means alternate medicine! (upset) That's not what it meant. So, it's not to be confused with the treatment of the whole person. This is the actual definition of holistic. It's the treatment taking into account mental and social factors rather than just the physical symptoms of the disease. That's what holistic treatment USED to mean.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Now it means psycho voodoo bullshit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what…that's what it means. "Eat unprocessed foods". Kay?

Dick: Well, that's good for you, though. 'Cause processed foods are fucked.

Maddox: Sure. I agree. I don't eat a lot of processed foods. I agree. But these are…these hippies think that they're so healthy because they practice alternate medicine, they're vegetarians, etc, etc. Let me…let me read you a list of some famous hippies. Okay? Janis Joplin.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dead.

Dick: (trying not to laugh) Died of what?

Maddox: Died of a heroin overdose…(Dick cracks up)

Dick: No GMOs in shitloads of heroin!!

Maddox: No GMOs in that, no! That was FDA approved, right? (Dick laughs) Possibly compounded by alcohol. "Joplin had accidentally been given heroin that was much more potent than normal."

Dick: Instead of what? Sorry, go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah, that's because heroin isn't regulated by the FDA, you fucking idiots! Of course you're gonna die taking heroin. It's an addictive…what is it? Substance 1 narcotic?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. These are the same people who are telling me not to eat GMOs and unprocessed foods, and then do the purest heroin? Is that…

Dick: (interjects) Well, doesn't the drug abuse kind of speak to extreme selfishness?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because if you're abusing drugs at that level, you just care about feeling good.

Maddox: You want to obliterate your senses and then just tune out of the universe. You're not contributing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And here's the other thing that kind of pisses me off, too. The use of marijuana and LSD as a way of expanding consciousness is condoned in a hippie lifestyle. This is according to, I think, Britannica. So, what great hippie scientific minds do we have? Hmm? These are people who are expanding consciousness!! Right? So what do we have to show for it? What have they done? What result do we have? What car? Show me a car invented by a hippie. Show me a scientific discover. Show me a man who stepped on the moon because of a hippie.

Dick: Because of drugs?

Maddox: Because of drugs "expanding our consciousness". And I put that in quotes here.

Dick: Yeah, I hate that too.

Maddox: "Expanding consciousness". Right? And then, here are some more famous hippies. Um, Charles Manson. He found acceptance with the Aryan Brotherhood in jail, where he became a sub to a sexually aggressive member of the group. Charles Manson, healthy lifestyle. Jerry Garcia. Dead. 53. Jimi Hendrix. Choked to death on his own vomit after heavy drinking and raking nine Vesparax sleeping tablets. That's 18 times the recommended amount. Sure. Be a vegetarian. Avoid GMO food. (Dick laughs) Die on your own barf. (Sean laughs) Bob Marley refused to amputate…so, he died from cancer. It's pretty tragic, actually. But he died from cancer. He refused to amputate his toe due to personal and religious beliefs, right? So he tried the Issels Treatment. Have you heard of this?

Dick: No.

Maddox: That's because it's quackery. (scoffs) It's considered ineffective against cancer by the American Cancer Society. Patient's are asked to remove any teeth containing metal fillings…

Dick: (whispers) Ugh…

Maddox: To follow a strict diet, and to eliminate various substances, such as alcohol and caffeine, which are considered harmful. You know who else followed a regimen kinda similar to this and died?

Dick: Hitler!

Maddox: Nope. Steve Jobs.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhh.

Maddox: (laughs) Even worse!

Dick: Didn't Jim Henson do that, too? Didn't he, like, not believe in doctors or cures or something like that?

Sean: I think he was a Jehovah's Witness or a Christian Scientist.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I can't remember which one, but yeah, he didn't believe…he got, like, a cold that turned into pneumonia, I think.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And just refused treatment, 'cause…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Probably had a frog in his throat.

Sean: Oh my.

Dick: Uhhh, so what's your problem with hippies? I feel like they're on the way out.

Maddox: They are…

Dick: Or are they not?

Maddox: No, they are. This is…this is great. So, I actually wrote this down. This is…this also, I think, was in Britannica. It says "Hippies waned in the 80s. The alternative lifestyle to hippies became yuppies."

Dick: Oh. Yeah.

Maddox: That's right. People who were intent on making careers and starting businesses. They got tired of your hippie bullshit. They decided they don't like the smell of patchouli and B.O. because all you use are fucking natural soaps that don't work. And, by the way, everything is natural. I'm so tired of people saying, "Oh, what chemicals are in it? What chemicals are in it?" Water is a chemical! Hydrogen dioxide, guys. Water is a chemical. Everything is a chemical. Everything has chemicals in it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's this meme going around talking about this NATURAL weed killer that you can make using dish soap and vinegar, or something like that. And someone went through…a chemist went through and put together the compounds, the chemical composition of this weed killer, and it is WAY more toxic than commercially-bought weed killer! (laughs) It's stuff that just sits in the environment and doesn't go away because it alters the structure of the detergent when you mix it with vinegar.

Dick: Hmm. (interested)

Maddox: Yeah, it's gonna kill weeds. It's gonna kill everything, you fucking morons. You think it's natural just because you can buy it off the shelf and you understand it? Go back into your caves!

Dick: Yeah. I feel like you hit something with the look. Honestly?

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.. (scoffs)

Dick: Because I…it had never occurred to me before how restrictive the counterculture movement is when it comes to clothing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it's always…it's ALWAYS about the clothing.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And it seems like a natural response, to like, their parents, who wear Don Draper three-piece suits every day.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah. These are…these are actually…so, being a dropout and not being able to hold a job is one of the characteristics in the Encyclopedia Britannica, of a hippie.

Dick: I feel like just some asshole wrote that, though. Like, what are your…(stammers), like WikiHow. I don't give a shit…WikiHow to fold a dollar bill.

Maddox: Sure. Sure.

Dick: What do YOU know about hippies?

Maddox: I'll tell you what I know.

Dick: 'Cause I think you might be talking to one.

Maddox: Dick, I am so…oh, fuckin'…alright, here we go, Burning Man. (Dick laughs) Listen to this. I am so glad you asked that question, because I brought in this problem specifically this week because I had a run-in with a belligerent, fuckass hippie.

Dick: Here we go. (smiling)

Maddox: Right? My neighbor. My neighbor is batshit crazy, out of her fucking mind.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: She's a straight up, 1960s hippie, aging, bitter, angry, insane. She's a crazy cat woman who yells at EVERYONE. EVERYONE passing by. If you're standing on the sidewalk just saying hi to the mailman, she'll come out and yell at you. She's like "Someone's inside sick! Someone inside is dying!" You know…Sean…

Sean: I saw her halfway under her car the other day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Getting a cat out.

Maddox: Yep. That's her.

Sean: I know this lady.

Maddox: Yep. She's literally a crazy cat lady.

Sean: Yeah, she looked at me like she wanted to kill me.

Maddox: Oh yeah, she's out of her fucking mind.

Sean: As I drove by. Like "What the fuck are you doing on my street?" It was crazy.

Maddox: Yeah. This woman of tolerance.

Dick: Maybe you ran over her cat.

Sean: Well, there was that.

Maddox: You know what? You would be doing those cats a favor by running them over. I'm gonna do that right after this show. I'm gonna run over all her fucking cats. (Dick laughs) They're starving. They're emaciated. She doesn't fucking feed them.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Right? Or maybe she does and she feeds them fucking vegan chow or whatever bullshit that cats can't eat and they're malnourished. They come over to my house and they just hang out, like, fuckin' looking for handouts. Like hippie…she's turned her cats into hippies!

Dick: How do you know she's a hippie?

Maddox: I'll tell you how. 'Cause all she does is listen to Janis Joplin, right? (Dick snickers) Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who's dead, by the way. Let me point that out again.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And wears her twirly, loose, stupid pants. And her car has her windows down all the time. She doesn't give a shit about anything.

Dick: Hmmmmm.

Maddox: Least of all…and she's…by the way, this hippie is ALWAYS, every fucking day, outside watering her lawn! (exclaims) Watering her lawn with a hose. And it was one of

these instances…so, I came home the other day. I was driving some place and I forgot something, so I turned around, pulled into my neighbor's driveway, the duplex, right? My neighbors are really cool. Not her, she's out of her fuckin' mind, but she shares a fence, right? With us. So I pulled into the neighbor's driveway. My windows are down. I'm gonna be gone…I'm gonna be inside and out of the house for less than 30 seconds. This bitch is standing outside on her lawn watering it during a drought, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This careta…this caretaker of Earth.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is watering during a drought. And I notice she's walking towards my car a little bit with her hose, and I thought to myself just for a split second, I thought…"Nah, there's no fucking way she's gonna spray inside my car." (Dick chuckles) I mean, the bitch has gotta be out of her fucking mind if she did that, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I go inside, come out 10 seconds later…(Dick chortles) Spraying inside my fucking car. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Wait a minute. Like, jamming it in the window and directly spraying it? Or just kind of, like, hitting it as she's wiggling her hose around?

Maddox: It wasn't casually. It was inside my driver's side window!

Dick: Whaaaaaat?!?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like aiming?!

Maddox: Aiming!!

Dick: Like she's at a carnival?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: Shooting one of those balloon things?

Maddox: Yes! She drenched my fucking front seat. And my passenger seat.

Dick: What the hell did you say?! (incredulous)

Maddox: And I'm cell phone. I said…I said…"What the fuck are you doing?" I started yelling at her. It's like "Are you out of your fucking mind?" And she said, "What?" I said, "You heard me, bitch. Are you out of your fucking mind, spraying inside my car?" She said "I didn't hear you!"

Dick: Oh, no. Is she that senile, or is she just screwing around? What's…

Maddox: You know what? She's part senile. She's belligerent. She's actually confronted me one other time when I was standing out and having a good night conversation with a friend.

Dick: With a lady friend?

Maddox: Oh, maybe, I dunno, a couple. (laughs) So, she came out and she said, "Can you guys move your car here?" By the way, there was a car parked on the street waiting for a friend right in front of her house, and she came out and told them to turn off their engines. And I told her "Go back inside your house. This is none of your business." Because they had been arguing back and forth, right? I said "Don't worry about it, it's none of your business. Mind your own fucking business."

Dick: You know, I think we might have brought in the same problem this week.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I got a lot of "mind your own business" on my end. You got a lot of "mind your own business" on your end.

Maddox: Yeah. Mind your own fucking business, bitch.

Dick: You got people spraying water in cars.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I got people yelling at guys for doing dishes.

Maddox: Yeah. If I'm out back…if I'm out back in my backyard just talking on my cell phone, that's too loud for her. She'll yell across the fence and say "Shut up!" This is this tolerant bitch, right? And yet, when I come outside my front door, I can hear her hippie music BLARING on my PORCH! She's two…she's like a house and a half down from me and I can hear her hippie music.

Dick: Yeah. She's spreading the love.

Maddox: Yeah, oh yeah. Spreading the love. So I march over to her and I say, "What the fuck are you doing?" And then she's starting to cower, right? At this point. She walks over.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And, uh…I walk up to her…she's hiding behind the tree now because she knows I'm fucking pissed, right? (Dick cracks up) I mean…I wish…I wish, I wish, there was some kind of witness there or something like that, 'cause she assaulted me with that hose, right? She sprayed ME with the hose, too!

Dick: When did she spray you with the hose?

Maddox: When I was…(stammers)

Dick: You skipped that part!

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah! Okay, yeah, so…

Dick: (interjects) So, she's putting water in your car…

Maddox: She's putting water in my car…(angry)

Dick: And you come out yelling at her like a WWF wrestler.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like "What are you doing?" "What are you doing?"

Maddox: Right.

Dick: She, what? Turns the water on you?

Maddox: Then she turns the water on me.

Dick: (laughing) Ohohoh, my God!!

Maddox: So I am LIVID. Like, (stammers) I'm not even sure a drop of water landed on me because it steamed off from heat! (Dick laughs) Right? I was LIVID. So I walk over there and she walks up, being all nonchalant, like, watering her plants like nothing happened right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I'm like "No, bitch!" So I walk over to her, I say, "What the FUCK are you doing?" And I walk up to her and she goes, "Oh, I didn't see you." I was like, "You fucking did. You sprayed me. I'm wet. You sprayed inside my car." And she goes, "Oh, what are you gonna do about it?"

Dick: Oh!!! (shocked)

Maddox: Yeah. So I turned off her hose, took it out of her hand, threw it on the ground. Man, I wanted to clock her so bad, but I was like "I'll go to jail". I mean, that's that. She's frail.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, I would break something. But man, I fucking hate her. And I fucking hate all hippies.

Dick: And that was the end of it?

Maddox: Yeah, I walked off. I mean, what am I gonna do, man?

Dick: Ooff…

Maddox: I told her I was gonna call the cops, 'cause she assaulted..that's assault, right? That is assault. You can't just spray someone walking by…

Dick: I dunno. I think the cops would laugh at you if you called them up and said "An old lady sprayed me with a garden hose."

Maddox: Well, what if an old lady punched me in the chest? 'Cause she also did that. On my way out, she punched me in the chest. I'm like "Well, that's my justification to punch back." Cause I'm a feminist, right?

Dick: I don't think…oh, yeah…I don't think you're gonna get away with it.

Maddox: I'm a feminist. I want there to be equality. Of course I'm not gonna get away with it. (upset) Of course. (Dick laughs) 'Cause society is stacked against this kind of horse shit!! All the fucking time, I get slapped, punched, whatever. Can't hit back. 'Cause if I do, I'm gonna look like the bad guy. There's no fucking bruise on me, I'm invincible. But if I hit her, she's gonna fucking have a bruise.

Dick: Yeah. I think you even look like the bad guy just being involved in it.

Maddox: Yeah, of course.

Dick: Like, even though you didn't retaliate, you still look like a bad guy just for saying "What the fuck are you doing spraying a bunch of water in my car?!" (incredulous)

Maddox: I know!

Dick: That's my car!!

Sean: Why did she do that?

Dick: Yeah! That's what I wanna know too!

Sean: Why did she spray your car?

Maddox: She's just a bitch. She's just an awful, awful human being. Selfish, inconsiderate, hippie. She's lived her whole life for herself and she's continuing to. She's just bored. She's looking to stir the pot a little bit.

Dick: For fun? For laughs?

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: It would be fun to just, maaaaah, spray a bunch of water in somebody's car, I guess.

Maddox: Well, sure. It would also be fun to clock her. Um, so, so then, I told my neighbors about it. I said, "Look, I gotta be outta here. Keep an eye out on my place. This bitch is out of her fuckin' mind." Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So then, she took a whole bunch of garbage and threw it over the fence into the neighbor's…into my neighbor's…my poor neighbors who aren't even involved in this altercation; however, they've had their own run-ins with her. When I moved into this neighborhood, I'm not exaggerating, seven or eight people came up to me and warned me about her.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: She's so out of her fuckin' mind. So, so yeah. This happened. And then I told her I was gonna call the cops, but of course, cops aren't gonna do anything.

Dick: No. Don't bother them, please, with this.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, yeah. The cops are too busy. They can't even come take a burglary report, those fuckin' fatasses! So then, the next day, this made me happy. I was walking home, and I think she's afraid of me now, too. Which is great. 'Cause she saw I was pissed, man.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, I had that look in my eyes where, "Yeah, I'm not sure, I might punch you." So, I'm walking on the sidewalk and I look on her car, and there was this big bag of doggie poop right on her hood. And I thought "Ah, that's funny."

Dick: On her hood.

Maddox: On her hood. Yeah.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: I don't know! So I went to my neighbor's, I said…'cause I told them about the altercation and everything, and they've got my back. They're great.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And I said, "Did you guys leave some doggie poop on her hood?" And they said, "No, it wasn't us." And I asked my other friend, and my other neighbors. Wasn't anyone I know in the neighborhood. She's pissed off other people.

Dick: So you can do whatever you want, because she has so many enemies, you can get away with this. It's like who shot Mr. Burns?

Maddox: Yeah. Right. So, um, these are these free-loving, "Do your own thing, man." Easygoing, just go with the flow, groovy, vibing dipshits who are fucking spraying the inside of my car!!

Dick: (laughing) I'm glad we did get to the root problem of your problem this week. (Maddox laughing) Your neighbor. Hey, I've got some…you know we had Asterios Kokkinos on the program last week and everybody loved him so much.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A lot of people said, "Make him a permanent part of the program." So, we asked him to put together some bits for us. You know…

(Sound effect: Asterios yelling "'CAUSE I'M A DIGITAL CYBERDEMON!")

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) He lives in New York. We would have him in here whenever he wanted if we could.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But he sent us…he sent us some stuff. I want to play it for you.

Theme trumpets...carnie voice says:

"Welcome to the Biggest Problem in History: Taking the Pisstory out of History. In this segment, we will examine the worst things to ever occur on today's date. (Morse code beeping sounds) October 14th, 1918. Corporal Adolf Hitler was wounded in a mustard gas attack during World War I. Why is this a problem? Because he didn't fucking die! (Maddox laughs) **Mustard gas, you had one thing to do that day, and you fucked it up! What saved Hitler? Ironically, his Hitler mustache!"**

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Yeah!

"Before World War I, Hitler had a full, curly mustache. Yes, Hitler looked like a hipster, only far less evil. But Hitler's commanding officer ordered him to trim his mustache so his gas mask might better seal his face!"

Dick: How about that?

Maddox: Ugh. Wow.

"And it's that tight seal that kept Hitler from going kaput! From saying Auf Wiedersehen! From heading to that big Oktoberfest in the sky! From doing scat porn in Hell! (Maddox laughs) **What was then known as the toothbrush mustache is now known as the Hitler mustache. If only Hitler had succumbed to the British Army's prim and proper mustard gas, World War II might never have happened and our listeners would still have access to that sweet, sweet mustache. I mean, seriously. Even Michael Jordan can't pull it off and he won six goddamned NBA Championships." Theme trumpets)**

Maddox: That's true, man. Wow, I didn't know that. So Hitler's mustache saved his life.

Dick: Yeah. And the mustache came about by saving his life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's pretty interesting.

Maddox: Yeah. Interesting. That is interesting. So why isn't the mustache the problem?

Dick: Uh, mustache is never the problem. Get the fuck out of here, man.

Maddox: That was a trick question. That was a trick question. Alright, great.

Dick: What do you think? You learn something from that?

Maddox: Yeah, actually I did. I didn't know that mustard gas…that he was gassed with mustard gas. And he was wearing a gas mask; that's why he didn't die.

Dick: Yeah. He wore a gas mask.

Maddox: 'Cause he had trimmed his…you know what? If they attacked in modern day Brooklyn, Williamsburg, all the hipsters would die. They can't wear gas masks with those hipster mustaches. Those handlebar mustaches. Which, by the way, when I created the thumbnail for last week's episode, when Asterios brought in Toms Shoes, I found… (chuckles) the perfect, most shitty, douchebaggiest pair of shoes, I think, in history. I don't know if you can top this. It's a pair of Toms that have a handlebar hipster mustache on the side.

Dick: Oh, god. (disgusted)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, he sent us another one. Wanna hear it?

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Theme trumpets, Morse code beeps sound again.

"October 14th, 1994. Pulp Fiction debuts. A brilliant film that wins the hearts of audiences and ruins everything else. Think about it. If there was no Pulp Fiction, there'd be no John Travolta resurgence. No Scientology resurgence…"

Maddox: That's true. He's got a point.

"And most importantly, no Boondock Saints. Yes, a decade of Tarantino rip-offs like Suicide Kings, Snatch, and Smokin' Aces would have been avoided had only Quentin not tried to make art. Which is why we, at this show, implore our listeners to never follow your dreams! Just stay inside listening to episode after episode of The Biggest Problem in the Universe and leave your inheritance to yours truly! (Maddox and Dick crack up) **"That's all for now. Until next time, this is Asterios Kokkinos saying…"The past can go a-fuck itself!!!!!" (reverb) (theme trumpets)**

Maddox: That's great. Boisterous Coconuts.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's great.

Voice mail clip: "Boisterous Coconuts?" (Maddox laughs)

Dick: So thanks, Asterios.

Maddox: Bravo. Yeah, thank you Asterios. We'd love to have him on again and the listeners loved it too. Yeah, so great problems this week. So what's your problem? How are you phrasing it?

Dick: "California Drought…" What did I say? Dickbags? "California Drought Dickbags"?

Maddox: Okay. And my problem, very simply, is "Hippies", and it was inspired by my bitch, nasty, ugly, old, piece of shit, worthless human being, mean, selfish, senile, neighbor hippie.

Sean: Won't it be great when she finally breaks her hip and you can just lay there all day listening to the screams?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Sean: When nobody comes?

Maddox: Yeah. So, I don't know…I don't know if this is going too far, 'cause I was talking to my neighbors, who love me, and I said…and they mentioned how she drives drunk to the liquor store all the time to buy more wine. And I thought, "Wow, there's a silver lining here, right? Maybe she might end up wrapped around a telephone pole." And uhh… I dunno. I got off on that imagery.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: But uhh, I think…(inaudible)

Dick: I feel like I would mount a defense for hippies, but I don't think has anything to do with hippies. I think this has to do with your crazy fuck neighbor.

Maddox: Ohh…and all the other stuff I mentioned, that's not a problem? How hippies are astrologists and into just specifically Eastern meditation and Eastern religions, and they have a uniform, and they're…

Dick: (interjects) The uniform is. The uniform is. You got me on the uniform.

Maddox: Mhmm. Yeah. They're very…they're very strict and regimented as far as…as much as they like to say they aren't.

Dick: Well, but here's my thing. Every…every…every group believes in some shit.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Right? Everyone has their fucking uniform.

Maddox: By definition…well. No. I don't. I dress whatever. Yeah.

Dick: I mean, that's your uniform, dude. You wear, like…you got video games, and like, references on your shirts. It's Godzilla, Contra…that's your uniform.

Maddox: No, that's just awesome shit, man.

Dick: Goofy fucking shirts. Yeah, it's awesome shit to you.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, you see the difference in those things, but…I just see…yeah, it's Maddox in one of his fucking Maddox shirts.

Maddox: What are you talking about?! Yeah.

Dick: Like, I would never wear, like, a Jack-O'-Lantern T-shirt? An orange Jack-O'-Lantern T-shirt?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I wouldn't be caught dead in that.

Maddox: That shit's cool as shit.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah. That's your uniform.

Maddox: That was an impulse buy.

Dick: That's your uniform.

Maddox: That's not a uniform! I wear plaid sometimes. I wear dress shirts sometimes. I have plain shirts. I have tank tops. I have the Puerto Rican flag tank top. That's pretty cool.

Dick: Now you're getting back into your…uniform.

Maddox: That's not a uniform, man!! (incredulous) You can't…okay. If you want to say I wear a uniform, you have to go sooo general that you are breaking the definition of a category.

Dick: Maddox. You are currently wearing a Dreamcast T-shirt.

Maddox: Oh, so I am.

Dick: A T-shirt that has a video game system that came out in what, 2001?

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: And no one blinked. What would you say if I was wearing that T-shirt?

Maddox: I'd be like, "Wow."

Dick: It would be a surprise, wouldn't it?

Maddox: I'd be like, "Yeah, cool shirt, Dick. Finally."

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. First time ever.

Dick: You're wearing the uniform.

Maddox: It's not a uniform, man. Look, just 'cause you have a style, doesn't mean it's a uniform.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: No, no, but this is…the hippie aesthetic is pretty specific. You're…you have to generalize so much to the type of stuff I wear. I mean, you could just go through my closet right now.

Dick: Well, I disagree, but I do think they are aggressive about enforcing their aesthetic.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: And I don't think you are. Like, if you talk to a guy in a suit, I don't think you would necessarily think he was a douchebag.

Maddox: No. I don't give a shit.

Dick: If he was wearing a mustache on his shoes, you would think he's a huge douchebag, though.

Maddox: Uhh…yeah, of course. Of course. 'Cause that's a doucehbag move. But I was wearing a suit the other day. I was wearing a tuxedo. I mean, I can pull it off. I don't think hippies can pull of tuxedos or anything…they still just look like hippies in that thing, right? 'Cause they have long hair…uh-oh.

Dick: I know. That's why I think…that's why I feel like I need to offer a rebuttal.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: 'Cause I got long hair. I go sleep in the back of my truck in the desert for a week and a half and do a shitload of drugs and maybe get chlamydia.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: So maybe I am a hippie. I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah, you're a huge hippie, man. Big problem. Dick's the problem, guys. Go vote up "Indignant Co-Hosts". (laughing) You know, Dick, it's telling that you would go straight to hippie with your long hair rather than barbarian. That's what I would say if I had long hair. Or any hair. I would tell people I was a barbarian. But not you.

Dick: Eh, you got me again.

Maddox: Why don't you go marry my neighbor? (Dick cracks up) Why don't you go bang her in a hottub? Make an ugly child.

Dick: Alright, everybody. (grinning)

Maddox: That's it. Vote on these problems. http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com/ We'll be back next week. And, uh…stay tuned for the BIG bonus show that's coming up, probably in the first week of November!

(Closing theme riff starts)

Dick: Thanks for listening.

Maddox: Thanks.

(Closing theme riff continues, trails off)

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 23

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Warby Parker. Please visit http://warbyparker.com/biggest for your next pair of eyeglasses.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up buddy? How's it goin'?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Dick: Alriiight! First things first: who won?

Maddox: Right, yeah.

Dick: I'm confident about last week, 'cause I brought in a gooood-ass problem, and you brought in a wikiHow article. (taunting) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Like you don't know, DICK. (disdainful) I hate this SO much, when you win. (Dick cackles triumphantly)

Dick: HahahahaHAAAAAAAH!

Maddox: 'Cause first of all, does it really matter? Alright? (Dick keeps laughing) Does it matter -- it's not a contest! This isn't a contest.

Dick: It matters today!! (gleeful)

Maddox: Yeah. (irritated) Okay, so your California Drought Dickbags *barely* edged out, by 20 percent, my... (cracks up)

Dick: Oh, yeeeah. (grinning)

Maddox: ...my problem of Hippies.

Dick: Read it again. (cockily)

Maddox: Yeah. You know what? Because it was essentially the same problem, and I think people recognized that, indirectly, through the episode. Sometimes -- so, that's what you get with The Biggest Problem in the Universe: you get synchronicity. (Sean snickers in the background) With co-hosts.

Dick: So you're saying that you kind of won? Because it was the same problem? Is that the shit you're trying to pull right now?

Maddox: Yes, except...*completely* won.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: So, yeah.

Dick: Good for you. Uh, I got some comments. Wanna jump into comments?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear 'em.

Dick: Here's a good one. This is -- you remember my "Erotic Stories from Real Men" last week.

Maddox: Oh yeah. The...with the gross intro, right. It was very funny.

Dick: Yeah. People seemed to like it. Here's the comment: "Butt Sanchez here." He wrote in.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: [comment continues] "Maddox, you are such a hater." You did hate on that guy.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: You were hating on his hookup.

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause it was a...that was kind of like, 'you won, but your dad is also the coach of the baseball team.' (Sean laughs loudly in the background) You know?

Dick: Okay, okay. That -- yeah, you're a hater.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Dick: Uh, here's the rest of his comment: "I don't get laid often and I actually suffer from a stuttering problem I've had my whole life..."

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: So, how do you feel about that? "...so Dick helping me get laid is a fucking miracle and he's a great modern day humanitarian for doing it." (Maddox scoffs) Oh, I didn't read the whole comment before I brought it in.

Maddox: "Humanitarian..." (laughing, under his breath)

Dick: Uh, "Regardless, one of my idols calling me an idiot means I can die happy. Love you guys, keep up the good work."

Maddox: Hey, uh, as long as you don't...don't die happy, but don't die sad. As long as you die eventually...

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: ...um, we're okay, we've done our jobs. Okay, well, I got a comment from Max Meza -- speaking of helping people -- he says, "Dear Dick and Maddox: Three days ago I was wallowing in a deep depression."

Dick: Oh no. (quietly)

Maddox: [comment continues] "I decided to check the XMission site" -- it's actually http://maddox.xmission.com -- "in a vain attempt to see if Maddox had updated his site. To my surprise I saw the link to the podcast site." So, I guess this guy just finally stumbled across the podcast. He says, "At first I was skeptical about Dick as a co-host, but his drunken and arbitrary tirades..." (Dick and Maddox crack up) "...are the perfect foil to Maddox's cool and calculating, machine logic."

Dick: "Cool"? (chuckling) That's YOU?!

Maddox: That's me!!

Dick: "Cool and calculating"?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Machine"? Man. (in disbelief) Uh...this machine better have a warranty. (teasing)

Maddox: Okay! (annoyed)

Dick: 'Cause it's fuckin' broken.

Sean: With sweaty veins standing out on his head at every turn? (grinning) (Dick and Maddox burst out laughing)

Dick: What kinda machine is this??

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: I'm watchin' this every time, and...

Dick: Yeah. (gleeful)

Maddox: Well, the competition in my debates is YOU, who -- uh, I believe two of the rebuttals you had last episode were "Fuck you" and "Who gives a shit?"

Dick: Well, you know. Whatever it takes to win, Maddox!

Maddox: Yeah, well, you didn't.

Dick: Check the scoreboard!

Maddox: Okay. (dismissively)

Dick: 'Cause I fuckin' won last week. So maybe you should incorporate more of that into your "debating." (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. You know what, Dick? (Dick laughs hysterically) That was the first time you've ever sent me actual PROBLEMS and RESEARCH! And research! This is the first time in the HISTORY of this podcast -- Episode #22, we've been doing this since last May -- that you finally sent me some research. Finally!

Sean: He wasn't ready for competence.

Dick: You don't think "people leaving their fly down" was a well-researched problem? (wryly) (Maddox laughs loudly) Fuck you.

Maddox: Alright, let me finish this comment. He says, um...so he's like, "It's nothing compared to Maddox's cool and calculating, machine logic. That's not to say I don't like Dick, far from it, I love Dick." (laughs)

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: I'm gonna end the comment there. He goes on, but I think it's funnier if we just end it.

Dick: Yeah, yeah. I got one from Sarah Hoffman. She said, "How vaccines cause autism: ..." and then she linked to http://howdovaccinescauseautism.com. And I clicked on

it, gettin' ready to get really pissed off, but it said, "They fucking don't." (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yup!

Dick: So that shoulda had a [SATIRE] tag, quite frankly, 'cause I got duped. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Well, that's what it's there for, and that's a great -- I thought that was really funny. Thank you, Sarah. And then we...I got a comment from Tim Nadeau-Rifkind...that's a dumb name. Okay, here we go. (Dick smirks) I mean, you know, the "Tim" -

Dick: (interjects) Such a hater. (amused) Constant hater.

Maddox: The "Tim" part... (cracks up) Okay, he says, "No Dick, people don't hate Governor [misreading of 'Grover'] Norquist because he wears a suit. They hate him because of his pivotal role in our fucking stagnated Congress by bullying all of the Republicans and Tea Party morons into signing a pledge to never raise taxes." That's this guy!! That's Norquist, I remember now!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: He IS a governor! I DID know who you were talkin' about!

Dick: Oh, he was a governor?

Maddox: Yeah! Governor [Grover] Norquist, he's a piece of shit! He made everyone sign this -

Dick: (sighs) Here we go...

Maddox: - absurd, non-compromising, dig-your-heels-in, stand-your-ground, BULLSHIT "never raise taxes" rule, which is arbitrary and stupid! (yelling) No one can adhere to that, so they found clever ways to raise taxes without CALLING them taxes. Including the democrats -- that's what Obamacare is by the Supreme Court's own ruling...

Dick: A tax.

Maddox: ...is a tax! Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But the -

Dick: (interjects) Is Obamacare your problem today?

Maddox: No. (cracks up) No, you dick. But yeah, that's Governor [Grover] Norquist!

Dick: You're right, it's all of our problems. Today. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Dick... (cautious) You got another comment?

Dick: Yeah, I do. I have a correction to make, actually. Last episode I said the Dreamcast was out in 2001 -- do you remember that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, Jon Bromley from East Brunswick has corrected me: "Hey Dick, you fucking idiot." (Maddox chuckles) "The Dreamcast came out in 1999 [...] shut your whore mouth and suck Maddox's dick for wearing an awesome shirt." So, sorry about that.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I got that wrong.

Maddox: Get to it. I got one from Justin Dreyer; he says, "If Dick doesn't start using condoms his penis is going to be the burning man." (everyone bursts out laughing)

Dick: So you brought in, uh...you brought in Hippies last time, and I remember you specifically said that there's been no hippie inventions.

Maddox: Yeah, nothin' good.

Dick: 'They have never contributed anything to society.'

Maddox: Oh, boy. Here we go.

Dick: But there's a lot of people who brought in -- yeah! There was a lot of people who brought in scientific discoveries that were influenced by drugs.

Maddox: Yeah, but they're all drug-related, too! It's like, LSD and shit like that. Okay, whaddaya got?

Dick: Well, this person, Gill Rios, says, "There's a legend that Francis Crick was under the influence of LSD when he first deduced the double-helix structure of DNA, and he was definitely not a hippie." Alright.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: He was on a bunch of LSD...

Maddox: So he was NOT a hippie.

Dick: ...here's the clincher, though: "I can't seem to find a reputable scientific source regarding this..."

Maddox: Okay! (laughing)

Dick: So I don't know...I don't know if that disproves what you're sayin'. (smiling) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You know what? I will -

Dick: (interjects) Thanks for the comment, Gill. (cracking up)

Maddox: I'm sorry, I cannot accept hearsay as evidence. Thank you, though. Thanks for the attempt. I have one from Paolo Van Erp; he says, "Hippies are fascinating creatures. I'd like to dissect one to see if I can find out what makes them so useless."

Dick: Yeah. (flatly)

Maddox: Science - speaking of science.

Dick: Oh, you know what? But your whole problem with hippies was your neighbor. Right?

Maddox: No, that wasn't my whole problem!

Dick: Ehh...

Maddox: My whole problem was *everything* about them!

Dick: It was kind of about your neighbor, though, really. Wasn't it?

Maddox: Well, she's...she was an EXAMPLE of a problem -- of the problem of hippies.

Dick: She's the one that you deal with.

Maddox: She's -

Dick: (interjects) She's the only hippie you DEAL with, really. Right?

Maddox: No, man! If you go to the beach, there are -- it's all fuckin' hippies, everywhere! And hippies are essentially...I would say probably 50 to 60 percent of homeless people are hippies. 'Cause you can't really tell. They might be hippies, they might be homeless; they've always got their drums with them.

Dick: Yeah, I would say, uh...100 percent of them are schizophrenic, probably. (Maddox laughs) Not 50 to 60 percent are hippies. Well, here's a guy who wants to help you with your neighbor. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Hey guys, this is Joe. Uh, I just wanna say, this podcast was on fuckin' point.

Dick: Alright...that's nice.

Voicemail: I'm down in L.A. too, and I have to deal with these douchebags every fuckin' day of my life.

Maddox: Probably at the beach!

Voicemail: So anyways, Maddox, uh, I got an idea for that cunt of a neighbor of yours.

Dick: WHOA!

Voicemail: We should probably go ahead and, uh, shit in a bucket for like a week...uh, Dick's gonna have to go through and clean up all those fart condoms, fuckin' weirdo. (Dick and Maddox laugh) **Uh, then we're gonna go to Home Depot and we're gonna rent a paint sprayer. We're gonna mix that shit up with some water. Middle of the night, we're gonna paint her fuckin' house, we're gonna paint her car, salt her lawn...done. Don't have to deal with her.**

[**message ends**]

Dick: I think that might be a little extreme.

Maddox: Uh, I don't know if it's goin' far enough. (Dick and Sean laugh) I don't know if it's goin' -- that's, uhh, not bad! Not a bad suggestion, thank you.

Dick: See if...see if it works. Here's another one for ya. [**plays second voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Heyyy, Maddox, maaan! (parodying a stoned voice) (everyone cracks up) **Like, I think you need to mellow out on hippies, okay, man? Because, like, you know, that's just your opinion, and stuff. Okay?** (Maddox laughs harder) **Like, you know, you should really try to like, mellow out...and like, you know, some peyote or somethin'?** (switches to normal voice; yells) **And your FUCKIN' Fireball hippie BULLSHIT whiskey!**

[**message ends**]

Dick: Yeah, alright. (grinning)

Maddox: Oho, okay! There it is! I was waitin' for it. (laughing)

Dick: Alright, yeah. (guffaws) (Sean laughs)

Maddox: But, you know, I think for a sec...for a second there, like, if you listen to his drawl, I think he's...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...so he was trying to do a misdirect there, and fake us out, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But I think he really is a hippie! He's, deep down, a hippie! 'Cause he has that kinda, "Luhhh..." slow drawl goin' about it.

Dick: He does. Speaking of drawls, uh, you brought in anti-vaccine people?

Maddox: Yeah, Anti-Vaxxers.

Dick: A couple episodes ago? There's -- somebody called in to complain about that.

Maddox: Great! (sarcastic)

Dick: Here you go. [**plays third voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Man, you guys really think that vaccines containin' mercury, formaldehyde, and aluminum are good for you to inject into your bloodstream? (in a thick Southern accent)

Dick: There's no turn on this one.

Voicemail: Because that don't make any kinda sense. I mean, really! Come on, man. As consumers and human beings, we need to rise up against this bullshit. (Dick and Maddox crack up) **Thank you. Come on, talk about this, man. Talk about it.**

[**message ends**]

Dick: "So talk about it." What do you think about that?

Sean: Who was that, fuckin' Cleveland? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Uh, he's...he obviously subscribes to the Dick Masterson school of argument, which is: "I mean, REALLY."

Dick: WHOA, whoa, whoa! Whoa. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Keep going!

Maddox: Yeah, Dick, here's your, uh, rhetorical approach. You get flustered...repeat yourself, prefixing it with, "So what I'm SAYING is..." And that's exactly what he did in his 30-second message.

Dick: First of all, rule number one of the Dick Masterson arguing method is: drop your Southern accent. (Maddox laughs) If you're gonna talk about science, or whatever, I don't care if you were born...I don't care if you were born in a moonshine still in Kentucky -

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: - you FAKE like you have a normal newscaster accent.

Maddox: Yeah, I agree! Fake it, dude. Okay, we should probably get to the problems.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Yeah, we got alotta problems this week. Go, uh, go ahead.

Dick: We do! Uh, my first problem is.....snapchats of not tits. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Snapchats...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...of not tits. Okay!

Dick: Are you familiar with Snapchat? I'm gonna explain what it is: it's an app that...it's an app that, first of all, no one over 25 should be using. And I think that number's gonna shrink as the episode goes on. It's an app that lets you send pictures to someone else, and they disappear when the other person gets them.

Maddox: Right. So, the idea behind it is that you can send NUDES to each other and then not have to worry about it coming back to haunt you, like Scarlett Johansson.

Dick: Yeah, that's...that's one use. You know, maybe if you're like, a spy and you wanna take pictures of confidential documents and send them back in, maybe, hypothetically speaking, if -- we're not just gonna say it's for teen sexting pics!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe THAT'S a use for it, too, Maddox! (sarcastic)

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Oh, MAYBE, Dick. Yeah, maybe it is for spies. Spies use Snapchat at the NSA. (breaking into a grin)

Dick: So -

Maddox: (interjects) "Here you go, buddy!" (both laugh)

Dick: So, I have done, um...I started talkin' to this girl over Instagram. Right?

Maddox: Ooo.

Dick: Alright? I figured out a way to hit on girls over Instagram.

Maddox: Yeah, what's that? Just add them, 'cause they're so self-obsessed?

Dick: Yeah, but you can private message them! Did you know that?

Maddox: No, 'cause I can't -- I don't have Instagram.

Dick: Well, buddy, uh...

Maddox: I know I'm screwin' up, 'cause EVERY chick is on there! (annoyed)

Dick: They ARE!!

Maddox: I know.

Dick: And they're -- it's all the ones who are the most desperate for attention, too!

Maddox: Yeah! They're all narcissists! They have like, *thousands* and thousands of pictures of themselves; in swimsuits, at -- you know, actually, this is sounding pretty good. I'm gonna get an Instagram. (cracking up)

Dick: No, you -- yeah!!

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: And it's no, um...there's no effort on your part.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You just, 'add, add, add, add, add.' And your competition -- like, you can see the guys hitting on them are...they're totally retarded.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: It's like watching people who don't speak English as a first language hitting on girls. (Maddox snickers) Anyway, I started talkin' to this girl. Come to find out, she's a lot younger than I thought she was.

Maddox: How much...how young is this girl, Dick? (apprehensive)

Dick: I'll just say there are porno magazines dedicated to how young she is. Does that help?

Maddox: Uhhh, is she barely...?

Dick: "Legal," is what you're looking for. (grinning)

Maddox: There you -- I was gonna say "barely illegal." (amused) Uh...

Dick: No, barely legal.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Barely -- please! Please.

Maddox: Barely legal.

Dick: This is...this is recorded.

Maddox: Okay. (cracks up) So, she's 18.

Dick: You know! (offhandedly)

Maddox: Maybe 19.

Dick: Maybe.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So she says, "Hey, hop on Snapchat. I wanna send you some pictures."

Maddox: Oh, this is a scam. Here we go.

Dick: And I'm like, "What's...what's Snapchat?" (Maddox guffaws) Right?

Maddox: H'okay. (chuckling)

Dick: I'm 33, I don't know what fuckin' Snapchat is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, so she goes, "Oh, it's..." -- she explains it to me. I load it up...I create an account, go through all this trouble.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: I get all these pictures loaded up...uh, you know what they are?

Maddox: Hmm?

Dick: Pictures of her dog...

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: ...pictures of things she's looking at on her computer...

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: ...pictures of the fuckin' fan in her bedroom, spinning around?

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Like, what...what is this?

Maddox: Oh. (flatly)

Dick: What is the POINT of this?

Maddox: (**negative 'sproing' sound effect**)

Dick: What -- yeah!

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: Yeah. (annoyed)

Maddox: That's all it ever fucking is! Every...like, almost every girl I've added on there, uh -- and then a bunch of my dude friends add me, and I don't know what the fuck THEY'RE gonna send me. (Dick winds up) 'Cause it's never tits!

Dick: GOOD QUESTION!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Why are GUYS adding other guys on Snapchat?! (yelling)

Maddox: I don't know, man. But I have probably, like...40 people on there, just, you know, because everyone adds everyone. It's another fuckin' thing! You just hit 'plus, plus, plus' - everyone in your contacts list shows up. And then all I get all day long are dogs and horses. (wearily)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Fuckin'...

Dick: Real dogs and horses, or just ones they download?

Maddox: No, real ones, but I don't care either way.

Dick: Wait a minute. People are sending you dogs and horses? Where are they?

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know where they are!! There's this one person in particular...I don't know who it is, because they use the alias or something, and I can't...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I've been -- I haven't deleted them, 'cause it might be a close friend of mine, but it's also a...kind of a STUPID friend of mine, I guess, 'cause all they send me is pictures of horses! And I think all my friends, my close enough friends, know that I HATE horses.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So, I don't know why I'm gettin' these all the fuckin' time! And I can't tell if it's a colleague, or somebody I met at a party or something. (Dick laughs) I have NO fuckin' idea, and I'm waiting just for ONE picture of themselves, *or* tits.

Dick: So you just... (laughing hysterically)

Maddox: I would accept either!

Dick: So you just have a stream of HORSES coming into your phone all day?!

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, all day long! All day long. And then I have some friends who just have the BEST fuckin' life, and it's like, in-your-face, 'cause it's like Facebook to the next level. It's just nothin' but like, cool parties they're goin' to, good food they're eating, and...fun stuff they're doing all the time. 'Cause now they have that Snapchat timeline, which, you can add anything that you're doing to your timeline and they can see it for 24 hours.

Dick: You know more about Snapchat than me. (slyly)

Maddox: Ehh...

Dick: I didn't know that. I just know I don't get the pictures that I was PROMISED...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...by the premise of the app, and it really pisses me off. Because they also -- you ALSO get in trouble for not responding. It's worse than text-- you know how text fucked you?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause chicks will send you a message and then they're like, "Well, where's your response? Where's your response? Where's your response?" (Maddox sighs irritatedly) Snapchat is worse because they don't have to think of anything to say!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: They just take a picture of the fuckin' TOILET and send it to you (Maddox smirks) and then say, "Well, what did you think of the toilet??"

Maddox: Well, well.

Dick: "Here's a picture of my new bedspread! What did you think of my bedspread?" I don't CARE!

Maddox: Hey, Dick Masterson, this is the grave you dug. Now lay in it.

Dick: How did *I* dig this?!

Maddox: This is what you created, 'cause YOU'RE the emoji fan, huh? This is the next step -- the next evolution, or de-evolution of emoji! Because now, sending you a standard set of emoji? They are creating their *own* - they're sending you pictures of their dog, or they're sending you pictures of their fan, or whatever it is in their house...their cousin, or even, god forbid, their BOYFRIEND. I get, like, chicks sending me pictures of their boyfriends! (cracking up) I'm like, "I don't - "

Dick: (interjects) Through Snapchat?

Maddox: Yeah, through Snapchat, and it's infuriating! I'm like, "I don't wanna see this! I don't know who this, I don't give a SHIT. I don't give a shit about your boyfriend, your FAMILY, anything! Anything other than ti-- like, whatever! (Dick cackles) Whatever it is, I don't care! Don't send it to me!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, why am I, why do I...?? And it's urgent, too, because it sends a notification to your cell phone, so you reach down and you're like, "Oh god, what is this vibrating in my pocket?"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's a NEW TONE, you can't customize the notification sound. So it just comes in, it's like, this weird tone! I'm like, "Oh, is that a calendar notification? Am I missing a MEETING?"

Dick: No.

Maddox: Nope! Just a Snapchat of some chick's boyfriend! (angrily)

Dick: But then you're like, "Thank god -- oh, it might be some tits. Great. I was having a shitty day, now I get to see some tits." Nope, it's a horse.

Maddox: It's a horse. (**negative 'sproing' sound effect**)

Dick: That's the -- THAT'S why it's not emojis, 'cause emojis are never a cocktease.

Maddox: Emojis are *always* a cocktease, according to YOU, 'cause you think that they're suggestive.

Dick: They are suggestive.

Maddox: It can be.

Dick: No, they are, they are suggestive! A picture -- a promise of a picture that disappears...

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: ...is, by definition, a cocktease. You DEFINITELY think you're getting tits, but you never are.

Maddox: To be fair, I have gotten a couple of spy documents. (wryly) (everyone laughs) So, good point, Dick. Yeah, okay. So let's go to the bigger question here, though...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...is, why is this a problem, let alone the biggest problem in the universe? Why is this even a candidate for being a problem on the list?

Dick: Did you not hear that I am getting cockteased with the promise of tits that I'm not getting? Did you not hear that part? That's a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah, but Dick, you also may or may not have chlamydia, so I don't really care. (Sean snickers in the background)

Dick: Well. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Which your...your "man" saved you from, which SO many people mentioned last episode -- by the way, Dick -- how WEIRD it was you kept referring to your "man" the entire time!

Dick: I got a comment about that, actually.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Lemme read...lemme read it, where is it...Brian Tougas: "Dick, gagging on cock is the only possible way you could sound any gayer than you already do," talking about my man.

Maddox: (**fart sound effect**) There you go. Fartin' out condoms, with you and your man. (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah. (sullen)

Maddox: Sean, people loved how hard you laughed at that during the last episode.

Sean: I still haven't recovered.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling) Alright, well, is that, uh...is that all you got? Do you have any, uh, research? Statistics, evidence, anything to back up...?

Dick: I did do some research! (cheekily)

Maddox: Yeah? (amused)

Dick: Actually, yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Did you research how many Snapchats you received that didn't have tits in them? (cracking up) Like, what...what do you got?

Dick: Yeah. Uhh, most of them.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (about to laugh)

Dick: That's the research.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm 100 percent pissed off about...not getting tits on my Snapchat.

Maddox: Fair.

Dick: What's the mentality behind it? You tell me!

Maddox: Sending...?

Dick: It's just crazy.

Maddox: It's more narcissism. And yeah, I did wanna mention something to the point, Dick, that it notifies them as soon as you've looked at it, so they know you've seen it!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And they expect that response. That's why I don't check Facebook messages anymore; I see that I got something and as soon as I read it, they know I've read it and I haven't responded for a couple days, or weeks, or whenever. I respond to messages at MY convenience, on my schedule.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Not when you've seen that I've read it. I may READ it, but then I put that in a to-do list somewhere, 'cause it's not my fucking priority! That's why I don't use WhatsApp. WhatsApp has the same fuckin' problem! As soon as you even start typing a message -- and iPhones do this!

Dick: Yeah, they do.

Maddox: Another reason iPhones are pieces of shit!

Dick: Ehhh....

Maddox: So when you start typin' a message to someone, it shows that "..." And then if you're trying to think of what to say or edit your response, or you get interrupted, then the other person on the other line might think, "Oh, he's really thinkin' hard about what to say to me! He must really care!" When the reality is, the mailman came to the door. Fuck off for a minute.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, I've started using what you're talkin' about to my advantage.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Like, this girl will send me Snapchats, and I won't look at 'em.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I've noticed, they get progressively more sexualized the longer I let 'em sit there. (mischievously)

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: Right? Classic...classic technique. So if you're under 20, and you're sending alotta sex around with, uh...whatever, the girls at your college or your high school, wherever the fuck -- whatever age you're supposed to be using Snapchat.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, and you think -

Dick: Uh, give that a shot.

Maddox: - you think that works. Because here's the other problem with Snapchat, is if you don't look at them, after a while they just disappear. Anyway.

Dick: Is that true?

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: OH.

Maddox: After, like, I think 24 hours or somethin'. They just disappear anyway!

Dick: Oh, shit. (quietly)

Maddox: Yeah! And then also, they do this other coy thing where you can decide how many seconds to display the message you send to somebody.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Between, uh, 1 and 10. So if it's a nude -- if, god forbid, they actually use the app for what it's INVENTED for, they'll send it to you for like, 2 seconds. So it's like, I can't even get my fly down in that... (laughs robustly) It's not even enough time to commit to the spank bank!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: I don't know, man. It's like putting a dollar on a teller's desk and saying, "Here, deposit," then just yankin' it real quick.

Dick: I can't even find where the nipple is in 2 seconds!

Maddox: I know!

Dick: You know?

Maddox: What am I -- is this a bellybutton? What am I looking at here??

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Can I at least SEE it long enough to tell whether it's an original, or you just snapped a picture of some...some magazine, someplace...? Aw, whatever. Garbage. Let's get to a real problem, man. (Dick cackles)

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah. Ebola alarmists. (both start laughing)

Dick: Hahaha!! WHAT?!? (screeching)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: That's a real problem! What do you know about Ebola? It's this horrific disease, right? It's this horrific virus that kills people, makes them barf up blood, whatever. But it's *so* overblown.

Dick: You think the hysteria's overblown?

Maddox: Well, maybe! Lemme read you some, uh, some statistics here, okay?

Dick: Ohhh, great.

Maddox: I'm gonna read you this virus, and tell me if you think this sounds scary or if it's overblown. 'Kay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This virus "will swamp our hospitals [...] and by this time next year between 250,000 and 500,000 worldwide will be dead, thousands of them in the U.S. and Britain." [quoting The Guardian - http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/aug/05/ebola-worrying-disease]

Dick: What, from Ebola?

Maddox: Pretty scary stuff, right?

Dick: I don't know that that's a real...that's a projection? Based on what?

Maddox: No, it's a real statistic!

Sean: No -- I know what he's doing.

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: He's, uh, referencing some other disease. (Dick laughs loudly) It's like, the plain old flu or something.

Maddox: It IS the flu, Sean!

Dick: Is that what you're doing? (grinning)

Sean: It's the flu, yeah.

Maddox: It is the flu!

Dick: Ohh, you got busted!!

Maddox: Yeah, well, that's obviously what I'm doing. It's the FLU.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's the flu. 'Kay?

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: That's what we're NOT worried about, that's killing 250,000 to 500,000 people yearly.

Dick: Okay, yeah.

Maddox: Nowhere near that for Ebola!

Dick: Ebola's down at like 4,000, isn't it?

Maddox: Yeah! Somethin' around 4,000, and it has anywhere from a 50 to 90 percent mortality rate. Uh, not that big of a deal.

Dick: I'm just letting you know in advance that I totally disagree with you on this one.

Maddox: Oh! (derisively)

Dick: But I want you get through your stats if you got any more.

Maddox: Great. Yeah, I got plenty of stats.

Dick: Before I start shouting at you.

Maddox: Yeah, I got plenty of stats, Dick. (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**) And you gotta be a contrarian, I know, you always do, but -

Dick: (interjects) No! I actually DO think it's a problem! I think Ebola is POSSIBLY -- like, out of all the diseases that everyone's ever freaked out about, this one might be worth worrying about!

Maddox: M'kay! Well, "Since the Ebola outbreak began in February, around 300,000 people have died..." [quoting same article]

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: "...from malaria, while tuberculosis has likely claimed around 600,000" -- this is from The Guardian -- it's "claimed around 600,000 lives," in the same amount of time. "Ebola might have our attention, but it's not even close to being the biggest problem in Africa right now." It's not even the biggest problem in Africa, let alone our list, Dick!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Even Lassa fever, which shares many of the terrifying symptoms of Ebola, including bleeding from the eyelids, kills many more than Ebola -- and frequently finds its way to the U.S."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: You know what THIS is. This isn't Ebola; this is SARS, this is bird flu, this is killer bees, this is the California drought. This is a slow news week.

Dick: I'm...gonna disagree with you...

Maddox: 'Kay!

Dick: ...because I don't -- I don't think it is.

Maddox: Based on what, Dick?

Dick: Well, all the things that you're talking about -- all of those other diseases that are sending those hundreds of thousands of people to hospitals -- those are all curable.

Maddox: No, they're not!

Dick: They're...they're not -- yeah they are!

Maddox: No, they're PREVENTABLE, but they're not curable. Not all of 'em are curable.

Dick: Okay - the flu? (skeptical)

Maddox: The flu is not curable! There is no cure.

Dick: But the flu...the flu only hurts, like, infants -- it only kills the very young and the very old.

Maddox: No, you can -

Dick: (interjects) It's very different from Ebola.

Maddox: No, that's not true, and I'll tell you why, uh, on that point.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Did you wanna finish something there? Or...'cause I wanna -

Dick: (interjects) I'm just explaining what's DIFFERENT about Ebola and these things...these other diseases that you're quoting.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Well, there is no cure, but it's not just the infants and very old; people can -- just regular people can die from...

Dick: It's not 'JUST,' but it's 'mostly.' That's who's at risk with the flu.

Maddox: Okay, Dick -

Dick: Very young and the very old.

Maddox: - good point, the most vulnerable of our society. Go on.

Dick: Nonononono, but you and I are not at risk for getting *killed* by the flu!

Maddox: Well, I'M not! (laughs)

Dick: I'M not at risk for getting killed by the flu! (cracking up) Maybe syphilis!

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs harder)

Dick: THAT one might take me out, but not the fuckin' flu! Ebola, however, can get either one of us.

Maddox: No! It's -- but the odds are extremely rare! So is LIGHTNING, Dick! Lightning could also strike us.

Dick: Of course, but lightning strikes don't have the potential to go -- to rise out of control. If Ebola gets outta control, it could grow exponentially. That's a POSSIBLE problem. I'm not saying you should be freaked out about it, but it's different. Influenza's not growing exponentially, it is what it is.

Maddox: Influenza -

Dick: (interjects) It's gonna kill that many people all the time, 'cause that's what it does.

Maddox: Influenza -- no! Influenza is WAY more contagious than Ebola! (yelling) Ebola ONLY transfers through bodily fluids. Influenza can transfer through the air! You can just be in a theater where somebody sneezes, and you can get the flu.

Dick: But it's not *growing.* The amount of infections for the flu is not growing! The amount of infections for Ebola ARE growing, and it's not airborne, and it COULD be.

Maddox: But the rate at which it's growing is infinitesimal compared to any other disease that actually kills people, including malaria, that I just read - the statistic!

Dick: You're saying that the growth of Ebola is infinitesimal...

Maddox: The RATE.

Dick: ...compared to the flu?

Maddox: The RATE of growth.

Dick: The rate of growth...ugh, but it's NOT! What if it's -- what if it is exponential?

Maddox: It's not, they've already done models and statistics and calculations. It's just not that contagious! It really isn't. You have to get bodily fluids in or on you, and then absorb them into your body in order to get Ebola.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's way less contagious than measles, way less contagious than malaria, than tuberculosis, than all these things that actually kill people that we SHOULD be worried about. And we're not -- 'cause, you know, Dick, what if the rate of LIGHTNING grows outta control (cracks up) and we just all start dying from lightning? I mean, it's insane!

Dick: Wait a minute, is it? Have you heard that?

Maddox: No. No, Dick. (laughing)

Dick: Did you know about this? (teasing)

Maddox: No!

Dick: Should I start wearing a tin foil hat to protect myself from lightning? (smiling)

Maddox: Dick, I think you should. Uh, and tuck your hair under that.

Dick: (interjects) I'm not being a contrarian asshole! Like, I'm not being a conspiracy theorist!

Maddox: Yeah. (doubtful)

Dick: I think there's a couple things about Ebola that make it more worrisome than the BIRD flu.

Maddox: Okay, well, it's okay to be wrong. So, here's this article I... (starts laughing) Here's this article I read today; it says, "Don't Worry, Be Rational: Why - "

Dick: (interjects) Just...go ahead. Go ahead! (amused)

Maddox: It's -- yeah, I'll tell ya -

Dick: (interjects) Keep SHITTING on the people that are trying to help! (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah! (sardonic)

Dick: That's what... (splutters) Get right in line!! Step right in line with the rest of 'em. Go ahead!

Maddox: Yeah. (**sound clip of Dick saying, "Maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I am."**) (everyone explodes into laughter)

Dick: HahahaHAAAAAAH!! (playfully frustrated)

Maddox: (still giggling) It's, heh...so, on that point, you said -

Dick: (interjects) Such a fuckin' asshole. (grinning) (Maddox bursts out laughing) Go ahead.

Maddox: You said, DICK, that you think that the flu is only attacking old people and babies. Which, you know what -

Dick: (interjects) They're at risk!

Maddox: Of course, everyone's at risk.

Dick: I don't -

Maddox: (interjects) EVERYONE'S AT RISK.

Dick: 100 percent of flu victims are not that -- everyone is not at risk for the flu!!

Maddox: Yes, they ARE.

Dick: You and I are not!

Maddox: *I* am not, 'cause I'm invincible. But here's the thing: I'm okay with the flu takin' out old people and babies! (cracking up) I hate those segments of the population. However, I do wanna point this out -

Dick: (interjects) It's well-documented. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, in T-shirts, comic books, writing, AND an episode of Penn & Teller's: Bullshit! So there's that.

Dick: Hey, speaking of T-shirts, do you wanna talk about your new store launching? Is that something you wanna do?

Maddox: Actually, yeah! That'd be kinda cool!

Dick: Yeah! (amused)

Maddox: You know what? I'll just mention that right now, yeah! I'm transitioning to the new store, and, uh...it's the first time in 11 years that I am changing storefronts, and I've launched a whole bunch of new products. That's a weird commercial we just crammed in there! And -

Dick: (interjects) We got alotta commercials this episode!! (shouting)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Keep goin', with your Ebola. (grinning)

Maddox: You know what, though? I finally have a glow-in-the-dark shirt! It's comin' out next week, I'm gonna launch it next week.

Dick: What does it say?

Maddox: Just my logo. My face.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah, cool as shit! It's like, huge, too! It's a cool glow-in-the-dark T-shirt. Anyway dude, uh, real quick -- so, you said that the flu has less chance of killing you than, say, Ebola. But here's the thing: this article said, "Why Extreme Fear of Ebola Is Bad For Your Health," right? It's from this website I'll link on our site. [http://commonhealth.wbur.org/2014/10/extreme-fear-of-ebola-bad-for-health] So they interviewed this guy - he's a risk perception consultant, David Ropeik. Which I didn't even know was a thing. But he says -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it's not. (Maddox laughs) It's just some asshole making up what he wants to do.

Maddox: No, no! So listen to this, he says when we worry, it's biologically equivalent to stress. 'Kay?

Dick: Oh, god. (quietly)

Maddox: Worrying IS stress. "Chronic stress raises our blood pressure and increases the risk of cardiovascular problems; it suppresses our immune system and makes us more likely to catch infectious diseases" -- INCLUDING Ebola -- "and it makes us get sicker from them if we do. It interferes with neurotransmitters associated with mood, and it is strongly associated with clinical depression. Chronic stress interferes with digestion and memory and depresses fertility and slows bone growth."

Dick: So...so you're not freaked out about a MURDEROUS disease that kills half of the people it touches and is incurable, but you're worried that STRESS will give you a loss of BONE GROWTH? (yelling) Are you fuckin' -- that's the position you're takin' on this? 'Ebola? No problem. Stress...you might lose your BONES!'

Maddox: OR, it increases your risk -

Dick: (interjects) Or have diarrhea!

Maddox: No - you know, I got that right now, actually. (Dick and Sean laugh loudly) Um, it increases your risk of even contracting Ebola in the first place! Listen to how -- listen to this insanity that's goin' on because of Ebola! In Cleveland, schools are closing and they're being washed down in BLEACH!

Dick: Hey, FUCK school! Any excuse to shut down a school so these kids can have a day off. Come on, everybody's workin' hard! Take the day off!

Maddox: People are -

Dick: (interjects) What are you, pro-school, now? (mocking)

Maddox: Uh, yeah, Dick! We need fewer dumbasses! People are going to airports wrapped in PLASTIC and DUCT TAPE. (Dick giggles loudly)

Dick: Really!

Maddox: These idiots -- yeah! I just flew -

Dick: (interjects) Is that true?

Maddox: Yeah! I just flew through Dallas-Fort Worth, and, um, I was in Omaha this weekend.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I saw it everywhere, man! There's hand sanitizer everywhere, people are wearing masks - people are wearing latex gloves on a plane, EATING PEANUTS with their latex gloves that they've touched everything else with. You guys are idiots!

Dick: Yeah...look, that's hyster-- I'll give you that. That's hysteria, that's stupid. But the disease itself is NOT innocuous, I don't think. (Maddox sighs quietly) When the government and the news are both tellin' me that I don't have to worry about something, that's when I start gettin' worried. They say, "Bird flu - it's gonna kill ya." Okay, I don't need to worry about that, it sounds stupid. "Ebola? Uhh, don't worry about it! We got some plans. We don't have a cure. Uh, it might mutate, but just don't worry about it! Relax, relax, relax. No reason to get hysterical." That's when I go, like, "Wait a minute. What do you mean, 'don't worry about it'?"

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) (cracks up) Congress is threatening to pass legislation to ban flights to and from Ebola countries. Which, by the way, that means America! 'Cause we have Ebola over here.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: 8 people have gotten Ebola in America, and 1 of them has died. 1 out of 8. And it's -

Dick: (interjects) That doesn't worry you?

Maddox: NO!

Dick: At all?

Maddox: Absolutely not!

Dick: Happened pretty fast!

Maddox: Look at the ODDS, Dick. What are the odds you're gonna get Ebola? Pretty much zero!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You have better odds of winning a lottery. You have better odds of getting sniped by the D.C. sniper, the same one they put in jail. (cracks up)

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Those are...those are your odds. (Dick chuckles) You have better odds. So, listen to this -

Dick: (interjects) I agree with you. I agree with that.

Maddox: Yeah! So this is, again, according to The Guardian; they said, "During the SARS outbreak in 2003..." -- now, a lot of people might not remember this, but SARS happened, and it was this upper respiratory tract infection. Right? It stands for Severe Acute Respiratory...something.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And uh, and the 'S' may actually stand for "something." (cracking up) But in 2003, "Asian-Americans became the targets of just that" -- of this like, hysteria -- "with public health hotlines inundated with calls from Americans worried about 'buying Asian merchandise'..." (Dick laughs loudly) Uh-huh! "...'living near Asians,' and 'going to school with Asians.'"

Dick: Okay. Let me just say...I think those people would find something else to be retarded about.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: If they didn't have SARS.

Maddox: Yeah, it's called "Ebola"!

Dick: If they didn't have Ebola, it would be vaccines! (grinning)

Maddox: It's called "anti-vaccinations," yeah!

Dick: You cannot -- THAT is just as stable as influenza. People being retarded.

Maddox: So, here's the thing, Dick: Ebola...this is the first modern outbreak, large-scale modern outbreak we've had of Ebola.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We've never attempted to treat Ebola with modern medicine! And so far -

Dick: (interjects) Really?

Maddox: Yeah! It's the first time!

Dick: So we're sending free *shoes* to Africa? We haven't bothered to try to cure their Ebola? (cracking up)

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: Huh. (amused)

Maddox: No need. And the poor president of Liberia...she's actually like, this nice-looking, grandmotherly woman. Uh, she just -- she's like, pleading to everybody. She said, "Hey, please help us out."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "We need help here, and everyone's just kinda..." Our Congress's response is, "Let's BAN flights to Liberia."

Dick: Well...compromise, man!

Maddox: (chuckles) Yeah. Great. (Dick laughs) That's some kinda compromise. They did the same thing with bird flu and Mexico! Remember, during the height of the bird flu epidemic -- and I'm using the word "epidemic" loosely here -- I drove down to Mexico...this is actually something I've never told on my website or to any of my fans.

Dick: Ooo!

Maddox: I drove down to Mexico to try to get bird flu. Um, I went around (laughs) and found some Mexicans and like, paid them (Dick laughs hysterically) to cough and sneeze in my face, uh, because -

Dick: (interjects) Are you serious?!

Maddox: Yeah! I have pictures of this!

Dick: You have pictures of Mexicans spitting in your mouth? (incredulous)

Maddox: No, they didn't spit in my mouth! They were just like, breathing in my face and...you know, whatever. I was SO confident that bird flu was bullshit, 'cause it is! The flu has a higher mortality rate than bird flu -- the normal flu.

Dick: I just wanna say, *I'm* the weirdo for having a man in my apartment? Yet YOU are driving down to Mexico to get strange Mexicans to sneeze and cough in your face? You win the fuckin' weirdo award THIS week, buddy. (Maddox laughs heartily)

Sean: No, wait - you just found random Mexicans to sneeze and cough all over you?

Maddox: You know, they were merchants. They were trying to sell hats and trinkets and stuff like that.

Sean: You were just hoping one of them had the bird flu? (dryly) (Dick laughs)

Maddox: I...no, not bird flu. Swine flu, actually. Yeah. It was swine flu.

Dick: Oh, make up your mind.

Maddox: Yeah, oh, it's the same...same difference, whatever. It's some bullshit that the -- it's a slow news week. "Oh, swine flu's the deadly one this week. You'd better be careful, swine flu's the really bad one." It just SOUNDS scary because, oh, they associated an animal with it! (derisively) An animal that's known to be dirty.

Dick: I feel like the HYSTERIA is now the news story. It's not even that the Ebola -- like, what you're saying right now seems like the talking points of, what is that jackass's name...uh, Shepard Smith!

Maddox: Governor [Grover] Norquist.

Dick: Nononononono. Shepard Smith, that news anchor?

Maddox: Yeah! On Fox!

Dick: He...yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: He came out with that extremely, like, patronizing, baby-talk...

Maddox: Nope.

Dick: ...presentation on Ebola. What do you mean, "no"?

Maddox: Yeah, it wasn't patronizing, it was actually very factual. It was one of the few things, few times that -

Dick: (interjects) Oh!

Maddox: Yeah. [indicating for Dick to talk]

Dick: It can be both.

Maddox: Go on.

Dick: First of all, I BROUGHT it.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it!

Dick: You wanna listen to this -

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: - and tell me it's not fuckin' patronizing?

Maddox: Let's hear a little bit of it.

Dick: Alright. [**plays Shepard Smith video clip**]

Shepard Smith: Together now. (exhales)

Dick: He's takin' a deep breath for you. (parodying a soothing tone) Like a yoga class.

Shepard Smith: In the next two minutes, I'm gonna give you the facts on Ebola.

Maddox: 'Kay!

Dick: 'Kay.

Shepard Smith: It'll take just three minutes.

Maddox: Three minutes, cool! I got three minutes.

Shepard Smith: First today, given what we know, you should have no concerns about Ebola at all. None, I promise.

Maddox: Done! I don't.

Dick: How is that fuckin' news?

Shepard Smith: Unless a medical professional has contacted you personally and told you of some sort of possible exposure, fear not.

[**Dick pauses video clip**]

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: What...okay, what is this? That's very patronizing.

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: Getting on TV and telling you that you shouldn't be afraid unless a doctor talks to you?

Maddox: Because -

Dick: (interjects) What are you, a fuckin' DOCTOR, Shepard Smith?

Maddox: No! No, but he's a journalist and he's doing his job! He's telling Americans not to worry about this overblown bullshit, which maybe a certain Dick Masterson with a burning penis might benefit from listening to!

Dick: It's grandstanding. (jeering) (Maddox laughs) He's getting up there and being so overly sentimental and caring, his precious viewers. (dripping with sarcasm) You wanna hear more?

Maddox: Yeah! [**Dick resumes Shepard Smith video clip**]

Shepard Smith: Do not listen to the hysterical voices on the radio and the television or read the fear-provoking words online.

Maddox: Or podcasts! (laughs)

Shepard Smith: The people who say and write hysterical things are being very irresponsible.

[**video clip ends**]

Maddox: "Irresponsible," amen.

Dick: Oh, GOD.

Maddox: Thank you, Shepard Smith. They ARE being irresponsible.

Dick: Nope! No news yet, by the way. No facts about -- he coulda cut that three minutes down to TWO minutes -

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: - if he'd lost all THAT shit.

Maddox: They've reported all these facts on different segments on Fox News, on CNN...Anderson Cooper has talked about it...people -- I saw a tweet the other day where someone was imploring CNN to stop sending Anderson Cooper to Ebola countries. (amused) First of all, are you kidding me? And how weird and kinda cool would it be if a very famous news reporter just died from Ebola? (Dick guffaws) Like, then that would be kind of...oh, these guys are shakin' their heads. Whatever. Uh, that would be kind of interesting, at least.

Dick: I'm not shakin' my head!

Maddox: Yeah. But it's SO unlikely...dude, put me in a room with someone with Ebola. As long as they don't sneeze or cough on me -- like, I'm not gonna go to Mexico and have people with Ebola, uh, or Liberia, and have people's Ebola sneezed in my face.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Okay? That's stupid. That's a way...and it does have a high mortality rate *if* you get it. But that "if" is EVERYTHING. You're not going to! It's REALLY unlikely.

Dick: Yeah, that's the thing about exponential growth of something like this, though!

Maddox: Dick, it doesn't! (exasperated)

Dick: Once it gets outta control, it's outta control!

Maddox: No! There's a flowchart that shows the, uh, how contagious different diseases are. Measles is by far the highest, and these anti-vaxxer DIPSHITS in Malibu are not getting vaccinations and that has a higher mortality rate than Ebola! Way more people die from that shit!

Dick: Measles has a higher mortality *rate*?

Maddox: Uh, well, maybe not -- no.

Dick: Like, percentage? Or numbers?

Maddox: I take that back. Uh, probably numbers. I think numbers, because way more people get measles than do Ebola.

Dick: Yeah. The mortality RATE is the issue here to me.

Maddox: No, the -

Dick: (interjects) The fact that it might kill you on a coin toss...

Maddox: Yeah, Dick!

Dick: ...is pretty worrisome.

Maddox: Based on 1920s statistics of mortality of Ebola! This is the first time, again, that we've been trying to treat it with modern medicine: intravenous treatment, keeping fluids...just keeping people hydrated, which they weren't able to do effectively before IV drips, uh, when people got Ebola. Just that alone has brought down the mortality rate. We haven't even really started -- and already today I read an article, I think it was on Scientific American, about how they just came out with research that shows how the process...how

the Ebola virus penetrates our cells, and it's dependent upon one specific type of amino acid.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Which, they may be able to find some medication to block in our systems if you have Ebola, and that's that. That's the end of Ebola. It'll be another little, uh, footnote in history...

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: ...of SARS, and bird flu, and -

Dick: (interjects) And smallpox. (Maddox smirks)

Maddox: Yeah! Well, until these anti-vaxxer morons bring it back and kill all of us.

Dick: Smallpox wiped out like, a third of people, didn't it?

Maddox: It was pretty bad, yeah!

Dick: Which is...it's similar to Ebola, isn't it? Smallpox?

Maddox: I don't know. I don't, uh...I don't think so.

Dick: Except Ebola has a non-human host. Smallpox didn't have that.

Maddox: What is the non-human Ebola host?

Dick: Bats. I think it's bats, I dunno.

Maddox: Are you sure it's not... (**monkeys whooping sound effect**)

Dick: I heard it from a guy -- (laughs loudly)

Maddox: Huh? Monkeys! Vote it up, people!

Dick: Yeah, well, if they DO cure it, isn't it because of all this media hype?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Nobody was lookin' for a fuckin' cure before! Now all of a sudden everyone's hysterical, we gotta find a cure.

Maddox: No, we don't, Dick. (annoyed)

Dick: Sooo...mmmm, I gotcha on that one! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: We're just trying to help out poor Grandma Liberia, their president.

Dick: Ha! The U.S. doesn't care about Africa.

Maddox: Yeah...I'll agree with you on that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What's your next problem?

Dick: Let's take a minute to thank our sponsor! Today's show is brought to you by Warby Parker. Visit http://warbyparker.com/biggest for your next pair of eyeglasses. You enter that code and you'll get free 3-day shipping on your purchased eyewear. So lemme tell you

about Warby Parker. It's a new concept in eyewear: contemporary eyeglasses that are extremely affordable and fashion-forward.

Maddox: They do look pretty good, dude! I checked out the website, uh, ready...you know, 'cause I've had some opinions about glasses, especially from Oakley and Ray-Ban and all these other competitors.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Which are all the same company. Uh, but these ones look really good, on Warby Parker!

Dick: Well, they sent us some free ones. You should...you should try 'em on, I don't know. I don't know what it would take for *you* to buy an expensive pair of sunglasses. They're gonna give us a pair for running this ad.

Maddox: So, Dick -

Dick: (interjects) Uh, so I brought in -- I offered the suggestion that we should have some kind of a game to see who gets the one free pair of sunglasses, whether it would be Maddox, myself, or Sean, and uh, what was your response to that?

Maddox: Uh, I said I should get them all. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. There you go. (smiling)

Maddox: I should get a free pair of sunglasses.

Dick: So, Maddox is gonna get a free pair of sunglasses after this.

Maddox: Yeah. OR, or, we can each have a lens. (Dick giggles) And then we can change custody. So I just put on -- Dick handed me this cool pair of aviator sunglasses.

Dick: Yeah, you look great. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, right? (Sean laughs loudly in the background) Sean? Huh? Whatever, Sean. (disdainful) (Sean laughs more)

Dick: Put 'em on straight, shithead!

Maddox: Well, I'm wearing headphones!

Dick: You can't move the headphones for a SECOND?

Maddox: There. They're on straight.

Dick: So, here's the copy. Lemme read you this: "The industry" -- this is what Warby Parker says -- "The eyewear industry is controlled by a single company that has been able to keep prices artificially high while reaping huge profits from consumers who have no other options." Uh, they're trying to get around that. Their prescription glasses start at 95 bucks, including lenses. Options include glasses, reading glasses and sunglasses. And they also offer you the ability to try them on at home, which you are currently doing. [to Maddox]

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I kinda like that! I don't like goin' into the store and...tryin' shit on with a buncha assholes.

Maddox: No, it's about -

Dick: (interjects) And you gotta go to the MALL when you do it, too, which is an even bigger pain in the ass.

Maddox: Yeah, it's about time online retailers finally started making this 'try on at home' thing a reality. Right? Because why are you gonna go into a store or a mall, or whatever, and stand in line at a kiosk and talk to one of those idiots? Those underpaid...morons. Uh, which, by the way, I needed a cable -- I walked into one, one time -- and asked these guys, I said, "Hey, I just need a USB charging cable." Guess how much it costs just for a Micro-USB charging cable.

Dick: 20 bucks?

Maddox: Yeah, 25 bucks!

Dick: Yeah. Where -- oh, yeah.

Maddox: EVERYWHERE charges 25 dollars for a cable that costs, like, 3 cents to make. Less than 3 cents.

Dick: Where did you -- they gotta pay for the storefront though, man. Where'd you go?

Maddox: Oh, so I just went places that weren't selling them and just asked them if they had a cable to sell me. (playfully)

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Whatever, man. Uh, Warby Parker, you don't have to deal with that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's my point. (smiling)

Dick: Good job.

Maddox: These glasses look really good on me. I think, uh, I think I win.

Dick: There you go! Take 'em home with you, they're yours. Alright, we doin' another problem?

Maddox: Let's do it.

Dick: Uh, my next problem is.....chatty Uber drivers.

Maddox: Chatty Uber drivers. (amused)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Now, why is that a problem, Dick? And I...actually agree.

Dick: Already, you're IMMEDIATELY to the cutting down of my problem!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Look -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, let's hear it! Let's hear it.

Dick: I *hate* cabs. As much as the next guy.

Maddox: Cabs BLOW.

Dick: Yeah, they're the worst.

Maddox: Absolutely!

Dick: They never know where anything is...

Maddox: No! And they take the slowest route, they're belligerent, and everything they try to do to improve the cab-riding experience backfires. It's -- they put in those monitors in the back, those TVs, that you can't turn off and it's just -

Dick: (interjects) OH, my GOD, dude!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I'm getting flashbacks of driving to the airport at 6 in the morning with the same *fucking* ads playing over and over on that television!

Maddox: And it...yeah, the same like, 3-minute Entertainment Tonight clip. And it's mostly in New York; every time I go to New York, their cabs...it seems like they've taken one step forward and two steps back.

Dick: And they're liars! Their credit card machines are NOT always broken, even though they say they are.

Maddox: Oh, they're so fulla SHIT. And they're so -- yeah, they're so belligerent and they always insist on...uh, if you don't tip them 'cause they took the slow route, or they went the wrong way and they kept the meter running...they're idiots!

Dick: So Uber's a godsend. Right?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It fixes everything....bye-bye, taxis.

Maddox: So, uh, explain Uber for some people who don't know.

Dick: You get on your phone, you request a car...you request an Uber. You get on the app and then somebody -- just some person who signed up to be a driver -- shows up where you've requested them and drives you to where you wanna go.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And it's all handled with your iPhone.

Maddox: Mhm! It's great!

Dick: The payment goes through it, everything goes through it. It's perfect.

Maddox: Or Android. Yeah, it's great.

Dick: Except, *except* that these motherfuckers wanna chat your ear off. (Maddox smirks) Every time you get in the Uber with them. Right? They always have some deal that they

wanna work out with you, and I don't know where they get that. I'm -- this is just a plea, from me to everyone, to stop chatting me up in Ubers. (slowly for emphasis)

Maddox: Yeah, why? Why.

Dick: Because I got my phone back here!

Maddox: Yeah. Interesting, Dick. Um, weren't you the same guy who complained about everyone being on their phones early on in our podcast? (teasing)

Dick: I don't need a 5-minute...friend. I want you to pay attention to the road.

Maddox: Okay! I'm on board with that, but uh...yeah, just so they get us there quicker.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which NONE of them ever -- like, I've only ever had one aggressive Uber driver...

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: ...and it was me. And I wasn't driving Uber. Uh, but they're never aggressive! They're always being very polite and very slow; I'm guessing it's because of other passengers.

Dick: Well, you know what? Speaking of 'other passengers,' the real problem -- I think we get criticized for not bringing in female problems on this show.

Maddox: Well, YOU.

Dick: Ye-- well, okay. (Maddox chuckles) I'll cop to that. But it seems like these Uber drivers are like, OUT of CONTROL harassing women!

Maddox: Yeah, it's -

Dick: (interjects) Have you heard about this??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It seems like every week, some broad's getting abducted!

Maddox: Well, you're also hearing about it. Like...look, dude. As a percentage of Uber drives that actually happen, it's *extremely* low. Just like the percentage of all interactions that happen with strangers - the number of them that end in homicide are extremely low...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...the number of them that end in rape are extremely low; the number of them that end in burglary are extremely low.

Dick: However, the number of them that end in uncomfortable harassment is extremely high!

Maddox: I don't think so.

Dick: No! I -

Maddox: (interjects) I think you're just hearing more about it.

Dick: I think EVERY chick has a story, or multiple stories, about Uber guys chatting them up in weird ways.

Maddox: Well, that may -- I don't know, man. I mean, it's...

Dick: 'Cause I didn't think this was a problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And like, this girl I know was telling me about how big of a problem it was, and I was like, "You're crazy! These guys are just...they're doin' their job, they're drivin' a car, they're semi-professionals; why are all these guys nonstop harassing you?" Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, sure enough, we take an Uber to my place. I hop out, she keeps goin'. As soon as I get outta the car -- the guy was SILENT the entire time -- turns around and goes, "Oh, so, what were you, on a date? Didn't go well?"

Maddox: Wow!

Dick: I was like, "You've gotta be fuckin' KIDDING me, man!"

Maddox: Well, I do have an anecdote similar to that about a friend of mine who took an Uber to a bar one time, and got outta the car...she thanks the guy, and he asks her if he can come in with her. (dryly) (Dick and Sean burst out laughing) Pretty creepy.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: And then...and then it puts them in the awkward situation where, if they say "no," it makes them seem rude and then they might get a rude encounter with that Uber driver. OR if they say "yes," or...it doesn't matter!

Dick: Of COURSE you're not gonna say "yes"!

Maddox: No, of course not.

Dick: It's some asshole that you just met in a car that you hired to drive you around! You're goin' into a fuckin' BAR with him? Are you kidding me??

Maddox: You know what's weird, is, uh, I've actually gotten burgers with several Uber drivers. (cracks up) I don't know why, but this has happened multiple times. I don't even remember the circumstances 'cause I was probably drunk. But I was going to a burger place in Hollywood, and this Uber driver overheard our conversation -- me and my friend in the back -- and we were talkin' about how good these burgers were.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And he was like, "Wow, yeah, these do sound like good burgers! They put bacon on 'em?" I'm like, "Yeah, they put bacon on 'em!" "Avocado?" I'm like, "Yeah, dude, you can get an avocado burger!" So we pull over and he's like, "Alright, well, uh, I should probably eat somethin'." (cracks up) And we're like, "Okay, so...I guess you're joining us." And he did! He just came in.

Dick: What the FUCK?

Maddox: That was our friend for the night. Uh, you know, honestly though -

Dick: (interjects) Look, they're gonna fuck it up. They're gonna fuck -- we're gonna have to go back to taxis.

Maddox: No.

Dick: 'Cause these people, these guys -- these chatty Uber guys are gonna fuck it all up.

Maddox: I don't know, man, I'll never go back. But yeah, some of the Uber drivers are creeps. I've actually had the experience of networking with Uber drivers. (cracking up)

Dick: Dude, that's EXACTLY what I was gonna say next. I don't wanna hear about your band. I feel like -- back ten, fifteen years ago, you'd have to hear about someone's band whenever you were stuck in a car with them. Now you have to hear about their social fuckin' marketing project.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm SSSSICK of it. (Maddox laughs quietly) I DON'T wanna hear about the TED Talk you listened to that inspired you to think about quitting your job and...starting a revolution online.

Maddox: Yeah, you know, it's funny you mention that. That's... (cracks up) that's almost exactly what happened to me this afternoon when I took, uh...it wasn't Uber, it was Lyft. Lyft is another service that's similar to Uber; I took it home from the airport. The guy actually was like, really nice, and he told me all about his, uh...his social marketing project -

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: - and I gave him some pointers, and he said, "I should hire you, blah blah blah..." We exchanged contacts and, you know, we'll see where that goes. But uh, I don't know. He was a nice guy, it was a nice chat - I didn't mind it so much. I mean, I guess I'm fortunate that...I'm not being -

Dick: (interjects) That you're not a woman.

Maddox: Yeah, that I'm not a woman and being harassed by it. Uh, which...I get, yeah, it does suck. But I don't know pervasive it is.

Dick: I think it's more pervasive than you and I can even imagine.

Maddox: Well, so...if it IS, though, they are essentially risking their professional reputation.

Dick: What, the...?

Maddox: The Uber drivers!

Dick: The Uber guys?

Maddox: Because you can rate each one of them. If they have a low rating -- if they drop below a 4, they get kicked off the service.

Dick: Yeah, but you know how chicks are, they NEVER do that shit.

Maddox: Well, then it's not a problem!

Dick: Like, they -- 'cause they don't wanna hurt anybody. They don't mind...like, they don't wanna be harassed -

Maddox: No, no no no.

Dick: - but they don't wanna stand up for them-- dude, they don't, they DON'T one-star 'em. I've seen 'em do it; they'll tell me a horrific story, and then they'll go, like, "Eh, four stars. I don't wanna get in trouble, I don't wanna cause problems."

Maddox: That's...that's your fuckin' fault, Stockholm Syndrome! Like, if you have -- if you're not rating these people lower, then you're ENCOURAGING it! You can't complain to your friends, and then not complain to Uber or Lyft! If this shit happens, you need to nip it in the bud and get these creeps off the road!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: If you think that it's a problem. Otherwise, shut up about it!

Dick: Well, that's what I'm doin'!

Maddox: Yeah...what? (laughing)

Dick: That's why I brought it in today. (smiling)

Maddox: Ohh, THANKS, Dick. (amused)

Dick: I just want Uber -- look, look: don't start the conversation! That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That should be the rule. If it's a woman in the car, don't talk to her.

Maddox: But I get some chatty Uber drivers, and it's just...they're just rambling, they're lonely, whatever. It's not just Uber, though; I've had cab drivers, I've had professional car services pick me up, and the guy's -- THOSE guys are the chattiest, actually! They -

Dick: (interjects) You might be right about that. I got some great strip club stories from one of those guys.

Maddox: Yeah! I get -

Dick: (interjects) In Florida, of all places. In TAMPA, of all places!

Maddox: I believe it! I get, oh, SO many good celebrity stories from those guys. And I don't give a shit about celebrities, but they *always* have a good story about someone who...took things too far, uh, they had to make a midnight run to pick up some prescription drugs, or somethin'!

Dick: Oo.

Maddox: A drop-off, or someplace in Compton -- like, some interesting stories.

Dick: What was one? Do you remember?

Maddox: Someone told me about...Chuck Palahniuk. They picked him up, and he had a big bag of prosthetics with him...uh, I don't remember -

Dick: (interjects) Prosthetic, like, LIMBS?

Maddox: Yeah, prosthetic limbs. Because I guess he goes to -- at his book signings he throws out prosthetic limbs into the audience, or something?

Dick: Yeah, that sounds like something he'd do.

Maddox: Yeah, and people faint during his readings. And if you see him -- have you ever seen him?

Dick: No!

Maddox: He's the author of Fight Club. He's...he just looks like a really normal dude.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, if I saw that guy in a Whole Foods, I would think, "Oh, yeah! Okay." I could see that. Probably buyin' some alfalfa or somethin'.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Pretty normal-lookin' dude. Anyway, dude, okay.

Dick: I had, uh, I had one of those social marketing people last week, and I was telling him about the podcast. And they're like, "Well, what's the secret? How do you get...how do you get so many downloads? Like, how do you start something like that?" I was like, "Oh, it's easy. You just glom onto someone who's way more famous than you." (everyone starts laughing)

Maddox: That's pretty funny. (smiling)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Uh...good secret! (laughs more) Can I move on to my, uh, my last problem here?

Dick: Yeah, you can move on to your problem. (amused)

Maddox: Alright. I got another real problem this week: meetings! (Dick chuckles)

Sean: Oooo. (from the background)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay? Meetings are the bane of EVERY professional's existence. First of all, nothing ever gets accomplished in them. That is the number one problem with meetings. NOTHING ever gets accomplished. I used to work for a telemarketing company.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And I had this manager who everybody loved. Super nice guy! But he would have these spiritual team meetings *every* day.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: For an HOUR. Pissed away an hour. I'm reading some stats for ya. This is from The Guardian [http://www.theguardian.com/news/oliver-burkeman-s-blog/2014/may/01/meetings-soul-sucking-waste-time-...]: "One weekly executive meeting ate up a dizzying 300,000 hours a year." At a large company, they did a study. "Which is

impressive, given that each of us only has about 8,700 hours a year to begin with. Including sleep." 300,000 hours pissed away in meetings! "The weekly meetings took up..." -- so they were looking into exactly where these hours were being chewed up -- "The weekly meetings took up about 7,000 person-hours for the executives involved. But they also had to meet with unit heads [...]; those unit heads had to prepare for those meetings with team meetings, another 63,000 hours, and those team meetings generated numerous preparatory meetings." And then THAT total doesn't even include the work or time it took to prepare for the initial meeting -

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: - in the first place. (annoyed)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So, meeting after meeting, after meeting...

Dick: Meeting after meeting, yeah.

Maddox: ...nothing ever accomplished! So, here are the type of people you have in meetings, right? You got the Kiss-Ass. This is the guy who's just gonna suck the boss's dick; NEVER disagree, always support. I HATE that guy. (snarling) Then you have the Yes-Man. Right? This is different than the kiss-ass, because the Yes-Man...he's not necessarily going to blow sunshine up the boss's ass, but he's not going to say "no" to a bad idea.

Dick: He's gotta GROW an idea. That's the...that's important about being a yes-man.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: You gotta understand what the boss is talking about, and then rephrase it and add on to it so it seems like it's even better than it was!

Maddox: Well, we know which one you are. (playfully) Um...

Dick: I'm ALL of these guys, jackass. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Then we got the Insecure Dickhead, who can't give a pass to any idea but his own.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah! He's always shootin' down -- I had *so* many of those assholes at my old job. Aw man, I forgot this guy's name, but it was a real shitty name...like someone from Friends. Like, Chandler, or somethin' like that. But he brought in this...he was such a snake, he was such a weasel. He would come in and pretend like he was everyone's friend. Then one day he left this document out on his desk, and my buddy was a snoop, so he went over and took a look at it and goes, "Hey, hey Maddox, check out what I found on this dude's desk!" And I look at it, and it's this...end-run that he's proposing that would cut, like, everyone's job, and then only support the technology that HE knows and he understands, because he's insecure about himself and he doesn't wanna learn our technology that we were using in the workforce!

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: And what he was proposing was SUPER shitty. Like, we were using this, uh, we were a C/C++ and 4GL shop, with MySQL backend and, uh, alot of different SQL stuff. He was -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, my GOD. It's alphabet soup!

Maddox: He was... (cracks up) He was proposing goin' to Visual Basic. (smiling) And I know only programmers out there will understand the significance of that, but it's kind of like, um, going from...professional tools, like Black & Decker, to Fisher-Price. (Dick smirks) Uh, yeah. That's a good analogy, right?

Dick: I'm not a programmer, and *I* understand that, because it was once explained to me as being the, uh, the Sesame Street of coding.

Maddox: It is! It is. It's one step above dragging and dropping icons. Actually, it might be exactly dragging and dropping icons. Then, you have the action item list, every meeting has an action item list.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: And I hate that -- those two words combined make my skin crawl: "action item." (scornful)

Dick: Ya skipped...you skipped a very important part of the meeting, though, if you're already at action items.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: You skipped the 15 minutes of horseshit foreplay.

Maddox: Oh, I'm getting there! It's -- I actually wrote that down on my list! (laughing)

Dick: OH, oh. Your meeting's out of order, then.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: You gotta START with 15 minutes of jokes and bullshit.

Maddox: Uh-huh. That was actually...that was actually next on my list: the pleasantries.

Dick: Yeah. Ohh, god. (exasperated)

Maddox: Yep. "Oh, how's the weather? How's the traffic? Oh, what are you guys up to? What'd you do this weekend?" Okay, so 15 minutes just PISSED away with pleasantries. 'Cause you have to!

Dick: You know, you go back to the telemarketing company well, to talk about meetings, but we've been in entertainment -- SEVERAL entertainment meetings.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they all work exactly like this.

Maddox: Exactly!

Dick: ESPECIALLY the pleasantries part.

Maddox: Yeah! The pleasantries, it always pissed -- I used to be with a pretty high-powered agency.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: And they would send me to so many meetings every week, and every single one was a half-hour meeting.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I would tell them, "Guys, first of all, a half hour's not enough to accomplish anything." Because I broke down the meeting, minute by minute. I said, "The first 10 minutes are gonna be bullshit - we're gonna be talkin' about the traffic!" Then we're gonna talk about 5-10 minutes about their introduction, about who they are. Then I give them MY introduction about who I am, because invariably these were blind meetings; they didn't know who the fuck *I* was. So...are you doin' the math, here? We're at about 25 minutes into our 30-minute meeting.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That leaves us 5 minutes to discuss any ideas or potential opportunities to work together.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I said, "Thanks, but no thanks; no more meetings. I'm done meeting, I'm DONE with meetings."

Dick: No, that's where you fucked up. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: But that's a -- it's a multiple meeting process! You know? It's a courtship.

Maddox: No, but you -

Dick: (interjects) They gotta learn...those little, those parts are the meeting. They're the purpose of the meeting. It's not meant to accomplish anything! It's establishing a relationship.

Maddox: Oh, well if it's not meant to accomplish ANYTHING, then guess what? Mission accomplished.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: 'Cause they're NOT.

Dick: Well...yeah.

Maddox: And then they're -

Dick: (interjects) You gotta take another one, though, to keep goin'.

Maddox: Yeah, but they're not gonna take another meeting with you if you don't hook 'em during that first one! And you don't get an opportunity to hook 'em, 'cause you don't have TIME to pitch them your fuckin' idea, 'cause you're pitching them YOURSELF!

Dick: Well, what's the difference?

Maddox: The difference is huge! You...if I came in -

Dick: (interjects) Between yourself and your idea -

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: - what's the difference?

Sean: What if they just *like* you?

Maddox: Well, that's, that's the -

Sean: (interjects) And they wanna have another meeting? What happens?

Dick: Well... (cracking a grin)

Maddox: That's the goal!

Dick: What alternate reality is this, where he walks in and they just like him?

Maddox: Shut up, Dick. (Dick bursts out laughing) That is the goal, Sean, but here's the thing: if I come into a meeting and nobody knows who I am...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and they're interested in me professionally, I have to give them the Wikipedia pitch, which is like, "I wrote this book, and I wrote this other book, and I have this website, and this is who I am, this is why you'd wanna work with me." Especially Hollywood types.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause they care A LOT about that kinda shit. You have to make yourself sound big and important!

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: Otherwise, they're not gonna return your phone calls! And yeah, Sean - I mean, ideally, you would have another 5-10 minutes to make your personality apparent, because on Wikipedia anyone can read those bullet points about me and not know anything about my personality.

Dick: Right. So in your mind, how would the perfect meeting go? Or are you gonna get to that? I don't wanna derail your...

Maddox: No, the perfect meeting would be me just sitting at home, getting work done. (Dick and Sean laugh) I remember one time I was in a meeting at the, uh...a programmer meeting. It was programming and sales. And someone suckered me into this meeting and I was there for about 40-45 minutes, and this girl got up to excuse herself, to go to the restroom. And, uh, she got up and I was just sittin' there doodling, and I looked around at everyone just...like, sitting there staring at their laptops, not doing anything productive. And I knew I had a deadline, and I coulda been working instead of this meeting! So I just stood up and I said, "Um...yeah. I, *too,* would like to go to the bathroom." (grins) And then everyone just like looked at me and KNEW I wasn't coming back, and I didn't! I was like, "Fuck it, I don't give a shit. Fire me. I'm DONE. I'm done with these meetings, they're

MIND-NUMBING." And they all have an arbitrary one-hour time frame...most professional meetings.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm not talkin' about these blind meetings that the agencies would send me to.

Dick: Well, they're still professional meetings!

Maddox: Yeah, they're professional meetings. So, there's actually a name for this. 'Kay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: These, uh, meetings that don't ever accomplish anything? First of all, they found that in meetings, the overly confident dipshits got their voices heard loudest, NOT the most competent people in meetings! Kruger-Dunning effect.

Dick: Yeah...okay.

Maddox: Or, excuse me, the Dunning-Kruger effect. Yeah! And so, they -

Dick: (interjects) That shouldn't be a surprise.

Maddox: Yeah, well, they -

Dick: (interjects) Loud jerkoffs get heard more than people who are formulating their opinions. (smiling)

Maddox: Of course! And they're, uh, they don't wanna speak up because the loud dickheads who SEEM confident, they don't wanna go -- they don't wanna contrast them!

Dick: No.

Maddox: Especially in a meeting, and risk sounding dumb, because, "Oh man, he's so confident! He MUST be right!" So, they have a name for this; it's called the Bike Shed effect. "People won't speak up about..." -- and this is from The Guardian -- "People won't speak up about the big, complex, important decisions, because they're scared of embarrassing themselves. But they still want to feel and appear as if they're making a contribution, so they'll make sure to weigh in on the unimportant stuff instead. The result: triviality gradually comes to dominate. A decision about the construction of a new bike shed, for example, will be debated for an hour and a quarter, then deferred for decision until the next meeting, pending the gathering of more information."

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Does this not sound like Congress?

Maddox: Yeah! It does sound like Congress. A big buncha -- yeah, THERE you go, Sean!! THANK you! Bravo. That's exactly what Congress is: just one long series of meetings that never accomplish anything.

Dick: If only -- if they could accomplish LESS, I would be happier. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: I don't know if it's possible for them to, Dick!

Dick: No, they could just not do anything. If those guys just went to the Capitol and just sat there all day? That would be perfect.

Maddox: Dick, what do you think they're doing that's accomplishing so much?

Dick: They're PASSIN' LAWS!! (growling and yelling) They're trying to do stuff! They're TALKIN'!

Maddox: Ohh, they're not.

Dick: Anything that they DO! (gritting his teeth)

Maddox: There was a study, I think, a couple years ago, or maybe it was even last year, that found that Congress passed the fewest number of laws in YEARS. They're not doing anything, dude. And that's exactly the problem; they need to get some shit done. And they need to compromise -

Dick: (interjects) Ohohoho, no!!

Maddox: And you know what? Yeah, okay.

Dick: No, no, no. NO! They need to not do ANYTHING!

Maddox: Yeah, okay, Anarchy Dick. You know why...you know why they're getting fewer laws passed?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: 'Cause of fuckin' Governor [Grover] Norquist! That DIPSHIT who made everyone agree to this draconian "no tax" policy. Which has caused them to not NOT raise taxes, but instead to find clever loopholes and call it something else.

Dick: Other than a tax?

Maddox: Other than a tax.

Dick: So, it was a pointless thing. Who gives a shit then?

Maddox: Well, it's wasting time. I give a shit. (Dick laughs) I'm a very efficient dude, dude!

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I don't think meetings are as big of a problem as not getting tits on your Snapchat.

Maddox: Okay. (cracking up quietly) Ohh, boy. (**sound clip of Dick saying, "Maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I am."**) No...no, wait...

Dick: Yeah. You don't like meetings, you like efficiency -

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick saying, "You know what? Maybe I AM a fuckin' idiot."**) (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, that's the one you want. (surly)

Maddox: That's the one! (laughs more)

Dick: You like a lot of efficiency in your life.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick! That's why I turn off -- okay, in Windows XP -

Dick: (interjects) People just don't work like that!

Maddox: Oh, I know, Dick! And you know, I was just like, stewing on the flight home today.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: I was -- your stupid fucking voice was echoing in my head (Sean laughs in the background) with your STUPID argument about the Apples - you're like, "Maddox, here's what YOU don't get about Apples, is that people who buy Apple products care about their time!" (idiotic voice)

Dick: Yeah! It's true!

Maddox: Dick, first of all, if you don't research what you're buying, how do you know it's the best??

Dick: What the fuck are you talkin' about, "if you don't research"? You rely on other people to do the research FOR you!

Maddox: Oho. (chuckling)

Dick: They're called "experts."

Maddox: Ohh, really?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Would you call them Geniuses in the Genius Bar? (teasing) Is that who they are?

Dick: No! They call them...

Maddox: WHAT experts?!

Dick: This works in every field!

Maddox: You still have to talk to them and read their opinions somewhere! That's called research!

Dick: Oh, THAT'S what you mean by "research," reading opinions?

Maddox: Yeah, that's... (cracks up) That's research, Dick.

Dick: I mean, I don't think that's RESEARCH.

Maddox: Of course it's research!

Dick: You're not -- you don't need to know every feature of every thing, to make a decision on it.

Maddox: Mmm, no. You just need to know that it's the best, and you can go to Newegg and buy each component that has the highest rating, and know that you're getting quality stuff.

Dick: No. That's a...that's a huge waste of time.

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: For somebody who doesn't like meetings, it's a huge waste of time.

Maddox: Not, uh -- oh yeah, and you know what else is a huge waste of time? Spending double or triple for hardware, 'cause you have to WORK hard to earn that money!

Dick: Alright. Your...your PC fixation, (Maddox laughs loudly) your FETISHIZATION of constructing these gadgets that you worship, has nothing to do with the meeting problem.

Maddox: Okay. Meetings -

Dick: (interjects) You love efficiency, so I think this especially sticks in your craw because it *seems* like a waste of time, but I don't think it's THAT big of a waste of time.

Maddox: Dick, what the FUCK are you talkin' about? How is it NOT a waste of time?

Dick: These people have to -- you have to get people on the same page. Yeah, a lot of meetings are a huge waste of time, but they're necessary. It's a necessary evil to get anybody doing anything.

Maddox: Shoot off an email! Here you go, idiots!

Dick: Yeah, that's not...that's not the same. You can't share as much information over an email as you can in a meeting.

Maddox: You know, Dick, I've had to do....so, I worked for a telemarketing company for almost a decade - nine and a half years.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: Um, and in that time I called for EXACTLY one meeting, and I sent in the email -- the subject line, I believe, even said, "20-minute meeting." And I stuck to it! I came in and I said, "Sorry, guys, no pleasantries. We have 20 minutes." I handed everyone out a flyer with bullet points of everything I wanted to cover (Dick laughs) and I went right through it, and everybody was so on point because they knew I wasn't fuckin' around!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everybody took notes, they wrote down exactly what I wanted them to get, and then on the 20-minute mark -- I even had a timer on the counter -- on the 20-minute mark, we all marched right outta that office and went RIGHT to work.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No bullshit! I came in there, I explained my document, I explained my process, and I explained what needed to be done and how to use the software that I developed. THAT'S IT. That was the point of my meeting! Not what you did this weekend, not traffic, and not the weather. I just got in and got the fuck out. And you know what? I had to do this...one other time, I had to coordinate something with eight different people -- it was for The Alphabet of Manliness, when I got all the illustrators for my book. So I had to get everyone on the same page, right? 'Cause that's your point, that everyone has to be on the same page.

Dick: Yeah! Yep.

Maddox: How did I do that? I created a program that allowed everyone to upload their artwork so that everyone can see what everyone else is drawing, and then communicate via chat message at your convenience to see what everyone else is doing. Not a fucking

meeting that's gonna suck EIGHT people's time in and waste an hour of eight people's lives! Eight hours, dude!

Dick: Yeah! It's a problem.

Maddox: 300,000 hours a year, wasted at this company. That's kinda -

Dick: (interjects) Just that company?

Maddox: Yeah. That's someone's life right there. Multiple people's lives, probably.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: A baby who got the flu. (wryly)

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) Alright, you wanna wrap it up? You have anything more about meetings?

Maddox: Yeah - they're a waste of time, stop calling them, Dunning-Kruger effect...and the Bike Shed effect. I'll be linking to these studies. Uh, this is really interesting: they even have a study for the overly confident loudmouth dipshits on this website called ScienceDirect that -- it's a white paper someone actually found. [http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0749597813000745]

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they found that, uh, that people overcompensate when they're really confident. OH, yeah, and I just wanna end on this note about meetings - so you wanna know how I know that meetings aren't productive? Because nobody is paying you to talk. That's not your job. Your job is not to sit down in a meeting and chat. If it was, then meetings would be productive, and they're never productive 'cause...that's not your job requirement. You're not communicating ideas, you're not communicating everything. And the worst kind of meeting, I would say, is the conference room speakerphone meeting. Isn't that the WORST?

Dick: You shoulda done conference calls. They're WAY worse than meetings. They're...they don't work at all.

Maddox: I have it on my list! And every time I'm on a conference call I imagine everyone back there, like, putting me on mute while I'm talking, and then just jerking off. Like, just standing with their pants down...like, just REALLY hairy dicks right into the speaker.

Dick: Yeah! That's what I'm doin'. Either that or playing guitar.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Whenever I'm on a conference call.

Maddox: Yeah...gross.

Dick: So, meetings?

Maddox: Meetings.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Meetings and Ebola Alarmists are my problems.

Dick: I mean, I -- yeah, I don't think that's as big of a problem with this one as it is with SARS. You know what I'm saying? Does that make sense? So you think there's no credibility to Ebola being a danger at all.

Maddox: It's a dangerous virus, but it's really unlikely to be communicable to the majority of the population.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's just really unlikely. You're not gonna get Ebola. In fact, on my flight to Omaha -- it's kinda funny, the entire time I was flying to Dallas, and from Dallas to Omaha...the whitest people, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No one's goin' to Omaha, except (cracks up) I sat in this back row with just a ton of like, straight-up-from-Africa Nigerians and Kenyans and Liberians, or whatever. I'm like, "Of course! Of course it would be me, and put in the back." Uh, but you know, whatever. I didn't give a shit, I'm fine. I'm not bleeding from my eyelids.

Dick: Yeah, I think, I don't know if I would go through Dallas.

Maddox: Yeah, why?

Dick: I wouldn't feel comfortable with it.

Maddox: Oh, yeah?

Dick: I would probably do it, but I wouldn't want to be there.

Maddox: So, uh, let's do the math here -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you know, the people who are exposed to Ebola hop on a cruise, they hop on planes -

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: - they're just, they're irresponsible!

Maddox: They're not irres-- they're just livin' their lives, man.

Dick: That's the PROBLEM.

Maddox: Yeah...but they don't know that they have Ebola, necessarily, 'cause the symptoms of Ebola are kinda flu-like when you first get them.

Dick: But they were just around it! Like, shouldn't they pause for a moment?

Maddox: No!

Dick: No?

Maddox: No, because it's really unlikely and overblown that you'll get it. Even in Liberia, they have, what, 8,000 cases of it? Somethin' like that?

Dick: Somethin' like that.

Maddox: It's a drop in the bucket, it's less than one half of 1 percent of the population. Are you kidding me? That's nothin'!

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: I'd go to Liberia.

Dick: We'll see.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: We'll see what people think about it. I have, uh, Snapchats of Not Tits and Chatty Ubers...Chatty Uber Drivers. Yeah, the Snapchat one is different than Tinder, too. Tinder, by the way, screwed me again.

Maddox: How's that?

Dick: You remember last time I told you about Tinder, Tinder had me banging this girl who lived in Santa Monica, which is like a half-hour drive away.

Maddox: Oh, no. (mocking)

Dick: So that was a -

Maddox: (interjects) (**sound clip of man saying, "Well, that's unfortunate."**) (smirks)

Dick: Yeah, that was a pain in the ass. This time -- you're gonna love this story -- I matched a *pornstar* on Tinder. Alright?

Maddox: Cool -- wait...

Dick: One that you know.

Maddox: OH, I KNOW her! Oh my gosh, wow!

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah, okay, shut up. (Maddox laughs) So...I matched her, and I didn't message her, I just got lazy. And I hate Tinder, like I hate doing that shit, so I was just like, "Ehh, yeah, whatever," and it kinda slipped my mind. So I was doing a show last night, over at UCB, and she was on the panel of the show.

Maddox: Oh, that one. Okay.

Dick: Yeah. So she called me out in front of everybody -

Maddox: Ohhhh!

Dick: - for not messaging her on Tinder!

Maddox: Wow, that's hilarious!

Dick: It was funny.

Maddox: You're not gonna...go out with her, are you?

Dick: I don't know, maybe. (quietly)

Maddox: No...

Dick: I probably should.

Maddox: Hmm, nah.

Dick: No?

Maddox: Check out her videos, dude, no.

Dick: No? Alright.

Maddox: No. I mean, YES, for the story, but no. Don't.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Um...

Dick: So, yes. (smiling)

Maddox: Interesting, interesting. Okay. Uh, well, so...so those are your problems, uh, we'd like to say thanks again to Warby Parker for sponsoring this episode.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Also, thanks to Dick for the plug for my store. I'm gonna link to it on the 'Who' part of the webpage. Um...

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: Yeah! So you guys can check it out, and I'll have that glow-in-the-dark shirt up, which should be pretty cool.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I like glow-in-the-dark shit.

Dick: Uh, let's go out on something different; we usually go out with the theme song. Somebody remixed our...our conversations, our arguments that we've been having so far. It's called, "Maddox, Dick Masterson, Please Stop The Fighting"?

Maddox: "...Stop The Fighting."

Dick: By...Wauterboi?

Maddox: It's Wauterboi, yeah. W-A-U-T-E-R-B-O-I, on SoundCloud. [https://soundcloud.com/wauterboi/maddox-dick-masterson-please-stop-the-fighting] This is pretty funny.

Dick: Yeah. So we're gonna go out on that. Uh...enjoy! Go to the website. [**plays remix**]

[transcription will recreate remix in the form of an angrily incoherent conversation, as it sounds]

(sad piano chords begin in background)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is -- okay, I don't, I don't get this about you people.

Maddox: M'kay. So what, are you talkin'...are you -

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everyone on this planet -

Dick: But *why* does it matter -- why is it important to you?

Maddox: Uh, is that a serious question?!

Dick: YES!

Maddox: Listen to the sentence you just said!

Dick: Uh, yeah, but I think -

Maddox: No, no, not -- no one gives a shit!! Yeah, why don't you hang out with your dumbass monkeys?

Dick: Pretend that I'm a stupid idiot.

(Dick and Maddox laugh loudly over remix)

Maddox: Yeah, I'm trying to explain!

Dick: WHY are we -

Maddox: No, I'm just saying -- yeah, whatever.

Dick: All these stats, I know. I can tell. (amused) (laughs)

Maddox: Who cares. (irritated) It doesn't matter. I got...you know what, I -- no!! I'm not suggesting we wipe them out!

Dick: No! Because people who think, 'cause people -- there are people who...

Maddox: EVERY single Apple -

(Dick and Maddox burst out laughing)

(sad violin melody joins piano in background)

Dick: Who's "our"?

Maddox: I don't know. I don't -

Dick: Yeah, of course! Marketing?! So in your mind -

Maddox: Yeah, the MILLION DOLLAR -- you fucker.

Dick: I'll be damned if I'm gonna sit here and let you, uh...

Maddox: You sucker.

Dick: Go - what, Sean?

Sean: I was just gonna say, it's, it's, it's, it's...

(Dick, Maddox, and Sean all laugh)

Dick: Yeah, YOU got in there! [to Sean] (cackles)

Dick: Did -- can you? Wait a minute! Can YOU? Well that'd, that'd...

Maddox: Yeah, well... (annoyed) What were you gonna -

Dick: It's not -

Maddox: It's such a labor-intensive process! It's a bullshit industry.

Dick: (spluttering) YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!! Eff you!

Maddox: Well, eat a dick. You know why? It's because -

Dick: OHHH, I am the winner!

Maddox: But also, if you're sitting at the bar -

Dick: I don't wanna sit at the bar and jab DUDES!

Maddox: Dick, how is that at all rational? You're makin' an emotional decision.

Dick: What's RATIONAL about plugging a piece of your anatomy into a dude's...yeeeeeah! (raunchily)

(Maddox and Dick explode laughing)

Dick: Is that a gay joke?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did he do this on purpose?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Maddox: No, you're not explaining... (laughs) And every time I talk -- I asked one of my friends, I asked them...you don't need to get married to do that! Or, it's a property thing.

Dick: You're saying poor people didn't do this?

(Dick and Maddox giggle hysterically)

Maddox: The...they're, uh...they're, they're -

(sad cello harmony joins piano & violin in background)

Dick: Dude, that's -- no! I don't, I -

Maddox: No, that's my point! It's so much more soul-crushing.

Dick: Germany! ...It was a JOKE. We stomped all over everyone.

(Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Right. Yeah, but that's our *industry.* I mean, I GUESS, sure, but who cares, really? At the end of the day, who cares?

Dick: First of all, you're not drinking all the diet soda.

Maddox: Noo, gross.

Dick: Are you -

Maddox: 'Cause I will NOT check. (Dick laughs) That's a...that's a trick! 'Cause you're just gonna flash your dick at me.

Dick: Yeah. (amused) No I do, I DO do it to chicks, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, why? That's terr-- that's...

Dick: I'm agreeing with you!

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: They get all, "Hllllllgh!"

Maddox: No!

Dick: They get all tied up! (turned on)

Maddox: That's, uh...

Dick: You know that chick was thinking about, like, balls. Like guys' balls, when she was doing that.

Maddox: Oh yeah, that's what...that's what I got between my legs.

(Maddox smirks)

[**sad music from remix plays out remaining 15 seconds of show**]

(long pause)

Dick: [over music] Thanks for listening.

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 24

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, what's up buddy?

Maddox: And we have a special guest with us today, Roger Barr! Welcome, Roger!

Roger: Ahoy there!

Dick: Hey, Roger.

Roger: How's it goin'?

Dick: How you doin'?

Roger: Doin' alright. You doin' alright?

Dick: You are the proprietor and the head writer of www.I-Mockery.com. Is that right?

Roger: Yeeeeep. Yep. www.I-Mockery.com. I've been running that site for just about as long as you, Maddox. Your site. Since, uh…96, 97, way back in the day.

Maddox: Yeah. It's one of the oldest running humor websites on the Internet. Both of ours.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's older than Google.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is really impressive.

Roger: Back in the glory days when Geocities was still a thing.

Maddox: And we make as much money as Google, so. Mhmm.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Woww. (incredulous) (Maddox and Roger laugh) You guys are real big shots. I bet you get tits on Snapchat all the time.

(Sound effect: Audience laughing and clapping.)

Maddox: Ohohoh…Dick. Yeah. (grinning) Speaking of, uh…Snapchat…

Dick: Well, wait a minute, Roger. What else do you do? What's going on with your site? I know you're a big Halloween guy.

Roger: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Right now you're in the middle of your two months of…there's nobody on Earth who likes Halloween more than Roger Barr.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: That might be an accurate statement, actually.

Dick: Oh yeah.

Maddox: All the Halloween companies send Roger their candy for him to review. He has the foremost website of anything Halloween related. And you've also done, like, tons of classic movie reviews of all…every horror movie.

Roger: Yeah. Every…

Maddox: You have, like, the 10 best…

Roger: Pretty much every year from September 1st through October 31st, I do nothing but cover Halloween stuff, whether it's reviewing candies, old horror movies…

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Weird toys…uh, Halloween costumes. Uh, the monster cereals, of course.

Dick: What did you cover this year? What was your favorite thing that you've covered this year?

Roger: Uhh, let's see. Uh, I did like that we have the Krispy Kreme donuts. The Ghostbusters donuts. That's pretty funny stuff.

Dick: What are those?

Roger: It's just…there's like a Staypuft Marshmallow Man donut and a Slimer…kinda like Slimer's promoting the thing…but I wanted the donuts to actually have green slime in them, and they didn't.

Dick: Oh. (disappointed)

Roger: So, kind of a bummer there.

Dick: Yeah. That's a big bummer.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, what's the point?

Dick: Get is straight, Krispy Kreme.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Figure your shit out!

Roger: My favorite thing, though, is probably still the monster cereals. They're doing, like, the retro boxes from the 70s and 80 and I realllly like that stuff.

Maddox: Oh, and speaking of…Boo-Berry specifically is your favorite, right?

Roger: Mhmm. Oh, absolutely.

Maddox: So, Roger was on…what was the TV show you were on? As the Boo-Berry expert?

Roger: Uhhh…I've been on a couple of things. I was on The Daily Show back in the day…

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: I was on…(laughing)

Dick: As a Boo-Berry…as an expert in 80's Boo-Berry cereal?

Roger: As an expert on Boo-Berry. This was before Colbert got his Stephen Colbert Report. But that was when he was just a correspondent on The Daily Show, and yeah. He had, like, a hidden camera searching for Boo-Berry in his hat and everything, so, yeah.

Maddox: And what was the other show? There was another one on Food Network?

Roger: I'm trying to think, yeah. Unwrapped was the show on the Food Network. Hosted by Mark Summers, with the guy from Double Dare. From back in the day on Nickolodeon.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Unwrapped with Mark Summers. That's cool. So yeah.

Dick: Besides the money machine that is worshipping the childhoods of 80s children, (Maddox laughs) you also contribute new stuff, right?

Roger: Yeah. Absolutely.

Dick: You do video games. You've made a number of video games that were huge on the Internet.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, one in particular, Abobo's Big Adventure. That was huge.

Roger: Yeah, that one really blew up. That was a 10-year project between me, Nick Pesto, and also Pox, who works on some of your T-shirts, actually.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What was it? Abobo's Big Adventure?

Roger: Abobo's Big Adventure? It was…it's kind of plugged as the ultimate tribute to the Nintendo Entertainment System. It's Abobo, who was like, a miniboss on Double Dragon. He basically…he never really had anything beyond that game, so I wanted to kind of make this, like, the ultimate anti-hero, so it's him beating the crap out of anyone from the Nintendo Entersys. Entertainment System.

Maddox: And the genius of this game, too, is that it's kind of like an homage to, not just that Double Dragon video game, but like…

Roger: Oh, no.

Maddox: ALL classic Nintendo video games. Contra. Ninja Turtles.

Roger: Each level is a completely different game. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Joust. There's so many different game mechanics. So, it's really an homage to classic gaming.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: It's incredible. The way the game was done. Every level is its own game. So, it's not just a tribute to Double Dragon.

Roger: No, no, not at all.

Maddox: But you have a Contra level. A Joust level. A Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles level, right?

Roger: And each of those levels have characters from a wide variety of other games. Uh, pretty much any Nintendo game you can think of, it's in Abobo's Big Adventure somewhere. There's a reference to it.

Maddox: It's really fun and it's really rewarding when you finish this game. There's over, what, like an hour, two hours of gameplay.

Roger: Oh yeah, easily. And same for our new game, the Bionic Chainsaw Pogo Gorilla, that's another…(Dick cracks up)

Dick: (interjects) Okay, what?

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: (laughs) Bionic Chainsaw Pogo Gorilla is the game that we made after Abobo's Big Adventure.

Dick: Okay.

Roger: And we released that through Adult Swim. You can play that on www.adultswimgames.com. Totally free to play.

Maddox: Really cool gameplay. Really cool mechanics. Like, your character is constantly bouncing and you can swing your chainsaw arms at enemies.

Roger: Yeah. It's about a gorilla whose arms were ripped off and his legs were ripped off, so these mad scientists basically gave him chainsaw arms and a pogo stick for legs and now he is really pissed off about it, naturally. And he's just killing everything in sight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know, I know you're not into spirituality, Maddox, but that sounds like your spirit animal.

Maddox: Yeah. A Bionic Chainsaw Pogo Gorilla?

Dick: Yeah. Who is tormented by scientists and now is just a raging maniac.

Roger: That's everyone's spirit animal.

Maddox: It's all I see when I shut my eyes. Okay, so, uhh…

Dick: Let's get to the problems!

Roger: Sounds good.

Dick: Oh…we don't have Sean here today. Can I…should we say that? 'Cause he did write us a note.

Maddox: What's the note?

Dick: He said "Dear guys, I can't take the pressures of this dog-eat-dog world anymore, so I'm moving to rural China to be an ass farmer." (Maddox laughs) "Love, Sean." I don't know quite what that means, but I hope he has a good time farming ass.

Roger: I miss Sean. Sean's a good guy.

Maddox: Yeah. He's gonna farm ass. I get it. No, but…before we move on, we gotta talk about the problems from last week, who won!!! (smiling, getting louder)

Dick: Yeah. Uh, shut up.

Maddox: It was Ebola! Ebola Alarmists. Number one! Followed by meetings, and then surprisingly, it even placed. Snapchats of Not Tits.

Roger: Is he always this proud?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. (upset) 'Cause he loves it. It means so fuckin' much to him. (Roger laughs)

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's why it's a wash. Because it means so goddamn much to him, this voting, and it means a little bit to me, that if…(Maddox sighs) …when I win, my victories are such big losses for him and his victories are such tiny losses for me (Roger laughs) that we are basically at a tie.

Roger: Sounds like it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Don't tie…don't tie this bullshit!! (Dick laughs) Look, here's the thing…

Dick: (interjects) (squeaking/laughing) See how pissed off he is?!?!

Maddox: It's not a contest. No, I don't care! (upset) It's not a contest.

Dick: Ohhhhh, yeah!

Maddox: 'Cause eventually, we're gonna be bringing in problems as mundane as "Hangnails"…

Dick: (interjects) As "Meetings".

Maddox: And "Dust". No, meetings is a big problem! It wastes time!

Roger: You can't say…you can't say you don't care. Look how worked up you're getting right now.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: Just talking about it.

Maddox: Not about winning!

Dick: The chainsaws are about to swing out of your arms…(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Shut up. Uhh…okay, so. Yeah. Ebola Alarmists, Dick. By the way, I have a clip from a local news show that Dick was on over the weekend (Dick breathes in, sighs)…and Dick was talking about…(giggles) Dick was talking about…

Dick: (interjects) Was it a show about podcasters that have to host podcasts with smug assholes? (Maddox laughs) 'Cause I remember doing that interview. Was it that?

Maddox: Yeah. No, that's every day of my life. So, Dick did an interview and he was concerned that someone might bring back Ebola to the States. Here's…here's Dick on this…this is KXLY News.

Roger: Alright.

(News clip: Woman talking: "Well, that doesn't mean they couldn't get it. That it could come up here.")

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's me.

Maddox: Yeah, that's Dick. (laughing)

Dick: That's me.

Maddox: That's what you sounded like last episode. This is actually from a news clip from KXLY News where these parents, I guess in, uhh…Priest River…are worried about these teachers who went to Texas. They were in Dallas. They were 125 miles away from the hospital, but they were still worried that they brought back Ebola. Listen to this news clip.

(News clip: "Now some of the students and their parents fear they brought back something else." Woman talking "Well, they should at least keep 'em down there and quarantine 'em to see if they have it before bringin' em back into school.")

Dick: Yeah. What a stupid idea. Quarantine 'em.

Maddox: Ohhh. (whiny voice) Quarantine 'em, and make sure they do not have it before they…(cuts off whiny voice) What an idiot.

Dick: You…you and your fucking…you and…there's a generation of smug assholes on the Internet that love beating up the stupid. And the stupid cannot defend themselves. That poor woman. Does she sound educated to you?

Maddox: No, Dick, she sounds…

Dick: (interjects) She doesn't know.

Maddox: She sounds exactly like you last episode. You were like, "Well, what if you get it?"

Dick: All I'm saying…Roger, are you worried about getting Ebola?

Roger: I am honestly sick of the Ebola shit.

Maddox: Yep.

Roger: I mean, look, I don't care if someone has it. I don't care if someone does have it. (yelling)

Dick: Yeah. You brought it in!

Roger: You guys even talking about it is just contributing to this Ebola bullshit that is conquering all media right now. Just stop talking about it and it'll go away. That's it.

Maddox: (laughing)Mmmwelll….no….

Dick: Hold on there, let's not go crazy. (Maddox laughing)

Roger: Nope, nope. Stop talking about it.

Maddox: (laughing) Listen to the rest of this news segment.

Dick: Well, you're not gonna get what you want.

Maddox: Yeah. Listen to…listen to Dick over here.

(News clip continues "…Ramos is a parent at the high school and says there's no guarantee that the nine staff members don't have Ebola.")

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

(News clip: Woman: "I asked 'em. I go, well, that doesn't mean that they couldn't get it. That it could come up here." Man: "But Paul Anselmo with the West Bonner County School District…")

Dick: West Boner!

(News clip: Man: "…says those fears are completely baseless." Paul: "And so I tried to clear up any of those misconceptions for those people.")

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hey. Look. That doctor in New York got Ebola. Right?

Roger: Yeah. Now everyone's gonna panic about it.

Dick: But wait a minute. Wait a minute. What if…what if someone's on the subway platform in New York, pissing, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they can't hold it.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: That guy trips, falls down, gets their dick in his mouth. All of a sudden, you've got an Ebola outbreak on your hands!! (Maddox laughs)

Roger: (screams) WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE! EBOLA!!!! (Maddox laughing)

Dick: Right?! Maddox?!

Maddox: I just want to read…no, who cares? (Dick laughing) I just want to read three headlines. I want to read three headlines that came out on the news today. Okay?

Dick: About Ebola?

Maddox: No, just three quick headlines! This is from New York Times. "Ebola vaccine trials planned for December."

Dick: 'Kay. (grinning)

Maddox: Here's another one.

Dick: Outbreak waiting to happen.

Maddox: (laughing) Here's another one from www.dailymail.co.uk. "The Canadian Ebola vaccine that was on shelves for over 10 years despite being 100% effective." And here's one last one from BBC. "Millions of Ebola vaccine doses by end of 2015, WHO says."

Dick: That was the headline?

Maddox: That was the headline.

Dick: That was a weird…that was an awkward phrasing on a headline.

Maddox: Millions of Ebola vaccine doses…

Dick: (interjects) I got a voice mail that's…that you might be interested in.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: "Yeah, Maddox, I think Dick Masterson actually has somethin' to be right about.")

Dick: Yeah.

(Voice mail: "The whole Ebola alarmist thing. I'm pretty sure he's gonna end up catching Ebola from all the dudes he's blowin' at Burning Man.")

Dick: Oh, wait a minute. (Maddox cracks up)

(Voicemail: "Come on, Dick. Quit being dumb.")

Dick: Well, I guess I should have listened to that whole voice mail before I played it.

Maddox: Yeah, quit being dumb, Dick. (laughs) Quit blowin' dudes with Ebola at Burning Man. You hippie. Which, by the way, everybody…I saw a clip today from Burning Man. Everyone over there rides bikes the entire time. How do you reconcile that with your bullshit-ass beliefs, Dick?

Dick: What beliefs?! (Incredulous) I believe in bicycles. I mean, they're a thing that exists.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: I prefer walking.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: At Burning Man.

Maddox: Walking is for idiots. And suckers.

Dick: Alright. Enough of the Ebola. My biggest problem last week was "Snapchats of Not Tits", right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Roger, do you know what Snapchat is?

Roger: Uhhh….I originally thought it was, like, another dating application, but it's just sending pictures?

Dick: Well, it's an app for not getting tits on your phone.

Roger: Alright.

Dick: So if you want to not…or at least, that's what I thought it was.

Roger: Okay.

Dick: Basically, you can send photos to each other and they disappear after you look at them.

Roger: I don't want you sending me pictures of your tits, Dick. So, uh…

Dick: Okay. (giggles) Well…uh..

Roger: I'm good. Thanks, though.

Dick: It turns out, it's not as big of a problem as I thought it was.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I got an email after last week's show. I'm not gonna give her name out. "**Hey Dick, add me on Snapchat and I will send you pictures of my tits all day**." She specifies: "I'm **a 25-year-old white female. Add me**." (Maddox laughs) So I did, and sure enough, now I'm getting some tits on my Snapchat.

Maddox: Great! I didn't get that email!!

Dick: Well, I don't know! (laughing)

Maddox: This is BULLSHIT! This show is bullshit! I'm gonna burn this fucking…I'm gonna burn this studio down! (yelling)

Roger: You guys both know that the Internet exists, right? Like, you could just log onto the Internet and see…

Maddox: (interjects) Roger…no.

Dick: Yeah, but it's…they're personalized tits. They're better.

Maddox: Yeah Roger. You don't get it.

Dick: These are tits with love.

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: Or at least something. With thought.

Maddox: It's different! It's different. It's a thing that they MADE for you!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: As opposed to, like, some generic…you don't want…

Dick: Used tits.

Maddox: Right. Roger, the difference between…

Roger: (interjects) I'm embarrassed for both of you right now. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: No, no. Hold on. Hold on!

Roger: I am SERIOUSLY embarrassed for both of you.

Dick: I'm kind of too. I'm kind of too, but you're wrong!

Maddox: Yeah. You're wrong, Roger! Here's the difference, okay? (Roger laughs) You don't want…you want a meal that was made for you, right? You don't want a Lunchable. So, porn is Lunchables.

Roger: Uhh…you're talkin' to the wrong guy.

Maddox: Okaaaay. (exasperated)

Dick: No no. This is how it is. These tits. This tits shot has never been seen before.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? It's like undiscovered tits.

Roger: Okay.

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: Each shot of tits is unique in its own way.

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: There's, like, an infinite number of combinations that a shot of tits could be.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: This is mine. That's why it's special.

Maddox: And they're made for you. They're custom. You have tits your way. What's that, Burger King?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. We're getting Burger King tits. Alright.

Roger: Whatever keeps you two from crying yourselves to sleep at night.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhhh! Get outta here! Here's one from **Mariel Romero**. My Uber guy problem didn't get a lot of love, but she says " **Thank you for bringing up the uncomfortable Uber dude conversations**." I knew it was a women problem.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. No, I actually agreed with that. That was, you know. Sure.

Roger: I heard Uber actually, just the other week, there was some news story about them cancelling plans to have, like uh…it was basically, like, "We're gonna have hot women pick you up in cars."

Dick: Well that's what I want.

Roger: That was actually something that was pitched in a meeting, but it was…they didn't do it, but word got out about it to the media.

Dick: No. I don't want a hot woman driving me around.

Maddox: Uhhh…well, I wouldn't mind. As long as she's aggressive. I have some friends, some hot women friends who are aggressive as shit behind the wheel, and it's the biggest turn-on. It's awesome.

Dick: Man, every hot woman that I've ever dated always has about 300 car wrecks under her belt by the time she's 25.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How's that for a stats?

Maddox: I was…(laughs)…that was a pretty good stats, Dick. Um, I have a comment from **Alexandra Pepper**. She says, uhh…I hate to bring this up again, but she says, " **I was wondering when Ebola would be brought up. Since the 1970s when it emerged, approximately 7,000 people have gotten Ebola. Out of a population of 7 billion, that's statistically 0%. You have 0% chance of getting Ebola.** "

Dick: Okay. No. Remember that.

Maddox: Yeah. Great.

Roger: Good. Can we stop talking about it now?

Dick: Yes. I have one from Scott Laughlin, "Hippie achievement, Maddox, for your anti-hippie rant, Carrie Mullins definitely invented polymerase chain reactions, which made most genetic engineering possible and she was a smelly, LSD-chomping hippie." And he even linked to a Wired article. I didn't click it, because I believe things as they are, when people show me.

Maddox: Implicitly, sure.

Dick: Yeah. But I'm sure you can go click it.

Maddox: First of all. I did, and I believe it's a guy. It's not a she, and I checked out…he doesn't look like a hippie at all. He just looks like an old dude. A professor. Just because you've done LSD or you've experimented with drugs doesn't make you a hippie. Hippie-ism is a lifestyle, and it's a disease worse than Ebola. (Dick laughs)

Roger: Is that what it's actually called... Hippie-ism?

Maddox: Hippie-ism. That's what I just called it.

Roger: Okay.

Maddox: I nominalized the phrase. Um, I've got a comment from **Scott McGregor**. He checked out the…you remember, last episode I mentioned that I have the glow-in-the-dark shirts. He says, **"Ferk yeah! Suit up with a t-shirt of that magnitude and you're guaranteed to blow in the dark! Chest covers of any lesser persuasion are mere t-shirts. That's right, bitches! Maddox working late to light up your bosoms."**

Dick: (laughing) Pretty cool. Getting a BJ while wearing a glow-in-the-dark Maddox t-shirt?

Maddox: Yeah! It's called a blow in the dark, huh? That's pretty cool.

Dick: That is cool.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, I got one from **Dominic Maison, "Of course Dick's shitty iPhone can't take a picture without looking like they were recording in an earthquake."** Uh, that was Maddox's phone. (Maddox laughing) So, why don't you fuckin' blow me?

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, 'cause here's what happened. Dick pressed the snap button and then put the phone down on the table. But it actually turned out kind of a cool picture. Hey, uh, speaking of iPhone, I just brought in this tiny little clip I wanted to play (sounding smug). 'Cause you remember, Dick, a couple of episodes ago, you were saying they don't bend…and that was all horseshit? Listen to this clip!

(Sound clip: "He says he's still recovering from an injury, it was more than a week ago. He says the iPhone caught fire in his pocket…")

Maddox: Uh-oh! Oh.

("…burned a hole through his pants, leaving him with a second-degree burn on his leg. He says he likes Apple, has used their products for years…")

Maddox: Like a zealot!

("…and will continue to do so. But tonight, he says he wants some sort of explanation from the company.")

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How does he know it was the phone? Maybe it was his penis.

Maddox: No, it wasn't his…

Dick: (interjects) Sometimes my penis just catches on fire, you know. It happens.

Maddox: (laughing) That sounds like chlamydia.

Dick: Just get a new pair of pants, no big deal.

Roger: I was gonna say, that's an STD, Dick. You should probably get that checked out.

Dick: Allllright, alllright, you guys.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, what do we want to…you wanted to move on to some real problems, here?

Maddox: Yeah! What's your…what's your problem this week, Dick?

Dick: Well, I'm so glad that you brought up the statistical negligibility of Ebola.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's NEAR zero, isn't it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Near zero. Um, usually…usually, I'm not bothered by the voting on this show…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Uh…when I win, I like it, because it hurts you so much, Maddox.

Maddox: No, I don't care. I really don't care if I lose.

Dick: Right. You can hear it in your voice that you don't care.

Maddox: 'Cause it's not a contest! (angry)

Roger: You look like you care. You REALLY look like you care.

Maddox: Because…you know why this pisses me off, is because I was...Dick, you served my argument!! (angry)

Roger: Listen to your voice right now!

Maddox: I can hear my voice! It's beautiful. But here's the thing. You usurped my argument! That's what I was gonna say is that the voting doesn't matter.

Dick: What?

Maddox: I was even gonna suggest that we stop saying who won each week.

Dick: No no no no no no!!

Maddox: I don't think it matters.

Dick: No, the numbers matter. They're stats, aren't they?

Maddox: Yes…

Dick: (interjects) This is how stats are generated. Bunch of bullshit on the Internet.

Maddox: Dick, but it's not a contest. We're doing Yeoman's job here.

Dick: Okay.

Roger: It is SUCH a contest.

Dick: So neither one of us care.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: That's what I'm saying.

Dick: I think I don't care more.

Maddox: I…

Roger: I…I…

Maddox: I think I..(cracks up) (Roger laughs) I care way less!!!!!

Dick: Anyway.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If the problem that I'm bringing in this week doesn't beat "Ebola Alarmists", I'm calling shenanigans on the whole thing.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay.

Dick: 'Cause I have actual proof that this is a bigger problem than "Ebola Alarmists".

Maddox: Alright. (scoffs)

Dick: Alright? My problem is…"Witch Alarmists". (Maddox laughs) (Roger laughs)

Maddox: What the hell is "Witch Alarmists"??!

Dick: Witches. You know, black magic and sorcery. And stuff like that.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Things that don't exist. Go on.

Dick: Well. Okay. Ebola. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ALMOST a zero chance of getting it. So the number of people in the US worried about getting Ebola, according to this Gallup poll, or whatever, is 23%. Alright? Do you know how many people are worried about witches? 26%. (Maddox scoffs, cracks up) 26% of people in the US of A are WORRIED about WITCHES.

Maddox: Hold on.

Roger: Did you…did you build a time machine and go back to the Salem Witch Trials to get this statistic?

Dick: Buddy, this is a current statistic.

Maddox: Yeah, what, were they interviewing 8-year-olds? (laughs)

Dick: I guess so! 40% of people are worried about ghosts.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Believe in ghosts.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 36% of people are worried about UFOs.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And 26% of people believe in witches. So…it's funny that people say that you're more likely to get married to Kim Kardashian in the US…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Than you are to contract Ebola?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Um…you're more likely to…I dunno. Nothing is more likely than…you are ZERO percent likely to encounter a witch.

Maddox: Uh, not true!

Dick: There has NEVER been an encounter with a witch in the history of the world!!! (Maddox laughs) A legitimate witch!

Roger: You will encounter…you will encounter plenty of people who claim or believe that they're witches…

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: No no.

Roger: But they are not actually witches.

Dick: This is real black magic sorcery. Okay? This isn't like hippie shit where they're worried about encountering a Wiccan…

Maddox: That's…yeah.

Dick: They're worried about encountering black magic. Because it's right there among UFOs and ghosts.

Maddox: Well, hold on. Hold on, hold on Dick. (laughs) I actually dated a Wiccan. (laughing) Once. I dated a Wiccan a long-ass time ago. I didn't know she was Wiccan when I first started dating her.

Roger: W-was your first clue that she had, like a bunch of power crystals?

Maddox: She didn't have power crystals, thank God.

Dick: Yeah. Witches don't do that.

Maddox: Well actually, maybe…No, no no. You're mixing up your mumbo…your voodoo. Um, this witch…so I got to her place, she was like, really hot, big boobs, whatever. And she had all these, like…

Dick: (interjects) How big? More than a handful?

Maddox: Uhh, like a grapefruit. A good sized grapefruit.

Dick: Okay, okay. (pensive)

Maddox: So. So, whatever. This was a long time. And I walked into her apartment, and she had all these, like, potions and stuff on her counter, I'm like "Oh, shit, what's all this?" and then slowly I got out of her that she's Wiccan. And I looked at these potions and they're all things like thyme, and basil, and oregano, and they're just like, herbs, and spices, and stupid shit. Like, like oils.

Dick: Did she tell you what kind of magical spells she was casting?

Maddox: Uh, no. But she did…one time, I was in a Barnes and Noble and I saw these two teenage idiot girls sitting in the Spirituality, New Age section.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: With a witchcraft book.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they were like, "Cast that one. Then he'll fall in love with you." (laughing)

Dick: Okay. You have never had an encounter with an Ebola Alarmist. You've never had an encounter like this with someone who wears a SARS mask. (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Dick! Dick! (cracking up)

Dick: (interjects) (yelling) However, you have encountered someone who thinks they are a witch!!!!

Roger: That's right!

Dick: Therefore…

Maddox: Dick…(stammering) I am sitting in the room with an Ebola Alarmist! (laughing) (Roger laughing)

Dick: Just because I think that money would do us all good by going to science to cure Ebola, I'm an alarmist.

Maddox: No. That's not what…that wasn't the argument you were making last episode.

Dick: Just because people trip all the time and get other people's dicks stuck in their mouth..(Maddox laughs)…and that's an Ebola outbreak makes me an alarmist?

Roger: Wait, wait. So you think the money should go to curing Ebola rather than other… you know…

Dick: Rather than curing witchery, yes. I think "Witch Alarmism" is a bigger problem than Ebola alarmism.

Roger: Yeah, but I'm talking about other, like, serious medical issues. Like put it towards cancer or something.

Dick: Or baldness.

Roger: Sure. (laughs)

Dick: Yes. Wait, what was the question? (laughs)

Roger: Yeah. I'm saying why are you…why do you want the money going towards Ebola instead of one of those other actual medical problems?

Dick: Well…

Roger: That are more prominent?

Dick: That would be…

Maddox: (interjects) Like the flu, for example.

Dick: That would be better, but I don't think that's gonna happen.

Roger: Okay.

Dick: I mean, it's all a big…everybody's gotta get their marketing in while they can. If Ebola's hot, like "Yeah yeah yeah! Okay, let's cure it now!" 'Cause if there's no news, it's gonna go into something like preventing terrorism, and then that's a big loss.

Roger: Right. Yeah.

Dick: Or witchery. It's gonna go into preventing witchery.

Roger: Ooh. What about witch terrorists?

Maddox: You…you know…

Dick: There you go.

Roger: You should look up those statistics. I bet there are people that are really afraid of witch terrorists.

Maddox: Dick, do you have any stats on how much money the US government is spending…

Dick: (interjects) On witches?

Maddox: …to prevent us from witch attacks? Because we've never been…we've never encountered a witch, which might mean it's working.

Dick: That's true. I don't have those stats.

Maddox: Huh?! (smiling)

Roger: Or you're already under their spell and you don't know it. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: So the amount of people in this study, this Harris-whatever-Burg study. I'll put it on the website. The amount of people who are not sure that witches exist? These aren't the believers. These are just ones who aren't sure if witches are around or not.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 19%.

(Dick's voice clip: "That's ridiculous!")

Dick: Yeah. This is compared to the 26% who actively believe in witches and witchery.

Maddox: That's higher than Ebola.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Yes! It is higher than Ebola. So it's a bigger problem. (Maddox laughs) That's what I'm saying. And it better get more votes than your Ebola horseshit, or else I'm calling Chinatown Shenanigans on this whole voting process!

Maddox: (laughing) Chinatown Shenanigans! Can we just say this falls under "Conspiracy Dipshits"? Right?

Dick: Witches?

Maddox: No no. People who believe in witches. 'Cause they think there's a conspiracy of elder women who are casting sorcery on us.

Dick: No, but I think they also believe that witches can exist.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Like, there's no conspiracy behind it…

Roger: Yeah, it's not a conspiracy.

Dick: They just think "Oh, black magic. Yeah, sure."

Maddox: Well, I got a story for you. 'Cause a couple…about 10 years ago…

Dick: (interjects) Let's hear it.

Maddox: I was…it was around…it was on Halloween night. Super spooky right? Like, the perfect night for this to happen.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: I'm outside and I swear to God, like, I looked up and there was some big black object flying above. And it didn't look like…it was too big…it looked like a manta ray. (Dick laughs) It looked like a manta ray.

Dick: Here we go!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you're the 26% in this room! I knew it! (Maddox cracks up)

Roger: Yup.

Dick: I knew it! These odds don't lie.

Roger: It's those potions she used on him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then what? You saw a manta ray flying in the sky.

Maddox: It looked like a black manta ray and it flew right above, and I was looking around to see if anyone else noticed, and it was, like, kind of obscured by clouds. Um, I think it was probably a balloon, to be fair.

Dick: Probably.

Maddox: Probably.

Dick: But you're not sure!

Roger: (laughing) You're not sure.

Dick: So you might be in the 20% of Americans that aren't sure about witches.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm 74% unsure that it was a balloon. (laughing)

Dick: Roger, what about you? You ever had a witch encounter?

Roger: No, I have not had a witch encounter, unless you count, like, all the haunts that I go to, and those are not real witches.

Dick: No, I don't count those.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Have you ever had an Ebola encounter?

Roger: No, I have not, actually.

Dick: So, we're even. Even there.

Maddox: Hey! But you know, my neighbor, my crazy, hippie-ass neighbor, is a witch. Probably. Right?

Dick: Hey, here's something. "Witch Alarmism" is on the rise.

Maddox: (laughing) Is it really?!

Dick: Yeah, I got more stats! I'm loaded up with stats today, buddy.

(Dick voice clip: "I got a stats for you.")

Dick: So, uh…this study defines the different generations as old people, they call "Matures", 'cause you can't call 'em old people, I guess.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Baby Boomers are our parents, obviously. We are Gen-X-ers, the best generation, and Echo Boomers are everybody after us. Matures, 18% believe in witches. Baby Boomers, 28%, Gen-X-ers 29%, and Echo Boomers 27%. So it's growing.

Roger: Hmm.

Dick: The witch alarmism is growing.

Maddox: How is that…how is that possible? No, it's actually shrinking, 'cause you said Echo Boomers came after us and they're 27%. And we're 28, buddy.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Well, yeah, but it's the…the trend is up from 18% overall. And we're the BIGGEST offenders at 29%! Jesus.

Maddox: Wait. Didn't you say the Olders…what did you call them, the Elders?

Dick: The Matures.

Maddox: The Matures.

Dick: 18%. Gen-X? Our generation? 29%.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: So as soon as we take things over, this witch alarmist epidemic is gonna explode! (riled)

Roger: (scoffs) The closest thing I can tell you to a supernatural encounter I think I've ever had was uh…this was when I was high school and you know, back in those days, you know, it's always fun to, like, sneak out of the house late at night and shit.

Dick: And get drunk.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: This was in October, of course, and my buddy and I were just walking along down the street. 'Cause I lived in one part of Richmond and he lived in the other and I went over to his place and then we just went out for a walk late at night, just to be out of the house.

Dick: Mhmm.

Roger: And as we're walking down the road, we notice this house and one window just has this weird, green glow in it. (Dick makes an intrigued sound) And we were like, "What the fuck is that?" and all of a sudden, this, just, black shadowy figure appears in the window. And it's just not moving. It's just sitting there, staring at us. And we both just froze. We didn't know what was going on. And it just stayed there, and we were just waiting for something to happen. And then we were like "Screw this." And we just ran.

Maddox: Mmmm. (skeptical)

Roger: But I'm absolutely positive it was just some guy completely fucking with us. (Maddox laughing) But I just love that this guy had a green light and happened to see two idiot kids walking down the street and decided to scare the shit out of us.

Maddox: I thought this story was gonna end with you in a therapist's office pointing out where he touched you on the pillow.

Roger: (laughs) No. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Dark. Well, you know, it probably wasn't a witch…

Roger: No.

Dick: But it might have been a warlock.

Roger: That's true.

Dick: That's true.

Roger: Warlock…by the way, warlock is an awesome series of horror movies, by the way. The first two are really funny.

Dick: Have you reviewed them on your site at all?

Roger: Uhhh…I've probably reviewed them on the site, I think at least, like, one of his kills or something, like he basically turns a guy into an art statue 'cause the guy's an art fan and he, like, mangles him and everything.

Dick: Oh, gross man.

Roger: Really, really funny.

Dick: I've never been into horror movies. You?

Maddox: Yeah, I love horror movies, 'cause I'm the man.

Roger: Warlock is more like horror comedy, though. Especially Warlock 2.

Dick: Uhhh…no. Chicks are really into horror movies. Don't say it like it's a man thing.

Maddox: No…no they're not. If I can…like, I am always looking…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah they are.

Maddox: …looking for chicks who are into horror movies. Half the chicks I talk to are into just pussy bullshit. "Oh, they're too scary for me." (whiny voice)

Dick: Roger, you're the expert. Women love horror.

Roger: I'd say it's half and half. Honestly, half and half.

Dick: Well I guess I'm the expert, then.

Maddox: That's a big…yeah, that's a big…(Roger laughs) Oh yeah, you're the expert, Dick.

Dick: So, according to this stat, one out of three people believe in witches. I think we might have a witch among us. So I brought in a witch test.

Maddox: (laughs) Okay.

Roger: Oh, great.

Dick: To see if you're a witch. I dunno. It might take a little long, though. 'Cause we're…I'm eating up a lot of time.

Roger: No, let's do it. Let's do it.

Dick: Welll, alright. It's not a quick test, though.

Roger: You can't set that up and not do it.

Dick: I went to Wikihow, first of all.

Maddox: Oh! (skeptical)

Dick: 'Cause Maddox pulled a list of how to be a hippie from Wikihow…

Roger: Okay.

Dick: So I thought, well Maddox is always pretty good on stats. I'll go there and see if they have how to be a witch.

Maddox: Alright. (laughing)

Dick: They sure did.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Number four, however, on the how to be a witch, was to watch out for fluff. "Developing a practice in witchcraft isn't something that can be done in 25 easy steps". And it was like, "Well, wait a minute, that's what I'm reading."

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: So I got rid of that and I started digging through the blogs. And I finally found a great witch test.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: I'll read you some of the questions from it. "Do you have Earth powers?" Do either of you guys have Earth powers? "Do you find the answers to life through patterns of Mother Nature? Is her wisdom your wisdom?"

Maddox: Her wisdom is…

Dick: (interjects) For instance…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are you on fire sexually and creatively in the summer? (Maddox) Oh, I think I am on fire in the summer.

Roger: Yeah, weren't you talking about your dick being on fire before?

Maddox: Yeah. You're definitely on fire sexually.

Dick: Okay, so that's me. I feel that one. Roger, do you feel any affinity towards that one?

Roger: Uhh…no. I'm more thinkin' about the Earth powers. Hmmm.

Dick: Okay, so yes for you?

Roger: What does that refer to? Because I AM on Earth and I do have power, so.

Maddox: My poop looks like a big chunk of Earth sometimes.

Dick: Maddox, this is a serious test.

Roger: Yeah, come on, get on board with this.

Dick: It's not about poop and bullshit.

Maddox: Okay. My poop is pretty serious. You haven't seen it.

Dick: Wisdom. "Do you find yourself bubbling from an internal cauldron of ancient natural healing wisdom? " (Maddox laughing) "Are people drawn to you to sit by your fire and discuss life in all its …."

Roger: What is with all the fire?

Maddox: That's what witches USE in cauldrons, man!!! (hippie voice) Come on, get with it!

Dick: I feel like that's you.

Maddox: What?

Dick: This one. You're the wisdom. "Do you find yourself bubbling from an internal cauldron of ancient natural healing wisdom?"

Roger: Well, he was bubbling with anger before…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Roger: …when we were talking about who gets…

Maddox: You know, all joking aside, usually I do feel a bubbly gurgling in my stomach right before I poop sometimes, and then it's diarrhea sometimes.

Dick: Always with the poop. Let's see…wisdom.

Roger: Can you hit your sound effect, the one where the audience is booing?

(Sound effect: Fart)

Maddox: How's that one?

Roger: Alright. There you go.

Dick: How about this? Magical…magic? Did you believe in magic as a child? See magic in the air? Do you believe that nothing means nothing? Whoa.

Maddox: Hmm.

Roger: Alright, this is getting reallllllly deep. (Dick laughs) What the hell kind of quiz is this?

Maddox: Sometimes…I was at a magic show a long time ago at this place called "The Magic Castle" and the magician was doing this trick.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I felt this gurgle in my stomach and I went to the bathroom and I pooped out everything that I had…

Dick: Alright! (Maddox laughs) If you're gonna make this all about poop, let's just move on!

Roger: He's literally shitting over everything.

Dick: One last stat. Uhhh…Republicans and Democrats equally believe in witches.

Maddox: Idiots!

Dick: So, yeah. So for all the liberal fucks on the Internet that say Republicans are so stupid, why don't you suck on that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Suck on that broomstick. Fuck you! (Maddox laughs) Witch Alarmism is a problem! Roger?

Roger: Alright. Well, since we got the Halloween theme going, my problem is "People who do not dress up on Halloween in costumes."

Dick: That's a big problem.

Roger: That is a big…

Maddox: Allllllllllright!

Roger: This is a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Roger: So, uhh…first off, let's say, you know, you…you're at home and you're the one giving out the candies. I get these assholes who will come up to the house, not wearing anything, and then they get pissed off that I don't give them any candy. That's bullshit…it's like, you could just walk up to someone's house any day of the YEAR not in costume and ask for candy and they're not gonna give it to you. So, why do you think just because it's Halloween you're gonna get the candy?

Dick: Have you ever been, like, egged, or had your house TPed because of that?

Roger: No. No. No. Never had that.

Maddox: Roger…

Roger: I'm USUALLY out on Halloween anyway, but you know, still, before I go out that night..

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: I'll have someone come up to the house not wearing a costume, like, (scoffs) too bad.

Maddox: Yeah. But, at the end of the day, you're talking about, I don't know 3 cents' worth of sugar that you're denying someone for not dressing up.

Roger: Yeah. Absolutely.

Dick: What, do you give out candy? (incredulous)

Maddox: I don't give a shit.

Dick: Okay. (exasperated)

Roger: You're one of the most petty people I know and you're telling me you wouldn't do that?

Maddox: I mean, I'd have some special candy for them. (smiling) But uhh..yeah. You know, I would give them my shitty candy. That's what I would give 'em.

Roger: Give em…give em rotten apples.

Maddox: Shitty costume, shitty candy.

Roger: You know, there's these people who also wear the T-shirts that say, "This is my costume"?

Maddox: Oh, I hate those.

Roger: I hate that.

Maddox: I hate those.

Roger: See? That's bullshit.

Maddox: Okay, now I'm on board.

Roger: That's not a costume.

Maddox: Now I'm on board, Roger. You lost me at the beginning, but now I'm on board.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause I hate that shit. But I also hate…I hate any kind of ironic…

Roger: And they think it's so ironic and funny, and it's NOT.

Dick: It's not.

Roger: It's old, it's done, it's tired…and it's absolutely ridiculous. Plus, you know, there's also Halloween parties. It's the same thing, you know. I go to Halloween parties, I wanna see everyone in costume having a good time and stuff, but there's always, like, that one guy who just…he's too cool to wear a costume.

Maddox: Yeah, I hate that douchebag.

Roger: I think it's total bullshit that, "Oh, I'm suddenly past the age of 18. Now I'm not supposed to wear costumes anymore, because I'm an adult and I'm responsible." Fuck that! It's Halloween! Have fun!

Dick: You're making everybody self conscious when you do that.

Maddox: Yeah, but it's…

Roger: Right.

Maddox: But it's also…it's a lose-lose, Roger. I remember…so, I was always in the Halloween spirit, every year I would dress up.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then something happened right when I turned, like 15 years old.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: Dressed up in my Halloween costume, went door to door like I always do, and something happened. People were saying "You're too old to go trick-or-treating." And I was at a loss. I thought, "Well, this is shitty." 15 is the worst age to be, because you're not old enough to drive to buy your own candy, but you're too old to go trick-or-treating, so you're just stuck in this limbo of candyless Halloween!

Roger: Uhhh…for the record, I believe there's no age limit to trick-or-treating.

Maddox: Well, that's your belief, right?

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: No, I'll give you that.

Roger: Mhmm.

Dick: I don't mind kids, like teenagers, dressing up and going around, as long as they're going to participate.

Maddox: They're gonna fuck on your lawn, man. (laughing) That's what they do.

Dick: What are you, like the moral police!? (incredulous)

Roger: What the hell?

Dick: You don't want teenagers banging?

Maddox: I'm not…no!!

Dick: That's the best time to bang, when you're a teenager, man!

Maddox: Oh, I missed out on that.

Dick: Those are my favorite banging memories!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, baby! You're so happy for everything you get now, I don't get, I don't get a hummer during an act of love and I'm bitter about it.

Maddox: Please, Dick.

Dick: When I was a teenager, man. Every score was a win.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, well…(stammers) maybe, but I don't want them having it on my lawn. Like, do you get that?

Dick: No! (incredulous)

Roger: Alright, let's look up the percentage of people that are having sex on your lawn. (Maddox laughs) That's probably about…right around the same level as Ebola. So…

Maddox: No. I think it's about 100%. I found condoms on my sidewalk. It's disgusting.

Dick: Are you serious? (laughs incredulously)

Maddox: Yeah. Fart condoms. Maybe from you, Dick.

(Sound effect: Fart)

Dick: Did you really find condoms on your sidewalk?

Maddox: Oh, yeah! It was disgusting!

Dick: When?

Maddox: Just, like…two weeks ago. (Dick cracks up) There was a pink, and it was…

Roger: This isn't a Halloween issue, though, Maddox. This is just the neighborhood you happen to live in.

Maddox: How do you know it's not…how do you know these aren't teenagers just having sex on my lawn in preparation for Halloween?

Dick: Because you live next to a homeless shelter? (Maddox laughs) So I'm sure it's homeless people jerking off with lubed condoms.

Maddox: Gross! Is that a thing?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Why would they do that?!

Dick: 'Cause they don't have lotion.

Maddox: Maybe it's my fucking hippie neighbor fucking all the homeless people. I hate her so much.

Dick: Ugh, you're disgusting. This is disgusting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: How did we get here from me just not liking people who don't wear costumes on Halloween?

Dick: Please take it back to that.

Roger: Yeah. That's what I'm trying to talk about. I think it's a problem. People wearing the stupid "This is my costume" T-shirts…

Maddox: (interjects) I do hate that.

Roger: I think it's a problem. People not putting in…even MINIMAL effort into making a crappy costume, like, go to a dollar store. They have amazing stuff at the dollar stores that you can slap a costume together for.

Dick: I'm actually shocked every year at what Maddox can put together at the last minute at the dollar store.

Roger: Oh, yeah, I mean the worst costume I've seen him do is he actually, in fact, the fan is right here in that room. He removed the fan blade from his room fan, wore it as a necklace, and he basically said, "I'm a fan."

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: And that's his costume.

Maddox: No, an oscillating fan!

Dick: Okay. (scoffs)

Maddox: It's different.

Dick: Is it a problem, guys who argue about what their costume is? Is that one you were gonna bring in?

Maddox: No…

Dick: (interjects) Last year…go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah, I just wanna point out. The fan was really cool! (excited) I drew fan blades on my shirt!

Roger: NO ONE thought that was cool.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: No, that's not cool.

Roger: I guarantee no one thought that was cool.

Maddox: And then…oh, everyone loved it, baby. Everyone was taking pictures of me. Stopping…celebrities were stopping me. (excited) There was the KTLA new copter, like zooming in on me…I had…(stammering)

Roger: No, I know that's not true, 'cause I've actually had the KTLA people interview me about my costume, so I know that's bullshit.

Dick: Ohohohoh, yeah! Fuck you, Maddox! (taunts)

Maddox: Shut up, Dick! You weren't there! (Roger and Dick laughing) I had two buttons on my fan. One said, "Cool", and one said, "Super Cool". (Roger scoffs) It was the best costume, man. Everyone loved it.

Roger: And, and…I don't even wanna get into your Predator costume.

Maddox: Oh, come on, that was pretty good.

Roger: Dick, I know you saw this.

Dick: No, I love it! What I love about your costumes is that you obviously put so much work into them…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they still look like total garbage. (Maddox laughs) Like, it's like…watching a child. The amount…the ratio of work to failure on your costumes is so incredibly high, it's perfect.

Roger: You need to…you need to explain, 'cause I mean, they can't see it. What…explain what went into the Predator costume.

Maddox: My Predator costume, yeah. I spent like 20 bucks on this thing. And I spent, like a good hour putting it together! (Roger laughs) So I bought a baseball cap and I cut off the rim, and then I put pins and tubes in the top, and drew, like the Predator texture on it. It looked really realistic.

Dick: Awful. It looked awful.

Roger: Did you get the tubes from your heroin addict neighbors, or?

Maddox: Noooo, Roger. (exasperated) I got it from the hardware store, and they're REALLY high quality tubes. They're really strong.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: I'll post a picture of it online.

Roger: Yeah, you should.

Maddox: I'll let you guys decide how realistic…and then, a couple of years back, I went to an anime convention, 'cause I got a free ticket, I'm like "Yeah, fuck it, I'll check it out." Weird as shit. I made a Tekkaman costume, I think his name is Tekkaman.

Dick: What's Tekkaman.

Maddox: Uh…he's one of the Tatsunoko versus Capcom…

Dick: Ah, Jesus, what the hell is that? Can't you just, like, not…

Maddox: He's like, kind of a cyborg warrior…he looks like Vectorman. I think he is Vectorman, actually.

Dick: All of this is jibberish to me!!! What is he, a robot, or an alien, or…

Maddox: No, just a guy in a suit. Like a cool mech suit, right?

Dick: Okay.

Roger: I do…yo, I'll give anyone credit who dressed up on Halloween, but I do kind of…it is kind of annoying when someone will dress up in something SO obscure that no one knows what the hell it is…

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: So it's like…if you're doing that, you gotta…you can't get pissed off when people ask you what it is!

Dick: Well then you gotta talk to 'em about it…

Roger: You KNOW everyone that night is gonna be "What are you supposed to be?" You have to answer those questions.

Maddox: Hey, Roger, have you seen the Curb Your Enthusiasm episode where Larry David refused to give out candy to a trick-or-treater?

Roger: Uhhh, no. But I do love that show.

Maddox: I have just a little clip we can play from that.

Roger: Okay.

Dick: Mm.

(Clip plays…kids say "Trick or treat!"…Larry David: "How old are you?" Kids: "Thirteen." "Thirteen!" Larry David: "Thirteen?" Kids: "Yeah." Larry David: "You look more like 16, or maybe even 17?" Kids: "No!! Nooo, we're 13. Can we just have our candy please?" Larry David: "You're 13?" Kids: "Yeah!" Larry David: "Where's your…where's your costumes?" Kids: "I'm being my sister!" Larry David: "You're being your sister." Kids: "This is my costume." "I'm a teacher." Larry David: "You're a teacher." Kids: "So can we get some candy, grandpa?" Larry David: "Boy, I'd like to get my kid in your class." Kids: "Yeah, candy." "Hellooooo!" Larry David: "Yeah, I don't…I don't think so.")

Maddox: Yeah.

(Clip continues: Kid: "Are you kidding?! It's Halloween!" Larry David: "Yeah, I know. Yeah, it doesn't mean that you're entitled to just go around to people's homes and guilt them out of candy. Kid: "Are you kidding?" "Asshole." "Thanks for nothing, asshole." Sound of door slamming)

Maddox: Yeah. That's what…that's what happens. That's what happens. When I was, like 15 years old, just trying to get candy, and I met a Larry David, who told me no. (giggling)

Roger: Yeah, but you just heard that. They weren't in costume. Did you go and were you dressed in costume?

Maddox: I was dressed in costume.

Dick: What was it? What was it?

Roger: If you were dressed in costume and got denied…well, then again, your costumes are pretty bad, so…

Dick: Yeah. What was your costume?

Maddox: I was Dracula. (Roger laughs)

Dick: Alright. And how did you assemble this garbage?

Roger: Yes.

Maddox: Okay, so…(laughs)

Roger: Please tell me you have photos of this.

Maddox: (laughs) I had…I was wearing a cowboy hat.

Dick: Okay. Already a failure.

Roger: Already embarrassing.

Maddox: With a blond wig and a vampire cape! Come on, man!

Dick: Why did you think that was Dracula?

Maddox: 'Cause I had my Dracula teeth in my mouth!

Roger: (southern twang) Hey y'all, this is Dracula, I'm gonna be suckin' your blood tonight, mhmm."

Maddox: Oh! You guys are discriminating, you're saying they can't be, like, Country Superstar Draculas? (Roger laughs) Huh? That's who I was.

Roger: That is not what you described to us! You just said "I'm Dracula".

Maddox: Yeah!

Roger: Not Country Superstar Dracula.

Maddox: Well I just made that up. I just thought about it.

Roger: Yeah, exactly. You're pulling it out of your ass.

Dick: Roger, why do you think these people won't wear costumes? What's the deal?

Roger: Uhh, a lot of the time I think it's 'cause they just think they're too cool for it. That's seriously it.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: They think they're too cool, or they're just too lazy and they think they still deserve candy or they should still be going to the Halloween party even though they're too cool to dress up for it.

Dick: Life has no room for being too cool.

Roger: No. It does not.

Maddox: No. I agree.

Dick: That's the overarching statement of this.

Roger: Mhmm.

Dick: Is…we're all in here together.

Roger: Yeah!

Dick: It sucks. Nothing's cool about this.

Roger: Halloween is one of the…one of the few days of the year that you can absolutely have a blast. You can just dress up as whatever the hell you want to be and you can just have fun all night long.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: And to not celebrate that…it's a wonderful holiday. It's…I do not understand people who do not want to get in on that.

Dick: What was your favorite Halloween costume that you've ever been? 'Cause you love Halloween.

Roger: I do love Halloween.

Dick: You're not a last minute guy like Maddox and myself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Uh, my favorite one from my childhood, like, when I was a really young kid, was a Pac-Man costume that my mom actually made for me, and it was from…she actually used, like…you know, underneath bed mattresses they used to have…it was almost like these long foam pads, I guess, that they would put on top of the boxsprings. She actually cut up a big yellow one of those and sewed it all together and it looked like Pac-Man. And my brother was a blue ghost, so I would chase him around the hall. So that was a great one. (Dick laughing)

Dick: That's cool.

Roger: From more modern times, uhh…my wife and I went out, and she helped me make this Flaming Carrot costume. The Flaming Carrot is a comic book character, just this giant carrot, and it looked incredible. We had, uhh…we actually had the top of his head flaming and lighting up and everything.

Dick: Mhmm.

Roger: That was great. So…but, a lot of Tournament of Nerds shows that we do at UCB also, those are kind like trial runs for Halloween costumes a lot of the time, too.

Maddox: Yeah. That's where I wore my Predator costume, which was awesome! Everybody loved it.

Dick: Alright. (scoffs)

Roger: Hmmm…naaah…

Maddox: What about you, Dick?

Dick: I always try to do costumes that are, like, also sexy costumes, like pirate.

Roger: Oh, you do the sexy ones.

Dick: Yeah. I try to sneak it in there. Like, I'll be like a swarthy pirate.

Roger: Alright.

Dick: Or, like a guy wearing a suit.

Roger: Right.

Dick: Like "Who are you?" Ahh, you know, just, like a businessman.

Maddox: Dick! Dick!

Roger: Lemme ask you this. What do you think about? A lot of women feel pressured to wear sexy costumes and I…

Dick: I don't think they feel pressured, I think they're tripping over themselves to wear sexy costumes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Alright, well maybe a lot of 'em do. But I always think it's way cooler when they're actually not worrying about that. They're like "Fuck it, I'm gonna dress as something scary". I love that.

Dick: You know what, dude? Last…well, not scary, but last Halloween, I hooked up with a girl who was dressed as a chick version of Marty Mcfly from Back to the Future.

Roger: That's good.

Dick: Yeah. And it was like…we had an actual conversation about it, which you don't have…well, I've never had with like, "Oh, a sexy Attorney General costume."

Maddox: Yeah, it's always sexy something, which pisses me off.

Dick: That pisses you off!?!? (incredulous, laughing)

Maddox: Yeah…just be a real thing for once, for crying out…like, every chick, (valleygirl voice) "Oh, I gotta be sexy. I'm gonna be sexy today."

Roger: Yeah, see that's another thing. I mean, I want people to dress up, absolutely, but yeah. You don't have to overkill the sexy shit.

Maddox: Yeah. Although, I don't complain, 'cause sometimes it is super sexy.

Roger: Yeah. There are a lot of stupid sexy costumes out there, though. In stores this year.

Dick: Like what?

Roger: And every year. Like 'Sexy Rick Grimes' from the Walking Dead.

Dick: Who's that?

Roger: He's the sheriff from the Walking Dead. (Dick and Maddox laugh) That is a costume this year. And if it's not sexy, they call it "sassy", but it's the same thing.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: I like sassy. That sounds…I want to talk to someone sassy.

Roger: You wanna talk to Sassy Rick Grimes?

Maddox: Yeah. I wanna talk to Sassy Rick Grimes.

Dick: What's been your favorite garbage Halloween costume, Maddox?

Maddox: Well, Dick…(Roger and Dick crack up)…one year I did dress up as the interrogated terrorist from…what was that big scandal in Iraq, where they…

Dick: Abu Ghraib?

Maddox: Abu Ghraib, yeah. The witch prisoner.

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah. (excited)

Maddox: I was him one year, and nobody got it until I put my arms out…

Dick: 'Cause he looks like a Klan member, also.

Roger: Yeah…

Dick: Did you think about that?

Maddox: No, I didn't think about that.

Dick: With the pointy hat?

Maddox: That's the one.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You looked like you were in the Klan.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…

Roger: I'm amazed you didn't get the shit beat out of you that night.

Dick: Yeah! (incredulous)

Maddox: It was in Utah, so people…

Dick: Oh, a lot of people…(laughing)

Maddox: Oh, hey, we like this guy. A couple of years ago, Dick, you and I went out and you were…

Dick: (interjects) As friends.

Maddox: As friends, yeah. Just as friends. Platonic. We didn't make out. Um, you were Jesus..

Roger: (interjects) Lies.

Maddox: And I was a car. And that was my costume…I think it was last year, actually.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I put a steering wheel over my head and I wore an air freshener, and I drew grilles on my T-shirt. And I had two clicky, closet lights as headlights.

Roger: Oh, like those "As Seen on TV" lights?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah, those. And then I had taillights, too. And I had…it was delightful. It was great.

Dick: It was great. That was a great costume.

Maddox: Yeah. I was a car. See? That's real creative. I didn't see ANY cars.

Roger: I like it when people make their own costumes. I do like that. So.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. So take that, Dick.

Dick: Check your ironic detachment at the door. That's what you're saying, right?

Maddox: Hey…

Roger: Yes. Yeah. Forget the "This is my Halloween costume" T-shirts…

Dick: Yeah. It's not fucking funny.

Roger: Forget not dressing up at all. Just show up in costume or don't show up at all.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right. I agree. Um, Roger, you brought with you a couple of fortune cookies, too.

Roger: Yeah, um, I actually found some Halloween fortune cookies, so I brought one for each of you guys.

Dick: Oh. Thanks.

Maddox: Chocolate. I want the black one. Black one.

Roger: We have black and orange. They're flavored the same.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: He gets "prima nocturn" at everything, so give him what he wants.

Roger: Okay, alright.

Maddox: "Prima nocturn". What is that?!

Dick: That's how English nobleman used to, like, bang people's wives.

Roger: That sounds like some witchcraft shit.

Maddox: Yeeaaaaaah.

Roger: I dunno, I think you might be one of those witches.

Maddox: And I think I'm one of the 26% here.

Roger: Yep! (laughing)

Dick: You guys didn't watch Braveheart? That's how Braveheart starts.

Maddox: Oh, Braveheart is so boring!

Roger: Oh yeah, that's right.

Maddox: I hate that movie.

Dick: Oh, you shut your mouth.

Maddox: Yeah. So we got…so we're opening up…

Roger: (quoting Braveheart with a Scottish accent) "Always have. Always will."

Maddox: Okay. (laughs) Great, Roger. Uh, we're opening up our fortune cookies. I got one…oh, it has a jack-o'-lantern on it.

Roger: (Scottish voice) Alrrright.

Maddox: Okay. Here's my fortune. It says, "You'll get candy corn stuck in your teeth." (scoffs) Alright.

Roger: Is it really? Is that what it says?

Maddox: That's what it says. I'll get candy corn stuck in my teeth.

Dick: That's a shitty fortune. (laughing)

Maddox: That's a shitty fuckin' fortune!

Roger: Do you like candy corn?

Maddox: No! It's garbage.

Dick: Alright, hold on.

Roger: Dick, do you like candy corn?

Dick: I love candy corn.

Roger: Good. Good. I do too.

Dick: I got one…in light of my recent tangles with chlamydia, I think you guys are gonna love this one. Here's my fortune. "Slime will ooze from your eyes, nose, and mouth." (Maddox and Roger laugh)

Roger: Perfect!

Dick: Tag on "In bed" at the end of that one.

Maddox: That's a pretty spooky fortune.

Roger: Yeah, I like that one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So either I'm gonna get Ebola…

Roger: Yours actually has a pumpkin on it.

Maddox: Yeah. Mine has a pumpkin. What does yours have, Dick?

Dick: A ghost. Alright. Maddox, you wanna get to your problem?

Maddox: Wait, wait. Before we go, I actually pulled up a picture of my costume when I was Tekkaman at AnimeCon. I wanna get your guys' honest opinion.

Roger: Okay.

Maddox: Okay?

Dick: Let's see it.

Maddox: Tell me what you guys think of this.

Dick: (cracks up) It's garbage!

Roger: Okay, lemme see now?

Dick: It's just you in a white T-shirt!!

Maddox: No!!

Roger: Alright, yeah. It's you in a white t-shirt with tinfoil wrapped around your face.

Maddox: Yeah! That's my mask. And then I drew the rainbow thing on his chest. I think I nailed it.

Roger: Yeah, you did.

Dick: You nailed it.

Roger: You nailed someone who has a brain injury.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm gonna…I'll post this on the website, but yeah man! I think that looks pretty good. And so, I wore this to Anime Con and those…those fucking nerds take it SO seriously. They got really pissed off when I would photobomb their stupid cosplays…(Dick laughs)

Roger: Oh, they are SUPER serious there.

Maddox: Oh yeah. I got a picture of this guy who looks PISSED.

Roger: Anime Expo is great, though, I mean.

Maddox: No. (skeptical)

Roger: No, it IS great! Like if you want to see, just the amount of work people put into those costumes, it rivals Comic-Con. So, I mean, it's fun to just look at all the crazy costumes. I don't get, like, half of the references, but…

Dick: No.

Roger: There's some great stuff there. I appreciate what they do.

Maddox: Tekkaman. Not a single person recognized me as Tekkaman. I thought that would be the place for sure.

Roger: Uhhh…I can understand why, yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it looks like someone with Down's Syndrome…(Maddox laughs)…had too much fun with tinfoil and then found a janitor's broom.

Maddox: You know what? I don't give a shit. Whatever. I don't give a shit about those fuckin' nerds. Like, an anime convention is the nerdiest thing I've ever been to, and this is…I've been to Comic-Con for, like, what? Eight, nine consecutive years? It is a level of nerdy that is far and above anything I've ever witnessed, and I am a computer programmer. I can't relate to these people, how fucking nerdy they are.

Roger: You are nerdy, you realize that, right?

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: You know, Roger, sure, I am.

Dick: Speaking of nerdy, Roger and I did not discuss this in advance, but both of us intuitively brought in Halloween-themed problems for this Halloween-themed episode, and guess who didn't pick up on that when we came in here to record today?

Maddox: Yeah. It's 'cause they didn't tell me. Well, whatever. I got one!

Dick: We didn't mean to!! (laughing)

Maddox: I got one! Here it is!!

Roger: His problem before we came in was like "Y=mx+b. Why doesn't everyone know that?"

Maddox: (laughing) Wow, that's pretty good, actually.

Dick: His problem was Moore's Law.

Maddox: I wasn't expecting the slope formula in here. Okay, so here we go.

Roger: That's right. Slope intercept form.

Maddox: Yeah. Here's my problem this week, "Not Enough Razorblades in Candy". (Dick laughs maniacally) Yeah? Pretty good problem, right?

Dick: (still laughing) Jesus Christ.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Thank you. Oh, thank you, Maddox. For the applause. Yeah, so, first of all. The first thing when you Google "Razor blades in candy", you know what the first thing that comes up? This is a disappointment. "Poison candy myths".

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a Wikipedia page! It's an urban legend.

Roger: It is. It is. Uh…there were…

Dick: (Interjects) It is?

Maddox: Yeah!

Roger: There were all kinds of ads that they would put out back then because this thing got started, but yeah, it actually has not happened a lot at all.

Dick: No way! Oh, that's weird.

Roger: yeah.

Maddox: So there are a few instances of people doing some shenanigans with candy a long time ago. So, here's the description from Wikipedia.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It says, "Poison candy myths are an urban legend that malevolent individuals could hide poison, drugs, or sharp objects such as razor blades, needles, or broken glass in candy and distribute the candy in order to harm random children, especially during

Halloween or trick-or-treating. So, in 1959, um…there was this dentist in California, his name is William Shine. He gave candy-coated laxative pills to trick-or-treaters. (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Roger: That's great.

Maddox: He was charged with outrage of public decency and unlawful dispensing of drugs. He just gave laxatives out, so what?

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: The candy makes you shit a little bit.

Dick: Well, for a kid.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a magic trick.

Dick: It's funny, but if a kid eats it, can't they like, die?

Roger: Right.

Maddox: Noooooo, they're not gonna die. (skeptical)

Dick: Of like, dehydration? That's how you die of diarrhea.

Roger: Right.

Dick: You get dehydrated and then you die…

Roger: Arrhea?

Dick: (laughs) Yeah.

Maddox: Oh my gosh, Roger. So, no, that's like, malaria. If you get malaria and it's severe enough. But it's a kid. He's just gonna be eating candy all night anyway. This doctor…this dentist is doing him a favor.

Dick: That's why he'll die. 'Cause he eats too much of it.

Maddox: Of laxatives?

Dick: Yeah. It is a crime, what he did. (scoffs)

Roger: Right, yeah. (laughs) There's no denying that.

Dick: It's very dangerous for children.

Maddox: He was the first. It wasn't a crime then, he had to test the system. This guy's a scientist.

Roger: Yeah, he's testing it, and then he's gonna move out to date rape drugs next.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Pffffft, get out of here. This guy…it's a harmless prank. Then in 1964…

Dick: Harmless prank on kids! (Maddox laughs)

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: No prank on children is harmless!!!

Roger: Harmless to the person DOING the pranking.

Maddox: Ahhh, they get a little diarrhea. Who cares? I get diarrhea all the time! In 1964, an annoyed Long Island New York housewife gave out packages of inedible objects to children whom she believed were too old to be trick-or-treating. This could have been me, guys. The packages contained items such as steel wool, dog biscuits, and ant buttons.

Dick: Ugh!

Maddox: Which are clearly labeled with the word "Poison". Though nobody was injured, she was prosecuted and pleaded guilty with endangering children.

Roger: Whoa! This is a real thing?

Maddox: Yeah…

Roger: Ant buttons?

Dick: Yeah. (incredulous)

Roger: So, like, little ant poison pellets?

Maddox: I guess, yeah. That was in 1964.

Roger: Huh.

Maddox: But this shit is, like, so rare.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: It's been so overblown in the media over the years.

Roger: Kinda like Ebola.

Maddox: Yeah! Aaahhhh!

Dick: Yeah, but there's two instances of that happening. There's no two instances of witchery actually happening.

Maddox: You don't know that!

Dick: I do. I do. (Maddox cracks up) I do fuckin' know that no witch has ever happened anywhere, ever.

Maddox: Dick, again. That could just be that our preventative measures are working.

Roger: Maddox, just admit it. You believe in witches. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Now, could you imagine sitting…going out with a girl, like, going on a date with a girl, and you sit down, and the topic of, like, witchery comes up, and she just goes, "That's stupid."

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: My head would blow up.

Maddox: If she said…

Dick: If she just said, flat out, "Oh yeah, witchery, and sorcery, it's dumb."

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause that never happens.

Dick: That's never happened to me. It's always…

Maddox: Every girl's…

Dick: Every girl's like, "Oh, yeah, I'm not a witch, but I can do Reiki."

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeeah.

Dick: Here, lemme rub my hands together.

Maddox: Yep. Yep. There we go. There we go. It's always something. Um, yeah. So…you can bet your ass that came up with that Wiccan I dated. She had a cloak and everything. Um, although she couldn't fly on a broom. I would love to bang a chick on a broom. (starts laughing)

Roger: Wwhaat? (incredulous) That just sounds uncomfortable.

Maddox: I mean, you know…

Dick: Stimulate your prostate?

Maddox: If she was a witch, wouldn't that be like, awesome? Like Bewitched? The Bewitched chick was hot, from the TV show.

Dick: Yes.

Roger: Samantha? She was beautiful.

Maddox: Yeah! Samantha! Right? Wouldn't you want to bang her on a broomstick?

Dick: No!

Roger: No! (almost simultaneous)

Dick: How the fuck…man, have you tried to…I've banged in a hammock, in a spa…

Maddox: Ew.

Dick: They're awful. It's awful.

Maddox: It's called a sew swing, Dick.

Dick: No, it was a hammock.

Maddox: An actual hammock?

Dick: It was, like, literal hammock. Yeah, it was at Burning Man.

Maddox: Dude. Ugh.

Roger: What about the broom is turning you on so much? That's what I wanna know.

Maddox: Uhhh…

Dick: Logistics are very important in sex.

Maddox: You know, I haven't thought it that far through, guys. I'm thinking of this as, like, my 12-year-old fantasy. Like, I wanted to bang…

Roger: You're thinking about, like, actually flying in the air through the sky?

Maddox: Yes! That. That's what I'm thinking of.

Roger: Okay. Alright.

Maddox: I'm flying in the sky and I'm banging a witch.

Dick: You wanna be like Lois Lane with Superman.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaaah!!! Right? (Roger laughs)

Dick: Ahhh, this fuckin' guy. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah! And also, there's like…

Roger: (interjects) And this is the guy who just a few minutes ago was talking about how Anime Expo was the nerdiest thing he's ever seen. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Whatever. (Roger laughs)

Dick: How would you balance?

Maddox: Magic. Come on.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: And then, also, if shit goes awry and the chick is like "Oh, I'm not into this anymore", she could just drop you to your death. Isn't that hot? Like…

Roger: Uuuuhhhhhhhhhh…..(skeptical)

Dick: No!!!! I don't want that kind of pressure!!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I think that'd be the most satisfying sex I'd ever have.

Dick: Where you were murdered afterwards? (Maddox cracks up) Like a praying mantis? What is that called, cannibalism?

Roger: Yeah, mantid sex. There you go.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No. But then, she could like, swoop down and catch you, and be like "Just kidding!" and you'd be like "Oh my gosh, I thought I was gonna die!"

Dick: So you wanna date, like a psychotic, abusive witch. (Maddox laughs) Like, who lets you almost die just for the sexual thrill.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a practical joker.

Roger: I'm pretty sure there are people you can hire to do this stuff to you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No. No one can fly. Whatever.

Dick: Like that girl who was a zombie. Was gonna eat your brain.

Maddox: Oh my GOSH, that's a fucking story!

Dick: We're not gonna talk about that!

Maddox: Holy shit! That's a whole episode.

Dick: No, no, I don't wanna give her that attention, either.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Okay. So, um. There's this book that was written. Actually, it was a study. It's called "The Razorblade in the Apple: The Social Construction of Urban Legends".

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And this guy talked about how in New Jersey they passed laws against Halloween sadism, that's what they call it, is Halloween sadism. "Schools trained children to inspect their treats for signs of tampering, and some communities tried to ban trick-or-treating."

Dick: Aw, Jesus Christ! (incredulous, annoyed)

Maddox: Speaking of ALARMISM…"By 1984, the threat of Halloween sadists was apparently taken for granted. Doubts about the threats reality rarely appeared in print. Several Oregon third graders wrote letters to newspapers, saying things like "I wish people wouldn't put poison in our Halloween treats.""

Dick: And they don't.

Maddox: They don't.

Dick: Oh well…

Maddox: You're an idiot.

Dick: There you go. Good wish.

Roger: That's…

Dick: Be reasonable.

Roger: The whole idea of, like, just banning trick-or-treating is ridiculous as it is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: There was an article our friend Brian actually sent to us. I dunno if you guys saw it. Um, but he sent an article about these polar bears that were, I guess, I don't know where the town was, but they basically decided to bring trick-or-treating indoors because there was a polar bear problem.

Dick: Well, that's a pretty big problem! (scoffs)

Roger: And they were worried about kids getting eating while they were trick-or-treating. That just sounds like a horror movie in the making, to me.

Maddox: What if…

Roger: Like, even that I'm not quite sure you should ban trick-or-treating for.

Dick: Well, it depends if the town is like, Oslo, or Mexico City.

Roger: Yeah, no, it was like…(laughing) Yeah. No, it was where polar bears.

Maddox: What if people handed out polar bears as a treat? Like "Hahaha, it's a trick!"

Roger: That would be the trick.

Dick: That's a pretty good prank, right Maddox?

Maddox: Yeah! It's a good prank!!!

Dick: It's a harmless prank on kids. (sarcasm)

Roger: No one's getting harmed there, just like Ex-Lax.

Maddox: Get a polar bear. Yeah, who cares. You get a little diarrhea.

Dick: You can DIE from that!

Maddox: You…if you eat enough of it!!!

Dick: A chile can DIE!!!

Maddox: No, like a baby, maybe, but babies can't walk!

Dick: You like fuckin' with people's food, though. You have a weird…we've gone over this in previous episodes…Maddox likes slipping shit in people's food. It's really weird.

Maddox: Nooooo, come on!

Roger: Oh, he just likes ruining food.

Maddox: Oh…

Roger: Just in general. Like…

Maddox: Roger, you're the last person to talk about food, buddy!

Roger: No, I am the authority on food.

Maddox: Yeah, you're the authority on shitty food.

Roger: I am absolutely…no. Do...(stammers) Lemme ask you this, Dick. Would you like to eat spinach cookies?

Dick: I've eaten Maddox's spinach cookies. They're surprisingly good, and I like that he used the spinach as food coloring instead of food coloring. I liked it. I was impressed.

Maddox: Yeah. Thank you.

Roger: Oh, my God. Those were the worst.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Hey, lemme ask you something, do you like spicy food?

Roger: Yes. Yeah. I like spicy food.

Dick: Okay. Thought I was gonna have him on that one.

Maddox: No, but not real spicy. (skeptical)

Roger: No, I do like it.

Maddox: So, this book. This book came out.

Dick: That's just what he does. (laughing)

Roger: Nothing is real spicy according to him.

Maddox: Yeah. I've eaten the world's spiciest pepper.

Roger: He drinks from volcanos, right? Yeah, bullshit.

Maddox: I do. ROGER, I'll outspice you any day, buddy!!!! (yelling) (Roger laughs) I'll drink…I got a bottle of my hot sauce, right here!!!

Dick: Alright.

Roger: Oh great, here we go.

Maddox: Let's drink this. Here we go. You're on.

Roger: He's gone all angry and sweaty.

Maddox: Here we go. I'm gonna drink this. I'll drink this right now…

Roger: Go ahead, drink it!!!

Maddox: Fine, okay. I'm drinking the hot sauce right now, live on the show.

Roger: I am glad you're doing this. Great.

Maddox: Look at this. Here we go. Hmmm?

Roger: Oh, you showed me.

Dick: This is not impressive.

Roger: Yeah. I'm just loving that he's doing this.

Maddox: Look at that. Look at that.

Roger: Yeah. What you're not gonna hear is him shitting himself in agony after the podcast concludes.

Maddox: Who cares?!!? I get diarrhea all the time! It's not a big deal!!

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: Actually, I don't. I'm invincible. Okay, so.

Dick: Well, which is it?! (laughing)

Roger: Yeah. You've been flip-flopping on that all episode. (Dick laughing)

Maddox: Look. Sometimes I get diarrhea.

Dick: Let's check the toilet. Let's check the splash-up on the toilet.

Maddox: Go ahead! There is very little splash up.

Dick: You know, under the seat.

Maddox: My toilet's clean. Chicks love my toilets.

Dick: Alright. (exasperated)

Roger: That is…that…ugh. Nope.

Dick: Do you have any more pranks that are being pulled?

Maddox: Yeah. I got a stats for you.

Dick: Why do you want more razor blades in candy? Why is that the problem?

Maddox: Well, because then it's interesting. Right?

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Then at least you have…at least you have

Roger: Murder! It's interesting.

Dick: It is.

Maddox: No, 'cause it never fuckin' happens. Here's the thing. The only way that can possibly affect a kid is if he gets an apple and chomps down on it so fast and so hard…

Dick: Oh, you're making me sick, man. Don't even finish it.

Maddox: It's just never gonna happen. It's a fuckin' horror story trope.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This book came out called "Halloween Sadism: The Evidence". This guy researched newspapers from 1958 to 1983.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's, like, 30 years of research. In search of candy tampering. "Of the stories, fewer than 90 instances might have qualified as actual candy tampering." Fewer than 90 instances!

Dick: That hot sauce is fucking with your tongue over there.

Roger: Yeah, sounds like it.

Maddox: I just got a lot of saliva.

Roger: Uh-huh.

Dick: I guess you're not as tough as you thought.

Maddox: I'm real tough! (yells)

Roger: As he's taking a swig of his Coke there.

Dick: Yeah. I bet you couldn't take another swig of that hot sauce right now.

Maddox: Look, I wanna do the show…(Dick cracks up) Shut up, Dick. I wanna do the show. Listen to this. So, despite the falsity of these claims, the new media promoted the

story continuously throughout the 1980s…" excuse me, "The news media promoted the story…"

Roger: (interjects) What's wrong there, havin' a little trouble?

Dick: (laughing) I'm not editing this out! You are having a rough time!! (Roger laughs)

Maddox: No. 'Cause I have a lot of saliva in my mouth. Do you want me to spit to prove it?!

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: I got a lot of saliva.

Dick: Are you sure you have saliva in your mouth and not your pussy? (Maddox cracks up)

Roger: I think that might be his tears going into this mouth.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Shut up. (Dick laughing) So, despite…

Dick: Let's hear it (trying not to laugh)

Maddox: What!!??! (upset)

Dick: Sorry!!!!

Roger: I just wanna see if he can make it through this.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't have to read my interesting stats that I've read. You know what? Fuck you guys!! I'm not reading my stats at all!!1 (yelling)

Dick: No, I want to hear. I just want it read properly by someone whose tongue hasn't swollen into a slab of roast beef. (Roger laughing hysterically)

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: Do you need some milk or some bread?

Maddox: Hey! I don't see you two pussies drinking any hot sauce!! I drank half this fuckin' bottle in two swigs!!

Roger: Oh yeah? Drink the whole bottle!

Maddox: Go ahead, drink asshole!!

Roger: Drink the whole bottle. Prove us wrong.

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah. Yeah, great. And then what?

Roger: Prove us…prove us how manly you are.

Maddox: Look, I have to fucking TALK during this entire episode!! I can drink plenty of hot sauce! I can drink hot sauce all day! I feel fucking great about it.

Dick: (laughing) As long as you have a couple hours to recover afterwards.

Maddox: (upset) I don't need a couple hours!!!!! (Dick cracking up)

Roger: Maddox, do you see the puppet strings above your head right now? Do you see the puppet strings?

Maddox: You guys think you're so fucking clever, but I'm doing this!!!! I'm doing this!!! (Roger and Dick crack up and laugh hysterically) You guys are such assholes!!

Dick: Read your…read the thing about the book.

Maddox: I don't know if I want to anymore!!! Okay, here we go. (Roger laughs) So, "Despite the falsity of these claims, the news media promoted the story continuously throughout the 1980s with local news stations featuring frequent coverage."

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: This was just entirely a media invention, just like Ebola and the California Drought, and killer bees, and SARS, and avian flu, and pig flu. "By 1985, the media had driven the hysteria about candy poisonings to such a point that ABC News/Washington Post poll found that 60% of parents feared that their children would be injured or killed because of Halloween candy sabotage!

Dick: (incredulous) Oh, my God!

Roger: And your thing is that you want to bring that back? You want that all in the media?

Dick: Give the people what they want.

Maddox: You know, at least justify the hysteria. That's what I'm saying. And it's an interesting story! I've never known any kids to die by Halloween candy.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: Wouldn't it be cool to be, like, "Oh, man, you guys remember Joey? Died by eating a razor blade in an apple." (scoffs) Which never fucking happens. The only way they could…

Dick: (interjects) I know…I had an ex-girlfriend who almost died on some Halloween candy.

Roger: Yeah, have you guys ever actually gotten…?

Dick: She almost choked to death on some nuts. (Maddox cracks up) (Roger laughs) Little Halloween humor for you.

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: Go ahead, Roger.

Roger: Have you guys ever actually gotten any, like, questionable Halloween candy?

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: You know, just those ones where you're like "Oh man, I'm not eating that."

Maddox: Yeah. I got an unwrapped, uh…what was it? You know those…candies, they come in strings where they're…it's wrapped in plastic, but they're individual beads and they're colorful. I don't know what they are, but…

Dick: It's like a necklace, isn't it?

Maddox: No, it's not a necklace. It's a little string of 'em, and they're little candy…

Roger: Is it like, a Nerds rope?

Maddox: Not a Nerds rope. They're not connected in any way. They're little beads of chocolate. They look like M&Ms, but they're completely round and they come in a…

Roger: Sixlets?

Maddox: Yeah. Sixlets. Those are the ones.

Dick: Oh, oh. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: I got one of those one time and it was open, and they were, like, kind of loosely scattered in my…

Dick: Those things are packaged very poorly, though.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: They're ready to pop…they're ready to burst.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, you know what, though? I got those little candies, those little wax Cola bottles, with the juice in em?

Roger: Oh, those are great, the…Nik-L-Nips.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. For yeeeeeeeeeeears, I just threw those out not knowing what the fuck they were. I thought it was a stupid toy.

Roger: You were throwing those out?!?!

Dick: You just throw out candy?!

Maddox: I didn't know what it was! And then, finally, as an adult, I bought them…

Dick: It's candy!

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: Yeah, I bought them from the dollar store, and I'm like…

Roger: They're delicious, aren't they?

Maddox: I'm like…"There's juice in these!"

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I bit off the top and I drank the juice, just like I did the HOT SAUCE LIKE A MAN!!! And these pussies won't drink any.

Roger: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Being stupid…putting stupid things in your mouth is not the definition of a man.

Roger: Can you show us?

Maddox: Yeah. It sounds like your girlfriend definitely wasn't.

Roger: Dick, I don't remember him drinking hot sauce, you?

Dick: (laughing) Yeah, my girlfriend wasn't man.

Roger: Can you show us you drinking some hot sauce?

Maddox: Yeah…shut up, Roger. (Roger laughing)

Roger: How about you, Dick? Did you ever get any, uh…bad candies?

Dick: Weird? I got a…Christian pamphlet about Jesus, once.

Roger: Oh, that's the worst… that's another one.

Dick: I really remember it. I don't know why.

Roger: That's actually another problem that should be on the list, actually, yeah. People handing out pamphlets of any kind rather than candy.

Dick: Yeah. (sighs)

Maddox: We would go to, like, the rich neighborhoods and all the rich people would give out, like, full candy bars.

Dick: Candy bars. Those are great.

Roger: Oh, that's great.

Maddox: But who cares. It's like.."Oh, wow…"

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, who cares?!

Maddox: You know what, take two regular sized ones! Take two regular-sized candies, you're fine!

Dick: No, cause the king size…the big ones are different.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: They're…they're better. 'Cause they're bigger.

Roger: And now they have, like, those tiny little bites and stuff. And you don't get, like…

Dick: Too much crust.

Roger: If you get a Snickers one, there's like, no peanuts in it, or something…

Dick: Right. Right.

Roger: So yeah.

Dick: I remember…I know why that Jesus pamphlet stuck in my mind so much. Because it bothered me when I was a kid. I was like 9 years old. It bothered me that they didn't theme the propaganda to Halloween.

Roger: Oh, yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I'm like, they're handing out all this propaganda for kids. Why wouldn't they make it about Halloween?! Like I'm sitting here with all my candy…

Roger: Yeah, how, like, you're celebrating the Devil's holiday, you know? You're gonna go to Hell.

Dick: Or, like, Jesus shared candy and it was great and everyone loved him. I'd be sitting there as a kid going, like, "Oh, maybe this Jesus guy is alright." But instead it's about, like, dying for your sins. Like, I don't give a shit about this.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: I'm eating candy.

Roger: Right.

Dick: The poor marketing bothered me.

Maddox: Yeah. They needed…poor marketing. They needed to market it better. However, Christians have Christmas, which is great marketing for a religion.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: There's no other religion that even comes close. Like, the closest is what? Judaism and they have Hanukkah, and Passover, I guess. Which, Passover is a terrible thing to sit through.

Dick: Doesn't Islam have two Christmases? Like…Ede? I think they have, like, one in the…I think they have to Christmas holidays.

Maddox: Yeah, there's the big one where they fast for a month, like on Saturdays, or something like that, for a month.

Dick: I dunno. I dated a Persian girl and she had two Christmases, as she described it to me.

Maddox: Yeah. When I was in Dubai, they did Christmas way better than Americans do Christmas.

Roger: Oh, I believe that. Same for when I was in South Korea. Same thing. It was WAY better. Was amazing.

Maddox: Yeah! In Hong Kong, they do Christmas way better than Christian nations. In Dubai, they had a bigger Christmas tree than any Christmas tree I've ever seen in my life!

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: In the mall. And this is a Muslin country. Come on…get your shit together, America.

Dick: (laughs) You're so pissed off about that.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah!!! Get your shit…we invented the thing and we're not even doing it right! Yeah.

Roger: Alright, we shouldn't be talking about Christmas on a Halloween episode, anyway.

Dick: This is Halloween episode.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. Do you wanna wrap your…

Roger: (interjects) Where's…

Dick: (interjects) Go ahead, sorry.

Roger: I was gonna say, I remember some of the worst candies I ever got, was, you know, you'd get, like a piece of chocolate that clearly had been sitting out, it almost looked like a car battery with, like, too much of that acid stuff on top of it.

Dick: Oh. (disgusted) Mhmm.

Roger: It just did not look right. But, I did get a rock in my trick-or-treat bag, once.

Dick: Did you really?

Roger: Just like Charlie Brown, you know?

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: But it wasn't, like, a full bag of rocks. It was just one rock. And I was so excited about it.

Dick: Yeah! I think I would be too.

Roger: That was just great. Yeah. I really was. And people always say, like, "Oh, you don't wanna get any rocks." But no, you do. You want at least one rock.

Dick: Yeah. That's awesome.

Roger: That's a win.

Maddox: I'll give you a rock. My neighbor…my neighbor is a dentist. (Dick laughing) My neighbor the dentist, speaking of, like, shitty poisoned candy, she actually gave out apples, which PISSED me the fuck off. 'Cause I lived on an acre. I had an orchard in my backyard, with…

Roger: They weren't, like, candy apples or anything?

Maddox: No! They're from her own fuckin' yard and she was my next door neighbor! I would eat her apples all the time when I was walking home from school. (yelling) I didn't want more of her shitty apples that I get for free anyway.

Dick: That sounds like an erotic story. (grinning) (Maddox laughs) My neighbor, I'd eat her apples all the time. (sexy voice)

Maddox: Oh, I got some stories. Yeah. I ate some apples, man.

Dick: From her?

Maddox: Oh yeah.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Well not the mom, but her daughters, yeah.

Dick: Ohohohoh!!!! How many daughters?!?!

Maddox: Three daughters. (cocky)

Dick: How many…uhh…apples did you bob for?

Roger: "I got together with her daughters and we made apple sauce." (sexy voice)

Maddox: Oh, gross, Roger. (laughing)

Dick: How much apple sauce did you make?

Maddox: Uh…bushels of apple sauce.

Dick: Wow!! (incredulous)

Maddox: There was plenty…

Dick: (interjects) With multiple daughters?

Maddox: Multiple daughters, yeah. (cocky)

Dick: Whoaaaaaaa!! Hohohoho!! (yells)

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah. Different ages. Different daughter. Uh, yeah.

Dick: Oooh, yeah.

Maddox: So…

Dick: Let's end the episode on that.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's do that. Okay, what were your problems?

Dick: My problem is "Witch Alarmists".

Maddox: Uh-huh. And Roger, your problem?

Roger: "People Not Wearing Halloween Costumes on Halloween", or putting in absolute minimal effort, such as, you know, wearing T-shirts that say "This is my costume".

Dick: "Not Wearing Costumes on Halloween".

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: "Not Wearing Costumes on Halloween".

Dick: Maddox? With your psychopath problem?

Maddox: Mine…(laughs) The real winner this week, "Not Enough Razor Blades in Candy"!!! (Roger laughs) To justify the alarmism or urban legends.

Dick: So Roger, do you want to promote anything while you're here? You wanna mention your site, spell it out?

Roger: Oh, sure, yeah. Uh…come to my website. It's http://www.I-Mockery.com. Uh, we're in the middle of the "Two Months of Halloween" celebration. You can check out all the stuff I've been writing on there.

Dick: What are you talking about next on your site?

Roger: Ummm…I'm trying to think. Uh, next, I think we're gonna cover the video game Night Trap, which is pretty…

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Oh, I remember that game.

Roger: You remember that?

Maddox: For Sega CD. That was a cool game.

Roger: Yeah. It was…it had Dana Plato in it, from Different Strokes.

Dick: Ooohhh.

Roger: Um, yeah.

Maddox: So, yeah.

Roger: That's gonna be on there, and also got, you know, a bunch of video games you can play on there that we've made, uh, of course, Abobo's Big Adventure…

Dick: Your games are great.

Roger: Thanks man!

Dick: I always…I go to check out your games and then I realize I've wasted, like, two hours.

Roger: That's good. That's the goal. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause they're very…they're so violent.

Roger: Oh yeah.

Dick: They're like 8-bit violence…like Smash TV violent.

Roger: Yeah. I love the retro games, so that's what we kind of modeled them after. And other than that, you know, I do videos on my YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/rogerbarr, and if you want to follow me on Twitter, I'm @IMockery, no hyphen, just @IMockery.

Maddox: Yeah. We'll link to all the stuff on the website.

Roger: Cool.

Maddox: And then, uhh, Dick, we have a very important announcement to make.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: We are doing the bonus episode. It's a reality. It's coming out the first week of November.

Dick: That's right.

Maddox: And it's gonna be really exciting. Something new, but also related to the show. And it's gonna be a lot of fun. We're super excited about this. I think…a lot of fans have been asking for this for a long time, and that will be ad-free. That's just…

Dick: That will be November 5th, on a Wednesday.

Maddox: November 5th, on a Wednesday. Coming soon. And…and then subsequent episodes will probably release on Mondays. But yeah, the bonus episode's gonna be a lot of fun. We're super excited about.

Roger: Awesome.

Maddox: Yeah. And don't forget to vote on these problems, even if you think they're horseshit, like Dick's, and Roger's.

Roger: Nope!

Dick: Witch Alarmists!!

Maddox: Yeah. Witch Alarmists, actually a bigger problem than Ebola Alarmists, apparently.

Roger: People not wearing Halloween costumes. Biggest problem.

Maddox: Thanks guys.

Dick: Thanks for listening.

Roger: Thank you!

(Closing riff)

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, what's up buddy? How's it goin'?

Maddox: And as always, Sean, our audio engineer.

Dick: Sean is back from farming ass.

Maddox: (laughing) Welcome back, Sean.

(Sound effect: clapping)

Maddox: How was ass farming in China?

Dick: (laughing) How was it?

Sean: It wasn't all it was cracked up to be. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: Alright, that's enough. Quit while you're ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: Who won?

Maddox: Whoa, whoa. BEFORE we get this…I gotta get this outta the way, Dick.

Dick: Whaaaaaaaaaat!? (high-pitched voice)

Maddox: I love…I love praising ourselves and here is a great little bit of news. We are at 979,417 downloads as of this episode.

Dick: Oooooh.

Maddox: As of this recording. By this time next week…our next episode, we will be at 1 million downloads. So that's just kind of a tease. We're gonna do something special.

Dick: Whoa!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeeeeaah!

Maddox: Pretty amazing, 'cause we just launched in May.

Dick: One million.

Maddox: Yeah, one million. We're only, what, five and a half months old?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not even…not even enough time to have a baby. And we've hit a million.

Dick: So…

Maddox: (interjects) That's what we do. (excited) When Dick and I make a baby, it comes out premature! (Dick laughing)

Dick: Alright. (Maddox laughs) This is getting weird. Who won?

Maddox: Oookay. (annoyed) "Witch Alarmists", Dick.

Dick: Yeaaaaaaaaaaaahhahahhhhh!!! Yeah!!!!!!!!!! (laughing)

Maddox: Look at you gloat. Like a big baby.

Dick: Ohohohhhhhhhhhh man!! (gloating)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, man! I want to stress that I don't care about the voting. (grinning)

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Dick: But fuck you, man! Yes.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Uh, I dunno. Did you see the problems…the all-time list?

Maddox: Not lately, why?

Dick: Because…I need to call shenanigans on the overall voting.

Maddox: Oh. Mmkay.

Dick: "Witch Alarmism" did not beat "Ebola Alarmism".

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Ebola Alarmists are at 1546. Witch Alarmists are at 1240. If you go to the website, you can click on all problems at the top and see the entire list in order. So, that's horseshit, because "Witch Alarmists" is still a bigger problem than "Ebola Alarmists". This week, someone died as a result of "Witch Alarmism". Did you see that?

Maddox: Yeah, I saw that. I saw the headline. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I got a bunch of emails about it. Some kid killed another kid with, like, a sword, or a machete…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because he thought that the other kid was practicing witchcraft.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So…has anyone been hacked to death because they're wearing an Ebola facemask around airports? (Maddox giggles) No.

Maddox: You know…you know, Dick. An equal number of people in the US have died now from Ebola and witchcraft…uh, witch alarmism. So, there you go.

Dick: No no no nono. What about the witch trials?!?! (yelling) That was all witch alarmists!!

Maddox: Yeah. How many people died, like a handful of people.

Dick: The Salem Witch Trials!!!

Maddox: And people are still "Oh my gosh, the witch trials."

Dick: I don't…I actually have no idea how many witches died in that.

Maddox: Oh. Oh, I gotta mention this. (excited) I just watched…you know, I'm like, on this Halloween kick, watching a whole bunch of Halloween shows.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I watched a movie yesterday. It's a Spanish movie called "Witching and Bitching". (Dick laughs) It's so fucking cool. The thumbnail of it is what sold me on this movie. And it has this guy dressed up as Jesus holding a shotgun out the side of a window and it's like this bank heist movie that ends in, like, the coolest witch ritual…like, they're just attacking witches the entire time…

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: …And it's, like, really intense. And the bad guy at the end of the movie. I won't spoil it. Is really, really, fucking cool! It's this awesome-looking monster!

Dick: Can you kinda spoil it? 'Cause there's no fuckin' way I'm gonna watch one of these movies that you love. You love, like, dog shit movies. (Sean laughing) You do.

Maddox: You know…this was actually pretty well done. It's a Spanish movie. And the end monster is, like, this really cool-looking creature, where…you know how you saw Lord Voldemort and you're like "Oh, that's disappointing."

Dick: It looked gross. 'Cause they fucked with his nose, so it was distracting the entire time.

Maddox: Yeah. No, this is a really cool monster. You should check it out. Alright, we gotta get to the comments here. I got one from…speaking of Ebola Alarmism…I got one from **Rauno Kyngas.** He says, **"I'd love to tell you guys a joke about Ebola, but you probably wouldn't get it."**

Dick: I saw that one. (Maddox giggles) It was funny.

Maddox: That's a good joke.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I like that.

Dick: I got about 30 emails telling me that Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey has been recalled (Maddox sighs, exasperated) in Finland, Sweden, and Norway because it has an "excessive level of propylene glycol".

Maddox: Yeahh. I…

Dick: Which is what they have in antifreeze, Maddox.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Did you know that?

Maddox: Ohh, I do now! 'Cause everyone wouldn't shut the fuck up about it as soon as this article came out! (Dick cracks up) Seriously! When you go to my Facebook wall…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah…(dying of laughter)

Maddox: And you're gonna post this link…don't you see the other 30 people who have done it?! (Dick laughing) You dicks! I get it! I've seen the article. I've seen it. You don't even have to send it to me, 'cause I'm always aware of everything. (Sean laughs)

Dick: So keep sending that link. (Maddox laughs) Keep going to Maddox's page and posting that fuckin' link. Try to trick him into clicking on it, like say "Hey, here's an article somebody in Finland wrote about you." So Maddox clicks on the link, it's in Swedish or whatever. It loads up and then he's gotta translate it with the little toolbar and see that it's another article about Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey.

Maddox: Thanks. Thanks, Dick. (Dick cackles maniacally) You know, it's such horseshit, too, 'cause it's just a temporary recall because it didn't meet the European standards. In the US, it's fine. There's propylene glycol in everything. It's not a big fucking deal. And besides, guess what. (excited) I'm gonna drink Fireball and I'm gonna be invincible because I can't freeze. AND…Dick over here BOUGHT some Fireball on Halloween!!! (Dick laughing) What's up with that, Dick?

Dick: Uhh, look. Here's…there's one main difference between me and you. I think.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay.

Dick: You have principles and I have none. (Maddox laughs) If I say Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey is a big problem, I might immediately walk to the store and buy some, because I don't care.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: There was chicks with us. I was trying to get chicks drunk.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (grinning)

Dick: I failed and I ended up getting way too drunk and throwing my costume in the middle of the street.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Outside of the Red Rock Bar.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you remember that?

Maddox: No. But I did notice at some point you were just in your panties all night. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Please. Please. I call them "manties". They're not panties.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Dick: And I blame the Fireball for it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I should have just got some Popov or something.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, speaking of…

Dick: (interjects) Chicks will drink it, though! Strange chicks will drink from a bottle of Fireball, that I noticed. Did you see me handing that out all night?

Maddox: No. 'Cause I…someone poured me some and spilled it all over my fucking hand, so I had sticky hand all night.

Dick: (laughing) Did I do that?!

Maddox: Yeah. You in collusion with someone else. (Dick still laughing)

Dick: Oh, I remember that now.

Maddox: Pissed me off. My hand was sticky…

Dick: I dumped it all over your hand. On purpose though.

Maddox: Uuugh. (disgusted) (Dick cracking up) The worst! Alright.

Dick: I love that gag. (Sean laughing)

Maddox: Great. Good…good gag. I got a comment from **Keil Joplin**. So, last episode I posted a picture of me from AnimeCon in my…uh…(laughing) really interpretive TekkaMan costume, which everyone called "horseshit". But this guy says, **"Oh my God, I'm one of the nerds in that third picture of you dressing up as TekkaMan. I'm the one in white behind the guy shooting daggers at Maddox."** And I looked it up, and this kid is actually in the picture!

Dick: Oh, that's funny.

Maddox: One of the listeners that…from this picture I took, like, two or three years ago! It's insane. So that's kinda cool. That's kind of a cool coincidence.

Dick: I got uh…let's see. Lemme play this voicemail for you. This is…this is interesting. Do you remember making this call? 'Cause this…it seems to be from your past self.

Maddox: Mmkay.

Dick: I don't know if…

(Voice mail: "Hey, this is Maddox from the year 2004. I have a question for my future self.")

Dick: It doesn't sound like you. (Maddox laughs)

(Voice mail: "When did I become such a pussy?" (Maddox laughs) **"(whiny voice) Oooh, I don't care who wins or who loses, guys, it's not a competition. Waaaaaaaah, don't make fun of me! (normal voice) Goddamnit. When did my grapefruit-sized balls fall off?! If this is my future, I might as well eat a tub of beans and kill myself now. Thanks for nothing, asshole!")**

Maddox: (laughing) (Sean laughing) I gotta go back in time!! (excited)

Dick: Is that you?

Maddox: Yeah! It is me! I'm gonna go back in time and kick my own ass!

Sean: Did he say, "Eat a tub of beans"?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a reference to one of my articles on how to kill yourself like a man.

Sean: Oh, okay. So confused there for a minute.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. No, it's…

Dick: See, it IS him! It sounded like him and that's something you would say!

Maddox: No, no! That's me! That's definitely me, back in the past. I'm gonna kick my own fuckin' ass. 'Cause here's the thing, you little shit! Um…(Dick laughs) "Witch Alarmists" won, okay? At the end of the last episode, as soon as we stopped recording, I told Dick and Roger, I'm like, "You guys' problems are gonna win!"

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Because the system works! "Not Enough Razor Blades in Candy" shouldn't be high on the list of problems. That means the system's working. Like "Spider-Woman's Ass" is one of the most downvoted problems on our list, because it's not a problem. The system works!

Dick: So you're taking credit for proving that the system works?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: God, you're such a martyr.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay. I got a…

Dick: (interjects) Speaking of Roger, I got one comment from **Aaron Eastler**. **"Don't bring this smug asshole back on the show."** (Maddox laughing) I mean, Aaron, as far as smug assholes go, man, Maddox, you are the king of smug assholes. I think I REDEFINE smug asshole in a lot of ways. Roger is about the least smug asshole I've ever met.

Maddox: I don't know. (skeptical) He's got his…He does it in his own…

Dick: (interjects) Here we go. Here we go! (Maddox giggling)

Maddox: I can make a case! He does it in his own way. Like, did you notice the things…he cannot even comprehend the possibility that anyone wouldn't like Halloween. Like, to quote him, too, it's like, "I just don't get it. I don't understand how anyone couldn't like it. It's a wonderful holiday." Look, Roger, not everyone holds your opinion. (laughing) AND he wouldn't drink the hot sauce! I don't know if that makes him smug or just a big, ol' pussy. (Dick laughs) But I got a comment here from **Borgar Dahle**. He says, **"Dick, there are no polar bears in Oslo, you fucking idiot."**

Dick: (laughing) Yeah, you got me. (Maddox laughs) I don't know. Did you know what I was trying to say? Somewhere where it's cold. Where there might be fucking polar bears. Where are there polar bears? Antarctica?

Maddox: I guess. I don't know.

Dick: Is there a city?

Sean: No no no no no.

Dick: Oh, thank God! This is where we missed you in the last episode. If there's anybody that'll know where polar bears are, it's Sean.

Sean: Polar bears are in the North. They're in Alaska and in the Arctic Circle, but they are not in Antarctica at all, only penguins. The two never meet.

Dick: Reykjavik? Are there any polar bears there?

Sean: Uhh, I don't know.

Dick: Moscow? Polar bears?

Sean: Not sure.

(Voice clip: Dick: "Maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I am.")

Maddox: (laughing) Okay, so speaking of. Speaking of Dick, talking to your past self. I have a new segment I want to bring in here…

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's play this little segment. Here we go.

(Upbeat theme song: Deep voice says, "Dick Versus Dick!!") (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So, I got a listener to point out an interesting comment. In one of the past episodes, this is what you said…I believe this was your problem. The Facebook Satire Tag. Here's what you said about that.

(Voice clip: Dick: "Basically in the world, dumbness wins. Everything is dumbed down. And people who don't like things being dumb get screwed over.")

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, that's true. That is true. I agreed with you when you said that.

Dick: Is that how I sound, really?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, pretty much.

Dick: That's how I sound to chicks when I'm plowing them and saying nasty things in their ear?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's disturbing, man.

Maddox: Yeah. You're probably saying that exact same line. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: How do they get off on that?!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (laughing)

Sean: That's what I was gonna say. I thought you were setting it up like that.

Dick: I was. I was, you guys. I was setting it up. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. That's…yeah, okay. (Dick cracks up) That's Dick Masterson from, like Episode 15?

Dick: Alright. I agree with that.

Maddox: Now here's Dick Masterson again, arguing against himself.

(Voice clip: Dick: "There's a generation of smug assholes on the Internet that love beating up the stupid.")

Maddox: Oh, so which is it, Dick?! (grinning) Are stupid people a problem? Are dumb people a problem? Or is it…that's what you were talking about when I was playing that clip of that…

Dick: You're taking it out of context. I know exactly what you're talking about.

Maddox: Yeah. The Ebola Alarmist.

Dick: Yeah. The Ebola…the news guy, Johnny-On-The-Spot, Channel 9 News, was interviewing some stupid woman about whether or not she's worried about Ebola.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And of course she sounds like a fuckin' idiot.

Maddox: Do you think that satire would go over her head, or do you think she'd get it?

Dick: Look, I'm gonna give her the benefit of the doubt.

Maddox: Ohhhhhohohohoh!!

Dick: I don't think she's rockin' any boats. I like to think she goes home and tries to feed her kids and get them ready for school the next day and that she's not even bothered with getting outrage on the Internet.

Maddox: Wow, what a good mom.

Dick: Yeah. (scoffs)

Maddox: And I'm talkin' about you. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: I just don't think you guys should congratulate yourselves SO MUCH for nailing stupid people on being alarmists. That's what they do. They get upset about things.

Maddox: Dick, I have…I run a website called "The Best Page in the Universe"! I started out this very episode congratulating ourselves. What are you talking about!? (laughing) (Dick laughs) Alright. Let's get to the problems.

Dick: I got a…no no no. I got a pretty important voice mail.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Lemme see.

(Voice mail: "Maddox. I just wanted to say "You're a giant pussy for not finishing that hot sauce. Man up. And don't even tell me to drink your hot sauce. 'Cause I'm looking on the store where to buy some and it's not on the store anymore, so how am I supposed to challenge you to a hot sauce drinking competition?")

Dick: Is that true?

Maddox: Yeah. It's out of stock.

(Voice mail: "Either way, Dick's still a bigger pussy.") (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Oh, DAMMIT! I gotta…I gotta start listening to these voice mails all the way through before I bring them in GODDAMN it!! (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. You know, here's the thing. So, Roger was SO gloating, like "Oh, I'm manipulating you as a puppet" last episode, but here's the thing, I like drinking hot sauce. I actually do.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I wanted to finish the episode so I didn't have a bunch of saliva in my mouth from drinking pure vinegar and pepper. But I can finish the bottle. You know what? I'll finish it at the end of this episode, just so I can have…

Dick: At the end of this episode.

Maddox: At the end of this episode.

Dick: There were just a lot of comments about you being…and I'm not saying this, I'm just quoting people, that you're a gigantic, blubbering pussy for not drinking the hot sauce. (Sean laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, except I've already eaten the world's spiciest pepper. There's a YouTube video of me eating the world's…TWO MILLION on the Scoville unit. Between one and two million.

Dick: Ehhhh, I don't know. You're throwing a bunch of numbers at me. (grinning) All I know is there's a half-drank bottle of hot sauce and your tongue was sweating so bad you couldn't read one of your articles.

Maddox: Hey Dick, let's see if you can see through your eyes when I splash it in them.

Dick: Splash what, hot sauce?

Maddox: Yeah. I got a half a bottle for you.

Dick: That's not necessary.

Maddox: I know. Alright. Any other comments, problems, voice mails?

Dick: I don't think so. I got a bunch of voice mails. I love the voice mails, but I always run out of them by…oh, I think there's one more. Oh yeah! From **Kujo Jotaro. "I just wanted to point out that Maddox is a pussy for not being able to admit that the hot sauce was too hot for him."** Oh, sorry, I forgot this was another hot sauce one.

Maddox: Ugggggggh!! (exasperated)

Dick: "A real man knows his limits and aims to conquer them, not hide from them." Very eloquently put. (grinning)

Maddox: Piece of shit. You know what!? You fucking assholes!! (yelling) I'll drink fuckin' hot sauce all day long! I don't give a shit. I drink it to stay awake when I'm driving! It's not a big deal! It tastes delicious! I like it!

Dick: Alright. I'm just reading you what the people said.

Maddox: Yeah. The idiots. We don't need to hear from them.

Dick: You wanna get to the problems?

Maddox: Yeah. What's your problem?

Dick: My first problem is "Cop Motorcycle Fairings".

Maddox: Okay. Explain what fairings are to people who don't know.

Dick: Fairings are the front bit of the motorcycle. The part that goes around the handlebars.

Maddox: This part kind of looks like, uh...

Dick: A shield.

Maddox: ...a shield, yeah.

Dick: The windscreen, the plastic, all of that shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, uh, motorcycle cops have a VERY specific look on their motorcycles; it's always white.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's that gigantic, like, Harley-sized, white...cop fairing.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Okay? So you're drivin' down the freeway. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe you have a beautiful lady in the car with you!

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Maybe you're taking her to the Huntington Gardens in Pasadena. Right? (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing) You're cruisin' at about 85, 'cause you're showin' off a little bit. What do you know -- next thing you know, ya see that fuckin' white diamond pop into your lane in your rearview mirror.

Maddox: Yeah. Mhm.

Dick: Right? And what do you think? "I'm having a FUCKIN' heart attack. Great!" (Maddox chuckles) "How much is this gonna cost? How much is showing off gonna cost AGAIN?? When am I gonna fuckin' learn?!" And you have that moment of humility. Then all of a sudden, this asshole whizzes by you 'cause you hit the brakes immediately...and what is it? It's not a cop, it's just some *shithead* that likes looking like a cop! (annoyed) He's got big ol' white cop motorcycle fairings, he's got a big fuckin' white helmet just like a cop... (getting angrier) ...he's got big aviators, and he's got big leather boots! WHY?!? FUCK you, man! FUCK you. (Maddox laughs mischievously) You're fuckin' up traffic!! Everybody around you -- you are a SPHERE of SLOWNESS on the freeway! You are projecting like a WIZARD, like an ASSHOLE wizard; everybody around you hits 55 miles an hour, and there's nothin' you can do about it!!

Maddox: Hmm. You know -

Dick: (interjects) MOTORCYCLE COP FAIRINGS! (fully agitated)

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up) I was gonna...I was gonna, uh, come down on you pretty hard on this - another one of the classic Dick Masterson bullshit-ass problems! But then you mentioned the sphere of slowness, which is a problem! (Dick huffs explosively)

Dick: AUGH!! The sphere of slowness!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's the worst!

Maddox: Oh, it's the worst! It's -- so for those who don't know, who haven't...like, maybe you don't have a driver's license yet, or you don't drive, you live in New York, whatever. When a cop is on the freeway, he is basically the speed limiter of everyone in front of him. No one wants to pass the cop, and if you do, you have to *inch* by him painfully slow.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe a mile an hour extra above the speed limit. Otherwise he will...fuck you over.

Dick: You're done.

Maddox: He will pull you over. Yeah! So if the cop is speeding, it's great, 'cause then you just tail them and stay behind them as fast as they're going. So at least you have that. But when they're NOT...

Dick: When they're not even cops!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What the fuck is WRONG with these people?

Maddox: I dunno, it's kinda -

Dick: (interjects) Why are they dressed up like cops? Why are they allowed to dress up like cops, fuck with you like a cop, and you can't do anything about it?? (yelling)

Maddox: It's pretty hilarious, if you think about it. (grinning) You know, you know what that is? (Dick laughs spitefully) Yeah!

Dick: You motherfucker!! (Maddox laughs loudly) I wanna throw this shit at you! (playfully angry) (both laugh more)

Maddox: Yeah! (amused)

Dick: You would -- would YOU do this?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Are you gonna get old and be a pretend cop?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: On the freeway?? You FUCK! You fuck. (shouting)

Maddox: "Get old"...you mean, I'd do this right now! Yeah! You know what you just dealt with, is a road troll.

Dick: (gasps quietly) You're right!

Maddox: Yeah, that's a road troll!

Dick: You're RIGHT!

Maddox: I actually wrote about this in my book, The Alphabet of Manliness! I wrote in one of the chapters, "Road Rage," how to induce road rage with someone. So if somebody is trying to exit the freeway, you can either, uh, speed up or slow down to let them pass, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Or you can go the exact same speed and call your friend who's also on the freeway and kinda, like, box them in so they can't exit.

Dick: Do you do this shit?

Maddox: Uh -

Dick: Have you ever really done that?

Maddox: No, but I have -- if someone's a huge asshole, I'll... (clears throat) Excuse me. I have, if someone's a -

Dick: (interjects) You have some more hot sauce in ya from last week? (teasing) Is that what... (laughs hysterically)

Maddox: Yeah. Real funny, Dick. (surly) I have, if someone's a huge asshole. However, my new move now is if somebody gets on the freeway and they're in the middle lane, or if they're in the right lane and they need to get into the left lane...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...I don't necessarily let them. I'm not gonna slow down OR speed up to get, to -- they need to figure their shit out! Because they don't need to be in that lane, they're just doing it out of their own convenience.

Dick: Wait a minute, what do you mean? They don't need to be in which lane, the very far left one? The fast one?

Maddox: Well, the middle lane.

Dick: The middle lane for the entire freeway or the middle lane for your direction?

Maddox: Okay - for the entire freeway. If somebody gets on the freeway ramp...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Right? They just habitually wanna get outta that right fuckin' lane and get into the left lane for some reason!

Dick: Yeah! 'Cause that's the fast lane!

Maddox: No, it's -- not always!

Dick: It SHOULD be!!

Maddox: It SHOULD be, but it's not, because everyone's trying to merge into it like a moron! (yelling) If you just stay in your lane and just speed up, everyone will be fine! Just keep going! Don't even tap your brakes. You know what? Get rid of your brakes. We don't need brakes in society. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Ha, alright.

Maddox: That's my problem.

Dick: Uh, well, "Motorcycle Cop Fairings," I think, is a bigger problem than *brakes.* (mocking) (Maddox scoffs and laughs with Sean)

Maddox: Prove it!

Dick: Yeah! (jeering)

Maddox: Yeah, you know what? If people didn't have brakes, then they couldn't slow down if they saw the motorcycle in their rear window!

Dick: No, I fuckin' hate these guys. And now that I have one in front of me, I really wanna know what goes on through your fuckin' mind. Do you think that all of them -- all of these old assholes, these wannabe cops -- are just fuckin' with people? 'Cause I doubt they're that sophisticated.

Maddox: Dick, maybe they just bought a motorcycle, and that's what they had and it was cheap.

Dick: Dude, it's...you...it's a very specific purchase to get a motorcycle that looks EXACTLY like a cop motorcycle. I don't think they're big sellers. (Maddox inhales thoughtfully) I don't think big burly dudes walk into a motorcycle store and go, "You know what? Gimme one that looks exactly like a fuckin' cop's motorcycle." (Maddox laughs) "Not a chopper, not something black and badass. Give me one, uh, that looks like a...gimme one that looks like 'I, Robot,' please." (cynical)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Do you have any bikes like that?"

Maddox: I dunno, I kinda want people to fear me like a police officer. (Dick guffaws) I want them -

Dick: (interjects) God DAMN you!! (laughing scornfully)

Maddox: Yeah! I kinda like that! 'Cause it's also...those people who buy those cars that have been repurposed, those old police cruisers?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they still have the light on the side, so it looks like a police cruiser? Every time I see one of those I slow down. I'm like, "Well, I don't wanna fuck with this guy! I don't wanna cut them off." OH - which, by the way, I did, BIG time. I was on my way down to San Diego for Comic-Con, and, um...there was just a torrent of shitty fuckin' slow-ass cars. And there was this car kinda tailing behind me so that -- uh, there was a car in front of me and a car behind me in the right lane. So I wanted to switch lanes so I could pass this dipshit in the left lane, right? This car behind me was just kinda lollygagging, and if I cut him off it woulda been too close. I decided to pull the trigger and cut him off anyway. (breaking into a grin)

Dick: Now, hold on a minute.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because anyone listening to this story has in their mind a very specific criteria of what is "too close" to be cutting someone off, and I guarantee yours is WAY more liberal than everybody else's. What is "too close" to cutting someone off for you? (teasing)

Maddox: Less than 10 feet. That's...that's standard!

Dick: That's...okay!

Maddox: Reasonable, right?

Dick: That's reasonable! Surprisingly.

Maddox: This was -- yeah. This was close to about 6 to 8 feet. It was REALLY close, like too close to be cuttin' someone off.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But I did it anyway, also because my windows were dirty and I didn't quite see him. Um, so anyway. So, uh... (laughs) I cut this guy off, and then I noticed -- I looked through the back, 'cause I'm like, "Oh, this guy's gotta be pissed." Uh, 'cause I, you know...I made him slam his brakes on, and that's a dick move! I admit it.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But then I saw in his back he had, like, the shotgun in his rack, and he had police lights on the front, on his roof. I'm like, "Ohh, SHIT. I seriously cut off a cop, like big time," so I'm expecting him to pull me over at any second. Then as soon as I passed I get in the left lane, and he rides by and calls me an asshole, and then doesn't pull me over! And I thought, "Wow, that's pretty amazing!" And it was border security, uh, border security police!

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: And they probably would have, except down the line, down a couple miles on the freeway I saw them pulling someone else over. They were responding to a call, so they couldn't pull me over. I got lucky.

Dick: Yeah, you can get away with anything down there, around the border. They always got other stuff to do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, well, now you're talkin' about a real cop. I'm talking about pretend cops.

Maddox: I like pretend cops.

Dick: I think you're a fuckin' asshole. (Maddox laughs) And I can see you doing this.

(Sound effect: 'ding!')

Maddox: Correct. (smiling)

Dick: I think these desperate pricks just want to...just want to incite fear in people, just CONSTANTLY, as they're driving around.

Maddox: Yeah! Why not? Alright. Is that all you got? Should we get to my problem?

Dick: Yeah, that's all I got. (sassy)

Maddox: That's all you got. (amused)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Good. Alright, my first problem this week is...uh, this is actually, a listener sent this in; his name is **David Diley,** and he suggested doing Herbalife!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Do you know what Herbalife is? Have you guys heard of this? It's essentially...so, the problem is "Pyramid Schemes."

Dick: It's got two things I hate in it already!

Maddox: What, herbs and...?

Dick: Herbs and life! (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly)

Maddox: Yeah, Herbalife is essentially a pyramid scheme. And the first -- here's the first clue you know something's a pyramid scheme: when someone mentions it to you, the first thing they say is, "It's not a pyramid scheme."

Dick: Yeah. (grinning) (Sean agrees from the background)

Maddox: Yeah! Right? Except it has all the trademarks of a pyramid scheme! I have a few -- I have a little questionnaire here, that if you, uh...yeah. [indicating for Dick to talk]

Dick: That's like...well, that's like when guys...you know, my favorite thing to do is, uh, when a girl will show me messages that guys have sent her?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Like a friend or whatever? Like, "Hey, check this out, this guy sent me..." And SO many of them will lead with, "Hey, I'm not a creep." (Maddox laughs) Like, dude, you can't...you can't put the words out there!

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean agrees)

Dick: It's...if NOT. You can say "not" a billion times -- you could have a CERTIFICATE of 'not-creepiness' -- and just because the word's there, you're a creep.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, creeps don't -- people who aren't creeps don't have to remind people that they're not creeps.

Dick: No! And now I'm thinkin', "Well, what do you mean, 'no'? Should I have been thinking that?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Now I am." So I agree with you, with the pyramid scheme.

Maddox: So, "This isn't a pyramid scheme. "

Dick: Let's do the test.

Maddox: Yeah, here's the questionnaire I have. So, first of all, "Did you pay to join?" If you did, then, "Are you asked to recruit other members?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you answer yes to that, then, "Do you get a cut of money from every new member you recruit?" If you answered yes to all three of those questions, it's a pyramid scheme!

Dick: Who's defining that?

Maddox: ME. That's my own definition.

Dick: Ohh -- oh, that's your own definition. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah! My own definition. It's...essentially, that's it! That's all a pyramid scheme is, is you pay to join a network, and then you recruit other people to join that network...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and you get a cut of everyone underneath you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That is literally a pyramid scheme.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And so I was lookin' at, uh, at this Herbalife...this Herbalife company is essentially a company that sells health supplements, powders, protein shakes, candy bars -- er, like, protein bars, and things like that.

Dick: Shit that hasn't been proven to do anything, stuff like that?

Maddox: Well, I mean, it's essentially just generic protein formula that you can get off the shelf of any store.

Dick: Or that you can buy from China in bulk!

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: For like, cents per pill -- like 2 cents a pill -- and then turn around and sell for like, 60 dollars a bottle.

Maddox: Right! That's essentially what this is. It's just a bunch of protein powder, which is whey...whey is just a product that comes out of milk, and that's all it is. And they're selling it for a huge premium to these people in these, uh, in this pyramid scheme. So here's -- uh, ABC News did an investigation about Herbalife, and here's part of that investigation. [**plays clip taken from ABC News segment:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqOMHOgt3JQ#t=157]

(Male ABC News Correspondent: Herbalife is also a company now under investigation by the FBI and the Federal Trade Commission in the wake of widely publicized allegations with flashy headlines that the company is an illegal pyramid scheme.)

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Right! So the FBI has been investigating Herbalife for years and years. Actually since like the 1980s, they got in trouble for this. Their president, I think, back then was Mark Hughes, and he was accused of being dishonest. Um, then they have...they did this undercover investigation, and they found that people, like, Herbalife supervisors, were telling people that their stuff cures... (cracks up) ...brain tumors?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah, and like, helps with fertility and all this other shit. 60 percent of their distributors are Latino, so they're VERY targeted. They're targeting the Latin American population.

Dick: Yeah, why is it that that population seems to be more susceptible to marketing? Or is because they're -- it's new to them? Because they're also, like, huge on religion. Like, they're the biggest growing Mormon population, I heard? Is that -- Sean, is that true? You're nodding.

Maddox: It is true, yeah.

Dick: That's true!

Maddox: Yeah, it is true. They...I don't know if it's that necessarily they're more susceptible; it's just that it's possibly a new segment that hasn't been marketed to with this stuff before. Because now Americans are kind of getting -- are wising up to new markets...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...and Spanish and Chinese -- Chinese is gonna be next! Uh, Chinese is gonna be a next huge market for this kind of stuff. Anyway, it costs 3900 dollars for this...for this package. If you're -

Dick: (interjects) To become a distributor?

Maddox: Yeah, to be one of these, like, Herbalife...I don't know the exact package you get for this, but it has all the diet shakes and all that other shit. Um, so I have this other clip. This is -

Dick: (interjects) 3900 bucks, that's a lot.

Maddox: 3900 dollars. This is from a supervisor; they recorded this undercover at one of the Herbalife meetings. Listen to exactly how she defines the business model here. [**plays a different part of the same ABC News segment:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqOMHOgt3JQ#t=383]

(Male ABC News Correspondent: The final speaker at this session told us how to make the big money. Not by selling the actual products part-time, but by signing up other distributors -- what's called a "downline" -- and then taking a cut of their profits.

Female Herbalife Presenter: The secret is to get five other people to do the same thing every month!)

Dick: (over clip) Yeah!

(Female Herbalife Presenter: And teach THEM to get five other people to do the same thing every month.)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's the secret!

Maddox: Yeah!

(Female Herbalife Presenter: Before you know it, not only will YOU be a supervisor, but you'll have five supervisors under you, who will have five supervisors under THEM -)

Dick: Whoooa!

(Female Herbalife Presenter: - who will have five supervisors under THEM - that's 155 supervisors!)

Dick: My profits are EXPLODING!

Maddox: Wow!! (mocking) Overnight, you're a millionaire!

Sean: But if you think about the math, isn't in, you know, 5 or 10 steps, all 7 billion people in the world are selling fuckin' Herbalife?

Dick: Yeah! To each other.

Maddox: Oh! I'm... (laughs)

Sean: Yeah! It doesn't work!

Maddox: I'm glad you asked that, Sean! (Dick laughs loudly) Because I actually have that -- yeah! That's exactly what it is!

Dick: Thank god you're back from farming ass, Sean. (Sean bursts out laughing)

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, so let's say, like, a typical pyramid scheme...if you're at the top, right? If you're the first person who starts this, you have 6 people underneath you. Let's say you get 6 people underneath you. Right? Then, uh, the second level of those - each of those 6 people have to get 6 other people, so that's 36 people each. 'Kay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The THIRD level - each of those 36 people has to get 6 people underneath THEM; that's 216. By the time you get to the 13th level in this pyramid scheme -- just 13 people deep, right?

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: You have to find 13 BILLION people in order to make as much money as the person at the top.

Dick: That's a lot!

Maddox: That's greater... (cracks up)

Dick: That's alotta people.

Maddox: That's greater than the population of EARTH. You would have to get twice the population of Earth. And then there's a modified pyramid scheme too!

Dick: What are we selling in this pyramid scheme of yours? This company?

Maddox: What do you...?

Dick: In this fantasy company that you're...that we're all in right now.

Maddox: Well, Professor Maddox's Hot Sauce & Chest Hair Tonic, of course! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Oh, okay!

Maddox: Yeah! (smiling)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: No, there -

Dick: (interjects) I don't know if we can find 13 billion people who could take that. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah. I don't think so. Definitely not Roger. Um... (Sean laughs in the background) So, there's... (cracks up) There's also the '8 Ball' model...this is just, find 2 people underneath you, rather than 6. And they -- this is a modified pyramid scheme, the 8 Ball model. Essentially, it's all powers of 'n'!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Like, they're not going to be able to find enough people to make as much money as the person at the top.

Dick: These things seem to me like a way that companies use desperate women to bilk their friends out of cash. THAT'S what it seems like to me.

Maddox: Well, it's not just women, because, uh, Dick, a long time ago when I was a programmer at the telemarketing company, one of my coworkers...uh, REALLY sharp guy.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Just a smart dude, great programmer...was able to whip out projects SO fast. But he was susceptible to this; he fell into one of these pyramid schemes. And he came over to me -- and they always start with this: they come up to you and they say, "Hey, Maddox, you seem like a pretty smart guy."

Dick: Oh, MAN. "Great!" (playing along)

Maddox: Uh-huh. Uh-huh! (grinning)

Dick: "Alright!"

Maddox: Feed the ego first.

Dick: "You're right! I am! What else?"

Maddox: Yeah, we agree! And then, they say, "Well, how would you like to be financially independent?" And of course, this is always a colleague at work, who's, you know, working for the same boss as me, who's NOT financially independent. But he's tryin' to sell me this pipe dream that he's on this little thing and he's gonna get me in, and we're gonna become financially independent together. (stealthy tone)

Dick: Right. (amused)

Maddox: Now, so this guy got REALLY deep in this pyramid scheme. Um, this one, at the time...I think this one was called Quickstar. There's Amway...

Dick: Amway.

Maddox: ...there is, uh...oh man, there was another one that my other buddy got into. But it's always the same horseshit, and they never make any money! And they keep stringing you along, and it turns out to be a big shell corporation out in the Cayman Islands where they just take a bunch of your money, and the CEO hops on a boat and then you never hear from them again.

Dick: No, uh, my friend was in...a LITERAL pyramid scheme, where they weren't even selling anything. It was -- well, it was a Ponzi scheme. You just bring in money...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and -- you bring in money, you get referrals from everyone under you, and then they just keep the machine growing so that as long as you're bringing in new people, the people above you get paid. Right? So you're just, literally, just handing cash over.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: To these people. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I think it was called Zeekler or something like that? ZeekRewards? It was a HUGE...it was like, a HUGE bust. Like, uh, the amount of money that was trading place every month to keep it going was in the hundreds of millions, I think. It was insane.

Maddox: Oh, yeah! It's insane, they make SO much money. So, here's why it's a problem: the victims here are usually the poorest people. They're like, lower middle class people who just have that *taste* of financial freedom. They can see it...it's almost, it's like a shell of a business; it's the VENEER of a business.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They're selling you this pipe dream that you're buying these products that other people want, and they convince you that other people want these products. The problem is, the products they're selling aren't unique. They're not special; there's nothing...there's nothing special about them. They're just buying, like, toilet paper and protein shakes and all this other shit that you can buy from grocery stores.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Except they're adding on a percentage, and that percentage is what the fat cats at the top are making. They're just pocketing that money.

Dick: Yeah, I would...I would agree with you, that it's preying on people who are low-income and desperate?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: However, I ALSO think that all of these people have that little spark in them that lets them totally fuck their friends over by onboarding them.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Like that woman was saying: you get 5 under you, those 5 get 5 under them...they're all gonna be your friends!

Maddox: Yeah, it's always your friends.

Dick: And they want the fuckin' money. They wanna be financially independent *enough* so that they'll sell their friends out.

Maddox: Well, Dick -

Dick: (interjects) THAT'S why I don't feel bad for 'em.

Maddox: Yeah, okay, Dick. I like to think that my friends aren't super cynical and aren't tryin' to fuck me over.

Dick: They are. (roguishly) (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing)

Maddox: Oh, I know! (Dick laughs) I know, I'm sittin' across from one. So... (laughs more) Yeah, you gonna sell me some, uh, some timeshare? Um, so this ABC News piece was actually really well researched, and they found that -- so, Herbalife may be kinda shady, and they're doing this pyramid scheme, right? BUT -

Dick: (interjects) Allegedly.

Maddox: - well, yeah.

Dick: According to you.

Maddox: Allege-- oh, according to me, and...

Dick: That's your opinion. (smiling)

Maddox: ...and the FBI investigation, AND they've also been caught in the '80s. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Ha, yeah, the FBI is allowed to say that kinda shit. Uh, WE'RE not.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, it's an allegation!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Of course, yeah. There's no, there's no....um, but it *sounds* a lot like a pyramid scheme, I'll say that.

Dick: Sure sounds! (under his breath)

Maddox: So, they're -- but they've also found that the guy leading the charge to kind of uncover Herbalife as a pyramid scheme is this guy named Bill Ackman, who is the CEO for this, uh, hedge fund group called Pershing Square Capital Management.

Dick: Oo! (quietly)

Maddox: And they have mounted a 20 million dollar media campaign to prove that Herbalife is a fraud. Now, why would that be? Why do you think this guy...this, uh, this manager of this capital firm, is interested in proving that they're a fraud?

Dick: Is it, like, a back door thing? Is he secretly...tanking, torpedoing the study to show that it *isn't* fraud?

Maddox: No...no, he's -

Dick: (interjects) Is it like a rope-a-dope?

Maddox: Nope, good theory, but he's actually trying to short the stock and he stands to gain about 10 BILLION dollars.

Dick: Ohoho! Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh!

Dick: That's a pretty good plan too!

Maddox: Yeah, so, talk about cynical! There are no white knights in this scenario; they're all these fuckin' DICKHEADS. Everyone out to cut throats, everyone's out to throw everyone under the bus, and the CEO [the president] of Herbalife? He's convincing people...he's denying that it's a pyramid scheme, and he's saying that there is no promise or guarantee that you can make a huge fortune through Herbalife. But they -- that's just like, a tiny little disclaimer that they kinda throw away. Here's what the CEO [president] said on this ABC News segment. [**plays third clip taken from segment:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqOMHOgt3JQ#t=195]

(Herbalife President Des Walsh: The reality is that most people know that this is a wonderful way in which to pay for a 50 or 60 dollar startup fee to earn a few hundred extra supplemental dollars a month. That is what we are selling.)

Maddox: Yeah. Doesn't he sound like Snape? From Lord of the Rings? (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You KNOW that guy -- he just sounds like a -

Dick: (interjects) He sounds like a creepy weirdo.

Maddox: Yeah, he sounds like a creepy weirdo. That's the guy who's trying to sell you this pipe dream.

Dick: He sounds like a gremlin.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, a guy that would appear on your shoulder, and.....try to screw you over.

Maddox: Yeah, he sounds like the...

Dick: Rumpelstiltskin.

Maddox: ...the devil version instead of the heaven version.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway.

Dick: Well, you know what they should do?

Maddox: Hm?

Dick: So, the lottery? Like, this is...this appeals to the same part of people as the lottery, I think.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. And when -- back in the day, like when America first started, there were SHITLOADS of lotteries. Everywhere. You could just throw in for a lottery, and the government finally said, "Look, people are too dumb. No one is allowed to do lotteries anymore except us."

Maddox: M'kay. (puzzled)

Dick: "So, only governments are allowed -- only the U.S. government is allowed to do lotteries." Alright?

Maddox: Sure...m'kay.

Dick: 'Cause then they take the money and do whatever they do with it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, it seems like the same kinda thing, the same kind of mentality that goes into buying a lottery ticket goes into lumping in with one of these...one of these pyramid schemes. (cracking a smile)

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: So that the government should just say, "Hey, you guys aren't allowed to do this shit anymore! No matter what you say, you're not allowed to pull these scams. WE'RE the only ones who can do it, and we're gonna call it Social Security." (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Dick, I KNEW it!! (Dick cackles loudly) I was waiting for it! Yep, let's hear this fuckin' libertarian slant! (Dick laughs more hysterically) Here it comes!! Yeah, and of course, I thought that the misdirect here was like, "Oh, we should have the government take care of pyramid schemes!"

Dick: Yep! (grinning)

Maddox: And then -- yeah! Ohh, of course, yeah! (growling playfully)

Dick: Yeah, I GOTCHA! I gotcha!! Classic libertarian trick. (Maddox laughs heartily)

Maddox: Yeah...yeah. (giggling)

Dick: Are you done?

Maddox: Uhh, yeah...I mean, I just wanna respond to that. Just one other thing.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: The lottery analogy is...is okay; however, with a lottery it's at least up front. You know you're gambling. Uh, but with a pyramid scheme, it's more insidious because it's selling you the promise and the hope that you CAN amass a fortune through this pyramid scheme. And you can, of course, if you're at the TOP. But no one is, virtually.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, a very small percentage; less than 1 to 3 percent, I think, are at the top, who are making ANY amount of appreciable income from these pyramid schemes.

Dick: Well, you can't even get a couple hundred bucks a month. Like, this reminds me of -- it seems like everyone out of college goes through this phase where somebody will...they just get shitty stuff, or maybe it's good stuff, but they just go sell it to all their friends and family.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like Sean, your brother sold -- they were good knives! His brother sold knives outta college.

Sean: Cutco knives.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Oh! Was that...yeah!

Dick: And their whole thing is, they recruit kids outta college. They pretend like it's a real job, like, you have to come in and interview?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: But then all they do is give you a catalog and they say, "Okay, go knock on doors like a vacuum cleaner salesman in the 1930s and sell these fuckin' knives!"

Maddox: Yup!

Dick: And what ends up happening is they just go to their friends and family, and sell 'em these fuckin' knives.

Maddox: Yeah! I got called in for a job interview one time with Citigroup, and I thought, "Oh, wow! This is kinda cool! It's a big bank, you know, they wanna hire me as a..." They said some kind of, like, IT management type job. So I go in there all prepared, resume all spiffy, everything, and this guy starts selling me this FUCKIN' PYRAMID SCHEME! (Dick laughs) I'm like, "You FUCKIN' asshole! I make more money than you, you fuckin' tool! What are you, gonna hire me and give me a pay cut, ya dipshit?? And what are you gonna exactly hire me for, to sell your -- peddle your bullshit? I'm a fuckin' professional, here."

Dick: And why don't you just cut out the middleman? Why don't people just buy this shit, whey, off the Internet and sell it themselves??

Maddox: Yeah. Well -

Dick: Like, why does it have to be branded Herbalife?

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: It's just magic powder!

Maddox: No, it's the same stuff. If you can -- that's it! If you have, basically, if you can buy this stuff for wholesale, you can be selling stuff and making money...the normal way, which is, that's essentially just a business. You're buying things at a low cost and selling it for a slightly higher cost to make a profit.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: That's essentially a business!

Dick: We should start a Kickstarter where we just do our own pyramid scheme. (wryly)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We'll call it, like...just CALL it a pyramid scheme.

Maddox: Uh, you know what, Dick? That's a really good idea. Let's, uh.....not air this episode. (Dick laughs loudly)

Dick: Okay! (giggling)

Maddox: I, uh, forget everything I said, everyone. Forget everything I said. What's your next problem, Dick?

Dick: Hey, you know what's NOT a pyramid scheme?

Maddox: What's that? (smiling)

Dick: Harry's. (Maddox laughs quietly) They make a hell of a shave kit. This episode is BROUGHT to you by Harry's. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Use -- go to http://harrys.com and

use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save 5 dollars off your first purchase. Maddox, Harry's was created by two guys who, uh, who give a shit about...shaving.

Maddox: Yeah! They really care! (chuckles)

Sean: Is that in the copy?? (cracking up)

Dick: No! (everyone bursts out laughing) It's something like that! You know how fucked up my mind is?! Like, that is -- when I look at something, I'm pretty good at remembering the *gist* of things?

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs more)

Dick: Not the *exactness* of things? And that's how I remembered it. I READ it... (stammers) "Harry's..." -- here's what I actually read -- "Harrys.com was started by two guys PASSIONATE about creating a better shaving experience for all men."

Maddox: Aw, no no no! Words, words, words! Yours was better. (amused) Yeah!

Dick: Yeah! Mine was, "...who give a shit about shaving"! (grinning) (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Maddox: Hey, let's -

Dick: (interjects) I got alotta shit to remember here, okay? (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, let's contact Mr....Mr. Harry, and let's tell him we got a new copy for him. (Dick and Sean laugh uncontrollably)

Dick: [continues reading actual copy] "Harry's bought a blade factory in Germany that has been crafting some of the world's highest quality blades for almost a century. Their starter shave sets start at just 15 dollars." I've actually been -- you know that starter set they sent us?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Uh, I've actually been usin' it!

Maddox: Me too!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It works great.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's awesome! I like it a lot. And finally I got the, uh, the shave gel too. (chuckles) It still shoots out like a rocket, but I've kinda managed it. (Dick laughs softly) If you squirt it RIGHT into your fingers, it's fine.

Dick: I use the cream! I know you don't like the cream.

Maddox: Oh man, that stuff...

Dick: But I use it.

Maddox: I'm not a fan of any kind of shaving cream. It feels like you're putting butter on your face.

Dick: Yeah, I like...have you ever shaved with real butter? (intrigued)

Maddox: (laughs) No!

Dick: Isn't that a thing people do??

Maddox: Uh, I mean, it's a thing peasants probably do.

Dick: Oh. Well... (quietly)

Maddox: Yeah, I'm not a farmer, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, I like gettin' drunk and screwin', too. Peasants do that. (breaking into a grin) (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Great. Screw like a peasant. (amused)

Dick: Harry's, H-A-R-R-Y-S, .com... (Maddox and Sean laugh at change of pace) Enter promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save 5 bucks off your first purchase. Hey, we should also say that that promo code changed last time.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It wasn't our fault; we DIDN'T get it wrong.

Maddox: No.

Dick: 'Cause we've never -- well, I, maybe I have -- but I don't either of us has ever gotten ANYTHING wrong on this podcast.

Maddox: In my life, I've never gotten anything wrong. (Sean laughs more in the background)

Dick: They changed it because it did too well.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's how I understand it.

Maddox: That's -- so, what they...we got this email saying that the code was leaked or something. Like, it popped up on some kind of discount coupon website.

Dick: Some shitbox website...coupon site.

Maddox: Yeah, because there's some...they have a scraper that goes through different websites and it looks for code words - for "Harry's" and "discount." So when we posted it on our website, I think it scraped it and posted it on this OTHER website. However, our fans are really loyal listeners, and they're helping -- they're supporting our podcast by clicking on these sponsor links! And so probably what happened is, they got this huge blip from our podcast, which was our first time airing, and they probably looked at the stats and thought, "Wow! This is unbelievable."

Dick: "No fuckin' way THESE two assholes could send THIS much traffic!" (mocking)

Maddox: "These two clowns..." Well, guess what, Harry's? We just did, buddy!

Dick: Yeah, so if you went there and put in the old coupon code that got, um...that got discontinued, we're sorry about that.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Sorry for wasting your time.

Maddox: But it's still a great product, we stand behind it; I'm still using my blade. I haven't even switched out my blade, it's that good. It's that...

Dick: Me neither!

Maddox: Yeah! It's sharp. So what's your next problem, Dick?

Dick: My next problem -- I don't know how to phrase this. Uh...I'll just call it "Catcalling."

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Sure! It's a problem.

Dick: Well...it is a problem because of how it's being portrayed online. Or because what we're seeing as catcalling -- what it's BECOME.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I wanna defend catcalling to a *degree*... (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: ...to a degree, 'cause I think it's fun.

Maddox: Alllright. (everyone bursts out laughing) Here we go! Here we go.

Dick: Look! So this video came out, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Let's talk about this video.

Dick: From the 'Hollaback!' group. It's a group dedicated to ending street harassment, using mobile technology. (sardonic)

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: They encourage women to "hollaback" by sharing stories and photos using social media. I don't know if that's gonna do anything. But they put this video together of a woman walking around in New York City, uh, for 10 hours.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And getting, just getting constantly harassed. But there's something -- I brought in the audio for the, for the...do you wanna play a little bit of it?

Maddox: Yeah! We'll play a little bit.

Dick: It's 2 minutes long, and I figure maybe people have seen it? But maybe people are like me - when they see shit trending on Facebook, they're like, "Oh, fuck it, I don't care. I'm..."

Maddox: Skip through -- yeah. Skip through about, like, 30 seconds into it if you can.

Dick: Alright. [**plays street harassment compilation video**]

(Man on NYC sidewalk: Hey baby!)

Dick: (over video) "Hey baby!"

(Another man on sidewalk: Hey, beautiful!)

Dick: That guy sounded nice!

Maddox: No, that's catcalling.

Dick: "Hey, beautiful"?!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: That's nice, though!

(Other men on NYC sidewalks: "God bless you, mami." ... "Damn! DAMN!")

Dick: Little over the top, that guy.

Maddox: Yeah, that's a little disrespectful.

(Another man on sidewalk: Sexy...American Eagle!)

Maddox: That guy was looking at her butt.

Dick: Or he was looking at her jeans.

Maddox: Yeah, she had an American Eagle logo on her butt. [**clip stops**] So there was a segment, too, where some guy followed her for about 4 minutes.

Dick: Well, that's what I wanna talk about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because there's a BIG difference between saying, "Hey mama," "What's up, beautiful?" "Hey beautiful, how's it goin'?" and following this woman like you're hanging off her like Michael Jackson's chimpanzee...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...trying to...trying to get ANY kind of attention from her.

Maddox: Dick -

Dick: Okay? There's a BIG difference!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And I don't think that's...I don't think that's part of this conversation. Like, you can't just say -- no one's saying that!

Maddox: No! So, the problem with this video...um, I actually have the top comment on this video right now on YouTube.

Dick: I hope you're gonna say what I think you're gonna say, 'cause I also have this same problem with this video. Go ahead.

Maddox: Okay, I'd like to hear what you say. But, um, one of the big problems with this video is that by lumping in stalking -- that guy was stalking her.

Dick: Absolutely!

Maddox: Right. Which is totally over the line.

Dick: Already illegal!

Maddox: It's illegal!

Dick: Already illegal.

Maddox: Stalking is a crime. Catcalling is NOT, but, uh, stalking definitely is. And by lumping that in with the same video and giving it the same weight as catcalling or saying "good evening" to someone, you're lessening the impact of that crime!

Dick: Absolutely!

Maddox: You're making it cheaper. You're saying that, "Okay, these are equal weighted crimes." No, they're not! And first of all, one's a crime and one isn't, and you're making it seem like it's okay...you know, it's equal under the law, or equal in terms of harassment to stalk someone as to call them out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: As to catcall them.

Dick: Totally agree! That's not what I was gonna say, but I totally agree.

Maddox: And by the way, Dick, I have to take issue with the way you characterized the top of this video, 'cause you said she was "constantly harassed." She wasn't! In that entire 10-hour day, she edited down -- she and her, uh, this guy -- she edited down from 10 hours down to about 3 minutes. And if you count the guy stalking her, let's say 5 minutes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Out of a 10-hour day! That's less than 1 percent of the day, that's not constant! (Dick inhales, about to speak) In fact, she encountered...I did the math on this. If you encounter, say, 20 pedestrians per minute -- which is very conservative in New York -- and of those she found about 100 of them had catcalled her or harassed her. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's less than 1 percent! So over 99.7 percent of people she encountered were decent human beings, and there was not a story here!

Dick: And let's keep in mind...and this is one of my big problems with this video...this video is racist as shit to me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because it is ALL black dudes and Mexican guys who are hanging out on street corners in wife beaters, not doing a GOD DAMN thing during the DAY.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: During the day!

Maddox: That was actually -- I made a Facebook status to that effect saying, "Man, I hope all those guys who are sittin' around in lawn chairs during the day learn their lesson when they go home and hop on their broadband connections and then see what videos are trending on Huffington Post and Salon.com!" (Sean laughs in the background) "Man!"

Dick: I hope they're ashamed of themselves. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Oh, yeah! They're going to be -- they're gonna have their lesson taught by checkin' social media. These fuckin' idiots! And this Hollaback campaign, she's asking people to donate to this campaign. So I went to the website to see what it is; like, how are they gonna potentially solve this problem of street harassment, right?

Dick: They're gonna make it ILLEGAL.

Maddox: Oh, really? (cynical)

Dick: They're trying to make catcalling illegal! (slowly for emphasis) They said it's illegal to honk your horn in some parts of New York City; why isn't it illegal to catcall?

Maddox: Well -

Dick: That's part of their platform!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, it's called the First Amendment. Uh, you're allowed to say shitty things to people in public. You can say RACIST things -

Dick: (interjects) Like "Hi, beautiful." (Maddox laughs loudly) You're allowed to say shitty things like "Good morning, beautiful." (sarcastic)

Maddox: Yeah, so I read about this! I read the comments about this, and a lot...like, it's kinda polarizing. Most women -

Dick: (interjects) It is, isn't it shocking? It really is!

Maddox: Yeah, but most women actually are like, "Yeah, this is something that all women have experienced." First of all, I don't think it's something that all women experience to the same degree. This girl, this lady -- this woman who was doin' this video is busty, young, and relatively attractive. Right?

Dick: Well, *I* think she's overweight...

Maddox: Okay, Dick. (cracking up) GREAT.

Dick: ...so my point is, they hooked up an overweight white woman and trolled her through Harlem, and that's a viral video? Are you fuckin' kidding me? That's racist as shit!

Maddox: Dick, that's...that's not the point. Well, of course this video has some racial, uh, subtext here.

Dick: But you're saying something different.

Maddox: Yes. Okay, so I think that catcalling and street harassment happen way more often to attractive and young people. If they had hooked this up with, say, a 65-year-old woman who was out of shape -

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: - and not necessarily attractive by conventional standards, she probably wouldn't have gotten catcalled hardly as much, if at all. Right??

Dick: Oh man, you know what, I got an interesting...I got a couple interesting stories to that. Because this whole, like, reading women's stories about catcalling made me think about the women I've dated.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And some of them would get catcalled all the time. (emphatically)

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: Whether we were on dates or not, and some of them just would NEVER, and I could never figure out -- like, I thought one was just as hot as the other!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think, objectively!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: They were, but you know, you-know-WHO, would -- like, guys would do a U-turn in TRAFFIC...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...to pull up on the side of the road and ask her if she wanted to go smoke weed with them.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And I wanna know how often that works. (cracking up) (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Maddox: So, so -- okay! (Dick laughs) So, Dick, you're makin' a joke, but this actually an interesting point! Because there was a study I read a while back, too, where...or maybe it wasn't even a study, it was just a comment. But someone said essentially, the difference between street harassment like catcalling and, say, uh...you know, someone who's picking you up is how cute the GUY is. Right?

Dick: And I don't think that's true.

Maddox: Well, I got empirical evidence that says it is! Because I have a friend who is a male model -

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: - and he is just an attractive dude by all objective standards.

Dick: (interjects) You can just say my name, you don't have to talk about me in the third person. (Maddox laughs robustly)

Maddox: Dick... (playfully stern) (Dick laughs) So this guy, this guy is actually guilty of catcalling. He told me the last, like, 3 or 4 dates, he'd just been driving by and he turns around 'cause he sees an attractive girl on the street, and they *always* give him their

number, and they go out on dates! Because they like this guy; this guy looks attractive or whatever.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But if it was an unattractive guy, then it's harassment!

Dick: Well, I think the nature -- I think women have real good bullshit detectors.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, when they know what a guy's deal is right away? Like, if you come on like some of these guys, like, "Hey hey hey, baby, what's your number? What's your number?" Dude.

Maddox: Chill out.

Dick: That's...you gotta calm the fuck down.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, you can't come on that strong.

Maddox: It's disrespectful!

Dick: And I think, probably, your male model friend knows how to not come on too strong, because *I* talk to women on the street all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you know my theory.....when it comes to dealing with women, is just talk to ALL of them.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: It's a numbers game. Like, if you are not having good luck with women, don't try to up your game; just talk to all women all the time!

Maddox: H'okay, Dick. (amused)

Dick: And you will get laid. (grinning)

Maddox: Terrible strategy. (cracking up) Terrible... (Dick laughs hysterically)

Dick: What's terrible about that?!?

Maddox: 'Cause you're essentially saying, "I'm an idiot. I can't figure out what I'M doing wrong, so it's just a numbers game." (Dick laughs more) "I'm gonna keep doing what I do until I find the square peg to my square hole."

Dick: Evolution is a numbers game. You evolve constantly in all different manners, and the one...the one that's supposed to live will live. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah, Dick...

Dick: That's God's plan, Maddox. (cracks up)

Maddox: Right! (bursts out laughing with Sean) But Dick, what you're essentially saying is you're COUNTER to evolution, because you're not changing anything about yourself!

You're staying the same, and you're hoping to find someone who's exactly...who doesn't have a sophisticated enough bullshit detector. (teasing)

Dick: Ohh, get outta here, "sophisticated enough." (smiling)

Maddox: Hey, I got a -

Dick: (interjects) I'm sophisticated as shit.

Maddox: I got a comment from Twitter about this, because I kind of posted a comment about how...you know, speaking of numbers here, that the vast majority of people treated her respectfully, didn't catcall...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...and she's trying to paint this picture that, uh -- it's misleading to suggest that this is such an epidemic. Uh, it's happened to the majority of women I know, of course.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: And it's disrespectful, and I don't like it!

Dick: Well... (skeptical)

Maddox: It shouldn't happen, of course! But, um -

Dick: (interjects) Well, that's...I have a problem with the "should" word, too.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: "It shouldn't happen" -- like, yeah! It's...this is the way guys are, especially broke dudes that hang out on street corners. This is how they behave. And there's probably chicks out there just like them who respond to it!

Maddox: There, that's also part of the...I'm not even sure it's a PROBLEM, that chicks...

Dick: It's a culture clash!!

Maddox: Some chicks DO respond to this!

Dick: Absolutely, they do.

Maddox: AND, it's not just a problem unique to men! I've been with beautiful women before; I dated this model for a little while who -

Dick: (interjects) Braaagging, here we go! (Maddox and Sean laugh) Fuckin' bragging! Just one? (teasing)

Maddox: Oh! (shouts) You just said a couple seconds ago that you were with two objectively hot women and guys we're doin' U-turns! Get outta here, Dick!!

Dick: Oh, I didn't even notice that I did that! (grinning)

Maddox: Oh, YEAH. (Dick giggles) Here, yeah, lemme pull up this "Dick Versus Dick" segment again! (Dick laughs more) (Sean groans in the background) So, I was with this woman one time. Um, objectively beautiful. And -

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: - a model, right? We walked by...guys would just constantly, you know, say somethin' as we were passin' by. And THEN one day we were walkin' by, and a *woman* passed by and said the EXACT same thing a guy had said just minutes earlier. She just passed by and said, "You're beautiful," and I interject and I said, "Thank you." (Dick and Sean laugh) I took that compliment. I -- yeah. I intercepted that one. (smiling)

Dick: I've done that. I was walkin' with this, uh, I was walkin' with this girl who was getting catcalled and I did the same thing. I was like, "I think he was talkin' to me!"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And she loved it, of course. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, of course! It's hilarious, yeah. (amused)

Dick: She was just like...you know. No no, there was like, talking and bonding, and the things that make up a relationship between people! (flustered)

Maddox: Yeah. You know, catcalling - I hate to say this, but actually, um, it's not entirely...it's not something that all women objectively just hate across the board! If it's disrespectful, sure, but if it's a respectful type of approach -- and they say it depends on the *intent* of the men. They don't have good intentions. Well, what -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, we don't EVER have good intentions. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Get outta here, Dick! (growling playfully)

Dick: Ya fuckin' idiot. (laughs)

Maddox: So here's the thing: so, let's say...let's take the most egregious example of the catcalling in that video. Like, someone who has just said, "DAMN, mama!" or whatever. Like something kinda disrespectful that kind of...

Dick: "Damn, mama!"?

Maddox: Well, whatever! It's just something that makes her feel like, uh...I dunno, kinda sleazy.

Dick: Sex object.

Maddox: Yeah, kinda.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, let's say these guys are objectifying her sexually. And if you...if you take that at the crux, right? Um, what is their intention? Well, their intention is to get laid, right?

Dick: I don't know! See, that's why I wrote...well, keep goin'.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Keep going.

Maddox: So, I believe -

Dick: (interjects) Maybe it is, but I think they're just kind of expressing something!

Maddox: Well...some PART of them probably wants that woman to respond, don't they?

Dick: I don't know!!

Maddox: I don't know either. I'm not -

Dick: I don't know that *I* do!

Maddox: I've never catcalled.

Dick: By the way, I've BEEN catcalled!

Maddox: Yeah. Me too!

Dick: By women! By women.

Maddox: Yeah, me too!

Dick: How...how many?

Maddox: I dunno if that -

Dick: (interjects) Well, let's write our numbers down (Maddox laughs) and then we'll see who has more. (teasing)

Maddox: Alright! I wrote mine down; it's 979,417. (smiling)

Dick: 2. (everyone bursts out laughing.)

Maddox: I win! (laughs more)

Dick: And they didn't -- I don't think they wanted a response at all!!

Maddox: Yeah. No, I've been, yeah, I've been whistled at by guys AND girls.

Sean: Yep. (from background; amused)

Maddox: They -- two guys have tried to pick me up in the last, uh, 6 months!

Dick: In the last 2 hours. (cracks up) (Maddox laughs loudly) It's me and Sean. (cackles)

Maddox: Sean's ass farming gig didn't pan out. (Dick and Sean laugh more) He's tryin' in this room! Okay, so I just wanna read this comment real quick. This guy sent me a shitty message on Twitter; his name's Christian...uh, @ArcadeHero64. He says, "@maddoxrules is always so quick to NOT rush to the defense of women that you gotta wonder if he's some kind of gigantic sexist asshole." Wow. Thank you, Christian, what a hero. (sarcastic) To which I responded...first of all, I've never said catcalling isn't wrong! Of course it is. Like, I don't think it's a GOOD thing!

Dick: Ahh, see, that -

Maddox: (interjects) And I -- well, hold on! Hold on.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I said, "I think you have me mistaken for a straw man." And I sent him this picture of a straw man. (smiling)

Dick: Oh, that's...that's funny.

Maddox: Yeah. But then I also pointed something out, because in...listen to the way he says this, right? "You gotta wonder, if @maddoxrules is so quick to NOT rush to the defense of women..." I said, "Hey, Christian! It's also pretty condescending to suggest that women need men like you to 'rush to their defense.' And I'm the sexist one?" Women don't need men to defend them.

Dick: No! (chuckling) They don't need any help ever.

Maddox: No!

Dick: No, I agree. I'm laughing because it's true. But they...they don't. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah! These -- like, this fuckin' white knight, he's tryin' to be...he's such a fuckin' condescending smug PRICK. Like, comin' out here and saying, "Oh, you gotta rush to the defense of women!" They don't need you to defend them, dipshit!! THAT'S sexist, to say that women can't defend themselves, that they need YOU to argue their battles for them? Fuck off, and let them talk and say whatever they want!

Dick: I've only ever heard bad advice given to women when it comes to catcalling, especially now that it comes up, because all these stupid -- I don't know if they just like showing off on Facebook or whatever, but all these dudes are like, "Yeah, I would say THIS! I would get in their face!" Like, you...nononononononono. You don't wanna do that. That's the last thing you wanna do to a guy, is engage him for any reason.

Maddox: Yeah -- well, no. (laughs) That's not necessarily true. You COULD -- by the way, you know what's kinda funny about this video? So, she pointed out this guy who, like, kinda stalked her for 4 minutes, like kinda followed her around?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But, um, the woman who's complaining about the guy following her around for 4 minutes followed a GUY around for 10 hours. (laughs with Dick) So, let's put this in perspective! (jokingly)

Dick: So here's what I think catcalling actually is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because I don't want it to get lumped in with, um, this harassment type of shit. Like -

Maddox: (interjects) Stalking.

Dick: Stalking and assault, we'll call it. Right?

Maddox: Well, that's...yeah.

Dick: 'Cause assault isn't physical, it's just the intention that there might be something physical that happens.

Maddox: That's right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, yeah, and I talked to a woman -

Dick: (interjects) Nothin' physical about it.

Maddox: Yeah. There's a -

Dick: (interjects) So here's -- rhetorical questions only. When it comes to catcalling. You don't say, "Hey, what's your name?" That's not a rhetorical question.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Not "What's your number?" "Where are you going?" It's -- you gotta say, if you wanna catcall properly, you gotta go, like, "Hey, do those legs go all the way up?" (suggestively) (Maddox scoffs and bursts out laughing) That's a RHETORICAL question.

Maddox: Dick... (dying of laughter)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: I feel like that was too natural for you to say.

Dick: Yeah -- oh, I DO it!

Maddox: Oh, okay. Great.

Dick: "Where you been, baby?" That's a...that's a rhetorical question.

Maddox: Hey, you're breakin' the law, potentially! (Dick chuckles)

Dick: What, doing this on the Internet, or...?

Maddox: Yeah! (teasing)

Dick: Uh, okay. No commands.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Don't...no commands.

Maddox: Don't command people.

Dick: "Smile!" Nonononononono.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You can't tell people to smile. Um..."Suck my cock." (Maddox and Sean explode laughing) That's also something you wanna stay away from. (cracks up)

Maddox: You know, Dick... (laughs more) You know, when...

Dick: This HAPPENS! That happens! That happens.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, guys don't know! I'm trying to help, here!

Maddox: No no no, but when I first -

Dick: (interjects) Or else it's gonna be illegal!! (Sean guffaws)

Maddox: When I first clicked on this video, that's what I was expecting! Like, a bunch of dickheads who are saying some really nasty shit to this woman. And these are some of the most polite catcallers I've ever heard, like "Good evening, ma'am," uh, "Have a nice day"...

Dick: Yeah, I dunno why they edited that in!

Maddox: "You're beautiful" -- yeah! It doesn't make a strong case. However, to be completely objective, you have to say, "Okay, well SHE felt harassed by those, so I guess you..."

Dick: Eh, fuck it.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Fuck that. Uh, "Hubba hubba"? That you can say, that's not a command.

Maddox: "Hubba hubba"? (smiling)

Dick: "Hubba hubba!"

Maddox: I mean, it's ANNOYING. (Sean smirks in the background)

Dick: Yeah, it's cute though! (grinning)

Maddox: Oh, great.

Dick: Girls like that.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Um...

Maddox: Yeah, girls LOVE that! (through laughter)

Dick: And pretend your mom is listening.

Maddox: Yeah! That's a good -

Dick: (interjects) You know? You can get away with some sexy, erotic stuff even with your mom there!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you gotta code it a little bit. You know?

Maddox: Yeah, that's...you know, Dick, um, the "smile" thing though, I wanna go back to that just for a second.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Because, and I gotta do this again, but uh, Larry David...this is something that's not just unique to women. Larry David in one of the episodes of Curb Your Enthusiasm was kind of pointing this out too, 'cause it happens to guys too! I've passed by people sometimes, and they just tell you to smile! Here's -

Dick: (interjects) YOU?!?

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah! Here's the clip, listen to this. [**plays Curb Your Enthusiasm clip:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_1FbjuJp4E]

(quirky, upbeat music in background)

(Woman passing Larry David on sidewalk: Smile!

[Larry pauses, bewildered]

Larry David: Hey, mind your own business, how 'bout that? 'Smile.') (Maddox laughs over clip)

Dick: "Smile." (imitating Larry's grumbling)

Maddox: Yeah! So it happens -- like, this is something that's so common, that they even put it in this episode of Curb Your Enthusiasm.

Dick: Yeah! Uh, pretend your mom is listening. I was walking with...actually it was the same girl, the girl that I said, "I think he was talkin' to me"?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She was this, like, statuesque black girl. Just beautiful.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: She was catcalling you?

Dick: Nonono, uh, I was -- somebody catcalled her, and I said, "I think he was talkin' to me."

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: And she started laughing, and then I started talkin' to her.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: Uh, we get a couple blocks down Hollywood and there's this guy...there's this guy on Hollywood Boulevard who, *every* single time I've passed him, multiple times a day sometimes, sits on this bus bench and says, "Handmade jewelry, I'm sellin' handmade jewelry." That's all he's EVER said, that's all I've ever heard him say. Right?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: This went for 4 years. This one fuckin' day, I walk by with this beautiful woman and he goes, "Hoo! You beautiful! Like a sexy stallion!" (cracking up) (everyone roars with laughter) I was like, "That's a perfect catcall!" PERFECT!

Maddox: Uhh, great. (Dick laughs more) You know, so -

Dick: (interjects) Your mom coulda heard that!!

Maddox: Yeah, sure! (dying) Sure. Call her a horse. (Dick giggles hysterically) "You're sexy like a HORSE."

Dick: There ya go! That's my thoughts on catcalling. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, so, if this didn't work to some percentage of women, then why would guys keep doing it?

Dick: Uhh, yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause I mean, I don't know; I can't answer this empirically 'cause I've never done it. I don't...I don't catcall. I don't think it's respectful.

Dick: You never honked your horn?

Maddox: No! (chuckling in disbelief)

Dick: No?

Maddox: No! At what point do you think you're gonna be driving by and a chick's gonna hear a horn honk, she's gonna be like, "Oh, damn! I gotta drop my panties for THAT guy! He has a HORN!"

Dick: They're -- it's not a cause-and-effect thing; you don't do it to get something. You're just like, "Hey baby, I see you!"

Maddox: DICK -

Dick: "I see you!" That's another good line! "Hey, I see you!" (smiling)

Maddox: Oh, yeah, great. (sarcastic) Oh, awesome, that sounds CREEPY.

Dick: You gotta have fun when you're doing it! That's all. That's all I'm gonna say.

Maddox: Or...OR don't do it! (smirks)

Dick: OR, just have fun!!

Maddox: Dick, the amount I honk all the time in traffic, I should be getting dates left and right. I'm honkin' all the fuckin' time! (Dick guffaws) No one's passin' -- no girl's, like, ever gonna hear my HORN and be like, "Here's my number!" (breaks down laughing) Never!

Dick: It's not about getting a number! It's about just having a good time. It's like you're cheering for a sports team!

Maddox: You know...

Dick: Except the sports team is a hot lady!

Maddox: No, I gotta, I gotta side with the women on this one a little bit, because when they -- I talked to a girlfriend of mine, and she was telling me about this; I was talkin' about this catcalling issue. 'Cause I've been asking various women friends of mine whether or not they've been catcalled, how they feel about it, 'cause I'm just getting a survey. I'm gettin' a feel for the number of women who get harassed. Pretty much -

Dick: (interjects) Getting a feel. (mischievously)

Maddox: (cracks up) Yeah. Great.

Dick: You're copping a feel of their -- yeah, okay. Go ahead. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, they're -- it's pretty much all of 'em at some point, but a lot of guys have too. I mean, it's not like, uh...but it happens more often to attractive women! Especially the most attractive women. And I asked them, I said, "Well, what...so what is at issue if, like, a guy in that video said 'Good evening'?" Because I, just as a guy, don't understand how that's, uh, harassment! She explained to me that it's not about what they *say,* necessarily, but the threat they feel. She said that as a woman who's walking alone on the

streets, she feels constantly vulnerable. She feels like, um, she might be attacked by somebody at any given time, and it's that fear that they instill in you and that they are kind of, like...it's like a beacon that doesn't leave them alone so they can't be lost in their own thoughts.

Dick: Yeah! And yet we've never been safer. Right?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: The streets have never been safer!

Maddox: Yeah. (unsure)

Dick: We can't even make good '80s action movies, 'cause our streets are so fuckin' safe!

Maddox: That's true. (jokingly)

Dick: Like RoboCop -- the original -- was believable, 'cause it was a hellhole!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, Detroit's awesome now. (sardonic) (laughs heartily)

Dick: Nah! You -- well, it's not AS bad!

Maddox: Yeah. No -

Dick: (interjects) LA is not as bad, and yet everybody's fuckin' terrified!

Maddox: Crime is near historic lows. And it's not just like, uh, with harassment and assault and stuff like that; everything's down across the board. But it's also pedophilia! (Dick laughs hysterically) Parents are so... (cracks up) ...are SO afraid -

Dick: WHAT?!

Maddox: - of child molesters! They're afraid anyone's a child molester. They don't want their kids to talk to any kind of strangers.

Dick: Yeahhh.

Maddox: Which is true, it's POSSIBLE, but it's so, *so* rare.

Dick: We're gettin' off the topic. I'm gonna, I don't wanna eat -- no, I don't mean to interrupt, but I want you to have plenty of time for your problem.

Maddox: Yeah! Let's get to this, we're runnin' out of time here. So, my last problem this week is...."Pennies"! (Dick and Sean roar with laughter) "Pennies." Big problem, guys.

Dick: Fuck pennies. (gleeful)

Maddox: Yeah, fuck pennies! I agree!

Dick: They stink!

Maddox: They...they do stink! (chuckling)

Dick: They fuckin' stink, I HATE them.

Maddox: Yeah! They smell like...they smell like what a robot's toes would smell like.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They smell like ass.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, Sean, that's like, a perfect analogy, right? Sean's nodding.

Sean: Yeah, that was oddly...accurate.

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: Not that any of us know what that would BE like, but...

Maddox: But if we did, that's probably what it'd smell like!

Sean: Yeah!

Maddox: Pennies would smell like robots' toes.

Sean: Yeah, we'll go with that.

Maddox: Or the other way around, yeah. So, here's the problem with them: first of all, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Norway, Britain, Switzerland, AND Finland have all stopped producing pennies.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: These are modern nations. This is what modern nations do when they realize that they're just hemorrhaging money...on money. (Dick giggles)

Dick: Ha! Okay.

Maddox: Pennies are so fucking stupid and worthless! Uh, NPR did this segment -

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, "hemorrhaging money on money"?

Maddox: Well, so here's what I'm getting at!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, a penny is worth only about...according to http://coinflation.com, it's worth only about 60 percent of the face value, and by some estimates by the Bureau of Labor Statistics -- um, this is from NPR -- they said it's only worth 4 percent of the face value. So it's 97.5 percent zinc and 2.5 percent copper; there's hardly any copper in it. It's worth...so it costs 2.4 cents to make a penny! (incredulous)

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: We're spending almost...we're spending almost 1.5 times the amount that it's WORTH to MAKE it!

Dick: And copper is worth a lot, isn't it? Now?

Maddox: It is, yeah!

Dick: 'Cause the inflation of copper -- it's been like, uh, it's worth a lot more than it was before.

Maddox: It is! Yeah. The -

Sean: (interjects) That's why everybody steals it outta job sites.

Maddox: Right. Pennies, like, I think 1982 was the cutoff; they changed the formula for pennies so that they reduced the copper in them. They used to be predominantly copper, now they're copper-plated zinc.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And they're basically worthless. Um, if you go to http://coinflation.com, it's kind of interesting. They show all the different breakdowns of the melt value of a coin.

Dick: Oh, that's cool!

Maddox: Yeah! And, uh, quarters, same thing. Before 1964, I think, for a while they were using silver in the quarters, and those were worth about 3 dollars apiece. I find them all the time! I find silver quarters, and they just -- I keep them. They LOOK different than regular quarters.

Dick: Now, wait a minute, 'cause I saw...I read, uh, some libertarian shit where, if the quarter was kept as a silver coin?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It would have kept up with inflation. From 1965. I don't know if that's true. Did you uncover any of that in your research?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Where if it would've kept -- because, you know, the value of the...of the metal increases over time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So instead of just being a token...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...it is actually valuable as a *metal.*

Maddox: Yeah! Well, sure, but...I guess, yeah, because the value of the silver has increased with time.

Dick: Right, so it's no longer worth a quarter; it's worth the value of a quarter-sized hunk of silver.

Maddox: Well, potentially, but uh, you're running out. I mean, there's a very finite supply of these precious metals, that's why they're called "precious metals."

Dick: There ya go. (under his breath)

Maddox: Uh, so, I don't know if that's a sustainable economy. But the bottom line is, we don't need pennies. It's costing taxpayers, every year, 60 million dollars! We're just pissing away on making pennies that nobody uses. This guy called in to this NPR segment that I was reading - it's called "The Problems With Pennies," I think. [http://www.npr.org/2012/04/11/150436259/the-problems-with-pennies] And he was talkin' about how he's a mechanic and, uh, he's worked on some job sites where he's made VERY little money, if anything at all. And he says when people bring in junked cars -- he's not a mechanic, actually, he just works in a junkyard.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: He says people bring in junked and wrecked cars, and he... (stumbles over words) Excuse me; he scavenges them for pennies. And he says he collects them all and then takes them to the store -- to one of those coin exchange machines -- just BUCKETS full of 'em.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And sometimes that's the only money he makes! And the host was like, "Well, how much...how much money is in a bucket of pennies?" He's like, "You know, 13, 14 bucks." (Dick smirks) So... (cracks up) And he's like, "Yeah, it just doesn't sound like a very good use of your time."

Dick: It's probably about as much as you make in Herbalife. (wryly) (Maddox and Sean laugh) For about the same amount of work, so you don't have to dick your friends over.

Maddox: Yeah, and they don't have to drink a bunch of bullshit protein.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: That you're trying to shove down their throats, literally.

Dick: I hate pennies too, man. Whenever I clean my car, I have to, like, scoop them out of the middle console.

Maddox: Yeah. Every time I travel to another country, too, I like their coin system a lot better. Except for Mexico. Other than Mexico -

Dick: (interjects) What's wrong with Mexico?

Maddox: Their coins? Their pesos?

Dick: Don't they have, uh, cutouts in the middle?

Maddox: Yeah -

Dick: Like, the square cutout?

Maddox: No, their BILLS are fine. But the pesos, like, their equivalent of a penny is... (cracks up) ...*worthless.* Absolutely -- it feels like Monopoly money.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's almost plastic. I don't even know the kind of metal they're using, or...you know what? You know those candies you get on cakes sometimes? Like wedding cakes where there are silver-coated candies?

Dick: Uh, yeah!

Maddox: I think that's what they're using to make their pesos. (laughs with Dick)

Dick: Chiclets?

Maddox: Yeah. They're -- you just eat them. (smiling) (Sean laughs in the background) They're garbage. Um, so next to the Mexican pesos...uh, the coin pesos...the penny is the worst currency I've ever had.

Dick: What are we gonna DO about it? All these pennies! Who's gonna stop them?

Maddox: Just stop using pennies. (slowly; exasperated) Uh, so I looked into it; it's not really a big problem if they just stopped using them across the board! They said one way they could solve this problem, to get rid of all the pennies in circulation and kickstart the economy, is to make every penny currently worth 5 cents that's in circulation. So people would start using those pennies... (Dick laughs loudly) Right?

Dick: That sounds insane! (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah! Well, it would give a boost to the economy, 'cause everyone who has all these pennies and stuff laying around, suddenly it's worth money!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then they're gonna go out and spend it, because the people who have pennies aren't rich people! They're housewives and people in Middle America. They're gonna have a bunch of expendable income that they didn't have before that they're gonna go out and spend. It's gonna be like a stimulus to the economy!

Dick: Oh, that would be WEIRD. If they did that.

Maddox: Yeah! So this guy who's -- this junkyard dude who's collecting buckets of pennies? For 13, 14 dollars a pop? Suddenly he's gettin', like, 50 bucks! You think he's gonna *invest* that? No! He's gonna go out and spend it, and probably on burgers or somethin'!

Dick: Buy some Natty Ice! (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: There you go!

Dick: Couple cases of Natural Ice. Yeeeeah.

Maddox: There you go. And then it'll...it'll go right into, uh, the coffers of 7-Eleven. Make some fat cat rich again. (cynical) (laughs) That's how our economy works. But no, it would be a good stimulus if they made pennies worth 5 cents and then just eradicated them. Right across the board.

Dick: Does anybody just not...deal with them?

Maddox: Yeah, rich people! (chuckles)

Dick: Well, like, when you're getting change. From uh, you get coffee or something, and they're just like, "Here, I'm rounding up to 5." (Maddox sighs)

Maddox: I...

Dick: Who fuckin' cares? Can we just stop pretending like this is worth anything? Ya round up to the penny, so just round up to the nickel!

Maddox: Yeah, that's...that's what people are sayin', they would round up. So, some economists argue that it would hurt the poor and the lower class, uh, by rounding up. Because a lot of companies, instead of...instead of cutting the costs of items -- like, say, 99 cents, they would just say 95 cents?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Um, they would round it up to the next dollar, so everything would across the board would cost a dollar more. But they said that with inflation, especially if we enable this 5-cent penny thing, that it would cancel out in about 5 to 10 years.

Dick: That'd be interesting! I like when...I like when, uh, silly games are proposed at the government level. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Silly games... (under his breath)

Dick: Let's just change the value of pennies to a nickel, and see the chaos that erupts from that. (mocking) And you know what people can use their pennies for?

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: Is buying a BONUS episode of this show, premiering tomorrow!

Maddox: Yes, sir! Bonus episode coming tomorrow! This is something that we've been working on for a long time and we're excited about. Uh, this is gonna be -- and a lot of people, frankly, have been asking for. The bonus episode is gonna be awesome. Um...

Dick: Yeah, my dad actually says, uh...last time I saw him he's like, "You know, you guys talk about a lot of problems, but you never have any solutions."

Maddox: Yeah! A lot of people say that. And sometimes they try to...uh, they try to hijack our show with solutions! We're like, "Dadadadadada!" (mimicking cutting someone off) (Dick laughs) This show's not about solutions!!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's about PROBLEMS.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah, so that's a little, uh...that's a little sneak peek of tomorrow. A little teaser of the episode. We're gonna announce this on the website; you'll see it on the website, it'll be available for everyone to download, and, uh, yeah! We hope you like it.

Dick: So scrounge up your pennies!

Maddox: Yeah! (amused) Yeah, scrounge up your pennies, and if you like the episode, recruit someone underneath you. (everyone explodes with laughter)

Dick: Alright. So, "Motorcycle Cop Fairings," and...

Maddox: "Catcalling."

Dick: ..."Catcalling." And my problems were "Herbalife/Pyramid Schemes" and "Pennies." (**closing riff starts**) Which are worthless except for our episodes. So, bonus episode comin' tomorrow! Vote for these problems on the website!

Maddox: Thanks for listening.

Dick: Thanks.

(Closing riff)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 26

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Today's show is brought to you by our own bonus episode! Go to http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com and click on the Solutions to check it out.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, what's up buddy? How's it goin'?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. So, Dick. Super exciting news. We teased this last episode, but we finally hit 1 million downloads!!

Dick: Wooo!!

(Sound effect: clapping)

Dick: I thought we were gonna talk about our bonus episode!

Maddox: Yeah. We launched our bonus episode. Our first ever bonus episode did tremendously well! You guys love it!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: All the comments I've read, people really, really dig the episode.

Dick: I got one. From **Kirstie Chapman. "When I grow up, I wanna be Maddox's dad."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you wanna know what she's talking about, download the bonus episode. Also, **Handy Andy Pandy, "Maddox, I found this episode funnier than any other you and Dick have done. Definitely worth them money."** Um, maybe that was true last week, but he hadn't heard this episode, so.

Maddox: Yeah. It's every…every new episode is better than the last! So…when we discover what the Biggest Problem in the Universe is, it'll be so hilarious, you guys will unhinge your jaws and die. (Dick laughs) Our goal is to kill our listeners through laughter.

Dick: So if I can talk about the bonus episode a little bit more. We did a hot sauce challenge.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In that episode. Which I don't think is a secret. Where Maddox and I both drank hot sauce to see who could drink it faster and who didn't sound like a sniveling pussy after they drank it.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Right? Is that an accurate summation of the contest?

Maddox: That's accurate.

Dick: I gotta tell you, man. I didn't feel right for a week after that contest. (Maddox laughs) Like, I went home. I went home. The entire drive home, Maddox is extolling the virtues of drinking hot sauce, and I feel like I have a football made out of vinegar in my colon, as he's like "Well, you know, it kills bad bacteria", and this and this, and I'm like, "Dude, seriously, I feel like I'm gonna shit…I feel like I've been eating Vicodin for 13 days."

Maddox: Man…it sounds like your entire stomach lining is made out of the same skin as vaginas. Like, what a pussy. What a crybaby. That shit made me feel right.

Dick: Man, I really hope you don't get an ulcer when you're, like, 43.

Maddox: Ulcers are caused by bacteria, and they can't live…you know what? Bacteria can't live in an environment that's inhospitable to them, and that's my stomach. It's full of piss and vinegar.

Dick: Okay, well. I'm never gonna do it again. (Maddox laughs) Either way, I'm never drinking hot sauce again.

Maddox: Hey, Dick. I got some stats…I got a stats for you. So, uh…I had a listener send in these stats. His name is **Ryan Yoder**. He did these really comprehensive stats for our one millionth episode…I just want to bring this in.

Dick: One millionth download.

Maddox: (laughs) Er, one millionth download, right. We have not done a million episodes. So, he brought some stats in about the number of episodes we've each won. You wanna hear this? (grins)

Dick: No.

Maddox: (laughs) Dick!

Dick: What's his name?

Maddox: Ryan Yoder.

Dick: Well, good for you, Ryan Yoder, you kiss-ass. You brownnoser, sending Maddox all these stats about how great he is!!!

Maddox: No, Dick. We don't know. We don't know who the winner is.

Sean: I'll bet you've won more than you think.

Dick: Really?

Sean: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Alright. How much you wanna bet?

Sean: Uh, (stammers)..well, I dunno (Maddox and Dick laughs) You talk like you've never won any.

Maddox: Yeah. How many do you think Dick's won?

Sean: I think he's won between 10 and 15.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I was gonna say 10. That I've won 10 episodes.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, you both lose, 'cause you've only won 8.

Dick: Goddamnit!! (yells) Goddamnit, Sean, you got my hopes up for nothing, you miserable son of a bitch! Now I feel bad! (Maddox laughing) I could have said 5, but you dicked me over with 10!!

Maddox: So, I am number one…I'm the winner with 16!! 16 wins. Then Dick at 8. And Ryan Holiday…one of our guests. He's the only one in the top 10 with one win.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Good for you guys. You're winners together.

Maddox: He…these are the people who have the current highest problem for each episode.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Then we also have some stats. The total net up and down votes by each person. I'm number one with 52,000.

Dick: Wait a minute, I'm sorry. The total up and down, like…the total number of up votes you've gotten?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Your problems have gotten?

Maddox: Yes. Correct.

Dick: Okay, sorry. Continue.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm number one with 52,000, followed by Dick with 20,000, then Ryan, with 2,300, then Asterios placed with 1,600, then Leah, and then Roger with a measly 528.

Dick: Are you saying that I'm closer to the guests with upvotes than I am to you?

Maddox: Yes! (cackles)

Dick: Did I hear those numbers right? Man, fuck you! Fuck this million download celebration!

Maddox: Ryan Yoder. And he has some random trivia, too. This is kind of interesting. There have been 92 problems mentioned on the podcast. The smallest problem to win an episode was "Crying", from episode 1. And it's ranked number 42. It's the 42nd biggest problem in the universe. Crying.

Dick: Well, if you don't agree with that, head to www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com and vote up "Crying".

Maddox: Yeah. Vote up "Monkeys"!!! I keep WARNING you idiots!! (yelling) No one votes up monkeys! Monkeys are the biggest problem in the universe!

(Sound effect: Monkey sounds)

Maddox: You guys don't listen to me! (Dick sighs) Go ahead.

Dick: It's a bold experiment you did, and I gotta say, it's really fun reading that problems page.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, seeing…'cause I look at it and I agree with it!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Like, mostly the ranking. I'm like, "Oh, yeah, that is kind of a bigger pain in the ass than AIDS."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, if I had to…Armchair Psychologists are worse than AIDS. What, you got something?

Maddox: Oh, and speaking of last week, yeah. And the problems from last week. Number one was "Pyramid Schemes" and "Herbalife", followed by "Pennies", bigger problem than both your bullshit-ass "Motorcycle Fairings", and "Catcalling".

Dick: Cop Motorcycle Fairings.

Maddox: Cop…oh, I'm sorry. Cop Motorcycle Fairings.

Dick: Catcalling…man, that was a controversial problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Lot of comments about that one. I don't want to get into them, though, 'cause I have a surprise for you.

Maddox: Okay?

Dick: So I'm…I don't know if anybody knows this listening, but, you know, Maddox is, like, an Internet celebrity.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (laughs nervously)

Dick: And kind of a real celebrity, too.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So I put the word out in Hollywood.

Maddox: Mhmm. (laughing)

Dick: That we'd gotten a million downloads on this podcast just to see what would happen.

Maddox: Yeah? (grins)

Dick: Like, just to see if we have any celebrity listeners.

Maddox: Oh. And do we?

Dick: I think we actually do! Of course, there's no way to tell.

Maddox: No way, get outta here!

Dick: 'Cause they just call the voice mail.

Maddox: We got some celebrities calling the voice mail?

Dick: Listen, listen, listen, listen.

(Voice mail: (sounds like Zooey Deschanel) "Hey Maddox. It's me, Zooey Deschanel. Um, I'm really impressed by the one million downloads you have this week.")

Dick: I think that's her!

Maddox: Yeah?

(Voice mail: "It's a real big accomplishment. I wish I had that many people who visited my -cuts out-. So, um…congrats. Have a lovely day. And yeah, watch New Girl on Fox.")

Dick: She stutters like her.

Maddox: Okay. Plugging her show!

Dick: So, I think…I honestly think that's real. But then…you got guys like this.

(Voice mail: (bad impression) "Herro. This is Sean Connery. (Maddox cracks up) **Will somebody please tell me what the fuck is a podcast?"**

Dick: I dunno. (Maddox laughing) I don't think he would say that.

Maddox: That was Sean Connery?

Dick: (laughs) Yeah, that was Sean Connery.

Sean: It's Roger. It has to be Roger.

Maddox: Yeah. My ass.

Dick: Did that sound like Roger Barr to you guys? (grinning)

Sean: Sounds just like Roger.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know. Yeah. Kind of.

Dick: I got another one.

(Voice mail: (sounds like Seth Rogen) "Uh, hey. This is Seth Rogen. And I just wanna say congratulations to you, Maddox, for a million downloads. (laughs) Um, yeah. I've never been more proud of you, and I hope you continue to do a great job, because you're very funny, and, (laughs) I listen to your podcast a lot. If you ever need me to be on…")

Dick: Alright. That might be him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I say Roger again.

Dick: No, that's definitely not Roger. I asked Roger. But then you get ones like this:

(Voice mail: "Ring a ding ding. It's your old pal, Frank Sinatra callin' you to congratulate ya (Maddox laughs)**…)**

Maddox: Frank Sinatra's dead!!

(Voice mail: "On your 1 millionth download.")

Dick: Oh he is? (grinning)

Maddox: I'm calling shenanigans!!!

(Voice mail: "It only took ya what, seventeen years, you piece of shit? God, who listens to this garbage? People who haven't discovered the entire rest of the Internet?")

Dick: Oh, yeah, maybe you're right.

(Voice mail: "I hope you get hit by a drunk driver and die!")

Maddox: Hey, fuck you, Sinatra!

Dick: Alright. That's probably not…

Maddox: I don't need death threats from someone who's already in a grave, dickhead! Fuckin'…that was a shit impression, too. Sinatra's dead. That is definitely not Sinatra.

Dick: Well, what do you think about this impression? I didn't know you had a girlfriend.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Is that right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, I don't know…

(Voice mail: (sickly sweet voice, clearly a man impersonating a woman) "Yooooo hooooo!! It's Maddox's girlfriend, Boobs McGee! Happy millionth, boys! You hit a million last night! Maddox made me scream a million times! Ta ta!! Wink!") (Maddox laughing)

Dick: I mean, that sounds like…

Maddox: That was definitely my girlfriend.

(Voice mail: Loud sigh)

Dick: Yeah. That sounds like something she would say.

Maddox: No, yeah. That is something that my girlfriend has said multiple times, 'cause I do make her scream a million times.

(Voice mail: (Bane voice) "Hello, this is Bane. (Maddox laughs) **Ah yes! I was wondering when you would pass a million subscribers! I heard that you did not enjoy The Dark Knight Rises. Well, guess what? You two can suck my dick! A million downloads, that's nothing!"** (Maddox and Dick laughing)**)**

Dick: Alright, Bane.

Maddox: Bane. I imagine he has a real stubby penis. Real gross.

Dick: Yeah. I don't think he's a real guy.

Maddox: Bane?! Yeah. He's not a real guy. (laughing) It's gotta be fucking fake, Dick!

(Voice mail: (Christopher Walken voice) "Hey, Maddox! Dick!")

Dick: It's Christopher Walken.

(Voice mail: (Christopher Walken voice) "This is Christopher Walken, and I heard your podcast! (Maddox laughing) **You just got a million downloads! That is excellent. But if you ever talk about problems that don't matter again, I'll stab you in the face with a soldering iron!")**

Dick: I mean, that's probably Roger Barr…

Maddox: A soldering iron…no, I think that's…if anyone is an actual celebrity, so far I think Christopher Walken is a possibility, because he's a random dude and he does random shit like that.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: And Zooey Deschanel.

Dick: I really think Zooey Deschanel is a real celebrity who called in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I wish we could verify that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You wanna hear one more?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: And then I'm gonna play some later in the episode.

Maddox: Sure.

(Voice mail: "This is Edward James Olmos and (Sean laughing) **I'm calling to wish Dick and Maddox a happy million downloads. Oh man, your show is so funny. (grunts and makes sounds, sounds like throat clearing) "That's my laugh."))**

Dick: That's cool. That's how he laughs.

(Voice mail: "Well, gotta run. I got tickets to see Jamie Kennedy in Fluffy.")

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright. We don't need…we don't care what you're doing. And by the way, what was that? It sounded like water was running in the background. (laughing) What, did he have his sink running?

Dick: Um, you know what, that was actually…

(Voice clip: "Boisterous Coconuts?")

Dick: That was our friend, Boisterous Coconuts.

Maddox: Oh, that was Boisterous Coconuts!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: So, he told me…I asked him to call in as a celebrity…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he said, "Yeah sure, I'll do it on my walk to work." So he's walking to work through New York screaming obscenities into his cell phone (laughing) in like, weird voices. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: And he chose Edward James Olmos. (Maddox laughs) And did THAT impersonation.

Dick: That's the second thing I would like to note. I asked these guys for celebrities…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And what do I get? Bane? I got basically comic book characters.

Maddox: Zooey Deschanel. Wait, who is Edward…what's the guy's name?

Dick: He was Edward James Olmos.

Maddox: Who is he?

Dick: He was, like, a famous Mexican actor. He's like the Mexican Sean Connery.

Maddox: What has he been in?

Dick: He's been in American Me. He's before our time.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: He's, like, a generation before us. But he's a very accomplished actor.

Sean: Something you might…what was it? Battlestar Galactica? The…

Dick: There you go.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, I'm sorry.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: I don't think we can count that as a celebrity call-in. I'm sorry. We're gonna have to strike it from the records.

Dick: Okay. So that's a problem. Can we get to our problems this episode?

Maddox: Yes.

Sean: South Park parodied him.

Maddox: Oh, I don't know.

Sean: The whole "teacher" episode? The Stand and Deliver?

Maddox: Yeah. No idea.

Dick: Oh yeah! Stand and Deliver! Gotta teach these kids…he's teaching all the kids calculus…

Maddox: Oh, that's the guy?

Dick: That guy's Edward James Olmos.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Well, thank you Edward, for calling in to congratulate us for our millionth download.

Dick: So here's my first problem. And I wish we'd recorded this a couple of days ago. Because I was ready to strangle someone when this happened to me.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: I was walking down Hollywood Boulevard.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I got a text from my friend. She's, like, a commercial actress.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And she had been very excited that day because she got cast on a commercial last minute. And the call sheet for the commercial said, explicitly, like, the thing they send you the morning of the commercial to tell you where you're supposed to go and what you're gonna be doing, said explicitly, "No photography". No social media. No photography.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And as she explained to me, 'cause I don't do commercials, you know, I don't know what's going on, she said, "That's a big deal, because right now, that means it could be a Superbowl commercial."

Maddox: Oh. That is a huge big deal.

Dick: Huge deal. And they don't tell you that kind of stuff. 'Cause they don't want you to be anything that you're not normally.

Maddox: Right, of course.

Dick: You know? And they don't want you to immediately go post about it.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Plus, it might not be. It might be done and it might be horseshit and they'll save it for something else.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So she was really excited about this, right? She gets down there, shows up on set, whatever, waits four hours, and her scene went like this. She walked up to do it, and the guy says, whoever's doing the scene with her says, "I don't believe this. Let's do another scene."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So it was basically just over. Right? You don't get paid for that. You don't…and this is, like, a Superbowl commercial is, like, hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? So she texts me this. She was geared up for it all day and I'm, like, "Ohhh, man." Right? I have…I've gotta say something to cheer this girl up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As I'm walking down the street texting.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I usually…I'm usually pretty good about kind of paying half attention to my phone and half attention to what's going on around me.

Maddox: Mmmm. (skeptical) I mean, that's the theory, Dick. I don't believe it. I don't believe most people can do that. But go on. I'm listening.

Dick: You're talking about multitasking.

Maddox: Yeah. Most…you can't multitask. The human mind can't multitask.

Dick: See, I know that you think that. And I really wish there was some kind of test for it…

Maddox: There is!

Dick: Well, is it, like, an online test?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Or it is a real test?

Maddox: No, it's…it's a real test!!

Dick: Like, a real test.

Maddox: It's a real test! It's a real test. If you think you can multitask…I'll send you this test. I'll link to it on the website. But it's a test where you're supposed to write down two sentences at the same time. No one can do that. You can't write down…

Dick: With two hands?

Maddox: No no no. So, you write down…I think the task is to write down the numbers 1 through 20 and then make each number correspond to a letter from the sentence. So you do each task way quicker if you do it individually.

Dick: Okay, uhh…that sounds like something that Rain Man or Brainiac would do. I'm talking about just walking down the street and paying attention and then texting people on my phone.

Maddox: Alright, so where are you going with this?

Dick: That's an acceptable level of multitasking. And I really do feel like I can concentrate mostly on the road and on the phone, and then like, you get to that asymptotic line where suddenly your brain switches over onto the phone and you're just kind of, like, walking or driving on autopilot. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So I'm texting her back. I'm like, okay. Oh, God. I gotta take this seriously, right? I gotta say something funny to cheer her up. This is a big loss for her. This is 100,000$. Immediately as I start texting, I step into the biggest pile of dog shit that I have ever seen. (Maddox laughs) Like, full on Three Stooges…(Sean laughing) like putting my foot into a chocolate cake.

Maddox: Oh, man. (disgusted)

Dick: And hitting…I don't even think I hit the sidewalk until I had slipped, like, a foot away from it.

Maddox: Ugh, geez. (Sean laughing)

Dick: Do you know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a fucking Hanna-Barbera spinning around wildly, like that side effects, that (makes spinning wheel sound) in the middle of the street with my phone.

Maddox: Ugggggh.

Dick: Yeah. Like, I think a horse shit this dog shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Gets on both shoes. (Sean laughing) Of course.

Maddox: How did it get on both shoes? What did you, stomp in this thing? Did it splash on you!?! (incredulous)

Dick: Because I wasn't paying attention. (laughs)

Maddox: Oh!!!!

Dick: I was texting. Point is…

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Now I got dog shit on both shoes.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's my problem!

Maddox: Yes?!

Dick: "Dog Shit"!

Maddox: Dog shit! Wow! It sounds like your problem should be "People Who Think They Can Multitask", 'cause you can't.

Dick: That's what you got out of that?!!?! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah! That's what I got out of it, Dick. You can't multitask! And if you weren't texting like a dickhead, walking around the streets of LA, or New York, or wherever, everybody's doing this now. Everybody's phone…everybody's face is constantly down in

their phone, they're not paying attention, they're being obnoxious! They're rude! They're bumping into people. (excited, angry) When I see people walking towards me and texting, I don't move out of the way anymore. I'm gonna let them run into me and I'm gonna say "Excuse you!"

Dick: Teaching people lessons.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You're like Jesus, but a total asshole. (Maddox laughs) But I really think that's not the problem, because I'm aware of that, I don't like it, and I feel, I really feel in my brain that it crosses a line. Like, I can pay attention to the street, and I kinda send, like, offhand texts and they're all misspelled and horrible, but I can look at the street and do the thing with my phone in one hand, but this particular instance, I'm trying to cheer up my friend and I'm like, "Alright, I gotta put 51% of my concentration into this text." Immediately step in dog shit.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, Dick. Sounds like there's a smelly shoe that proves you can't.

Dick: Two smelly shoes, asshole!

Maddox: Two smelly shoes, that's right, yeah. Are you wearing them, by the way? What's that smell? Did you bring them into the studio?

Dick: These are the shoes I was wearing. But I cleaned 'em off!!!

Maddox: Ohhh, man! (disgusted)

Dick: I cleaned 'em off. I washed 'em and I cleaned 'em off.

Maddox: Yeah, looks like you scrubbed…those shoes have, like, no tread to them. You scrubbed them so hard they're bald.

Dick: Dude…I had to use…the worst part…I had to use my toothbrush to clean them off.

Maddox: Oh, mannnn. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Like, even though I wasn't using it again…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was still gross, because it had once been my toothbrush, 'cause I didn't have an extra one.

Maddox: Yeah, of course. It's disgusting.

Dick: Yeah. So now…

Maddox: So now you're out a toothbrush and…you know what, Dick? You know what the problem is?! The real problem here phones without keyboards!!! If you don't have tactile response, you can't type…I can type and look up and concentrate on whatever I want and still be typing in my pocket. I can be typing without having to take my eyes off of what I'm doing or where I'm walking. I don't step in potholes. I don't step in dog shit. I don't step in horse shit!

Dick: (laughing) Potholes?

Maddox: I don't step in anything except for PURE sidewalk, baby! 100% of the time.

Dick: Maddox, stop trying to hijack my problem. (Maddox laughs) My problem is curb your fucking dog! Okay?

Maddox: Oh, is that what it is?

Dick: Curb your goddamn dog.

Maddox: Okay. I'm on board.

Dick: Who are you leaving dog shit, especially, uh…dog shit that's the size of a chocolate cake, in the middle of the street?

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah. Well, I think that's pretty hilarious.

Dick: Would you do…well, so I took a straw poll, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.

Dick: 'Cause I was incensed by this.

Maddox: You should be.

Dick: Like, who would do this?! What is the kind of person who would do this?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I started asking people who've either have watched dogs or have dogs, "Don't you always pick up your dog shit?" and I even phrased it like that, 'cause I wanted to let them know, "Look, I'm gonna judge the shit out of you if you give me the wrong answer on this."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Dude! (excited) An astronomical percentage of them said "Ehh, I kinda just…no. Not all the time."

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Not if it's inconvenient.

Maddox: Okay. Okay, Dick. I have three types of people I KNOW for a fact don't pick up dog shit.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And this happens pretty consistently unless you catch them in act! (angry) The first type of people is old people. They're always leaving their dog shit behind. And you know why? Because their knees hurt. They don't want to bend over.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Hey. Your knees hurt? Don't fuckin' own a dog! If you can't take care of it properly, don't own a dog, dickhead!

Dick: I mean, I just want to warn you with the old people thing.

Maddox: Yeah

Dick: The last time you went on this old people shit, Penn & Teller lit you up pretty good, so…(Maddox cracks up) …you might wanna be careful. (laughs)

Maddox: Oh yeah. Penn & Teller. Lemme tell you about those guys. (Dick still laughing) Lemme tell you a bit about selective editing, my friend.

Dick: They're old guys!

Maddox: Who, Penn & Teller?

Dick: Penn & Teller, yeah. Of course they're gonna fucking hammer you on that show.

Maddox: No, they're gonna TRY to hammer me! They have…(stammering) It was entirely cherry picking fallacy. That's another episode. That'll be another episode.

Dick: No, I…I…can I address it now? 'Cause there is something I thought about that episode. Was that too much of a digression? The Penn & Teller episode? Like, for people who don't know, you were on an episode of Penn & Teller's Bullshit.

Maddox: Yeah. We'd have to…we'd have to do a whole thing about it. I'm gonna bring it in at some point.

Dick: Alright. Alright. I don't wanna digress.

Maddox: Okay. The second group of people, Dick, is kids. Children. Old people and young people. Kids don't give a fuck! Kids don't understand. Kids have never had to scrape dog shit out of their shoes, 'cause their parents do it! They're irresponsible idiots. They stomp in that stuff. They think it's fun, wheeee! We're steppin' in dog shit, and then they come home and poor mom and dad have to scrub it!

Dick: I was right with you until they think it's fun to step in dog shit.

Maddox: Oh. Kids love it, man. Kids love smelling like dog shit. They love it! They roll around in it. They love it. You go to the playground, I guarantee all over the playground is just hidden dog shit everywhere. Everyone just, like, buries it.

Dick: They hide it.

Sean: Man, you went to school with some weird kids.

Dick: Yeah. You're lookin' at the weirdest one right now. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Aaaaaaaaand. And. I'll tell you the third group of people who don't pick up dog shit? Rich people.

Dick: Oh, FUCK you, rich people! (yells at Maddox)

Maddox: Because they're entitled. No, they don't. They fuckin' don't! I have a neighbor who's rich as shit and he leaves his dog shit EVERYWHERE, especially on his own lawn! And he thinks, "Oh, what's the big deal? What's the problem? It's on my own lawn." Yeah, but guess what, dickhead? Flies don't stay on your lawn. The smell doesn't stay on your lawn. Pests that is attracts don't stay on your lawn!! (excited, yelling) I got fucking cockroaches and shit crawling around the neighborhood, and crickets, and whatever else eats dog shit. Probably spiders. They're so fucking stupid. (laughs)

Dick: Well…to…I don't wanna stop your hate the rich parade…

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: But I actually did bring in…I found some fuckin' stats on this.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Um. 60% of people pick up their dog shit.

Maddox: That's it?!

Dick: And this was done in multiple towns. Like, multiple towns with no similarities as far as I could tell. 40% of people just don't pick it up. Which was about what I found in my straw poll that had nothing to do with income, that had nothing to do with upbringing. They were just, like, "Ehh, I just think it kinda just goes away." Like, it kinda just takes care of itself.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: (interjects) I don't know what they think happens! You know how it takes care of itself?!? Assholes who are texting step in it and smear it around until it's the same color as the concrete! (yelling)

Maddox: Man, Dick. This sounds like you got your just desserts. Like, this is exactly what you had coming to you. They're terrible people getting terrible things. That's you.

Dick: Why did I…why did I deserve this?! (incredulous) I'm trying to do something nice for my friend by cheering her up with a text!

Maddox: Yeah but you're also…

Dick: (interjects) With a hilarious text! Which, by the way, I did! 'Cause there's nothing funnier than, "Hey, I was trying to think of a funny text and I just stepped in a fucking half-pound of dog shit!" (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Hey, that's the universe helping you out, buddy. What are you complaining about? That sounds great, actually.

Dick: Why did I deserve this? (grinning)

Maddox: Because, Dick, if you just pulled aside for a second and just stood in place and stood up against a wall so people can pass you so you're not…people who text and walk, walk slower. People who text and drive, drive slower. They can't pay attention to both. They do both poorly! Just fuck off for a second, send your text, and then continue on! What's your time so fucking valuable you can't spare a few seconds to send a text and then keep walking!?!? (yells, enraged) That's what you get, dude. Shit on your shoes. (calm)

Dick: 10 million tons of dog shit every year. (Maddox cracks up) That's how much dog shit is out there.

Maddox: 10 million tons.

Dick: 10 million tons. 20% to 30% of the bacteria in watersheds, in urban watersheds, come from dog shit.

Maddox: Fuck dogs!!!!!!!! (Dick laughs) Hey, I brought in dogs as a problem, why don't you idiots go vote it up?!

Dick: 'Cause "Dogs" is too much, man!! That's not the dog's problem! The dog's gotta shit!

Maddox: Really.

Dick: They gotta…somebody's gotta pick it up.

Maddox: Great. Why aren't dogs like cats? Why don't they bury their own shit? Why don't they learn something?! (excited, yelling) If dogs are so fucking smart, why don't they learn that every fucking human hates their dog shit? Just get rid of the dog shit!

Dick: Man, can you train dogs to shit in a toilet?

Maddox: I mean, probably.

Dick: Have you ever seen that?

Maddox: I guarantee there's a YouTube video. Some dickhead trying to get a million hits.

Dick: It's all these guys training their dogs to get them beers…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which is always stupid.

Maddox: Stupid.

Dick: 'Cause it's, like, you had to do more work to set up the, uh…Rube Goldberg machine for the dog to be able to fetch your beer? (scornful)

Maddox: What an asshole.

Dick: Like, you're not saving any time.

Maddox: Yeah. And also, just get the fucking beer yourself, you dick.

Dick: You know what my buddy does, he has…every time he comes over, he brings a cooler and fills it up with beer and puts it next to the couch. 'Cause he can't be bothered to go get up and get another beer.

Maddox: Well, there you go. That's lazy ingenuity. Hey, Dick, I have an anecdote specifically about where you live in Hollywood. I've seen…I've seen on the block…there used to be a block in Hollywood where I would walk and there was just a LANDMINE of shit. Shit everywhere!

Dick: Yeah. Yep.

Maddox: Dog shit everywhere! And there were convenient, free, doggie bags with disposable containers that NOBODY would use! It's FREE and they don't even just pick it up!

Dick: Dude.

Maddox: You know what? Here's the thing, Dick. I like dogs. I do. I do like dogs, but I hate dog shit more than I like dogs. That's why I don't own one. I never want to feel the warm, moist, mushy texture of dog shit through anything. (stammers) Let alone my bare hands. I

don't wanna feel it through nylon. I don't wanna feel it through a doggie bag. I never want to carry shit. My own, or a dog's.

Dick: I don't wanna feel it on the bottom of my shoes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because now I feel, like, phantom dog shit on these shoes all the time now.

Maddox: I know!

Dick: I agree with you. That's the same reason I don't have a dog. Because I don't want to pick up its poop.

Maddox: I don't wanna pick up its poop. I don't want to pick up any animal's poop, including a baby.

Dick: Including a human's.

Maddox: That's why I don't have dogs or babies.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, the fine for not picking up dog shit is 250$.

Maddox: Yeah. That's it?

Dick: This is like New York, all big cities, is 250$.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How is it that small? How is that…how is that possible?

Maddox: Doesn't hurt the rich. That's another poor people…

Dick: (interjects) There ya go! So let's…what should we make it? Uh…1% of what you make in a year!

Maddox: There! There ya go!

Dick: That's the fine.

Maddox: That's a fuckin' fine!

Dick: So if you make 50 grand a year, congratulations, that dog shit just cost you 500$.

Maddox: Yeah. That's great. That's a great solution to that problem.

Dick: Thanks!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I should bring it in on the bonus episode, which is our sponsor this episode. (Maddox laughs) Got to www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com and click on Bonus Episode to check that out. (Maddox and Sean laughing)

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: You gonna go?

Maddox: I got a real problem this week.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Alright? Enough of your…(grinning)

Dick: Always so fuckin' smug!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here, I got uh…I got something else for you before you do that. Lemme see. (grins)

Maddox: Okay.

(Voice mail: "Hello Dick and Maddox, I'm calling to confess, I'm the conductor from the Polar Express! Congrats, fellas! You've touched a million hearts. I've touched a million kids! We're both the best! (Maddox cracks up) **Oh, I'm late! Gotta take off on my maaaagic train! Merry Christmas! And don't forget - I'm a digital cyber demon!")**

Maddox: (laughing) Is that Boisterous Coconuts again?!

Dick: Boisterous Coconuts. Once again, "celebrities".

Maddox: Yeah. The…(laughing)…conductor…

Dick: The assigment is celebrities. (grinning) Assignment. What's the first thing that comes to your mind? The conductor of the Polar Express. Celebrities off the top of my head, uhh..Gumby.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Uh, Chester the Cheetah, the Cheetos mascot?

Maddox: The Staypuft Marshmallow Man?

Dick: Yeah. Classic celebrity call-ins. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Classic celebrities. (laughs) Great. Thanks, guys. Killin' it. Boisterous Coconuts! Alright, Dick, I got a real problem this week.

(Voice clip: "Boisterous Coconuts?")

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: (laughs) Diamonds!

Dick: Oooh. (serious)

Maddox: Okay?! Diamonds are a real fuckin' problem. And I think it's about time people woke up and realized what a sham they are.

Dick: Yeah. I agree with you.

Maddox: Yeah. So here's…just in a nutshell, here's the problem with diamonds. First of all, they can't store value. Everybody THINKS they can, but they can't, because they don't appreciate. Diamonds don't become more valuable. You can't hedge diamonds against inflation! Diamonds are an always-depreciating asset! They're not an investment. They're an always-depreciating asset. Always.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So, there's this website. It's a blog called www.priceonomics.com and they have this awesome post called "Diamonds are Bullshit", so this may be biased, I don't know.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It says here, "The market for gold is fairly liquid and gold is fungible." You know what that means? So…what that means is, you can trade one large piece of gold for 10 small pieces of gold. Or, it's like a 10 dollar bill.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you take a 10 dollar bill, you can exchange it for 10 one-dollar bills, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: You can't take a large diamond and exchange it for 10 small diamonds.

Dick: No.

Maddox: There's no 1:1 ratio. There's no set value for diamonds. Diamonds are bullshit.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. So those are the very base characteristics that make it feasible for investment. Diamonds don't have that. So stop spending money on them! Diamonds are not an investment in any circumstance. The market for them is neither liquid, nor are they fungible. So why are people still buying them and thinking that they are storing money in this as an investment?

Dick: Well, I love…I find the story of diamonds fascinating, because it's 100% marketing hype.

Maddox: It is.

Dick: Like, from the…before the…I think it's the 20s or the 30s, they were not associated with weddings in any way. They weren't associated with, like, class, or love, or anything like that. So I happen to find them fascinating. But, yeah. There's no investment value to them, primarily because there's no used market for them.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Nobody sells used diamonds.

Maddox: No.

Dick: They're only purchased new.

Maddox: It's because they've eliminated the used market for diamonds. There is none. Absolutely. There's a story here from 1978…so there's this article. This is an awesome article. It's huge. It's a really long piece. It's so well written. It's from the Atlantic, and it's called, "Have you ever tried to sell a diamond?" It's a very simple question, but most people…people who have been married and engaged and tried to resell their wedding rings or their engagement rings are in for a shock, because nobody wants to buy it! There's a lady in 1978, a wealthy woman in New York. She decided to sell back a diamond ring that she had bought from Tiffany two years earlier for 100,000$.

Dick: To whom, Tiffany?

Maddox: Yeah! She bought it from Tiffany.

Dick: She tried to sell it back to the store?

Maddox: To sell it back to the store. So she bought it from Tiffany and wanted to sell it back to the store. It's 100,000$. She's a big client, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So she wanted to use the proceeds to buy a necklace. She thought she would make some profit on this diamond. Surely it's appreciated!

Dick: Oh, God. Yeah.

Maddox: So, she walked in. She had read about some diamond boom in the news magazines and she'd hoped that she might make a profit, and then went to Tiffany. They explained to her that they have a strict policy against repurchasing diamonds. The sales executive assured her that the diamond was extremely valuable, however, and suggested another store. So the woman went down Fifth Avenue from store to store, trying to sell her diamond. One store offered her to swap it for another jewel and two other jewelers offered to accept the diamond on consignment only.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That means they would hold it for you and then give you a percentage of the sales if they were able to sell it.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And then pay her a percentage, of course. But none of the half dozen jewelers she visited would buy the diamond. She eventually gave up.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 100,000$ diamond. Shouldn't that be worth something?

Dick: Shouldn't it be worth something? I don't know. Now you're talking about people who have no sense buying a bunch of luxury goods. You know…that…I don't have as much of a problem with that. Unless you're building the case for, like, yeah, they're worthless.

Maddox: They are worthless.

Dick: They're absolutely worthless.

Maddox: They're absolutely worthless. So, in 1870. So…this is the story of diamonds. It's really fascinating. In 1870, there was this huge diamond mine discovered in South Africa. So suddenly, the market became flooded with diamonds. And diamonds were basically worthless. And the people who discovered these mines were some British investors, right? So they merged to create a monopoly so they could control the production and give the illusion of scarcity.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So they control all the diamond mines in South Africa that were just flooding the market with diamonds, and then they just stopped the supply. The name of the consolidated group is called De Beers. (Dick chuckles) Have you heard of De Beers?

Dick: Yeah, I have.

Maddox: Yeah, "diamonds are forever". Those guys, right? Founded in 1888. That's a long fuckin' time ago. In London, it's also called The Diamond Trading Company. In Israel, it's called The Syndicate.

Dick: Whoaa, geeeeez.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles) How fuckin' ominous is that?

Dick: That's dark.

Maddox: In Europe, it's called the Central Selling Organization. In South Africa, it's called the Diamond Development Corporation. So they own these diamond manufacturing and trading companies in England, Portugal, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland…they have a monopoly on the world!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Right? And so, Dick, you kinda mentioned this earlier that diamonds were basically worthless up until around the 1930s and early 40s. Right? So…

Dick: Well yeah, until De Beers hired…yeah, I've read this article too…until they've hired the marketing guy to come in…

Maddox: Right!

Dick: And convince young couples that a diamond is something they need to do to affirm their love.

Maddox: Exactly. That's exactly what happened.

Dick: It's brilliant!

Maddox: So, so…they came up with this marketing slogan called "Diamonds are Forever".

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And what's so insidious about this marketing slogan is that diamonds aren't forever in the sense that they are indestructible, because they're totally destructible. Diamonds can be chipped, guys. Diamonds lose color. They can be chipped. And they can be incinerated. These are things that happen to diamonds all the time.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Ask anyone who's had a giant jewel. Well, I don't know people who have giant jewels. Maybe my neighbors.

Dick: I've got two giant jewels. (grinning) Family jewels.

Maddox: Yeah. You're about to get a foot in them.

Dick: Passed down from generation to generation, man.

Maddox: Gross, dude. (Dick laughs) So…so in 1938…

Dick: I've been marketing these bad boys for years.

Maddox: Yeah. And they're still on the shelf. You can't resell 'em, you can't sell em the first time!

Sean: Still worthless. (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: I gotta find this old lady. This sucker. See if I can convince her to pick these babies up for 100 grand.

Maddox: Yeah. Those diamonds will stay in your pants forever.

Dick: Jewels, please.

Maddox: So, this guy, Harry Oppenheimer. Have you heard of the Oppenheimer trust?

Dick: Oppenheimer, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, Oppenheimer, right?

Dick: Built a bomb!

Maddox: He's the son…no, not that guy.

Dick: American hero.

Maddox: No, not that guy.

Dick: Who is he? His parents were rich. It might be that family.

Maddox: It may be related, actually. But yeah. Harry Oppenheimer, the son of the found of De Beers met with an advertising agency called N. W. Ayer. These are the guys who came up with the advertising slogan. The "diamonds are forever". Right? They were concerned about the falling prices of diamonds, so they gave diamonds to celebrities in movies to give as a symbol of love.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And it worked brilliantly. Because back then, this was before any kind of…this was just when motion pictures were becoming big, right?

Dick: This was before cynicism.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: This was a day where people just kind of believed everything.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah! And they convinced people that the larger the diamond, the greater the love!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Right? They also planted stories in magazines and newspapers, as well as radio programs to create a link between diamonds and romance. They flooded the market. By 1941, just three years later, they increased diamond sales by 55%.

Dick: Yeah, look. If I can interject. They did it and it worked, but you gotta admit, if they had tried that campaign with anything that wasn't a diamond, I don't think it would have worked. Like, there's something about diamonds where that shit worked. I'm not a defender of diamonds, I'm just saying they picked the perfect campaign for that particular stone.

Maddox: Well, it could have been…I mean, why diamonds? They could have done it with gold. Gold companies are doing that right now with gold. They're doing it…just watch CNN. There's always that stupid gold commercial where the lady comes on…

Dick: Cash for gold?

Maddox: No, not cash for gold, you dickhead. There's the other one, the gold traders. Where there's that lady who comes on, real smug, kinda British accent…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She says, (smarmy radio voice) "There's nothing more valuable than gold." You know who I'm talking about?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah. There's some dickhead on CNN who always…they're CNN advertisers.

Dick: But gold just wouldn't have worked. Like, they couldn't have suckered... I don't think you could sucker a little girl into looking at gold and a diamond and saying, "This one is love and so is this one." I think they're gonna reject the hypothesis that gold stands for love.

Maddox: Well, one of the biggest…

Dick: 'Cause it's a lumpy rock.

Maddox: No, but they use it as a gold ring. I mean, that's another thing, they've actually done that with gold. They make gold jewelry, and then jewelry has that intrinsic value of actually being jewelry.

Dick: Alright, I'll give you that one.

Maddox: so in 1947, Ayer took a mass psychology approach to suggest making diamonds a psychological necessity by lecturing high schools across the country.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Can you believe this shit!?!? They went to high schools all across the country and had lectures and assemblies preaching to little girls, indoctrinating them with this bullshit that diamonds are valuable and that's how they get love.

Dick: Can you imagine what a great time that would be to be alive?

Maddox: What?!

Dick: You can just go from high school to high school and sell hair tonic? You could tell your hot sauce, like, it grows chest hair. (Maddox laughs) You can say whatever you want! Say and do whatever you want. Nobody cared. No Internet to bust you.

Maddox: Yeah! And then…these were just the administrators of these schools letting these people in to just market diamonds to students! High school students!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's insane!!

Dick: Well, they still do that. Have you ever been part of a magazine drive at school?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (chuckles, disgusted)

Dick: You remember that shit?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you're just, like, using kids to sell your horseshit magazines?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That training…that psychological training is very much still alive. If I can tell a story about this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: My…the cooler guy. The guy who fills the cooler up with beers over at my place and brings them over the couch.

Maddox: Smart.

Dick: Smart guy, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He is a smart guy. He's a very intelligent guy.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: He was getting married.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And he's marrying a woman. Also very intelligent.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: She's a nurse practitioner. And they're a very logical couple. Which I find infuriating. I don't like logic in a partner. (Maddox chuckles) I don't like logic in friends. But they do. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: You don't like thinkers.

Dick: Um…

Maddox: Because it intimidates you.

Dick: No, no. no. I don't like any…no. It bores me to death. (laughs) (Maddox laughs) So, they had this conversation when he proposed, about diamonds.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And the consensus of it was, she said, "Look, I just can't explain it, I know it's horseshit. I know it's, like, killing people. But I just want a diamond. I just want a diamond ring."

Maddox: Dick, that sounds like exactly like something you would say.

Dick: Uhh….yeah.

Maddox: "I know x, y, and z are true, but I just want it."

Dick: Yeah that's called being a human, you fuckin' robot! Of course it's something I would say! (Maddox cracks up) So what's my friend say? Of course, he's like, "Look…" he tells me this, and I'm like, "Here's what you do. You get a fake one and just tell her it's real!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it doesn't matter. It doesn't matter. Right?

Maddox: Right!

Dick: She says it doesn't matter. She just needs that psychological thing.

Maddox: Riiiight. Give her a placebo!

Dick: Right. Great "me" plan, right?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So he goes, "Actually, she kinda hinted at that."

Maddox: Ohhh!

Dick: "That if I were to do that, it wouldn't be the end of the world."

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: But he just…he couldn't do it.

Maddox: Very gracious of her.

Dick: Indeed.

Maddox: To allow him to spend a little bit less on this bullshit imaginary made-up item.

Dick: Maddox. Maddox.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is the language that people speak, okay?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: We have to hint at things! We can't come outright and say it!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You say, if this were to happen, she managed to slide this message secretly to him, with cues and whatever, and hints, and subconscious clues.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he picked up on it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And I was like, "Mission accomplished, then!" And his response was, "I just can't do it." Like, I can't lie to her. So NOT ONLY was she infected by it…

Maddox: Oh, my God!!!!

Dick: By the…brainwashing, so was he! 'Cause he felt that still, somehow, he was robbing her of something.

(Sound effect: Booing)

Maddox: That's such a big failure.

Dick: No! So he went down to this diamond store in Tustin. Right? That shitty one that's always on the radio, that you wonder, like, who the fuck would buy their wedding diamond from this store?

Maddox: I don't know. What's the ad?

Dick: The Diamond Mart. The Tustin Diamond Exchange.

Maddox: Never heard of it.

Dick: No. It's…it's right off the freeway.

Maddox: I don't know!

Dick: Like, you can throw a diamond onto the freeway from this…

Maddox: Dick, we have listeners in Sweden right now who have no fuckin' idea, including me, what you're talking about!

Dick: It's off the road. It's off the…they know freeways, right?

Maddox: Yeah…(giggles)…I guess.

Dick: Okay. Living next to the freeway is not a luxurious place to be.

Maddox: Oh, so you're saying it's a diamond store off the freeway, so it's not a fancy diamond store.

Dick: Yeah. Yes. You can throw trash either from the freeway into the diamond store…

Maddox: Alright. (grinning)

Dick: …or throw handfuls of diamonds onto the freeway.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs) Fair enough.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That last thing you wanna hear when you're buying a wedding engagement ring is the roar of semis rushing past the door. (Maddox laughs) Not romantic. Anyway. We go down there. The guy drops a thousand bucks. Which was, like, a reasonable…which happened to be the reasonable price of a stone.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I mean, you looked at the 5,000$ one, couldn't tell the difference.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You looked at the 900$ one, it looked like someone froze a drop of piss.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay. Yeah they're always, like, yellow. They have a yellow hue to them.

Dick: They're awful.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So he picked the thousand dollar one and that was that.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That was…that was…that's the lasting effect of this brainwashing that's on…you've got an entire couple!

Maddox: An entire couple, whoa. (sarcasm)

Dick: Yeah. Both sides! (Maddox laughs) I'm saying both sides!

Maddox: Oh, yeah, both sides.

Dick: It wasn't even an argument, it was…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah.

Dick: She let him off the hook, but he couldn't let himself off the hook!

Maddox: That's such bullshit, man.

Dick: Hey! You can't…what are you gonna do? You gonna drop a thousand bucks or are you gonna live with that for the rest of your life?

Maddox: I would live with it!

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: I'm doing…I'm doing the couple a favor. I'm doing the relationship a favor by lying to my girlfriend or wife. (excited) Hey. Here's your diamond, idiot. I spent a lot of money on it. And then just actually spend the money on things that you need!

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: Like…

Dick: Video games?

Maddox: Yeah! Maybe. A nice spaghetti dinner. I don't know. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Yeah, but that's a psychological benefit too, right? She gets to look at this stupid ring. It's like…it benefits her to look at it.

Maddox: How? No. It doesn't benefit her at all! (disgusted)

Dick: It does. She feels good looking at it.

Maddox: No, she doesn't.

Dick: That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Noooooooooo. You know what that is? That's an albatross, man. That's just sitting on your finger.

Dick: How…what is an albatross to you?

Maddox: I…

Dick: Get into that.

Maddox: No.

Dick: What is the albatross? (laughing)

Maddox: Nope. Shut up. (Dick cracks up) Dick…I…you know. So, diamonds are worthless, right? They're worthless, they're not fungible. They're not an investment.

Dick: No.

Maddox: But worse than that, they're killing people, right?

Dick: Okay. (skeptical)

Maddox: So you've heard of the expression "blood diamond".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is what it means. There's this documentary on YouTube. It's called "Blood Diamond: The True Story". It's actually really good. I have this clip from it. Listen to this.

(Clip: "From 1991 to 2001, a brutal war raged between the government and a rebel group called the RUF. The Revolutionary United Front. A war funded in part by diamonds." (different voice) "They said they were fighting for democracy, but they fought against civilians.")

Maddox: Yeah.

(Clip: "And they used diamonds to fuel the whole thing. They used diamonds to get the guns to fight the war.")

Maddox: So these PRICKS who are sitting around buying diamonds for their wives because they're afraid to LIE and give them a placebo! (yelling) (Dick and Sean laugh) To give them the gift of a placebo!

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Instead of that, these people…these poor people in Somalia…wait, where was it? Somalia. Yeah. These Somali fighters are being killed. People are getting scarred.

Children are dying. And they're paid less than 100 pounds per year as their salary to get these diamonds and there's an ongoing war that's been going on for years and years and here we are, a bunch of fat cats sitting here with a bunch of rocks on our fingers, 'cause we like shiny things. Fuck off.

Dick: You know what it sounds like? I don't know if you agree with this, but it sounds to me like diamonds are dog shit. (Maddox laughs) So a vote for dog shit is…

Maddox: (interjects) Fuck you, Dick! (laughing) No, you're not gonna steal it that way! Hey, Dick, uh, real quick before we move onto the next problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, people loved when I had "Dick Versus Dick" as a segment. So I brought in another "Dick Versus Dick" this time.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: Yeah, you wanna hear this?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, here we go.

(Clip: Ritzy, upbeat carnival music, deep voice, "Dick Versus Dick!!")

Maddox: I love it so much. (laughs) Okay, here we go. So, Dick. This was from an early episode. Let's see if you remember this.

(Clip: Dick (upset): "Look, I'm just sick of getting called a pussy in the comments for not swearing enough! There's too much swearing. No. I'm not gonna do it.")

Maddox: Oh. Not gonna do it. Too much swearing, huh, Dick?

Dick: I still try not to!

Maddox: Oh, really?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, this is from the last episode alone.

Dick: Uh-oh. (cracks up laughing)

Maddox: This was within, like a 5-minute span. From episode number 25…just a 5-minute span. Listen to this!

(Clips: Dick: "That's horseshit." "There's no fuckin' way." "Dogshit." "When am I gonna fucking learn!?" "It's just some shithead." "Shit." "Big fuckin' white asshole." "Asshole wizard!" "You're fuckin' up traffic!" "Fuck you, man. Fuck you.")

(Maddox, Dick, and Sean cracking up)

Dick: Asshole white wizard?!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: That was what I was talking about?! (laughing so hard it's hard to hear him)

Maddox: You called him a "big asshole wizard!" (laughing)

Dick: Alright, well.

Sean: Do you remember when he called…

Dick: (interjects) What is this, piling on?!?! What?! (Maddox laughing)

Sean: When he called Neil DeGrasse Tyson an "effing jerk".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He is an effing jerk. I wasn't that pissed off when I was saying that, though.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh. (grinning)

Dick: I gotta respect that guy. He's a physicist.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs) Another classic Dick Versus Dick.

Dick: Here, I got some more…I got some more celebrities who called in…(giggles)

Maddox: Oh, great. Let's hear it.

(Voice mail: "This is Emperor Palpatine wishing you a happy million downloads!!)

Dick: (laughing) Classic celebrity. (Maddox laughing)

(Voice mail: (sounds nothing like Palpatine) "I'm also calling to ask if you want to join my new podcast network, Fear Wolf. (Maddox laughs) **With your talent and audience and my ability to push the Upload button, we will rule the Galaxy!!! Of podcasts")**

Dick: That's pretty good.

Maddox: Is that Boisterous again?!?!

Dick: Yeah, that's Boisterous Coconuts again.

Maddox: Boisterous…(laughing)

(New voice mail: (sounds nothing like Morgan Freeman) "Maddox. Dick Masterson. This is Morgan Freeman,")

Dick: Yeah. It might be.

(Voice mail: "I would like to congratulate you…")

Dick: He's not dead, is he?

Maddox: No. (grinning)

(Voice mail: "On over one million downloads.")

Dick: Uh, it kinda falls apart there.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Sean: He's also not white. (Dick laughing)

Maddox: Or British.

(Voice mail: "You guys are both tremendous assholes and lazy pieces of shit.")

Dick: Alright. Thank you, Morgan Freeman.

Maddox: Great, thank you Morgan Freeman (laughing)

Dick: Thanks for calling in.

Maddox: Wow, what a beautiful..(cracks up) Morgan Freeman. One of the most distinctive voices. NOT EVEN CLOSE. (Dick laughing his head off) Might as well have been Schwarzenegger!!!!

Sean: And who tells him that that's good enough, to like, do?

Dick: I did. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Sean: Oh, my God. (Dick and Maddox dying of laughter)

Dick: Okay. Here's my…here's my next problem. Remember how I got all that dog shit all over my shoes?

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: Okay. So I'm right outside my apartment.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckles)

Dick: I walk over the my apartment, pissed about the dog shit all over my shoes, thinking I'm just gonna wipe it on some grass, right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: 'Cause there's nothing better for getting dogshit off your shoes than grass.

Maddox: Not true. But go on.

Dick: What is better at getting dog shit off your shoes than grass?

Maddox: One of those, like, bristly metal brushes!

Dick: Look, logically, I think that's true, but when you put it to the test, grass just always works somehow.

Maddox: I mean, it's there. I'll use it. Yeah, I'll use grass over most things.

Dick: Yeah. And to get a bristly brush, I gotta go up into my apartment anyway.

Maddox: Yeah. I guess. Or you could go to the convenience store. ANYWAY, go on.

Dick: Your plan is falling apart! (Maddox laughs) Guess what I have in front of my apartment complex?! FAKE GRASS! FAKE, SYNTHETIC, TURF GRASS. Do you know what that is?!? (yelling)

(Sound effect: "Well, that's unfortunate.")

Dick: (yelling) Yeah! It's real fuckin' unfortunate! (Maddox laughing) So now I'm sitting there with shit all over my shoes, wondering if I should just smear it around on what's basically plastic carpet!!!!

Maddox: Who cares? (laughing)

Dick: Who cares? It'll be there FOREVER. It'll look like…it'll look like someone shit themselves and then wiped their asshole in front of my apartment building. This is the dilemma I'm in now.

Maddox: Yeah. Fake grass.

Dick: Fake grass. And it's all over the place now. So I can either walk through the fake grass and get to the real grass outside and wipe all this dog shit off my shoes.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Or! Or! I can walk through the parking lot and have little dog shit tracks through the entire parking lot, that's way longer than just walking straight to the backyard. Or!

Maddox: Or! Not text and walk. (laughs)

Dick: That's option 3. Or. Option 4!

Maddox: (laughing) Okay.

Dick: Walk through the apartment building, 'cause it's closer than the parking lot, and it will be cleaned.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: The apartment building is gonna get cleaned. I know that.

Maddox: Some peasant will come through and clean it.

Dick: Somebody who has a job to clean the apartment complex, okay? I'm creating jobs. (angry) (Maddox laughing) The grass…the grass outside…the fake grass…is NEVER gonna get cleaned! (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: Do you ever…do you see…you have fake grass in your neighborhood.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you see anybody out there with a mop every week cleaning that plastic shit up?

Maddox: No. They should. Or a vacuum cleaner, or something. How…how the fuck do you clean that shit?

Dick: It doesn't!!

Maddox: Because no organisms live in it. Animals aren't gonna live in this.

Dick: Right. Right!

Maddox: Insects aren't gonna live in this. The dog shit isn't going to, like, break down and decompose in there, because there's no bacteria living on this, like, weird foreign astro-fucking-turf, that's made in fucking NASA laboratories and now it's all over our fucking lawns.

Dick: In China! Yeah.

Maddox: And it NEVER looks real, either!!

Dick: Of course it doesn't look real!

Maddox: Throw some yellow in there!

Dick: It's the fake tits of landscaping!

Maddox: It IS the fake tits of landscaping.

Dick: It's awful. So I walk through my lobby.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Guess who fucking comes right out of the manager's office when I'm doing this.

Maddox: Emperor Palpatine. (cracks up)

Dick: (laughs) Yeah. A celebrity that everyone knows. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: The manager goes…the manager, who I have had problems with in the past…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was putting out…right when I moved in. The first fucking weekend when I moved in. I unpacked, like, half of my shit and I took my boxes down…you know, my cardboard moving boxes?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Thinking I was being a great guy. I'll just put these out…I'll just put these out on the street.

Maddox: Okay. (suppressing a giggle)

Dick: 'Cause people always need moving boxes.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And they're a ripoff.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So here's me, again, trying to be a good guy.

Maddox: Dick, but if you leave a big pile of shit on the street, people will think it just has bedbugs in it!

Dick: Maddox. This was before bedbugs.

Maddox: (laughs) Okay.

Dick: First of all.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Secondly, this is Hollywood. Nobody gives a shit.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Fair enough.

Dick: There's shit lying up and down the street. It looks like a Mad Max movie.

Maddox: So you're being a nice guy. Go on, philanthropist. Yeah.

Dick: So I put…yeah. So I'm being a nice guy. I put the boxes down. Same apartment manager comes up, "Hey, what are you doing? Those go in the recycling bin."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm like, "Uhhh, they're brand new boxes! I AM recycling them!!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Someone's gonna come here and pick them up and use them as-is. This is as recycling as it gets!!!!

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: So, same woman comes out. "Um…what's that smell?"

Maddox: Aaaaaahhahaha. (laughing)

Dick: Well, here's my plan. And I explain it to her. Whatever. Point is…this fake grass… these fake lawns. They look ugly. They're gonna look uglier 'cause they're gonna get gross shit all over them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I hate them.

Maddox: (chuckles) Mmkay. Well that…

Dick: That's the problem.

Maddox: That third point is the biggest point, I think, that you have in your favor. Is that you hate them. Uhhh…what about vomit? What other stuff…

Dick: I mean…I hate vomit less than fake grass.

Maddox: No no, but vomit is also a thing that you're gonna eventually find on this grass. It's gonna be vomit, dog shit, baby diapers…what else? What else do people throw out? Diamonds, 'cause they're worthless. (Dick laughs) It's gonna be LITTERED with diamonds, everywhere!!

Dick: So, in 2012, there's over 35 million square feet of synthetic grass for landscaping and recreational use and it's growing 10% to 15% every year.

Maddox: Okay. Well, Dick, what about people who would say that, well, all this fake grass is saving a shit ton of water!

Dick: I fucking hate them already.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what I think about them.

Maddox: Yeah, I can't even argue that point. I don't give a shit about it. (laughing)

Dick: But if you WASH it…(laughs) I brought in some problems with fake grass. Do you wanna hear 'em?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, let's hear 'em.

Dick: And this is…I think this is off one of their websites. Or some…I dunno what it's off of. I'll post the link later. "After heavy foot traffic or after furniture has sat on the lawn for a long time, an artificial lawn may flatten and require fluffing with a rake."

Maddox: (laughs) Fluffing, huh? Sounds like someone's gonna be on their hands and knees blowing this thing.

Dick: Yeah. They sure will be.

Maddox: Yeah. Fluffing with a rake. I'm not gonna fucking rake…(yelling) That's the whole POINT of having a fake lawn! You don't have to fuckin' rake it!!

Dick: YEP! The whole point.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You may have to pull up weeds.

Maddox: Yeah, that's TRUE actually! I walk by this fake-ass lawn in my neighborhood. Every time I walk by it, I kinda chuckle, because it's fake grass, but real weeds. There's just weeds growing all around it.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's the only thing that fucking lives in this thing!

Dick: "In direct summer sun, synthetic grass becomes much hotter than natural turf and can smell like hot rubber."

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah. It does.

Dick: Great. Sounds great.

Maddox: And it feels really gross, too. It feels, like, almost latexy.

Dick: It does. Uhhh…lemme see. There's one thing…oh yeah. "On a hot summer afternoon, children and pets cannot play or walk barefoot on an artificial lawn surface." So basically nothing alive can be on it in the summer.

Maddox: Yeah. Perfect. Great.

Dick: Awesome. AWESOME replacement, instead of just dirt!

Maddox: You know where…you know where the only two places in the world that I can think that this would make sense…is Las Vega and Dubai. Because both are shithole deserts where nothing can grow. Nothing real can grow, so everything has to be artificial. Everything. So might as well put that shit out there. Have it melt, have it do whatever the fuck. 'Cause who cares. It's the fuckin' desert and it doesn't belong out there anyway.

Dick: Harmful substances such as zinc or nonylphenol may leach from the recycled rubber granules and pollute water, according to the Washington Toxics Coalition.

Maddox: Hey, are you talking about fake grass or Fireball Whiskey? I'm gettin' thirsty, here. (Dick and Maddox chuckle)

Dick: Yeah. That's…it's too hot to walk on. It's ugly as shit. And what happens…what happens to all the piss and the shit that gets on it.

Maddox: Yeah. It stays there forever.

Dick: Just answer me that. It stays there forever.

Maddox: Because what's underneath it? It's like some weird foam, cushiony thing, right?

Dick: It's ground-up tires.

Maddox: Is that really what it is?

Dick: It's ground-up tires from a dump yard.

Maddox: Oh, that's gotta be great for the environment.

Dick: Yeah. That's a POSITIVE according to the synthetic grass people.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: That they can recycle tires!

Maddox: Great. Great. Why don't we just burn 'em? That's what we do anyway, right? We just burn tires.

Dick: I think we burn everything. Everything I know about trash comes from the Simpson's theme song, though, so that might not be true.

Maddox: Oh, that's true. The opening shot of it is just, like, big teetering piles of tires, isn't it?

Dick: Yeah. Here's regarding pee and poop, from the synthetic grass people website?

Maddox: Tchyeah. (scoffs)

Dick: What about…this is on their FAQ. Those are always delightful, right?

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: 'Cause they're always such softball, horseshit problems.

Maddox: And let's not forget what the 'F' stands for. Frequently. It's for frequently asked questions.

Dick: Right, right, right.

Maddox: Let's hear what they say about pee and poop.

Dick: "What about pets? What happens to dog urine and waste?" "Dogs love our grass." (Maddox laughs) "They think it's real."

Maddox: Oh! All the dogs we interviewed said this!!

Dick: Yeah. This is with a straight face.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: They think that a bunch of plastic shit on the floor is real. The…you know. The things that have, like, superhuman smelling, like animal instincts.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: They think that a bunch of ground-up rubber tires and plastic barbs sticking out of the ground is real. 'Cause they're so stupid.

Maddox: (sighs) Dick, you know.

Sean: Not to mention that they EAT grass.

Dick: Oh, yeah. YEAH. Do they eat this stuff? I guess so. They think it's real.

Maddox: Yeah, but they also eat their own poop. I'm gonna say this is a toss-up. (Sean laughs)

Dick: "Dog urine is not a problem." (Maddox laughs) I love when people start with "It's not a problem." 'Cause it means it's definitely an enormous problem.

Maddox: Of course. Yeah.

Dick: "Dog urine is not a problem, as it flushes through the turf's drainage holes…"

Maddox: Ew.

Dick: "And drainage system when hosed off or when it rains."

Maddox: So…so…all them water savings that you would save in not watering your lawn… now you have to get out there with a hose and hose off dog piss, shit, urine, vomit, and anything else.

Dick: Anything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And dead things.

Maddox: Bacardi Limon.

Dick: (laughs) "Solid waste is cleaned in the same manner as natural grass." No, it's not.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's just not.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's not. 'Cause you're talking about a carpet.

Maddox: No, because solid waste decomposes and there's all sorts of bugs and little insects and annoying little ticks and bugs and bullshit that eat that! In the grass.

Dick: Yeah. It's called an ecosystem.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: You don't replace it with fuckin' plastic. "This synthetic grass will not stain." I… (stammers) I don't even know how someone could say that with a straight face. Something won't stain.

Maddox: Yeah. Won't stain. Everything stains, idiots.

Dick: So there you go. That's my…that's my second problem. And I found both of these problems…every week, like, I'm worried about the endgame point where there will be no more problems to discuss on this show…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And yet, I generated those two problems in the course of about three minutes!

Maddox: Yeah. The key word there is "generated", Dick. I agree. No, there are so many problems! It's "The Biggest Problem In The Universe", Dick. We gotta bring everything in. And speaking of…

Dick: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. I got another celebrity voice…this one's actually a celebrity.

Maddox: Oh. Great. (laughing)

(Voice mail: "Hey, is this Maddox? Congratulations on 1 million downloads…this..")

Dick: Any guess who this is? (laughing)

Maddox: Oh, boy. Oscar the Grouch. I don't know.

Dick: (laughs) No.

(Voice mail: "Brian Doyle-Murray, Bill Murray's older brother. (Maddox laughs) **I called to say that of all the worthless pieces of shit I've ever encountered in my long career, you are far and away one of them.")**

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Okay. Great.

Dick: I didn't know you worked with that guy.

Maddox: Bill Murray's brother?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Big celebrity. (Dick laughs) Who?! Brian O'Doyle? What?!

Dick: (laughing) Brian Doyle-Murray.

Maddox: Brian Doyle-Murray?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Never heard of the guy.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Great, thanks. (laughing) You know what, Dick? (Dick cracks up)

Dick: This was the assignment. Simple assignment, right?

Maddox: Yeah..(laughing)

Dick: Celebrity.

Maddox: Celebrities.

Dick: Off the top of your head, name three celebrities.

Maddox: Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Dick: Great celebrity! Funny voice!

Maddox: Prince.

Dick: Prince, also a funny voice!

Maddox: Michael Jackson. Paul Rubens!

Dick: Hilarious voices all around! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Simple, easy-to-execute voices! (Dick laughs) We get Bill Murray's fucking brother and Emperor Palpatine! (Dick and Maddox laughing) NOT a celebrity. Probably not even in the Star Wars universe.

Dick: And one is a fake person.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And not a human, also.

Maddox: Not a human, no.

Dick: I think. I dunno how that canon goes, but…okay. Go ahead.

Maddox: So, Dick. Speaking of real problems. "Chaise sofas".

Dick: (scoffs) Okay.

Maddox: You know what this is? Chaise lounge sofas? You know what a chaise lounge is?

Dick: Yeah. It's something for looking awesome.

Maddox: No. (laughing) It's not anything for looking awesome, you big…

Dick: And relaxing.

Maddox: No, you big pussy! You know where they came from? By the way, it's spelled C-H-A-I-S-E. A lot of people pronounce them "chase" lounges or "chase" sofas.

Dick: We call those people the proletariat. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: So, chaise lounges…also known as a long chair or a fainting couch. Have you heard of this?

Dick: Yeah! Oh yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're speaking my language. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. So…(Maddox and Sean crack up) Okay. Great, Dick. (Dick laughs) So these were popular in the 19th century. There are two theories on how these were developed. The first one, speaking of you lookin' awesome, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: One theory is that for the predominance of fainting couches is that women were actually fainting because their corsets were too tight.

Dick: Oh, man. What a great time.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Is that why you use them, Dick? 'Cause your corset's too tight and you faint?

Dick: No, I think they were also invented because a guy was laying on the cough and he said, "Man, I'm so sick of putting my feet up on this stupid armrest." So he just kicked it off! (Maddox laughs) And that was how it was invented.

Maddox: No, that's not how it was invented, Dick.

Dick: (laughs) I think I have invented a couple of chaise lounges like that.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't think so. I think it's more likely the following theory, and this is probably what happened to you. "The second most common theory…" this is according to Wikipedia, "The second most common theory for the predominance of fainting couches is home treatment for the female hysteria through manual pelvic massage by home visiting doctors and midwives."

Dick: Yeah, man. (raunchy) So it's a finger bang couch. (Maddox laughing) Is that what you're saying?!

Maddox: No!!! No! (laughs)

Dick: Is that what you're saying? That's what you're saying! Pelvic massage to prevent hysteria?!

Maddox: Dick, first of all. It's impossible to not look fat sitting on one of these!

Dick: Wait a minute! (scoffs) This changed gears really quickly.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I'm talking about finger banging and you're talking about lookin' fat!

Maddox: Yeah. Everyone who…first of all, if you're laying down on one of these things, what, do you want to finger bang someone laying down in this thing?

Dick: I want to finger bang anywhere, all the time. Roller coaster, car, chaise lounge, a dog house, wherever.

Maddox: Gross, man. Is that why your fingers smell like Vienna sausages?! (laughing)

Dick: How do you lay on a chaise lounge? That's your problem.

Maddox: I don't!

Dick: Lemme show you how to do it.

Maddox: I fucking don't! No man lays on a chaise lounge! You get the fuck out.

Dick: No, no, no, no.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: You look…you look erotic on a chaise lounge.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They work FOR you.

Maddox: No, they don't!

Dick: But you gotta go with it.

Maddox: Guys don't look erotic!

Dick: Burt Reynolds! And his Playboy spread? Man, that pose, where he's…

(Sound effect: "Ding!")

Maddox: Correct.

Dick: Correct! That's erotic as shit.

Maddox: That is erotic.

Dick: That mustache…oh my God. Thank God that mustache is there so I don't have to look down at his junk.

Maddox: Yeah. No, guys don't make it past the mustache.

Dick: No.

Maddox: We end there. We fantasize about the mustache. That's it.

Dick: How are you sitting on them?

Maddox: I don't sit on them, Dick!

Dick: Where you look fat? (laughs)

Maddox: Do you…(stammers) Everyone looks fat on a chaise lounge. Everyone! And second, when I go to a friend's house and they have one of these fucking sofas…their L-shaped sofas. The worst FUCKING invention. I hate them so much, I get pissed off!! When I walk into someone's apartment and it's gonna be a big event like a Superbowl, or we're watching movies or something and I take one look at their living room and I see one of these fucking L-couches with the chaise lounge at the end!

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Chaise lounge are deceptive, because you see them, they're long, right? They're the length of a couch…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But they're only a sear for one, and nobody's gonna sit in it, because you're gonna look like a fucking Bourgeois dickhead, sitting back, like, with your fat ass gut.

Dick: Whoa. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Eating Cheetos. I bet your buddy with the cooler has one of these chaise lounges.

Dick: Yeah..oh, uhh…I think he has two. He has one of those couches that has one on each side.

Maddox: Oh, I hate them so much! I hate them…nobody can sit comfortably on this thing. There's no back support. There's no back rest. You have to sit on the end like an asshole. You might as well have an ottoman.

Dick: You might as well have a beautiful lady feeding you grapes. That's what you should say.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what you meant to say.

Maddox: Except no beautiful lady is hanging out with you and your bozo L-couch. (Dick laughs) Like a fucking loser. Chaise lounges.

Dick: You really hate chaise lounges that much?

Maddox: I…(stammers) it RUINS my day if I go to a friend's house to watch a movie and they have a chaise lounge.

Dick: But…

Maddox: (interjects) I see that thing and it just…it makes my blood boil! (angry)

Dick: Listen to me. A chaise lounge…here's why I love 'em. If you're in one, you have this…you have this…and maybe this is just me. I don't think so. You have this air of not being able to get up. Like, if you're lying in one…people will get you things, 'cause they think "Well he's in a chaise lounge, he can't possibly get up."

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: I'm not gonna disturb his relaxation. I'm just gonna go get him the beer.

Maddox: Yeah. And he looks too fat to get up.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. It's great.

Maddox: No. It's a lose-lose…

Dick: (interjects) It's a magic chair!

Maddox: You look…no. 'Cause here's the thing…if I see someone sitting in the chaise lounge, I think, "Well, there's a person who needs to rethink their decisions in life." (Dick cracks up) I'm not getting them shit!

Dick: That's so fucked! (laughing)

Maddox: That shit pisses me off. It infuriates me! To the point, Dick, where I decided to rethink the living room a long time ago.

Dick: The concept of the living room, or your living room?

Maddox: The concept…(laughs)…well, both.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The concept of a living room and my living room. I decided to…instead of getting a couch, I decided to just get a couple of chairs. Because if you think about the classic couch scenario in a living room, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You have the couch, which is…it looks like three seats, but it's not, really, because no…yeah…(stammers) it could be. If it's long…if it's wide enough, three people could sit down on the couch, right?

Dick: (laughs) Yeah.

Maddox: Then you have the love seat. Yeah. Then you have the love seat…

Dick: Uh-huh. (grinning)

Maddox: Which LOOKS like a two-person seat, but nobody's gonna sit next to someone on the love seat. Even if you're dating them. Because it's just too gross.

Dick: Oh…lemme ask you something.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you ever sit on the same side of the table with a woman at a restaurant?

Maddox: I have.

Dick: Okay. But you don't wanna sit in a love seat with her?

Maddox: No. Because the restaurant scenario is different. 'Cause I don't want my back turned to the door.

Dick: Okay. (laugh) That…

Maddox: In case someone comes in, right?

Dick: I'm so glad I asked a follow-up question.

Sean: What are you, a Vietnam vet?

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: No, he's Quick Draw Maddox over here.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm always keepin' an eye on the place, guys! You're not gonna get the jump on me. I'll get the jump on you.

Dick: That's why…I think the chaise lounge makes you uncomfortable.

Maddox: Oh, of course.

Dick: Because you have to relax to get in it and you're so keyed up, you can't allow that.

Maddox: Dick, you CAN'T relax in these things, they're fucking God-awful. They only have…It's…it's like sitting on a…on a vertical L-shape. It's a 3D L. L is the most uncomfortable letter I can think of next to K.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Might as well be a K.

Dick: Yeah, but look at even the way we sit when we're doing this. You are…I am ALWAYS leaning this microphone stand back so I can relax more.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay.

Dick: And you are always perfectly on mic.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Speaking directly into it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think it's just not your chair, man! It's not a problem.

Maddox: No. It's a huge problem, buddy!

Dick: Just don't sit in them.

Maddox: I don't!

Dick: Leave 'em for people like me.

Maddox: I don't! I fucking…

Dick: (interjects) And women with corsets. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. And women with hysteria who need massages.

Dick: Pelvic massages.

Maddox: They're not..okay. So anyway, Dick. (Dick laughs) The living room. The living room. You have the cough. You have the love seat, which is a two-seat, but deceptively, because only one…if you and your bro are gonna go, you're not gonna sit next to me on a love seat!

Dick: No.

Maddox: You fuck off, right?

Dick: I'd sit on the floor.

Maddox: And then…yeah. Of course. You'd sit on the floor before you'd sit next to another dude on a love seat, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Even if you're interested in the guy. (Dick cracks up) And then you have… (Maddox laughs)

Dick: True.

Maddox: And then you have…then you have the…the…standalone chair. The big, like, throne-like chair.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that's the classic…

Dick: Oh, are you saying a literal throne, like you have? Or a throne like a normal person would have?

Maddox: (laughing) Like a normal person would have. Not like I have. You have, like, the La-Z-Boy.

Dick: He has a throne in his living room.

Maddox: I do. That's true. No, I'm talking about, like, the La-Z-Boy. So essentially, if you count up the number of seats you have, you have two, maybe three with the couch, one with the love seat, and then one with the La-Z-Boy. That's a grand total of five fucking seats.

Dick: Kay.

Maddox: Garbage. You know what I decided? I'm just gonna buy five comfortable chairs to sit on. And I did for a long time. Now, there was…

Dick: That's weird, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a real fuckin' weird house that you're walking into with five seats. (grinning)

Maddox: I know. Oh, I know.

Dick: It's like you're a supervillain organization, everybody's sitting in their chair.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it was.

Dick: Or like, Dad Club.

Maddox: It looked weird.

Dick: Like the Chicago Bears guys hang out.

Maddox: You know, it was pretty cool, and in theory, it worked. My friends loved it. However, there was a flaw in this plan.

Dick: Women.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing) They're not gonna want to sit in La-Z-Boys.

Maddox: No. No. They don't.

Dick: Well, lemme tell you why you're a huge hypocrite.

Maddox: (giggles) Okay.

Dick: Because you have ottomans.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And what's an ottoman, is just a do-it-yourself chaise lounge.

Maddox: No…

Dick: Yeah, it is.

Maddox: No. No, they're not. (laughs)

Dick: Sure it is. You just line it up to the chair. Boom! Chaise lounge.

Maddox: You can put…no! That's not a chaise lounge. It's easy to get in and out of a chair with an ottoman. You just kick it. And if someone's pissing you off and they're sitting down on the ground because they came over and you bought a fucking loveseat and they're sitting on the ground like you? You can kick the ottoman at their head! It's fucking great. I love ottomans. I can kick ottomans all day. I love it! And then ottomans also double as storage. You can put your shoes in them. You can put your smelly, dog shit shoes in your ottomans. (Sean laughs) How about that, Dick? Seal it up for posterity. (Dick chuckles) Maybe bring it out in a million years and they're diamonds.

Dick: I dunno, man. I like to be comfortable. At all times.

Maddox: Hah! Great. Great, Dick. You know what? Chaise lounges don't make anyone comfortable. They're three less seats. Every time you go to someone's house, look at the L-shaped couches. They're deceptively big. They're so fucking big, you think, "Oh man, everyone can sit on this thing." But NOBODY can sit on them!

Dick: No, you got the…is that what it is? 'Cause I'm picturing a chaise lounge like a Victorian, sculpted, wooden sleigh.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Yeah. You're thinking of the right thing. Except the chaise sofas… so they've…they've tried to combine…they've combined the worst of both worlds. So they took the sofa, which is already flawed because they have that L angle, which nobody can sit in. Nobody's gonna sit in the L because it's wide and it's weird…

Dick: You gotta cuddle up, dude.

Maddox: No…who are you gonna cuddle up against? You're fucking watching the Superbowl! (annoyed) You're not cuddling with shit! Fuck off with your chaise lounge! Man that pisses me off. And then…so they have this chaise on the end of the sofa.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the L-shape. And everything's uncomfortable. And the pillows are rough. And it's always that stupid, fake…what is it? What's the material they use in couches?

Dick: Naugahyde?

Maddox: Is it naugahyde?

Dick: That fake leather?

Maddox: No, not even the fake leather. I don't mind that.

Dick: Oh, that fake, like, felt, velvety soft shit that, like, just sticks to you?

Maddox: Yeah. The felt, velvety…yeah. And it just stinks, like, after a while, 'cause everybody eats popcorn. And what's with you idiots eating popcorn and just rubbing your… grinding your greasy fingers into whatever fabric you're sitting on. What are you, inhuman?

Dick: No. There is no respect for furniture.

Maddox: No.

Dick: I'm with you now.

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: 'Cause I have this beautiful leather couch.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A very simple, three-seater leather cough, and a simple, like, throne seat. A one-seater. And when I picked leather, everybody laid into me. Like, they thought it was hilarious that I was getting a leather cough.

Maddox: Leather's great!

Dick: Yeah. It's like, you guys…can you not just dump your food all over yourself while you're sitting in it? That's all. That's all I'm asking. It's not that crazy. I think I've only had like one or two spills in the four years I've had it.

Maddox: I don't give a shit what anyone spills on leather. You just wipe it off. It's no big deal. It's that other bullshit that just stinks and reeks and it just sucks up everything like a sponge, unlike your fake-ass grass.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Bringing it back.

Dick: You got me there.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. What are the problems this week?

Dick: We had…umm…God, what did I have? I had "Dog Shit", and…"Curb Your Dog".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Should that be the problem? Yeah, that's the problem. "Curb Your Dog".

Maddox: "People Who Don't Curb Their Dogs"?

Dick: I mean…I dunno.

Maddox: Well "Curb Your Dog" is a command, Dick. That's not a…(laughs) phrase it in the way of a problem. Come on. I don't wanna be all Jeopardy on this, but I gotta call you out on some of these fuckin' bullshit problems! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah. I got shit in the comments for phrasing "Catcalling Wrong".

Maddox: "Everybody Needs to Lose 20 Pounds", that's another stupid one.

Dick: They do. That's a problem. Eh, oh, by the way…

Maddox: That's not a problem, that's a command! (laughs)

Dick: Hey. Kim Kardashian was on the cover of People last month saying "I think I need to lose 20 pounds."

Maddox: Oh, wow. (sarcastic)

Dick: I think she might be listening to this show. I'm surprised she didn't call in, 'cause that's an obvious celebrity.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) I am not surprised she didn't call in. So what else you got? You got your…

Dick: Yeah. "People Who Don't Curb Their Dogs"…

Maddox: "People Who Don't Curb Their Dogs". Let's phrase it correctly. Okay, that.

Dick: Uh, okay. You already won. No need to rub it in. (Maddox cracks up) "People Who Don't Curb Their Dogs", and what was my other one. "Fake Lawns".

Maddox: "Fake Lawns", or fake grass?

Dick: Well, not fake grass, because I like it in sports.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: So, synthetic lawns.

Maddox: Well, this changes everything. (laughs) Don't vote for that problem, guys. (they both laugh)

Dick: Just lawns! Like, the application of that wonderful sports technology to the home. I don't like that.

Maddox: Yeah. Astroturf. The key word "astro". And my problems were "Diamonds" and "Chaise Lounge Sofas", which are fucking garbage. Guys…

Dick: Spoken like a true proletariat.

Maddox: (laughs) Thank you…thank you for making this show an incredible success. We are just out the gates with already a million strong, and the bonus episode's going great. We have a lot more coming. A lot of people bought the season pass and we're gonna be releasing bonus episodes once a month. They're gonna be on par with what you've already heard, which is great, so.

Dick: Thank YOU, Maddox, for making it happen.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: This was a bold endeavor and a great experiment.

Maddox: Well, I am amazing. Thanks for listening, guys!

Dick: Thanks.

(Voice mail: (Jack Nicholson voice) "Hey Maddox. This is Jack Nicholson. I heard you got a million downloads on that stupid podcast. (Maddox giggling)**Now that you're a big success, don't starting throwin' back pills like that Brokeback pansy that took the Joker from me.** (**Dick:** "Alllright.") **Gimme a call when you got 10 million and maybe I'll let ya buy me a beer.")**

Maddox: Oh, great. (laughing) Thank you, Jack.

(Voice mail: "Uhh, uhh, pardon me. Pardon me. Excuse me for calling. This is Detective Columbo. (Maddox laughs) **And I'm just calling to wish, uhh…Dick and Maddox a happy million downloads. That's it. That's it. I won't take up more of your time.")**

Maddox: Detective Columbo.

(Voice mail continues: "Actually, there is just this one more thing. And I'm sorry, but it slipped my mind. (**Dick:** "Oh.") **Uh, Dick. You're under arrest for 900 date rapes.")**

Dick and Maddox: Whoaaaa!!!

(Voice mail continues: "I don't have any evidence. Uhhh, (stammers) I'm pretty sure you're guilty.")

Dick: Yeah.

(Voice mail continues: "Yeah, that's right. Columbo's crooked now! Bye!!") (Maddox laughing)

Sean: Must have missed a few of Dick's conquests. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, right?

Dick: Here's another classic celebrity.

(Voice mail: (Strong Bad voice) "Dear Strong Bad. (Maddox cracks up) **Today, we received one million downloads and, well, that's pretty good because we really don't have anything else going for us in our lives right now, so we really, like, we need people to listen to us…** (Maddox still laughing) **…and pay attention to us…and make us feel better about how things are going, so. You know, we'll make up numbers like a million downloads, so…")**

Dick: Hey, you called in, asshole, so. (Maddox laughs)

(Voice mail: (creepy voice) "This is George Bush and I've been listening to your little podcast down there, and, well…it's bad! It's bad!!")

Dick: Nah, I don't think George Bush would say that.

Maddox: No.

(Voice mail continues: "When I heard that you guys wanted to get a million downloads, I thought, "They're not gonna do it. They're just not gonna do it. But here you are.")

Maddox: (laughing) Is this…

Dick: I think it's Dana Carvey.

Maddox: Is this Dana Carvey as George Bush? Yeah.

Dick: That's a celebrity.

(Voice mail continues: "It wouldn't be prudent for me at this juncture to tell you guys to go to Hell, but, I suppose I could..")

Dick: I mean, he's doing all Dana Carvey's material, whoever it is. (Maddox laughs)

(Voice mail continues: "But maybe you can get the hell out of my country now.")

Dick: Alllright.

Maddox: Alright, George. We're done with you, George.

Dick: I got one more. One more.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's hear it.

(Voice mail: "Hello Maddox. This is Wayne Knight. Better known as TV's Newman from Seinfeld.")

Dick: Oh, Newman.

Maddox: Oh, wow.

Dick: A celebrity!

(Voice mail: "I just wanted to congratulate you on your achievement of one million downloads. It's not like you aren't also an outdated relic of the 90s!")

Dick: Ohhhh, boy.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay. There it is.

(Voice mail: "How are you still relevant? I DESPISE you! I hate you! I…")

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 27

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, what's up buddy?

Maddox: And we have a special guest in studio!!! Asterios Kokkinos!

Asterios: Hey!! Hey guys, what's going on?!

Dick: What's up, man?! (grinning) It's Boisterous Coconuts!

Asterios: I'm feeling boisterous!!

Dick: You know what I love about Asterios? The last time…the last episode he was on… the second somebody called him out as Boisterous Coconuts, he instantly went on Twitter and changed his name to Boisterous Coconuts. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: I did do that. That was awesome.

Maddox: You know, I thought it was funny too, because…

Asterios: (interjects) I was trying to get more fan votes. It didn't work!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: My huge suck-up campaign failed!

Maddox: Hey, you're not doing too bad in terms of fan rankings. However, when I saw the "Boisterous Coconuts" pop up on my Twitter feed, I thought it was a fan account…

Asterios: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause, Dick, when you brought in "Not Enough Tits on Snapchat" as your problem…(Asterios cracks up)

Dick: That was a good problem.

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Asterios: Why didn't that win?!!

Maddox: So, somebody created an account…I complained on that episode about all I get on Snapchat are horses and dogs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then someone created a Twitter account just to antagonize me by sending me nothing but horses and dogs! (yelling) And I guess they were sending you boobs, weren't they?!

Dick: Yeah. Tits.

Maddox: This is bullshit!

Dick: It was called "Horses and Tits", the account. (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what they did. (laughing)

Maddox: All I got was horses and dogs! And I still…all I get is horses and dogs.

Dick: Alright.

Asterios: You deserve better.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I know what Asterios wants to know. Who won last week?

Asterios: I DO wanna know that.

Maddox: Well, let's see. Looks like "Diamonds" won last week. Biggest Problem In The Universe, according to that week. And, followed by "People Who Don't Curb Their Dogs", Dick.

Dick: Alright, I'm gonna call shenanigans right away.

Maddox: Oh, okay. What. What?!

Dick: Because I was…I was listening to the last episode and I noticed at the end of the episode, you totally torpedoed my problem.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: Because I said "Curb Your Dogs". That's a nice, memorable phrase that everybody could vote on…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: But you changed it to "People Who Can't Curb Their Dogs". And I think…I think some listeners agree with me, because I got a couple comments. I started thinking about it right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, what's…what do you mean, "Diamonds", right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause that wasn't your problem!

Maddox: That WAS my problem!

Dick: It was…it was the marketing campaign that has made diamonds as a gemstone appeal to young couples in love. That was the real problem. (Asterios laughs) Not diamonds. So I got some comments on that. Uh…**"I guess the problem should be 'Diamond Gemstones'."** From **Justin Zerjav.** Um…

Maddox: Okay, wow. Way to split hairs. You know what, Dick? Maybe your problem wasn't "Dog Shit", but maybe it was just "Dogs".

Dick: No, it was dog shit. (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Dick: I got more comments like "Diamonds are one of the hardest substances on Earth".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They can cut through glass. They have many industrial applications.

Maddox: (interjects) Next to your head.

Dick: None of that was in your argument!

Maddox: No.

Dick: It was just engagement rings.

Maddox: Right! Because that's what's fueling…look, if diamonds weren't so expensive for engagement rings and they weren't hoarded by this bullshit, evil monopoly, this Syndicate that exists in Europe and across the world…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then they would be cheap and nobody would need them for…they wouldn't be expensive. They're one of the best superconductors. I read this in one of the comments. They're huge…like, fantastic superconductors, but they're so expensive because of this monopoly that they can't use them…we can't advance in society.

Dick: No, no, no, no. False. 'Cause we can make them.

Maddox: Yeah. But they're still expensive. They're more expensive to make in the laboratory, at this time. So, you know…(stammers)

Dick: So you're saying that diamond cartels are driving up the price of science?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: (cracks up) That's a pretty good argument.

Dick: That's a good argument.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (grins)

Dick: That's better than your dumb shit argument from last time.

Asterios: I'd also like to point out that anytime something is a 'syndicate' or a 'cartel', it's immediately evil.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: There's no, like, "Rainbow and Sunshine Cartel". (Dick laughs)

Maddox: That's actually what it's called, Asterios. That's the name of this place. It's called the Syndicate. The diamond cartel. I think it's in Israel. Anyway…

Dick: Wait, I got one more thing on the diamond thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, **John Clancy** says, **"I think you were both being too hard on Dick's friend who bought the 1000$ ring."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: First of all, 1000$ is, like, nothing when we're talking engagement rings, which is true. **"I paid a lot more and I still had a little voice in the back of my head calling me a cheap bastard."** Well, okay. That little voice was a marketing voice. **"Second, she's gonna be wearing that thing ideally for the rest of her life."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that was the point I was trying to bring up with that engagement that it's only 1000$ and it benefits her for the rest of her life.

Asterios: Right. You amortize it over her entire life, so…

Maddox: Oh. Is that really…is that what you guys do?

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: (Dick cracks up) 'Cause you know what…first of all! Weddings, the average marriage lasts…lasts…

Asterios: Hey, we're not gonna come to…yes, (stammers)

Maddox: Uh-huh! 50%. 50% chance of getting a divorce, right? She's not wearing that the rest of her life, she's wearing that for maybe, at most, seven years.

Asterios: Well, she's wearing it the rest of her life. She just…maybe at some point she sells it or you're not together. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Asterios: Look. All I'll say is when I gave my wife her diamond ring, she like, lit up like crazy and she started singing, like, "Diamonds are a girl's best friend" (sings) (Maddox laughs) And it was like, the cutest thing in the world. Like, I'm not gonna say how much my ring cost, 'cause I don't want her to find out, but it was totally worth it.

Dick: Can you say how much that reaction was worth in a dollar amount? (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Uh, it was worth, I think 100 dollars per time, and she does it a lot.

Dick: 10 times, would you say?

Asterios: No, goddamnit! Don't…uggh!!! You and your math trickery! (Maddox and Dick laughing) No, but it was…look, it was super…it made her happy, so come on.

Maddox: Great. No price on happiness, I guess, right?

Asterios: Well, there is a price.

Dick: That's a thousand bucks.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a thousand bucks.

Dick: That's what this guy's saying.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what? For that cost, you could buy a new cubic zirconium ring every month and just have her wear a new one every month.

Asterios: I agree with Operation Lie.

Maddox: Yes. (laughing)

Asterios: I wish she had done that. That I was super duper on board with. 'Cause it's not like, fake gold, which'll make her finger green.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: Like, what's she gonna do? Try to cut glass with it?

Dick: No.

Maddox: No. You never have to prove it to anyone.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. And if you do, it means they don't trust you, and is that really a relationship if they don't trust you?

Maddox: Shit. Right? Shitty friend!

Asterios: Exactly.

Dick: Maddox, do you not splurge on anything that just brings you joy?

Maddox: All the time.

Dick: Like, like…that is worthless on its own?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Everything I splurge on is travel and good food.

Asterios: Assassin's Creed: Unity?

Maddox: (laughing) And occasionally…

Asterios: Buying it for 60$ as opposed to waiting three months to buy it for 40. See?

Maddox: Nah, I've stopped buying new video games. I wait. I'll wait a month.

Asterios: DLCs?

Maddox: Yeah. Fuck it. Nah. Feeeh.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: Dark Souls 2 memorabilia, like T-shirts and stuff, of course. (Asterios laughs) But that doesn't count. I got a comment from **Christopher Benney.** He says, **"I definitely think that was Zooey Deschanel."** So we had a lot of celebrity call-ins last week.

Dick: Yeah. That one sounded like her, didn't it?

Asterios: That was a really good…I mean, I think a call from Columbo is pretty cool, though.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Oh, with that date rape shit?

Asterios: Sounds like he had your number.

Maddox: He did have your number. So listen, he says, **"I definitely think that was Zooey Deschanel who left a voice mail. If not, someone mastered the impersonation. Perhaps Boisterous Coconuts has been practicing hard?"** And then the second comment, the comment that responded to him, was from **Paul Hee**. He said, **"Well, after all, he is a digital cyberdemon!"**

(Sound clip: Asterios yelling, "Cause I'm a DIGITIAL CYBERDEMON!!")

(Asterios, Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Bravo. I also got a comment from **Andrew Schulke** about the celebrity voice mails. He said, **"Happy 1 million downloads, guys. Hopefully for your 2 millionth download celebration, you'll get a call from John Arbuckle or Skippy from Family Ties."** (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Yeah. Really topical references like that, exactly.

Dick: Or Q-Bert. Maybe he'll call in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Or Balki Bartokomous! All the most topical references.

Dick: I got a good…I got a comment here. **Tony Mayn** says, **"Hey Dick, as someone who cleans apartment buildings for a living, thanks for tracking dog shit everywhere."**

Maddox: Uh-huh. And I got a comment…

Dick: (interjects) Wait. He's not done.

Maddox: Oh, sorry.

Dick: "You fucking asshole." (Maddox, Dick, and Asterios laugh)

Maddox: (laughing) Bravo. And I got a comment on that note, too.

Dick: You're not gonna let me defend myself? Or is this more apartment shit?

Maddox: Oh, what did…it's more apartment shit. Then you defend yourself.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: 'Cause this guy says…this is from **Evan Wiebe,** he says, **"I like how Dick's solution to stepping in shit is to track it all over his apartment building. You're the problem, Dick. Take off your fucking shoes."**

Asterios: That actually would have fixed everything.

Dick: That would have fixed everything. (They all crack up) Well, next time, guys. Next time I'll pop the shoes off. (grinning) Hey, I got a voice mail.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Play number 1 for me.

(Voice mail: " (Gruff Irish man) Hey guys. Just calling from Ireland with a hangover. Big family show. The kid won't shut up. So answer this question for him. (Irish kid's voice): "Maddox. I want to know what does your shit smell like after you've drank Tabasco? Oh yeah, and Dick is a fucking idiot.")

Dick: Hey!!! (Maddox laughing)

(Voice mail: "(Irish man) Alright guys. Keep up the good work.")

Dick: The mouth on this kid! What the hell!!!

Maddox: (cracking up) There's a kid who's been reading my writing since he was born, baby. What a smart kid. I love that kid!

Asterios: What a great country. Oh my God.

Maddox: Oh, my God. Yeah.

Asterios: I hope all the kids are that adorable and filthy.

Maddox: Yeah. And eloquent! That's how you talk.

Asterios: Very eloquent.

Maddox: Take…take a lesson. I want all the American parents who are listening to this show to play this episode for your kids so they can hear what a real kid talks like!

Dick: Are you gonna answer his question, or what?

Maddox: Yeah. What does a shit smell like after it's been drenched in Tabasco?

Dick: No, what…no.

Maddox: What? What did he say?

Dick: He didn't ask what a shit smells like after you pour Tabasco sauce all over it. (laughing)

Maddox: No. After you've drank it.

Dick: What is YOUR shit like…what does your shit smell like after you've been drinking Tabasco sauce for a week?

Maddox: Okay. If you've ever had corned beef. And it's been, like, brining all day, and it's got the cabbage, and that delicious, you know. You get some oniony, some turnipy type of taste to it. Huh?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Add a little bit of, you know, cumin. Those fresh ground cumin? Smells just like that.

Asterios: I'd like to point out that the correct answer is, "I don't know. I don't smell my own shit." (Maddox and Dick crack up) Sorry, adorable Irish boy! I can't help you.

Dick: Ding! That's the right answer. (grins)

Maddox: Okay. Anyway.

Dick: I got another one for you. This guy sounds familiar. I think he's called in before. Play number 2.

(Voice mail: "Hey, this is a call from Maddox from 2004. Uhh…yeah. Why would I use the fucking word 'podcast'?" (another voice starts, garbled and tinny))

Dick: Uh, uhh. No. Stop it right there. Okay. Guys. Guys. I gotta go over some voice mail technical points with you. You cannot put the phone up to a computer and have the audio go through. It's not magic. (Asterios and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: So…so he's basically pointing out how a long time ago, I wrote this article about words that I hate, and one of them was podcast.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Because I said it's a made-up term for an MP3 file. That's essentially all we're doing. We're just posting MP3 files online.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's all it is. However, it's become so ubiquitous, kinda like Facebook, that you CAN'T escape it. It's something I…look. I fought this battle and we've lost, guys. Everyone, we collectively as a society have lost. Steve Jobs and his fucking bullshit-ass marketing has won. That's what everyone calls these. I'm not gonna fight it anymore. There's nothing else I can call it that would be more understandable. Ultimately, when you're talking to people, the point is to convey information.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And the most easy way to convey what we're doing is to call it a podcast.

Asterios: Yeah, remember when Microsoft had that memo that was like, "You are not allowed to use the word 'podcast' with reference to fucking podcasts on the Zune. You have to call it, like, 'encapsulated digital audio radio show prelistening bullshit'" (Maddox and Dick laugh) and then it was, like, ugh, you guys lost. This is super duper evidence that you lost. Just call it a podcast.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what I would've even? This is hokey as shit, but I would have even taken E-cast. At this point. Right?

Asterios: I don't mind E-cast.

Maddox: E-cast.

Asterios: It's the same length.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: I have a similar opinion about Frankenstein. When you say 'Frankenstein', you mean the big, green guy with bolts out of his neck who's afraid of fire and goes

"Rrrrrrruuuuhh". Douchebags, like my good friend Sax Carr, will say things, like, "Uh, no. That's Frankenstein's monster. Frankenstein is the doctor."

Maddox: Oh, my God.

Asterios: And it's like, "Fuck you! You lost!" Horror nerd, you lost!

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: Frankenstein's the green guy. You fucking lost!

Maddox: Yeah. You lost, dude.

Dick: I thought Frankenstein's monster was his wife.

Maddox: Ohhhh, wow.

Asterios: Can we hear some clapping, please? (Dick cackles)

(Sound effect; "Ba-dum-chh!" drums)

Asterios: You should just ride that rimshot button, 'cause you're gonna need a lot, 'cause I'm on the show!

Maddox: Here we go. Yeah. Well, Dick, I also have…let's see. I have another…this is a very popular segment. It's really taking off over the last few episodes.

Dick: What?

Maddox: It is…

(Ritzy theme music starts up, deep voice says "Dick Versus Dick!!") (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Man, fuck this segment! (Asterios and Maddox crack up laughing)

Maddox: So, Dick. I don't know if you remember. You said this back around the time…let's just play the clip.

(Sound clip: Maddox: "Due to the pressure from all my fans coming down on him, they finally issued an apology, and of course, Maddox gets no credit."

Dick: "It was a bullshit apology, too."

Maddox: "It WAS a bullshit apology!"

Dick: "The apology was basically, 'We found this link to not have, like, news…'"

(Clip ends)

Maddox: So that first clip was when you were talking about Robin William's nonapology when ABC News issues that nonapology, right? But back a long time ago, I think in Episode 6, when I brought in nonapologies as a problem, here's what you said.

Dick: Uh-huh.

(Clip starts: Maddox: "So, I would suspect that you're a really bad apologizer."

Dick: Oh, what makes you say that?

Maddox: Because you're insincere (giggles) with everything. Every aspect of your life. Is totally insincere.

Dick: So what does sincerity have to do with an apology? Walk me…

Maddox: (stammers) (laughing)

(Clip ends)

Dick: Good question. The question remains. What does it have to do with an apology? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Dick!

Dick: I still stand that the most important part of an apology is saying it. You just have to say it. (Maddox scoffs) You say the thing first and then you feel the feelings, maybe, and it doesn't matter. You've already humiliated yourself. (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: The context that you're missing is…this is a major news organization.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like…they have nothing to lose by giving the most sniveling, groveling apology imaginable. They can hire somebody to do it, for like 20$ an hour. Here you go. How can they fuck up an apology? Like, how…first of all, a news corporation can't be sincere. It is a building.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It is a bunch of stocks. They can't issue a sincere apology. I was criticizing it as a business move.

Maddox: Dick, that's actually one of the best arguments I think you've ever made on this show. (laughing) Bravo!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Asterios: And it sounded super insincere, too. (Maddox and Dick laugh) So well done!

Dick: Here. Hold on. Lemme do it in a sincere way. You see, Asterios. It's a building. Alright? We're all very sad of Robin Williams' passing. That's what…you have to start with something like that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. Yeah! (boisterous)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: As a building. Yeah. Well, uh…so that's what I got. And I just want to say thanks to **Daniel Askew** for sending in that suggestion for that Dick Versus Dick.

Dick: Yeah, thanks a lot, Daniel! (Maddox laughs) You asshole! (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: Alright. Let's get to the problems.

Asterios: Oh, wait. I'm sorry. Before we do…isn't it funny that starting this show…you now have, like, a whole cadre of people that are trying to fuck you? (Dick laughs) Like, half the audience is, like, "I'm gonna fuck Dick with this clip." (Maddox laughs) "I'm gonna send Dick a shitty message." "I'm gonna leave a shitty voice mail for Dick." (laughs)

Dick: Always at the end, too.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly!

Dick: Dammit.

Maddox: And you've got an entire generation, our current generation of listeners, and them coming up in Ireland!! (Asterios and Maddox laughing) Their kids! (laughs) It was amazing.

Dick: Are you guys done?

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: Can I get to my problem, please? (annoyed)

Maddox: No. We still got a few minutes. (Maddox and Asterios crack up)

Asterios: Alright, I wanna hear it!

Maddox: Dick, what do you got?

Dick: Okay. This is based on…you guys. Did you know we went to this comet?

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: Did you know we landed on a comet?

Maddox: That sounds like fucking science fiction from the 50s that we would've thought we would have accomplished in the year 3000, Dick? How did this happen?!

Dick: We landed a satellite on a comet.

Maddox: It's amazing!

Dick: I don't know…I don't know how it happened, but we did it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright? So, umm…I thought…big deal. I don't know what we're doing at the comet. Maybe we're gonna learn something. I'll probably never heard about it again.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: This is these guys' time in the limelight. Right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Good for them. (inhales slowly) Well, not so good for them. They had a little wardrobe SNAFU! (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: What? (incredulous)

Dick: Yeah. They were doing some interviews with these scientists right after they were landing their satellite on a comet.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Something that we couldn't imagine.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You know, 20 years ago.

Asterios: Just, real quick, that's like hitting a bullet with a bullet. Because the comet is moving at an incredible speed. You're launching this thing at an incredible speed. That's an incredible feat.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That is incredible, yeah.

Dick: However, the poor bastard who was involved in this incredible feat…incredible advancement for humanity…happened to be wearing a bowling shirt…(Asterios giggles) That had a bunch of sexy ladies drawn on it. Illustrations of sexy women.

Maddox: Like comic book characters.

Dick: Drawn on it. Like…yes. Comic book characters. Not real women. Just representations of them.

Maddox: Okay. Were they, like, naked and spread eagle? Like, how…

Dick: No, they were just wearing normal clothes, actually, quite conservative clothes living in Hollywood. I've seen much worse walking around on a Thursday or Sunday evening.

Maddox: Or better.

Dick: Or better.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, guess how lost their shit about it?

Maddox: Oh, great.

Dick: Here's the title of an article I came across today. "I don't care if you landed a spacecraft on a comet, your shirt is sexist and ostracizing".

Maddox: Sexist and ostracizing.

Dick: Sexist and ostracizing. (Asterios sighs) Here's the article, by Chris Plant and Ariel Duhane-Ross. Two retards who deserve…(Asterios and Maddox crack up laughing) to be shot into a comet. "Yesterday, the European Space Agency landed the Philae spacecraft on a comet, a powerful step forward for humanity and science alike. However, slightly before the big moment, coverage of the event reminded us how much progress remains to be accomplished back on Earth." (sarcastic serious tone)

Maddox: Yeah. We're just Neanderthals, huh? We're cavemen with our bowling shirts.

Dick: "A number of scientists involved in this incredible project were interviewed in the hours leading to contact by Nature News stream. One of those Rosetta scientists was Matt

Taylor, who chose to dress for this special occasion in a bowling shirt covered in scantily clad caricatures of sexy women in provocative poses." (grinning)

Maddox: Oh, no.

Asterios: Oh, my God.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: It sounds like he's wearing porno. Like, phrased like that makes it sound like he's just wearing a Hustler magazine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So he's…he's, like, a fringe guy. He looks like a rockabilly guy. He's covered in tattoos, he's got the facial hair, and he's wearing, like, a rockabilly tattoo T-shirt. Rockabillies can be scientists. There's nothing wrong with that.

Maddox: Yeah, no. Apparently not. Does the article go on?

Dick: Yeah. Uh…"This is gonna be a very long day but a very exciting day," said Taylor. The scientist. You know, the man who's doing something with his life. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: And improving humanity.

Dick: Right. I think everyone should enjoy it, because we're making history. Um. To put it in writer's terms, 'cause I know these dipshit writers don't understand science stuff…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It would be like writing a book that launched into space and landed on a comet. Does that make sense?

Maddox: Yeah. I like the bullet with the bullet analogy. (Asterios laughs) That was really good, Asterios. (laughing)

Dick: So here's where it gets good. No one knows why Taylor chose to wear that shirt on television during a massive scientific mission. From what we can tell, a woman who goes by the name of Ellie Prizeman on Twitter made the shirt for him. So a woman made the shirt for him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And is just as bewildered as he must be that anyone might be upset about her creation. But none of that actually matters. (Maddox cracks up) "What matters is the fact that no one at the European Space Agency saw fit to stop him from representing the space community with clothing that demeans 50% of the world's population!" (yelling) "No one asked him to take it off, because presumably, they didn't think about it. It wasn't worth worrying about."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. It wasn't.

Maddox: No, it's not. Fuck off! And also, is this the president of women talking!? (angry) (Asterios cracks up) Is this the queen of all women? Does she represent all women? 50% of the world's population? Does she represent 3.5 billion points of view?

Dick: "This is the sort of casual misogyny from entering certain scientific fields."

Asterios: That's sexist!!

Dick: There it is.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Asterios: If you think that women are so weak-willed that they won't enter science because of a shirt that looks like a…I'm looking at the shirt right now. It looks like a comic book from the 90s. It looks like something Image Comics would put out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: This isn't super disgusting. It's just, like, a bunch of girls in dresses. It's like, if you think that women are so weak that this will stop them from pursuing their dreams, you don't understand women and how strong they are, and that's awful.

Maddox: Great fucking point, Asterios. It is absurd. It's sexist…pffyeah. It's just a comic book T-shirt.

Asterios: Yeah. It looks like an X-Men comic. Like, okay. You know what? If you don't like it, that's fine. But, like, THIS isn't the problem.

Dick: Well, guys, it's not just about the shirt.

Asterios: Uh-oh.

Dick: You see, because women see a guy like that on TV, they don't feel welcome. "They see a poster of greased-up women in a colleague's office and they know they aren't respected." This is, like, in an astrophysics lab. (Asterios laughs) You go around and you see greased-up women calendars ALL over the place. (sarcasm) You know?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: It's just all over the place. Penthouse magazines spilling out of telescopes.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: When you're a woman and you go to do your observations, like, "Ohohoho!!" Who left all their jerked-off porno rags in the observation booth? (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Scientists in Cal Tech are tripping over piles of jizz!

Dick: Porno.

Maddox: Porno and jizz, yeah. (laughing, scoffs)

Asterios: I remember when we landed that first Penthouse Forum on the moon. It was a really proud day for me. (Maddox giggles) A really sad day for women!

Dick: "They hear comments about 'bitches' while out at the bar with fellow science students and they decide to change majors."

Maddox: Look at this tapestry!!

Asterios: Oh, come on!!!

Maddox: Look at this tapestry she's painting of this poor, downtrodden woman walking through her life just trying to become a scientist and she goes to a bar and overhears someone say "bitch". And she goes, "That's it. I think I'm changing my majors." (female imitation)

Dick: That's it. No.

Maddox: I think I'm no longer interested in astrophysics. I think I'm gonna go into, what, nail salons.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. I'm a Home Ec major now!!!

Maddox: Is that what happens?! Is that how weak these women consider women?

Dick: According to Chris Plant and Ariel Dunham-Ross they are. I don't know. I don't think so, but you know. I'm just reading what I read here. Uh, "The few who persevered even when they were discouraged from pursuing degrees in physics, chemistry and math throughout high school, these are the women who forged on despite…" bla, bla, bla, bla, bla. "This is the climate women who dream of working at NASA or the ESA come up against every single day. This shirt is representative of all that, whether Taylor meant it to be or not." This is a guy who just sent a contraption, you could call it, onto a comet.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And this is such an amazing feat that we have done here. Because to even calculate the trajectory of this comet with any accuracy, to be able to do that from Earth, another spinning marble around the sun that's spinning at thousands of thousands of miles while we're rotating, while we have to coordinate that with radio telescopes and other science agencies and then get the funding and launch the satellite onto this rocket and go through all the bureaucratic red tape, let alone have it successfully land on an asteroid in fucking space millions of miles away, what is it, three million miles away?! (ranting)

Dick: No idea.

Maddox: Yeah. It's about that, I think.

Dick: I couldn't find an infographic on that. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Hey.

Asterios: It had to shoot…I heard it had to shoot harpoons into the surface of the comet to land.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, it literally speared this comet like a whale. It shot it with a bunch of guns.

Dick: It's like Batman.

Asterios: This was a really…yeah, exactly! This was a fucking awesome probe!

Maddox: And this is going to advance our knowledge just by decades, if not centuries, of what we know about asteroids and astrophysics and all this stuff. (yelling) To be able to successfully do this for the first time in history is unimaginable and here we are focused on this guy's bowling shirt!

Dick: Yeah. That a woman made for him.

Asterios: Right.

Dick: So that's why I'm calling my problem "Engineering Sexism"! (Maddox, Asterios laugh)

Asterios: That's a good title.

Dick: You see? Because it's a double thing.

Maddox: Double entendre.

Dick: It's "Engineering", 'cause they're making up the sexism, right? But it's also engineering sexism. (smug)

Maddox: So, Dick…

Asterios: We all got it right away. (Dick cackles, Maddox giggles) We're not stupid.

Dick: Well, here's the thing that I'm saying. So…and this goes deeper than this. I didn't bring it in just 'cause of this stupid article, but women in STEM, are you familiar with STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering, and what is it, Math?

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Not enough women in STEM always gets shit on the Internet. There's countless articles, organizations trying to encourage women to be in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. And they CONSTANTLY harp on it not being a welcoming field.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because of the attitudes of men. And I take big issue with that, because I think those fields are passion. (rants) As much as music and writing, and anything else that, like, comes from your core that you would do whether you got paid to do it or not? And that you can't discourage that. You can't say…you know, Gallileo, Copernicus, got pretty big discouragement. (Asterios laughs) When they were fucking killed for being scientists! (angry)

Maddox: Oh.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: That's a pretty big discouragement. And I think…what's that?

Maddox: No, no. That's a great point, Dick. Yeah.

Dick: And I think it's not…I don't think it's the attitudes of these men keeping women out of science, I think it's, you know, the cold mechanical parts, the sterile environment. The loneliness. The hours and hours and nights of extreme loneliness. The lack of human

contact. The endless memorizing of facts and figures! The dry statistical theories! (Asterios laughs) You think…it might be any of that, or is it this guy's FUCKING shirt! (angry)

Maddox: Yeah. I think it's the T-shirt, Dick. I'm gonna play Devil's Advocate. I think it's the T-Shirt.

Asterios: You know what's kind of incredible? He's, like, not reading his off of a piece of paper. He's just riffing all of…Dick is.

Maddox: Oh yeah yeah.

Asterios: Like, to watch this is kind of mast…(stammers) Well, here's what I would say. Um…not to play Devil's Advocate, but nerd guys are the worst guys to have to deal with, period. They're creepy. They say inappropriate things. They don't smell great. I'm a huge nerd, by the way, saying this. (Maddox laughs) So, like, if you wanna say that STEM isn't a welcoming environment for women because you have to deal with nerd guys 24/7, yeah I will absolutely buy that. But, it's like, you can't use it as a crutch. People are going to pursue their dreams. And, you know, it's like, if you care enough, you'll go after it and you'll do it.

Maddox: Yeah, can I ask you guys this question? At what point…where are all these pervasive, powerful messages constantly beating down women and telling them not to enter math and science? 'Cause every fucking time I turn on the TV…

Asterios: (interjects) I know.

Maddox: Step outside, look at a billboard, see an advertisement in a magazine, all I see is "We need more women in math and science." That's all I ever fucking see! If that works, okay? If those billboards work, shouldn't the opposite also work? What if I created a billboard that says, "Hey women, stay out of math and science." 'Cause what if I just started doing that, huh? (angry) Are women just going to suddenly, precipitously drop off because I created a billboard like some dickhead and told them not to? Of course fucking not! You're gonna do whatever you want regardless of what I say or regardless of what anyone says!

Asterios: If you made that billboard, more women would enter math and science.

Dick: Out of spite, yeah!

Asterios: That's actually a pretty good way to do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: That's the problem.

Maddox: I'm gonna start doing that! I'm gonna fix this problem with spite!

Asterios: Spite is an awesome motivator. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Dick, something in the article you said…

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: She mentioned "casual" misogyny.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay? What is misogyny? Asterios, what do you think misogyny is?

Asterios: I think…I think…

Maddox: (interjects) It's a three-word definition, by the way. Here's a hint.

Asterios: Oh. Tell me what the definition is. (laughs)

Dick: Starts with hatred.

Maddox: Yep.

Asterios: Okay. Hatred for women?

Maddox: That's it. That's the three-word definition. Hatred of women is misogyny. There is nothing casual about hatred. You either do or you don't. Like, that's not…

Asterios: (interjects) That's a good point, actually.

Maddox: It's not like this little degree. And then she said "Sexism". What do you think sexism is? What do you guys think sexism is?

Dick: Judging someone based on their gender?

Maddox: Yeah. Discrimination based on gender.

Dick: Discrimination.

Maddox: That's all it is. I'm not exactly sure how this is judging women by their gender. This T-shirt.

Asterios: Yeah. This T-shirt isn't going to stop a woman from getting a raise. This T-shirt isn't going to fire a woman because she's pregnant. Like, you know, this T-shirt isn't going to charge a woman more for health insurance. There are legitimate problems that women face, but when you complain about this T-shirt, you look like a pansy. (laughing) Like, you look like you're so weak, that like, the mere sight of a PG-13 rated T-shirt is enough to send you into a hole, and it's like, that's not good.

Maddox: Is it disrespectful, Asterios? Just, honestly asking you. Do you think it's disrespectful?

Asterios: Look. I wouldn't wear that T-shirt, especially on TV…(Maddox laughs) Like, he's being interviewed by, like, this pretty hot lady.

Dick: Oh yeah.

Asterios: And it's, like, I'm not gonna wear this T-shirt with Vampirella on it if I'm around a super hot lady. You know, but that being said, you can't…every sling and arrow can't be enough to fell you, or you're never gonna progress. So, it's like, you look like a weakling. And no one wants to hire a weakling. You know. (giggles) It's like, you know.

Dick: Well, what's the number? What is the percentage that we need to have of women in STEM before we've stomped out this casual misogyny? 'Cause I got numbers of graduates in all kinds of degrees. Like, in every different school of degree.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Business. It's about, a little more men than women in business. Engineering is a whopping 7 times more men than women?

Asterios: Oh, wow.

Dick: But then you got education. Triple the women as men. Oh, that's okay. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Oh, no. That's natural. Because it's weird, like…

Dick: It's weird to say that women are more naturally inclined to education, but it's overtly and crazily sexist to say, "Well look, men just like being on their own tinkering with shit."

Asterios: Oh, no. No, that's not what I was saying. It's like…it's weird, like, I feel like the media makes these roles for people. And I feel like you see a lot of women teachers. I feel these things are generational shifts. Like, most of my teachers were women. It's weird. I work in the field of PR, and 90% of my coworkers are women. It's just interesting. Like, women enter PR, men enter advertising. I don't know why it works, but it is a fact.

Maddox: Well, some people argue…there's two prevailing arguments. One is that it's societal, forces societal pressures. That's what we tell women they should do, so that's what they become.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And the other argument is that's nature. It's natural. There's something intrinsically that attracts women to these fields because they, for some biological reason, are more nurturing. And they've done a test, actually, I believe on Bonobo monkeys. Because this argument was made a long time ago. They said, "Well, let's give a bunch of babies. A bunch of kids who haven't been exposed to society. Let's give them a bunch of male and female and toys and see which ones they played with." Well, the boys overwhelmingly chose the male toys and the girls overwhelmingly chose the female toys. So feminists came by, and they said "Well, no, that study doesn't count, because they were still exposed on some level to some societal influences." So they repeated the same tests with monkeys. And guess what? The male and female monkeys who don't watch TV and aren't exposed to society and Dr. Phil, still chose the male and female toys right along gender roles. Why? I don't know. But that does happen.

Dick: Well, that's a point FOR monkeys. Monkeys aren't as big of a problem as you said before.

Maddox: Diiiiiiiick! (angry)

(Sound effect: Monkey sounds)

Asterios: It sounds like these monkeys are anti-feminist, which you guys love. They're curing this sexism thing. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: No.

Asterios: These monkeys sound great!

Maddox: No, I'm not anti-feminist. I'm anti-whatever it is today that we have. It's not feminist.

Asterios: I…that was a poor phrase.

Maddox: Yeah, I know what you're saying. I know what you're saying.

Asterios: Anti-whiner.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, yeah. That's what you guys are.

Maddox: Anti-whiner.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly.

Maddox: Uh, Dick. Oh, I was gonna ask you. Do you happen to have the percentage of art graduates?

Dick: I do. Art and humanities is about equal. Men are…I think there's 9.4% of undergrads and women are 10.5%.

Maddox: Oh, that's interesting.

Dick: It's about equal.

Maddox: So…so…

Dick: (interjects) The big ones are…go ahead.

Maddox: Real quick. I just want to make a point on that. I was curious about the art one because it's about equal. What do they study in art when you take an art history class? What did they draw in the Renaissance? What did they paint? You guys remember what they painted in the Renaissance? (condescending, quiet tone)

Dick: Fat broads.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly.

Maddox: A bunch of naked, fat women.

Asterios: Uh, Rubenesque, please.

Maddox: Uh, Rubenesque, sure. (Asterios laughs) And did that…clearly that didn't dissuade women from entering the field. Why? Hmmm. Interesting.

Dick: Oh, I see what you're saying. So they're being insensitive towards women by painting naked women, and yet women are going into art and humanities even despite that, yet this poor guy's got half-naked women on his T-shirt, and that is somehow dissuading…

Asterios: Ahhhhhhhhh!!! (revelation)

Maddox: Yup. Exactly.

Dick: That's an interesting point. I don't know. (Maddox and Asterios laugh) I know that Kim Kardashian's gigantic ass is plastered all over Facebook and that hasn't stopped women from going on Facebook every day, so… (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, God. If it only did! (Asterios laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Asterios: There's something so gross about that Kim Kardashian butt shot. It looks like her butt is made out of Crisco, or covered in Crisco.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I know that's supposed to get me to like her butt more, but it got me to like her butt less.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I just…I think this is a shameless cash grab. This whole thing.

Asterios: Oh! It's click bait. Yes. Of course that's…

Dick: (interjects) Well, even for these organizations. Because I was like, is it about the money? First of all, they only care about women in science and engineering because they can sell it to them. They say "Here you go. You can make a lot of money doing this. We don't want you to be garbage men, 'cause there's not a lot of women…we want you to be in science and engineering." (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And also, hey, all you tech companies? Why don't you give us some dough so you can get some good PR about encouraging women to do something they don't really want to do? (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: I uh…I agree that this article is outrage porn. It's clickbait. Someone found an angle and they took it and they probably made some money on the advertising, so I guess good for them, but it's just really cynical.

Maddox: Yeah. Interesting problem, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Good problem.

Dick: I got one more point. Uh…the median job for people with a computer degree is around 80,000$ to 100,000$ and a teacher's salary is down towards 50 grand. Look. If you can't logically get into engineering just based off of those two numbers, you're not a fucking engineer. (Asterios cracks up) I got bad news for you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause the whole profession is based on being able to say, "Well, 100,000, that's almost double that one. I think I'm gonna go that way."

Maddox: Ooh. I'm kinda worried that these teachers are looking at those two numbers and still deciding the lower number. Which suggests, actually…I know a lot of teachers and

they're really good people. They have a lot of heart. And they don't do it for the money. Uh, which suggests something else.

Dick: You might say they have a passion for it.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Which is something you have to do when you get into these jobs.

Maddox: Abso-fucking-lutely.

Dick: "Engineering Sexism". That's my problem. It just…it pisses me off, man. And can you imagine being, like, a little boy right now being into engineering and all you hear about is that women should be doing it? I don't know. Does that have an effect? Does that have any kind of effect?

Maddox: I don't think anyone should be discouraged from becoming a scientists or engineer. We need more scientists, mathematicians, engineers, period. And if you want to encourage your son or daughter to do that, good for you. But if they choose not to, then you should probably encourage what their natural path is. What inspires them. What gives them passion. And it it's not math or engineering, then stop bludgeoning them over the head. Except I am biased towards math. You should. But that aside. Asterios, welcome back to the studio.

Asterios: Hey! Thank you!

Maddox: You're the first returning guest.

Asterios: Yeah, I know! I was waiting for someone to say that. I'm…gonna put that on my fuckin' resume!

Maddox: Welcome back.

Asterios: Thank you! New LinkedIn item. First returning guest. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So what's your problem this week?

Asterios: Um, my problem is burlesque dancers. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Whoa. How is that a problem?

Asterios: My problem is burlesque dancers. Well, to illustrate my problem, I'd love to play a game with you guys.

Dick: Yeah. Cool.

Maddox: Ookay. (skeptical)

Asterios: If you wouldn't mind queueing up the classic Biggest Problem gameshow music…

Maddox: You got it.

(Ritzy, upbeat theme starts)

Asterios: This is a little quiz I'm gonna do for you guys. It's called "Real or Fake Burlesque Performer".

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: I'm gonna name a burlesque performer and I want you to tell me if it's a real name or a fake name of a Burlesque performer.

Maddox: Mmkay.

Asterios: Alright. "April Showers".

Maddox: Oooh, uh. Is it first and last name real?

Asterios: It's a…the names are totally made up. They're Burlesque names. (Maddox laughs) She's not like, "Ahh, Wilhelmina Showers is my proper name!"

Dick: Yeah I'm gonna say that's a real Burlesque name, because the thing about Burlesque is it never turns me on…(Asterios laughs) And that name…I always think it should. Like, I'm always thinking, "Oh, I'm about to get turned on here."

Asterios: Yup.

Dick: And then I'm like "What the hell is this shit?"

Asterios: Yeah. It's like they put a governor on it.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, I know exactly what you're talking about.

Dick: And this April Showers, I'm like, "Unnnghh….is that, like, a sexual thing, or?" No. April Showers is something that happens in April.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I'm gonna say…it's not a porno name. It's not a porn star name. So I'm gonna go with Burlesque.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: I'm also gonna go Burlesque. Because Showers is a nod towards golden showers, which is definitely sexual for some people. Not saying me. But for some people for sure. So I'm gonna say Burlesque, yes.

Asterios: Well I'm gonna say you're both wrong. It's fake!

Maddox: What?

Asterios: It's a fake name. Next name…Cha Cha Velour. (Maddox laughs) Cha Cha Velour.

Dick: Yeah. I'll say that's Burlesque.

Maddox: Yeah. Burlesque.

Asterios: Sorry guys, that's a fake Burlesque name. Sorry.

Dick: Alright. How about Boisterous Coconuts? (Maddox and Asterios crack up laughing)

Asterios: Real. And hot. Okay. Third name. Real or fake Burlesque name? Ki Ki St. Needs Attention. (Maddox and Dick crack up) Ki Ki St. Needs Attention. Real or fake?

Dick: Allllright. (laughing)

Maddox: You know, because of the number of syllables in that, it sounds like a Greek name. I'm gonna say yes.

Asterios: Yep.

Dick: I see what's going on here.

Asterios: Yep. You're right. It's real.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Coco Lectric. Real or fake?

Dick: Fake.

Asterios: Coco Lectric.

Maddox: Fake.

Asterios: You're right, it's fake. Big Boobs McGee.

Maddox: Doooooooh, that's my girlfriend!! (yells!)

Asterios: Fake. Because you're girlfriend's fake.

Maddox: What?!?!

Asterios: Fanny Von Too Fat to Dance in An Actual Strip Club. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: Yep.

Asterios: That one's real.

Dick: Well I thought this game…when you said you had a game for Burlesque dancers, I thought it was gonna be, like, a guess the weight game. (Asterios laughs) That's the first thing I think of when I think Burlesque.

Maddox: Jesus.

Asterios: Yep.

Dick: Is…what's going on here?

Asterios: Yes.

Dick: Why did you…have you never seen a gym before in your life? (Asterios laughing)

Maddox: Guys! What are you talking about!? I've seen some…

Dick: (interjects) Do you not hate? Dude, I hate Burlesque dancing.

Maddox: No! I've seen some beautiful Burlesque dancers. Where are you guys going? What kind of, like, farms are you going to?

Asterios: Look. There are a lot of beautiful Burlesque dancers, but it's…there's also a lot of ones who are like…just get off the stage. What are you doing? This is gross.

Dick: Yeah. It's predominantly the carnival version of a strip club.

Maddox: What are you guys talking about?! (incredulous)

Asterios: Not every Burlesque club is Jumbo's Clown Room. If you go to, like a Burlesque night, at some point you're like, "I gotta go, I feel sick."

Maddox: Asterios, what is Jumbo's Clown Room?

Asterios: Uh…I'm actually gonna get into that a little bit later. Alright. I got two more.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: Penelope Von Parents Gave Her Everything She Wanted So This Is The Only Way She Can Rebel. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yep.

Asterios: Real.

Dick: That's real.

Asterios: And finally, Lana St. I'm Afraid Society Will Judge Me For Exposing Myself In Public, So I'm Going to Show Everything But…and Even Though I Think I'm Subverting Gender Norms, I'm Actually Reinforcing Them With Every Twirl of My Tassels Va Va Voom. (Maddox cracks up) Real Burlesque name.

Maddox: That's a real…(laughing)

Asterios: That's a real Burlesque name!

Maddox: How do they fit that on the marquee?!

Dick: I think I've seen her.

Asterios: It's a huge marquee, much like their costumes, some of them.

Maddox: Oh, wow…you guys hate Burlesque. Wow. (laughs)

Asterios: Alright.

Dick: Yeah. I can't believe you like them.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm a fan, man. Some of them are pretty ladies.

Asterios: I'm gonna tell you guys about an actual experience I had with this Burlesque bullshit just last night. Okay?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: So I'm in town because my best friend asked me to be the best man at his wedding. And I accepted, and I planned the perfect bachelor party. Okay? First off. It's Harry Potter themed.

Maddox: Alright. (skeptical) (laughs)

Asterios: It is a Harry Potter themed party. We're all…

Dick: Whose idea was that?

Asterios: Oh, my idea.

(Sound effect: Ding!!)

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: We're all dressed head to toe as wizards. All your favorite wizards. Ron Weasley, Neville Longbottom, Cedric Diggory…(Dick laughs)

Dick: Is this a real thing?!

Asterios: Maddox was there last night!

Maddox: I popped in!

Asterios: He saw it!

Maddox: I saw a bunch of wizards and I'm looking for Asterios, I'm like "Wow, I don't see anyone, I just see these wizards, and all of a sudden, Asterios comes up to me."

Asterios: I turn around and my big fat face is underneath the wizard hat. Hello!!!! Welcome to Gryffindor!! (booming wizard voice) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: And they did not half-ass this either.

Asterios: Nope!

Maddox: These were, like, expensive wizard costumes these guys were wearing to this Burlesque club.

Dick: So you were like Dobby.

Asterios: Yeah. The house elf. Exactly.

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Asterios: My plan, by the way, with the wizard costumes, was that the strippers would see the wizard costumes, think we were harmless, and want to go farther. (Maddox laughs) That was my plan with the wizard costumes. (laughing)

Maddox: Wow. See this stealth bomber! That's what Asterios is. He sneaks in…

Asterios: That's right. I'm a fucking sniper.

Dick: Did they think you were hiding a bunch of money under these wizard outfits or what?

Asterios: (laughs) Well, one of them grabbed one of our wizard hats and rubbed it between her two legs for a while, so that was pretty cool.

Maddox: Oh, my…wow.

Dick: Alright. That sounds like the worst case scenario.

Asterios: And then put it back on one of our heads with her feet!

Dick: Got worse. I was mistaken.

Asterios: It was pretty good.

Maddox: What are you talking about? That sounds so cool!

Asterios: It was cool, Dick. It was cool for us to dress as wizards and go to a strip club.

Dick: Oh, wow. (scoffs) (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: So. Here's the schedule of events, okay? For my ultimate bachelor party day. 10 AM to 5 PM. Universal Studios. We rode the shit out of the movies. (Maddox giggles) All your favorites. The Mummy Returns, Shrek 4D. We went on em all!! (yells) 5 PM to 7 PM. Buca Di Beppo's. (Maddox laughs) We went to Buca Di Beppo's dressed as wizards and ate like kings. Then, on my schedule from 8 PM on, it says "Assorted Strip Clubs". (Maddox giggles)

Dick: 'Cause this was a 13-year-old's birthday party up until this point.

Asterios: (laughing) Yeah, exactly! I thought we'll start out slow and then just go crazy. So…we finish our Colossal Brownie Sundae…(Maddox groans) I open it up to suggestions. I say, "We could go to the Seventh Vale or Crazy Girls", neither of which I've been to, but both did very well on Yelp.

Dick: They're great. Yep.

Asterios: Exactly. And then my good friend slash a huge asshole goes, "Strip clubs might be too high pressure. Let's go to a Burlesque club."

Dick: High pressure for what?

Maddox: High pressure?

Asterios: For lap dances. They're afraid that, like, girls would constantly be coming up to them and asking them for lap dances.

Dick: Yeah, they are. It's great. It's the only place you can go where girls come up to you and are nice. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: It's the only place in the world except for Maddox's Facebook account (Maddox and Asterios crack up) where that happens!

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. It's amazing when you don't spend your career alienating women! (Asterios cracks up)

Dick: Ohhh, shut up! Like it happens to anybody else! (Maddox laughing)

Asterios: What was the name of the book you wrote again?!

Dick: Uh…(stammers) "Men Are Better Than Women". (Maddox and Asterios laugh) Just a little book. Just a little book. (grinning)

Maddox: Boy, I tell you what, man. The pressure I feel at a strip club.

(Sound effect: Boner "boing")

Maddox: Oh man.

Asterios: (laughing) You gotta get some relief for that pressure.

Maddox: Sure.

Asterios: But…now, I have never been to a strip club at this point and I am married and this was, like, my one chance to go to a strip club. (Maddox chortles) This was it! I had the perfect excuse: I'm the best man! I have to go to a strip club, hon! I HAVE to go! (pleading)

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Asterios: If I don't, I'll be disappointing my good friend Jeffrey!! And my asshole friend John is, like, "Let's go to Jumbo's Clown Room Burlesque Club." And I'm like "NOOOO!!!" (yelling) Like, I see my whole life falling apart in front of my eyes! (Maddox laughing) And I'm like "Guys, let's reconsider! There's no nudity at this Burlesque club! There's no friction dancing!" Everyone goes, "What's friction dancing?" (Maddox laughs) I go "Oh, right, you call them lap dances. Ahhhhhhh, I don't know what I'm talking about either!" (laughing) So we end up going to fucking Jumbo's Clown Room.

Dick: This is an epidemic, what you're talking about?

Asterios: Yes!

Dick: Guys…guys trying to opt out of strip clubs at bachelor parties. (Asterios sighs) Because I planned a bachelor party for that guy that got engaged.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And one of my…like..(stammers) at the beginning, he said, "Well you might want to check with everybody to see if they want to go to a strip club." And I said, "Well, that's one thing I'm never gonna do in my life." (Asterios cracks up) (Maddox laughs) First of all, we're definitely doing that. If you don't want to go to a strip club, you absolutely need to go to a strip club. And get over it.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Secondly, this is my reward for planning this thing. (Asterios laughs) I deserve this for planning…for doing all this horseshit for you!!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: That's exactly right. Anyone that does a laser tag bachelor party…mini golf bachelor party…going to Dave and Buster's…you are all pussies. You have to go to a strip club. And if you ASK someone…a lot of times they'll say 'no', and they'll be thinking 'yes' so hard. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: My friend was, like, (stammers) I'll just name him. My friend John was, like, "I don't know if Jeffrey wants to go to a strip club." I'm like, "He's a guy. He wants to go to a strip club." (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Of course.

Asterios: He may not admit it because he wants to look cool.

Dick: Yep.

Asterios: He doesn't want to look like a perv. But he wants to go to a strip club.

Dick: Right.

Asterios: Because I want to go to a strip club.

Maddox: Ahhhh. Yeah.

Asterios: But. We didn't. We end up at Jumbo's. Now listen. I want to talk about a phenomenon I call "The Quarter Inch of Purity".

Maddox: (chuckling) Okay.

Asterios: In our society, Burlesque performers are seen as intelligent, empowered women who are celebrating the female form and strippers are seen as seedy, desperate women who will do anything for a buck. What's the different between them? A quarter inch of fabric.

Maddox: Oh, interesting. Yeah!!

Asterios: A fucking quarter inch of fabric separates "experimental grad student" from "coke-addled trick baby". (Maddox laughs) A QUARTER INCH of fabric separates "Fifi Von Tease" from "Amber" no last name given, but when the red light's flashing, it's two for one dances. (Maddox laughs again) A QUARTER INCH OF FABRIC. The morality behind it is mind-boggling to me. I don't know what you guys think.

Maddox: I'm gonna surprise you guys.

Asterios: Mmm?

Maddox: I'm gonna say something that you're probably not expecting to hear from me. Dick, maybe you're the exception, 'cause you know me pretty well.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: I'm pretty ambivalent towards strip clubs.

Asterios: Interesting.

Maddox: Uh, yeah…oh. I got an interesting look from Asterios over here. Because…so… I…my friend came here one time. All my friends who come out of state, especially when they come from conservative states, the first thing they wanna do is hit up those strip clubs. And they all are super excited and enthused about it, and they're like "Hey man, are you ready to go to this thing?" And I'm like, "Oh, okay." (reluctant) (Asterios laughs) And…'cause I'll go there and I don't quite know what to do. I never really get lap dances.

Asterios: Is it 'cause you're a huge cheapskate?

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Asterios: Oh, well there you go!!!

Dick: That's part of it.

Maddox: No. So, I went to a strip club for a friend's bachelor party. It was something like 3:30, 4 in the morning. And this place, like, roped us along with some bullshit with, like, table service and free rides, all this other…and as soon as you get there, it's, like, a 30$ cover. We're like "Fuck you! We're outta here!"

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And so, finally, we get in there. They're like, "It's standing room only if you don't reserve a table." So we pay to get in…we haggled them down to 10 bucks. There's no cover. It's whatever they want to charge that night.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: So we haggle them down to 10 bucks. Walk in. We're the only guys in the place. Standing room only, my ass. So we go sit down at some table. And at the time, I had a girlfriend. And she told me, "I don't care if you go to a strip club, just don't get a lap dance." And I said, "Fine", 'cause I wasn't planning on it anyway. So these girls start making a beeline towards us and we start shooting em off left and right, and there's one left, and she comes over and sits on my lap, and I tell her "Look, I know you're here for work. I'm not spending any money. So it won't hurt my feelings if you get up and go try to find another client." And she said. "Thank you for being honest."

Dick: (laugh) It won't hurt my feelings. You're letting her let you down easy? (Asterios and Maddox laugh) The ego on you. It never ceases to amaze me! Look honey, it won't hurt my feelings. You can just walk away at any time.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (Asterios laughs) Yeah. No, I think I said I won't take it personally. That's what I said.

Dick: (laughing) Like they give a fuck. (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, this woman cared. Candy cared about my feelings. (grinning)

Dick: Oh man! She had you hooked! (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. (reluctant)

Dick: How much did you end up giving her?

Maddox: Oh. I walked out empty pocketed. (Asterios laughs) No, I didn't pay anything. So, anyway, at some point in the strip club, like all the guys are getting their lap dances, and it was gross, and I have some REALLY fun stories from that night. (Asterios laughs) Oh man, I have some stories. But finally, I was there so late, it was like 5 in the morning, and I fell asleep.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And at some point, I was just exhausted. I fell asleep at a strip club. And I wake up to a lap dance.

Asterios: Oh no!

Maddox: And I thought…yeah. I thought "Oh shit, I'm gonna be in so much trouble. My girlfriend told me." And this girl's, like, grinding on me and stuff, and she finally finishes, and I thought, "Man, I'm being taken advantage of here!" 'Cause I fell asleep…that's what

they do! If you fall asleep in a strip club or something, some girl's gonna come up and grind on you, say she gave you a lap dance, and then just take you for all you're worth!

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: So I…after the lap dance was finished, I reach into my pocket and pulled out a 10 and I'm like, "Sorry, this is all I have." I gave it to her and she said, "Thank you." And walked off. And I'm like, wow, I was expecting a broken knee or two. (Asterios laughs) But she walked off. And then I saw my buddy laughing. He had paid for the lap dance.

Asterios: Ahhhh!!! (laughing)

Dick: Aw.

Asterios: While you were asleep?

Maddox: While I was asleep. He thought it would be funny. And it was.

Asterios: (cracks up) That must have been a really weird thing to wake up to.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: All of a sudden, a woman you've never met.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it was weird. But anyway, I'm kind of ambivalent towards strip clubs. I don't know. Maybe I'm not horny enough for strip clubs.

Dick: I…I found a wad of ones in my dressed, like last week when I was putting stuff away. (Asterios laughs) And I…it was this GIGANTIC wad of ones. And I got it many years ago when I had a girlfriend, who, unlike Maddox, I don't bring up the strip club subject at all. I just do it and then lie about it. (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: They don't need to know!

Dick: They don't need to know everything. They don't need to know why I'm going. They don't need to know what I'm doing there. So I left with a shitload of ones, 'cause I think I got kicked out for climbing on the stage…(Asterios cracks up)

Asterios: Goddamn it. (laughing)

Dick: I left with so many ones that I couldn't get rid of them.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I went straight from the strip club, I took a plane back home, I got out, and she was picking me up at the airport, so I was like, "Shit, I gotta get rid of these ones." (Asterios laughs) 'Cause she's gonna, like…you know.

Asterios: Right, of course.

Dick: I've got a softball of one-dollar bills. So I hid them and I planned to spend them, like, a couple at a time like the Shawshank Redemption? (Asterios laughs) Like, to get rid of this mountain of evidence? And then I guess I forgot about that plan. We broke up, and several years later, I found this stack of ones, and was like "Well, I gotta take these to a strip club now." (Maddox and Asterios crack up)

Asterios: It's the only place that accepts one-dollar bills!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Take it back home.

Dick: This is a sign.

Maddox: That's funny. So what…did you end up at this Burlesque place?

Asterios: Yeah, look. So we're at the Burlesque place for four and a half hours. It's fun for the first hour and then it's super duper boring. Um, I…I wanna say this, though. I feel like there's this weird moral purity - the dividing line between stripper and Burlesque dancer I feel is really strong. And I feel like it's weird. Like, when a woman chooses not to show her breasts in a Burlesque performance, the message she's sending is that nudity is wrong. The natural form is something to be ashamed of. You know who else wants women covered up all the time? Terrorists. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yep.

Asterios: That's who wants women covered up all the time. Am I saying Burlesque dancers are terrorists? I'll let you be the judge, but yes, absolutely. (Maddox laughs) They're fucking terrorists. Strippers…

Dick: (interjects) They'll terrorize a salad bar, that's for sure. (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Asterios: Yes, the croutons had it…

(Sound effect: "Ding!")

Asterios: I want to…look. You guys may agree with me or disagree with me, but strippers at least have the integrity to embrace their career fully. For that, they should be celebrated with Dick's dollar bills stuffed into G-strings or with champagne served in rooms called Champagne Rooms where there's no champagne and just lap dances. We should be honoring the stripper. The Burlesque dancer, I feel, is somewhat that should be mocked, made to feel small, and destroyed. (Maddox and Dick laugh) Am I the only one who thinks this?

Dick: No. I'm 100% on board with this. I hate Burlesque. It's a tease.

Asterios: Yeah. Exactly! I wanna say just a couple more things. I…Burlesque dancers hide what they do behind affectation. Behind, like, (whiny female voice imitation) "Ooh, I'm old timey. I'm dressed like a gun mall. My name's Belle Von Bang Bang."

Dick: Right.

Asterios: Like, layer after layer designed to mentally separate what they do from what the stripper does. Separate. Like apartheid. (Maddox and Dick crack up) It's gotta fucking stop. It's gotta stop, guys!!!

Maddox: Wow. Boisterous. I didn't expect you to tie this to so many contemporary problems and also apartheid. Terrorism, apartheid, what else you got? Have you got a Martin Luther King reference in there?

Asterios: Well, I have a dream! (Maddox cracks up) I have a dream where my child can grow up in a world where she can choose to be a stripper if she wants to and if she's hot enough.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Asterios: A world free of judgment and clothing! So rise up! Rise up, Burlesque dancers, and free yourselves from the shackles that are your boyshorts! Free yourselves from the shackles of your Star Wars-themed belly shirts and your Dr. Who-themed double Dalek bras! Rise up and strike a blow for equality!! (yelling)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Bravo, Asterios! That was actually beautifully done.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Incredible. (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Dick: What's your problem?

Maddox: My problem, guys, is "Facebook".

Dick: Aw, gee. (laughs) Horseshit!! I'm calling horseshit already!

Maddox: I haven't even said anything!! (yelling)

Dick: Facebook is so big and enormous.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It could be anything to anybody.

Maddox: Well, my button's on the H-bomb, baby. I got it right here. Alright? I'm gonna…

Dick: This is a vote grab, pure and simple.

Maddox: Ohhhh!! (laughing) It's not a vote grab.

Asterios: Does that mean that you agree with him, though?

Dick: This is a fuckin' land grab!

Asterios: That means that you think he's got a point!

Maddox: Yeah. So I don't even have to finish. I already won.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. Here's the problem with Facebook. Alright? First of all. Facebook has become the world's largest repository of linkbait, links to Buzzfeed, Upworthy, Mashable, Distractify. That's another new one. Have you guys seen Distractify?

Asterios: No, but I'm pretty sure I know what it is. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. Based on the name. It's just become a conduit to content aggregation mills. It's separating content aggregation by one step. So you're going to this place just to see another place that points to links to other places. (angry)

Asterios: Oh. I'd like to point out that that's true. I don't go to blogs anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, I don't go…I used to go to "Ain't It Cool News" all the time, and this, and that. I used to go to all these blogs all the time. I don't do that anymore. I just see what my friends link to on Facebook and that's how I get my news. And that is weird, actually, that it's so…it's like the information I consume is now filtered through a corporation.

Maddox: It is!

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's really scary, because Facebook supposedly is for Net Neutrality, and yet, they control…I read this statistic awhile back, around 40%, 34% to 40% of all traffic on the Internet goes to Facebook?

Dick: Mm.

Asterios: Oh yeah, that's right!

Maddox: Yeah! So…so…34% to 40% is being filtered through Facebook's algorithmic choosing. So all these old websites you mentioned a long time, Asterios, like Ain't It Cool News, say, The Best Page In The Universe...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know. I-Mockery.com. All these websites. All these independent blogs that used to exist and some still do, obviously. Um, people found them organically just through searches or through links on other websites. But now, all these other websites have to have a Facebook presence, including my own.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: I have about 145,000 followers on Facebook. Right? So if I post a link to an article on my website, you would expect that to go out to about 145,000 people, wouldn't you? But instead, it goes out to maybe 20, 30, 40,000 if you're lucky. Because Facebook wants these page owners to pay to reach their own fans!

Asterios: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: They have turned everybody into an advertiser. There's no longer any such thing as organic reach on Facebook. And when Mark Zuckerberg recently did a Q&A in a Town Hall-style meeting, the number one question everyone asked him is, "Why don't you re-enable organic reach?" Because Facebook has this shitty business model that they're cramming down everyone's throats.

Asterios: Yeah. I'd like to point out just real quick…my friend…

Dick: (interjects) Can I say…I'm sorry! (loud) There's the problem! Not Facebook! (Asterios laughs) But what you just said. You fuckin'…you sidewinder!!

Maddox: (laughing) I got more, Dick.

Dick: You trickster! No you don't!

Maddox: Yes, I do.

Dick: This is what you're pissed off about! Sorry.

Maddox: I got a whole fuckin' page of shit! (angry)

Dick: I'm sorry Asterios. Go ahead.

Maddox: What, Asterios?

Asterios: No! Look, I just wanted to say that my friend…he runs a website. It's called http://www.actionfigureterapy.com. I want to give him this plug because Facebook fucked his small business. He used to get a lot of organic reach. His articles would always get seen on people's news feeds. But Facebook won't show his articles unless he buys a shitload of ads. There's apparently, like, some number you have to hit. Like, he has to buy x, y, and z amount of Facebook advertising or he's just not gonna show up in people's feeds. So now he has to spend money to be seen to make money and it's really hurting his business.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah. It's…there's a video on YouTube called "The Problem With Facebook". It's actually by a buddy of mine who runs this channel, Veritasium. He did this interesting study about Facebook and he looked at…well, it's not quite a study. He just looked at the Facebook business model and found that it's turned everyone into advertisers, so their motives are not aligned. On YouTube, content creators get a portion of the advertising revenue, and Google also makes a portion of that advertising revenue. So all of their motivations are in alignment. But on Facebook, they're not. Facebook is trying to get money out of you. They're basically using the Geocities model, which is a failed model. Every time a website on Geocities, back in the day, got a burst of traffic, Yahoo would shut down that website and say, "You need to pay us extra money."

Dick: Oh, really?

Asterios: Ohhh, God.

Dick: I didn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: For bandwidth, or some shit.

Maddox: For bandwidth! That's why…so Yahoo, rather than just simply monetize the traffic that's already come to their fucking website, they'd shut it off so nobody would see this amazing content…

Dick: Right.

Maddox: …Until they squeezed a couple of dimes out of the poor kid in someone's basement. That's why…that's how I started out. Just some kid in my parent's basement. Literally. I am the cliché Internet guy. I was 16 years old when I started my website in my parent's basement. If that happened to me, I would have never gotten this far. I would have been just another one of these websites that were shut down and that's exactly what Facebook's doing to kids all around the world today by eliminating organic reach. But that's not even the biggest problem. I decided one day to experiment with paying for this organic reach…inorganic reach, rather. And I decided, "You know, I'll check out this sponsored content." You just have to pay, and pay, and pay to reach people, and there's no guarantee

you'll ever reach them, and there's an ENORMOUS of fraud, click fraud, that goes on with Facebook. These…there's a bunch of…

Asterios: (interjects) Oh, right.

Maddox: Yeah! There's a bunch of Nigerian scammers and people in Indonesia who have set up these click farms that just go through and click on everything in Facebook to inflate those numbers artificially.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Those clicks mean nothing. They give you nothing. They don't return any results.

Asterios: Yeah. It was some ridiculous percentage like 20% or 40% of, like, all clicks are fake or something like that? Yeah. It was ridiculous.

Maddox: Yeah. Here's another problem with Facebook. They customize your news feed algorithmically. So, let's say you, God forbid, click on an article to, oh, I don't know, Breitbart, or the Huffington Post, or Salon, or Newmax, right? They might think, "Oh, well this guy's a liberal or a conservative." And that's ALL they'll ever fucking show you!!! (yells)

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: They'll create an echo chamber of your own opinions!!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I wanna point this out, though. Counterpoint. Facebook allows us to look at pictures of hot chicks that we went to college with.

Dick: There we go. Counterpoint. 'Cause your topic's so fucking big! (Maddox cracks up)

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. Like, if…I don't do this personally, because my wife…trails off… but you know, if one WERE to…(Maddox giggles)

Dick: Okay. I…I do this.

Asterios: Oh, Dick! You do what?! Oh, so creepy!

Dick: That's what Facebook is for! Hitting on hot friends of your friends.

Asterios: That's exactly what it's for!

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Asterios: It's for leaving comments on their walls!

Dick: Fuck little kids! Fuck kids in their mom's basement writing satirical articles! If I can hit on hot broads of my friends, that's a win! That's a net positive, asshole!

Maddox: Really?

Asterios: And if that 16-year-old could hit on hot girls, he wouldn't have to write comedy articles! He'd be going out and having a wonderful life! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! And if that 16-year-old didn't write those fucking articles, neither of you two bozos would be listened to by ANYONE right now!! (yelling) (Dick laughs)

Asterios: Oh my God. He's got us! (Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Maddox: Brought it home, boys! Alright, so listen to this. It creates an environment where people thrive on validation. These like, like, like like. Everybody like my status update. So, people…

Asterios: Wait, but you didn't response to our argument at all!

Maddox: Oh, the college…

Asterios: Haven't you ever picked up a girl solely on Facebook?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Have you ever NOT picked up a girl on Facebook?

Asterios: Exactly. Tell us about it! (Maddox cracks up) Yeah! Isn't that all you do? Like…I mean, come on!! (Maddox and Dick crack up) How many…you know what? Pull out your ancient crank phone right now that probably has a bunch of fucking duct tape on it…

Maddox: Fuck you. (laughing)

Asterios: Let me see your Facebook messages! How many

Maddox: I'll pull it up right now!

Dick: How many girls on your phone have the last name "Facebook?" (Maddox and Asterios crack up)

Asterios: Exactly!!

Maddox: All of them. No, but here's the thing.

Asterios: That's a good thing!

Maddox: No.

Dick: That's a good thing.

Maddox: Yeah. No, no, no, no. Look, uhh…Facebook…(stammers) Facebook is not this bastion of dating you make it out to be. First of all, Dick, you do it in the creepiest way. (Dick laughs) You do troll through your friend's feeds…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!

Maddox: And their friend's lists looking for girls…

Dick: I message all of them.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, like a fucking creep, which is super creepy.

Asterios: It's a numbers game!!! (yells)

Dick: It's a numbers game, man.

Maddox: You fucking losers!

Dick: Numbers game.

Maddox: You guys are in Losertown over here! What are you, just, like, hitting up any random chick and just hoping for a little piece of meat…

Dick: Okay, Casanova over here, right? (Asterios cracks up) Writes some of this, like, big personalized love paragraph.

Maddox: Yeah…no, no, no, no.

Asterios: How many, like, templates do you have? (Dick laughs) Where you just, like, copy, past, replace "place we met", replace "name", replace "time of day". Send. (laughing)

Maddox: You know…I don't need SHIT from two people who fucking get off on going to strip clubs! Who cares?! You guys are…(angry)

Asterios: Actually, I didn't go to a strip club. I went to a Burlesque club, and that's the fucking problem!! I didn't get to go to a strip club! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Burlesque. You know what? You know what? Here's an argument. Here's a torpedo for you. (angry) I wasn't gonna torpedo your problem Asterios, but now I'm all worked up!

Asterios: Nah, forget it…ahhhhhh!! My hull is indestructible!!!

Maddox: (laughs) Ahh, okay, this is going right in your hole, not in your hull! (Maddox and Asterios crack up) Yeah. So here's why Burlesque clubs exist. They serve full alcohol, buddy. You can see chicks as naked as they're gonna get AND you can drink as much as you want.

Asterios: But they don't get naked. They're just in their bras and panties.

Maddox: Exactly. And that…

Asterios: I can get drunk BEFORE I go to the strip club!

Maddox: Mmmyeaah…(skeptical)

Asterios: What do you mean, mmyeah?!!? (yells) There's an entire industry around that!! (Maddox laughs) You take a party bus to a strip club. You get hammered on the bus, you hop out of the bus, you go to the strip club.

Dick: And it's also California-specific, there, pal. I don't know if you wanna explain those laws…

Maddox: What, the…

Dick: (interjects) Those California laws to everybody.

Maddox: The alcohol? No, it's everywhere! In Utah, it was like that! They didn't serve alcohol!

Dick: No. (laughs) (scoffs) Utah.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: Utah. Where anything goes.

Maddox: In Oregon…

Dick: (interjects) In the rest of the country, you can drink and get naked.

Maddox: No. Some places yeah, some places no. It's different state to state.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, guys. Nobody…

Dick: (interjects) So there's a bias on Facebook.

Maddox: There is a bias on Facebook. Listen. Here's the other thing. I am so fucking tired. You guys have seen these status updates, 'cause I know we have some of the same mutual friends. Of how blessed you are.

Asterios: Ohhh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I am so fucking tired of hearing how blessed everyone is all the fucking time. Blessed, blessed, blessed. I'm so blessed, guys.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I wanna point out that anytime someone tells me they got a "call back" or they just got cast with two lines in fucking Californication, or x or y or z, I wanna smash my computer! Like, that is a problem with Facebook that, like, the minorest accomplishment you write eight paragraphs about and get a million likes on and it's disgusting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, you misers, uh…(Maddox and Asterios laughs) Thank God Facebook, in its infinite wisdom, has given us the power to block these things. So…one point against Facebook, one point for Facebook.

Maddox: No, it doesn't work, dude. I…every time I see a BuzzFeed link pop up on Facebook, I click hide, hide, hide. Always fucking hide.

Asterios: Oh yeah, yeah. I can't deal with it.

Maddox: And it never hides it.

Asterios: I can't do it.

Maddox: Because, guess what, that's also…

Asterios: (interjects) I try to.

Maddox: Yeah. That's also contrary to their business model, because if those clients pay Facebook for sponsored content, they're gonna shove it in your fucking face, buddy. 'Cause they're gonna put the corporate interest over yours every single time!

Dick: As they should. (laughing)

Maddox: No.

Asterios: There used to be a button…

Dick: (interjects) They have to make money!

Maddox: No, they…then they should do it in a way that other people have done it!

Dick: How? How should Facebook make money if they're not doing this? (grins)

Maddox: I don't know, man!

Asterios: With advertising!

Dick: Sell T-shirts?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sell Facebook T-shirts all over the internet? (grins)

Asterios: (giggles) They have plenty of advertising. Unblockable advertising, by the way.

Dick: Their advertisements are so targeted, they can't make as much money as they can with Google, though.

Asterios: But no, targeting means you can make more money, because you're reaching out to specific consumers. If I want to advertise my comic book blog and I'm only advertising it to comic book fans, aren't…isn't that a more valuable ad?

Dick: (sighs) How much are you gonna pay for those ads?

Asterios: Well, I'm not paying shit. (laughs)

Dick: There you go. (laughs)

Maddox: You know, they should charge…maybe it should be the same type of business model that already fucking works. They're not trying to reinvent capitalism here. (Dick laughs loudly) If big corporations are coming along, like Nike, has deep pockets. They should charge them more for the reach for their fans than they should, like Bozo XYZ running I-Mockery.com. Like, who cares? We don't have any money. Come on.

Asterios: Counter. Counter.

Dick: It might be the craziest thing I've heard you say. What?

Asterios: Counterpoint. My grandma's on Facebook and it's adorable. For my birthday, she posted…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, Dick's probably hit on her.

Dick: Yeah, probably.

Asterios: For my birthday, she posted, like, "Happy Birthday, grandson. Love and God's blessings, Grandma." (Maddox laughs) It touched my heart and I remember I started thinking, like, "Oh my God, this technology is so simple that my grandma, who grew up in Portugal, who worked in a watch factory her whole life, can, like, understand it and use it to reach me. I remember just thinking at the time, "This is the cutest thing I've ever seen."

Maddox: Maybe she's a digital cyber demon. (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Dick: The touching warmth of a loved family member that you would never be able to speak to in the past. Facebook has given you that. Versus Maddox is annoyed at BuzzFeed articles. (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Alright, Dick. (sighs, exasperated)

Asterios: I feel like there's a lot of good points to Facebook! I feel like, yeah, there is a bunch of shitty things they do, but there's a lot of good it does too!

Dick: It connects everyone on the planet. The purpose of technology, to bring us together. Facebook does it.

Maddox: No, it fucking doesn't, Zuckerdick!! (angry, yelling) (Asterios cackles) It fucking doesn't! It fucking doesn't! It makes you feel more alone, more isolated, because what Facebook does, is it creates an environment where you thrive on validation. All you crave is "likes" on your status update. Your day can go up and down based on how many "likes" you get and it disincentivizes unpopular opinions!!

Dick: You need to see a psychiatrist. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: (laughs) What are you…what are you talking about?!

Dick: You should not care about likes that much!

Maddox: No!! They've done studies and they've found that you get depressed if you don't get more likes and you get these dopamine bursts. That's why Facebook works. Because people post status updates, so they get validation, and then they continue down that path of validation. They realize, "Oh, this outrage-type article I'm gonna post about a guy wearing a bowling shirt who landed a satellite on a meteor, on an asteroid out in space… that outrage article got a whole bunch of likes, so I'm gonna continue down that path of outrage and outrage and outrage and that's all you ever fucking get from that person until you gotta fucking hide them! (Dick laughs)

Asterios: It turns us all into, like, Morton Downey Jrs, doesn't it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: How fucking interesting is that?

Dick: Explain that.

Asterios: Uh, it turns us all into, like, loudmouths who are constantly shouting superstrong opinions just to get people's attention. I know nothing about that! I don't relate.

Dick: Oh, whaaaaaaaaat?

Maddox: So there's this article…there's a website called http://www.waitbutwhy.com and there's an article…I hate list articles, but this was so well done, I have to bring it in. It's called "7 Ways to Be Insufferable on Facebook". (Asterios cracks up) Have you guys heard this?

Asterios: No. (laughing)

Maddox: It's a really well-written article. So, here are the seven ways. "Number One, Bragging Status Updates". So this is all I ever see. These seven status updates I'm about

to read to you are all I ever see on Facebook. "It's the type of status update that starts out with something like "I'm living the best life." "Guess who's got an awesome job." "Guess where I'm travelling?" "Guess what celebrity I'm with?" Or you get the humble brags, things like, "Man, the keg backstage at this concert has run dry."

Dick: Cool. I'm happy when my friends are having a good time.

Maddox: Yeah, no…(stammers) get out of here, Dick! (Asterios laughs)

Dick: Isn't everyone who isn't a total prick?!

Maddox: Yeah. (Asterios still laughing) Says a guy whose name is "Dick". So, number two, you get the other kind of insufferable status update. "Cryptic Cliffhangers".

Asterios: Ohh, God, I hate that!

Dick: Oh man.

Maddox: Yeah. "That's it guys! I've had it with today!", but they'll end it there. Right?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: They want the attention. They're craving that attention, but they're just gonna leave you hanging, like you're just, like hanging off of their every word waiting for them to give you a little nugget of how BAD their day was. Tell us! Tell us how bad your day was.

Asterios: The one…oh, please.

Dick: I've hit on a lot of girls with that status. (grins)

Maddox: I know, Dick. You're fucked. You're fucked!

Asterios: That's a great time to get 'em! They're so vulnerable!

Dick: Oh yeah. They answer back immediately. (grins)

Asterios: Good man.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. Yeah. Oh man.

Asterios: I aspire to be more like Dick.

Dick: (giggles) Thank you.

Asterios: I wanna say my least favorite status update is (sighs) "Leaving Facebook for a while."

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah.

Asterios: You know, "Reach me on my cell if you're my real friend."

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Asterios: It's just like, "Fuck you." You want attention out of this attention machine that you say you hate. It's just like, "Shut the fuck up".

Maddox: Yeah. It's the nuclear attention grab.

Asterios: Yes! Exactly!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: (whiny voice) Please come back to Facebook! Waaah!!

Maddox: And then, of course, there are the Literal Status Updates. "Hey guys, going to the gym." Or "Finally taking a break to get some dinner." (Asterios laughs) Thanks for the update! Nobody gives a fuck! Not even your mom cares! Come on.

Dick: Speaking of moms. Facebook has removed the need to call your parents so often and talk to them, 'cause they can just follow you on Facebook.

Asterios: Do your parents follow you on Facebook!?

Dick: Yeah. Of course.

Asterios: Oh. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Another win in the Facebook column.

Asterios: Actually, lemme follow that up with something else adorable. (Dick laughing) So, my mom loves playing Candy Crush and she will text me at 4 AM sometimes and be, like, "Can you send me a life so I can keep playing Candy Crush?"

Maddox: Yeah sounds like she needs…

Asterios: (interjects) And I will do it. I'll be like, "Absolutely." (Maddox laughs) You've given me so much, the least I can do is give you a Candy Crush life so you can keep playing. And it's this connection that my mom and I have forged over video games that I would not have known about if it wasn't for Facebook, and I also think it's super adorable.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. I used to…I used to do that with moms back in the day on Yahoo Games and it was just fine.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And you know what was beautiful about it? They weren't following me. (Asterios cracks up) I could post about going to a Burlesque club or a strip club or I can post about how shitty my opinions are.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I don't have to worry about alienating my work colleagues, my real life friends, my family. They don't have to know. In fact, they can check it out on this website, called "The Best Page In The Universe." (Asterios laughs) And I know…I know I don't have to worry about my closest friends and family getting offended. They don't have to see my shitty opinions, 'cause I never post them on Facebook. But people who don't have the luxury of having a website where they can put their shitty opinions like me? Can't. And they have their parents following them, like Dick.

Dick: Well, that's false actually. Because Facebook lets you make groups of your friends that you can choose to selectively share your status updates with. I think someone who, like, builds their own computer, would take the time to construct these lists. (grins)

Maddox: I have. And it is painstaking. It is so gruelingly difficult!

Asterios: Oh God. You know what? Look. Actually, I'm on both of your sides on this one. I have, like, a list for my work mates. I have a list for my family. I have a list for my humorless family.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I have two separate family lists, 'cause some of them can take a joke and some of them can't. But there's always that one person that you forgot to add to the list.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: And you post that one political thing. And then it's like, "Oh shit. I forgot to add my uncle to the Family list." And now every time I go to Christmas, he's like, "So you think global warming is real, huh? Well let me give you 800 facts about why it's not." (Dick laughs) It's like. "AHH, GODDAMNIT FACEBOOK, you fucked me!!"

Maddox: Yep. (laughing) That always happens. Invariably happens. I have alienated some of my own family members.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause I have this…I have someone in my family who's VERY anti-gay marriage, so I confronted her about it one time, just once, and I just asked her, "Hey, if you're trying to strengthen marriage, why aren't you opposed to divorce?"

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And, you know, that shut the conversation down. But…

Dick: (interjects) You know, you guys, I think you should just think about the things you're gonna say before you say 'em.

Asterios: I don't want to! (whines)

Dick: If it's true, and if it's kind, and if it's…I'm trying to remember this stupid acronym that I saw on Facebook. (grinning)

Asterios: Oh God. Oh God. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like…(laughs) "Think before you say everything", and it's got a dumb adjective for every letter. Sorry, go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. It would save me so much time if you did that on this podcast. (they all crack up) So, here's another one. Another type of insufferable status update. "The Inexplicably Public Private Message". "I miss you. When are we going to hang out?" On someone's wall so everybody sees it. You see that communication pop up in your news feed. "Having a great weekend with my two girls, July and Emily, at the cabin. Love my girls! #funtimes".

Asterios: Dick, have you messaged July and Emily yet?

Dick: No. I'm gonna write them down.

Asterios: Oh, good.

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic) Um, "The Oscar Acceptance Speech". (Asterios laughs) This is the type of status updates I was referring to, the first. "2012 was a biggg year for me. I left my amazing job at NBC to move back to Chicago. I started dating my angel, Jaime Holland. I started yoga (thanks Jake Fisher & Jonah Perlstein!). I wrote an album with Matthew Johannson. Wrote another album I'm proud of. I got to hang with Owen Wilson, and worked with Will Ferrell on an amazing project. I drank the best orange juice I've ever had."

Asterios: That's a real status update?

Maddox: Yeah, that's a real status update. (Asterios shudders) That's paraphrased from this website, but yeah, that's a real status update.

Asterios: I got the douche chills.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: That's rough shit.

Maddox: I get that ALL THE FUCKING TIME.

Asterios: Yeah, me too.

Maddox: And then it always talks about how fucking blessed they are! I don't give a shit! I've hidden people just because they say they're blessed all the time! It makes me wanna barf! Um..(laughing) Number Six…

Asterios: I've hidden so many people that it's just my grandma now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And she talks about how blessed she is, and I'm like, "You are blessed, Grandma. I love you." (Maddox laughs) "And God loves you too." (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Asterios, that is so adorable. Uh, Number Six is the "Incredibly Obvious Opinion". So, something terrible happens, like the Boston Marathon bombing or something, or you know, even if…remember when New York had a black out a little while back, a couple of years ago? All these people started flooding Facebook with comments for people on New York who couldn't fucking read them! (Asterios cracks up) 'Cause they are in a blackout, you FUCKING APES! (yells) They would say things like, "My thoughts and prayers for everyone suffering from the blackout in New York." Wow, I'm sure they'll appreciate in four days when their power comes back on, you moron. When they get on Twitter. (angry, ranting) Do you think that matters to anyone!? It's not…and that status update is not about people suffering from a blackout. That's about you. YOU want to seem like somebody who cares! You want to seem like somebody who is in it!

Dick: Yeah, but it's just…they would say that to their friends if they were together with them.

Maddox: No they wouldn't!!! You wouldn't phrase it this way!! You wouldn't say, "Hey guys! (clears throat) Attention! My thoughts and prayers are with the people in New York who are

suffering from a blackout." If someone said that to me, they wouldn't finish it, 'cause they'd have to talk through my first in their mouth! (Dick cracks up)

Asterios: You know, if they weren't saying it on Facebook, they would say it on MySpace. (Maddox laughs) Or they would say it on Friendster. Like, a lot of this shit isn't a problem with Facebook. It's that people are douches.

Dick: That's a good point, Asterios. It has nothing to do with Facebook. Facebook isn't the problem.

Maddox: Face…well, yeah. (stammers) Well, if MySpace was bigger, that's what this problem would be. If it was any…Friendster, if it was…whatever it was, I would be talking about that today, but it's Facebook, unfortunately. And then the final type of douche status update...(giggles) (Asterios giggles) Is "The Steps Towards Enlightenment".

Dick: Uh-huh. (grinning)

Maddox: Like, when people talk about, "Hey guys, I've had this epiphany, or they'll start quoting quotes from Buddha, or Jesus, or Martin Luther King, or Dahlai Llama, or whatever the fuck it is! It's some inspirational fucking quote that they're SHOVING down your throat, all the time. 'Cause they are enlightened. And what that is, again, is not about helping you, it's about seeming cool. And seeming like they have it together. That's what that is.

Asterios: Dick. Dick, please go fuck those girls. (Dick laughs) For all the married guys like me who can't do it! (Maddox sighs, exasperated) That's, like, a big flashing target.

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: That's like when a Star Fox villain's head is glowing and it's, like, "I'd better shoot that head!"

Dick: Oh, yeah. Right here.

Maddox: So, so…all the motivations for these types of status updates, they boiled them down to these five motivations. Number One is Imagecrafting. Nobody posts the real slice of their life on Facebook. Or very few people do. It's always imagecrafting. They're creating a super-edit of your life where everything is cool and awesome and you're having fun all the time!

Dick: Yeah, but that's like a scrapbook, also. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. But the difference is…(laughs) The difference is, scrapbook stays… (Dick and Asterios crack up)

Dick: I mean…when, like, you go over to Grandma's house, and she's like. "Do you wanna check out this scrapbook?" (laughs) Do you start screaming at her? "THIS IS NOT AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION!!" (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: "This is selective editing! Where's grandpa's stroke?!" (Maddox and Dick crack up) How come that doesn't have any pages?!?!

Dick: How come there's no pictures of you taking a shit!?!? (Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Maddox: Yeah! You don't have to see that shit! It's hidden in Grandma's closet. If Facebook was hidden there, I'd be fucking happy.

Dick: Well, it is. It's a computer. (grinning) Just stop going to it.

Maddox: Yeah. Can't help it, it's the only way people go to websites! (Asterios laughs) It's the only way you can get traffic anymore, 'cause it's ubiquitous! Everyone's on it, all the fucking time!

Asterios: Google does the same shit, though. Like, Google controls what you see.

Maddox: No. No, no. It's totally different. Google does, but it's based…

Asterios: (interjects) I agree that Facebook is much worse…

Maddox: Yeah. Google at least does it in an algorithmic way that drives traffic to your website if people think it's worth clicking on. And they do that by linking to it and creating these actual networks. These pathways on the Internet to your website, and the stronger those connections are, the more trustworthy the website is. There's a lot of factors that go into Google. It's totally different than Facebook.

Dick: Tubes. They're like big tubes.

Maddox: Oookay, Dick.

Dick: The stronger the tube is…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: A whole series of them, in fact.

Maddox: I got a tube for you.

Asterios: It's like a big truck.

Maddox: Yeah, (giggles) Thanks guys.

Dick: I heard you.

Maddox: Yeah. Thanks. (giggles) Narcissism. That's another motivation for Facebook. Opinionated, bloviating, like your insights and philosophies on life matter.

Asterios: Unlike podcasts. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. (Asterios and Maddox laugh) Well, here's…

Asterios: (interjects) The purest form of expression!

Maddox: Well, here's how you know when your opinions matter. When people listen to them. Okay? If they're not clicking "like", if they're not posting comments on Facebook, you should probably stop. No one cares. Uh…(giggles) wow. The room got really quiet on that one.

Asterios: Well, that's kind of sad, isn't it. That resonates with me, because it's like, sometimes I'll post a tweet or a Facebook thing and it won't get a bunch of likes, and I will have thought it's funny, and then I will delete it.

Maddox: Oh, there you go. So you're…validation is changing your content!

Asterios: I know! I…look, I'm saying I agree with that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's like…it's dumb. It's stupid. It makes me weaker as an artist. But at the same time, I do it. And I'm not proud of it.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what, Asterios, I'm right there with you. I've done it too.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: I've posted things and I think, "Well, nobody liked that one. I gotta delete it." 'Cause you want…

Asterios: (interjects) Yeah. I guess it wasn't good!

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: And it's, like, well what about MY opinion?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: But it doesn't matter anymore, because I can't quantify my opinion.

Maddox: It doesn't matter. No, you can't. And you get that instant validation. And you get those dopamine spikes and you get depressed when they don't get that validation.

Asterios: Yeah. Today, a buddy of mine retweeted a tweet I wrote and it got me, like, all these new followers, and every five minutes, I'm checking my phone. I'm, like, ooh, how many do I have now? It's like…it's like a fucking slot machine!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Which is also based on those dopamine hits, of like, "Oh, we'll give you a little bit, we'll give you a little bit, we'll take, we'll take, we'll take."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Man, if you guys had to lose votes as often as I do on this show, I think you'd kill yourselves. (Asterios and Maddox crack up) I don't give a fuck. Like me, don't like me, I don't give a shit. I'll leave it up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You seem to give a shit at the beginning of every episode. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You mind that you lost and you flip the fucking table! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Asterios…

Asterios: (interjects) How many of these tables have you bought?! (Dick laughs) This one has a hole punched through it!

Maddox: Asterios, you still don't understand. Nothing Dick says matters. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: That's a good point actually, right. (Maddox laughing)

Asterios: He's made of pure insincerity.

Maddox: (giggles) Yes he is. The final two…Attention Craving is one other status update. That's the friend of yours who is saying, "Hey guys, I'm leaving Facebook forever. Text me if you care about me."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, then Jealousy-Inducing. That's the…that has to do with imagecrafting.

Dick: Jealousy inducing?

Maddox: Yeah. Those are the ones where you're always posting pictures of you at the club, or at a pool, or whatever. I never post…

Dick: (interjects) Did Hannibal Lecter write this list?

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's very negative! (Asterios laughs) What about, like, wanting to bond with people over similar experiences? Is that not on there?

Maddox: They said that the only type of unannoying Facebook status…so there are some unannoying Facebook status updates. Here's what they define them as. Anything…they can be one of two things. They need to be either interesting and informative or they need to be funny, amusing, or entertaining. That's the only type of status update that they thing is unannoying on Facebook.

Dick: Who's "they"? A bunch of robots?

Maddox: No. The article…(Asterios laughs) The author of this article.

Asterios: Haven't you become real life friends with people over social media?

Maddox: Oh yeah. I've made some of my best friends in real life just people I met.

Asterios: Well, then..exac…that's the thing. That's one of the things Facebook gives us. That's the way we do it now.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I used to do it before without that. It just…it worked just fine.

Asterios: Yeah, but it's Facebook now. You used to listen to the radio and then you watched TV! Like…time has moved on!

Dick: You fucked up. You made your problem too broad! (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: If your problem was this algorithm thing…

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Asterios: Like, "Facebook's Fucking Over Content Creators and Small Businesses".

Dick: Yep. Yep.

Asterios: I would be COMPLETELY on board.

Dick: Or "Facebook Narcissism". That's another good one.

Asterios: I would hate that! (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah. Wait, what.

Dick: Or. Or, "Maddox is Addicted to Facebook".

Maddox: What.

Dick: That would be a big thing. That would be a big problem.

Maddox: Oh, the like thing? Nah. I've actually…

Asterios: "Like Culture". You could call it like that.

Dick: "Like Culture".

Asterios: Exactly.

Maddox: I actually did a talk in New York for Internet week, um, a couple of years ago. And they brought me out to talk about this very subject. The name of the talk, I think was, "Is Validation Changing Content on the Internet?" and it absofuckinglutely is.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: It's…it makes us censor ourselves. So Asterios, maybe that comment that you posted was really brilliant and nobody liked it because it was targeted to people who didn't quite understand the level of genius that was in that comment. That'll never be there! It's deleted from the records. It's struck from the records. No one will ever seen that.

Asterios: Look! I agree that that's my failing as a creative person, but I do that on Twitter, too. And on Tumblr. And on Reddit. And it's like…

Dick: (interjects) And in real life.

Asterios: And in real life. Yeah. If I tell a joke onstage and it doesn't do well, I may not tell it again, even though there might have been something there. Like, that's not…it's…the Facebook thing's too broad.

Maddox: Nah. I think you guys are two broads.

Asterios: (cracks up) Two hot broads!

Maddox: Yeah…(laughing)

Asterios: Hello! (whiny girl voice, sounds similar to Maddox' girlfriend's voicemail from the previous episode) Hi, Maddox!

Maddox: Why don't you guys hit on each other?

Asterios: (Whiny girl voice) How you doing?!

Dick: Oh, that was you?!

Maddox: What?! That was you Asterios!?! (yelling) (Asterios cackles) You got my hopes up!!! I thought I had a girlfriend! So lonely!

Asterios: Sorry, sucker!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I'll see you at the Burlesque club.

Maddox: Oh, and guys, this is the final motivation for Facebook status updates. It's… loneliness. Which is kinda sad, but sometimes people are just acting lonely on Facebook, but it also spreads their sadness, so you just, like, feel bad for somebody. 'Cause sometimes I'll roll over in bed at 3 in the morning, I can't sleep. I'll just look at my phone. I'll glance and I'll see my other friend at 3 in the morning, can't sleep either, in like three, four states away, and she's just talking about how bored and depressed she is going to a diner by herself drinking coffee. I'm like, "Oh god, that bums me out. Well, I can't do anything…"

Dick: (interjects) Do you give her a "like"?

Maddox: (laughing, Asterios laughing) Yeah. And then there's no way…like, if you post any kind of tragic news, like your grandpa passed away or something, or your dog just got run over, then somebody…inevitably someone clicks "like" on it, and you know that their intent is not that they like that you lost your dog. In most cases. Although my friend one time posted that he was sick, and I clicked "like", and I meant it. (Asterios and Maddox laugh)

Dick: You know what? Without Facebook, there would be no societally acceptable way to message girls out of the blue on their birthday.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: And try to set up a date with them.

Asterios: That's right! That's right. I meant…

Maddox: Just don't be a creep. How about that?

Dick: What's creepy about that?

Asterios: It's just Happy Birthday!

Maddox: No, no. I'm…

Asterios: And a smiley face.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Happy Birthday!

Maddox: Uugggggggggh!! (groans)

Dick: (adds) Baby.

Maddox: Okay! There it is! (Asterios laughs) What were you gonna say, Asterios?

Asterios: Oh! Just that I met my wife…my wife and I got…we met once at a party, but then, like, Twitter is kinda where the courtship happened. Like, we were tweeting at each other. We sent each other Facebook messages. Then, we got married. It's not all terrible. Like, a lot of good shit happens, too. Dick's constantly getting laid. I found a cool wife.

Dick: My friend with the engagement ring that I talked about. They met on Facebook because I MADE him get a Facebook account. He immediately reconnected with her from high school. Boom. Married.

Asterios: Yeah! There you go.

Dick: But I guess I cost him a thousand bucks, too.

Maddox: Tchyeah.

Dick: So maybe that's wash.

Asterios: Pros and cons. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. You know, guys, I've made some of my best friends. I've met people on Facebook, and…but before that, I…and I've also dated people I've met on Facebook. It's been great for stuff like that. But it's…I don't think it's because of Facebook. I think it's in spite of Facebook. (Asterios laughs) I used to meet those people on IRC, I used to meet those people in chatrooms, on forums. Sometimes they'd be…

Asterios: But you couldn't browse through all their photos on IRC!! (yells)

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And you had to…

Dick: You had to take their word for it.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly!

Maddox: Naaaah. I would…you know what? You can send…

Dick: 19-year-old woman, huh? (grinning)

Maddox: You could send people pictures back and forth back in the day.

Asterios: Yeah, of someone else!!! (Maddox laughs) Exactly. I could send pictures of a super hot lady called, "Big Boobs McGee" to you!

Maddox: Awwwwgh, that was you Asterios!!! I'm so hurt! (yelling) (Asterios cackles evilly) Alright, let's wrap this up. What were you guys' problems?

Dick: I haaaaaad…"Engineering Sexism".

Asterios: My problem is "Burlesque Dancers".

Maddox: And my problem was "Facebook"! The real winner. Don't listen to these two broads!

Asterios: Oh! Just before I split. The comedy publishing outfit that I'm a part of, Devastator Press, first off, I want to say, thanks to everyone that bought my book, "The Enemies of 20-Something Mega Man." That was totally awesome.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Asterios: Like, a shitload of people bought the book thanks to your guys' podcast, so I really appreciate it!

Dick: That's great.

Asterios: We have a new book out, it's called "Grosslumps" and it's a Goosebumps parody written, by, like, P.F Cline, or something like that. We all wrote little Goosebumps parody stories for it. It's a book of short stories. I wrote a book called, "My Parent's Divorce Lawyers are Aliens". (Maddox laughs) And so, you pick up the book, it's called Grosslumps, at http://www.devastatorpress.com/books . You can read my story. You can read, uh, stories about haunted Tiki bras that make girls' boobs TOO big. (saucy voice)

Dick: Whoa, whoa. (Maddox laughs) Stop. Stop. Stop there.

Maddox: That is really scary.

Dick: I'm sold. Everybody's sold.

Maddox: That is so funny.

Asterios: Yeah! So check it out.

Maddox: Asterios, yeah. And thank you, by the way. I got your "Enemies of 20-Something Mega Man" last time. It was so funny. Uh, reading through.

Asterios: Oh, thank you!

Maddox: Yeah. And guys, if you still haven't checked it out, you're fucking up in your life. (Asterios laughs) Uh, check this out, and I also want to plug Devastator Press, because I've…

Asterios: Oh yeah.

Maddox: They've published some of my work! What…I forget the episode, but I wrote something…and I'm also working on a piece for the December issues, which is horror-themed. I dunno if that's a spoiler we can give away.

Asterios: No, it's okay!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: We gotta get…Dick, we gotta get you in there.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. Alright. (nonchalant)

Asterios: Alright, good!

Maddox: Alright, Dick. (giggles)

Asterios: We'll set it up!

Maddox: Very enthused. Very enthused. (Dick laughs) Anyway guys, http://www.devastatorpress.com...

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And check out Asterios' work! Grosslumps, right?

Asterios: Yeah. Grosslumps and the Enemies of 20-Something Mega Man. And thank all of you. I really like you guys. Thank you so much.

Maddox: Thanks…

Asterios: Thank you two, too.

Dick: Thank you for coming on.

Maddox: Yeah. Thank you for coming on. And you are our first ever repeat guest!

Asterios: Yeaaaaah!!

Maddox: So, again. Don't forget guys, vote on the "Facebook" problem. (Asterios cracks up) (Maddox laughs) Thanks, guys.

(Closing theme riff)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 28

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, what's up buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back, Sean.

Sean: Thank you very much.

Dick: What were you doin', Sean? Were you farming more ass?

Sean: Yeah, it was really weird. I actually got invited to a party and then I woke up at Bill Cosby's house (Maddox chuckles) wearing a multicolored sweater.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Right off the bat! Alright.

Dick: Who won, Maddox?! Last week was a very exciting week with your gigantic softball of a problem that you brought in.

Maddox: Yeah. I got a softball for you. I got a couple you can put in your mouth. Hey listen, Dick. Look. No one won last week, 'cause it's not a contest. Alright?

Dick: Uh-oh. (grinning)

Maddox: It's never been a contest! Because it doesn't make sense to say who wins between toothpicks, and , I dunno, say, bullhorns.

Dick: Okay. So who didn't win last week, then. Should we start there?

Maddox: You didn't win with 'Engineering Sexism'! (laughs)

Dick: Ooohohoho!!! Yeaah!! I actually blew you out, asshole! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I saw those votes! I killed you! I creamed you!

Maddox: Oh. Okay. I got an impromptu "Dick Versus Dick". Weren't you saying…weren't you calling shenanigans and saying that was a vote grab, my Facebook problem?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And?

Dick: Yeah. Your Facebook problem was a vote grab.

Maddox: And you were wrong.

Dick: And everybody agreed with me.

Maddox: So can we…we agree that you're wrong. (laughs) That was not a vote grab. I win! There we go.

Dick: So, someone in the comments said that I shouldn't gloat so much when I win?

Maddox: Oh. (scoffs) Oh yeah.

Dick: And he had a point, except I had already written this song about winning. (laughs) (Maddox laughs)

(Song starts to play, electric guitar/drums, singer sings "Maddox LOST!" "Maddox LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "'Cause his problems fucking sucked!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Diiiiiiiiiiiiiiick is the winner!" song ends) (Dick and Maddox cracking up in the background throughout)

Dick: Fuck you! I win! You know what's great about that song, is it's so short you can hear it twice.

Maddox: N-…(cracks up)

(Song starts to play, electric guitar/drums, singer sings "Maddox LOST!" "Maddox LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "'Cause his problems fucking sucked!" (**Maddox:** Ohhh, boy.) (**Dick:** Fuckin' sucked!) **"Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Diiiiiiiiiiiiiiick is the winner!" song ends)**

Dick: Ahhhh. Feels good, man.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Feels good. Thank you.

Maddox: Alright. Alright. Bravo, Dick. Real good.

Dick: Thank you. Thanks.

Maddox: Real funny. Real funny joke. I love that song! (Dick cracks up) Real funny. I fucking love it. (angry) You know what? You know what, Dick? I don't have anything prepared right at this fucking moment, but you're gonna get yours. Okay?

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: You're gonna get yours, Next episode, you're gonna hear it.

Dick: Oh yeah? (breathless from laughing)

Maddox: It's coming.

Dick: Speaking of having things prepared, I got something else prepared for you.

(Music clip starts, dramatic 80's sound rolls into a rap song: "Maddox lost the argument. Who will be the next target. Dick _____it should be. All from here in Tennessee. Oh yeah, we're having a championship, new form of podcast (**Dick:** That's right! (laughing)) **, the biggest problems in the universe. How big of a loser can Maddox ____really be? Back here with crybaby in the spelling bee. We're gonna mark this down in the fucking _____.** (**Dick:** I dunno. (laughing)) (**Maddox:** What

the fuck is this?! (laughing)) **Dick is the motherfucking champ. It's true, Maddox likes the argument, now he _____a supplement. It's okay, Maddox…(becomes difficult to hear as Maddox yells)**

Maddox: (yelling) What the fuck is this? What is this horseshit?! (Dick laughs) Why am I listening to this on my fucking show?! Turn this…turn this…I'm gonna cut the cord!! Cut the cord. Cancel this episode. Cancel the show. Cancel everything.

Dick: Alright. That's it. That's it. That's all the songs I have. (laughing)

Maddox: First of all, fuck you to that guy! (Sean laughs) And second, that's fucking awesome! Who did that?

Dick: (laughing) It's this dude! Um, I'll put his name in the post.

Maddox: That's like…one of my favorite…what's the guy? Pharoahe Monch? I dunno how to pronounce it. He did that Godzilla drop. That Godzilla mix.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's SO fucking cool and it was from the movie Boiler Room. Well, they played it during the soundtrack, I think, during the credits. It's a fucking cool…dude, um…thanks for doing that! (Dick cracks up) For the wrong fucking reason! I hate that guy, but love that guy. That…that was incredible.

Dick: Good songs. Talented people.

Maddox: No! Those are shit songs. You're gonna get yours so hard, Dick!

Dick: (laughing) Okay. And then what was the next problem? What was second place?

Maddox: Facebook.

Dick: Okay. Mouthful.

(Sound effect: Clapping) (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: I have some sounds and music too. And then, Asterios with his Burlesque dancers problem, with -1 votes. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. I looked at that one. That…so, he got over 2000 votes on that problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Making that problem the most controversial problem we've ever had on this show. 'Cause it's at exactly 0. That means as many people disagree with him as agree with him.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: So that's a big problem. It's the most controversial problem in the universe!

Maddox: Uhh…well…

Dick: Burlesque dancers. That's right at 0!

Maddox: You know what? You know what, Dick? Your…what was it, the masseuse problem, your horseshit masseuse problem that you brought in?

Dick: Right. Know-it-all masseuses.

Maddox: Yeah. Know-it-all masseuses. That's been near 0 for a couple of weeks, if not months. So I would check the stats on that. You might want to check the stats.

(Sound clip: Dick: I got a stats for you.)

Dick: I will.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. Um, I got a comment. From **Sarah Hoffman** about your problem that you brought in. Which, you know, by the way, speaking of vote grabs. Um, so she said, **"As a female mechanical engineer, I think the bowling shirt is rad."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So do we, Sarah. It's not a big deal. I also got one from **Megan Pennock**, uh, she's the one who's been doing the transcriptions with Laurie Foster. Thank you, Megan. She said…she quoted that guy from the article. And, by the way, it was a guy who wrote that article. That outrage article.

Dick: Oh yeah. I knew that. Did I phrase it wrong during the show?

Maddox: Uh, you may have mentioned it. So, she quoted him. She said, **"They, (the women) hear comments about bitches while being at bars with fellow science students and then they decide to change majors."** So she quoted him and then she said, **"This has never happened. Anyone that easily offended wouldn't be able to make it out of their house, let alone all the way into a bar."**

Dick: Yeah. No. Uh, I got one from **Curtis Hodack. "If your life plan loses to a shirt, you fucking suck. Also, it's great that a shirt is the biggest problem you face in life. Real adversity would destroy you."**

Maddox: Yeah. I got one from **Kristy Chapman. "The most offensive thing about the whole bowling shirt thing is that the Verge…"** That's the website that published that article. **"…thinks that because of my boobs, I should be offended by some guy's shirt."**

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: And by the way, the guy didn't have boobs. He's not…since when…who appointed this guy to be the spokesperson for women to be offended for them?

Dick: I dunno. The Verge did, I guess.

Maddox: He's not qualified. There's only one qualification you need to be offended as a woman. And that's being a woman. (Dick laughs)

Dick: That's a good point.

Maddox: He failed 100% of the qualifications.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He failed that test.

Dick: I got one from **Sword And Ink**, on Twitter. **"@dickmasterson, Congratulations @plant…"** That's the guy who wrote the article, Chris Plante.

Maddox: Chris Plante.

Dick: "Hope that clickbait made you rich, you rat piece of shit." I dunno, yeah. That's pretty concise. (laughing) Sword and Ink.

Maddox: (laughs) What is he, a 1920's gangster? You rat piece of shit!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, yeah. So should we get to the problems? Do you have any more comments?

Dick: No. I got some voice mails.

Maddox: Let's hear the voice mails.

Dick: Well, people have been reacting to your "Dick Versus Dick" comments.

Maddox: Yeah, great. (skeptical) Here comes a Maddox Versus Maddox. I'm waiting for ir.

Dick: No, no. Hold on.

(Voice mail: (male) I think "2004 Maddox" is really Dick and a pussy attempt to counter Dick Versus Dick. Here's a good idea, Dick. Listen to your own fucking podcast and make sure you don't say something contrary to yourself, and Dick Versus Dick will go the fuck away and so will this pussy ass attempt at 2004 Maddox. (Dick**:** Poor Maddox. (Maddox laughs) **I never understood why that one guy a few voice mails ago on one of your episodes wanted to bodyslam you through a table. You know, until 2004 Maddox came on, and now I totally fucking get it, and now I totally want to fucking body slam you through a table after I set you on fucking fire, you passive pussy.** (Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) **Yeah, I know that would set me on fire too, but guess what?** (Dick: Thaat's true. Contradicted himself in this voice mail! (Maddox giggles)) **That's how much I hate your pussy ass attempt at 2004 Maddox, you bitch.")**

Dick: See? It's hard not to contradict yourself! You didn't make it 40 seconds there, buddy, without contradicting yourself. I'm not 2004 Maddox.

Maddox: Are…are you sure?

Dick: No. I'm not. It's a guy by the name of **Matthew Guerrero**. He says it in the comments.

Maddox: Yeah. What, he thinks that was you? When you checked that voice mail?

Dick: Yeah, he thought that was me calling in as 2004 you.

Maddox: Oh, no.

Dick: Which is a funny bit, but I didn't think of it.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a funny bit.

Dick: I'm way less subtle. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: My bits are more like this…

Maddox: Yeah okay! (angry) (Dick laughs)

(Song starts to play, electric guitar/drums, singer sings "Maddox LOST!" "Maddox LOST!" then cuts off)

Maddox: Tired of this shit! Turn that off! (angry) I'm gonna fucking break that fuckin' iPad. I' so pissed. This is bullshit.

Dick: I do have…I do have this one, it's a Maddox Versus Maddox.

(Voice mail: (male) "Hey, Dick and Maddox. Anthony here. Long-time fan of both of you guys. Loving the podcast. Just gotta say though, "Dick Versus Dick" is a bullshit segment." (Dick: It's true.) **Fuckin…here's some Maddox Versus Maddox for you.** (Maddox: Great.) **The only thing you splurge on, Maddox, are travel and good food? But you're willing to rail on people who spend a little bit of extra money on wine and steak?** (Maddox: Yeah.) **Fuck you!)**

Maddox: Oh, fuck you!

Dick: (laughs) What do you…what do have to say about that?

Maddox: No! That's it? That's his whole entire argument?

Dick: No, there's more.

Maddox: Yeah, no. I don't want to hear it. I don't want to hear it…fuck…oh, great.

(Clip continues to play "…Facebook? ……technology….? You're too lazy to use the cumbersome features? You know what? If you can't figure out the features on Facebook, I don't know how the fuck you expect to use an Android or code your own website. That's just fucking retarded.")

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fucking retarded. He's got you there.

Maddox: Fucking retarded. Wow. Great argument, dude. You know what? Why don't you figure out how to use your cell phone so it doesn't sound like shit? (Dick laughs)

Sean: Yeah, I was gonna say. The fucker's too lazy to roll up his window. And take it off speaker phone. Jesus Christ.

Maddox: Yeah! Take it off of fucking speaker phone and get out of the…what is he, standing in a tin can talking to us? That fucking idiot? I don't need lectures from this jackass! (disgusted) This bozo! (Dick laughs) Who doesn't understand technology! He doesn't even understand how to not make his voice not sound shitty! We've had…we've had people call into the show who are older, younger.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We had a three-year-old on last time.

Dick: He sounded pretty good.

Maddox: He sounded CRYSTAL CLEAR! What's your problem, dipshit?

Dick: And he was in Ireland, no less! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. What's that, like a billion miles away. One BILLION miles away.

Dick: Point. Counter point. Here's the next one.

(Voice mail: (male) "Hey guys. My name's Ryan from Pennsylvania and I hate Amish people. They are the true biggest problem in the universe (Dick: Okay.) **and I'm sure that you'll get to them eventually.** (Dick: Maybe. Maddox: (giggles) Right, okay.) **Uh, I just wanted to say that I love the show. Thanks for doing it. Maddox, you are killing it with the "Dick Versus Dick" segment.** (Dick: Mmm.) **It's a good thing that all your arguments are rock solid and that you're invulnerable to contradiction.** (Maddox: Mmkay. (skeptical) Dick: Yep. (grins)) **Dick might actually have some ammo to fire back at you.** (**Maddox:** Mhmm.) **On a side note, I wanted to congratulate you for doing the right thing in the Jennifer Lawrence's Tits Episode and taking a stand against victim blaming, which is a huge problem in modern culture** (Maddox: Yeah. Dick: Yeah. Way to go. Maddox: You're welcome) **Um, I know that you personally would never blame a victim for being the victim of a crime…**(Dick: You would never do that. Maddox: Oh boy, here we go. Elizabeth Smart.) **like, as just a random example, if people on the subway were getting their Beats by Dre headphones stolen…**(Maddox: Oh, that was hilarious!! (laughs)) **that would blame the criminals who perpetrated the theft and not the guy wearing the headphones in the first place, stupid though they may be. So, thanks for being consistent and levelheaded…** (Dick and Maddox crack up)**…through every episode and keep up the great work! See ya.")**

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: You know what? Fuck that guy! He's full of shit. Look, that guy's not a victim. WE'RE the victim. Okay? If somebody's in the subway yelling at someone else and someone stands up and punches them…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I wouldn't say, "Oh man, that poor victim got punched." I'd say no. Someone stopped that transgression around everyone else in the subway. Right?

Dick: Oh. Yeah. Okay. I see what you're saying now.

Maddox: No you don't.

Dick: I understand. No, I do!

Maddox: No you don't. You're so…

Dick: I do understand now.

Maddox: Mmkay. (skeptical)

Dick: I understand, yeah. He's…he made the first blow on us by wearing the Beats in the first place.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a good point. Uh, here's another one for you. Oh, Butt Sanchez sent these in, I think.

Maddox: Oh, Butt Sanchez. My favorite.

Dick: Our buddy, Butt Sanchez. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. What does he have chlamydia now?

(Recording: Maddox: "Hey. You see a guy drinking a cold glass of Fireball whiskey in the bar? That's me, not giving a fuck. Right? That's what a real man does. He drinks what he wants to. It's not a popularity contest!")

Dick: You remember saying that?

Maddox: Yeah, I remember saying that. Not a big deal. I stand behind it.

(Recording: Maddox: "It's the only…it's one of the few spicy things that you can drink without looking like an asshole. (**Dick:** Ohhh!) **'Cause if you're at a bar at night, drinking a Blood Mary…**(Maddox laughs) **You're a dick! Like some jerkoff. Oh, who's that jerkoff over there with a fuckin' vegetable tray in his drink?")**

Dick: Which one is it, Maddox?

Maddox: (stammers) I didn't contradict myself! I drink…I don't drink spicy drinks at night in the bar, like a Blood Mary. Actually, no, that's not true. I do, but not Blood Marys. Bloody Mary is a fucking salad that you can drink.

Dick: It's also a hamburger. It can also have hamburgers in it.

Maddox: (laughing) It can be. It can be. But it's a fun, silly thing to do on a brunch date when you have a chick with you. You wake up the next morning and you wanna keep drinking, but also not look like an asshole day drinking, so that's what you drink, is a Bloody Mary. You don't drink that at night at a bar! I didn't contradict myself. I'll drink hot sauce all fucking day. Is that a hot sauce comment?

Dick: I think…uh, no. I think his point was you drink Fireball because you don't care what people think about you…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yet, you can't drink a Bloody Mary at night, 'cause then people think you're an asshole.

Maddox: I don't care if people think I'm an asshole.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: I'm just telling you what you look like.

Dick: So drink whatever you want.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's the lesson we learned today.

Maddox: I do.

Dick: Uhhh…should we get to the problems?

Maddox: Yeah. What do you got this week, Dick?

Dick: I've got…here it comes, by the way. This is our 100th problem! Did you know that?

Maddox: Oh! I'm going first! (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: Shit!

Maddox: You know, Dick, in the comments last time, too, a lot of people were commenting about that. They said that we've got 99 problems, but the Biggest Problem ain't one.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: That's…kind of funny. (grins)

Dick: Yeah. Do you wanna go first?

Maddox: You bet.

Dick: You fucking asshole.

Maddox: (laughs) My first problem this week is for our 100th problem…

Dick: What a fucking asshole! (Maddox laughs) Can you believe that?! I should have said the problem first and then said that was the 100th. I knew I should have done that! Fuck you, Maddox!!!

Maddox: Mandatory Holiday Shifts. (laughs)

Dick: Goddamn it.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Oh, thank you Maddox! Yeah. That is a big problem! Mandatory Holiday Shifts. Dick, you know what this is, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, uh…this is essentially an employer telling their employees that they have to work on a holiday. What do you think about that?

Dick: Yeah. It's no big deal. If you have a problem with that, get a better job!

Maddox: Great. I knew you were gonna say that.

Dick: It's part of work.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, sorry, what else do you want off? Should we give you your birthday off? Do you want Halloween, the holiday, off? Go to work! You're lucky you have a job. If your employer can make you show up to work on a holiday, you're lucky to be working there!

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you don't have skills!

Maddox: Great. Great. That's it. Here's why your birthday shouldn't be off. Because it's not a national holiday, Dick. We have a standard, and it's called national holidays. You have those off. And you don't have off bullshit made-up holidays like your birthday. It's not a holiday. So that's why people…and what if you're in Oklahoma? Lemme give you an example. There's this guy from Yahoo…this was a Yahoo News article. He said one employee said Human Resources has told them "If you do not come to work on Thanksgiving, you will automatically be fired."

Dick: Good.

Maddox: What if you live in Oklahoma and there are no other jobs and that's pretty much it and you have no choice, but the employer has forced you to come in on these holidays, so you have no time off.

Dick: Forced?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're getting paid!

Maddox: Well, they're paying them the normal rate. The argument's been made that they're being paid time and a half. That's not true!

Dick: They shouldn't be paid time and a half! It's a normal day. It doesn't matter that federal employees have it off. It's still a day just like any other.

Maddox: Do you take days off? Do you take days off, Dick?

Dick: Umm…

Maddox: I mean, other than, like, the constant days off you've taken in not preparing for the show. (laughs)

Dick: What do you mean, do I take days off.

Maddox: Do you take days off? Do you take any time off from work?

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Because…because it's work. By definition, it's labor. I like to relax.

Maddox: Oh, you like to relax?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You like to have some time off?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. What do you do in your time off, Dick?

Dick: Jerk off, mostly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Watch Netflix.

Maddox: Mhmm. Eat expensive steaks.

Dick: Harass women on Facebook.

Maddox: You harass women everywhere.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So the things that you like to do. That makes you, you.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You're allowed to do because you have time off. What if…what if suddenly, because of some circumstance, your employer, or whatever circumstances came up in your life…you weren't able to take any more time off?

Dick: Any more time off? That's not the problem you're bringing in. This is Mandatory Holiday Working. They still have normal working hours. This is part of their normal shift.

Maddox: This is not part of their normal shift.

Dick: It absolutely is! So they're forcing them to come in above and beyond 40 hours per week?

Maddox: Well, they open at weird hours. They're gonna be open at, like, 6 AM. I think K-Mart is opening at 6 AM on Thanksgiving?

Dick: Yeah. That's…

Maddox: You think that's normal?

Dick: That's fine. That's part of the job. If you're taking a retail job, when you sign up to work at K-Mart, or Wal-Mart, or a toy store around Christmas, like I did when I was a kid?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Part of that job. Part of taking that job is realizing that you're gonna have to work on holidays.

Maddox: Dick, the reason this is news right now, this year, more than any other, Wal-Mart, for example, has always been open, I think for over 20 years, since 1988 they've been open on Thanksgiving. It's not a big deal, right? Not news. But the reason it's news now is because a LOT of other companies are doing that. So if you took that job with the expectation of having to work on Thanksgiving, and Christmas, and New Year's Eve, that's a different story. But not this about-switch, midstream bullshit that they're pulling, just like telephone companies when they decide, "Oh, hey, you've already signed the contract? Guess what. No more unlimited minutes. No more unlimited data." That's bullshit! If you go in with that expectation, that's a different story, but they're switching the contract midstream. They're switching expectations midstream. That's bullshit.

Dick: Yeah, I don't have a problem with it.

Maddox: Of course not, Dick!

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Of course. Why not?

Dick: 'Cause you're working a normal day. You're working. You gotta put in your hours, man. It sucks, but it's an incentive to get out of that shitty job. Go become a manager, go back to school, go to ITT Tech, learn air conditioning repair, do something to get out of that situation! Empower yourself!

Maddox: Oh, sure. Great. Become a manager.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Sure. Just like, magic some management jobs. The rarest type of job in any kind of clerical industry.

Dick: Hey, sorry man! Life's competitive! I got bad news for you. Some people get shit on!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they're working on Thanksgiving!

Maddox: Right. They…you know…some of the malls are starting to open on Thanksgiving, from 6 PM to 11 PM, like for four hours…

Dick: 6 AM to 11 PM you're saying? Or after 6.

Maddox: No. Well, unless this is a typo in the article. This is from the New York Times. They said from 6 PM to 11 PM on Thanksgiving day.

Dick: So they're having, like, extended hours?

Maddox: No, I think it's just four hours, according to this.

Dick: Oh, that's weird.

Maddox: Yeah. It is really weird.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: You know, the only thing more depressing than having to work on Thanksgiving is being in a mall on Thanksgiving. (laughs) Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: At least the employees are paid to be there. You're volunteering your time to be in that shit hole. Like when you're hanging out in those malls on Thanksgiving day.

Dick: When you're going shopping?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which, by the way, I need to explain this for people who aren't American. We have this holiday called Thanksgiving. We take it off and have turkey. That's it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Not a big deal! So if you had to miss it to go to work, it wouldn't be a big problem.

Maddox: Here's another quote. "Wal-Mart officials say that they're doing consumers a favor by opening on Thanksgiving to reduce the long lines that have upset many shoppers on Black Friday. Wal-Mart announced on Tuesday that it would spread Black Friday over five days."

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: That's good.

Maddox: Yeah. It's bullshit, is what it is, Dick! (Dick laughs) 'Cause this isn't for consumers, right? That's fucking bullshit. You know that's bullshit. It's not for consumers.

Dick: It totally is for…

Maddox: (interjects) No, it's not!

Dick: Go ahead, go ahead, but I do think it's for consumers!

Maddox: It's not. It's for their bottom line! You can't spread Black Friday over five days, because Friday isn't five days long! It's one day long by definition. It has the word 'day' right in the title! Fri-Day. One. (Dick chuckles) Singular.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: And the reason Black Fridays…doorbusting sales exist is to get people in the store to get them pumped up and buy other products!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: If you spread it out over five days, that defeats the purpose!

Dick: Of getting people in the door?

Maddox: Well yeah!

Dick: No, I…I disagree, because it's chaos on Black Friday. If they spread it out and get the same amount of people in, like if they spread it out a little bit over time.

Maddox: Dick, the only…

Dick: Then that's good for them.

Maddox: Well, the only reason people stand in line and they have those doorbuster sales is because they have those ridiculous red herring sales…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah.

Maddox: And people want to grab those as quickly as possible. I've actually been to Black Friday sales. So Black Friday, for those who don't know, is usually…they call it black because it's the first time many retailers start to turn a profit throughout the year and that's why they say they're in the black when they're profitable. And they do this the Friday after Thanksgiving. That's where Black Friday came from. Uh, but the reason that exists is… (stammers) the doorbuster sale…the reason the doorbuster sales exist is to get people in there. They can't have a doorbuster sale for five days. That doesn't…it doesn't work.

Dick: Well, it's just the same…is it the semantics of it?

Sean: Why not?

Dick: Yeah, why?

Maddox: Well, because they'll run out of product. The Black Friday sales? Those doorbuster things?

Sean: Oh, but they sell everything? Oh, too bad for them!

Maddox: No, no.

Sean: They sold all their shit! (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Dick: Sean, we missed you!

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean! (all laughing) I didn't miss you! Now go farm some asses. (Sean laughs) No, listen to this, dude. So, they only have…they might give away a big flatscreen TV for, I dunno, like, a 30 or 40…a 40-inch TV…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: For, like, 200$. Right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: That's the big thing that's gonna get customers in the door. But they only have, on hand, maybe 100 of them. So the first 100 customers will get in and get those and then the rest of them are fucked!

Dick: Yeah. So you better go on Thanksgiving. Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, oh yeah.

Dick: Instead of the day after Thanksgiving?

Maddox: That's exactly what I'm saying. Here's another quote. "It became Black Friday. Then it became Thursday. And now it's becoming week-long, says Duncan McNaughton, the chief merchandising officer at Wal-Mart." (Dick laughs) "Maybe it's going to be all of November!"

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Sure! Fuck it.

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: Hey, you know what? Why don't we just make every day Black Friday, Dick? If you're…if yours and Sean's logic fucking works, then let's just make every day Black Friday!! (yelling, angry) (Sean laughs) Let's just sell everything all the time, companies will make money every day, all day, every day!!!!!!!

Dick: Yeah. That's called the Internet. Where every day is Black Friday.

Maddox: Oh. Well, speaking of the Internet. You know, I have some stats. I got a stats for you, Dick. Nine out of ten Americans don't even plan on spending Thanksgiving hunting for bargains at all. Only 7% do. And, over 53% are going to shop online exclusively!

Dick: Yeah, I do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I get all my presents in like the week before Christmas Day, in a mad panic.

Maddox: Right. Yeah, me too.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I always botch it. I always get people the worst gifts.

Dick: Yeah. I always overdo it and then I end up, like, picking the best one and sending the one I didn't like back after Christmas.

Maddox: You buy people multiple gifts?

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause I'll buy one and then I'll find something I like better and then I'll realize, "Ehh, I spent too much money on my brother-in-law here, I'm gonna send some of this back and recoup some of my losses.

Maddox: Man, it's so depressing. The whole racket's so depressing. I used to spend thousands of dollars on friends on Christmas and everything I bought people made me feel so empty. (laughs) 'Cause I would spend LOTS of money on these gifts, and I'd give it to them, and I'd see the looks on their faces, and they're like, "Oh, alright, cool, thanks."

Dick: Thanks. Yeah, great.

Maddox: It's going on the pile with their other games, or DVDs, or sweaters, or whatever the fuck. It doesn't matter what I buy them. So I decided a long time ago, probably about almost 10 years ago, I decided no more gifts. I'll buy people gifts if I see something that I think they would like throughout the year, for no reason.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But I would spend the money that I spent on other people on me.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And I feel great.

Dick: (giggles) That's very charitable of you.

Maddox: Yeah! No, I've spent every dime of Christmas money on myself for years. (Dick laughs) And I feel so much better. I feel like I'm a genuinely better person.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I've spent that money to travel. I went to London. I went to Budapest. I went to Thailand. I've had a great time travelling the world on the money that I would have spent on friends.

Dick: It would be nice if everybody just bought themselves their own thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I think that's the man's perfect Christmas, or perfect birth…no, probably just perfect Christmas, is if he can just buy his own stuff and give everyone else credit for

doing it. Because the prospect of telling people what I want or what I might want drives me insane.

Maddox: Oh yeah, it's nerve wracking.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which…

Dick: But that's not the problem here, is it?

Maddox: Well, it's part of the problem.

Dick: It's Mandatory Holiday Work Hours.

Maddox: Mandatory Holiday Work Shifts.

Dick: So lemme ask you something.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What about firemen and cops that have to work on the holidays?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just fuck them?

Maddox: No.

Dick: They deserve it, but people stocking shelves at Wal-Mart don't?

Maddox: No. They work in shifts, Dick. And those are actual services that we need.

Dick: So we don't need…we don't need to go buy stuff?

Maddox: No, we don't. In fact, I got a quote from Deisha Barnett, a Wal-Mart spokesperson. She says that "Many shoppers were happy that the company would be open on Thanksgiving. We're in the service industry", she said. "And we're just like airports and grocery stores and gas stations that are open on Thanksgiving Day so they can provide what customers need." Yeah, just like grocery stores and gas stations. Customers need to shop for bargains on Thanksgiving Day. You're just like that, Wal-Mart.

Dick: Well, what's the difference? Honestly, what's the difference? Like, what is the difference between having a gas station open, or, like, enough gas stations open, and having a Wal-Mart open?

Maddox: Dick, the difference is, if you need fuel, to say, I dunno, get to the hospital in an emergency 'cause your dad's having a stroke like mine did a couple years ago, you need fuel in a pinch. The gas station needs to be open. That's a service that's necessary.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Buying marbles and toys and Xbox Ones is not.

Dick: What if you're buying glasses or contacts? What if you're buying something that treads the line. You could save it a day…you could go a day without it, but you want it today. (Maddox scoffs)

Sean: Wal-Marts have food, too. A lot of 'em.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: In case you forgot the, you know, cranberry jelly, or whatever that shit is?

Maddox: Yeah, that's true Sean. In case you forget…

Sean: What if your deep fryer breaks?

Maddox: Oh no.

Dick: What if your deep fryer breaks? (grinning)

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah. If you're shopping at Wal-Mart on Thanksgiving, you definitely need a deep fryer. (Sean laughs)

Dick: I know you're all about the people, I'm just legitimately asking.

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, it's not a service. It's not like the fire department.

Dick: Yeah, but who are you to decide this? They're selling goods to customers and they've got an arrangement where people come in and have to staff the stores to sell it. That seems like a perfect system to me.

Maddox: Well, obviously the demand isn't there if it's less than 7% of consumers even interested in going on a holiday. Is nothing sacred? Like, do you ever want any just fucking time…can't we all just as a society look at everyone else in the eyes and say, "Okay guys. This day, we're gonna call sacred. We're done. No shopping. No bullshit. We're gonna take some fucking time off. And just relax."

Dick: There it is. (grinning) So that's what you want it to be.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Fuck you, man. That's not how America works.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: You shut down your store? I'm poppin' up a store right next to you! We sell 24 hours a day! (Maddox giggles) Bye bye, Maddox's Wal-Mart! Hello, Dick's Emporium! (Maddox laughs) Nothing's sacred here, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nothing.

Maddox: I wouldn't even want to go into your Emporium. Your shitty emporium. Selling what? Sweatshop tears. That's what you'll sell, vials of sweatshop tears and children's blood to masturbate with. (Sean's shocked laughter in the background)

Dick: Have you ever worked on…Jesus. Have you ever worked on Black Friday?

Maddox: Uhhhh…no. Not in retail, no.

Dick: I have. I worked a holiday shift at a toy store.

Maddox: I've worked on a holiday. Yeah, I have worked on a holiday, but not in retail. What was the experience like in a toy store?

Dick: It was chaos!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was chaos. But that was the whole point.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, everybody who worked there had to show up. That's why you work at a retail store. You know it's gonna happen.

Maddox: So, for years I boycotted all stores that were open on Thanksgiving and one year, I was just driving by and I decided, "You know, I'm just gonna take a peek, cause I wanna see what this chaos is like." I went into a Wal-Mart at around, I believe 1 PM in the afternoon, thinking that I was gonna encounter long lines and lots of chaos and people just running around everywhere. The store was nearly empty. There were maybe two or three people walking down the aisles. I mean, it looked like it had been ravaged. Everything looked like shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everything was grubby, grimy, paper was everywhere. There were signs dropping off, falling prices, literally. It looked like garbage. The entire store looked and smelled like garbage. Like there had been animals in there. But then, I walked around and I looked at all the deals, and I found these DVDs for, like, 3 bucks, and I'm like, "Yeah, I can rent this if I want." I don't need it that bad. There were no lines at any of the cash registers. There were more than 20 open. (appalled)

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: No one was there. Everybody just got in for those door busters, and then left.

Dick: I'll tell you what, man. You're an interesting guy. Because…

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: Families…families was one of your biggest problems to start the show.

Maddox: Yeah. Ohhh.

Dick: However, you don't want…you want to have sacred holidays so that people can spend time with their families.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Am I reading that wrong?

Maddox: Dick, this is the one chink in my armor. Yeah. I uh…no, no, you're right, cause…

Dick: I'm right!

Maddox: I read this. (stammers) If you could see my notes, I very meticulously crafted my quotes around the argument that people were making that you can spend time with your families, because I didn't want to make that argument.

Dick: As you do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, 'cause I don't. I don't give a shit. I don't want to spend time with my family. Families are gross!

Dick: You spend time with your friends, though.

Maddox: Yes. (exacerbated)

Dick: Aren't they your family, in a way?

Maddox: Yeah, but only if they're travelling to Budapest with me…(laughs)

Dick: Okay. So, so. This is a great example Maddox!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People work at the airlines so you can take a luxury trip on the holiday that's not a necessity.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yet, THEY deserve to be there. But if I wanna go buy a…I don't know. If I wanna go buy some roller skates at Wal-Mart on Thanksgiving Day, you don't think there should be anybody there to sell to me?

Maddox: No. Dick…

Dick: (interjects) I'm saying it's a sliding scale, here.

Maddox: No it's not. Your stupid horseshit analogies, dude. First of all, not everyone celebrates Thanksgiving. For example, if you fly Malaysian Airlines, the Malaysian pilots don't give a fuck about American holidays. And second, travel is a necessity, because a lot of times they're transporting organs and other vital things on those flights that need to be delivered anyway.

Dick: Way less than 7% of airlines flights are taken to transport organs from here to there.

Maddox: You don't know that. I'm transporting organs every time I fly, buddy. Right in my gut. (Dick giggles) Anyway. What's your problem, Dick?

Dick: Well, wait. The other point I wanted to make was you are…in your book, the…what is it…I'm Better Than Your Kids? Is that the correct title?

Maddox: No, now it's called "Crappy Children's Artwork". Yeah.

Dick: Okay. In your book, you make a point of being hard on children so that they'll develop their skills.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: You need to be…you need to DEMAND excellence from these children.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Don't tell them "Good Job" if they're just doing a mediocre job.

Dick: I will say the same exact thing is making people with no viable skills work on the holidays. "Look pal, you don't like this? Go learn a skill. Go learn how to program."

Maddox: Or, maybe they have a child to feed because they got knocked up because they met someone at Burning Man or your buddy Butt Sanchez banged some chick in a hot tub without a condom (Dick laughs) 'cause he listened to your shitty advice. Now he's got a mouth to feed and he has no fucking choice, 'cause he either has to feed that mouth or go to jail for not paying child support. Maybe that's the reason he has to work on Thanksgiving. (irritated) And he gets no fucking time off! He's stressed out! He loses all his hair and he looks like me. What then, Dick?! (Dick and Sean crack up)

Dick: Alright. Can we get to my problem?

Maddox: What's your problem? (laughing)

Dick: The 101st problem. (Maddox laughs) Which…

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: In I think every way, is better than being the 100th problem.

Maddox: Ohh! No. And I'm going next! (laughing)

Dick: So it's a busy travel time of year. Yes?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: At Thanksgiving? People flying organs all over the place. You know. (Maddox laughs) My problem is "Airline Surcharges".

Maddox: Airline Surcharges? Dick, this sounds a lot like your horseshit Uber problem.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Or solution, I guess.

Dick: I thought this would be a horseshit problem, but then I started doing research on it and I think it's a lot more insidious than we think. Because I brought it in just for the luggage thing. Right?

Maddox: It's infuriating.

Dick: Totally infuriating. Why are you so incensed by it?

Maddox: Because they act like this is some kind of attempt…

Dick: (interjects) Let me explain what it is first. If you bring luggage, you have to pay, like 20$ to 30$ per bag to bring it on the plane.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Which is brand new.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: This is, like, a two-year-old thing. I don't remember seeing this two years ago.

Maddox: It was introduced in some airlines after 9/11. Because they pushed…the argument they made was to help recover some of the lost profit from people travelling less after 9/11.

Dick: Ahh, and pay for, like, the screeners and stuff like that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And then it got heightened around late 2007, early 2008 when the housing market here crashed and everything was…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: It affected so many industries, including the airline industry.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: So it really ramped up then. So it's been six or seven years of, like, heavy charges.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So let's…let's keep this in mind for a timeline.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Because I found out a lot of interesting shit about airline surcharges. Why are you so incensed by having to pay 50$ to bring a bag where you wanna go?

Maddox: Well, because it's costing them almost nothing in fuel. Right? Because…unless this bag weighs more than, like, 20, 30 pounds, which most of them…like, a little carry-on, they're starting to charge for those little carry-ons now.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The ones with your personal effects that you're bringing with you. And there's a picture on the Internet of this guy who, at the gate, didn't want to pay the carry-on fee? So he unzipped his bag and put on every piece of his clothes. (Maddox and Dick crack up) And the gate agent was so pissed off! She said, "I'm gonna follow you to the gate and make sure it's still on, otherwise I'm gonna charge you! So he goes, "Go ahead."

Dick: Go ahead! (laughing)

Maddox: And so this asshole got on the flight, like, delaying everything and everyone, wearing, like, 10 coats, 3 hats…(Dick cracks up) 2 pairs of pants, like a dick.

Dick: Was this guy you?

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: That seems like something you would do. (laughing)

Maddox: It is. It does seem like something I would do. But that's what it's causing, man. This kind of horseshit. Well…I think I know where you're going with this. What's your argument?

Dick: No, no. First of all, I have a better way to get around the fee.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was flying to Vegas. I was flying from Los Angeles to Vegas. A couple of weeks ago. And that flight on a Friday night is notorious for being packed full of strippers.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Right? Like, you look around on that flight and it's like, 9s and 10s who are all…they all dress like they just walked out of the strip club. Great flight to be on. Right?

Maddox: They could be Burlesque dancers, but who knows.

Dick: No, they couldn't. (Maddox laughs) 'Cause they're all sitting in one seat. So I get to the gate and this beautiful girl is there. She just…she walks up to the guy who's taking bags, because sometimes they will make you check a bag at the plane.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Usually you check it before if it's too big to fit on the plane. But sometimes, even if it's the right size, you get to the plane and they say, "You gotta check it. It's too full."

Maddox: It's full.

Dick: So she walks over to that guy and just drops her bag off and walks away. And I was like, "That's weird. Usually people fight that." Like, usually people don't want their precious crap to be out of their sight for the duration of the flight. Right?

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: So I said, "Hey…" and plus I wanted to talk to her, I was like, "Hey, what was that about? You're not…you didn't seem too upset by that guy taking your bag." And she goes, "Oh, check this out."

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: "You don't have to pay to check a bag if you just bring it straight to the plane."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And check it there.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. I've been doing that scam for years, buddy.

Dick: Little Dick tip for you.

Maddox: Aaaaah!

Dick: Oh, you already knew that one?

Maddox: Oh yeah! Oh yeah. Oh yeah. I use that all the time, especially with my giant… especially if I'm carrying something that I absolutely have to check in. I'll put that fucker through security screen. I don't care.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which, of course, is gonna slow everyone else down. I'm not paying.

Dick: Fuck everyone else.

Maddox: (laughs) Dick, is this a problem or not? You've been listing nothing but solutions with this thing.

Dick: Well, that is…that is the problem. That's where I started. But I wanted to throw that out there so everyone didn't start putting on all their clothes at the gate.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's an alternative solution to the problem. Um, it's bullshit. Because they do have you by the balls once you're on the plane. You've got no way to fight it.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, once you get there, they're like, "Well, you gotta pay a little more."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Pay a little more. Give a little more.

Maddox: Dime and nickel.

Dick: Yeah. Nickel and dime you to death. Uh…the…this is something they call ancillary revenue, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Mhmm.

Dick: 20 billion dollars in ancillary revenue.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: As of 2013.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got that off of Forbes.

Maddox: And the argument that they made that these were measures that they put in place to help recoup some of the lost money through travel?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They're never gonna go away. These fees are NEVER GOING AWAY.

Dick: Right! They're only growing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So now you're paying for food. You're paying for drinks. And I don't know about you, but I liked the old airline food.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's funny to joke about it, all the shitty comedians joke about it, but I actually enjoyed it.

Maddox: Yeah. I looked forward to it. Especially on a long flight. I don't care, give me anything to eat, I'm gonna be happy.

Dick: Here's what the CEO of um…some airline says. "It's hard to believe that less than 8 months ago, American Airlines was in bankruptcy, yet today, we are reporting record profits, repaying debt, making additional pension contributions, and declaring dividends to shareholders. Performance like this proves we're on the right track and gives us confidence as we move forward." Screwing customers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: FUCK American Airlines and their sardine-packed…they are the most uncomfortable flights I've ever been on. American Airlines is terrible. Them and US Airways. They suck the biggest dick in the industry.

Dick: Yeah. So here's where it gets worse. Alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you remember when booking a flight was a complicated mess and the price you paid for your ticket was always exorbitantly more than the price you saw on the website.

Maddox: Yeah, it's bullshit. All the fees and stuff that they tacked on.

Dick: Right! So they fixed it. The Department of Transportation said, "You can't do that anymore."

Maddox: Right. (laughs)

Dick: Just take the number you display at the end and put it at the front.

Maddox: Exactly!

Dick: So they did this in 2012 and have you noticed that it's super easy to shop for tickets now?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, well.

Maddox: It's great.

Dick: That's about to end, pal!

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: The House just passed a "Transparent Airlines Act" of 2014. This is supposed to be for the benefit of consumers.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Right? Yet somehow, it's being funded by the airlines and it was passed by Congress in a style of vote that hides all the identities…

Maddox: Ohh, I hate that shit!

Dick: Of the people supporting it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, so this thing…

Maddox: (interjects) How does that voting process work? Do you know?

Dick: No. I don't know. It's called, uhh…lemme see. I wrote it down.

Maddox: Because they create, like, a committee to vote on something like this.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And that's how they vote, through the committee, so the committee counts as a vote for or against this measure. And that's how they avoid, they say, "Well the committee voted for it. We didn't personally vote for it."

Dick: It's called a "voice vote". So they did this…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, okay. That's not…okay.

Dick: Because the airline companies say, "Well wait a minute. It's too confusing to consumers to see one price tag…(Maddox laughs)…they need to see…they need to see how many surcharges and taxes are in it." Like when you go to the store and buy a soda. The sales tax isn't on the soda. You see it at the register.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. So we're about to lose that ability.

Maddox: Those MOTHERFUCKERS! And you know what? We've already lost it with these surcharges! 'Cause they've already found a way to put in more hidden fees!

Dick: And that's what I was gonna bring up. They have…the fuel surcharge has absolutely nothing to do with the fuel. Like, how is fuel any different than the price of the ticket? You don't get in a cab and he says, "Well it's 5 bucks to get there, but gas is gonna cost about 32.50$."

Maddox: Right. Well, can I opt out of paying for gas and just get there? Can I do that?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Cause I wanna…just get me there. But I'm not gonna pay for gas.

Dick: I don't care how you do it.

Maddox: Yeah. Get on a hill and let the car idle down to my destination. That's fine. I'll pay for that, but not for gas. Gimme…can you opt out of that?!?

Dick: Uh, no. You cannot.

Maddox: (angry) Of course not. (snaps) So it's just part of the fuckin' travel fee, isn't it, dickheads?! Just add it in one fucking fee and cut the bullshit!

Dick: Yeah. It's a shakedown. So now…now, we're gonna lose the total ticket price. And all they're gonna do…what they've learned since putting in this baggage handling fee…what

they've learned is that they can shake us down for ancillary revenue left and right. Air travel's about to get even shittier!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's why it's a big problem.

Maddox: Great. You got a lot of air-related…air travel-related problems, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, you know, it's because it's such a great technology and I don't think it's being used in a way that, like, helps us. It's still a pain in the ass. 100 years later and it's still a miserable experience. Soaring through the air at speeds unimaginable by our ancestors is a pain in the ass, and it shouldn't be.

Maddox: You know…you know what was really great, Dick, was right around 2000. Right before 9/11. It was actually pretty awesome. You could buy a flight…you could buy a ticket on a flight and travel to, say, China. And the flight might be half empty, because there aren't…you know, it's still profitable for them to go that route, because there were so many flights and so many more customers flying that the airlines could afford to have more flights sometimes and the cushion from the other flights would be okay.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But now, what airlines are doing. This is the most insidious thing. Is they're overbooking flights. And that's why you have those surcharges that they're trying to get in there for you to check your luggage, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're overbooking these flights. So when you get to the gate. Supposedly, if you have a ticket, that should guarantee you a seat and some space for your personal effects. But now, they're saying there's no space for your personal effects for that one ticket that you have for the carry-on that you have. Which means they overbooked the flight. And then that's why they always make that announcement, saying, "Hey, is anyone willing to give up their seat? We'll pay you 500$, go to the next flight, whatever." Because it's worth it for them.

Dick: And that's called Surge Pricing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Paying you to get off the flight. Right? It is!

Maddox: You mean, a surge price that the airline pays you?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. But you don't get to set that price.

Dick: But they…no, they'll keep upping it. If you don't take it, they'll start giving away, like, free tickets. And stuff like that.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (annoyed)

Dick: Look, my point is, that's the future. That's the future of flying. Pay for bags? Now you're gonna be paying for seats, you're gonna be paying for cabin pressure. You're gonna be paying for every little oxygen molecule that you get to breathe on this stupid flight.

Maddox: Yeah, you know what pisses me off the most, though, Dick? Look. You wanna charge me for…I think it's actually a good thing to charge a surcharge for those heavy luggages, especially…it used to be for anything in excess of one. The first bag…the first checked bag was free and everything after that was charged extra. I thought, "Wow, that's great. Finally, it'll get some…" and it's usually women that I see carrying around HUGE bundles of their fucking clothes, and shoes and shit, and I'm like, (yelling) "Just fucking stop packing so much shit, you're just going for four fucking days!"

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: I feel like I'm talking to every girl I've ever dated.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: And so if it encourages them to travel more lightly, great! However, it's no longer become that. It's everyone across the board. Everyone has to pay this fee. So I don't know…if they can justify, if they can rationalize this by saying, "Well, the luggage weighs more, and we have to pay more fuel to carry that luggage." Why not a fat surcharge, hmm?

Dick: Raise the price of the ticket! Raise the price of the ticket, that's it. Show me the sticker.

Maddox: That's not at all what I'm saying. (laughs) I'm saying something way worse. I'm saying, charge fat people more.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Well…

Maddox: No?

Dick: Oh! Sure.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. That would be great. Walk up, get weighed, and then pay that amount? Sure.

Sean: That's been talked about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That has been talked about. And there was one guy who was made…he was forced to buy a second seat because he could not fit in the first seat. Now, we're talking about an extreme case, but that did actually happen. But then you have all the fat people's rights groups, or whatnot, I mean, it's gonna be a political nightmare, but that has been talked about, because the average American weight so much more than they used to. It's causing, you know, them to use extra fuel and all that, so.

Dick: It's interesting. Southwest, last time I took a flight, wanted to charge me extra for my balls. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Ohhh, okay, Dick. (laughs) What, to get you some little diamond cases to store them in so they don't get stepped on? Those little Grape Nuts? Um…(laughing) I was on a flight one time to San Diego for Comic-Con, and when we got on the flight, the flight was less than, I would say maybe just barely a third full. And we asked the pilot, we said, "There are people left at the gate. Why aren't they allowed on this flight? " And the pilot said, "Look. Frankly, these planes were designed in the seventies and Americans have gotten a lot fatter. We can't lift off with that many people on this plane." It was a little two-seater…you know, two aisle…

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Those little guys. So Sean, yeah. You have a point.

Sean: (laughing) You're going to Comic-Con. I mean, that's what's great about the point.

Maddox: Oh, I gotcha. (Dick laughs) I was looking for my gate and I was running down the airport and I saw some dude wearing a Captain America shirt, and I'm like, "That's the one." (Sean laughs)

Dick: Littered with heart attack victims… (Maddox laughs)…at the gate who were also gonna miss their flight.

Maddox: Ah, lemme tell you. That was a good smelling flight, too. And by the way, you know, I know it's a stereotype about all these nerds who don't smell right. But it's true. They fucking don't smell right.

Dick: It's gotta be difficult to clean yourself if you're overweight.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: More difficult.

Maddox: Sure. When I was overweight, it was difficult for me. Yeah.

Dick: Well, that's my problem. "Airline Surcharges".

Maddox: Good problem, Dick. I agree, although as usual, I don't think for the same reasons. (giggles) But yeah, that is a good problem.

Dick: What's the 102nd problem?

Maddox: Okay, Dick. You know, I'm editing these episodes. (Dick and Sean laugh) The 101st episode! (laughs) I'm gonna be editing that.

Dick: Hey wait, I got some more…do you mind if I play some celebrity voice mails?

Maddox: Great.

Dick: I got a couple more.

Maddox: Oh yeah, yeah! Let's hear it. Yeah.

(Voice mail: "Hey Maddox, this is Jesse Ventura. I heard last week on your million downloads jerkoff session that you were impressed that you had celebrity listeners, and I just wanted to say that I don't think that Zooey Deschanel one was real. I think it was the government. Or possibly clones. (Maddox: Ugh. Right?) **Them cocksuckers**

in Area 51 (Sean laughs) **can do just about anything.** (Dick: Clones.) (Maddox: Yeah) **Anyway. Dick, go for yourself, okay? Jesse Ventura. Definitely the weird one.)**

Maddox: What was his…who?

Dick: Jesse Ventura?

Maddox: Oh, Jesse Ventura. Oh…yeah! Of course it's Jesse Ventura. You know, Dick, that was a funny celebrity voice mail. Um, I've gotten, in the last, I'd say, two days, maybe just a half dozen emails from people, all for various topics, various subjects, either praising the show or commenting or sending in problem suggestions, etc, etc. And invariably they're all addressed to me, and invariably, at the end, they all sign off with "P.S.: Dick's an idiot." Or "P.S.: Dick's an asshole."

Dick: Oh. (dejected)

Maddox: (laughs) It just seems like a common sign-off. And he did it in that voice mail too.

Dick: Well here's another voice mail.

Maddox: Great.

(Voice mail: "Hello. Dick, go fuck yourself.") (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: That's pretty much it. (laughs) Here's a guy you know. A celebrity friend of yours.

(Voice mail: (terrible Irish accent) "Top o' the morning to you. This be Bono." (Maddox: Ohhh, great! (laughing)

Dick: (laughing) This BE Bono!!! There's more. (grinning)

Maddox: That's spot on.

(Voice mail: (terrible Irish pirate accent) "(inaudible while they talk over it)…with your flash photography…and now me Irish eyes ain't smiling. Oh, fiddle dee dee… (sings)…I can't even seem to pour me a bowl of charms (inaudible while they laugh over it) Sinead O'Connor cover band. At least I can still listen to The Biggest Problem In The Universe, though. (Dick: Good shout out.) **Love the show. Keep trying, Dicky. Bono out.")** (Maddox giggles)

Sean: Hey, he got his, though, didn't he?

Dick: What did he do?

Maddox: What?

Dick: What do you mean?

Sean: He was riding his bike, another problem, right? He fucked himself up good in Central Park.

Dick: Oh he did?

Sean: Oh, fuck yeah. Yeah, read the news story.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah. I saw the headlines, but I didn't click on it.

Sean: I thought you'd take joy in that, but…

Maddox: No, it was an obfuscated headline, so I thought I wasn't gonna click. But he hurt himself?

Sean: Yeah, yeah, yeah. It was…first they said, "Oh, he hurt his arm on the bike", but oh, no, no. He broke his shoulder blade in three places, broke his arm in six places. It went through…the bone went through the skin.

Dick: Whoa!!

Maddox: Holy shit!

Sean: He fractured his orbital socket, too. So, yeah.

Dick: Are you kidding me?!

Sean: No, he got fucked up good.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Wow.

Sean: Bicycle. Problem.

Maddox: Sean, you…

Dick: (laughing) I'm gonna write that down. Thanks, Sean.

Maddox: Fuck you guys. Wrong, Sean. Listen. You guys can't see right now, Sean and Dick, because it's obscured by the table, but I am fully engorged after listening to that story. That makes me so happy. (Sean laughing) That makes me really, really happy. And speaking of engorged. MY…second problem this week is "Snakes"!! (Sean laughing)

Dick: Goddamnit. (laughing)

Maddox: So you got a python under the table, baby! After that story!

Dick: It's Noah's Ark over here! Dogs, monkeys!! Snakes! What's next!? Goats, hippos?! (laughing)

Maddox: Hey, hey, hey!! Spoilers, spoilers!

Dick: (cracks up) What's wrong with snakes?

Maddox: What's wrong with snakes?! Everything! Alright? So, when I started Googling snakes, I was just…I was curious about how many fatalities are caused by snakes every year.

Dick: Okay. (skeptical)

Maddox: And there is a Wikipedia page, I don't know why it's so detailed, but there's an entire list of almost every single fatal snake bite in the United States.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And it's categorized by decade. You can go through one by one.

Dick: Can you see how many got bit in their dicks?

Maddox: (laughing) Uh…I believe, yeah. I believe that is a category. Yep. There it is. Bit by dicks. Bit on their dicks, rather. So, I have a few of these I wanna read. This one's… her name is Jackie Ledwell, 63-year-old female, bitten while taking a walk in 2007.

Dick: (chuckles) Yeah.

Maddox: These are where snakes attack you.

Dick: Well, they're not in your car!

Maddox: Well?

Dick: Yeah! They're out where you're walking around!

Maddox: Yeah. You're just going on a walk. Next thing you know, you're dead 'cause of a fucking snake. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Okay..(laughing)

Maddox: Trent Leprette. 31 years old. Male. Bitten on each hand while swimming. (yelling) Bitten on each fucking hand!!!

Dick: Teaming up, man.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: These snakes are getting smart.

Maddox: No, they're idiots. But they're vicious. That's what they do. They come up to you and bite BOTH your hands. That's a…that's a "fuck you" finishing move.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: That's like a Babality in Mortal Kombat II. Mack Wolford, 39 years old, male. So, Dick, you said, you know, these people are getting bit while they're swimming. Getting bit while they're going on a walk. He got bitten during a religious service at Lore Jesus Temple in West Virginia in 1983.

Dick: Was he fucking around with snakes? Was he being one of those guys, who's like, immune to snakes 'cause of God?

Maddox: Yeah. That's exactly what happened, actually. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: And. And! His son Mark died in 2012 also from a snakebite during the same religious service. (laughs)

Dick: I love that religious ceremony so much. Like, every time I see somebody doing it, I'm like, "Yes!" Oh, keep doing it, man.

Maddox: I hadn't heard of this until I started reading on this and I didn't know it was a thing that people did.

Dick: Oh yeah, and it's very precarious because it relies on them milking the venom from the snakes before they do it. So what they do is, like, they get a bag of snakes and they're the preacher, and they're in the back woods somewhere. They're in Meth County.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wherever that is.

Maddox: It's actually West Virginia. I think this happened in West Virginia.

Dick: They have a bag of milked snakes, so their venom isn't as powerful, and then they let the snakes bite them and declare that they're being protected by the power of Christ, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Very powerful visual. However…(Maddox laughs)…if you fuck up a little bit and they generate some of their venom back, you're dead. Or at least you look like a huge asshole, 'cause God didn't protect you today.

Maddox: Yeah. I wonder if they lose believers after, let's see, two pastors, father and son, die from this goofy practice, which is illegal in most states, but I guess in Virginia it's not. Because there's this…what's the church called? It's Lord Jesus Temple in West Virginia.

Sean: They also refuse medical treatment, 'cause it's God's will.

Dick: Oh, that's a good one, too.

Maddox: Yeah, he did.

Sean: But that last guy, yeah, he died at home.

Maddox: Yeah, actually, Sean. Good point. This guy…it said in the news article, too, on Washington Post. It said that he refused medical aid at first and then it got really bad and then he went and it was too late.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They had to amputate his entire body. (Dick cracks up) (Maddox chuckles) So… you know, Dick, so I've talked about some snake victims. You know what the first recorded victim of a snake was? The innocence of man.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: When Eve bit the apple. Snakes have been there all along fuckin' us! In fact, you could say that snakes are the biggest problem in…the universe.

Dick: Yeah, alright. (grins) (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Huh? Yeah, right? Here's the other thing. So I was also curious…like, first of all, all my friends who own snakes are a little bit creepy. Right? Have you ever met someone who owns a snake?

Dick: I've owned a snake.

Maddox: Creepy! (Dick laughs) You're the creepiest!

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: You're the creepiest guy in this room! And possibly block!

Dick: They're a great pet. It's like having a water bed, except as a pet. They're a very sexual animal.

Maddox: (laughing) Gross…

Dick: Chicks like touching them. They like feeling them undulate on their bodies.

Maddox: Ew.

Dick: They're a little dangerous, too, 'cause you've got in on you, and they're like "Ooh, wow, you're a danger guy. I like that. I'm turned on."

Maddox: Danger guy…

Dick: But the snake away, let's bang. And I'm like "Hey, why put the snake away?"

Maddox: (laughing) Gross. (Sean laughs)

Dick: No, I did own a snake.

Maddox: Yeah. No, I believe it. I know, Dick. I know you owned a snake. I got a snake that chicks can play with. So this is from the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from the University of Florida. "1 in 50 million people in the US will die from snake bites."

Dick: 1 in 50 million?

Maddox: 1 in 50 million.

Dick: Okay. So, 6 people?

Maddox: About six or seven people per year. (laughing)

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: It's not that much. I was hoping it was gonna be in the hundreds of millions or something, just this epidemic of snake bites and deaths. But it's about…you know, they don't include the bites. They get about 8,000 snake bites per year. Now here's the problem with snakes as a pet. They live 20 fucking years long.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't want anything to live 20 years. Like, that's insane. Having a pet that lives 20 years long? You're gonna have that fucking thing around all the time?

Dick: Well, having a snake as a pet also seems like a gateway to get a shitload of weird pets.

Maddox: Yeah. Tarantulas.

Dick: Like, everybody's…yeah.

Maddox: Crickets.

Dick: I had to give my snake away.

Maddox: Yeah. And don't they smell, too?

Dick: They do.

Maddox: And I don't know if it's the owners or the snake, but something is off. When I walk into a house and there's a snake, I can smell it. And it's probably the owner. They're just not showering enough. They're waiting for their flight to Comic-Con.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: So…you have to feed them frozen, pre-killed animals, like rodents.

Dick: No, you can feed 'em live mice and live rats.

Maddox: Yeah, but the problem is, if you feed them live mice and rats, they "Become too aggressive." That's what I've been told by snake owners.

Dick: No, that's bullshit. That's totally not true.

Sean: No. Not true. It's PETA and animal rights activists not wanting a snake to actually do what it does in nature, which is, like, stalk and kill its food.

Dick: Yeah, man.

Sean: It's like…they make you sign a thing at pet stores that say you will not use this rat, or whatever, or hamster, or rabbit, in some cases, as food.

Dick: As food.

Maddox: Is there a line that says "wink, wink" at the bottom? (laughing) 'Cause that's all anyone's doing with mice from pet stores.

Sean: It just covers them.

Dick: People are very uncomfortable about feeding live mice and rats to snakes. Like, when I had…I just had this stupid ball python. The person who sold it to me said to kill the mouse and then wear a chainmail glove and dangle the mouse in front of the snake to get it to eat it. 'Cause they don't wanna eat dead things. No animal wants to eat a dead animal.

Maddox: 'Cept me.

Dick: Right. (Maddox giggles) Like humans do and vultures do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But snakes, they just won't eat a dead mouse. So his solution to that was to hammer the mouse over the head with a shovel.

Maddox: Brutal!

Dick: Brutal! Way more brutal than getting strangled to death, I think.

Maddox: You're kinda selling me on this snake thing, man, this sounds kinda cool.

Dick: Yeah! It's cool for about, like, six months.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then you gotta get rid of it.

Maddox: And then, yeah. And then you realize you have to do this for 20 fucking years!

Dick: Yeah. I would never get a dead mouse. I would get a live rat and throw it in the cage and watch, 'cause it's awesome to watch. Like, they skulk around the cage, and sometimes they'll come down from the tree and do, like, a commando attack.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Or they'll grab it and wrap it up.

Maddox: Ugh. So boring. Snakes are so boring, man. That's the ONE interesting thing they do, is eat. And then, "Oh, well, you're done for a fucking week until however long it takes for it to digest that piece of shit."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the food just sits there in their gut rotting. You don't have to…so, I was reading the benefits of owning a snake. And there were none. I just had to go to Yahoo Answers and some idiot was just like, "Another big advantage that snakes have over cats and dogs is that you don't have to feed them daily." Yeah, so that means that they're just sitting there with a bunch of shit rotting in their colons all day. And that's all a snake is, is a giant colon. (Sean laughs) If you think about it.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: It's just a colon.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a positive, though. Not as much shit to clean up.

Maddox: Ehhh. But they still shit, and their shit is, what? Just calcium deposits. Teeth and feathers and whatever the fuck else you're feeding it.

Dick: It looks like normal shit.

Maddox: It looks like shit?

Dick: It looks like a bird shit, actually. It looks like a more solid bird shit. Like, it's half white and half, like that weird black.

Maddox: Ohhh. Okay. See, I don't mind bird shit. (Dick cracks up) But it's gotta be…

Dick: Why?!?! Why?!?! It's the most offensive shit!

Maddox: It is the least!

Dick: It's the only shit that gets on your CAR!

Maddox: No. That's not true. I've seen other shit on cars. My neighbor's, for example. But bird shit, first of all, is white and it just flakes off. It's like crusty shit, you just scrape it off, whatever. (Dick sighs) Whatever, it's gone. It doesn't smell. It's not offensive. It looks kinda weird. Whatever. I've had bird shit on me.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Like, I've walked around with bird shit on me. It's not a big deal.

Dick: Sure. (chuckles)

Maddox: Depends on what type of bird and what they've been eating. If it's a pigeon and it's running, you got diarrhea. That's a different story.

Dick: Gross.

Maddox: Yeah. So I went to this website called http://www.reptilesmagazine.com and it's a care sheet for snakes. And they're talking about a baby corn snake. Or how to care for a corn snake. They say, "Although it's normal for baby corn snakes to flee, hide, or defend themselves, it is also true that they have no real ability to harm you. A white mouse or a cat that plays too roughly with its owner can do far more damage than even the largest corn snake." Does that sound like a fact to you? Or does that sound like horseshit propaganda by Reptiles Magazine?

Dick: (laughing) I don't think it sounds like propaganda! It sounds like an observ…it sounds like a website that's made for children that you read.

Maddox: So? (laughs) Actually all these websites that I went to are made for children, 'cause I guess adults don't have to Google how to care for a snake.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yet they're dying at fucking religious sermons and just walking, and swimming! (angry)

Dick: I think snakes are helping us out on that one, man. (grinning) Get rid of those people.

Maddox: Yeah. Shit, that's a good point. Um…"After three or four successful meals, start handling your corn snake for short periods, except for the first two or three days after a meal. Be sure to approach the corn snake from the side rather than the top." That's fucking stupid. So I feed this fucking thing. My pet. My companion. This is my little buddy. My avatar in life! I feed it and then I can't even touch it for fucking three days!? Forget it! You know what?! I'm gonna forget you for three days. And they say here you don't have to feed 'em as much as cats and dogs. Guess what? You don't have to feed cats and dogs! You don't have to feed anything.

Dick: Sorry, what? (Maddox laughs) What do you mean?

Maddox: You just don't. And then…you know…you figure it out.

Dick: Where do they get food then? Out of the trash?

Maddox: Look, I dunno man. If you don't feed a cat, it'll leave.

Dick: It…leave the Earth, yeah. It'll die! (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Okay, dude.

Dick: You have outrageous expectations of pets. It's just a reptile. It's just, like, a cool, wiggly reptile.

Maddox: Yeah. Lemme rephrase that.

Dick: It's not your Harry Potter companion. It's not supposed to be running errands for you around time like you're a Sherlock Holmes villain. (grinning) (Sean laughs)

Maddox: (laughs) (yells) Well, then what's the point, Dick!? If they don't do anything for you, what's the point? They're not cute! Snakes are fucking awful. They just sit there. They're boring! Hey, come over guys! Hey, if you got a snake, would you call me over and be like, "Hey man, come check out my snake." I'd come over and look at it for, like, literally three seconds and be like, alright, this is boring. (Dick laughs) If a girl invited me over, I'd say, "Okay, well, let's do something like have sex. This is fucking dumb. I hate your snake." I hate snake owners. They're shitty animals.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…their venom is very valuable in pharmaceutical research, though. Snake venom.

Maddox: Is it…what's it, a pheromone? No. What's the…an aphrodisiac, is that what it is?

Dick: No, it's a legitimate, like, pharmacological ingredient. It's a complex molecule that we use to do research on. There's a rattlesnake that…whose venom is used to stop heart attacks. Like, if you're having an impending heart attack, the venom will thin your blood, 'cause that's what it does.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: So they synthesize a compound out of the venom, inject you with it, and… badaboom! No more heart attack. You can get your flight to Comic-Con. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, alright. Alright, Conspiracy Dick.

Dick: That's not a conspiracy! That's a legitimate pharmaceutical research project! (yelling, laughs)

Maddox: Oh, I'm gonna give you a conspiracy and I'm gonna sound like a conspiracy dipshit here, but you're not gonna get me under a fucking knife where someone says they're gonna inject me with snake venom into my heart. (Dick laughs) Fuuuuuuuck you!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And you know what's gonna be ironic, too? I'm sure…(laughing)…this is gonna fucking happen, and then I'm gonna need to get snake venom at some point in my life. Snakes…snakes are bullshit. Snake venom is bullshit. Although, here's an interesting fact. Do you know the difference between venom and poison?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Venom goes in your veins. Poison just goes on your person.

Maddox: I didn't know this, but you can drink venom.

Dick: Ingest it.

Maddox: Yeah. You can ingest venom without a problem in most cases.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I wonder what venom tastes like. I'd drink it.

Dick: Well, stay tuned for our next bonus episode, where…

Maddox: Bonus episode, we're drinking venom!! Yeah baby!

Dick: Hey, where would be without snakes? How would pimps get their shoes? (Maddox and Sean laughs)

Maddox: Alligators. From kickin' em.

Dick: Yeah. Mmm. Without snakes, where would Indiana Jones be? He would have no Kryptonite. He would be invincible.

Maddox: He's afraid of snakes, right?

Dick: Yeah. He's afraid of snakes.

Maddox: Who is?

Dick: Indiana Jones.

Maddox: Yeah. But it's a phobia. It's a natural phobia, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. That's…I'm tired of talking about snakes. I'm tired of thinking about snakes. What's your next problem?

Dick: Do you think that snakes are gonna…where do you think snakes are gonna be ranked in the Monkeys-Dogs race? In the Noah's Ark race that you're putting on our problems list…(Maddox laughs)…where do you think snakes are gonna fall?

Maddox: Number one!!! I think the snakes are gonna be a bigger problem on this list than anything we have, including Slacktivists, Female Genital Mutilation.

Dick: (laughs) Alright.

Maddox: Armchair Psychologists. Everything in the top. Outrage Porn. It's gonna knock everything off. It might even be its own category. I'll bring it in 10 times so it can be all 10 problems.

Dick: Like Harry Potter? You gonna make a new list just for it?

Maddox: Is that what they did?

Dick: Yeah, Harry Potter was on the bestseller list so long that they moved it to…they made the children's bestselling book list just for Harry Potter.

Maddox: Oh, I didn't know that. That's kinda interesting.

Dick: Mhmm. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It'll be just like that.

Dick: Yeah hey, speaking of Harry Potter. I forgot to bring in this comment from **Jason Montgomery.** He says, **"Holy fuckboys! Boisterous Coconuts was cool until his lame-ass Harry Potter bachelor party and shitty problem this week."** (Maddox giggles) **"For the second measure, a motherfucking Harry Potter-themed bachelor party? Really? And no strip club included. That's brutal."** What did you think of that Harry Potter…Asterios Kokkinos was in last week, Sean, and he threw a Harry Potter-themed bachelor party.

Maddox: I think that's awesome and hilarious. And his reasoning was so brilliant. Because he said it was to disarm the strippers so they would go further with them. I thought, "Wow, that's really insidious. That's really sneaky." Um, also fuck that guy for using "really" as a punchline. I need to get that in.

Dick: True.

Maddox: And I also want to say this. Wait, do you have more on that?

Dick: No, no, no, no.

Maddox: I also want to say this, Dick. On Friday night I went to a comedy show, and it was a comedy and variety show that my friend put on. It was awesome. But during the show, there was some Burlesque dancing and this girl got up on stage and my God. One of the most gorgeous women I've ever seen. This girl was amazing, man! What are you guys talking about, all the Burlesque dancers are gross and disgusting and fat and whatever!?

Dick: Yeah they are. And kinda up their own ass, with, like, the whole performance of it. Like oooh, okay. You're doing, like, an erotic…a titillating dance? Whatever.

Maddox: What do you mean, whatever?! That's cool!! What don't you like about it, Dick?!

Dick: Umm…

Maddox: Would you rather…okay, if you were at a place, would you rather have Burlesque or no? If it was just…

Dick: No. I would rather have no Burlesque than Burlesque. I've…it's a distraction from the bar. That's what you're asking? If I would rather have it or not?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll leave it, man. I don't like watching interpretive dance. Like, I don't watch So You Think You Can Dance on TV. I'm a man. I don't like watching celebrities dancing. I don't like just watching women doing art for dancing.

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: That's what it is. Like, it's not titillating at all. There's nothing sexual about it to me.

Maddox: Mmm. Well, if you were at a bar, it's either that, or you're gonna be looking at a bunch of sad sacks sitting at the counter.

Dick: I'd rather have that. Than watching Dirty Dancing 2: Havana Nights. (Maddox laughs) That's not on my Netflix queue. Okay, you ready for my next problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Not Enough Black Friday Violence". (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Yeah!! That's a problem.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Alright. That sounds like something I'd bring in, Dick. What's…what's your…

Dick: It does. It sounds like I ripped off your Halloween problem, doesn't it?

Maddox: (laughing) Yes.

Dick: This guy **Cliff Burnsweig** says, **"You guys should do a segment on Black Friday, which kills more people every year than Ebola, or sexy bowling shirts."** He's right! But it's only barely.

Maddox: (laughing) Really?

Dick: Yeah. How many people do you think die on Black Friday?

Maddox: Uhh…every year, I think it was something around 5 to 10.

Dick: It's almost none.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's less than 10. There's this site called http://www.blackfridaydeathcount.com, which is just this gigantic counter on top of the site that has deaths and injuries on it.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And then all of the links to the stories of it happening. And there just…there aren't enough.

Maddox: Dick, uh…so, my justification for my horseshit Halloween problem, Not Enough Razor Blades in Candy, was that it didn't justify the hype or the hysteria, which was the problem.

Dick: (grinning) That's not my justification.

Maddox: Yeah, so what's your justification, here?

Dick: My justification is, this is the closest we're gonna get to The Purge. (Maddox cracks up) You know that movie?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you get rid of the undesirable elements of society?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is the closest thing we're gonna have. Who…who's…who's wherever they are…who's at a store on Black Friday slugging each other to the death for toys, to save 20$ on a Playstation 4?

Maddox: The scum of the Earth.

Dick: Am I wrong?! Not the scum of the Earth, but they're shaping pop culture in a way I don't like! And I guess that's the measure I'm going by.

Maddox: Dick, I don't know what's going on, man. But I just got this weird feeling like you're making a whole lotta sense. (Sean and Dick laugh) And I'm not used to it. 'Cause you've only done it a few times in our entire run of this show.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But this is one of those moments where I'm like, "Wow, you actually have a really fucking good point here." And I don't even think I have a rebuttal. I think I agree 100% with you.

Dick: You know why I'm making so much sense? I'm a Scorpio and this is the…

Maddox: (interjects) Ookay. (sarcastic) (Maddox and Dick crack up laughing) There it is! There it is. Horoscopes. Go vote it up, guys!

Dick: All I'm saying. All I'm saying is we gotta get this problem…this problem is actually…it will become a solution. Because what we do?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is we get all the conspiracy dipshits, the anti-vaxxers…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: The slacktivists, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The armchair psychologists…all the sexy engineers. The genital mutilators. (Sean chuckles) The people who can't eat spicy foods.

Maddox: Yes…(trying not to laugh)

Dick: And the priests and the hippies with their outrage porn, and their N words, and their other N words, and the iPhone 6-having, nonapologizing shame shamers…(Maddox laughs)…reading their horoscopes and panicking about witches and Ebola. We lure them in…

Maddox: (laughing) Yes.

Dick: With un…with unbeatable prices on Beats By Dre and TOMS…(Sean cracks up) And then we dispatch the militarized police with their drones and the TSA with their monkeys and their snakes and their Burlesque dancers and their movie ratings and their satire, and we just let em…and their Facebook satire tags, and we just let 'em all wipe each other out!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Bravo, Dick. That's a good rant, and you worked in…was that every single problem?

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Every single one?

Dick: No, no, no. It was a lot of them.

Maddox: Okay, that's…

Dick: It was a lot of them on top.

Maddox: I gotta hand it to you, man. I know we suck our own dicks a lot on this show, but that's pretty fucking amazing. Uh, you're not gonna get this anywhere else, guys. But that's a really good fucking point, man. You get all the scum of the Earth. You get the sludge. You get these idiots who want to go in on Black Friday and go in on Thanksgiving and these holidays…

Dick: Yeah. And THEY'RE making those people work. They're the ones…their drive for goods, for consumer goods is making those people have to show up to work in the first place. Right?

Maddox: Their drive…yeah, their drive, i.e: your drive, Dick. As you argued for the first half of this show, that it's a good thing and it's a necessity just like firefighters and gas.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (laughing) You are these people!

Dick: And doctors.

Maddox: Oh man, it's gonna be so funny, and a little bit sad, but mostly funny. One of these days I'm gonna come in and do the show alone, 'cause I'm gonna have to announce that you died during a Black Friday sale. (laughs) Dick, uh…yeah. That's a good point. There should be more Black Friday deaths. And I remember I'd looked up the statistics on this. Actually, when I first read it, I thought, "Well, that should be zero, because nobody should die while shopping for BULLSHIT." You're killing people over this…this cheap crap that they've marked down and all the items they sell during these Black Friday sales are garbage. The TVs are garbage. They're always stripped down.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The worst features. Or no features. The DVDs…first of all, they're DVDs, which nobody wants. Nobody wants physical media anymore. By the way, guys, anyone listening, I'm gonna sell all my DVDs. (laughing) Maybe I'll just put up a sale on the website and just try to get rid of all this horseshit. But yeah, those are the people who are going in and dying for this garbage.

Dick: Yeah! And we…and we got…what's the stats on guns in this country? It's like, we've got hundreds of millions of guns in this country, and there's only 7 deaths on Black Friday? Come on, let's step it up, here.

Maddox: Yeah. But they are cool deaths. They're pretty metal. It's not as metal as hitting a rodent over the head with a shovel, but. It's close. It's trampling deaths. (laughing) Those are trampling deaths. Which, I think may be up there with drowning and burning as two of the worst ways to go.

Dick: Getting trampled to death?

Maddox: Getting trampled, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Although, I don't know. Would it be? 'Cause if someone really fat, like say one of these…these airline fliers, the fat guys, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: What if they just stepped on your head and made it pop like a watermelon?

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: That's not too bad, right?

Dick: I think you did, getting trampled, by blows to the body. Right? Like, internal organ failure. Not in the head.

Maddox: Not the way I imagine. I imagine, like, falling down face first and my teeth immediately getting chipped and falling out of my mouth. Maybe that's a tooth…there's, like, a tooth fear that has something to do with that.

Dick: It's not a cartoon. (Maddox laughs) It's, like, a real thing that happens. Only 7 deaths from Black Friday.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: On the http://www.blackfridaydeathcount.com website.

Maddox: Yeah. Not nearly enough.

Dick: Not nearly enough, man. I worked on a Black Friday. At that toy store? That I was telling you.

Maddox: Yeah, you mentioned it. Mhmm.

Dick: And I was involved in a Black Friday violence. An altercation.

Maddox: Yeah? (chortles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Did you start it?

Dick: Um…you could say that. (grins)

Maddox: Ahhhh, I thought so, Dick!!!

Dick: So I was 16. I was working at this toy store over Christmas. So I could get enough money to buy a cool jacket. Like, I wanted Indiana Jones' jacket.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I got this job just so I could buy the jacket. And then I was gonna quit and that was gonna be the end of my working.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: The plan fell apart, because I got a girlfriend while I was working there. So all the money I was saving for my Indiana Jones jacket I blew on her.

Maddox: What a sucker.

Dick: Yeah. I mean, if only I was around to educate me at that age.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So this guy comes in during the Christmas rush and he sees a stack of, God, I think it was Sega Genesises? Was that around at that time, in, like, 96?

Maddox: It was, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. And the…there was a price. There was, like, a bunch of different systems and the price they had listed was for the cheapest system on the stack.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And he starts freaking out, right? He's like, "What do you mean, it's 19 dollars more? With the controller and the game? " I'm like, "Dude, we've been here all day. That's the price. Sorry." So, in front of all these moms, these like, mall moms in this KB Toys in suburbia, he goes, "Yeah, well why don't you go have sex with your mother?!" (Maddox laughs) To me. To me. And I'm like, "Oh, wow." So he storms out and is knocking toys over. And I turn to the moms, and I'm like, "Can you believe that guy? Wow."

Maddox: (laughing) 'Cause you know, Dick, I think…

Dick: It gets better.

Maddox: When you turn to the moms. I bet. But I think when you turned to the moms to say that, I think you were kinda hitting on them, too.

Dick: Yeah, I was.

Maddox: Of course. (grinning)

Dick: So I got off of work and I put my regular clothes on. And I walk into the mall, 'cause I had to walk through the mall to get to my car. And I see this guy. So I kind of followed him.

Maddox: Oh…(laughs)

Dick: And I follow him over to…it was some stupid calendar kiosk. And I get right up behind him in line, and I'm like, "Hey, hey." And he turns around, and he looks like he's seen a ghost, right? 'Cause he's processing…he sees my clothes are different, but he recognizes me?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I said, "Why don't you go have sex with your mom?" (Dick and Maddox crack up) And he starts freaking out. Like, this is a grown man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm a 16-year-old child. Right?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: So he turns around and starts freaking out and he, like…he hits me back, like the way guys do…

Maddox: Whoa, wait a second, what do you mean, he hits you back? You'd already hit him at this point?!

Dick: No no. I was, like, just creeping up so I could be that really obnoxious voice in his ear.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Right? And then I was having…I was giving him that smile that starts fights.

Maddox: Okay. (grinning)

Dick: Like, I know I'm doing it. But you can get away with it.

Maddox: A little shit.

Dick: Yeah, like, "Haha, what are you gonna do, dude?"

Maddox: Yep, yep.

Dick: "You gonna let me smile like this at you in your own face?" (Maddox laughs) "Are you gonna allow this to happen, a KID smiling at you?!"

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: So he, like, does that thing, like he blows up and shoves back and he starts shouting at me.

Maddox: He's puffing up his chest in your face, that sorta thing. Yeah.

Dick: Right. Right. And he's so…he's so incensed that he can't find the words. Like, he's like "J---St----Ahhh!!(stammering)(stuttering)" stuttering and stammering and storming around like Donkey Kong, right? (Maddox laughing) So these moms are freaking out. He knocks this mom's purse off of the stand...

Maddox: Whoaa!

Dick: Oh, yeah. Security…like, three gigantic security guards run in and tackle this guy to the ground in front of me while I'm still just smiling there like a demon, just, like. "I mean, you kinda did this to yourself, dude."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they escort his ass out of the mall.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Three guys.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In front of his kids. (Sean laughs) And I'm still just standing there with mom…helping this mom pick her purse back up and like, put her stuff in it, and I'm like, "Can you believe that guy?"

Maddox: Yeah…(cracks up)

Dick: (cracking up) And she's like, "Why did he even blow up like that? What did you say?" and I'm like, "I didn't say anything."

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, man! (Dick laughs) That fuckin'…So…so. Lesson learned. I hope those kids went home hungry without their dad that night.

Dick: (laughs) I hope they got into a car wreck. I don't give a fuck. Fuck that guy. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, let's just wipe him from the Earth. (laughing) This poor guy who has a mental disorder! Who is yelling at employees in a toy store because they didn't have a Genesis.

Dick: Oh, we had one, it was just 20$ more.

Maddox: It's 20$ more, yeah.

Dick: Than he thought it was.

Sean: Or. He might have been just an entitled asshole who deserves every bad thing he gets.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. He deserved it.

Sean: There's that too.

Maddox: Yeah. But those people are generally rich. If you're rich, you're generally more entitled…

Sean Yup. (laughing)

Maddox: And if he's arguing for 20$, that guy's not that entitled, is he?

Dick: If you're rich, you're not shopping at KB Toys, you're shopping at Toys R Us. So why don't you get rid of that fuckin' argument, Maddox? (Maddox laughing) That's m problem. Not enough Black Friday violence. It's The Purge! Let's step it up, people! (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, pretty good problem, Dick. I don't want to admit it, but I have to, because it was. I agree, there isn't enough Black Friday deaths, along with not enough candy with razors in it. Alright Dick, what are your problems this week?

Dick: My problems are "Airline Surcharges" and "Not Enough Black Friday Violence".

Maddox: And my problems are "Mandatory Holiday Shifts" and "Snakes", which should be the biggest problem in the universe, guys! Vote it up! Don't disappoint me like you did with monkeys, you idiots.

Dick: It's also the only problem here that's not holiday themed! (Maddox and Sean laugh) Way to go, Maddox!

Maddox: You got it. Although, you could say it's Christmas-themed, if you think about it.

Dick: Hey, speaking of the happiest time of the year, we're kicking off the Christmas season, December 1st, with our next bonus episode.

Maddox: Right! Give it a listen. People really loved the first one. We've got some… actually, Dick's comeuppance is coming in the bonus episode. You're gonna get yours, Dick. For all the horseshit I had to put up with this episode.

Dick: This time?

Maddox: Oh yeah.

Dick: The next one? Oh.

Maddox: Oh yeah.

Dick: Fuck you.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. And also, we have a big, big announcement to make. We should have done this at the top of the show, but we're doing a live show! A live taping. We're gonna be doing in Los Angeles. If you're in the Los Angeles area in December, we haven't decided on the day yet, but some time near the end of December, maybe the 2nd or 3rd week, so the middle, actually. But we're gonna be doing a live show and we may be able to get a live studio audience in there. Not a lot of seats, but we'll post some more details as this happens, and it's something exciting that Dick and I have been working on. I think that you guys will really like it.

Dick: It'll be a lot of fun.

Maddox: So, to wrap things up, go to the website, vote on these problems, stay tuned for more information about those live shows, and the bonus episode coming next time.

Dick: And if you bought it, it will be emailed to you.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: If you bought the season pass, a link to download it will be emailed to you.

Maddox: Right. We should…if you bought the season pass, you're going to get the entire bundle. You will get 12 episodes from the time when you bought it.

Dick: Yeah.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Thanks for…**(recording cuts off)**

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 29</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up buddy, how's it goin'?

Maddox: Hey Dick, so we had a big week for YOU, didn't we?? (Dick cackles)

Dick: HahahaHAAAAA!

Maddox: Yeah. So not the winner, but uh, the one that got the most votes...was Airline Surcharges.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: No big deal.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: No big deal. Yeah, so what? No big deal.

Dick: Wait, Airline Surcharges got the most votes? (surprised)

Maddox: Yeah. Airline Surcharges.

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: Yeah. (amused) Why...why "huh"? What do you got there, Dick?

Dick: It reminds me of something.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah, it reminds me of a song that I heard. [**plays his "Maddox Lost" song**]

Maddox: Okay. (annoyed) (Dick bursts out laughing)

(drums and electric guitar)

Dick (singing): Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! 'CAUSE HIS PROBLEMS FUCKIN' SUCK! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! ...

Maddox: (yelling over song) FUCK you, Dick! I'm so fuckin' tired of this song!! I'm tired of this SHIT!

Dick (singing): ...Diiiiiiiiiick is the winner!

Maddox: NO RESPECT!

(song plays out with more drums and guitar)

Dick: All the way, you gotta let it go all the way! [**song finally ends**] The song has to be played all the way every time.

Maddox: No, BULLSHIT. That's bullshit!

Dick: I don't know, man! If you're so tired of that song, you better bring in some better problems!

Maddox: You know, Dick? Uhh...yeah, you uh, you won! You won. That was, uh, that was a real...real good problem. Um, but before we continue, I would just like to play a new segment that I have. (slyly)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah! Here's...here's this new segment. 'Cause uh, that's -- that problem you brought in sounded familiar. Here's my segment. [**plays intro**]

(dreamlike harp glissandos)

Deep Male Voice: I Liked It Better When...

[**intro ends**]

Maddox: Yeah! "I Liked It Better When...". So, on my YouTube show I have a segment called "I Liked It Better When..." and it's essentially a segment that I bring in that...when I hear something that sounds familiar, I say "Well, I liked it better when so-and-so said it first." Here is something I said in our first bonus episode; let's see if this, uh, if you recall this. [**plays clip from Bonus Episode 1**]

Maddox: Airlines, buddy.

Dick: Airlines?

Maddox: Now you can pay a premium to check in first - 15 dollars. Check luggage, 25 dollars. You can pay a premium for extra leg room. 50 dollars. You can pay a premium for EXTRA extra leg room. 75 dollars! You can pay a premium for first class. 1000 dollars. And it never fucking ends! And guess what? Peanuts are a premium, WATER is a premium! That's the industry you've created, Dick! (yelling) That's the industry this BULLSHIT-ass solution has created! It's a PROBLEM, and I'm calling you on it!!

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: Yeah, I called you on it, Dick! (yelling angrily) And then here's what you brought in last episode! Listen to this.

Dick: Uh-huh. Go ahead.

[**Maddox plays clip from Episode 28**]

Dick: Look, my point is...pay for bags? Now you're gonna be payin' for seats, you're gonna be paying for cabin pressure, you're gonna be paying for every little oxygen molecule that you get to breathe...

[**clip ends**]

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah! So I'm sorry, Dick, I'm going to have to call shenanigans! *I* am the winner from the last episode! That was MY problem, baby!! (gloating loudly) WOOOO! (**'ding!' sound effect**) Winner! (**clapping sound effect**) I'm the best.

Dick: Yeah...you're just...you're like that guy who carries the ball to the 99th yard line and then just fumbles it right out of bounds.

Maddox: Yeah. Is that what it is?

Dick: You shoulda just brought it in, then!

Maddox: Dick, I DID -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, instead of...instead of SNAKES. (stammers) Was that a problem? How did Snakes do last week? (teasing)

Maddox: Snakes? Yeah, speakin' of snakes, Dick -- the person who snaked my problem from me -- you know, Snakes...yeah! Snakes got dead last, 'cause everyone's an IDIOT. But YOU'RE the biggest snake, Dick! (growling) [**plays sound clip from Metal Gear Solid**]

(dramatic synthesizer string music)

Colonel Campbell: Snaaaake? SNAAAAAAKE!

[**sound clip ends**]

Maddox: (laughs) From Metal Gear Solid! You remember?

Dick: No! I don't -- what is that?

Maddox: What a fuckin' NON-nerd! (Dick laughs loudly) What an asshole. Yeah, Snakes! I can't believe you guys voted down Snakes! (angrily) You don't think snakes are a problem?! I hope you all get bit by snakes, right in the throat. You MORONS.

Dick: Somebody also brought up that snakes eat rodents.

Maddox: Yeah, so what??

Dick: You remember rodents? They cause...what was that? Oh yeah, the BLACK PLAGUE.

Maddox: Great. So do cats!

Dick: So...

Maddox: Cats eat rodents too, buddy.

Dick: No, cats...are you gonna be bringing in cats this episode?

Maddox: Well, hehehey, spoiler! (chuckling) Spoilers, let's not get ahead of ourselves. Yeah, I can't believe you guys voted down Snakes. And then, after that was Not Enough Black Friday Violence. That was actually a good one.

Dick: Yeah! And there wasn't enough this year, either. (Maddox smirks) I was watchin' that site, Black Friday Violence Counter, whatever it was? [http://blackfridaydeathcount.com/]

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And there wasn't a lot of violence this year either. I guess it's, uh, I guess it's over.

Maddox: You know -

Dick: We're tired of Black Friday.

Maddox: You know, Dick? Uh, congratulations for snaking that problem from me that was absolutely, BLATANTLY theft!

Dick: Hm?

Maddox: I'm going to -- you know, let the records reflect that that was my problem I brought in during your solution! Because YOU said -

Dick: (over Maddox) Yeah, but you didn't...

Maddox: - surcharges were a solution, buddy, and they're NOT!

Dick: You didn't do...first of all, no. (Maddox laughs) And you didn't do all the research that I did. You didn't do all that investigative journalism that I did. (wryly)

Maddox: Yeah... (laughing)

Dick: Digging for, like, laws that were -- like, the Department of Transportation laws that were passed, and the House laws, and whatever other stuff that I did?

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) Yeah, Dick! That was IMPROMPTU! I did that off the top of my...off the top of my head! That was shootin' from the hip! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Well, Maddox, put a little more research into it next time. (taunting)

Maddox: (screaming over Dick) IT WASN'T A PROBLEM!!

Dick: And then you, too, can be a winner. (laughs)

Maddox: THAT WAS DURING YOUR SOLUTION! I was trying to shoot down your BULLSHIT-ass solution! (Dick keeps laughing) I called you on it, buddy! (snapping) Listen, I got a comment. From CJ Canton.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: He says, "Dick did really well this episode, great problems, well thought-out, good use of argument and reason, and yes very funny. Except for that part about being against holidays for workers..." (Dick laughs) "...what a fucking limp-dick, gutless, spineless, brainless, low-life piece of filthy worker-hating gangrenous pond scum."

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: [comment continues] "Go fuck yourself Dick, workers deserve time off. By the way - " (Dick laughs harder) " - [at] 34:02: 'A little Dick tip for ya.' - Dick Masterson. Ya, bet it's not just the tip but the whole thing that's tiny Dick. Go masturbate with sweatshop tears and the blood of the children that work in them." Yeah, Dick!

Dick: I guess I, uh, I raised alotta ire with my stance on private organizations being able to arrange contracts between private individuals.

Maddox: What...

Dick: (interjects) I guess that's SHOCKING in today's climate. (chuckling derisively)

Maddox: Yeah. You bet your ass it is, Dick. 'Cause here's the thing: you kind of made it sound -- you had such a smug stance about it, too. (Dick laughs) You said...you said, "Oh, well, why don't you just get a better job?" Well, I got a comment from Ashleigh Morris, a listener. She says, "I just hate when people automatically look down on people who work retail and say, 'Well, if you don't like it, then better yourself!' Okay! Well, the only reason I'm working retail again is because I have given up my entire life to take care of my dying sister who is dying from cancer. So not everyone really has a fuckin' choice to work retail. You know, Dick? That really makes my blood boil."

Dick: Hey, I said "sorry"! (Maddox laughs loudly) What do you...what do you want me to do?

Maddox: NON-APOLOGY, I'm callin' you on it! (shouting) (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: If I could...if I could cure cancer, I would! (Maddox scoffs) For free!

Maddox: Oh, great, Dick. (chuckling) What a humanitarian.

Dick: I would just spend all day putting -- laying my hands on people who were vexed by the curse of cancer and wiping it away from them, but I can't!

Maddox: Yeah. And then they -

Dick: (interjects) I can shop on Black Friday! And help you pay for whatever you gotta pay for.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what I can do.

Maddox: While you smugly look down on the retail workers. "Oh, why don't you just get a better job?" (stupid voice) You can't always get a better job. 'Cause sometimes you're there, you have to move on a WHIM, you move to a shitty city, you get in some financial downtrodden position, you have to work a shitty retail job, and you deserve a little bit of time off, which you CAN'T get.

Dick: Yeah. It's easy for you to say. It doesn't cost you anything to say that. (Maddox smirks) I would like to remind you of that. (smiling)

Maddox: And what does it cost you to say what you just said, Dick? (about to laugh)

Dick: Hey, I'm just -- just because I, uh...just because I'm describing what REALITY is, people get all bent outta shape!

Maddox: Yeah. Great.

Dick: Like, sorry! Life dealt you a bunch of lemons, now you gotta suck 'em.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (stammers) I'm SORRY.

Maddox: Thanks, Dick. That...

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: ...I'm sure that comforts a lot of people who had to work Black Friday.

Dick: I'm not TRYING to!

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: I got one, uh...I got a comment from a guy, David Arbec, who -- he's got this huge comment about what an asshole I am. (Maddox chuckles) But then he says, "Stores like Walmart and customers are the reason I went on a hate-filled quest for better education. Not everyone may have that chance though." So I guess he kind of agrees with, uh...whoever.

Maddox: "Hate-filled"?? What's he, what's that...what's that in reference to?

Dick: Well, he hated Walmart and he hated the hours and the working conditions so much that he went on a hate-filled quest for an education.

Maddox: Ohhhh, I see. Yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Uh, you know. That's, uh, that's the...that's the beautiful story; that's the ideal scenario, is you hate your job and you go better yourself. (mocking) But, you know, not everyone can. Some people -

Dick: (over Maddox) Yeah, but...

Maddox: - have mental disorders, some people have physical disabilities, some people have medical bills that they didn't foresee!

Dick: Like all the fuckin' people working Black Friday had all these INSANE conditions?? No! Mostly, people are stuck in positions they hate 'cause they watch Netflix every night. (derisively)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what they're doing.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: (interjects) That's the NORM.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay? If all the people who COULD get a better position in life DID, then all the people who were left over would get more money. 'Cause there wouldn't be as many of them.

Maddox: Yeah, that's the One-Percenter narrative, buddy! (sneering)

Dick: It's not MY fuckin' fault!

Maddox: Yeah, it's...that's the One-Percenter narrative! (Dick scoffs) You say, "Oh, you wanna work hard...if you work hard, you can get -- you can become a millionaire, you can become a billionaire!" But you can't; there isn't enough money to go around, buddy.

Dick: Look -

Maddox: (interjects) Some -- the people at the top are stayin' at the top, and they're hoarding all the money.

Dick: I'm not here to teach you about Reaganomics. (Maddox laughs heartily) Alright?

Maddox: Great, Dick. (sarcastic)

Dick: I got a...I got some voicemails for ya.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Yeah. Here's one about your, uh -- here's one about your...your great, uh, Snakes problem from last time.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

[**Dick plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Maddox. I emailed you EIGHT years ago asking you to write about snakes, and your reply was, quote, "...And? What the hell am I supposed to say about snakes?" (Maddox and Dick laugh over voicemail) **"Who gives a shit about them?" End quote.**

Dick: "Who gives a shit?" (grinning)

Voicemail: And now they're the biggest problem in the universe? Fuck you, Maddox. (Maddox and Dick burst out laughing) **Fuck. You.**

[**message ends**]

Maddox: Wow, twice?!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Fuck YOU!! You don't tell me "fuck you" twice!

Dick: Well!

Maddox: I tell YOU "fuck you" twice! Listen man, I remember, I think I -- I think he may have been the impetus for this article I wrote. I think it was called "I am a genius, you are not." [http://www.thebestpageintheuniverse.net/c.cgi?u=your_stupid_ideas]

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And I talked about all the shitty suggestions I get from people...that people send in for me to write on. And I talked about all the different topics people asked me to write about: orange juice, and snakes, and all this HORSESHIT that aren't problems or whatever! Uh, except for snakes, rather. (smirking) But I, I asked...I specifically asked him -

Dick: (interjects) (cackles loudly) HAHAHAHAHAHAAAAAAH!

Maddox: Shut up!

Dick: You fucked up! Okay, you specifically said what? (grinning)

Maddox: [**plays Metal Gear Solid sound clip**] (laughs)

(dramatic synthesizer string music)

Colonel Campbell: Snaaaake? SNAAAAAAKE!

[**clip ends**]

Dick: I don't get that! Is that a...that's a video game?

Maddox: It's when Solid Snake dies at the end of Metal Gear Solid, and he's trying to get the transponder from his colonel and he's tryin' to get through.

Dick: Ohh, GOD. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, it's pretty cool.

Dick: Cool. (jeering) (laughs)

Maddox: It is cool. (smiling) (Dick cackles) Yeah! So I talked about this article, and people were quoting me left and right. And it was also the same article about how people wanted me to talk about "African Americans" -- the phrase "African Americans" -- I was like, "Guys, first of all, you don't understand what it takes to write articles! You don't understand my GENIUS. Okay? If I'm gonna write about snakes..." First of all, snakes are the most boring pet! The most interesting thing they do is eat! But you know what? You know what's more interesting than watching a snake eat? HAVE SEX. That's way more interesting.

Dick: What?? (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah! That's what I -

Dick: (interjects) You've seen a snake have sex?

Maddox: Nooo, *I* have sex!

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Instead of watching...having sex.

Dick: Oh, having sex is more interesting than reading about snakes, you're saying.

Maddox: No, *watching* a snake eat.

Dick: Watching snakes.

Maddox: I would rather have sex.

Dick: What is that...what would you...*not* rather have sex, then?

Maddox: Dark -

Dick: (interjects) I can't imagine anything that I would rather do than have sex.

Maddox: I dunno, Dark Souls 2 maybe. We'll see. (wryly) (Dick laughs) Look man, sex is cool, but you know...like, there are other things.

Dick: Here's another guy who doesn't like me. [**plays second voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Hey, I don't usually call in to these things, but Dick, YOU are a fucking dickless piece of worthless, gangrenous, pond-green...

Dick: That must be the same guy!

Maddox: That's the same guy!!

Dick: Yeah.

Voicemail: ...SCUM for being against... [Dick stops voicemail abruptly]

Dick: Get a thesaurus, dude.

Maddox: NO! Let's... (cracks up)

Dick: Oh, you wanna hear the whole thing?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear! (through giggles) [Dick resumes voicemail]

Voicemail: ...workers not being able to take holidays off. How can you be against that, man? How you can you be against that?

Maddox: Yeah, how dare you!

Voicemail: People have DIED in this country -

Maddox: Yeah, they've DIED.

Voicemail: - for the right to have 8-hour workdays, the right to be able to -

Maddox: 8 hours!

Dick: Really?

Voicemail: - go home and be with their families.

Maddox: Yeah! (chuckles)

Dick: I don't think so.

Voicemail: Most other countries have -

Maddox: DIED.

Voicemail: - MULTIPLE holidays off.

Maddox: Multiple! (laughs)

Voicemail: Most other countries...

Dick: So move there!

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: ...most other countries in the world have EASTER off.

Maddox: Easter!

Voicemail: Most other Christian countries -

Maddox: CHRISTIAN! (laughs)

Voicemail: - including -- and some NON-Christian countries, like India! The Indian Embassy in the U.S. -

Maddox: The INDIAN EMBASSY!! In the U.S.!

Voicemail: - gets off for Easter.

Maddox: For Easter!!

Voicemail: But American workers don't.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Uh-huh. (dryly)

Voicemail: American workers work harder and longer than ANY workers in the entire Western industrialized world -

Maddox: Preach.

Dick: U.S.A.!

Voicemail: - and YOU wanna take away the FEW days they have to go and enjoy time with their families -

Dick: Uh-huh. (quietly; amused)

Voicemail: - and not fucking SLAVE their lives away -

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yep!

Voicemail: - makin' rich people money who don't need it.

Dick: "Makin' rich people money." (heavily mocking)

Voicemail: FUCK you, Dick. You're a fuckin' piece of shit, you worthless FUCKIN' asshole.

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: FUCK you. (scathingly)

[**message ends**]

Maddox: Fuck you! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: What a hero! That guy's a...that guy's for the WORKERS, man! That guy's the people's fan! (laughs)

Dick: Is there... (sighs) Is there some reason you just can't eat dinner with your family, like, the next time you have a day off? Am I cra-...I didn't have Thanksgiving with *my* family.

Maddox: Dick -

Dick: (interjects) I had it with a buncha assholes that I hate. (suggestively) (laughs)

Maddox: Dick, if you...I...yeah! Yeah. Which was ME, actually.

Dick: Yeah, which was you. (grinning) (laughs)

Maddox: Thanks...thanks, Dick. I really appreciate it. (sarcastic) You know, Dick, if you even checked our own fucking website, I link to all sorts of stats and studies and interesting news articles, and one of them I linked to was on...I think it was like, ThinkProgress or some bullshit website.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: But it talked about this problem of employers threatening to fire their employees if they didn't work these shifts.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: And they posted pictures from signs they post up in break rooms that say, "Hey, you can't request ANY time off between the days of November 15th through January 4th." That's over a month and a half! Some people have to work every day in those shifts! They don't get ANY time off. And no, sometimes you work the night shift or graveyard shift; those are times when your family's asleep. You don't get a few hours off to have with your family, you never do! In fact, when I worked at the old telemarketing company, when I was a programmer, I worked the graveyard shift and I was asleep during the day, so I never got to see my family.

Dick: What is this, Oliver Twist?! Is it...people are getting off of work and then slaving over coals to be with their families, and then passing out on their wooden benches and waking up and getting dragged to work? (cynical tone) Is that what we're to believe? Maybe for one day a year.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. (wearily)

Dick: Maybe for Black Friday.

Maddox: Well, eh... (skeptical)

Dick: But that's -- that's just not the reality of the entire year.

Maddox: Yeah. It's just easy. (sarcastic)

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Just...just get up and move to another state if you, if you -

Dick: (interjects) Nononono!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I'm not saying it's EASY, but uh, you don't have a *right* to a job in this country.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Did I do that? No! (Maddox laughs) Okay? I didn't make these rules.

Maddox: No, Urkel Masterson, you didn't. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Okay. Uh, do you have any more voicemail? 'Cause I got one.

Dick: Yeah! Sure I do! (smiling)

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Well, what's yours? Go ahead.

Maddox: No, go ahead. No, I got a big one.

Dick: I think this one's...uh, I think this one's addressed to you. Speaking of big ones.

Maddox: Great. (dryly) [**Dick plays third voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Hey guys, it's Alex from Toronto.

Dick: Hey, Alex.

Voicemail: I just called in this week, actually, to agree with you!

Maddox: Me.

Voicemail: Uh, I really DO think you suck your dicks a lot on this show.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: That was it.

Voicemail: Well, anyway. (both crack up) **Good that we could find some common ground. Go fuck yourself, Dick.** (Maddox bursts out laughing)

[**message ends**]

Dick: Ohh, dammit!! DAMMIT.

Maddox: Yeah, go fuck yourself, Dick. (grinning) I like that guy. And uh, I'm glad that he agrees that we like ourselves a lot. Oh, and speaking of suckin' our own dicks -

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: - uh, we have the live show coming up, guys! Los Angeles, December 19th! We're gonna post more details. We're gonna have...I don't know how we're gonna do tickets. We're not gonna have a lot of tickets available. We'll probably do it in two shifts.

Dick: Yeah, it's gonna be a shitshow.

Maddox: Yeah. We probably have, at most...uh, 40 people to seat, and in two shifts of 20. So, we'll see. We'll post the details on the website. But uh, yeah.

Dick: You know, we should have some kind of a form. Like we should set up a form on the website to handle it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, you have to...you have to sign a release and everything, but uh, we'll post more details as that comes. But December 19th is lookin' like the day. We'll do a daytime show and an evening show. We're gonna do a live show. A live taping of this, uh, The Biggest Problem. With guests! So it'll be interesting.

Dick: It'll be fun!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it's gonna be, uh, it's gonna be fun. It's gonna go live. Yep.

Dick: I got another comment for ya. Robert Hiller: "Dick, I took your catcalling advice this weekend to try and hook up with a few sorority chicks I see at a club." You remember my catcalling advice?

Maddox: Yeah. Shit advice.

Dick: [comment continues] "I approached them all at different times, trying different methods with each. None of them remotely showed interest and I got kicked out of the club."

Maddox: HA!! (laughs more)

Dick: "Great advice, numbnuts. You are an amateur and a fool, but most of all...you are chode." (Maddox laughs) Hm. But then this guy Damion Graves -- he's my boy, right?

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: He says, "It doesn't work well if your fat or a loser."

Maddox: Did he spell it Y-O-U-R?

Dick: Which is true -- yeah, he did!

Maddox: I bet, I bet... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I bet he did! What a MORON.

Dick: I love -- no no, it's a great burn because...and there's a key word that makes it a great burn; it's "well." "It doesn't work WELL." Still saying that it shoulda worked! Still slamming this kid that the advice shoulda worked.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: And the advice was "Hit on as many girls as possible."

Maddox: That's stupid.

Dick: It's simple!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Just go up to each one - "Hey, how's it goin'? Hey, my name is..." What's this guy's name? "Hi, my name's Robert. What's goin' on?"

Maddox: Dick, you're like that moron who joins a Counter-Strike server and just spins around, shootin' everything with a shotgun. And I'm there with a fuckin' sniper, buddy.

Dick: Can you -

Maddox: (interjects) I shoot ONE bullet, ONE kill. Headshot.

Dick: Can you phrase this in an *adult* metaphor? That isn't video games? What do you mean?

Maddox: Yeah. So I'm in Afghanistan, right? (Dick laughs) We're goin' after Osama bin Laden. (yelling) You're in there fuckin' SPRAYIN' the walls with shotgun shells, and I'm sittin' there, ONE shot, one kill, buddy. Right in Osama's fuckin' eyes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right between his eyes.

Dick: Uh, I'll definitely take the shotgun... (Maddox cracks up) ...approach.

Maddox: Yeah! Spinning around like a MORON.

Dick: It's easy to just sit there, 'bloum, bloum, bloum, bloum.' (mimicking shotgun blasts)

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: 'You, you, you? Me, you?'

Maddox: You don't hit anything. (smiling) Spinning around like an idiot, you get all dizzy, "whulllgh..." (imitating wooziness)

Dick: Well, it worked for our buddy Butt Sanchez, didn't it?? (excited)

Maddox: Yeah. (mocking)

Dick: Speaking of Butt Sanchez, whooooo left a voicemail! (grinning) Here ya go. [**plays fourth voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Hey, Maddox. This is Butt Sanchez. Okay. You keep on givin' me shit for not wearing a condom, but lemme ask you somethin'. How are you supposed to have sex underwater with a condom? You fucking idiot.

[**message ends**]

Dick: Yeah! How are you supposed to have sex underwater with a condom, you fuckin' idiot? (teasing)

Maddox: You don't...have sex underwater. (Dick laughs hysterically)

Dick: You don't have sex in a hot tub?!?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Get outta here!!

Maddox: No, man! It's...you know, it's nice on paper, but then in practice it's bullshit.

Dick: Having sex in a hot tub. That's what they're MADE for.

Maddox: Yeah, but vaginas dry up, man! Water isn't a good lubricant! (yelling) Surpriiise!

Dick: Ohohoho! THERE'S some advice for ya. "Vaginas dry up." (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah! (Dick giggles more) Water isn't a good lubricant! It just doesn't fuckin' work, man.

Dick: We get the point.

Maddox: I've tried -- look, I've had sex in an ocean, I've had sex in swimming pools, I've had sex in hot tubs, I've had sex in SINKS. Like, it doesn't fuckin' work.

Dick: Sorry. Ocean?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You had sex in an *ocean*?

Maddox: In the -- yeah. In an ocean.

Dick: In the ocean?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What were you doin'?

Maddox: Havin' sex. (both laugh) Bangin' a chick.

Dick: Was it a sex cruise?

Maddox: No!

Dick: What do you mean, you were...what were you...you were out on the ocean havin' sex?

Maddox: Yeah, I was out in the ocean havin' sex! (slyly)

Dick: I'm not gonna get a story outta you for havin' sex in the ocean?

Maddox: Well, yeah...

Dick: I mean, at least in a pool and in a spa you have something to leverage yourself off of. In the OCEAN seems like you're just humping the air like a dolphin. Do you see why it's weird that you would say "the ocean"? Because you're just floating around like a buoy, stabbing your penis forward into the salt water. (derisively)

Maddox: No, Dick. I don't have to jerk my entire fucking BODY.

Dick: How do you have sex in the ocean, then? (laughing)

Maddox: Well, with my hips, man! I just rock 'em! Look, here's the thing. (Dick laughs more) I was in the water -

Dick: (interjects) I want you to, like...

Maddox: What?! (annoyed)

Dick: ...paint me the picture!

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: HOW do you do it??

Maddox: Okay, so we're at the beach, right? And everyone at the beach is an idiot, so I'm like, "Well, this is boring. I'm gonna go have sex." (Dick scoffs) So I walk out into the ocean -

Dick: (interjects) Okay. (jeering)

Maddox: Yeah! I walk out into the ocean... (Dick cackles) ...and I'm there, about -- you know, the water's covering my shoulder, and I'm there with a pretty lady, and I'm like, "Well! You know, here we are." And uh, she...look, if she straddles me...this is gonna get -- you know, I'm not gonna get too graphic. But if she straddles me, it looks like she's still standing up. So it doesn't...it doesn't have to be this THING that's like, "Oh my -- I'm humpin' over here, like a moron! Like an amateur!"

Dick: Oh, so you're standing in the beach.

Maddox: I'm standing...I'm standing -

Dick: (interjects) You're...you're having sex on the beach.

Maddox: (stammers) I was in the ocean. I was in the water.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. So that's how it happened.

Dick: And she's straddling you, so you look like some kind of satyr. Like, with hairy legs... (Maddox laughs) Hairy, manly legs and an upper woman body. Alright, well, Butt Sanchez is right.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You can't have sex in a hot tub with a condom on.

Maddox: Yeah. That's...

Dick: Yeah. (cracks up)

Maddox: Well, you shouldn't have sex in the hot tub. By the way, it dries up with a condom too! With or without a condom, doesn't matter. It's still gonna dry up.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. (amused)

Maddox: So...anyway, Dick, is that all the voicemail you got? 'Cause I got one.

Dick: Yeah, go ahead!

Maddox: So in our bonus episode this week that was JUST released, we talked about this video (Dick laughs) that -

Dick: (interjects) You have something on me from yesterday?!? (Maddox laughs) Fuck you!

Maddox: So I got a voicemail -- so, remember in the bonus episode I played that video from Angelo Mike, a fan who sent in this video of him interviewing his mom, who was kinda shitting on you. And she was really pissed off, Dick, because you... (Dick cackles mischievously)

Dick: Hahahahahahahaaaaaah!

Maddox: ...you're bein' an asshole!

Dick: Yeah, yeah, that's what I was doin'. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah! Real smarmy! So I created an entire soundboard -- for those of you who haven't listened to the bonus episode yet, you'll be hearing this sound for the rest of the season probably. Probably the rest of the series. They're great.

Dick: Great. (sarcastic)

Maddox: But I have a voicemail that she sent in, Dick. (cracking up) Here's part of it. [**plays voicemail clip**]

Angelo's Mom: Yeah, calabunga to YOU. (in a strong Greek accent) (Maddox laughs) **Calabunga to YOU!**

Dick: Calabunga??

Maddox: Yeah!

Angelo's Mom: If this is Dick Masterson, man, I'm tellin' you, I can't STAND the way you talk about women.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs hysterically)

Angelo's Mom: You've such a disgusting, filthy mouth. And take your freakin' glasses off!

Maddox: Yeah, Dick! (Dick keeps laughing)

Angelo's Mom: I don't know if you're dating women. What kinda woman will date YOU? You know?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. (snarky)

Dick: The kinds who call my voicemail.

Angelo's Mom: But I tell you, you're the biggest malaka in the universe!

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: Oh, a malaka?

Angelo's Mom: And go search for that word.

[**clip ends**]

Dick: You're callin' me a MALAKA?!

Maddox: Yeah, she called you a malaka!

Dick: On my own podcast? (shouting)

Maddox: Uh-huh! Yeah!

Dick: I know what a malaka is, lady!

Maddox: Yeah. A malaka, for those who don't know, is a Greek word for "jerkoff."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Huh? A JERKOFF. That's you, buddy.

Dick: Oh boy oh boy. I'll tell you what kinda girls date me, uh, Angelo's mom...the same kinds who call my voicemail.

Maddox: Yeah? Well, here -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah.

Maddox: Here's... (cracks up) Here's -

Dick: (interjects) That's who.

Maddox: Yeah. (about to laugh)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, great. Great, Dick.

Dick: Just one little step over. First they're pissed off...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...then they wanna bang you. (mischievously)

Maddox: Yeah, you think she's gonna date -- I don't think so! Here's what she says about ME. She actually has something to say about me! (pleased with himself) [**plays another clip from same voicemail**]

Angelo's Mom: Maddox, I love you, I love you, I LOVE you. (Maddox laughs tauntingly)

Maddox: Yeah, she loves me!

Angelo's Mom: I love you, Maddox. You my favorite, okay?

Maddox: I'm her FAVORITE. [**pauses clip**]

Dick: Oh, great. (disdainful) Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah! *I'm* her favorite, Dick! And here's what...here's more, here's what she had -

Dick: (interjects) Hey, why don't you guys go get married? (cynical)

Maddox: Maybe we will! (yelling)

Dick: You know?

Maddox: I love Angelo's mom!! Here's what she says about you, dude. [**resumes clip**]

Angelo's Mom: But that...that friend of yours who talkin' about women? No...

Maddox: No, mm-mm.

Angelo's Mom: Maddox? He doesn't deserve your friendship.

Maddox: Yeah! (Dick giggles explosively)

Dick: You can say THAT again.

Angelo's Mom: I love you, Maddox.

Angelo: Also, talk about I Am Better Than Your Kids! Remember the book with the drawings from kids?

Dick: What is this, a plug??

Maddox: Yeah. Listen to this. (smiling)

Angelo's Mom: Oh, gosh! I love I Am Better Than Your Kids! I have your books, I look at 'em every day...

Dick: Oh, my GOD.

Maddox: Every day!

Dick: Loves YOU, Maddox. (teasing)

Angelo's Mom: ...almost. You know, now Angelo took it away from me and I don't have 'em. (Maddox chuckles) **But when I have 'em -**

Maddox: Angelo! (scolding)

Angelo's Mom: - uh, I look at 'em every day, and I -- you make me SO happy! (Dick laughs hysterically)

Maddox: Huh? (gloating)

Angelo's Mom: You make me so happy, Maddox.

Angelo: Wait, I have -- I don't have the book!

Angelo's Mom: Yeah, you did. You took it away from me.

Angelo: What?

Angelo's Mom: Yeah you did! Anyway... (Maddox laughs loudly) **I just love you, Maddox, and...**

Dick: Jesus CHRIST.

Angelo's Mom: ...and Dick Masterson, just get yourself a woman.

Maddox: Yeah! (taunting) Yeah.

Angelo's Mom: A real woman, and be a REAL man.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. Be a REAL man.

Angelo's Mom: Be a real man!

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "And who are you, GAY?"**)

Angelo's Mom: Bye, Maddox. I love you.

[**clip ends**]

(Maddox laughs heartily)

Dick: Jeez, Angelo's mom, why don't you pull your nose out of Maddox's asshole? Talk about a brown-noser!

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "You dumb shit!"**) No, she loves me, man. (grinning)

Dick: She looks at your book every day? (incredulous) It's a good book, but holy shit!

Maddox: Every day!

Dick: What is it, the Bible??

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom saying, "I love you, Maddox."**) (laughs more) She LOVES me! She loves me.

Dick: Aww. (mocking)

Maddox: Angelo's mom -- I'm makin' fans, baby! You're ruining. You're DESTROYING them.

Dick: I'm destroying them?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh. (flatly)

Maddox: That's what you do. Like, uh, our poor caller -- what was his name? CJ Canton! Who called in. Called you "gangrenous pond scum." (cracks up)

Dick: I mean, look, I get if you're really angry and you wanna take out the fact that you gotta work on Thanksgiving out on me. That's fine. But, uh... (sighs dismissively)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm not the one who's, uh...I'm not the one who's makin' you show up, I'm not the one writing the check...

Maddox: You One-Percenter. (sneering) Alright, Dick -

Dick: (interjects) I'm not even shopping!

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic) Well, let's get to the problems, Dick. What do you got?

Dick: Bro-downs!

Maddox: What...the hell is a bro-down? (cracking up)

Dick: You know what a bro-down is?

Maddox: No.

Dick: I looked at...I looked up Urban Dictionary, to see if they agreed with me?

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: On what a bro-down was? And they don't.

Maddox: Hm'kay. (chuckling)

Dick: Uh, but that's never stopped me before.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I... (stammers) I don't think Urban Dictionary is accurate in its...in ALL of its slang.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: It is in a lot, but then it seems a little silly at times.

Maddox: Well yeah, 'cause anyone can edit it. It's like Wikipedia. You know, the source that you use for most of your arguments? (wryly) (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (cracks up) You're right, that's not nearly as good as wikiHow. (derisively) Right?

Maddox: Hey! (laughs) Hey, shut up! (laughs more) Alright. So what's a bro-down, Dick?

Dick: A bro-down, a bro-down...um, I'll tell you a little story. Tell you what a bro-down is.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I was at a...I was at a house party.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (amused)

Dick: With you.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: So...

Maddox: I know THIS story. (laughing)

Dick: ...I was at a house party, about halfway, maybe three quarters of the way through a bottle of Wild Turkey. Alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So if my...if my, uh, interpretation of events -- if my recollection of events starts to deviate, please tell me if that's the case. Alright?

Maddox: I will, Dick. I'll call you on it.

Dick: 'Cause you were there for most of this.

Maddox: Yeah. I was.

Dick: Yeah. Simple little house party. Party's dying down, we're in the backyard. And, uh, an altercation was started.

Maddox: (splutters) Wha...?! Uh, alright. Okay, already: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: Ha! Okay.

Maddox: (laughing) Dick, *was* the altercation started? (Dick tries not to laugh) Did it just spontaneously happen?!

Dick: You know, some -- who knows! (Maddox bursts out laughing) With these things! Sometimes altercations are just in the ether. And someone happens to discover it FIRST...is it really their fault?

Maddox: Yeah. (dying from laughter)

Dick: For finding the altercation before the other person? It was in the ether. (gleeful)

Maddox: It was in the ether! The altercation was just THERE!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And we just stumbled upon it.

Dick: We just stumbled -- you AND I!

Maddox: Oh, you -

Dick: (interjects) You AND I stumbled upon this altercation.

Maddox: Don't drag me into this, bozo! Who started this altercation?

Dick: Okay. (amused) (Maddox giggles) YOU be the judge.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You...you know. Listeners be the judge of who's -- who, quote unquote, "started" this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There was a...there was a beer pong table in the backyard that had been used all night. The party was dead, it was dying. Right?

Maddox: It was winding down.

Dick: Yeah. Winding down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And there was a beer pong table that was covered in half-full beers.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Those little Solo cups. Right?

Maddox: You're an optimist! (laughs)

Dick: Hey! How 'bout that?? (excited)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: How 'bout that, Angelo's mom? (Maddox laughs more) Not such a bad guy, I'm an optimist!

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "You are a jackass!"**) (cracks up)

Dick: Oh. She's gonna love this story. So, beer pong table covered in, uh, beery Solo cups. And I think -- I'm sitting there with my dog and my bottle of whiskey, and I think, "Man..." Sitting next to an orange tree, and I think, "Man, wouldn't it be really funny if somebody threw an orange at all of these Solo cups and they, like, shot everywhere?"

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Like bowling, except also...exploding drinks everywhere.

Maddox: And also at the behest of a huge asshole. But yes, go on.

Dick: Like, "Wouldn't it be funny if it happened?" And then suddenly I was *doing* it. (Maddox bursts out laughing) Right? (cracks up)

Maddox: Whoa whoa, Dick! You're skippin' an important piece here. You turned to me and you said -

Dick: (interjects) Nonono, that...oh, you came out before I did the first one. Er, you came out after I did the first one.

Maddox: No, I was there for all of 'em!

Dick: Oh, you were THERE!

Maddox: Yeah! I was there!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You drunk asshole, I was sittin' right next to you!

Dick: Okay, well what did I...what did I say?

Maddox: You, you turned to me... (giggling)

Dick: This is great! We're all learning stuff. (grinning) I'm learning my own story!

Maddox: Yeah. You turned to me and you said, "Hey man, you think I could hit those, uh, those cups from here?" And I said, "Yes, Dick." And you go... (both crack up) ..."Let's see!"

Dick: "Let's see!!" (gleeful) "Let's see if you're RIGHT!"

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: So, I could.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I COULD hit the cups.

Maddox: You threw it, yeah. (about to laugh)

Dick: I threw the orange, and like, I dunno, probably 10 cups go splattering everywhere. Right?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: As it turns out, these dumb guys happened to be standing kinda close to these cups.

Maddox: And I... (stammers)

Dick: They each had a date. It was two guys and two girls. Right?

Maddox: Was it? I thought it was...it was two guys and ONE girl. (Dick gasps) He was the third wheel!

Dick: Oh, you're RIGHT!!

Maddox: That's what it was!

Dick: You're RIGHT! That -

Maddox: You drunk ass. (teasing)

Dick: - this gets even better!

Maddox: Yeah! And I don't even think any -

Dick: (interjects) I only see women in doubles when I'm drunk. (breaking into a grin)

Maddox: You -- yeah. Yeah. Of course.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't even think any beer splashed on him, by the way.

Dick: Ohh, no! Nononono, definitely not. 'Cause I...like, even in my drunk state, I *thought* they were far away.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, I thought they were far enough away. I thought this was a safe move.

Maddox: Yeah! It was!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: You surprisingly were less of an asshole than usual. But yes.

Dick: I don't wanna splatter beer all over people!

Maddox: No! You're not... (cracks up) You're not -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, I have been ejected from...Dodger Stadium for doing that. (Maddox chuckles) But that's a different story. I learned my lesson.

Maddox: Yeah! You -

Dick: (interjects) I didn't wanna get this guy wet!

Maddox: You're not a...you're not a jerk; you're a dick!

Dick: Thank you!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, I throw the orange, beer shoots everywhere...and it was awesome!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was as cool as I thought it would be, right?

Maddox: Pretty funny -- yeah! It was pretty cool.

Dick: Yeah, it was pretty cool.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? It was cooler than sitting there doing nothing.

Maddox: It was cooler than nothing, yes. (dryly)

Dick: Right. Okay. (smiling)

Maddox: I'll give you that, Dick. (chuckling)

Dick: So then I was like, "Oh man, I gotta do that again. That was cool." Right? Is that accurate?

Maddox: Well, before that, you -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, so this is when he...

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: ...this is when the altercation was found. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: It was STUMBLED upon.

Dick: This is when the altercation *appeared.*

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The wild altercation appeared.

Maddox: Like a Pokemon. (amused)

Dick: And this guy turns to me, and -- what did he call me, a..."stupid motherfucker," and this and that?

Maddox: "HEY, you stupid motherfucker!" (angrily)

Dick: Yeah! "Hey, you asshole! What are you doing throwing oranges?"

Maddox: Yeah, I think he said "asshole." Yeah.

Dick: So he said, "I...I demand an apology!" (Maddox inhales thoughtfully)

Maddox: Uh -

Dick: (interjects) He said "I want an apology," didn't he?

Maddox: That was the SECOND one, Dick!

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Get to the second orange!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The first one, he said "Hey! What the fuck is your problem?!" And you say "Uh, I dunno, man!" And he goes, "Don't do that again!!"

Dick: Ohh -- oh, THAT was the mistake.

Maddox: So that's where we left off. That was... (cracks up) ...the mistake.

Dick: So I...so I do it again.

Maddox: IMMEDIATELY!

Dick: Immediately. (grinning)

Maddox: He grabs an orange off the tree and throws it before he could, like, almost finish the sentence. It was already on the table.

Dick: I mean, you HAVE to!

Maddox: Well, of course. (about to laugh)

Dick: When people say...when people say with no authority to NOT do something that is fun and cool?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And everyone's looking at it? You have to do it again!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And he -- just step to the side!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I didn't get him wet. If I had gotten him wet, he woulda said, "You got beer all over me."

Maddox: He probably woulda said that, yeah.

Dick: Yeah! He...so he obviously didn't.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I was right in thinking that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He coulda just moved over.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: I've...I have a BOTTLE of whiskey in my HAND.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: You're *reasoning* with this person?!

Maddox: Yeah. He's an idiot, right.

Dick: Okay? He's...that is...that's the idiot!

Maddox: He's the idiot! I'm with you, dude.

Dick: Okay! Thank you.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And you were that night, 'cause you were laughing like an asshole...

Maddox: Oh, of course. (amused)

Dick: ...at this point.

Maddox: I couldn't stop.

Dick: When I did it again.

Maddox: It was hilarious.

Dick: So he turns around and starts losing his shit! Saying, uh, basically the same -- basically reiterating his point, and then adding: "I want an apology!"

Maddox: Yeah! He said -

Dick: (interjects) "I want an apology outta you!"

Maddox: He said "What the FUCK'S your problem?! I thought I TOLD you..." (shouting)

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: "...not to throw another ORANGE!!" He got really aggressive at this point, and his friends are kinda lookin' at us, and lookin' -- everyone's gettin' really tense now. And he turns and says -

Dick: (interjects) Except for me. (cackles loudly)

Maddox: Yeah, except for you, of course. (smiling) Except for you, the unflappable drunk asshole. (mocking) And so he turns and says, "I want you to fuckin' apologize, right now!!"

Dick: And this is -- I wanna re-do it. I wanna try to re-do it. I don't know if I can, 'cause it was so...it was so funny when I did it, it's hard to recreate. But say that again.

Maddox: Okay. "You better apologize, right now!" (shouting)

Dick: "...Sorry." (flatly)

Maddox: Yep! That was about it. (laughs loudly)

Dick: That was about it! And then it was just dead silence, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because you never expect THAT!

Maddox: Oh, yeah that -

Dick: (interjects) Like, these guys never just expect you to do what they say to do.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause you can't apologize, 'cause that, like, 'questions your manhood.' (jokingly macho voice) Right?

Maddox: Yeah, and he doesn't what an asshole, insincere prick you are. 'Cause you NEVER mean an apology.

Dick: No!

Maddox: The non-apology king right here!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! So, so immediately he was like, "Well, uh...uh, okay then!"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "Well, don't do it again!" (stupidly aggressive voice) "Better not do it again!"

Dick: Well -- see?? I might not have done it again!

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: But he's gotta keep...gotta keep piling on. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Dick: So he turns around, and I have -- I would say I have decent comedic timing.

Maddox: Well... (laughs heartily)

Dick: I wait until it's...I wait until it's as funny as I think it will be. And I grab another orange, of course, 'cause I'm like, "Alright, I can't just do it right away. 'Cause then it makes me seem like I really want this." You know?

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: "I gotta really let it...let it die down."

Maddox: Well. You turned to US and asked for our opinion, Dick! Do you remember this?

Dick: Right! Yes. I do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't remember what I said, though.

Maddox: Okay. (amused) You turned to me first and you said, "Uhh, should I throw another one?" (Dick laughs hysterically) And I...(cracks up) And I just kinda shrug, and I think, "Uh, I dunno, man. It'd be pretty funny, but he seems pretty worked up." Then there was this guy -

Dick: (interjects) At this point, if I don't get a 'no' -- like an emphatic 'no' -- I'm doin' it. Right? That's what's goin' on in my mind when this is happening.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm telling you.

Maddox: And then you turned to your left, and there was this British guy sittin' there just, like, comfortably. (Dick laughs more) Like, cozily sipping a beer, casually just sitting there.

Dick: He had a good show!

Maddox: Yeah! He's just watching, and he kinda -- you turned to him and said, "Hey man, what do you think? Should I throw this orange?" And he kinda shrugs and goes, "I don't know." (imitating an English accent) (both laugh) And then, we're sittin' there debating whether or not we should throw the orange.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you're like, "Oh, should I?" And I can SEE in the background -- you're not payin' attention, but I noticed the guy. He's like, gettin' worked up, he's gettin' into -

Dick: (interjects) Right!

Maddox: Yeah! Super...what's the, uh, with the Dragon Ball Z guy?

Dick: Uh, again...

Maddox: Super S-...yeah. Well, whatever.

Dick: ...I don't, I don't know the -- Gohan?? Is that a thing?

Maddox: Yeah, Super Sauron? No no, what's that...

Dick: Super Saiyan?

Maddox: Super Saiyan! Yeah, he's like, gettin' Super Saiyan. Right?

Dick: Yeah, he's...

Maddox: So, so -

Dick: (interjects) So that's the guy whose hair shoots up when he goes like, "AAAARRGHH!"

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Okay, I know that guy.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Ameyameka,' or whatever the thing is. So then (cracks up) our other buddy comes out, and you said -- he's a good friend of ours! And you turned to him...and he's kind of like a fatherly figure. He has this, like, fatherly affect about him. So he comes out, and you turn to him and you say, "Hey man, think I should throw this orange?" And he kinda -

Dick: (interjects) And he...knowing that he's seen nothing of what's transpired so far. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, just setting him up, 'cause I thought it'd be funny.

Maddox: Yeah. And he kinda sheepishly says -- like, shrugs 'no.' And then, right -

Dick: (interjects) So I...no, while this is happening, I'm looking at that threesome.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And there's this dude who's -- like, the one guy...the one guy who's flippin' out already has, like...he looks like a neckbeard. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like he's got a big stupid beard...he has a -

Maddox: (interjects) He literally has a neckbeard!

Dick: Yeah! Yeah, yeah. His other guy is like a trim, fit guy in a motorcycle jacket who looks like a badass. Right? The guy with the girl. Was that accurate?

Maddox: Ohh, that guy with the -

Dick: (interjects) The greaser-lookin' guy.

Maddox: That was a cool motorcycle jacket, yeah.

Dick: Yeah! That guy looked fuckin' cool!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, I'm...I make eye contact with him, holding this orange in my hand, and I'm like, "Eh?" (suggestively) Like, looked at him. (Maddox laughs) He just goes...he tries not to look...he tries not show any expression on his face but he just kind of, like, shakes his head.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Like, "Okay, dude. That's...that's a buy-in. I got a buy-in from you." So, clearly... (Maddox laughs more) ...clearly this isn't gonna go TOO far south if I do. So once our friend comes out -- the fatherly guy -- and shrugs, I'm like, "Yeah!" I throw it. (Maddox bursts out laughing) I lob this orange, and it...it pockets like Tin Cup into one of these Solo cups and fuckin' EXPLODES. Is that accurate? It destroyed -- like, it hit...it hit pockets of cups that I didn't even know there was. Like it felt like a video game, when they crashed and went smashing all over the table?

Maddox: Yeah, pretty funny. You didn't splash him still, though.

Dick: Oh, still! No, of course not.

Maddox: No.

Dick: So... (cracks up) So I'm dying of laughter at this point 'cause of the tension. Like that...you know. That, like...

Maddox: Right. (chuckling)

Dick: ...tension that usually gives people anxiety. I'm like...I love it. I started laughing. I just hear, "THAT'S IT!!" (both laugh loudly) And this guy, this guy comes fucking STORMING over like, uh, like a bushwhacker... (Maddox laughs hysterically) Like, uh, like the beginning of Donkey Kong, right? Throwing his -- I'm throwing my fists up in the air, like back and forth over here. You can't see, but I'm throwing it up like a gorilla! Right?

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Like this big silverback gorilla. And he comes SCREAMING over at me, "THAT'S IT! THAT'S IT. THAT'S IT, YOU WANNA GO?? YOU WANNA GO?" (Maddox laughs) And of course I don't wanna go! Like I've...I've achieved maximum enjoyment of this.

Maddox: You've already gone.

Dick: I've gone! I've already come.

Maddox: You're, you're...you're spent. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You've come... (breaks down laughing)

Dick: So he gets in my face and starts like, you know...trying to, like, rub his nipples on mine, I guess! Which is what guys -- THIS is a bro-down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This right here is the bro-down. He gets his chest out, right? And he starts smushing it against me, and I've...I've got a BOTTLE of whiskey in one hand and the leash of a DOG in the other hand.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he's losing his FUCKIN' mind. So I start keeling over with laughter, right? You guys are -- I don't know if you're trying to get involved at this point?

Maddox: Aw, no -- yeah, I was just sittin' back. I'm like, "Well, I wanna see this asshole get punched." (laughs)

Dick: Oh, yeah! Meaning either me or him, I don't know!

Maddox: Yeah, he's puffin' up his chest like a dullard!

Dick: Like he's gonna do something!

Maddox: Like rubbing...rubbing his NIPPLES on you, which is...

Dick: Rubbing nipples together!!

Maddox: ...which is an aggressive move!

Dick: That's what a bro-down is.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You try to rub your nipples against the other guy's nipples until one of you cums, I guess! I don't know, (Maddox laughs) 'cause it NEVER comes to blows!

Maddox: (idiotic macho voice) "Hey bruh, what are you...?"

Dick: "Bro, what do you think of these nipples??" (same stupid aggressive voice) (laughs)

Maddox: "Why'd you do that? Why'd you throw that orange?" (barely intelligible) "Why'd you throw that orange, bro? I'll challenge you off 'til you apologize! Huuuh??"

Dick: "How tender are YOUR nipples, bro?" (Maddox laughs) "My nipples are tender as shit! My nipples are hard as shit, man! I won't c-..." So, this guy is doing this and I'm, I'm keeling over with laughter. 'Cause -

Maddox: (interjects) You're...yeah, you're DOUBLED OVER...

Dick: Doubled over, literally.

Maddox: ...laughing! Yeah.

Dick: Drunker than HELL. Uh, and...he's like, "Why don't you stand up and fight me like a man?!" (Maddox laughs robustly) "Stand up and...you're such a bitch! You're such a pussy!" And I'm like, "I...I can't. I can't. I can't. I gotta..." These guys get involved at this point. They're like, "Okay, okay. You're...you are a huge asshole." (giggling)

Maddox: Yeah. (about to laugh)

Dick: Whattaya *doing*? Like, whattaya doing. (exasperated)

Maddox: Well, you didn't mention that he pushed you at this point!

Dick: OH, yeah!

Maddox: So he's trying to provoke you into a fight, and THAT'S when you were doubled over laughing, because he pushed you (cracks up) and you couldn't control your laughter.

Dick: Ahh, I can't. (grinning)

Maddox: So...and you wouldn't -

Dick: I just can't.

Maddox: - you wouldn't take the bait. And so after he pushed you I walked over to this guy and I said, "Okay, man, take it easy. He's drunk, he's an idiot." (Dick laughs loudly) "Just let him go." You're trying to -- again -

Dick: (interjects) Idiot like a fox! (laughs harder)

Maddox: Again, Dick, you're trying to reason with a drunk idiot. Don't...you can't reason with drunk people! You just ignore them and avoid them! They're loose cannons. You don't

know what they'll do. They'll probably stab you with a broken whiskey bottle, as you could have done. (cracking up) But -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!!

Maddox: Well...yeah. I mean, you're a DICK...you're -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, you shove me back? "Whoops! I just, uh, broke this whiskey bottle. Oops!" Two Mr. Magoo, Mr. Bean slips, and this guy just lost his -

Maddox: (interjects) (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "You are a SHIT head!"**) (laughs) What a shithead.

Dick: That's my problem; it's bro-downs. Because this happens *all* the fuckin' time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's embarrassing to me as a man to see men doing this. It's shameful. What are you DOING. Why are you putting on this big, retarded display over...over Solo cups?

Maddox: Yeah...I dunno, Dick. It sounds like the problem was you being a drunk idiot. (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah, but this happens all the time without me! And usually there's some OTHER moron on the other side of this who ALSO wants to get his nipples in on the action. (Maddox laughs) And then it turns into a -- it never turns into a fight! Excuse me. It never turns into a fight; it's just a big, weird...DANCE.

Maddox: No -

Dick: That guys do!

Maddox: Yeah... (unsure)

Dick: What?

Maddox: Yeah, you know, Dick? That's true to an extent. Because if you mess with the wrong crowd...like, in Los Angeles, there are gangs! Right? There are gang members. And sometimes they got their homies, and they're cowards! They don't wanna fight one-on-one, so they'll get all their buddies to jump in on ya, and then you're fucked! 'Cause one of 'em's gonna fight dirty and stab ya.

Dick: Sure! Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughing) Well, that's...that's what you're settin' yourself up for.

Dick: What's your, what's your...? That's why it's a problem, you're saying.

Maddox: Well, the problem of course is the drunk idiot. Not the bro-down -- look, the bro-down's a problem -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but this is like...look, this is like, if you get run into the wrong way on the *subway.*

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's gonna be a bro-down. It's like, when did...when did guys turn into these mafioso wannabe gangsters that, like, they need to be respected at all times?

Maddox: I think since -

Dick: (interjects) When did that happen?

Maddox: Since the beginning, Dick. Guys have always been that way. (chuckling)

Dick: You don't think it's getting worse?

Maddox: Uh, it COULD be. No, I think it's gettin', it's gettin' better! Dick, here's another...here's another impromptu Dick Versus Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Weren't you saying a couple episodes back that it's impossible to provoke someone into a fight? Nobody wants to fight anymore?

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Well, this guy tried!

Dick: They just wanna...they just wanna put on this spectacle!

Maddox: No, but this guy tried!

Dick: In front of all their friends!

Maddox: You didn't take the bait. (smiling) This guy tried.

Dick: Dude, if he wanted to fight me, he woulda just walked over and hit me. That's a fight! That's how you start a fight. You don't come in with nipples blazing. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: He did -

Dick: (interjects) Trying to nipple sword-fight me.

Maddox: Look, he did shove you! That's a provocation. You actually had the justification for self-defense.

Dick: Ugh, yeah, I...please. (dismissively)

Maddox: That's assault, man!

Dick: Get outta here. It is, but it's...it's not a fight. It's a -- what is it? Do we have to, like...is it like foreplay of fighting? (Maddox chuckles) You gotta ask me out with a shove and then I, like, send you notes in class and kiss you? 'Til we get to the next point, where we're actually exchanging blows? It's just... (splutters)

Maddox: Ew.

Dick: At this age -- yeah, exactly! At this age, I'm not fighting over Solo cups, man!

Maddox: No. No...

Dick: What are you...what are you getting so bent outta shape for?

Maddox: Yeah. No, you're right, Dick. Like he, he was...he was a bro, for sure. He was bro-downing hard. Um, and his nipples were hard. I could, I s-... (cracks up) (Dick guffaws)

I SAW them! I saw them glistening in the night. 'Cause -- maybe you did splash some beer on him, 'cause he had some really fuckin' pointy nipples.

Dick: His beard was hard too.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused) His whole body was hard.

Dick: He turned into, like, a 'boing'... (imitating Maddox's boner sound effect) Big boner.

Maddox: Oh MAN. And then after...after we kinda broke it up, me and I think the British guy..."Calm down, mate. Calm down." (English accent) (Dick laughs loudly) And so... (cracks up) So we got him to turn around. And he walks over past his friends where he was just having a nice conversation, a nice night, that he could've avoided just simply by taking a step to the left away from the ping pong table.

Dick: He's probably cock-blockin' that guy, by the way!

Maddox: He probably was!!

Dick: Probably was!

Maddox: Fuckin' BEARDO...

Dick: He was an angry little fuck!

Maddox: ...in a bad mood, 'cause he's not gettin' laid!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Maybe he shoulda listened to, uh, yours and Butt Sanchez's advice and uh, he can get chlamydia in a hot tub. (snidely) But listen, man. He could've, like, stepped one step to the left and avoided this whole thing. Then when he turned around and walked back to his friends, I saw...I saw him still in like, Super Saiyan mode. Right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: He's sittin' there with his back turned to the rest of the party, like, everybody! He's kind of sulking in the corner, where it's dark. And you can see just, like, the silhouette of him, right? And he's just like, his arms are tense and his muscles are kinda... (mockingly growling) ...he's just kinda gripping his fists, he's so mad!

Dick: Jesus CHRIST, this guy.

Maddox: Yeah! Dude, fuckin' chill out, dude! It's 3 in the morning, everyone at this party's drunk; go home. What an idiot. (under his breath)

Dick: Or come throw some oranges with me! Relieve a little stress.

Maddox: Dick, is that, uh...?

Dick: Nonono! Well, I started looking stuff up on this, this angry white men phenomenon?

Maddox: White? (puzzled)

Dick: Have you heard of that?

Maddox: Why are you adding race into this?

Dick: Well, that's...that's what it's called!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I mean, this is like...it's, uh -

Maddox: (interjects) According to who?

Dick: The Internet. I don't know. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's...well, because it...I tried to find some actual stats on this, or some actual research. Or at least some talking points. And it's all these authors talking about...how masculinity is ending? It's the end of the masculine era, and all these guys are all pissed off that they don't have a place in the world anymore. But I don't think that's true! I don't think that's what was goin' through that guy's mind when he's raging out in his bro-down.

Maddox: I disagree! I think that IS true. I think that guys do need, sometimes, they need that outlet. Like, I know some people -- for example, Tucker Max! Uh, the author Tucker Max, right? He's my buddy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, he had...he was really kind of aggressive, and he mellowed out A LOT after he started taking fighting lessons and he started doing MMA stuff. He *really* mellowed out a lot.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: He just needed to get that out of his system. (Dick inhales thoughtfully)

Dick: Well, maybe, uh...I dunno. Maybe that guy found a way to get it out of his system.

Maddox: Yeah, you... (cracks up) ...you made him cum.

Dick: That wasn't shoving me around.

Maddox: You made him... (laughs) You made his masculine boner cum, dude.

Dick: Here's, uh, here's a stats I DID find. Here's a stats for ya.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism -- something from the government -- paid a million bucks in tax dollars (cracking up) to fund a 5-year study of alcohol and bar violence that determined -- get a load of THIS...get a load of this million-dollar finding.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: "Bar fights tend to occur in venues that are relatively dark, dirty, noisy, hot, and crowded..." (cynical tone)

Maddox: Oh! (quietly)

Dick: " [...] frequented by a clientele of younger, less agreeable, less conscientious, more impulsive heavy drinkers." [http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/918856-federal-study-bar-fights-tend-happen-darker-dirtier-bars-...] Paid a million bucks for that.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Yeah, pretty good! (snidely)

Maddox: Well!

Dick: We gotta be running -

Maddox: (interjects) They nailed it!

Dick: Yeah. (cracking up)

Maddox: They nailed it, though, huh?

Dick: That's true! (through laughter)

Maddox: Yeah! It's accurate!

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: It's accurate. And/or people's backyard parties, where everyone's just trying to chill out until Dick tries to throw oranges at a beer table. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Uhh, yeah, that's pretty much...I dunno. I got alotta stuff on this, uh, macho thing? But it was very weird to research. Because all these authors do is rip on, like, the stereotypical conservative man. Like, they all hate...um, they all hate your typical bad guys. Tea Party guys, um...lemme see here...

Maddox: They hate badasses, it sounds like. Right?

Dick: No, it's not so much badasses as just, like... (sighs; searching for words) Here's my point: I don't think it's specific to any...uh, any kind of background. Or ideology.

Maddox: What, the bro-down?

Dick: Yeah, the bro-down.

Maddox: I... (stammers) I think -- no, I think it is mostly non-liberal...like, I think most of my liberal friends are pacifists.

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Yeah, I think so.

Dick: I think I can rev anybody up.

Maddox: Well, I can too, buddy! And I love doing it! I'm GOOD at it. That's what I do for a living!

Dick: Well, I guess that's what I...that's what I disagreed with, was with their, uh, liberal bent. That somehow these liberal men are, are...beyond bro-ing down. But I don't know, maybe it is true.

Maddox: Well, it's easier to provoke somebody who's...who's more prone to be violent or a war hawk, for example, and that's why I think they're trying to mix in some political slant with this.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Because it's thought that conservatives are generally more hawkish than liberals. Liberals are more dovish, considered -- you know, that's what people consider. Right?

Dick: I guess so.

Maddox: So that's why they're saying if you provoke somebody who's more hawkish, they're more likely to be provoked into violence.

Dick: Uh, 90 percent of physical altercations go to the ground, according to cops. [http://ejmas.com/jnc/2007jnc/jncart_Leblanc_0701.html]

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: So this guy wanted to, like, wrestle around on the ground with me? (amused)

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "And who are you, GAY?"**) (both laugh)

Dick: Eh. Yeah.

Maddox: Those hard nipples, man. (grinning)

Dick: That's just so insecure.

Maddox: Yeah, it is. It is!

Dick: Come onnn, guys! Come on! You're makin' us look bad. (annoyed)

Maddox: Chill out, bros! (mocking) Alright, Dick. Uh, not a problem. Uh, let's get to a real one. Huh?

Dick: What was that, a 30-minute story?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Sorry. (laughs)

Maddox: Jesus. (teasing) Celebrity worship!! THAT'S my problem.

Dick: Shit.

Maddox: Yeah. What do you mean, "shit"?!

Dick: I think you've heard the last of my "Maddox Lost" song. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeheah! (**clapping sound effect**) Bravo, Maddox! (**sound clip of Angelo's mom saying, "I love you, Maddox."**) (laughs) So, here we go. So they're the reason -- celebrity worship is the reason we have anti-vaxxers. So I brought in Anti-Vaxxers a couple episodes ago, and everybody thought that was a huge problem because it's putting the entire society at risk. Right? It's jeopardizing the WORLD, potentially.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We have Jenny McCarthy in part to thank for anti-vaxxers. She believes her child was diagnosed with autism due to vaccines. Right? She did her own independent research, and concluded that autism rates have risen with vaccination rates. Oh, correlation must cause causation, right? (sarcastic) She failed to control for variables such as chemicals used in construction, clothing, plastics, known carcinogens, diet, water, atmosphere, or countless other things she didn't control for.

Dick: Well, what about, like, the fact that we're paying attention to it now?

Maddox: What?

Dick: That's a pretty big control. The fact that the diagnosis -- like, we actually try to diagnose it now.

Maddox: What, autism?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: It's a pretty big -- I would say that's bigger than all of the...the other, uh, things she didn't control for.

Maddox: Right. It's not necessarily that autism is on the rise, but it's that we're more, uh, able to diagnose it correctly.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because we have tools today that are able to diagnose autism that we didn't have in the past!

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: Because it's not something that people were looking for, and autism wasn't always on a spectrum. So now we have a much greater understanding of autism. You're right, Dick. So, here's another celebrity. So people look up to Jenny McCarthy. Right? She -- her fans listen to her, they go out and they buy their...buy her book, and then they find out that she has this crazy fucking anti-vaxxer view, and then they might decide to be an anti-vaxxer because of her. Because these celebrities are influential, right?

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause what are they gonna say, their hero's an idiot? You can't say that.

Maddox: No! No, you can't. Well, speaking of, my hero's an idiot: Chuck Norris. (laughs)

Dick: Ohhh, no! (laughs loudly)

Maddox: Look, man. Chuck Norris is a badass in all his movies (cracks up) but in his real life he's kind of an idiot. He wants...he wanted Texas to secede from the Union because our government is too secular. Did you know that?

Dick: Uh, that's not...well, I guess I'm an idiot too, then. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: I don't think it's IDIOTIC to want that.

Maddox: To secede from the Union?! That's so fucking selfish! (yelling) That's making America weaker, if you have a huge fucking state like Texas secede from the Union? Fuck off!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You don't like -- look -

Dick: (interjects) That's called a negotiation.

Maddox: No it's not, you moron! Look, the conservative version of liberals threatening to go to Canada is secession. So -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: Yeah. Conserv-... (both laugh) Exactly.

Dick: Well, goin' to Canada isn't so stupid either!

Maddox: Yes, it is.

Dick: Well, why?!? If ya hate the U.S., get outta here!

Maddox: Look, man. If there's a problem with the U.S., you...you tough it up, you stick it out, and you solve the problem. Right?

Dick: Ehhh. (dismissively)

Maddox: "Oh...oh, we got slavery! Let's just up and leave! Let's not solve SLAVERY." (Dick laughs) That's what... (cracks up) That's what people like Chuck Norris would do. They would try to secede. "Let's keep slavery, but let's also secede from America and destroy America."

Dick: Hey man, selfishness...uh, America's based on selfishness.

Maddox: Well, says YOU.

Dick: Don't ever forget that.

Maddox: Patricia Heaton. She's the wife of Ray on Everybody Loves Raymond.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: She's opposed to abortion and euthanasia. She opposed a Missouri state constitutional amendment for embryonic stem cell research.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Which passed, by the way. (chuckling) (Dick sighs)

Dick: Well, yeah. (under his breath)

Maddox: Stem cell research is like, one of the best things that humanity has discovered -- you know what, that's a good fuckin' solution!

Dick: Pretty good solution. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah, it is!

Dick: Uh-oh! Dibs!! (laughs hysterically)

Maddox: Uh yeah, fuck you, Dick! (shouting) Not that it MATTERS, 'cause you're just gonna steal it like the Airline Surcharge one! (angrily) Anyway...Kirk Cameron. You remember Kirk Cameron? He was the star of Growing Pains from the '90s?

Dick: Yeah, I remember that guy.

Maddox: Yeah! He's a creationist.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Who creates anti-evolution propaganda linking Darwinism to Nazi racial theories. (cracking up) (Dick laughs) He calls homosexuality "unnatural, detrimental, and ultimately destructive to the foundations of civilization." (cynical tone)

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: Yeah! Kirk Cameron. All his acolytes, his fans who are looking up to him? They're gonna be anti-...they're gonna be homophobic!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Donald Trump!

Dick: (interjects) You don't think people can just say, like, "Eh, fuck that part of his beliefs. I still like him as an actor, but..."

Maddox: Yeah, they CAN...the intelligent ones...

Dick: Yeah. Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So most people are...

Maddox: Most people are idiots.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Right? These are the people celebrities -- these are the people who adhere to celebrities. They look up to celebrities.

Dick: I don't know, I think...I think YOUR fans are able to say that snakes are cool! (taunting) They're able to say, "What the fuck is Maddox talkin' about with snakes?" (grinning)

Maddox: You know what? My fans are *mostly* intelligent until they disagree with me. (Dick laughs) Then you have Donald Trump. Right?

Dick: What?? What's wrong with HIM?

Maddox: (smirks) Everything. He's a moron! He kept hinting at a 2012 presidential run, wasted people's time just to promote his show, The Apprentice -

Dick: (chuckles) Genius.

Maddox: - he's done it time after time again. No, it's not. He...it's embarrassing.

Dick: Free advertising!

Maddox: Yeah, well it's not free, 'cause it comes at the expense of tax payers. 'Cause we have to give this idiot, this BOZO, air time to debate in the presidential debates when he's not serious about running!

Dick: Ehh...

Maddox: It costs you and me money! WE paid for that. Then he championed a cause for the Birther movement, doubting EVERY piece of evidence (Dick laughs) that proved him wrong, that Obama was born in the United States. He was one of the main reasons that 51 percent of primary voters believed that Obama was born in Kenya! Meanwhile, John McCain, who was running against Obama the first time, was actually born in the Panama Canal Zone. Which makes him NOT a naturalized U.S. citizen. So -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, wait. McCain??

Maddox: McCain!

Dick: Was born in Panama?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But in the...but in a U.S. *part* of Panama?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Like, some military...?

Maddox: No, it's the Panama Canal Zone, which makes him -- he is a U.S. citizen, but he's not a NATURALIZED U.S. citizen. He's not, he's not a natural -

Dick: (interjects) The fuck does that mean?

Maddox: Well, the difference is, if you have U.S. parents and you're born abroad or whatever, you can...I think, uh, that still makes you a U.S. citizen, but not a naturalized U.S. citizen. A naturalized U.S. citizen has to be born on American soil.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: The Panama Canal is not U.S. soil.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Like, not officially. Not part of...not one of the states or anything like that. So, the laws about this are actually kinda murky.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: I even checked Snopes to make sure this checks out. Snopes said it's undetermined, because the laws are really murky on this. But...uh, realistically, John McCain is less of a naturalized citizen than Obama; Obama was actually born in Hawaii. So.

Dick: Yeah, that was still a fun ride though. When it was like, "Where was he born? Let's see the certificate!" (grinning)

Maddox: More wasting time.

Dick: Eh, what is life?? Come on!

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: It was fun to see on TV. (gleeful)

Maddox: Yeah. (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "You dumb shit!"**)

Dick: Oho, yeah! I'm so stupid. (sardonic) (both laugh) I think it's entertaining to watch these blowhards power it out on television.

Maddox: Speaking of blowhards, John Wayne was pro-Vietnam War. GREAT war. Awesome war. (cynical) America got a lot outta that one, didn't they?

Dick: Nah...

Maddox: So here's the thing, Dick. I was actually doin' some research -

Dick: (interjects) We got Forrest Gump out of it. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Oho, great! Got a movie. Billions of dollars, and we got one movie to show for it. I did this research, and -

Dick: (interjects) Apocalypse Now. We got TWO good movies out of it. Sorry. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah, but we also got, uh...what's his name, who went on the...the 'win' tour? Uh, from Two and A Half Men? Your hero?

Dick: Oh, Charlie Sheen?

Maddox: Charlie Sheen. Wasn't he in Apocalypse Now? That was...that's where he got his start, I think!

Dick: Oh, yeah... (pensively)

Maddox: Yeah! That's where he kinda got his big, uh -- that was his big role!

Dick: You don't like Charlie Sheen?

Maddox: Uh...Two and A Half Men is awful.

Dick: He was a truther, man! He was, uh, he was like all about getting...um, asking questions about the World Trade Center. Talk about celebrity worship. Because I loved that guy until I heard that and I was like, "Aw, shit."

Maddox: Yeah. Then let me say "no."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't like him. So there's actually -- I looked into this, and there's a Wikipedia article called...uh, it's actually a syndrome. It's called Celebrity Worship Syndrome. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celebrity_worship_syndrome]

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah! This is an actual thing, so I started looking into this. There is a PhD, uh, by the name of John D. Moore. And he suggested in 2013 that there exists three primary

types of celebrity stalkers. Right? There's Simple Obsessional -- that's the first one -- there's Love Obsessional, and the third one is Erotomanic. (Dick bursts out laughing)

Dick: What the hell does that mean? (through giggles)

Maddox: So the first one, Simple Obsessional, is 70 to 80 percent of all stalking cases. It's a form of stalking that's associated with individuals who have shared previous personal relationships with their victims. So people become, they become -

Dick: (interjects) Ex-girlfriends? Stuff like that?

Maddox: Yes. Yes, usually. So people who become obsessed with celebrities, so they become stalkers. That's the Simple Obsessional. They're usually kind of benign and harmless; they're not actually, you know, going to cause any harm. The second one is Love Obsessional. So, Love Obsessional stalking is the category that most celebrity stalkers fall into. They convince themselves that they are in a relationship with the celebrity, usually someone that they've never met. For example, David Letterman had a stalker for 5 years who claimed to be his wife -

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: - even though they had no personal relationship.

Dick: And that he was sending her secret encoded messages every night on TV.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that was funny.

Maddox: They believe that, yeah. Then the Erotomanic one -- that was the weird one, right? These comprise less than 10 percent of stalking cases. These stalkers genuinely believe that their victims are in love with them. Right? [quotes Wikipedia article] "Individuals who suffer from Erotomania tend to believe that the celebrity with whom they are obsessed is utilizing the media as a way to communicate - " what you just said, Dick " - with them by sending them special messages or signals."

Dick: Yeah! That was her.

Maddox: Usually -- right! It WAS her. And it's usually an indication of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or severe depression.

Dick: You got two big ol' different problems here, though.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: 'Cause you got the autism one caused by Jenny McCarthy...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...that's like, dangerous for people. Like uh, what if...I dunno, who's...? What if Lorde suddenly became a KKK member? That'd be bad.

Maddox: Yeah, and I think some percentage of her fan base would look into it very seriously.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But then you got THIS one; this is like, this is schizophrenic people! Right?

Maddox: Well... (skeptical)

Dick: That's not harm-...I mean, these people are crazy if there's celebrities or not.

Maddox: But this is...this is the one part of it, right? But this is just the Erotomanic one. That's less than 10 percent of celebrity stalkers. But that's what celebrity worship leads to, is stalking. Uh, [continues quoting Wikipedia article] "One study found evidence to suggest that the intense-personal celebrity worship dimension was related to higher levels of depression and anxiety. Similarly, another study in 2004 found that the intense-personal celebrity worship dimension was not only related to higher levels of depression and anxiety, but also higher levels of stress, negative affect, and reports of illness." So all this, like, constant intense focus on celebrities in our culture is...

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: ...is kind of enabling people with mental disorders to become stalkers and to act on their insane delusions.

Dick: Yeah, that's interesting.

Maddox: Yeah! Celebrity Worship Disorder. But celebrity worship, really...if you have...if you look up to a celebrity and they happen to have a really shitty point of view -- like, for example, that creationism is the belief that we should adhere to over evolution, or that homosexuality is destructive to society, or that we shouldn't vaccinate our children -- isn't that a huge fuckin' problem, Dick? More so than, say, uh...I don't know, bro-downs?

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) No. (both laugh)

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) (**sound clip of Angelo's mom saying, "Crazy!"**) (laughs more)

Dick: What would it take...what if Godzilla came out as, like, a creationist? Would you stop being a Godzilla fan?

Maddox: Godzilla's a fictional character, Dick. And he can't talk.

Dick: What's the difference? All these celebrities are fictional fuckin' characters. That's the point. That's why it's weird when they come out with these hard stances on anything.

Maddox: I don't -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they're not REAL. You get this version of them that no human could possibly be.

Maddox: Dick, but they're influencing legislation! Like in Kansas City, they tried to...I think they successfully got creationism to be taught alongside evolution in biology classes.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You don't think that's a problem?? And it's people like Kirk Cameron who are backing this shit, with his celebrity power. Er, his star power.

Dick: Yeah, I agree that it...I agree that it's a problem.

Maddox: Yeah, it IS a big problem. Thank you. What's your next problem, Dick?

Dick: My next problem...THIS is a more -- this is a bigger and more universal problem. 'Cause it affects *way* more people.

Maddox: Okay. (amused)

Dick: Undercooked rice.

Maddox: FUCK you, Dick!! (explosively) (Dick laughs) I know exactly what this is! (**buzzer sound effect**) You piss me off! (shouting angrily)

Dick: So... (mischievously) So, um, I got some stats for you. Rice is the main food for half the people in the world! Did you know that? (cheeky tone) But it was the food for ZERO people at Thanksgiving. (Maddox laughs) This year. 'Cause someone undercooked the rice. (breaking into a grin)

Maddox: You're so fulla shit, dude! (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "This guy is DUMB!"**)

Dick: Hold on, I have more stats for ya.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Rice is the source of one QUARTER of global per capita human energy. Did you know that?

Maddox: Yeah. (smirking)

Dick: A quarter of human energy, in the WORLD!

Maddox: Wow! Real impressive, asshole.

Dick: BUT, it was the source of one quarter of the *complaints* at Thanksgiving dinner this year.

Maddox: Yeah. Real funny, Dick. Real -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it was undercooked.

Maddox: Real funny. (**sound clip of Angelo's mom saying, "You suck."**) Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (dismissively) 11 percent of the world's arable land is given over to rice cultivation. Did you know that? 500 million hectares.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (sighs)

Dick: But -- 11 percent! But 100 percent of the rice Maddox made for Thanksgiving was undercooked. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick.

Dick: These are interesting stats! Don't you think? (grinning)

Maddox: I'm so tired of your shit! (Dick laughs) (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "How DARE you!"**)

Dick: And I got -- this one was particularly interesting: it takes 5,000 liters of water to produce a kilo of rice. HOWEVER, it only takes one guy to not cook rice enough to eat.

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick yelling, "That's ridiculous!"**) Yeah, Dick. I actually... (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**) (Dick laughs) I have a stats for ya, right? One hundred percent of the dishes...were made by other people at Thanksgiving. Dick brought NO side dishes. *Dick* brought nothing but Mount Gay alcohol that he drank all by himself.

Dick: I also brought beer.

Maddox: Great. (dryly)

Dick: I brought a 30-pack of Bud Light for everyone...

Maddox: Awesome.

Dick: ...and I brought a 12-pack of, um...Fat Tire for me.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up) Yeah, that you drank by yourself, like an asshole.

Dick: You, you undercooked...

Maddox: No, it wasn't. No, it wasn't.

Dick: ...the rice at Thanksgiving.

Maddox: No, it wasn't undercooked.

Dick: I just -- so everyone knows what we're talking about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Some...SOMEONE made undercooked rice at Thanksgiving.

Maddox: (talking over Dick) It's not undercooked. You're a moron.

Dick: It was cr-...well, how would you determine if rice is undercooked or not? I wanna be scientific and objective about this.

Maddox: Well, if the grains of rice are crunchy...

Dick: Yes. (smiling)

Maddox: ...it's undercooked.

Dick: Bingo! They were.

Maddox: Right? But they *weren't.* (Dick laughs) You know what WAS crunchy in my rice...'kay? (Dick keeps laughing) So here's, here's the full story. I was invited to a Thanksgiving party, and I said right up top, "Hey guys, I'll make a fuckin' badass pie! Better than any fuckin' grandma can make!" 'Cause that's what I do, man! (yelling) I take Grandma's recipes and BLOW them outta the water, baby! I make 'em WAY better than they were.

Dick: That's true! I love your, uh, your pies.

Maddox: Yeah! And I made this beautiful, lattice-top apple pie with intertwined lattices on top, crust from scratch...it was delicious. And THEN I also noticed that multiple people were bringing pies, so I thought, "Well, I don't wanna be that guy bringing extra pie to a party!"

Dick: It's a showy thing to bring.

Maddox: What, PIE?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: YOU'RE a showy thing to bring!

Dick: You get -- nononononono, I'm saying everybody brings it because they...it's like a newborn.

Maddox: No...

Dick: At a potluck. Like, "Look at this beautiful pie I made." No one appreciates...a big bowl of rice. Especially if it's undercooked!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, Dick. Uh, I'm getting to that. (Dick laughs) So I noticed all these people are bringin' pie, so I said, "You know what, guys? Instead of pie, I'll bring my FESTIVE Motherfuckin' Rice." And that's what I call it, OR, my Hella Festive Rice. Right? But...I decided at the last minute, "You know what?"

Dick: Uh-oh!

Maddox: "I'm gonna go all out, and I'm gonna bring both! I'm gonna bring pie...AND rice."

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: And so I have this recipe from my mom, who's a great cook...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...and she makes this pilaf rice. Right? With, uh, with a bunch of interesting -- like delicious things, like chestnuts and cranberries and apricots, and, and...almonds, and walnuts, and all sorts of, like, interesting stuff with wild rice, and she makes this DELICIOUS dish for Thanksgiving.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It's kind of a Mediterranean recipe, 'cause my mom's from that region of the world, right? So I looked it up online to find a recipe like that, and I found one! And part of that recipe called for...toasted slivers of almonds.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And THAT'S what I put in my rice, and that's what every *fucking* uneducated, uncultured MORON, who's used to eating just boring mashed potatoes with slabs of butter like a fucking DOUCHE, thought was crunchy! (Dick sighs) They thought it was undercooked rice! 'Cause they don't...they don't even have a refined enough palate to determine when their tongue is eating something CLEARLY that's an almond, versus a grain of rice! (yelling angrily) That's impossible to undercook, 'cause I'm not a fucking DOPE.

Dick: Buddy, I know the difference between almonds and rice.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Let me start with that. (smiling)

Maddox: No, you don't.

Dick: I...I *do.*

Maddox: You don't!

Dick: I do!

Maddox: I MADE it for ya, and you failed the test! 'Cause you thought the rice was undercooked! (cracking up)

Dick: I could look at it with my eyeballs, and pluck out the almonds. (cheekily)

Maddox: Dick, you are such a dumb shit. (Dick laughs) I ate the rice after it was cooked to make sure that it was COOKED, and THEN I added the almonds, which were crunchy! And that's what the recipe calls for. In fact, I have a recipe up on my screen, Dick!

Dick: Yeah, the... (dying from laughter)

Maddox: It's called Apricot Almond Rice Pilaf, and here's what the description right up top. It says, "This rice pilaf recipe combines crunchy almonds and sweet, chewy apricots for an easy dinner side with Mediterranean flair." (matter of factly) [http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipefinder/apricot-almond-rice-pilaf-recipe-ghk0413]

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's what -

Dick: (interjects) I know that that's the RECIPE...

Maddox: No you don't!!

Dick: Well, I -

Maddox: (interjects) You thought it was crunchy rice, like a fucking ape! (shouting)

Dick: I thought it was uncooked rice! It wasn't big slivers of rice, it was just the TIPS of the rice.

Maddox: It wasn't the tips. (chuckling) I got a tip for ya! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Look, what would it take to convince you? What if I got sworn affidavits? Anonymous affidavits from everyone at Thanksgiving.

Maddox: So, here's...while Dick is being a huge asshole, (Dick cackles loudly) not contributing anything to the party, and I'm SLAVING away making rice dishes, festive motherfuckin' rice dishes with almond slivers -- TOASTED almond slivers, no less...

Dick: Yeah. (disdainful)

Maddox: ...I brought this delicious rice dish to the party. Which, by the way, there was less than a third left when I left the party! Most people ate the rice. Uh, but someone at the

party -- and Dick denies this -- but someone at the party went around and, as a joke, started telling people, "Hey man, why don't you shit on Maddox's dish?" Because I was wearing this awesome pilgrim hat at the party. I looked like a -

Dick: (interjects) So you wanna...you wanna take that as "shit on Maddox's rice." (sneering)

Maddox: Yeah. "Shit on Maddox's rice." Right?

Dick: Yeah. (amused) Shitting on Maddox's DICK would be something that I would...

Maddox: No! I said "dish"! (annoyed) I said... (cracks up)

Dick: ...that would be a funny prank that *I* would try to do. Shitting on the rice, little too subtle. (grinning)

Maddox: Great. (about to laugh) I said "dish," asshole. (Dick laughs) So I'm wearing this...this beautiful pilgrim hat, right? I look like a fuckin' PILGRIM, like a badass! And I was the HIT of the party, baby! (yelling) I'm walkin' in, makin' jokes, keepin' things lively!

Dick: Mm. (skeptical)

Maddox: NOT throwin' oranges at beer pong tables, NOT pissin' people off! And everyone's like, "You know what? Maddox is ridin' high. Let's knock him down a peg. Let's shit on Maddox's good time and his good dish, flavored with a little pinch of sage, and a...and a dash of rosemary! What a delicious dish with wild rice, toasted almond slivers, and cranberries! What a DELICIOUS dish." Right?? (still yelling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But instead, some jealous prick at that party (Dick cracks up) walked around and told everybody, "Hey man, as a prank, why don't you shit on Maddox's dish?" And so the first girl did it and I thought, "Okay, I see what's goin' on."

Dick: A GIRL did it first.

Maddox: Yeah...yeah, yeah. A girl did it.

Dick: Oh, that's a lot -- you're sayin' a GIRL started this prank?

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah!

Dick: I don't know, man.

Maddox: Nonono, she's the first person who SAID it, but someone told her to do it. Right? Then, THEN -

Dick: (interjects) I...that sounds like a pretty big conspiracy to me. (teasing)

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling) No, this isn't a conspiracy, 'cause I found out! So then, someone else did it. And then a THIRD person did it. And then by the fourth person, people are running out of ways to shit on my rice! So somebody said, "Oh, and it's undercooked." I'm like, "Uh-uh, uh-uh." (**buzzer sound effect**) "I gotta buzz ya on that one." (**buzzer sound effect**) "NOT undercooked. It's actually almond slivers, ya dipshit." (scathingly)

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: Dick, don't you think I know how to cook rice?! (yelling)

Dick: Uh...yeah! (hesitantly) I ate the rice.

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "Go to hell and STAY there!"**)

Dick: Bacillus cereus? That's, uh, that's a type of bacteria... (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick! (through giggles)

Dick: ...you can get from undercooked rice.

Maddox: Piece of shit!

Dick: It competes with, uh, with salmonella! It can cause emetic vomiting, nausea-inducing strain...uh, when rice is undercooked.

Maddox: (inhales thoughtfully) You know, Dick, I -

Dick: (interjects) It can lead to vomiting and...within the first 24 hours. (trailing off)

Maddox: I...I would have *loved* nothing more, knowing what pricks you guys were gonna be (Dick giggles) at that Thanksgiving dinner -

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: - than to undercook my rice and make all of you sick and/or kill all of you. Like I would...I would just go home and sleep like a baby. I'd be like, "Welp! You know, the rice was undercooked but they were assholes! They had it comin'."

Dick: Lectin. (Maddox cracks up) That's something else that comes from undercooked rice. It's a protein that serves as a natural insecticide, with a strong affinity for carbohydrates. Insecticide, that's in undercooked rice. This is a big problem! All these people are eating it, I'm saying. This is a big, global problem. Undercooked rice. It's not all...it's not -

Maddox: (interjects) (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "I never heard such a dumb thing!"**)

Dick: It's not ALL about you. You're just one tiny part of it.

Maddox: Yeah. (quietly) Anything else, Dick? You have... (stammers) ...any way else you wanna shit on my generosity, good will, and hard work? (raising his voice)

Dick: Uh, the outer cellulose on rice?

Maddox: Uh-huh. (dryly)

Dick: It doesn't get broken down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If it's undercooked. Uh, it can lead to poor digestion.

Maddox: I'm gonna break down your outer coating after this show. (quietly; menacing) (Dick cracks up)

Dick: You're about to have a bro-down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here.

Maddox: My vein is fucking bulging right now. (Dick laughs harder) Guess which one.

Dick: That's it, it just -- it screws with your digestive health.

Maddox: Yeah! (sarcastic)

Dick: I mean, that's a problem for this...for, uh, all these people...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...eating rice.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what I'm saying. Global -- GLOBALLY!

Maddox: Globally! (mocking)

Dick: Globally, rice probably gets undercooked a lot! You know?

Maddox: Probably not, Dick. It's one of the easiest things to cook.

Dick: You'd THINK that, but then at Thanksgiving you fucked it up! (laughs hysterically)

Maddox: I didn't fuck it up, ya MORON. You FUCKING ape, you fucking monkey. (**monkeys whooping sound effect**) That's what you are. (suddenly yells) Guys, vote up monkeys, 'cause Dick's one of 'em!! Biggest problem in the universe, Dick Masterson!

Dick: Main food for half the people in the world, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Imagine if half of the people in the world had to eat undercooked rice. We'd have a big...we'd have an epidemic! (wryly)

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "You dumb shit!"**) Okay. I'm DONE. I'm done. I don't care if ya got more BULLSHIT-ass stats, Dick. 'Cause I got a real problem.

Dick: What? (smiling)

Maddox: Hipsters! [**plays clip from song "Being a Dickhead's Cool":** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lVmmYMwFj1I]

Dick: Hipsters?!

(upbeat synths and drums)

Male Singer: I love my life as a dickheeeead! All my friends are dickheeeeads too!

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: Hipsters, buddy! You know what that song -- that's from, uh, Reuben...I think, Reuben Dangoor. [**clip fades out**] That was a song on YouTube called "Being a Dickhead's Cool," and it came out about hipsters a while back. Hipsters!

Dick: (interjects) I love that song. That's a classic.

Maddox: It's a classic! It's a great song, and it's about hipsters!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which are a big problem. Alright, Dick. Long time ago when I was in college, in my level 101 Philosophy course, the first thing my professor said on the first day of class was, "Philosophy can't be defined." I remember writing "this is bullshit" down in my notes. (chuckling) 'Kay? 'Cause I hate it when people try to ascribe the attribute "undefinable" to a large, well-known group. Specifically, hipsters! And undefinable is what hipsters would like you to THINK they are. And they've come closer than ANY other group before them of capturing this dubious honor. Even more so than goths! You believe that, Dick?

Dick: Goths are undefinable??

Maddox: Well, they'd like to think they are! But they're -

Dick: (interjects) They all dress in black all the time! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: And talk about despair.

Maddox: Yeah! And hip--

Dick: (interjects) How is that undefinable?

Maddox: Right, and hipsters have their uniform too. They don't like to be defined, yet they listen to indie and non-mainstream music...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...they shop at vintage and thrift stores; they're either politically progressive or liberal; they eat organic, locally-grown, sustainable food; you know, all these buzzwords. They like those to be on the labels, right? Or at least they *think* they do. They dress in skinny jeans or wear Toms, and wear loafers without socks, which makes their feet STINK. Hipsters smell!

Dick: H'okay. (chuckling)

Maddox: Their feet REEK! I got in an argument one time on IRC with this guy who SWORE up and down that wearing loafers without socks doesn't make your feet smell. I'm like, "Yes, it does!"

Dick: Loafers are leather sandals?

Maddox: Yeah, loafers are like, leather business shoes without socks.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Okay.

Maddox: I -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, those are gonna stink.

Maddox: Yeah, they're gonna stink because the sweat STAYS...the sweat and bacteria that's growing on your feet, that are sweating all day in that warm, damp environment that's a PERFECT cauldron of bacteria?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You couldn't find a petri dish more perfect than a loafer with no socks on. (raising his voice) That's what you're wearing day after day without washing it! When you wear socks, you sweat into the socks and then CHANGE them every day, so it diminishes the amount of bacteria that sits around in your shoes, you FUCKING idiots!

Dick: Yeah, but this is something that all hipsters do? Not wear socks in...moccasins, or whatever?

Maddox: No. Most of them. It -

Dick: (interjects) Uh... (sighs, puzzled) Heh, do you have a stats for that, or is that just your argument over IRC? (amused)

Maddox: Yeah. My stats is just seeing them all over the fuckin' world.

Dick: Oho, 'kay. (scoffing)

Maddox: They don't stand for anything. This is one of my big problems with hipsters; they don't stand for anything! Right? They don't create anything new. All they do is reappropriate other cultures and decades before them. They're not creating new art, they're not creating new...new, uh, music, new TV shows, new anything! Hipsters just reappropriate the '80s and '90s and '70s.

Dick: What about all those...that music you say they listen to, though?

Maddox: Indie music. Indie music has always been around, but they specifically just listen to, uh, indie music. I guess there's kind of, like, a hipster indie music now...indie scene.

Dick: Yeah, sure!

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: What about like, Arcade Fire? Is that a hipster band?

Maddox: It is. But they also listen to it only up until the point it becomes popular, and once it becomes mainstream they stop listening to it. And no, that's not a stereotype. So, as I mentioned...they stink.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They only drink really shitty beer, like PBR, *or* really expensive craft beer.

Dick: Well, you got me now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because I hate the PBRs all over the place.

Maddox: PBR is the worst.

Dick: It's disgusting. I don't care if Dennis Hopper drank it in, uh, Blue Velvet. It's gross.

Maddox: You know, Dick, the first time -- I have a story. The first time I ever tried PBR, it was at a party, and I've always seen the hipsters drink it and I thought, "You know, that beer...I'm not gonna try." But this is the ONLY beer this fuckin' hipster party had. So I reach

into the bucket and I pulled out a PBR, cracked it open, took a sip, and it was...I spit it out because I thought, "Oh, I must've drank the water that was around the rim!" (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? The ice water. So I spit it out, I wiped the rim clean, make sure there's no more ice water on it, and I drank another sip (cracking up) and I spit it out again!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That was the actual beer. It tastes SO godawful. It tastes like...it tastes like a bucket of ice water.

Dick: No, you know what...what hipsters have always made me think of, regarding their beer especially, is like, kids who are drinking when their parents are away for the first time?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like 13-year-old kids, just trying to ease their way into beer.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Because they didn't do it when they were younger! Now they're adults and they're like, "Uh-oh. I'm totally insecure about beer."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "But I gotta do it 'cause I'm an adult, so maybe I'll just...GLOM onto this shitty beer. 'Cause I don't know the difference."

Maddox: Yeah, well, that's a good theory Dick. My theory, though, is that they do it for the *aesthetic.* And that leads me to my next -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: Yeah! That leads me to my BIGGEST problem with hipsters: they're insincere. Which is a word I've used to describe you, Dick. You may be the biggest hipster of all!

Dick: No, I've been called a hipster before.

Maddox: Yeah! I believe it.

Dick: I've been called everything, probably, but...

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling) Yeah, you have!

Dick: ...I've been called a hipster.

Maddox: So they're insincere, Dick. They use poverty as their main aesthetic, which is...really disrespectful to people who are actually poor. The skinny jeans look that hipsters like to wear -- they like to wear skinny jeans, right? That came from people in school who outgrew their jeans, but couldn't afford to buy new ones. I knew that kid in school! He wore these jeans that looked like they were crawling up on his legs, so...so they looked like they were too short. That's the hipster aesthetic!

Dick: I don't know that that's where it COMES from.

Maddox: That's where I believe it comes from!

Dick: That's not the etymology of skinny jeans, that's a deliberate FASHION choice.

Maddox: Skinny jeans??

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Of course! Yeah.

Dick: It didn't come from POOR kids, did it?

Maddox: Well, that's what -- hipsters like to look poor. So these jeans look too tight on them, not...not out of vanity, but out of necessity! So the hipsters kinda glommed onto that 'cause they want to give the appearance that they are poor, that they are of the earth, of the working class. They didn't want to wear skinny jeans; they HAD to. The poor people.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Right? And now hipsters are mocking their poverty by turning it into vanity. Yet they're all rich! They're entitled Millenials who live off of their parents' income.

Dick: You got alotta "all"s in here. *All* hipsters are rich?

Maddox: Most of them.

Dick: You don't think they're -- really?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What percentage of hipsters do you think are rich?

Maddox: Well, if they're not rich...I would say at least 50 percent. If they're not rich, then they're living off their parents.

Dick: Well, I'll tell you something that I DO know. Uh, the Millenial generation is like, buying houses at a shockingly low rate.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Houses and expensive cars? They just buy the cheapest of everything. I think it's just 'cause they don't...CARE as much as we do, as Generation X, about that stuff. Like they don't see a car as a symbol of anything anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A car, for us -- and I think specifically for us, definitely for our parents -- was something that you use to access the world.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Like when you were 16 and when I was 16, you got a car, all of a sudden you're free. And they've grown up in this world where the Internet's always at their -- the world's always at their fingertips.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So, is it really -- is it trying to LOOK poor, or is it just not having the same values as us?

Maddox: Well, they don't have the drive, they don't have the same values. Also they're lazy; they're not getting jobs, they're living with their parents.

Dick: Mmm... (skeptical)

Maddox: If they're not living with their parents, then their parents are paying for them to come out to Hollywood and become writers.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: So that's why you walk into a coffee shop and every fucking hipster ROLLS their eyes as soon as you walk in. They don't wanna give you good service...you know what, dickhead? I know you haven't sold your script yet, but serve me my fucking coffee without the attitude.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Okay? I walk into a coffee shop in Koreatown...the Korean work ethic is COMPLETELY different. They -- they're wearing suits, they're wearing ties, they're wearing APRONS. They look nice, they greet you with "hello" and "thank you"...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and "goodbye"! They come to your table, the service is snappy, and they care about their product! (yelling)

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: That's what I miss! We've LOST that.

Dick: Do you think everybody under 25 is a hipster?

Maddox: No. (chuckling) No, definitely not.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, here's -- I wanna go on. They've ruined handlebar mustaches. (Dick smirks) Right, Dick? They all look like 1920s boxers, but they're all frail, thin-framed PUSSIES who are too passive, doughy, and mush-mouthed to fight for ANYTHING that doesn't start with the word "star" and end with the word "bucks."

Dick: Heh, okay. (unsure) Starbucks is a little...little old.

Maddox: Yeah, well, they're still -- they're -

Dick: (interjects) Intelligentsia now.

Maddox: No no, that's what they LIKE. They're fighting against Starbucks. They're raging against the machine.

Dick: Oh, fighting *against* Starbucks. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Our fathers' generation stared down Nazis and gutted them with bayonets. Right? The hipster generation fights its battles by buying overpriced coffee and artisanal bread. (disdainful) That's the battleground we're at! Our fathers' generation believed in prayer, hard work, and charity. Hipsters believe in good vibes, positive energy, and locally-grown vegetables.

Dick: Yeah! (quietly)

Maddox: Bunch of FUCKIN' assholes.

Dick: That's the...you would rather have prayer than -

Maddox: PUSSIES.

Dick: - locally-grown vegetables? (cracking up)

Maddox: You know what, man? At least you had good fuckin' intentions, rather than JUDGMENT. That's all...that's all the good vibes thing is. Like, everyone on Facebook is too afraid to say, "Pray for me 'cause my family's sick." Everyone always says, "Gimme good thoughts and positive energy!" What's the difference??

Dick: Uh...I don't know.

Maddox: No.

Dick: I don't know how to answer that. What's the difference between "pray for me" and "give me good vibes"?

Maddox: There's no difference.

Dick: Why does it upset you?

Maddox: Because they're...they're only doin' it because of some vanity issue. They want to appear hip and edgy, and like they're progressive and liberal, but they're not! They're the exact same as our fathers' generation, just a PUSSIER version of it. They're TOO COWARDLY to stand for anything. They don't stand for anything!!

Dick: Why do they...why do they HAVE to?

Maddox: Because if you don't stand for anything, you'll fall for anything! (yelling) (Dick laughs)

Dick: Ha! I don't...just because something *sounds* good, doesn't make it true!

Maddox: Well, that's true!

Dick: Like what do you mean, just 'cause they don't stand for anyth-- like, what would you...prefer them to stand for? You like ideological battlegrounds.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is that an accurate statement?

Maddox: No.

Dick: ...Okay.

Maddox: Not as a principle!

Dick: Then what's...? Well then, what does it mean to just stand for something for the sake of standing for something?

Maddox: Well, it's not. (exasperated) If you stand for something...like, for example, our fathers' generation stood for a lot of virtues that we've kind of lost today. Like hard work! Why don't you stand for hard work??

Dick: I think...I think that's YOUR father's generation. 'Cause we got -- our fathers are in different generations! Remember?

Maddox: Well, that's true!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you don't think hard work is a virtue, Dick?

Dick: (exhales thoughtfully) Uh...it depends.

Maddox: Dick, everything -

Dick: (interjects) If you're, uh, if you're building a Nazi war machine, I don't know necessarily that it's a virtue. (chuckling)

Maddox: Well, that's true, but they...they lost the war because of our fathers' generation. OUR fathers' generation.

Dick: YOUR father's generation.

Maddox: Well, fine. They ride fixed gear bikes for the aesthetic...they're not more functional but they *look* cool. Right? You know what else looks cool? Not having to push your bike up a hill because you're too much of a DIPSHIT to get a bike with gears. A practical bike!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! They clog bandwidth at every fucking concert or event with a nonstop stream of shitty Instagram photos.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Newsflash: your life isn't that fucking interesting to document 3 or 4 times per HOUR. Nobody cares! (yelling) Our fathers parachuted out of planes and fist-fought FASCISTS, and they only have a few shitty black-and-white photos to commemorate it! That and permanent injuries. SCARS. Which hipsters don't have. While you eat cornmeal and blueberry pancakes and take 3 photos of them from different angles for your shitty Tumblr blog that nobody reads.

Dick: Yeah. (unsure)

Maddox: That's what we're dealing with! These fuckin' hipsters. They listen to intentionally inferior formats like vinyl to stay in line with their hipster aesthetic.

Dick: Vinyl isn't inferior.

Maddox: Yes, it -- ohh! (laughing derisively) Here we go, Dick!

Dick: It's different. (smiling) No, nonononononono.

Maddox: You hipster. (grinning)

Dick: Analog...yeah. Records are different than CDs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're ref-...I'm sorry. CDs? (cracking up) Records are different than MP3s.

Maddox: Yeah, they have shittier sound fidelity.

Dick: No, they're better, man! Do you understand the technology that goes into a record versus an MP3?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's...it's compressed! It's necessarily worse!

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: There's no warmth! Yes, it is.

Maddox: You can have fla-...you can have uncompressed formats! And also, Dick, there is a granularity with which we cannot discern any difference between quality. You've seen waveforms, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: The Fourier series?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You've seen waveforms...?

Dick: I know what a waveform is.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah!

Dick: I'm looking at several right now. (wryly) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Great! (sarcastic) But same thing with, uh, resolution on monitors. That's why I brought in that 4K problem, because there's a certain point at which our eyes and ears cannot perceive any difference in quality!

Dick: I don't know why you hate that -- like, it's fun! To listen to a vinyl.

Maddox: Oh, GREAT. (annoyed) It's fun.

Dick: It is! It's fun.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's the purpose of listening to music? Fun!

Maddox: Relax...

Dick: Enjoyment.

Maddox: ...work...

Dick: So it's more enjoyable for them to listen through a vinyl -- like, let's forget all the tech-nerd stuff. It's just more fun for them to use a vinyl! It's reliving an experience...it's

reliving a more human experience that we don't have access to today with all these stupid gizmos and gadgets. Something about -- which is fine! What is the problem with that??

Maddox: Dick, they're not reliving anything, 'cause they didn't live it the FIRST time. They're posing!! They're posers. It's all about looks and aesthetics, dude. They just wanna look like they're...cultured and they have some reason, some higher-level reason, to listen to vinyl. Because there's more SOUL in vinyl, man. (heavily mocking)

Dick: There is! (quietly)

Maddox: "Hipsters"...starts with "hippies"! Huh?

Dick: Ehh...

Maddox: Hipsters and hippies.

Dick: I don't know why you hate...you hate them a lot on their wardrobe.

Maddox: Oh, I hate everything about them.

Dick: But who doesn't have a wardrobe? What group doesn't have...

Maddox: ME!

Dick: ...a wardrobe? You, you wear...you're wearing a Kool-Aid Man shirt right now. (slowly for emphasis)

Maddox: So?

Dick: That goes, that -- Kool-Aid Man? Your jack-o'-lantern pumpkin face? A BRIGHT orange, obnoxious shirt with a jack-o'-lantern face on it?

Maddox: Pretty cool!

Dick: A giant Godzilla shirt?

Maddox: Awesome.

Dick: A Contra shirt?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You don't see the similarities between all these?

Maddox: No! Other than they're awesome.

Dick: Like, the video game hipster shit?

Maddox: What, is awesome now a uniform?! 'Cause that's what I wear all the time, baby. (raising his voice) (Dick laughs)

Dick: I don't know. That's awfully arbitrary to bust somebody on their fashion, I think.

Maddox: No, it's not! Their fashion is...it's a uniform! They try to be individual, but they all stick together and they dress similarly, listen to similar music, shop for similar CLOTHES, they have similar philosophies...

Dick: Yeah, it's -

Maddox: ...they're all fucking PUSSIES together. That's what they are.

Dick: It's called a culture! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. You know what it's called?

Dick: That's what it is!

Maddox: No!

Dick: What do they do that's so bad?? Besides not buy a lot of shit and not listen to the same music you listen to?

Maddox: Oh, I'll tell you what, Dick. No, I don't *want* them to listen to my music. I would HATE that. They gentrify neighborhoods, while simultaneously bitching about gentrified neighborhoods! (Dick guffaws) They are their own biggest problem, Dick! And if they'd only pull their heads out of their asses to come up and BREATHE every now and then?

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: They'd see themselves for what they are! Non-contributing NOBODIES. And they'd throw themselves off the Brooklyn Bridge, so that their smelly, insincere death grip on cities like Williamsburg in New York, Wicker Park in Chicago, The Mission in San Francisco, and Shoreditch and Camden Town in London can go back to being functional cities again! (shouting)

Dick: Yeah...I don't know where the line...what is a hipster and what isn't a hipster anymore. 'Cause you got all that stuff, but is the guy who made Tumblr a hipster or not? Are the kids -- are the Millenials that are driving the future of technology, are they ALL hipsters? Or is it just the ones wearing skinny jeans? To you?

Maddox: Hipsters, Dick, for the most part are underachieving, unachieved, unaccomplished nobodies.

Dick: So, is that...is that part of the definition? Do they have to be underachieving and unaccomplished no-ones?

Maddox: That's what it says!

Dick: But what...

Maddox: The definition -- I looked it up! That's what it says: they're underachieving and unaccomplished.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Well then, I guess you want them to be working like, in the salt mines?

Maddox: Dick, lemme ask -- lemme just describe this scenario. This is a real-life scenario. I know this guy who went to American Eagle and bought a new polo shirt. Brand new! Took it home with a pair of scissors, and cut the American Eagle logo out of it. And wore it around like a DIPSHIT with a hole in his shirt.

Dick: Ha! Yeah, I mean...

Maddox: What do you...?! What's the fucking POINT, asshole?? You're ruining your own fucking shirt! WHY DID YOU DO THAT?! (beside himself)

Dick: So, you're pissed about them wearing the same clothes, but then when they try to do somethin' new...

Maddox: THEY'RE NOT DOING SOMETHIN' NEW, MAN!! (roaring) Your shirt gets old and get holes in it! Look, I have a...I have a pair of jeans in my closet that looks cool as shit! Looks like designer jeans, 'cause the knee's torn, I have a hole in my pocket...

Dick: Ohh!

Maddox: ..but it BECAME that way...it became that way through lots of wear and tear, not because I bought it and fucking put scissors to my own clothes, like an IDIOT! Like a DIPSHIT. I wanna wear my clothes, I want it to LAST a while! That's why I don't wear Toms!!

Dick: So, it's okay to look poor, as long as you wore the jeans in over years instead of...manually.

Maddox: It's not that I -

Dick: (interjects) Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: It's not that I look *poor.* I'm not trying to look poor!

Dick: Well, with the holes-in-jeans look. What do the holes in the jeans say, then?

Maddox: Well, no longer poor! Now they look hip! Unintentionally so.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Why? Because fuckin' hipsters made it...made it look cool! Look, if I grew up in the '80s, or early in the '80s and I had jeans like that and they got holes? I would throw those jeans away because everyone would look at me and be like, "Well, that guy's poor." But NOW I can just wear those around, and now it's a hip thing! And people think oh, I musta spent lots of money on those jeans. No! No, dipshit! These jeans are just old.

Dick: I don't know if anyone would assume that about you. (Maddox chuckles) That you spent a lot of money on your jeans. (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: FUCK you, Dick!

Dick: I know -- like, I get the rage. Well...okay, I understand that you HAVE a lot of rage for hipsters, but I don't under-...I honestly don't understand why.

Maddox: Their insincerity doesn't bother you, Dick? The fact that they don't stand for anything doesn't bother you?

Dick: Well... (sighs) I don't need them to explain why they like what they like. Like, I don't need them to give me a sincere explanation of why they like alternative music. You know?

Maddox: I don't care that they like alternative music. They like it because it's, they think that they are...uh, that they are TRAILBLAZERS, Dick. They think they are cultural trailblazers. (heavily mocking) They think they're SO fuckin' smart.

Dick: Doesn't everybody...doesn't everybody think that?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Doesn't every generation and every group think that they're doing something new?

Maddox: No! No, they don't.

Dick: Mmm...

Maddox: Our fathers' generation was worried about living. And not getting drafted to a war and getting shot or stabbed by a Nazi.

Dick: I -- you are overly romanticizing that whole generation.

Maddox: Wellll, you know. They had the -

Dick: (interjects) Worrying about getting stabbed? And that's a different generation than MY father, and other -- like, that's...I'm talking about, like...uh, my dad's in his 60s.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They weren't worried about World War II.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: They were trying to dodge the Vietnam War draft.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which is a *good* thing.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Yeah. That's not the World War -- "The Greatest Generation," quote unquote? Tom Brokaw's Greatest Generation?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Uh... (sighs) I dunno. They get an awful lot of credit for fighting Nazis, but it...is that what the entire generation should be credited for?

Maddox: Well...I mean, they had their flaws too. They had problems.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It wasn't a perfect generation, no. But that's...at least they had work ethic. At least they gave a shit about SOMETHING. They gave a shit about their JOBS. If you walk into a hipster coffee shop? Oh, fuckin' good luck gettin' service!

Dick: You know -

Maddox: (interjects) Wait 'til they finish texting or Instagramming before they come to give you your fucking coffee! I want -

Dick: (interjects) Honestly, where...?

Maddox: Yeah. [indicating for Dick to talk]

Dick: Sorry. Honestly, where does that get you?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Giving a shit about your job and slugging it away for 60 years? Where the fuck does that get you? Why...? They SHOULD -- hipsters SHOULD not give a shit about their jobs. What are they, making some other guy money with their time? Fuck it!

Maddox: (chuckles derisively) Dick, weren't you just arguing last episode that people should improve their situation and that should be an incentive for them to get out of their job? Now you're saying "fuck it"??

Dick: No! I'm...

Maddox: They shouldn't...work hard for The Man?

Dick: I'm saying you shouldn't just show up for the sake of showing up! Like, you shouldn't be...just the same way I said you shouldn't be afraid to ask for a raise. You shouldn't just show up and work because like, you're...you have this engrained ideal to do it, thinking that there's a payoff somewhere down the road. And I think that's part of it. Like I think they saw their grandparents and parents get kicked around by companies, so they feel like "Eh!" You know? There's no REWARD in slaving over this job, so why should I do it?

Maddox: Fuck it. Why not? (cynical) Just live at home. Don't contribute.

Dick: Well... (dubious)

Maddox: Don't buy a house! Don't fuel the economy. Don't be somebody that CONTRIBUTES anything to the economy. Why don't you just live at home under your parents' roof where it's safe and cushy, and knock up your ugly girlfriend in a hot tub like Butt Sanchez? Why don't you just become a hipster?

Dick: Hey!

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: If that works for you...plenty of cultures around the world have all of the family living under one roof.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, you know THAT.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, there's no...this nuclear family thing is something that's new in America since like the '50s, or whatever.

Maddox: But they do it because of their CULTURE. (annoyed) Do you want to be like them, Dick? Do you wanna live at home with your mom and dad and sneak your girlfriend in at night? That's fuckin' lame.

Dick: I wouldn't have to sneak her in! (cracks up) I'm an adult man!

Maddox: Well, not if you're living at home you're not! You're a fuckin' pussy!

Dick: Ehh....okay.

Maddox: Move out, buddy!

Dick: Yeah, no. (amused) I guess so. I just don't understand the hatred. I don't understand why SO many people pick on hipsters for what seems to be...not that great of a slight. Right? Like, hipsters didn't really -- all they did was not care about your opinion.

Maddox: Yeah. And -

Dick: (interjects) And THAT seems to *infuriate* people.

Maddox: They don't care about anything, dude. They don't stand for anything. And coffee shops are expensive -- if hipsters ran the world, if hipsters ran cities, every coffee shop would be too fuckin' expensive to step into. Every piece of food that you buy would come with a paragraph of describing how it's...massaged down from heaven! (Dick laughs) From uh, an organic, locally-grown, sustainable farm where it's fair trade and organic, and the chickens are free-range, and they've...they're told jokes every day, and they're made sure to feel happy! (contemptuously) (Dick laughs harder) That's what fuckin' hipsters believe in, NOTHING! Nothing! They're buyin' BULLSHIT. Bullshit! You know what? MY shirts are fuckin' fair trade and organic, and massaged with hemp oil, and all this other fuckin' bull-- buy my shirts, huh?? You fuckin' idiots! And they won't, the hipsters, because my shirts are NEW. They want my shirt, they...you know what? I'll cut up...that's what I'm gonna do! I'm gonna start cutting up HOLES in my shirts and sell hipster...a hipster sale!

Dick: It's diversions! Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah! And it's gonna cost, like, fuckin' 50 dollars! Here you go, dickhead! I just stabbed a scissor through your fuckin' shirt, ya MORON. Save you the trouble of havin' to cut the logo out, you DIPSHIT. With a fuckin' hole in your chest! What kinda...what kinda self-respecting human being would do that? Where do you even get a job with a hole in your shirt like that?? If you walk into a job...right? It's all aesthetic! They don't HAVE a job! They don't have to worry about anything. They're livin' off their parents like fucking dickheads. Being a dickhead's cool, huh? (scathingly) That's what that song's all about, buddy.

Dick: Yeah, well, it's a virtual world now. And it'll become even more so, so you don't need to show up. With holes in your shirts. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Great. (under his breath)

Dick: Like, it doesn't -- that's the point. This stuff doesn't matter to them anymore.

Maddox: Yeah, nothin' matters, man! (mocking)

Dick: That's the point I'm making. (smiling)

Maddox: Great, Dick. You hippie. (Dick laughs) Alright. What are your problems this week?

Dick: My problems are...uh, Bro-Downs, and the big one, Undercooked Rice. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick. I'm so tired of your SHIT. And why don't you cook a dish next time, ya asshole? (seething) And they're ALMOND SLIVERS, you piece of shit!! (spitting out his words) My problems: Celebrity Worship and Hipsters. (**closing riff starts**) Don't

forget to vote on these problems, guys, and stay tuned for the information for the live show coming up, December 19th in Los Angeles!

Dick: Thanks for listening.

(closing riff)

Maddox: Oh and Dick, I forgot to mention, we got a song by...Jeremy Belcher!

Dick: Ohh, cool!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, here it is. [**plays song**]

(fast-paced hip-hop beat)

Dick: Little Dick tip for ya.

Dick: HA! [over song] (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: And I don't even think I have a rebuttal! I think I agree 100 percent with you.

Dick: Little Dick tip for ya.

Maddox: I got a PYTHON under the table, baby!

Dick: Little Dick...Little Dick tip for ya. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: It's obscured by the table, but I am fully engorged.

Dick: Little Dick tip for ya.

(clip of Maddox and Dick laughing)

Dick: Little Dick...Little Dick...Little Dick...

(clip of Maddox and Dick laughing)

Dick: Little Dick...Little Dick tip for ya.

Dick: Yeah, well, why don't you go have sex with your mother!

Maddox: Hahahaha! There it is!

Dick: Little Dick tip for ya.

Maddox: Yeah. And, uh, speaking of engorged...

Dick: Little Dick tip for ya.

[**song ends**]

(Dick giggles hysterically)

Dick: HA! Hahahaha, that's great.

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, what's up buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Dick: Welcome back, Sean.

Sean: Thanks,guys.

Dick: Man, I hate not having you. (Sean laughs) I feel like the stats get out of control on this show when you're not here to rein them in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Don't you agree, Maddox? (grinning)

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (sarcastic) You know me, I hate the stats. I hate information. I hate informing our audience. Our listeners.

Dick: (giggling) Who won?

Maddox: So…nobody won, Dick. (laughs) As I say time after time, after time again… however, the one with the most votes was "Celebrity Worship".

Dick: Ohhh!! That was you. You motherfucker.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, was it? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I got a…do you have something to play? 'Cause I have something for you.

Maddox: Go ahead. Yeah, what is it?

Dick: I remixed…I thought…I was rubbing that "Maddox Lost" song in a little hard.

Maddox: Yeah, you were.

Dick: I thought it might have hurt your feelings.

Maddox: Yeah. A little hard.

Dick: So I remixed it. Do you want to hear the new version?

Maddox: Oh. Let's hear it! Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I remixed it for you today.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Song starts to play, electric guitar/drums, singer sings while Dick fills in all the "LOST!" with half-hearted "Won"s that he recorded himself…"Maddox Won."

"Maddox Won." "Maddox Won." "Maddox Won." "Maddox Won." "Maddox Won." "'Cause his problems 'were okay'!" (Maddox cracks up) **…"Maddox Won." "Maddox Won." "Maddox Won." "Maddox Won." "Maddox Won." "Maddox Won." "Diiiiiiiiiiiiiiick is the 'lose' er!" song ends)** (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Oh, bravo Dick. That was a good song. I like that version a lot better.

Dick: I thought you might. (grins)

Maddox: But you know what's interesting, is…I was rooting around on my hard drive and I found another version of that song, actually.

(Song starts to play, electric guitar/drums, singer sings while Maddox fills in all the "Maddox"s with "Dick"s that he recorded himself… (Maddox cracks up) **"Dick LOST!" "Dick LOST!" "Dick." "LOST!" "Dick." "LOST!" "Dick." "LOST!" "Dick." "LOST!" "Dick." "LOST!" "'Cause his problems fucking sucked!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Dick." "LOST!" "Dick." "LOST!" "Dick." "LOST!" "Dick." "LOST!" "Dick." "LOST!" "'Maddox' is the winner!" song ends)**

Dick: Great. Great song. (Maddox giggles) No collusion here.

Maddox: There was no collusion! The audience needs to know that Dick and I didn't talk about this beforehand. We both came in with a remix of that song. (grinning)

Dick: We both came in thinking of how original and how funny we would be…

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yep. (grins)

Dick: With our shitty remix that probably took three minutes…(laughing)

Maddox: Ehh. Mine took about six. Um…yeah. A couple of knuckleheads. Good. So then came "Bro-Downs". Surprisingly, Bro-Downs. And I got a lot of flak for "Hipsters".

Dick: Oh, I brought…can I read some comments about that?

Maddox: Oh, bring it! Yeah.

Dick: Matt Alegrete. Uh, **Matt Alegrete** says, **"Maddox's arguments for hipsters are all just Maddox hating things that are popular. Sounds like Maddox is the real hipster. Better vote him up too."** (Maddox giggles) **Billy Nurse: "I thought I hated hipsters too, but Dick pretty much made me realize I don't. They still dress like stupid wankers, though."** And **Christian Myers…"Of course hipsters don't stand for anything. They aren't an actual group."** (Maddox grumbles) **"It's just a word lame idiots use to describe people who are more interesting than them."** (Dick is smug) (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: Oh, we found a hipster! Sounds like we found a hipster, you jackass! You piece of shit.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: So, listen. Here's the thing. (Dick cracks up) Here's the thing. Everybody…

Dick: (interjects) Here we go!!!

Maddox: Everybody was saying that, right? (Dick cackles) They're like, "Oh, hipsters aren't a thing." That's the number one thing hipsters say! They don't like to be defined. (yelling) They don't like to define themselves, 'cause they don't want to be part of a group. And yet, miraculously, every time you walk into a hipster bar, or a hipster coffee shop, or a hipster clothing shop, you KNOW you're in one, because everybody's dressed the same, just like Goths. They're individuals. They're nonconformists. Except they all wear the same uniform.

Dick: Yeah, but your definition in the last show…(stammers) Okay, so you're saying that hipsters are like pornography. I know it when I see it. That's, like, the Supreme Court's definition of pornography.

Maddox: Well…okay.

Dick: No, it is!

Maddox: I know.

Dick: Well, that's a good thing.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: It's a court. I would like a court to say, "You know what, I'll decide when I see it. I'll judge when it enters my courtroom if it's pornography or not."

Maddox: Okay. I have a problem with that. Specific argument with regards to pornography; however…but go on. I want to hear…

Dick: (interjects) Take it up with the Supreme Court, then. 'Cause that's what they…

Maddox: (giggles) I will, buddy. I'm on the docket.

Dick: Yeah. (grins) But that seems to be your definition of a hipster. I'll know it when I see it.

Maddox: No.

Dick: 'Cause then you threw on all this stuff about how they're all someone who's underachieving, and there were all these other qualifiers that I don't…I don't get.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, I know. Yeah. Okay. Look, there were two arguments that weren't clear in the last episode that I really want to emphasize here. The first is that they are ostracizing. Okay? If you're not part of their clique…if you're not dressed like them, if you don't belong…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Then you don't belong. They make you feel ostracized and unwelcome in their bullshit-ass coffee shops. They roll their fucking eyes 'cause I don't have a handlebar mustache. You know what? Fuck you!

Dick: But you roll your eyes at iPhone users, so doesn't that also apply to you?

Maddox: That's absolutely different! iPhone users, first of all, are not supposed to be a social culture. They are! They try to be. (Dick guffaws) They try to make this cult-like thing. But that's not at all relevant.

Dick: Okay. (grinning)

Maddox: And the second thing is…the guy said, "Well, Maddox just hates popular things." First of all, that's not true. I like lots of things that are popular. However…

Dick: (interjects) Like what?

Maddox: Like Nirvana, for example. I like Nirvana.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Nirvana's cool. I like the movie Ghostbusters. Very popular movie. (Dick cracks up) (Sean laughs)

Dick: Okay. Do you like anything current that's popular?

Maddox: Yeah, man! I saw…what's it…Cabin in the Woods is a good horror movie. Right?

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah, which you wouldn't see 'cause you're too scared. So, listen. (laughs)

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: It is true.

Dick: My mind is a terrible place. I don't like…I don't like imagining horrible things. That's what those movies play on.

Maddox: Your mind is a wonderful thing to waste. (giggles) So, here's the thing, okay? So, the popularity thing. Right? The popularity argument that I hate things that are popular.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If it's trendy, okay? If it's trendy. If everyone's doing the same style, if they're all conforming, then nothing new is being created, and that's my fundamental problem with trends like this, specifically trends in culture, because they're not creating anything new. They're just reappropriating something else…something that they saw someone else wear or do or try.

Dick: They do create art, though. Hipsters have a specific style of art. I don't appreciate it, but then I don't wanna be the guy who was like, around the time of Magritte, saying "This isn't art." 'Cause it's, like, it is. Looking back in time, it is clearly art. It's a statement on art.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I feel the same way about hipsters.

Maddox: (interjects) No, I…

Dick: Their art, I think, is kind of lame, but maybe in the future it will have some artistic merit. I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah, no. I agree. I agree, Dick. I like their art too. I just liked it better in the 80's, and the 70's, and the 90's, when it came originally.

Sean: And when it wasn't funded by rich parents?

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: Oh, here we go! See, what, all hipsters have rich parents? Is that it? Here are the qualifications I don't get.

Sean: Generally.

Maddox: I got a comment from Twitter. This came to me on Twitter from **Matthew Anderson.** It's **@max2000warlord**. He says, **"Maddox, it was actually fleas that spread the Black Plague. Dick is an idiot."** 'Cause remember the last episode?

Dick: Yeah. Oh yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I said that rats…

Maddox: (interjects) That snakes eat rats…

Dick: And rats caused the Black Plague. Okay…

Maddox: And rats caused the Black Plague. It was fleas.

Dick: What is that guy's name?

Maddox: His name is Matthew Anderson.

Dick: Yeah. Matthew, shithead? How did the fleas get to the people? The fleas ride the rats. And it's not the flea that causes it, you dumb motherfucker, it's the virus. If we're being PEDANTIC…(angry) it's the virus! (Maddox giggles) It's the Plague causes the Plague! Not the fleas that harbor the virus and the rats that harbor the fleas! You pedantic fucking idiot!

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " You dumb shit!!")

Dick: I'm the dumb shit!

Maddox: You choose! You decide! (laughing)

Dick: I'm…this fucking guy!

Maddox: I was calling him the dumb shit, yeah.

Dick: It's a…oh, good, good, good. Thank you. (whiny voice) It's the fleas that cause it. It's the fleas that cause it. Well, I'd better watch out for hordes of rampaging fleas, then!

Maddox: You know…you know what fleas also like, what kind of environment, is dirty people who don't shower and hipsters don't shower, 'cause their feet smell so bad.

Dick: I thought you were gonna go with hippies.

Maddox: Well, hippies too. Hippies and hipsters. Hipsters are the evolution, or maybe de-evolution of hipsters.

Dick: You keep talking…here, I got another hipster one for you.

(Voice mail: "Heyy, this is Bill from Detroit. Maddox, listening to you sit there and rail on hipsters reminds me of the one thing you left out about hipsters that they

love to do more than anything else. And that's hate on other hipsters." (**Dick:** That's true!) **and then you go on to lionize your father's generation, like hipsters, while hating on your current generation as being uncultured, like hipsters. I think you just kind of outed yourself as the biggest hipster in the universe.")**

Dick: Ohhh, you got a tag on the end, too.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " How dare you?!")

Maddox: That's bullshit! I'm not the biggest fucking…I'm not any kind of hipster! First of all, hipsters don't lionize their father's generation, they resent it. They loathe it. Except for their culture, which they like to reappropriate. Up to about the 60's. Right? They don't go beyond the 60's or 50's. They think that shit's lame.

Dick: It is lame!

Maddox: They gotta stick with the 70's and 80's and 90's. I mean, not all of it's lame. And by the way, a lot of people were commenting, like (dumbass voice) "Hey Maddox, the 50's had social problems." I'm like, yeah. I mentioned that in the episode, you idiots. I know. There was segregation. There were civil rights violations. There were all sorts of problems in the world. We were in a cold war. It wasn't a perfect generation by any stretch of the imagination. However, at least that generation had some good, solid virtues, unlike just buying a narrative on a carton of milk.

Dick: Allllright. (exasperated) I got a comment from, you mentioned…did you mention "Celebrity Worship" yet?

Maddox: Not yet.

Dick: Okay. **Matthew James** says…and you cherry picked celebrity worships that were, like, very right wing and retarded, but what about, like…(Sean laughs) what about people like Colbert and Jon Stewart? **Matthew James** says, **"People treat Colbert and Jon Stewart's word like the Gospel. Do you know how many Liberals proudly claim to get all of their information and opinions from comedy and satire?"** That's true. What do you think about that?

Maddox: Yeah. I read that.

Dick: Does that fall in?

Maddox: I read that. But he gave no specific examples. So the problem this guy has with Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert is that a lot of people get their news from it, and honestly, I have gotten more informed watching the Daily Show than I have watching an hour of CNN. CNN does nothing but celebrity news. They do, uh…gossip. They do outlandish headlines. They're just trying…it's the TV equivalent of click bait. There's nothing informative on CNN anymore. You get the actual analysis and in-depth coverage that you want from the news in comedy shows. And it's a sad state of affairs that we have to tune into Comedy Central for our news.

Dick: I see. Well, we don't have to.

Maddox: Well, you don't. Yeah. I mean, I don't…that's not where I get my news. I read a lot of different new sources.

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: Like the BBC. I read the…right wing…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah, they're good.

Maddox: Yeah. BBC is really good.

Dick: Yeah. I'll give you that one.

Maddox: And CNN International is really good, too. However, they only air it during the afternoons for one hour a day.

Dick: So as long as you get your news from some place outside of America, it's not poisonous hogwash? Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: It's not even that it's poisonous, it's that it's junk news. You're not getting informed about anything. It's just celebrity gossip.

Dick: Uh, speaking of celebrities, **Matt Tamisi** says, **"I love you Maddox. Thanks for sending me special codes that you're sending me in these podcasts."**

Maddox: Oh boy. Here we go. Is that a real comment?

Dick: That's real, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. He's probably fucking with me.

Dick: Yeah, he's kidding.

Maddox: Good.

Dick: Yeah, uh…lemme see. I think I've got…oh! Here's a great voicemail. Speaking of Angelo's mom.

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

Dick: Right? I got this in. I got this voicemail.

(Voice mail: (Someone imitating Angelo's mom, clearly male) "Hello Maddox and Dick! This is Angelo's aunt! (Maddox cracks up) **Angelo's mom is my stupid bitch sister! First let me tell you something Maddox. Before you get too excited about all the things my crazy sister said!** (Maddox and Dick laugh) **First you need to know. She is a bona fide crazy bitch! You don't understand! She doesn't kid around! She's lookin' at your book all the fucking day!** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **This woman is a stalker!** (**Dick:** Stalker?)**I want to say to Dick is that really, she wants to fuck you!** (**Dick:** I suspected as much)**She is sooooo interested in how you fuck a woman…** (**Dick:** Yeah?) (**Maddox:** Okay. (skeptical)) **That she wants to fuck you! You don't understand! This is the way the Greek people make…**(**Dick:** This is long-winded like Angelo's mom. **Maddox:** Yeah. **Dick:** All the women in their family are very foul-mouthed. **Maddox:** Oh yeah, I forgot this was a woman, too. (laughs)) **Voice continuing in background…"Okay! Fuck yourself, Dick!!"**)

Dick: Oh, dammit! Dammit. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That seems to be the standard signoff for all messages we get for the show.

Dick: So Angelo's whole family is in on the action now.

Maddox: Yeah. That's a pretty good voice mail. That was actually Angelo's mom's sister, so Angelo's aunt.

Dick: Right.

Sean: I've missed a lot. I have no idea who these people are.

Dick: Yeah, Sean.

Maddox: Yeah. Maybe you should go back and listen. You should subscribe to the bonus episodes. (giggles)

Sean: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: We'll give you a discount, Sean. (laughs)

Sean: Thank you very much. (grins) I do appreciate it.

Maddox: We…so you guys don't know this, but we make Sean sign a nondisclosure and he can't listen to these episodes as he's mastering them. He just has to, like, feel the vibrations through the laptop and that's how he masters them.

Dick: Like Beethoven.

Maddox: Yeah. Like Beethoven.

Sean: Well, you go through and re-edit 'em anyway, so…

Maddox: Yeah, that's true. (laughs)

Dick: Uh, that's it. I'm done.

Maddox: Alright, man. Let's get to the problems. You want me to go first this week?

Dick: Yeah. I've been taking up way too much time.

Maddox: Yeah, man. (Sean laughs loudly) That was, like, a fucking 40-minute story about an event that occurred in under 30 seconds. (Dick cracks up) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Look, you gotta get every…you gotta really feel it. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. No, I mean…you know. We painted a rich tapestry, there. Okay, my first problem is "Pedophiles".

Dick: Ohhhh, hokay. I regret letting you go first. (Maddox laughs) Should I recategorize this podcast on iTunes out of the comedy genre for this one?

Maddox: To what? Drama?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Self help? (grins) I'm fine with self help. But listen to this, man. You know what the main problem with pedophiles is?

Dick: Yeah. Child molestation.

Maddox: Yeah. That's it. They molest children. (Dick cracks up) That's a big problem. Alright. I could just end it there. We could move on.

Dick: You really don't like hearing that "Maddox Lost" song, do you? This is the extent you're going to? (Maddox laughs) Bringing in pedophiles?

Maddox: See…okay, Dick. That's a good point. So that's why I kept emphasizing on the comments. I keep telling people it's not a contest. We're not trying to win here. Because then it encourages us to bring in populist votes. Populist problems.

Dick: What do you mean, us?!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, so I'm trying to eliminate that from being a…

Dick: (interjects) By bringing in pedophiles. Okay.

Maddox: No. No. (annoyed)

Dick: What's the problem with pedophiles? I'm sorry. I interrupted.

Maddox: They molest children.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So, I want everyone listening right now. When you're voting for this problem, take into consideration how much of a problem other things on the list are, right? (Dick and Sean crack up)

Dick: You know what pisses me off about this? Is I was gonna do this. (grinning) (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Let me tell you how to vote along with the problem?

Dick: No, I was gonna bring in child molesting and do exactly what he's doing right now.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (grinning) So do militarized police molest children? No.

Dick: Maybe.

Maddox: No. Do people who are outraged over T-shirts worn by scientists and engineers molest children?

Dick: How come they're only my problems you're bringing up?

Maddox: I'm just…you know, I just picked a random…

Dick: Sampling?

Maddox: Sampling of problems, yeah.

Dick: Okay. What else? (grinning) Do snakes molest children?

Maddox: They might. Might not. No, I don't think so. So vote that down. But do monkeys molest children? Maybe! We don't know. We don't know for sure. Scientists still out there doing research on it. So here's some facts about child molesters.

Dick: Oh, my God. Alright.

Maddox: (laughing) (Dick laughs) They love to eat Doritos. (Sean scoffs) This is a fact.

Dick: Wait, wait, wait. Where are you getting these facts?

Maddox: Here. I got the source. This is a fact according to a website called The Best Page in the Universe!!

Dick: Ohhh. (annoyed)

Maddox: In an article titled, "There's Nothing More Disgusting Than the Sight, Smell, and Sound of Someone Eating Doritos". I guess this character Maddox wrote this article a long time ago about how pedophiles love to eat Doritos. You know, it's kinda funny. I actually got a hate mail a long time ago from somebody who said he was offended at that article. He said, not because he ate Doritos, but because he was a pedophile. (laughs) Okay, so. (Dick giggles) You know, I don't know man. Some of my listeners. Who knows. But according to the WHO, pedophilia is defined as a "Persistent or predominant preference for sexual activity with a pre-pubescent child or children."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The person committing the crime has to be at least 16 years old and at least five years older than the child or children. That's considered pedophilia.

Dick: And the child has to be under 14?

Maddox: Uh, yeah. It's under 14.

Dick: Pre-pubescent? Something like that? Yeah?

Maddox: Pre-pubescent, yeah. Yeah. And there's a certain range that they go for. It's something like age 9 to 11 is the highest.

Dick: Ay ay ay! (weirded out) Alright. Then what? What's the other stats? (scoffs) Do you have any not gross stats? (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, well here's…so, I looked into the science of this, like what causes pedophilia. What's going on here, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: The average pedophile has an IQ that is 10 points lower than the average population.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: They're significantly more likely to be left-handed or ambidextrous. Did you know that?

Dick: I did know that. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. That's kind of interesting. Are you left-handed, Sean?

Sean: (in the background) No.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Are you a pedophile?

Sean: Uh, no!

Dick: No on both.

Sean: No on both, yeah. That's a stern 'no' on both.

Dick: Okay. Well…

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Well, that's good. We don't like to hire pedophiles on the show. So, um…

Sean: Hire? (incredulous) (Maddox and Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Yup. There we go. So yeah. That was kind of interesting, I found. That they're mostly left-handed or ambidextrous. Now, on average, pedophiles have far less white matter in their brains.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's kind of interesting. So there's a scientist, I think his name was Cantor. He was doing this study and he looked at the brains. He was trying to find a biological basis for pedophilia.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And see what's going on here. 'Cause a lot of people are looking at psychological issues, and this guy's looking at biological. And he scanned their brains and he found a lot less white matter. And that's the substance that connects the different regions in your brain.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So there might be something biological going on. So, there's this article. You remember Dick, you brought in a long time ago, "Priests" as a problem?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then you just…you just pigeonholed priests in the Catholic church?

Dick: I have a problem with them.

Maddox: Yeah, I know. Oh, I know. You already brought it in. (giggles)

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah. There's an article on the BBC. I wish I had this when you brought that problem in, but it says…it's titled, "How Many Men Are Pedophiles?" Okay? So, this is according to that…this came out when that article you mentioned? The pope said there was about 2% of the Catholic clergy that are pedophiles.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So they ask a question. How does this compare with society as a whole? Is it more or less than average? So there's this doctor. His name is Dr. Michael Seto, a clinical and forensic psychologist. He published a book in 2008 where he stated the upper estimate of prevalence of pedophilia in the general population is about 5%.

Dick: Uh, I actually coincidentally know the study you're talking about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The one thing you're failing to bring in is that 5% includes kids who are over 14.

Maddox: Right. You're correct.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhh!! I am!! (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, Dick. You're correct. And then…'cause I'm about to read. The article goes on and says, "With more data and better methodology, he has revised his figure down to about 1% of the population, though he makes clear this is still only an educated guess." Now, one of the problems is it's…so he says, "It's very common for regular men to be attracted to 18 year olds or 20 year olds, right? But it's not unusual for a typical 16-year-old to be attractive to many men and the younger we go, the fewer and fewer men are attracted to that group", says Cantor. Right? This doctor.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He thinks that if we say that pedophilia is someone attracted to children aged 14 or less, then he estimates that you could reach about the 2% figure.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. That's where that 2% number comes from.

Dick: So…so what, you're saying that priests are just as likely to be pedophiles as…

Maddox: (interjects) As accountants.

Dick: As normal people?

Maddox: Or doctors. Or anyone. Yeah, anyone across the board. It's something…it's a prevalence that occurs in society.

Dick: So in your mind, are you disproving my priest thing right now? Is that what's happening?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Are you casting light…are you exorcising my problem with priests?

Maddox: (giggles) No, Dick. I already did that when you brought it in originally. This is just giving some background information. So, how prevalent is pedophilia? Because we're trying to solve…we're trying to find the biggest problem in the universe on the show.

Dick: Right. So let's say it's 2%, then.

Maddox: 2%. How big of a problem is that, guys? Do you think it's a huge problem? Do you think it's the biggest problem in the universe? 'Cause "Female Genital Mutilation" is way up there. It doesn't affect…I don't think it affects 2% of the population. Of the world population.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What are you…what are you grinning about?!

Dick: I'm wondering where you're going!!

Maddox: Okay. So there's another article I read. It's from the Daily Beast. It says, "What Science Reveals About Pedophilia".

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Okay. This is kind of interesting. So I read this article on the Daily Beast. It says, "What Science Reveals About Pedophilia". That's the name of this article, right? "Legally, it only becomes a crime when acted upon." So that's…that's the definition of pedophilia. And there's this movement online by people who…

Dick: That's a pretty good definition for a crime. (grins) It's illegal when it occurs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: You're not a fan of thought crimes?

Dick: No, I'm not.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's one of my CRAZY libertarian principles that I keep getting called out on in the comments…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That a crime isn't a crime until it's committed.

Maddox: You're nuts, buddy.

Dick: I'm crazy. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay. So, in the US…now here's a real problem with the whole pedophilia thing. Okay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This is from the Daily Beast. They say, "In the US, laws that went into effect in the 1990's required that therapists and physicians report to Child Protective Services and other authorities that vary by state, anyone they believe poses a threat to a child. The legislation trumps patient-doctor confidentiality in these circumstances. Since reporting a potential pedophile results in legal action, the law has deterred many pedophiles from voluntarily seeking psychiatric help, which troubles some researchers, since the disorder can be easier to prevent than to treat."

Dick: Yeah. I did know that.

Maddox: Yeah. So…so. Pedophilia is wrong and it's bad and it's awful, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But this is suggesting that the laws that we have for patient-doctor confidentiality being abused…or, I guess not abused, but broken…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: When it comes to the case of pedophilia, it deters pedophiles from coming forward. What do you think about repealing those laws potentially?

Dick: Oh, absolutely! That talking to your therapist about something should not subject you to getting arrested and having the rest of your life ruined? Yeah. I don't think that should be a crime. (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think…I don't want to leave it up to, like, these people who are looking for help and struggling to express their feelings to their therapists. I don't want it to be in the hands of a therapist to sell them down the river for it.

Maddox: Yeah. Right.

Dick: Plus, if I was a pedophile, I wouldn't go to therapy, then. If that were the case.

Maddox: If you knew. Exactly. It deters people from going to get help. Um, so. This is something I keep finding over and over in the literature that I read. Pedophilia is considered a psychiatric disorder, not a moral failure. I was talking to a friend awhile back, who I said…I asked him…obviously, nobody is in favor of pedophilia, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But I said, "Should we demonize these people to the extent that we are?" because you wouldn't say, like…an autistic person who committed a crime or did something inappropriate. Like…that book and movie, "Of Mice and Men", basically, Lenny, George's brother in the movie, he's a little bit slow. He has some learning development issues, or something like that, and near the end of the movie, he…

Dick: I thought he was full-on retarded.

Maddox: Well, he may have been. And yeah, that's the correct term we like to use. (laughs) (Dick cracks up) And near the end of the movie…(laughing) Near the end of the movie, he accidentally kills someone. And the punishment he got…they hunted him down and…

Dick: (interjects) Kill him! Yeah.

Maddox: Wanted to kill him, right? Is that just.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay. Well, I guess that's the end of this debate. (Dick cackles)

Dick: What do you want 'em to do?

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " You dumb shit!")

Dick: Sit him down and talk to him about it??! (laughing) Lenny from…

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " You are a jackass!!")

Dick: Lenny from "Of Mice and Men".

Maddox: Well, Dick…

Dick: That's a very specific example.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he just murdered someone.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And this is like the Dust Bowl, wasn't it? Like…(grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You don't have a lot of…we don't have Obamacare yet. Yeah, we gotta kill that guy.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: We don't have the resources to handle a 300-pound retarded guy in the middle of Iowa.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah. Right.

Dick: Get rid of him.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: But that's not us anymore.

Maddox: Great solution.

Dick: That's what you're saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a solution for the time!

Maddox: Sure. (scoffs) Sure, Dick. Great solution. Great solution for the time. There was no other remedy they could have done. They couldn't have locked him up or anything. They just had to shoot him point blank.

Dick: Locked him up?! Then you gotta get a jailer there…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You gotta do a whole bunch of…you gotta go through a trial.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah, well. You know what, they should have just put him in a choke hold, huh? Um…(laughs) very timely. According to Fred Berlin, a psychiatrist and director for the Sexual Behavior Unit at Johns Hopkins. "We don't know why we experience the sexual desires that we do. For so long we've looked at this as if it's simply a moral issue. People are supposed to have certain attractions. And often, society said if you experience a different kind of sexual temptation or feelings, you're not as morally worthy a person." He said that, "It's not someone's fault that they have the condition, but it is their responsibility to do something about it. Telling me that someone has pedophilia is like someone saying

about me that I'm a heterosexual. It doesn't tell you whether I'm kind, cruel, introverted, or extroverted, caring or not caring, intelligent or not intelligent."

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Well, what's your opinion on this?

Maddox: Well, it's a tricky one, man. I think that…first of all, just the amount of intense hatred people have towards pedophiles, and myself included, it's a disgusting, heinous act.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And…but, I think if we stop trying to say it's a moral failing, like what this professor's suggesting, and saying that it is a psychiatric disorder and we look at it in terms of somebody who is clinically ill, and they need treatment, then maybe we can start to solve this problem, because by deterring people from coming forward and trying to get help…it's not solving anything.

Dick: It's not a good idea. No. Um, you know what's interesting? When you said you were bringing this in, I looked into it a little bit, because I always thought that pedophiles came from, like Red Dragon, Hannibal Lecter kind of events? Where they were like, a boy as a kid, and their mom dressed them up as a girl until they were like, eight years old, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Or they were molested themselves. But then I found all this BRAIN evidence, that's like, well, getting molested as a kid doesn't make you left-handed.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Well, we don't know. (laughs)

Dick: I would be willing to bet that it doesn't. (grins)

Maddox: (laughing) You come in, your penmanship's really bad the next day. "Oh, gotta send him down to the counsellor."

Dick: Oh! Arrest his parents!

Maddox: Arrest his parents, there we go. (laughing)

Dick: No tolerance.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then the white matter thing. The white matter thing was especially interesting to me, because it means the areas of your brain can't communicate with one another.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So…impulses you have in one compartment of your brain get sent to the other ones and they get all garbled up and lost in transmission. So it's like, "Okay, well, if that's the

problem, you know what else I found!! These weird communities online where pedophiles were like supporting each other not being pedophiles!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause…if you imagine it like…and every document I've read was tripping over themselves to not call it a sexual orientation, 'cause they didn't want to offend gay people…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Which is, like…okay, whatever. So it's not a sexual orientation. It's just a way that your sexuality is oriented. Right?

Maddox: (laughs) Okay. There we go.

Dick: So that's what we'll call it. That's what we'll call it.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's what we'll call what it is. It's, like…I imagine, like, what if being heterosexual, was like a horrible and heinous thing, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Could I not do that forever with support? Maybe.

Maddox: Stop being a heterosexual?

Dick: Yeah. And just not have sex ever? Like, not gratify any of my sexual urges with, like, a person? You know? If it was the same thing. Like, you know. Mapping being a regular dude to being a pedophile.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, what if it's in your brain and it's unfixable?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can…could I go through life like that with support? That's my question. 'Cause that's what we're looking at.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If all this brain shit is real, that's what we're looking at.

Maddox: I can't give you an educated answer about that. That's something that you really have to think about. Because imagine if you had this urge or impulse your entire life and you're simply told that cognitively, it's wrong and you need to fix it and you need to just simply not do it. I don't think that's the solution so much as actually solving the problem. Because if you just simple deny the impulses…because I'm also familiar with this group of pedophiles who have come forward who said they are non-offending pedophiles, but they are attracted to children.

Dick: What do you do?

Maddox: One of em is a 17-year-old kid. And he's trying to reach out to help. And people are still demonizing this guy. I'm like, "Guys, you need to chill out a little bit and just at least talk to him and figure out…try to find a solution. This guy's saying 'Hey, I need help.'" Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Before I do anything wrong. I dunno, man. I don't know what the solution is.

Dick: Well, it's a hell of a problem, Maddox.

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah, it is! I got a little bit more. Judith Becker, a psychiatrist and professor at the University of Arizona. This is again from the Daily Beast. She conducted cognitive behavioral therapy for some of these pedophiles, right? Trying to solve the problem. She found that "…some pedophiles say that in their involvement with children, they've actually regarded themselves as being of the same age as their victims." It's kind of interesting. "During these encounters, Becker said, it's as if they slipped back into a much earlier phase in their own development, or perhaps never graduated beyond that in the first place. Becker also points out that many pedophiles do not operate with cold clarity about the ethics of what they're doing. Instead, they weave a cognitive distortion that absolves them of guilt or responsibility. They say things like, "Well the child didn't say no." or "It happened to me, therefore it's okay." Or "I love the child." They actually think that they're in love with the child.

Dick: (sighs) Oh, yeah. That…now, we got a Lenny situation happening.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That…that can't be fixed or dealt with.

Maddox: If they do actually think that they're a child?

Dick: If they're starting to justify it…ugh ugh ugh ugh ugh. (groans) Exeroonie.

Maddox: But it is a cognitive bias. It's a cognitive distortion that they're doing.

Dick: Clearly.

Maddox: Yeah. Lenny didn't do that in the movie. Lenny was just a…he was like a dumb dog. He didn't know anything.

Dick: Didn't he say..wasn't his excuse that he was just, like, petting her?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Petting that woman?

Maddox: Yeah, he was petting her.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And he broke her.

Dick: He broke her.

Maddox: (giggles) He broke her. He had a childlike mind and he didn't understand his own strength and he killed the woman at the end of the movie. Anyway, Dick, that's my problem. Pedophiles. Big problem.

Dick: (exhales) Once again, this episode is…(laughs) brought to you by http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest (Maddox laughs) Go to...unbelievable. Unbelievable that this is your fucking problem for this week. (Maddox still laughing) And no solution! Not even close to a solution!

Maddox: Dick, that's not the show.

Sean: I'm sure Audible really appreciates it.

Dick: Yeah! For some reason every time they sponsor an episode, we have this big catastrophe clusterfuck of a disgusting problem…wasn't "Female Genital Mutilation" the last one they sponsored?! (yelling)

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: Jesus Christ, Maddox! You really hate ads.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " I love you, Maddox.")

Maddox: There we go. At least some people love me.

Dick: Okay. Uh…believe it or not, I have an even more horrific problem this week.

Maddox: (giggles) Than pedophiles?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: "Goofy Lightsabers" (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: (laughing) Okay, Dick.

(Sound effect: Booooooooooooo!!)

Dick: Goofy lightsabers, you guys.

Maddox: Goofy lightsabers. (grinning)

Dick: Yeah. 2% of people are pedophiles? How many people…what percentage of people saw this new Star Wars trailer? Probably more than 2%.

Maddox: Well, yeah.

Dick: It affects more people.

Maddox: Yeah…okay. (annoyed) Okay, Dick. I want you guys to consider now, when you're voting…(Dick and Sean crack up)

Dick: (yells) How is this not a competition all of a sudden!?!? It's all about voting for you!

Maddox: (laughing) No, no, no. We want to find the biggest problem in the universe. Now, do goofy lightsabers molest children? Think about that.

Dick: Goofy lightsabers are fixable, though. Pedophiles are not fixable.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So are they even a problem? It's just a fact. Is it even a problem?

Maddox: Yes, it's definitely a problem, Dick. If it can't be fixed, it's even more of a problem! If goofy lightsabers can be fixed with a little bit of CG or a…maybe not watching the movie.

Dick: More CG is not the answer, my friend.

Sean: Less.

Dick: More CG is never the answer.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So, Sean, did you even see the new Star Wars trailer? Something tells me you didn't.

Sean: I did not.

Dick: Oh, goddamnit.

Maddox: Surprise.

Dick: Okay. Let me walk you through it. Lemme walk you through…'cause the first movies were dogshit, right? The first movies were made by George Lucas and they were dogshit. The prequels. And it pissed everyone off. Me included. 'Cause I kinda like Star Wars. Do you like Star Wars?

Maddox: I like the originals, yeah.

Dick: I like the originals too. I liked all of them. Even the Ewoks one.

Maddox: Yeah. The Ewoks one…the extended special Ewok spinoff that they did, with Wicket?

Dick: I didn't even see that.

Maddox: Oh, it's pretty stupid, but I still liked it. The monsters in it were cool and I liked the practical effects.

Dick: Yeah. But then, the prequels ruined everything.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? By, um…well, I'll get to that. So…everyone's pissed off about that. Lucas sells Star Wars and J. J. Abrams picks up the new one, right? Pretty cool, right? Maybe we'll get back to the basic, right Sean? Maybe we'll have, like, a fantasy space adventure again. You know? Like we want. Like we deserve. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, we do deserve it. We're getting…we're getting the…(pauses) I was gonna make a Batman reference. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Like the Dark Knight? These are the Star Wars movies we deserve.

Maddox: Yeah…there's no…

Dick: (interjects) Not that we NEED, that we deserve.

Maddox: That we deserve.

Dick: That we deserve. Okay. So the new trailer comes out. Uh, first scene. A black dude in a Stormtrooper outfit, right?

Maddox: Which was really controversial for some reason.

Dick: Yeah. (incredulous) I didn't get that, either.

Maddox: Why? I didn't even bother reading any of these articles. Because as soon as I read the word 'controversy' with regards to a stormtrooper who is black, I think, "Well, there's no controversy here. I'm not even gonna fucking dignify this bullshit article. This clickbait. By reading it."

Dick: Well, it was cool to me because I thought that it was a very clear statement that, "Look, hey, remember that stupid idea that all the stormtroopers were clones? Throw that out the window, 'cause here's a stormtrooper who's black."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, awesome! I couldn't be more on board with this statement artistically.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: I don't care, honestly, what the stormtrooper could have been.

Dick: Okay. (Maddox giggles) Then we got a stupid, rolling robot guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like R2D2, except he's a ball.

Maddox: Like on a soccer ball.

Dick: Yeah. (sighs) Like, okay. Alright. I'll let that one slide.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Looks kinda cool, whatever. He's rolling around.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Then you've got some kind of, like, stupid Jurassic Park thing where all these stormtroopers are all freaked out that they're about to make this landing. Remember that part?

Maddox: Ye…no.

Dick: Doesn't matter! It's suspenseful.

Maddox: Okay. (giggling)

Dick: Suspenseful.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles again)

Dick: That's what the prequels didn't have! Any suspense, right?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's just people sitting around in front of green screens talking to each other!! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Suspense.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Now I'm even more on board. (sexy voice)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Then we got a hot chick on a weird, stupid floating motorcycle. Okay, whatever. At least she's…that's kinda cool.

Maddox: Whatever.

Dick: Whatever, man.

Maddox: Whatever, man.

Dick: Not offensive. Not offensive.

Maddox: Put a hot chick on anything.

Dick: BOOM! X-Wings going over water. (impressed) Whoooooooooa, cool! Right? Far out!

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: I'm ready to buy, right?

Maddox: (giggles) Okay, Dick.

Dick: Then this dude comes out in front of an evil forest, right? (Maddox giggles) This dude in a black cloak comes out (grinning) and then the music gets all evil, right? (quiet voice) He pulls out his hand. His lightsaber goes off. PPPSHEW! And then…more lightsaber sounds happen, and two stupid little prongs…(Maddox giggles) shoot out from the side of his lightsaber like a fucking claymore! Like a sword. (Maddox still laughing) Like a sword. A regular red lightsaber shoots out and then two, retarded, gimpy little cock-sized light…mini lightsabers shoot out from the side to make it look like a medieval sword! (yells)

(Sound clip: "Well that's unfortunate.")

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox laughs) And I go, "What in the fuck is this?!" I pause it and go…"What is…what are you doing? What the fuck are you doing?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did this need to be fucked with?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did the cool…did the thing that was the cool lightsaber need to be fucked with?

Maddox: Yeah, man.

Dick: Do you need to put a spoiler on the Millenium Falcon? (Sean guffaws)

Maddox: Might as well at this point.

Dick: Is it like…(stammers)…wha…

Maddox: Put some stripes on that thing.

Dick: (yelling) Why!?!? Why?!? That was the whole point…what, Sean?

Sean: Persian racing rims?

Dick: Ca…you shut your fucking mouth, Sean! (Sean and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: Sean and his whore mouth! Uh, so here's the thing, Dick. Stephen Colbert did a piece on this, too. Did you see his video? Where he talks about this?

Dick: No.

Maddox: So he's kind of like a big nerd, and he's talking about how…he said that those little side lightsabers could have a practical purpose.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: By deflecting…umm…you know.

Dick: Okay. Keep going.

Maddox: Attacks from your hand, right? But then people pointed out how there's a little black ring where it comes out from, like, this little cross.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they said they could slice right through that little cross and the lightsaber wouldn't come through.

Dick: And this is where it gets ruined for me. This is the whole point of why Star Wars got ruined. Because it gets nitpicked and explained by fucking nerds as though it's a practical thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You wanna know how the Force worked? It's fucking magic! That's it. It's magic! 'Cause it's a fantasy, fun adventure!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nobody asked how Harry Potter's wand works. It's magic!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How does the warp drive work? It's magic. Shut up. How fast is the Death Star? The Death Star is as fast as it needs to be for the movie to be suspenseful, you fucking retard! It's magic. That's how it works.

Maddox: Yeah. Nobody asks how Dumbledore casts his spells in Hogwarts. Nobody asks how Snape goes to Voldemort. Nobody cares!

Dick: No one cares.

Maddox: No one cares.

Dick: But for this shit, they do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they ruin it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And Stephen Colbert's leading the charge. "Oh, well, actually, it could be this." Uhhhh, like dude, just shut up. Just take them off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was cool! It was fine.

Maddox: You know what I like about this, Dick? I like so much. And I love…I love pissing off these little fucking nitpicky nerds.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I love pointing out little things and saying things wrong and having little discrepancies in there.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Like I just did a few minutes ago. 'Cause I know all these people's skins are crawling…(Dick laughs) And they're RUSHING to Twitter, "Hey Maddox, you fuck… (stammers) Dumbledore's in the Lord of The Rings!!! Bla blab la bla!" Shut up. Who cares? Fuck off with your fantasy shit. It's fantasy shit! I can make anything up if I want and I can…look, it's completely arbitrary. You're nitpicking an arbitrary universe! No one cares about this shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why don't you worry about shit that fucking matters? If you spent this much time and energy…I guarantee none of these people have spent this much time thinking about pedophiles this week.

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, so there you go. Mine's a bigger problem.

Maddox: Shame on you, listener!

Dick: Because it's wasting more time. (laughs)

Sean: Maybe we should tell them that, you know, the possibility is that their Girl Scout cookie distribution could be in danger.

Dick: Because of what?

Sean: Pedophilia. I mean, you know…

Dick: Why?

Sean: Because the girls go out and sell cookies and stuff, and if there's pedophiles out there, then they may not go out and sell cookies, so I'm just talking, you know, audience specific.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. We got an audience of big Girl Scout cookie eaters.

Sean: That'll get them thinking about pedophiles.

Dick: Well, Sean, I don't wanna shit on your problem, but uhh…(Maddox laughs) you can buy Girl Scout cookies online now, I dunno if you knew about that…

Sean: Fuck, I just found that out, yep. Forget it. Erase the last 25 seconds.

Maddox: I think that if you buy them online, they should have a webcam of the little girl packing the cookies. (Dick laughs) I don't want it…

Dick: (interjects) Alright! That's the most pedophile thing I've ever heard!

Maddox: (laughing) No, just…they're not Girl Scout…(stammers)

Dick: (interjects) Do you know any pedophiles? 'Cause you were mentioning on, like, a very early episode that you met a…that you knew a real weirdo.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You remember that? Yeah.

Maddox: Wait, what specifically are you talking about?

Dick: I dunno. You were saying that there was a real wei…when I was talking about priests, you were saying that you knew, like, a real weird guy as a kid that might have been a pedophile.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah. Definitely. Yeah. That dude I'm pretty sure was a pedophile. Uh, he had some really weird shit going on. He always liked to hang around kids. But he was also exactly this profile. This guy was even a little bit slow. And actually, I wrote this article a long time ago called "How to Spot a Pedophile".

Dick: I remember that.

Maddox: Yeah. And it was about this thing that I noticed about pedophiles and that they have something that I call a "pedo smile".

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I coined that term. And…

Dick: I'm sorry, what? You coined the term "pedo smile"?

Maddox: I did, yes. Pedo smile.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: I coined that term.

Dick: I would love it if someone could verify or not verify that.

Maddox: Uh, go ahead, Dick. 'Cause I actually have evidence. I was cited in a scientific article. So, then, someone was actually looking into this. He said, "Well is there a visual approximation you could look at somebody and just tell that they have…that they might be a pedophile."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they said that there's something to a pedophile's smile that is kind of almost childlike and innocent and they try to lure in children. They try to induce them. So they actually looked into this theory. So, I was cited in this. So go ahead. Go ahead, Dick. Go ahead, everyone. I coined that term.

Dick: I'm genuinely curious.

Maddox: Yeah. So, anyway. Back to your lightsabers. Big problem. Goofy lightsabers.

Dick: Yeah. Look, I'm just…I'm so sick…it's ruined the whole thing for me.

Maddox: Yeah. You guys are ruining Star Wars.

Dick: We didn't need it. And there's all these theories now, like "Oh, you know what, it's actually…they're exhaust ports for the lightsaber."

Maddox: Mmmyeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Like, what is this, a Mustang? (Maddox laughs) Like, you need fuckin' exhaust ports? It's a laser sword. It's a fucking laser sword!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It doesn't need any other things on it!

Maddox: No. And if they can arbitrarily adjust the length of these lightsabers, why don't they just make em really, really long, and just, you know…like lasers? Why don't they just make them lasers? Why don't they just make lightsaber grenades where you just, like, throw plasma at them?

Dick: Like a gun.

Maddox: Yeah, like a gun.

Dick: Like, shooting lasers like a gun.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Dick: Because it is a fantasy knight adventure in space. So they have to have swords. It doesn't fuckin' matter. The practicality of it doesn't matter. They're knights with swords! That's what they're doing!

Maddox: I love this so much. That it's bothered so many fucking nerds.

Dick: It bothers me a lot! (yells) And I don't even consider myself a nerd! Like, I don't want it to be explained! I just like the…I like the movie. It's fun!

Maddox: (gasps) You're one of them! You're one of these nerds it's bothering! Dick!

Dick: I guess I am. I don't know.

Maddox: Ohhhh. You just gave me some ammo, buddy. I'm gonna wind you up.

Dick: The…it's like…

Maddox: I like that lightsaber.

Dick: It's the whole thing. (Maddox and Sean giggle) You got your knights. Your authority is delivered onto you by God, the Force, the knights were all about God, and like, God values, and Christianity and shit…and they put it right on the Jedi knights, too. We got these laser swords, 'cause we have to.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, I was thinking…

Dick: (interjects) And we believe in God. (Maddox laughs) And he gives us divine POWER! To choke people, or shoot lightning, or whatever! (yells) That's it! It's not a bacteria!

Maddox: Yeah. You know, Dick. You're…(stammers) the lightsaber thing is a very specific. A saber is a very specific type of sword and I don't think it's actually a saber. It looks more like a straight sword or a broadsword. Um, the lightsaber, though. If you change the word 'saber' to anything else, say, "light nunchuks", that's stupid.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, light…what? Light sais. That's stupid.

Dick: What do you mean? Light…what did you say?

Maddox: Light katanas. Light sais. You know, sais, like Raphael's?

Dick: 'Lightsaber' sounds cool.

Maddox: Yeah, 'saber' sounds cool. That's why they use it. But if it was light nunchuks, it would be stupid as shit. No one would watch that movie.

Dick: Well, get ready. 'Cause I'm sure they're on their way.

Maddox: I hope. I think that'd be awesome, Dick. I can't wait for light nunchuks.

Dick: Oh, fuck you. (angry)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just…you know what we should do? Just give James Bond, like, a machine gun. All the time. Instead of that cool little piece? That Walter PPK he carries around?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, do you guys not understand how iconic it is just to have the normal thing? Leave it alone.

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno man. I think they should add more swords. More hilts. More everything. They should have the lightsabers come out everywhere. Every different port. They should come out backwards, too.

Dick: Yeah. It should look like a menorah.

Maddox: Yeaaaaah!!

Dick: The lightsaber'll just be, like, "Wow, that guy's pretty badass. He's got a…he's Hanukkah man."

Maddox: There we go. Yeah, man!

Dick: With his menorah lightsaber.

Maddox: Blue and white? That'd be fucking cool as shit!

Dick: Stupid.

Maddox: Be big in Israel!

Dick: Alright. Uh, I'm done with that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm done talking about it. Today's show is brought to you by Audible. Please visit http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest for you free audio book download. Maddox, do you know about Audible?

Maddox: I do.

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Maddox: Right.

Dick: Have you checked out Audible? I know I said I would bring in that erotic lactation story…clips from it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That you can listen to on audible.com. But I didn't have time. I'll bring it in next time.

Maddox: Yeah, you read that book, though, right? You read the erotic lactation story?

Dick: No, I listened to it. Audibly. Like, at Audible.

Maddox: Oh, you listened to it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And it's something you can do while you're driving. If you want to listen to something erotic while you're driving.

Dick: You can also listen to other stuff. I found some other…I found some good books on there that I'd like to listen to.

Maddox: Yeah, like what?

Dick: I think they're good for both of us. "The Skeptic's Guide to American History".

Maddox: Oh, that's good. Who wrote that?

Dick: I don't know. I didn't write that down.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Uhh…actually, that might be more a "me" book. Skeptic's guide?

Maddox: No, I'm a skeptic, Dick. I like James Randi. web.randi.org

Dick: Okay. "A Short History of Nearly Everything". That might be me, too. 'Cause I like history.

Maddox: That's you, man.

Sean: That's a great book!

Dick: It is?!

Sean: Yeah. Super entertaining.

Dick: Ohh. (surprised)

Sean: It's, uhh…Bill Bryson. Right?

Dick: Uhhh, yeah.

Sean: The travel writer. Yeah, it's fucking fascinating.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sean: Everybody should listen to that and read it. There's some stuff that'll blow your mind in there.

Maddox: I was prepared to say some shitty, snarky comment, but I think you actually sold me on that, Sean. That does sound interesting.

Dick: Yeah. Good thing you're here, Sean. Here's one that I think you would really like, Maddox. "Overcoming Premature Ejaculation with Hypnosis". (Maddox and Sean crack up) So you can listen to that on Audible.

Maddox: Yeah. I would like…

Sean: You hypnotize the girl.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: I don't know, Sean. I haven't listened to it yet.

Maddox: Yeah. I was thinking immediately in the term of the hypnotist. I have to hypnotize the girl to overcoming premature ejaculation. (laughs)

Dick: Hey, I got another voice mail for you.

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey Maddox. Just listening to your new episode and you mentioned vinyl and CDs, and you're a fucking moron. (**Maddox:** Ohh.)**Um, for one. All the CDs you listen to get converted to analog anyways, and if you've looked at the waveforms,**(Maddox giggles) **vinyl's waveforms, since they originate from analog** (Maddox scoffs)**and they weren't converted to digital, they're more curved and less like a line graph.** (Maddox scoffs again, says "Molecules.") (**Dick:** Yeah.) **(continues talking, but hosts talk over him)**

Maddox: And alloys.

Dick: Alloys that your primitive mind can't understand, Maddox!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There you go. What do you think about that?

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " This guy is stupid!!")

Maddox: You moron! You know, I'll tell you what I think about that, Dick. It leads me to my next problem. "Audiophiles"!!!! (Dick and Sean laugh) Yeah. Audiophiles. The two philes. The two biggest philes. The two biggest problems in the universe I brought in the same episode, guys! It's gonna be neck and neck! (Dick laughs) You know, the main problem with audiophiles is that they molest children. Did you know that? (Sean laughs)

Dick: Great. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Oh. I seem to have written that down for both. (Dick cracks up) No, but this guy's an idiot. This guy's an idiot.

Dick: Yeah, but did you get his point about looking at the waveform?

Maddox: Yes. (Dick and Maddox laugh) Oh, I got it, Dick. I got his point, alright. So, here's the thing. The problem with audiophiles. So this guy was saying CDs and vinyl, right? He's a vinyl acolyte and he's a vinyl advocate.

Dick: I guess so, yeah.

Maddox: Um, yeah. A vinyl moron. Between every beat of song. So here's why I think that CDs are better than vinyl. So, between every beat of a song.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: There's silence.

Dick: That's what you're going with first?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: CDs are better than vinyl.

Maddox: CDs are better than vinyl.

Dick: Okay. Go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: Because in between every beat of a song, there is silence, right?

Dick: Um, I don't understand what you mean by that. Between every beat. Usually, there's a wall of sound in a song.

Maddox: Well, there is a wall of sound, but there's the downbeat. Gener…like, if it's a song that doesn't have a wall of sound, if it's not orchestral or whatever, but in between beats…like, it's the silence. It's the contrast between sound and not sound, or low and high parts of a sound that make it what it is. That make it music.

Dick: Dynamics? The dynamics of a song?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, the dynamics of the song, right?

Dick: I'll give you that.

Maddox: Vinyl is supposedly more accurate, but every tiny speck, dust, warp, or damage to the disc can be heard as noise or static. During the quiet spots in songs, you can hear the noise. You know what you hear during the quiet spots during a digital recording? Quiet. No grains. No specks. No dust. And no ghost of an archaic needle being dragged across pits and grooves of vinyl! (excited) Here's what they should do with vinyl. They should be collected, restored, remastered, and then promptly buried, along with fax machines and ET cartridges in the New Mexico desert, baby!!

Dick: Okay. (laughs)

Maddox: They may be fun to collect, but musically, they're worthless.

Dick: So you're saying musically, vinyl's worthless?

Maddox: Yeah. It's worthless.

Dick: Can I respond to some of those points?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Before they get lost?

Maddox: What do you got?

Dick: So, first of all. What the fuck are you listening to that has quiet spots all over it?

Maddox: Oh, I…thanks for asking, Dick. I got an example.

(Sound clip: Pantera's "Walk")

Dick: Pantera?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Awesome.

Maddox: Pretty badass.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Lot of quiet spots in this song.

Dick: Yeah, but small pieces of static in those quiet parts are not gonna distract you from the song.

Maddox: It's distortion, Dick. If I can choose not to have it, why would I choose otherwise?

Dick: Okay. (stammers) You kinda sound like an audiophile right there. Saying that the distortion is significantly impacting your listening experience, first of all. However, the thing you're missing about vinyl is it's not the…the imperfections of vinyl are not a detriment to it. In fact, the fallible process of recording ON vinyl is what gives it that warmth.

Maddox: Yeah. Everybody says that, Dick. They call that scratchy, grainy noise warmth.

Dick: It's even beyond that. Like, recording bass to a vinyl is so problematic to do that it introduces specific distortion that doesn't happen on CDs. I mean, keep in mind, this is not…this is not about perfectly replicating what was recorded. It's about creating a listening experience.

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah. (giggles) You fucking hippy. So…that's what they all say. That's what all the vinyl acolytes say.

Dick: That's true! That's absolutely true.

Maddox: No.

Dick: That recording music is not about recording what you hear in the room, it's about recording something so that when it's played back, it's an accurate music experience.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical) Yeah, and it's not with vinyl. It's something completely different than what went into the system. Like, NPR, Science Friday, great show.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They did an episode called "Why Vinyl Sounds Better Than CD or Not".

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And here's somebody who prefers vinyl. Listen to this woman. Listen to what she sounds like.

(Sound clip: Woman: "I prefer uh…vinyl…listening to music is an experience and the full experience includes putting on the record (Maddox scoffs, imitates her in the background)**, moving over the needle, and sitting back and rocking out.")**

Dick: Rockin' out, man. (grinning)

Maddox: Rockin' out, man. (hippy voice) You know, did she sound like anyone that we've had on this episode…on this show before?

Dick: Me?

Maddox: Yeah, you. On that KXLY interview. Listen to this. Here's that lady…the Ebola alarmist from KXLY.

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Listen to how similar they sound.

(Sound clip: Ebola lady: "Well, that doesn't mean that they couldn't get it. That it could come up here." (Maddox whines, imitates her, says "Vinyl, waaaaaah, you just groove out, man."**)**

Dick: They don't have the same commanding audio presence that you do. I see what you're saying. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Alright, Dick. So…

Dick: But you don't agree with her?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Just listen to what she's saying. Putting the needle on. The whole, like, ritual.

Maddox: It's a ritual, yeah.

Dick: Is important to her. Is important to the experience for her.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that, to you, is worthless.

Maddox: And yet, you have a problem with priests and people who go to church.

Dick: (scoffs) Well.

Maddox: For ritual, Dick.

Dick: I actually don't. I mean, I'm one of those atheists that doesn't have a problem with church.

Maddox: Oh, good.

Dick: Like, people go for…to center themselves or try to gin up some hopeful thoughts for the week? It doesn't bother me.

Maddox: Well, Dick…(exasperated sigh) back to audiophiles and why they're a big problem. There's a guy named Sean Olive. He's the director of Acoustic Research at Harmon International. Kay? And there's another guy, his name's Scott Metcalf. He's the Director of Recording Arts and Sciences at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University. So they asked Scott which one he prefers, CDs or vinyl. Here's what Scott says.

(Sound clip: Interviewer: "Vinyl or CD?" Scott: "(laughs) Um, I enjoy both formats, but my preference is definitely CD.")

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: He prefers CD. I wonder why? Here's what his explanation is. (Dick laughs)

(Sound clip: Scott: "Well, I think it has a lot to do with the fact that I'm primarily a recording engineer (**Maddox:** A recording engineer.) **as far as working with music, and um, it's the closer thing to what I'm sending in to the recorder, is very much what I'm getting back out.")**

Maddox: Yeah, Sean, you were nodding. (stammers) As our audio engineer, what's your input on this?

Sean: Well, that's one of the misconceptions is saying…(Dick cackles maniacally) No, no, no. That people…well, I'll say it this way. It is true that digital recording captures what it's more like on input end of the console. But, the thing is, is things like drums and bass and vocals going to tape, it's a colored sound.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And we're talking…forget about the end product. Forget about whether it goes to CD or vinyl. Just either tracking to, you know, 2-inch analog tape, if you can really find it anymore, or digitally into Pro Tools or what have you, we seem to like what tape does to the sound.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Humans, you mean?

Sean: Yeah. Well, yeah. We do. You know, for whatever…you can argue the reasons, you know, forever. But we seem to like it. But it is not as accurate as digital recording is nowadays.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: I got two questions for you, Maddox.

Maddox: Thank you, Sean.

Dick: Number one, how come you didn't make fun of that guy's voice?

Maddox: What, the guy who talked?

Dick: Yeah. The engineer.

Maddox: Yeah, it was pretty stupid.

Dick: He sounded just as stupid as those other two.

Maddox: Oh, the engineer?!!? No he didn't. He sounded smart as shit! (yells)

Dick: Play his voice again. Blablabla, uh, hi! (Nerdy whiny voice)

Maddox: Okay, right. Here.

Dick: Hi, I'm Alvin the Chipmunks, the audio engineer.

Maddox: Yeah, listen to this. (grins)

(Sound clip: Scott: "Well, I think it has a lot to do with the fact that I'm primarily a recording engineer (**Maddox:** A little Kermitty. (Dick laughs) A little Kermitty. **Dick:** Okay. Shut it off. (laughing) **as far as working with music, and um, it's the closer thing to what I'm sending in to the recorder, is very much what I'm getting back out.")**

Dick: Number two.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Speaking of accurate representation.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: What's better? A story told as accurately as possible…(Maddox chuckles) Or one that got a little staticky in the transmission? You tell me.

Maddox: Well, Dick, it really depends. If you want…if it's in the court of law, you want it as accurate as possible, but if you're embellishing, say, I don't know, about throwing oranges or something…(laughs)

Dick: That wasn't embellished at all. (Sean and Maddox laugh) That was not embellished at all.

Maddox: Well, it was a very rich tapestry we painted.

Dick: So, you like listening to your music in a court of law.

Maddox: Well, hold on. Hold on.

Dick: You would say.

Maddox: Well, sure. (Dick laughs) I mean, look. Look, Dick.

Dick: Put on the Barry White, ladies and gentlemen. (grins)

Maddox: Look, I want a consistent recording. If they want to add that warmth. If they think that warmth is good for the record, they can add it before when they're recording it. They can make it sound that way as they wanted to! (excited) You can add static noise. E-everybody (stammers) Every single MP3 out there, you can add static to it! Nobody does it, because nobody wants that "warmth"!!! (yells) And warmth is an arbitrary adjective people use. It can be…it can say coldness. It can say dirt. Dirt doesn't have a positive connotation. Warmth does. They don't call it what it is! It's dust, idiots! Call it dust! I like that "dusty" noise to my records. No, you're a moron! You're an idiot!

Dick: That's a totally different adjective that you MIGHT hear if you're recording or you're engineering a recording session.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Warmth is very specific and everybody agreed on it…BY THE WAY…all of music is arbitrary!!! (yelling) It's all just listening and having your emotions fucked with.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not about 1s and 0s. And…what, Sean?

Sean: Well, that's exactly what I wanted to say. Going back to it. You're supposed to be listening to the song. To the content. And however it's…whatever gets you there. All that shit is just tools. And the studio, if you've ever, you know, been in there and tracked things, you'll know…

Dick: (interjects) Sean, can you add "as I have" to everything you say?

Sean: Well, yeah. Well, okay. Well, look. It's a great emotion suck. Microphones are nothing compared to the human ear and brain, uh, you know…interpreting system. So, it's like…what you try to do is add back some of that human element that is lost. There's the whole school that says, "I want to capture, I want a documentation-type recording. I want a document." If you play that back for the band, they are going to be fucking appalled at how shitty and small they sound. You have got to help it along, be what it was always supposed to be!

Maddox: Well, it's interesting you mention that, Sean. 'Cause you also mentioned that…

Dick: (cackles) Smug asshole.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah. No, no…real good comment.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And also, you mentioned, 'cause you know, people prefer the recorded tape, you know, analog, that sort of thing.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: A study according to Florida State University. They took a bunch of CDs and high-quality cassette recordings. Right? They got the same exact recording, so you get a really high quality analog versus really high-quality digital comparison. Using identical microphones, they mixed them exactly the same, both digitally and analog using Dolby B. They tested 40 music majors while they switched back and forth to synced tracks. And almost all of them, right across the board, gave higher ratings to the digital presentation in bass, treble, and overall quality.

Dick: Like usual, this means…this study means absolutely nothing.

Maddox: (stammers) YOU mean absolutely nothing, Dick!!! (yelling) I just cited a study that researchers have done. It's in JSTOR. You can look at it. I'm gonna post it on our website!

Dick: It doesn't matter that the study exists. It's like you're saying two people made pies exactly the same. (Maddox groans, exasperated) You can't make a pie exactly the same. It's tooootallly different!

Maddox: Wrong! No, the preparation of the pie is different. We're talking about the recording. It's saying you baked a pie in one oven versus another oven. That's a more accurate example. If you have the same person bake two pies and put them in two different ovens, that's a more accurate example.

Dick: But this is what you're failing to take into account. So you've got all the microphones set up, right? You've got 'em going into an analog setup and you've got 'em going into a digital setup. If you're doing it right, you would set everything up differently for specifically what you're trying to record it on!

Maddox: Why would you, Dick?

Dick: (yells) Because it's art! Because the whole fuckin' thing is art! It's not computers, it's art! The same reason you hold a brush differently when you're trying to paint something that's exciting versus something that's stagnant. The same reason that Van Gogh is art and Picasso is art, and Rembrandt is art, even though they're WILDLY different styles! It's not meant to accurately reflect anything! It's not a court room reporting!

Maddox: Dick, nobody adds noise. All this bullshit, this art that you're saying? Nobody adds that to digital tracks. You could! You could add that…

Dick: You can't!

Sean: That's done all the time. People always…there's tape saturation plugins. There's thing…there's a shitty little free program called Isotope Vinyl that adds the dust and noise and mechanical wear of record players.

Maddox: Oh. Oh, so that happens?

Sean: Yeah, people…

Maddox: So you're saying we don't need vinyl?

Dick: You don't NEED vinyl, you jackass! You don't need any of it!

Maddox: So if you can choose whether or not you have that dust…with vinyl, you don't have a choice. It's fucking there. And by the way, it degrades every single time. The bass…the high…the dynamic ranges are way lower in vinyl.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The bass is scraped out, the treble is scraped out. It's a pain in the ass to master, according to audio engineers, that I've read, right?

Sean: Well, it is, because phase comes into it.

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: The needle will jump the groove if your record is not in phase. And that's kind of a lost art. People don't even check that shit so much anymore. I mean, good engineers do, but…

Dick: (interjects) It's part of the artistry of it.

Sean: You guys hear that sound, though?

Dick: No, what?

Sean: That's, like, 20,000 female members of the podcast clicking "stop". (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: No man, listen.

Dick: Don't generalize, Sean. That's sexist.

Sean: I know. I immediately regretted that.

Maddox: Oh Jesus, Sean. (Dick laughs) Dick saying that.

Dick: Angelo's mom will be all over you next, man.

Maddox: Yeah, Sean. Watch it. So listen. I hate the website, http://www.vox.com, but they had an article that said "Vinyl's great, but it's not better than CDs." So this is gonna be a real balanced article, of course.

Dick: Yeah, it is.

Maddox: No, but they said, "Vinyl pressing is not error free and the analog groove of a given record is not the precise replication of the audio wave recorded in the master." So, countering that dipshit who called in, right? "Not least due to extreme high and low frequency limitations. The way CDs work is by sampling audio waves at various points and stringing the samples together, so a common criticism…", and I think, Dick, you've made this point, "is that CDs and other digital formats are lossy, because no matter how dense the sample rate, you still lose some information." Well, that's what slow-thinking people who don't understand calculus think.

Dick: Hold on, slow down. Are you saying that…you're saying that CDs…read that last part again. Are you saying that some people say CDs are lossy?

Maddox: Yeah. They say that CDs and other digital formats are lossy, because no matter how dense the sample rate, you still lose some information.

Dick: No, I don't agree with that. I think that they capture it just fine. CDs?

Maddox: Oh, this is news to me, Dick!

Dick: No…(stammers) because, Maddox, here's some more news for you. Nobody uses fucking CDs anymore! Who gives a shit about CDs?

Maddox: Yeah, but the digital format. That's what I'm talking about.

Sean: Well, the digital…if you're using the CD as a standard digital format still, that's 16-bit, 44.1

Maddox: Kilohertz.

Sean: Kilohertz, which is 44,100 samples per second.

Maddox: Per second.

Sean: That's the sampling rate. But most music today is recorded at much higher sampling rates than that, and then when it's exported, it's downsampled to that.

Dick: MP3s…the bit rate of an MP3 is WAY less than a CD.

Sean: Well, yeah. It's about…well, it's…

Maddox: It depends. It doesn't have to be. But here's why it's irrelevant now. Because of something called the Nyquist-Shannon Theorem. Have you heard of this?

Dick: Yeah, I know what that is!

Maddox: Yeah. Lemme read it for the listeners who don't know. "The theorem states that intuitively, we expect that when one reduces a continuous function or waveform…" Right? That guy was talking about (dorky voice) "Look at the waveform, blabla Maddox, aaahhh!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "…to discrete samples and interpolates back to a continuous waveform, the fidelity of the result depends on the density or sample rate…" Sean, you were saying the 44.1 kilohertz…"…of the original samples." Right? So, if you have little gaps in between, they're saying that you lose data. "The Nyquist-Shannon Theorem introduces the concept of sample rate that is sufficient for perfect fidelity so no actual information is lost during the sampling process."

Dick: Yeah, on a CD. Who fucking cares.

Maddox: Math. It's math, idiots. No, MP3s!! Anything you want! You can choose the sampling rate!

Dick: Yeah, but that's not how the real world works. In the real world…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, tell me about the real world, Dick!

Dick: …people are listening to MP3s at 120 Kb/second and 256. And those are not as good. AND, audio engineers specifically can tell them apart.

Maddox: Dick, you can't argue on one hand…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, here's a study that I have backing that up!

Maddox: Oh, great. Let's hear it.

Dick: Academia at…I think it was McGill. "Audio engineers overwhelmingly were able to tell the difference between MP3s even at compression levels of up to 256 KB/sec, which is what iTunes is, by 60% to 80%."

Maddox: So, audio engineers enjoy music less? Is that what you're saying? And by the way, why is that noise…why is that distortion considered "less than" the distortion from vinyl?

Dick: 'Cause it's digital distortion. The vinyl distortion is specific to digital.

Maddox: You're just saying what it is. Dick, you're not answering the question! Why?

Dick: 'Cause people LIKE it!! (yells) People can identify it overwhelmingly.

Maddox: I like it, man. You know what? The sound effects we play on this episode…listen to this one. Listen to how much distortion there is in this. To me, it gives me a good feeling. A good, warm feeling. Listen to this.

(Sound clip: "Well that's unfortunate.")

Maddox: You hear that?

Dick: What, all that mic…that wind noise?

Maddox: The noise…yeah. I like the way that sounds. Even the buzzer noise. Listen to this.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: It sounds…it has that kind of, like, distorted noise to it.

Dick: What, the flangy shit at the end that sounds awful?

Maddox: Yeah. It's fun! It sounds awful? Everyone loves it!

Dick: Are you saying that vinyl distortion is just inherently negative? Are you saying that everybody who says they like the warmth of vinyl is deluded?

Maddox: I'm saying that people who say vinyl is superior to digital, analog is superior to digital, are misled and uneducated.

Dick: I'm saying you don't understand the ritual of having a vinyl…a physical thing. A physical representation of the emotion and the music that you're listening to is important to people. If you don't understand that, then there's no point in having the discussion. Having the object is important.

Maddox: Yeah, it's important to some people.

Sean: I just think that this isn't, like, an audiophile problem.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: I mean, maybe it…because, here's the thing…

Dick: (interjects) It's a vinylophile. No, it's a pedophile problem, apparently. (Maddox giggles)

Sean: No, the audiophiles that I know are the ones who spend, like, you know, 8000$ on cables.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: You know, and that kind of stuff, like it's…this sounds more like a vinyl versus digital reproduction, like a playback reproduction argument to me.

Maddox: Yeah. You know Sean, I started with that because of the voice mail; however, I did want to bring this in. This is from Gizmodo. An audiophile deathmatch between monster cables and a coat hanger.

Dick: Well, those…yeah. Monster cables are bullshit. You know that.

Maddox: Yeah, well of course. This is audiophile shit. Listen to this. "A poster at Audioholics was put in a room with five fellow audiophiles and a Martin Logan SL3 speaker set at 75 dB at 1000 Khz playing a mix of smooth, trio easy listening jazz that no one had heart before. In the corner, Monster 1000 speaker cables, in the other, four coat hangers twisted and soldered into speaker cable. After five tests, no one knew that the coat hanger was even used." (laughs)

Dick: Well, yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: When music played through the coat hanger wire, we were asked if what we heard sounded good to us. All people agreed that what was heard sounded excellent; however, when AB tests occurred, it was impossible to determine which sounded best the majority of the time and which wire was used."

Dick: Yeah, you got 'em.

Maddox: There you go. Audiophiles.

Dick: So how big of a fucking…so, monster cables is the problem here.

Maddox: Audiophiles is the problem. And audiophiles…these fall into the same category. Look, the ritual I understand, but it's all perception, Dick. They talked about this on the NPR episode. They said that you perceive it as being better because you go through that ritual, just like you do with expensive steak, or go into a place to get fancy wine, or if you go to Italy and sit down and have a nice Italian meal, you think it's better because you're in Italy, but sometimes the food is fucking worse, like in Greece. Most of the food kinda sucks in Greece. (laughs) But I've had way better Greek food here in the United States.

Dick: What is the fuckin' difference?

Maddox: Between what?

Dick: The whole experience is part of it.

Maddox: Well, no. You can have the experience, but you don't have to delude yourself. You don't have to lie to yourself!

Dick: Yeah. If you're gonna go with audiophile, you're talking about people like Fabio, who spent, like…he spent, like…more than a car on his sound system. Is that a well-known thing or do I only know that? He spent, like, hundreds of thousands of dollars on his audio system.

Maddox: The model?

Dick: Oh, yeah. The erotic book cover model.

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah, he was also on Wizards and Warriors 2, on the Nintendo Entertainment System. (Dick guffaws and cackles)

Sean: I think of him as that guy who got smacked in the face by a bird at Disneyland.

Dick: Yeah, that was great. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, that's the guy. That's the guy. So, he spent thousands…

Dick: (interjects) No, I remember what it was. He spent 800,000$ on his sound system.

Maddox: Yeah, he's probably not the brightest guy.

Dick: Uhh…you know.

Maddox: Probably he's never heard of the Nyquist-Shannon Theorem.

Dick: Also a multi-multi-millionaire. So what the fuck does he care? You know. (stammers) Is a Class A amplifier better than, like, an integrated circuit amplifier? I don't fuckin' know. Probably. There's probably amplifiers that perform better with speakers that they're attached to. I don't know. I don't really know. Actually, the room that you're listening to it in probably has more to do with your music experience than the speakers it's coming out of. I don't know if that's true, but just from being a musician, playing in different rooms has a major effect on how you sound.

Maddox: Dick, you sound like a hippie. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Sean: In my experience…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, wait…wait a minute, Sean. Fuck you, Maddox! Please continue. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: In my experience…(Maddox and Dick crack up) The order of importance, you know, when you're in the recording studio, the talent matters the most. If…you can have a guy with a mediocre guitar and he'll make that thing sound pretty damn good as opposed to, you know, a guy who has no control over his dynamics playing something bitchin', you know, the D28 or something like that. So it's…the room, after that, has a LOT to do with how things are sounding. This room is not optimal. I hear a little room in here sometimes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But it's pretty good.

Maddox: You know what, Sean? It's because of the talent. That's why this podcast sounds so good.

Sean: Hey, hey! (Maddox and Dick crack up) But ultimately, it's the content. You wouldn't want Exile on Main Street sounding like a Steely Dan record.

Dick: That's true. That's a great point.

Sean: It doesn't serve the…(stammers)

Dick: The fidelity of the recording affects the listening.

Sean: I agree with Dick in that it is art.

Maddox: Yeah, well, okay, great.

Sean: And that's…

Dick: (interjects) That's your worst fucking nightmare.

Sean: It's all subjective, and I think nowadays, people prefer digital for those reasons. They didn't grow up with analog tape hiss, let alone vinyl. Remember, you're going from analog tape, which has an inherent noise floor. Digital, there is no noise floor. It's silent until you, you know, put something…

Maddox: Yeah. Pretty cool. It's science. You're listening to science. (Dick laughs)

Sean: So, if you go…

Dick: (interjects) Does that get your horny, baby? (laughs) (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Look, it's the whole reason why, like, things like Dolby were invented. It was noise supporession software. (stammers) Er, a noise suppression system, not software.

Maddox: Pretty cool.

Sean: But it was, you know, back in the 60s, and it's still used. It's…

Maddox: Give that man a beer!

Dick: Well, my point with Fabio is…he's got money to blow on it. He's trying to enhance his listening experience.

Maddox: (scoffs) Oh, great.

Dick: Who the fuck cares? How is it a problem?

Maddox: It's a problem because they're pretentious and they feel that they are greater than. They make everyone else feel small and inferior and they LORD their fucking musical knowledge. "It's art, man. You don't understand, man." (hippie voice) (Dick cracks up) That's what they do! They're fuckin' snobs. They're pretentious dickheads.

Dick: Is that what I'm doing?! (grins)

Maddox: That's what you sound like. That was a direct quote. (Dick laughs) You play that back! You can't even tell who was talking during the episode.

Sean: Well, what do you…if it's not art, then what is it? I mean…we're listening to the song.

Dick: Yeah! No.

Maddox: I don't know, Sean.

(everyone talks over each other and are inaudible)

Maddox: What isn't art, then? Is programming art, huh? (Dick laughs) I took a shit. Is that art?

Dick: No, no. Those are both crafts. Programming and shitting are crafts. There's a difference between arts and crafts.

Maddox: I would say shitting is a crap. (laughs)

Dick: Shitting is a craft, because you can get better…

Maddox: No, crap. (laughs)

Dick: Oh, shitting is a crap. (laughs)

Maddox: Dick, what do you got? What's your next problem?

Dick: No, that's. I'm not…this has gone too long. I'm gonna save the other one. I'm just bringing in "Goofy Lightsabers" today.

Maddox: Oh, sweet. "Goofy Lightsabers". (Dick and Maddox crack up and keep laughing)

Dick: It's too long!

Maddox: Tune in next week, guys. (cracking up)

Dick: It's too long!

Sean: Let the remixes begin this week. (Maddox and Dick die of laughter)

Maddox: The Biggest Problem in the Universe…

Dick: (interjects) I just want to thank http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest for sponsoring this episode. Go to http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest for your free audio book download.

Maddox: Thank you, Dick. And my problems this week were "Pedophiles" and "Audiophiles".

Dick: And my problems are "Goofy Lightsabers". (trying not to laugh)

Maddox: (laughing) Don't forget to vote. Check out our sponsor. Thanks Audible. And, tune in next week. Lots more to come.

Dick: Thanks for listening. (grins)

(Closing riff)

Maddox: (funny voice) Dick. Dick. Dick. Dick. Dick. Dick. Dick. (Dick laughing)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 31

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, what's up buddy? How's it going? (grinning)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Dick: Sean!! Sean, our beloved audio engineer. (grinning)

Maddox: Boy, oh boy!

Dick: Where are we gonna start with you today?!

Maddox: What would we do without Sean?

Dick: (laughs) Um, lemme ask you something, Maddox. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It is true or false that it is now midnight on Monday. Is that a true thing that I have just said?

Maddox: Mm, yeah. That is true. That is a true statement.

Dick: It is midnight on a Monday. And we are recoding the podcast at midnight on a Monday. (Maddox giggles) Do you mind if I break from protocol and go straight into my first problem today?

Maddox: No, no. I'm sorry, Dick. Quick correction. It's Tuesday. (giggles) It is the day we're releasing the podcast.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: It is midnight on Tuesday.

Dick: It's midnight on Tuesday. Sean, that's true, right? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: This is true. (sounds irritated)

Dick: Alright. That's enough out of you for now. (Maddox cracks up) While I get to my first problem. I'm not…I don't want to…I don't care about last week now.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I just wanna get to my first problem. Is that alright with you?

Maddox: Okay. Sure. (grins)

Dick: I've had a rough night.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And what I'd like to be doing is out drinking.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: But I'm here recording the podcast.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (sighs) Yeah, it's…why are you recording the podcast here, now, Dick?

Dick: Oh, I'll get to that.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Lemme tell you what happened to me tonight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay? Tell me if this is entertaining to you at all.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Before I get to the problem.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Because I've had a really…rough night.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright? I was doing a sketch show tonight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: At the theater. Which I do from time to time.

Maddox: At the Upright Citizen's Brigade Theater in Los Angeles.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's an improv theater that you do shows at sometimes.

Dick: That I do shows at.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sketch is very simple. It's one we've done many times. Um, are you familiar with those Wild West stunt shows? Where, like, at Universal Studios…

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: A bunch of jackasses in costumes will come out and they'll, like, perform a stunt show to an audio track, right?

Maddox: Yeah. There might be, like a showdown and they'll shoot cap guns at each other.

Dick: Yeah. They got, like, a Miami Vice one of these at Universal Studios.

Maddox: It's a big, Western jerkoff. That's what it is.

Dick: Yeah. But, you know, it's for kids. So, the sketch we were doing involves something going horribly wrong in one of these shows, and someone actually gets shot.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: However, the track plays and continues with all these goofy things in the background and bedlam is breaking loose on the stage, right?

Maddox: Oh, so you're hearing all the sound effects while somebody's actually dying on stage. That's funny. Okay.

Dick: Right. And all, like, the corny stuff. Yeah, it's very funny.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Very smart stuff.

Maddox: Right, yeah. (scoffs a bit)

Dick: So, my job in this sketch is to be the medic. And I run out with a blood pack as the guy gets shot and I compress the wound and spray blood everywhere.

Maddox: Funny.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah. I'm getting to where the night started going wrong.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: Okay? So the guy who wrote it grabs me right before I go on and says, "Hey, I made a couple alterations to the blood pack." Okay?

Maddox: (scoffs) Alright.

Dick: "It's no longer a little tube that squirts out blood. It's now an entire Ziplock bag full of blood."

Maddox: (giggles) Okay.

Dick: "So just squeeze it to break it."

Maddox: Alright. So you gotta squeeze it pretty hard, right? Or not…

Dick: Have you ever tried to squeeze a Ziplock bag to break it?

Maddox: No. You try not to squeeze it, actually.

Dick: Yeah. They're made to be, like, indestructible.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So cut to my part on the stage where I squeeze this bag, and about a gallon of blood comes bursting out all over the place. Right? Like someone is having a live abortion on stage.

Maddox: Pretty cool, man. I'm getting a little turned on here. (giggles)

Dick: It's everywhere. It's everywhere! Like, head to toe. Soaked. Okay?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I go, "Shit." Run offstage. Somebody says, "Hey, go use this shower. Go use this janitor's closet." Right? There's a sink in the janitor's closet. Sink's on the floor.

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: So I go in there, I'm soaked with blood. Dripping everywhere. And this guy goes, "Here, lemme just turn the faucet on for you." Turns the faucet on. Faucet immediately breaks and starts spraying hot water everywhere.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Okay? Guy says, "I dunno how to fix this. I'm outta here."

Maddox: (scoffs) Of course.

Dick: So I'm standing in a janitor's closet, soaked with blood, now getting hot water sprayed in my face. Alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of course there's no shut-off valve there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Someone brings in a ladder. I climb into the ceiling and find a shut-off valve. 'Cause nobody knows how to…nobody knows how valves work.

Maddox: Yeah, there are no men in this theater.

Dick: No. So I fix it.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I fix it, right? It takes about a half hour. But I fix it.

Maddox: Sure. Right.

Dick: Done. I get in my car. I had to take my pants off to go into the valet line.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: To get my car. Because they were soaked with blood and water. And I don't want to walk around with wet pants.

Maddox: Been there, buddy.

Dick: Get in my car and I think, "Man, you know what I wanna do? I just want to go home and drink about 20 beers."

Maddox: Yeah, that sounds like the appropriate response to a night like the one you had, Dick. So why couldn't you do that?

Dick: Why couldn't I do that? (angry) Sean??? Why am I not at home right now? (Maddox laughs) Why am I at Maddox's at midnight on Tuesday morning recording a podcast?

Sean: Because last night, I went full-blown retard.

Dick: Just say it. (Maddox cracks up) What did you do? What did you do, Sean?

Sean: I deleted the podcast. (sad) (Dick cracks up)

(Sound effect: Boooooo!!)

Maddox: So, Sean. Let me get this straight. You deleted the podcast. Like, there's no backup recording? This is why we have to re-record this podcast again?

Sean: That's right. (sad) (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: You deleted the podcast.

Maddox: Oh my gosh, yeah.

Sean: Without making a backup.

Maddox: Yup!

Dick: Without making a backup. (incredulous)

Maddox: So, ladies and gentlemen, this is the second podcast we're recording this week. Uh, this second in, what, 48 hours, I believe, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You will be listening to this within 8 hours of us recording. This is as fresh as it gets, short of recording and broadcasting live, it can't get any fresher than this.

Dick: It's Dunkin' Donuts, man. And I…all the people who are always on the comments saying Sean is the only smart one of the three…(Sean and Maddox laugh) Do you read those, Sean? Do you read those guys?

Sean: Uh, actually, I really don't. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. It's…everybody wants you to bring in a problem, but then they're like, well, what if he spoils the illusion that he's the reasonable one of the group?

Sean: Well, that's bound to happen.

Dick: (guffaws) I think it already did!

Sean: Maybe so.

Dick: Maybe?! Maybe. There's a bunch of zeros on that hard drive that would say it did. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Bunch of zeros. Anyway, Dick. Uh, let's get to the…let's get the show going here.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Last week, "Pedophiles" came in as the top problem.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: Right? And followed by "Goofy Lightsabers", which is INFURIATING!

Dick: Why?

Maddox: How…how is that more of a problem than "Audiophiles"? In what universe?

Dick: (sighs) Okay. Because your "Audiophile" problem was all over the place.

Maddox: Horseshit!

Dick: The "Audiophile" was problematic because audiophiles would agree with you that vinyl is shit. Your whole argument was that vinyls sucked and CDs were great, but audiophiles love CDs. They don't think CDs are good enough!

Maddox: Well yeah, that's true, but Dick, most of the audiophiles I know, self-proclaimed audiophiles, think that vinyl is the superior format. And they'll argue day and night about how good vinyl is. But vinyl's bullshit. They don't understand the limitations of vinyl. They think it's better because it has "soul". (annoyed) I've actually…that's an argument I've actually heard from somebody defending vinyl. They say that the medium has "soul".

Dick: Yeah. That's true in a way.

Maddox: Ugggggh!! Stupid! What am I…

Dick: (interjects) Do you understand what they're saying when they say it has "soul"?

Maddox: I'm not sure I understand what you're saying.

Dick: I'm saying that there's a built-in static to it that's pleasing to the ear. There's a warmth to it that's pleasing to the ear. That's the soul, and that is a physical thing. It's like a physical thing to have. That's the soul of it.

Maddox: Okay. Rocks are also physical things. (angry) They don't have SOULS, Dick! This is not a soul, it's dirt! It's dirt on a scratchy piece of vinyl! Throw it away!

Dick: Yeah, but see, (stammers) audiophiles would agree with you.

Maddox: (sighs) No.

Dick: You understand that, right?

Maddox: No!

Dick: They ALSO hate vinyl.

Maddox: No. A lot of audiophiles I know are idiots specifically because they think that vinyl sounds better! That's why I don't trust audiophiles. They're full of shit!

Dick: Well, um. (sighs) Continuing with the audiophile discussion, I got a voice mail for you if you wanna hear it.

Maddox: Great. (annoyed)

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Maddox, regarding your problem with distortion and vinyl records, you do realize that distortion is an important part of music itself, right?" (Maddox jeers)**"When you play a piano, you get distortion from things like other strings vibrating. You even get it from the piano frame itself.** (**Maddox:** Right.)**If you wanted a perfect, flawless, distortionless note, you couldn't get it on the piano. You'd need something like a synthesizer.** (**Dick:** Yeah. **Maddox:** Right) **If that's what you want, everyone playing synths, like the last dickhead song…**(**Dick:** Do you see what he's sayin'? That's the soul.) **then go ahead, and eliminate distortion from music. Might as well…"** (File cuts off)

Dick: Do you see what he's saying? The soul is the whole piano.

Maddox: No, listen. No. (skeptical) Yeah, I get it. I get it. No, listen here, dick fuck. You aren't getting soul or…if you want distortion in your music, you can record distortion in the music. Anything you want, any kind of noise, soul, scratchy dirt noise, anything you want, you can add to it in post with a perfect recording. But you don't have the option to NOT have that noise there with vinyl.

Dick: It's not that easy. It's not as easy as you're making it sound.

Maddox: Hey. I'm not saying it's easy, man! Mozart's compositions weren't easy! No one stopped him from doing it!

Dick: They weren't that difficult compared to other classical composers, though. (laughs)

Maddox: Dick is…Dick is denigrating Mozart on this show…(Dick still laughing)…after also saying records have soul. Like, what am I doing in this…

Dick: Oh, sorry. Mozart, Einstein, and Hitler. (Maddox cracks up) They're the paragon of the things. Nothing can be any better or worse than them, right?

Maddox: Well…(grins)…alright Dick. Well, I need to have a serious moment here at the top of the show before we go on. We've rarely done this on the show. I don't think we've ever done this, actually, but I do actually want to take a very serious moment right now and talk about the pedophile problem. Last episode, I got an email from somebody, it's an anonymous email from somebody who says, " **Maddox, thank you. Your message about pedos on your most recent podcast meant a lot to me personally and was a really courageous and surprising issue for you to bring up and treat fairly. I am a long time fan and supporter of yours and have written back and forth with you under my real name several times over the years. Obviously, I want to remain anonymous for this email. I am a non-offending pedo who has struggled with this curse for a long time. I never have and never would act on these thoughts, but the shame I feel for having them weighs heavily on me and the unbridled, bloodthirsty hatred I see from society, including unknowing friends and family, deeply hurts me. I thank you and Dick for making the important distinction between thoughts and actions in your episode and for mentioning that non-offending pedos do exist and that we aren't all necessarily cold-blooded monsters. In reply to what Dick said about asking with a large measure of skepticism if a person can really go their whole life without having sex, consider this. Not all pedos are exclusively attracted to kids. In fact, many enjoy healthy sex lives with adults. I fall into this category. Even pedos who are exclusively attracted to kids can channel this attraction into health sexual outlets; for instance, roleplaying with an adult partner, especially one who looks young, and they do exist, or jerking off to hentai I guess, but the idea is, it's not…** "

Dick: (interjects) Should have stopped at the roleplaying, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You didn't need the hentai part. (grinning)

Maddox: Probably. (Dick laughs) **"But the idea is, it's not a life of celibacy per say. Anyway, I know you're not necessarily advocating for us, but thank you for questioning the status quo, what I have always loved you for. A fan."** So…

Dick: That's a nice letter.

Maddox: It is a nice letter, but it's also…I feel so conflicted about it, because these people do exist and because of a stupid, inane US law where if you talk to a psychiatrist about trying to get help and they find out that you're a pedo, you might get turned into the police and arrested, which has caused a lot of pedophiles to go underground, and without any place to turn for help, sometimes their last resort is to actually abuse kids. Like, that's an absolutely horrible, horrible outcome because of this law.

Dick: Lemme uncomplicate your feelings on this.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean guffaws)

Dick: You are an advocate against thought crimes.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: If you're thinkin' it, it's not a crime.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: That is a very easy line to draw.

Maddox: Correct, but…

Dick: Right?

Maddox: But Dick, we have to have an outlet for these non-offending pedos. And there's an episode of This American Life, it's a pretty good podcast. They talked about this. They found this guy, this 19-year-old kid, going by the pseudonym of "Adam", and he was one of these non-offending pedophiles and he looked online and he found that there is very little research about what causes pedophilia, whether or not you can be around kids and not offend, whether or not child sexuality…like, for example, are you a pedophile if you're a 12-year-old and you're attracted to, say, a 7 or 8-year-old? Like, child sexuality has not been researched NEARLY to the extent that adult sexuality or anything else has. So, they don't…people don't understand the mechanisms of pedophilia. So this guy started a support group. It started out with six people. And then, um. This is kind of a surprising statistic. Here's a little clip from This American Life.

(Sound clip: "Anywhere between 1.2 million and 3.4 million pedophiles in the US alone. That means there are lots of people out there who are presumably trying not to offend, with no one to turn to for help. There's almost no research to explain why they are the way they are, and no known treatment. Which is how a teenager might conclude that his best option is to invent his own way forward.")

Maddox: So this kid created this support group online for non-offending pedophiles to at least talk and try to find some solution to this and some way out, because society isn't offering that right now. They're causing people to go underground. So, I just want to put…if you have this problem, uh…rather than becoming an offender, please go to this website, maybe get some help. Maybe find people who are in your support group. It's called

http://www.virped.org/ (spells it out) Check it out. We'll link to it on the website. Anyway, bit of serious news. And if there's any way this show could potentially reduce potential child abuse on that scale, like, sexual child abuse, that would be amazing. So, if you're one of these people, check out the website, maybe it'll help, maybe it won't. But at the very least, I don't think it helps to push these guys underground, because then they might offend.

Dick: Hey, um. Is there a support group for engineers who delete podcasts? (Maddox cracks up) Did you find any of that in your research?

Maddox: You know, I'm checking my immediate vicinity and I don't see anything here, so. (giggles)

Dick: If anybody listening, whether you're a pedophile or not. If you know of a support group online for engineers who delete podcasts…

Maddox: You know what? We…

Dick: (interjects) Please contact the show.

Maddox: Yeah. We'll call it virsean.org.

Dick: I wanna help, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: We want to help! We want to help people like Sean.

Dick: Want me to read you some more emails?

Maddox: You don't have to stay anonymous. Yeah, let's hear some emails.

Dick: Yeah, um. From Nick…**Nick Overmordel** says, **"The auditory shortcomings of vinyl give the listeners' imagination room to perceive something more than what they're actually hearing, which is part of the experience."**

Maddox: Fuck off.

Dick: I never…(cracks up) Fuck off?! I never thought of that! Isn't that interesting at all to you?

Maddox: No, it's stupid! Imagination…

Dick: No?

Maddox: That's…(stammers) you could make that argument with anything. If you don't complete a book, then the blank pages leave the reader imagination to complete the book him or herself! That's fucking stupid!

Dick: Brevity is the soul of wit, I guess you would say. (grinning)

Maddox: That has…absolutely…(Sean laughs, Maddox giggles)

Dick: What about impressionist art? Like Monet and Manet? And whatever-et?

Maddox: Well the artist is still trying to convey a certain thought or emotion and they're able to do that through impressionism.

Dick: Yeah? Hmm? (silly)

Maddox: But it's not left to the reader to imagine exactly what that is. The artist has a vision and they convey it through impressionism.

Dick: Alright, Nick. I guess you're wrong. Um, hey, how about this one? **"CDs degrade worse than vinyl."** You have a CD that starts skippin', like 15 years into it? Vinyl still rocks!

Maddox: Uh, no. That's not true. I don't believe that at all. (Dick laughs)

Dick: You don't believe that at all?

Maddox: I don't believe that for one fucking second!

Dick: Okay, okay. (grins)

Maddox: Here, I got a comment from **Drinky Bird.** It's **@drinkybird** on Twitter. He says, **"Maddox, an MP3 can be made to sound like vinyl. Vinyl cannot be made to sound like an MP3."** True.

Dick: Wait a minute. An MP3 can be made to sound like vinyl, but not the other way around?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. You can add all sorts of scratchy bullshit if you want.

Dick: I guess. Alright. This is…I still don't think the problem was audiophiles. I think it was vinyl enthusiasts. Like, pretentious vinyl enthusiasts.

Maddox: Great. Well, apparently people though that fucking lightsabers has some real word effect, because it's in the POSITIVE territory on the votes! (angry)

Dick: Not this guy, though. Lemme play you this voice mail.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey Dick. About your problem on goofy lightsabers. Nobody fucking cares." (Maddox. Yeah!) **You're an idiot.** (Dick laughs)**)**

Dick: Uh, it wrecks the allegory of the whole thing.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Crazy!!")

Maddox: You know, Dick, I got a comment here. Uh, this is about pedophiles. (giggles) This is a joke I've seen floating around on the Internet. It's from **Bavan Salanky.** He says. **"Pedophiles are fucking immature assholes."**

Dick: Oh, god. (sighs) (Maddox chuckles) I got a voice mail for you.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "What's up guys, Scott [ ] here, huge fan of the show. Hey Maddox, if you like CDs over tapes so much, how about I tape my dick to your forehead so you can C D-ees nuts? (Dick cracks) (**Maddox:** Okay.) **)**

Dick: Have you ever heard that one?!

Maddox: Great. No.

Dick: (tearing up) I've never heard that one!

Maddox: Piece of shit.

Dick: Ahhh. Sean, there's one for you!!!

Sean: Oh, no.

Dick: Yeah! Thank God I didn't delete it. (Sean and Maddox crack up) You were being offensive last week when you said that women weren't interested in the audiophile problem.

Maddox: Uh-oh.

Dick: And a female listener had a problem with it.

(Voice mail: (imitation of Angelo's mom, clearly a male voice): "This is a message for Sean!" (Sean and Maddox laugh) **This is Angelo's mom!** (**Dick:** It's Angelo's mom.) **Listen here, you son of a bitch! You think girls don't like things like analog recording, multi-track recording and things like this?** (Dick cracks up) **You are a sexist son of a bitch!** (**Dick:** Yeah! (tearing up) **Maddox:** Yeah.)**You are probably gay!** (**Dick:** I dunno!) **Like Dick.** (**Dick:** Heyy. (warning) (Sean laughs) **Who can go fuck himself, by the way.** (**Dick:** Alllright. Alright. That's enough.)**)**

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are gay?!?!") (Maddox and Sean laugh)

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "And who are you, gay?!)

Maddox: Yeah, Sean. That was…that was Angelo's mom. Did she become Italian in between episodes? (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. She also became Dracula. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Alright. What else you got? You wanna get into the problems?

Dick: James Pooley says, **"Hey, my name is James Pooley. I work at a waste water treatment plant. I wanted to let you know that you should continue to tell your friend that they are morons when they don't flush their toilets to "conserve water". We actually use centrifuges to remove virtually all the water from the sewage. This water is then sent to a nearby lake, which then gets treated and goes back into your homes."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, if it's yellow, let it mellow.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which those drought dickbags, and is nonsense. He's saying.

Maddox: Right. So they send it to a centrifuge, which separates any piss and poop particles from the water…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they still conserve the water! That's fucking…so anyone who has not been flushing their toilets is stupid. A stupid idiot and deserves to die with gravel in their mouths.

Dick: Sure. Uh, I got the last one from **Zack Sherman, "Of Mice and Men spoilers. God, I was right in the middle of that book. Thanks, Maddox."** Spoiler alert. You said last week that Lenny gets killed in the end of Mice and Men. Do you remember saying that?

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, I'm sorry, did I spoil a book that's been out for fucking 70 years? (Sean laughs)

Dick: This guy was right in the middle of it though, man. (grins)

Maddox: I don't give a shit!

Dick: (guffaws) Alright!

Maddox: Everyone knows how fucking Titanic ended, but that was still a multi-multi million dollar movie!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Stupid.

Dick: Did you see it in theaters?

Maddox: No. I still haven't seen it. I swore…

Dick: Oh, man! You got me!

Maddox: I swore.

Dick: Dammit. Alright. (Maddox laughs, taunting) I didn't see it either. What did you swear?

Maddox: Yeah. I swore when that movie came out I would NEVER see it. I swore…it's still an article on my website. I said I will never see this movie, no matter what. End of story. Period.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: And I still haven't. Yeah. I've only seen the nude scenes.

Dick: What would it ta…(Maddox chuckles)…okay.

Maddox: You know…boobies.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, no. I know. What would it take to get you to see it?

Maddox: Uh…I wouldn't see it.

Dick: Never.

Maddox: Never.

Dick: For no reason.

Maddox: For no reason. I'm a very principled guy. I have sacrificed…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah, I know. (scoffs)

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Dick: You've sacrificed what?

Maddox: Tens of thousands of dollars because I promised I would never put ads on my website.

Dick: Oh, tens of thousands? I think you should add a couple zeros onto that.

Maddox: Yeah. It's easily in the hundreds of thousands at this point, but I (stammers)…I could be making tens of thousands of dollars per MONTH if I had ads on my website. I refuse to.

Dick: Alright. (exhales) Should we get to our problems?

Maddox: Let's do it. What's your first problem this week, Dick?

Dick: Well, my first problem was Sean deleted the podcast.

Maddox: Oh, right. What's your second problem this week? (laughs)

Dick: My second problem this week is "Hunger".

Maddox: Hunger?!

Dick: Hunger.

Maddox: Hunger? Why is that a problem, Dick?

Dick: Uh, you know what I did this weekend? You guys both know that I'm no stranger to phil…phil..philanthropy. To giving back to the community.

Maddox: Oh, sure, Dick.

Sean: You couldn't even say it! (all crack up)

Maddox: It's the first time his mouth has ever made those words!

Dick: Whatever.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Dick: I went to a soup kitchen when I was on Dr. Phil, for example.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Dick: And then, uh…flash forward seven years and I went to this…I went to this food charity place.

Maddox: Which you don't like to mention, by the way.

Dick: I don't like to mention it. I don't like to talk about this.

Maddox: No. 'Cause you're so selfless.

Dick: Yeah. I only mention it 'cause it just happened.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Um, I'll be honest with you, I did it because I thought there would be chicks there.

Maddox: (chuckles) Of course. Of course, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Very calculated.

Dick: I don't think it's that calculated.

Maddox: Hey, I'm not faulting you for it. That's a good move.

Dick: Yeah, I mean…um, then I realized, though, when I showed up there, late, which I did show up late to help with this thing. This food thing. I realized that all the chicks I date don't wake up or get out of bed before 1 PM, so…

Maddox: Yeah. You don't want one of these studious types who are at the food shelter.

Dick: Well, I don't know. I thought it might be a nice change of pace. Here's what the food shelter did. Apparently, I didn't know this until…I missed the orientation video, but somebody told me after I got there. There's all these kids, right? That eat at school every week. But then they go home and they got nothing to eat.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: So what this group does, this Food First group, is it makes these care packages and gives them to poor kids so they can take it home and eat over the weekend, so they're not starving all weekend. Right? Because what is worse? Honestly. I'm honestly asking you this. What is worse than being hungry? Nothing.

Maddox: Drowning.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Pedophiles. Easily worse than hunger.

Dick: You would rather…you would rather be hungry than deal with a pedophile? Really? (incredulous)

Maddox: Uh, Dick…hunger is temporary. Molestation is forever. Right?

Dick: Uh, I think these people are in a state of perpetual hunger.

Maddox: Yeah, well, once you're molested, you're in a state of perpetual molestation. (giggles) I mean, you're done.

Dick: I would let someone look at my junk for a candy bar. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: No one wants to see your junk…no one would give you a candy bar to see your junk. I would give you a candy bar to put your pants back up.

Dick: Oh?

Maddox: Like, tonight at the theater, if you had your pants down and blood and bullshit and guts all over your pants…(Sean laughs) I'd be like, "Here man, have a candy bar."

Dick: I never thought I would have to say the line, "I'm sorry, ma'am, I ruined my pants this evening. I'm sorry that I'm not wearing…I'm sorry I ruined my pants this evening. That's why I'm wearing underpants."

Maddox: Uh…you have ruined a lot of pants through various reasons.

Dick: Yeah, yeah. Anyway.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick.

Dick: I don't…I disagree with you, man. I think hunger's the worst thing ever. Like, I would rather do…if I'm hungry, I start going insane. I really do.

Maddox: Okay. Well, that's…I mean, that's you, man. I'm hungry right now. I haven't eaten dinner. I've been snacking on nuts all night. (Dick cracks up) Great, there's a sound byte that I'll never hear the end of. Uh…yeah. So I've been…I'm hungry right now! I'm still doing this podcast at fucking, what is it, Tuesday morning? (Sean laughs) T minus seven hours before we release this episode? I'm hungry.

Dick: One in nine people on our planet goes to bed hungry each night. Is this just a me thing? I think hunger is a big fucking deal. I will do anything to not be hungry.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: And I mean that. Like, I…something switches off in my brain and I, like, turn into an animal when I need to eat food.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I actually have some stats for you, Dick. One in three people in this room is gonna go to bed hungry tonight. Uh, the source is my life. I'm still hungry.

Dick: You're gonna go to bed hungry? Why?! (incredulous)

Maddox: I mean, we'll see. The pizza place are fucking closed! We're recording this podcast…it's almost, like, one in the morning. Everything's gonna close by the time it's over.

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. One in nine people are going to bed hungry...is that true? One in nine?

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: So why aren't these statisticians just feeding these people? If they survey these people and find out they're hungry, be like, "Hey, and by the way, here's a sandwich."

Dick: What are they, sandwich genies? They're walking around with satchels of sandwiches wherever they go?

Maddox: I…sandwiches…(stammers)

Dick: It's hard to move food around.

Maddox: Okay. Well, that's true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's true. There is a logisticial problem. I will tell you this, Dick. When homeless people ask me for money, I rarely give it to them. However, I almost have never turned down a homeless person who is hungry. I always buy them food.

Dick: Yeah. So you get what I'm sayin'. It's miserable to be hungry.

Maddox: Well, I don't know about that…I mean, it IS, yeah, sure! But, more…more…it's the biggest problem in the universe? More than female genital mutilation? Get outta here.

Dick: Hunger kills more people each year than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined. 3.1 million kids die! 11 million people die.

Maddox: Is that true? That's a real statistic?

Dick: Yeah, that's true, man.

Maddox: What's your source?

Dick: http://www.dosomething.org .

Maddox: (scoffs) Do something…

Dick: And http://www.stophungernow.org

Maddox: Alright. 11 million people, that's more than AIDS. You know what, Dick? You make a good point. I guess hunger is a bigger problem than AIDS. So if this system works…if this podcast is doing its job…you idiots should vote up "Hunger" above "AIDS", but not above anything else.

Dick: You know…you are always harping on this…"this isn't a contest" thing…

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: And you started in with this recently when you started losing several in a row.

Maddox: No.

Dick: But it sounds like you're just arguing "Hunger", 'cause you don't want me to win. When this is a legitimate problem!

Maddox: It is a problem. I want…look, I am doing my job as a debater and as a co-host to make sure that people vote this problem (Dick guffaws) exactly where it should be on the list!

Dick: Right. (skeptical)

Maddox: That's what I want. Dick, I am curious…

Dick: Which is below "Pedophiles", right?

Maddox: I think "Pedophiles" are a bigger problem than hunger. (giggles)

Dick: Are a bigger problem than hunger?

Maddox: Well…yeah.

Dick: Dude, I would…I would…(sighs) Everything I say is gonna be a sound byte from here, but I would blow a guy if I'm gonna starve to death. (Maddox cracks up) If I'm that hungry, I would do it. I don't fucking care, man! I need to eat.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "And who are you, gay?!")

Dick: There we go again.

Maddox: (laughs) You know…you know…

Dick: Just 'cause you're making her say it doesn't get you off the hook, by the way.

Maddox: No, no. That was in context. I don't know what you're talking about. Listen, Dick. If you…everybody has been hungry at some point. Right? I would trade…I would trade one molestation for being hungry for a year. I would rather be hungry for a year than be molested. Are you kidding me? What are the options, like, some creepy dude puts his junk on me versus, uh…I go to bed a little bit hungry? I'm a little bit nippy when I wake up in the morning?

Dick: Well, what if it's a lot hungry?

Maddox: Well, you know. I mean…I've never been a lot hungry. Who has, though?

Dick: There we go…a TON OF PEOPLE! All over the world, you shitwit! (yelling) That's what I'm talking about! (Maddox laughs) One in six people in America face hunger.

Maddox: One in six?! That's an outrageous number, Dick. That seems like a ridiculous amount of people.

Dick: Dude, it's just…listen to this. 50 million AMERICANS struggle to put food on the table. Have you ever questioned putting food on your table?! I have never questioned not being able to eat!

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause food is cheap! You can buy…look, for 50 cents, you could buy a cup of noodles. You're set for a night. Cup of noodles!

Dick: Apparently…okay. Food insecurity is what it's called. Stupid name. Food insecurity?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what the USDA calls this thing that's going on?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: First of all, they should have called it something outrageous, right? To get people jazzed up about putting an end to it?

Maddox: Oh, to…to stop…to help end hunger.

Dick: They should have called it, like, "Hunger Debt" or "Starvation…something". "At risk of starvation."

Maddox: How about "The Hunger Games"?

Dick: Yeah. Very good. (sarcastic) Alright. "Food insecurity" refers to the USDA's measure of lack of access at times to enough food for all household members. So that means…households with children reported a significantly higher food insecurity rate than households without kids. This is households at 26%, by the way, when this was taken.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: That have food insecurity. Which means not everybody at the table is eating.

Maddox: Hmmmm. I see.

Dick: So why don't you think about that? This isn't about being nippish.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is about not being able to eat over the weekend, which is what that place was about that I was out.

Maddox: Oh. Oh interesting, Dick. You know, this is a problem, but lemme connect the dots here. So…we got this family, right? With too many mouths to feed.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Too many mouths to feed means too many babies. Therefore, BABIES is the biggest problem in the universe! (yelling) Go vote up "Babies", you idiots!!!! It's still in the negatives! (Dick laughs) I can't believe you guys! If people had fewer babies, hunger wouldn't be an issue, Dick! You wouldn't even have to bring in this horseshit problem. And by the way, I got a quick extra problem this week. How about "Shitty Fucking Apple Products" that keep crashing?

Dick: You're gonna change the subject right now? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: (stammers) Okay, just real quick! I want to say that! 'Cause it keeps fucking crashing! Okay, go on.

Dick: It crashed once.

Maddox: Nuuuuraaahhhhhhh!!! Every time!!

Dick: The computer crashed once.

Maddox: Every time…the last four fucking episodes! Alright, go on. What else you got on hunger?

Dick: Um…(sighs) I for…what did you say right before that non sequitur?

Maddox: Babies are the biggest problem, because if you had fewer babies…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but…

Maddox: (interjects) There'd be less hunger.

Dick: Yeah, but here's the thing. There's plenty of food. 40% of our food is thrown out in the US every year. We're throwing it away! This is food that's just getting thrown away, like straight out of Ralph's, right into the trash can.

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Dick: Straight out of the supermarket and right into the garbage.

Maddox: Yeah, I…I…received an email from this idiot, zealot, vegetarian one time, who said, (goofy voice) "Uh, Maddox, if we were all vegetarians, we could use the land that animals graze on to grow crops for humans."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I said, "Hey idiot, no you can't. First of all." That's not nutritious…those are nutrient-sapped soils that they graze on.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's not something that they can just grow any kind of crop on! And second… uh..we have a surplus of grains already in this country. They have giant silos in the Midwest full of grains that they can't use or ship anywhere. But the problem isn't that we don't have enough food. The problem is the logistics of getting that food to the people who need it! It's too expensive. If you want to spring for it, dickhead, then go fucking do it! But don't tell me stop eating a steak because you think it's gonna help end hunger. It's not. We have way more food than the ability to deliver it.

Dick: Yeah. You're right.

Maddox: Oh, thank you. I was expecting…(laughs) for you to shit on my point.

Dick: (laughs) No, it's hard to get…hey, I was doing it this weekend. It's fucking hard. My back's killing me. And by the way, I couldn't get in with any of those girls there, because it's all, like, a bunch of…it's all a bunch of white kids that show up…all these weekenders that show up, to like, feel good about themselves over the weekend.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So they're busting their ass on this assembly line like it's…like they're building the bridge over the river Kwai. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they're fighting each other to supply these boxes with food. I take a break to talk to somebody, and I'm getting shouted at, by like, two people running the line. It was like a fucking chain gang there!

Maddox: Yeah. It sounds pretty awful, man. And also…(Sean laughs) again…again, Dick. Maybe they could sense your underlying air of insincerity. (Dick cackles) Right? I mean, I'm with you right there, buddy.

Dick: Do I sound insincere? 'Cause I actually…I actually care about being hungry. I don't care about a lot.

Maddox: I know you care about being hungry. But with the other shit…absolutely sound insincere. And I've been right there with you, dude. I went to a protest once to pick up chicks.

Dick: What protest?

Maddox: Uh, some Persian something or other. Persian chicks are really into me.

Dick: Some Persian something or other? (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know. Iran was doing something and everyone was pissed off, and the Persians were like, "Hey, Iran!" Something or other. I don't know…I don't even remember! It doesn't matter.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But I went to this protest, 'cause like, Persian chicks are really into me! I don't know…I should check it out, right?

Dick: Yeah…why?

Maddox: I…

Dick: I mean why…why would they be into you?

Maddox: Okay, Dick. (Dick cackles) Just the handsomeness and my bulging genius brain, maybe.

Dick: (giggles) Okay.

Maddox: And/or penis. Um…yeah. So anyway, Dick. Maybe it's the insincerity that they picked up on.

Dick: Well, it was quite a scene. And um…hey. That's why I'm bringing it in. "Hunger".

Maddox: Great. Hunger. You know what, Dick? I will give you this. It is a bigger problem than AIDS as a fact, because 11 million people die per year, right? How many does AIDS kill? I don't even remember. Like, 3, 4 million?

Dick: I don't think you ever actually looked it up. Uh…

Maddox: I looked it up.

Dick: You don't think it's a bigger problem than "Slacktivists"?

Maddox: (scoffs) No! (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, you know how you avoid slacktivists? You get off of Facebook? You know how you avoid being hungry? You can't! You're fucked!

Maddox: No, Dick. I'll tell you why "Slacktivists" is a bigger problem, for real. Because slacktivists…say for example, they want to end hunger, so they create a Facebook campaign that gets a whole bunch of clicks. UNICEF even created an advertisement saying, "Hey guys, we can't feed people with your likes and thumbs up. We need actual donations and money." Slacktivists are a bigger problem because people use it in lieu of doing actual help and doing anything, which is way more damaging than not doing anything at all, because then they feel like they've done something and then they'll never do anything ever again.

Dick: Uh…you know what the worst problem about hunger is?

Maddox: What?

Dick: You get drunk way too fast.

Maddox: That's true. I wouldn't say that's the worst problem with hunger. (giggles) I would say…death.

Dick: It's a big problem.

Maddox: Okay. It is a big problem.

Dick: It's a big problem. It's part of it.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I'm trying to build a whole case here for hunger, do you see?

Maddox: Yeah. (sighs)

Dick: So it appeals to everyone.

Maddox: Yeah. It happened to me, Dick. The other night, I went to a bar. I was pretty hungry and I had…I felt like such a pussy. I had a light beer…like, half a light beer and I was buzzed. I felt like such an idiot. I felt so weak. I wanted to just gut myself.

Dick: No, man. I think it's a bigger problem than you're making it out to be. That's all.

Maddox: It is a bigger problem than AIDS, I'll give you that. AIDS was my problem, Dick.

Dick: (laughing) You're just fucking arguing! Your tone, it's so argumentative about hunger! (yells) (Maddox laughs) Like it's…what are you talkin' about? "Oh, it's a big problem, but not…not too big, right?" You don't want it to be hunger at the top of the list, do you?

Maddox: It won't be.

Dick: I think you're afraid.

Maddox: 'Cause it's not that…

Sean: (interjects) And it's like if you win next week, he gave you permission. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Hey, Sean. If I do win, don't delete the episode, okay? (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Sean, please do. I will approve that as well.

Dick: I won't…I won't fuck with people when they're hungry. That's all I'm gonna say.

Maddox: I…

Dick: (interjects) I will fuck with them on anything else. I will fuck with them if they're having relationship problems…(Sean giggles) I'll fuck with them if, like, their car is lost, or someone's in trouble and they don't know what's going on…but if someone's hungry, gotta get that person straight to a restaurant. We gotta get that person straight to a Popeye's. I don't care what's in the way.

Maddox: Nahh….

Dick: This person needs some chicken ASAP.

Maddox: Nah, man. I…see, I love pushing people's buttons, and especially someone who gets "hangry", that's the expression that people use now, 'hangry", when you're hungry and angry.

Dick: I don't know, I don't use hashtags.

Maddox: Yeah, it's not…(Dick cracks up) Okay, Dick. (Sean laughs) I don't either. But, when people get hungry…especially…this happens with a lot of my friend's girlfriends, where they'll get really fucking cranky…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I, at some point, just take a step back and think, "Whoa man, get your shit under control." I don't care who you are…like, whether it's the guy or the girl. You need to get your shit under control. I get it, you're hungry. We all get hungry sometimes, but don't be an asshole to everyone else. It's not…it's not gonna make me want to make you happy if you're being an asshole about it.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: You're hungry around me?

Dick: Fuck you.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaah, buddy. Yeah. You're gonna get…you're gonna stay hungry. Maybe I'll take the long path home. Oh, you know…I'm hitting all these red lights all of a sudden. 'Cause I know how to avoid red lights, buddy. I know how to navigate every city like a pro. I'm a samurai in traffic! And if someone's hungry and being an asshole…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, maybe I'll take the long way. I dunno. Oh. Ooops! We got here 5 minutes too late. The restaurant closed. (grinning) Shit. Maybe don't be such a dick next time.

Dick: I'll eat you if you do that to me. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Great. I know where you can start. Alright, Dick. Is that all you got?

Dick: Yeah, I think so.

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: What did we…did we learn anything from that?

Maddox: Yeah, actually. You know. Hunger is a pretty big problem. I wouldn't say it's the biggest problem in the universe, but it's pretty big. It should be up there. I would say hunger should be…

Dick: It should be up there. (grins) Where should it be?

Maddox: Probably in the top 10.

Dick: Okay. Above "Female Genital Mutilation", you think? Probably.

Maddox: Mmmmmmno, I don't think so. Female Genital Mutilation is permanent. Anything that's a permanent…that has permanent, lasting effect, is a bigger problem that hunger.

Dick: Death is a pretty permanent side effect of hunger, I think.

Maddox: Well, sure.

Dick: 11 million people dying every year?

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, man. Where are these people dying?

Dick: How many people do you know that come back from temporary death? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Not a lot.

Maddox: I mean, are we talkin' comas? Does comas count?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Okay. Then none. (laughs) Alright, Dick. Enough about hunger. Let's get to a real problem, shall we?

Dick: (cracks up) This is a real problem?!?! (voice cracks)

Maddox: Yeah, I got a real problem!

Dick: Okay!!! (laughing)

Maddox: Gourmet Dog Food.

Dick: (chuckles) Oh, fuck off. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: (laughing) It's a real problem, buddy! Listen to this! 'Kay?

Dick: Yeah. (scoffs)

Maddox: Now, here's a rule. If you lick your own asshole and occasionally munch on a few nuggets of your own turd…you aren't allowed to eat food that looks better than the food I eat.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Is that fair? Right? If you're a fucking dog that licks its own asshole, I don't want to feed you a fancy-looking cupcake made out of dog food. No cookies made out of dog shit. I don't want to feed you anything that looks fucking fancy! I don't want to think about it. Whatever dogs eat should look like shit, because dogs don't care. Dogs literally eat shit.

Dick: Yeah, you don't have to do any of that, though.

Maddox: What?

Dick: With the cupcake thing?

Maddox: Buy them cupcakes?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Great, I'm not.

Dick: That's just, like, a fun thing that people do.

Maddox: Yeah? Yeah. Oh, yeah. I'll tell you people do it.

Dick: It's not hurting you, is what I'm saying. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, well. I'll tell you how it does hurt people, Dick.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: According to the New York Times, pet owners, invariably called "pet parents"…

Dick: Oh, god. (sighs)

Maddox: "…by the makers of Super Premium Pet Foods do not mind reaching into their wallets and paying extra, even in recessionary times. Two underlying forces have intensified the urge to spend. Aging pets and growing population of affluent pet owners spending money on them." So, a new study…this is an actual study from the pet industry by Dillon Media reports that those making more than 100,000$ per year increased their share of pet food spending and now account for about a third of the total market. "These are precisely the health-conscious, label-scrutinizing, restaurant-going consumers likely to indulge their cats and dogs at meal times."

Dick: Yeah, you know. Good.

Maddox: What do you mean, good?! (incredulous)

Dick: So they don't want to feed their pets other pets? They don't wanna feed their pets, like…gnarled…mulched up carcasses of other dead animals? They wanna spring for a little more and get, like, chicken meal?

Maddox: What do you mean, Dick? What do you mean, they're feeding them other pets?

Dick: That's what dog food…dog food is other dogs.

Maddox: Okay, so? Let's say it is.

Dick: So, that's disgusting.

Maddox: Why is that…

Dick: (interjects) If you're making 100,000$ a year, yeah. You can splurge and not have to know that you're feeding your dog other euthanized dogs.

Maddox: Dick, that's the animal kingdom. That's how it works. In nature, if an animal keels over and dies, guess what? (Dick cracks up)

Dick: God just euthanized it?!

Maddox: Well, yeah, God euthanizes…who knows! Whatever the cause for death is in nature…some other animal's gonna come by and eat its carcass. That's what happens!

Dick: No! No. Wolves do not eat dead animals. They eat…they prey on things.

Maddox: I'm not saying just wolves. Other animals eat dead animals. Vultures.

Dick: Our pets don't!

Maddox: Yeah, of course they do! (incredulous)

Dick: People don't have…unless you're the Addams family, you don't have a vulture as a pet! Look, all I'm saying is…if these people wanna give their pets a better experience when they're eating, what's the big fuckin' deal?

Maddox: Dick, I'll tell you what the big fuckin' deal is.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay? You said that hunger is a big fucking problem, right?

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah, it is!!

Maddox: Well, what if…what if all these affluent dickheads who are buying their pets fancy feasts, instead of spending all that money, that extra money, on their fucking stupid animals, why don't they feed humans who are dying from starvation?

Dick: This is such…this is such horseshit. This argument that "why don't these rich people spend money on the very poor?" Because YOU have just as much responsibility as the very rich to pay for people who are dying of hunger. Like, their money…you don't have access to rich people's money, just because relative to YOU, it's a lot! You still have just as much responsibility as they do!

Maddox: Well…I mean, I do my part, but if I had that much money…if I had enough money to spend on fucking fancy pet food, I would take care of humans first.

Dick: No. However they spend their money is their right. They worked for it…if they wanna splurge and they're making their pets happy, then that's fine.

Maddox: Yeah, you know what, Dick? It's not just rich people. According to…this is a continuation of the New York Times article. They said "They might cut back on a new car or taking a trip around the world, but they won't skimp on their pets, said Tom Neeman, the owner of Fromm Family Foods, a fourth-generation family business in Mequon, Wisconsin. It's not going to happen. Mr. Neeman at Fromm drew on his devoted viewing of Food Network shows in formulating his four-star line of dry food for cats and dogs." Four star. Four-star line. "The grain-free surf and turf for dogs, a culinary voyage in a bag, includes ingredients like wild salmon, duck, chicken, and hand-picked vegetables and fruits."

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: "Wisconsin cheese adds a subtle locavore touch." (Dick laughs) These fucking dogs?! They're feeding them local…locally-grown Wisconsin cheese and hand-picked vegetables? These fucking dumbass animals that wouldn't know shit from a sandwich?!

Dick: Maddox…(Maddox giggles)…that compared to feeding them other euthanized pets and cattle, just dead cattle, bulldozed into a combine with their shit and bones. That is a far superior option. If you have a TINY bit more money to spend on it. Do you know how much it costs to feed a dog? Even if you get the good stuff, it's like 30 bucks a month.

Maddox: No. Good food costs double…at least double…

Dick: That is double.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Feeding a dog is very cheap.

Maddox: Okay, not…not…

Dick: You can feed a dog garbage for like 15, 20 bucks a month.

Maddox: No, not if you're buying them this horseshit! This…and besides, I eat ground up animals all the time. I eat burgers all the time. It's great. I don't give a shit!

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With a bunch of, like, sodium barbital, or whatever they use at the pound to kill the thing that you're eating?

Maddox: Look, man.

Dick: You would eat…you would eat a burger that had…knowing that the animals in it had been put to death chemically and that the chemicals were still bouncing around inside of them.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. They probably have some process to get rid of the chemicals.

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's probably…yeah, how do you know, Dick?

Dick: Because that's the difference between a food that's able to be consumed by animals and one that's able to be consumed by humans, okay? It's called the 4 D's.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's…um…oh, god. It's…dead, dying, disabled, or diseased.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If an animal is that, you cannot feed it to a human being.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: But you can feed it to a pet.

Maddox: That's because humans find that disgusting, but if you eat a cancerous animal, you're not going to get cancer. You could eat a tumor…

Dick: (Interjects) You don't know that!

Maddox: Yes…I do know that, Dick! (chuckles)

Dick: Eating an animal gives you cancer! Eating more read meat gives you cancer!

Maddox: Sure, Dick. But what doesn't give you cancer?

Dick: (stammers) You know what does?!? MORE CANCER!! (yelling) (Maddox laughs) Other cancers eating…gives you cancer!

Maddox: No, it doesn't! Consuming cancer doesn't give you cancer, Dick. It's not gonna modify your DNA. It doesn't necessarily…

Dick: (Interjects) There is absolutely NO science to back that up.

Maddox: WHY….?!?!?

Dick: We do not know what causes cancer.

Maddox: Dick, the Chinese believed for thousands of years, and they still do, that if you have a problem with your eye, if you eat another animal's eye, you'll have healthier eyes, or if you have a problem with your legs, you eat legs, and you'll have healthier legs. Therefore, if we eat cancer, we'll have cancer. That's stupid! If you digest it, it's not…it's

like digesting venom. You're not going to die from digesting venom! It needs to be inside your system. The cancer doesn't get there!

Dick: That's because we know how venom works! We don't know how cancers work.

Maddox: Well, sure we do! The cancer has to infect a cell. It's not going to if you cook it. It's a bunch of dead tissue. It's a bunch of dead carbon.

Dick: Alright Maddox, then why does meat cause cancer?

Maddox: I don't know Dick, and I'm not sure that it does!

Dick: It does! Nah…(laughing)

Maddox: Welll….there's some studies that say it does, some that don't, and I believe that most of them are sponsored by vegetarians, who have an agenda. That's what I believe.

Dick: (scoffs) Hooookay. This is getting conspiracy-y.

Maddox: Does meat cause cancer?! Great. (annoyed) Are all these animals fucking dying left and right? Are they keeling over and dying?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Pets are getting worse diseases. Pets are getting more cancer now.

Maddox: Oh, really? Because that's bullshit. They're living longer than ever and I have the evidence to prove it. I have all these New York Times articles. (giggles) There's another article I wanna mention.

Dick: You can live longer and get more cancer.

Maddox: Well, yeah.

Dick: In fact, they're very related.

Maddox: Well, sure, but they're living longer. That's still the point. They're still living longer. Who says that animals are supposed to live forever? Yeah, they get cancer by living into long age. Maybe that's just a side effect of living a long age! Who knows, man?

Dick: Pfff. (scoffs) Alright.

Maddox: We don't understand what causes cancer. It still happens. Look, there's an article in the New York Times called "For the Dogs Has a Whole New Meaning". It doesn't just stop with pet food, Dick. Now they have Neuticles. Have you heard of these?

Dick: Yeah, I know those. (grins) They're cool.

Maddox: Neuticles. Prosthetic testicles for neutered dogs and cats at about a thousand dollars a pair, which, their designers say, help your pet retain his natural look, self esteem, and aids in the trauma associated with altering. Ohh. They have a device to help with your pet's self esteem. How the FUCK do they know if a pet has self-esteem issues or not?! Who gives a shit? It's a fucking pet! And by the way, can you imagine walking around with a bunch of plastic testicles on you? This is entirely vanity for the owner.

Dick: I was just imagining…I wanna put those on my neck, right? Like, right under my chin. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Neuticles? (giggles)

Dick: Get some Neuticles and put em' right under there?

Maddox: Yeah, you know what it means when you…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that works. That's called peacocking.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (Dick laughs) It's something cocking. You know what…you know what it means if you have balls on your chin, dude. You got a dick in your mouth. Alright, let's… (laughs) go on here….no, it's true! It's a fact. Look it up. (Sean laughs) Okay, so Dick. You said…you said, "Well, let's feed these animals." (silly voice)

Dick: Wait a minute. I wanna get back to the self-esteem thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what you're talking about, right?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: You don't think dogs have self esteem about their nuts getting chopped off?

Maddox: No, I don't think dogs are self aware. I don't think dogs are that self aware.

Dick: Oh, they are very self aware.

Maddox: About…okay. Not about losing their nuts. They don't know.

Dick: (laughs) I think…I think they might notice their nuts being gone.

Maddox: They don't know, Dick. It's like if you…it's like getting circumcised as a baby. You don't know what it's like to have foreskin. You just don't!

Dick: (giggles) Okay.

Maddox: I don't. Okay, listen to this. So, earlier you're saying, (goofy voice) "Well, you know, uhh…"

Dick: (interjects) I don't sound like that.

Maddox: (laughs) This is exactly what you sound like.

Dick: If you're gonna impersonate me, at least do, like, a nasally pompous asshole voice. Don't give me, like, a week femmy voice.

Maddox: Alright, here we go. "Cowabunga, dudes!" (Sean laughs)

Dick: That's closer.

Maddox: (Dick imitation) "So why don't we feed our dogs…"

Dick: (cracks up) That's good.

Maddox: "Healthier food? Because they're gettin' too much cancer!"

Dick: You gotta make it…you gotta, like, make it slower, and like, act like you know what you're talking about, too. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was too excited.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Well, here's some actual research, Dick. (Dick guffaws) "Are our pets healthier for all of this?" Right? You're saying that it makes them healthier to feed them better food, right? "Tony Buffington, a professor of veterinary nutrition at Ohio State University says that his students have studied the diet history of thousands of animals and have not yet determined that one pet food is better than another. "We have been unable to distinguish an outcome in healthy animals eating a wide variety of foods", he says. Asked about the variety at megastores like Petco, he says, "I don't even go in there anymore. I wouldn't know where to start." And he adds that if you put all of them in a plain, brown paper bag, you'd probably be fine with any one of them." So Dick, there's no evidence that ANY of this expensive fucking bullshit is helping dogs live any longer.

Dick: 'Cause of Tony Buffington?

Maddox: Yeah. Tony Buffington said it.

Dick: Tony Buffington and the Buffettes? What Vegas lounge is he performing at next?

Maddox: No. No, no. (Sean laughs)

Dick: That guy sounds like he knows nothing about dog food.

Maddox: Yeah, except that he's a professor of veterinary nutrition at Ohio State University.

Dick: Oh, please.

Maddox: What are you a professor of? (Dick laughs) Jack shit. There…now…and it doesn't end there…

Dick: (interjects) That study doesn't prove shit!

Maddox: You don't prove shit, Dick! You keep, like denouncing studies with no evidence! (angry) You're just, like. "No, blablabla. That's stupid."

Dick: Eating…eating animals that are full of poison and cancer is not good for you.

Maddox: (sighs) Dick…

Dick: You wouldn't do it. Humans don't do it…so, what? You would do it?

Maddox: Dick, an animal's physiology is totally different. Animals eat raw foods with tons of bacteria, E.Coli, all that shit, it doesn't bother them.

Dick: Mhmm. (skeptical)

Maddox: But it bothers us! You can't say that one thing that effects us is going to be the completely same for an animal.

Dick: Well, then how about I say this. Animals do prefer other food. They prefer different types of food, right?

Maddox: Yeah, they prefer locavore. Right?

Dick: What is locavore?

Maddox: Local…a locavore is somebody who eats locally grown, organic…

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. I'm being serious.

Maddox: Sustainable…I'm being serious, too. This is what…

Dick: (interjects) They prefer human food. Like, if you give a dog regular dog food and then dangle some chicken next to it, it will go apeshit for the chicken. Right?

Maddox: Dick, but you're not accounting for the possibility that the dog sees you eating and enjoying that same food and wants what you're enjoying.

Dick: You're not even gonna say that a dog prefers human food, like a cooked chicken breast, over kibble.

Maddox: I dunno, Dick. I tried to feed a dog some onions once. It didn't like it.

Dick: You…you need a dog. (Maddox laughs) You have no fucking…you tried to feed a dog onions and grapes, right? And they didn't like them.

Maddox: Onions, grapes, and chocolate. The dog wouldn't eat it.

Dick: No, you're speaking from someone who does not and has not ever had a dog. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, so?

Dick: So.

Maddox: I had a dog for a week. It was cool.

Dick: You had a dog for a week. What did you feed it, charcoal?

Maddox: No, I just went to the store and bought the cheapest of whatever bullshit, and the dog ate is happily. The dog doesn't fucking know. It's a dog. Hey dog, what do you think of this food? (Goofy idiot voice) "I dunno, blablabla." It doesn't talk. It can't tell me anything. It can barely fucking emote. Oh, its tail's wagging? Guess it's happy. Whatever.

Dick: It can BARELY emote?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Dogs are very expressive.

Maddox: Oh, they drool.

Dick: We've been…we've been friends with them for a hundred thousand years! You don't think that there's any…(Maddox cracks up) symbiosis between…

Maddox: Get out of here, being friends with dogs.

Dick: No, that's true! That's true. They've been running…

Maddox: Great. Oh, awesome.

Dick: We've been, like, pack hunters with dogs for 100,000 years.

Maddox: Mmm. Great.

Sean: Wait, wait, wait. What happened to the dog after a week?

Dick: He ate it.

Maddox: Oh, I…no, I guess it finally ate the onions. No, the dog was lost and I returned it to its owner. So listen to this. It doesn't end with the fucking gourmet dog food.

Dick: Was it happy to see its owner?

Maddox: I can't fucking tell. Dogs just wag. I guess it's happy. Sure, whatever. (Dick cracks up) I mean, the dog's always fucking wagging its tail and panting. It's always fucking happy. How can I tell?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, listen to this. It doesn't end with the fucking gourmet pet food, Dick. It just never fucking ends! Now, there are eco-friendly pieces of furniture. This is a continuation of the New York Times article. "Grooming Products and Wipes. The wipes, made from organically-grown bamboo. An Israeli firm hawks dog shampoo containing Dead Sea minerals." Dead Sea minerals! In dog shampoo. "Another, Pet Pop of Australia, promotes a vitamin-infused mountain spring water for dogs. The price, 3.30$ per bottle, about as much as a gallon of milk." You're giving your fucking dumbass dog vitamin-infused spring water from a mountain?!? (incredulous) Fuck off!!! (scoffs)

Dick: Well, yeah. That's a little extreme.

Maddox: Yeah. That's bullshit, man! (stammers) So, you're saying all these people are dying, and they're hungry, and we're giving our dogs fucking Dead Sea minerals in their shampoo? That's what we're spending our money on?

Dick: Yeah. You got a TV, Maddox? You could be using that to feed hungry people, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Since you're giving out other people's money.

Maddox: But everybody has a TV, Dick. These aren't exorbitant things…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, EVERYBODY!! Allllright.

Maddox: Everybody has a TV! You know. These aren't exorbitant things I'm spending my money on. Not like dog shampoo. I'm not shampooing…it's just…it's just…(stammers) It's rubbing it in their faces.

Dick: Whose faces?

Maddox: Poor people.

Dick: It's rubbing it in poor people's faces that they want to give their dog a cupcake?

Maddox: No, not a cupcake, Dick. Well, yeah, a cupcake, and fancy dog shampoo, and mountain spring water with vitamins.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's so stu…(Dick laughs) The dog…a dog that would be just as happy licking out of a toilet with shit particles in it. Listen to this, Dick. I have a question.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Isn't it about time dogs, dog owners, and high-end dog food manufacturers took a long, hard break to reflect on just how much they need to fuck off? (Dick laughs) Right, Dick? Isn't it about time everybody just took a break for a minute? This is a continuation of that article. They said, "We actually saw that there was a gap in the market for beverages for dogs.", says Bonnie Senior, a manager at the company. Then, there's Jen Moore, who says she combined her love of dogs and love of candles to create Sniff Pet Candles, made of 100% organic, natural ingredients.

Dick: Yeah. (chuckles)

Maddox: The aromatherapy candles have names like "Day in the Hamptons" and "Field of Dreams" and promote your dog's optimum health and well-being, her company says.

Dick: (cracks up) I don't…yeah…

Maddox: What crock of horse shit is this?!? Aromatherapy for your fucking dog?! How about fucking wet dog fur scent, huh? How about fire hydrant piss scent for a candle?

Dick: That they like.

Maddox: Yeah, they would like that.

Dick: They do like that.

Maddox: Yeah! A dog would love "Another Dog's Asshole" candle. How's that?

Dick: But you see, that's like vinyl, Maddox. You can't just make…you can't make a fragrance like "Other Dog's Asshole" that's as rich as a real dog's asshole. It would be synthesized.

Maddox: Oh my God, Dick. (Sean and Dick laugh). What is the phile? You know what? You're a Dog's Ass-Phile, that's what you are. You know Dick, you know what really pisses me off about this? The disingenuousness of it all. They are deluding people!

Dick: Who's deluding who?

Maddox: They think that they're…the companies are deluding people with these products. They think that it's for the dogs, but it's not. It's for the consumer.

Dick: Well, yeah.

Maddox: Well, if you are buying something…then where does altruism come in!? If you're doing something nice for your pet, then why don't you just actually do something nice for your pet rather than buy into this bullshit and delude yourself into thinking you are? Because you're not. The pet doesn't know what the Hamptons are. The pet doesn't know…"Field of Dreams"? What the fuck?! (stammers) Try explaining to a dog…

Dick: (interjects) Smells the nice smells, you mean?

Maddox: What is it…

Dick: (interjects) You don't think the pets like the nice smells?

Maddox: No, I don't.

Dick: That they're smelling?

Maddox: No. I think that it's probably too caustic and offensive to the pet. Pets have very sensitive sense of smell, right?

Dick: Mmright.

Maddox: So if you have any kind of candle that we can sense? It's probably way too powerful for a pet.

Dick: I don't know. I heard somewhere that our sense of smells, I mean, this is unrelated, that it's similar to dogs'.

Maddox: Yeah. Well.

Dick: That they just have less senses, so they have to rely on it more. I dunno. It's not important.

Maddox: So from http://www.sciencedaily.com, there's an article that says, "Dog Food Goes Gourmet - Nine Emerging Trends in Pet Food". Listen to this, Dick. Four out of five pet owners now consider their pets a member of their family and consumers are shifting their priorities when it comes to purchasing food for their pets accordingly. 10.4 billion dollars out of 26 billion total is spent on premium pet food, and natural pet food sales are over 4.1 billion dollars, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, they are a member of your family.

Maddox: What, dogs?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Because.

Maddox: What do you mean, they're a member of your family?! No, they're not. They don't have a passport!

Dick: They have an individual personality. They care for you. You care for them. You have a relationship with them.

Maddox: Oh, my god.

Dick: They're not interchangeable! I know you hate…I know that dogs are a problem to you, but they're unique entities! They have personality.

Maddox: Yeah…(angry)

Dick: They LEARN to be amongst you. You can teach them. You can train them. They comfort you!

Maddox: Oh, yeah. You know what?

Dick: They do everything that a family member should!!!!

Maddox: Really? Drive you to the hospital? No, they fucking can't! (Sean laughs) Gonna give you…can they give you a massage? Huh? A rubdown? They can't do that shit. They can't help you with your homework. They can't make spaghetti!

Dick: Help you with your homework?! (laughing, incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. Hey, I'm making spaghetti over here! Why don't you chop the basil, dipshit?! (goofy voice) "I'm a dog!!" Of course they can't. They can't do shit!

Dick: No. They only do the unimportant things, like comfort you, right?

Maddox: You know what? Yeah.

Dick: And have a relationship with you.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh. Anything can comfort you, man! Books comfort me! You know what, Dick? (Dick laughs) I have never been bit by someone's mom or aunt. (Sean laughs)

Dick: I have.

Maddox: Or child. (him and Dick crack up) I've never gone over to someone's house and been afraid that their daughter might bite me.

Dick: You're afraid of dogs? (grins)

Maddox: Well, well…well. You know, depends on her age. But, dogs…I've been bit by so many dogs. Dogs bite me all the fucking time!

Dick: I can see why. They probably see that you're an asshole! (Maddox laughs) We gotta get that guy! Dogs are a member of the family, dude. You gotta realize that.

Maddox: That's stupid. Fine.

Dick: How is it stupid?

Maddox: That's stupid. If you think your dog's a…okay, look. If it's a member of your family, then it should have its own zip code and its own address.

Dick: What?! What do you mean?!

Maddox: And its own phone number! It's not a fucking person, dude! That's why dogs are considered property.

Dick: Look, it's not an equal member of your family, but…

Maddox: (interjects) Eeeeeeexactly.

Dick: But it's certainly a member of your family.

Maddox: Great, Dick. I wish we had that other recording. You said some other shit.

Dick: What did I say?

Maddox: Alright, here we go…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean?

Maddox: Oh, you know what Dick…(stammers)

Dick: (interjects) What did I say? Just say it! I…

Maddox: I remember you…I think you said the opposite. I think you said that dogs weren't a member of your family.

Dick: No! I…

Maddox: (Interjects) You were astonished by the number!

Dick: I grew up with dogs!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: What do you mean, they're not a member of the family. They're very important. There's a real sense of loss when they're gone or when they die, or when they're in trouble.

Maddox: Yeah. I also have a sense of loss when I lose my cell phone. That doesn't mean it's my fucking family member. (Sean laughs) It can't give me a massage. It can't drive me to the hospital.

Dick: All of your…all of your qualifications for what it takes to be a family member are things they can do for YOU, by the way.

Maddox: Yeah. What's your…

Dick: (interjects) You got anything else, like, that's maybe a little back and forth?

Maddox: Yeah. What…what do I do for my family members?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't know, man, I'm not that close. (Dick and Maddox crack up) Alright, Dick.

Dick: And your numbers are dog shit.

Maddox: No…

Dick: Because, what did you say? People spend 10.6 billion on dog food?

Maddox: 10.4 billion dollars out of 26 billion total spent on premium dog food. And 4…..

Dick: (interjects) No, just the one number. How much are they spending overall?

Maddox: Overall, 26 billion.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And that was according to 2012 statistics.

Dick: Lemme tell you how worthless that is in the grand scheme of things. We're throwing away 165 billion dollars' worth of food every year.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Throw…that goes in the TRASH. We're spending…

Maddox: Dick, no, that's not entirely true. That's sometimes…that's also food that gets put into silos because it's subsidized and then that gets tossed out. That's not something like table scraps we're just throwing away every day.

Dick: Those are worthless. That's not included in this figure. This is, like, food that's ready to be consumed that we just tank.

Maddox: Nah, I don't know about that. I mean, possibly, but I don't think it's that high.

Dick: Okay, well…either way. It's way, way more than the 26 billion we're spending to feed man's best friend.

Maddox: Oh yeah, Dick? Well this 4.1 billion that we're spending on natural pet food sales. Here's how much that is, kay? Here's the GDP of countries less than the amount Americans spend on natural pet food. The Netherlands, Fiji, Liberia. The British Virgin Islands. Dominica. These are countries that don't even make as much money as we PISS AWAY on fucking cupcakes for dogs.

Dick: How much are you spending on video games there, Maddox? How much do we spend every year on fucking video games over here?

Maddox: Me? I dunno.

Dick: You don't think that's exactly the same as gourmet dog food?

Maddox: No. Not at all.

Dick: Oh, 'cause you enjoy video games and these people enjoy buying their pets fancy treats.

Maddox: Dick! Video games enrich my life…(Dick chuckles) and potentially cause me to become a better person!

Dick: Ohohohohohoh!! (laughing)

Maddox: Cupcakes…

Dick: (interjects) Dark Souls does not make you a better person, dude!

Maddox: Oh, yes it does, buddy!!!

Dick: It makes you a huge fuckin' asshole! (Dick and Maddox crack up) You scream at 13-year-old kids when you're playing that game! Don't give me that shit, "It makes you a better person." It makes you awful!

Maddox: Yeah! Better player, better person! (Dick cracks up) You know what? At least video games can enrich my vocabulary. Can increase my hand-eye coordination. Can increase my…

Dick: Oh! You need all that when you're spear fishing, right? To feed hungry people?

Maddox: You know what, Dick? At least video games have that POTENTIAL to enrich lives! Cupcakes for dogs have only one potential, and that's to turn into shit. That's all that they do. You're buying something that dogs convert to poop!

Dick: You don't think dogs enrich people's lives, do you? Do you?

Maddox: Yeah, of course they do.

Dick: Oh, they do.

Maddox: I do believe that, yes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. I do believe that. That doesn't mean I'm gonna fucking give it a fucking platter of goose liver! Fuck off, dog! You can eat whatever…dogs are animals that eat COUCHES and SHOES and fucking tennis balls!

Dick: They eat…well, they do that when they're acting out. The couches and the shoes shit.

Maddox: Dick, you don't know what a dog is doing. You don't know the psychology of a dog! (yells) (Dick cracks up) You don't know if a dog has low self esteem or high self esteem. You barely know shit about a dog! You're not a fucking dog. Dogs can't communicate. You can't even ask it any questions.

Dick: They can communicate! (yells)

Maddox: No. Oh, my God.

Dick: They can communicate, big time.

Maddox: Yeah. Pffffff, oh, big time! (splutters) Listen to this, Dick. 79%...(Dick cracks up) 79% of pet owners…

Dick: (interjects) You're like Jungle Jack Hannah if he was retarded. (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: (sighs) I'm getting those ANGER sweats! (Dick cracks up) Oh, I just wanna to rip my dick off right now. (Sean laughs) Listen to this, Dick. 79% of pet owners said the quality of their pet's food is as important as their own.

Dick: Wait, what? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. 79%, 4 out of 5 people think their DOG's pet food…their pet food is as important as their own food.

Dick: Yeah, but you know what? See, you come in with these stats. When I hear stats like that, like on TV, I always wanna know what they asked. Because if they asked…you can ask different questions and get the…

Maddox: Oh, my God.

Dick: Like, if you say, "Is the quality of your food important?" And I said, "Yes." And they say, "Okay, is the quality of your pet's food important?" and I say, "Yes." You do that enough times…that's that. That means, "Oh, this person must think that their pet's food quality is as important as theirs.

Maddox: Welcome to the Masterson Factor. All-Spin Zone! (Dick cracks up) Here we go.

Dick: You haven't heard that? That you can ask whatever you want to get the answer you want?

Maddox: Yeah, of course, Dick. But do you really think that there's some nefarious fucking lobby trying to figure that out? Trying to make it sound like dog food owners…dog owners think that their pets' food is as important as theirs? Why would anyone ask some stupid fucking horseshit question to make it sound like that result?

Dick: I don't know, if you're trying to sell dog food? Wouldn't you wanna make people think that most people are as concerned about the quality of their dog food as their own food?

Maddox: Well, possibly.

Dick: That'd be a hell of a way to sell dog food.

Maddox: True, Dick, but that doesn't discount the possibility that actual dipshits think this. And I think that there are a lot of actual dipshits out there. Now, there's also a Paleo Diet. "…Has created a new sector of ancestral foods, reflective of earlier diets of canines and felines that are focused on the high-quality proteins and grains in pet food." Now, they have a Paleo Diet for fucking dumbass dogs.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: Can you believe this shit?

Dick: It sounds silly, but, I dunno that it's…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'd rather feed them a Paleo Diet than poisoned other pets.

Maddox: Yeah, you know what, Dick? I know one of these people. This girl on Facebook, I used to see, she used to post nothing but fucking dog, dog, dog, dog, dog. And then she finally chilled on the dog pictures, and now she posts pictures of the dog food that she feeds her dogs. (Dick cackles) And guess what it is? Fucking steak. Every day, it's New York steak, flank, rib eye, brisket. She…her entire kitchen counter is filled with raw meats! And by the way, Dick, you're wrong…you're saying that dogs don't eat other dead animals? She fucking feeds her dog a steak! Raw steak, every day!

Dick: I'm saying they don't eat other dead carcasses in the wild.

Maddox: (stammers)

Dick: That's not what they do, they hunt.

Maddox: Dick. Have you ever driven through the desert? Like, okay. I'm just getting…

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Okay, great. This isn't going to be a rhetorical question.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah, I love those!

Maddox: When I was driving to Area 51 back in…

Dick: Wait a minute, what?! (laughing, incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. This is a whole story. So I'll just…I'll talk about Area 51 another time.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: But I was driving to Area 51 a long time ago. And I remember we were driving down this trail, and there were all these, like, dead animals, that people had hit before us. And we got down to as far as we could, like, close to the base, and there was some security and all this other shit. We had to be turned around. On our way back, all the dead

animals were gone. Do you think there were vultures out there at midnight? This was, by the way, like, 2-3 in the morning. Vultures aren't out there hunting for these carcasses. Coyotes…

Dick: (interjects) I'll tell you…I'll tell you what it was.

Maddox: Coyotes, foxes…what?

Dick: It was aliens.

Maddox: Okay. Aliens are eating dead carcasses.

Dick: Area 51. (giggles)

Maddox: I am just so fucking mad! I'm scrunching my notes here! (Dick cracks up) I'm so mad! Listen to this. This is my last point here I wanna say. "The top drivers of sales in pet foods include adding excitement to the pets' diets via flavors, gravies, lookalike human recipes, and meal-specific food, such as appetizers and breakfast."

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: They're giving their fucking dogs appetizers? You don't need to give a dog appetizers! Guess what? Dogs are always fucking hungry! They'll eat anything.

Dick: Would you give them a treat? Would you ever give your dog a treat if you had one?

Maddox: If it was a good dog.

Dick: Eh, it's fun! It's fun to treat them. It's fun to reward them.

Maddox: It's fun to beat suckers in Dark Souls. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's so much more fun. And by the way, when I'm done with Dark Sores…I… (stammers) Dark Souls, not Dark Sores. (laughs) When I'm done with the game, I turn it off and go to sleep. I don't have to worry about it whining. I don't have to worry about the neighbors calling because my Dark Souls is barking too loud. My Dark Souls game never bites anybody who comes to visit!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My Dark Souls game doesn't shit everywhere! I don't have to carry around bags of shit with me, and I sure as shit don't have to buy it fancy fucking cupcakes!! (yelling, angry) It just works!!

Dick: And you can take it to the park…(Maddox laughs) And all the girls come around and say, "Wow, your Dark Souls game is really beautiful."

Maddox: See? Agenda! You always have this angle! You're always calculating!

Dick: It's not an agenda! It's a thing…it's, you know, a community thing!

Maddox: Oh, community thing. (jeering)

Dick: You can meet people and go places…(grins)

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, Dick.

Dick: It's fun to have a dog!

Maddox: There it is! There's the REASON you like your dog. It's chicks!

Dick: Look, it's…it's fun to have a dog. And it's fun to treat them. So why not…what's so wrong about giving them a little more? If you've got the dough?

Maddox: It just seems exorbitant, Dick. If you had...fewer dogs in this world, there would be more money in people's pockets. People are avoiding buying CARS because they're spending it on cupcakes for their dogs!

Dick: So why do they have to buy cars? (incredulous)

Maddox: Because it stimulates the economy, dickhead!

Dick: So does this!

Maddox: Awwwwwwwwww!! (yelling) It doesn't!

Dick: How does it not!? (incredulous) It's buying something!

Maddox: It's just going into the pockets of wealthy dipshits in Wisconsin who are making shampoo out of Dead Sea minerals!!!

Dick: Not like…not like the dipshits that own, like, Ford and GM that are just doing… they're all altruism, right?

Maddox: Hey, man. I got a bunch of friends in Michigan who would like to have a word with you. Who are out of jobs.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Good, hard-working Americans. Out of manufacturing jobs, because everyone's lost their fucking minds and they're making fucking dog biscuits and pancakes for fucking animals that would be happy eating shit out of a gutter. Dogs don't know shit from sushi, dude! (Dick scoffs) And we're wasting all this money on 'em! (angry)

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah! That we could SOLVE hunger with.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Biggest problem in the universe. Dog food. Gourmet dog food.

Dick: Maybe you're right.

Maddox: I think it's bigger than AIDS. I think it's bigger than hunger.

Dick: We could ship all this gourmet dog food overseas, I guess. It never goes bad.

Maddox: (sighs)

Dick: Right? Oh, is that offensive?

Maddox: No!

Dick: That I wanna cure hunger by letting people eat…

Maddox: (laughs) Dog food?

Dick: Gourmet food?

Maddox: Yeah. A little bit. You know what, Dick?

Dick: That is…you know what, it is offensive. If I would come out to the UN and say, "Everybody, I got it figured out. I got all the dog food companies to donate 20 barges of dog food. I'm gonna send it all over to Africa and Asia. Hunger solved." I think I would get lynched.

Maddox: Yeah, I think so too.

Dick: For saying that.

Maddox: I think so, too. That's really, umm…uh, you know what, though, Dick, on that note. I walked into a Petco one time and I saw all this fancy fucking dog food. It looked like cookies. They looked so good. I started salivating. It looked really good!

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: This dog food. It looked like a chocolate chip cookie and I wanted to eat one.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So I go up to the lady when I'm buying…I forget what I'm buying. I think it was, like, a lizard or something. And I went up to the lady, um…(Dick laughs)

Dick: How old were you?

Maddox: Uh, this is like a year ago. A couple years ago.

Dick: Okay. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: So I went up the lady and I said…

Dick: (interjects) I thought it was, like, 12 or 13.

Maddox: (laughs) No. No, this is really recent. I went up to the lady when I was checking out, and I said, "Hey, have you ever tried the dog food?" and she goes, "No." And I said, "Come on." And she goes, "Yeah." (grinning) (laughs) I knew it! 'Cause it looks too good!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I asked her, "How does it taste?" and she goes, "Uh, it tastes just like a really, really, dull, plain, like, sugarless biscuit."

Dick: Yeah. It doesn't taste like a cupcake.

Maddox: Exactly. So why are we spending all this fucking time, energy, and resources on this? You know, we could probably have solved nuclear fusion if it weren't for gourmet dog food, with all that time and energy and resources we're spending? Scientists are working around the clock, Dick, to find new and fascinating ways to make dog food look more like human food.

Dick: Yeah. They're also working pretty hard on Dark Souls 3. (Maddox giggles) So are you gonna trade? Are you gonna stop…are you gonna throw that away if you have to throw away the gourmet dog food? It just seems a little arbitrary to me, that you don't like their thing, but you wanna keep your thing.

Maddox: This isn't even a joke. I think I'm getting hives because of this episode. (Dick cracks up) Alright, Dick. What was your problem this week?

Dick: My problems this week were "Sean Deleted the Podcast".

Sean: Oh, fuck you! (in the background) (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: Sean, can that not happen again?

Sean: I promise nothing. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah, good answer, buddy! I love it.

Dick: Unbelievable.

Maddox: And uhh…and my problem this week was "Gourmet Dog Food". The real problem..

Dick: No, my problem was "Hunger".

Maddox: Yeah, what…oh, yeah. You had two problems!

Dick: Yeah. I had two problems. "Sean Deleted the Podcast"…

Maddox: "Sean Deleted the Podcast", and "Hunger". And then mine was "Gourmet Dog Food". And guys, don't forget to vote on these problems. We have the live show coming up on December 19th! We're gonna record that and put it online for people who can't attend.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: If you're a pedophile, go to http://www.virped.org. Uh, don't forget to vote again, and uh, thanks for listening!

Dick: Thanks guys.

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 32

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, what's up buddy? How's it going?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Assholes! (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Sean, what can you possibly be referring to? (Dick cackles) I don't know. I don't know. Well, let's…

Dick: What a week. We had a great week. Do you wanna talk about the week first, or do you want to talk about the voting?

Maddox: Dick, let's talk about the week first.

Dick: Let's talk about the week first.

Maddox: It was very exciting. We recorded our first ever live "The Biggest Problem in The Universe" show at YouTube studios in Los Angeles, and the turnout was incredible. Excellent turnout. Which…

Dick: (interjects) Thank you to everybody who came out. You guys were awesome.

Maddox: You're welcome. And…(laughs)…well, I did come out!

Dick: Yeah, you did. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: And we had 100% turnout rate. Everybody who RVSPed…and then we had a few extras as well, which is unheard of. Usually when people RVSP to things, they flake.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they did not for our show.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They showed up on time. They left on time. And then a few stuck around for drinks afterwards.

Dick: In fact, the only problem with the audience was that Maddox was going to give them all t-shirts to thank them for coming, except he left all of the t-shirts at his house before we went to the studio to tape, so everybody got nothing.

Maddox: Yeah. There's a big stack of 'em to your right, Dick. They're right over there. (Dick laughs) Yeah, well, you know, um…that gives people an incentive to come to the next show and me an incentive to bring them, so we'll see if I remember.

Dick: Look, it was an awesome show. We didn't know how it was gonna go when we went into it.

Maddox: I…I did.

Dick: Well, you did, of course.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was a new format and I think the people at YouTube had their minds blown, quite honestly. Like, I'm speaking frankly. That's not hyperbole.

Maddox: I received a lot of compliments from really jaded people. And that's the best… those are the best type of people to receive compliments from. If they're really jaded, they've seen it all, they've done it all. There were other productions in the space that whole week, that whole month. And they said ours ran the smoothest by far. We actually wrapped on time. We said 4 PM out, and we finished at 4 PM. Which is another thing that's fucking unheard of. We're a well-oiled machine, baby! We nailed it!

Dick: And it was awesome.

Maddox: Yeah. And the show's coming…we're going to be posting the show on the website. We're not sure if we're gonna do it in lieu of a regular episode…probably in addition to the regular episode.

Dick: Yeeeeah, I don't know.

Maddox: Because it's a video format. And the guests were incredible. This was an awesome, awesome show all around. You guys are gonna love it. So, probably look for that the first or second week of January. Probably the second.

Dick: We gotta edit it. I can't wait to do that. And I'm gonna say…I'm gonna call it now. I think there's gonna be something controversial…in the show.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (giggles)

Dick: Yeah, I'm not gonna say what I think it's gonna be. (grins)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I'm just gonna say right now. We're gonna get more into it as we approach the live show, but there's something controversial about it.

Maddox: Yeah. Speaking of controversial, Dick!!!!! (yells) (Dick laughs) Last week, "Hunger"…"Hunger" won.

Dick: Ohohohhhhhhh!!! Yeah!!!

Maddox: The biggest…it didn't win, but it was the one with the most votes.

Dick: Oho!! Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. I'm tired of explaining that.

Dick: Can I have a minute?

Maddox: Yeah, uh…

Dick: I don't wanna…you know I usually play my song.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I don't want to do that this time. I wanna play a totally different song.

(Upbeat Christmas piano music starts)

Dick: 'Cause it's Christmas.

Maddox: (laughs) Awesome.

(Woman starts singing: "We wish you a Maddox lost-mas, we wish you a Maddox lost-mas… (**Maddox:** Fuck you!!) (Dick cackles) **We wish you a Maddox lost-mas,** (**Maddox:** What does that mean?!?!) (**Dick:** I don't know) **'cause his problems were dumb. Let's hope that Sean won't delete it again.** (**Maddox:** Yeah, thanks Sean.) (Maddox and Dick laugh) **That's right, Maddox lost-mas, and Dick won again.")**

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Bunch of horseshit. That fucking song was.

Dick: Happy Maddox lost-mas.

Maddox: Yeah. That doesn't make sen…what does that even mean, lost-mas?

Dick: I dunno, dude. It's Christmas. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. Thanks. Real in the spirit, Dick. (Dick laughs) This is what I get! This is what I get instead of gifts from my friends! Nothing. Which is, coincidentally what you're getting. And then followed by "Audio Engineers Deleting Podcasts"…uh, Dick, your impromptu problem that you brought in last week REALLY scored well. Uh, it's the second highest problem. Sean, do you have any comments on that problem?

Sean: Look, I held off…(Maddox and Dick crack up loudly) I held off Dick's impending cirrhosis at least another day, so you're welcome.

Dick: Alright, alright.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) And then followed by, "Gourmet Dog Food", which scored in the negatives.

Dick: Good. 'Cause it wasn't a problem.

Maddox: You don't think…you guys don't think it's a problem.

Dick: No.

Maddox: So, Dick. I actually…

Dick: Wait a minute, I have more. I didn't want to bring up the Sean thing, but I have a bunch of comments on it, since he was…

Sean: Oh, no. (in the background)

Dick: Yeah, I just wanna read them real quick. **Jay McDonald: "Hearing that Sean deleted the podcasts was one of the funniest things I've heard on this show so far, and this show is hilarious every week."** Alright, that's complimentary. **David Lugo: "Also, the title on the website should read, "New episodes every Tuesday unless Sean deletes them.""** (Maddox laughs) **Craig Cunningham: "At least all the people asking for Sean to bring in a problem got their wish." Rivanita Stankaviscious: "I**

don't understand how the podcast was lost. Deleted files go into the Recycle Bin or trash unless you press shift+delete…" and then a bunch of other technical stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Not when you delete them directly from Pro Tools.

Maddox: From Pro Tools, yeah.

Sean: And I'm not talking about the timeline.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So that's what happened.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause everyone was asking.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause Pro Tools doesn't have some kind of delete buffer if you do a permanent delete.

Sean: No, look. If you…I'll tell you really quickly how I did it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Sean: I pulled the tracks into a mix session. I have different mix templates I use, 'cause things are routed and certain compressors and EQs and all that shit are there, bla bla bla.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Sean: Anyway, um…pulled it into the timeline, got up for a second, thought that they were still the old ones, because what happens is that the session saves every audio file, so you get this gargantuan session. So I don't need the old ones, 'cause they're already mixed down. I have all the tracks elsewhere.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Sean: So, I uhh…I highlighted them, I hit "delete", like you would.

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

Sean: That doesn't delete them, though.

Dick: I guess you would.

Maddox: We got this screenshot.

Sean: Then I know two keyboard shortcuts that no engineer in his right mind should know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And it's "Select Unused" and "Delete Unused".

Dick: No, don't tell them!! We don't want to spread this poison!! (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Other audio engineers…

Sean: That's what I did. And in three seconds, they were gone.

Dick: Oh, man. Brutal.

Maddox: Yeah, you know, that person who said that they were asking for Sean to bring in a problem. Uh, technically Sean didn't bring in a problem; Sean was the problem, so… Sean, we will want you to bring in a problem at some point in the future when your crazy schedule dies down.

Sean: Well this one isn't, you know, in the box yet, so. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Well, that's true.

Dick: This is the last comment. And I don't want to bring it up again after. **Kenny X. Stiles** says, **"Dick, I don't know if there's a support group for audio engineers who delete audio files, nor do I think one should exist. One fuckup for 31 episodes is pretty acceptable considering Maddox's Dick Versus Dick segment proves how much of a flaky, contradicting assclown you can be…"** I should have read that one first.

Maddox: (laughing) You should have read it.

Dick: "You're getting close to more fuckups than Bush…" blablablabla. I think…the point is, it is definitely NOT acceptable to delete 1 out of 31 podcasts.

Maddox: Oookay.

Dick: And I don't want…I know you agree with that, Sean.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I don't want it to seem like that's…like you think it's acceptable to do that, right?

Sean: No. And I've never done it with anything important, so…

Dick: Oh, fuck you…

Maddox: Okay. Fuck you, Sean! This is bullshit. Okay guys. We've browbeat Sean enough here. Um, I wanna go back to the problems, Dick, that everybody apparently thought that gourmet dog food wasn't a problem.

Dick: It's not.

Maddox: Um, Dick. I have a new segment…

Dick: Oh, cool.

Maddox: Based on this comment that you said last episode. Let's hear this new segment.

(Drumroll, snappy bass line. "Dick…is full of shit…yeah." (Maddox and Sean laugh) **"Hooo!! What a drag."** (Dick cracks up)**"What is truth, what is fiction? Dick…doesn't know…"** (**Dick:** A little long, I think. (laughing)) **"Dick…bulllshiiiiiiiit.")**

Dick: Did you mean to do that? Dick doesn't know dick?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay. That's good.

Maddox: And you're full of shit.

Dick: How come all of my produced segments sound like they have other people and sound professional, and all of yours just are you.

Maddox: 'Cause I just make them, Dick! I don't pay other people to just make segments for me. I just fucking do them. Um, so that's a new segment. It's called "Dick's Full of Shit".

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And you remember, Dick. I don't know if you remember in the last episode, you said this about gourmet dog food and regular dog food. Here's what you said.

Dick: Okay.

(Clip: Maddox: "What do you mean, Dick? What do you mean, they're feeding them other pets?" Dick: "That's what dog…dog food is other dogs." "You can splurge and not have to know that you're feeding your dog other euthanized dogs.")

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. That's true.

Maddox: No, that's not true.

Dick: It's absolutely true. (grins)

Maddox: It's absolutely fucking not true. 'Cause I have a study from the FDA. FDA actually did this study because a lot of people… a lot of people were believing this urban legend, like you, apparently.

Dick: Okay. (skeptical)

Maddox: So the FDA did this study. They said, "In order to determine if…" you were complaining that pentobarbital was found in pet food, right? Which is something that they use to euthanize pets in pet stores. And that's what you…that's how you concluded that they were feeding dogs other dogs.

Dick: Well, that logical progression is false, but yeah, I will agree with both of those things. There is euthanized dogs in dog food. There is road kill in dog food. And there is phenobarbital in dog food.

Maddox: Okay, well, you're wrong. (Dick laughs) They checked for phenobarbital. Uh, it's actually pentobarbital in pet food and they found that it's down to 2 parts per billion of pentobarbital in dry dog food.

Dick: So there is.

Maddox: That's less than what you find in our water supply. Our own human water supply.

Dick: There's also dead animals in our water supply. What do you mean…so it is there?

Maddox: 2 parts per billion, Dick! That's nonexistent! That's residue that you would find anywhere else! You could find…(stammers) that's like finding cyanide in apple seeds. Yeah, it exists, but it's a nonissue. It's nonexistent. And here's another…here's another thing about the ground-up dogs and cats…

Dick: Wait, are you done with that part? That study?

Maddox: No, no, hold on. Lemme get through this real quick.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Um, they said, "All samples from the most recent dog food survey that tested positive for pentobarbital as well as a subset of samples that tested negative, were examined for the presence of remains derived from dogs or cats."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: "The results demonstrated a complete absence of material that would have been derived from euthanized dogs or cats."

Dick: In dry dog food?

Maddox: Yeah. Complete absence, Dick.

Dick: So it's not there. You know, man. It sure sounds like you got me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Doesn't it.

Maddox: It does.

Dick: (sighs) Looks like I'm a little out of my league here, doesn't it?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Einhorn, good work.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Except for this ONE SMALL THING.

Maddox: Here we go. (laughs)

Dick: ONE little detail you might have failed to miss.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maddox, do you know what an appendix is?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't mean the one in your body.

Maddox: Okay, sure.

Dick: I mean like, in the case of a study.

Maddox: Yes, I am a published author.

Dick: Right. (Maddox giggles) At the bottom, they have a little thing called an appendix.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: An innocuous little word, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But sometimes, if you wanna be thorough with studies, you have to click on it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You have to follow up with things.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And see how they made this study.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: You know? What questions did they ask to find if people were more concerned about their own food or their pets' food?

Maddox: W….that's…that's…

Dick: When they research dog food, for example.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where did they get this food?

Maddox: They got it…

Dick: What…what kind of a sampling was made of food to get these results? It's interesting that you bring in that study.

Maddox: Yeah. Mhmm.

Dick: Because I happen to have the appendix.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: With me.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Let me read from the top.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: It's not often that you see an entire sentence in capital letters on a government website…

Maddox: Mhmm. (skeptical)

Dick: But this one happens to be.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: From the appendix of that study…

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: In all caps. "These results need to be understood within the following context. Sampling was nonrepresentative. Samples were purchased from retail outlets in the Laurel-Madison area only. Dry dog foods with certain animal-derived ingredients were sampled. This selection pattern meant that the samples were not representative of dog food nationally or even locally."

Maddox: Well, how is it possible that it's not representative of dog food locally if they took a sample from the local supply?

Dick: It says SPECIFICALLY…"This means this study is invalid to draw conclusions on dog food nationally or locally." (yelling)

Maddox: Dick, it's obviously not, because they derived conclusions from them and they published them in the FDA. They don't…the FDA is not in the business of publishing studies on non-data! They publish studies on the data, and I looked into it. They…they…

Dick: However, the FDA also says this about this study.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "The concentration of pentobarbital, if present in any US pet food, may be different than the findings of these surveyed. These results apply only to the specific lots analyzed." Why would they say, "This study means nothing."?

Maddox: Because, Dick. They didn't say, "This study means nothing." Because they published it. If the study meant nothing, they wouldn't have published it. What they said, Dick, is that they're scientists. They're trying not to mislead people. They're trying to just explain that yes, this isn't a national sample. But what? Do you think that food, uh, dog food suppliers, like, vary wildly all across the country? Some of 'em do euthanized pets and some of 'em don't?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Here's the thing, Dick. No, Dick. Because here's where the majority of dog and cat food comes from. It's rendered animals. Like, that we eat.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Cattle and chickens and pork. The pieces that we don't eat.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: The stuff that they usually put in hot dogs…

Dick: It's mostly that.

Maddox: It's mostly that.

Dick: It's mostly the 50% of the cow that it's illegal to feed humans.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's what dog food is.

Maddox: It's not that it's illegal, because…

Dick: (interjects) It is. It is absolutely illegal to feed those parts to people!

Maddox: What parts?

Dick: Half of the cow! I don't fucking know! I'm not a farmer! (yells)

Maddox: You…if you own a cow, you can eat as much or as little of it as you want.

Dick: You can't sell it to people to eat, though, you dickhead! Of course you can eat it yourself!

Maddox: You can…what's…name one cattle part that you can't buy in a butcher store! (yells) Tell me one cattle part that they won't sell you!

Dick: You can't serve it to people and say, "This is meat."

Maddox: You can do whatever you want with it. You can take hooves and make a broth out of it, if you want!

Dick: No you ca….(screeches) And you have to say, "This was made out of hooves."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You can't say it's a meat slurry!

Maddox: But it's not illegal! It's not fucking illegal, you're FULL OF SHIT! (yelling)

Dick: No. It is TOTALLY illegal, you shit head!!!! (yells)

Maddox: No, it's no, you fuck!! (yelling)

Dick: Yes, it is!!

Maddox: No it isn't!

Dick: It's illegal to take an entire cow, put it in a blender, and then say, "This is a hamburger."

Maddox: W…

Dick: (interjects) You have to take the meat off the cow to do that!

Maddox: You can explain what's in it and the consumer has the choice to buy it. You can't mislead them.

Dick: Illegal.

Maddox: No, it's not illegal. (laughing)

Dick: No way. No, it's not.

Maddox: According to what? Cite a law, dickhead! You're full of shit! (yells) I'm calling you on it!

Dick: I'm not gonna pretend to cite a law! You can look it up. There's a Slate article that has the whole thing of…um, of serving euthanized dogs as pet food.

Maddox: I read that article.

Dick: Good.

Maddox: And not a SINGLE source! (yells) Hey, Dick! Did you check the appendix for that article? No!! I'll answer that for you, because it doesn't exist. I read that exact same article, Dick!

Dick: Maddox, you can't get these people on anything! They don't have to say if it's for pet food, that it's euthanized pets. That's the point! It's not a law. They don't have to say anything.

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: (interjects) Where are the pets going, then? Of course they're going into the food!

Maddox: No, they're not!

Dick: Because they have TONS and TONS of dead pets!

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: What are they gonna do, just eat it as a loss?!? (yells)

Maddox: No.

Dick: No, they're gonna feed it to your fucking dogs!

Maddox: No. They incinerate a lot of them, Dick.

Dick: Why?!!?

Maddox: They don't put…

Dick: (interjects) Why would they do that when they can just sell it?

Maddox: Because they don't put dogs into dog food! That's an urban legend! And this study…if you were so busy reading the appendix, you missed this little detail, 'cause, "… the sensitivity of this method that they tested is 0.005% on a by-weight basis. That is, the method can detect a minimum of 5 pounds of rendered remains in 50 tons of finished feed!! Presently, it is assumed that the pentobarbital residues that are entering pet foods are from euthanized, rendered cattle or even horses." That's where it's coming from. Not from fucking dogs. You're full of shit, Dick. And I called you on it.

Dick: Alright. I made my point.

Maddox: You…(giggles)…you said things.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm not sure you made a point. (laughs)

Dick: I made my point.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, the shit dog food is full of charcoal and ash at a minimum.

Maddox: You have no evidence!

Dick: I think…would you agree with that?

Maddox: No evidence!

Dick: Maddox, they're not putting it on the label! Because it's bad for business. There's no laws requiring them to put this shit on the label, so they don't!

Maddox: Well then, why would the FDA test this stuff, Dick?

Dick: B…I don't know! (yells) I don't know why they would do that!

Maddox: Food and dru…it's the Food and Drug Administration.

Dick: Why wouldn't they…(stammers) why would they test it at all?!

Maddox: Because of urban legend idiots like you. You guys are, like, worried about dog food being…

Dick: (interjects) The FDA goes around proving urban legends wrong?

Maddox: Hey, the government went out having to prove truthers wrong on 9/11!

Dick: Why didn't they DNA test the fucking Shroud of Turin, then? A lot of people think that's a religious relic.

Maddox: Because that doesn't affect public health. But the FDA, the government went out and tested truther claims about 9/11 because there was enough of them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And same thing here! They tested…they said, "Okay, let's placate these idiots. Let's get a bag of dog food and just test it." Full of shit!

Dick: Look, I…okay. That's full of shit. So, you think it's totally ridiculous that a corporation is gonna say, "Oh, it's illegal for me to process all these carcasses into food, but it's not illegal to ship them out of state and do it, and then ship 'em back in and I don't have to tell anyone I did it? Uh, yeah. I'm gonna do it." That's how they work.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, Dick. The entire study…if you had read the entire study…

Dick: (interjects) I read that entire study! The guy sent it to both of us!

Maddox: Yeah. And did you read the part where it says that they found even trace amounts of pentobarbital in dog food actually extended their lives? Did you read that part?

Dick: That has nothing to do with what we're talking about!

Maddox: YOUR case last time was that this shit was unhealthy and that…

Dick: (interjects) Of COURSE it's unhealthy!

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, there is…

Dick: (interjects) Lemme just…fine. Lemme just read you this email.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (stammers) You're saying it's not unhealthy to eat garbage?

Maddox: Dick, obviously not, if they did a test and they found that the dogs are living longer. And Dick, by the way…

Dick: (interjects) That's asinine!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That feeding dogs garbage makes them live longer…

Maddox: (interjects) You know what's asinine?

Dick: Why don't you eat it then, Maddox? Start eating fucking dog food!

Maddox: We do.

Dick: You don't care about expensive steaks or cheap steaks, just start eating…

Maddox: I have! (laughing)

Dick: …handfuls of pedigree, you motherfucker!! (angry)

Maddox: Yeah. And guess what? It'll be full of dogs apparently, right, Dick?

Dick: Start eating Bachelor Chow.

Maddox: Dick, here's the thing…

Dick: (interjects) It's not full of dogs. It's not entirely dogs. They're just in there.

Maddox: Yeah. Fuckin' bullshit!

Dick: That's the level of quality you're getting in that food!

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: It's mostly shit from slaughterhouses that they can't feed humans, 'cause it's illegal!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, it's not dogs. It's not dogs and cats.

Dick: They're in there!

Maddox: No, they're not!

Dick: They're in there!! (yells)

Maddox: Dick. Dick, here's the problem with your argument, kay? You said that this sample is not representative…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: However, nonetheless, it is a sample of one. They did at least one test. You have ZERO tests where they have found dogs in dog food! That's zero versus one! I win.

Dick: How much did they find in there? (grins) None?

Maddox: None.

Dick: So they took…they took a little piece of kibble…a non-representative piece of kibble…

Maddox: It is representative.

Dick: …and what, they spliced it for fuckin' DNA?

Maddox: No! They're…

Dick: (interjects) After it was mulched?

Maddox: The sensitivity is 0.005%. So, less than 5 pounds for 50 tons of feed! There may be…5 pounds for 50 tons, that means there's zero pets in there.

Dick: 5 pounds for 50 tons?

Maddox: For 50 tons.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, you don't know, that's why this segment's called "Dick's Full of Shit"! (laughing)

Dick: Well, you didn't prove that.

Maddox: Dick. Let's get to the problems.

Dick: No, no, no. We're not…I've got voice mails, man.

Maddox: Alright. (giggles)

Dick: Here you go. Let's get off of this dog shit.

Maddox: Oh, my God.

(Voice mail: "Hey Dick, hey Maddox. This is Dave from Texas callin' in. Um, first off, I'd like to say that actually, yeah. Sean deleting the podcast IS THE biggest problem in the universe, 'cause if he keeps fucking up and deleting the podcast, how are we gonna know what the problems are? How are we ever gonna find out what is the biggest problem in the universe?" (**Maddox:** It's true) **Well, aside from it being Sean deleting the podcast, that's it.** (Maddox laughs) **Secondly, Maddox, I'm amazed that you didn't mention that, you know, all these people buying gourmet dog food, all this horseshit, all it is, is stupid assholes buying a narrative.** (**Maddox:** Yeah, I did say that.) **People go on trying to always quote me.** (**Dick:** You did? **Maddox:** Yes.) **I had a roommate who would say,** (**Maddox:** Check the transcripts.) **Hey, you know, feeding a dog regular food, it's basically like ramen. These foods are all just filled with, you know, wheat and grains. Dogs don't need that." Have you ever looked at the ingredients on this shit? What do they put instead of wheat? Fucking potatoes. This goes right with your problem of French fries being a problem. So you're a stupid asshole for not figuring that out.** (**Maddox:** Is he talking to me? (chuckles) **Dick:** I think he's talking to you.) **Dumb shits saying that, "Oh, we don't want to feed our dogs wheat! So instead, they cram potatoes down their stupid mutt's throat. Fuck dogs!** (Sean laughs) (Maddox chuckles) **Well, alright, no. No, fuck those people. Dogs are okay. Um…also, Dick, go fuck yourself.")**

Dick: Allllllright. Alright. I've had enough of that today.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Uh, let's see. Here's a guy that agrees with you.

(Voice mail: "Dick. Pets are not members of your family. (**Maddox:** Yep) **Members of your family cannot have replacements purchased.** (**Maddox:** Right) **When your mother dies, you don't go out and buy a new old broad.** (Maddox, Dick, and Sean laugh) **Maddox, are you serious? Dick's complaining about people going to bed hungry and you're complaining about not being able to buy pizza after you snack on nuts?** (Maddox cracks up) **Not even close to the same thing, buddy.** (Maddox and Dick laugh)**)**

Dick: Uh, let's see here.

Maddox: Yeah, I was really hungry after that episode. (giggles) It was a big problem.

Dick: Yeah.

(Voice mail: "Hi, this is Pete from West Virginia. It was quite a while ago, but when Maddox brought in the problem of "Dogs", his reasoning was complete bullshit. (**Maddox:** Mmkay.) **But you don't own a dog for companionship, or to love it…myeh myeh myeh…(silly voice)** (Maddox laughs) **You own a dog so that if somebody breaks into your house, they get their fucking throat torn out.** (**Maddox:** Yeah. **Dick:** It's true.) **You idiot.** (**Maddox:** Yeah, with all these poodles everyone owns) **Love the show, guys. Keep doing what you're doing.")**

Maddox: Corgis and poodles, and shitzus…

Dick: Alright. I've got…I do have a voice mail from a vet tech who says I'm right about them putting dogs in dog food, but I think we've talked about it enough.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, that's fine, if you want to cite one vet tech versus the veterinary organization that the FDA polled for their testing methods. Sure.

Dick: So the fact that it says, "not representative" means nothing to you.

Maddox: Dick, it's not representative of a national study, because their scientists are not trying to mislead people. I'll…I'll cede you that point. However, they found zero pets in pet food. You have zero evidence. You have not a single study…a single inkling except for the shitty Slate article, which I read that cited zero studies. (Dick sighs) I looked everywhere for that, Dick. I wanted to know. Are they really grinding up dogs in dog food?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Of course fucking not. It's cattle, pork, and chicken. It's just pieces that we wouldn't eat. That's what dogs eat.

Dick: It's pieces that it's illegal for us to eat.

Maddox: It's not illegal, Dick!

Dick: It totally is!

Maddox: (stammers) Cite one law. What's the law?

Dick: Maddox! I'm not a pretend Internet lawyer like you, alright? (Maddox giggles) (Sean laughs) I don't have these made-up laws in my head!

Maddox: And yet you're SURE of it!

Dick: I'm not SURE of it, I'm saying LA County ships out 200 tons of animal carcasses out of the state every month. Why? Why are they doing that? To light 'em on fire in the desert? Okay! Ship 'em out, then the same-looking truck brings back in a bunch of animal feed. Oh! I guess somebody figured it out.

Maddox: Dick, you know what they do with a lot of animals…animal carcasses…

Dick: What?

Maddox: Is they render them into coagulants. They render them into things that we use into…in asphalt, and plastics, and rubbers, and things like that. That could be another use for these animals, not grinding them up and feeding them to more pets.

Dick: (sighs) Oh, God. I'm sick of this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, can we get to some problems?

Maddox: Let's get to the problems. What's your first problem this week?

Dick: My first problem is Christmas presents for guys.

Maddox: (guffaws) Okay, why is that a problem?

Dick: 'Cause it's a…buying Christmas presents for guys is a huge fuckin' problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it doesn't need to be.

Maddox: (stammers) What specifically is a problem with it?

Dick: It's impossible.

Maddox: Oh, it's difficult.

Dick: Yeah. It's…I got…I got the Christmas shopping for my mom and my sister done in about 10 minutes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No problem. 'Cause women don't care. You just get them something, they appreciate that you spent money on 'em, and it's done. Job's done.

Maddox: What are you, kidding? It's like, the exact opposite with me.

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Women are the hardest to buy things for.

Dick: Why, what do you buy them?

Maddox: I don't know! I still haven't figured it out.

Dick: Just clothes.

Maddox: Every woman I've ever bought anything has hated it.

Dick: No, you…well, what are some things that you've bought women? (grins)

Sean: A lizard. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Perfume. I've bought DVDs…

Dick: Okay. Lemme tell you why that's bad.

Maddox: I know why it's bad. I've heard it! I got an earful!

Dick: What was it?

Maddox: "Uhh, it's not my scent. It's too strong! It's this and blablabla."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Even if I…

Dick: It's very personal.

Maddox: Yeah, but I go to the perfume store with them and I see them pick something out, and they sniff it, and go, "Oh, this smells really good, mmm. Maybe I'll buy this some time." And they put it down on the shelf and I'll remember that.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Right? And I'll go back there to buy the exact same perfume, and they'll NEVER fucking use it! (Dick giggles) A dress that they pick up and they look at and they're like, "Oh, it's too expensive." I'll go buy that dress! They won't ever wear it.

Dick: You've bought women a dress and they hated the dress!?

Maddox: The…yeah, a dress that they pre-selected! My ex-girlfriend, I bought her a fucking expensive-ass dress, gave it to her. That she pre-selected. She didn't have the money on hand and I went back when she wasn't around and bought her this dress, and she fucking never wore it once.

Dick: Well, that doesn't mean she hated it.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Maybe you should start taking her to an expensive steakhouse and she'll put it on.

Maddox: Jesus.

Dick: Was she pissed off about it?

Maddox: Put the pounds on. Uh…(giggles) She wasn't pissed off about it, but she seemed, "Oh, okay, thanks." (girly voice)

Dick: No, 'cause that's…I'll tell you the secret of buying gifts for women, then.

Maddox: Yeah, what is it?

Dick: You buy them…well, this is what I always do. I buy them clothes from a place that I know they want to shop at. With 100% certainty that they're gonna take them back.

Maddox: Oookay.

Dick: So it's like just giving them cash.

Maddox: Gift cards.

Dick: And saying, "Go shopping", except that's tacky.

Maddox: Yeah. It just leaves me empty, man. So, you think it's harder to buy for guys than girls.

Dick: Well, at least women are very appreciative of what you bought them.

Maddox: Dick, I have had it completely…

Dick: You have had the opposite experience of this?!

Maddox: No. My mom is the worst. Every single gift I've ever given my mom, even cash, she's complained about the cash, that it was not enough. (Dick and Sean crack up) Yeah!

Dick: Well, how much was it? A dollar fifty?

Maddox: It was a hundred bucks! I'm like, "Here you go, mom! Here's a fucking envelope full of cash!" (Dick laughs) Take it and shove it up your ass! And she didn't appreciate it. It was not enough! Oh, just 100$?

Dick: (cracking up) Merry Christmas!!

Maddox: She's like "I gave birth to you and this is all I'm worth?!" I'm like, "Mom, it's a fuckin hundred dollars, what do you want, man?!" It's a hundred dollars! Just take it! (Dick cracks up) Shut up and take it! And I bought her, like, some expensive forks and knives. Hated it.

Dick: Okay, wait a minute. I'm keeping track of all these presents. (grinning) That's a shitty present. Forks and knives for mom.

Maddox: Yeah. What? It's silverware!

Dick: (guffaws) How old were you?!

Maddox: I was uh…like, 18 at the time? Yeah.

Dick: (laughing) Okay, what's next?

Sean: Next time, just buy her a vacuum.

Dick: (cracks up) Have you ever bought a woman a vacuum?!

Maddox: Mmmmmmm….

Dick: An appliance?

Maddox: No…yes, I have bought a woman an appliance.

Dick: What appliance?

Maddox: A toaster oven. (Dick cracks up) She…wanted it! She said she wanted a toaster!

Dick: Did you buy her a matching, uhh…dress and say, "This is the dishwasher?" (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: No, dude. I bought her a toaster over, because she wanted a toaster, and I thought, "What's better than a toaster? A toaster over. You can heat up non-bread in them. Pop-Tarts. You can make mini-pizzas. They're fucking great." And she hated it.

Dick: Okay. Here's the move on that one, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You gotta give it to both of you. You can give that as a present, but you have to say, "This is something I got for both of us. You can't say it's for her."

Maddox: Well, she was disappointed as shit, buddy.

Dick: Well, yeah! 'Cause you built up her expectations. (laughing)

Maddox: Well, she wanted a cat, and I gave her a box about the size of a cat. And it didn't have any holes in it, obviously it's not a fucking cat. (Dick laughing) Unless cats can hold their breaths for a really long time. It was a toaster. It was the big item that year. She wanted a toaster. (giggles)

Dick: That sucks.

Maddox: I bought…I bought another girl, a long time ago, as a present, and this was such fucking bullshit. It's still, again, my ex. Um, it was a trip to, I believe it was, like, New Orleans or something like that. You know, a pretty nice gift, right?

Dick: Well, again, for both of us.

Maddox: So?

Dick: Did you get her that in lieu of a present?

Maddox: That was the present.

Dick: So you got it instead of, like, a physical thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you just gave her a vacation, like the Price is Right.

Maddox: Is that not a present?

Dick: Yeah, you can't do that.

Maddox: Am I living in a different fucking weird universe where trips no longer count as presents?!

Dick: It's not a present. I wouldn't be surprised…I'm not surprised that you're getting that reaction.

Maddox: I wanna cut myself right now. I'm so mad. This is such bullshit! (Dick laughs) How is that not a present?!! That's the best present.

Dick: Because it's an experience, like…the present is something that you get right now. In the present. Not in the future.

Maddox: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry my gift isn't something you can return to the store with a gift receipt! I'm sorry my gift to you is a life experience! Oh, please, accept my apology for changing your life for the better.

Dick: Ehh…I don't know if a trip with you is a change in your life for the better. (Maddox laughs) You could have easily fixed that by getting her, like, something to wear while you were there, though.

Maddox: I did. That was when I gave her the expensive dress, Dick.

Dick: That was where you gave it to her.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: You gave it to her on the trip? Was it New Orleans?

Maddox: Yup. It was not New Orleans. It was another place, it was another country, but…

Dick: I thought you said, sorry.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Did you give it to her at home, or did you….

Maddox: No.

Dick: Did you give it to her right then, the dress? Or did you give it to her on the vacation?

Maddox: On the vacation, on Christmas day.

Dick: Yeah, that's…oh, wow.

Maddox: Yeah. And nothing. Nothing was my response.

Dick: Not even a thank you.

Maddox: Well, "Oh, thanks." Okay.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's rough.

Maddox: Makes me so…I know! That's why I stopped buying people gifts. It's always fucking TRAGEDY with me. (Dick cracks up) Tragedy! I bought my mom a clock one time because her bathroom…I found this clock that perfectly matched her bathroom. The same color and everything. Which is really hard to match, 'cause her bathroom's this weird color of like, light green, whatever. So I bought her this clock and I gave it to her with a card, with this little- pop-up card of this dog, where you open it up, and it's like, "Number one mom is you!" and it points at her.

Dick: Oh, god. (scoffs)

Maddox: And she goes, "What is this, a dick?!"

Dick: A dog? Why would…(laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You got your mom a Christmas card that featured a dog?!

Maddox: Paper dog, whatever.

Dick: (guffaws) I don't think that's, like, something a mom wants, though!

Maddox: My mom was offended by it! She said it was a phallic gesture.

Dick: Yeah!! (grinning) (laughs)

Maddox: And then she said, "What's the meaning of this clock? Are you trying…are you waiting until I die? Is that what this is? (Dick cracks up) Are you counting the minutes until I die?!" I'm like no…fucking no, mom! Of course not…I mean if I…no! Shut up! (Dick still laughing)

Sean: Are you sure you're Armenian and not Italian or Greek? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. It's been tragic. The earliest I can remember disappointing a woman with a gift is when I was eight years old. I went outside in my street and I noticed in the street, there was all this, like, gold powder. And I thought, "Wow, this is neat."

Dick: Oh, from the reflectors?

Maddox: Yeah, the reflectors!

Dick: When they paint the reflectors? Yeah, yeah. I remember that.

Maddox: I remember carefully scooping it up on a piece of paper and then putting it in a Coke bottle, and it was this Coke bottle full of, like, gold-colored powder, and that was really precious to me. And I remember, I think it was Mother's Day or her birthday came around, and I thought, "You know what? I'm gonna give my mom this gift of gold powder." That's all I have.

Dick: Glitter.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Well, it's not glitter. It's gold powder. (Dick laughs) It looked really cool!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And so I thought, "This is my gift to my mom." And I gave it to her and she goes, "What is this, dirt?" And she poured it out and just threw the Coke bottle away. (Dick laughs) I'm an eight year old! What the fuck do I have to give?! I got her this thing that was precious to me and she threw it away.

Dick: Yeah, your dad's supposed to help you out at eight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Your dad's supposed to take you to the store and then, like, buy some…whatever, jewelry or something, and then give to the mom with...from you.

Maddox: Yeah, he doesn't give a shit. He just got her ice cream or something. I dunno, man. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Ice creams?! (scoffs) Uh…somehow I knew this would be a good problem. (Maddox giggles) Well, you just…you gotta get girls, like, throwaway gifts. Like, just clothes…like, no statements. You don't want to get 'em furniture.

Maddox: Mmm. (skeptical)

Dick: You don't want something permanent that fucks with their décor.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You unders…you know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just something that they can wear once, maybe, and not think about.

Maddox: Yeah. Or never. They can wear never and not think about. And just stuff it in the closet. It's 140$ reminder of a destroyed relationship. How about that? Fucking gifts are the worst, man.

Dick: (laughing) Well, I just had gifts for guys here. (Maddox cracks up) We can change it to Christmas presents in general.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I wouldn't mind that.

Maddox: Okay, Dick. (grins) So, what's harder than this nightmare scenario I've described?

Dick: Well, I guess I just have an easy time buying presents for women?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they all love them. They're all appreciative.

Maddox: Maybe you just have better women in your life.

Dick: That's definitely true, without this Christmas present shit.

Maddox: 'Cause your mom and your sister are great.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Some of your exes, maybe not. But, like, your mom and your…

Dick: (interjects) They all liked their presents, though.

Maddox: Then they're fuckin'…they got a leg up on my ex.

Dick: Yeah, but for my dad and my brother-in-law, I have no idea what to get them. It is… the clock's ticking. I got like…T-24 hours or something like that, now. And moreso than that, I don't think guys really care, you know? The utility of giving a guy a present is much, much lower than it is giving a woman in your life a present. To me.

Maddox: That is true for my dad. My dad has never cared about a gift, ever. If I gave my dad anything, he was so appreciative. If I gave him a mug. If I gave him a screwdriver. If I gave him a bandsaw blade. Anything. He would be happy with it. If I gave him a hammer, he would be happy with it. He didn't give a shit. He loved tools. I just got him some tools and that was the end of it. I'd go to the store, 50 bucks later, I'm home. Shopping's done. I don't even have to wrap it. He says, "Hey, what's that screwdriver doing on the table?" I say, "Happy Birthday, dad! Merry Christmas!"

Dick: Or whatever!

Maddox: Whatever!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And he goes, "Okay, thanks!" That's it!

Dick: Yeah, that's perfect.

Maddox: Problem solved.

Dick: And I'd rather just not even do that. Like, even when I get asked, "What do you want for Christmas?", I'm like, "I honestly don't know."

Maddox: Guys are so easy! Video games. Always. Period. End of story. Done. (Dick giggles) Omaha stakes, video games, yeah, great. Blowjob? Awesome. Rum? A porno mag? Awesome. I'm happy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Well, that's my problem.

Maddox: Good problem, Dick.

Dick: Do you want to just make it Christmas presents?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: 'Cause your argument is a lot more passionate than mine. (grins)

Maddox: (chuckles) Yeah, sorry. I didn't mean to hijack that.

Dick: I didn't know I was opening a nuclear can of worms.

Maddox: Yeah. Speaking of opening a nuclear can of worms, my problem this week, Dick, is "Sony"!!

Dick: Oh, very good.

Maddox: Yeah. Very, uh…very timely, I guess. So, you know, everyone is expecting me to talk about the Sony hack, which I will. I'll get to it. But I want to talk about why Sony is a problem.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: 'Cause I've hated Sony for a long, long time. 'Kay…a long time ago…you remember…you remember Sony got hacked. This isn't the first time Sony's been hacked. Back in, I believe it was, like 2009, 2010. Um…

Dick: Yeah, and they looked stupid as hell in that attack.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they…all their passwords were plain text, and they had, like encryption keys all over the place…

Maddox: Right. So here…let me give you a little bit of background. Sony, when they released the Playstation 3, the first generation, the Playstation 3 had this feature that allowed you to install any operating system you wanted to, like a secondary operating system. It allowed you to run homebrew apps. Like, if you wanted to develop a game for the Sony Playstation, you could do that through installing another operating system. It was also backwards compatible with certain Playstation 2 games, etc, etc. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that's the system I purchased when the Sony Playstation 3 first came out.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Then, partway through Sony's…the PS3's life, Sony decided to do an about-face and released a firmware update that took away all these features.

Dick: Yeah. All the features that you can make your own stupid games on your own system?

Maddox: Well, the features of being able to play a Playstation 2 game on my Playstation 3, which was a big selling point for me.

Dick: Okay, alright. Yeah, that's bad.

Maddox: Right? So I said, "No, fuck you." And it pissed everyone off, because you're taking away features that we paid for.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Go fuck yourself. You can't take away something I bought. And that's…that's effectively what they did. So, I have here an article from Daily Tech. It says, "The effort to jailbreak the PS3 was born out of Sony's decision to ditch Linux support with the release of the PS3 slim in August 2009. Sony has since locked fat PS3s out of the new installs of Linux as well via a system update." So there's this guy named GeoHot. He was a kickass hacker. I think he's the guy who wrote the original iPhone jailbreak.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Or at least one of them. And he…so this article says, "GeoHot has offered to stop distributing the keys…" Okay, so he wrote this hack for the Sony Playstation 3 to be able to revert it back to what it was.

Dick: So you could play Playstation 2 games on it.

Maddox: Yeah. Or run Homebrew, or whatever you wanted to.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Which is a very small subset of Sony fans. These are…

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: You know, less than 1%.

Dick: Doesn't matter. That's how you sold the product, so…

Maddox: Right. That's how they sold the product. So Sony got pissed off at him and threatened to sue him, and GeoHot said, "Look, he's going to offer to stop distributing the keys if Sony provides a means to install Homebrew and third-party software on the Playstation 3. He has also offered to work as a consultant for Sony or other major console makers (Microsoft and Nintendo) in safeguarding their next generation consoles from jailbreaks." So…

Dick: Hell of a resume.

Maddox: That's a hell of a resume. And a very nice offer by this hacker, right?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Sony sued GeoHot.

Dick: (scoffs) Oh, great.

Maddox: That was their response. (Dick laughs) Yeah. That was their response. (Dick sighs) So GeoHot doubled down, 'cause he's just a fucking kid. He doesn't give a shit. He has nothing that Sony…Sony's not gonna sue this kid for anything! They're fucking bullies!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So he made this rap song as a response to the Sony lawsuit. This is kinda funny. Listen to this.

(Rap song starts, "-Year-old, it's GeoHot. And for those that don't know, I'm getting' sued by Sony. We'll take this out of the courtroom and into the streets. I'm a beast, at the least, you'll face me in the northeast. Get my ire up, light my fire. I'll go harder than Eminem went at Mariah. Call me a liar; pound me in the ass with no lube, chafing; you're fucking with the dude who got the keys to your safe and…")

Dick: Is he a rapper, or did he just do that for fun?

Maddox: He just did that for fun, and it was a big "Fuck You" to Sony.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause he said, "Go ahead, sue me idiots! What are you gonna sue me for, you morons? I'm a kid!"

Dick: Hey, I know all about writing songs as a "Fuck You".

Maddox: (laughs) You do, Dick. Uh, you and I both, actually. You're still getting yours. Um, so. The response to this Sony GeoHot lawsuit was that Anonymous attacked Sony and took down PSN for a month.

Dick: I remember that.

Maddox: About a month.

Dick: Yeah, it was funny.

Maddox: Guess how much it cost Sony? 171 million dollars!

Dick: Well, woops. (giggles)

Maddox: Take that, you fucking morons!! You idiots! You bullies! You dipshits! You guys are gonna take away features from us! You're gonna piss off a small group of hackers. And then they're gonna cost you 171 million dollars! Did they learn their lesson, Dick? Of course they didn't!

Dick: Did anyone get fired for that? CEOs or anything?

Maddox: I'm sure not. I'm sure they didn't.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Sony, yeah. It's just a string of bad decisions.

Dick: Are you sure? 'Cause I think…

Maddox: I'm not sure. I would guess that they didn't. Because Sony…Sony is a company that their number one product is bad decisions. Their number two product is a Sony Playstation. So, um…do you remember this product called Bleem, Dick? You know what Bleem is?

Dick: Yeah, it was, like, an emulator for the Dreamcast.

Maddox: Correct. It was an emulator, not just for the Dreamcast, but also for PC.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It was an emulator that someone wrote that would allow you to play Sony Playstation games on Dreamcast and PC and so on.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, the guy who wrote Bleem was taken to court by Sony and time and time again, this is from Wikipedia. It says, "Ultimately, Bleem won in court and a protective order was issued to protect David from Goliath. Sony lost on all counts, including Bleem's use of screenshots of the Playstation games on its packaging. The court noted that Bleem's use of copyrighted screenshots was considered fair use and should be allowed to continue," So, the courts decided in favor of this emulation company, because what they were doing, is they were creating a product that would not only emulate a Sony Playstation, but it made their games look better.

Dick: Oh, that sounds cool.

Maddox: Yeah! Really cool.

Dick: I would think they would be for that, cause I thought video game hardware was, like, a sunk cost. Like, you lose money on the hardware and then you make it back on the games.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So if you can get somebody else to write the emulator, then you're still making money on games, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, no, that's true Dick. So this was back in 2001, from the Register. This is an article on the Register. It…they say that "Bleem won the support of the court, beating a temporary injunction against sales of its emulator and later defeating Sony's demand to ban the sale of the emulator permanently." So you know how Sony decided to attack them? How to get around the courts? Here's what Sony did. The emulation company claimed that the Japanese giant's US operation had initiated a dirty tricks policy, which, in part, involved attempting to have Bleem thrown out in their May 1999 E3 show." So Sony tried to get these guys thrown out of E3…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then Bleem accused Sony of threatening retailers with much reduced Playstation 2 hardware and software allocation if they stocked any of Bleem's offerings.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So Sony went to retailers and they said, "Hey, you know what? We lost in court. We know that. But if you guys carry this product, you're not gonna carry our product."

Dick: Well, yeah. That's uh…that's what you do.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (scoffs) Bullying.

Dick: Sure. (giggles)

Maddox: They got around the courts. Look. Justice won…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But Sony won over justice.

Dick: Yeah, I guess I don't have such a big problem with that. Did that end up costing them money?

Maddox: Sony? No, of course not. They just buried this small business owner. This guy who's like, just trying to make a living making emulators.

Dick: They should have bought him out.

Maddox: Yeah, they should have bought him out.

Dick: That would have been nicer, I guess.

Maddox: That would have been the nice thing to do, Dick. You buy…this guy's a pain in your ass? You hire him, and you say, "Hey, we like your product. Why don't you work for us?"

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Instead, they try to sue and do dirty tricks, and get you thrown out of E3, doing it the dirty way. The illegal way. The back door way.

Dick: I don't think that's a good idea with the Internet the way it is.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Where everybody knows everything?

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: And people are…there's a lot of vigilantes out there that can cause your business significant harm.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I don't think it's a good idea to do that. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: To what? To hire your enemies?

Dick: No! To attack them! What they're doing.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Litigiously.

Maddox: Well, they did. They're a very litigious company. Fast forward to today, when Sony got hacked.

Dick: Yes!!!

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Now we're talkin'!

Maddox: Now, let's talk. Let's talk about this. So, Sony got hacked and it has since come out that it's probably North Korea. Um, but you know what Sony started doing against file sharing companies? They started doing a denial of service attack against them.

Dick: To get all their emails…to stop their emails from being torrented?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah…they gotta do that!

Maddox: That's illegal, Dick!

Dick: Yeaaa…(scoffs) Okay. (exhales)

Maddox: That's a fact! Unlike your horseshit argument about…(stammers) cow hooves being sold to humans.

Dick: Wait a minute, I actually know some e…pretend Internet lawyer stuff about this. (Maddox laughs) If you're preventing a bigger crime, you can get off committing a crime.

Maddox: Mmmm. (skeptical)

Dick: That's true! Yeah.

Maddox: Naah.

Dick: Yes you can. That's a real thing. I don't know what it's called, but if you did…if you perpetrated a crime while trying to stop a greater crime from being committed…you can get off with that.

Maddox: Well, it depends. If it's in the case of national security, yes. But if you're…say, for example, wire tapping your ex wife because you think that she's trying to extort money out of you? That's true, you might be able to prove that in court, but they also might be able to throw that out and say, "Well, you just violated federal wire tapping laws, so we're not going to count that as admissible evidence. Or, we're going to also prosecute you for wire tapping."

Dick: All I'm sayin' is…(stammers) They're protecting a lot of p…like, those emails getting out, as funny as they are, as much as I want to read them…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's pretty damaging to a lot of people's lives. Like, people we know's social security numbers are in there.

Maddox: Yeah, I have friends…

Dick: And their whole direct deposit account.

Maddox: Right. We have friends who work for Sony. It's a really shitty thing. And what really pisses me off. Our guest that we had on the show early on, I think episode 7 or 8.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Ryan Holiday. Wrote this excellent piece talking about how there's no grey area about publishing these emails. It's wrong to do that. Because this is just stolen property. And the same people who were attacking the Jennifer Lawrence nude leaks…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Are celebrating the Sony hacks.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: One stolen data is more valuable than another just because it's nudity and we're giving so much power to this sexuality and nudity in this country.

Dick: Yeah. It's funny though.

Maddox: What?

Dick: All the Adam Sandler stuff. Like, all the Sony emails about Adam Sandler? (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. Sure. But Dick, who doesn't have incriminating shit? Like, everybody has something that they wouldn't want released. If your email got hacked?

Dick: Oh, God, yeah!! Oh my God!! I would just jump right…I would steer my car directly into a fucking wall if my email…ugh. I'm not even gonna say it.

Maddox: Me too. Except it would be kids. Um…(laughs) you know, Aaron Sorkin. He wrote an article for the New York Times about the yellow journalism that's going on here.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is a really good quote. He says, "The co-editor in chief of Variety tells us that he decided that the leaks were, to use his word, 'newsworthy'. I'm dying to ask him what part of the studio's post-production notes on Cameron Crowe's new project is newsworthy. So newsworthy that it's worth carrying out the wishes of people who have said that they are going to murder families who have so far done everything they've threatened to do. Newsworthy. As the character Inigo Montoya said in The Princess Bride, 'I do not think it means what you think it means.' So much for ever getting a good review from Variety again, and so much for our national outrage over the National Security Agency reading our stuff. It turns out that some of us have no problem with it at all. We just vacated that argument."

Dick: I read that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What you're talking about.

Maddox: He makes a good point.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, as much as I hate Sony, the people who are publishing their hacked and stolen emails are supporting the terrorists, these dickhead hackers from North Korea, or whatever. They're supporting them.

Dick: The newspapers? The media is?

Maddox: Yeah. The yellow j…and they're calling it journalism. They're lauding it like they're doing some courageous thing. That they uncovered…they unearthed this information. They didn't do shit! This fell on their laps and it's stolen data. How are they allowed to profiteer from this?

Dick: I…are you asking?

Maddox: Yeah, I'm actually asking. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I have no idea. I dunno what the law is there. I'm not a…

Maddox: Well, you're just taking stolen content and profiteering from it. And these are… these journalists could do one iota of work and find out and verify whether or not these emails came from a reliable source. Right now, anyone can publish anything and say, "Hey, I just found it in a Sony hacked email." They're not doing any research. They're not doing their due diligence. They're not picking up the phone and calling the president of Sony and asking her if she really wrote these emails. And of course she's gonna deny it if they did.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, this isn't journalism. We're just profiteering. This is just theater.

Dick: Well, this isn't Sony, though, either.

Maddox: What?

Dick: This isn't Sony. This isn't Sony's fault. Is it? Do you think that hack…do you think they beefed up security after the first hacks? Like, do you think that they did anything after that to prevent this one?

Maddox: No. (scoffs) I don't think so.

Dick: No. I heard a guy…there was some rep from Sony on the Finance Channel this morning…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who said that experts said this would have happened to 90% of companies.

Maddox: Yeah, probably.

Dick: It's like, well, isn't that a lot? Like, isn't there a lot left? You're in the top 10% of companies? The size of Sony? You're happy about being as good as 10% of everyone else out there? That's not very good.

Maddox: No, that's not good at all.

Dick: No.

Maddox: And it's true, actually. You know, the companies I've worked at in the past, some of the companies had atrocious security measures.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You could just FTP and grab everything you wanted to. Passwords are very predictable. This is a big problem all across the board. But Sony, okay, they're the victims here. I actually have to defend Sony, which I hate to do, because I hate the company, but I have to defend them. They're victims by being hacked. And we're not allow….we don't have the right to know what's in those emails. Right?

Dick: Sure. Yeah.

Maddox: However, Sony, again, legendarily known for making bad decisions, decided to cowtow to the demands of these terrorists!

Dick: Well, yeah.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Oh, you mean why did they pull the Interview?

Maddox: Why are you supporting this? You're agreeing with their decision.

Dick: You're…are you talking about the Interview? I dunno where you're going next, but you're talking about how they pulled the Interview, right?

Maddox: They pulled the Interview.

Dick: Yeah. Because, number one…uh, who…whatever poorly translated message that came out with the last round of hacks…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Said, "We're gonna kill people in theaters if this movie's shown". Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Remember that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then the next thing happened was all the theaters…the big theater chains said, "Yeah, well, we're not showing the movie then, because Christmas Day is a huge theater draw and people in the middle of the country think this is gonna…think that they're gonna get killed going to a movie, so we're not playing the Interview."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: "Fuck you, Sony."

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So Sony said, "Yeah, okay." I dunno what the saying is for it, but the fight's basically over. We're not showing it then. You just cut our legs out from under it. We're not gonna look like shitheads here endangering people's lives if all of our distributors already said they're not gonna do it. We're not gonna do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's…that's the logical progression of what happened, but more importantly than that, this is a company. It's not their job to stand up to terrorists!

Maddox: No, it's not their job, Dick. Their job is to what? Just worry about their bottom line? (skeptical)

Dick: Make movies and video games!!

Maddox: (skeptical) Yeah.

Dick: They don't have any resources to stand up to terrorism!!

Maddox: They're…they're still fucking red-blooded Americans, Dick. And like every fucking…

Dick: (interjects) Red-blooded Japanese, you mean?

Maddox: No! They're not. This is Sony…Sony Entertainment Pictures…SPE…er Sony Pictures Entertainment is an American company.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (stammers) Regardless of whether or not the parent company's Japanese. These are still Americans. Who are fucking cowtowing to terrorists and hurting our country.

Dick: You sound like Obama. He came out and said he was disappointed in them for what they did.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick.

Dick: That's fuckin' stupid!

Maddox: No, it's not. Because here's the thing. When I first heard about this hack, and I thought, "Okay, well, Sony's pulling the picture." I thought, "Well, maybe Sony has some inside information that we don't. Maybe they have been contacted by the State Department and the State Department said, "Hey, these threats are credible. Let's not… let's not push it here." And Sony, if they had released the movie, and if there were a terrorist attack, they would have looked like greedy assholes, right? So I thought maybe Sony was working out of self-interest here and they have every right to do so. However, when Obama came out and criticized them, and I have the quote here, it says, "President Barack Obama, in an end-of-year press speech, commented on the Sony hacking and stated that he felt Sony made a mistake in pulling the film. He expressed that producers should not get into a pattern where you're intimidated by these acts." And I couldn't agree more.

Dick: Noo. That's…(stammers) Well, first of all…

Maddox: Why? (snaps)

Dick: First of all, I'm annoyed that Obama said that.

Maddox: Why? As the leader of the United States, you're annoyed that he…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. As the leader of the United States, it's your job to PROTECT us and our businesses from terrorist attacks!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's…it's…now you're telling me how I'm recovering from a terrorist attack? Fuck you!!! Do your job and protect us! You don't tell…don't moralize to me about how I'm protecting my employees!!

Maddox: Dick, you want Obama to go in and change their passwords for them? How would you like him to protect Sony from hackers? How would you like him to do that? Just explain that to me.

Dick: Uh…how politics works with…I dunno…(stammers) Well, I guess that depends on whether or not you think this is an act of war.

Maddox: Uh, potentially, but here's the thing, Dick. When you were saying that Sony pulled these…you know, distributors didn't want to carry the movie, therefore Sony just cancelled it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's not true. Not all distributors did. In fact, in Texas…

Dick: (interjects) Not all of them, of course, but a shitload of them!

Maddox: (interjects) Well, that doesn't mean…

Dick: (interjects) Enough to make it no longer viable as a market…as a money making opportunity.

Maddox: (interjects) Well, it is…

Dick: (interjects) Enough to make a big enough deal so that they would pull it and not look like assholes!

Maddox: Dick, they're cowards. Because the Alamo Drafthouse…

Dick: (interjects) (scoffs) Cowards.

Maddox: The Alamo Drafthouse in Texas wanted to air this film, and Sony wouldn't even distribute it to them! These are people who are saying, "Bring it on! We're not afraid of these fucking terrorist attacks! These terrorist threats. We're gonna air it in SPITE of them." And then….

Dick: (interjects) I love it.

Maddox: Sony wouldn't send it to them.

Dick: So, a guy that burns the Qur'an, which is an expression…his form of expression.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Everybody called him a fucking idiot.

Maddox: He is.

Dick: Obama called him a fuckin' idiot, 'cause he was tempting fate.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: However, Sony PULLS a movie because there's terrorist attacks, and now Obama calls them a coward and everybody calls them a coward. What's the fuckin' difference? (angry)

Maddox: The difference is, Dick, that these are actual threats that are coming in from someone else. The guy who is burning the Qur'an is just trying to incite something. He's just being a dickhead. Look, if you…if we're being attacked by Islam and they're coming to us and saying, "Hey, we want to do XYZ and we're gonna commit all these terrorist attacks on this and this date." And then we cowtow, and say, well, we'd better not burn Qur'ans, then you're a coward. But if you're trying to incite something, that's totally different. This is a threat that's coming from North Korea, and Sony said, "Okay, please don't attack us! Here, what else do you want us to do?" Where does it end, Dick? Sony…if Sony cowtows to North Korea…

Dick: (interjects) It ends there.

Maddox: They cowtowed to North Korea here, and what's stopping anyone else from saying, "Hey, we're gonna make this terrorist attack. We're gonna make that terrorist attack." Where does it end? Do you just change your entire fucking life because of terrorist attacks?

Dick: I mean, I think it's easy for you to say and moralize here against Sony that they should, like, man up and stand up to terrorism, but for that to be, like a reasonable thing… for that to be pragmatic in the real world where they're just completely vulnerable to it, is fucking retarded. To expect Sony to "nut up" and stand up to terrorists when they don't have a) an Army to back it up with.

Maddox: Except the US Army.

Dick: They don't! Where the fuck is the US Army, then?

Maddox: We're protecting them just by virtue of the fact that they're in America, they're protected by the US Army!!

Dick: Really!?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Except they can't protect us from cyber vandals who destroy our ability to make money! Where's the protection there?!

Maddox: No, Dick.

Dick: No, if they were shipping cargo around the world…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And a North Korean sub sunk one of them…what's the difference!? (yelling) Do you think there's any difference between them hacking a database and ruining…destroying a film, a multi-multi-million dollar film, versus physically attacking a cargo ship and sinking it?

Maddox: Yes, absolutely.

Dick: What's the difference? They're both a massive loss of money and a direct hit to a company, like, to an American organization!!! What's the difference?!

Maddox: Right. Because bullets can't stop code, Dick. You can't shoot hackers. Hackers intruding your network. It's just entirely in some Cloud somewhere. You can't stop that with bullets and missiles. But you can with cargo ships that are sunk by submarines.

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: That's the difference. But if Sony's actually worried about repercussions, physical repercussions, why are they…why aren't they allowing people who want to air it, myself included, I'll fucking screen the film. I'll have a big…I'll rent a theater in Los Angeles. I'll fill up that theater full of people. I'll show a screening of the Interview. I don't give a shit.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Go ahead, bomb me. Yeah.

Dick: And if they say they're gonna hurt some people if you do that, you're still gonna do it?

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Well, that's on you, man. (scoffs)

Maddox: 'Cause as soon as you give in to their threats, Dick, then you always have to give in to their threats.

Dick: Wh…what do you…what does that mean? These terr…these anti-terrorist slogans just sound pretty, but they don't mean anything!

Maddox: It means you stick your ground and you stand up for your convictions! That's what it means.

Dick: Haaaa. (sighs)

Maddox: You might have to die for it sometimes! You don't be a pussy!

Dick: You might have to die for it!?! (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what you're thinking when you're going to work!? (yells) You're going to Sony, you're building a company that's a media company, and you're thinking about dying for your principles!? Where the fuck does that fit into this America?!

Maddox: Because people died for your ability to go to work safely, Dick.

Dick: No!

Maddox: Those people died in the past.

Dick: That's not true. They died to keep…they got…they died to protect your right to be separate from the government. To be liberated under the government…

Maddox: Mmmkay. (skeptical)

Dick: And not to be tyrannized by the government. That's what they died for!

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Libertarian argument here. Here we go. (laughs)

Dick: It's the first thing in the fucking Constitution! The right to pursue…the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness! Is Sony allowed to do this, now? No!!!

Maddox: (interjects) So…so…

Dick: There's no one protecting them!

Maddox: So, Sony was denied their right and liberty to the pursuit of their happiness.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you're okay with it.

Dick: Of course I'm not okay with it.

Maddox: Well then, what's the response, Dick? You think Sony did the right thing.

Dick: Yeah. They did…it's not…first of all, it's not appropriate for me to say whether or not they did the right thing. They did the thing that they thought would be best for their shareholders.

Maddox: Maybe…

Dick: That's all there is to it.

Maddox: Well…that's…

Dick: (interjects) It's not a private company's responsibility to stand up to terrorists.

Maddox: It's all our responsibility, Dick.

Dick: Oh, God!!! That's so jingoist. That's such horseshit!!

Maddox: Says the Bush lover here!! (grins)

Dick: And then, what do they get for it? They're getting attacked! And what happens? Obama comes out and shits on 'em more!

Maddox: He should.

Dick: What the hell does…he…why?!

Maddox: Because next time this happens, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) What's he doing?!

Maddox: If this happens to Kohl's, or Home Depot, or someone…someone comes across and says, "Hey man, we don't like this product that you're selling." What if it's Greenpeace, Dick, and they come to Home Depot and they say, "Hey, you guys are chopping down too much lumber. We're gonna blow up one of your stores if you keep doing it." And then Home Depot…what's Home Depot supposed to do, just like, close up their doors and fold up shop and say, "Hey, I guess we have a terrorist attack. We'd better close up!" We should always give in to terrorist demands? Is that what we do? Is that we are as Americans!? (excited) Is that what we are as free people?!

Dick: They're not…it's not as black and white as giving in to terrorist demands.

Maddox: Well that's what this is, Dick. They just gave right in, like a bunch of pussies.

Dick: They got…they gave in when they got hacked. They were already attacked. It's over.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: There's nothing more to give in.

Maddox: Well, they did. No, it wasn't over, 'cause apparently…

Dick: The product was ruined! It was destroyed.

Maddox: It's not destroyed if people still want to watch it, Dick.

Dick: But there's nowhere for them to watch it.

Maddox: Of course there is.

Dick: 'Cause all the theaters shut down!

Maddox: I'll rent a theater. I'll fill it up.

Dick: Oh yeah. Sony's gonna make 55 million bucks back based on your theater in the middle of LA during Christmas.

Maddox: (interjects) I don't give a fuck…

Dick: There's not enough people in LA during Christmas.

Maddox: (stammers) I don't give a shit what Sony makes back. This isn't about Sony anymore. It's about principle.

Dick: Ugh. Then you've lost me entirely.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Making principled decisions as a company…(Maddox cracks up) is fucking stupid.

Maddox: Okay. Alright, Dick. What's your…that's my problem.

Dick: No, no, no, no!!!

Maddox: We'll leave it up to the voting here!

Dick: Well…if we're leaving it up to voting, then I will say this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sony brought us the Walkman.

Maddox: (scoffs) Yes.

Dick: That's a…that was pretty good.

Maddox: (laughs) Okay, so you're defending Sony 'cause we have the Walkman!

Dick: Well, I don't see what…so they're litigious.

Maddox: They're very litigious.

Dick: That's your entire problem with them?

Maddox: They're very litigious.

Dick: And they don't stand up to terrorists?!

Maddox: They're bullies, they are litigious. And they're cowards. That's what Sony is. They have…they have a track record of bad decisions. If they had simply just placated some of these hackers in the first place, the ones that they screwed over with their bad decision when they originally got attacked…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: When PSN went down.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They wouldn't have lost 171 million dollars and inconvenienced millions of their own customers! But they're…this is a company that has a track record of bad decisions, and it's not ending here! They're still making bad decisions! They're executives that make bad decisions!

Dick: So they should placate criminals as long as it agrees with your ideology, you're saying.

Maddox: No, they didn't…those criminals didn't exist until they created them. Sony, as a backlash to Sony's theft of our property, we bought something that they took away from us. That's theft, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So we responded…hey, weren't you just defending that you can return in kind if someone's breaking the law then you're allowed to break the law?!

Dick: No, I'm saying I thought I knew a law where if they're committing a greater…I was trying to say if someone is doing something that's VERY illegal, you're allowed to do something slightly illegal to stop them. That's not my belief, that's part of the legal system!

Maddox: Uhh…maybe. I don't know about that. But, uh…

Dick: Just a point of fact. That's the only reason I brought it up.

Maddox: Okay. So, anyway. These hackers were responding to Sony's theft.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: By simply trying to release this DMC key, and by the way, they didn't attack Sony until after Sony tried to sue GeoHot.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's when they doubled down, they said, "No, fuck you, Sony." And now these cowards are cowtowing to terrorists.

Dick: Yeah, I just…

Maddox: (interjects) They're making us weaker.

Dick: I really take issue with that. With how they're being portrayed by the government. And by you. (grinning)

Maddox: (laughs) Which one do you take issue with more? Me or the government?

Dick: No, the government. I don't really care. 'Cause I know you hate Sony. You're probably thrilled that they made this decision so you can hate on them more.

Maddox: Dick, I would love nothing more than for Sony to just go the fuck away, and start being a normal company just…give us a product that we want. Stop fucking us over every chance you get.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: And you know what? If somebody…

Dick: Do you have a PS4?

Maddox: Do I have a PS4?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, but I'll probably get one. (laughs)

Dick: (cracks up) Alright.

Maddox: It's the lesser of two evils right now and I love video games more than I hate Sony, so I have no choice.

Dick: Buddy, we're at an hour right now. I don't know if we have time for this one, but my next problem isn't gonna make any sense after this week anyway.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Do you have time…do you have another problem too?

Maddox: I do.

Dick: Should we do a lightning round?

Maddox: You know what? Let's do a lightning round. Let's try to wrap this in another 20. We can do this. In 10 each. Let's do it.

Dick: Okay. My next problem is "The Whole Virgin Birth Thing".

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay. (Sean laughs) Okay, Dick. (giggles) What exactly…what does that mean?

Dick: You know, Jesus.

Maddox: Yeah, I know Jesus. (grins)

Dick: Jesus was, like, born from a virgin.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can we…can we drop that part?

Maddox: Why…Dick…it's part of a religion. Why?

Dick: Yeah, but a lot of stuff was part of this religion that's getting tossed, you know? Like the whole Noah's Ark thing? That's not…that's not a real part of it, is it?

Maddox: There are people who believe that. They believe that Noah's Ark crashed on this mountain in Armenia, actually, called Mount Ararat….

Dick: Ughhhhhh…(sighs) Come on with that!! (yells)

Maddox: That's what they say, man! Look, it's their beliefs. What's…(giggles) What's your problem?

Dick: Look, I think we got a…(laughs)…because…hold on, let me think of my problem with it.

Maddox: (cracks up) Okay. Great.

Dick: Look. Look.

Maddox: What do you have written down on that? You just have, like scribbles! (Dick cracks up) You just have, like, doodles of a guy with a beard! What is that? Are you drawing Jesus over there? Is that your…

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. Look. Look. I like…I don't have…my beefs with Christianity aren't so big. Okay? I don't have that many beefs with Christianity.

Maddox: Okay. (exasperated)

Dick: And I think we got a pope now who's letting a lot of things past the goalie, right?

Maddox: Cool pope. (laughs)

Dick: Like, he came out and said, "Hey, being gay ain't that bad."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that blows some people completely out of it, but while he's saying it, they're like, "Oh, okay. I guess so. I guess I'm…I guess I'm kinda being an asshole." 'Cause he said, like, Jesus wouldn't judge gay people, or something like that.

Maddox: He said that, yeah. And he said something along the lines of, "We shouldn't worry so much about condom use and gays and abortion" and all these things.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah!

Maddox: He said what we should worry about are the things that Jesus taught us, which is compassion for the poor and taking care of people who are sick, and that sort of thing.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Which is the prophecy…the philosophy of Jesus Christ. However, uh, it's been corrupted by this weird, deep Southern Baptist, like, I dunno what the sect of religion..

Dick: Yeah…I don't know…I don't about it. I just…I like it. I want it to keep going. Like, if we're gonna put religions up as teams…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then I think to be viable for, like, the 21st century moving forward, we gotta just drop all the…all the magic stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like the virgin birth thing. Noah's Ark stuff.

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: Right?

Maddox: No. (stammers) It's part…it's fundamental to the religion. I have here…I looked this…I forget the source's website. But they said "Denying a physical connection between Mary and Jesus would imply that Jesus was not truly human." Right? So Jesus was not born in sin. That's a fundamental tenet of Catholicism. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Yeah, but do you think people going to church today aren't thinking anything about that? Come on!

Maddox: I mean, I don't know man, when's the last time you went to church?

Dick: No! They don't give a shit about that!

Maddox: Yeah, well. So they say here that he had no sin nature. It would seem that sin nature is passed down from generation to generation through the father, and the virgin birth circumvented the transmission of the sin nature and allowed the eternal God to become a perfect man. So that's what…that's Christian doctrine. Essentially. They're saying that Jesus was a perfect man who had no sin. That's why it's special. It's important to them. Why do you want to get rid of that, Dick?

Dick: What do you mean, them?

Maddox: Christians.

Dick: Ahhh…(scoffs) I'm not gonna speak for all Christians.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I'm just sayin' I think it's a little outdated.

Maddox: (scoffs) A little outdated.

Dick: Yeah! Come on, let's spice it up! We're letting gays in now!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: They should come out, "Look, we got so many gay guys in here it's a fucking gay club in church. Come on out. Send everybody out."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Noah's Ark. I don't know. We don't even talk about it anymore. That stuff's weird.

Maddox: How…can you explain how exactly it's a problem though, Dick?

Dick: They're saying dogs are going to heaven now, did you read that?

Maddox: Oh, really?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: To the big combine in the sky where they mulch 'em up into dog food, huh? (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. They do.

Maddox: Yeah. Lot of…about two tons' worth of dogs go to heaven.

Dick: How is it…it's a problem because I would prefer the message to be…

Maddox: (chuckles) Here we go.

Dick: I would prefer it to be, "Hey guys, we're all happy that you're here, but if you hear stuff like this, if you hear magicky stuff like this, it's not..it didn't…it's not true."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's just…just be on the lookout, 'cause you're gonna…people are gonna try to sell you stuff based on magic.

Maddox: Well, sure, Dick. But the fundamental difference between science and religion.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Is that religion can't be proven. It's…it is faith-based. You have to BELIEVE in something, and if it's magic, if it's supernatural, if it's that Jesus had powers to walk on water and heal the sick by touch? That's the part of the religion that is incompatible with science. There is no proof.

Dick: What are you talking about, though? Do we need that stuff too? Get rid of all that stuff, too.

Maddox: Well, I mean…you know. Different religions have different degrees of that magic mysticism, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, what's…(giggles) What's your problem with it? I mean, as long as people aren't using that to kill people, sure.

Dick: Well, I tried…yeah. I tried to look up, like, how fast the religions were growing…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And which one was beating which one?

Maddox: Oh, I think Islam's number one, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: By how much, do you know?

Dick: No. 'Cause they all said they were the fastest growing.

Maddox: (laughs) Of course, yeah.

Dick: And it's like "What's the fastest growing religion?" The Google search was like, oh Scientology. Oh, Islam. Oh, Christianity.

Maddox: Mormons.

Dick: Yeah, Mormons. Right on top.

Maddox: For years. I remember growing up my whole life. Mormons were the fastest growing religion in the world. But…(stammers) They're not.

Dick: They're not.

Maddox: No.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah, so. Um, okay. Okay, Dick.

Dick: Look, there's a lot of Christians. All I'm saying is let's…(stammers) Can we just drop that part of it?

Maddox: How would it help anyone to drop that part of it, Dick?

Dick: I dunno. It'd make everyone chill out a little more.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think!

Maddox: Maybe we should…

Dick: (interjects) Don't you think? You get that feeling?

Maddox: Yeah. You know what? Let's maybe just make Christmas lights grey. Why don't we just make Christmas lights grey? (laughs)

Dick: Well…tha…

Maddox: (interjects) Get rid of Santa. You have a problem with people believing Jesus was born from a virgin, but you don't have any problem with Santa Claus?

Dick: I don't think that many people actually believe in Santa Claus!!

Maddox: Oh, yeah, I got…

Dick: That's a big difference!

Maddox: Yeah. You're not in touch with the spirit of Christmas, buddy!

Dick: What's your next problem? (Maddox laughs) What's your last problem?

Maddox: My last problem, Dick. This is a big one, actually. This may be the biggest problem in the universe. (Dick giggles) "Ugly Sweater Parties".

Dick: You get invited to a lot of those?

Maddox: Ugly Christmas Sweater Parties. Yeah, man. All the time. Which, by the way, I gotta thank Randy Kien, a big long-time fan, for the suggestion of this problem. Uh, and we actually owe a debt of gratitude to him.

Dick: Uh, yeah. Randy's in the studio today. He's a quiet guy, so he doesn't have a mic. But he's actually…he played a major role in getting this podcast started.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. When we recorded the original six episodes, we kinda shelved them and didn't do anything with them, and then Randy kept bugging me to send him some of the old episodes. And he loved them, so he got the fire under our ass to start this up again, so thank you, Randy.

Dick: Yeah. Randy, is this episode everything you thought it would be when you were bugging us to do this? Talking about Sony and virgin births and uhh…what was my other one?

Maddox: You…uhh…that's…no. You had, uh..virgin births…

Dick: And getting…I guess Christmas presents in general was the problem now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Randy: This is the best Christmas present ever. (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: And yeah, uh…this would be better than if we heeled somebody in crutches. Listen to this, Dick. (Dick chuckles)

Dick: Do we need that?

Maddox: Ugly…wait, yeah, well. I gotta slip it in. Ugly Christmas Sweater Parties. Now, there's no such thing as a Christmas sweater. Have you noticed that? They no longer exist. Those may have existed in the past, before the 90's, when people were still sincere and wore things like sweaters around Christmas for some purpose other than to be a condescending hipster douchebag! (Dick giggles) The last time someone wore a Christmas sweater without it being an inside joke was the first Bush administration! Who exactly are you making fun of with your ugly Christmas sweater parties, huh, dickhead? Midwestern housewives? Good job! Way to make a statement against your grandma with your shitty Christmas party. The ugly sweater party has become a parody of itself. Right? They're no longer a self-contained unit. It's become a parody. It's a pissing contest to find the most lame sweater you can get. These sweaters used to be cheap, because nobody wanted them. Right? That's why they were ugly sweaters. Now they're expensive because EVERYONE wants them! They want the ugliest sweater they can find. The uglier it is, the more expensive it is!

Dick: That's not true, though.

Maddox: No, it's tr…it's absolutely true!

Dick: No, you can get shitty sweaters at Wal-Mart for, like 3 bucks a pop.

Maddox: Dick -

Dick: My whole family did our Christmas portrait with ugly sweaters.

Maddox: Yeah, but everything's cheap at Wal-Mart. But if you try to find…

Dick: Okay! (scoffs) So you can or can't find them there? You definitely can.

Maddox: No, but you're not gonna fi…the uglier they are, the more expensive they are. The ones that they sell at Wal-Mart are mass-produced.

Dick: Oh, I see.

Maddox: Yeah. They're…

Dick: (interjects) So you want, like…you're talking about, like a custom-made, quality ugly sweater.

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: Custom…yeah, okay.

Maddox: Which, by the way, Dick. If you go to Amazon right now and literally just type in "Christmas Sweaters", you will find nothing but ugly Christmas sweaters. And they're called "Ugly Christmas Sweaters". Because that's all they manufacture anymore. Are these a thing anymore? Do they…

Dick: Well, it's a style.

Maddox: Well, yeah, it used to be.

Dick: I don't think it's as…I don't think it's as aggressive as you're making it. Like, they're not shitting on their grandmas' sweaters, they're just kinda like cutting loose.

Maddox: No, it…no. Everybody's standing around with their red cello cup swishing around their fucking Jack Daniels. And they're looking at each other in the eyes with a wink and a nod, saying, "Hey, look how ironic and funny we're being. Aren't we so hilarious and cute, making fun of the mid-West?" (goofy voice) No, fuckhead! Nobody wears these sweaters anymore! Maybe your grandma did!

Dick: Oh, my….(screeches)

Maddox: You're makin' fun of your grandma!

Dick: I don't know if they're thinking that. These people aren't, like, these 80's bad guys from like a shitty skating movie…(Maddox laughs), like, "Oh, out here we rollerblade. We don't use skates!" They're just, like…it's fun to wear something ugly every once in a while.

Maddox: Why specifically ugly Christmas sweaters, Dick?

Dick: 'Cause you don't have to worry about what you look like. It's a big relief for some people, I think. And it's something they're doing together. It's fun to do together.

Maddox: No, no. You didn't listen to the question. Why specifically ugly Christmas sweaters? 'Cause you could do that anytime. "Hey guys, we're having an Ugly Clothes Party! Just wear something ugly." That's different than ugly Christmas sweater. Ugly Christmas sweater is something very specific…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That comes from a very specific part of America. The mid-West.

Dick: Well, I don't know if that's true.

Maddox: Well, of course it's true. The people in San Diego aren't wearing Christmas sweaters, 'cause it's fucking hot! They specifically wear ugly Christmas sweaters as a parody of something that people used to do in the mid-West. Nobody wears these anymore. Nobody makes them anymore.

Dick: You mean…you don't mean the mid-West specifically…like, northern states and northern countries where it's cold.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not specifically the mid-West.

Maddox: Correct, yeah. The northern…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but everything looked ugly in the 80s and 90s. Like, all styles look ugly when you look back at them.

Maddox: Well, no, I wouldn't say that it's necessarily ugly, it's just anachronistic. It's no longer relevant.

Dick: Yeah. And they all looked weird, because Christmas sweaters are so specific, it's usually something that was made for you or purchased for you.

Maddox: Right, but they weren't so over the top ugly. They were maybe just a reindeer pattern or a snowman pattern. They were kinda goofy and fun. Now they're being obnoxiously ugly. Intentionally ugly.

Dick: Oh! So what?! (yells) It's fun! (grins)

Maddox: Great. Everything's fun, Dick. (Dick giggles) Get a dog! Feed it gourmet dog food! It's fun!! Why not? Fuck it, it's fun. Fucking cowtow to terrorists! It's fun! You know, on Amazon they sell an Ugly Christmas Sweater kit, Men's Make-Your-Own Ugly Christmas Sweater. And then Urban Outfitters, Hot Topic…if you just search for Christmas sweater, all you can find are ugly Christmas sweaters. And they call them ugly by name. You can't buy a non-ugly Christmas sweater!

Dick: Yeah. What the fuck is the problem?

Maddox: Why can't…Dick, if you wanted to go out and buy a Christmas sweater. Say you're a sincere person. I know this is really hard for you. It's a stretch for you to be sincere.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But imagine putting yourself in the mindset of someone who is sincere who just wants to buy a Christmas sweater.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: You go to the store and you want to buy a Christmas sweater. Oh, lo and behold, there's all this tacky bullshit with reindeer and flashing lights and god-awful color schemes, and every…they don't…you can't…it's a product that no longer exists because of Ugly Christmas Sweater Parties.

Dick: So you're fighting for all the people who want to just wear a Christmas sweater in peace?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is this you? Do you want to go to Nordstrom's and pick up, like, just a normal Christmas sweater? (Maddox giggles) With plaid, like red and green plaid?

Maddox: You know, Dick, yes actually. (Dick guffaws) And I'll tell you why. I'll tell you why it's a problem. 'Cause for the last two years, and I think I may have time to do it this year, too, I've done a Christmas special for my YouTube channel.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And, uhh, last year was a case for the Grinch. And when I went out to buy a sweater for this episode, 'cause I didn't want to buy an ugly Christmas sweater, because I didn't…I wasn't going to one of these horseshit parties.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: I just wanted a Christmas sweater that evoked the spirit of Christmas without it also being a parody of Christmas. I just wanted to evoke that spirit, right?

Dick: Something genuine.

Maddox: Something genuine. It was SO fucking hard! Just finding a sweater. A normal sweater that looked like it could be a Christmas sweater, but also not a fucking ridiculous statement about Grandma.

Dick: Where'd you go?

Maddox: I went to a vintage thrift store. Actually, a bunch of 'em. It was really hard to find.

Dick: Seems like a breeding ground for, like, hipsters. A vintage thrift store in Hollywood?

Maddox: Well, I was looking for, specifically, a sweater from, like, the 90s, before ugly Christmas sweater parties took over.

Dick: Oh, I see.

Maddox: Because you can't find them anymore. They don't make them.

Dick: I don't…were there not ugly Christmas sweaters in the 90s?

Maddox: Of course, man. Look at Christmas movies before the 90s.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: People wore Christmas sweaters and they just look, like, red and green, and they had bells on them or snowflakes. They weren't necessarily obnoxiously ugly. They weren't abrasive and caustic to your aesthetic. They were just kind of goofy Christmas sweaters. Like, who cares?

Dick: You know what I wanna see? I wanna see if "Ugly Christmas Sweater Parties" is a bigger problem than "The Whole Virgin Birth Thing".

Maddox: Yeah, well. I guess that'll be one for the vote. To figure out which is the biggest problem in the universe, Dick. You guys vote on these to figure out which is the biggest problem, so we can figure out which one's the biggest.

Dick: Is that it? Do you have anything else for that? 'Cause we're out of time.

Maddox: Yeah, that's my whole…

Dick: We're totally out of time.

Maddox: You know, I just feel deflated. I know you guys are gonna fucking vote this down, along with Sony!

Dick: Yeah, 'cause it's fun!!

Maddox: You guys better not disappoint me!

Dick: It's fun to, like, wear an ugly Christmas sweater. (Maddox growls) You hate fun things sometimes.

Maddox: I love fun things, Dick.

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: Like video games. (Dick and Sean crack up) I like video games. Video games are fun. (Dick giggles) I like dogs. I do like dogs! I just don't want to own one, 'cause I don't want to carry dog shit around.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Sean has a dog. Sean has a great dog. I love his dog. I just don't wanna carry its shit. Sean, nothing personal, I just don't want to carry the big steamy sacks…

Dick: (interjects) You're tired of getting shit on for hating dogs, aren't you? You're tired of getting shit on for hating dogs.

Maddox: I'm tired of stepping in dog shit.

Dick: Allllright.

Maddox: I'm tired of dogs biting me. I'm tired of people treating dogs like family. They treat…they treat dogs better than they treat me.

Dick: Well, yeah! Uh…

Maddox: Consistently.

Dick: You know, your dog is better than people you don't know, to you.

Maddox: People know me. You know. They still treat me bad. (Dick giggles) My mom… with her gifts! I can't ever…I can't ever please anyone…okay, that's it, man.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's my…so, my problems this week were "Sony" and "Ugly Christmas Sweater Parties".

Dick: My problems are…I guess "Christmas Presents". I'm not gonna just be "Getting Guys Christmas Presents" now, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you have…apparently you have the opposite problem, getting Christmas presents for women.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So let's just get "Getting Christmas Presents".

Maddox: Dude, if I got you a video game for Christmas, would you be disappointed or upset?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Of course not.

Dick: And if I got you, uh…a dress…(Maddox laughs) and a…and a two-person nice vacation to somewhere…

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: Would you be upset by that?

Maddox: Well….no. Well, with half of it, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. But the vacation, man? I'll take a vacation any day. Anyway guys, stay tuned for the live show, coming up the first or second week of January. It's super exciting. Vote on these problems on the website.

Dick: Thanks for listening.

(Closing riff)

(Voice mail: "Hey guys, my name is Jay and I'm a social worker from Western Canada. I get paid alright for what I do, but because of where I live and what I do get paid, it's tough to always eat a balanced and healthy diet. There are days where I have tuna, ramen noodles, frozen vegetables to kind of keep myself in budget. If someone I'm talking to every gloats about feeding their fucking dog a four-star meal (**Maddox:** Yeah. Mhmmm) **that includes fresh fucking salmon? I can assure you the conversation will abruptly end, because I figure it's probably hard to talk after you get punched in the throat.** (Maddox giggles) **Furthermore, while visiting my friend today, I asked his dog if he felt that his diet was sufficient, and he began licking his asshole. I guess his diet must be fine, then. Thanks guys.")**

Maddox: Great. Great voice mail.

Dick: Licking his asshole.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here's a…here's a vet tech who agrees with you.

(Voice mail: (female voice) "Hey Maddox. Hey Dick. Um, my name's Lily and I've been a vet tech for almost seven years now. And I was calling about the gourmet dog food problem that Maddox brought in. Um, I've gotta agree with Maddox that high-end dog food is really all for the owner's peace of mind. (**Maddox:** Mhmm) **Uh, it makes them feel good about themselves.** (**Maddox:** Yep)**They brag about it every single time they come into the hospital, like** (**Dick:** That's what everything's for.) **"Oooh, my dog gets premium, you know, salmon or steak, or whatever."** (**Maddox:** Where was this at the start of the show, Dick?!) (**Dick:** I said! (Maddox laughs) **Maddox:** Dammit.) **And uh, you know, it has a lot of veggies, and stuff like that. I mean, dogs are not in the wild eating green beans and shit, I mean…** (**Maddox:** Yeah. (Dick cracks up) **I know they don't use other dogs in dog food. Usually it's meat byproducts that people don't want, for the lower end stuff, anyways.** (**Maddox:** Yeah.) **Um, anyways! Dick, go fuck yourself!** (**Dick:** Awww!)**Uh, just kidding. I'll help you with that anytime.** (**Maddox** and **Dick:** Ohhhhhhhh!!! (lascivious)) **Love you guys. You're hilarious. Keep up the good work.")**

Maddox: Heyyyy. Hubba hubba.

Dick: Riiiiiiiiiiiiiight!

Maddox: Wowwwww.

Dick: Ooooooooooooh, Merry Christmas (naughty voice)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 33

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyyy, what's up buddy? How's it going?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Gentlemen.

Maddox: Thank you, Sean. Thank you for not deleting this one. (Dick laughs)

Dick: What's up, Sean?

Maddox: That's two in a row!

Sean: Are we…

Maddox: (interjects) Two in a row, Dick. (cackles)

Sean: Are we not done with this yet?

Maddox: No, we're done. (laughs)

Dick: I'm serious. I think we shouldn't talk about it anymore.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Dick. That's a very loaded statement of yours. (Dick cracks up) I don't believe that at all.

Sean: One day, they're gonna be like, "Hey, whatever happened to that guy?" "Well, he deleted a podcast."

Dick: And then he killed himself. (Maddox laughs) I will say…when I first heard that you deleted the podcast, I know I don't want to bring it up anymore, but I just have to say this. (Maddox scoffs)

Sean: Like Dr…like Dr. Phil, right? (Maddox still laughing)

Dick: Alright, calm down. When I first saw your text saying, "Uh-oh, I deleted the p…" I should read your text! I should read the text you sent me. When I first saw that, I was like, "You know, I'm pissed, but this is the funniest thing that could happen." Like, part of me was really excited that it happened. (grins)

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Because it's the kind of thing where you make fun of your friend for the rest of their life.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. And when I got the text from you, when you said, "Bad news." I didn't even have to finish the text…(Dick cracks up) I knew it was that! There's nothing else it could be. I knew it was that! Um…anyway, uh…

Dick: Hey, wait. I got something to say. Uh, good news! The live show is currently being backed up RIGHT NOW! As we speak.

Maddox: Yep. Yep.

Dick: Can't be deleted.

Maddox: We've got three backups of that guy. And we're started to edit it. It's coming along great. Uh, Dick, I think we're going to try to find a way to release this to the people who have subscribed first. Maybe a week early or something like that. Everyone will eventually get to see it, but just as a special thank you to those people, I think we're gonna look into releasing that…

Dick: That would be awesome. I dunno how we're gonna do that, but it would be awesome.

Maddox: If we can. It might be too much of a logistical clusterfuck, and maybe not. Um, but Dick…let's move on. Let's look at the problems from last week.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: The number one ranking problem from last week was "Sony"!

Dick: Ugh!!! (disgusted)

Maddox: Everyone agreed with me! (yelling) And disagreed with you. Most of all, Sony disagreed with you, Dick!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because since that episode, they released "The Interview"!

Dick: Yeah, uh…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, didn't they make the smartest move that they possibly could have made?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, they said, "Yeah, we're not gonna do something that might endanger people."

Maddox: Uh-huh…(skeptical)

Dick: "Sorry, we're not gonna release this movie."

Maddox: Ohhhh. (scoffs)

Dick: That's probably dog shit, by the way. I haven't seen it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But…(stammers) Do you honestly think that movie could possibly be good? With those guys?

Maddox: (stammers) Yeah, Dick. Probably not. It was hyped up too much.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, here's the thing.

Dick: But wait, wait, wait, no, no, no. I'm not done. So they said, "We don't have any distribution, so sorry." All of a sudden, because of this hype, uh…Google, Amazon, all these gigantic distribution powerhouses come out of the woodwork to release this movie on Christmas Day or the day before Christmas, or whatever. And suddenly, everybody thinks that it's an expression of being an American to watch a shitty comedy movie! (irritated) This is the smartest thing they possibly could have done!

Maddox: Dick. You are backtracking now!! (yells) 'Cause here's the thing. They had the exact same distribution that they have now. It's the independent theaters who wanted to release this, remember, I mentioned the Alamo Drafthouse in Texas?

Dick: No, the online stuff! The online stuff is new!

Maddox: Okay. But online is different. Look, online is not a theater. Look, they always had that online distribution. People like me, who say, "Fuck North Korea", were gonna air it and watch it anyway. But the online distribution is not the subject. It's the independent theaters that they wouldn't even release to.

Dick: I think that was an afterthought.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think the getting attention for Google Play, and, like, whatever…what services ended up airing that movie?

Maddox: YouTube.

Dick: A lot of online services that would never air it normally.

Maddox: Wrong! No. YouTube is airing all sorts of movies!

Dick: The same-day releases? You can't go see the Expendables 3 online versus in the theater the day it comes out. Can you? That's not a thing in our world.

Maddox: It…it was. There was one movie, there was one director who did that a while back.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think it was "The Goon".

Maddox: I think so, yeah.

Dick: It came out simultaneously on theaters and on TV. But I'm saying, I think they made the smartest…by the way. Lemme say this. 'Cause we didn't get into this last week, 'cause the argument was about…(stammers) well, it was a whole other thing. I don't think North Korea did this.

Maddox: Yeah, a lot of people don't think North Korea did this. Which is…again, Dick. You kept coming down on Obama for attacking…calling them cowards, rightly so.

Dick: Yeah! That's right…

Maddox: But it's not Sony's job!!!!!!!

Dick: (interjects) (excited, angry) Ayyyaayayayayayay!!!

Maddox: Dick…Dick..(warning) It's not Sony's job to protect me or anyone else from terrorism. Their job is to make and release movies.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And that's the United States' job to protect its citizens. You do what you do, you know, life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, Dick?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Which was actually from the Declaration of Independence, not the Constitution.

Dick: You look like you're…oh, fuck off!! (yells)

Maddox: (cackles) Yeah.

Dick: Everyone…these fuckin' assholes in the…you say ONE wrong thing…

Maddox: Uh-huh. Oh, one wrong thing.

Dick: And uh, by the way, by the way.

Maddox: Oh! One wrong thing, Dick. 'Cause you had an entire ca…you had so many things last episode. Listen to this. I have…I don't even know if this is Dick Versus Dick, or…

Dick: Were you gonna say I had a cavalcade of mistake last episode?

Maddox: No, I didn't. I didn't. I caught myself.

Dick: Okay. Go ahead. (grins)

Maddox: Um, but…I don't know if this is Dick Versus Dick, or if it's Dick is Full of Shit. I don't even know what segment to play, so I'm gonna go ahead and play this one.

(Clip starts, drum roll, swing-type riff starts. (Dick and Maddox crack up) **Diiiiiick. Is full of shiiiiit. Yeah.** (**Dick:** Yeah. **Maddox:** Yeah.) **Cool.** (**Dick:** Cool, man. **Maddox:** Yeah.) **What a drag.** (**Maddox:** Yeahhhh. (Dick and Maddox laugh)) **What is truth?** (**Maddox:** Yeah, who knows?) **What is fiction?** (**Maddox:** Not Dick.) **Diiiiiiick. Doesn't know.** (**Maddox:** Yeah. You don't know. **Dick:** I hope you get sued for this song. (Maddox cracks up)) **Diiiiick.** (**Dick:** I hope you didn't acquire the rights for it and you get fuckin' sued.) **Is full of shiiiiiiit.**)

Maddox: That would hurt the show! That's what you would do. (Dick cracks up) Dick, listen, listen to the sheer number of…

Dick: What!?!?!?

Maddox: Of non-factual statements you said last episode. With NO evidence at all. Here's the first one.

Dick: This better not be about dog food.

Maddox: Oookay.

Dick: I'm sick of talking about dog food.

Maddox: Yeah, so am I! So am I, buddy! But here's this one! Listen to this.

(Clip: Dick: "You can't get these people on anything. They don't have to say if it's for pet food that it's euthanized pets. That's the point! It's not a law. They don't have to say anything.")

Dick: True.

Maddox: Wrong! Oh. It's not a law, Dick? 'Cause, actually, it is. (giggles) "The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act does require that pet foods, like human foods, be safe to eat, produced under sanitary conditions, contain no harmful substances, and be truthfully labeled. Additionally, canned pet food (Dick sighs loudly) must be processed (Maddox giggles) in conformance with low-acid canned food regulations, Title 21, Code of the Federal Regulations Part 113, Abbreviated as 21-CFR-113." There you go, dickhead! It is a fucking law.

Dick: So, what did you, read that out of, like, Internet law books?

Maddox: It's from the FDA.gov.

Dick: Here's the thing, though, Maddox.

Maddox: Okay. (makes a bunch of incoherent, loud noises)

Dick: Look! Look! Look! Look!

Maddox: Oookay. (laughing)

Dick: I'm not a farmer, okay?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I'm not a farmer and I don't make pet food.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But just because they say you have to make dog food like this doesn't mean they're doing it.

Maddox: Oh, you're not a farmer? 'Cause here's this one.

(Sound clip: Dick: "It is absolutely illegal to feed those parts to people. Maddox: "What parts?" Dick: "Half of the cow! I don't fucking know. I'm not a farmer!!")

(Maddox and Sean crack up)

Dick: Again, I am consistent. This isn't a Dick Versus Dick.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Again, I am not a farmer.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Look.

Maddox: No, the important part of that statement is "I don't fucking know!" So, if you're bringing in these statements, these outrageous statements, like they're facts, but you don't fucking know! You have no evidence! Not a single shred of evidence!

Dick: Well. Hold on, though. Hold on. I do. There is evidence of the president of, like, the Dog Food Association on YouTube joking about there being pets in dog food.

Maddox: Joking?

Dick: Well, he's saying it, but he's, like, being…he's, like, talking about the process, and he throws in, "Yeah, you know, there might be a family pet in there, too."

Maddox: Yeah. That's a joke, Dick.

Dick: Wh---why would he say it, then?!!? (yells)

Maddox: I don't know, Dick! So maybe gullible idiot…conspiracy theorists go with their chem trails online and…

Dick: Look! Let's…let's...start with the 50% of the cow.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: You butcher a cow…HOLD THE FUCK ON!!

Maddox: (trying not to laugh) Okay. (laughing)

Dick: Alright? You excited fuck!! Just chill out!

Maddox: (laughing) Go on. Go on.

Dick: (guffaws) (stammers) You have a cow, right? You cut all the meats and stuff off of it, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Mhmm.

Dick: There's stuff remaining.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That you don't feed to people.

Maddox: You can, but you don't…

Dick: (interjects) Well, there's some parts that you can't. But usually you just don't.

Maddox: That's not true.

Dick: Yeah. You can't feed a fucking spinal cord to people.

Maddox: You can do anything you want with any part of the cattle. If you want to take the spinal cord…

Dick: (interjects) Ugh, you're fucking killing me.

Maddox: …and put it in a broth, and melt it down…(Dick scoffs) If you cook something long enough, it will be melted down and consumable.

Dick: The shit? The shit in the bowels? Are you allowed to feed that to people? I don't think you are!

Maddox: Look, if you…you cannot mislead people. You cannot mislabel them. And, Dick. Here's what you said about that last episode, too, again. No evidence.

(Clip: Dick: "It totally is!" Maddox: "Cite one law." Dick: "I don't have these made-up laws in my head!" Maddox: "And yet you're SURE of it!!")

Maddox: Yeah.

(Clip: Dick: "I'm not SURE of it!!")

Maddox: That's IT! You're not sure of it.

Dick: I'm not sure of it. No! But I don't trust that the FDA is looking at pet food!

Maddox: Oh, that…why?

Dick: Like, when a bag of pet…because it's not their fuckin' job!

Maddox: It is their job, according to the FDA's own website.

Dick: No, it's not. It's not their job to ensure that our pets are eating…(**Maddox:** Oh, my God.) safely. It's just not.

Maddox: It is! It is.

Dick: Oh, that's ridiculous.

Maddox: I cited the actual fucking law, Dick! And you're just saying "No. Nah, nah, nah." You're plugging your ears and saying "No."

Dick: No! I just don't think it's…there's a lot of laws that are on the books that there aren't people out policing!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, and you're so fond of checking appendices, but you forgot to check the appendix of the appendix that you looked at. (grins)

Dick: What'd it say?

Maddox: There's over 74 samples of dog food, all from different brands, Neutro, Olroy, Trailblazer, Pedigree, Dad's, Weiss Value, Friskies, Rich Foods, Safeway, Heinz, Purina, Choice Kibble Select…

Dick: (interjects) It goes on and on, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can read it online.

Maddox: 74 different samples.

Dick: Look, Maddox. Here's…here's where that argument came from. I think that you can feed your dog better food. They'll have a healthier life.

Maddox: Not true. It's not. The FDA does regulate it.

Dick: Well, here's an actual lawyer who agrees with me.

Maddox: Mmkay. (skeptical)

Dick: Uh, **Brittany White says, "My understanding from a quick review of the law in your jurisdiction is that there are specific offense provisions for the sale of meat or meat food and products for human consumption, which are not prepared for human consumption but are otherwise appropriately prepared for animal consumption in accordance with…"** bla, bla, bla, bla. **"Any person who ….. any other meat or meat food product intended for human food with horse meat or the product of an animal which has died, otherwise….slaughter** (Dick reads so fast it makes no sense)"

Dick: I don't even fuckin' understand what I'm reading here.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah.

Dick: "…shall be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of…" blablablabla.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. I…

Dick: (interjects) Here's the important part.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: "So unfortunately, in this regard, it would appear that Dick was right. But nevertheless, go fuck yourself…" I don't know why it's unfortunate that I was right. **"Signed, your friendly neighborhood Internet and real-life lawyer."**

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. Um, did you…did you happen to go on and read the rest of the comments, 'cause I replied to that and I said, "That's not what Dick was saying. Of course it's illegal…"

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but you don't know what I was saying.

Maddox: Yes, I do.

Dick: No you don't!

Maddox: If you…(laughs) Of course it's illegal…

Dick: (interjects) You don't fucking know what I'm saying!

Maddox: Let me finish. Let me finish.

Dick: (interjects) You don't know what I'm saying, though!

Maddox: No one does.

Dick: You still don't know what I'm saying!

Maddox: I think you don't know what you're saying, Dick. The…look. It says, "Of course it's illegal to adulterate meat sold to humans. Dick was saying that there are parts of cow that are illegal to sell for human consumption."

Dick: True.

Maddox: That's absolutely not true. (Dick scoffs) That's absolutely not true. You can buy any part of a cow and you can do whatever you want with it, as long as you don't mislead the consumer. That's all it is.

Dick: Okay. Let's…moving beyond that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The whole point is that it's better to feed your dogs better food.

Maddox: There's no evidence.

Dick: Ugh, my god, with your evidence! (Maddox cracks up) So, do YOU eat better food? Do you…given the choice between processed meat, like fast food, and organic food, what do you choose?

Maddox: Uh, it depends. (stammers) I pick whatever is cheapest. I look at the value that I'm gonna get for the food. If…if organic food costs two or three times as much, I'm not going to eat it. But, Dick, we've gotten way off track.

Dick: There you go, then. I mean, that sums it up perfectly. Between the two, I'm picking organic, 'cause it's better for your life.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: It's better for your body.

Maddox: Oh, is it?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Interesting.

Dick: It is.

Maddox: Okay. Well, uh…remember that.

Dick: If that makes me fucking stupid, for thinking that, like…(Maddox cracks up)…food grown to make you, like, organic food that's grown to make you healthy, not specifically organic, "Oh, it's an organic label, it doesn't actually mean anything!" (whiny voice) But if you trust the brand, it's better than buying it from, like, some mass-processed joint.

Maddox: Oh, it's a nice story. Yeah. (Dick and Sean crack up) I mean, it's…it's nice on paper. By the way, Dick, we need to mention that we have pretty much a full studio audience with us today.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: We have…we have so many people listening…just guests in the studio. So if you hear a lot of people laughing, that's why. Um, Dick, also, I want to mention at the top of

the show. Our transcribers, Laurie Foster and Megan Pennock did a very nice thing, and they sent us a Christmas package. A care package full of gifts.

Dick: That is nice of them.

Maddox: And they…it's very nice of them. They wrote a bunch of nice notes and quotes from the show, and we are going to unwrap these gifts at the end of the show. However, I brought one in. I accidentally unwrapped it early thinking that it was for me. I think it's more for the entire show.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, I want to mention this. They sent this in. (Dick cracks up) It's a book. It says, "Cuss Control. The Complete Book on How To Curb Your Cursing."

Dick: Yeah. (grins) Are you gonna read out of it?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah. This is…and the quote they put on here is from Episode #12. It's a quote for me. It says, "Um, what's more meaningful than the word 'fuck'"? (Dick giggles) So, I believe, Dick, this was from the Cuss Control Academy, that…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. I remember bringing them in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause "Too Much Swearing" was one of my problems.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (Dick giggles) So, to prove the point, this is…I'm reading from the book. "To prove the point, this list contains 70 common uses of the work 'shit'. Who the shit knows?"

Dick: (laughs) That's their first one!?

Maddox: That's the first one. (cracks up) "Who the shit cares?" "You're shit out of luck." "Don't give me that shit." "Cut the shit." "What the shit's wrong?" (laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "She thinks she's hot shit." "I was scared shitless." "He's a dipshit." "I am in deep shit." "Shit happens." "He's full of shit." "Bullshit." "That's horse shit." "What a lucky shit." "Holy shit!" "I took a lot of shit from him." "Oh, what the shit?" and it just goes…there's, like, two pages of this. "Eat shit." "He's a fat shit." "I was knee-deep in shit." "I got stuck with the shit work."

Dick: How about "Stop putting shit in your body by eating processed foods?" (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: No?

Maddox: You know, maybe when there's evidence for that. Um, points to ponder…(cracks up)

Dick: Evidence.

Maddox: Swearing…

Dick: Oh, you fucking…(laughs) Go! Go. Go, go.

Maddox: It says here, "Swearing is not the worst thing you can do, but you must be careful about when and where you swear to avoid offending others and appearing ignorant." Wow. That's a pretty lofty statement. So, um…

Dick: That's kinda true.

Maddox: Nope.

Dick: No?

Maddox: To avoid appearing…

Dick: (interjects) Do you walk into business meetings and just start swearing up a storm? "What's up, you spicy motherfuckers? Hey, I'm Maddox. I'm here to pitch you a fuckin' show!"

Maddox: Hey, uh…your hero…(laughs)

Dick: Is that how you do it?

Maddox: Sometimes. (Dick laughs) So, there's a section in this book…there's a chapter, it says, "Replacing the excremental exclamation". They say, "The word "shit" is a solitary expression of disgust that has evolved to serve as a suitable expletive for any negative mood.." bla, bla, bla, bla, bla. So, they give…they list a bunch of alternates to use instead of the word "shit". Here they are. And uh, Dick, I'm going to challenge you and Sean for the rest of this episode, let's try to use some of these alternates.

Dick: Okay. Yeah, this is great.

Maddox: Okay? Here…here they are. "Nuts!" "Curses." "Cripes." "Yikes." "Criminy!" (Dick and Maddox giggle) "Egad!" "Mercy!"

Dick: What about "Hamburgers!"?

Maddox: Uh, "Hamburgers is not on the list, but I think we could use it, because, "Dangnabbit" is! "Good grief", "Holy cow", "Holy mackerel", "Darn it", "Blast it", "Oh man!", or the favorite, "Man oh man!"

Dick: Man oh man.

Maddox: "Oh, brother!" "Dangit!" "I don't believe it!" "Gadzooks!", and "Nerts".

Dick: Wait a minute. But there's none on there for if I wanted to say, like "Stop saying this "s" that you're saying, like, stop with…" I can't say, "Stop saying this cripes", right?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, it says here, so, it has different phrases and expressions.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So instead of, like, "Who the shit knows?" or "Who the shit cares?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or "It's a shit hole!" You can say "dump" or "shack" instead. It's a dumphole or a shackhole.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Instead of "It's a piece of shit", you can say "It's a piece of junk", or "trash".

Dick: Oh. I already knew those words.

Maddox: "She doesn't know shit", you could replace "shit" with "anything". (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: Come on!!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) "I have a shit load of stuff." Instead of saying shitload…

Dick: I have a lot of stuff?

Maddox: Yeah. A load, a ton, a pile. Instead of…

Dick: (interjects) An abundance. They couldn't, like, improve your vocabulary? That's the whole reason you use curse words! Because you don't have a big enough vocabulary.

Maddox: Dick! This is written for 3-year-olds. Like crybabies who think that there's too much swearing. (taunts) Instead of "tough shit", "tough luck", or "too bad".

Dick: I have a plethora of stuff. (Maddox laughs) I have a plethora of shit over here.

Maddox: Yeah. Instead of "no shit", "no kidding", or "I know". (laughs) Instead of "no shit". "I know." "We were shooting the shit." "Breeze" or "bull". Instead of "He kicked the shit out of the guy."

Dick: (guffaws) Three year olds!? Three year olds need advice on how to say I kicked the shit…I kicked the, uh…what is it?

Maddox: "Kicked the shit out of the guy".

Dick: What's the substitute, though?

Maddox: Oh, the substitute? Daylights, tar, or stuffings.

Dick: "I kicked the stuffing out of that guy."

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: A lot of three-year-olds walkin' around like..(guffaws)…like sailors.

Maddox: (chuckles) Instead of "He's a shithead", "He's a jerk", "dope", or "mean person".

Dick: Myeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You're a real mean person, Dick. (laughs)

Dick: Alright. Can I…play some voice mails for you?

Maddox: Let's do it.

Dick: I'm sick of arguing about this shit. I'm sorry. I'm sick of arguing about this nonsense.

Maddox: There we go! (amused) Cuss control.

Dick: Uh, oh, you'll like this one. Let's get all the anti-me stuff out of the way first.

Maddox: Alright.

(Voice mail: (cartoony Animaniacs imitation of Dick) "Heyyyyyyy, everybody, it's me, Dick Masterson! (Dick, Sean and Maddox crack up) **And I just wanted to say, Maddox, I was listening to the last episode and well, (popping sound), sorry, it's a little hard to talk with George W. Bush's dick in my mouth.** (Maddox cracks up laughing, Dick laughs) **Anyway, Maddox …….who are bringing in all these facts, that's basically it. Alright. I gotta go.")**

Maddox: Great.

Dick: I don't sound like that, do I? (laughs)

Maddox: Great voice mail. Oh, that wasn't you?

Dick: No, it wasn't.

Maddox: I thought you were calling in to the show as a joke.

Dick: It could be. I got really drunk this week. It could have been me. I don't know. Uh… here's another…a celebrity called in. This is pretty interesting.

(Voice mail: (terrible Asian voice caricature) "Herro, Biggest Problem in the Universe. (Maddox and Dick crack up) **This is Kim Jong-Un.** (**Dick:** Oh, this is cool.) **Calling to warn you that if you post the last episode in January, the Korean People's Army will bomb every strip crub and Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey Factory in the United States.")**

Dick: Every strip club?!?!

Maddox: Every strip crub?! (Dick cracks up)

(Voice mail: We know that Maddox with unreasonable and imperious views such as principle and bravery, will not listen to us. (Maddox laughing) **But perhaps the cowardly Dick Masterson will see the wisdom in our words.** (**Dick:** That's it. Show's cancelled.) **Fuck you Maddox, and fuck you, Dick. ")**

Maddox: Ohhh. Wow!

Dick: Live show's cancelled. You heard the guy.

Maddox: He called into the show. He's a big listener, I guess. Hey, uh…(laughs) That was hilarious, um.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We should probably cancel the show to cowtow to North Korea, like Sony did. Um, but hold on, Dick. I actually got a voice mail, too. This one's a fan-sent-in remix. I think you'll like this.

Dick: Oh, I was gonna play this at the end.

(Clip: Dick: "You would eat a burger that had…KNOWING that the animals in it had been put to death chemically and that the chemicals were still bouncing around in

side of them." Maddox: "Uh, yeah. They probably have some process to get rid of the chemicals. It's probably…" Dick: "No." Maddox: "Yeah, how do you know, Dick?" Dick: "Because that's why..that's the difference between a food that's able to be consumed by animals and one that's able to be consumed by humans. (Mix starts, with "The difference between" and "able to be consumed" on a loop over and over.) Then, a clip from the Scatman starts with scatting…adding Dick's loop into it. (Maddox and Dick crack up) **"I'm the Scatman!!" Mixing in scatting with "able to be consumed"** (**Maddox:** Dick, I didn't know you could sing! **Dick:** "Yeah, I can sing." **Maddox:** It's amazing!!) (Maddox laughs) **Mix continues, then fades out)**

Maddox: Oh, man. What a great song. (Dick laughing)

Dick: Okay. Here's one, umm…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here's one for you.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey, this is Jordan from bountiful Utah. (**Dick:** Hmm.) **Um, this message is mostly directed to Maddox.** (**Maddox:** My hometown.)**Um, apparently Sony is one of the biggest problems in the universe, but not enough to where he won't buy the Playstation 4.** (**Maddox:** Yeah.) **I mean, I get that you're probably into Dark Souls and you're gonna want to get Blood Born, but** (**Dick:** True.) **Jesus Christ dude, there's so many more options to play video games!!** (**Maddox:** Mmmno.) **Like, if you're really desperate buy an Xbox, or build a computer, that's nice.** (**Maddox:** Yeah, I just built a computer, buddy!) **Anyway, there's that in case, you know, those options exist.")**

Dick: Yeah, what's up with that? You're always talking about principles.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, I know it's fun to bring in things, like, to fuck with me, like…

Maddox: Right…(cackles)

Dick: …with these stupid stats, but you ARE always talking about principles.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And that you hate Sony, but…

Maddox: I hate Sony.

Dick: But you're probably gonna buy a PS4.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So where the fuck are your principles?

Maddox: So, I like video games and I like movies more than I hate Sony, so if they release a movie a video game that I want to see, that I feel that I need to support that are more than I hate the company, I have no choice but to do it. It's kind of like…it's kind of like, Dick, I hate telemarketing companies, yet I worked for one for nine and a half years.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: So, I did that because I wanted to pay my bills. I hate being homeless and decrepit more than I hate telemarketing companies.

Dick: Eh, however you wanna justify it, man.

Maddox: Yeah, that's…

Dick: (interjects) That's the beauty about having no principles. You don't have to do those longwinded, backwards justifications of anything. Here's another one.

Maddox: Oh, you got me there.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey Maddox, this is Ian. I love the show. You know, for a guy who wrote a book called "I Am Better Than Your Kids", you sure had a touching story about how disappointed you were that your mom didn't like your bottle full of glitter. (Maddox and Dick crack up) **So I guess you probably learned your lesson and had great gifts for all the women in your life from then on. C'mon.")**

Dick: Do you see what he's sayin'?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Isn't the whole premise of your book that you should be hard on kids to make them better?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then your story's all about your mom saying you did a shitty job, or sorry, you did a cripes job. (Maddox cracks up) Cripesy job.

Maddox: Criminy. Criminy. (cracking up)

Dick: Criminy job with your…a nutsy job with your Christmas present to her…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did that make you better at buying gifts for women, or did it just make you very bitter about it?

Maddox: Hey. Yeah, well, I'm not criticizing her parenting method. I am criticizing…she's just an asshole. Uh…I mean. (Dick cracks up laughing)

Dick: So not her parenting method, just her!!! (dying of laughter)

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick is still laughing) And it wasn't glitter, dickhead! It was this fucking sparkly…it was reflective shit. That's science! I gave her a bottle of science. That's what I did.

Dick: Uh, it's different than glitter?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's little particles that sparkle?

Maddox: Uh…(background laughter)…well, when you put it that way, Dick.

Dick: Alright. Um, I might have one more voice mail. Let's see here. A lot of girls in the comments were saying that they want you to buy them presents.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah. (grins)

Dick: Did you see those?

Maddox: Well, who doesn't? I'm a great gift giver!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Very thoughtful. I'm a really good gift giver, I think. I mean, uh…you know. 100% of women would disagree, but… (laughs and trails off)

Dick: Yeah. Well, definitely the one thing I don't want to hear is their side of the story on this.

Maddox: Well, fair enough.

(Voice mail: (female voice) "Hi, I was just calling to let you guys know that Maddox with his Sony problem totally, totally won. Um…but, if it makes a difference, it sounds like Maddox loses in life (**Maddox:** Okay. Great. (Dick and Sean crack up)**, if he can't have somebody appreciate his…**(**Dick:** No, she's for you.) **gifts that he gives! Which sound like awesome gifts.** (**Maddox:** Awesome gifts.) **Fuck you, Dick.")**

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhhh!! Alright.

Maddox: There it is.

Dick: Alright, I got a lot of comments, but I think we're running out of time.

Maddox: We are. We are…so, we still have to open the rest of these gifts. We're gonna open them up at the end of the episode. We'll see what…we're gonna see live on air. There's one other gift I did open early, 'cause they said it was specifically for me, and it was a giant, rubber tit that they sent me…(giggles) because they quoted you in the Road Rage episode, Dick. If you want to read that quote. Um…they sent me this big tit. And you'll see why.

Dick: Whoa. This tit's heavy.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a heavy tit!

Dick: Oohohohohoh!! My God!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is like, a real…it's like, a perfect sphere…a flesh-colored sphere with a giant nipple on one side.

Maddox: That is absolutely a tit.

Dick: It's heavy.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Uh, they said, "You need to chill out. You need to have a stress ball in your car." Dick Masterson, Episode 9. So this is what you're gonna have in your car from now on.

Maddox: (sighs) Yeah, I guess I'll squeeze this big tit when I'm angry. (giggles) Which I don't know if it's a good thing! I don't..want to…

Dick: No, that's exactly what you need in your life. A gigantic tit in your car. Another gigantic tit…

Maddox: Another gigantic tit! I was gonna say!!! (laughs) 'Cause I already got you!

Dick: That you can squeeze like a maniac as you're driving around town, one hand on the horn and the other hand on the tit.

Maddox: Hey, might calm me down, man. Who knows? Classical music doesn't do it. Alright, Dick. Should we get to the problems? We've got a lot of…lot of ground to cover.

Dick: Yeah. I'm trying to see if anybody called me a pussy in a funny enough way to read on the show. Uh, no, I don't think…let's just go right to the problems. So, my problem…my problem this week is…it's not necessarily Christmas-themed; however, I did think of it because of Christmas. So, my whole family's in town for Christmas, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: My parents. My sister. Her husband, my brother in law.

Maddox: They came to the live show.

Dick: They did. And they have a kid. They have a two year old kid. Right? So one of the most fun things to do in life that I've found, after they had this kid, is buying presents for little kids. Like, for children.

Maddox: That's fun?

Dick: It's very fun. And I'll tell…I'll explain it to you the best way I can.

Maddox: Good, 'cause I…yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Because I wouldn't have thought so either, before I started doing it. But you can walk through a store and just heap presents into a cart. Like, you can heap, like a sleigh full of presents into your cart that cost, like, 50 bucks. And I don't know about you, but I remember being a kid and having to, like, argue and chisel sometimes, at my parents to get the toys that I wanted?

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: But here I am as an adult exercising my power of just filling a shopping cart with toys for this kid.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Why was it such a big fucking deal when we were growing up?

Dick: Uh, I think it's because we were little assholes. Probably.

Maddox: Uh, I'm sorry. Why was it an 'egads' big deal when we were growing up? (Dick guffaws, background laughter)

Dick: That's…that's how it's fun. Because you get to feel powerful. You understand that.

Maddox: Yeah. I like to feel powerful.

Dick: Yeah. So, buying presents for a kid that you know is a powerful feeling.

Maddox: Dick, to play Devil's Advocate, couldn't you also feel powerful by not buying them presents?

Dick: Uhh….

Maddox: Mmmmm? Think about it.

Dick: I…I don't know. I don't wanna get into one of these rabbit holes with you right now. (Maddox chuckles) So I bought…I like buying this kid, like, the presents that I would have loved as a kid.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, presents that are, like, a little bit dangerous. No educational value at all.

Maddox: Crossbows.

Dick: Yeah. Like, I'm counting down the years where I can get him, like, a BB gun, or like, a motorcycle or a drumset. Stuff like that.

Maddox: Piranha.

Dick: His dad…his father is in the studio right now with us, by the way.

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: So this kid's two. I walk in to Wal-Mart knowing exactly what I'm gonna get him. A gigantic remote control monster truck. Right?

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: It's awesome!

Maddox: Yeah. Great gift.

Dick: Just drive over all the other toys.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In my…like, thematically, I wanted to drive over all the other toys that he gets this Christmas.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: And literally.

Maddox: And literally.

Dick: And literally. So I find one at Wal-Mart. Of course, perfect. Bring it down to him Christmas day, he opens it up, and is like, "Ohhhhhh…" he can't say it. Like, he can speak, but…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: You know. Their syntax isn't perfect. So he's like "Monster truck! Monster truck! Big monster truck!" Pull it out of the box. He loves it, is what I'm saying.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Pull it out of the box. Take it outside. Oh, man. I feel awesome.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I just fuckin' aced all the other presents.

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: Why? 'Cause I know what it's like to be a kid.

Maddox: Yeah. You want something to destroy all your other toys.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We drive that thing for maybe 10 minutes. Immediately fucking stops turning left.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhh!! Bullshit, man!

Dick: Immediately. You know fu…you know how embarrassing that is?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uncle Dick. Disappointment.

Dick: Yeah. Toy broken. The kid's…let's go. Let's drive it. Drive it. Dude, I can't. It's broken. So I'm sitting outside trying to fix this thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? He's moved on to the other…now the other toys are what he likes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Now all the other toys that I wanted to shit all over are his favorite. 'Cause this monster truck is broken. It's not reliable.

Maddox: Yeahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh. Oh, man.

Dick: I'm sitting there cursing myself. (sighs) Cursing my life. Wondering who I can blame for this. Trying to fix these shitty servos that are underneath the monster truck, to get it working again? Or to get it working on Christmas Day again?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: What do I fuckin' see on the bottom of this thing? Made in China.

Maddox: Ooookay!

Dick: That's my problem!

Maddox: (laughing) This took a twist!

Dick: Made in China!

Maddox: Okay. Your problem is…what is it? What's the…

Dick: Made in China!

Maddox: No, there's a fallacy here!

Dick: Made in Fuckin' China!!

Maddox: I'm trying to…I need to look it up. (laughing)

Dick: It's not a fallacy! It's made in China. Shit that is made in China sucks.

Maddox: No. Not always.

Dick: Not always. Get outta here.

Maddox: A lot of stuff is made in China.

Dick: Not always. (irritated)

Maddox: No! You can get some high-quality stuff in China.

Dick: Are you gonna sit here and tell me that, like, overall, in the grand scheme of things, shit that you're buying, shit that us Americans are buying, the stuff that's made in China is not garbage?

Maddox: Yes. Absolutely. And I'll tell you why. Because I've been to China. I've been to multiple parts of China.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I remember going to a place in Hong Kong where it was kind of like a place with street hawkers and they were selling all sorts of high-end products and knockoffs, Louis Vitton bags, all that shit, right? And I remember walking down this one aisle, and they had every kind of dress shirt you could possibly imagine from every brand from Van Heussen to Hugo Boss, to everything under the sun. And they were all just different packaging. You just pointed to the shirt that you liked and they would take the packaging out, whatever brand you wanted, and they would make it that brand. Because it all comes from the same factories. There's a handful of factories in China and Indonesia and Haiti that produce these garments, and it's all the same stuff, and they fool people. Consumers who think that they're buying high-quality steaks and dog food, like yourself.

Dick: Here we go.

Maddox: (laughs) Into…into.

Dick: I buy Hugo Boss, too.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah! I know!!!

Dick: Put that on the list of nice things that I buy.

Maddox: It's coming from China! It's coming from the same factory that makes Adidas and Payless shoes, buddy. It's all the same stuff.

Dick: Well, and that's…well, I started researching this, because I do think…I do think that everything comes out of there that we get access to is garbage. Like, what you're saying about being able to walk around in China and buy nice things at discount rates?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Because it's all the same stuff. That's true. But it doesn't get over here.

Maddox: No, that's not true. Of course it gets over here.

Dick: As what? In the form of knockoffs?

Maddox: I think that the majority of things that you buy, whether you know it or not, if they're…probably Chinese. The majority of things that you use from day to day…

Dick: (interjects) Yes! Everything is made in China.

Maddox: Yeah. And so, just because your shitty toy broke down. And by the way, Dick. Not all toys that come from China will break down. There's a lot of high-quality products you can buy from China.

Dick: I feel like I'm arguing that Florida is warmer than New York with you. Yeah, there's some days when Florida's not warm, but by and large, it's fuckin' warm, and it's warmer than New York. Like, you're saying that China makes quality goods? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Absolutely…absolutely FALSE! Is my opinion on that. (Maddox laughs) So I…look, look, look, look, look. I don't want to get too lost in the weeds here, because China is, like, my rosebud. Like, I'll get drunk and start ranting about it, like rosebuuud. Chinnnnna. Chiiiiina. Uh, there's this book that I found called "Poorly Made in China".

Maddox: (giggles) Mmmkay. This sounds like it's gonna be unbiased. Go on. (laughs)

Dick: Well, of course it's biased! The guy's got an opinion, 'cause he's…I think he's Chinese. He, like, speaks Chinese, worked in China for a long time.

Maddox: Sure, sure, sure.

Dick: Then he goes through…he goes through a normal manufacturer in China's business model.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You understand what I'm saying?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, this is how they make money. They make a contract with you.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Like, an American designer. Let's say you're making, uh, Maddox hot sauce. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And you got a secret formula for hot sauce.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Secret formula. It'll make your dick bigger. It'll put hair on your chest. This is your hot sauce.

Maddox: Right? That's my brand!!

Dick: Yeah. So you take it over and they say, "Yeah, no problem. We'll manufacture it for whatever it takes. Whatever it takes to get the contract." Right? So they sell it back to you, but then, they sell your recipe. They sell your intellectual property everywhere else in the world. To make their money back.

Maddox: Yeah. Right.

Dick: Including internally.

Maddox: Ah.

Dick: THEN, once they get it set up. Once they get that process set up, their ENTIRE business model is cutting their costs. Sometimes dangerously and unethically.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You see what I'm saying?

Maddox: True.

Dick: Like, if you have, like, an awesome monster truck, they'll just start cutting the quality of the servos. They'll replace springs with those stupid bent-up paper clips that are not as good as springs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they break within, like, 10 minutes of using them. That's what he says. This guy, "Poorly Made in China". That's their entire business model.

Maddox: Oh, interesting. You know, Dick, that's a huge, huge problem.

Dick: Why are you already smug? Why are you already fucking smug about this?! (Maddox cracks up) I cannot believe you think they make quality products!

Maddox: Well, you know, it's not just me, Dick. It's…it's millions and millions of consumers. In fact, these consumers are a certain type of consumer. They're luxury product purchasers. And they like to buy…

Dick: (interjects) What…wait, what do you mean? What do you mean? What do you mean?

Maddox: I'll get to it. I'll get to it.

Dick: No, I don't understand the first thing you said.

Maddox: Oh, I'm saying that…

Dick: What types of consumers are you talking about?

Maddox: There's a certain type of consumer that buys luxury brands.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Like, say you were gonna buy, I don't know. A cell phone. And you had a choice between Samsung and HTC, some lower end models. Supposedly, you know, they're cheaper. Or you can buy the high-end luxury brand, like say, oh, I don't know. An iPhone. Where is the iPhone manufactured, again? Can you refresh my memory? Was it, uh…

Dick: China.

Maddox: Oh, it's China?! Interesting. And yet, it's considered a luxury product and the highest quality. You've said multiple times, Dick. That YOU buy Apple products, 'cause you just want it to "work". A bullet point from their own website. And yet, all these products are made in China. How do you explain that?

Dick: You're getting way off topic. I just…

Maddox: (interjects) These are made in China!!!!! (yells) Why…why are you cherry picking, here?

Dick: I'm not cherry picking. I buy an iPhone over the Android alternative just because I don't want to think about it that much, and I personally think it's a better phone. There's a lot of features that I wish it had that the Androids probably do, but…

Maddox: (interjects) We're not talking…okay.

Dick: (interjects) I'd rather just…

Maddox: We're not talking Apple versus Android here. We're talking is the iPhone a quality product?

Dick: I…I don't know what to compare it to.

Maddox: Dick. Compa…do you think it's a high quality product?

Dick: Of cour…yes. I'll just…yes. Yes. Yes, yes. Yeah, sure.

Maddox: And where is it made?

Dick: In China. What are you, judging it all by the iPhone?

Maddox: Well, so…we can cherry pick all day long, but until or unless you provide some kind of evidence that the majority of products come from China are faulty, or shoddy, or poor craftsmanship…

Dick: What the fuck does a majority…I'm sorry, what the fudge does a majority of products have to do with it?

Maddox: Good grief, Dick. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Dick: Maddox, you understand that it's not…it's not that black and white. I'm just saying that in general, Chinese…I feel that the Chinese business model, according to this book, Poorly Made in China, is to cut the quality of the products. I have a big problem with that.

Maddox: Well, some companies do and some companies don't, Dick. It's hard to say that…it's hard to generalize and be accurate. You can't generalize the entire country. There's a billion people in China.

Dick: Like fuckin' dog food owners are all smug assholes and people wearing ugly Christmas sweaters are all smug assholes? You have a problem with generalizing like that, you fuckin' asshole? I'm sorry, you fudging assweed! (Maddox laughs) That's still bad! You farting…uhhh….

Maddox: What do you got, Sean?

Dick: What? (laughing)

Sean: Well, it's not Maddox's fault that everybody is a smug asshole.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Dick: Hey, can I tell you something real quick?

Maddox: Yeah, what.

Dick: Um, my dad…my mom got a new computer for Christmas, and I said, "What are you gonna do with the old one?" Uh, 'cause it's like…you sell it. You get rid of it, right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: She got a new laptop.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: My dad goes, "No, keep it! 'Cause I want to be able to play DVDs on it." And I said DVDs? Who the hell has DVDs? And he goes, "Hey, try not to be such a smug asshole all the time." I was like, "What the HELL?!" (laughs) That's a good insult!

Maddox: Wooooowwww.

Dick: Where did that come from?! And he goes "Yeah, yeah, yeah. Listening to your podcast has taught me how to insult people!" (Maddox cracks up) It's, like, goddamn it!!!

Maddox: He got your number, buddy!

Dick: Gosh darn it, I mean!

Maddox: Yeah, gosh darn it! He got your number, buddy! He totally called you out on that. 'Cause you were being smug about DVDs. But here's the thing, Dick. Look, you can get good quality products from China. You can get bad quality products from China. If you try to generalize the Chinese people as a whole…

Dick: People. (incredulous)

Maddox: Well, you're saying that Chinese people…'cause products made in China are made by Chinese people. They're not importing Filipinos into China…well, I mean sometimes, maybe.

Dick: Wellll, yeah.

Maddox: Look, in general…

Dick: I don't think it's their PEOPLE, though. I think it's their business model.

Maddox: Well, but who is they? Who is they? Who are you talking about? Chinese people, right?

Dick: Well, no!

Maddox: Isn't that the business model of Americans, Dick?

Dick: Um, no, no. I think it's more complicated than that. Because I think their government has a large role in setting how…in setting what they're supposed to focus on as, in business. Like, I think in general, their idea is to increase exports no matter what, and our government doesn't have a role like that with our businesses. Like, I think they're a lot more free to do whatever they want here. Which means, yeah, sometimes it is about cutting costs, but a lot of times, it's like being true to their own corporate vision.

Maddox: Well…yeah, but that also exists in China.

Dick: I…I don't think it is. I don't think it's like you're saying. I think the government definitely has a decree of, "Yeah, we're exporting." And exports are important.

Maddox: Well, true. But I know for a fact that in China, there are certain companies that do have this kind of, uhh…you know, they're kind of like the Nestle corporation or…I'm not sure if it's Nestle or Hershey's, one of the two. Um, there are companies out in China that aren't just profit driven. But you're essentially arguing against the capitalist model, Dick.

Dick: How?!

Maddox: Which is, they're trying to make as much money, they're maximizing their profit, by cutting corners and doing what they can.

Dick: How is that arguing against capitalism, though?

Maddox: Because that's what capitalism is. Maximize your profits, right?

Dick: Ohhhhhh. No, no, no, no, no. But this is…to say it's capitalism…

Maddox: Yeah. It is.

Dick: It's not capitalism to have countries trading with other countries…uh, hold on.

Maddox: Go on. (chuckles)

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. (stammers) Like, capitalism is…(sighs) Oh, God. It's very simplistic to say that the economic policy of a government against other governments counts as capitalism. Do you under…do you know…like, they enjoy certain tariffs and, like, export incentives that we just don't in America, or anywhere else in the world. And I think it's harmful for our…for the products they make AND for the people in China.

Maddox: Well, potentially. But one of the few…

Dick: I mean, potentially.

Maddox: Well, potentially. We have to…we have to establish that. You can't just make a CLAIM with that evidence.

Dick: Well there's…no. I actually have studies about this! Calm the fuck down! I brought this stuff in!

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Uh, hold on. Hold on. Hold on. I gotta skip ahead, 'cause this took a really weird turn really quickly. So the Economic Policy Institute, which (stammers) I don't even want to read in the comments what kind of an institute this is, but they say that the effect of outsourcing all of our production over there, if we did it…if there wasn't this, whatever. Policy. For

China to focus on exports. The increase in total American salaries would be up 230 billion dollars. The US GDP would be up almost 500 billion dollars, and the net good exports would be up 400 billion. I'm rounding up. But these are the size of the numbers we're talking about.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, if we're talking about saving a couple bucks…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: By manufacturing stuff in China and shipping it over, which I think is shit. This is the cost to us. Billions and billions of dollars, up to…I think it's up to 500 billion of the…lemme read it first. Yeah. If we stopped making stuff in China, it would be…it would reduce the trade deficit by up to 500 billion over three years. That's not capitalism. Like, you can't say that that's just capitalism.

Maddox: It…it is. Essentially, the business model that we have now is capitalism. You have companies in America. American companies who want to maximize their profit. And the only reason they close shop in America and shut doors here, is because it was more profitable to do it in China with fewer regulations. They don't have to worry about unions. They don't have to worry about all these things that we have that…

Dick: They do have unions over there.

Maddox: Well, sure, but it's nothing…nowhere nearly as strong. It doesn't have the teeth that American unions have. Um, but in China, they can skirt a lot of regulations. They don't have to worry about safety as much. They don't have to worry about working conditions.

Dick: They don't have to worry about intellectual property, either. They just sell whatever you got to somebody else!

Maddox: Well, yeah, Dick, but that's also hard to…I mean, obviously it's not a problem to Apple, because they're manufacturing their iPhones overseas and they don't have a problem with it.

Dick: I mean, you've, you've picked, like, a company that has so much money, they can hover over these manufacturing plants like God. Nobody can get away with stuff, 'cause they're…but, like, the average…the fudging monster truck that I bought for my nephew?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hopelessly broken. And it's this…it's these horseshit policies that prevent uh…what? What are you looking up? It's these policies that prevent American manufacturing from making this stuff…the stats I read said, like, it's up to, like 5.8 million jobs; we could be making these things in the US versus shipping it out to China. And I'm…that's all I'm gonna say. Go ahead and respond to it, but that's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. You know, I'm not gonna totally shit on the problem, 'cause I think that there are some crap products that come from China, and it really just depends on the Chinese manufacturer. Some are good; some are bad. What can you say? I mean, it's hard to make the case that uh…just in general, as a blanket statement, all products coming from China are crap. Because we…

Dick: (interjects) I'm not saying it's all!!!

Maddox: (interjects) Well, how----(stammers)

Dick: (interjects) I mean, admit that I'm not saying it's all!

Maddox: Okay, what percentage would you say? The majority?

Dick: Uh…more. I'm saying other countries would…us specifically, would make a better product because our business model is not set up to drive costs down. You can't…

Maddox: It absolutely is!

Dick: Oh, it's not!!! No it isn't!! (yells)

Maddox: Well, it's company by company.

Dick: That shit's illegal here that you can do over there! Of course it's not about driving costs down at any cost!!!

Maddox: Well, not at any cost, but that's what companies are always trying to do, is trying to save…make a buck, right?

Dick: It's these fractions of a percent that matter. That's what I'm saying. It's not all products are shit, are products here are great. It's the fractions of a percent. It's the failure rate of 8% versus 10%. It's the amount that it costs in the long run that I'm talking about. And it's the pervasive problem that everything is made in China because of this. That's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did that make any sense?

Maddox: Well…I…I'm not sure you made a strong enough case to prove…(Sean laughs) that the Chinese…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, my fucking God! Somebody fucking kill me with a knife made in China.

Maddox: (laughs) Why? It would just break off in your chest. Um, alright Dick.

Dick: I brought in…(guffaws) It's crazy. I brought in so many examples, but I realized halfway through this that they're all anecdotal, and you don't trust any of them.

Maddox: Yeah. No, of course not. Because you cherry pick.

Dick: I mean, this is like…yeah, yeah. You can cherry pick…this is like, companies that manufacture buildings. Companies in China that manufacture buildings. They ship the stuff back over here and they didn't put in aluminum.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a pretty…that's a pretty big oversight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I can't see an American company doing it and just saying, like, "Eh".

Maddox: So, I…

Dick: (interjects) So what? You can't sue us.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, wait. It's America. You can.

Maddox: Wow. You know what sounds really good about America, Dick? Uh…regulations. (Dick sighs) Sounds like…

Dick: God.

Maddox: Sounds like China needs more regulations!! (laughing)

Dick: It's the arguing!! I don't understand why you're arguing this problem. You don't think it's interesting?

Maddox: It is interesting. I absolutely do and I think this is a great problem. I'm just not sure that uh…that you've made the case that the majority of products come from China are shit.

Dick: That's not even the point!

Maddox: Well, then what exactly is the problem, then?

Dick: More.

Maddox: More…

Dick: They're shittier than ours and…

Maddox: (interjects) Not always.

Dick: Ugh. Go. (Maddox laughs) No, I'm sick of it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Go.

Maddox: Alright. Sick of getting, uh…

Dick: (interjects) This is the world. This is the fuckin' world we live in.

Maddox: Yeah, what?

Dick: Where you have to prove that ALL the products that (Maddox giggles) come from China are shit.

Maddox: The majority, Dick.

Dick: Why the majority?!!?

Maddox: Because then it's a problem. We're trying to solve the biggest problem in the universe on this show, and if you…like, look. If only 30% of the products that come from China are shit…

Dick: It's way less.

Maddox: No, no. If only 30% of the products that come from China are shit, then it's not that big of a problem. If it's 50% or more, maybe it is, man! And how many people are dying…like, how many people is this affecting other than…you made the economic case.

Dick: Everyone on Earth.

Maddox: Hold on. (laughs) Hold on. Uh, I don't know about that.

Dick: Not even Chinese people want to buy their own stuff. 60% of Chinese surveyed…I don't know where they fucking found these…where they fudging found these people, (Maddox giggles) but 60% said they prefer American products.

Maddox: Gadzooks, Dick. Here's the thing. (Dick laughs) Um, in China and in Europe, American brands are really strong, actually. Despite the fact that you hear all the time French people hate us and Europeans hate us, and Chinese people hate us. That's not true. You go to China, you go to Europe? They love Levis. They love McDonald's. They love American brands. So they may prefer American brands just because of the strength of the brand America, not necessarily that we make high-quality products, as evidenced by all our shitty American cars. GM, get the fuck out of here with your shitty cars. Where's the American TV manufacturing industry? Gone! Because Japan did it better. That's why people are buying foreign brands sometimes. Not necessarily because we do it the best. I mean, there's certain products that we deliver the best in the world! Aircraft carriers.

Dick: Podcasts.

Maddox: Jets. Podcasts, for sure. Anyway, Dick.

Dick: Well, you took a good problem…(Maddox cracks up) and you cut it off at the legs, like usual, Maddox. Go ahead. What is your fuckin' horseshit? Let's get to a real problem.

Maddox: Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, buddy.

Dick: Sorry, what is this horse mercy?!

Maddox: Mercy. There we go. Egad. Alright. Here we are. Uh, my problem this week, Dick, is New Year's Resolutions.

Dick: (scoffs) Oh God.

Maddox: Yeah. There's a real problem.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Ugh. (sighs)

Maddox: Oh, thanks for clapping, audience. (Dick laughs) Our in-studio audience, they love that problem. Yeah, here we go. New Year's resolutions, Dick. Did you know that 62% of Americans make frequent New Year's resolutions or occasional New Year's resolutions?

Dick: Is that it? (grins) 62%?

Maddox: 62…that's more than watch the Super Bowl! That's almost double then watch the Super Bowl.

Dick: Yeah, but it's a lot easier to make a New Year's resolution than it is to watch the Super Bowl.

Maddox: I dunno man, the Super Bowl's just on. You…you have to avoid the Super Bowl to not watch it.

Dick: I guess that's true.

Maddox: Yeah. It's fuckin' everywhere. And guess how many people keep their resolutions? 8%.

Dick: How…you and your statistics. (laughing) How are they getting that?! "Hey, did you make a New Year's resolution?" "Uhh, yeah." "Did you do it?" "Eh, more or less." Is that a yes?

Maddox: I mean, pretty much, Dick. (Dick laughs) That's how most statistics and more surveys are gathered. This is from the University of Scranton Journal of Clinical Psychology. They asked people who made resolutions how many of them kept the resolutions, and it turns out about 8% were successful in achieving their resolutions. 39% of the people were in their 20s.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And only 14% of people over 50 achieved their goals.

Dick: (laughs) Okay. Plus or minus 14%.

Maddox: No! It's just 14%.

Dick: Like all these people are gonna lie! "Hey, did you make a New Year's Resolution?" "Yeah, I said I was gonna be nicer to my husband." "Did you?" "Uhhhh, yeah." (scoff in the background) Nailed it.

Maddox: Well, yeah. I mean…(stammers) yeah. (Dick laughs) But those aren't…those aren't the resolutions people are making, Dick.

Dick: What are they making?

Maddox: The majority of resolutions…actually, this is interesting. It's from USA.gov. There's an actual government website that says "Popular New Year's Resolutions". It's just a list of them. All the popular ones.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I don't know why this is on a government website, but it is. Number one is "lose weight". Then there's "get fit". "Eat healthy food". "Drink less alcohol". Four of those are all related to health.

Dick: (laughing) I make one of those about every three days.

Maddox: Yeah. (background laughter) And…yeah. So you fail every three days. (Dick cracks up) And then some of the other resolutions are "Volunteer to help others"…

Dick: (interjects) Well, I mean that's the thing. I wouldn't say I fail at it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would say, "Yeah, I did drink less this week." (laughing)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: It always seems to get less and less!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Without ever approaching zero. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) You're asymptotic to zero, but you're still drinking constantly. Um, which isn't alcoholism. Uhh…(laughs) Which is alcoholism, rather.

Dick: Oh, stop with these things!

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, um. Some of the other resolutions people make: "Volunteer to help others". "Quit smoking". "Save money". "Get a better job", "Get a better education", and "Manage debt". Four of those twelve are all related to finance. I am lumping "Get a better education" into that.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So, eight out of twelve resolutions that people commonly make are either health or money related. That's why I think "Fries" are the biggest problem in the universe, guys! Go back and vote up "Fries"! French fries!!! Those are contributing to our obesity problem in America. We're wasting money on French fries. I can believe it's one of the lowest problems on the list. People don't think fries are a problem. You want to solve your New Year's resolutions? Go vote up "Fries". That will put you one step closer to solving your New Year's resolution. At least acknowledge that French fries are a problem.

Dick: What about if people made a New Year's Resolution to vote up fries? Would you be happy with that?

Maddox: If they followed through.

Dick: Well, 8% are gonna follow through.

Maddox: 8%. Yeah. (background laughter) (Dick laughs) It pisses me off.

Dick: Have you ever made a New Year's resolution?

Maddox: No.

Dick: No?

Maddox: No. I'm not an idiot. Um…

Dick: (interjects) Have you ever made a resolution ever?

Maddox: Yes. Absolutely. Here's why you shouldn't make New Year's resolutions. It's kind of like a delay for you to get your life started.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're procrastinating. People…it's a bad habit, right? Part of the reason that people have problems to begin with, like being overweight or not going to the gym enough, or not saving enough money, is because they put it off. They're procrastinators! And the last thing a procrastinator needs is another deadline to put things off! Oh, you know, I'm gonna start on this new year.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Like it's some magical, like, reset button that's gonna wipe your slate clean of all the shitty decisions you've made in your life. New flash, idiot! You're still fat! (Dick cracks up) You're not doing anything to solve that problem! So, this is according to Forbes. They said, "Many people use the new year as an opportunity to make large bucket lists or attempt extreme makeovers. That's a nice aspiration, experts say, but the average person has so many competing priorities that this type of approach is doomed to failure. Essentially, shooting for the moon can be so psychologically daunting that you end up failing to launch in the first place. And the main problem is, goals should be grounded by rational and achievable metrics. You don't just wake up one day and say, "You know what? Tomorrow I'm gonna get a new job." You just…that's not what happens!! There's so many steps you're skipping, idiot! (Dick laughs) You don't just wake up and say, "I'm gonna go out and I'm gonna win an Oscar tomorrow."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You can't just fucking win an Oscar! You have to take…do the steps! Do the work. And visualize the work that gets you there. And then maybe you'll win an Oscar or write a New York Times bestseller.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: People want to just BE a bestseller. They just want to HAVE the best book. But they don't want to do the work to get there.

Dick: Yeah, I hear what you're saying. Isn't the first step to admit that you want it, though? I mean, I only know…I know where the first step is admitting it…is the first step. I'm saying, isn't that true in life? Isn't everything you learn from AA true in life as well? (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, well, Dick. You actually have a point here. Um…

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: According to this…(chuckles) According to the University of Scranton Journal of Psychology, the same study, they said, "People who make resolutions are 10 times more likely to attain their goals than people who don't." But that's still only…

Dick: (interjects) Well, that's a pretty good thing!!!

Maddox: Is it? When only 8% are achieving their goals?

Dick: That doesn't make sense, then. 10% more people are…achieve their goals…

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: …if they make a New Year's resolution? Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: No, that's incorrect. Um, you are 10 times more likely to achieve your goal if you make a resolution.

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: If you make a…here's the exact wording of the study. It says, "People who make resolutions are 10 times more likely to attain their goals than people who don't."

Dick: Dude! Then that sounds like a solution!

Maddox: Yeah, but it's still resulting in 8%! It's a shit solution!

Dick: I mean…(stammers)…that study sounds stupid anyway. 8% every year, 8% over a life, what does it mean, 8%? If you're ten times more likely to lose weight by making a New Year's resolution to lose weight, you should be making that resolution every three months!

Maddox: Dick, not…

Dick: (interjects) Make it every day!

Maddox: (laughs) Great! Great. Then we'll all just lose weight magically, right? It's just gonna magic into existence! Except it doesn't work! It's not happening. 8%!

Dick: You just said it works!! (squeaky voice)

Maddox: But 8%, Dick. That's…that's minimal. That's miniscule.

Dick: You gotta stop saying 8%. That doesn't mean anything. It's from, like, a stupid…

Maddox: YOU DON'T MEAN ANYTHING!! (yells) Aaaaaaargggh!!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Dick: It doesn't fuckin' mean anything. (laughs)

Maddox: It's not a stupid study! Dick…(Dick cracks up) You constantly do this! I bring in solid numbers and statistics…

Dick: (interjects) It's not solid!! (yells)

Maddox: And evidence! Those are solid numbers from a professor! You're not a professor of jack shit, dude. (Dick still laughing) "If you can't measure it, it's not a very good resolution, because vague goals beget vague resolutions.", says John Norcross of the University of Scranton. That's true! Right?

Dick: Uh, I guess. (stammers) What's…what's the stats to back that up?

Maddox: His own fucking study, dickhead!!! (yells) (Dick cracks up) I just read his stats!!

Dick: Yeah, but you know what? Look. Like, I hate The Secret as much as everybody else, like the positive thinking stuff…

Maddox: (interjects) Awwww, Jesus! Yeah.

Dick: Malarkey. Excuse me.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Malarkey.

Dick: Um, but it helps people. It, like, centers them.

Maddox: Ugh, geez, man! (sighs)

Dick: Not everyone has the…the fortitude that you do. And the constitution that you do. (Maddox chuckles) They like to sit there and, like, gear up for something that's…that might be a huge task they have to overcome. You hear what I'm saying? Like, when we do this podcast. I gotta sit at home and gear myself up to come in and argue with you over effing dog food.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Fudging. Um…

Dick: I gotta make a resolution to do that!

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, the problem is, people treat New Year's resolutions like a magic genie lamp, or a reset switch. (Dick guffaws) Right? That'll just clean their shitty behaviors and habits that got them into the mess in the first place, right? So, anyway, Dick. It's a big problem because it causes people to procrastinate and not actually make positive changes in their life.

Dick: So what? You would rather them have no fire under their ass to change their lives?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause…okay. So just everybody keep doing what you're doing? Fudge it?

Maddox: No, (stammers) you know, if you want to change your life, do it TODAY. Don't wait for fucking New Year's! Don't wait for January 1st to roll around. Don't wait for some magic solstice or aligning of the stars, or some astrological sign, or a horoscope, god forbid, some horseshit!! Gadzooks, I mean! (laughs) Nerts. That's what I meant to say.

Dick: Nerts? (grins)

Maddox: Don't wait for some nerts to show up. Just do it!

Dick: I think this…I think this problem, you're gonna end up sounding like a bully, like you did with shy people.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaah. Great. (sarcastic)

Dick: Or introverts. (grins) People need time! You gotta think it out! And I also…I also don't think that you've never made a resolution.

Maddox: Um, I don't think I have. Maybe I did when I was 20 years old and that's when I first realized that these resolutions are horseshit.

Dick: Not New Year's. I'm saying in general.

Maddox: Oh, I've definitely made resolutions in general. That's what I'm telling people! Make resolutions TODAY! Forget about the new year. Do it NOW.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, by the way, make your resolutions be something attainable! Something that's within reach. Don't just make it something like, "Uh, I'm gonna find love." Or "I'm going to get a new job." Or "I'm going to lose weight." That's stupid!

Dick: (laughs) Those are very attainable!

Maddox: No, they're not! (Dick still laughing) Those are giant fucking things! Dick, they're obviously not if these are the same resolutions every American has…(angry) and only 8% are achieving them!

Dick: No! It just means they're difficult.

Maddox: Hold on. Here's how…of course they're difficult. And that's why! They're not attainable. The real way to do it, okay. If you really want to lose weight? Make a resolution

to cut something out of your diet completely. Like, say, French fries. Cut French fries out of your diet. Cut sodas out of your diet. That's attainable! That's one thing that you have to cut out of your diet that will make a precipitous difference in your results! You will lose weight if you stop eating French fries and stop eating soda, and you manage a few other things here and there. You'll notice little changes add up to big changes.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Instead of saying, "I'm gonna lose weight!" How are you gonna do that, idiot? How are you gonna write that bestseller?

Dick: So is it the specifics of how people follow through on their resolution, or is it the resolution that you have a bigger problem with?

Maddox: Well, it's the resolution, because it…the specifics is they don't follow through. They don't know. They don't have it charted out. They use the resolution as just some lazy declaration on Facebook, and I'm just bracing for it!! (Dick laughs) All the idiots on Facebook this week! Next week, next month, whatever? Just, ugh, resolution, resolution, resolution! None of it ever happens! None of it ever comes true! Just a bunch of failures filling up my news feed! (angry)

Dick: Hey, you should make a resolution to stay off Facebook for a while.

Maddox: I would love that, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I would love…

Dick: (interjects) You can. That's attainable. (grins) That's another thing that's very attainable. You just stop going there.

Maddox: Ugh. I do. I block it. I block it on my computer when I get work done. (Dick giggling) I edit my host's file, and for those of you who don't know, it's a thing on your computer that you can block certain website completely.

Dick: Mhmm. (skeptical)

Maddox: And it's kinda…I made it a pain in the ass for me to edit this file. I used to have a batch file that would automatically edit it for me, and then I realized there's just, like a switch I could turn on or off any time I wanted to go to Facebook. Um, I don't want to…

Dick: (interjects) You're like Tyler Durden. Like, you're setting up traps for yourself…

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: That you fall into when you want your…

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: When you want your fix.

Maddox: 'Cause I know something about me. I know that I am lazy. And I know that if it takes more effort than just typing the letter "f" in my address bar, I won't go to it. (Dick laughs) I know that. I know that for a fact. So, yeah. I do block Facebook; however, I need it once a week when I post the podcast.

Dick: Yeah!!!

Maddox: And let people know this shit's going…yeah. Great.

Dick: I appreciate that.

Maddox: Thank you, Dick. Hey, Dick, um…so anyway, that's my problem. New Year's Resolutions are horseshit! And uh…it's the biggest problem in the universe next to French fries and snakes. So, uh…let's open some gifts, shall we?

Dick: Yeah. You want me to start? 'Cause you already opened two, apparently.

Maddox: (laughs) Go ahead. And Sean, you should open one of these too. Um, there's one with a quote from Sean on it. Here we go, Sean. It says, "Last night I went full-blown retard. Sean, Episode 31." You should open this one, Sean.

Dick: What's that one about? I don't remember what you were talkin' about in that episode.

Maddox: When he deleted the podcast.

Dick: Oh, oh, oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So..is there anything drawn on that one?

Sean: I thought we weren't bringing that up anymore.

Dick: (stammers) Well, Sean.

Maddox: Sean. It was a…

Dick: I didn't want to.

Maddox: We didn't want to! That was just on the thing. So, Sean is opening the gift wrapping. It's this green, what's that? Like poinsettias on there?

Sean: Hey, it's a bunch of Butterfingers. (Maddox and Dick crack up laughing)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Oh, my God. (Dick still laughing)

(Sound effect: Audience laughter)

Maddox: That's incredible. Oh, my…that is incredible. (Dick signs happily) That is incredible. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: I will have you know that it was purposefully done.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Sean: There was no butterfingers involved, sadly. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: That's incredible.

Sean: Actually, I love Butterfingers, though.

Maddox: Hey!

Sean: And I'm eating these and you guys aren't getting any.

Maddox: Dammit.

Dick: Oh, fine. (background laughter) They don't have a…

Maddox: Shit.

Dick: They don't have a candy bar that's called "Full-Blown Retard"? (Maddox laughs) Does that not exist?

Maddox: Maybe it's Payday.

Dick: I'm gonna open this card. Uh, it's got a giant ejaculating penis on it.

Maddox: Big penis on it.

Dick: That's not a cuss word, is it?

Maddox: Uh…penis is not.

Dick: I can say all that.

Maddox: You can say "penis". You just can't say "cock".

Dick: "To Maddox, Dick, and Sean." Oh, it's got a sexy Lady Thor on the front.

Maddox: Yeah, there's a Lady Thor drawn on it, Dick, 'cause you brought in Lady Thor as a problem.

Dick: Every time I open a card, I open it so that the money inside doesn't fall out. Like, even when I know there's not gonna be any money in it.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, there…

Dick: (interjects) It's just, like, trained from when I was kid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "Oh, careful". Don't want this money falling out.

Maddox: There definitely won't be money in that one, 'cause I opened it already. (laughing)

Dick: "So, Marvel slapped tits on Thor." There's a quote from me, Episode 10. "Thanks you guys for everything. Merry Christmas. Love, Megan." "I hope you guys enjoy this weird Pandora's box we sent you. I decided against the king cobra and six-pack of beer for legal reasons. Maybe next time. Thanks for being fuckin' awesome. Love, Laurie." Aw, they both signed the card. That's sweet of them.

Maddox: They both signed the card! That's incredible. They live in different states, so they had to have sent it to each other to get it signed for us.

Dick: That's very nice of them.

Maddox: Yeah. Very nice.

Dick: Here's a present. "You got people spraying water in cars. I got people yelling at guys for doing dishes. Episode 22." You remember that one? Drought dickbags?

Maddox: Oh yeah, drought dickbags. I remember.

Dick: And hippies.

Maddox: Yeah. That's when we were talking about hippies and drought dickbags, when people…basically water zealots, was the problem. So, Dick, you're opening this. It's kind of a long package. It's got a piece of…

Dick: And while I'm opening it, I'm thinking about all the industrial hazards that China sometimes puts in toys…

Maddox: Okay. (laughs) Here we go.

Dick: That doesn't happen in the US.

Maddox: There's a note.

Dick: "Open. Not just cardboard." Okay. That's funny. Ohhhhhh!! It's stickers. It's a patch. "Positive Vibrations", with a Jamaican flag on it.

Maddox: Ugh, damn it!!

Dick: That's cool.

Maddox: Yeah, some Reggae stickers? Uh-huh. You can wear that.

Dick: Hippie power. A bumper sticker with "Hippie Power".

Maddox: Awesome, guys. Thanks for sending us a hippie bumper sticker!! (angry)

Dick: I'd put it on my car, but I drive a Lexus. I bet you have a problem with that. (Maddox laughs) "Hemp saves trees. Trees save lives. I speak for the trees. " and there's a tree that says, "Hug me". Oh, my God.

Maddox: Holyyyyyy shit.

Dick: When I read that, I want to kick the sticker's ass. (giggles) Like, somehow?

Maddox: I know. Oh my…look at this thing. I'm smelling it for patchouli right now. (Dick cracks up) It smells…here. We're gonna be posting pictures of all this on the website. Thanks for the hippie stickers, guys!!! Just what I wanted. I think, Dick, these are for you, though. Because you were, like, defending…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. They're definitely for me.

Maddox: You were defending hippies, I believe. And then there's one last gift here. Should I open this one up?

Dick: Gimme my sticker. Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. This one's the biggest…

Dick: Wait, did Sean open one?

Maddox: Sean did, yeah. Sean opened his Butterfingers.

Dick: Oh, yeah, the Butterfingers. Alright.

Sean: I was gonna say, just real quick, um. This dude Angelo from http://www.heavyrecord.com sent me a couple of guitar FX pedals.

Dick: Ohhh!

Sean: So I can't wait…yeah.

Dick: Sean's plugging shit now? (Maddox laughs) I'm sorry, Sean's plugging sites now?

Maddox: Stuff. Things. (wrapping paper sounds in background)

Sean: You gotta mention. I can't wait to try 'em out. It's fucking awesome. So, thanks.

Dick: Uh, fudging awesome.

Maddox: Hey, um. Awesome. Yeah, actually. So we're getting all sorts of gifts from our fans. Thank you for sending us gifts, guys. And this…this last one, it's wrapped in peppermint wrapper. It says…there's a quote on it from Dick on the front. It says, "When I get an emoji from a chick, man, it starts my motor goin'. Dick Masterson, Episode 15."

Dick: It does!

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, I know.

Dick: It does.

Maddox: I know, dude. I know your emoji…OH MY GOSH!!!

Dick: Maybe I'm kind of a pedophile!

Maddox: Look at this! It's TOMS!!! (Dick cracks up) Friggin' TOMS shoes! These aren't gifts, these are curses! What are you guys doing to us!?! Man, I tell you. The only good gift here was the tit. The…oh my…are these really TOMS shoes? Wait.

Dick: I think they are.

Maddox: Wait. Look at this. There's a note inside that says, "Custom shoe care. Remember, hand-painted tie-dyed shoes are artwork for your feet and should be worn with care." (laughs)

Dick: Oh, my God. Wait, did they put that in, or is that from TOMS?

Maddox: No, it comes with it. It's…comes with the TOMS.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: It says, "spot clean only with cold water and mild soap. Do not machine wash. Do not tumble dry." I don't…oh, my gosh. Look at these things. (Dick and Maddox crack up) The TOMS shoes have poop on 'em!

Dick: They've got the emoji for poop. Everyone knows that poop emoji. Right on the front.

Maddox: Man, if these weren't TOMS shoes, I'd put them on right fuckin' now. These are actually…uh, Dick, you have small feet. These'll fit you, right?

Dick: My…one of my small feet is about to kick you right in the nuts for saying that. (Maddox cracks up) You dirty devil.

Maddox: (sighs) Ah, there we go.

Dick: Lemme see one.

Maddox: Here you go, Dick. Yeah, uh. These are actually pretty amazing. Uh, thanks guys. Laurie and Megan. Thanks for the TOMS shoes and hippie stickers. The giant tit, Butterfingers…

Dick: Gimme the other one.

Maddox: And what else…here you go. Oh, Dick is actually trying them on.

Dick: Yeah. (sounds of shuffling)

Maddox: Dick, here's…

Dick: (interjects) Ahh, it's so comfortable to have no principles. See, Maddox? (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Nuts, Dick. Nuts to you.

Dick: Hey, they feel great. Oh, now I actually have shit on my shoes. You remember that episode? (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Holy cow, Dick. Same stuff, different day, huh? (laughs)

Dick: Is that from your Cuss Control book?

Maddox: It's from Cuss Control.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, that's really bad stuff you got on your feet there. What a lucky guy. (laughs) Ahhh. Piece of junk. Anyway, Dick.

Dick: Remember when China put all that poison in dog food? (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Long-ass time ago, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And everyone railed about it, yet people die from food poisoning here all the time. It's not a big fuckin' deal. Everyone still remembers that one time a few fuckin' dogs died from food in China. From dog food in China.

Dick: Well, you know. I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: I'm just askin' if you remembered it, that's all.

Maddox: Yeah, I remember.

Dick: Unrelated.

Maddox: I remember, Dick. Yeah. No…(stammers) 'cause no dogs…no pets have ever died from American-manufactured food.

Dick: Yeah, look, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That…so that's our show.

Maddox: That's our show, guys.

Dick: Thank you guys, for the presents.

Maddox: Don't forget to vote on these problems. http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. Make sure to upvote "New Year's Resolutions" and downvote, what's yours…what was yours, Dick?

Dick: "Made in China".

Maddox: "Made in China". (grins)

Dick: Made in China. Enjoy your Chinese shit, Maddox.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs) Which actually, I have…I have a story. I don't…we don't have time.

Dick: You know what's ridiculous is how many stats I brought in about China. About, like, the trade war with China for the last 20 years?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Didn't get to any of them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know why I…I don't know why I bring them in.

Maddox: Dick, why don't you read one, right now?

Dick: No, no, no, no. It's too late.

Maddox: Your best one!

Dick: It's too late.

Maddox: Read one! It might…it might sway the vote, dude! The one fact that changes the debate.

Dick: Hold on.

Maddox: And I'm not even gonna respond to it!

Dick: (scoffs) Okay.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Uh…

Maddox: Everyone in the audience is giggling.

Dick: You're not gonna respond to it?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Sean: He's not even gonna get through the statement before you respond to it. (Dick and Maddox laugh) I know how this works.

Maddox: I'm not gonna respond to it, 'cause I'm gonna edit these episodes, and I'm gonna cut it right out! (laughs) What do you got?

Dick: Uh…100% of Harvard scientists think that "Made in China" is the biggest problem in the universe.

Maddox: Ooooooooookay!!! (yells) That's…gaaaaaaah!!!

Dick: That's a pretty good stat. (background laughter) No response!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Dick: That's a response, you fuckin' liar!! (yells)

Maddox: No!! My finger slipped!

Dick: You effing liar!

Maddox: Oh, my finger slipped. Oh, man. Gadzooks. Alright. Man oh man. (Dick guffaws) Here we go, guys.

Sean: Have a Butterfinger.

Maddox: Thanks. Thanks, Sean.

Dick: Yeah. You're a real humdinger, Maddox.

Maddox: (laughs) Gee, whiz. Anyway guys, that's the show this week. Don't forget to vote on these problems on the website. http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. Live show coming up!! Thanks for the gifts Laurie and Megan.

Dick: Thanks for listening.

Closing riff

(Voice mail: (male voice: "Hey Maddox. I want you to know that when you said poodles were pussy dogs, you're a fucking idiot. Poodles were bred to retrieve birds for hunting. That's right. Poodles are hunting dogs. (**Maddox:** Oh. Wow.) **And you suck dick. You're a big problem and I'm callin' you out on it.")**

Dick: Calling you out on it, buddy.

Maddox: What an asshole.

Dick: That's your catchphrase.

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause poodles hunt little birds. Awesome. Wow. Vicious dogs. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Okay. How about this one? (grins)

(Voice mail: (male voice): "I got a question for you, Dick. Why is it that you have a problem with priests, and I presume you mean Catholic priests primarily, but you're

inexplicable cool with the Pope? You know, who is arguably the biggest priest. (Maddox and Dick crack up) **So I guess maybe that's another episode of DICK VERSUS DICK…** (**Sean:** "Arguably". **Dick:** Yeah, arguably the biggest priest. (laughs))

Dick: No. The biggest priest is Judas Priest.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Yeah. (Dick laughs)

(…"**choose the religion you want to believe in if you hold the text to be true and inspired, which obviously…**(**Dick:** This turned into a sermon halfway through the voice mail. (laughs) **Maddox:** Yeah) **…and that's part of the religion, you believe the texts are divinely inspired and they're true. Necessarily. So anyway, fuck you Dick. Good job, Maddox. See ya.")**

(background laughter)

Maddox: Wow. Sounds like this guy has bricks for brains. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: Thank you cusscontrol.com. (laughing) One more? I got one more.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey Maddox. Uh, I'm not sure exactly where I stand on the issue of the terrorism with Sony; (**Maddox:** Great.) **however, I want to say something I think you'd agree with that kind of goes against your argument. Uh, if America was to, you know, not stand down and there was an act of terror, like if Sony Pictures had to air the movie and there was terrorism, and then we decided to go to war under the pretense that…** (**Dick:** I don't know why I played this one. **Maddox:** Yeah, man! I made that point. (Dick laughs) **country that hates us. Wouldn't it be criticized just as much as the Iraq war was?** (**Maddox:** Yeeeeeessss. I mentioned that. (Dick laughs) I mentioned that in the episode!) **I'm just wondering. Where…what exactly does not backing down to terrorism get you?** (**Maddox:** Uuuuuuugh. **Dick:** Where does it get you? (grins) **Maddox:** Shut up!) **What solution do you get out of that? And…'cause it would be criticized either way. I criticize them 'cause they backed down, but then I think people would criticize them if we went to war over it in the end.** (**Dick:** Yeah. **Maddox:** Great.) (**Sean:** Doesn't it sound like he's…) **Anyway, as always. Dick sucks. Fuck off, Dick.** (Maddox laughs) (**Dick:** That's not it.)**)**

Sean: It sounds like that guy's, like, getting dressed or undressed as he's, like…(Dick cracks up laughing) as he's like on and off mic, and…

Dick: He's putting on his suit…(laughs)

Sean: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah!

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(Theme riff in background)

Dick: Today's show is brought to you by...our own bonus episode! http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com/bonus-episode-3/

[**montage of clips from Bonus Episode 3 plays; theme music continues in background**]

Maddox: Rude people! That's the biggest solution in the universe: it's ME. You're welcome, buddy. (jeering)

Maddox: If more people drove like me, there'd be no traffic!

Dick: Yeah, 'cause everyone would be dead. (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing)

Maddox: The first person to dance is the best person at the party! Except -- I mean, if you like to dance, which I don't, which is stupid as shit! But at least... (Dick laughs hysterically) **At least someone's doing it!**

Dick: (giggling) **"At least someone's..." Is that how you, is...** (laughs more) **Is that what you do??**

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "At least someone's doin' it! I'm out here dancing by myself!" (sounds crazed)

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: "Tryin' to kick...get things started!"

Maddox: (yelling) **I've done it before! I fucking hate dancing, but I get up on the dance floor!** (Dick giggles hysterically) **'Cause like, this fuckin'...uh, dipshit wedding I'm at, no one's dancing 'cause they fuckin' PLANNED it shitty and they...they invited a buncha shitty coward guests who aren't dancing! I'LL fuckin' get up there, I'll dance! GREAT! Here's your stupid fuckin' song!! Here's my stupid dance.**

Dick: (squeaking through laughter) **There's Maddox, out there by himself BEFORE the bride and the groom at their first dance 'cause he doesn't understand wedding protocol!** (Maddox laughs hysterically) **Dancing some...weird Middle Eastern dance!!** (cackles loudly)

Maddox: Oh... (worn out from laughing)

Dick: Screaming at the band to play and that they're all cowards! (gleeful) (everyone keeps laughing)

[**clip montage ends**]

Dick: Now available at http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey!! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Gentlemen!

Dick: (chuckling) Hey, Sean. Is that your thing now? You say "gentlemen" now?

Sean: I don't know what else to...I don't know what else to say.

Dick: Okay. (amused)

Maddox: Sean, I've been there. 'Cause I, that's -

Sean: (interjects) To quickly address the both of you. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: That is...that is the mark of a guy who's thought about it.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Right? That's the sign of a guy who's thought about it. 'Cause I've done that too! I'm like, "What do you say at the top of the show? Who knows?"

Dick: Yeah, I don't know what that's like. Uh... (Maddox chuckles) That's why Sean is never gonna bring in a problem. (Maddox laughs more) 'Cause he's gotta think about everything SO fuckin' much.

Maddox: Sean's a thinker!

Sean: That's...that's probably true.

Dick: Yeah, you -- I think you'll think yourself out of it. Like you'll come up with a problem and then figure it out, by thinking about it so much? You're like, "Well, I guess it's not a problem after all."

Sean: It's a curse.

Maddox: It's related to MY problem today, Dick.

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: Um, so...Dick, last week...let's get this out of the way. Um... (Dick cackles loudly, gloating)

Dick: AhahahahahaHAAAAAAH!! Get WHAT out of the way?

Maddox: Just the voting. The voting!

Dick: The 'whatever problem won'? (grinning)

Maddox: It's...NO problem wins, Dick! (Dick laughs) That's why...like, dude, in the comments people are startin' to say things like, "Oh, Maddox, can't believe you brought in that lowball problem just to get votes, blah blah blah!" (stupid voice)

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: Or they'll say, "I'm voting specifically for Dick just to hear the song," or whatever.

Dick: Ohhh! (slyly) What...

Maddox: That's not what this show's about.

Dick: ...which song? (laughs more)

Maddox: Look, guys. I'm curious...I'm genuinely interested in finding out what the biggest problem in the universe is based on your votes. So please take that into consideration when you vote. And apparently -

Dick: (interjects) And what was it?

Maddox: You know what, Dick? I actually agree with the voting last week!

Dick: Oh! (quietly)

Maddox: It was...Made In China was a bigger problem than New Year's Resolutions.

Dick: Ohhhh! (mischievously) [**plays his "Maddox Lost" song**] (both burst out laughing)

(drums and electric guitar)

Dick (singing): Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! 'CAUSE HIS PROBLEMS FUCKIN' SUCK!

Maddox: (over song) Okay. (tiredly)

Dick: Ahhh! (satisfied)

Maddox: Yep.

Dick (singing): Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Diiiiiiiiiick is the winnerrrrr!

(song plays out with more drums and guitar)

Dick: That part takes like half the song. [**song finally ends**]

Maddox: Oh yeah, I know. (playfully annoyed) (Sean laughs)

Dick: The "Dick is the winner" part is like, half the time of the song.

Maddox: (**booing sound effect**) There you go.

Dick: Ahhh. (pleased with himself)

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom yelling, "You so arrogant!"**)

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Feels good! I'm getting trained like Pavlov's dog with that song. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly) Me too. I just...my veins start bursting as soon as I hear it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway guys, um, yeah! I...you know, I would agree with that, Dick.

Dick: It didn't get a lot of votes.

Maddox: No, it didn't.

Dick: It didn't win by much.

Maddox: It didn't WIN -

Dick: (interjects) Or it didn't get outvoted...

Maddox: There you go. (chuckling)

Dick: ...or whatever you wanna say, by much. Um...yeah, there was a lot of -- there was a lot of interesting commentary about it in the comments this week.

Maddox: Um, go ahead, Dick. I want you to start with the comments, 'cause my comment is going to lead into my problem. So however you want to leave off, let me know and then my last comment is gonna lead into my problem.

Dick: This -- oh, okay. This was my favorite: Jon Bromley...uh, he posts this gigantic and very interesting comment about being a fabricator? Who like, oversees production in China?

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: That's his job.

Maddox: Oh, interesting.

Dick: He's an American who goes over there and like, tries to fix up the process.

Maddox: Great! What does he say?

Dick: Basically he's saying that...he was saying that it used to be like that, but it's less of a problem now. Uh, and he gives reasons why. It was...it was an interesting comment. (cracks up) And then one guy, David Lugo, just responds: "So it's your fault the monster truck didn't work." (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Great, that's -- I'm glad that that's what you took from it. (sarcastic)

Dick: I...our fans are just really funny!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the Korean girl that I took to Burning Man? The Shitty Passengers girl?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: She was...I was talkin' to her yesterday. She's like, "You got...all of your fans are really funny. Like all the comments is just people *constantly* fucking with you..."

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: "...fucking with each other, like it's just...that's the atmosphere that you guys have created. It's hilarious. It's great, I love it."

Maddox: (talking over Dick) Yeah, buncha assholes! Buncha assholes. When people try to -- sometimes people sign me up for shows, to be guest appearances or you know, blog... (Dick laughs) ...a guest blog writer, or whatever.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I will warn them ahead of time. I said, "Look, if you want me to promote this through Maddox, you're asking me to open a can of worms here. My fans are assholes. Just know what you're gettin' into."

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: EVERY time. I have to prep them and warn them, and actually I've dissuaded probably about 50 percent of the people. (chuckling)

Dick: I love it! It's like a Pandora's box, getting you involved.

Maddox: Oh yeah, I've dealt with this my whole fuckin' life, man! I know these...these guys. These knuckleheads.

Dick: Uh, @TheRafture on...@TheRafture on Twitter says, "@dickmasterson Got into argument w/ dad at Xmas dinner, told me about some study he read, I inadvertently blurted out 'I got a stats for ya.'" (cracking up) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**)

Dick: Yeah, that's pretty funny. (grinning) Uh, Kevin Flanagan says, "I didn't realize it was cool to send gifts. Expect a box full of AIDS in the next couple days."

Maddox: Great! (sarcastic)

Dick: I guess, uh...that's cool.

Maddox: What does that look like?

Dick: (laughing) I dunno.

Maddox: My mom would probably know. She's wished that upon me, so. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Oho, yeah. (Dick and Sean laugh hysterically) Oh yeah, that's a whole story, buddy. I got a, that's a...that's an episode. Maybe I'll bring it in for a bonus episode.

Dick: Bring it in for Mother's Day! What's up, Sean?

Sean: Your mom gets worse every week! (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Sean: It's UNBELIEVABLE!

Maddox: Oh, this isn't even the tip of the iceberg, buddy! These are just like, the Cliffs Notes!

Sean: Wishing AIDS on her kid??

Maddox: Oh yeah! Oh yeah. It's uh, it's up there, man. That's up there.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: I could go ON...man, I would have to do like, a 4-part miniseries of just stories from my mom.

Sean: I guess!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 4 parts? You could cram it all into 4 parts?

Maddox: No. (amused) These are...these would just be the highlights.

Dick: Would it be like Lord of the Rings, Part... (cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...like, parts?

Maddox: Yeah! (laughing) These would be the lowlights of uh, stories from my mom. (Dick laughs) Anyway, what -

Dick: (interjects) Uh, Brian Tougas says, "People need to vote Maddox's 'Resolution' problem up. His points were solid, and he actually gave great advice for breaking down difficult goals into manageable chunks."

Maddox: Yeah, I read that comment! Thank you, that was a really insightful comment.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The guy got what I was trying to say!

Dick: He said, "If you're so emotionally fragile that you need to wait until a 'special day' to take action towards an important goal, you should probably just give up now."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah... (unsure)

Maddox: Don't even start. You know, Dick, I -- something kept resonating with me after last episode.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: You know? Because I'm not a disingenuous person when I argue. When I...because that's why sometimes I'll mention stats that will be in favor of YOUR argument.

Dick: Yeah, you're...

Maddox: Even though I know -

Dick: (interjects) You're very even-handed. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah! (laughing)

Dick: I get it. You're great. (dryly) (Maddox laughs harder) What...what do you want? What's the point?

Maddox: Even though...even though I know it may help your argument. So last time when I mentioned that, uh...you said, "Well, aren't people more likely to accomplish their goals if they make resolutions?"

Dick: (interjects) Well...wait, can I interrupt you for one second?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It makes for a more interesting show. 'Cause...I think that's what you're saying when you say it's not a contest?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, if you bring in stats that are *interesting,* you might "lose," whatever? It might hurt your case, but it makes for a more interesting show.

Maddox: Sure! Of course. And so, I...last time you mentioned that you're more likely to accomplish your goals if you make New Year's Resolutions. And according to that study it was 10 times more likely that you would accomplish your goals if you made resolutions, which STILL only amounted to an 8 percent increase of you potentially making your goals. So it's basically 10 percent of nothing.

Dick: I got a voicemail about that. You wanna hear it?

Maddox: Or 10 times nothing, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, yeah. Here you go. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail: The problem that I have with Maddox's assertion is that eight percent...let's round up to 10 percent...

Maddox: No. (annoyed)

Dick: Well... (nonchalantly) (Maddox chuckles)

Voicemail: ...is one of your fingers being cut off of your HAND.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Sure. (under his breath)

Voicemail: That is NOT infinitesimal, as you said in your last episode.

Maddox: Nooo, dickhead. (exasperated)

Voicemail: RIDICULOUS.

Maddox: Ohh, no.

Voicemail: Eat...ALL of the dicks in the world. (everyone laughs) **Love, Brian.** (surly tone)

[**message ends**]

(both keep laughing)

Dick: Welp, there's no 'fuck me'? Oh, okay! (quietly; amused)

Maddox: No, what's...what's infinitesimal isn't the 8 percent; it's the likelihood that makes it 10 times more likely that you're going to accomplish your goals.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: THAT'S still infinitesimal, because it only amounts to an 8 percent increase. So it's basically 10 times 1 percent, which is infinitesimal.

Dick: Ehh... (stammers) Alright. Yeah, but your problem with it -- people, like, with jobs and kids and responsibilities?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's nice to have a day that they can...make a resolution. It's not as easy as you're making it seem.

Maddox: Oh! (mocking)

Dick: Like, 'just be better any time.'

Maddox: Yeah Dick, I'm AGREEING with you, and that day is *today.* (Dick scoffs and laughs) Don't fucking wait until the New Year, don't wait until a solstice, don't wait until your birthday; make it fucking today. Because if you don't, you're NEVER gonna accomplish those goals. Take the first step NOW.

Dick: Okay. (dismissively)

Maddox: Right after you listen to this podcast.

Dick: Alright, Dr. Phil. (Maddox laughs loudly) Let's...calm down. Jon Clancy...uh, this is directed at you, Sean! This guy's disappointed. (Sean laughs) We posted a bunch of behind-the-scenes photos at our last podcast.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Do you remember that? 'Cause we opened a bunch of presents.

Sean: I saw that.

Dick: Yeah, and it was the first time that YOU were featured. Were you happy with the picture? 'Cause I was NOT happy with the picture of me that got posted. I look like a fat idiot.

Maddox: DICK... (annoyed)

Sean: (interjects) I think it was just a shot of me from the side. I'm opening the uh, Butterfingers, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: Sean, I picked the most flattering photo of you. And Dick, you as well. (Dick laughs hysterically) You had...there was a picture of you wearing the Toms shoes; I thought, "Well, this'll ruin his career!"

Dick: Oh. (exasperated)

Maddox: "I don't wanna do this to him."

Dick: Did I look good in that picture?

Maddox: No, you looked terrible wearing the Toms shoes, 'cause Toms shoes are terrible shoes!

Dick: Well, Jon Clancy says, "I was picturing Sean to be fatter."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: [comment continues] "I dunno, he just kind of has a fat voice."

Maddox: Yes!

Sean: (laughing) I have no idea what a 'fat voice' is, but...

Dick: Me either!

Maddox: *I* do! (Dick laughs) I've heard...when I talk to people on the phone sometimes, especially customer service, I know within probably a 98-percent degree of accuracy how fat they are. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Is there, like, a tuba playing in the background or something? (Maddox laughs) Why is it...

Maddox: 'Boum, boum, boum, boum...' (mimicking up-and-down tuba notes)

Dick: ...why do you know how fat they are? (laughing)

Maddox: No, because you can hear the heavier breathing, and the tenor of their voice...

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Like, you KNOW a fat person. You know they have a fat voice. And they're -

Dick: (interjects) Maybe they're just a psychopath!

Maddox: No! Psychopaths don't sound fat!

Dick: When they're on the -- they're like... (imitates creepy heavy breathing) Right? Like the guy in Scream?

Maddox: Oh, no no no.

Dick: No?

Maddox: No, that's a pant. It's more like, uh...it's just more like a heavy breathing, like almost -- they're sighing in between breaths.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: You know what I mean? And that's like, a fat sigh. They're just like, "I'm fat." (low-pitched; taking effort to get the words out)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Anyway, it's hard to explain 'cause you've never *been* really fat.

Dick: No!

Maddox: I was a fat guy, so I know...I know a fat voice! 'Cause I used to have a fat voice.

Dick: Let's see, I got some more voicemails here. This one was a...this one was a weird one. [**plays second voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Dick Fucking Masterson.

Dick: Yep. (Maddox laughs)

Voicemail: The guy who in one episode will point to his ridiculous libertarian principles...

Maddox: Yup.

Voicemail: ...and then in the next episode will point to how China makes shitty products because they have less regulations.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Well... (doubtful)

Voicemail: The principle there being that regulations are *good,* and that we would make better products because we have more strict regulations.

Maddox: Mmhm.

Voicemail: You know, those things that libertarians wanna get rid of.

Dick: Is that what you got out of what I was saying?

Maddox: Abso-fuckin'-lutely, Dick! That's why I... (stammers)

Voicemail: Sooo, fuck you Dick. Have a good day.

[**message ends**]

Maddox: It was BOGGLING my mind -

Dick: Well -

Maddox: - because you have these, like, staunch libertarian views, and then you're admonishing China for having...uh, you know, no regulations and making products for as cheaply as possible!

Dick: First of all, I.....I like to take things in moderation.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, some things. Not liquor, but some things. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh... (stammers) Regulations like you have to show what's in the product you're buying, like food? I don't mind that.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (amused)

Dick: Is that like, is this...? Do people think that libertarians are just, like, anarcho-capitalists? Like, "Whatever goes! Whatever it takes to make a buck, that's what I want!"

Maddox: I mean, that's a -

Dick: (interjects) "Roll over people with a steamroller, I don't fuckin' care." (mocking)

Maddox: Yeah!! Yeah, that's a moderate view of libertarianism.

Dick: Eh... (protesting)

Maddox: By the way, Dick, you remember a long time ago we got in a debate over email, and we had this exact same conversation and I called you "Anything-For-A-Buck Masterson."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I sent you a photo of a guy who had his eyes blinded with dollar bills and then a whole bunch of like, sweatshops and shit like that. You remember that?

Dick: I remember that.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Uh, sometimes I look at the emails you and I send back and forth and I think about, like, the Jefferson-Adams papers? (Maddox giggles) Like, letters that these learned men of history wrote to one another, and I'm horrified imagining that like 200 years in the future ANY of our email chains will come out. (about to laugh)

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: People would be like, "This is how these fuckin' idiots talked to each other?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And who -- and by that point, it might actually SOUND learned!

Maddox: Yeah...yeah.

Dick: You know? And like, that might be a sophisticated level of discourse. Well, you brought up the whole capitalist thing too. This was my point with China: over decades of currency manipulation, which I never got into, they've established themselves as a global addiction for manufacturing. You see what I'm saying? Like their entire industrial base serves to make goods, some of which are shitty, for the whole planet. And by this point, even if they are recovering, there's no escaping that.

Maddox: (inhales thoughtfully) Well -

Dick: (interjects) And that's, that's...there's nothing libertarian about a country manipulating its currency to the detriment of their own poor people.

Maddox: Um...

Dick: Like, do you understand how currency manipulation works?

Maddox: Yes, Dick, of course. I -

Dick: (interjects) That's not a...that's not a trivial question!!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Because it's confusing! It's like, how does a currency become less valuable?

Maddox: The way China does it is by not floating their currency. Most currencies are pegged to the dollar, or pegged to the pound -- excuse me, pegged to the pound or pegged to the euro; China's isn't floating. China's is fixed at...I think it was like, 8 yuan to the dollar, somethin' like that. That's how they manipulate the currency. However, Dick, it's always a two-party system. It's similar to the argument that people make that immigrants are "taking our jobs." I always like to point out that, hey, they're not "taking" our jobs; companies are GIVING them the jobs. Right? It's a two-party system, you can't just TAKE something. So if China becomes the cheapest manufacturer in the world, isn't the culpability also on America and Europe and the rest of the Western societies to not use it if they feel that the way China's manufacturing products is, uh, untenable or immoral?

Dick: But here's the thing. (clears throat) And here's why I think capitalism or libertarianism or whatever is getting -- money's getting blamed for this when it's not money's fault.

Maddox: What? (chuckling)

Dick: When you fix...when you fix a currency, when you are...when you're taking money and buying imaginary money from the U.S., right? So China's taking their dongs or their yuans (Maddox and Sean laugh) or whatever they have, and they're saying, "Give us treasury bonds."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "We don't care, just take your money back."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because they...when they do that, they prevent the people in these factories from getting more money to a point where it would be too expensive to manufacture there. (slowly for emphasis) Do you see what I'm saying? So by doing this, they ruin the entire POINT of what the market would protect them from. Does that make sense?

Maddox: Uh, well, Dick...yeah, I hear that, but the -

Dick: (interjects) Because they can't increase their wages!

Maddox: Right. I, I -

Dick: (interjects) Because they're being artificially lowered.

Maddox: No, but that's, that's...so the argument, Dick, the reason they're doing that -- and this is like, sound economic theory -- is that they are doing that to create a manufacturing base in their country, so that -

Dick: (interjects) The GOVERNMENT is.

Maddox: The government is.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So that once...once they get to a sufficient level of economy, once they raise their economy to a sufficiently large enough size...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...THEN they can turn around and float their currency again, and then they'll say, "Okay - "

Dick: (interjects) Which they are doing!

Maddox: They are doing, of course! 'Cause there's enough pressure from NATO and a few other, uh...you know, what's that, G8 countries -

Dick: (interjects) Internally as well, people are goin' fuckin' crazy!

Maddox: Well -

Dick: Because investors...investors don't like currency manipulating, 'cause they can't invest their money. Only manufacturers do.

Maddox: Well...sure, sure, but let me finish this point.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: When they have, uh...when they have established enough of a manufacturing base, then they float their currency again. Then China's gonna turn around and be on top, because guess what? They already have the manufacturing base AND they have the strong economy, so that's China's strategy. I'm not sure if it's right or wrong or whether it's gonna work, but that's at least a sound economic theory.

Dick: No one is doubting that and I'm not doubting that. However, the only reason I'm bringing it up is because it's not the people doing this organically; it's the government saying, "This is our strategy."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And THAT, that's as anti-libertarian as it gets. I'm not saying that it's even a good...libertarianism is a good philosophy. I'm just saying to this guy who said 'how could I knock China for this strategy?' It's...their strategy is a bunch of dudes sitting around, thinking what's best for people while they're starving and committing suicide in their fuckin' factories. I'm very against that!

Maddox: Well, then why do you own an iPhone manufactured in one of these factories?

Dick: I'm against it so far as I have to suffer for it. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay. (grinning) (Sean laughs in the background) Alright.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you personally don't want to be in one of these factories, but you're okay with paying somebody else to do it.

Dick: It doesn't -- what I'm okay with is irrelevant. (Maddox bursts out laughing) Where I spend my money is...what my money-spending says is that I don't give a fuck.

Maddox: Exactly!

Dick: Just like EVERYBODY else.

Maddox: Just like most of America!

Dick: Just like everybody else.

Maddox: Therefore, it's a two-party system. America -

Dick: (interjects) But it ends with...go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah, America's enabling China to do this by paying these manufacturers to produce these products at any cost.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you're culpable by buying these products!

Dick: No!

Maddox: You can't complain about it and then still BUY them.

Dick: I can complain -- when a monster truck breaks within 10 minutes of opening it, that's not...here, this fuckin' guy tried to fix my problem. Listen to this. [**plays third voicemail message**]

Maddox: Oh, Dick. (annoyed)

Voicemail: Hey, this is Jordan from Bountiful, Utah. (Maddox cracks up) **I can't remember if I already left this message.**

Maddox: My hometown! Yeah.

Voicemail: Just in case, but this one's for Dick. Um, I noticed that uh, your problem 'Made In China'...well, there's a pretty easy solution to it: check the reviews.

Maddox: There you go! Yeah.

Voicemail: In this day and age, you have to check the reviews for anything you buy.

Dick: Anything?

Maddox: Pretty much! (chuckling)

Voicemail: Um, otherwise you might end up with a shitty product sooner or later.

Maddox: Takes a second!

Voicemail: So, sorry man, but that one's on you.

[**message ends**]

Maddox: Yeah, dude! And also, Dick, another thing: have you ever bought a product from a company that you trust that ended up failing?

Dick: What do you mean? Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Of course! Right? Like for example, we were buying hard drives a while back for the live show and I said, "Uh, let's stay away from Western Digital because they have a higher fail rate recently." Western Digital used to be a great company, but the fail *rate* is just that: it's a rate, it's no guarantee that you're going to get a failure every single time. So what...who's to say that the monster truck that you bought isn't just a fluke? You have a test sample of 1 rather than testing 3 or 4 different monster trucks made in China. You

could've bought a good one! I'm sure that they're not ALL failing. There's gotta be a fail rate that -- and they have a tolerance for that. Even Apple products have like, a 15 percent fail rate, somethin' like that.

Dick: That's...absolutely not true. 15 percent??

Maddox: Or no no, I'm sorry. That's...I'm thinking of Beats.

Dick: Maybe under 1.

Maddox: Beats by Dre.

Dick: Oh, Beats by Dre have a 15 percent failure rate? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah, that's...that's what I read, uh, I think a while back.

Dick: Hey, by the way, I talked my brother-in-law out of buying some.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: Uh, when he was out here, he was lookin' for headphones.

Maddox: Then your brother-in-law is the proud...

Dick: What is he, the benefactor -

Maddox: ...the benefactor!!

Dick: - of your glorious advice. (dryly)

Maddox: YES!!

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: (yelling) Finally, getting some credit! That's what I DESERVE!!

Dick: Alright. (amused)

Maddox: Thank you!

Dick: You wanna do your first problem?

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) Yeah, but before -

Dick: (interjects) I'm tryin' to educate you about global economics. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Oh Jesus, Dick. (playfully annoyed) (Dick cackles) Thank you, Dick Masterson. Mr. DNA Pajamas. Um...

Dick: What?!

Sean: (in the background) What?!?

Maddox: Uh, it's from the bonus episode.

Dick: Oh, hey!

Maddox: A reference from our bonus episode.

Dick: Here's a reference to the bonus episode: I kicked your ASS at a wine tasting competition.

Maddox: (shouting over Dick) FUCK you, did not! You did not -

Dick: (interjects) I TOTALLY did. (grinning)

(talking over each other)

Maddox: Okay, that's...BULLSHIT. (annoyed)

Dick: Don't get into...don't get too far into the specifics, because I don't wanna spoil it for people.

Maddox: No, of course not! (yells) You guys go to the bonus episode page, even if you're not subscribers, look at the contest, look at the results -- you'll see how Dick fucked up! Alright. Anyway, Dick. I have a comment here -

Dick: (interjects) Nailed it. (smug)

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering) You GOT nailed, buddy. Um, I got a comment here from Scott Miller.

Dick: (interjects) Shot a cork right up your ass. (slyly) (Sean laughs in background)

Maddox: DICK... (annoyed)

Dick: What? What's your comment? (smiling)

Maddox: (laughing) Let me get to the fuckin' comment! (Dick giggles) With your horseshit! I got a comment from Scott Miller. And this comment is gonna lead into my problem, but I'm gonna...it's a long one, and I'm gonna read the whole thing.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: Scott Miller says, "For FUCK'S sake. [...] I want to get a scarecrow and put Dick's face on it so Maddox can make ~~shitty~~ crummy straw man arguments against it..." (Dick laughs) "...rather than his poor co-host."

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: "We get Dick vs. Dick, where Dick contradicts his own points in different episodes, but we lack a Maddox vs. Maddox, in which Maddox violates his Holy Principles..." And he has an asterisk here: "...*in the same ~~god-damn~~ gosh dang episode he proselytizes them.* He scorns 'lording knowledge over people' and then looks down on 'idiots' and 'dipshits' who don't know the same ~~shit~~ stuff he does."

Dick: (laughing) Wow, this guy's got your number!

Maddox: Ohoho, yeah. (sarcastic) (Dick laughs more) It SOUNDS -- it sure SEEMS that way, doesn't it Dick?

Dick: Him and your mom should team up. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, I'm sure. She'd LOVE him. Why don't they get married? Idiot. (Dick keeps laughing quietly) Um, "He makes sweeping generalizations and then gets after Dick for saying 'all products made in China are bad' when that wasn't even what Dick was saying!!" And he put two exclamation marks.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "He said *relative* to American products, Chinese products will be shittier more often than they will be better. That's all. And that's fucking true." H'okay. (chuckling) Thanks for setting the record straight, Scott. (disdainful)

Dick: Yeah, thank you.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical) "So you beat this defenseless straw man to death, and then move on to say that even if Chinese products are ~~shitty,~~ poopy, it doesn't matter." And by the way, he's replacing a lot of the cuss words in here because we used Cuss Control last episode.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He said, "'We're trying to find The Biggest Problem In The Universe, Dick.' As I understand it, the show is an infinite series of episodes in which you order all of the problems in the universe relative to one another." That's right, that's what we do. "That means you'll get to them all, right?" Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: "So yeah, let's have pedophiles and audiophiles, let's do Christmas sweaters and female genital mutilation, but don't ~~fucking~~ fudging try to disqualify one problem for being too small (especially without citing any *evidence* of its significance, as though that's even possible)." So, he's winding down here. It's almost to the end here. He says, "I would have left a voicemail but I feared Maddox would ~~bitch~~ whinge about the quality of my phone..." (Dick laughs hysterically) "...or the sound of my voice instead of addressing what I was saying because that's how he 'wins' the show..." (Dick laughs harder) "...he says has no winner."

Dick: Oh, that's great! Alright, now is it my turn? (amused)

Maddox: Nope! One more... (Dick cracks up) One more, uh, one more paragraph here. He says, "Dick, don't go ~~fuck~~ eff yourself. You buoy the show by not stooping to Maddox's morally reprehensible..."

Dick: Ohohohoooo! (giggling, surprised)

Maddox: "...(and worse, intellectually slothful) methods of argument. Maddox, in the words of The Dude: you're not wrong, you're just an ~~asshole~~ ornery person." Which...(cracks up) ...which I have heard so much.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: And I...*love* it. I revel in it. So Dick, this comment -

Dick: (interjects) Wow!! That's a doozy!

Maddox: It IS a doozy! And I wanted to bring the whole entire thing in because I wanna show people I'm not afraid of jack shit. (in a low voice; menacing) (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Well...

Maddox: I...this comment leads me to my problem this week, which is...lesser minds. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Oh, BOY.

Maddox: Uh-huh! (pleased with himself)

Dick: You're doubling down, then. (amused)

Maddox: Ohh, boy!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Boy, am I ever! Lesser minds is my problem. Okay?? The signs of a lesser mind...the first sign of a lesser mind is not providing examples.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: When you say I scorn people -- specifically audiophiles -- for, quote, "lording knowledge over people" and then you say I do the same? You know what would really drive that point home? Examples! You provided nothing. You have no examples. Isn't that a really -

Dick: (interjects) The 'audiophiles' wasn't the example?

Maddox: No, he REFERRED to it. I'm not going to ASSUME; I'm not going to predict what he was trying to say. I'm *guessing* that he was talking about the audiophile episode because that -- I believe that that's the only episode that I've used the word "lording" in, and it was the audiophile episode.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: He left it up to me to guess and INFER what he was trying to say. Guess what, dipshit? That's sloppy debating; I'm not gonna do it.

Dick: Well, I'm sure you've DONE that, though.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Don't you think? Lord-...uh, you have a problem with people lording things over you? Wasn't that the entire argument with Christmas sweaters?

Maddox: No!

Dick: And, um...

Maddox: Not at all. But the closest it comes to is in the audiophile episode. See, here again we're speculating rather than him giving a crystal clear example, and then me being able to rebut it.

Dick: Well... (pensively)

Maddox: Instead, he chose the lazy route. He chose the "intellectually slothful" route. (spiteful)

Dick: Alright! (quietly)

Maddox: To use his own phrase. Here's the second sign of a lesser mind, **Dick:** not being able to distinguish an inquiry from a challenge! When Dick made the generalization that products from China are usually more inferior, if you paid close attention, I didn't disagree

with him! (raising his voice) I didn't agree, either! All I did was ask *questions.* It's the mark of a lesser mind to view an inquiry as a challenge! I generally like to gather facts before I make a conclusion. It's called "making an informed decision"! (slowly for emphasis) Alright, dipshit? I didn't think that the concept of asking for evidence would be such a firebrand. And it was! It shouldn't be such a revolutionary idea to you!

Dick: What's that? Is this a slam on me or him? I think you...you went onto me.

Maddox: Little bit of both. (laughs)

Dick: Uh, yeah. That's what it seems like.

Maddox: Yeah, I didn't think it would be such a revolutionary concept, Dick, to ask for evidence of a claim.

Dick: Yeah... (pensively)

Maddox: And by the way, Dick, I happen to agree with you! I think the majority of products from China are probably crappy. (Dick bursts out laughing) But I'm not going to...

Dick: Yeah, like iPhones? (grinning)

Maddox: But that's my...but that's my *opinion*...

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: ...and I'm not going to make that claim as a fact.

Dick: Mmhm.

Maddox: Because that's just my opinion based on MY empirical knowledge. Uh, but I have also seen quite a fair...I have a fair amount of Chinese products that are high quality.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My comic books were produced in China! And I know the factory and I know the PERSON who produced them. And they're gr--

Dick: (interjects) You know the guy at the factory who produced them?

Maddox: I know the guy at the factory! I know the CEO -

Dick: (interjects) How is THAT? Oh, the CEO. I thought you meant the guy on the assembly line (Sean laughs in the background) like, stapling pages together. (Maddox laughs) Sending you secret notes in your comic book or something like that. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah. No, they're really high quality! In fact, um, I don't know...a lot of my listeners may have the comic, maybe not, I don't know. But the comic book that I produced in China is full color front and back, glossy pages; inside, glossy pages, black and white; very high-quality print; came with a backboard and wrapping...and it was all produced for a really good price, and highest quality I could possible imagine. I was...overwhelmingly pleased with the product that I got from China. And it all came because I put the care and effort into contacting the right person and making sure that he was going to deliver a quality product.

Dick: Man, this is a real 'you are great' problem, isn't it. (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing) It's just, every single fuckin' one is...there's many levels to the greatness, alotta twists and turns...

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: ...all roads lead to Rome, though.

Maddox: Ohh... (laughs self-consciously)

Dick: The empire of you. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, you uh, you really just, uh...I think you really summarized the spirit of this problem. (Dick cackles)

Dick: Yeah, I think I...I think I got it pretty quickly!

Maddox: Well, Dick, I have one last sign of a lesser mind. This is the third and final sign that I have of a lesser mind.

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: It's not being able to discern an argument from blind criticism. So, a common criticism I get is that sometimes I don't address what the person is saying and instead focus on something like, quote, "the quality of the phone call," or the sound of your voice.

Dick: Yeah, well, those are funny.

Maddox: Yeah, of course it's funny! But it's a common criticism I receive, and it's usually only when I ignore people calling me an idiot (Dick laughs) or criticizing me for being "stupid" while doing something stupid themselves! (yelling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right, fucknuts?? For example, in Episode 28 -- that's what he was referring to! In Episode 28 we aired a voicemail from a caller who called me a "fucking retard" (Dick and Sean laugh) for not using certain features on Facebook. The reason I made fun of his call, DUMBASS, rather than addressing what he said is because he had no MERIT, and I thought it was obvious to our listeners! Clearly I gave you too much credit. If somebody's just calling me and calling just to...just to say "you suck" or "you're an idiot" or...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...whatever? Those are hollow statements! That's your opinion; there's no MEAT to that criticism. A long time ago, someone posted on the I Am Better Than Your Kids website...this guy -- I think his name was Tim or Tom or whatever -- he said that I wasn't funny. (Dick laughs) And he said that "I know Maddox isn't going to respond to this."

Dick: Why?

Maddox: And... (stammers) Well, because he thinks that I'm afraid of that criticism.

Dick: Ohh, no, that's...that's weird. I've seen that before. That always...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...that's always just... (searches for words) ...no.

Maddox: So, you know -

Dick: (interjects) That's definitely the sign of a lesser mind, I guess.

Maddox: Yeah! You know, Dick, in the 18 years I've been writing -- I think it's...almost 18 years now that I've been writing -- I had never responded to one of those messages, and I decided to respond to him and explain WHY I never respond to those messages. It's because your opinion is invalid! It doesn't matter, it's not qualified. 'Kay? In order for your opinion to matter on whether or not you think somebody is funny? You have to establish yourself as somebody whose opinion is trusted, and we have to know what kind of humor you actually like!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: For example, that's why people respected Roger Ebert's opinion when he was alive; it's because his opinion was backed by a body of work. And you'd know if Roger Ebert criticized a movie like Army of Darkness for being a shit movie, you'd know to take that with a grain of salt because that's not the type of movie that Roger Ebert likes!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: This guy who criticized me as being not funny, or this guy who calls me a "fucking retard" -- I don't know anything about this guy. So for his opinion to matter, I have to know who he is and what he believes and what he likes.

Dick: Who ELSE does he think is a "fucking retard," for example? (grinning) (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Exactly!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! Um, that's why I don't respond to criticisms like that, because they're hollow. Give me some MEAT! Some red meat! Which, by the way, Scott...if that IS your name...uh, (cracks up) your comment actually did have some meat. At least you *tried* to give me some actual criticism. You failed in a lot of it, but you actually tried to give me some criticism. That's why I don't respond to bullshit-ass comments from people who call me a "fucking retard." What am I supposed to say to that?! "Uh, that's your opinion, dude! Great! Next caller." What else am I supposed to do??

Dick: I dunno, let's...let's try it right now and see what happens. (slyly) [**plays fourth voicemail message**]

Voicemail: (slow, sleepy-sounding voice) **Hey Dick Masterson.** (Maddox and Dick crack up)**You must have a lot of dicks in your mouth because...** (both laugh harder) **...you sound like the biggest pussy in the universe.** (everyone laughs) **Um...** (long pause, everyone still laughing)

Dick: Um, it's still playing.

Voicemail: I dunno, I just, I think you're a pussy because you...you didn't wanna, you know, defend, you know, freedom of speech and... (Maddox laughs uncontrollably)

Dick: Yeah, that's what...that's what I'm against!!

Voicemail: ...and like, you wanna look like a bunch of pussies, um...

Dick: The guy who's been BANNED from the Internet.

Voicemail: Maybe you should go back to France or wherever your...pussy ass is from. (Dick and Maddox laugh more)

Dick: "Go back to France," did you hear that?

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Voicemail: Um, Maddox, you're the best. Peace.

[**message ends**]

Dick: So, are we not supposed to make fun of that guy's voice? Are we supposed to respond to his criticisms of me being the biggest pussy in the universe? (about to laugh)

Maddox: Yeah, that's a good point! That's exactly what I was getting at, Dick.

Dick: 'Cause his voice was kinda funny.

Maddox: His voice was hilarious! (Dick laughs) He sounds like he's asleep or on, uh, me-...like, what is he, uh...what's the tranquilizer...?

Dick: Methadone?

Maddox: Methadone? Is that...?

Dick: It's one of them.

Maddox: Oxy--

Dick: (interjects) What do you want, how high do you wanna get?

Maddox: Oxycontin?

Dick: Tell me that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What kinda high are you lookin' for? Oxycontin?

Maddox: Like that kinda high.

Dick: Yeah, Vicodin?

Maddox: He sounds like a Benadryl high, maybe?

Dick: Benadryl? Okay.

Maddox: Vicodin? Yeah! Yeah. I could make fun of that guy's voice for the rest of this episode!

Dick: Yeah, I think you, you focus a lot on, uh...on, you know, stats and shit like that though. You do...you do like your stats.

Maddox: Yeah! (chuckling) It's, it's...it's the only, LITERALLY the only evidence that we have to back up our points. (Dick laughs) And the guy -- some guy was backing up your argument last time too. He was like -

Dick: (interjects) What argument?

Maddox: EXACTLY! (laughs) Exactly! He was sayin'... (giggling) He was sayin', "Well, Maddox, um...you rely too much on stats where people can doctor information and..." (stupid voice)

Dick: Yeah, it's true!

Maddox: "...uh, come to any conclusion they want!" Yeah Dick, but guess what? If you discredit ALL studies, then we have nothing!! Progress stops! (yelling) We're just gonna go back to fucking living in caves!! (Dick laughs) Like MONKEYS! (roaring) (Sean laughs in the background) VOTE UP MONKEYS! (**monkeys whooping sound effect**)

Dick: You are so passionate about...studies. (grinning) (Maddox and Sean laugh) And horseshit.

Maddox: Yeah Dick, I just -- you know, I just wanna end on this quote. Look, you know -

Dick: (interjects) You tried, Scott, but you f-...uh, sorry.

Maddox: What?

Dick: I was gonna say, he didn't put enough things -- you didn't get the evidence in there that you needed to.

Maddox: What, Scott? Yeah.

Dick: He almost made it. Yeah.

Maddox: Well, he made an effort. He made -- he gave it a good college try.

Dick: What could he have had in there?

Maddox: I'll tell you!

Dick: Those three things? Okay.

Maddox: See, this is why I feel like I'm the...I can debate myself. And it comes down to -

Dick: (interjects) Everyone wishes you just WOULD debate yourself. (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing)

Maddox: Is that a...is that more verbose way of tellin' me to fuck off? (Dick laughs loudly) Go fuck myself? Listen to this, Dick: um, I...you know on Facebook they have the section for quotes and whatever?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I don't...I fucking hate quotes most of the time. I keep a handful of 'em around 'cause some of 'em are good. This is one quote I happen to really really like, and I like to think about it *all* the time. It's from Aristotle: it says, "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I wish more of our listeners would FUCKING do that every now and then.

Dick: Oh, I think our listeners are pretty sharp. (Maddox scoffs and laughs) They're funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're really funny.

Maddox: Oh, they're funny. (sardonic)

Dick: You gotta be smart to be funny. I think that's true.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm not sure that...some of 'em -

Dick: (interjects) You gotta be able to hold it all in your head to make a joke. To see the whole...the whole tapestry of life and to point out something that's unique and interesting.

Maddox: Yeah, I'll give you that. We got some...we got some smart and funny listeners.

Dick: Ohh, yeah.

Maddox: Some real dumb shits too, though.

Dick: Well... (unsure)

Maddox: Real...real morons. Real apes. (Sean smirks) Real numbnuts. (Dick and Sean laugh) Real dullards.

Dick: You done?

Maddox: A couple knuckle draggers. (Sean laughs)

Dick: So you're asking people to vote against *themselves* in this problem?

Maddox: Mouth-breathing...

Dick: Is that what you're... (breaks down laughing)

Maddox: ...dumb shit, Neanderthal Luddites. (Sean laughs) Fucking toolbags. (Sean laughs again) They're tool FACTORIES, that's what they are.

Dick: Oh, god. (chuckling)

Maddox: The entire factory of TOOLS. (Sean guffaws) That's what our listeners are. (Dick cracks up) A big fucking Costco of tools.

Dick: Oho, man.

Maddox: Just tools falling off the shelves. (cracks up) All tripping over your tools -- they're tripping over themselves!

Dick: Wow! So Scott really got under your skin, I guess. (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) This guy -- you printed it out, you've been thinkin' about it for a week... (smiling)

Maddox: Oh, no, no. (dismissively)

Dick: ...and you dedicated 15 minutes to talking about it.

Maddox: Dick, my problem is lesser minds, and Scott's not the least...of the lesser minds. He's just one of them.

Dick: Sounds pretty...he sounds pretty smart!

Maddox: Eh, he tried. He gave it a college -- oh, so you asked me what would be a better criticism of me?

Dick: What could he have done?

Maddox: Well, I would have to go back and listen to my own episode and see what, uh, what holes I could poke in my own argument. Which, by the way, it's easy to do!! Very few people rare-...like, people rarely poke holes in my argument in a cogent way. They're always just trying to attack me personally by calling me...uh, you know, a dickhead or an assface or a dipshit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like these are things that the people say, but um, I don't...GIVE a shit. Like, that's not...that's not criticism of me.

Dick: No -- oh I'm, I'm with you there. When I get, like, a hatemail?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or something on Twitter? I just went through like 6 pages of girls calling me a...you know, every name in the book on Twitter.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm always like, "Aw, come on. You can do better than that."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, you gotta really dig -- make me FEEL somethin'. You know? Give me what I want.

Maddox: Make me -

Dick: I wanna feel...*anything.*

Maddox: Make me feel bad.

Dick: Yeah!! You gotta dig WAY deeper than that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I've been getting death threats for...you know, since 1995 or 1996! Like, step up your game.

Maddox: My mom wishes AIDS upon me!! (Dick and Sean laugh) What do YOU got? (yelling)

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Huh?? You think you're gonna beat my fucking mom?! Get the fuck outta here! She's the...she's the PRO at makin' me feel like shit. She's the expert, she's been doin' it her whole life! She's been doing it since I was *born.* (laughs)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You got NOTHIN' on me, buddy! And I can do it WAY better than you. I am my own worst enemy. (low, ominous voice)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You should get in my head, battle MY demons!

Dick: No...no thank you. (chuckling)

Maddox: Alright. That's my problem, Dick. Lesser minds.

Dick: Alright! My problem is WAY worse. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: Hangovers!

Maddox: Oh, okay! (mocking)

Dick: Happy New Year, buddy.

Maddox: Yeah, Happy New Year to you, Dick. (sarcastic)

Dick: Hangovers. I'm...I'm still hung over.

Maddox: I can tell!

Dick: From New Year's.

Maddox: Yeah! (brief silence) (laughs)

Dick: This is a...this is a long one.

Maddox: What, uh...?

Dick: This is a long hangover.

Maddox: Dick, it's been 3 days!

Dick: Yeah. I still feel really hung over. I think I broke my brain!

Maddox: Uh... (cracks up) Oh. (amused)

Dick: Like I think about it in, like, Star Trek terms?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or whatever? I think I lowered all the shields (Maddox laughs) and now it's just raw brain being exposed.

Maddox: Ew...yeah.

Dick: So I feel like it's just chipping away at...the brain. The gray matter.

Maddox: Yeah, you might wanna get Lieutenant Geordi on that.

Dick: Yeah. I don't know if there's any, uh...any stats that that's how the brain works or whatever, but that's how it feels like to me. So I *did* find a study you might find interesting. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: A study on...uh, YOUR hangover?

Dick: On hangovers!

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: No, I have, I have...I also put together stats on MY hangovers.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: Yeah. The average British person spends a year of their life hung over. (slowly; incredulous) According to this study.

Maddox: (chuckling) A year?

Dick: 315 days spent battling nausea and sickness and whatever, and headaches.

Maddox: That's more than an average -- that's like...that's what, how many, uh -

Dick: (interjects) It's an entire *year.*

Maddox: Yeah, that's an entire year, but how many days per year is that?

Dick: (chuckling) Uh, 365! What do you mean, how many days per -- no, cumulatively!

Maddox: Cumulative over their lives.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: So divide that by 70.

Dick: So if you...I think it was, I think it was, um...oh, just do the math. It was like, the outliers were like...some people would have 3,000 hangovers in their lifetime.

Maddox: Yeah, that's 5 days per year of their life if they live to 70 years old. 5 days a year of their life.

Dick: Well, but it was only...the survey was between 20 and 65.

Maddox: Oh wow, that's even -

Dick: (interjects) So you got about 45 years...what's 315 into 45? That's how many days.

Maddox: It's...

Dick: And this is the AVERAGE person.

Maddox: ...7 days out of the year they spend completely hung over. That's an entire work week!

Dick: And that's...yeah! That's the -

Maddox: Plus weekends.

Dick: - *average* person! The outliers were 3,000 hangovers! And I thought, "That's 5 years!"

Maddox: Holy shit, that's cool. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, so the cooler you are...if you're a cool guy, that's 5 years of your life spent with a hangover.

Maddox: Those are some fun dudes, man! This is in the UK?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's where I'M goin'. They know how to fuckin' drink over there, buddy. You've been to the...you've been to London, right?

Dick: Yes, I have.

Maddox: It's...it's great! One of the best drinking towns. There, and uh, Budapest is incredible, Prague is cool...but yeah man, they drink over there, and they go on pub crawls, and they don't give a shit 'cause they got subways and everyone's just jolly all the time. It's great.

Dick: Well, I have no reason to believe it's different over *here.* If we're just speaking, like, numbers-wise? A year of your life, that sounds about...normal. For anywhere in the civilized world.

Maddox: A year of your life?

Dick: (stammers) Yeah, total. Over your entire lifetime, a year is spent hung over. Like 315 days spent hung over, whatever the number you said -- what was that, 7 a year?

Maddox: 7 a year, yeah.

Dick: That seems even LOW to me, but you know, look who you're asking.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's...it seems like everyone spends a year of their life hung over as shit!

Maddox: Yeah, I know, Dick.

Dick: It's a big problem!

Maddox: I can count on one hand the number of times I've been hung over. Well...nope, two. I've been hung over, I think, about 7 times in my life. I RARELY ever -

Dick: (interjects) Are you serious?!

Maddox: Yeah, I rarely ever get hangovers! I'm just awesome as shit.

Dick: So let's take the average just between us, then. You've had 7 hangovers?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, I did the math on mine. Just 'cause I was interested to see how it lined up with Britain.

Maddox: Hey, uh...yeah. What, uh...by the way, Dick, I learned a new phrase recently. (cracking up) Like if you...if you have a hangover but you also hooked up with someone, the next day it's called a "bangover." Have you heard that one before?

Dick: Ah, that's cute.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: No, I haven't heard that before.

Maddox: I just learned that phrase recently.

Dick: It's pretty good.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) Alright, what are your stats? What numbers do you got?

Dick: Here's what people are missing -- oh, mine. Uh, I would say, I would say I spend -- I get a hangover every 3 days.

Maddox: That's about right, actually. (chuckling) (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So that's 125 days a year.....right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But then I calculated it out to just 5 hours worth of hangover.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Out of that day. From like, 10...to like, 2.

Maddox: Mmm...

Dick: Does that sound right?

Maddox: 10 to 2...

Dick: 10 to 2 -- maybe 6.

Maddox: Yeah. 10 to 6, okay. And that's if you amortize the time over the course of, what, all the hours in a week?

Dick: Yeah, 'cause this study just did the whole day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And like, I can function after like 2 or 3.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Right? So that's, let's -- if we go with 6, that's -

Maddox: (interjects) Debatable, but uh, yes.

Dick: Well, I mean, you know. Let's not...like Scott said, let's not get too bogged down in the specifics of the stats, alright? (Maddox giggles) So what's 6 times 125? What is that, 750? You got a good calculator on you?

Maddox: I sure do.

Dick: So what's 750 times 45 years of that?

Maddox: 33,750.

Dick: Wow, that's a lot of... (cracking up) That's a lot of days. (Sean chuckles in the background) That's a lot of time -- oh, divide it by 24 for days.

Maddox: Oh, okay. That's...1,406 days.

Dick: 1,406 days...

Maddox: And a quarter of a day. So plus 8 hours.

Dick: That's like, 3...that's like, 3 years.

Maddox: Yeah! 3 years -- wait, here, I can tell you exactly how many years. (pauses to calculate) It's 3 years...3.85 years.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: Almost 4 years you spend of your life hung over.

Dick: So on average, let's average...let's do our two averages.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: That's, uh...that's 1.8 years that you and I spend hung over. That's -- we got a problem. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Don't "we"! (Dick cackles loudly) Don't lump me into this, dude! (laughing) With my 7 days in a life!

Dick: What, what? [to Sean]

Sean: Somebody is not pullin' their weight. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah, you better, you better...look, according to these stats, I'm an *expert.*

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: On being hung over.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 'Cause I have over 10,000 hours of doing it.

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: I'm like a concert pianist of being hung over. (smiling)

Maddox: Dick, I don't think they call alcoholism "expertise."

Dick: Well... (amused)

Maddox: Like, this is... (cracks up) You're not, uh -

Dick: (interjects) It's a marketing problem.

Maddox: Yeah, no, it's definitely like a...a psychological problem, I think.

Dick: Here's what this...here's what this study said. Uh, here's what people are missing because they're hung over. Okay? That's why it's a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, 1 in every 13 people surveyed said they missed a first date because they were too hung over.

Maddox: Oh, that's hilarious.

Dick: Yeah! 1 in 10 said they missed a job interview. (chuckling) That's pretty bad.

Maddox: Wooow!

Dick: 8 percent of people surveyed admitted they had missed a WEDDING thanks to a hangover.

Maddox: Yes!! (smiling)

Dick: And 6 percent said they missed a FUNERAL! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: You know, that's the one understandable one on that list. If you're depressed and you're just drinking, like, I get it. You're too hung over to go to the fuckin' wake.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah, well, that's true.

Maddox: Which, what are you gonna do when you're there anyway, man? Just drink more. Eh.

Dick: Just console loved ones, you know. No big deal. (Maddox bursts out laughing)

Maddox: You know, um, my funeral's gonna be fun. I'll talk about that in another episode.

Dick: What is your funeral gonna be?

Maddox: Oh, I'm gonna have a nacho dish in my stomach. I'm gonna have my stomach emptied out, and a big -

Dick: (interjects) In your excavated stomach? Like a mummy?

Maddox: Uh, yes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I'm gonna have, uh...I'm gonna have, um, bikini dancers? Like, you know, like the Hawaiian dancers? Uh...

Dick: Sure, like a luau.

Maddox: A luau! Yeah, it's gonna be like a luau.

Dick: Luau funeral!

Maddox: Yeah, it's gonna be fun, and I'm gonna have a...probably a mariachi band or some tiki music going at all times. Plus I'm gonna have myself with a little voice box inside with red flashing eyes, and any time someone walks by, kinda like those uh, motion detection lights that come on automatically?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It'll play a tape that says, "Thank you for coming to my wake!" (imitating an automated voice)

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So like, a goreish nightmare. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No!!

Dick: Like, somethin' like that.

Maddox: No, it's gonna be fun!! Just imagine -- like, 'cause while people are standing around mourning after me, I want them to be able to eat chips and salsa.

Dick: Wait a minute, who are these people? (wryly) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Okay. (annoyed) (Dick laughs) Alright, Dick. You know what, Dick? I imagine I'm gonna have a few people at my funeral, if they can find enough pieces of my body parts to reconstruct me.

Dick: (chuckling) They'll all be lesser minds, I guess. (Maddox laughs) I don't know if they'll get the...the subtle nuances of your funeral theme. (sardonic) (Maddox laughs more) Like the mariachi and the stomach chips.

Maddox: Yeah! What's a... (suddenly yells) You're shitting on my fuckin' funeral! (Dick cackles) I, I...how am I...how is this fucking fair, man? I...look, it's my funeral and that's what I want. That's what I want. I want people to eat chips! I want them to be HAPPY when I'm...er, when they're standing around crying after me.

Dick: Is that really -- is this your funeral fantasy?

Maddox: I would LOVE...

Dick: This is what you want?

Maddox: Yes. I want there to be chips and salsa -

Dick: (interjects) I would have pegged you as...sorry, go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. Chips and salsa in my stomach with guac, and uh...you know, give people somethin' to do while they're mourning.

Dick: I would've figured you for one of these assholes that wants to get, like, shot into space or something. So aliens could find you or resurrect you...

Maddox: Well...

Dick: ...or some stupid god complex thing.

Maddox: (smiling) I do have...I do have alternates. And that is one of 'em, yes.

Dick: Okay. (grinning) What else?

Maddox: Yeah, cryogenically frozen is another one.

Dick: So you can be brought back to life?

Maddox: Yes. I imagine the second I die I'll immediately get resurrected in like, the year 38...3800, 3850, somethin' like that.

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: And then the other one is to be launched out of a cannon into a brick wall. (background laughter) Which, uh, if I live to the ripe age of 60, I imagine that's about when I'll uh, I'll...concede.

Dick: Of a heart attack. (smiling)

Maddox: No!! Not from a heart attack, being launched in a cannon into a brick wall!

Dick: You mean you'll do it while you're *alive*?

Maddox: Yeah, man!

Dick: Just to check out? Like uh, Soylent Green style?

Maddox: Yep! Uh -

Dick: Like, "I'm...I'm done"?

Maddox: "Peace out, everyone!" That'll be my last update. "Peace out!" (imitates cannon blast) (Dick and Sean laugh) Right into a fuckin'...wall.

Dick: I can't wait. (smiling)

Maddox: Or into the sun! Like I said a long time ago, old people should be launched into the sun. I'm not a hypocrite; when I get to that age, you know, if my functions decline to the point where I can't -- I'm senile, I can't control myself, I'm shittin', pissin' myself all the time...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...fuck it, I'm goin' to the sun.

Dick: You're launching yourself into the sun. (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah, doin' everyone a favor.

Dick: It'd be expensive!

Maddox: (chuckling) I don't give a shit, I'm not footin' the bill.

Dick: Could we just tell you we're launching you into the sun and then just throw you in the garbage? (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: At least make it an incinerator so it FEELS like the sun!

Dick: Ah, you know. (smiling)

Maddox: You know? And by the way, I want there to be transparent glass on the, uh, on the coffin or whatever capsule I'm in? So you can see me banging - "Ahhh! I changed my mind, ahhhh!" (Dick laughs) Wouldn't that be hilarious?? (giggling) Oh, man. (Dick laughs harder) My skin's melting off, "Ahhhhhh!"

Dick: Hilarious! (giggling on each syllable)

Maddox: Okay. Anyway Dick, what's your uh, what's your problem?

Dick: Hangovers. (grinning) (everyone laughs) It's hangovers.

Maddox: Alright Dick, is that, uh...is that all you got?

Dick: (talking over Maddox) People are missing out on romance and jobs and shit!

Maddox: I guess it's a big problem, Dick. I'm not going to shit on this problem, I agree.

Dick: There's...there's no cure for it, Maddox!

Maddox: Oh, really? 'Cause I might have one. It's my next problem, Dick.

Dick: You have a cure for a hangover? (incredulous)

Maddox: Maybe!

Dick: Nononononono. Everyone always says they do, but I'm an expert.

Maddox: M'kay!

Dick: There's no cure.

Maddox: There's no cure? Actually, you know why I don't get a lot of hangovers, Dick? I think it -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you're a liar. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: No, this is my theory: um, either I get them and I don't feel them, but uh...I believe it has to do with the amount of nutrients in your body. So, you remember they made this chaser pill a while back? It was this pill you're supposed to take before you start drinking, the night before.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you supposedly don't get a hangover.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So I took a couple of those pills one time and I thought, uh...it actually worked, I didn't get a hangover the next day, 'cause I drank very heavily. And I looked inside the ingredients and it was all a bunch of, like, vitamin B12 and ginseng and a bunch of other bullshit. But it's mostly B12. And that's all it is! If you have a lot of B12 in your body, you'll be less susceptible to hangovers the next day.

Dick: My friend gets a shot of B12 in his ass when he gets really hung over.

Maddox: Yeah! See? That's all it is!

Dick: He says it works, but I...I don't know. I don't buy it.

Maddox: I think so! I think so.

Dick: I don't buy hangover cures.

Maddox: I think so, 'cause I rarely ever get hangovers and I'm very nutritionally...I have a nutritional surplus.

Dick: My dad says that, though!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, he always says that he never gets hangovers. He says he's only been hung over twice, and both of them were with me.

Maddox: Yep. (laughs) Yep! I've only blacked out 4 times -- 4 or 5 times while drinking in my life; 4 of them have been with you, Dick. And I think 2 or 3 out of the 7 hangovers I've had were also with you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But yeah, your dad's a smart guy. I believe him.

Dick: That's the event horizon of my alcoholism. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs loudly) You passed...you passed too close to the black hole. (grinning)

Sean: Mmhm! (from the background)

Maddox: You get sucked in! (Dick laughs) Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright Dick, good problem. I -

Dick: (interjects) Pretty good problem, man!

Maddox: I agree, actually.

Dick: More -- it's worse than Slacktivists!

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: What's more annoying, a...

Maddox: No. (chuckling)

Dick: ...a year of your life spent with a hangover, or just not...or Facebook?

Maddox: Or a lifetime of shitheads on Facebook telling you to click 'like' on whatever stupid bullshit cause that they want you to support each week! (irritated)

Dick: I guess so.

Maddox: I think Slacktivists! But you know what, Dick? Um, hangovers *are* a...a problem. I agree.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. But uh, there might be a solution to this, Dick. And maybe not, I dunno! My problem this week, my second problem, is...detox diets.

Dick: Oh!

Sean: Hmm. (from the background)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So THIS is a solution that's touted as...for hangovers and many other things! But according to NBC News, experts say that there's little evidence that extreme regimens such as the Master Cleanse or Fruit Flush do anything more than lead to unpleasant, unhealthy side effects like...oh, I don't know, DIARRHEA. *Constant* diarrhea. Do you guys know what detox cleanses are, by the way? Before I get ahead of myself. You guys know what this is?

Dick: I just -- it's like a weird diet where you just eat juices and...or olive oil, or something. That's all I know about it.

Maddox: Yeah -

Dick: It's a very restrictive diet.

Maddox: Yeah, basically. They're starvation diets. This is from NBC News: they say, "These super-restrictive eating plans are hotter than ever, thanks to being linked to lanky celebrities including Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie. Beyonce Knowles attributed her 20-pound weight loss for the movie Dreamgirls to the Master Cleanse -- a starvation diet whose adherents swallow nothing but a concoction of lemon juice mixed with maple syrup, water and cayenne pepper..."

Dick: Ew.

Maddox: "...as well as salt water and a laxative tea for 10 days." [http://www.nbcnews.com/id/18595886/ns/health-diet_and_nutrition/t/experts-warn-detox-diet-dangers/#....]

Dick: That same friend who does the B12 does this shit!

Maddox: Ohh, no. Really? (exasperated)

Dick: Yeah! Yeah, that's what you were starting to sound like that with your charcoal thing and your nutrients thing! I didn't wanna say it.

Maddox: What charcoal...? Oh, the...no, it's just -

Dick: (interjects) Charcoal pills. Or your hangover pills, whatever -

Maddox: (interjects) Chaser.

Dick: Chaser, yeah.

Maddox: "Chaser" is what it's called. Yeah, it's just B12. I mean, it's just vitamins, man. But yeah, this fuckin' horseshit...I know so many people...I don't know if this is just a side effect of knowing people who live in California, but there's SO many people who do this ALL the time, and they damage themselves. Or at best it has no effect, other than they lose some temporary weight, and at worst they damage their kidneys. (cracks up) Here's some of the problems with these cleanses, these detox...cleanses, right? [continues quoting NBC News article] "Vitamin deficiencies, muscle breakdown, and blood sugar problems -- not to mention frequent liquid bowel movements. [...] [Because the crash diets] can upset blood sugar, potassium and sodium levels in the body, people with diabetes, heart or kidney disease or women who are pregnant" are especially vulnerable. Which, uh, I'm okay with the last one.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Um... (laughs)

Dick: Surprise, surprise. I'm surprised you're not okay with ALL of this!

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Dick: It's idiots putting shit in their body to make themselves sick. Fuck 'em. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Yeah, but I wish they weren't idiots. I wish they would just do a little bit of research...uh, you know, have a steak, shut the fuck up. That's what these people need to do. That's the solution to the detox diets.

Dick: Next thing, you're gonna be sayin' that smoking is a problem.

Maddox: Uh, it's comin'! It's comin', buddy. [continues quoting NBC News article] "'Long term fasts lead to muscle breakdown and a shortage of many needed nutrients,' says Lona Sandon, a Dallas dietitian and spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association. Depriving the body of the vitamins and minerals we get from food can 'actually weaken the body's ability to fight infections and inflammation,' she says." So these dipshits, these morons (Dick smirks) who are doin' these diet detoxes, right? These detox cleanses?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: These are the same people who a lot of the time adhere to other celebrity horseshit, like...uh, I dunno, anti-vaxxers?

Dick: Alright. (under his breath)

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they're weakening their immune system, NOT getting vaccinations, getting more diseases, and then spreading them around in a perpetual cycle of idiocy...and lesser minds.

Dick: Hm. (Sean laughs in the background) You're building a real, uh... (Maddox laughs) You're weaving a real rich tapestry of celebrity worship here.

Maddox: Yep! Yep, it's all related, man! This is a quote from Dr. Nasir Moloo: he says, "And by attempting to flush out the 'bad stuff' from our intestines [...] you're also 'flushing out the good bacteria that keep the intestines healthy.'"

Dick: Yeah, you know what I found out about gut bacteria too??

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: Uh, well, a couple things. It um, it changes your MOOD.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Your gut bacteria. So if like, if your gut bacteria's offset...they did this thing with mice where they took gut bacteria from asshole mice and put them in regular mice? (Maddox and Sean laugh) And the regular mice turned into assholes.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: This is a real study!

Maddox: Oh yeah, I read -- I saw that! And also NPR talked about this too; if you eat just one type of food all the time, it changes your mood. It changes the way you THINK, your...your actual physiology, your mind physiology changes based on what you eat.

Dick: You know what you should do? This is -- I'm gonna bring this in as a solution for the bonus episode. You should sell your gut bacteria (Maddox gasps) to fix all these lesser minds that you keep complaining about. (background laughter)

Maddox: Ohh, MAN!

Dick: Like Maddox-style microbes...

Maddox: I don't -

Dick: ...a billion little Maddoxes swimming around in your stomach. (smiling)

Maddox: See, I don't know, Dick. I don't know if people could withstand my gut bacteria! My gut bacteria are fighters. They're all fighters, man.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's like unleashing World War III on your gut.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: 'Cause you remember our hot sauce challenge where we both drank that shit? I had no problem -- I just went right to sleep when I got home. You called me up, you're like, "Maddox, I'm never doin' this again!" (laughs)

Dick: I'm never doing that again, it was awful! I felt like I had a football of vinegar in my stomach.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, man. I just uh, went home, rubbed one out and played some video games and I went to sleep.

Dick: Hm. In that order?

Maddox: Um, no, I played video games then rubbed one out.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Um... (laughs)

Dick: That makes more sense.

Maddox: Went to sleep, rubbed one out, played video games, went to sleep again, rubbed one out.

Dick: I also read that you -- if you live with someone, your gut bacteria starts getting...uh, like intertwined, like mixed up. I don't know if that's true, but that's what I read.

Maddox: Well, it depends on how much you French kiss, I think.

Dick: Is that true?

Maddox: I don't know, that's just conjecture.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I imagine! 'Cause that...how else could you get someone else's gut bacteria into your stomach, unless you're makin' out with their tonsils?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: That's a gross thought.

Dick: I don't know how they work.

Maddox: OR if you're into like, spitting? That's pretty gross.

Dick: Well, yeah, maybe. Or you eat the same things? You start eating the same things and you're in the same environment...

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: ...and it changes your...stomachs?

Maddox: That actually... (cracks up) That actually is uh, is probably pretty -

Dick: (interjects) Probably much smarter. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Than what you said.

Maddox: Uh... (Dick laughs) What, French kissing?? Come on! (laughs more) Doctors did a study on French kissing! So Dick, a lot of times these people who do these detox diets are doing it to lose weight, but they said that "While people can lose 5 to 10 percent of their weight in the first few months of a diet, up to two-thirds of the people regain even MORE weight than they lost within four or five years, the researchers found." [from NBC News article]

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then finally from NPR...or actually there's uh, there's one more source after this. But NPR says, "'The body has its own amazing detoxification systems: the liver and the kidneys,' says Ranit Mishori, a faculty member in family medicine at the Georgetown University School of Medicine who has reviewed the medical literature on colon cleanses. 'Unless there's a blockage in one of these organs..." (both laugh) "...that do it day and night, there's absolutely no need to help the body get rid of toxins.'" [http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2012/02/15/146927835/can-a-diet-clean-out-toxins-in-the-body] Which, by the way, what are all these fucking toxins we've accumulated in our bodies??

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: It seems like some mystic mumbo jumbo! When they say "toxins," I imagine something like from the movie Spirited Away -- or uh, Princess Mononoke, where it's like this dark sludge.

Dick: Those worms?

Maddox: Yeah! Those like, wormy, dark sludge things that climb through forests. I think that people who are trying to rid themselves of toxins...visualize those toxins as these black sludges that are climbing through their body! Like, what -

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: - what else are toxins?! What are those?

Dick: I have no idea!

Maddox: No one does!!

Dick: I know that there are free radicals, but I don't know what they are. I know that when you get a massage they always say you gotta drink water, and...sweat to get the toxins out of your body.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But I have no -- like, I know there's a thing called lactic acid that makes your muscles sore...

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: ...so I assume maybe there's other things like THAT.

Maddox: But that's not something that's...that's foreign to your body. That's something your body produces, and those aren't necessarily... (stammers) Any toxin -

Dick: Still toxic.

Maddox: - any toxin that your body produces -- like, say, I don't know, pee or poo -- is something that your body already has a mechanism of dealing with! It's called your asshole. Or peehole.

Dick: What about boogers? You gotta pick THEM out.

Maddox: (chuckling) No, not always!

Dick: They don't come out on their own!

Maddox: You know what I found? If you eat enough spicy food they'll just run all over your mouth.

Dick: Oho, great. (sarcastic) (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: You'll get a big drizzle! That's how your body protects itself, man! And by the way, you don't need to get rid of boogers; your boogers are there to collect, uh, bacteria and spores and other shit that you're not supposed to swallow.

Dick: Quotable quote! (Maddox laughs) "You don't need to get rid of your boogers." - Maddox. Put that on your Facebook quotes. (grinning)

Maddox: Look man, if you leave 'em alone long enough they'll get big enough and they'll fall out on their own.

Dick: Oh, god. Alright. (grossed out)

Maddox: That's a fact! That's a fact. Here's another -- here's my final source, from Alternet: it says, "Some web sites claim you will actually excrete up to 2,000 gallstones with this flush. As it turns out, you won't excrete gallstones at all, although the flush will

cause you to excrete what looks like little green 'stones.'" And they're talkin' about this uh, this -

Dick: (interjects) What?!

Maddox: Yeah, this green fruit flush? Or -

Dick: (interjects) What does "excrete" mean? Where are these green st-...where are these little emeralds coming out of me?

Maddox: Presumably your butt or your peehole. [returns to Alternet article] "So what are they?"

Dick: (interjects) It's a big difference! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, this is... (everyone laughs more) Hey man, not on chicks! That's like a quarter of an inch difference. Come on. (smiling) Um, so they're saying -- this is a diet cleanse that they were talkin' about that requires you to drink, like, gallons of olive oil and...I dunno, like, green leaves and shit?

Dick: Yeah, that's the one I've heard of too.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a bunch of bullshit. "So what are they? 'Saponified olive oil,' answers clinical herbalist Rosalee de la Forêt. Remember, you just drank a large amount of olive oil and lemon juice, and it has to come out the other end. The olive oil actually turns into soap inside your body." (both laugh) "The soap absorbs bile, turning it green -- although it's been shown that when someone drinks red dye along with the liver flush mixture, the stones will be red on the inside." So these...these MORONS are just swallowing gallons of olive oil and lemon, and it just turns into SOAP inside your stomach! That's what you're excreting, you dumb shits!! (yelling) (Dick laughs) It's not gallstones, ya fuckin' morons!

Dick: So they could just be shitting in their designer soap dishes? (amused) (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Is that the solution? We get all these bored housewives...guzzling oil and shitting out designer soap?

Maddox: Yeah! There you go, idiot! And -

Dick: (interjects) A soap that you can't use?

Maddox: Yeah, soap that you can't use.

Sean: If we're gonna recycle, let's get serious.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. And by the way, when you drink large quantities of oil or eat a large quantity of oily food, that does shit to your colon! You can't keep it in; it just kind of leaks out. You remember that, uh, Xenical? I think it was Xenical, or what's the...there was some...like, Fen-Phen or some diet pill that you took that -- basically there was this class of diet pills that came out in the mid-'90s that made it so that your body would not absorb oil. And so -

Dick: (interjects) And you leak it out your asshole.

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What happens is what -

Dick: (interjects) It was a chip. It was Olestra.

Maddox: Olestra! That's the one.

Dick: Wasn't it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Is that the one? I think it was.

Sean: Yeah. Olean was the trade name and Olestra was the substance.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Olean!

Sean: I love how they show a guy in a commercial floating down a river in an inner tube. (Dick and Maddox laugh) 'Cause that's about the only way you're safe. (Dick laughs more)

Maddox: Yeah, it's, it's...

Sean: That stuff, you'd step off a high curb and shit yourself. (Maddox and Dick burst out laughing)

Maddox: And by the way, that's uh...you're gonna leave an oil slick behind you, too.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: I actually have this clip from my own website from a long time ago. [http://www.thebestpageintheuniverse.net/c.cgi?u=xenical] This is from...I believe is -- oh, it was Xenical or Celebrex. Listen to this. [**plays clip from Xenical commercial linked in his article:** http://www.thebestpageintheuniverse.net/bowel.wav]

Male voiceover: You may experience gas with oily discharge, increased bowel movements, an urgent need to have them, and an inability to control them. (Maddox chuckles)

[**clip ends**]

Dick: Hey, that could apply to hangovers too. (Maddox and Sean laugh) To be fair.

Maddox: Yeah, to be fair. (sardonic) Um, yeah. This, uh...so this is what you're doing to yourself by taking all these cleanses that don't do anything, and...you're essentially producing soap in your bowels, ya dumbasses.

Dick: Well, the body is not like a carburetor.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Right? Like, it's not like a mechanical thing that we made. It's, uh, it can't be -- it doesn't need that kind of cleaning. It doesn't need a tune-up. Right?

Maddox: Doesn't need a tune-up, no. Don't...you don't need an enema, you don't... (cracks up)

Dick: No! (chuckling)

Maddox: ...you don't need to flush your system. Your body doesn't leave big hunks of shit in its colon! (Dick laughs) Ya shit it out, guys.

Dick: Yep! (squeaking through laughter) Like cavemen are goin' around, it was like, "Welp, that...dad got too full of shit! We had to leave him behind!" (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) "Too slow! He had all this...POOP in his bowels!"

Maddox: He had a buncha turds up there.

Dick: Not a very good design. (amused)

Maddox: No. No, that's why we need cleanses. We need colon cleanses. (dryly) And we survived tens of thousands of years with, uh...without colon cleanses and diet detoxes...

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: ...just fine. And now suddenly because Beyonce and fuckin' Gwyneth Paltrow is gettin' her ass flushed with oil? (Dick cackles)

Dick: Ooo!

Maddox: And it's kind of related to these oil pullers. Have you heard this, Dick?

Dick: Oil pullers?

Maddox: Oil pulling, yeah! Do you know what this is?

Dick: It sounds like jerking off.

Maddox: Yeah, it sounds...

Dick: What is it?

Maddox: Yeah, it is! It's a big jerkoff that you do in your MOUTH. (Dick scoffs and laughs) Um, what people do (cracks up) is they...there's this big trend -

Dick: (interjects) Jesus CHRIST! (laughing)

Maddox: It is, man! Wait 'til I...wait 'til you hear this! This was big on, uh, Huffington Post -

Dick: (interjects) I think I've heard enough! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: This was big on Huffington Post and a lot of, like, women's websites, like Gawker and all that shit. They were talkin' about this conc-...this thing that people do; it's related to diet detoxes, but it's oil pulling. And what they do is every morning they wake up and they put a spoonful of coconut oil in their mouth, and they swish it around for 20 minutes. And it's supposed to, of course, "leach toxins" from your mouth and your body and whatever. It's supposed to make your teeth whiter, and this and that, but there is no evidence. People

have found in studies that if you do an oil pull with coconut oil OR you do an oil pull, say, with just water -- so just a water pull...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...it has about the same effect, because you're swishing around your mouth some liquid for 20 minutes and of course it's going to get rid of some of the gunk in your mouth. But who has -

Dick: (interjects) That's weird!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Do they just want the taste of coconut in their mouth all day, or...?

Maddox: No no, they -

Dick: (interjects) Do they brush their teeth? Could we just do that?

Maddox: (chuckling) Yeah. Brushing your teeth also works.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Guys. (annoyed) But they think that because when you put, uh...say, like a clove of garlic into olive oil, the oil kind of saps the flavor of the garlic.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they think the same theory applies to your teeth. So you're basically marinating your mouth with coconut oil that you spit out every day, and it's supposed to make your teeth whiter or some...I dunno, man.

Dick: Do you remember the guy that turned himself into a Smurf?

Maddox: Someone was tellin' me about this. I think it was you.

Dick: Oh GOD, it's the funniest thing! Any time any of these like, bullshit detox things comes up -- Sean, you remember this guy.

Sean: Yeah! He took like, a bunch of silver.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Or something like that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He thought silver...

Sean: He's fucking BLUE, for life! He's blue!

Dick: He's, he's...he's blue, and he has a big white beard and a big white, like, pompadour or whatever? He looks like Papa Smurf. Like, he is...he is blue as a smurf, dude. Look it up.

Maddox: Eh, I will, but you know what's kinda cool about that, Dick, is uh...if he starts some foreplay with a chick and she changes her mind? Hey, you can't really tell if he's got blue balls! (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Oh, wow. (under his breath) Yeah. (background laughter)

Maddox: That's all I got -- I don't know, man! (Dick laughs) Whatever.

Dick: I guess that's true!

Maddox: Do you have another problem, Dick? What do you got? Cuss Control over here?

Dick: No, it's gettin' too long.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: I do wanna read some stuff outta this Cuss Control book, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you mind?

Maddox: So for those who don't remember, if you haven't listened to the last episode, Laurie Foster and Megan Pennock sent us some Christmas gifts, and one of them was this book called Cuss Control...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...about how to curb your...your cursing.

Dick: Way back when, I brought in Too Much Swearing as a problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, and this was my...this was my source of information, the Cuss Control book. So they sent it in. It's THE greatest and funniest book. I've only read two paragraphs in it (Maddox chuckles) and I've already laughed hysterically TWICE. I can't say that for any other book I've ever read. Lemme read you something out of the chapter called "Ways To Avoid Anger." Uh, presumably, being angry causes swearing.

Maddox: Uh...I don't know, man. I swear when I'm happy, too.

Dick: Well, you know. (stammers) I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is just -- that's why it's in the book.

Maddox: Let's see what he says, yeah.

Dick: That's why it's in the book. So, number two: this is how...this is a way you can avoid anger. "If what you heard is true, decide if anger is the right reaction." (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: 'Kay?

Maddox: 'Cause anger is uh, one of those things that you *decide* beforehand. (amused)

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, decide if it's the right reaction, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, is this...are you the Incredible Hulk? Do you need to get angry so you can save the earth from an invading alien species? Maybe! (mocking)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Here's the flowchart: uh, step number one was "Get the facts before you get mad."

Maddox: (smirking) Yeah, sure.

Dick: So now we're on step number two.

Maddox: That's what mad people do, is they stop and think about it...

Dick: What?

Maddox: ...and then they get the facts. They control themselves.

Dick: Just tryin' to help ya out, here!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, here's the scenario: "Decide if anger is the right reaction. If your daughter was drinking when she totaled the car, your anger might scare her into never doing it again. But did you tell her that you are glad she didn't get hurt?" (slowly for emphasis) (Maddox and Sean laugh) "Your boyfriend DID kiss another girl, but will he want to salvage his relationship with you if you threaten to *castrate* him?" (Maddox laughs harder)

Maddox: That's what he goes to!

Dick: Yeah! That was the first thought. (grinning)

Maddox: That's the first thought! It's like, "I'm gonna cut your dick off!"

Dick: Uh-huh! "You thought you did a good job on that project, but now that you have the boss's perspective, can you make it better? Disasters do happen, but look at each occurrence to determine if it really qualifies as a disaster." So that was it. That was...a drunk driving accident, uh, you wanna cut your boyfriend's dick off... (cracking up) ...and uh, 'did you do a good job at work?'

Maddox: Yeah! Real, uh, real even-keeled. I like his examples. (mocking)

Dick: Yeah! (quietly; about to laugh)

Maddox: Of castration.

Dick: Uh, you can get...here's "Forget Anger and Go For the Laughs": "You can get bogged down struggling to control your anger. A different or supplemental approach is to find the humor in annoying situations while they are happening."

Maddox: Hmm!

Dick: So this'd be good for you.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't think so. (laughs)

Dick: Well..."When you do something clumsy and others laugh, laugh WITH them rather than be incensed." (grinning) (everyone laughs hysterically) Who is this for?? (squeaking) Guys are tripping and just immediately blowing their stacks?!

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs more)

Dick: And people laugh at them?? So now when they fall over or spill something, they're just going, "HA HA HA HA!! I THINK IT'S FUNNY TOO!!!" (crazed voice)

Maddox: "AAAAAHAHAHA! I FELL! Hey, look at me, everyone! I'm an idiot!! AHAHAHA!" (trails off laughing) Who the fuck is this...?! He wrote this for cartoon characters. (Dick and Sean laugh hysterically)

Dick: It's the best book ever! (squeaking through giggles)

Sean: It's for Donald Duck!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: The whole book is like it!! It's great! They're good tips. They're good tips, I don't wanna only mock it.

Maddox: Like, give me one...what's a good tip that they have in that book? Do you have any?

Dick: Uh, lemme see. "Off-color humor can ease tension, or cause it." Oh, wait a minute. I thought it was gonna... (cracks up)

Maddox: Oh. (chuckling)

Dick: ...I thought it was gonna be a good tip.

Maddox: It kinda -- I mean, that's true! It CAN ease tension amongst racists, or cause it amongst non-racists! (laughs)

Dick: I'm lookin' for one..."Communicate more clearly. What does it mean to say something looks like shit?" (brief silence, then everyone explodes with laughter)

Maddox: I mean...

Dick: Remember, this is how not to cuss. (smiling) (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So what does it really mean to say something looks like shit?

Maddox: I know EXACTLY what that means.

Dick: "Suppose you are talking about a house. Is it brown? Poorly designed?" (Maddox laughs hysterically) "In need of paint? In disrepair?" (cracks up) "If you refer to someone as an 'asshole,' will others know what you mean?"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: YES. (background laughter)

Maddox: Exactly!

Dick: Most definitely, yes.

Maddox: 'Hey, what do you guys think of Randy?' 'Oh, he's a...he's an asshole.'

Dick: 'He's an asshole!' (about to laugh)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Really??' 'No no, he's a FUCKIN' asshole.' (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: 'Wait, wait, do you mean he's a puckered-up piece of the body that excretes, uh, soap sometimes?'

Dick: Fuckin' asshole, he'd be unpuckered. 'Cause he'd be getting fucked. (grinning) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Oh, a "fucking asshole."

Dick: I'm just being, you know, semant-...literal.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like the book intends. Alright. What are, uh, what are our problems?

Maddox: So our problems this week, Dick -- mine were Lesser Minds and Detox Diets.

Dick: Mine was Hangovers. (brief silence) (Maddox and Sean laugh) Oh, I got some fan art too! Do you wanna see that?

Maddox: Yeah, let's see some fan art!

Dick: I keep meaning to bring it in. [reading text at top of fan art] "The Biggest Problem in the Universe: Tactical Problem-Solving..."? I think it says. Metal Gear Solid...

Maddox: Oh, I saw that.

Dick: ...fan art? Do you remember this one?

Maddox: I do, yeah.

Dick: Take a good look at that.

Maddox: Yeah, I see that. They drew -- the guy drew me as a chick! (annoyed) (Sean smirks in the background) Which pisses me off.

Dick: Pretty cool! I got guns, I look like a spy of some sort. He's got "fuckery" on the box, that's funny.

Maddox: [**plays sound clip from Metal Gear Solid**]

(dramatic synthesizer string music)

Col. Campbell: Snaaaake? SNAAAAAAKE!

Dick: (over clip) You got a monkey over here, though.

[**sound clip ends**]

Maddox: (laughs)

Dick: You like that?

Maddox: Oh yeah, he drew that little monkey in there! Look guys, um, you guys didn't think that Snakes were a problem, you don't think that Monkeys are a problem...it's all gonna come back and bite you right in the ass! (shouting) You'll see!

Dick: Well. (quietly)

Maddox: One of these days!

Dick: There ya have it!

Maddox: Anyway guys, that's our problems this week. Those are our problems, rather, and uh...don't forget, the live show's coming up. It's gonna be online, you'll all be able to see it. (**closing riff starts**) It's awesome, and again, vote for the problems on http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. I'm Maddox.

Dick: Thanks for listening.

Maddox: Thanks, guys.

(closing riff)

Voicemail: (in an Irish accent) **Happy New Years, you fuckheads. I'll tell you what the biggest problem is. And yes, this is me calling from Ireland. Well, this is pre-hangover, when I'm drunk.** (Maddox laughs) **The biggest problem is people falling asleep when...they're fucking drunk** (Maddox laughs) **and not being able to handle alcohol and saying they'll do something, like, let's say, make a pizza. And they become completely unresponsive, so you have to make your own pizza and end up making a mess.** (everyone laughs) **Anyway guys, Happy New Year. Fuck off. Bye.**

[**message ends**]

Dick: You end up makin' a mess! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. (amused) What'd he, try to make a pizza drunk?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Well...

Voicemail: Hey, this is uh, Thilo from The Second Biggest Problem in the Universe...er, Second Biggest...Best Page...fuck! (under his breath)

[**message ends**]

(Maddox laughs loudly)

Dick: Yeah, I love those. (grinning) I love those. This guy tried to call up and call me retarded THREE TIMES and he fucked up the voicemail every time. (Maddox laughs) I gotta bring 'em all in next week.

Maddox: That's hilarious. Uh, yeah, let's play a big string of just...fan fuck-ups. (Dick laughs)

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: What's up buddy? How's it going?

Maddox: Great. And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome!

Sean: Morning, psychopaths. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, that's a new one.

Dick: Somebody in the comments said that you should have a fedora and just say "Milady" for your greeting. (they all laugh)

Maddox: Yeah. When we have some more ladies on the show, which will be never, 'cause you…(laughs)

Sean: One of you got drawn as one the other week.

Maddox: Yeah. That was me.

Dick: Oh yeah, that was great.

Maddox: That was me. You know, the…guy who runs THE biggest Metal Gear Solid fan site on Facebook, who has been contacted by Konami and everything, he sent me an updated version. He made me as Big Boss.

Dick: I don't know what that means.

Maddox: Yeah, of course not, Dick! 'Cause you don't play cool-ass video games.

Dick: Well, what does it mean?

Maddox: Oh, Big Boss? He's, like, the big…like, the bad guy in…Metal Gear Solid, yeah.

Dick: Oh, he's the bad guy of Metal Gear Solid?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, the picture of us that was drawn, what was I? I was a man shooting guns.

Maddox: Mmmm. (skeptical)

Dick: And you were a woman. What characters were we?

Maddox: I forget. Uh…I'm not sure, 'cause there were multiple women in the Metal Gear series. Probably the woman from the first…er…the second one, when they did that big 3D Playstation release?

Dick: Okay, so who's Solid Snake? Who's Solid Snake?

Maddox: Solid Snake is the main guy.

Dick: Is that me?

Maddox: I don't…I don't think so.

Dick: In the picture?

Maddox: You're not a Solid Snake.

Dick: Alright. (Maddox laughs) This…I don't care about video games. What I DO care about is who won last week?!

Maddox: Dick, nobody won. However, the problems that got the most votes were "Lesser Minds", huh?

Dick: Ohhhh. That's…yeah. It's not a surprise that people voting on the Internet think they're better than everyone else.

Maddox: No, it's not about that, Dick.

Dick: That's basically what that is.

Maddox: It's about sound arguments and "Detox Diets". Those are my two problems!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Oh, thank you. Thank you, audience.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh, my two problems trounced "Hangovers". "Hangovers" came in dead last. So, a lot of people thought that hangovers were a problem because they personally related to it. It's like, "Oh, yeah. I don't like hangovers." But, if you think about it, in the grand scheme of things, what is the biggest problem?

Dick: Hangovers.

Maddox: Yeah. No, it's not.

Dick: Oh, it's "Lesser Minds"? It's…everyone thinks they're better than everyone else?

Maddox: Dick, it's not about that. Lesser minds cause problems as we'll see in today's episode.

Dick: Yeah, but it's subjective to you!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you're the one determining who the lesser minds are. Isn't that a little…(grins)

Maddox: No, it's not, Dick. A lesser mind…you can be objective about that. Certain people who do and say dumb things I think can be objectively considered stupid.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right? Um, so I don't…

Dick: (interjects) Stupid is as stupid does. That's what you're saying?

Maddox: No, not at all. (laughs) I'm not quoting a movie, Dick. Um, I did…so I don't think that this show's a contest. It never has been. It's…it creates an adversarial atmosphere; however, a fan did send this in. He wanted me to play it for when "I won", which I don't…I don't win. We don't win.

Dick: It's a song?

Maddox: It's a song. He made this.

(Clip starts…heavy electric guitar riff with drums…heavy metal screamer voice…"MADDOX WON!!!" (Dick and Maddox crack up) **"MADDOX WON!!" "MADDOX WON!!"** (**Maddox:** Very angry) (Maddox laughs) (**Dick:** This song is kinda long. Oh, there we go.)**)**

Maddox: It's about as long as yours, man!! There you go.

Dick: That's a cool song.

Maddox: Yeah, it's kinda cool.

Dick: Who wrote it?

Maddox: Uh, yeah, the guy's name is Nicholas. It's just Nick. He sent that in, uh…a couple of weeks ago, and he asked me to play it on the air. Over Mortal.

Dick: And then you finally won, so you…

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, no one wins on the show. It's not a contest. It's not an adversary.

Dick: Alright, alright. So, speaking of songs. There was some debate over what the chords were for the "Maddox Lost" song in the comments? (Maddox giggles) It's C G A minor F. Just to put that to bed.

Maddox: I noticed someone put the chords as they interpreted them in the comments. I guess the…why is this even a thing?! Why do people care?

Dick: 'Cause people want to play it, I think. So cover it and send it in, I'll play it.

Maddox: Great. Oh, great, guys.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: I'll play it. You know what? I'm gonna play your song, Dick. I'll bring in a cover. Next week I'll bring in a cover. Regardless of who "won". Uh, no one wins on the show, but…except for me. Um, I have a comment from **Kelly Pigeon.** This is an email she sent. She said,**"Since Dick is a giant pussy…**(Sean laughs)..**and you're an asshole…** (Maddox giggles) **Sean is the dick that fucked you both when he deleted the podcast."** (laughs)(Sean groans)

Dick: Oh, I have…I have a voicemail about that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I…I think…I'm starting to think all these calls from 2004 are a joke and they're not real, but I do have one from Sean from 2004.

Maddox: Oh.

(Voice mail: "Hello. I'm Sean from 2004. (Maddox laughs) **I don't delete episodes.")**

Dick: That's it. (Maddox laughing) It's concise. That's a good voice mail.

Sean: This fucking thing is never going to die. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Sean, it's part of the fabric that makes this show, now. That's it. It's just one quilt.

Sean: You know, I actually like it.

Maddox: Yeah?! (laughs)

Sean: I'm glad it created so much content.

Maddox: Well, that's great, Sean. It's part of it. And by the way, um…Sean, this is totally unrelated to our show, but I was listening to the Adam Carolla Show awhile back…you know one of his engineer is Bald Brian, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sounds so much like Sean. I was listening to Bald Brian and I'm like, "Wow, that sounds a lot like Sean."

Sean: We all sound the same.

Maddox: Yeah! (guffaws)

Sean: Like life has fucking crushed us all.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. What do you got?

Dick: Here's a call from a fan favorite. You might remember this caller.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: (male voice with weird leprechaun/pirate voice) Good day to ya, boys. This be Bono. (Maddox and Sean laughing) **I heard your last episode and figured I'd call in and tell you my New Year's resolution.** (**Maddox:** Great. (laughing) **The resolution be, "Never play guitar again." That should be an easy one to keep.** (Maddox laughs) **Now, for the record, boys, the media twisted the story on the accident. You see…")**

Dick: You know what he's talking about, right? Bono got nailed by, like, a car or something? What happened?

Maddox: He fell off his bike or something stupid, and he…

Dick: (interjects) He fell of a bike.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's probably so busy singing beautifully to himself.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Sean: He crashed his bike and, like, really fucked himself up. I explained this, like…like five episodes ago.

Maddox: Yeah. You mentioned it.

Dick: Oh. Good for you.

Maddox: Biggest solution in the universe…bicycles! They took Bono's shitty playing off the Earth. You're welcome, everyone.

Dick: Alright. So that's what Bono's talking about here when he called in.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's hear the rest of it.

(Voice mail continues: "…I wasn't just out for a ride, like they say. I was being pursued by a couple of kids after me pot o' gold." (Maddox, Dick, and Sean crack up) **I made a sharp turn and ended up in a pool of me own blood n' marshmallows.** (Maddox still laughing) **The kids made off with me loot and now I walk the streets with a vengeance. So that's the real story. I don't know why anyone would believe the other one. Finally, having a music career is more fucked than a Scottish sheep farm.** (All crack up again, loudly) **Not a lot for what to do with meself. I'd like to know more about Seanny boy's Chinese Ass Farm. That sounds like something old Bono could really sink his teeth into.** (**Dick:** Yeah. (laughing) Maddox laughs) **Until next time, fellas. May the wind always be at your back. And Dick, go fuck yourself.")**

Dick: I don't think that's an Irish saying.

Maddox: What's the phrase he used? Did he say "more fucked than a Scottish sheep farm?"

Dick: A Scottish Sheep farm. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: Oh, that's a lot of fucked. Um…wow. Great voice mail.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: I didn't know. So, as much as we shit on Bono on this show, I didn't know he was such a big fan. Uh, thanks again for calling in, Bono.

Dick: Yeah, apparently while he's recovering, he's probably listening to this show, and I guess leaving voice mails. You wanna hear another one?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: Let's see.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey guys. This is Will from Florida. Here's one for your Dick Versus Dick segment. In the last episode, Dick talks about how hangovers are one of the biggest problems in the universe. (**Maddox:** Yeah. **Dick:** Yeah.)**And then 20 minutes later, he said that people who put shit in their bodies just to make themselves sick could go fuck themselves.** (**Dick:** Yeah. (laughs) Maddox laughs) **Dick can go fuck himself.")**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I didn't even think of that until, like 100 people left comments saying the exact same thing, like, "Oh yeah, I guess that's…I guess, in a way…that's true."

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. Um, here. I think it's appropriate to play this.

(Ritzy theme music starts, "DICK VERSUS DICK")

Dick: Ugh, God.

Maddox: In retrospect. (laughs)

Dick: I got about a thousand hangover cures, by the way. They're all like, "Eat a cheeseburger before bed." "Drink Gatorade before bed."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "Stop drinking before bed." (Sean laughs) Like, guys…(Maddox chuckles) Please. That's the solution to not be hung over? Don't drink? Get the hell outta here!

Maddox: You know, Dick. The reason you got, like, a thousand solutions to being hung over is because it's not a big problem.

Dick: I guess not.

Maddox: It's a problem that you can choo…you can just avoid by not drinking in excess, or…

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Dick Masterson, you fuckin' idiot. (Maddox laughs) **(silly voice) 'I wake up with a hangover, oh golly me!! Oh my, what a drag.'** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **Drink some fuckin' water! When you wake up with a hangover, you're mostly dehydrated. Drink a glass of fucking water every three drinks.** (Maddox laughs) **You idiot. ")**

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. Drink water. Drink a cup of water.

Dick: Drink water. (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. Just drink a cup of water. There you go. I have a comment. Um, there's some comments from the Comment section. (giggles) This is from**Niko Melchiori.** He says, **"Maddox, if you hate monkeys so much, why do you have one on the show with you week after week? I don't get it."** And then someone commented in response to him, **Handy Andy Pandy,** he says, **"Hey, fuck you. Sean is awesome."** (Sean laughs loudly)

Dick: Yeah, I agree. (Maddox laughs) Let's see. I got…**Moses Simiyu, "Please let Sean bring in a problem. His voice is sexy."** And then there's a little heart. **"Oh yeah, Dick is an asshole."** Ehhh. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Oh. Sean.

Dick: And then there was one from **Scott Miller.** You know the guy that you based the "Lesser Minds" problem on? You remember that guy?

Maddox: Uh, yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: His comment. And you basically just tore him up. (Maddox snorts) He said he's bummed. True or false. Is that an accurate statement?

Maddox: Well, yeah. Well…I was attacking all lesser minds, not just is. But okay, go on.

Dick: Okay, sorry, my lesser mind can't piece together what I'm trying to say properly. (Maddox laughs) He left a big comment saying…and part of it was **"I'm bummed Dick didn't back me up."** Uh, Scott, the first thing I said was, "You got Maddox's number." (Maddox chuckles) That's the very first thing I said. What is more to say? Point number two. If you make a comment. If you call someone out for something that you think they're doing. Like, if you accuse somebody of something and they give you a 20-minute defense of why they're not doing it? You won!

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: You have them on the ropes! That's when you double down.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: That's when you just throw your hands up. You don't say anything. You drop the mic and you walk away.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they just validated everything you said.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I didn't need to back the guy up. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Are you talking about me, Dick? Or his long, rambling, three-four paragraph comment?

Dick: Which one? Number one or number two?

Maddox: Number two.

Dick: Number two. Yeah. He…I guess that's what I'm talking about, sure. It didn't need to be said.

Maddox: So you're saying I won. That's what you're saying. I did the mic drip. I should have…no, uh…Dick, here's the thing. It was a problem, like, the comment…it was a rebuttal to his comment and I addressed it because I didn't want to address it in the Comments section. It gets lost, it gets buried in Facebook's weird ranking system, or whatever. Uh, but it…it did lead to an interesting thing. I have so many more examples of lesser minds and so many more rules that I use. And I'll bring those in at some point. I'll bring up lesser minds again at some point, so. Yeah. That's coming.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I didn't want to just make it based on that one comment, though. There's a lot of…there are a lot of problems in this world caused by lesser minds. But speaking of, Dick. What's your problem this week?

Dick: My first problem this week is…get ready for this. I took a long time thinking of a clever pun for this one. (grins)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Okay? Manspreading Discontent.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing) Alright, Dick. Before the show, we debated this…the name of this problem. Went back and forth. Came up with some clever ones. And then we went with this, huh?

Dick: Yeah! "Manspreading Discontent".

Maddox: Manspreading discontent.

Dick: 'Cause it's manspreading? Do you know what manspreading is?

Maddox: I do, but let's explain it for people who don't.

Dick: I'm gonna read it right off the New York Times.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Manspreading. "It's the bane of many female subway riders. It's a scourge tracked on blogs and on Twitter." Whoa, both.

Maddox: That's…that's some serious authority there.

Dick: "And it has a name almost as distasteful as the practice itself. It is "manspreading". The lay it all out sitting style that more than a few men see as their inalienable underground right. Now, passengers who consider such inelegant male postures as infringing…" So you understand what that is?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is men on the subway sitting comfortably.

Maddox: Um, not just comfortably, Dick. But also…I mean, yeah. They're sitting comfortably, but there's a lot of reasons that sometimes….

Dick: (interjects) But hold on. Don't move from where you're sitting right now.

Maddox: Yeah. Right, right.

Dick: Okay? 'Cause I'm gonna look under the table and see what you're doing with your thighs.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: (pause) They're spread apart.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you…on the subway, what you're doing…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Would be considered "manspreading".

Maddox: Um, I guess.

Dick: I mean, look…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the distance between your knees.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Measure it out. What is that, like 2 and a half feet?

Maddox: It's about five feet, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) That is egregious. You, right now, are committing an egregious act of manspreading in this studio.

Maddox: Dick, I like to sit spreadeagle. And by the way, when women do it, it's spreadeagle. When guys do it, it's manspreading? That's…that seems sexist. Why don't you just call the guys spreadeagle too?

Dick: This is what a feminist blogger says about it. "Manspreading is an assertion of male dominance."

Maddox: Mmkay. (skeptical)

Dick: Are you asserting your male dominance right now? (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. I am consciously asserting my male dominance at EVERY chance I get, because it DEFINES me as a human being. I have nothing else going on in my fucking life! It's always an agenda with me!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm not…I'm not sitting here comfortably!!! I'm asserting my authority as man!!

Dick: It's not 'cause you're a 6 foot 2, 200-something pound man who just, like, when you sit in a seat, you crumple into it, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's how you sit. This is just how my limbs fall.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Slightly spread.

Maddox: You know…you know, it sounds like the problem here, Dick, is they want us to apologize for taking up space.

Dick: Exactly. That's why I say it's "Manspreading Discontent".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're spreading discontent for nothing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is just guys sitting comfortably on the subway because subway seats are designed for children! (yells) Like, feel the chairs that we're sitting in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: These are about…I take the subway a lot in LA and they're the same as they are in New York.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: This is about the size of a subway chair. Okay? It is BARELY big enough to hold my back.

Maddox: We're sitting in some pink Ikea fold-out chairs. (laughing)

Dick: They're fold-out chairs. But it's approximately the size of a subway chair.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright? This is…the world is designed. The world of mass transit is designed in what we're sitting on.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's not big enough to hold a man.

Maddox: So, Dick, is there anything else in that New York Times article you wanted to read? Because…does it mention anything in there about…because manspreading seems like a specifically male problem. They're saying that this is something that men do. Does it talk about womenspreading, like, say, I don't know, bags, ang bags, and bags of shopping and groceries and purses, and fucking just everything? Because it's not something that just men do. It's something that inconsiderate people do. I get it. If I'm on a subway and I'm taking up a lot of space and it's busy and packed, yeah, I'm going to try to be more considerate so more people can fit on.

Dick: So you would say, what kind of a slogan do you think would fit this egregious, inconsiderate claim you're making to space on the subway? If it's something that men and women do, men with their thighs ridiculously spread like they're in a Penthouse centerfold. (annoyed)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And women with all their baggage and dogs and horseshit. What do you think that a proper slogan might be?

Maddox: Well, this might be insightful and outrageous, but stay with me. It's called "be considerate". How's that for a slogan? And, by the way, Dick. This "be considerate" slogan, can we extend those to fat people? Uh, are they fatspreading?

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: Ohh! Ohh, ooh, ohh. Hold on.

Dick: Hold on, you can't do that. (grins)

Maddox: Oh, we crossed the line here? I'm sorry. Now we're getting into the "healthy at any size" movement, aren't we?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Now we can't fat shame, but it's okay to fit shame. It's okay to manspread shame, or whatever the fuck they call it, but they have to make…they have to add gender into this, don't they? They have to introduce gender into it. Because they have an agenda.

Dick: So here's what the actual slogan is, that the MTA, the governing body for the subway. The people that are supposed to provide you with a safe and comfortable ride…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: While you go about your daily business. "Dude…stop the spread, please."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Dude.

Maddox: Dude.

Dick: And there's a big picture of a red guy.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, a red stick man sitting comfortably in a seat that's designed for a child sitting on the subway.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: While some poor woman. Some POOOOOOOR woman has to STAND.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Next to him. God forbid.

Maddox: So, there was this article on Mic, I think, where this chick went through…she, like, spent her entire fucking day on the New York subway, just "manspreading".

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And she found that very few people said anything at all, and in fact, most people just lived with it, and a few people…and then a guy did the same thing, except he also put his little man purse next to him to see if people would…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then, yeah, people commented. People told him to move it when they wanted to.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: What's the problem here, people? Is it the problem that you're too much of a fucking pussy to speak up and ask someone to make some more space?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is that the problem?

Dick: That's it. That's it.

Maddox: That's all it comes down to. It's the same thing as the selfie stick. That's what this is.

Dick: I do wanna say…not only did the woman get, like, dirty looks and stares…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But she said, "Also, people took a bunch of pictures of me."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And this is…they got…Mic got this hot…she's hot. This girl who did this experiment?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She is sitting with her knees in other time zones.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: Like, did you happen to see the video?

Maddox: Oh, yeah, I saw that. Yeah.

Dick: I mean, this is, like…it looks freakish and uncomfortable no matter where you go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you walk onto the subway and it's like…it's like an alien in a hot woman suit trying to, like, do her impersonation of what it's like to sit.

Maddox: She looked like a cheerleader doing the splits in the air.

Dick: Yeah. It looks pornographic. (Maddox laughs) It's ridiculous. People are taking pictures of this, and she's like, "I couldn't believe it!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, well…

Maddox: Well…you're airing out your vagina, I mean, you know. (Dick giggles) There's this article on Jezebel, Dick. It's called "Men's Rights Groups Demand That Their Balls Be Allowed to Breathe on Buses."

Dick: Oh, men's rights groups, man. (sighs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They are, like, a caricature of No Ma'am.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Like, they make No Ma'am sound reasonable.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Whenever they have a response to anything, I'm like, "Guuuuuuys, come on. Didn't you run it by…couldn't you run it by a woman first?"

Maddox: Or run it by me. I'll edit your stupid pieces.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, I'm embarrassed of the men's rights movement, as I am feminism. Modern feminism, today. It's no longer what it used to be. Um, so this guy says, "Unless one is suffering from some kind of condition, most men can, in fact, keep their legs closed and even cross them, but they shouldn't on a public transit. Constricting the testicles and yet keeping them totally safe." So this guy's saying that most men can, in fact, cross their legs and keep them closed and keeping their testicles safe. But what he kinda glosses over

here. This is just one sentence in this entire article devoted to the fact that some people may have a condition.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright? Some people may have a medical condition. They might have something going on with them that they have to sit that way. So are we gonna start legislating some kind of new uh…standard, some etiquette standard where we have etiquette police going around asking people for their medical conditions on subways? Excuse me, do you have a rash, sir? Do you HAVE to sit that way? Can we check between your legs? Let's see! Do you have a doctor's note? Can you…can you justify the way you're sitting? 'Cause sometimes, it's not just men or women. I've seen people who have medical conditions, and it's none of your fucking business the way they sit. Maybe they have something going on, guys. You don't know.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: It's none of our fucking business.

Dick: Well, the one part I read from the New York Times, which was interesting, was the sentence, "With crime no longer running rampant on the subway, the campaign is the latest sign that other unwelcome behavior is getting attention." So…it's…you know. I have this theory that people are gonna be the same amount of pissed off no matter what.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not a very good theory. (Maddox laughs) It's not a very well thought-out theory, but it's this. You got crime, right? Everybody has…everybody has so much amount of pissed off to be.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: And when there's crime, yeah, it fits.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause…you don't wanna have your things stolen.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you don't wanna get stabbed. But then, now that there's not as much crime on the subway, we still gotta be that amount of pissed off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it's time to find something else.

Maddox: Well, we used to have things like wars, Dick. I had a theory that's very similar… actually, I do think it's a sound theory. We used to have things like wars to worry about. We used to have things like the Red Scare. We were worried about communism. That was our outrageous devil, right?

Dick: And that was hysteria, though? The Red Scare?

Maddox: Oh, of course, it was all hysteria.

Dick: Yeah. Mhmm.

Maddox: But we ne…I think that there's a certain segment of this population who, no matter what, are always going to try to find something to be outraged about.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or hysterical about. And if it's not the Red Scare, if it's not communism, if it's not the Cold War, if it's not Nazis from World War II, if it's not the Korean conflict, or Pol Pot, it's something. There's always something. And there's no big war going on right now, so, you know, people are outraged about "manspreading". They're inventing. That's what they're doing. They're inventing a reason to exist. They're inventing…and they all just jump on the bandwagon and they lock arms in a big, weepy, teary, jerkoff fest of just crying and weakness. That's what this is.

Dick: Here's what Mic said about it. Uh…M-I-C.

Maddox: Mic.com. I won't link to them, by the way, so, uhh..use them as a source. Go ahead.

Dick: Good. Uh, "Women and men are equal under the law." True…do we agree so far?

Maddox: Yeah. It's…

Dick: Good way to start a thought.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Something that's blatantly true and inarguable, right?

Maddox: Well, mostly. Uh, women still don't have to sign up for Selective Service.

Dick: (laughs) Well, Maddox, please.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: You're getting…you're going off into the weeds.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Dick: "Women and men are equal under the law, and that includes the right to feel safe and comfortable in public places." (guffaws)

Maddox: Is that a law? (laughs)

Dick: This is…I don't even know that would…how to you codify that?! (yells)

Maddox: I don't know, man.

Dick: It's your legal right to feel comfortable in public. (laughing)

Maddox: And safe. Unless you want to spread your legs a little bit because you may have a medical condition or something going on. Or big balls.

Dick: (exhales) Ugh.

Maddox: Like, who knows. I don't know, man. I've seen guys…I've seen some guys sit very…what's it, demurely? They sit very…they take up very little space.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They cross their legs. And they are comfortable that way. And I've seen guys who kind of, like, spread out. Look, just don't be a dick! Uh, you know. Be considerate. And, by the way, there's a big asterisk when I say "Don't be a dick." Because I think that dicks are sometimes good. You need dicks in this world.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I'm not talking about my cohost here. Um, but…you need people who are kind of assholes sometimes. That's what "Rude People" was my solution in this month's solution episode.

Dick: I'll tell you what I do. You know what I do, that's kind of…that is kind of what you're saying? If there's a line for the men's bathroom and there's not one for the women's…I use the women's bathroom.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: 10 times outta 10.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Keep things going, man.

Maddox: Yeah, it is. (giggles) It's considerate, Dick. That's another thing that rude people do. Okay, I'm talking about my solution now.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, but Dick, yeah. This is…so, the problem here is "Manspreading Discontent", which is kind of a clever title the more I think about it.

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) It didn't take me any time at all to think of it, either.

Maddox: Ookay, yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Here's some quotes from guys. Uh, **Fabio Pancierro** from the New York Times. **"I'm not gonna cross my legs like ladies do. I'm gonna sit how I wanna sit."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what…so.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I guess the campaign probably won't be effective. (grins)

Maddox: This guy's diggin' his heels in.

Dick: I just laugh at the ad and hope someone graffitis over it. I brought in some stats! (excited) for you.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah, I got some stats for you. Um, so they did this experiment that showed people who assume expansive postures were more likely to steal money, cheat on a test, and commit traffic violations.

Maddox: Um, okay.

Dick: I dunno if that changes your opinion of this manspreading thing.

Maddox: Well, yeah, but they didn't control for a lot of variables, there. Because these people who, say, supposedly cheat on tests and commit crimes, or whatever, they're also men. If it's just men, then yeah, men are more likely to commit crimes across the board. They're more likely to commit violence and murder and sexual assault and all sorts of crimes. Men are just more likely to commit that.

Dick: That's true. I knew you'd have a good answer for that study. (Maddox laughs) That's why I brought it in.

Maddox: You know, Dick, there was another article…I couldn't find it before the episode aired, but there was a girl who spent all day on a subway manspreading. It was not this hot chick that they got from mic.com. It was another girl who had, like, pink hair or something like that. And she said she spent the entire day, and she was hoping for a conclusion, right? Her conclusion she was hoping for was that people would call her rude, whereas they wouldn't call a guy rude, so she wanted to show that there was some kind of sexual discrimination in our society.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: She didn't find that conclusion. What she did find was that near the end of the day, she thought nothing of it, and she felt empowered, and she said she felt fine. She said, by the end of the day, she felt like she was almost entitled to do that. I'm like, well, kinda, yeah. I mean, you can sit however you want. You can be an asshole if you want. Nobody said anything to her all day long.

Dick: I mean, isn't there, like, a trade-off? Like don't we…isn't this established? Like, look, you get up…if you're a man, you get up for old people, you get up for women.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: You just do. I do. I'm on the subway…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: It's like, look. Alright. You're walkin' around in heels, you probably had a rough day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not comfortable for a woman to sit around and have guys circle her. So sit down. Here. Have this seat. But by the same token, the other side of the coin is, if I can sit down, fuck, I'm huge, alright?! I got a lot of weight to carry around all day, just lemme ooze into the seat a little bit!! (angry) My back hurts! My feet hurt. Lemme do it!! Lemme spread out a little bit. Lemme be comfortable, for fuck's sake.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, well, on that token, Dick, then someone who is forced to stand because you're taking up more space could also make that argument, that they are uncomfortable and their back hurts and their feet hurt.

Dick: Just ask! Don't be so afraid!

Maddox: Yeah, just ask. Don't be so afraid. Don't be a fucking pussy. How's that for a slogan? Don't be a fucking pussy. And use the word "fucking" in there. I'm sorry, Cuss Control.

Dick: Hashtag.

Maddox: Fudging.

Dick: Don't be a pussy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Brought to you by the MTA.

Maddox: Don't be a pussy. No, it's, um…"Be considerate". I think that's the…that's the slogan here. That's the…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but do you…it's, like, pre-emptive "Be considerate". Like…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's (stammers) not a big deal for you to come over…why are you so afraid of engaging with another person and saying, "Hey dude, can you scoot your knee over?"

Maddox: Get a fucking backbone. How's that for an MTA campaign, dipshits?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, by the way, by the way, Dick, you know what would actually make a precipitous difference on the New York subway system? Telling people to move the fuck over on an escalator. Or just stand to the right on escalators. That's what every Asian culture I've ever been to. Every Asian, uh, you know. Like, the Hong Kong subway system, in Tokyo, people stand to the right or stand to the left to let people pass you if they need to! That's not a fucking thing in America and it needs to be! (excited) Also, how about standing to the side and letting people who are trying to get off the subway get off before you try to board. Those are things that could make an actual difference, and nobody's making nearly as much of a stink, because there's no feminist agenda to wedge in there!

Dick: You're right. And we had those ads in the 40s.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In the 40s, it was, um. I forget what it was exactly, but there were ads like, "Hey lady, hit him again." For guys who are blocking the door?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Hit him again. None of us like door blockers." Basically saying, like, don't be so timid. Hit him again.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How about that ad?

Maddox: Grow a backbone.

Dick: Just tell 'em to move over.

Maddox: Tell 'em to move over.

Dick: Why is it…why is it some guys who sit comfortably? I'm looking around at three other men, and all of you are taking up three seats on the subway. Every single one of you.

Maddox: Yeah. Yep, well. Alright, Dick.

Dick: Discontent.

Maddox: Discontent.

Dick: See how discontented I am?

Maddox: You are pretty discontent. But let's…is that all you got, Dick? Or is it time for a new problem?

Dick: That's it. Yeah, go ahead.

Maddox: A REAL problem, huh?!

Dick: Alright, before you go on, I just have to mention this.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Today's show…(laughs) Today's show is brought to you by **Harry's**. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use promo code **BIGGEST PROBLEM** to save 5 dollars off your first purchase. Are you familiar with Harry's, Maddox? Have you been using your Harry's shave kit?

Maddox: I swear to god, I'm still using my Harry's shave kit.

Dick: Me too. Dude, you know what I did. So, I've been…by the way, it's a new year. It's a new you. It's time to change your look. (Maddox laughs) You might not agree, but I certainly do. I started shaving a lot more after we got those free kits.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Harry's sent us starter kits so we would talk about them on the air, obviously.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I started using it, like, almost religiously, man. I don't know, I figure it's, like…

Maddox: Almost…

Dick: I'm older, yeah, almost religiously.

Maddox: …religiously, Dick?

Dick: I'm not an extremist about it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: But I do use it quite often. So I was using it, um, this weekend. I was shaving and I was like, "Oh, I'll switch back to the Mach III and see how it feels." Now I hate the Mach III. I swear to god, that's true.

Maddox: You hate…so, hate is a very strong word, Dick.

Dick: No. Now, I find the Harry's better. I switched immediately back to the Harry's.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: The Harry's blade.

Maddox: Yeah, no. I agree. There's something about the metal they use in these blades, I think, that makes them stronger. Because my blades are not getting nicked at all.

Dick: No. Well, Harry's bought a blade factory in Germany. I'm reading this off the thing. "Harry's bought a blade factory in Germany that has been crafting some of the world's highest quality blades for almost a century. By cutting out the middle man, they can offer an amazing shave at a fraction of the price of drugstore brands." And they'll ship it right to your house, how about that? Shipping's free. No shipping.

Maddox: You don't even have to le…you know, I was arguing with somebody awhile back about…what…it was about my cell phone, Dick.

Dick: (laughs) Oh, God. (scoffs) How much of your life is spent arguing about cell phones?

Maddox: Probably 30%. I was talking about how I can order new batteries if I want to and I don't have to go to an Apple store, and I can leave my front door unlocked, and if I wanted to, they would probably bring it right to my chair, 'cause if they delivery guy came to my place, he knocked on the door, and I said, "Just bring it in!!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I was like "I'll give you 5 bucks, just bring it to my desk." I wouldn't even have to stand up. And Harry's could do that for you! You could do the exact same thing with Harry's. Have them bring it…

Dick: So not delivered to your door. This delivers it right to your fat ass on the computer. (Maddox laughs) That should be their slogan.

Maddox: Yep. And you can sit however you want at your computer. No manspreading complaints there.

Dick: (laughing) Their starter kit is 15 bucks. Go to http://www.harrys.com now and Harry's will give you 5$ off if you type in the code BIGGESTPROBLEM with your first purchase. That's (spells the website). Coupon code. BIGGESTPROBLEM. Alright.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. In light of everything going on in the news, uh…Charlie Hebdo was attacked in France.

Dick: Yeah. I heard about that.

Maddox: Uh, Satirist Magazine. It's a satire magazine. It's similar to the Onion, but in France, and they…it's more like…it has more of a political bent in France, and they were

attacked recently by some gunmen, some terrorists who were offended that they depicted Mohammed, the prophet of Islam, in their magazine.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: As a cartoon. In a disrespectful way.

Dick: They regularly ran disrespectful cartoons about…

Maddox: Correct.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They did. They ran cartoons about Christian prophets. Jesus is in their magazine. And Jewish prophets, and Islamic prophets. They satirized all religion. And they satirized most public figures. This was a magazine that didn't really hold punches, with very few exceptions. So they got attacked. 12 people were killed. Uh, maybe…I think the final number may be even higher. A couple of people were saved. They didn't attack women, whatever. But the problem, here, Dick.

Dick: They didn't?

Maddox: No. They let women…they consider it some sacred law that they don't attack women and children, so they didn't…

Dick: (interjects) Muslims do? Or these guys did?

Maddox: These guys did.

Dick: Oh, that's weird.

Maddox: Yeah. Terrorists are actually…they weirdly, staunchly adhere to this. They try not to kill women and children. But…

Dick: (interjects) So can you wear, like, a wig? And get out?

Maddox: Well, I mean, you can.

Dick: Okay. (grins)

Maddox: I don't…no matter how much wig or makeup I put on, they know I'm a dude.

Dick: It's like the Predator.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When you put down your gun, he won't attack you.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Because the Predator wants a challenge. He wants a trophy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, Dick. Um, the problem here isn't so much that…you know, the magazine… well, it isn't so much that these people were killed by these terrorists. The problem, I think, is satire. We need to end satire.

Dick: Really? (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We need to end satire?

Maddox: Yeah. Satire is the problem, Dick.

Dick: (chuckles) Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Satire is a big problem, because without satire, no one would be dead today! Huh?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We'd be living in a more peaceful society without satire, Dick.

Dick: No, I agree.

Maddox: We need to end satire. What we should do is ban all satire. If it weren't for satire, think of all the extremists who would be happier today. What we should do is create a National Thought Registry. (Sean laughs) Kind of like that Copyright and Patent Office, where ideas are submitted and then a team of thought police reads your writing and determines whether or not it will offend somebody indirectly.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If it does, you get three warnings, and then incarceration. This is the only solution to terrorist attacks. We should stop producing satire.

Dick: Satire?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, you're going straight to jail. (grins)

Maddox: (stammers) Wha…wai…hold on!!

Dick: 'Cause that was satire.

Maddox: No, this is not satire, guys! (Dick laughs) Yeah, this is not…this is actually absolutely not satire. I think we should end satire.

Dick: No?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay. I thought you were being satirical.

Maddox: No.

Dick: But you're being serious…

Maddox: (interjects) I'm being totally serious, man.

Dick: Who's gonna run the Thought Police?

Maddox: Uhh…just…I think it's a group.

Dick: The extremists, probably. They're pretty good at telling what's too much.

Maddox: Yeah. The extremists…(Sean laughs) The extremists are good at picking extreme people. But I think that it shouldn't be a democracy. It shouldn't be voted upon.

Dick: No.

Maddox: It should be selected. Uh, maybe we go to the Supreme Court and we tell them, "Guys, put all your suggestions in a hat. We'll just pick them out. And those are the people that are going to be the satire police."

Dick: Too many votes. It's gotta be just one guy. You don't want nine people deciding, 'cause then you could have a split decision.

Maddox: Yeah, you're right, Dick. Well, whatever the Thought Police should be, we definitely need to have this organization in place.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Any time anyone writes anything. Even fortune cookies can be satirical. We need to look at fortune cookies, Dick. We need to go around restaurant to restaurant, Chinese restaurants, open up every fortune cookie, make sure that Islam isn't being smeared. Right? Christianity isn't smeared.

Dick: Well, anybody.

Maddox: Anybody, yeah. I don't think people…I don't think anyone should be offended, Dick. I think that it's my right, and speaking of rights to be safe and comfortable?

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: I think it's also my right to be not offended.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: As an American. Or, as anyone! Dick, shouldn't we all just be happy? (laughs)

Dick: And not offended by anything?

Maddox: And not offended by anything, ever.

Dick: No, I know, man.

Maddox: Yeah. And, by the way, guys, when I was insensitive earlier in this episodes, I'm just gonna start apologizing right now. When I was insensitive towards fat people, and I said that we should maybe ask fat people to lose weight to be more considerate on subways to not take up, you know, "fat spreading"? Um, I…I apologize. That was really offensive.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: (laughs) You accept my apology, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, you said the words.

Maddox: Are you…are you on board with this? You seem, like, strangely complacent with my satire ban.

Dick: Well, I've already…yeah, I've already come out saying that satire is, like, the only weapon we have against dumb people.

Maddox: That's offensive.

Dick: So, no, I'm…yeah. Sorry.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah.

Dick: Uh, so yeah, of course I'm against it.

Maddox: All the dumb people listening right now, all the lesser minds who are listening to the show just got offended by what you just said.

Dick: Eh, well, sorry.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know.

Maddox: Thank you for apologizing, Dick.

Dick: We just need more insincere apologies.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh!! (growls) There we go! (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, like you post, you can say whatever you want, and then just at the end, "Hey, sorry."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just have, like, a little guy, like the mascot from Monopoly. Just, like, "Oh, sorry." (Maddox laughs) "Sorry about that. Didn't mean it."

Maddox: The mustachioed man from Monopoly?

Dick: Yeah. Penny…Uncle Pennybags. Uncle Moneybags.

Maddox: Uncle Moneybags? So, Dick.

Dick: I think you're being satirical, though.

Maddox: No, no, absolutely not, Dick. This is definitely not satire. (Sean laughs) We should ban satire.

Dick: Okay. (scoffs)

Maddox: We need to ban…we need to BAN thoughts that are dangerous!!

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: And this is one way to do it! Three…three strikes rule, and then incarceration. Right? And then when incarceration doesn't work? Well, capital punishment. I don't think it's too extreme to say that someone should die for the things that they believe in or speak. If you make a cartoon that depicts Mohammed, right? No matter how poorly it's drawn. And no matter the fact that we have no photos of Mohammed. You should be executed…I don't think it's unreasonable! I mean, am I being unreasonable here!? (Dick cracks up)

Dick: No! I don't…I don't know.

Maddox: Right!? Those terrorists were doing a yeoman's job, going into this journalist's office and killing people!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Good for them! They were doing the right…they were ending satire, which is the problem. Without satire, no one would be dead today, Dick!! (yells) It's the biggest problem in the universe!

Dick: Satire is?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay, yeah. You might actually be right. (Maddox laughs) Well, I mean, 'cause you're talking to a guy whose satire was considered so harmful that, like, I'm not allowed on Facebook or YouTube.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I'm just not allowed.

Maddox: It's already happening! Facebook is my ally!

Dick: So…and that's, like…that's just one step…if you're…like, if you can't kill a guy…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just cut out…cut out the way he makes money.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: That's…that's the most harm you can do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So if I…if they hate me so much that they don't want me talking, on YouTube or Facebook. They can't kill me, 'cause they're big companies. They just cut off the way I make money.

Maddox: Yeah, they did.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: No problem.

Maddox: No problem.

Dick: Yeah. So…

Maddox: Well, you got off light, buddy. 'Cause under my system, what I'm proposing is incarceration and capital punishment. You will be hung or shot by my machine gun. Automatic machine gun fire.

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: Unless you're a woman or child. I think that women and children should be spared. The Islamists are correct in sparing women and children.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, uh…

Dick: Really? You think that?

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: That's a surprise. Well, the children part's a surprise. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: I think you're hurting your presidential run. We established your presidential platform in an early episode.

Maddox: Uh-oh.

Dick: I think this'll come back to bite you in the primaries.

Maddox: Oooh, boy. Oh, boy. I don't know about that, Dick. I mean, in my initial presidential platform, it was the Regressive Party.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is against abortion, but for killing babies.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So…

Dick: (interjects) That's one of my favorite things that you've ever said.

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: That slogan.

Maddox: Thank you. And I wholeheartedly believe it. I don't think that the Muslim terrorists, these extremists, when they say that they spare women and children, I don't think they're counting babies in there. So if I had stormed the office, I would definitely shoot the babies. Because babies are not children yet. They're not children. They're babies.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a….there's a distinction. If you're still crawling or if you're in a crib, bullet in the head. Sorry. (laughs)

Dick: Wow. You're getting darker.

Maddox: Well. You know, Dick, I gotta stand for my beliefs here, and I believe that satire is a problem. Um, so…you know.

Dick: Not beliefs. Not extreme beliefs. It's satire that's the problem.

Maddox: Wellllllll, uh, it's interesting…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause extreme beliefs are gonna exist everywhere, but satire, that's a decision that somebody's making.

Maddox: It's a decision someone's making, yeah.

Dick: Right? The beliefs, you're born with.

Maddox: You're born with these beliefs, Dick. (Dick laughs) I don't believe in the Clean Slate Theory. These extremists were born with these beliefs.

Dick: Yeah. It's not their fault. (grinning)

Maddox: No!

Dick: They're just coping with it.

Maddox: That's what they are!

Dick: Aw, now we're both doing the satire!

Maddox: No! Dick, this isn't satire! (laughs)

Dick: Oh, okay, sorry.

Maddox: Dick, um. Here's some…so, speaking of extremists, here's some extremist statements.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I wanna see if you can tell if these were made by Islamic militants or westerners. You know, enlightened westerners.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah. I've added some blanks here to see if you can fill them in with the appropriate ethnicity, religion, people, or place, 'Kay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: There are…various comments came from Twitter, news sources, whatever. "It's time to nuke these _____s."

Dick: Well, I would think a westerner would say that, because terrorists don't have access to nukes.

Maddox: Correct! Uh, that is correct.

Dick: Yeah. Pretty good.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Um, that, so…"It's time to nuke these terrorist scum."

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: That was from brownie290880 on Twitter. Yeah, well, some terrorists could potentially have access to nukes. There's some dirty nukes floating around, or whatever. But that's…that's a good analysis, Dick.

Dick: I don't think they would be so cavalier about it.

Maddox: No, probably not. Pro…well, you don't know, man! I mean, I don't know any terrorists. If I did, they may be cavalier. I bet the terrorists I would know would be pretty chill.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Why doesn't _____just bomb ____?"

Dick: Oh, why doesn't _____just bomb ____?

Maddox: Yeah. So we're lookin' for a place, and a group.

Dick: (sighs) Okay. Wait a minute. So, "Why doesn't _____just bomb ____?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm gonna say, because a terrorists, they don't…they do the bombing of themselves. Like, they are the bomb.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I think, logically, this is a Westerner saying, because they onl…they see bombs as something they don't have to deal with.

Maddox: Mmmm.

Dick: Right? So I'm gonna say "Why doesn't the US just bomb the Middle East?" Is that the…

Maddox: Close!

Dick: Why doesn't France just bomb Islam?

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, pretty close! I'm gonna give it to you, Dick!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: Oh, yess!

Maddox: It's "Why doesn't France just bomb Al-Qaeda?"

Dick: Yeaaaaahhh!! (laughing) That's pretty good!

Maddox: Yeah. By Charles Shawa, from Twitter.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay. "____to avenge ____ victims."

Dick: "____to avenge ____ victims."?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And this is people or places?

Maddox: Okay. The first one is a group to avenge another group.

Dick: Oh, okay. Um…a group. That sounds…that doesn't sound western, just because of the poor syntax.

Maddox: Yeah, it's poor syntax.

Dick: Um…

Maddox: Westerners have good syntax.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Well, generally, yeah.

Dick: It's in English, yeah.

Maddox: So, ____ to….

Dick: (interjects) I don't know that one.

Maddox: So, it's actually…it's a western…

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: I'm sorry. It's a westerner.

Dick: Aw, dammit.

Maddox: It says, "Anonymous to avenge Charlie Hebdo victims."

Dick: Oh, Anonymous the group?

Maddox: Anonymous the group.

Dick: How are they gonna do that?

Maddox: Yeah, well. They go into a whole manifesto. They just…they left it kinda vague as to how they're going to do it. Supposedly, they killed somebody already.

Dick: Lemme…anonymous did!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Anonymous did, yeah.

Dick: They killed somebody?!

Maddox: I just read the headline. I didn't read the full article. But supposedly they did. Um, Dick, on this note…

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: …lemme read this quote here, too. "The blood pouring out of ____ must be revenged."

Dick: Ummmm, if it was terrorists, that would probably be, like, a menstruation thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The blood…

Maddox: (interjects) But it sounds pretty similar to the previous quote, right?

Dick: Yeah. What is it? I don't know.

Maddox: "The blood pouring out of Palestine must be revenged." And that's by Osama Bin Laden.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Osama Bin Laden said that.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. So Osama Bin Laden…so, it's interesting the distinction here. Because Anonymous is to avenge ____.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And Osama's to avenge _____. So…where does it end? Because if what we're doing now to the terrorists, which…you know, they should be brought to justice, but if that's done in revenge, and what the terrorists did to us was done in revenge, and what America does to Osama Bin Laden is done in revenge, where does it end?

Dick: Yeah. You're making a comparison between our sense of revenge and their sense of revenge. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just the way the vicious cycle continues. I did…do you consider…okay. So the Charlie Hebdo thing happened, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And all of a sudden, all over the Internet, was this, just, epidemic of slacktivism.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Would you consider that slacktivism? 'Cause everybody was suddenly, violently, "Je Suis Charlie".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And I don't do it, 'cause I just don't do things that do nothing.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: To you, does that have an effect? Is that the exact same as slacktivism? Is it something people should do?

Maddox: It is slacktivism, unless you actually take action and do something. So, if you want to…

Dick: (interjects) And what's the action?

Maddox: The action is to create challenging works of art. Right? Because that's what Charlie Hebdo did. They created challenging works of art that challenged the status quo.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you say "We are Charlie". You're not, unless you're a satirist. You're not, unless you're creating this work that's called insightful. You're not, unless you're questioning the wisdom of prevailing authority.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: In a way that's satirical. You're not Charlie unless you…I mean, you can stand up for them, sure. You…(stammers) and I changed my Facebook profile picture to a picture of my logo with the French colors on it.

Dick: I saw that.

Maddox: The French flag on it. And then someone called me a slacktivist. And I said "Guys, this isn't a campaign. I'm not promoting anything." And it's not going to create any change. I did that in solidarity and as an homage to Charlie Hebdo. To show them that uh…you know. This is something I was recognizing as a loss. As a fellow satirist, right? This is how I've made my career.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I apologize for saying that. If anyone's offended, I should submit myself to this registry, 'cause satire's wrong and evil. But Dick…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, no, no, no. I know. I know what you're saying.

Maddox: Here's…

Dick: (interjects) (stammers)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Furthermore, there also seems to be, like, a kind of binary thinking. Binary extremist thinking about that. About that very slacktivism that I'm talking about. The Je Suis Charlie thing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because I would think something like, "Well, they're writing anti-Islamist cartoons."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, and the last cartoon, was "No Attacks in France." And then, like a bumbling terrorist saying, like, "Well we got to the end of January." (Maddox chuckles) And I'm thinking in my mind…as a satirist, I'm thinking, if I had made that, I would be trying to provoke them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If I had done that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? But to SAY that. Oh, my God. If you say something like, "Well, yeah, they're using satire as a weapon to provoke this exact kind of response." You can't say that. Right? That's not something I should be allowed to say.

Maddox: You…why…wait.

Dick: Because people lose their minds!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: They're like, "Oh, you're victim blaming. You're victim blaming." Like, guys, I understand comedy and satire. When you draw…when you make something that specific against a group…you're trying to nail them.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: You should expect a response, and these guys aren't witty or clever. They don't usually respond with funny New Yorker cartoons. They usually respond with guns and violence, and you know that! Right?!

Maddox: Yeah. So satire is a problem, Dick.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Thank you for supporting me.

Dick: Oh, yeah. No, I agree.

Maddox: Yeah, satire is a problem here.

Dick: Well, I don't want to go to your satire prison, so I'll say anything it takes to get out of it.

Maddox: I think you just did, and I think you did for real. Um…(laughs) I have a few more quotes here.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Let's see if you can tell if this is a westerner or a terrorist group. "_____group will track down and avenge those who have been killed." Sounds very similar to this last one, too, right?

Dick: I think that's a terrorist that said that.

Maddox: Nope! Westerner. Anonymous.

Dick: Ugh, dammit.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: "We are in your _____. We are in your _____. We are everywhere."

Dick: That's Anonymous. I know Anonymous. That's a….(grins)

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Isis! That was Isis!!

Dick: No…ohhhhh!!!

Maddox: Sou…it's chilling that it sounds so much like Anonymous.

Dick: Where's Isis in our blanks?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're not anywhere?!

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Dick: Where the hell are they? Where do they say they are?

Maddox: They're in our cities, they're in our bla…you know, so on, so forth. That's actually something that's kind of a concern now, that they're afraid of these lone wolf attacks, because Isis, through their propaganda on the Internet, is reaching people in the Midwest

and reaching people where they might not be able to reach through their traditional means of recruitment, like in Yemen, and Afghanistan, and…you know.

Dick: You mean…lemme ask you something. You mean, they have the ability to strike anyone from anywhere if they so deign? Who does that sound like?

Maddox: (laughs) Sounds like the West.

Dick: Sounds like the US government, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: That's what I don't get about the whole, like, terrorist label?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, it's just like, low-budget, "Well we have a specter of damage that we can inflict on you at any moment."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So…

Maddox: Which uh…which is interesting. I was listening to a Radiolab episode recently, and they were talking about…it's the one…it's the episode about worth. And they were talking about what the worth of things are. I don't believe that life is precious. I mean, it is.

Dick: It's 70 grand!

Maddox: It is.

Dick: That's how much it's worth.

Maddox: Well, that's…it's actually very controversial, how much a life is worth. But it comes to about…a lot people, like in Pakistan, there was a drone strike that happened, I believe in 2010, 2011, something like that. They accidentally hit a wedding convoy. (Dick groans) They killed so many people. They killed, I believe, the groom. The father survived his son.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But they took these bodies back to the Town Square in Pakistan and they paraded them about and they said, "This is what the US government did to us with these drone strikes."

Dick: Yeah. (sighs)

Maddox: And then everybody was pissed off.

Dick: They did do that.

Maddox: Yeah. And then the US government has a policy in place called, "Money is a Weapon."

Dick: Yeah. (scoffs)

Maddox: And it's reparations that you pay to people that you've done wrong in these war conflicts.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And, you know, it's no obligation, no legal obligation to do so, but they do it to try to win their hearts and minds. (scoffs) Supposedly.

Dick: With money.

Maddox: Yeah, with money.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And in Iraq, the amount that they spend is about 2500$ per death. Per person.

Dick: Oh, that's it?

Maddox: Yeah. Which is equivalent to about 30,000$ in their currency.

Dick: Ohhhh, man.

Maddox: Uh, so that's it. That's what you get.

Dick: Awwwww. That's not enough. (disappointed)

Maddox: Yeah. That's not enough. Of course not.

Dick: Oh, man. (annoyed)

Maddox: Meanwhile, the World Trade Center victims were compensated anywhere up to, like, 7 million, or 12 million, something like that. Anywhere from 250,000$, to, like, 7 million.

Dick: Really?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: Yeah. A lot of 'em were.

Dick: That's a lot of dough.

Maddox: Yeah. It is a lot of dough, Dick. Um, here's another one. "If they do not stop their campaign in _____, we will bring the war to them in _____, on the ground." Who said that?

Dick: Well, that sounds like us. 'Cause "on the ground" is what we do.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Isis.

Dick: No!?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Isis again. They're talking about..(laughs) . "If they do not stop their campaign in the virtual world, we will bring the war to them in the real world, on the ground." They're talking about Twitter. 'Cause Twitter is starting to shut down these terrorist accounts. (Dick cracks up) And they're saying they're going to…

Dick: (interjects) ISIS declared war on Twitter?!?!

Maddox: ISIS declared war on Twitter. (laughing)

Dick: Oh, my God!

Maddox: They're going to attack them in San Francisco. They're gonna go their headquarters. (Dick guffaws) Guys. You're gonna flip the fuck out if you go to San Francisco.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's gonna be so many more targets…(laughs) You're gonna want to attack before Twitter's headquarters. Which I've seen, by the way. It's kind of like a nondescript building.

Dick: They're gonna need a bigger boat. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Bigger boat. "_____'s regime tortures and executes _____s."

Dick: Oh, that's us. We do that.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Dick: What!?!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. That's…"Iran's regime tortures and executes activists." And that's…

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah. That's an Iranian woman who said that on Twitter. "I'm really confused why a terrorist _____leading the Paris anti-terrorism march." Is that somebody who's sympathetic to…

Dick: Wait, read it again.

Maddox: Okay. . "I'm really confused why a terrorist _____...(the name of the terrorist)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: …is leading the Paris anti-terrorism march."

Dick: Uhhh…I would think…well, it's sarcastic, so I would think a westerner would say that.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Dick: Ugh!! (annoyed)

Maddox: That is somebody…somebody who is sympathetic to the Palestinian cause.

Dick: Okay, a westerner said it, though.

Maddox: Um.

Dick: I was right about that.

Maddox: I'm not sure if it's actually. You know what? I may give you that.

Dick: Okay. Half credit! (Maddox laughs) Half credit.

Maddox: Half credit. There you go, Dick.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: "I'm really confused…" Here, I'll do this.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer at the same time as Ding!)

Maddox: (laughing) It's Netanyahu that she's talking about. She's saying Netayahu is the world's biggest terrorist. Anyway. Anyway, Dick. When I posted that picture on Facebook of my status.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Of my profile picture with the French colors, a lot of people started arguing with me. They said, "No, man, we need to wipe out all the Muslims." (Dick cracks up) Yeah! Oh, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Okay. (incredulous)

Maddox: And they…they…this is their argument. They said that "The attack on 9/11 was Muslims." Uh, the Richard Perlman attack, the journalist who was beheaded, I think his name was Richard, but Perlman, whatever, was beheaded by Muslims. All these terrorist attacks that have occurred. The India…the Bali bombings were Muslims.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And the U.S.S Cole was Muslims. And all these…all these terrorist attacks, right? And they said, "Well, there's a common theme here. It's all Muslims." And then some people took it a step further and said, "No, no, it's religion." Religion's the problem. Religion's the Devil.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: But, what you kind of fail to realize here, is there are 1.6 billion Muslims in the world.

Dick: That's a lot of bombs. Gonna need a lot of bombs. (They all crack up)

Maddox: Lot of bombs and body bags, huh!?!

Dick: Lot of bombs!!! (laughing)

Maddox: Maybe you can do a 2-4!

Dick: We bomb it 24 hours a day!

Maddox: What they should do is put body bags in those black boxes that they put on those airplanes, that are indestructible?

Dick: Yeah? (grins)

Maddox: So, put them on the tail end of the bombs, just at the fins of the missiles?

Dick: Uh-huh?

Maddox: And then, when they're killed, guess what? Body bags already there for you! You just put in the combination, we'll make the combination code, you know, something like a birthday. The birthday of, like, George Washington. How about that?

Dick: Yeah. (trying not to laugh)

Maddox: And then you open it up and you got a body bag! Problem solved!

Dick: You got a lot of great theories today.

Maddox: Lot of great theories.

Dick: Lot of great solutions.

Maddox: Lot of…you know, I actually made an article a long time ago talking about how we can kill two birds with one stone by bombing terrorists with pennies. If we just, like, drop big sacks of pennies on these terrorists' heads, you instantly kill them, and you instantly have war reparations.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Hey! Problem solved, right? 2500$? Drop 2500$ worth of pennies on their heads. 'Cause they're cheaper than missiles!

Dick: And they can melt the pennies down and sell them as copper for more than they're worth.

Maddox: Well, there's very little copper in pennies my friend. Less than, I think, 7%. But yeah, there is some metal. There is a melting point.

Dick: Yeah, I do think everyone who just wants to wipe everybody out…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think there's, like, there's some kind of desire to just not want to have war and conflict all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it seems childish to me. Like, yeah, it sucks, but it's gonna happen. That's the way it is.

Maddox: So…so this mentality, "Let's kill 'em all." Right? It's a mentality that not just we, as outraged westerners share.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You know, some of us. Some of us. Some of us feel this need to kill 'em all, because it's all Muslims, right? All Muslims are doing this. Well, they're not. 1.6 billion. Look, if there was a war that Islam declared against the West, we might lose. That's 1.6 billion people that you would have to fight. If the majority of people believed this, if the majority of Muslim people believed this…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: This would be a war like we've never seen.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is a very small minority of Muslims who are doing this, and yes, the majority of them are Muslims…

Dick: Our own President would turn on us! (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Diiiiick! (laughs)

Dick: He's Muslim, isn't he?

Maddox: Great, Dick. (Dick cracks up) Dick, if that's satire, that's your first strike, buddy!

Dick: I'm going straight to jail!!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: You're going to jail! (Dick laughing) You'd better watch it!

Dick: Yeah. Go ahead. (still laughing)

Maddox: Thought Police. I'm gonna be on the registry.

Dick: I think you should run it.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, I would love to, man. Do babies write satire? (laughing) Uh, round 'em up. So, anyway, Dick. The majority of these attacks…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Were done by Muslims. But not the majority of Muslims are terrorists. Clearly. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Less than…less than one half of one percent. Just by sheer numbers. 1.6 billion?

Dick: Probably less.

Maddox: Yeah. Way less than that.

Dick: Yeah. Way less.

Maddox: But these people are saying let's just glass the Middle East. Let's nuke 'em. When they say glass the Middle East, they're referring to dropping nukes on them and turning the sand into glass due to high heat.

Dick: Yeah. (sighs) I wonder if those guys would actually do that, though. Like, everybody who says that…it's fun to vent and be outraged on social media and the computer.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But if, like, you gave them a button and like, "Here you go. This will kill 1.6 billion people. You wanna hit it? Be my guest!" I don't think they would do it.

Maddox: Yeah. You don't think so, Dick.

Dick: Naaaah. I don't think so.

Maddox: Let me point you to…lemme point you to the Milgram study. 'Cause…

Dick: I know that study.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. These are people who would shock people who were told, "Look, someone's going to experience pain. One person is going to experience pain." You don't think they would do it?

Dick: But that's an authority…that's an authority figure telling them what to do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is just, "Here. You think you know what's best? Hit that button." It's not somebody saying, "Do it." I think if you told them to do it, they would do it.

Maddox: Well, I hope that we never have to test it. But here's the thing, Dick. These terrorists who went in and killed these innocent people at Charlie Hebdo…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: …which weren't innocent, 'cause they wrote satire, and I think that's a big problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: These people who went in and killed them used that same argument. The exact same argument. They said, "Look. These guys are bad. The westerners are bad. Non-Muslims are bad. We need to kill 'em all."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Does that sound familiar? Because that's what we're saying now.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: And that's what they're saying then.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's the exact same argument. It never fucking ends if all their mentality is, is "Kill 'em all". Let's not discriminate between weak, and poor, and Christian, and Jew. Let's kill 'em all, as long as they're not Muslim. As long as they're not one of us. Let's just kill 'em all.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's the mentality that's driving this. And that's the mentality that's going to continue driving this problem. Is "Kill 'em all". And I got into an argument with someone who just kept saying, "Well, you know, in the Qu'ran, it says this thing, and it says that thing, and Mohammed believed this thing…" and all these, like, terrible things he was listed, and I said, "Again…why isn't there more killing?" If this was a religion that by decree instructed people to kill, right? Why isn't there more killing?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: You know, and then they pointed out, "Well, the Christians had the Crusade", and so on, and so forth.

Dick: That was about money, wasn't it?

Maddox: Yeah, it's always about something.

Dick: Yeah. Always about money.

Maddox: It's always about land. It's always about money. It's always about something. And people use religion as a crutch to corrupt.

Dick: Well, they're not, like…Muslims aren't, like, Klingons, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's the picture I get in my head when I hear some idiot going, like, "Oh, you gotta wipe em out! It's a dangerous religion!" It's like, no, it's just a bunch of people. They're not like a whole species, like Klingons, that fight over everything and they're just, like, intractable assholes all the time.

Maddox: Yeah. I pointed out to somebody…I can't believe I had to spell this out, but I said, "Listen, believe it or not, Muslim people have mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, and children, and they care about those people just like people in the West do. Do you think that they want those people to die?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Do you think that's what these people are trying to do? And I said…and, by the way, the people who are just saying, "It's all religion!" like Bill Maher. He said that. He said all religion…there's no great religion. He said they're all stupid, etc, etc. So we should all be atheist.

Dick: Nooo. (skeptical)

Maddox: Because no atheist has ever done anything wrong, right? Not like…

Dick: Wasn't Hitler an atheist? (laughing)

Maddox: Um…

Dick: I'm sorry, were you about to say that?

Maddox: He was not, no. No, I was not going to.

Dick: Let's just say that he was.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay, Dick.

Dick: It makes it funnier.

Maddox: Dick, is that satire?!?! (yells) (Dick cracks up)

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: That's two strikes, buddy!! You're getting…I'm getting my handcuffs ready! You're not gonna like what's coming. (laughs)

Dick: Oh, the third one better be worth it. (Maddox laughs) What are you gonna read?

Maddox: Here are some atheists. Uh, Adam Lanza. Eric Harris. Adam Lanza was the guy who shot up…

Dick: (interjects) He's the guy that sings on The Voice, right?

Maddox: No. (laughs) Not the guy who sings on The Voice, Dick. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, "She will be loved…" That guy.

Maddox: Not that guy. Adam Lanza…

Dick: 'Cause that's awful.

Maddox: Adam…no. He shot up Sandy Hook. I believe that was the guy who shot up Sandy Hook.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, who shot up Columbine. Atheists.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Mao Zedong. Atheist.

Dick: Chairman Mao.

Maddox: Chairman Mao. And by the way, the biggest casualty toll in history was from Mao Zedong's era over…(stammers) Estimates are anywhere from 40 to 70 million people died.

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: No one has ever died to that degree on that level. There's actually nobody on this list that even comes close to that. Atheist. Mao Zedong.

Dick: You know where Mao Zedong was conceived?

Maddox: Where's that?

Dick: Made in China. (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: Alright, Dick. Gotta wedge that in there. Mussolini. Atheist. So, you're…and I point out, like, when you attack religion like that, it just sounds bigoted, simplistic, ignorant. Simple. And people say, "Well, religion is the cause of all this conflict." If two religions can exist…coexist peacefully at some point in time, which they do right now. In the Jewish grocery store that these terrorists were holed up in France…

Dick: (guffaws) Oh, that's a real thing?!

Maddox: Yeah. It was a Jewish…

Dick: (interjects) What was it called?

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: Ralstein's? (Maddox and Sean crack up) Fonzenshwag's?

Maddox: Zion Save. I don't know, man. Um, but…this Jewish grocery store. It was a Kosher grocery store.

Dick: Food for Less and Less? (All crack up laughing) Go ahead with the serious terrorist thing (grinning)

Maddox: Oh, man. Yeah, yeah. Here we go. (Dick giggles) Okay. So, this Jewish grocery store. This Kosher grocery store that these terrorists were holed up in…(trying not to laugh) The people who shop there, they said, are Muslims, and Christians, and Jews. They all lived peacefully in this small town. They can coexist peacefully and they do coexist peacefully. We have mosques here in America. We have synagogues. We have uh… what's the…what's the one for the Indian Sikhs? We have temples for Sikhs. They all coexist peacefully.

Dick: We've got EB Games for you.

Maddox: (laughs) Okay, Dick. (Dick laughs) Actually, it's not EB Games…is EB Games…

Dick: (interjects) Oh sorry!! I don't want to offend your religion!!!

Maddox: Yeah, it's Gamestop, Dick! (Sean and Dick crack up) Was that satire, Dick!?!? (Dick cracks up) It sounded like it might satire!

Dick: No, no!

Maddox: Don't be a dick!

Dick: No. We got Cheetahs for me.

Maddox: Yeah. You got Cheetahs. (background laughter) The strip club for you. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…

Dick: (interjects) Well, it's not a strip club, though, it's a topless bar.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they can still serve liquor.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, okay.

Dick: 'Cause who wants to see everything else? You know, I'd rather drink.

Maddox: Oh, Jesus, Dick. (background laughter) I can tell…I can point you to some classy, all-nude strip clubs, buddy.

Dick: Yeah, but they don't serve liquor in California.

Maddox: They sure do!!

Dick: No, they don't.

Maddox: Champagne and wine. That counts.

Dick: Oh that…

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Champagne and wine…?

Maddox: Champagne's delicious!

Dick: Alllright.

Maddox: Comes from France!

Dick: No, are you done? You got anything else you wanna say about ter…oh, excuse me, not terrorism. Do you have anything else you wanna say about the evils of satire?

Maddox: No, that's it, Dick.

Dick: Have you ever been assaulted for your satire? Have you ever been hit with anything? 'Cause you're one of the bigger satirists on the Internet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Have you ever suffered anything because of your satire?

Maddox: Mmmm. I have had people…I've had a lot of threats. I've had a few serious…I think, a few serious threats that I've gone to police with, but over the years, no. I have not…because I have a theory about that. I think that people who are offended. They get offended in that moment, but they don't really think about it. Like, if you…(stammers) ever meet somebody who you've offended online because of an article or something that you wrote. They may dislike you, but to actually take that action against them? I've never experienced several rounds of machine gun bullets going through me because of my satire. No. If that's what you're asking.

Dick: Yeah. I've been punched twice. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: But Dick, that's not satire. That's just you being a drunk asshole.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no! This was because…well, I suppose…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: …you know, you can't have one without the other, but they were both in Vegas, and both by a woman, one that knew who I was in advance, and the other one was just told about it. It bent my glasses! Those mirrored shades that I had on Dr. Phil.

Maddox: Oh, those were cool.

Dick: They're all bent up.

Maddox: Your aviators.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. I tried to bend them, like, back in place, but now it just looks like a bunch of jig-jag earpiece things.

Maddox: That's my favorite thing, by the way. When someone's glasses get bent and they try to bend it back. It never looks normal!!

Dick: No, it…it looks awful.

Maddox: And they always think…you know, they always think, "Yeah, okay." They convince themselves that it's okay 'cause they don't wanna drop another 300$ because of the Eyeglass Cartel, which you defended several episodes ago.

Dick: They're nice shades!

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) Great. You can buy nice shades for 4 bucks. Same thing. Anyway, Dick, yeah. That's my problem. Satire is the biggest problem in the universe. It needs to be eradicated.

Dick: Alright. Did I go to jail? Did I get a third satire thing in? I didn't. I'm safe.

Maddox: You're okay for now, Dick.

Dick: Safe to live another day.

Maddox: But I'm paying atten…yeah. One more day. So, and your problem was…

Dick: "Manspreading Discontent"! (proud)

Maddox: Manspreading Discontent.

Dick: It's like a Before and After, like in Wheel of Fortune. Manspreading. Spreading discontent.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You watch Wheel of Fortune? (grins)

Maddox: I've seen it.

Dick: Okay, well that's what they do on Wheel of Fortune.

Maddox: Not a big fan. Pat Sajak seems too robotic to me. So does Alex Trebek. I think that's what you need. You need that quality to be a good game show host. You need to be a robot.

Dick: Yeah. And you need to have a big head.

Maddox: Big heads help!

Dick: So it shows up on TV.

Maddox: Dick, you got a big head, man. You could be a game show host.

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Yeah. You're welcome. (giggles)

Dick: Here's another…here's a quote I forget from manspreading.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I'm glad that the government is finally taking action. This is clearly not the kind of thing that could be solved by asking people to scoot over and make room for you to sit down. And I'm glad the government is finally doing something about it." (laughs)

Maddox: Dick, that sounds like satire to me!!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: That's three!!!

Dick: No, that's what the guy said!!

Maddox: Okay…

Dick: (interjects) He meant that!

Maddox: You know what? You brought that in, Dick.

Dick: He meant that!

Maddox: You brought that…you're busted, buddy!

Dick: Alright, I'm goin' to jail.

Maddox: Alright, Sean. Wrap up this episode. My problem is satire…your problem, "Manspreading"…

Dick: (interjects) Discontent.

Maddox: Man…(cracks up, Sean laughs) "Manspreading Discontent". Don't forget to vote on these problems on our website.

Dick: Hey, and stay tuned for the live show.

Maddox: Yeah! The live show coming up.

Dick: It'll be out this month.

Maddox: I think it'll be, probably in a week or two. And we're gonna post it on our website. It'll be available for everyone to watch. A lot of people have been asking about that. It's amazing! And vote on these problems on http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.

Closing riff starts

Maddox: Listen next week. Listen every week. Tell your friends. Tell your enemies!

Dick: Check it out on iTunes.

Maddox: Annnnnnd…

Dick: Thanks for listening.

Closing riff continues

Maddox: Stitcher. Stitcher was the other one. (laughing) Stitcher. Listen to it on Stitcher.

Dick: That's right. Listen to it on Stitcher.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey, this is Jordan from bountiful Utah, and I thought that your … (**Maddox:** It's Jordan again. (laughs)) **detox diet problem was great.** (**Dick:** He's funny.)**You see, I'm on a detox diet known as Crohn's disease.** (Maddox laughs)**And basically, my immune system attacks my digestive system.** (**Maddox:** Jesus)**So, to put it bluntly, I shit and vomit all the time.** (**Maddox:** Wow.)**And I would rather drown in a sea of cocks…**(Maddox laughs)**than hear one more person say, (nasal imitation) "Gosh, I wish I could lose weight that easily!"** (Maddox cracks up)**I think it's a worth problem on the list, 'cause it would to in great addition to your "People who can't eat spicy foods."** (**Dick:** Well, Crohn's disease.) **Also, Dick, uh…try not to drink so much. How about that?")**

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs)

Dick: (whiny imitation) Oh, try not to drink so much! Oh, oh! Try not to drink so much! Try to get a beautiful family and a woman that makes you happy and is perfect! Try to get a perfect life so you don't have to drink!! (background laughter)

Maddox: No, Dick. (stammers)

Dick: Why don't I try to get a job where you just make free money and don't have to work!?! (yells) (Maddox laughs) Try not to be…try to be happy all the time! Fuck you, Jordan!

Maddox: No. (Sean laughing) No, Jordan's my bro. I like that! Yeah. Try not to drink so much, Dick. It's like…

Dick: (interjects) Try not to drink so much. (disgusted)

Maddox: It's complaining about getting too much dick. It's like, "Oh, I just keep getting dick." Hey, just don't!

Dick: Hey mister sun, try not be so hot all the time! (whines)

Maddox: Yeah. That's exactly…that's a great analogy, Dick.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey Dick, of course products made in China are going to be inferior. It's because that's what people in this country are willing to pay for and put up with. (**Maddox:** Ooh) **It's like walking into a motel 6 and expecting a full-body massage and a blowjob as part of the…)**

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The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 36

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Audible. Please visit http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest for your free audiobook download.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy? How's it goin'?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back, folks.

Sean: Hey guys.

Maddox: Hey Sean. So we had a big week, Dick.

Dick: Who won?

Maddox: Uh, and the fans, the fans were really confused. So this is a...this is kind of a confusing one.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because Manspreading Discontent got the most votes.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Followed by Satire, with -903.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And a lot of people were confused whether or not a vote for Satire meant that you were making a satirical vote, or if you're voting for the actual satire being a problem...in effect, meaning that you didn't understand that the Satire problem was itself a satire.

Dick: Are you tryin' to asterisk this one?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Is that what you're doin'? Are you tryin' to say that you won somehow? I think that's what you're tryin' to do. However, I will say this: I know what you're talkin' about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause everybody downvoted Satire as a problem...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...and that was your intent, I believe.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: HOWEVER...however, Manspreading Discontent got more upvotes than Satire got downvotes. (Maddox laughs) So I'm absolute value-ing this one. However, since there is fuckery... (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: ...I'm not gonna play my song. I'm gonna do something different.

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic)

Dick: This week. This is what I...do you remember, uh, what you said about the movie Titanic?

Maddox: Uh, somethin' about it bein' shit.

Dick: And that you'd never watch it.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You've never watched it, and you're never *gonna* watch it.

Maddox: Oh, you motherfucker, I know what's coming!

Dick: So...so NOW, every time you lose, I'm gonna bring in 30 seconds of the movie Titanic. (Maddox laughs) That you have to watch. Sean, can you crank the volume? 'Cause this is a very...this is a very soft intro. Setting the tone.

Maddox: Son of a BITCH. (under his breath)

Dick: I've got it on my iPad right here. [**plays first 30 seconds of Titanic**]

(sad music with strings and an ethereal-sounding female singer begins to play)

Dick: Do you hear it, Maddox? (mischievously)

Maddox: Yeah, I hear your BULLSHIT! (Dick giggles) I hear your shenanigans!!

Dick: Look at these pictures.

Maddox: I'm not going to! (angrily)

Dick: It's a bunch of sepia shots of the Titanic. If you're not gonna watch it, I'll explain it to you.

Maddox: You...yeah! You can explain it all you want.

Dick: People...people that are never gonna come home, on the Titanic...

Maddox: I fucking hate you.

Dick: ...are in sepia, waving to their friends and families.

(sad music still playing)

Maddox: FUCK you, Dick Masterson! (Dick giggles more) I'm tired of this SHIT!! I'm TIRED of this! I'm NEVER gonna watch Titanic.

Dick: Isn't it wistful? This song? Is it romantic? (grinning)

Maddox: I'm sweating, I'm so angry.

Dick: Here you go!

Maddox: What is...this has gotta be a record! Like 24 seconds into the episode, I'm already sweaty.

Dick: Wait wait wait, this is the part -- this is the part you have to watch. See the ocean?

Maddox: I'm not...I'm not watching! I'm looking away.

Dick: Nonono, watch the ocean.

Maddox: I'm looking away, I'm lookin' at myself.

Dick: Ohhh. "Titanic." It says "Titanic." That's the title card.

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick. (muttering) This is BULLSHIT.

Dick: That's it!

Maddox: This is bullshit! (cracking up)

[**Titanic intro ends**]

Dick: Okay, that's it.

Maddox: Good. You know what? I'm gonna contact my lawyers to have them sue me! (both laugh) For copyright infringement.

Dick: Well, there you have it! That's one win out of -- it's a 3-hour movie...

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: ...so that'll take...uh, 6 hours to get through? 600 podcasts to get through? 600 losses?

Maddox: Great.

Dick: And you'll have watched the whole thing.

Maddox: And it's important to note that no one wins or loses on this show. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Matt Alegrete says, "Satire being a problem is Maddox's arrogant way of showing that even when his problems gets trounced, he still wins since it was a sarcastic problem in the first place. The true test is whether it has more downvotes than Manspreading Discontent does upvotes." Well, I guess it -

Dick: Yeah! There you go!

Maddox: - I guess it passed the true test, uh, didn't it, Matt? So I guess according to yours and Dick's weird, austere rules of this show, I "won," quote? It's bullshit. Anyway.

Dick: I got a voicemail for you. About satire. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Hey Maddox, back on your Halloween episode I sent you an email that said that your Predator costume looked like a homeless guy that passed out in an Olive Garden dumpster. (Maddox laughs) **Uh, that was satire. I just wanna apologize and throw myself to the mercy of the Thought Police.**

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Hey, thank you!

Voicemail: And fuck you, Dick!

[**message ends**]

Dick: Oh. Well...

Maddox: Great! Uh, you know what? I will take that into consideration for the apology. I have a comment from Nathaniel Watkins. He says, "Man, people just have no idea what to do with the 'satire' problem. Is it satire? Should we vote it up ironically if it is? Or should we take it straight?" Hmm. Well, looks like I -- I think most people got it. It got -903 votes.

Dick: Enough people got it.

Maddox: Enough people got it, yeah.

Dick: I got a bunch of comments about -- I got more hangover cures, like more than I know what to do with, and they all contradict each other. Here's one. [**plays second voicemail message**]

Maddox: MORE hangover cures!

Voicemail: This is some hangover advice for Dick Masterson.

Dick: Yep.

Voicemail: I've done it just like Maddox, I never get hangovers, but uh, my girl's real susceptible to them.

Dick: Hilarious. (Maddox chuckles) Great.

Voicemail: Susceptible, sorry. And uh, she finds that three things help: lots of water in between every drink...

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: "Lots of water." (chuckling derisively)

Voicemail: ...vitamin B12, like you guys already said...

Maddox: I said.

Voicemail: ...after a meal and before you drink, and furthermore, don't eat when you're drunk because once the alcohol is in your system, the food soaks up the toxins and that releases them into your system and makes the hangover inevitable.

[**message ends**]

Dick: Yeah, I...yeah yeah yeah.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: So don't eat, and drink, uh, 2 gallons of water after every beer. That's great advice. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Yeah, what if you eat something that doesn't absorb anything, like a whole buncha jellyfish or squid?

Dick: Dude, it's...it's all bullshit!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I woke up this morning with my SHOES on in bed!

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Am I eating...is a magical cheeseburger gonna fix that?? Is water gonna fix that problem? No.

Maddox: I dunno, I think a lot of psychotherapy maybe, Dick. (Dick sighs) (Sean chuckles in the background) Um, I got a comment from Brian Leong: he says, "So Manspreading Discontent is basically a subset of Shy People/Introverts." Go vote up Shy People and Introverts, people! Because that's exactly what it is, it's a buncha PUSSIES who are too afraid to speak up! Hey, you wanna show people that you're strong and powerful and equal, and blah blah blah blah blah? If somebody's doing something you don't like, speak the fuck up and tell them to stop! Otherwise, shut up! (yelling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, don't...don't do this passive-aggressive social agenda where you have the MTA system do your dirty work for you with a buncha SIGNS that you go through the long arm of the law to post around the subway system! FUCK you!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway.

Dick: What's next, "No Farting" signs? On the subway?

Maddox: (grinning) They actually have that in casinos. When I was a kid I'd go to arcades, and it said "No El Fumar" or whatever in Spanish.

Dick: That means "no smoking," shithead.

Maddox: Ohh, fuck! (groaning) (everyone bursts out laughing) Really, is that what that means?!

Dick: (giggling) You thought that meant...you thought it was especially targeted to Mexican people?

Maddox: Mexican... (laughs hysterically)

Dick: "Don't fart"??

Sean: He thought it was such a huge problem! (Maddox and Dick lose it) Like RAMPANT problem, it gets posted everywhere!

Maddox: Seriously?

Dick: Episode's over!!

Maddox: Oh, my GOSH.

Dick: Yes, it means "don't smoke"! Did the picture of the cigarette next to "No Fumar" clue you in?? (Sean laughs uncontrollably in background)

Maddox: There was no cigarette! I don't speak Spanish! (Dick cackles) How the fuck...I'm a KID in an arcade, 'cause my parents have a gambling addiction. (Dick laughs harder)

Dick: Well, we've covered some major addictions already on this show.

Maddox: Great. I'm PISSED OFF already. Um -

Dick: (interjects) Shawn Thompson says, "How can Dick drink a glass of water every 3 drinks? Doesn't that caller know there is a fucking drought?!"

Maddox: Yeah! (chuckling) (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Yeah, it's true!

Maddox: Water zealots. Canon Manley says, "Dick, enough already. You don't have to explain the genius behind Maddox's problem. You're like the guy at a party who explains jokes after they're told. [...] On a second note, I don't know if Satire being in the negative votes means that the listeners actually get it and are in turn being satirical, or they're complete idiots." Uh, Canon, I believe it's a mix of both, and probably more likely the latter.

Dick: Yeah, you do have to explain things.

(brief pause)

Maddox: Okay. (both laugh) Well, I guess there's that!

Dick: Uh, let's see. Oh, um, I got one from Robert...Robert Araujo. I dunno how to say it. "Hey Dick - " So, we talked about Charlie Hebdo.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Last time. And I made a...a point that uh, yeah, they're using satire as a weapon. Right?

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: Against people who use guns as weapons.

Maddox: Satire as a weapon, that's SAW. They're using SAW as a weapon.

Dick: Yeah! They're using SAW. Um, so this guy says, "Hey Dick, freedom of expression is protected BECAUSE it can be weaponized. That's the fucking point. People decided it was important to be able to express ideas contrary to those or instigative of other organizations with the reasons and means to quell them, like terrorist groups or governments. This is why when you say 'they're using satire as a weapon to provoke this exact kind of response' [...] you are called a victim blamer. Because you are. A fascist, freedom-hating, victim blaming Dick."

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: Uh, "P.S. Sean please don't delete this too. P.S.S. - " Er, P.P.S., he did that wrong. " - Dick, go fuck yourself." Yeah! Um, I guess my point is, don't bring a pen to a gunfight.

Maddox: That's your point, Dick?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. (amused) It's a sentence long. Um, I have one final comment from John Puckett. He says he's a...he's 4 months away from completing his degree in Music Composition. And then he corrects you, Dick: he says, "While you are correct that in the

Key of C, A would normally be diatonically minor...you are playing power chords. None of the chords are minor (or major). So if any of you want to play the song Dick wrote, but doesn't know how to explain, the chords are in fact: C5 G5 A5 F5." (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Oh, god. (disdainful)

Maddox: And he just goes on with a whole bunch of music jargon.

Dick: Ohh, that's the kinda musician you would be if you were a musician. (Maddox laughs) Just nitpicky, and...that's the...Sean and I used to play out a lot as a band, and the worst part of it -- it wasn't that no one would come see our shows, it wasn't that it makes no money, it wasn't lugging all the equipment around; it was talking to musicians.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they're ALL...horrible.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like this guy. It's a...it's a punk song! Everybody knows punk songs are power chords.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: That's the str-...I was just saying the structure, in case you wanted to cover it on anything else.

Maddox: That's a punk song?

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah! That those guys played.

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: My victory song.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what song I'm talkin' about, right?

Maddox: (yelling) Yeah yeah, I know the fuckin' song, Dick! (Dick cackles) We don't have to... (**buzzer sound effect**) NO.

Dick: Where is it? (through giggles)

Maddox: Okay, here we go.

Dick: Oh, it's too late. Shit.

Maddox: Let's uh, let's get to the problems. Speaking of shitty musicians and shitty sounds...

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: ...my first problem this week is loud muffler douchebags.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) Yeah. Loud muffler douchebags is my problem. So Dick, I think that it's important to note what the definition of a muffler is. Okay? (Dick

laughs) This is literally from the dictionary: it's "a tubular acoustic device inserted in the exhaust system that is designed to reduce noise." (slowly for emphasis) So by definition, any time a car or motorcycle sounds loud, their muffling system is defective!! It's supposed to suppress sound by design, you fucking tools! (yelling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why it's called a "muffler"! It MUFFLES NOISE. It has ONE job to do, and if you disable it or modify it so it no longer works, congratulations! You no longer have a muffler. It doesn't take a genius to modify a car to sound louder. Case in point, Dick: there's this guy on YouTube...it's a video called "Drilled holes in muffler." [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8TBE-VhRTY] (laughs) 'Kay? It's a guy who owns a 1998 Ford Escort, and he's tryin' to make it sound louder.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The description of the video reads -- and I'll be reading this to you with all the typos intact...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ..."I got tired of hearning nothing..." (Dick and Sean laugh) "I got tired of hearning nothing but engine so i devided to drill holes in my muffler. Its alot cheaper than putting an exhaust system on." 'Kay?

Dick: (chuckling) That's true, there's not much cheaper than...drilling a hole in things.

Maddox: Yeah. Here's an excerpt from the video. [**plays clip from muffler video**]

Man filming: (in Southern accent) **I have holes drilled into my muffler.** (sniffs loudly) **For louder...loudness. Um, it's cheaper than goin' and spendin'...you know, 250 dollars on a, you know, exhaust system.**

Maddox: "Uhh, you know, uh..." (flimsy, dumb voice)

Man filming: You can get, you know, in your front...

Maddox: "You know..."

Man filming: ...or back yard. ..

Maddox: "Ehhh..."

Man filming: ...dependin'...you know.

Maddox: "You know."

Man filming: Where you park your car, and uh...

Maddox: "Ehh..."

Man filming: ...you know, it takes but you know, only like 20 minutes if you...

Maddox: "You know." [**clip ends**] (laughs) And the video looks like shit. He's under his car showing his muffler, it just looks like SHIT.

Dick: Is that an instructional on how to drill holes in your muffler? (amused)

Maddox: I guess! It doesn't even show him drilling holes in the muffler. Here's another excerpt from the video, listen to this. [**plays second clip from muffler video**] This is what it sounds like.

(sound of car starting and engine idling)

Maddox: So why is this a problem, Dick?

Dick: It's 'cause it sounds like my apartment.

Maddox: (chuckling) Your...

Dick: It's all -- yeah!

Maddox: ...your apartment sounds like this?

Dick: Yes! I live right off Hollywood, it sounds awful.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is what it sounds like.

(man in video starts revving his engine, drowning out Maddox and Dick's voices)

Dick: Between these assholes, with this...

Maddox: I'm sorry! (pretending not to hear)

Dick: ...cruising up and down -

Maddox: What??

Dick: - all day, and the -

Maddox: I can't hear you!

Dick: - police showing off their stupid helicopters all night!

Maddox: What??

Dick: It's impossible to sleep! (**revving sound continues**) (raises voice) I've had chicks not wanna come over a second time -

Maddox: WHO?

Dick: - because of how loud my apartment is. This fuckin' horseshit!!

Maddox: WHAT? (laughs)

Dick: When my...it takes my dog like a week to normalize when she comes over to my house.

Sean: THAT'S the reason they don't wanna come over a second time? (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Shut the fuck up, Sean. At least I don't reek like weed, you asshole.

Maddox: Whoa! (laughs with Dick)

Sean: I haven't smoked in years.

Maddox: Oh. Sean's fired!

Sean: I...I quit and it was stored in an improper area. (Dick and Maddox laugh harder)

[**muffler video stops**]

Maddox: Sean, Walter White over here. Yeah...yeah Dick, that's why this horseshit is a problem. You can't fucking hear anything, chicks won't come over to your apartment, you can't get laid or procreate!

Dick: Whoa whoa whoa, I can get laid.

Maddox: Well. (skeptical) (both laugh)

Dick: Settle down. (smiling) Um...there's a worse version of this, though.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: You think you hate these guys?

Maddox: I do!

Dick: There was a trend a while back where guys would put whistles on their mufflers.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Did you ever see that one?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they'd put...it was like a giant metal reed that they would attach to the end of the muffler, and it would be like 110 decibels, something ridiculous like that.

Maddox: Yeah. Right. You...congratulations, you made noise.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Something that BABIES do, literally day one of their life. They make noise. This guy goes on, Dick. This guy's a real moron. Listen to this guy. Listen to the way he...he talks. Listen to this. [**plays another clip from muffler video**]

Man filming: Press the 'like' button down at the bottom, and uh...if I get, you know, a good amount of views, likes, and subscribers, I'll uh... (sniffs loudly) **I'll upload some more cool tricks that you can do to your car...**

Maddox: Oh! (flatly)

Man filming: ...and some other cool videos.

Maddox: Don't forget to like and subscribe!

Dick: Like speed holes?

Maddox: Yeah. Listen to this part.

Man filming: I uh, got alotta ideas that you can do... (sniffs loudly) **...with, uh...** (sniffs) **...some car, you...** (hocks phlegm and spits onto the ground)

[**clip ends**]

(Maddox giggles)

Dick: Oh, god. (disgusted) (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! "So if you guys, uh, if you guys like this video..." (pretends to hock and spit) (laughs more) "Don't forget to subscribe!"

Dick: Vote it up.

Maddox: "Vote up! Hold on, let me get some phlegm out of my mouth." (Dick giggles) IDIOT.

Dick: Yeah. They want attention, right? Is that what it is? They just want attention?

Maddox: I...I guess!

Dick: They're not...they're not clever enough to get it like you do.

Maddox: No!

Dick: They have to do -

Maddox: (interjects) With a podcast.

Dick: They have to have loud...yeah. They have to have loud mufflers.

Maddox: And can you believe that that costs less than 250 dollars to install? (mocking)

Dick: Drilling holes in your car? (Maddox laughs) Yeah!

Maddox: Drilling holes in your car... (cracking up)

Dick: I can believe that. (grinning)

Maddox: In your...

Dick: That seems like a lot!

Maddox: ...1998 Ford Escort. Hey, um, here's some -

Dick: (interjects) Pretty big problem!

Maddox: Yeah! Pretty big problem, right?

Dick: It's a pretty big problem, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! And anyone who doesn't think so... (**plays sound of engine idling from video**) ...just needs to talk over this horseshit! (Dick cackles) Any time you go to a restaurant or cafe, you're havin' a nice conversation, and some guy with a small penis drives by in his Harley...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...revvin' up his engine! Okay, we get it, guy! We get it, cowboy. Here's the thing: you're drivin' by at fuckin' 50 miles an hour with your loud horseshit motorcycle, no one knows who you are, no one can see you; all we see is the back of your stupid skullcap which, by the way, offers minimal protection to your dumbass head! (**engine sounds still playing**) Because apparently there's nothing to protect in the first place.

Dick: Ehh... (skeptical)

Maddox: These morons!

Dick: Wearing helmets sucks, though.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Wearing a helmet sucks.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: Feels good not wearing a helmet.

Maddox: Okay, Dick.

Dick: Feel the breeze in your hair.

(engine starts to rev loudly)

Maddox: I'm sorry, what?

Dick: Feel like Major Kong -

Maddox: Huh??

Dick: - riding the bomb into Russia.

Maddox: WHAT? (laughs) I'm sorry, some IDIOT was driving by with his...with a small penis! (**engine sounds continue**) I mean, listen to this!!

Dick: It's really annoying. (**engine sounds finally stop**)

Maddox: Yeah. It's super annoying. I was gonna play that on and on. I got like 2-3 minutes of that, but it annoys me so much. Um...Dick, here's some statistics.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Zero percent of chicks think your economy sedan wins races. (cracks up) Because it's loud. (Sean laughs in the background) Zero percent!

Dick: Wait a minute!! Wait a minute!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um...I remember a study that found how much...how turned on women get (Maddox laughs) depending on what engine they're listening to!

Maddox: What?!

Dick: This was a real thing! And Maserati won. And I don't think Maserati did the study, but they compared, like, luxury cars?

Maddox: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Dick: So I don't know if what you're saying is factual! I think -- I don't know where you got that survey that said zero percent of chicks think, uh...are turned on by these cars, but I think they might be!

Maddox: Dick, where...? This sounds like bullshit, this study. What would they do, just like -

Dick: (interjects) It's just something I remembered!! I don't know where it was!

Maddox: Ohokay! (laughing)

Dick: It was on the Internet, it was interesting! I was like, "Huh! Maserati. You don't say."

Maddox: Yeah. Sounds as reliable as a Truther. What do they, go around with cotton swabs and dab their panties after they listen to engine noises?? Like, how the fuck can they tell how turned on a chick is?!

Dick: That's a good question, I don't know.

Maddox: How...by the way, how do you tell in general? I don't know! (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. (smirks) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: I have no fuckin' idea, man. It's like a...just a black box. Um, here's more statistics: you can modify your Honda Civic to go faster than a stock BMW. This is something that Civic owners ALWAYS say: (stupid voice) "Oh man, my...my, uh, modified Civic goes faster than a stock BMW," or Mercedes or whatever, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Whatever sports car you want. But zero percent of people who can afford a luxury car give a shit, because their car is worth more than your entire fucking house. Right? They could simply buy the stupid car that you have AND the mods if they wanted to. Newsflash: they don't! (yelling) You don't see Richard Branson driving around, Elon Musk, or Notch driving around town in shitty modified Honda Civics! They don't give a fuck, because they can afford to buy real sports cars.

Dick: Yeah. What are your thoughts on muscle cars? Like classic cars, then? 'Cause they're quite loud.

Maddox: They're loud!

Dick: And showy.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But they're AWESOME! I hate these little rice rockets too, but I *love* American muscle cars, dude.

Maddox: (chuckling) Rice rockets. So a buddy of mine -

Dick: (interjects) Is that not...is that an offensive term?

Maddox: Yes! (laughs) Would you call a Mexican-made car a "bean rocket"? (Dick laughs) Or uh, a Thai-based car a "coconut rocket"?? Like, what would you...where do you... (cracks up)

Dick: I mean, I...I WOULD. Not on this podcast. (both laugh more)

Maddox: I think you just did, buddy. Um...yeah, dude -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, get over it!! Is that...is that that bad? (grinning)

Maddox: No, I'm just bustin' your balls.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: 'Cause I don't give a shit. Um, listen, man. Muscle cars, yeah. They're...they're loud -- look, they don't have to be so loud and obnoxious. I think that by design, if that's how they were built? Fine! If they didn't have the muffler technology back then, which they probably didn't, 'cause there are a lot of defects in muscle cars. Like they're powerful cars, sure!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But they're not as efficient in MANY ways, especially fuel efficiency.

Dick: Eh, I like the sound though.

Sean: Well, back in the day they didn't have catalytic converters.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Those choke off alotta sound too.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true! That's true, Sean. I dunno, yeah, I guess they're cool.

Dick: What do you want, everything to be electric? Driving around like "vrrrrrrrrr..." (imitating quiet hum of an electric car) Nobody can hear anything?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like some weird, uh, little kid's playset?

Maddox: I mean, that'd be ideal, yes.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah, you...next time you have a mid-life crisis and your penis is too small, don't make us listen to it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's all I'm asking.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you can sit at lunch and brunch, and have your tea and peace and quiet. (Maddox chuckles) And have a good conversation with NOT me. (laughs with Sean)

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. What, what, you're saying I'm some kind of a snob because I want to enjoy my lunch without this? (**plays sound of engine idling from video**) (Dick cackles) Constantly in my fucking ear?? Rattling my fillings in my mouth? Is that what you... (cracks up) ...what you're suggesting, Dick?

Dick: It is comforting! It's starting to get comforting, this sound.

Maddox: Great! I'll play it the rest of the fuckin' episode.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: You know what? We're gonna play it the rest of this fuckin' podcast! Every single episode from now on. Sean, I'm just gonna send this to you. Just loop it into everything. (**engine sounds still playing**) There you go, Dick. Enjoy. Play it right over everything Dick says from now on.

Dick: Ha!

Maddox: Shit drives me nuts. (**engine sounds stop**) Fuck off with that noise. (muttering)

Dick: Do you have a lot of them over here? On this side of town? Do you have a lot of those guys?

Maddox: Not as much, but occasionally. And it's usually right when I'm saying something important during lunch. (Dick laughs)

Dick: What??

Maddox: They just...they have this way of knowing right when I'm comin' to the THESIS of what I'm saying. Right?

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: 'Cause I'm always orating. At lunch -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah. No, I know. (teasing) (both laugh)

Maddox: What a smug fuckin' smartass attitude you got here, Dick!

Dick: 'Cause it's like...you're describing, like, a sitcom.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you reach the end of your, um...I think maybe they heard you and they're just like, "Alright, just shut up. I'm tired of this oration."

Maddox: Oh, and they just drive by and just rev their engines for me, huh?

Dick: Yup.

Maddox: I even watched -- there's a YouTube video of a loud muffler contest, and all these Harleys and, you know, motorcycles are lined up, and the announcer is getting visibly annoyed by these assholes! They keep revving up the engines while he's giving instructions on how they should rev up their engines!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then he'll wait because it'll take a minute, because one dickhead will rev it up and ANOTHER dickhead has to rev it up, 'cause it becomes this giant fuckin' audio pissing contest! (yelling)

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: "Oh, vroom vroom vroom! Here we go!" (Dick laughs) "Let's all...let's all fuckin' rev up our engines!" And then one person dies down and another person revs up, it never fuckin' ends! Then 2 minutes later the announcer goes, "Thank you for that." (Dick cackles loudly) 'Can I just explain the fucking rules??' It's a 6-minute video for like, a 10-second contest. (Dick laughs more)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: 'Cause of these MORONS. (switches to stupid voice) "Huh-huh! Huh, yeah! Huh, LOUD! Whuuuh, LOUDER! HUUUUH!" Idiot. (Sean chuckles in the background) There's a website called Moneysupermarket.com, and it's actually surprisingly well researched. There's a ton of info on this. The most common reason people modify their cars is not to make it more functional, such as installing sunroofs or air conditioning, parking sensors, et cetera, but for performance and aesthetic reasons. Modifications to engine and mechanics can increase your insurance rate by up to 160 percent, Dick. And all aesthetic modifications combined, including tinted windows, spoilers, and bodykit panels, can increase your insurance by as much as 334 percent! [http://www.moneysupermarket.com/car-insurance/blog/car-modifications-car-insurance-prices/]

Dick: Well, you know I hate car insurance!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, it sounds like car insurance isn't the problem necessarily. I mean, it's exacerbated by body modifications.

Dick: So what should these guys do? How are they gonna deal with their tiny penises though?

Maddox: I suggest they fuck off.

Dick: Well, alright.

Maddox: They should start fucking off and then KEEP fucking off.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: For the rest of their lives.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, I dunno, man! You're born with a small penis, do you have to announce it to the world?? (Dick laughs) Every time you drive by? So, the most modified cars -- I just have a couple of stats here, and then I'm done.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The most modified cars: number one is the Mazda RX7, and the things that people modify the most are alloy wheels and the exhaust system. Toyota Supra's number two, number three is the Nissan Skyline, and number four -- this is one I didn't suspect, but it's the Mini. And they're all alloy wheels -

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: - number one, and exhaust, number two.

Dick: Was the Scion on that list?

Maddox: No, the Scion was not on this list.

Dick: I find those things repugnant. Scions.

Maddox: Yeah, they're ugly cars. I almost bought one even though I hate the way they look and function, because they get REALLY good gas mileage. Those stupid boxy Scion xB's or whatever?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They have a lot of storage space, and they're really...they get really good gas mileage because they're very weak engines. I almost bought that because when I was shipping a lot of stuff through my online store, I would take packages to the airport or whatever, but.

Dick: I did know that about the Skyline, 'cause that was my car for uh, Grand...uh, Gran Turismo? Remember that game? Gran Turismo?

Maddox: Yeah, I remember Gran Turismo, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I had a real suped up Skyline.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: It was badass.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would sit in my apartment, turn up the speakers and rev it up. (Maddox laughs) "Rrrrr-rrrrr-rrrrr!" (laughs) Put 'em against the walls. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Well. (**plays sound of engine idling from video**) There you go, Dick.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Real cool! (sarcastic)

Dick: Are you done? That's a good problem!

Maddox: Yeah. Loud Muffler Doucheba-...LOUD MUFFLER DOUCHEBAGS. (raising voice over engine sounds)

Dick: I think I gotcha beat, though!

Maddox: Yeah, what's your problem, Dick? (**engine sounds stop**)

Dick: Jury duty.

Maddox: Jury duty! (chuckling)

Sean: Hmmm. (from the background)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright. Why is that a problem, Dick?

Dick: Look what I have in my hand.

Maddox: You got a jury duty summons!

Dick: I got a jury duty summons.

Maddox: Wow!

Dick: Yeah, why do we have to do this?? Why do I have to deal with this now?

Maddox: Because it's your civic duty...

Dick: Ohhh! (derisively)

Maddox: ...as a citizen, to go down...

Dick: Come on, with the civic duty shit!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: You know how many people they call in and USE in jury duty?

Maddox: How many?

Dick: 20 percent.

Maddox: So, they -

Dick: (interjects) So 80 percent of people are getting called in, sitting around, and then just go home. It's a HUGE waste of everybody's time.

Maddox: Well, Dick, I was about to shit all over your problem, but that's exactly the problem I have with jury duty so I wholeheartedly agree.

Dick: Yeah! It's a big waste of time!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I mean...okay, civic duty is their answer, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why don't they just let...like, it should be yes/no. "Hey, you have jury duty. Do you wanna do it?" "No." (Maddox chuckles) And then you could stay home!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because I guarantee you, 20 percent of people want to go be the executioner for someone in court.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You know what I mean?

Maddox: Like your buddy. You have a buddy who's like this.

Dick: My life coach, you mean.

Maddox: Yeah, your life coach, the gun guy. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, did you know he was on a jury? Did I ever tell you about his experience as a jury foreman?

Maddox: You did, but we should definitely tell this story on the podcast.

Dick: Oh...uh, okay. Sean, have you heard about this one?

Sean: Nope. (from the background)

Dick: Ha!

Maddox: So your friend...

Dick: My friend gets on a jury, and uh, it's a simple case. Three dudes knocked over a...some kind of convenience store. Or some kind of, like, everything store down in -

Maddox: (interjects) They robbed it.

Dick: They robbed it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, they robbed it. They stole a bike. They were caught red-h-...they walked in, blatantly stole the bike, and they were caught like a couple of blocks away. So my friend finagles his way up into the jury foreman position, and it takes him like a week and a half. He meets up with me after the case and he's like, "Hey hey hey, Dick, I gotta tell you about the case." I was like, "Well, what happened?" He explains it to me, and he's like, "Yeah, this poor Mexican store owner gets on the stand, and like, English -- he's not very good with English, so he's trying to describe how these hoods stole a bike from his shop. Right? But he doesn't speak English."

Maddox: He said "hoods"?

Dick: No... (stammers) He barely spoke English!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: He was using like, two translators...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and he's getting, uh, torn into by the...by whatever, the attorneys.

Maddox: The prosecution. Right.

Dick: Yeah, the prosecu-...well, no, the defense.

Maddox: The defense, okay.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, so he's struggling with his story, and my buddy basically "12 Angry Men"-ed these guys (Maddox chuckles) to being innocent! Even though it was like -- he explained the story...he explained...the log line for the story is, these three guys stole a bike from this poor, uh, immigrant who can't speak English.

Maddox: So he browbeat the other jurors... (Dick laughs)

Dick: Like, with logic! Like, "Well, uh, you know, his testimony was slightly inaccurate, and it wasn't really very clear if this was -- if he assaulted them or made a move to attack them." I'm like, "Who the fuck CARES? Did you think they stole the bike? Throw them in jail!!"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What do the specifics matter?! They robbed a bike!! PRISON!

Maddox: Hey Matlock, shut the fuck up!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Let's put these dickheads behind bars!

Dick: Right!!

Maddox: Let's get a couple of bike thieves off the streets.

Dick: So this is...these are the people who *want* to go to jury duty.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: By the way. 'Cause he loved it.

Maddox: You know what? These are like...these are junior deputies. These are volunteer deputies, the same people. Right? They're just like, chomping at the bit! They wanna get in there, they wanna get a little bit of power, a little bit of authority. You know, Dick, I have a jury duty story. I got summoned the first time a long time ago to jury duty, and I showed up and there was a room full of about 200 people, and I thought, "Well, this is weird!" 'Cause I see juries, and they're usually made up of what, 12 people? Maybe 11? I dunno.

Dick: Yeah, and why is it 12?

Maddox: Eh, I dunno.

Dick: Why isn't it, like, 3?

Maddox: So you can't have a hung -

Dick: (interjects) Why you gotta waste everybody's time?

Maddox: I think it's an odd number so you can't have a hung jury. I believe.

Dick: No, it's an even number.

Maddox: An even number! So you CAN.

Dick: So you can...you CAN very much have a hung jury. I think it's 12 because of Jesus.

Maddox: Yeah. Well -

Dick: (interjects) I think it's 12 because of the Apostles, I really do.

Maddox: Okay. (amused) Well, um...made-up theories aside. (both laugh) So...

Dick: Why is it 12??

Maddox: I don't know, Dick!

Dick: Ah!

Maddox: But you just made that up! I don't know.

Dick: Ahh, sounds good though!

Maddox: Could be any reason. So I showed up and there were like 200 people sittin' around, and I didn't bring anything with me. First of all, the line to get into the courthouse is *atrocious.*

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I had to wait 40 minutes just to get in through their SECURITY checkpoint! I'm like, "What am I...what am I, bringing bombs into this thing?? I don't give a shit! You're calling ME, assholes! I didn't call YOU. I don't wanna be here!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "What am I gonna bring in with me?! A fuckin' samurai sword? I don't have anything on me! I didn't even bring my cell phone. I'm fuckin'..." They're like, "Oh, you can't bring any devices in here." So...and then they didn't even provide parking, so I had to PAY to do jury duty! I had to pay all day long for parking just to get into the fucking courthouse.

Dick: Yeah. No, it's ridiculous!

Maddox: It's absurd. Then I get in and I'm sitting, and WAITING, and WAITING, and WAITING on these plastic, hard, fucking uncomfortable seats while everyone around me has books and laptops and stuff, and I didn't know you could bring this!! (yelling) So everyone's sittin' around with their laptops, "Ohh!" Havin' a good -

Dick: (interjects) I didn't know that either.

Maddox: Yeah, they're havin' a good old time! Playing video games, and reading, and whatever because apparently they don't give a shit about doing work or being productive. *I* do! But I didn't have anything with me so I sat there twiddling my thumbs, lookin' at the stupid propaganda posters about all these celebrities who do jury duty. "Ohh, so-and-so...Tony Danza did jury duty, so you should be happy to do jury duty!" (heavily mocking) (Dick laughs) I'm like, "Fuck you!! Gimme Tony Danza's life, I'll do jury duty! SURE!"

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Bangin'...bangin' Samantha? What... (cracks up) ...what's her name, on Who's the Boss?

Dick: Mona.

Maddox: Mona! (laughs)

Dick: Mona, you're thinking of Mona.

Maddox: Not... (through giggles)

Dick: Mona was the hot one.

Maddox: No! (Dick and Sean laugh) No, she wasn't. Maybe for you, buddy!

Dick: No, I'm pretty sure. I'm pretty sure it was Mona. (smiling)

Maddox: Alyssa Milano, that's the hot one.

Dick: And they pay you...what do they pay you, 15 bucks a day in California?

Maddox: I don't know, somethin' like that.

Dick: They don't even pay -- they don't pay you the minimum wage that, like, everyone else makes. For your time.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: For showing up, they don't pay you minimum wage. It's their minimum wage! They made it up. Well, why are we not getting that?

Maddox: You know, Dick, while I was standing in line for jury duty, I remember I was FRANTICALLY Googling "how to get out of jury duty."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And all I had on me was my cell phone, and I was just looking desperately for any way to get out of this. And I learned that...uh, that, you know, a lot of people are saying, "Well, you shouldn't get out of it because it's your civic duty, and society would fail, blah blah blah blah blah," and I thought, "You know what? That's fine. I buy that argument." If you need me to do jury duty, call me down and I'll do jury duty, but don't FUCKING waste my time.

Dick: Yeah! That's what -- you mean, you would do it if you just went down and were able to do it?

Maddox: Gladly.

Dick: Why "gladly"?

Maddox: Because...why not? You hop on, you do your part -

Dick: (interjects) Got stuff to do! It's like 5 days of your life? Fuck that!

Maddox: Well, potentially. Potentially maybe longer, maybe less, but I think -

Dick: (interjects) I think the average is 5. I brought -- I did bring in a stats for you.

Maddox: Well, I wouldn't mind...I wouldn't mind doing it if it was just every now and then. Maybe once every 5 years, and enough people went through it. Yeah, sure!

Dick: So you wouldn't mind?

Maddox: Occasionally, if they actually used me! If I came down and they made use of my time rather than made me sit on a fucking plastic chair for 8 hours...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...only to dismiss me, not even give me lunch?? I had to go to this shitty chicken place!

Dick: I think a lot of people are like you, though. And that you would say "yes" on the form if it was just "check yes or no," like, "Do you like me, Superior Courthouse? Check yes or no." You'd check "Yeah, sure, I'll do it."

Maddox: What do you mean, "do you like me"?

Dick: So just let...er, "Do you wanna do jury duty?" (Maddox chuckles) "Check yes or no, and send it back."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You would probably say "yes"!

Maddox: If they would use my time efficiently...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...every now and then I wouldn't mind. Yeah.

Dick: That's a perfect system.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I would check "no" every time.

Maddox: Great. They should drag you kicking and screaming.

Dick: Oh yeah, that would...that would make me a real great jury member. (sarcastic) (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: You know -

Dick: (interjects) Some poor bastard is gonna have me on their jury potentially. Can you imagine that? (laughs)

Maddox: Well, if you were on the same... (cracks up)

Dick: "Stats? You guys got stats?!" "Nope! Save 'em. Don't care."

Maddox: Yeah. "What...guys, what do you think? Do you think they did this 12 because of Jesus?"

Dick: Probably!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) Great, Dick. What are your stats?

Dick: Yep. The wage thing pisses me off, though.

Maddox: Yeah, the wage thing's bullshit!

Dick: 'Cause they know...they know how much money I make, so why don't I just get credit on that on my taxes? Like if I gotta go down there for a day, can't I just write off a day?

Maddox: Because, Dick, here's -

Dick: (interjects) Like, "Hey IRS, gimme a day of taxes...back."

Maddox: No, here's the problem with that. So, supposedly everybody is in the jury duty pool. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: From CEOs to...

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: ...people underneath the poverty line. Supposedly. And -- although I believe that most really rich and powerful people find a way out of jury duty. But -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, you just don't go!

Maddox: Yeah. But the people who are really rich and powerful, if they came down -- like, say you're a CEO of uh...I dunno, Walmart. You're one of the Waltons, whatever. And your daily salary is somethin' like 100,000 dollars. What's the government just supposed to compensate you that much money?

Dick: Yeah, it's called a write-off. You don't have to pay taxes for that day.

Maddox: Yeah, and then it just...then it just lowers the entire tax pool. That doesn't make sense.

Dick: Yeah, then stop asking!

Maddox: H'okay. (chuckling)

Dick: You know? Then stop making so many things illegal!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Stop making drugs illegal. You'll need a lot less jurors. How 'bout that?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick, I dunno. I...I think that uh, I think it's more... (sighs)

Dick: Stop writing so many parking tickets!

Maddox: Yeah, there are a lot of bullshit laws. I think it's more important to...to go to jury duty every chance you can get to really push the jury nullification clause.

Dick: What do you mean, "push it"?

Maddox: Like, just to -

Dick: (interjects) You wanna explain what that is?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I know what that is, but a lot of people don't.

Maddox: Yeah, this is a really important thing, 'cause we've talked about this, Dick. Jury nullification is one of the most powerful things that you have in the country, which is you can sit down on any jury and no matter what the evidence is; no matter what the law is; no matter who they bring in, what they say; no matter what, you can always reject anything you want and just...make somebody who's guilty walk free as being innocent. Say, for example, in chickenshit drug convictions for marijuana, or...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...victimless crimes that they wanna lock someone up for. You can have jury nullification and get someone off the hook. I think it's important to do that.

Dick: Yeah, and you can say, "I don't agree with that law."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "So I'm...they're not guilty of anything to me."

Maddox: If you find a law unjust, you have the power as a jury member to nullify that law.

Dick: Here's a guy from, uh...a guy from Slate wrote this up. [http://www.slate.com/blogs/moneybox/2012/02/27/why_are_people_so_averse_to_jury_duty_.html] "I struggle to understand America's disdain for jury duty. I've been called twice, and both times was happy to go." You agree with that?

Maddox: Mm...

Dick: "All things considered, I'd much rather do my regular job day-in and day-out than do jury duty, but I do my regular job every day. I find that taking a day or two or three off every few years to go do something different is pretty fun." (mocking)

Maddox: Oh. (annoyed)

Dick: Can you fuckin' believe that somebody wrote "jury duty is pretty fun"?

Maddox: Fuck off. (Dick laughs) He probably wrote this ON jury duty. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Dick: I dunno. (amused) Um...yeah. [continues quoting Slate article] "For salaried professionals, jury duty is a paid vacation. What's not to like?" What a...what an idiot.

Maddox: What an asshole.

Dick: Yeah, this is who you're getting on your jury, by the way.

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: Not me!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I'll avoid it like the plague. There's NO way I'll get on a jury.

Maddox: And you know, writers can do their job from anywhere, so this Slate dickhead probably just sat around in jury duty, sitting around MAKING MONEY. Unlike all these poor schmucks who have day jobs, who actually have to be there and work their jobs, and maybe they're...they're clerks somewhere, and they're losing their salary. And this guy's, "Ohh, it's a vacation! It's a paid vacation!" Sure! Why not, dickhead? (cynical)

Dick: 32 million people in the U.S. are summoned for jury service every year.

Maddox: Oh, that's it?

Dick: Yeah. 32 million? That's a lot!

Maddox: That's like, what, 1 percent?

Dick: That's like 10 percent of the country.

Maddox: 10 percent? Eh...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I dunno, man. What's our...what percentage of our population is in prison? It's somethin' absurd, like 10 percent. Right?

Dick: Yeah, I don't know.

Maddox: Wait a second...

Dick: That's a lot.

Maddox: ...10 percent of our population serves jury duty, 10 percent of our population's in jail...hmm? 1-to-1?

Dick: What are you getting at?

Maddox: Every jury -- every juror who goes to jury duty convicts a prisoner.

Dick: Oh, that's your...that's your platform?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh. Um...estimated number of summonses returned as undeliverable: 4 million. Uh, the people who just don't show up: 3 million. 3 million people just don't show up.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: So I think I'm...I'd be in good company if I just didn't go in. Right? 3 million people!

Maddox: 1 percent!

Dick: Nobody's gettin' busted for it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that's pretty good.

Maddox: Uh, pretty good problem, Dick. What else do you got? You got anything else?

Dick: No, no, no. That's it.

Maddox: Alright, man. Let's get to a real problem this week. (laughs)

Dick: M'kay. (amused) Oh, I got some funny excuses people have used.

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: Um, a woman explained that she couldn't serve on a capital murder trial because she had been a previous victim of murder herself. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: She was a victim of murder? (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh. Okay. Well, that's a big problem. I mean, I do not want a ghost serving on my jury. You know what you could do during jury duty though, Dick? You could listen to some Audible books!

Dick: Oh, yeah! Today's show is brought to you by Audible. Please visit http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest for your free audiobook download. Maddox, you know all about Audible, right? They have 150,000 titles to choose from?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Every genre, Audible has it covered. You get a free Audible book when you sign up today! Uh, they've got over 1,000 science and technology books, and over 1,100 science fiction and fantasy titles. And uh, you know what else they have?

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: A bit of erotica.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uhh, what do you mean, Dick? What kind of erotica do they have on Audible? (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Well, I picked up some, uh...I picked out some titles that you might be interested in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, "Poorly Made in China." (Maddox cracks up) That book I referenced a couple episodes ago? You can download that on Audible.

Maddox: Great. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah! So you can educate yourself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: About China.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, "Politics" by Aristotle...

Maddox: That's a...that's an erotic novel?

Dick: No no, that's not an erotic novel. (chuckling)

Maddox: Oh. (laughs)

Dick: Neither is "Poorly Made in China." These are just...

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: ...these are just things you can listen to. (grinning)

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Oh, I thought these were all erotic novels.

Dick: No! (laughs loudly)

Maddox: Okay, you're just proselytizing for previous problems, Dick! I have actual -

Dick: (interjects) No, I'm reading the ad!

Maddox: Oh! (laughs)

Dick: "Politics" by Aristotle...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...so you can pretend to be a greater mind.

Maddox: Sure. Pretend. (under his breath)

Dick: And this one... (cracks up) ...I really will download this one: "How Smart is God?" (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Uh, they did a test? They asked him? They did an interview?

Dick: I don't know! I wanna find out. That's the book, though.

Maddox: Well, you can also ask him about the jury duty question. "Why is it 12, God?"

Dick: And of course, my favorite...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...um, "Milked at Her Uncle's Farm." I actually brought in some clips from that one.

Maddox: Oh, did you really?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Finally! Okay, let's hear this.

Dick: Yeah, I'm gonna...no, I'm gonna play 'em at the end of the show.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Just in case Audible listens to the ad, and... (both laugh)

Maddox: I, uh...there are some books I found on Audible. (cracking up) There's one called "Caught with the Dildo and Taken From Behind" by Dawn Devore... (smiling) There is "Fill Her Up," "The Afternoons of a Woman of Leisure"...

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah. These all sound, uh, these all sound like things I'd wanna listen to while I drive. Anyway, Dick. Uh, great! So, http://audiblepodcast.com/...what is it?

Dick: http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest , for your free audiobook download.

Maddox: And guys, it really helps the show. Thank you so much for supporting the show. We're able to pay our transcribers, and...people to do thumbnails, and all these things to help free up time, 'cause this shit takes fucking forever every week. (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway man...let's get to a real problem, Dick. My second problem this week is non-porn porn!

Dick: What the hell is that? Like Cinemax porn?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Like softcore porn?

Maddox: No, I wish! I would settle for softcore porn. Here's what non-porn porn is: it's food porn. Have you heard of this expression?

Dick: Ohhh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: These fuckin' ass-...now there's food porn, space porn -

Dick: (interjects) What's space porn?

Maddox: It's just pictures of galaxies!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It's just a bunch of assholes who sit around giggling and saying, "Oh, look at this galaxy! Oh man, it's...PORN! It's po-...it's SPACE porn, 'cause look at -- oh, I love these galaxies! Oh, I can't get enough of galaxies!" (stupid voice)

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: "Oh man, look at that Milky Way!" I'll give YOU a Milky Way, right across your face. (Sean laughs in the background) Um, swarm porn...you know what swarm porn is?

Dick: SWARM?

Maddox: Yeah, swarm.

Dick: Like bees??

Maddox: Yeah, like bees, except it's birds! They...people like big swarms of birds, and they call it swarm porn!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Then there's bacon porn. I'm so FUCKING sick of it.

Dick: Yeah, I'm really sick of bacon. I don't even like eating it! It's so bad, like it's affected my enjoyment of eating bacon.

Maddox: Yeah. They've hurt you personally!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: With bacon porn. Breakfast porn! Again, it's just...eggs and bacon! It's a superset of bacon porn. There's cheddar porn -- did you know this is a fucking thing? (yelling) If you search Google Images right now for "cheddar porn," you'll find pictures of baked potatoes, grilled cheese sandwiches, cheeseburgers, mac and cheese...just people who fucking get off on fucking pictures of CHEDDAR and FOOD!

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Get a fucking life, losers! So there's cell phone porn, design porn, library porn -- not to be confused with LIBRARIAN porn, which is hot as shit! Now there's just library porn. Search Google right now for "library porn," and you're going to find just pictures and pictures of libraries! Not librarians getting stuffed, just libraries!

Dick: With SafeSearch off.

Maddox: With SafeSearch off, of course.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's destruction porn, just...you know, people destroying things.

Dick: Ooooh, wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That sounds pretty cool.

Maddox: Yeah, sounds pretty cool. You know what it is? Destruction.

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: It's not porn!

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Just call it "destruction"!

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: There's beer porn...and this is from Reddit, this is one of the threads. There's a subreddit with beer porn, and I think there's like 24,000 subscribers to it?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: This is a...this is a title of one of their posts: "Home brewed mosaic single-hop IPA," and it's just a picture of it and some idiot drooling about it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's car porn, furniture porn...it never fucking ends, man! Now here's the problem with non-porn porn, Dick. The problem I have with it is the same problem I have with the word "epic": it's cheapening the word "porn." If you just apply the word "porn" liberally to non-sexual hobbies, it makes it harder to find REAL porn that you masturbate to! (Dick chuckles) Here's a general rule: if you don't masturbate to it, it's not porn! If you actually masturbate to pictures of bacon or space, you're an asshole. You're not sexually attracted to space, FUCK OFF!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The real problem with non-porn porn is that it slows you down while you're searching for porn, which means you spend more time masturbating and less time doing anything else! That means you start your day later, go to work later, get your job done later, which kills productivity and lowers the national output, eventually bringing the economy to a grinding halt. Next thing you know, the jobless rate skyrockets, people move to slums, and everyone dies in a giant race war! All thanks to non-porn porn. It's the biggest problem in the universe, vote it up! (yelling)

Dick: Yeah...eh, I think the cause of this is kinda related to my Fireball Whiskey problem.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You know? Well, because there's this, like...there's this desire to be immature. There's this desire to...use immature words, like use juvenile words for things, like "porn." You know? It's very...like, you don't think that's juvenile, the word "porn"? Like you get...the time of your life when you're excited about porn, when it's new to you, is when you're a teenager. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know if it's juvenile so much as a race for hyperbole. Like people are running out of ways to express themselves in more and more extreme ways, so they

have to say...they can't just say, "I like pictures of space," "I like space photography"; they have to say, "I'm into space porn."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They have to suggest that there's some sexual connotation going on, like their...their clits expand because they look at a picture of a galaxy.

Dick: Hm! Yeah.

Maddox: They get erect, they get AROUSED because they're seeing a planet.

Dick: Is it...OR, or -- I'm gonna take the other side -- is this the first step to porn being integrated into everything? Like...naked news, topless newscasters. (smiling) You know what I'm talking about?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like Idiocracy, where *everything* is sexualized. I wouldn't mind that!

Maddox: I think that's a solution!

Dick: Cheddar porn, with like a bunch of naked chicks on it? Like, "Okay." (nonchalantly)

Maddox: Buncha cheddar...stuffed in...

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah. I don't think so, Dick. I'd say that's pretty gross. And you know, if it was that, Dick? I wouldn't have a problem with it, but it's not. It's becoming...you know what they're doing? They're sanitizing Google searches! You used to be able to search for "(anything) porn," and then something that was nude or obscene that you wouldn't wanna show your mom would come up.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: NOW, I could pull up... (stammers) ...any kind of porn, and just show my mom! "Here you go, Mom! Here's library porn. Look at a bunch of fuckin' libraries!" (Dick laughs) "You -- oh, what do you wanna see, space? Lemme look up space porn!" (yelling) "What do you wanna see, birds? Bird porn. Here you go."

Dick: My 2-year-old nephew is addicted to train porn. (Maddox and Sean laugh) That's all he wants to watch, is backhoe loaders...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and dump trucks. And trains.

Maddox: Ah, I wanna watch some backhoe load porn. Yeah.

Dick: Construction equipment porn, and um...and train porn.

Maddox: Yeah. I'd backload a ho. Watch some porn of that. (slyly) (suddenly raises voice) You know there's even -

Dick: (interjects) Why are you using Google for your porn needs? Like, haven't we evolved past that?

Maddox: You know, if I'm in a -

Dick: Just go straight to...

Maddox: - if I'm in a quick search -- look, Dick, that was my point! It's slowing us...slowing us down to do a porn search. I shouldn't have to go to a specialized website to look up porn to jerk off! I should be able to jerk off any time I want anywhere, buddy!

Dick: Do you really use Google to look up porn??

Maddox: If I'm in a pinch!

Dick: (chuckling) Well, what do you mean, "if you're in a pinch"? Describe me the scenario where you need to use Google to look up porn. I'm genuinely asking.

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: Stuck in traffic. (Dick bursts out laughing)

Maddox: There you go. Thank you, Sean.

Dick: Stuck at jury duty. (grinning)

Maddox: Stuck in traffic, my MP3 player just ran out of batteries, I can't listen to the erotic lactation story from Audible. (background laughter)

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then I just...I need to look up porn, I might have a laptop handy or something, you know? I need to look it up! I might be in a library. Here's an actual scenario.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You're at a friend's house, and you want to use their computer. You're there for a few days, you forgot your laptop or whatever, and you wanna, say...I dunno, rub one out real quick. (Dick snickers) So you hop on their computer, you hop onto Google, you open up an incognito window...

Dick: (laughing) You have to use your friend's computer to jerk off? Is your imagination that broken?

Maddox: I don't...I don't HAVE to, Dick, I GET to. It's not that I need it; I WANT it! (growling)

Dick: In your friend's computer chair?? That's kinda...like, you're both using the same chair to get a hard-on?

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's weird!

Maddox: Whoooa, Dick, hold on. You've never heard of the spank bank? Come on, buddy. I'm not gonna jerk off in your chair!

Dick: What do you mean, "spank bank"?

Maddox: Spank bank! You see somethin', you put it in the spank bank, you make a deposit, and then you make a withdrawal later when you're, uh -

Dick: (interjects) No, I don't...I don't feel comfortable with this idea. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: What??

Dick: You're coming over -- do you do this at my house? You come over and sit in the chair I use to jerk off, and look at porn on my porno machine?

Maddox: Hold on... (laughing)

Dick: That's weird. And wrong.

Maddox: Not always! Well, did you see anything suspicious in your history browser? Of course not!

Dick: Nah, I don't look.

Maddox: Because I used...I used an incognito window and Google search, buddy.

Dick: Do you do this, Sean? Have you ever used my computer to jerk off?

Sean: No, never, but I thought about incognito.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I was like, "That would be a good way to do it."

Maddox: As soon as I said "incognito," Sean was nodding like a hyena. He was like, "Yeah, yeah, yeah!!" (eagerly) (laughs with Dick) Yeah, there's too much of this bullshit non-porn, man. There's even child porn! Did you know... (breaks down laughing) (Sean laughs uncomfortably in the background) Just pictures of babies!! (laughs more)

Dick: So you're searching for that on my computer too? (cracks up)

Maddox: Just your computer, buddy. Um...and while we're at it, you're not a sapiosexual. Can we talk about this? Huh? A sapiosexual -- do you know what this is, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, I learned about this recently.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Since my Tinder experiences, I learned what a sapiosexual was.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: And that everybody's...chicks who I am never gonna bang in a million years are all that. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yep. Buncha fuckin' assholes. A sapiosexual is a trendy, humble-brag way of telling people that you're smart.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, wow! So you're so intellectual that you're sexually stimulated by intelligence. Cool! (heavily sarcastic) Let me know when you're intelligent enough to know that human

physiology is basically the same, and you can't fuck a GPA. (Dick and Sean laugh) You might find smart people highly appealing, but you can't grind your vagina against their I.Q.! You can hump someone's forehead all you want, but dumb people's foreheads are virtually indistinguishable from smart people's when it comes to smashing your genitals against them.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: In fact, I'd argue that dumb people may even be better to grind your genitals against because their foreheads are more sloped. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: How 'bout that, Dick? You ever thought about -

Dick: (interjects) I never thought about that!

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Well, I...does that apply to women as well, or only men?

Maddox: What? I don't know, man. I've never grinded my penis against a dumb woman's forehead. Well...

Dick: Oho, really? (teasing) (both laugh loudly)

Maddox: Oh boy, man. That's a whole new episode. Anyway, dude.

Dick: Yeah, it's...it's pretty obnoxious.

Maddox: That's my problem.

Dick: I messaged this, um...this "sapiosexual" girl -- the last girl I talked to was that -- and within 2 messages, she managed to get into an argument about Neil deGrasse Tyson with me.

Maddox: Great. (dryly)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (surly) Wow, what a sapiosexual.

Dick: Yeah. It was re-...it was a real blast.

Maddox: Yeah. I bet all the -- I bet people are just POUNDING down Stephen Hawking's door to bang him, huh?

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: (stupid voice with lisp) "Oh, you're so smart! Can I bang your GPA?"

Dick: I mean, kind of! Considering the handicap that he has, both literally and metaphorically, that guy has gotten a LOT of ass, and like.....um, scandalously!

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Like he banged his nurse -- oh, yeah! I think he married his nurse, I think...

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Dick: ...she was his nurse while he was married, or something like that. I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, he banged his nurse.

Dick: I'm not Wikipedia.

Maddox: Yeah. But I think that's more -- that has more to do with him just being in close quarters with someone. Look, if you're in close quarters with someone long enough, you're eventually gonna bang.

Dick: Really?! (Maddox laughs) Even if you can't...even if you sound like a computer?

Maddox: Dick, that's why we cut this... (Dick laughs) ...this podcast off at 1 hour ON THE DOT every week! We can't! We just can't.

Dick: So...so we don't bang? (smiling)

Maddox: We don't bang! (laughing)

Dick: We don't bang accidentally?

Maddox: The sexual tension in the room after every episode, man. It's...oh, you could cut it with a knife! (Dick giggles)

Dick: Are you done?

Maddox: Yeah, Non-Porn Porn. That's my problem.

Dick: Non-Porn Porn...yeah, I do feel like it's in the same vein with the "I Fucking Love Science"...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...shit that I know you hate.

Maddox: I do. What's your uh, what's your next problem, Dick?

Dick: What do you want them to call it?

Maddox: What, non-porn porn?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How about just the thing that you're searching? Instead of "bird porn," "birds." Instead of "space porn," "space." Instead of "bacon porn" -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but how do they differentiate themselves from, like, exceptionally good pictures of birds? You want them to say that?

Maddox: Well, they're...first of all, when you search for "bird porn," you're not gonna find exceptionally good pictures of birds; you're just gonna find a BUNCH of pictures of birds.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Anything anyone considers a picture of a bird is going to come up in a search for "bird porn."

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: And similarly for bacon, or anything else. It's...it's just a cute way of doing -- you know what, how about this, Dick?

Dick: You don't like cute stuff.

Maddox: No!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: How about just "bacon enthusiasts"? How 'bout that? Oh, is "enthusiast" too hard to type? (heavily sarcastic) "Porn," 4-letter word.

Dick: Yeah, it's kinda tied into, like, the "x-treme" marketing thing?

Maddox: Which I also hate.

Dick: Like, everything has to be extreme now?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I know, man! I heard a...I heard a Tecate commercial...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...last week, and it sucked hearing it because I'm a big fan of Tecate. Um, where they...it was all about like, "mansplaining" and "manterven-..."

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: It was all this "man" shit, and I was -

Maddox: (interjects) More sexist agenda.

Dick: I was so sad about it that I...like I almost wished I had not started doing that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Back, when, like 10 years ago? When that was kind of new!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: To throw "man" on everything and do, like, that extremely masculine advertising.

Maddox: Well, now it's a derisive way to diminish something, or to use it as -

Dick: (interjects) It's condescending!

Maddox: Yeah, it's very condescending. It's a way to just attach gender onto some concept that they want to make...gendered, and push a social agenda where there is none.

Dick: Well, it was a beer commercial. I don't know if they were pushing a...social agenda, but...

Maddox: I dunno, man.

Dick: ...yeah. (cracks up)

Maddox: Anyway, dude. What do you, uh...what's your next problem?

Dick: Alright. My next problem is a big one.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: I've been saving it up for a while, too.

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: You know. My problem is...changing your sheets! (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: (**crickets chirping sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: It's a big problem!

Maddox: Is it? (giggling)

Dick: Have you ever had to change your sheets, Maddox?

Maddox: Uh, yeah, dude! Every time I...I wash them.

Dick: EVERY...every time I change my sheets...first of all, it's impossible to do right. (Sean smirks in the background) You feel like an IDIOT, because I will put it on -- somehow I managed to put my fitted sheet on wrong five times. Every time I change my sheets. There's no... (stammers) There's no way to tell which is which!

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom shouting, "You dumb shit!"**)

Dick: Which angle is which! Which, uh, corner is which. Do you know what I'm saying?

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "You are a jackass!"**) (laughs) How...Dick, you just...how do you put it on wrong FIVE TIMES?

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: If you flip a coin every single time, you have a better chance of success than the way you did it.

Dick: You'd think so, but it just doesn't work like that. You put it on right the first time every time?

Maddox: Every time! You know why?

Dick: How do you...how do you do that?

Maddox: You look at the seams, and one side is ruffled and has fabric hanging out -

Dick: (interjects) NO, not inside out!! I mean I put it on, like, the wrong rectangle! I put the short side on the long side...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...and the long side on the short side.

Maddox: Well, what, do you just get plain -

Dick: (interjects) So it doesn't fit!

Maddox: My sheets always have stripes on them so I know! The long way goes towards the long side of the bed, end of story!

Dick: Oh, you son of a bitch, that's pretty smart! (astonished)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I don't want chicks to feel like they're in a prison when they're in my bed, though.

Maddox: No, no, no! They're very subtle. They're...it's like a two-tone...it's a very subtle two-tone sheet where the stripes are very, very -- you know, it's like a pinstripe suit, Dick!

Dick: I...I know what stripes are. (both laugh) That's pretty smart!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You always got a solution for everything. Did you do that on purpose?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah, I...

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: ...'cause I remember, I had this problem a long time -- actually, I didn't. When I was living at home -

Dick: (interjects) So it was a big problem for you at one point.

Maddox: No, I thought about it before I bought it at, uh...I think it was at Bed, Bath and Beyond or something. But at my parents' house, when I still lived in my pussy bed, I had a queen, right?

Dick: Excuse me?

Maddox: It was a pussy bed.

Dick: Why is it a pussy bed?

Maddox: It was for...pussies.

Dick: (stammers) What do you mean? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: It means everything you probably want it to mean. (Dick laughs) It was like, just...

Sean: It was a car, wasn't it?

Maddox: (laughing) No! What are you talkin' about?

Dick: It was a queen-size bed -

Maddox: It was a queen-size bed!

Dick: - that was for...what do you mean, it was "for pussies"?

Maddox: Well, queen-size beds are for pussies.

Dick: Oh, 'cause they're not big enough for you?

Maddox: They're not big enough for me, AND for *pussies.* (sexy tone)

Dick: Oh, I see. Okay.

Maddox: 'Cause I just banged a lot. (everyone bursts out laughing)

Dick: Another "bags of sand" comment from you! (laughs uncontrollably)

Maddox: FUCK you, Dick!

Dick: You bang a lot, you call it a "pussy bed"?? (squeaking through giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, man! It's my pussy wagon! (both laugh more) Hop...

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: ...hop in my pussy wagon!

Dick: And now you have racing stripes on your bed.

Maddox: They're not racing stripes, asshole!

Dick: So what would you do with your queen-size bed?

Maddox: Well, with that you don't need to, 'cause it has a very obvious longer side to it.

Dick: No, it's not obvious enough!! Look, I struggle with it -- every time I have to change my sheets, I feel like a stupid idiot...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...by the time I'm done with it, and I'm a sweating mess. Like, I have to take all of my clothes off and wrap a towel around my forehead like a turban every time I change my sheets.

Maddox: Oh, dude. GREAT.

Dick: That doesn't happen to you?!

Maddox: No! I'm not an idiot.

Dick: No, it...it's EXHAUSTING.

Maddox: Dude, if you put it on wrong once, just remember which corner was which and rotate it 90 degrees in ANY direction.

Dick: Yeah... (stammers) I understand that. But it just doesn't work like that. I don't know!

Maddox: It does!

Dick: I don't know what to tell you.

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "This guy is STUPID!"**) Yeah.

Dick: It's awful.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: It's a huge pain in the ass.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't think so, Dick.

Dick: And -- AND, it's not necessary to do! The only reason you change your sheets is because you're gonna bang a chick...

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: ...and if she's already in bed, she's not gonna leave just 'cause the sheets are dirty!

Maddox: Well, she's not gonna stay!

Dick: Oh, that's...no, no, no. (derisively) She's already...she's already hooked in.

Maddox: (raises voice) Dude, I'm not...if I was a chick and I was over at your place, I'm not hanging around in your fucking disgusting beds with chili stains, and... (Sean laughs loudly in the background) ...pizza, like -

Dick: (interjects) I don't eat soup and chili and pizza in bed!!

Maddox: (laughing) I don't know...I don't know what you're doin' in your bed, dude. You're runnin' around your house wearing a turban, naked! (Dick cackles) The fuck are you talkin'...? Who the hell...I don't know what's going on in your house, in your life, man!

Dick: Well, it sounds like uh, the apocalypse outside, with all the helicopters and guys bumping their mufflers, so. (chuckling)

Maddox: (**plays sound of engine idling from muffler video**) Here you go, you don't think it's a problem! There you go, Dick. (**engine sounds stop**) Anyway, man. Not a problem at all... (breaks down laughing) So stupid.

Dick: It's a problem. I had to change my sheets three times this week.

Maddox: Augh.

Dick: It's a nightmare.

Maddox: Why have you changed your sheets three times, Dick? What has been so disgusting in your sheets that you had to change...?

Dick: 'Cause this girl was coming over. Right?

Maddox: Same one?

Dick: Um...hold on. What do you mean, "same one"?

Maddox: Same... (chuckles) Oh, different girls every time?

Dick: No no, settle down.

Maddox: Okay. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: What's goin' on, buddy?

Dick: I mean, I might not have a pussy bed like you. (both crack up) So calm down!

Sean: But I DO have girls who listen to this podcast. (Maddox and Dick laugh loudly)

Dick: So, girl was coming over. And I'm like, "I'm gonna...I'm gonna change my sheets. 'Cause it's been, uh, probably..." I dunno. Probably...I'll say a month and a half, but it was probably like 3 months. You know? Let's be honest.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I change sheets, and they're awful.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So we sleep in...but like, she...they're so bad that she says how awful they are the next morning.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: I was like, "Man, these...I don't think these sheets are...they're supposed to be flannel but they're, uh, they're really uncomfortable." She's like, "Yeah, it's like sleeping on a burlap sack."

Maddox: Oh, man. (exasperated)

Dick: So I'm like, "Alright." (sighs wearily)

Maddox: That's how much texture there was and grime on your sheets, that she said it felt like a...?

Dick: No, it was the MATERIAL! It was like a bad, coarse flannel. What do you...?! It wasn't like SAND. I don't have sand in my bed.

Maddox: I dunno, man. (skeptical)

Dick: So I change the sheets. She comes over next time...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...bang again, of course.

Maddox: Of course. (mocking)

Dick: And this girl is like, crazy in bed, so...sheets are soaked afterwards. Right?

Maddox: Ughhh. (shuddering) (Dick cackles)

Dick: So I'm like, "Fuck, I gotta change these sheets." Right? "This...what if another girl comes over?" (Maddox laughs) "I don't wanna have these, like, soaked...these sheets are ruined. I gotta throw them away." Right?

Maddox: Yeah, throw your MATTRESS away, buddy. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: There's more DNA in these sheets than there is in...in my body.

Maddox: (laughing) Gross!

Dick: Right? Like, counting all the cells. (smiling)

Maddox: Gross, man.

Dick: So I change the sheets...coincidentally, run into the same girl at a bar, bring her home, and I'm sitting there banging her again on brand new fresh sheets going, "Why did I change these sheets...again?"

Maddox: Because you're not a slob. Maybe that's why you change sheets, Dick.

Dick: It was a huge hardship for me. That's what I'm trying to get across.

Maddox: Oh, I'm sorry you went through... (giggling)

Dick: And it is for everyone out there as well. Changing your sheets.

Maddox: Sorry you went through such a hardship, Dick. (dryly) Sounds...

Dick: I got some stats.

Maddox: ...sounds real tough. Oho, you got some stats? Let's hear these!

Dick: Yeah. Um, 37 per-...if I have to change those sheets again this week?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm just gonna call the cops. (Maddox laughs) Just say, "You guys do it." I'm gonna be one of those YouTube 911 callers that's like, "Uh, officer? I need you to change my sheets."

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: "Right now."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 37 percent of people change their sheets every week or every other week.

Maddox: Hm!

Dick: That sounds like a lie. Can you imagine that hell? Changing your sheets every *week*?

Maddox: Well, every other week is men; every week is women.

Dick: Every other week?! Every WEEK people are changing their sheets??

Maddox: I know a -- I know a chick who changes her sheets probably once or twice a WEEK.

Dick: Oh my god.

Maddox: CONSTANTLY, laundry! (laughs)

Dick: How often do you change 'em?

Maddox: Mine?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Don't worry about it. (everyone laughs)

Dick: Well, you can just lie!

Maddox: Eh, a couple times a week. (smiling)

Dick: Okay. (chuckling) Sean, how often do you change your sheets? (Maddox keeps laughing) Do you even have sheets? I think you might just sleep on the floor, like some weird...monk.

Maddox: He sleeps on piles of weed. (laughs with Dick)

Dick: He sleeps sitting up! (guffaws) He sleeps on money!!

Maddox: On bales... (cracks up) ...bales of money and weed!

Sean: Jesus CHRIST.

Maddox: Drug lord! (through giggles)

Dick: Oh my god! That reminds me, I have an update on my man.

Maddox: Okay. (still laughing)

Dick: Sorry -- Sean, how often do you change your sheets?

Sean: I couldn't tell you exactly. I don't know. Probably not every two weeks, but...

Dick: Probably? You feel safe saying that? (grinning)

Sean: Depends on the...I'm constantly hot, so it's a lot more often in the summertime. But the thing is, is that...

Maddox: Hubba hubba! (Dick laughs)

Sean: ...usually like, a sheet... (raises voice over giggling) Usually a sheet or the, uh...or the fitted sheet doesn't make it back onto my bed all the time. Like, it's like I just can't -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, you sleep on the mattress?

Sean: I have before for like a week, and then I'm like, "Ah, I gotta put that thing back on there." But I have before -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's depression. That's what that's called. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Sean: Well, yeah.

Dick: I've gone...I've gone through a couple months of having no fitted sheet on the mattress. Those were dark days. (grinning)

Maddox: Yep! That is depression, I've been there, buddy! (Dick cackles) I've been there.

Sean: I got a trick, though! I got a trick to...so you can put the thing on right.

Dick: Okay, let's hear it.

Sean: You just have to remember where the *tag* is on it.

Dick: Ehh...

Sean: And remember that corner.

Dick: Yeah...I think I had that, but that's how I end up putting them on wrong five times. 'Cause I don't remember it right, and I'm like, "Well, just turn it 90 degrees," but I'm like, "Well..."

Sean: Yeah, but where's the fifth corner?

Maddox: What fifth corner?! What are you...?

Dick: I'm sure I just put them on -

Sean: (interjects) No, why did you do it... (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: ...wrong five times?

Dick: Because I put them on EXACTLY the same way every time. I'm sure. 'Cause I wad them all up, 'cause I have gigantic parachute sheets for my Cal king bed or whatever it is.

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: And it looks like a SQUARE. (annoyed)

Maddox: Dick, um, Sean hasn't been recording this episode. This is actually an intervention. You're an alcoholic.

Dick: Ha!

Maddox: We need to talk... (cracks up) We need to talk to you about...you can't even put on SHEETS on your fucking bed!! (Dick cackles loudly) You're -- this is a problem! It's become a problem.

Dick: I would...man, I've never tried doing it drunk. Putting sheets on my bed?

Maddox: That's a lie.

Dick: 'Cause it's like math! It's like math to me. No, I'll just sleep on the...on the couch.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Or you...you might do it right the first time!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You guys are right, I should try.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: Uh, yeah. 37 percent -- so, neither one of...both of you guys are taking the Fifth on how often you change your sheets? Is that what I'm hearing?

Maddox: No, you know, a couple times a month. Hey, so real quick, you had a story about your man!

Dick: A couple times a month! (scoffing)

Maddox: What...people were asking what happened to your man.

Dick: Oh, yeah! Somebody...somebody asked in the comments.

Maddox: And let's recap for those who haven't listened to that episode way back when. Dick went to Burning Man and brought back something worse than an STD, which is a live-in guest. I -

Dick: (interjects) I might've brought back both!

Maddox: Well, that's true! (laughing)

Dick: I still haven't got tested.

Maddox: Ohh, man.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Get your... (Dick laughs) I'm going to...FUMIGATE this apartment after you leave.

Dick: Okay, yeah. So I brought back this guy...my man. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Like, my Race...my Race Bannon. That was his name, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like my, uh...my valet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not a gay thing. 'Kay? It's just a guy. My man. (Sean giggles loudly in the background) And he occasionally imparts words of wisdom to me.

Maddox: Oho!

Dick: You know? (stammers) Just every once in a while!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So it's not condescending, but just if I might need them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's there to look out...to look out for those moments. Right?

Maddox: Like a shitty drunk Yoda. (Sean giggles more)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Kay. (amused)

Dick: Yeah, I guess -- yeah! That's a pretty accurate description.

Maddox: Yeah, and what does he...what did your "man" say?

Dick: Well, I'm not gonna tell the whole story now, 'cause I don't wanna...I don't wanna tell tales out of school on this one specifically.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Um, I get a text from him. He moved -- he stayed with me for a month.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In my apartment, being my man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And doing man stuff.

Maddox: (chuckling) Okay.

Dick: And then I, uh...he left. He had too much. He couldn't find a job. LA wasn't the answer for him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright? So he moved up to Mendocino. Um...

Maddox: Where's Mendocino? What is that?

Dick: Uh, Mendocino, California is in the middle of like, weed county?

Maddox: You know anything about that? [to Sean] (brief pause) Anyway. So...

Dick: So everyone there is, uh...let's just say, a shady character.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I get a text -

Maddox: (interjects) A good place for somebody who's havin'...who's down on his luck to move.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah. (smiling) So I get a text from him: "Hey, uh...hey Dick, how's it goin'? So, this guy..." Oh gosh, I don't know what to call...what to call this guy. I know him! He's an awesome guy.

Maddox: Call him "Chuck."

Dick: Nononononono, I mean I don't know how to describe what he does. He...he provides, uh, medicinal marijuana for people, I think! (cautiously)

Maddox: He's a dealer.

Dick: Uh, I don't know!

Maddox: M'kay. (chuckling)

Dick: I...I think the word is "kingpin." (Maddox laughs loudly) Not "dealer."

Maddox: He's a kingpin!

Dick: So my man says, "Hey, he wants to kill me."

Maddox: What?!

Dick: (cracks up) Oh yeah.

Maddox: He's got...

Dick: And then I'm like -

Maddox: (interjects) He's got a kingpin after him?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Trying to kill him??

Dick: And he goes, "And he wants to kill you too."

Maddox: Wow!!

Dick: This was a text. I was like, "Oh! Well, good to hear from you."

Maddox: Well, good job, Dick! (Dick laughs) Great, you got a kingpin after you. Anyway, uh...so my problem this week is... (laughs)

Dick: Wait a minute, wait a minute. 29 percent of people change their sheets once a month.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: And 34 percent...uh, at least more. More than that.

Sean: I don't believe that, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, everybody's lying!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I'm the only one here that told the truth about it!

Sean: Yeah, because nobody wants to be considered...

Dick: Gross!

Sean: ...like, a total slob or disgusting, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A couple times a month. That's me, for real.

Dick: That...really??

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Eh...

Sean: I might -

Maddox: (interjects) It's easy!

Dick: I don't wanna...I don't wanna test it. We could set up a whole test, but...we gotta set it up in secret.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, we're not doin' that. (Dick and Sean laugh) So anyway...anyway, Dick, my problems this week were Loud Muffler Douchebags and Non-Porn Porn.

Dick: Okay. My problems are Jury Duty and Changing Your Sheets. (**closing riff starts**)

Maddox: So don't forget to vote on these problems at http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. Check out Audible, our sponsor this week. Thank you for supporting us! Thanks for listening.

(closing riff)

Dick: I'm gonna play some, uh...some erotic stories for you. It was hard to put this together, 'cause as I was listening to it I kept, uh, kept having to jerk off and take a break. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Well, thank God you were able to find it!

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling) Are you ready for an erotic experience?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

[**Dick plays first clip from erotic lactation audiobook**]

Female Narrator: "Milked at Her Uncle's Farm: Vanessa's Dairy Farm Training." (Maddox laughs)

Dick: See, the voice could be sexier.

Female Narrator: By Lia Milken.

Maddox: I dunno, it's doin' it for me.

Dick: Pretty clever! [referring to author's name]

Female Narrator: Chapter 1: Vanessa Takes the Bus to Her Uncle's Farm.

Maddox: Sounds like a sapiosexual. (Dick laughs)

Dick: What were you gonna say, Sean?

Sean: No, it sounds like a computerized voice or something like that!

Maddox: Yeah. It's kinda weird.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah! Well...

Sean: It doesn't sound human. It's weird.

Dick: This next part is gonna... (cracks up) ...uh, give you some more evidence for that.

Female Narrator: Sexy Latina Vanessa was on the bus on I-35 in Texas to her uncle's farm south of Nuevo Laredo...

[**Dick pauses clip**]

Maddox: Wow!

Dick: Sounds like a GPS, right?

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Still hot! [**resumes clip**]

Female Narrator: Tamaulipas, Mexico. She could not believe that her family was forcing her to go to work for him in Mexico for the summer.

Maddox: "In Mexico." (robotically) (Dick laughs)

Dick: Anything goes in Mexico.

Female Narrator: Yes, sure, she got into some trouble in college and flunked a class...

Maddox: This is not a robot, but it SOUNDS robotic, right? It's kinda weird.

Female Narrator: ...but did that mean she had to go work on a farm? A FARM? Really? Her mother told her it would make her appreciate the opportunities she had in college.

Maddox: Wink, wink! (laughs with Dick)

Female Narrator: The hard manual labor would make her wish she could go back and study.

Maddox: Wait, did she say...does it say "hard manual labor" or "hard MANUEL labor"? (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Female Narrator: It was already working. This five-hour bus trip was never ending, (Dick laughs) **and all she could think of were the sisters she had left in her sorority, all the hot guys she had hooked up with.** (Dick and Maddox burst out laughing) **Vanessa enjoyed playing the field...**

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: That's what I'm thinkin' of when I'm goin' to Mexico for hard labor. (Dick laughs more) All the hot guys I've hooked up with! (sexy tone)

Dick: I got two more. I only got three clips from it. Uh, this...this particular clip struck me as weird while I was listening to it. I listened to it once for enjoyment...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and then a second time, um...

Maddox: For more enjoyment.

Dick: ...to bring in -- yeah, for more enjoyment. Then a couple times later, I got...I brought it in for clips. Here you go. [**plays second clip from audiobook**]

Female Narrator: She refused to totally give up her city lifestyle for the Mexican farm, (Maddox chuckles) **so she kept her Kindle Fire HD and her iPhone 5...**

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: HA!!

Dick: Awfully specific. (laughs)

Maddox: Very specific.

Dick: I don't know! It's erotica for women though, right? All erotica is for women.

Maddox: Ehh...what?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, all erotic literature is for women.

Maddox: If there are no pictures, then yes.

Dick: If this was erotic literature for men, it would be 7 minutes long.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it would just be descriptions of tits.

Maddox: And it would be written in a way so that the...the text itself formed pictures.

Dick: And there would be a guy grunting in the background.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Constantly. Alright, here's the last...the last clip. Because this -- I'm trying to like, think of what...what women wanna hear in their erotic literature. Alright? [**plays third clip from audiobook**]

Female Narrator: If the guys on this bus were any indication of the farm hands, she believed she would have everybody wrapped around her finger before bedtime.

Maddox: Whoa! (quietly)

Dick: Yeah.

Female Narrator: Already she had had one guy pay for her lunch, while another bought her a soda at the last stop.

Maddox: Sucker.

Dick: It's a fantasy!

Maddox: Yeah. (both laugh) Guys buyin' you sodas, payin' for your lunch!

Female Narrator: All that for just a tiny smile and a couple of words. She hadn't even had to flirt or put out at all. (everyone laughs hysterically)

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: Oh, man!

Sean: She's been on the bus like 25 minutes, right??

Dick: She hasn't had to put out yet!! (screeching through giggles) (everyone laughs more)

Maddox: I wish there was some statistic to see how many women stopped right there to finish masturbating. "Oh man, I didn't even have to put out! This guy bought me a Coke, what a sap!" (more laughter)

Dick: Well, she gets hers. That's all I've got...that's all I've got from Chapter 1, but she gets hers eventually.

Maddox: Great. I got a quick voicemail.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I don't know if this is, uh... [**plays voicemail**]

Voicemail: (stupid, aggressive voice) **Uhhh, derka derka! Uh-derka derka derka derka. Uh-derka derka derka derka derka derka derka, uh-derka derk -**

Maddox: [**cuts off message**] It just goes on for like 30 seconds like that.

Dick: Yeah. You forgot the "Mohammed jihad" parts.

Maddox: Yep. And, one more. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail: (in a fake Korean accent) **Herro, Maddox!**

Dick: Huh?

Voicemail: This is the president of North Korea, Kim Jong-un.

Maddox: Oh, it's our friend Kim Jong-un!

Voicemail: I've been listening to your podcast lately, and I caught something interesting. You said you were against satire. "Satire is the biggest probrem, people should be jailed for satire." Yeah, I agree witchu.

Maddox: Oh!

Voicemail: I'm right there with you. You're so right, Maddox. You're SO smart.

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: Now, alotta guys say that they're good at giving oral sex; guys like you and me, we're good at RECEIVING oral sex.

[**message ends**]

Maddox: That's a fact!

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: That's a fact.

Dick: That's...great call-in.

Maddox: Yeah. (everyone laughs)

Dick: I got one more. [**plays last voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Yeah, when are you assholes gonna get around to some real problems? (Maddox chuckles) **Fuckin' talkin' about satire being a problem is not even close to a real problem.**

Maddox: Oh! (flatly)

Voicemail: Have you ever fuckin' put on a pair of tube socks?? In your entire fuckin' life? (yelling angrily) **That is the fuckin' worst thing that you can fuckin' experience next to WET tube socks!** (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Wet tube socks.

Voicemail: (yells louder) **Wear wet tube socks, and you ru-...your WHOLE FUCKIN' LIFE is just out the goddamn window!** (everyone laughs) **What do you...fucking address the tube socks before shit gets serious! It's fuckin' awful, and it's gone on for too long! Why do we...WE LIVE IN A FUCKING FIRST-WORLD COUNTRY! And we're getting fuckin'...Chinese tube socks shipped over by the boatload, probably! I have no fuckin' idea.** (Dick and Maddox keep giggling) **But they're a fuckin' problem. The only thing a fuckin' tube sock should ever be used for is stuffing into the end of a Molotov cocktail to BURN DOWN A FUCKIN' TUBE SOCK FACTORY!** (everyone laughs loudly) **Fuck you both!! Get to addressing the tube socks.**

[**message ends**]

Maddox: Why do I get the feeling that that guy made that voi-...that phone call on speakerphone with a bottle of whiskey in one hand and a gun in the other? (everyone laughs)

Dick: And a bunch of...tube socks with holes in them?

Maddox: A.K.A. you, Dick. Did you call in?

Dick: No. Alright! That's it. (fades out)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 37

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy? How's it going? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. And with us today, we have a very special guest, Nathan Buckley. Welcome, Nathan. Thanks for joining us.

Nathan: Yeah. What's up, guys?

Maddox: Now, Nathan, uh…you guys probably don't know, but he was one of the writers for our live show that's coming up. And we finally have a release date. It's February 5th, Thursday.

Dick: Thursday, February 5th.

Maddox: That's right.

Dick: So, whatever you're doing at work, block it out. 'Cause you're gonna be sitting… (Nathan chuckles) at the computer, rewatching our live episode all day on Thursday.

Maddox: Don't go to work.

Dick: Well…get…make money. Get paid to watch our show. Go to work. You know, spread it around the office. That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah. Make this thing the next Ebola. Except Ebola's just about dead now, did you guys see that shit in the news?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Just about dead. Anyway. It pisses me off. Except it's wiping out the monkeys. We'll get to that. Anyway, uh…Nathan…(Nathan laughs) I want to mention…so, Nathan's a really funny comedy writer, and when Dick was proposing some writers for our live show, he mentioned Nathan, and I didn't really know him that well, so I checked out his Twitter account. It's @duplicitron. We'll link to it on our website. But it was so funny. There was, like, probably a half-dozen ghost jokes.

Nathan: Yeah. A lot of ghost.

Maddox: Yeah. Which…(laughs) which I personally love. Um, really funny writer and comedian. He has a show at the Upright Citizen's Brigade on February 11 th called "Revolver", and that's like a sketch show, and you have some stuff on Funny or Die. You're a pretty prolific writer.

Nathan: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: What's it like, being a Twitter celebrity, Buckley?

Nathan: (inhales) You know, it's a lot of work. Uh, there are women. You wouldn't think there would be, but…a lot of girls.

Dick: Really?

Nathan: Yeah. You have to go to Tweet Ups.

Dick: You do that?

Nathan: Yeah. I go to Tweet Ups. I have fans and they come and uh…you know. They're not always that great to look at, but they're there.

Dick: Well.

Nathan: Makes me feel okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh.

Dick: Who won last week?

Maddox: Nobody won, Dick! You keep tripping me up! Nobody wins on this show. It's not a contest. The biggest problem from last week was "Loud Muffler Douchebags".

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Followed by "Non-Porn Porn", then "Jury Duty", and then dead last, "Changing Your Sheets", which was in the negative votes, which means it's not a problem, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, that's weird. 'Cause I…I got multiple emails last week from people who…they took a picture of their sheets at home, where they'd written "Top" and an arrow pointing to the top.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To help me with my problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, on the underside of the sheet. Um, I don't get why it got such a negative…like, everyone agrees that that's a real problem.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Buckley, what do you think?

Nathan: Um, yeah. I don't change my sheets, because I can't fucking figure it out most of the time.

Maddox: Great.

Nathan: You know…just like Dick said, you switch it, you switch it…and you think, I mean, after one time, you have to get it right, but you just keep going and it doesn't work.

Dick: No.

Nathan: Like, there have been times when I feel like five or six months have gone by. Same sheet.

Maddox: Oh, man. (laughs)

Dick: Honest.

Maddox: So you have…you have the same problem that Dick has, chili, and crap in your sheets.

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: It's disgusting.

Dick: No! We're not eating chili in bed! What are you talkin' about?! (yells) (Nathan laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't eat in bed! I get up and eat at the coffee table, like a single man.

Maddox: Dick, you don't even take your shoes off when you go to bed. What are you talkin' about? I've been to your place. Food everywhere.

Dick: Alright, alright.

Nathan: Is this why you change your sheets, 'cause you eat chili in bed?

Maddox: No, I don't eat chili in bed. (laughing)

Dick: It's a giant napkin to him. (Nathan laughs) He just sits in bed wiping his chili all over it.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. There's only one thing I do in my bed, and it's not sleep. Anyway…

Dick: Jerk off? What…(Maddox and Nathan laugh)

Maddox: I got a comment, Dick, based on your problem, the "Changing Your Sheets" problem.

Dick: Yeah. It's a big problem.

Maddox: This one's from **Mark Prosia**. He's suggesting future Dick problems. I'm gonna read a few of these. "Washing the Dishes". "Putting Away Dishes".

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: "Washing Your Clothes". "Drying Your Clothes". "Folding Your Clothes".

Dick: Folding your clothes is a big problem.

Nathan: Fuuuuck that.

Maddox: (laughs) Oookay, Dick.

Dick: That's a big problem, man. I just leave, like stacks of clean clothes around my apartment…

Nathan: Mhmm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I just pull out of the stack.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Nathan: You put it on a chair.

Maddox: "Vacuuming".

Dick: Yeah. I got a clothes chair.

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: "Sweeping", "Mopping", "Scrubbing", "Shoveling Snow". "Using a Lawnmower", and "Making Dinner", any of those coming up, Dick? Well I know washing your clothes is.

Dick: Folding your clothes.

Maddox: Oh, folding your clothes.

Dick: Yeah, not washing em. Washing 'em's easy. You just put the money in, press the button.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: I got a problem…er, I got a comment from **Carlos Vega. "I haven't changed my sheets in eight years."**

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: "And I've had probably more than a dozen women on my bed during that time." (Nathan laughing)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: At least he's honest.

Maddox: No…he's not honest! There's no way he's had a dozen women on his bed.

Dick: In eight years?!

Maddox: In eight years?!

Nathan: Yeah, it's achievable.

Dick: You could get a dozen women in eight years.

Maddox: Not if you never change your sheets in eight years.

Dick: No, 'cause that's thing. If they're already coming to bed, they're not gonna bail. Like, women don't have a built-in black light that they know your sheets are dirty.

Maddox: (laughing) They smell, Dick! They have noses. What, is he just finding a whole bunch of chicks with no nostrils?

Dick: They're…they're drunk, Maddox! That's…this is an erotic story from a real man! These broads are drunk. It's 2:30. They're not going anywhere. They're going to his eight-year-old sheets.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, man. I think he probably banged them on the couch. That's a lie. No chick's gonna sleep on eight-year-old sheets, man.

Dick: Well, you haven't changed the couch cushion and it's been probably eight years, so what's the difference?

Nathan: Hmmmmmm.

Dick: Hmmmmm.

Maddox: I have a leather couch, so it doesn't matter. (laughs) Get outta here.

Dick: That's…pleather. Not leather.

Maddox: No, it's real leather.

Nathan: Wow.

Dick: Ookay.

Maddox: It's 100% genuine leather.

Dick: You know, let's get a DNA test. (grinning)

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Uh, @therealrickjames on Twitter says, "Dick Masterson couldn't be more right. Putting a fitting sheet on right the first try is impossible." That's true.

Maddox: Great. Hey, um, I have a clip that someone sent in, Dick, because your Metal Gear Solid knowledge is so weak. Um, Buckley, are you a fan of Metal Gear Solid? Did you ever play the games? Do you know anything about it?

Nathan: I only played the first Metal Gear. The one on NES.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: That's as far as I got.

Maddox: Okay. It's something. Your foot's in the door. So this guy sent this in, Dick. Uh, you probably won't get half these references, but it's uh…pretty well done.

(Metal Gear Solid communicator sound effect beeping..MGS music in the background (**Dick:** I recognize that. **Nathan:** Mhmm. **Maddox:** Yeah.) **"Maddox. This is Snake. The guy Dick doesn't know about. 'Cause he's a pussssssy."** (Maddox laughs **Dick:** Pussy, I don't know about video games?) **"…told me that you two are looking for the biggest problem in the universe. Mmmm. I think I found what you're looking for. A terrorist group using the name of Foxhound are building a portable nuclear…** (**Dick:** What the fuck is this?) **weapon called "Metal Geeear."** (**Maddox:** Yeah)**There's one last problem. Dick is a member of Foxhound.** (**Maddox:** (laughing) Yeah! Busted, Dick.) **More MGS music, death music.)**

Dick: Is there more?

Maddox: That's it. That's the clip.

Dick: What is…what am I supposed to take away from that? What was it?

Maddox: I dunno man, it's just a fun clip that has a bunch of…(Dick guffaws) Everyone who's played the game…

Dick: (interjects) What's the reference?!

Maddox: Metal Gear Solid. You're part of the conspiracy of the biggest problem in the universe. And the biggest problem being the Metal Gear.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I dunno what any of those things are.

Maddox: Great. Well, this is gonna be fun. (Dick cracks up) Way to shit all over this awesomely produced clip.

Dick: I just don't understand it!! (yells)

Maddox: I know.

Dick: I'm asking for an explanation!!

Maddox: Ugggh. (sighs)

Nathan: Wasn't that the game where you had to get a cardboard box to get past the computer?

Maddox: Yeeeeah.

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: Which, by the way. One of the guys who hid from that Charlie Hebdo terrorist attack hid in a cardboard box, kinda like Snake did in Metal Gear. (Nathan cracks up)

Dick: Satire right 'til the end.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Satire right into the grave! (Nathan laughs) Uh, **Tim Johns** says, **"Why in the hell would Maddox ever use Google to navigate porn videos and not an actual porn website that specializes in finding porn videos through its own database."** Yeah, I wondered that, too.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, you know, if you wondered it, you could go back and listen to the last episode, when I explained why. Uh…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Exactly after you wondered it.

Dick: So, relisten to the episode, Tim. Sorry.

Maddox: Relisten to the episode, guys. Um, I have…I don't know if you remember this, uh, Dick. I have a new segment, umm…I don't have the intro to the segment, but it's called, I called it…uh, remember this? Way back in Episode 10…

(Clip: Maddox: "How long before some drug cartel gives someone a boatload of cash and says, "Hey, fit this with GPS." And here we go, now you have to worry about drones, and by the way, it…

"This is going to be a game-changer in the drug wars. This is gonna be a game-changer in so many things. So many applications that are bad.")

Maddox: Yeah. So, I was talking about drones back in Episode 10.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And how it's just a matter of time before someone starts using them for drugs, and, lo and behold.

(Clip: Male newscaster: "This picture shows what Tijuana police found when they answered a call of an object falling from the sky. It was a drone carrying about 6 and a half pounds of crystal meth.")

Dick: Oh.

Nathan: Ooh.

Maddox: Oh. It's already starting to happen.

Dick: Lemme tell you. It's…it comes across as a little gauche when you promote yourself as having been right. (Maddox laughs) So, a lot of times you wanna ask someone else to do it for you. (grinning)

Maddox: Dick, are you…you're telling this to the guy who runs a website called "The Best Page in the Universe".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm not afraid of coming across as a little gauche.

Dick: Okay. I got a voice mail for you.

(Voice mail: "Hey guys, it's Alex from Toronto. One of the great moments in this show's history happened for just a fraction of a second after Maddox…comes to understand and accepts the reality of 'No El Fumar' means 'No Smoking'. And he knows that somehow, he always knew that it didn't mean 'No Farting' (Maddox laughs) **maybe in the back of his mind, because he doesn't challenge you at all.** (Maddox and Dick laugh) **He just goes "Fuuuuuuck." And the "Fuck" was so great, because it doesn't just mean that he knows he's wrong, he knew that this is gonna be something he's gonna get his nuts busted about FOREVER, because…** (Maddox laughing) (**Dick:** Yeah. No Fumar.) (Nathan laughs) **he did not think No El Fumar meant in any way ironically, "Don't Fart."** (**Dick:** No. (cracks up)) **He…this is one of those things that you learn, like, deep into your life, like "Oh, shit! My whole life, I didn't know that that wasn't the case. I'm such an ignorant prick."** (**Maddox:** Yeah. (laughing) (Dick and Nathan crack up)**)**

Dick: Did you hear that one, Buckley, Maddox thought "No Fumar" meant "No Farting".

Nathan: Yeah, I did…

Maddox: Yeah. (annoyed)

Nathan: Wasn't there an English translation close by?

Maddox: There was not. There was…it was just one, lone sign in this arcade, and I'm like, what, an eight-year-old kid lookin' at this sign, thinking, "Well, I can't fart." (Dick guffaws)

Nathan: Okay.

Maddox: No farting!

Dick: (laughing) Never in your life have you seen an English sign saying "No Farting", right?

Maddox: No…uh, no, I don't think so.

Dick: Yeah. But, Spanish, gotta be "No Farting".

Maddox: Well, this was also in a casino, and I thought, "Well, I don't spend a lot of time in casinos, so it's…you know, in this arcade, maybe they have special rules, 'cause sometimes, arcades smell like farts. You know that, right?

Nathan: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Arcades are notoriously bad. Arcades and skating rinks smell like farts. Everyone knows that. They're the fartiest. They're the fartiest.

Dick: I didn't know that.

Maddox: And then…someone, Dick, you tweeted at me…a picture of a sign that says "No Fumar", and it was a picture of a butt farting.

Dick: Oh, I made that, though.

Maddox: Oh, you made that?!! (Nathan, Dick, and Sean crack up) Son of a bitch.

Sean: You got him again!

Maddox: Fuck me. Shit.

Dick: (laughing) Hey, speaking of things people made on Twitter, did you see this fanart that somebody…somebody really loved your Dick Versus Dick segment.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. It was incredible. We're gonna post this on the website.

Nathan: Oh, woowww.

Maddox: But someone made some fanart. What's the guy's name?

Dick: Um…uh, woops.

Maddox: And, by the way, guys. The guy who did that Metal Gear Solid clip, he sent that in in an email, his name is **Aaron Grays**, thank you, Aaron, for that Metal Gear Solid clip.

Dick: Okay. **Daniel Warren.**

Maddox: Daniel Warren.

Dick: @danielwarren86. He made what looks like…he made…it's, like, a boxing poster, like, a title bout boxing poster of Dick Versus Dick, and he's got me, a pretty good likeness with the muscles? The rippling muscles…

Maddox: (interjects) No.

Dick: And the chest, I think.

Maddox: Uh-uh.

Dick: Yeah, it's basically me fighting myself.

Maddox: Yeah. Read the captions.

Dick: "One man. Two opinions. No consistency." (Sean, Maddox, and Nathan laugh) Biggest Problem in the Universe proudly presents a deadly dual of divided ideals. Dick, the King of Contrarians Versus Dick, the Statless Wonder." Hmm. So, Statless Wonder is probably a little scrappier. I'd put my money on him.

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

Dick: Sponsored by Fireball. America's Favorite Whiskey. (Nathan laughs)

Maddox: Dick looks so pissed off reading this. It makes me so happy. That was SO well done, and this illustrator…what's the name again? Daniel Warren?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, we'll link to it on the website. Really funny stuff.

Dick: Alright, I got one more voice mail.

(Voice mail: (male voice): (middle eastern accent) "Hello to you. My name is Rajeesh. I am calling on behalf of the Shawarma industry… (Maddox laughs) **Worldwide Shawarma Association. Definitely a real problem, not a joke.** (Maddox and Nathan crack up) **Uh…**(**Dick:** Not a joke.) **the person who is suggesting that a hangover cure is to not eat after being drunk, uhh…go fuck yourself, lady. We count on drunk people to make the shawarma, okay?** (Maddox laughs) **Oh, and also, Dick, go fuck yourself.")**

Dick: Allllright. (Maddox laughs) Shawarma industry, man.

Maddox: (laughing) Shawarma industry.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't think half our audience even know what a shawarma is. It's, like, this meat, that they kind of shave off this big thing, it looks like a Gyro, but it's way more delicious.

Dick: People know what shawarma is, it was in Avengers.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, after the credits.

Nathan: Mhmm.

Dick: Alright, are we ready for some problems?

Maddox: Uh, no. Real quick. Uh, Dick, I have one more comment I wanted to mention. Some guy…I mentioned destruction porn, and this guy,**Adam Hayes,** looked it up on Google and he said, **"I typed in 'destruction porn' in Google Images and got nothing but girls getting 'destroyed' by cocks."** (Maddox and Nathan laugh) I guess 'destruction porn' is a very specific genre of porn. Oops. Uh, and then one more from Twitter, it's **@dr__mel**, he says, **"Looks like Dick couldn't even sheet the bed."** Uh, anyway, Dick.

Dick: Hilarious.

Nathan: Oooooh.

Maddox: And we have…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, you know what? I do have…uh, Asterios Coconuts.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Er, Asterios…

Maddox: Mysterious Coconuts.

Dick: Yeah. Asterios Kokkinos left…made a bit for us. He did another one of his "This Day in Shitstory" bits. Here, I'll play it now.

(Clip: Fanfare: (old-timey voice) "Welcome to the Biggest Problem in History. Taking the pisstory out of history. In this segment, we'll examine the worst things to EVER occur on today's date. (beeping of telegraph machine) January 27th, 1984. Michael Jackson's hair catches fire while filming a Pepsi Ad!! A pyrotechnic mishap led to the singer's head BURSTING into flames like the bad guy from the end of 'Raiders'. So, why is this a problem? (Maddox laughs) **Becaaaaause, it never made it into the commercial!** (**Maddox:** Amen. (Dick laughs))**All I'm saying is, if there were a TV commercial where a pedophile's head caught fire, followed by the Pepsi logo,** (Dick cracks up) **Coca-Cola would be out of business!** (They all crack up)**")**

Dick: It would be a good commercial.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: It would be amazing.

Dick: Good Superbowl commercial.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alleged pedophile, too, right?

Maddox: Alleged pedophile. Head caught on fire.

(Clip: (telegraph beeping) "January 27th, 1967. The US, UK, and Soviet Union sign the Outer Space Treaty, which bans deployment of nuclear weapons in space. The COOLEST place to put nuclear weapons! (**Maddox:** Yeah.) **But don't worry. Nuclear weapons on Earth, where humanity lives, are still 100% A-Okay!")**

Maddox: (scoffs) Heh. Yeah, well, good thing space is safe.

Dick: Yeah. Alright, you ready? I got some more of those. I'll play 'em later.

Maddox: Alright. What's your problem, Dick?

Dick: My problem is…it's Superbowl time. You guys know that?

Maddox: Great.

Nathan: Mhmm.

Dick: That means I get to bring in a sports problem.

Maddox: Ohhhh. Awesome. (annoyed)

Dick: The No-Fun League!!

Maddox: No Fun League.

Dick: NFL. The No Fun League.

Maddox: What…(giggles) Ookay, Dick. It sounds like a…this sounds like one of those old man type of begrudging little comments, derisive little…like, a "Nobama" type thing. Is that what this is?

Dick: (stammers) The No Fun League?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, they…look. Every year, they crack down harder on touchdown celebrations.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: And I hate it.

Nathan: Mmm.

Dick: And I think everyone hates it. There's…there's gonna be 100 million people watching the Superbowl.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 30%.

Dick: I wanna see a show. I…100 million people wanna see a show. And the NFL's crackin' down on touchdown celebrations. For what reasons? For reasons I don't know. I'll get into what I think they are. But I hate it. And you should hate it too, 'cause you like gloating. You're a man who likes gloating.

Maddox: I do like gloating.

Dick: I think you would be more into football if they would embrace gloating.

Maddox: If they…if they inverted the amount of football that was played and gloating that was done…(Nathan laughs) So it was, like, 75% gloating, and then a little bit of football? I'd watch football.

Dick: That's exactly what I think they should do. Not only should touchdowns have a celebration, every single play should have, like…(Maddox chuckles)…a 2-minute break of just celebrating.

Maddox: Yeah. (Nathan laughs)

Dick: And shit-talking.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like wrestling.

Maddox: Uh..okay. I'm on board with that, actually.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. I was gonna shit all over this. But, uh, yeah. The gloating is the best part of wrestling. It's the best part of tennis. It's the best part of ANY sport.

Dick: It's the best part of life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is gloating.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: Mmm.

Maddox: Doing the touchdown dance. I don't know why it's a problem, though, Dick. And…and speaking of something I know nothing about…I got you at the start of the show with Metal Gear Solid, you got me now with NFL. I don't know shit.

Dick: Well, do you know about spiking a football?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. That's…that's an excessive celebration…now.

Maddox: They've actually banned that?

Nathan: Mhmm.

Maddox: First of all, Dick, why have they banned excessive celebration?

Dick: Uh, you know…I'll get into the why. So, in 1984, the NFL instituted a rule that any prolonged, excessive, or, like, premeditated celebrating was banned. And they fine you. Like 10 grand for it. But they didn't start enforcing it until…do you know who Terrell Owens is? Or Ochocinco? Have you heard those names?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So, these guys got into, like, an excessive celebration war.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where they would do stuff like…they would score a touchdown, I think, was it TO who did this? He scored a touchdown…he would run out into the middle of the field and spike the ball on the opposing team's logo. (Nathan laughs) He did this with the Cowboys. And the second…touchdown, right? Runs FIFTY YARDS! (Maddox chuckles) To spike the ball on the logo, which is basically, like, a giant Fuck You.

Maddox: That's a giant Fuck You.

Dick: To everybody at the Cowboy stadium.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Scores another touchdown. Does it again. He starts running…(Maddox laughs) 50 yards, and…I forget who did it, but somebody on the Cowboys just comes out of nowhere and nails him.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And tackles him.

Maddox: Good. They should tackle him! Fuck you!

Dick: Good. Fines, fines, fines, fines, fines every which way, but it's awesome! It's entertaining!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think the NFL has forgotten that they are a sport entertainment organization. Right?

Maddox: Or…or forgotten to ever start entertaining, 'cause football's so boring. But, um, yeah. The touchdown celebration, that sounds hilarious. I would watch that. Buckley, do you watch football? Do you know anything about touchdown celebrations?

Nathan: Yeah, I do. It's kinda the best part. You know…the sacks, too. When they sack people, sometimes, it's like they'll sneak in a little celebration?

Dick: Yeah.

Nathan: And it's fucking great.

Maddox: Uh, the movie Jerry McGuire was based on one of these guys, right? (Dick cracks up)

Dick: I mean, based on a football player? Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Was that one of these famous football celebration guys?

Dick: No, I don't think it was based on a real story.

Maddox: Okay, so, here's the thing. (Sean cracks up) If I was a football player…

Dick: It wasn't, was it?!

Sean: No.

Dick: No.

Nathan: What?!

Dick: No.

Maddox: I don't know. I don't know. Who gives a shit?

Nathan: I thought it was.

Maddox: Whatever.

Dick: It was? Jerry McGuire's based on a real story?

Nathan: I thought.

Maddox: I thought so, too.

Nathan: I don't know anything, but I thought so.

Dick: I don't know. What are you…

Maddox: So, so. Basically, in the movie, the guy does this big, outrageous celebration, or whatever, and I think he, like, breaks his neck, or goes into a coma or something. He becomes legendary, though, because he's known for this thing. Like, a football player…

Dick: That's real.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Somebody smashed their head into a padded concrete wall, and, like, paralyzed themselves for the rest of the game.

Maddox: Well, uh, depressing. So, anyway. This happened…who was the guy a couple seasons back where his touchdown celebration was some, like, stupid V thing, and everyone did it in commercials, and they hired him to sell Campbell's Soup and stupid shit like that?

Dick: Ohh. I know who you're talking about.

Maddox: It's a Christian dude, right?

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are you talking about Tebow? 'Cause he's the…that's the Christian guy.

Maddox: Maybe. Yeah.

Dick: But that's not who did the V.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I forget who did the V.

Maddox: Whoever did the V. Whatever, some stupid shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it became, like, this big thing. So, if he was fined 10,000$, and then makes millions of dollars in endorsements and, uh, celebrity appearances afterwards, is that really a fine? The NFL's just kind of trying to placate the critics with this 10,000$ fine, while still saying, "Okay, it's fine. Keep doing it."

Dick: Well, you're exactly right. Ochocinco would set aside 100,000$ a season just for fines that he knew he was going to do in advance, 'cause he would plan them out. Like, he would plant signs in the end zone so that he could go under the snow and pull up a sign that says, "NFL, please don't fine me." (Maddox laughs) It's like a…it's like, a marketing cost to these guys.

Maddox: Yeah. It's nothing.

Dick: And it annoys me, 'cause you're totally right. Football is boring to a lot of people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's getting more boring even to fans when they institute shit like this.

Maddox: How much do they make per game, Dick?

Dick: Who?

Maddox: An average football player?

Dick: I have no idea. It's lower than other athletes. For the amount of exposure that they get, it's much lower than other athletes.

Maddox: But…a mid-range athlete is probably making upwards of a couple 100 grand per episode…per game, right?

Dick: Per episode of football, yes. (cracks up)

Maddox: Whatever, who gives a shit. (Nathan laughs) If you record 'em, you can…that's how they're referred to on the fucking TiVo.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. (grins)

Maddox: As episodes.

Dick: What?

Sean: It's not that much.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, not as much as…

Nathan: What, the players?

Sean: It's not a couple hundred grand…

Maddox: You don't think?

Sean: No, there's 17 weeks. They play 16 games. Yeah, the average…the superstars make a ton…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But the average NFLer is, really, like compared to other sports…way underpaid.

Dick: Like 40 grand a game?

Sean: I'm not sure. I just know there's no way it's a couple hundred grand.

Nathan: I think their minimum wage is 250k per year?

Sean: It might be, for the year, yeah.

Nathan: Yeah, for the year.

Maddox: Okay. That's still a pretty decent amount of money. And 10 grand is nothing to them. That's just a slap on the wrist.

Dick: Welll…

Nathan: Mmm.

Dick: It is if you're just a normal guy.

Maddox: Well, sure. But normal guys aren't making these outrageous…they're not making these super big touchdowns.

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's the superstars who are. Who are making millions of dollars per season.

Sean: That's true.

Maddox: Right? So it's a slap on the wrist to them. It means nothing to them.

Dick: Right. Right.

Maddox: You know what it sounds like, Dick? It sounds like we need income-based fines to solve this problem.

Dick: No, no!!! We don't need any fines for these guys!! (yells) (Maddox cackles) It's sports entertainment!!! What…it's not…this isn't a cultural event!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is a game!! This is a GAME…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you go out onto a field and beat the hell out of each other.

Maddox: Dick, this sounds like it's a problem to you, not to anyone else. Why is this a problem?

Dick: 100 million people, Maddox! (yells) Are gonna be watching the Superbowl.

Maddox: So?

Dick: We gotta be teaching kids that you have to get in your opponent's face and grab their neck and call them a pussy! That's life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not…you don't win and walk off the field and go, "Well, good job. Good job. Let's shake hands. Let's have a good game." We should be teaching poor sportsmanship!

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay, Dick.

Dick: That's…that's the lesson we've gotta be teaching. That's why it's a problem.

Maddox: Uh, I wonder. I wonder how many of that 100 million are unwitting friends who come over to a friend's house, say, Dick's house, and you know, just want some chicken wings, or they go to a bar, and the game's on You can't fucking ignore it, 'cause everyone's watching it, and they're dragged along kicking and screaming, and they have to watch this bullshit instead of playing Scrabble at a coffee shop.

Dick: Oh, stop. Everyone loves football.

Maddox: (laughing) Football blows.

Dick: What are you?

Maddox: Boring.

Nathan: I feel like the fines are making it more boring, 'cause now players are afraid to do a lot. They're afraid to take risks, they're afraid to celebrate, and I feel like it's making it worse.

Dick: Yeah. You can't even grab your crotch anymore.

(Clip: "Well, that's unfortunate.")

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Such a shame that football players can't celebrate, Dick. Really big problem. I'm really worried about the plight of football players.

Dick: You are such a hater with football.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: It's just the most boring. It's boring, boring, boring.

Dick: Yeah? Is that the only reason? (grins)

Nathan: Did you not make the team? (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: I never tried.

Sean: He can't wait to stop talking about it because he doesn't know anything about it.

Dick: Is that really? Is that the reason?

Maddox: That's true. Of COURSE I don't know anything about it! Of course. 'Cause my mind's full of knowledge. Important stuff floating around in here. (Nathan laughs)

Dick: Yeah. Like who's farting.

Maddox: Yeah. (all crack up) No, man. I remember…so, here's my beef. My beef with football is pretty…I was pretty ambivalent towards football for most of my life, until high school. And that's when the shit started hitting the fan. Okay?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: 'Cause I started…I was a programmer. All my life, I was a programmer. Basically since early high school. And in high school, the computers that we had were 8086 machines. These were those old, green, black and white…you know, those monochrome, uh…green IBM machines. Those big, clunky…or, those Apple machines.

Nathan: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And these were just god-awful computers. And I was in this programming class, and it was so underfunded. And I did the math, and I calculated all the funds in the school, and the majority of them went to our football team.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Which sucked dick. (Nathan laughs) It was among the worst in our entire state. Uh, I remember one game, where they were showing the highlight reels at an assembly, of our football team? And one of the games, they lost 17 to 0. And the football team kinda stood up in front of the screen trying to block it, I'm like "No, idiots! Own it!!" (Nathan laughs) This is you!! This is what all our money and our funding has done; meanwhile, we're sitting here programming on these archaic, pre-Soviet computers…(Dick and Sean crack up) and…to something that could potentially give me a career! A chance at a better life.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And instead, we're pissing it away on uniforms so you can put jockstraps on your dicks! (angry) (Dick guffaws) You fuckin' morons! You can sweat in these things, you idiots. You apes. You can't even score a fucking touchdown!? You can't take a ball from one end to the other!?! (yelling) How fuckin' hard could it be?!!?

Nathan: Mmm.

Maddox: Meanwhile, I'm struggling! I'm suffering over here!! (Dick cracking up, Nathan giggles) Underfunded computers! Computer Science classes. I was a better programmer than my teacher. She was teaching us Hello, World. I was sitting in the back of the class programming a star field.

Nathan: Ooooh. (Dick dying of laughter)

Maddox: Like, what am I doing!?!? What am I doing in this fucking high school!? Anyway. That's my beef with football.

Dick: (laughing) I knew there was something in there.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Well. That's my problem.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: I dunno. I think it's…I don't know. (sighs) I think it's…I think there's some racism to it.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay, Dick. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Nathan: How?

Dick: You know, like these Good Ol' Boy owners don't like seeing Ochocinco and TO and a bunch of black dudes, flamboyantly, according to them, celebrating?

Maddox: Yeah. That's what it is, Dick. They hire them. Right? There's racism, yet they hire them. Is that…(stammers) there's a complete disconnect there.

Dick: Well, the fines. Would be the…(stammers) a complete disconnect to what? It being slightly racially motivated?

Maddox: If it's racially motivated, why would they hire them in the first place?

Dick: 'Cause it's football.

Maddox: 'Cause it's football, and they want to…

Dick: Who are they gonna hire?

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs) Okay. Yeah. I dunno, Dick. As soon as they start fining black people in football, and not white people, then maybe you can make a case that it's a problem. But, uh, as it stands, it sounds like it's not a problem to anyone but you, and maybe a few idiots who are bored watching football.

Dick: Well, my "Missing My Fantasy Football Draft" got downvoted pretty heavily, soo… (Maddox laughs) But I got emails about that! And that's what weird me out about this voting system. A problem will get downvoted to hell, and yet, I'll get the most emails from that problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like the changing your sheets, everyone was like, "Yeah, that's totally a big problem."

Maddox: No.

Dick: They emailed me their fixes.

Maddox: It's because the dumbest people…who also agree with you, they're the ones who are emailing you. "Yeah, Dick. I can't believe it got voted down. This is a big problem in my life." No. It's not a problem, guys. Get sheets with stripes on it. Not that fuckin' hard.

Dick: Oh, that's true.

Maddox: It's a one-step solution. Anyway, Dick. Um…do we have anything more from Asterios or you?

Dick: Lemme see. Lemme look at my notes here.

Maddox: You have any stats? (chuckles) Got any stats?

(Clip: Dick: "I got a stats for you.")

Dick: No, surprisingly, I don't have any stats on this problem.

Maddox: Surprisingly.

Dick: I got some more from Asterios' "This Day in Shitstory".

Maddox: Yeah.

(Fanfare starts again, "Welcome to The Biggest Problem in History. Taking the pisstory out of history." (telegraph machine beeps) January 27 th, 1996. Germany celebrates its first Holocaust Remembrance Day. (**Dick:** Hmm.) (Maddox and Nathan giggle) **In 1996.** (They all laugh) **Germany celebrates its first Holocaust Remembrance Day.** (**Maddox:** 1996. (grins)) **Well, let's see. The Holocaust ended in 1945; okay, so subtract that from 96, okay, let's carry the 1. And okay. OKAY, that is a billion years too late! (yells)** (Maddox laughs) **For remembering the Holocaust! Germany! You have a million cuckoo clocks. Use them!!** (Maddox laughs some more)

January 27th, 1959. Keith Olbermann is born. His potent combination of overacted bloviating and manufactured outrage thrilled Americans from coast to coast, for, like, a week or something. (Maddox laughs) **But Olbermann's real pride, being the inspiration for the HBO series, 'The Newsroom", a show so bad that cancer sued it for plagiarism.")**

(Maddox and Nathan chuckle)

Maddox: Ahhhh, Keith Olbermann. Whatever happened to that blowhard?

Dick: He's on Bojack Horseman. He actually does a really good job.

Nathan: Really?

Dick: As the new anchor on that show.

Maddox: Wow. Well.

Nathan: Well.

Maddox: Good trajectory for his career.

Dick: Oh wait, I got one more thing. Um, a guy…a Muslim got fined for praying after a touchdown.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: On Monday Night Football. Yeah, but then they reversed it 'cause they felt bad.

Maddox: Oohhhhhhh.

Nathan: Mmmmmm.

Maddox: Oh, you see, now that's a fine I agree with. If you're gonna fucking pray out on the field, fuck off. Do your shit somewhere else, man. This isn't a place for it. It's not the time for it. If you got a quick little…uh, you know. What's the Muslim version of the Christian cross? You know, if you can do that while you're walking off the stage, or walking off the field, fine. But don't fucking stop the show for your prayer. That's bullshit.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: That's a real thing that happened?

Dick: That's a real thing that happened, yeah. They didn't know what to do. The ref didn't know what to do, so he flagged him. (laughs) (Nathan cracks up)

Maddox: Push him? I dunno….

Dick: 15 yards. (laughing)

Maddox: Great. Uh, Buckley, thank you again for joining us today.

Nathan: Yeah!

Maddox: You are our, I believe, our fourth or fifth guest on our show. What is your…you brought a problem in today.

Nathan: I did. I brought a problem. My problem…(sighs) is people who got bit by the travel bug. These people who travel, which is fine, but they make it their thing, that's all they wanna talk about. They make it sound super important, like the accomplished something by getting on an airplane and paying a lot of fuckin' money.

Maddox: Yeah. Like it's…you did something. Congratulations. What do you want?

Nathan: No. You didn't. You got on a plane. Anybody can do that.

Maddox: Ye…what…so you're telling me, if I buy a plane ticket to an exotic location, that's not an accomplishment?

Nathan: Not all of them. (Maddox and Dick crack up) And that's the other part that bothers me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: Is it's just some countries, they're like, "Oh yeah, that's a good one." Like, you're culturing yourself. This is good. But if I'm a Marine and I go to Afghanistan to shoot some children, that's not okay. (Maddox cracks up) (Dick guffaws loudly) That doesn't count as travelling! Even though I travelled somewhere very different from here. It doesn't count.

Maddox: Wait a second. If I go to another country to shoot some children, I would say that counts as travelling!!! (angry)

Nathan: Right?!

Maddox: My passport has a stamp, doesn't it?

Dick: Yeah. You had a spiritual experience. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah!

Nathan: And culturally, it's very different than here, whereas you go to somewhere like London. You know, that's a little bit different. But not that much.

Maddox: So…so, what would count as something? Like, a travelling experience?

Nathan: (inhales) Um…like, the…easy ones would be, like France, Germany, uh… England.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: And then, like Belgium. And then some of the more hardcore people go to South America, and they wanna tell you all about that for a really long time and you want 'em to stop.

Maddox: Oh, man. Yeah.

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: Especially people who do any kind of, like, child, or food aid in Africa or anything, they come back and their Facebook picture for a month or two is just a picture of them surrounded by black kids. Like, that's…

Nathan: (laughs) Yeah. And it becomes their whole identity.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: Like, you handed a black kid a piece of bread. Congratulations. Like…(Maddox laughs) It's not that big of a deal. I don't…(they all crack up laughing)

Dick: People do use it to define themselves.

Nathan: That's what bothers me. My brother spent, I don't know, like, 100,000$ travelling the world for two years.

Dick: Wow.

Nathan: But this is his thing. This is his whole identity. But, to me, it's like…"Dude, you just went on vacation for a really long time."

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Nathan: Yeah, I'm glad you did, but, like, sometimes he'll try to teach me things and culture me, and he spent like 10 minutes explaining this dish that they serve in Venezuela, called "ceviche".

Dick: Oh. (cracks up)

Maddox: Ooh, ceviche. Sounds so exotic. What is this…ceviche? Is it just raw fish?

Nathan: That you can get anywhere here, including Del Taco, Taco Bell…(Maddox and Dick crack up) Like, just walk outside, you can find the stuff, dude. You didn't have to do that.

Maddox: There's Peruvian…yeah. I've been to really low-end restaurants. I think it's, like, a bar food now.

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: Where you get jalapeno poppers and ceviche.

Dick: Ceviche, yeah.

Nathan: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Sure.

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: Shrimp ceviche. It's a thing EVERYWHERE.

Nathan: Yeah. Just trash food. Who cares?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. It's just a bunch of buildings. You're just going around…

Nathan: (interjects) It's a bunch of old buildings.

Dick: Seeing a bunch of buildings. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: What a bunch of dicks. (laughs) That's what you guys are. A couple of dicks.

Nathan: You can see 'em on the Internet!

Maddox: I like old buildings. Yeah! You can see everything on the Internet. You can see titties on the Internet. You wanna see titties on the Internet, or in person?

Dick: Both. (all crack up) I like to have it all.

Maddox: You know what, though? That's fine. 'Cause I got the Wi-Fi. I'll hop on and I'll look at old buildings on my way to see the old buildings.

Dick: Well, people do use travelling as, like…it's got this, like, mysticism to it.

Nathan: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "Oh, you're more cultured if you experience…"

Nathan: I'm so interesting.

Dick: But you're not.

Nathan: No. You're not.

Dick: You just saw a bunch of buildings built for the wrong size people. (Maddox and Dick laugh) Because they're very old. With plumbing that's probably better than ours.

Maddox: Yeah. No.

Dick: And you ate a bunch of food. And you shit in a new toilet. Good for you.

Maddox: Yeah. I…I think it depends on the type of travelling you do. If you go there with the intent to try to learn something, fine.

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: But if you're just going…I don't know, man! Like a language.

Nathan: Okay.

Dick: How French girls say no? (all crack up)

Maddox: Non. (terribly pronounced) Is that how? I don't know.

Dick: Yeah, it is non. (also poorly pronounced)

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, no. I've only heard "Oui, oui, oui." Um, but…

Nathan: Mmm. (scoffs)

Dick: Bags of sand!! (Maddox cracks up) (all crack up) What were you gonna say?

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " I love you, Maddox.")

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, I…yeah, no, man. If you go there and you try to actually experience it. So, when I…I went to France, probably…I've been there a couple of times, and the first time I went, I stayed…I couldn't find a hotel, and actually, Dick, this is because of you that I was able to find this place. I was flying in on New Year's Eve and I didn't think to book a hotel beforehand, because I didn't plan on going to France. I bought this ticket on a whim and I

checked hotel prices in Paris on New Year's Eve, and they were outrageous, like, 400 Euros a night! I'm not gonna…that's gonna bust my bank! I'm not gonna pay that.

Nathan: Mhmm.

Maddox: So I thought maybe I'll just sleep on a bench for a night. You know, it's New Year's Eve. (Dick guffaws loudly)

Dick: I'm sorry, what!?! (yells) Maybe you'll just sleep on a bench for a night!?

Maddox: I don't know, man! Sure, whatever, fuck it!

Dick: Have you ever done that?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I have a home.

Dick: Just trying new things.

Maddox: Trying new things.

Dick: Travelling to France, try some new things.

Nathan: Paris is pretty nice. Even the benches are nice.

Maddox: Yeah, the benches are nice…I've seen pictures of old buildings in France, Buckley. They look great. I'll sleep on a bench in front of it. Plus, everyone's up all night probably anyway. Throwing champagne bottles around. Which was true.

Dick: (laughs) You can sleep in Notre Dame, you can be like the hunchback of Notre Dame. (Maddox and Nathan crack up)

Maddox: Oh yeah. I'll sleep in the clock tower somewhere up there. Or the bell tower. So I looked on…I remember just as I was about to close my laptop in defeat. You kind of…in this Obi-Wan way appeared to be in this spirit, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And was like, "Don't forget to check Craigslist." And so I thought, "Oh yeah, I will!", and so I hopped on Craigslist and went to paris.craigslist.org and found this guy renting a room in his apartment for 60 Euros a night.

Nathan: Wow.

Maddox: And I thought, "Wow, that's cool." And he said he lived near Notre Dame cathedral, and usually when people say they live near a landmark, they're a couple of miles away.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I showed up and this guy's like kitty corner from Notre Dame Cathedral. It's less than a minute walk. It's the stop that's right there. And I had an incredible time and I stayed there and I learned this guy's life, and I hung out with this dude. I took him out to dinner. We're still friends to this day!

Dick: Right…right there. That was the point in the travel story where I want it to be over.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, when people are telling travel stories? There's always a point where I'm just, like…you hear that sound, that (loud, high tone) Eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee….. (Maddox and Nathan crack up) in your mind, and you're like "Oh god, I might kill somebody, please don't black out, please don't black out, please don't black out. Stop telling the story."

Maddox: Well you're in luck, Dick, 'cause that was the end of my story.

Dick: Yeah, you're good at that.

Maddox: Yeah. So, but, anyway, Buckley, what would say about that kind of travel experience? Was that bullshit, too? Did I get the travel bug?

Nathan: No.

Maddox: Thank you.

Nathan: You're…you're not one of those people. At least not yet.

Maddox: No.

Nathan: I haven't talked to you enough to know, but you don't sound like one. And, you know, I'll admit, fucking Paris is great. It's fun.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: It's a great vacation, but that's…

Maddox: You've been?

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: A few times.

Maddox: Sure.

Nathan: But that's all it is. It's fun.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: And it's no better than going to…I don't know…Rosarito Beach?

Dick: Or Cancun.

Nathan: Or Cancun, and partying your ass off. It's a vacation.

Maddox: Yeah. When people try to asc…so your problem is with people who try to ascribe higher meaning from their vacation.

Nathan: Correct.

Maddox: Right. You just bought a ticket because you have time off from work.

Nathan: And a bunch of money you don't know what to do with.

Maddox: And a bunch of…(laughs) bunch of money to blow through!

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: What do you think about people who go abroad to do some kind of…you know, some kind of service work, like um…what's the Salvation Army? Is that one of 'em?

Nathan: Mmmm…Peace Corps…

Dick: Is that a…yeah, that's a thing. Peace Corps' a thing.

Maddox: Oh, Peace Corps. That's the one I was thinking of. What do you think of, like, the Peace Corps guys?

Nathan: I'm a skeptic, so every time someone tells me they're doing that, I just think they're full of shit, or they're, like…

Dick: (interjects) It seems like it takes a lot more resources to let them do something.

Nathan: Right.

Dick: Right? It's like if someone wants to come over, and like, "Hey, man, I'll help you build your pool." Like, no thanks. I've got, like, guys who know how to build a pool out there building it. (Nathan laughing)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What are you gonna do?

Maddox: I've read all these articles recently about people who go to do Peace Corps work and they try to build these mud huts and shit huts wherever in Africa.

Nathan: Mhmm.

Maddox: And they say that a lot of times, these, uh…really young, weak, white girls show up and they try to build huts in Africa, and they have no expertise and no experience, and so they're building these walls that are crooked and not sound…

Nathan: Exactly! (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: They're structurally unsound. That will collapse.

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah.

Maddox: So what the poor people do…

Dick: Girls that you wouldn't let put together Ikea furniture in your house.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are building someone's entire house in Africa!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: So they're basically murderers. When it falls down.

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: So, so…no. What they do, though, Sean, is after they leave at night, the poor kids come out from the village, tear it down, and rebuild it correctly. (Dick and Nathan

crack up laughing) because these…yeah. Because these girls. And they…they don't wanna be rude and tell them to stop, because it's…it's still bringing in some funding to the community.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And they don't wanna lose that. So they'll let them come and play…

Dick: (interjects) And who doesn't like lookin' at hot girls workin'?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hot white girls working out there in mud huts. I'll look at that all day.

Nathan: Swinging a hammer.

Maddox: They get that muddy little thing on their brow, you know, 'cause they wiped…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's pretty hot. They should make African mud hut porn.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, real porn. Not non-porn porn.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Nathan: Mhmm.

Maddox: Yeah, anyway, Buckley. Yeah. That's a good…that's a good problem.

Dick: It's like being a nerd. People who say, like, "Oh, I'm a nerd." "Oh, I love travel." Like, yeah, everyone loves travel. It's a vacation.

Nathan: Yeah, you're on vacation. That's why you're having fun. That's what…yeah. Of course.

Dick: It's not work.

Nathan: Yeah.

Dick: People don't know you where you're going.

Nathan: "Aww, I had the best time when I was in France." Yeah, no shit, 'cause you were on vacation, not doing anything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: That's fun.

Maddox: You know what, though? You know what, though? I read this thing, uh…you know, that OKCupid releases those studies every now and then where it says the two biggest indicators of compatibility are people who like to travel and their taste in horror movies. And so, that's one thing I…

Nathan: (interjects) (incredulous) What?

Maddox: And so that's one thing…yeah. It's just a thing I read awhile back.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Um, so, the travel thing, though, Buckley. Like, people…I have met people who absolutely hate to travel. So what do you think of those people? What do you think of people who just refuse to travel, don't like it at all.

Nathan: Have they done it and they don't like it, or is just that they're afraid?

Maddox: I'm gonna guess no, because they're usually assholes. (Nathan guffaws)

Dick: I know some people who would prefer to stay home.

Maddox: Yeah. I prefer they stay home.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You don't like to travel? Great. Don't travel. Stay the fuck home. I'm not gonna hang out at your house.

Dick: Well. (scoffs) They're not as combative as you about it. (Maddox laughs) They just don't like going on trips.

Maddox: You don't like to go on trips? Fuck you!

Dick: Fuck you. (Maddox laughs)

Nathan: I don't have strong feelings against it; I mean, honestly I probably would have never gone to another country had it not been for women making me, but…

Maddox: Oh, so this was, like, in a relationship you went to another country.

Nathan: Every time.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh. So…are you…do you like to travel, though?

Nathan: Eh. Yeah. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Ohhh, okay, here we go. (Dick laughs)

Dick: What's here we go?! What did you, bust him?

Maddox: Busted!

Dick: For what?

Maddox: A non-traveler! (laughs)

Nathan: To me, like, I'd almost rather go to Portland than China.

Maddox: What??! What's in Portland.

Nathan: Yeah. Bars. Women.

Maddox: Strip clubs, that's true.

Dick: What's in China!?

Maddox: Fuckin' Chinese food. Kung Pao Chicken.

Dick: You love travelling, don't you?

Maddox: Yeah, I love it.

Nathan: (laughs) Kung Pao Chicken?!

Dick: Yeah. You're one of these people. (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Lemme tell you about the ceviche I had. (Nathan and Sean laugh) Uh, no. Actually…so, I've been to China.

Nathan: Wow.

Maddox: And, to date, the best Chinese food I've ever had is still in Canada. Like, easily.

Nathan: See? See?

Dick: (sighs) Now…

Nathan: That's what I mean. You don't have to fly 5000 fucking miles to have a great pizza.

Maddox: That's true.

Nathan: The pizza in Italy's not any better than in LA. I'll never believe that.

Dick: That's true.

Nathan: LA has good fuckin' pizza.

Maddox: Yeah. I've had…I've had good pizza in just about everywhere I've gone. Even New York. I bitch about New York pizza, 'cause it's so fucking thin. New Yorkers love their thin fuckin' pizza. Which, by the way, if you like your pizza so much, why are you making it trying to disappear!? (annoyed) It's nonexistent, basically. Anyway. That's it.

Nathan: Did you do that folded up thing and…cram it in?

Maddox: Yeah. I won't do that, 'cause it's a calzone. They have that. They're called calzones.

Nathan: Yeah.

Dick: Very specific dietary preferences. (Nathan chuckles)

Maddox: I'll eat anything, dude.

Dick: Okay. I got one more from Asterios.

(Fanfare starts again, "Welcome to the Biggest Problem in History. Taking the pisstory out of history. (telegraph beeping) And finally, the biggest problem to ever occur on today's day, January 27th, 1993. French wrestler and actor Andre the Giant passes away at the age of 46. (**Maddox:** Aw, that's a bummer.) **At 7 foot 4 and 500 pounds…**(**Dick:** Jesus.) **Andre the Giant was unquestionably one of the greatest men to walk the face of the Earth. By age 12,** (**Dick:** I dunno about greatest men. **Maddox:** Yeah.) **he was so large that he had to be driven to school in the back of a pickup truck by his neighbor, Nobel Prize-winning playwright Samuel Beckett.** (**Maddox:** Huh.) **The fabulous Moolah, famous female wrestler, wrote of watching Andre consume 119 beers** (**Maddox:** 119 beer?! **Nathan:** : Wowwww.) **all by himself, then…** (**Maddox:** Holy shit.)**pass out in a hotel lobby. His fellow wrestlers were unable to**

move him (**Dick:** I've done that. (Maddox laughs))**from the hotel lobby, because he was Andre The Giant.** (**Maddox:** Yeah, in a week.) **So they simply draped a piano cover over him and let him sleep it off.** (Maddox laughs) **Legend also tells of a time that Andre The Giant didn't feel like cramming in a cab because he was a gigantic man. So, he and the American Dream, Dusty Rhodes, each stole horse-drawn carriages, raced them around New York City, then ditched them somewhere and continued to get drunk in a hotel. The very next night, the two men main-evented Madison Square Garden. There's a point in the universe where fact and fiction, reality and legend, clash. And that point has a name. Andre The Giant.** (Maddox chuckles) **The passing of this great man into myth is the biggest problem in history today. That's all for now. Until next time, this is Asterios Kokkinos saying, the past can go fuck itself!!!!!")**

(Maddox and Nathan laugh)

Dick: So Andre The Giant died today?

Maddox: Yeaaah. What was it, 50 years ago? Something? No. 20 years ago.

Nathan: 119 beers?

Maddox: He weighed 500 pounds. I looked this up, guys. That's 226 kilos. And that's a quarter of a ton.

Dick: That's a lot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: Yeah.

Dick: That's a lot of beers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 119 beers.

Nathan: I think I've gotten, like, 20.

Dick: Yeah. I've had 20 before.

Maddox: I think we've all had 20 beers, guys. (Nathan scoffs) But let's talk about the biggest problem in the universe, shall we? Huh? The real problem? Is Overpriced Vintage Clothing, baby!!!

Dick: (scoffs) Oh, my God.

Maddox: Yeeaaaaaaaaah!!!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: You just wanna tell people how to spend their money. (Maddox cackles) That's your whole M.O.

Maddox: Ohhh. Well, you know what, buddy? It…apparently doesn't matter, because people are already spending it by the BILLIONS on vintage clothing. Listen to this. This is

from this website, http://www.narts.org. It's this National Research something-or-other. Um, first research estimates that the resale…(Dick and Nathan crack up)

Dick: Sounds like one of my stats. (grins)

Maddox: No, no. It's a real thing. I looked it up. Uh, first research estimates that the resale industry in the US has annual revenues of approximately 13 billion dollars. Goodwill Industries alone generated 3.79 billion in retail sales for more than 2,900 not-for-profit retail stores. (Dick giggles) Uh, Buffalo Exchange. That's another one of these, like…

Nathan: Mhmm.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: …Goodwill type companies? Generated an annual revenue of 81.6 million dollars in 2012. And Crossroad Trading Company, based in Berkeley, California, rang up over 20 million in sales in 2012. So why is vintage clothing a problem, guys? You have any idea?

Dick: Overpriced vintage clothing, or vintage clothing?

Maddox: Sure. Well, I'm going to make the case for all of it, but overpriced specifically.

Dick: The…the audacity that you have. (Nathan laughs) To sit here and say that overpriced vintage clothing is a bigger problem than the war on excessive touchdown celebrations. (Maddox cracks up) That's outrageous. (Nathan chuckles)

Maddox: It's not a war, Dick. What is this, Fox News? Here we go. Just listen to this. "The rise in sales…"this is from the http://www.thedailymail.co.uk. It says, "The rise in sales of vintage clothing boosts population of clothes moths by 75%!" (Dick snorts and Nathan and Sean crack up) What?!?!?!

Dick: Okay. Who gives a shit!?

Maddox: Your clothes are getting destroyed because of vintage clothing!! That's…YOU should give a shit. NFL players should give a shit! What if they're making a touchdown celebration and their clothes just fall off and you're lookin' at some guy's schlong?! (yells)

Dick: That's more fines. (grins)

Maddox: More fines!!!!

Dick: Yeah. That's a wardrobe malfunction. (grins)

Maddox: So, my problem is exacerbating your problem. Your problem's a subset of my problem, buddy!

Dick: Maddox, how many moths are around chewing up clothes? Like, isn't that something that just happens in cartoons?

Maddox: Yeah, you would think.

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: But, here's the thing, Dick. Um, when an adult moth lays an egg, it lays 300 of them. And they live for about 65 to 90 days with female adult moths living for about 30

days and laying 300 eggs in your clothes. (Dick cracks up laughing) You don't think that's a problem!?

Dick: No! 'Cause I've never known anybody that had their clothes eaten by moths. Have you, Buckley?

Nathan: I had pantry moths once. Is that the same thing?

Dick: I have no idea.

Nathan: God, they were fucking hard to kill.

Maddox: Dick, you probably…yeah. They're really hard to kill. You probably don't know because you just have piles of clean clothes around your house.

Dick: Yeah, well.

Maddox: Probably somewhere underneath those piles and piles is just big piles of moth larvae.

Dick: Ew.

Maddox: Yeah. They're attracted to the smell of sweat, which can become engrained in older clothes, even if they're undetectable to the human nose. And older clothes are more likely to be made from natural fibers, which moths feed on! Such as wool, cotton, and cashmere. Newer garments are increasingly made from synthetic material, such as polyester. That's why newer clothes are better than vintage clothes.

Dick: But is it the overpriced, or do you hate vintage clothes altogether?

Maddox: Well, look, man…

Dick: (interjects) Sounds like…I mean, I'm a betting man. I would bet that for some retarded reason, you hate vintage clothes. (Nathan and Maddox laugh) Because it's people who look different than you.

Maddox: No. Look, it's…they harken back to another era. Like, if you wear vintage clothes from, like, the 80s or 90s, you're feeling a little bit nostalgic, that's one thing, but then people go to the 20s! You don't know anything about the 20s!

Nathan: Who do you know that's wearing clothes from the 20s?! (incredulous)

Dick: (cracks up) He knows a lot of Zoot Suit guys running around!!! (laughing)

Nathan: Yeah. (giggles) (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah. Sorry, guys. Only every time I open my fucking eyes. These fedora dipshits on Hollywood…are you kidding me!?! (angry) Everywhere! They're everywhere! People wearing fedoras. Like, it's not the fucking 20s, dipshit! Take your cabby hat off! You're not a fucking newsboy! Take your hat off and fuck off! With your 1920s….

Dick: So he wants to wear a hat! So they wanna wear a hat. What's the big deal?

Maddox: I'll tell you what the big deal is.

Dick: Have you ever worn a fedora?

Maddox: No!

Nathan: It's fun.

Dick: 'Cause…I…I know…yeah. It's fun.

Maddox: I put it on just to see what it looked like in a hat store and I looked like a douchebag, so I took it off. (Nathan guffaws)

Dick: Ehhhh.

Maddox: Very few guys can pull it off. If you can pull it off with a fedora, you're probably a detective. (Nathan and Sean laugh) So, uh…listen to this, man. So, Goodwill. I looked into Goodwill, and the CEO of Goodwill is this guy named Jim Gibbons, who in 2011 received a total reported compensation of 725,000$.

Dick: The CEO? That's it?

Maddox: The CEO.

Dick: Huh. Wow. That's pretty charitable.

Maddox: Well, it's a not-for-profit company. How's he raking in 725,000$?

Dick: Oh, you think he should make less than that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you know how many Goodwill stores he runs? A shitload! That company's huge! And he's…

Maddox: 2900. (clears throat)

Dick: …probably, I'm assuming, responsible for rebranding it with the Halloween ad campaign.

Maddox: What Halloween ad campaign?

Dick: How they always have, like Goodwill, and then they have, like, that little face that gets dressed up for Halloween?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You've seen that on billboards around here. That's a brilliant campaign!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Great. Who cares.

Dick: (cracks up laughing) It's for helping people!

Maddox: Have you ever shopped at Goodwill?

Nathan: Helping poor people? Isn't that the point of the Goodwill?

Maddox: Oh, really?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. You would think. Except in…this is from Wikipedia. A 2013 article on http://www.watchdog.org reported that "Good Will's tax returns showed that more than 100 Goodwills pay less than minimum wage while simultaneously paying more than 53.7

million dollars in total compensation to top executives. The former CEO, Douglas Barr, of the Goodwill of southern California, was the highest paid Goodwill executive in the country. He received a total compensation worth 1.18 million dollars, which included a base salary of 350,200$, and bonuses worth 87,000$, retirement benefits of 71,000$, and 637,000$ in other reportable compensation."

Dick: So what?

Maddox: So they're helping people?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Really? 'Cause Goodwill Industries is…this article goes on. "Goodwill Industries International has been criticized…"

Dick: (interjects) It's goin' on, alright. (Nathan laughs)

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay, Dick.

Dick: Can you summarize it?

Maddox: Yeah. Here's the summary, asshole. "Goodwill Industries International has been criticized by some for using provisions of federal labor law to pay workers with disabilities less than federal minimum wage." Oohhh. So these people that are supposedly helping, they're paying them less than minimum wage.

Sean: Well, they can't DO as much.

Nathan: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, because they're not overcharging for their vintage clothes at Goodwill. They're cheap as shit! If they would overcharge, they could pay these people more!

Maddox: Dick! They do overcharge! Have you ever fuckin' bought anything from Goodwill?!

Dick: At a Goodwill? No, it's dirt cheap!

Maddox: They're outrageous!!

Dick: You can get ties for, like, 2 dollars!! What are you talking about?!?!

Maddox: No. I went into a Goodwill one time and I needed some construction boots, 'cause I was doing..a thing. I believe it was for Manswers for Spike TV.

Dick: Not 'cause you were doing construction. (Nathan laughs) But you were behaving like a jerk on a show, right? (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: I had to masturbate into a cup. Anyway, um…I needed…

Dick: For real, or on the show?

Nathan: Why did you need boots to masturba…? (Dick and Sean crack up)

Maddox: It was…it was a full thing, Buckley…

Dick: To get into character. (laughing)

Maddox: I'd have to, like…I'd have to get up to demonstrate. Anyway…(Dick still laughing) I walked into this Goodwill. I bought these boots, and they were REALLY expensive. They were like 70 dollars for these construction boots and I thought, well, I guess that's the price.

Dick: That's not a lot for boots.

Nathan: Yeah, but construction boots are, like, 200$, dude.

Maddox: No…(stammers) yeah. 200$, great. But these are used, secondhand construction boots from Goodwill.

Dick: So they're still good.

Maddox: Let me finish. (annoyed) (Dick, Nathan, and Sean crack up) So I bought…I'm getting fucking blue balls over here, literally and metaphorically. So, I bought these construction boots. 70$. Then I walked around the corner to Ross Dress For Less.

Nathan: Mmm.

Maddox: And I thought "There's no way they're gonna have construction boots for less than that." Guess what? 20$. For better quality, NEW construction boots! Then these bullshit construction boots I bought at Goodwill. So I walked right back into the Goodwill that I bought these from, 5 minutes later.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I said, "Well, I overpaid these. I bought these new ones from Ross for 20 dollars just now. And they said, "Sorry, no returns."

Dick: No returns.

Maddox: Ever. They have a strict no returns policy.

Dick: Of course.

Nathan: Mhmm.

Dick: 'Cause of jerks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What, Sean?

Sean: No, I was gonna ask. For 20 bucks, they're steel-toed and everything?

Maddox: They were…yeah, they were great. They were on clearance.

Nathan: Nooo. Come on.

Dick: There's no way they were good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There is NO way you bought a quality pair of work…you…Buckley, you actually do work, right? Like, you're a real manly man. You're not a silly man, like us.

Nathan: Yeah. I did construction for, like, 10 years.

Dick: You do work with your hands.

Nathan: I'm wearing construction boots now. These are 220 dollars.

Maddox: Yeah, my…

Dick: (interjects) What's the difference between the 20 dollar pair of construction boots and a 200 dollar pair of construction boots?

Nathan: Safety. (laughs)

Maddox: Safety. Yeah, I'll tell you what. Mine looked better than those, man.

Nathan: Come onnnn.

Maddox: Mine were tough. (Dick laughs) Mine were tough as shit. I bet these things would survive a bomb!

Nathan: You could drop a brick on my foot right now and I'd be just fine.

Maddox: You could drop two bricks on mine.

Nathan: Meeeeh.

Sean: Maddox once dropped a mouse on his foot and came away unscathed. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Uh, good one, Sean.

Dick: A computer mouse?!

Nathan: Yeah.

(Sound clip: Boooooo!!!)

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: 70 dollars does not sound outrageous for a pair of good, used construction boots.

Maddox: It…it wasn't until I went to Ross and bought the new construction boots. And, by the way, these construction boots, from Goodwill, were brown and ugly and they had these, like, black soles. (Nathan laughs)

Dick: Doing construction on Fashion Week in New York over here. (laughing) (Nathan laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. They almost look like…they were awful shoes. 70 dollars.

Nathan: What color do you want them to be?

Maddox: Like, normal…you know, the cream-colored construction boots that normal construction workers…

Nathan: Okay. Okay.

Dick: The tan?

Maddox: Yeah, the tan.

Dick: The khaki color, or that suede color?

Maddox: Khaki color. That's the one!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's what I wanted. Like, classic-looking construction boots. They didn't have it at Goodwill. They had these 70 dollar horseshit that I bought. (Nathan giggles) And then I went around the corner and bought the new ones that looked perfect. That was exactly what the director was looking for.

Dick: Okay. You can't possibly think that the construction industry runs on 20 dollar boots. Right?

Maddox: No.

Dick: I'm asking…like, those are not good construction boots. Those are not quality construction boots.

Maddox: I…no, they were quality…Dick, you have this fallacy. You think you pay more, you get more! That's fucking bullshit. You proved it wrong. You've CONSISTENTLY proved it wrong.

Dick: What are you talking about, I consistently proved it wrong? (incredulous)

Maddox: In the bonus episode, you proved it wrong.

Dick: I won that wine test!!

Maddox: No, you didn't! You chose…

Dick: (interjects) HOW did I not win the wine test?!?!

Maddox: You misranked the most expensive wine, dickhead!!!

Dick: Okay. First of all. Let me say this. You have no idea what expensive wine is. If expensive wine on that test is 35 dollars, that's almost nothing compared to an 18-dollar bottle of wine.

Maddox: Yeah, well, it's double, isn't it.

Dick: No! 17 dollars is not…

Maddox: (interjects) 100%!!!

Dick: Naaaaaah. No.

Maddox: Shouldn't you get…shouldn't it taste better?!

Dick: Expensive wine…

Maddox: (interjects) Shouldn't it taste marginally better?

Dick: If you're gonna shit on people who like expensive wine, you should be targeting, like, bottles that cost 200 dollars or 300 dollars.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not 35 dollars!! 35 dollars and 18 dollars is a label.

Maddox: Well, we're getting off topic here.

Dick: Ohohoho!!!! (yells) Now we're getting off…okay.

Maddox: No, no. 'Cause we're…

Dick: (interjects) Go ahead.

Maddox: If you want…I dunno, man.

Dick: No, go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: Okay. 'Cause it sounds like your dick is so hard…(laughs) so hard for Goodwill over here. Listen, they tried to defend themselves. So I mentioned the CEO making 831,000$ in 2004. That's the CEO, Michael Miller, of Portland's Goodwill, right?

Dick: That's fair.

Maddox: And they tried to defend it by saying, "Law does not require executives to take a vow of poverty to work in a non-profit sector", auditors wrote of Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Williamette, "But reasonable compensation is a substantive legal standard. Miller's 2004 compensation ranks him in the top one-half to 1% of all American wage earners."

Dick: Well, yeah. But how does it rank among CEOs?

Maddox: It doesn't matter. He's in the top one-half to 1% of all Americans.

Dick: It doesn't matter to you, but that guy's based his entire life on climbing a corporate ladder. So it probably matters to him.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm sure that's what it was and not some nepotism. Some buddy…uh, some yacht club…

Dick: (interjects) Ugh, man.

Maddox: Hey, come on in, man! Oh, you know what, dude? I've seen it firsthand! The CEO at my old company, the one I worked for, the telemarketing company…

Dick: Uh-huh. (annoyed)

Maddox: Hired his buddy from high school. He had this cushy job. He made over 200 grand a year, and his job was just to go around scouting for locations to open up new facilities. Which translated to golf. He would just go around the country. He was a traveler, Buckley. (Nathan groans) Part of your problem. He went…he went city to city. Everywhere in the country. Just to places that had the best golf courses. And that's where he would choose to have new facilities. And he was the CEO's buddy. He had the cushiest job, the best car. He did nothing except golf all day.

Dick: Yeah. (sighs) What is your…in your ideal world, what's the max amount of money a person should legally be allowed to make?

Maddox: You can make…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I know you think that.

Maddox: You can make as much as you want.

Dick: Okay. (grins)

Maddox: Right.

Dick: What's stop…what should be the cap?

Maddox: There shouldn't be…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you don't think this guy should be making eight hundred…

Maddox: (interjects) No, because it's a not-for-profit. If these guys are here to help, if they're trying to do good…listen to this, Dick. 7300 of Goodwill's 105,000 employees are paid under the special wage certificate program. The National Federation of Blind considers it unfair, discriminatory, and immoral." So, this company is entirely set up to help people who are poor, who are veterans, who are people who can't be employed otherwise, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they're paying them less than minimum wage while their CEOs are coming away with 53 million dollars in compensation!

Nathan: What if his net good, though, is better than his net, like, cost? Like, even though he costs 800,000$, what if he's doing more good for more people and generating a better life?

Maddox: Yeah, that's a good point, Buckley. Too bad we don't have that information. Um… (Dick and Nathan crack up)

Dick: That's it! That's how you get written…(Maddox laughs) That's how excellent questions get WRITTEN off summarily on this show!

Maddox: Yeah, I mean, you know. Maybe. Maybe that's true. But it would be really hard, I think, to qualitatively, uh…

Nathan: Yeah.

Dick: So, what should they do? What…what's the problem, here? Is it overpriced vintage clothes? Because, number one, Goodwill is not overpriced, and if they were overpriced, they would pay their employees more.

Maddox: Okay…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it would be a fancy vintage shop…like, that's the…

Maddox: (interjects) False. Wrong.

Dick: The people who work at the clothing…the vintage clothing stores on Melrose. Get paid more than people who work at Goodwill.

Maddox: Okay. So, you're saying that fancy vintage clothing places…I mean, maybe, because they're hipper places. They might be independently run. You're comparing small, independent stores to large, national franchises. Yeah, of course. The person who makes burgers at Stout Burgers, that you've talked about several times on the show is making more than someone at McDonald's, but that's a small, independent company versus a giant franchise that pays their employees shit, especially the BLIND. If you want to hire someone blind and you're doing them a favor as a form of charity? Then do charity.

Don't…don't undercompensate them and then walk away with millions of dollars in your pocket.

Dick: So, people are not giving enough. They're not giving enough, you're saying. They're giving, charity. But they're not giving enough charity.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: (scoffs) Okay. That's your stance?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: They're not gi…how much are you fuckin' giving?

Maddox: Well, I'm not a 501-3 C Charity, am I? These are companies that have been set up AS charities. Like, this is a charity. If you give…if you donate to Goodwill, you can write that off as a tax writeoff, right?

Dick: Sure. You can write it off even if you don't donate.

Maddox: (laughs) Okay, Dick. (Sean and Nathan laugh) Alright. Audit Dick Masterson, not me. Here we go.

Dick: That's a Dick tip for you! (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Just a little Dick tip. Um, yeah, Dick. I'm not…I'm not a non-profit, but Goodwill is. They're purporting to do good, and I don't believe that they are. And their shit IS overpriced. And that's why I have a problem with it. Their shit is constantly overpriced. I've seen stuff in there…some of their clothes with moth holes in it. And yeah, moths are a big problem. You bring some of that stuff home, you think, "Wow, I got a really good deal on these clothes." And you don't know you brought in a ticking time bomb with some moth larvae!! (Nathan and Dick laugh) And then they eat up all your other clothes…you got holes in your clothes. You're naked. Nipples are comin' through your shirt.

Dick: Oh, that would suck. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. Big problem.

Nathan: I got a story. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: Yes?

Nathan: I got this shirt at a Goodwill.

Maddox: Yeah.

Nathan: For 14 dollars.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: That's extremely cheap.

Nathan: What do you think?

Maddox: I think that's what I would pay for that shirt, yeah. It's a nice-looking shirt.

Nathan: I felt like I got a deal.

Maddox: Yeah. I bought stuff from Goodwill where I felt like I got an okay deal, and I've also bought…I feel like more often than not…I pay…I overpay for things at Goodwill and some of these places that sell vintage clothing. Some of the stuff they sell as vintage clothing, first of all, if it is actually vintage, comes from decades earlier. So the clothing is not gonna last that much longer. A couple of washes, maybe. Right?

Dick: I dunno. I mean, they made things differently back in the day.

Maddox: Yeah. They made 'em with cotton and natural fibers that attract moths. (Nathan laughs)

Dick: Well, yeah.

Maddox: We established that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Moths. The biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: Is that the problem?

Maddox: Coming.

Dick: That's an animal.

Nathan: Mmmmmm.

Maddox: Coming soooooon! (grins) Coming soon.

Dick: Yeah. I've never walked out of a Goodwill thinking that I paid even close to the value of a thing. I'm always shocked at how cheap it is there.

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Great. Why…why do you go to Goodwill?

Dick: Only for…only if I have to do, like, sketches.

Nathan: For a deal.

Dick: Yeah. Only if I have to make a costume out of something.

Maddox: For props and costumes, and that sort of thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Nathan: You know what? To Maddox's credit. Remember that time I bought a trench coat?

Dick: Yeah.

Nathan: I felt like they charged me too much money for it.

Dick: How much did they charge you for a trench coat?

Nathan: It was, like, 45 dollars.

Maddox: Yeah! You can get a new one for that cost.

Nathan: Yeah.

Dick: You can get a new trench coat for 45 dollars?

Maddox: Well, here's the thing. You go to another…another kind of charitable company that's not Goodwill. That's not this franchise. Uh, in Utah, there's a big one called the Deseret Industries, and that's Utah's version of Goodwill. And I remember going to those stores. Actually, the stuff in those stores usually are priced pretty reasonable, but Goodwill's outrageously expensive. Like, I've seen things…40 dollars for a used trench coat? Come on, man. You could go to a garage sale. You could go to a yard sale and you could find a trench coat. I'll get you a trench coat this afternoon!

Dick: Alright. I would love to see you do it!

Maddox: You want a trench coat?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We can do…you know what?!

Dick: Buy me a 20-dollar trench coat.

Maddox: Within an hour of…I will get you a…I will get a you a 10-dollar trench coat, buddy.

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Nathan: I do feel like in the last 10 years, Goodwill has become, like, aware of themselves, so maybe they think they're, like, kinda cool?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Nathan: And I feel like they've cranked their prices up, like, recently.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Nathan: 'Cause I felt like a long time ago, it was more of a deal? Eh?

Dick: How do they even price stuff? Like, everything is randomly priced.

Nathan: They just fuckin' make it up. Yeah.

Maddox: Well, it's not-for-profit. But they still somehow made 3.79 billion dollars as a not-for-profit.

Sean: So, to be straight, your problem is Goodwill. Not vintage clothing. (Nathan and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No. It's the expensive…if they priced reasonably. If this vintage clothing wasn't overpriced through the roof, then I wouldn't have a problem with Goodwill. I wouldn't have a problem with any of these companies. Buffalo Exchange, you walk in, oh Jesus. It's so fucking hip, it's like a Hollister you're walking in.

Dick: Yeah. That's overpriced vintage clothing. But they can charge that, because people know that they're getting quality vintage clothing there.

Maddox: Oookay, Dick!

Dick: Goodwill is not vintage clothing. It's just giveaways.

Maddox: They have everything there.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it's not specifically vintage clothing. It's, like, a flea market for all clothes.

Maddox: Yeah. But the stuff that you get there…here's the thing. You would think that everything should be priced the same. Right? They…when you walk into a Goodwill, they have racks of clothing.

Dick: Yeah, pantalones, 8 dollars. (Nathan laughs)

Maddox: They have racks of clothing. Sure.

Dick: 6 dollars.

Maddox: Sure. They have racks of clothing separated by color. Separated by style. Whatever. And they should all be priced the same, but they're not. They know when they get a quality piece of fabric…

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: …or they get a quality shirt in there, because it's on a special rack. And I bought one of those awhile back. I saw this shirt and I thought, "Wow, that's a nice shirt. It kinda looks like the one Buckley's wearing." And I bought it and I thought, "Wow, this is a nice shirt. I can't believe this is at Goodwill." And of course, it was also…I think it was, like, in the 15 to 20-dollar range, which is more like the Target pricing. You would expect to pay that about at a Target, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Or a Wal-Mart. For NEW clothing. Not used, hand-me-downs.

Nathan: Are you buying clothes at Wal-Mart?

Maddox: No. (Dick laughs) I don't buy anything at Wal-Mart, unlike Dick. I boycott Wal-Mart.

Dick: I just buy kid's toys. Well, I don't shop there myself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I…American Apparel. Lulu Lemon. Those are my stores. (Dick and Nathan crack up) Nordstrom's, actually. Most of my wardrobe comes from Nordstrom's.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, that's my problem. Overpriced Vintage Clothing.

Dick: Alright! (voice cracks) So what, should they make it more to pay the employees more, or should they cheapen it and then stick the loss to the employees?

Maddox: Neither. They can just stop compensating the CEOs that much. In fact…

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: …when this was brought out. When they came out with this report on http://www.watchdog.org about that CEO who was making way too much money…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He ended up having to take a 25% pay cut. He was like, "Yeah, you guys busted me." So, yeah, it's a not-for-profit.

Dick: I'm sure he found a way to get it somewhere else.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: CEOs are pretty good at that.

Maddox: Of course. Bunch of dickheads.

Dick: So they take 53 million that the CEOs are getting and they split it among how many thousands of employees?

Maddox: They have 7900 employees.

Dick: That's it?

Maddox: Er, no. I'm sorry. Um, they have 105,000 employees.

Dick: 105,000. Okay, so 53 million. What's 53 million divided by that many employees?

Maddox: It's…

Dick: 530 bucks?

Maddox: 504, yeah.

Dick: 504 dollars a year?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's your problem? People should be getting 500$ more per year?

Maddox: Wait. Lemme do this math again. 53…

Dick: (interjects) I think a good CEO is worth that.

Maddox: Yeah. 504 bucks.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I'm not saying that they should…

Dick: See, it doesn't spread. It doesn't spread like you're saying it does.

Maddox: No, I'm not saying they should just take all the CEO compensation and simply just distribute it all towards their bottom-like employees. But they don't have to pay such outrageous amounts for the top CEOs.

Dick: Do you see what I'm asking you?

Maddox: Yeah, what?

Dick: If they're…even if they got rid of the CEO's pay entirely.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay? 53 million. Give it to the…give it to the broke-ass employees.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're only getting 500 bucks. Still doesn't solve…they either gotta raise prices or they gotta stick these people with no money. Which one's it gonna be?

Maddox: No…the 105,000 employees who are part of Goodwill…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Are not the ones who are undercompensated.

Dick: Okay. Who's…

Maddox: (interjects) There's only 7300 of those who are.

Dick: 7300. Are undercompensated. Okay. So, let's add another 0. So 5 grand?

Maddox: It's about 7200$ per year.

Dick: Okay. So, will that make it okay?

Maddox: That'll make a big difference! That's the difference between poverty and not poverty, yeah. 7 grand is a huge amount of money for these people.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That would change their lives!

Dick: But then all the people who are making slightly more than that, you gotta give them a bump too, right?

Maddox: No, you don't.

Dick: Oh. So now…

Maddox: If they're making…they should at least make minimum wage. That's all I'm saying.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know. Maybe they've got a money printing machine at Goodwill that they can cover this spread, but I think they're gonna have to raise prices if they wanna pay what you're expecting them to pay.

Maddox: I dunno how much more they can raise them, they're already so fuckin' high! Overpriced vintage clothing. Biggest problem in the universe. Vote it up.

Dick: Alright! (grins) What are our problems? Buckley, thank you again for coming by.

Nathan: Yeah, man. Good times.

Dick: You got any favorite Twitter comments? Any good stories from the Twitterverse? I remember coming to one of your Tweetups. One of your Twitter meetups?

Nathan: Oh yeah, that's right.

Dick: Yeah.

Nathan: I introduced you to a girl.

Dick: Yeah. Uh…amazing night. However, the next time I ran into her, there was nothing. It was like…

Nathan: She's real weird.

Dick: Yeah, it was like…that date was, like, a real dead fish.

Maddox: Yeah? Did she come over to your place and smell your sheets? (Nathan laughs)

Dick: No, actually, I let her split the tab, which I usually never do.

Nathan: Ooh.

Dick: But that's how bad it was. I was like. "This is an abortion."

Maddox: She turned you into a feminist. Big problem.

Dick: Yeah. The date was so bad, I turned into a feminist. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, Buckley, so we're gonna link to your Twitter account. It's **@duplicitron**, right?

Nathan: That's right, yeah.

Maddox: Uh, pretty funny, guys. I didn't do it justice on the show, but…I consistently laughed my ass off when I reading it. Uh, thanks again for joining us, and your problem was?

Nathan: Uh, the Travel Bug.

Dick: Wait, how did you like writing for the live show?

Nathan: Uh, I loved it.

Dick: Yeah?

Nathan: Super fun, yeah.

Dick: Was it weird?

Nathan: Yeeah.

Dick: Yeah? (Nathan chuckles) 'Cause you also came to the taping.

Nathan: I was surprised at what went over well and what didn't. Like, it was kinda swapped in my mind, you know?

Dick: Huh.

Nathan: But…

Maddox: I expected everything to just be smooth sailing, baby!! Yeah. So we're coming out Thursday, February 5th, is our launch date for the live show.

Nathan: Cool.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And we'll be posting it online. Everyone will be able to see it. Uh, thanks…thanks again for writing on that show. It's hilarious. Consistently funny stuff.

Nathan: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, anyway, Dick. And your problem…

Dick: My problem is The No Fun League.

Maddox: No Fun league.

Dick: The NFL.

Maddox: Booo hooo.

(Closing riff starts)

Dick: Buckley's is the…what's your problem, Buckley?

Nathan: Travelling.

Dick: The Travel Bug.

Maddox: People bit by the travel bug. Thanks for listening, guys.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "I just called in to give Dick Masterson a couple of quick tips on how to get those sheets on the bed, since it's so goddamn difficult. (Sean and Maddox laugh) **Uh, step 1. Take your head out of your asshole.** (Maddox and Nathan crack up) **Step 2, put the sheets on the fuckin' bed.")**

Dick: That's not a very good tip. (Nathan laughs)

Maddox: That's the entire tip.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "I'm that Kingpin. You insulted Fireball Whiskey for the last time. (Maddox laughs) **I'm coming for you, and when I find you, I'm gonna rip your head off and shit down your neck!")**

Maddox: Sounds like your Kingpin is either Batman or Duke Nukem. (laughs)

Dick: (Nathan laughing) He doesn't know. He doesn't know which he was doing.

Maddox: Yeah. Identity crisis. (grins)

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey, Dick and Maddox. I'm calling about the um…Dick's bullshit second problem last week, uh, Changing The Sheets. (Dick groans) **Now, if Dick's problem wasn't changing the sheets, what you're doing is called humble bragging, which is what Maddox needs to bring in for a problem this week. He's talking about 'Ohhh, change the sheets, it's such a pain in the ass, man. (whiny voice) Oh, I banged this girl, uuugggh…** (**Maddox:** Yeeeeep. **Dick:** I did.) **she rocked my world, my sheets were all sweaty and I had to change themmmmm. Such a pain in the ass. Then I banged another girl the neeeext day and another girl the day after that.** (**Dick:** Did do that.) **Oh my god, change the sheeeeeeeets, so muuuuch, oooh.**

(whines) (**Maddox:** Oh.)**I'm just getting so much pussy, it's just, like…**(**Maddox:** Yeah.) **it's almost not worth it 'cause the sheet…**(Dick cracks up) **YEAH, BULLSHIT. You sound like a dude who doesn't get laid very often and this is coming from a dude who doesn't get laid very often, so I'm onto your bullshit.** (Maddox and Nathan laugh) **Alright, see you guys, love the show. Gonna switch it up a little bit. Maddox, you're an asshole. Peace.")**

Maddox: That's bullshit.

Dick: That's good.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. Yeah. He totally got your number, dude. That was a humble brag. Someone else wrote that in the comments, too. This guy named **Aaron Blackham**. He basically was like, **"Ohhhhh, I'm having so much sexy sex here, I'm bangin' so many chicks."**

Dick: I was gonna bring it in the week before. And then it wouldn't have been a humble brag, so. I mean, you know. You can vouch for that. That I wanted to bring that problem in the prior week when I didn't have those stories about banging those girls.

Maddox: Yeah. That's true. (grins) 'Cause I'm sure you wouldn't have lied. (laughs)

Dick: I don't lie. (Maddox cracks up) I don't lie about something as serious as that.

Maddox: That's the biggest fuckin' lie!

Dick: I don't lie on this show.

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(Theme riff in background)

Dick: Today's show is brought to you by...our own bonus episode! http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com/bonus-episode-4/

[**montage of clips from Bonus Episode 4 plays; theme music continues in background**]

Maddox: My mom...doesn't quite understand the Internet. (Dick laughs) **And/or credit cards. And payment systems. So she'll never buy these bonus episodes. I'm gonna go ahead and tell you the story!** (Dick laughs loudly)

Maddox: Lesbians! (Dick cackles) **Huh??** (cocky)

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: THERE'S a solution, buddy!

Maddox: Knees and ankles were hot shit way back in the day when... (Dick laughs) **...people wore those...the godawful one-piece swimsuits from the '20s? You remember those?**

Dick: No, they weren't!! They weren't hot shit! Knees and ankles?

Maddox: Are you kidding me?! If you've never seen a knee or an ankle and you see it for the first time, you're gonna jerk off to it, buddy!

Dick: (laughing hysterically) **I'm gonna jerk off to a KNEE?!**

Maddox: I'll jerk off to a knee! (yelling) (Dick keeps laughing)

Dick: That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You know, if you put two knees next to each other they look like a bum.

Dick: Okay. (cracking up)

Maddox: Fat knees look hot! Anyway...

Dick: MY lines are like plutonium. Go -- but please, continue.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. No, they're Kryptonite. Is that what you meant to say? They're definitely Kryptonite.

Dick: They're like Red Kryptonite. (smug)

Maddox: Uhh...

Dick: That's a different kind of Kryptonite.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: That makes Superman go horny as FUCK. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

[**clip montage ends**]

Dick: Now available at http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey!! What's up, buddy? How's it goin'? (grinning)

Maddox: Oh, great. And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Dick: Hey, Sean.

Maddox: Welcome back. Another great episode, DICK. (annoyed)

Dick: We had a great episode yesterday! The bonus episode. It's a good one.

Maddox: Yeah, the bonus episode's awesome! Uh...

Dick: Lotta laughs.

Maddox: (chuckles) A LOT of laughs.

Dick: Uh, for...for those of you who haven't listened to it yet, we played a rousing game of Biggest Problem Bingo...

Maddox: The bingo!

Dick: ...in the bonus episode.

Maddox: Right, the bingo card that we posted on the website last week, on Episode 37, we played it live during the show, which was incredible. You will probably never...you know what? I would put money on it. If you haven't listened to the show, you will never guess who wins.

Dick: That's fair!

Maddox: And, AND...

Dick: That's fair.

Maddox: ...there is a winner.

Dick: There is definitely a winner.

Maddox: There's definitely a winner!

Dick: Of that.

Maddox: Yeah, of THAT.

Dick: Unlike our problems! Who didn't win last week, Maddox? (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. Not a contest, Dick! (annoyed) (Dick laughs gloatingly) Alright, Dick! The No Fun League... (Dick cackles) ...came in as the biggest problem in the universe. I don't know how, 'cause I don't even know what that is.

Dick: I'm surprised.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm surprised too!

Dick: Well, there's a lot of, uh, secret knowledge about that problem, The No Fun League, that you don't know about. 'Cause I didn't come up with that. That, uh, that phrase. The "No Fun League"?

Maddox: Yeah. I know!

Dick: Everybody calls the NFL the "No Fun League."

Maddox: Yeah, I -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they do stuff, like, they're screwin' with kickoffs so there's no more kickoff returns. The -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, MAN. It sounds like a grandpa came up with that name, Dick. Such an old dad term. You know what? I'm so...I'm so tired of you NFL crybabies! (yelling) I uh, I actually brought in a song, Dick, to commemorate your problem coming in the highest last week.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Here you go. I made this just for you. And all the NFL whiners. [**plays NFL parody song**]

(dramatic NFL theme music)

(sound of a baby crying plays every time cymbals clash)

(Dick and Maddox laugh)

[**song ends**]

Dick: Ohh. (amused)

Maddox: (yells) Buncha fuckin' crybabies! EVERY WEEK it's something with the NFL!! "Oh, this guy hit some woman! This guy killed a dog!" (Dick and Sean laugh hysterically) There's always some fucking shit! ALWAYS drama in the NFL!

Dick: "This guy beat his 4-year-old son!" (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah!! I'm fuckin' tired of it! And you...but now you whiners crying about the dance celebration, you whiners crying about touchdowns, controversy with the referees bein' fired? I don't give a SHIT!

Dick: Guys talkin' to the media after the game?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: More controversy? (grinning)

Maddox: Just -

Sean: (interjects) "Ehh, Ray Lewis stabbed somebody!" (whining) (Dick cackles loudly)

Maddox: Waaah!

Dick: See? It's exciting!! (Maddox scoffs) It's like the WWF, except it's REAL and people are really going to jail for some of that stuff. (cracking up)

Maddox: Always crying! Crybabies.

Dick: Yeah, um...

Maddox: Followed by...The Travel Bug. Our guest's problem scored pretty well. (yells) And then everyone voted down Overpriced Vintage Clothing, because I guess you guys were confused about whether the problem was the vintage clothing being overpriced, or moths, or whatever! Doesn't matter, I brought in -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, there was a lot of confusion. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: From the audience, from me and Sean, and I think a lot from *you* on what the hell that problem was.

Maddox: Well, I guess...I can't help it that you guys are too dumb.

Dick: Well, I brought in some comments about that. But FIRST, I wanna get to my victory celebration.

Maddox: Great. (surly)

Dick: It may be banned in the NFL, but it's not banned on this show. As everyone knows, when I win...

Maddox: You didn't win.

Dick: ...I play 30 seconds of the movie Titanic, because Maddox has sworn that he would never watch it. (smiling)

Maddox: And for those who haven't listened to the bonus episode yet, uh, I guess Dick gloated about having his solution come up before mine, so he played an extra 30 seconds. So if you guys wanna listen to that HORSESHIT, listen to the fuckin' bonus episode.

Dick: That's right! Thank you for reminding me, 'cause I have to set up where we left off in the movie.

Maddox: Oh, great.

Dick: We had just discovered *something*...

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: ...deep under water. We don't know what it is yet, but there was a diving crew -

Maddox: (interjects) My eye is twitching.

Dick: (cracks up) There was a bunch of robots with spotlights that spotted something underwater. So Maddox, can you put yourself back in that frame of mind yet?

Maddox: I'm not even gonna put my headphones back on. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: (laughs) Get ready to experience the romance and the adventure...

Maddox: Yeah. Let me know...I guess I'll see you guys in 30 seconds! (Dick laughs)

Dick: ...that is Titanic.

Maddox: Later!

Dick: Here we go. (hushed tone) [**plays next 30 seconds of Titanic**]

(foreboding music in background)

(underwater sounds)

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom yelling, "Go to HELL, man!"**) (Dick laughs)

Dick: What is it? That's Bill Paxton! (jokingly dramatic) See that? You like him!

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom yelling, "How dare you!"**)

Dick: What's Bill Paxton looking at, Maddox?

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom yelling, "Shut the hell up!"**) (drowns out movie's dialogue)

Dick: (**pauses clip**) Alright, wait a minute, wait a minute. (Maddox laughs) If you're gonna step all over these lines that these guys are giving...

Maddox: (yells over Dick) No, no, no!!

Dick: This is...Bill Paxton does not sound like Angelo's Mom. (Maddox laughs) I'll rewind this...I'll rewind it a minute and a half, and make you watch all of this again. (Maddox groans)

Maddox: Ughhh!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This is worse than sittin' on my balls.

[**Dick resumes clip**]

(submarine and walkie-talkie sounds)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: They're going over the bow of what? What could it be?

Maddox: This has gotta be illegal. (both crack up)

Dick: What? What I'm doing? And playing the NFL theme isn't??

Maddox: No, it's a remix!! (laughs)

Dick: Look at that bow.

Maddox: I'm not gonna look.

Dick: Look at that bow!

Maddox: I will NOT look.

Dick: It's the very front of the boat. It's gonna come into play later.

Maddox: Great. (annoyed)

Dick: In the romance. (smiles)

Maddox: You've seen this before, haven't you?

Dick: Yeah, I've seen it!

Maddox: What a pussy. (muttering) (Dick laughs)

(music gets more ominous as Titanic wreck comes into view)

Dick: Ohh, look at that. Look at that. (hushed)

Maddox: I will never look at...I'm not lookin' at the screen!

Dick: It's a relic! [**clip ends**] It's a relic from back in time, Maddox, that these guys are...that these scientists are uncovering. That's it. That's it.

Maddox: Yeah this...this BIT'S a relic from back in time. (cracks up) (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Alright. (chuckling)

Maddox: I have a comment. This one I have to read anonymous, because it's a guy -- he said he's not representing any players in the NFL; however, he is qualified to be an NFL agent. And he has some inside information about the salaries of NFL players.

Dick: Wait, what...wait, he's qualified to be an agent?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Who...?

Maddox: I dunno. (Dick laughs) He was tryin' to be vague...

Dick: Okay! (mocking)

Maddox: I'm not gonna give his NAME.

Dick: (grins) I mean, I don't want his name! I don't give a FUCK about this guy. Go ahead.

Maddox: You don't give a fuck about this guy?! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Well, wait...

Maddox: He gave us some valuable research!

Dick: Ha, okay. (giggling)

Maddox: So we were...there was some controversy about how much players make, and we were sayin' it's not that much. The league minimum for a first year player is 420,000 dollars.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The salary cap is roughly 130 million, and top players are making close to 20 million. So the average player makes about 2 million per year!

Dick: (cracks up) Oh, thanks for that inside information, Jerry Maguire.

Sean: No, that's..that's weighted, though.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sean: You just averaged all those numbers together. That's not -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, of course. Yeah.

Sean: The upper echelon makes the big bucks.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right, but 420,000 dollars isn't nothin'. I mean, that's...

Sean: No, no, that's good.

Dick: It's substantial.

Maddox: That's half of what the CEO of Goodwill makes.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: But it's not 200,000 per *game.* Like, you're...

Maddox: No, it's not per game. Yeah, yeah, yeah. But still, a 10,000-dollar fine for someone who makes half a mil a year? It's nothin', man.

Dick: It's a lot!!

Maddox: It's nothin'! (stammers) If I made half a million a year, I would jerk off into a wad of 10,000 dollars.

Dick: God, I pray every night that one day you make that much money so you know how hard it is for these people. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: (laughing) "How hard"...?!

Dick: And you can stop with your shit about income-based fines, and...

Maddox: Ohh, these CRYBABIES.

Dick: You're gonna work your whole life and you're gonna finally make that much, and you're gonna have some asshole in his 20's and 30's going, "Yeah, well, why don't you give ME some of that? I don't wanna work! Maddox, give me some of your money!" (obnoxious voice) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Is that what it is, Dick?

Dick: Yeah. That's your penance. (smiling)

Maddox: Just a bunch of whiners and crybabies sittin' around? Is that what it is?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, there's a Dick Versus Dick, because you were in favor for income-based fines when it came to dog shit, but not for the NFL, your PRECIOUS fuckin' crybabies!

Dick: I lost my temper. I'm... (Maddox and Sean laugh) I'm done talking about the NFL. Here's, uh, I got some...lemme read a comment for a sec. Oh, um, you know what? This guy said...from Louis BC: "Hey Dick, you selfish asshole, why don't you let the guest talk for once? You asked Buckley about his live tweets and then talked about yourself for 2 minutes." (Maddox laughs) Yeah, that's because when I asked him and Maddox what their favorite tweet was of his, both of them sat there like deer in the headlights with dumb fuckin' looks on their faces! Neither one of them could think of a favorite live tweet! Buckley's entire DAY is tweeting hilarious things, and we get him on the show, "What's your favorite tweet?" He goes, "I dunno." (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, you know what, Dick? In improv, that's called "pimping." You put us on the spot, dude! You can't just be like, "Hey, uh, you read this article. Really? What's the source? Tell me exactly right now where you read this article, when you..."

Dick: I'm asking him the favorite *joke* he ever said! He's a joke writer!! (yelling)

Maddox: Why don't you tell ME your favorite joke right now, Dick?

Dick: I actually brought 'em in! Because I'm a professional broadcaster.

Maddox: (laughing) Oh, you motherfucker. What do you got?

Dick: Here...here, because you assholes wouldn't do it, here's a sampling of Buckley's jokes. @duplicitron on Twitter. [https://twitter.com/duplicitron]

Maddox: Oh. Well, that wasn't my question, but let's hear some. Yeah. These are pretty funny.

Dick: Here's one of 'em: "Well it took forever but I just paid the pizza guy entirely with the quarters I found behind his ears." @duplicitron. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Like a magician.

Dick: "A little..." Yeah, that's pretty funny. "A little about me: my favorite song is happy birthday and my favorite band is just my mom singing it." (Maddox laughs) There you go. "The ocean is a huge waste of water."

Maddox: Yeah, it is!! (Dick and Sean laugh) See? I'm fuckin' on board with that! I had a tweet the other day that said "Mountains are stupid." He and I! Blood brothers.

Dick: Mountains are stupid?

Maddox: Mountains ARE stupid.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Uh-oh, spoiler. (mischievously) (laughs)

Dick: Uh, "Whoops looks like I got a little too much beauty sleep." (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: He is a handsome dude.

Dick: "I was huffing gold spray paint and got some on my face and now everyone in this alley thinks I am rich." (Maddox chuckles) I guess! Third-world problems.

Maddox: Pretty funny!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I like that guy. Um...alright Dick, uh, do we have any voicemails?

Dick: Yeah! Here's one, since you wanna talk about the NFL so much. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail: (gruff, jocky voice) **Hey, Maddox! This is your old high school quarterback calling!** (Maddox chuckles)**I was just listenin' to the podcast. It's good to hear that you're still such a DOOOOUCHE!** (Maddox laughs) **Hell yeeeeah!**

[**message ends**]

Dick: Yeah. You remember that guy?

Maddox: Is it really...? I... (stammers)

Dick: He said it was!

Maddox: What was the area code? What was the area code on that phone number?

Dick: I don't check that kinda thing.

Maddox: Shit, I wonder. I mean, it could have been! I don't know, man.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I'm always shittin' on those jocks.

Dick: Here's, uh...here's one about the CEO of Goodwill. You had a problem with him.

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic)

Dick: Alright. [**plays second voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Hey Maddox, just because some asshole at your old company got paid a bunch of money to go to golf courses, doesn't mean that the CEO of one of the biggest companies in the world should work for free. That doesn't make any sense.

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Voicemail: And by the way, you already told that story before about the guy who goes around and goes golfing, you dumb fuck. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Oh, I'm sorry! (heavily sarcastic)

Voicemail: Dick, go fuck yourself. Bye.

[**message ends**]

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: This guy who ends his voicemail with the exact same sign-off of every other voicemail is criticizing me for telling a story twice. (Sean chuckles) Get FUCKED. And here's the other thing: I'm not saying CEOs shouldn't make any money, but this is a nonprofit! If your goal as a charity is to help people, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If that's your goal, then you should help people. You shouldn't pocket it. You shouldn't try and make yourself as rich as possible. And by the way, when this came out... (Dick scoffs and laughs) When this whole scandal came out with the Oregon CEO, or the Oregon president of uh, of Goodwill -

Dick: (interjects) Scandal!

Maddox: Yeah, it was a scandal.

Dick: Ehh...

Maddox: Yeah! Watch, uh, Watchdogs.org did a piece on it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: When this came out, he agreed to a 25 percent pay cut! He voluntarily agreed. Why would you do that if what you're making is justified? It's like those dipshits, those politicians in Bell, California a while back, who were raking in over 800,000 dollars and then they got caught and they were like, "Oh, well, uh...well, you know, we des-...we, uh..." (stupid voice) They scrambled and they tried to cover their asses. That's what they're doin' right here!

Dick: They do it for PR.

Maddox: Yeah, PR, but if you were just in...look, if I'm making my money and I EARNED it, you come to me and say, "Hey, you're makin' too much money," and I'll show my fist to your mouth.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, that's my fuckin' money, I EARNED it!

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: I'm not gonna kowtow! I'm not gonna say, "Oh, I should take a 25 percent pay cut" if I feel like I deserved it!

Dick: Yeah... (unsure) The problem with that is the CEO's *job* is to increase the reputation of the company. So, punching reporters in the mouth (Maddox laughs) is kind of...not doing his job right. He can't punch a reporter in the mouth and say, "I'm a good CEO!" (Maddox laughs more) Doesn't work like that.

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause he's not a fuckin' badass wrestler like me.

Dick: This guy agrees with you. Danny Price: "I was at Goodwill the day before I heard this podcast and was outraged..."

Maddox: Outraged!

Dick: "...at how overpriced the shit I bought was."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Especially when I compared the prices to how much they were at the general store down the street. Cheese grater: $5."

Maddox: 5 bucks for a cheese grater?! Get fucked! You can buy a new one for FREE!

Dick: No, that *was* the new one. (Maddox laughs) Uh...I'm sorry, "Cheese grater: $5 [at] Goodwill - $4 new." That's...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...that's RIDICULOUSLY overpriced. (chuckling)

Maddox: (yells) It is ridiculous, Dick! That's, like, over a 400 percent markup on a cheese grater! You should be able to buy that thing for a -

Dick: (interjects) 400 percent?? It's a...

Maddox: For a DOLLAR! It's a dollar -

Dick: (interjects) It's a 25 percent markup!

Maddox: It's a used cheese grater, man! (slowly for emphasis) No no, I'm sayin' it's, it's...over 400 percent of where it SHOULD be.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It should be, it should cost a dollar for a...would you pay more than a dollar for a used cheese grater?

Dick: You should be the CEO! You know how to price everything, and you'd work for free. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Dick, as a charity... (stammers) (Dick laughs) I wanna fuckin' scratch my eyes out right now with my pen, I'm so fuckin' mad! (yelling)

Dick: Yeah, I know!!

Maddox: Look, someone sent me a link -

Dick: (interjects) Then you'd REALLY be the CEO, 'cause the CEO of Goodwill's blind! Did you know that?

Maddox: Is he really?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: So you picked on a blind guy for, uh, 20 minutes last episode. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Is he really blind?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I guess that's cool that they have a blind CEO.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) REALLY blind. Yeah!

Maddox: What does that mean, "really blind," Dick? (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Like, his eyes are pointing in...opposite directions. (smiling) (Sean laughs more)

Maddox: Oh, that doesn't nece-... (cracks up) What, is he wall-eyed? Is that...? That's a different condition than blindness.

Dick: No, no, no, man! Like...nonono, like, he's really blind.

Maddox: Oh, okay! Well, that's not -

Dick: (interjects) Go look at his picture. You'll know what I'm saying.

Maddox: I guess it's nice that they gave a blind guy the CEO job. Alright? There's somethin'.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right? That's ni-...that's nice! You don't see a lot of blind CEOs. And they don't see a lot of... (breaks down laughing)

Dick: Butt Sanchez wrote in. (Maddox keeps laughing to himself) He wrote in with some future Maddox problems. You remember Butt Sanchez, right?

Maddox: Yeah, Butt Sanchez. You're butt buddies. (annoyed)

Dick: "Expensive shoes, expensive ties, expensive pants..." Is that...is that gonna be one of your problems?

Maddox: Could be!

Dick: "...expensive seafood..."?

Maddox: I dunno, what are you gettin' at, Butt Sanchez?

Dick: "...spending money." That was the last one. (amused)

Maddox: Oh, that's...those are my problems?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic) Butt Sanchez, here's your problem. (Dick cackles) 'Kay? You don't have the nuance or the mental facility to even comprehend the amount of GENIUS that goes into my problems! Like when I brought in Satire as a problem and that problem itself was a satire? Brilliant!

Dick: Yeah! (about to laugh)

Maddox: Blew everyone's FUCKING minds. (Dick laughs loudly) Everyone DIED who listened to that episode.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Died from aneurysms.

Dick: That was a good one. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah! Uh, one other thing I wanna mention about that, uh, vintage clothing thing? Someone sent me this podcast from WNYC in New York. They did a piece on vintage clothing the day before our podcast came out, and they talked about how it's changed the entire landscape of vintage clothing and charities. They're starting to cater to high-end consumers at vintage clothing shops. And this lady said that in her neighborhood, she would watch family after family of poor people come in, look around, everything's too expensive and they leave empty-handed, whereas she said in the past they would come in and buy bundles of clothing. Now it's become this huge business where they buy pounds of clothes and then resell them on Etsy and eBay and...high-end thrift shops.

Dick: Puttin' America to work. Sounds great.

Maddox: Yeah, puttin' poor people in the poorer bracket.

Dick: Oh, stop. (dismissively)

Maddox: Yeah. (surly)

Dick: They go to Walmart. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: (scoffing) Great. (laughs)

Dick: Alright! We ready for some...I got some more stuff here, but I wanna save it.

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: I got some, uh...I got some stuff to promote the live episode that's coming out, uh, this Thursday.

Maddox: This Th-...? Oh shit, really?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: This...I gotta edit. (laughs loudly with Sean)

Dick: Two days. Spent so much time watchin' the Super Bowl this weekend, you didn't edit the episode, huh? (wryly)

Maddox: Oh yeah, big big fan of the Super Bowl. (sarcastic)

Dick: Of the "big game."

Maddox: The big game?

Dick: You can't call it the Su-...have you noticed that?

Maddox: That's...

Dick: I know you're not a sports fan, but have you noticed how everybody has to call it "the big game" on commercials?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ah, it's so...it's so annoying.

Maddox: Why, 'cause they can't use the words "Super Bowl"??

Dick: Yeah. Right.

Maddox: FUCK the NFL! I'm so tired of these fucking crybaby pieces of shit! (yelling)

Dick: No Fun League!!

Maddox: Why doesn't just someone burn that shit down? You know what? Did you know that if in the...the NFL, if you get 3 or more players together -- I guess, I think it's 3, is the number -- in a photo, they have to pay royalties for that? Like, if you...if they wanted to pose with fans on Facebook or whatever, they...you have to pay royalties. The NFL wants a cut of that!

Dick: Maddox, this is the No Fun League! Speaking of cuts, they fined, uh, Marshawn Lynch for grabbing his crotch, calling it "an excessive celebration"? They are SELLING THAT PHOTO online! You can buy it for like 150 bucks.

Maddox: Oh, so they're okay...they're okay with selling it and making a profit off of it, but they're not okay with him doing it. They're okay -- they just wanna make...they wanna make money by fining him, they wanna make money by selling it. They're a bunch of fuckin' hypocrite douchebags, and *you're* a hypocrite douchebag for supporting this SHIT industry.

Dick: I BROUGHT IT IN AS A PROBLEM!!

Maddox: No! YOU brought in -

Dick: (interjects) That you shit all over!!

Maddox: You brought it in... (stammers) Do you honestly think the NFL's a problem, Dick? Are you gonna boycott the Super Bowl?

Dick: The No Fun League is a problem! (Maddox scoffs and laughs) I think they can fix it.

Maddox: DICK... (protesting)

Dick: I don't wanna throw the baby out with the bath water! I think they just make a couple tweaks...

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: ...and we'll all be happy. Alright?

Maddox: I'm okay with throwin' out babies. (slyly)

Dick: Alllright. Speaking of throwing out babies...are we ready for my first problem?

Maddox: What's your problem, Dick?

Dick: Ghostbusting the Patriarchy.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay, GREAT.

Dick: You guys know what ha-...what is happening with Ghostbusters? Sean?

Maddox: I sure do!

Dick: Are you up on your Ghostbuster news?

Sean: Is the -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I sure am, and I am sure pissed off about it!

Sean: The cast is all women, right?

Dick: It's all women! Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Why does it...okay, Dick. I believe that you are gonna come across like an ass...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and I...I'm also pissed off at it, but not for the same reasons. I'll come across as very moderate. So go on. What is the reason -- what is your problem with this?

Dick: Well...look, I love women. (Maddox laughs) Okay? Lemme start there.

Maddox: (**'sproing' [boner] sound effect**)

Dick: Alien...Alien, Metroid, Tomb Raider?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright? I love intellectual property with women. I've jerked off to all those. (Maddox cracks up) Okay?

Maddox: Very respectful, Dick.

Dick: Amélie, 30 Rock...

Maddox: You jerked off to Amélie?

Dick: Yeah! 101 Dalmatians... (laughs)

Maddox: I mean, she's basically a corpse. 101 Dalmatians? (cracks up) That's not even human!!

Dick: Cruella de Vil!!

Maddox: Oh, is that the one?

Dick: She's the star of the movie! (yelling)

Maddox: You jerked off to Cruella de Vil?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Not even one of the female dogs? I mean, they...Disney does a good dog.

Sean: I remember when Dick said the princess on Mario Kart had a hot ass.

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox laughs) She's designed that way, to entice you while you're playing Mario Kart.

Maddox: No, she's wearing a giant fucking boof-...boofy dress! You can't see anything.

Dick: Eh, you can tell.

Maddox: Is it...does she wear shorts in the episode? Whatever, I'm... (Dick laughs) I don't wanna think about Princess Peach's ass right now! (Sean chuckles) And you jerkin' off to Cruella de Vil.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) Look, so I just wanna say that I love women in things. Okay?

Maddox: I don't think so.

Dick: That didn't...?

Maddox: Okay, but go on.

Dick: I woke up...man, I woke up this morning. So the news came out recently.

Maddox: (cracking up) Wait, does Dick love women? "Yeah! I jerk off to women all the time!!" (Dick giggles) "Love 'em!" (laughs)

Dick: I think they're great, and that's... (trails off)

Maddox: Go on.

Dick: I wake up and I see, after this was announced, that it's an all...all-female cast. And I see -- the first thing I see on Facebook is, uh...a guy on my feed saying, "Oh, it's nice to see all of the hate-mongering horrible misogynists out who have a problem with this movie."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? INSTANTLY. I just turn on my phone...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and I'm already a hate-mongering misogynist because I think this is a dumb move!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I don't like it!

Maddox: Why don't you like it?

Dick: Well, for a lot of reasons that I'll get into. Um, part of it is that it seems like a shameless cash grab. Or not even a cash grab! It seems like a shameless pandering.

Maddox: (inhales thoughtfully) It is.

Dick: Because it is NOT Ghostbusters.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ghostbusters is about plumbers and garbage men busting ghosts.

Maddox: You know, Dick, I don't understand how they can even make them women, 'cause one of the original Ghostbusters was a gorilla!

Dick: (cracking up) Oh, yeah. (Maddox laughs) Yeah.

Maddox: No, but all joking aside, I had that same problem. I got in an argument -- so I posted this tweet on Twitter, and I said essentially...I was breaking down the Hollywood trends by decade. And in the '80s, it was to take one of 'em and make 'em black. Right?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: In the '90s, take one of 'em and make 'em gay. Every sitcom had to have a gay character.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And in the...the '00s, the turn of the century -

Dick: (interjects) Which is fine! Which is fine.

Maddox: Sure! Of course.

Dick: I'm fine with those.

Maddox: Yeah, whatever! It's just a trend.

Dick: It's cool! Whatever.

Maddox: And in the '00s they said, "You know what? We're outta ideas, let's remake them."

Dick: Yup.

Maddox: And NOW the trend is, "Let's remake them with women."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's all it is! Evil Dead, uh, they decided to make Ash a female.

Dick: WHAT?!?

Maddox: (chuckling) Yeah, dude! That happened like 2 years ago.

Dick: Oh, I didn't even see that one. The remake?

Maddox: The remake.

Dick: No, I didn't see that one.

Maddox: Ash was a female.

Dick: No, because it's not...it's not, uh, it's not Bruce Campbell! If it's not Bruce Campbell, it's not the Evil Dead.

Maddox: You know, it was fine. It was a...I saw it and it was okay. It...I didn't *hate* it, and I ended up not being totally disgusted by it. I thought it was okay. It was an okay movie! It's no Bruce Campbell, but Bruce Camp-...but that's, uh, that's the problem that I think most people have with this franchise is that they're changing something fundamental about it. Like, they already did this, Dick! Do you remember the Real Ghostbusters cartoon?

Dick: With the wheelchair guy?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They remade it with Extreme Ghostbusters. (Dick sighs) No one can even remember a single one of their fucking names!

Dick: No. Look, I like...I like the 'make one of 'em a black guy.' 'Cause it's a different perspective! You know what I'm saying? It's like, "Yeah! Okay, I see the Ghostbusters, now one of 'em is a black guy. Cool! I get to see that perspective on this." You know what I'm

saying? Doesn't need to be 4 white guys. It's enough... (stammers) I get enough of that perspective with 3. Right?

Maddox: Alright, Dick. I mean, I'm on board -

Dick: (interjects) Is that a problem? I mean, what do you think...?

Maddox: Yeah... (hesitantly)

Dick: It's...it's shameless and it's pandering, but as an audience member it doesn't offend me. Okay?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Okay? Make one of 'em a gay guy. Same thing. Alright! As long as the point is...as long it's not the point IS that he's gay, it doesn't bother me as an audience member, as a consumer of this medium. Right?

Maddox: Sure...uh, okay.

Dick: But this is...

Maddox: Uh, I'm not buyin' this argument at all, but go on.

Dick: Really, no??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're not?

Maddox: I'll tell you why.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I got in an argument with uh, a Facebook Feminist, and...I think that's what I'll call them now, because they're not real feminists. These aren't -

Dick: (interjects) "Tumblr Feminists," they're called.

Maddox: Yeah, Tumblr Feminists. Yeah, that's what this was. Or Fa-...I like "Facebook Feminist." I like the alliteration there.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: But, uh -- because it was on Facebook. And this girl was talkin' about, "Well, um, aren't you interested in having someone who's not white, male...uh, be represented in movies and TV shows? We need more diversity, blah blah blah blah blah," and I said, "Yes, I agree that we do need more diversity. I'm interested in more diverse points of view. However, I don't think there's anything inherently unique or interesting about casting someone as a woman, as someone who's gay, as someone's who's black. I think what makes us unique is our personal experiences in life, our points of view, and our life experiences. And unless they have that, I don't give a shit what genitals they have, I don't care about their skin color, I don't care about their nationality, I don't give a fuck about anything! I think that a PERSON makes a person. Right? It's not the color of our skin, it's the content of our character that matters, isn't it?"

Dick: In real life, but I don't think that -

Maddox: (interjects) In movies too!!

Dick: Yeah... (unsure)

Maddox: Why...?! If they took all of Dan Aykroyd's lines, and they just remade Ghostbusters and then put a woman in there, do you think it would make a difference?

Dick: It makes a huge difference!

Maddox: Well, sure!

Dick: Yeah! Because, um, for the same reason that this is not...this is no longer a Ghostbusters movie! Because the perspective isn't a blue-collar trash man...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...schlub, anymore. Because only -- and I looked this up. I got a stats for you. (Maddox smirks) According to the Census, the Bureau of Labor, 1.5 percent of natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations are women.

Maddox: So only 1.5 percent of construction workers are women.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So, it's unrealistic -- you're not going to have that blue-collar perspective of these women necessarily in the new Ghostbusters. Is that what you're saying?

Dick: Yeah! That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah, I agree with that.

Dick: I'm saying that...that it's one out of 99 percent.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it is no longer a movie about trash men fighting ghosts!

Maddox: Yeah, there's something about the 'everyman' -

Dick: (interjects) It's a movie about WOMEN fighting ghosts. Which is fine! I'm fine with. Okay?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: But it's not the Ghostbusters!! (yelling)

Maddox: It's not the Ghostbusters. Call it something else, guys.

Dick: And... (splutters) Since it's not the Ghostbusters, keep in mind this is a movie that as a man, I have been supporting for 30 YEARS.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And this is why I'm really upset about it. Because I watch that goddamn movie probably 4 times a year. Right?

Maddox: I watch... (cracks up) Yeah.

Dick: At LEAST.

Maddox: I watch it...I watch it, no joke, probably once every couple months.

Dick: Yeah!! And I...there's a TON of guys who do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, this is like a -

Maddox: (interjects) And people, and women! Like, everybody watches that movie. It's a great movie!

Dick: FALSE. I do not think the split is like that.

Maddox: Okay, well, do you have any evidence? (chuckling)

Dick: What would you need? I mean, what would...you wanna search, like, Facebook likes for Ghostbusters?

Maddox: I think...

Dick: Do you really think...what do you think the split is on the audience for Ghostbusters?

Maddox: I think it's probably about 40/60, with men in favor. I think that, uh, Ghostbusters is a pretty universal movie. It's a great movie, I think a lot of people liked it. It was a huge blockbuster, you can't -

Dick: (interjects) Maybe...go ahead.

Maddox: You can't have a huge blockbuster of that size without also getting the women audience.

Dick: Yeah, but I'm...I'm talkin' about, like, die hard fans. Like I think as you approach watching it like 20, 30, 50 times over your life? Somebody who, like, downloads the cartoons?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And watches -- like that gorilla joke?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What do you think the spread's gonna be on who gets that gorilla Ghostbusters joke that you told?

Maddox: Old people. Um, here's... (cracks up) Here's the thing, Dick.

Dick: What is the men...what is the male/female split gonna be on the gorilla joke?

Maddox: Male/female split? Oh boy. I've...I mean, it's all speculation, I don't think it matters. But if I had to guess, I would say 20/80.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, uh...but here's the thing, Dick: the people who were sayin' that the people who have a problem with this are misogynists -- which, by the way, is just a LAZY fucking copout, guys.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Stop using that word. (yells) You don't HATE women because you don't want to see Ghostbusters recast with women! That's not equivalent! You fucking MORONS. Listen, what this comes down to is keeping true to the franchise. I wouldn't wanna see an Aliens movie if they cast a man in the role of Ripley!

Dick: It wouldn't be Alien!!

Maddox: It wouldn't be Alien! I wouldn't wanna see a movie...I wouldn't wanna see Tomb Raider with a guy in there!

Dick: No!

Maddox: It's not true to the original!

Dick: It's called "Uncharted" and it sucks.

Maddox: It sucks!! It's a piece of shit! It's...I've never been able to play through to the first save point in Uncharted. I keep falling asleep, it's that fuckin' boring.

Dick: No, 'cause you can't play that game. It's a movie.

Maddox: No, I know!

Dick: It's just a...it's just a movie where you press 'A' to go to the next scene.

Maddox: It's awful. Although you -

Dick: (interjects) It's like a broken DVD player.

Maddox: Although some could argue that...that uh, Tomb Raider is Indiana Jones with a female lead. But it's a little bit different. It's more about the -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause there's...there's puzzles.

Maddox: Yeah, it's more about the puzzles and things.

Dick: And Indiana Jones was a movie.

Maddox: (inhales thoughtfully) Yeah. Um...yeah, I wouldn't wanna see female -- I wouldn't wanna -

Dick: (interjects) Plus I've never jerked off to Indiana Jones! I mean, that's a big difference.

Maddox: Well, that's your problem. Uh... (cracks up)

Dick: I have to Tomb Raider.

Maddox: What about, uh...what about, uh, what's his name, Top Round?

Dick: Short...Short Round, is his name.

Maddox: (laughing) Short Round... (Dick laughs) I was thinkin' of -

Dick: (interjects) Not "Top Round." (grinning)

Maddox: I was thinkin' of Top Ramen.

Dick: No. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Uh...yeah, here's the thing, Dick: I wouldn't wanna see any female franchises recast with men. I wouldn't wanna see Thelma and Louise with guys...

Dick: What about...what about the other way? What if they recast Pretty Woman and they put, like, Patton Oswalt in, in Julia Roberts' role? (Maddox chuckles) That's the same movie, right?

Maddox: Same movie! Same exact movie.

Dick: Yeah, you're uh...what is the opposite of a misogynist, if you're against that? Are you a homophobe? If you think that's retarded? (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, I -

Dick: (interjects) "Richard Gere and Patton Oswalt, Pretty Woman 2!"

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: "Come see it!"

Maddox: You know, it's -

Dick: (interjects) "Or you're a hate-mongerer."

Maddox: You know what the...you know what the most damning thing about this whole thing is, Dick? Is that they are exploiting women, and they don't even -- the women don't even realize it yet. Somebody commented this on my Facebook page, and I thought it was a really astute, uh, insight. But they said that probably 10 or 20 years from now when we have enough perspective to see what was going on in this era, they're going to probably look back and...and see this movement as "femsploitation." Like, just like they did -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's funny!

Maddox: Yeah! Just they did "blaxploitation" in the '70s.

Dick: Huh! Yeah.

Maddox: And uh, and made all these movies pandering to the black audiences. Now they're doing the exact same thing with women, and women are, uh...not all women, the dumb ones. The ones who are embracing this as a triumph...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...aren't really seeing it for what it is. You're being exploited! This isn't a triumph, idiots. This is exploitation, you're being exploited. And this isn't about men versus women! I don't give a fuck! I'll see lots of...I'll see any movie with a female lead, as long as it's a good movie. I don't give a shit. Don't change something for no reason other than a cash grab.

Dick: It just makes no sense to me. Like, the whole movie's about guys doin' dumb shit with science. You know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I know alotta guys, and they're all dumb. And they all do dumb shit with their technology.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You know what I mean?

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Went to school with engineers. You know what they wanted to do with their technology? They wanted to make, like, an Internet toaster. That's what they wanna do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's like, that's...that's idiotic! And I've never heard something that idiotic in that specific way from a girl. And that's what Ghostbusters is about to me! This is...I have no idea what this movie, what this remake is.

Maddox: Uh, are you gonna see the movie and give it a chance, or no?

Dick: FUCK no.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, I'm...I'm *boy*cotting that movie. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Like they boycotted us.

Maddox: Well, I'm gonna MANcott this one. Uh, yeah, man. This uh, this movie just stinks. It sounds like...it sounds like it's a cash grab. It seems like it's...it's really offensive. Like, it's pandering. Right?

Dick: And it's worse; imagine the Ghostbusters 3 we coulda had.

Maddox: Uh, I think that -

Dick: (interjects) Like with...

Maddox: You know, I think that ship has sailed too, because half the cast is dead or not...not talking to each other. That's gone. It's gone! It's a dead franchise, I think.

Dick: They coulda rebooted it with, like, Chris Pratt? From Guardians of the Galaxy?

Maddox: Eh...

Dick: And like, Magic Mike? You know? That guy with Magic Mike, with the...the delts and the penis? What is his name? (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Maddox: You just wanna see a bunch of handsome dudes. (both laugh) Yeah.

Dick: And...and Glover's kid? Who's that guy? The Amazing, uh...Porno, or whatever his name is? Gambino?

Maddox: Gambino -- oh!

Dick: That guy as Winston?

Maddox: Donald Glover?

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Yeah, that guy's great!

Dick: That woulda been a GREAT Ghostbusters 3.

Maddox: That's a GREAT guy.

Dick: And Melissa McCarthy coulda been Slimer! (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing) Or Slimer's mom, whatever! Whatever.

Maddox: You know...and you know, all these feminists who are saying, like...you know, "health at any size," and uh, and "love your body," and all this; isn't her whole schtick, essentially, is like one big fat joke, right? Like, she's like...

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: ...she's like the John Candy...

Dick: She's on Mike and Molly, which is a show about two fat people that are, like, making fat jokes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like Two and a Half Men, but with fat jokes.

Maddox: Yeah. So, I guess they're okay with that one. Uh, which I imagine that's all it's gonna be in Ghostbusters, a bunch of fat jokes. Which I liked the original Ghostbusters for *not* doing that. You know? I guess...I guess Ray was a little bit overweight. He was a little bit pudgy. But uh, they made him a caricature in the new cartoons.

Dick: Well, he also dreamed up the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man, right?

Maddox: That's true!

Dick: That was a joke on his fatness.

Maddox: That was a joke on his fatness, I guess. Was it? No, it was also a joke on his innocence.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It was a very naive thing.

Dick: I suppose so.

Maddox: Anyway, man -

Dick: (interjects) Yes, it was...it was subtle! That was why it was great.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It wasn't hammering 4 broads into your eyeballs.

Maddox: Nah.

Dick: Like uh, A Clockwork Orange.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. Should we get to a real problem this week?

Dick: 1.5 percent. That's a pretty good stats! (Maddox chuckles) Isn't it??

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**)

Dick: Are you impressed that I looked it up?

Maddox: That was a good stats, Dick. Good job on your... (cracking up)

Dick: I got more...I got more, uh, more on there too.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: But I don't wanna bore you with too many stats.

Maddox: Well, let's hear, let's hear one more...let's hear a dynamite stat before we move on to a real problem.

Dick: Okay. Hold up, hold up, hold up. Oh yeah! So, if they're 1 percent of the construction force, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like making a movie about Ghostbusters, except they're all billionaires. Would that be weird? 'Cause it's just as likely!

Maddox: Yeah. (unsure)

Dick: You see what I'm saying? The top 1 percent of earners in America? Now THEY'RE Ghostbusters. So it's 4 billionaires.

Maddox: Well, then you're just watchin' Batman. Except there are 4 of 'em.

Dick: Another movie!

Maddox: Another Batman.

Dick: 4 Batmans!

Maddox: There you go, 4 Batmans. (smiles) Which is uh, what, Avengers.

Dick: Alright, go ahead. You think I'm gonna look like an asshole on this one?

Maddox: Yeah, dude. You always look like an asshole on these. (laughing) I get all these emails and messages from women, they're like, "Ah man, Dick's such a dick." Um...

Dick: I mean, if they're Gho-...if they are Ghostbusters fans, I don't see how they could support this.

Maddox: Uh, a lot of 'em don't, and I think it's really insulting to the intelligence of...of uh, women in general for these people who are coming out and calling people who are...who have a problem with this "misogynists." That's a really disgusting word. You can...you can dislike something for a reason other than it being a hatred for an entire gender, which is FUCKING insane.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, I want to see...I'll see any movie. Like, I...again, I don't wanna see Alien recast with a man! I don't wanna see any franchise that is cast with a woman being recast with a man, or vice versa. I just don't! I mean, I saw Evil Dead, and it was okay. It's just not the original. It's not as good as the original. It was fine! It was fine, but it was a different thing. And this was -- I suspect that the Ghostbusters movie...look, it's a competent cast. I like, uh, what's her name, the blonde one from SNL, and she was in...ah, man.

Dick: Yeah, she's so great, you can't remember her name.

Maddox: No, I'm totally blankin' on it because it's late -

Dick: (interjects) Kristen Wiig.

Maddox: Kristen Wiig, yeah! She's great! She's really funny. Um, I think that she's...she's gonna do a great job in the movie, and some of the others ones, maybe. But it's gonna be a different movie than what I expect, and I don't want that.

Dick: Fuck it, don't see it. Go ahead. What's your problem?

Maddox: Black unemployment disparity!

Dick: Oh my GOD. (chuckling)

Maddox: There we go! BOOM!

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: Well, I feel very uncomfortable even talking about it.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Nailed it. Um, so... (cracks up) So this is from CNN, Dick.

Dick: Like the original Ghostbusters. One Winston and three white...that's what you're talkin' about?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, and actually Winston...Winston's lines in those movies were supposed to be -- he was supposed to be a huge part in that movie, and they...he got cut and reduced like the night before.

Dick: Really??

Maddox: Yeah. They reduced -

Dick: (interjects) I didn't know that, that's awful.

Maddox: Yeah, they reduced him almost to a page, and I think he's made...like almost no money on that movie. I think he made somethin' under like 200,000 dollars for the entire movie, throughout the entire franchise. He got cut and minimized from that movie.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Uh, I believe because Bill Murray and...and what's his name, who played Egon, were deciding against...

Dick: Ramis.

Maddox: I think he wanted to hi-...to get Eddie Murphy in there originally, and Eddie Murphy couldn't do it -

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: - so they just got this guy, and they just cut him out.

Dick: Oh. Well...keep goin'.

Maddox: Which is a shame, but he's a really humble dude. Anyway. Speaking of uh, black guys not makin' any money...here's what the average white family -- white families have accumulated far more wealth than black families, according to a new Brandeis University study. 265,000 dollars for white families, and the average black family: 28,500 dollars. [http://money.cnn.com/2013/02/27/news/economy/wealth-whites-blacks/]

Dick: Hoho, wait wait, what??

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 260,000 versus what?

Maddox: 28,000.

Dick: Okay, order of magnitude.

Sean: Wait, accumulated over how long?

Dick: Couple weeks, right?

Sean: No, there's no way that the average white family -

Maddox: Yeah, this is, this seems...

Sean: - gets 265,000 dollars in a year.

Dick: Over a lifetime.

Sean: Over a *lifetime*?

Dick: Probably.

Sean: But 26,000 for a black family?

Maddox: No, this is...this is over 25 years.

Sean: Okay.

Dick: 25 years, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Over 25 years, is 265,000 versus 28,000.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: Over 25 years, so a quarter of your life. That's how much money you would...you would accumulate.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And there's actually another stat, um...

Sean: That's still doesn't sound right.

Dick: No, that's...it's probably right!

Sean: 28,000 over 25 years?

Dick: Yeah!

(recording briefly cuts out)

Maddox: Okay, we're back, and actually what happened is -- this is a first...one of the first times we've ever had to pause the show, because I just read a stat on air about the black income disparity that was so outrageous that Sean simply couldn't believe it, and I went and checked; it's actually even worse, Sean. Um, this is from CNN: "Over the past 25 years, the wealth gap between blacks and whites has nearly tripled, according to research by Brandeis University." [http://money.cnn.com/2014/08/21/news/economy/black-white-inequality/]

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: The median household wealth for whites is 91,405 dollars, and for blacks...6,446 dollars.

Dick: What does that mean, those numbers you're reading? What do you mean, 91,000 and 6,000? What is, what is...what is it?

Maddox: Well, that's their median house wealth.

Dick: What is "wealth"?

Maddox: Uh, that's in large part..."That's in large part because home ownership among blacks is so much lower. Housing is often Americans' greatest asset and a major component of their overall wealth." So a lot of black people just simply don't own houses.

Dick: Well, yeah.

Maddox: So they're paying...they're paying rent, they don't have a lot of assets. You know when you take out a mortgage on your house, or you can take out a mortgage loan on your car...you can, uh, you can remortgage all those things. That's...those are things that black people can't do.

Dick: (hesitates) Well...okay. Well, those are things that people who don't own houses -- they can't take out loans against their houses. Yeah.

Maddox: Exactly, and that's what they're talkin' about, "wealth." So, accrued wealth. All your assets; what are you worth? You're essentially worth all the things that you own.

Dick: They don't own houses.

Maddox: They don't own houses, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: Now that first stat makes more sense.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I misunderstood, uh, "accumulation." I thought that was like, earnings. You know what I mean? Like a...

Maddox: No, that -- yeah, that's...that's accumulation.

Dick: No, it's what they split up when you die.

Sean: No, it's more like savings.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So I looked into why this is, and this article goes on. It says, "Income gains are also a major differentiating factor, even when whites and blacks have similar wage increases. Whites are typically able to put more of their raises towards accumulating wealth because they've already built up a cash cushion. Blacks are more likely to use the money to cover emergencies." So black people are just barely gettin' by, and if they have any kind of catastrophic illness or a hospital visit, that'll wipe out all their savings and all their funds.

Dick: Yeah. To be honest I would rather see this, like...as a function, instead of race, as of like...where people live. (Maddox chuckles) Like, do they live in the ghetto?

Maddox: Uh-huh, well... (cracks up) First of all, that...

Dick: Like, who are...you know what I'm talking about? I mean -

Maddox: (interjects) First of all -- yeah.

Dick: Like, it's...there is a ton of white people who've been here for a long time. They have a huge leg up when you're talking about like, wealth accrual.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I would like to s-...like...well, I mean, keep going, but.

Maddox: Well, it's interesting -

Dick: (interjects) I think it would be a better stat without, like, leaving people who came over on the Mayflower as part of this.

Maddox: Well, that's uh, that's actually the next point I was about to read, Dick. It says, "Inheritances also make it easier for some families to build wealth."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Among the families studied, whites were five times more likely to inherit money than blacks, and their typical inheritances were 10 times as big." So Jon Stewart had Bill O'Reilly as a guest on his show recently, and Bill O'Reilly simply could not acknowledge -- and I hate this expression, 'cause it's such a...uh, it's overused, whatever: "white privilege." I think it's...it just makes me cringe because so many people use it for the wrong reasons and in the wrong way. However, Bill O'Reilly could not acknowledge that he, as a white person, had ANY benefits whatsoever in society. And Jon Stewart simply pointed out that in the '60s, when...the community that Bill O'Reilly grew up in, blacks were not *allowed,* period. They kept it a white-only community. It was a nice gated community, it was...I'm not sure if it was gated, but it was a nice, clean, safe, private community, and you see this all around the country. I went to Omaha recently, and in Omaha, I believe the, uh...what is it, uh...that's the main city, right?

Dick: It's a big city, yeah.

Maddox: I think it's...it's either Lincoln or Omaha. Anyway.

Dick: Lincoln's the capital, but Omaha's a big city within Nebraska, yeah.

Maddox: There is a very -

Dick: (interjects) That's where you fly into.

Maddox: There is a very big divide between where the whites live and where the blacks live. And you can almost see it down the streets where the whites and the blacks are separated. The black side looks like the houses are a little bit shoddier, and they're closer together, and they're denser...and uh, it looks like the streets are not as well-kept versus the white side. You can see this, and it's not necessarily that there's some kind of...institutional racism that's going on *today.* However, the remnants of the institutional racism that was in the past are still there.

Dick: Yeah! Sucks.

Maddox: Yeah. And uh, the stats go on: "When it comes to education, black graduates are often more saddled with college loans, making it harder for them to start socking away savings than their white peers. Four in five black students graduate with debt, compared to 64 percent of whites."

Dick: Yeah, man! (brief pause) Um...there you go! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: It's a pretty big problem! Dick...Dick is speechless, everyone in the room is bummed out...

Dick: Well, it's not... (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: ...this is the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: It's just like, what am I...I'm just gonna say the same thing over. Is it race or is it poverty? Like at this point, what are you gonna do? Like yeah, it sucks that you come from nothing and you got... (chuckles uncomfortably) You have no wealth in your family to, like, fall back on and to help you out on. It's...it's a bummer, man!

Maddox: Yeah! (chuckling) It's a bummer. Anyway, let's go drink. (laughs with Sean) Like, what are ya...? Yeah, it is a bummer. Uh...so, people who argue against things like affirmative action -- which I have mixed feelings about. Because on one hand, if I was a black person and I got a job somewhere, I'd wanna know that it was because I was the most qualified person for that job, not because of my skin color.

Dick: I wouldn't give a FUCK. I would just be glad I got a job.

Maddox: And then you have the Dick Mastersons of the world.

Dick: Yeah! 'Cause who cares? It's your life. Take every advantage you can.

Maddox: Uh, I... (stammers) ...you know.

Dick: I mean, the problem I have with it is that it's the government coming in and telling you that, uh...who to hire to be an audio engineer. That's a much bigger problem to me.

Maddox: You think we should hire a black guy and fire Sean? Sean, take off your cans. (laughs)

Dick: I mean, that's what it is! Like, incentivizing you to hire someone you wouldn't normally hire, which...I guess if you wanna play social engineer, be my guest. Go nuts. But...I don't like it.

Maddox: Yeah, well, you don't have to like it. However...what's that guy, the Donald Sterling guy. He's the guy who got busted for saying all that racist, heinous shit a while back, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, he was forced to sell the Clippers.

Dick: Yep!

Sean: By the league.

Maddox: He was forced to sell the Clippers, and what was -

Dick: (interjects) By the league, yeah.

Sean: Right.

Maddox: Yeah, by the league, right. Which is a private organization. I don't think that...that's wrong. They can do whatever they want!

Dick: Makes sense.

Maddox: Right. Uh, Donald Sterling -

Dick: (interjects) Well, they CAN'T do whatever they want.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: But they can force him to sell.

Maddox: Okay. What is it, the No, uh, Ball League? What's a "No Fun..."

Dick: No Fun League.

Maddox: No Fun League, but what's the basketball equivalence?

Dick: Um, I don't know. I don't watch basketball.

Maddox: Yeah. Whatever. (muttering)

Dick: But what's your...what's your point with Donald Sterling?

Maddox: Anyway, Donald Sterling...people think that that's the worst thing that he did. This isn't...you know, that was all theater. What Donald Sterling said, the racist shit that he said, was all theater and inconsequential compared to what he actually *did.* He was a slumlord. What he did is he created a really significant divide in racial discrimination when it came to housing. You know that housing -- that racial discrimination law that's on the books? Well, Donald Sterling bought a whole bunch of buildings and properties that he would not rent to blacks or minorities or low-income families at all. And he forced them out into these, uh, so-called "ghettos" that you described, Dick, and forced them into

these...these poor living conditions and living places where they built entire freeways to go around them. Jon Stewart talked about this a while back, too. But it's a really depressing fact, because he's essentially created these poor conditions that keep CREATING poor conditions for blacks to grow up in, and then...you have the decks stacked against you. And that's essentially what happens, is after a while you look at the unemployment rate...for whites -- this was a while back -- I think the white unemployment rate was 6.6 percent; blacks, 12.6 percent. You look at these stats and you think, "Well, shit, why should I even try? Everything's stacked against me." They have a much higher incarceration rate...and then you see things like, things go down in Ferguson -

Dick: (interjects) Make drugs legal then!

Maddox: Okay, fine! But making drugs legal isn't going to solve this problem. It's...there's SO many -

Dick: (interjects) It's gonna get alotta people out of prison!

Maddox: Well, that's true, it will get a lot of people out of prison, but how do you solve the problem with, uh...of black people getting incarcerated at much higher rates across the board for all crimes?

Dick: I mean, I... (stammers) I don't know. Dude, what...what, do you want me to play devil's advocate for this problem? Like, I'm not really that in-...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't feel comfortable arguing the opposite side of that.

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah.

Dick: I don't know...I don't know all these things that Donald Sterling is doing.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I would way rather see all of these stats from a perspective of like, socioeconomic diversity than race! 'Cause I don't see what the hell any of this does to fix the problem. Like, I honestly don't. It's a more interesting stat from a position of socioeconomics than it is race to me.

Maddox: Well, so I took a class in college; this was the last class I ever took in college, and it was called "Education and Society." And my teacher in that class, I think her name was Reid? GREAT teacher. Incredible. She was teaching the class in such an interesting pedagogical method that she was making it seem like we were leading the discussion, but she had a very direct message and education and syllabus that she was teaching us. Anyway, in this class one of the writings that we read was this, uh, this guy named John Ogbu, and he's a black literary professor or somethin' like that. He had, um...he came up with this racial theory that he's been writing about for years about how he believes that sometimes black people who live in affluent neighborhoods, their kids do poorly in school regardless of their familial life at home. They have good parents who are taking care of them, who are spending time with them, who are giving them the tools they need; however, they still perform poorly in school. And the reason is, he believes...you know, back to hearken to your sociological point, Dick...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...is that because they had this history of slavery in our country, that they are rejecting our assimilation. They see that performing well in school is assimilation, cultural assimilation. Which is why sometimes you see black families who have names that are wildly different than whites, is because they are rejecting cultural assimilation and they view it as some type of enslavement. So until you can disengage that philosophy, that ideology, to make them feel like they're not being imperialized anymore, maybe this problem won't go away.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: This is the biggest problem in the universe, Dick. I think that this should unseat, probably, Female Genital Mutilation.

Dick: Uh, no, you mean Slacktivism? (Maddox laughs) I love that...I love that people are complaining that the last episode didn't have real problems, and yet the biggest problem in the universe according to this show is people on Facebook, basically. Slacktivists are people on Facebook who pretend like they're helping out.

Maddox: Slacktivists are a big problem, Dick!

Dick: It's not at all!

Maddox: Oh, I...I'll tell you why! Because I would rather have somebody not do anything than to SAY they did and not do anything.

Dick: It's a mi-...it's an annoyance.

Maddox: (excited) No, it's an annoyance -

Dick: That's what it is. (smiling)

Maddox: But it's al-...it also prevents action down the line! 'Cause if you do some slacktivist thing, you feel *good* by doing nothing, then you have even less of a chance of ever accomplishing anything good.

Dick: Yeah. Uh...

Maddox: Which sounds like a contradiction to my argument about New Year's Resolutions, but it's not and I'll explain it in another episode.

Dick: It sounds like something I would say. Uh... (Sean laughs in the background) So this is...what, yeah, black guys got, uh...get screwed outta the gate? Kinda true?

Maddox: Black guy's getting the shaft.

Dick: You know? Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, man.

Dick: You got any stats on other minorities in there?

Maddox: No. They, blacks...

Dick: No?

Maddox: Blacks, across the board, are the worst. Which, by the way, every time I hear some feminist complain about the wage discrepancy, et cetera, et cetera, they don't really talk about -- they're always talking from the perspective of a white female. They're not talkin' about the black female, which has the lowest...across the board, black females have the lowest income across the board. They have the lowest employment rates across the board. It's...it's really pathetic. It's really sad. But that's what they're always focusing on is white females, et cetera, et cetera.

Dick: Well, there you have it.

Maddox: Biggest problem in the universe, guys! I think this should actually legitimately be voted up. And by the way, dickheads, is this what you want?? Are you happy now? You got a real problem! (yelling) Bumming the show out. There you go.

Dick: Yeah, it really is. Just because I...I would rather hear a black guy talkin' about -- or a woman talking about it.

Maddox: Alright, well, we'll bring one in. (grinning) (laughs)

Dick: I mean, what do we have to offer on this other than like, stats off the Internet? You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Well, you know -

Dick: (interjects) Like, I don't really have a perspective to bring to this other than, like, things that I don't have to live with.

Maddox: Sure. Well, the alternative to not talking about it as white guys is not talking about it at all.

Dick: Nah, you bring in a...you bring in a black guy to do it! Or a black person to do it.

Maddox: You know what? We'll do that. We'll do that sometime, and maybe we'll have an addendum to this problem or have something tangentially related to it.

Dick: We can do...we can bring in problems twice? I got some on there I wanna bring in again.

Maddox: (chuckling) Okay. Great, Dick.

Dick: Like the No Fun League. (wryly) (Maddox and Sean laugh) Alright.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. What's your next problem?

Dick: No, I got...I got a thing before that. I brought in -- so when we did the live taping, everyone had to fill out an application to be an audience member.

Maddox: Oh yeah, that's right!

Dick: Remember that?

Maddox: Yeah, we asked people why they felt like they deserved a ticket to the live show.

Dick: Yeah. I wanna read some of the answers that these people gave. Uh, this was why they deserved a ticket.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Okay? Ron Sanchez...this is what he put on his form: "Because I hate hippies too and Dick is a huge cunt." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Bravo. (**'ding!' sound effect**) (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Rourke...Rourke James Smith...uh, here's why he deserved a ticket: "Because fuck Dick Masterson." (cracking up) (Maddox and Sean laugh) Christine Plisky: "I got written up for work for listening to this podcast on the clock, and now I think I should take a day off to see it live." She did, too!

Maddox: Yeah! I remember, I think I...we met her, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, here's one from Denzel Walkes. Um...

Maddox: He was a black dude! I remember him!

Dick: Yeah, you shoulda had him in for this problem.

Maddox: Yeah! We'll get Denzel in on the show. (chuckling)

Dick: "I deserve a ticket because I'm the shit and I'm 1 of 5 of your black male listeners. Race card cash-in." That's funny.

Maddox: You know, he was really proud of that, but we had one other one show up too that day. Another black guy!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah! He wasn't 1 of 5 -- yeah, well, no. We got a bunch.

Dick: Well. Um...John Soto -- this is my favorite one: "Give me a god damn ticket." (Maddox laughs) I think he got in with that.

Maddox: Why did we let him in (Dick cackles) with that fuckin' bullshit?

Dick: It's funny!

Maddox: BOSSY.

Dick: It's funny.

Maddox: (**booing sound effect**) Alright Dick, what's your...what's your next problem? Let's hear this horseshit. What do you got?

Dick: I got a problem that also, um, affects black people more than anybody else. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Oh yeah? What is it?

Dick: Yeah! Type 2 diabetes. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: What?! Type 2 diabetes??

Dick: Yeah! Or "diabeetus," if you prefer.

Maddox: Yeah, I DO prefer.

Dick: But only the type 2. Not the first one.

Maddox: Dick, is this really your problem? We usually discuss these problems a little bit before we come in to the show, ahead of time.

Dick: Yeah, I told you about this one, didn't I? Didn't I tell you about this?

Maddox: No, I don't think so, Dick. I'll pull up my text messages.

Dick: 29.1 million people in the U.S. have diabetes!

Maddox: 29.1 million, huh?

Dick: Yeah! 8 million of them are undiagnosed and unaware of their condition.

Maddox: Then how do they know they have 'em?

Dick: Um, 'cause they got God to do this study.

Maddox: Statistical...statistical data, okay.

Dick: No no no, I...uh, in adults 20 and older, more than 1 in every 10 people suffers from diabetes. Did you know that? And in seniors, uh, that figure raises to 1 in 4. 29 million people, Maddox, have diabetes type 2!

Maddox: Yeah, man. (sighs) I dunno. I hear all these like, 1 in 10, 1 in 5, 1 in 6...sounds like 100 percent of people are suffering from somethin'.

Dick: 100 percent of people have...are...might *possibly* have type 2 diabetes. (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing)

Maddox: Dick, fuck you!

Dick: They might get it! They might get it.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

(brief silence)

Dick: Uh, in uh...here we go! Cases of diagnosed diabetes cost the United States an estimated 245 BILLION dollars in 2012.

Maddox: I dunno.

Dick: Oh my god, that figure is expected to RISE... (jokingly dramatic) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: ...in the future. (smiling)

Maddox: Dick, you were looking at... (cracks up)

Dick: That's what it says! (laughs)

Maddox: You were looking at your paper when you said that line, "oh my god"! (Dick keeps giggling) Does that...is that what your news source says? What sour-...where's your source for all these, by the way?

Dick: Oh My God News. (Maddox cracks up) Oh My God...it's Ohmygod.gofuckyourself.com.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: 245 billion dollars, Maddox!

Maddox: Yeah, that sounds made-up.

Dick: Yeah. You know what the risk factors are? Why...how you might have this?

Maddox: Uh, just bein' obese, right?

Dick: Yeah, bein' a big fatso. That's why.

Maddox: Bein' a big fat fatty.

Dick: Yeah. Not even hugely fat!

Maddox: Yeah. I think 10 pounds overweight increases your risk of diabetes by somethin' like 50 percent, right?

Dick: Yes!! (excited) This is...one of the stats was if you lose...if you lose 10 pounds you indefinitely, um, protect yourself from diabetes type 2. And yet still, spiraling out of control!

Maddox: Yeah. I don't think a lot of people lose 10 pounds and keep it off.

Dick: Yeah. The study showed that, uh, 5 to 7 percent weight loss slowed the development of type 2 diabetes, indefinitely prolonging it. Eh, how 'bout that?

Maddox: Yeah! Then uh, that means ME, man! I lost alotta weight. I lost like 70 pounds!

Dick: Yeah, you were probably at risk for type 2 diabetes!

Maddox: Oh, I'm pretty sure I was! I had high blood pressure, I had cholesterol, I had baldness...I still do! (laughs)

Dick: Did you have blurred vision? That's one of the symptoms.

Maddox: No, I never had blurred vision.

Dick: Oh. Did you have increased thirst? Oo, I might have it.

Maddox: Uh, I was...I was thirsty for alcohol a few times.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: But no, not other than that. Mostly alcohol.

Dick: Yeah, well, there you go.

Maddox: Yeah. So -

Dick: (interjects) The WHO anticipates -- the World Health Organization -- anticipates that worldwide deaths attributable to diabetes will *double* by 2030.

Maddox: Yeah, you know, diabetes is a piece of shit disease. That's the one where if you don't get it under control, if you don't get it in check, you could lose an arm, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You could lose everything. Everything from the neck down.

Sean: Yeah, the little capillaries or the smaller veins, the smallest veins, die first. That's why you can, like, lose toes and stuff. That's why you go blind, 'cause you're not getting any blood flow to those parts.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Sean: So they have to like, amputate toes, and then you amputate feet, and then you amputate...from the knee down, so.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: See, this is how you can tell a robot wasn't...didn't design humans. Because if they did, you would shut down different priorities, right? If I was going to lose body parts, I would put a li-...I would make a list of which one is priority.

Dick: Oh! This is, this is your...the argument you're making now is why...is the argument I have against intelligent design! (cracking up) (yells) You look at this body and you think this was designed INTELLIGENTLY?? (Maddox laughs) You know how many fuckin' failure points are on this thing?! WHY DO I HAVE ONLY ONE DICK? (Maddox laughs more) If it's the whole reason I'm alive??

Maddox: (chuckling) Well, it's not the whole reason, Di-...oh, maybe YOU.

Dick: Yeah!! All of us.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Intelligent design, my ass.

Maddox: Yeah. So, too many failure points. That's your problem, huh?

Dick: No, my problem is type 2 diabetes.

Maddox: Oh. (laughs) Okay.

Dick: Did I ever tell you about the bet I made with my life coach about whether or not he was pre-diabetic?

Maddox: I was THERE, buddy! I remember this! Go on, tell it -

Dick: (interjects) You were?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay, we never...we never settled that bet, 'cause I refused to pay him.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: I bet -- he's a big guy. I bet him that he was pre-diabetic.

Maddox: Pre-diabetic, I remember this! I was in the car, and this was during opening day...on our way to opening day at Dodger Stadium, I believe! And we were talkin' about drinking and eating steaks and all that, and you were like, "Oh, you're a big fat..." Yeah.

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I'm like, "You're definitely pre-diabetic."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Absolutely."

Maddox: And, and -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it's like an increased blood sugar or something right after you eat.

Maddox: But the controversy here was that his wife's a nurse...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and she was going to take his vitals, and you didn't trust his vitals. Right?

Dick: Well...well, the controversy is also when you make a bet like this, for like 300 bucks, right?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: You make a...you sit down, and it's a whole...it's a whole courtship. There's a whole process to it. You make...you make rules, and you set timelines. Like, I don't want him going off into the woods and exercising for 4 weeks (Maddox laughs) like Rocky IV, and suddenly come in -

Maddox: (interjects) No, why would you want your FRIEND to get healthier? (cracks up) Even in spite of a bet.

Dick: AFTER I take the money, I want it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, I... (stammers) This whole thing needs to play out! Right? This whole pageantry of making the bet needs to play out!

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: And he robbed me of that, because the next time I saw him he just goes, "Yeah, wife says I'm not. So pay up."

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (laughing)

Dick: I'm like, "What is this, a shakedown? What do you mean, 'wife says I'm not, so pay up'?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I'd like a second opinion!"

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: "And by the way, wife, I'm tryin' to get your husband here to lose some weight! What are ya DOIN'?"

Maddox: Yeah, why don't you just say -

Dick: (interjects) "Look at the long con here!"

Maddox: Just say "yes"!

Dick: Yeah!! Just say, "Yeah, of course!" Fudge the results, lie!

Maddox: Uh, I went out on a date with a girl who was, uh...you know, a little thick. Uh, and it would really piss her off...I thought I was doin' her a favor, but it really pissed her off when we were at a bar and she wanted a Jack and Coke; I'd go go up to the bartender and say, "Jack and Diet." (both laugh) She overheard me one time, she was FURIOUS.

Dick: "And I'd like a harpoon to give it to her." (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: "I'm doin' you a favor, dickhead!!"

Dick: Yeah, that's usually a mistake.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. (wearily)

Dick: You're doin'...when you think you're doin' someone a favor, that usually means you're goin' the wrong way.

Maddox: Yeah, alright. So speaking of timelines, we gotta get movin' here. Let's -

Dick: (interjects) How big was she?

Maddox: Uh, not...not BIG, but you know, I'm just doin'...I'm helpin' her out a little bit! Pushin'...I'm just edging her in the right direction. Like, um, what's that...curling!! The Olympic sport of curling? They're basically just massaging the ice to get the big, uh, the big shuffle to go down in the right direction.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That's what I was doin'! I was shuffling -

Dick: (interjects) Ohh, like when they unbeach a whale! Like, they make it wet and then like, shove her back into the ocean. (Maddox laughs loudly) Right?

Maddox: Yeah, exactly like that, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, asshole! Let's get to a real problem. (cracking up) Another real problem. I honestly think that the black discrepancy thing is the biggest problem in the universe, BUT -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, it's like...you'd have to dig so far into stats to get any other comparison than that out of it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, here we go. The second biggest problem in the universe, for real...automatic hand dryers!

Dick: Yeah, that's a big problem.

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yeah! Automatic hand dryers. Big problem, Dick! Why? Well, this is according to WTOP.com News: "Scientists from the University of Leeds found that high-powered 'jet-air' and warm air hand dryers can spread bacteria in public restrooms. Also, airborne germ counts were 27 times higher around jet air dryers in comparison with the air around paper towel dispensers, researchers found." [http://wtop.com/news/2014/11/hand-dryers-spread-germs-in-bathrooms-scientists-say/] And guess what? They don't even dry your hands that well!

Dick: They don't dry 'em at all.

Maddox: No!!

Sean: They don't stay on long enough.

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Sean: And they also tout them as being MORE sanitary than paper towels, which sounds like it's bullshit!

Maddox: No, it's far less! Because they're blowing it straight down to the ground, where there's a bunch of bacteria and germs and bullshit and people's drippings and snot and boogers and spit and cum, and whoever knows what else!

Dick: Jesus!

Maddox: And it's...well, I go to some seedy bars, buddy! And it's blowing all that shit straight down, and then bouncing off the floor and getting right in your fuckin' eyes, in your...in your nose, in your throat!

Sean: And they're loud as hell.

Maddox: Yeah! They ARE loud, Sean! Good point! I looked it up. Guess how loud those XLerator, those like ultra...jet engine fucking things are? The ones -

Dick: (interjects) 105 decibels.

Maddox: Close! It's about...it's anywhere from...well, their website says 70 to 80, but I looked up a more reputable source other than their website. It says at LEAST 90 decibels.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: So for comparison, a gas mower is 95 decibels. That's like putting a mower up to your ear!

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: A lawn mower!

Sean: Each 10 decibel increase? It means double the loudness.

Maddox: Double the loudness! A -

Dick: (interjects) That's like each...each 10 pounds is like double the 'ew.' (Maddox and Sean laugh) Like, 10 pounds is like, "Ohhh!" (grossed out) and another 10 pounds is like, "OHHHH, God!! Oh my god!"

Maddox: You know what? Make that a Diet Coke and Diet Coke. (smiling) (Dick chuckles) Uh, keep the Jack. Um, a leaf blower's about 115 decibels, an ambulance is 125, jackhammer is 125, chain saw - 115, rock concert - about 115...these are like, damaging ear levels. A firework or a gunshot is about 145, and up at the very top is a 12 gauge shotgun... (cracks up) ...at 165 decibels. And the only thing louder on this list that I have is...a rocket launch. (laughs)

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: So you could even...you could either put a 12 gauge shotgun -- anyway, man. You dry your hands enough on these bullshit-ass dryers, you're gonna go deaf!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: How's that...that's the biggest problem in the universe!! No one can hear anything 'cause you're dryin' your hands all the time!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! Big problem! [continues quoting WTOP.com article] "The germs lingered in the air beyond the 15 seconds it takes to dry your hands -- sometimes lasting more than 5 minutes after you leave the restroom." So even if you go -

Dick: (interjects) They're just floating around, like in a fog?

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, like a big soupy mess of bullshit that you're gettin' in your eyes and throat and nose.

Dick: That's gross.

Maddox: I bet you would see a lower...you would see a lower incidence of the flu if people stopped using these hand dryers.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: And now they have those Airblades! Have you seen those things? Where you have to play Operation puttin' your hands down these fuckin' things??

Dick: Or else you scrape the side and you're like, "Welp, that's ruined! I gotta go re-wash my hands!"

Maddox: "Gotta wash my hands again!"

Dick: "I got the fuckin' charley horse!"

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: That FUCKIN' asshole Dyson, with the vacuum cleaners.

Maddox: The Dyson!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Those Airblades, those Dyson Airblades are pieces of SHIT. You're playin' Operation putting 'em down there. The sensors never work, so you gotta bang your hands around, touching the disgusting sides of... (stammers) It's just like, mildewy, gross sweat and other people's...DRIPPINGS.

Dick: And it's plastic, so it can never be cleaned!

Maddox: No!

Dick: It's just porous and gross.

Maddox: And they never clean them!! You know they never clean them. Can you imagine a cleaning lady going into the bathroom and going through the proper procedures to clean this thing? Of course not! Because you would have to turn the machine off and THEN clean it, because if you sprayed any cleaning materials in there while the thing was on, it's gonna blow those into your eyes!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those things never fucking work! My hands are ALWAYS wet, and then I grab the door handle with my wet hands, which is just gonna be like a SPONGE for disease and bacteria! You can probably get diabetes that way!

Dick: You probably can, I don't know. I didn't do any additional research on diabetes.

Maddox: Yeah, look it up!

Dick: Um, I really hate those things, and I think...I remember thinking this when they previewed them. Like the news, local news was doing a hot tech preview?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of these "amazing new hand dryers," and they're like, "Actually, uh, they dry your hands 100 times faster than with a towel!"

Maddox: Bullshit. Bull fuckin' shit!

Dick: And I remember watchin' this guy, thinkin' like, "You're...you're, like, a bad person."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Like, your job...you're selling these...stupid, um, hand dryers that everyone's gonna hate.

Maddox: Glorified air dryers. You know...and you know what else I hate about those, Dick? Sometimes you walk into a bathroom because you're having an emergency. Maybe you have a bloody nose, uh, because you just got punched by me, and you're walkin' in looking for some paper towels or somethin' to clot it up; no fuckin' paper towels! And all you have is that single-ply, bullshit, pre-Soviet toilet paper that fucking cheap restaurants use.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: 'Cause they're saving literally a BUCK. And you walk in there, you just have to use that shit! And then I sometimes dry my hand with that because I feel like I...I need to get my hands really dry, or I have something disgusting on my hands, some oil, some dirt, something! I can't use the fuckin' hair dryer that they have there. What if you have an emergency? You gotta walk in, you need some paper towels for something! Blow your nose?

Dick: No, that happens...that happens to me at the gym a lot. Like I'll scrape my shins deadlifting or something?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And, uh, I got nothin' to do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I gotta, like, go home.

Maddox: Yeah! (amused)

Dick: Like, "Welp, I gotta take my shirt off and dry this blood off my legs, and then go home!"

Maddox: Right!

Dick: "Cause there's no...I'm not using this toilet paper..."

Maddox: No!

Dick: "...this translucent toilet paper, to do it."

Maddox: The toilet paper's awful!

Dick: "And there's no towels."

Maddox: Yeah, or if you're sick and you go into a restaurant, or you stop by someplace, you gotta blow your nose...there's NOTHING in there. And then if you...if you DO make the mistake of using that godawful toilet paper, it just breaks apart in your hand. You can't get that shit out of your hair. I have hairy knuckles, man!

Dick: Here's why it's a big problem: because technology is slowly making all of our lives worse. (Maddox chuckles) It really is! This is technology. They couldn't have built these dumb things like...50 years ago.

Maddox: You know...

Dick: Right? The components and the circuitry and the dumb motion detection?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You couldn't have built that 30 years ago!

Maddox: Nope!

Dick: You couldn't have built it 20 years ago and installed it in bars all over America. But now you can, and it's made all of our lives worse. Because the alternative is this stupid little motion sensing thing that spits out about 2 inches of paper towel.

Maddox: Yeah, that's...that's pretty shitty too. I mean, they've taken something that was so simple and a non-issue and made it into a problem. The biggest problem in the universe. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway Dick, those are my problems this week: Black Unemployment Disparity and Automatic Hand Dryers.

Dick: Mine are Ghostbusting the Patriarchy and Type 2 Diabetes.

Maddox: Don't forget to vote on these problems on the website, http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. (**closing riff starts**) Black Unemployment Disparity might actually be the biggest problem!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Thanks for listening.

(Theme riff)

Dick: Oh, I got, uh...no, I got one more thing from...Tim Johns! Check out this spicy, erotic audiobook clip he sent us. (Maddox chuckles) Featuring Dick and Maddox, as narrated by the lady at Audible with the milking story. (sexy tone) Yeah, play it.

Maddox: Oh, this sounds hot!

[**audiobook parody begins**]

(flat, computerized female voice narrates)

Narrator: Dick Masterson and Maddox in: Changing the Sheets. Chapter 1. (Maddox chuckles) **This story takes place on a warm August evening back at Dick Masterson's apartment in Hollywood, California at 7:42 P.M.**

Maddox: Got it right! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Like Law and Order.

Maddox: Mhm.

Narrator: Dick and Maddox are sitting in Dick's living room watching Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights on the television set. (Dick and Sean burst out laughing)

Maddox: Okay... (chuckles)

Narrator: Dick reaches for the remote control to pause the program and asks Maddox if he would like a refreshment from the kitchen. (Dick laughs hysterically)

Maddox: Okay. (apprehensively)

Narrator: Maddox replies with, "Yes, a cold drink at this time would be most exquisite." (Dick giggles)

Maddox: FALSE.

Narrator: Dick then goes into the kitchen and proceeds to make Maddox the most potent Rum and Coke that Maddox will ever sample in his life to date.

Maddox: Yeah. (surly)

Dick: That's true!! (screeching)

Maddox: Probably roofied. (smiles)

Narrator: Dick returns to the living room and serves Maddox his stiff cocktail. (everyone laughs) **Maddox takes a sip from his glass and immediately notices the considerable strength of his drink...**

Maddox: Well, that's happened, actually. (amused)

Narrator: ...but does not pay much thought and continues to chug away at the tall glass of rum. (Dick and Maddox laugh) **One drink led to seven...**

Dick: Oh, wow!

Narrator: ...and about 2 and half hours later, Dick starts to take notice that Maddox appears to be quite tipsy from all of the heavy alcohol consumption.

Maddox: Is it gonna be a rape fuckin' fantasy? (Dick laughs more)

Dick: Fantasy! (sexy tone)

Narrator: At this point, Dick finally decides to make his first bold move of the night.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: Oh, wait a minute. I haven't listened past here.

Narrator: Dick sits next to Maddox and says, "Hey man, you are in no shape to drive home while in this state." (everyone bursts out laughing) **"I care far too much about your well-being."**

Dick: Oh, god!! FALSE.

Narrator: "Why don't you sleep here tonight?"

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Narrator: "There is plenty of room on my Cal king bed in the other room." (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) **Maddox replies to Dick with, "Okay Dick, that sounds like a splendid idea."** (more laughter) **Then the two of them proceed into Dick's bedroom.**

Maddox: Alright. (uneasily)

Narrator: As they approach Dick's bed, Maddox stops dead in his tracks and says, "There is no way that I am going to get into this bed, at least not until you change those filthy chili-stained sheets, you silly goose." (both laugh uncontrollably)

Maddox: "You silly goose!"

Narrator: Dick says, "Fine," and then cracks open a brand new package of sheets to put on his bed.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Not even washed?

Narrator: Dick pulls the dirty sheets off of his mattress...

Maddox: I'll take it over your chili sheets.

Narrator: ...then proceeds to put the fresh new pair on, but then abruptly stops.

Dick: Oh my god! (squeaking)

Maddox: Dumbass. Can't even get laid with your best bud.

Narrator: At this point, Dick looks very perplexed. Maddox asks Dick, "Well, why did you stop? Are you going to put on those new sheets or what?" Dick replies to

Maddox by informing him that he wasn't sure which corner of the fitted sheet matched which corner of the mattress...

Maddox: Yup!

Dick: Still erotic.

Narrator: ...because his man that he brought home from Burning Man used to take care of such chores. (Dick cackles) **Maddox just shakes his head and calls Dick a fucking retard...** (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Ohh. (dismayed)

Narrator: ...and tells Dick to just hand him the sheets and that he will make the bed himself.

Dick: H'okay. (chuckling)

Narrator: Dick gives Maddox the sheets and Maddox starts to make the bed. As Maddox is putting on the sheets, he is bent over the bed and Dick takes notice. (both laugh)

Maddox: Oh, jeez. (giggling uncomfortably)

Narrator: Dick starts to salivate at the mouth like a rabid animal...

Dick: Ugh, god!! (disgusted)

Maddox: Gross, man.

Dick: Is this almost over?

Narrator: ...and gets the biggest erection in the universe as he strongly gazes at Maddox's backside. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Narrator: At this point he rips off his shirt like a WWF wrestler (everyone bursts out laughing) **and jumps onto Maddox's back and pins him to the bed. He tears off Maddox's pants and then says, "Hey Maddox, I have got a Dick Tip for you."** (more laughter) **And then Maddox says, "Oh man, I cannot hardly wait. Please show me your stats. Oo baby. Oh baby. Oo baby baby."**

Dick: "Show me your stats!" (giggling)

Narrator: Then Dick says, "Good, because I've got a hard stats for you..." (both groan in disgust) **"...my Armenian cuddle bug."** (more laughter) **Meanwhile out on the fire escape, Boisterous Coconuts peers into Dick Masterson's window while vigorously jerking off, screaming "I am a digital cyber demon!"...** (everyone still laughing) **...taking full advantage of the free show going on inside.**

Maddox: Wow.

Narrator: Throughout the apartment and onto the fire escape, the three friends shared a special bond together that went on into the Los Angeles after hours. It was a night that they would be sure to never forget. (both crack up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Apparently.

Narrator: To be continued.

[**audiobook parody ends**]

Maddox: Oh, GREAT. No! Augh. (laughs)

Dick: No, it's not gonna be continued at all. How did YOU escape that, Sean?

Maddox: Yeah, Sean was...Sean was watchin' through the window.

Dick: No, it was Asterios!

Sean: I was with Bill Cosby.

Dick: Oh, sure. (chuckling)

Maddox: Oh, okay. Great. (sarcastic)

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Casper. Get 50$ toward any mattress purchase by visiting http://www.casper.com/biggest and using promo code BIGGEST. It's a two…it's a double. You gotta do both. (grins)

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dax. D…ugh. (Dick cracks up laughing) (Maddox starts laughing)

Sean: It's been a while since you've done that.

Maddox: You know what? You know what? Keep it going, Sean. (Dick still laughing) 'Cause we gotta mention this. We gotta mention this. (laughing)

Dick: Oh, we have to mention that Dick Masterson is not a part of the live show?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ohh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, Dick, it is D…

Dick: (interjects) Scandalous. (Maddox laughs) Scandalous. We don't wanna say who the co-host is. I don't wanna say who the co-host is yet, but it's not Dick Masterson, because Dick Masterson is not allowed on YouTube! (laughing)

Maddox: No. (giggles)

Dick: For good reason.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's too powerful!

Maddox: Yeah, so that's a little preview. (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: More powerful than you can possibly imagine with the awful things that he says!

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, well, fuck it. So, that's a little preview of the live show. There you go. (Dick laughing still) Which, by the way…we should probably mention why it's…that it was delayed. Uh, you guys all know about it.

Dick: It was delayed. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why was it delayed?

Maddox: Well, so…it was delayed because it just took a long time to edit those episodes down. (Dick cracks up) (Maddox laughs) We're still actually just editing the episodes and putting finishing touches on it. And I was still coordinating stuff with the CG artists and the

motion graphics guy, Joe Fen. He's a kickass dude. Uh…he actually worked on my…one of my videos. The airline fees one, where there's that shot of opening the overhead compartment and there's a baby in there that's passed out?

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. I remember that.

Maddox: 'Cause he's been gassed with nitrous oxide or whatever. Uh, yeah. He did that.

Dick: Whatever you gas babies with. (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Well, we'll find out. Um, anyway. Yeah. So that's the live episode, guys. I was going to even just put out the little preview or something, but I'm like, you know, fuck it. We're just gonna launch next week.

Dick: Guys. We're running this thing out of a garage. Alright? (Maddox giggles) We're sorry. We're sorry that it's late. But we want it to be good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, thank you for your patience.

Maddox: Uh, so Dick. Let's go ahead and get this out of the way.

Dick: Yeah!! Who wooooooooooon?!!?! (yells)

Maddox: Nooooooooobodyyyyyyyyyyyy. (drawls)

Dick: Who won?!

Maddox: Nobody. Like usual, nobody won, because it's not a contest on this show, Dick.

Dick: Allllright.

Maddox: And you haven't picked that up yet. (Dick guffaws) Um…Ghostbusting the Patriarchy had the most…

Dick: Yeaaaaaah….(cackles)

Maddox: Most votes last time. Most votes.

Dick: Yeaaaaaaaah..

Maddox: Followed by "Type 2 Diabetes".

Dick: Ohhhhhhh!!!

Maddox: And, tellingly, "Black Income Disparity" came in third. And then followed by "Automatic Hand Dryers". You know, uh…that…that illustrates exactly why the problem of black income disparity exists. Because people don't even think it's a bigger problem than a shitty Ghostbusters remake.

Dick: Yeah, but here's…here's the thing you gotta keep in mind. Um…it's the way you sold the problem. You really…you gotta…you gotta get people emotionally.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (groans)

Dick: You gotta have an emotional impact with your problem, you know what I'm saying? Ghostbusting the Patriarchy. People have an emotional attachment to Ghostbusters. You

should have brought in a black guy or a woman (Maddox giggles) to give her emotional or his emotional connection to the problem. You know what I'm saying?

Sean: Yeah. Because he was the fun extinguisher last week.

Dick: Yeah, you were the fun extinguisher. (grins)

Maddox: Ohhho.

Dick: You busted all the fun out of this episode. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, sorry. I busted the fun while you were busting the patriarchy with your bullshit ironic title. And by the way, Dick, that…what you just described is literally a fallacy. There's a fallacy called "Appeal to Emotion Fallacy". (Dick guffaws) That's what that is.

Dick: Hey. You wanna win, or not? (Sean cracks up) I'm teaching you how to win.

Maddox: It's not about winning.

Dick: I'll show you how to do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm gonna bring in a black problem and I'm gonna pack this place with black people. (Maddox cracks up) And I'm gonna win!

Sean: Wait, so do we get one minute of Titanic this week?

Dick: Oh, that's a good question, Sean!

Maddox: No. No, Sean. Fuck you, Sean!

Sean: Because I've never seen the movie. But let me tell you, I am riveted. I gotta know what's underwater, there.

Maddox: Okay, Sean. This is such bullshit. This is collusion! (Dick cracks up) That's what this is…this is collusion. You guys talked about this, didn't you?

Sean: No.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Well fuck you both, then. Either way. (Dick laughs) Either way. I don't give a shit. It's the same result.

Dick: That's right. Maddox.

Maddox: I'm not listening to a m…(stammers) Look, you know…quote…even if this were a contest, you don't quote "win twice". You don't get...(giggles) It's not. Ugggggggggh!!! (Sean laughs)

Dick: Well. Everyone knows what that frustrated stammering means. (Maddox and Sean crack up) It's time for another 30 seconds of Titanic. If you remember, we left off deep underwater, where a crew of submersive vessels, or whatever, was excavating an ancient treasure under the sea.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " How dare you?!")

(Maddox giggles in the background)

Dick: And we had just discovered that it was, in fact, the Titanic. Let's…

Maddox: This is just copyright…copyright violation. That's all this is!

Dick: This is…this is fair use. I'm providing a commentary on the movie.

Maddox: No it's…

Dick: (interjects) This is not detracting from James Cameron making money on this movie. This is an advertisement, if anything, Maddox. Please. Please. Keep your e-lawyering to yourself, alright? (Maddox laughs) Let's watch the splendor and majesty that is…Titanic.

Maddox: You know, while you play this bullshit, I'm just gonna be Googling ways in which we can get sued.

(Clip starts, then cuts off immediately)

Dick: Alright! I'm not…(Sean laughs) You gotta be quiet!!! (Maddox laughs) Look at this. You see where we are?

Maddox: I'm not looking.

Dick: Look at this cool thing!

Maddox: I will not.

Dick: It looks like a spaceship exploring the wreckage.

(Clip starts again, underwater sounds)

Maddox: What a pussy. You're the biggest pussy ever. No, I'm not looking! Fuck you, Sean. I'm not gonna watch this movie.

(Clip stops)

Maddox: I've only seen…

Dick: Alright. You're wrecking the suspense. (Maddox cracks up) These guys are deep under the sea. There could be mermaids.

Maddox: You're wrecking the podcast, Dick. (Dick laughs) I'm not doing this. It's fucking bullshit.

Dick: No, you'll like this guy.

(Clip starts again…"coming out of the darkness like a ghost ship.")

Maddox: I want you guys to pipe in listening. You guys like this fucking sequence? This segment? (Dick giggles) This is what you're doing.

(Clip continues…"ship sitting here.")

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Shh, he's talking about Titanic.

(Clip: "2:30 in the morning of April…")

Maddox: Oh, is he?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Wow, surprise. A movie about Titanic where the guy's talking about Titanic. What a shocker.

(Clip continues in the background, almost inaudible while Maddox complains…"from the world above.")

Maddox: Shitty movie.

(Clip continues…"You are so full of shit, boss." (giggles))

Maddox: Oh, wow. Great.

Dick: You see that?

Maddox: No.

Dick: You would like that guy!!! Bill Paxton's, like, doing this romantic narrative about the Titanic wreck, and his buddy's like, "You're so full of shit, boss."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause he's just, like, a scam artist. You would like that guy!

Maddox: No, I don't. Um, I think Bill Paxton emailed me a long time ago. (giggles) Uh, way back in the day.

Dick: Okay. (scoffs) What did he say?

Maddox: He's a big fan. (giggles)

Dick: Honestly?

Maddox: I think s…yeah. I think it was. I couldn't ever verify if it was him. But…(Dick guffaws) but he said he was Bill…and I thought that was such an obscure celebrity to pick. It was before Titanic had come out, I believe, and so it was…it was feasible. It was in that realm where, yeah, maybe this guy…it's Bill Paxton. Like, why would…

Dick: (interjects) Do you have…do you have this email?

Maddox: I mean, probably, in my archives. I'd have to go back to, like, '99, or '98 or something like that.

Dick: I would bet that there is a "Game Over, man." In that email. Sneakily.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: I bet that there's a reference to g…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, the Alien 2 reference?

Dick: Yeah, "Game Over, man."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, I dunno.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: There you go. That's your punishment.

Maddox: Great. Thanks, Dick. That's my punishment for doing a good job and bringing in a real problem that your fucking morons thought that Ghostbusters was a bigger problem. That's telling. That's exactly why black income disparity is a problem in this country. Um, anyway. I got a comment from **Orc Jinas.** Or Yinas? I don't know. (Dick and Sean crack up) Uh…he sent me an email. He says, **"Does Dick realize that he brought in Lady Thor again this week? Fuck him. You should bring in monkeys again, because they may actually be the biggest problem in the universe."** What do you say about that, Dick?

Dick: Well. How many times have you brought in hipsters? Or rich people?

Maddox: Once. Never!

Dick: It's different. It's slightly different. The Ghostbusters thing is slightly different than Lady Thor.

Maddox: Mmkay.

Dick: Lady Thor is shameless. I don't care as much about Thor as I care about the Ghostbusters.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How about that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, I also…I got a voice mail. You wanna hear it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People have a problem with the way I…the…you know what was the most contentious part of the podcast last week!? Not me bringing in the all-female cast of the Ghostbusters reboot, or whatever, it was the fact that I called them garbage men.

Maddox: Yup. I was about to read a comment about that!

Dick: No, no. Here's a voice mail. Here.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey guys. Just listening to the Ghostbusting the Patriarchy episode where Dick is insisting time and time again that the Ghostbusters is a film about trash men and blue collar workers fighting ghosts.")

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

(Voice mail: (continues) "Dick also says he watches it at least once a month.")

Dick: I do.

(Voice mail: (continues) "So my question is, Dick, what the FUCK are you actually watching, 'cause it's not fucking Ghostbusters!") (Maddox cracks up) **("All FOUR of**

them are literally fucking doctors! (**Maddox:** Yeah.)**PHDs! Jesus Fucking Christ!!! All your other points were equally as retarded, but** (Maddox giggles) **…..missing the entire basic premise of the fucking movie! They're parapsychologists! Jesus Fuck!")**

Dick: Yeah. I missed it.

(Voice mail: (continues) "Fuck you, Dick!!")

(Maddox and Sean crack up)

Dick: What's your comment? What's the comment you brought in!?

Maddox: (laughing) **Jeffrey Neary** sent me an email. He goes, **"While I do not disagree with your overall point about the Ghostbusters reboot, I find the logic you used to get there a bit misinformed. You spoke about how the men in the original movies…"**

Dick: (interjects) Big words. Big words. Trying to sound smart.

Maddox: (laughing) Misinformed?!

Dick: Misinformed. Could have just said stupid.

Maddox: Ohohoho. Sorry. (laughing) He says, **"You spoke about how the men in the original movies are blue collar workers."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "They are scientists. Not exactly 'blue collar', Dick. Egon, Ray, and Peter are doctors of parapsychology. They engage in paranormal/quantum studies. You can't compare them to garbage men or construction workers. Dick, you suck. That is all."

Dick: Yeah. Okay. (grins) Oh! Oh, wow. Lot of great points.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here's one that sums it up perfectly for me. **@jackiecollins_**, on Twitter. **"What the hell Ghostbuster do you think was a trash man in Ghostbusters 1?"** Guys, I'll tell you which the hell Ghostbuster I think was a trash man. (Maddox laughing) How about the one wearing a crappy jumpsuit with his name badge embroidered on the front like a fucking garbage man!!! (yells)

Maddox: That doesn't make him a garbage man, Dick!

Dick: How about that one?!

Maddox: It doesn't make…(cracks up)

Dick: How about the one smoking a cigarette while he's loading garbage that's ghosts into a trash compactor, smoking a fucking cigarette and then pulling it down and being a smartass? How about that guy?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: How about the one getting slimed all over? A lot of scientists getting slimed at work? Are there a lot of scientists with industrial gloves keeping them from getting slimed? No.

Mechanics have that. Mechanics also overcharge for bills that people refuse to pay! Like that stupid hotel. Remember that one? Remember that scene?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're like "Five grand, I'm not paying this." It's like, "Well, we could always go put this ghost back where we found it." Fucking scientists.. how much of the scientific method did you see in that movie? Evidence, inquiry, hypothesize, test? Was there…No! Cross the streams! Oh, I thought you said that would cause total protonic reversal and the destruction of all matter in the universe!! Eh, fuck it!! It's like kick the car when it doesn't work!!!

Maddox: Yeah. Good point, Dick. It's totally unbelievable in "What About Bob?" if the professor in that movie is a psychologist. It's totally unrealistic for him to be one, and also, I don't know, make breakfast. And then call him a cook, right? (Dick cracks up) Oh, he's making breakfast! Cooks make breakfast all the time! Oh, and did we see him do his thesis? His Master's thesis? How do we know he's a professor!!! (cracks up) You fucking idiot!! What a shitty argument.

Dick: You…you are the idiot! No. You cannot have a doctorate in parapsychology, you fuckhead! It's not a real thing!

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: It's guy magic. It's blue collar, guy magic! (yells) When chicks make magic, it's Harry Potter, and it's about believing in yourself and pointing a magic wand at shit…(angry) (Maddox laughs) But when guys wanna make something magical, they have to invent a bunch of fake fucking science to back it up! Oh, it's a nuclear accelerator in your backpack. Where'd you get it?!!? Where'd you get the fucking nuclear…where'd you get the plutonium to put in those backpacks, Egon?! Did you requisition the Board of Nuclear Materials for this!?! You fuckin' scientist!?!

Maddox: Uh, I want whoever's transcribing this episode to put "comma, and therefore, they're garbage men." (laughs)

Dick: They are!!!

Maddox: Is that your argument!?!?! (laughing)

Dick: They are garbage men!!!!!!!! (yelling)

Maddox: Oh, man. That's the…

Dick: (interjects) They are garbage men! That was how that movie was pitched.

Maddox: I wish we had some garbage men in this room to take out that garbage argument you just made. (giggles) Dump it right in the trash heap.

Dick: Scientists. Scientists. Cross…(Maddox still laughing) "Hey guys, I'm a scientist. Eh, cross the streams." "I thought you said this would kill everything." "Eh, fuck it."

Maddox: It's also a comedy movie, Dick. (guffaws)

Dick: Yeah. Alright. Yeah, and Frankenstein was a book about a zombie, right? That's what it was about?

Maddox: Essentially. It was the first zombie movie, right?

Dick: Nooooo. It was about technology getting…(excited, yells) (breathes in)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Whatever.

Maddox: So he did some paperwork. Maybe he's an accountant. Right? Dr. Frankenstein?

Dick: Yeah. Whatever. (annoyed)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Whatever.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Uhhh…(sighs) Let's see. I don't…I got kind of a…I don't know if I wanna read this email. It's actually a touching email that this dude sent in.

Maddox: Oh, the uh…

Dick: Do you want me to read it? Did you get that one?

Maddox: Yeah, I think I know which one you're talking about.

Dick: Do you want to read it? Or do you want me to read it?

Maddox: Go ahead.

Dick: Okay. **"Dear Maddox and Dick, no more than six months ago, I lost my mentally disabled father to suicide. He hung himself by his sheets in a county jail after three days because they did not evaluate him properly and kept his medications away from him as their idea of punishment. My depression swallowed me and transformed me into what I am today. While I am still dealing with my own suicidal thoughts, you two keep me balanced. You guys make me laugh week after week and you truly give me a reason to look forward to each Tuesday and subsequent first Monday of the month."** That's where you can buy our bonus episode for 1.99$.

Maddox: Oh, geez. (cracks up)

Dick: "Unless Dick is too busy at Disney World."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, you fucking asshole!

Maddox: And thanks for making time to come in today, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, alright.

Maddox: Late.

Dick: I'm going to Knott's Berry Farm after this.

Maddox: I knew…I knew it! (laughs)

Dick: "I just wanted to reach out to let you know who is among your fan base and the lives you're possibly saving, mine among them. No pressure. Keep up the good work and I can't wait to hear one of you bring up Shitty Prison Systems as a problem. Regards, Dr. Smooth Rod."

Maddox: (cracks up) Dr. Smooth Rod.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, that's a very touching letter, Dick.

Dick: Wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "P.S.: Nothing personal, but Dick is kind of an idiot." (Maddox and Sean crack up laughing) What is more personal than that!?!?! (giggles) Dr…oh, is this guy Dr. Smooth Rod? Is he a real doctor, too?

Maddox: Oh…

Dick: Like the Ghostbusters?!?

Maddox: I dunno. Does he ever take the garbage out? Maybe he's a garbage man!

Dick: "P.P.S.: It's cool if you decide to share my story." There you go. What were you gonna say?

Maddox: Uh, cool. It's a very touching email. Thank you for sending that in. I've actually collected…I have a collection of emails like that over the years that I've received from people who are suicidal who have changed their minds, etc, etc. The one scary thing about that email is that by listening to us, he finds balance. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is just frightening.

Dick: You …balance. What do you mean? Balance, like, in his mind?

Maddox: Balance in his life. No, in his life.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Well…

Maddox: Like, whatever is wrong in his life, we are offsetting with this banter we do every week.

Dick: Hmm. Maybe. I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't wanna be an armchair psychologist.

Maddox: Ohoh. Too late, buddy. I got a comment from **Bob Bobberson.** Sounds real. Um, he said, **"If black people are suffering from income disparity, why don't they just get a loan from their dad and start a business? Learned that trick from Mitt Romney. With love…"**

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah, why don't they just get a loan?

Dick: I don't know. Let's bring a black guy in here and ask him.

Maddox: Great. Bring a whole room full of them, 'cause apparently that's what you need. Okay, Dick. Any more voice mail, comments, anything?

Dick: (sighs) No, no, no, no. I'm ready. I'm ready to go with my problems for this week. I'm gonna…I'm feeling good. I can't lose, boys. I'm on a streak. (Maddox laughs) I'm on a winning streak. I'm like the Chicago Bulls.

Maddox: Yeah. You're on a skid mark. That kind of streak. Go on, Dick. What's your…

Dick: Yeah. You ready for this?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Sex with the Ex"

Maddox: Sex with the Ex?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Whoaaaaaa. That sounds kinda steamy. What's wrong with that?

Dick: Sex with the Ex?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You ever done it?

Maddox: Why is that a problem? I have. (giggles)

Dick: It's awful. Right?

Maddox: (laughs) Um, it wasn't among the best experiences. I'll say that. I'll give you that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It wasn't awful. It was just, like, whatever.

Dick: It was still sex.

Maddox: It was weird. It was weird.

Dick: Why was it weird?

Maddox: Uh, because you have this person who you dated for a long time…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then you reconnect with them on a sexual level with your genitals.

Dick: Alright. Tell me more. (Maddox laughs) And then?

Maddox: And it's just, like…it's almost like a hookup, because it's this person you once had these strong feelings and emotions for, but you can't express them in any tangible way, 'cause you know it's just a hookup.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So…

Dick: And so do they. So you're, like, not invested at all. It's not exciting at all.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…yeah. It's not…I mean, it is, 'cause you feel like you're kinda getting away with something. You're like, "Oh, I'm not supposed to be doing this. We broke up."

Dick: Yeah, uh…well, what you're saying is interesting. I looked up a little bit about it. I got…I'll get to the real reason I brought it in, but what you're saying, I think is called a cyclical relationship. This woman, Amber Venom. She calls these cycles of relationships that break up and get back together cyclical relationships. And she found, this part was interesting. They're more impulsive about major relationship transitions like moving in together, buying a pet together, or having a kid together. So that's what sex with the ex can lead to.

Maddox: Really? (incredulous)

Dick: Yes, because that type of relationship specifically is more impulsive and more likely to engage in these things that will basically ruin your life. All of these things, having a child, buying a pet, moving in together?

Maddox: Those are all things that'll ruin your life, yeah.

Dick: Basically.

Maddox: Yeah. So these are the type of people who would have sex with their ex. They're more likely to do these destructive behaviors. Like move in together. (laughing) Or start a life together. Those type of things.

Dick: Yeah. And they're more likely to get fucked up because…because like you're describing. They're not…they both know…they both consider it a hookup, not permanent.

Maddox: Okay, so. Right. So then, is sex with the ex the problem, or is it the personality type that would have sex with the ex? 'Cause I think you should rename your problem, Dick. The Personality Type of a Person Who Would have Sex with the Ex. (laughs)

Dick: Maddox. That's everybody, first of all.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everybody will bang their ex.

Maddox: No, that's not true. I have some exes I've never hooked up with. And I never would.

Dick: They've hooked up with other guys. I got bad news for you.

Maddox: Well, of course. I know they have. I don't give a shit about that.

Dick: Alright. Here's why I brought the problem in. I got an email from **Butt Sanchez.**

Maddox: Ohhhh, God. (Dick guffaws) Okay, here we go. What does Butt Sanchez have to say this time?

Dick: You're gonna…you're gonna love it. Uh, he sends me this email looking for advice. **"Dick, so I'm about to start fucking my crazy, bipolar, already-in-a-relationship ex-girlfriend again. Is this a good idea, or in your experience, is this a terrible idea? My viewpoint as of now is, hey, pussy's pussy."**

Maddox: (scoffs) Oh, great.

Dick: Classic Butt Sanchez.

Maddox: It is. (giggles) Yeah.

Dick: "Also, I think it's going to offset the amount of money I've been blowing at strip clubs and massage parlors lately. I live in Atlantic City and the winter hasn't been bringing in the women and it's like a pussy drought. It's terrible." He goes on to say, let's see…**"She's lost a lot of weight since we dated four years ago and she's way hotter now."**

Maddox: Mmm. (skeptical) So…

Dick: He's asking for advice.

Maddox: So whether or not he should bang his ex?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And what's your advice to him? What do you do?

Dick: Well, I asked him, because I…you know my advice. Yeah. Do it.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: I mean, what's the worst that could happen?

Maddox: Uh, you could wreck your life and have a kid.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He's already listening to your shitty advice of not using a condom and banging in a sauna, which is the worst place. It dries on the vag.

Dick: Alright, so I asked him for some positives and negatives.

Maddox: Wait, wait, real quick. I looked at Sean. He just scrunched his face when I said that. (laughing) Uh, yeah, go on.

Dick: Scrunched his face like a dried-up vag over there. (Sean and Maddox crack up) This is our Valentine's Day episode, by the way. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Happy Valentine's Day, guys.

Dick: So, **Butt** sends me the following positives.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "She cares a lot about me and she thinks I'm the shit." Pretty good positive.

Maddox: Okay. That is a positive, yeah.

Dick: "My female friends like her and I always hear, "Oh you used to be such a cute couple." From a few of them." Ohhhhhh.

Maddox: Mhmmm.

Dick: That makes me "Eeeeeeeeeh."

Maddox: No. That's…well, you want their friends to like you if you're in a relationship, but if you're not…what does that…that's neutral. I'm gonna say that's neutral.

Dick: You're gonna say that's neutral?

Maddox: That's a neutral. Yeah.

Dick: I'm gonna say that's bad.

Maddox: Why is that bad?

Dick: When chicks start pushing you towards a girl…I dunno why they do this, but I think they wanna…like, they…as a man, you're always wanting to oversell yourself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you always wanna shoot out of your league.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I think your female friends always want you to shoot under your league. You know? And I think…actually, I just had a realization. I think they're doing that for your protection so you keep the power in the relationship. Like, if you're dating under your league…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're like, "Yeah, you'll have full control and you'll be alright, then." How about that?

Maddox: As the guy, they want the guy to be dating under their league?

Dick: Yeah. If you have a friend who's a woman, and you're a man, she's like, yeah. They want you to be dating under your league so you maintain the power in the relationship.

Maddox: Ugh, that's weird man. I don't think of relationships in terms of power structures and this, like, weird chess game that you're playing.

Dick: Well. (sighs) (Maddox laughs) There you go.

Maddox: Yeah. That's really weird. I haven't thought about that.

Dick: Uh, number 3 from Butt on the positives.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "She's got a great ass and looks good naked."

Maddox: Okay, that's a positive.

Dick: Positive.

Maddox: I mean, that's the biggest…yeah. That's a big selling point so far.

Dick: "4: She can keep up with me when it comes to drinking and smoking weed."

Maddox: That's a positive, no?

Dick: Yeah. **"…which is hard to find even in most guys. And 5: She would most likely understand if I don't want a relationship because I like being single. If she does start to get too girlfriend, I might bail."** Well…

Maddox: Oh, okay. (scoffs) So this guy, who's…

Dick: (interjects) That's a positive.

Maddox: (scoffs) I guess. I mean, is it, though? Because he's complaining about how he's in this desert of vagina, right? A pussy drought. That's what he called it.

Dick: Yeah. Right.

Maddox: He's in this pussy drought, and then he's complaining that this girl, who sounds kinda cool, actually, is into him and has a great ass, and wants to hook up, and he's afraid that she might become his girlfriend?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why? Because that means, like, semi-regular sex.

Dick: Well, but I guess they've already done…they've already had a relationship and it didn't work out.

Sean: Wait. Go back and re-read the first sentence.

Dick: Okay. (giggles) **"So I'm about to start fucking my crazy, bipolar, already-in-a-relationship ex-girlfriend again."**

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Sean: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. That says…that says everything we need to know.

Dick: So, oh yeah. So he wanted advice and I didn't wanna give him advice on my own. That's what I'm saying. That's why I brought it in.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So, what do you think so far, Sean? Before I get to the negatives?

Sean: What, whether he should do it?

Dick: Okay, keep eating.

Sean: Sorry, I'm eating. (Maddox cracks up) Just don't ask me.

Maddox: No, this is a shit…no.

Dick: We're definitely keeping that in.

Maddox: We're definitely keeping that, Sean. (Dick and Maddox cracking up) I love how Sean just mutters under his breath, "Fuck".

Sean: What? I'm gonna edit this shit out.

Dick: Uh-uh!!! No you're not!!

Maddox: No!!! (laughs) Um, so, he wants to know whether or not he should get back together with his bipolar, crazy ex who's in another relationship?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Listen, dickhead! Like, of course not! This is a red flag. She…her entire existence is one giant red flag! I bet her Facebook profile picture is a red flag right now. Don't fucking…

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

Maddox: Yeah. Don't fucking get back together.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: With this crazy chick. She's cheating on her current boyfriend. What do you hope to get out of this? And then you're gonna have this disappointing sex that both Dick and I agreed on. Is going to be weird and awkward.

Dick: It is. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. And after you're done, you're just gonna kinda, like, feel gross and go take a shower. Do you shower, Butt Sanchez? I don't know. You're listening to Dick's advice over here.

Dick: I shower.

Maddox: Do you?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How often?

Dick: Uh, a lot, actually. Twice per day.

Maddox: Twi…(laughs)

Dick: At least twice a day. Is that a lot?

Maddox: Uh…your skin glows, so I dunno, maybe.

Dick: I wake up, and before I go to bed.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, Butt Sanchez. Um, I'm gonna give…

Dick: (interjects) So that's a yes.

Maddox: Thumbs down. No!!! It's a no! (guffaws)

Dick: Well, you said sex, so I assume that's a yes.

Maddox: No.

Dick: But that's a no. Alright.

Maddox: No, man. Come on. Have some self respect. Get…find a decent woman who you get along with and yeah, maybe she's not gonna be able to smoke as much pot as your guy friends. (Dick cracks up) Who gives a shit?! That's a criteria now?

Dick: Yeah. (dying of laughter)

Maddox: Are you kidding me?

Dick: I don't know!!

Maddox: Who gives a shit, man? She smells like a skunk! I can only imagine. I've never dated a girl who was really into pot smoking, so um, I can only imagine what that would do to their skin and body, right?

Dick: I don't…

Maddox: Probably tastes like skunk!

Dick: Uh, I don't know. The smoke goes away pretty fast.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think it has, like, harmful effects on your skin and your body like cigarettes do. I've dated a smoker and that was awful.

Maddox: Yeah. I…I've dated a smoker. I don't see what the big deal is.

Dick: Ugh, man.

Maddox: But they don't smoke that much. I've never dated someone who smokes, like, a lot.

Dick: I dated a girl who smoked more than I drink.

Maddox: That's impossible.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They would die. Within a week.

Dick: Alright. That's a no from you. I'm gonna go yes, because, uh…you know. Why not?

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay, Dick.

Dick: 'Cause I've done it…like, I feel as though all of the relationships I've ever had are basically sex with the ex, so. If that's what you're doing…(Maddox chuckles) then…you know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, eventually, at some point, it's just like 'Eh, this is…we're running on fumes here.'

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. I feel like you've never been in a relationship longer than say, a week or two, and that sounds like a contradiction, because you've been…

Dick: Very long relationships, yeah.

Maddox: You've had girlfriends. Yeah, exactly. Because you keep breaking up. You're the cyclical person! This personality type!

Dick: Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. That's why I thought it was interesting.

Maddox: Oh, my god. Have you ever gotten a pet with an ex-girlfriend?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Oh, you have moved in with one! Haven't you?

Dick: No, no, no, no, no, no.

Maddox: Really? (incredulous)

Dick: No. No, never.

Maddox: You've never…

Dick: (interjects) And the idea…the idea of that, is like, I can't even get my mind over that hurdle.

Maddox: Hmmmmm.

Dick: I know you have. I'm like, "Oh, my god." The idea of someone there all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is…overwhelming to me. To even imagine.

Maddox: Well, they're not necessarily there all the time if you have some, like, clingy codependent relationship where they have to be there all the time, but if you're allowed to do your own thing and they're doing their thing, I don't see what the problem is.

Dick: They have thins?

Maddox: Yeah, dude.

Dick: Yeah. No.

Maddox: You date a girl who's not broken, and she has, like, interests that aren't you, and she'll go out and do those things.

Dick: Alright, Sean, you're the tie breaker for Butt. Unless you wanna hear some of these negatives before you vote.

Sean: The negatives?

Dick: Yeah, he's got five negatives, too.

Sean: Oh, he does?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah…

Sean: I still…I say no.

Dick: You say no already?

Sean: Anyway. I don't need to hear the negatives. It's only gonna strengthen my answer.

Dick: Maybe some of these negatives will change your answer.

Sean: (scoffs) Ohhh, okay. (laughs)

Dick: "She's really dumb in a way that annoys me." (Maddox laughs) **"My main group of friends really don't like her, aside from my best friend's girlfriend, who loves her."** I don't know. **"She's a borderline shut-in and I don't think she's employed at the moment."** Man, that sounds like the girls I date.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. **"She gives the worst blowjobs, like holy shit. Then again, it's been four years. But still, back when she was 22, it was fucking awful."**

Maddox: Ummmmmmm, okay. Shitty blowjobs. No job.

Dick: No job.

Maddox: This girl's bad at all kinds of jobs, it sounds like.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Can't keep one. Can't give on. (chuckles)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a solid no from Sean and I, Dick. So, no, Butt Sanchez. Find another girl. Find another girl. Why are you with this girl? What, are you so desperate? Like, you need that blowjob?

Dick: Oh, come on with the attacks. Desperate, please. Alright, what's your problem?

Maddox: Okay, Dick. My first problem this week…and I think this is the biggest problem in the universe…love.

(Sound clip: "'All you need is Love' by the Beatles plays")

Maddox: Yeah. Love. Biggest problem in the universe, Dick.

Dick: That's retarded. (scoffs) Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, what's retarded about it?

Dick: Love, like love? Your whole career is built in self-love. Let's start there. (grinning) (Sean giggles)

Maddox: Well, okay, but that's not love in the sense that everyone talks about. When you say "Are you in love?"

Dick: Ohhhhhh.

Maddox: You're not gonna say, "Yeah, I met a great guy. It's me."

Dick: (cracks up) I don't put that past you.

Maddox: I might. I might, actually. (laughing)

Dick: Didn't you marry yourself on Facebook?

Maddox: I did. (laughs)

Dick: Busted! (guffaws)

Maddox: I do love myself…often. And I also dedicated both of my books…

Dick: How many times today?

Maddox: Umm…(Sean laughs) Two or three. Well, it depends. If I'm in a…

Dick: (interjects) Two or three!?!? Whoa!!

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know. Maybe, you know. Whatever. That's…that's normal. Um…(giggles) I did dedicate both of my books to me. And that is love. I did dedicate it to my soulmate, the person I love most in the world, but that's different, Dick.

Dick: Alright. (grinning)

Maddox: That's not what people are talking about when they're talking about love.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: First of all, love is stupid. (Dick laughs) Alright? That's my argument.

Dick: Yeah, it is stupid.

Maddox: What is it?

Dick: Are you asking?

Maddox: Yeah, I'm asking you. What is it?

Dick: A chemical reaction in your brain that's, like, more addictive than any drugs.

Maddox: Yeah. Love is all you need.

Dick: Pretty concise answer.

Maddox: Yeah, pretty concise. That's essentially it.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: You know, that stupid Beatles song.

(Sound clip plays again, 'All you need is Love' by the Beatles playing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Can't…yeah. That's the way it was recorded, this piece of shit song. Anyway, piece of shit song, piece of shit concept. Love, love, love. That song, "All you need is Love"?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Here are some things that love can't solve. Cancer. Cardiovascular disease. Choking. Alcohol or substance abuse. General anxiety disorder. Narcolepsy. Sex addiction. (Sean giggles) Schizophrenia. Crib death. Man hands. And flatulence. (laughs)

Dick: (laughing) And flatulence. Alright, you wanna go down through those one by one, 'cause you're actually wrong.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh really?!

Dick: You're dead wrong on all of 'em, yeah.

Maddox: (laughs) Bullshit, Dick!! How can love solve any of those.

Dick: Um, love is a very important part of being human. (Maddox laughs) It, like, makes us healthy. Do you know this?

Maddox: What?

Dick: In addition to keeping society together and keeping us from, you know, murdering each other just on a whim, which is what we would BASICALLY do without love, it also has, like, huge health benefits.

Maddox: Yeah? Like what?

Dick: Okay. How about "married couples have lower cancer rates" than singles.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean…it sounds…

Dick: (interjects) University of Iowa discovered that.

Maddox: How much lower?

Dick: Ovarian cancer patients with satisfying relationships had stronger white blood cells, which kills cancer cells, than those who didn't have healthy relationships. That means love beats cancer, Maddox.

Maddox: (laughing) Fuck you, Dick! That's bullshit!

Dick: Love…the power of love kills cancer. (grins)

Maddox: You know, it's also possible that married couples have insurance, better benefits, and they're able to see doctors more.

Dick: That makes their white blood cell count go up?! (incredulous)

Maddox: It's not necessarily that their white blood cell count has gone up, it's that they're being tested more often and they live healthier lives because they have higher incomes. They are probably more affluent. Yeah.

Dick: This study flat-out…oh, are you saying that statistics can be manipulated? (grins) Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: Well, I don't…I don't…(laughs) This sounds like one of those studies where the controls are outrageous. How can they control for that?

Dick: University of Iowa. I don't know. What was the second one?

Maddox: What…what…okay. The second one is cardiovascular disease.

Dick: Cardio…wait, I think I got some stats on that, too. (Maddox giggles)

(Sound clip: Dick: "I got a stats for you.")

Dick: Yeah, I got a stats here. I don't have the heart stats. Fewer doctor visits. "The Health and Human Services Department reviewed a bounty of studies on health and marriage. One of the report's more striking findings is that married people have fewer doctor visits and shorter average hospital stays." How about that? 'Cause you're healthier.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Uh, men. Married men are half as likely to suffer from a heart attack. Did you know that?

Maddox: (stammers) That's bullshit!!

Dick: That's what this thing says!

Maddox: That's bull…I feel like I'm about to suffer from a heart attack right now!

Dick: (laughs) You should go get married. (Maddox laughs) And both married men and women have drastically lower rates of serious diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's, and lung disease.

Maddox: Wowwwwwww, Dick. Sounds like you really got my number, don't you.

Dick: Go ahead? What's next? (grins)

Maddox: Doesn't it. Sounds like it.

Dick: All I'm saying is love's very powerful.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: It's a very…it's a powerful chemical that you can't just gin up on your own. Trust me, I've tried.

Maddox: My…sure, sure Dick. I know. Oh, I know you've tried. My question to you, Dick, is, what does love have to do with marriage?

Dick: Well…yeah.

Maddox: Most of my married friends are so unhappy. (laughs) Most miserable.

Dick: Uhhhh, that's different, though. Unhappiness, I would say, is slightly different than love itself. Like, I think you can be both. I think people can be in love and then, like, have that closeness and need that marriage more than anything, and then when they get on their own, they're like "Oh God, this was the alternative? That's way worse."

Maddox: Choking. How does love solve choking, Dick?

Dick: Um, well, if you're by yourself…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And no one loves you to give you a Heimlich maneuver, then, yeah. (Maddox chuckles) I would say being in love would certainly help with that.

Maddox: Ehhhhhh. Darwinism. That's Darwinism at play. Love stands in direct contradiction to Darwinism and evolution. You're supposed to die. If you're unloved, why

would you want someone there to save you? Right? Do we need more unloved people in this world?

Dick: Yeah, that's the point. Love's propelling evolution. Like, people are falling in love with good genetic traits.

Maddox: It's keeping dumb people around. If you're…if you can't cut a piece of steak small enough for you to chew and you choke on it, that's evolution doin' its work, buddy.

Dick: Oh, alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Love is makin' us dumber.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay, alcohol or substance abuse. How does love solve that?

Dick: Well, I actually found recently, I was reading about, when we did the Hangover episode.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That substance abuse is caused by loneliness. And not, like…overwhelmingly more by loneliness than, like, chemical addiction, or depression, or anything like that. Like, it all stems from loneliness, so.

Maddox: Are you lonely, Dick?

Dick: Um, not right now. (Maddox laughs) 'Cause I'm thinkin' about all this math.

Maddox: You're not drinking right now, yeah, that's true. (Dick chuckles) Okay, what about General Anxiety Disorder?

Dick: I got one for that, too.

Maddox: Oh, fuck you!

Dick: Wow. You didn't really do your research on this one. (Maddox giggles) That's why I'm building a dynasty of wins over here. Alright?

Maddox: You know what, you motherfucker. Did you look at my notes beforehand?! Is that what you did?!

Dick: No, no, no! I just…I looked at, like, some article on, like, women's health or something like that.

Maddox: There's no possible way it went down all these diseases I brought in.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause these are big problems.

Maddox: Yeah, and love is a…

Dick: (interjects) Love's actually….

Maddox: (interjects) Love isn't fucking solving! (angry) Love isn't all we need, people! We need antibiotics! How about that?

Dick: Which one was…which one was the one you said? Blood pressure?

Maddox: General Anxiety Disorder.

Dick: Oh, no, I had that one, but I didn't print it out, 'cause it was stupid.

Maddox: Mhmm. Yeah, it is stupid. This is all stupid. Sounds like bullshit. Narcolepsy? How does love solve that?

Dick: Here we go. "A small study publishing in Psychological Science, as the researchers subjected married women to the threat of an electric shock. When the woman was holding her husband's hand, they showed less of a response in brain areas associated with stress. The happier the marriage, the greater the effect." So, if a woman is sitting there holding the hand of her beloved husband. I don't know if it works for gay people. The study said married women holding her husband's hand. Then she feels less stressed about the threat of having an electric shock.

Maddox: You know what? Fuck you, Dick. (Dick guffaws) I'm fucking tired of this! You're shitting all over my great problem!

Dick: You're shitting all over love, man?! (incredulous) (Maddox laughs) Get the fuck outta here!!

Maddox: Have you ever been in love?

Dick: (interjects) We wouldn't have the most…

Maddox: (interjects) Do you even fucking know what love is!? I know what true love is and I look at it every day in the mirror. (guffaws)

Dick: No, I've never experienced that kind of love.

Maddox: Oh man, it's such a burning flame for me, I have. Oh, I love me.

Dick: Man, where would we be without love? We wouldn't have all of our beautiful works of art. We wouldn't have…have your lovely books dedicated to yourself.

Maddox: You know…you know where we'd be without love? We wouldn't have a billion fucking stupid love songs to listen to on the radio. Every fucking song is a love song or a breakup song. And you know what? Breakups would be a hell of a lot easier without love. It'd be fucking easy…oh, I don't want…hey, you broke up? No big deal. I didn't love her anyway. (Dick chuckles) Right? Pretty fucking awesome. How cool would that be?! (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Coolest shit ever.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: And then you…and then you turn on the radio and then you'd have silence. You'd just have some solace to yourself.

Dick: Like static?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You can do that if you just put it in between channels right now.

Maddox: It's hard.

Dick: You can live this fantasy we're talking about.

Maddox: There are more stations playing love songs than static, and that's the problem.

Dick: So what?! (laughing)

Maddox: Cause I just want some peace and silence! Some quiet when I'm driving!!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I wanna turn on the radio and not listen to a billion fucking stupid love songs. And they're all the same. Did you ever listen to the lyrics? "Oh, I loved this person. She didn't love me back." "Oh, I loved this person and we got in a fight and then she let me go." They're all the same fuckin' song. We've heard every fucking love song. (angry, ranting) Does the world need any more love songs?!

Dick: Yeah. Or what else is there to sing about?

(Sound clip: "'All you need is Love' by the Beatles plays")

Maddox: How about hate? Make a song about hate every now and then, guys! There's, like, no songs about hate.

Dick: What about metal? Like, death metal? That's an entire genre.

Maddox: Metal…metal has hatred in its heart.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But it's rarely about hate.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Except for, like, the occasional Slayer song. But that's it, man! We need more songs about hate! Or how about just like? How about a song about like? I kinda like somebody. How about that? (giggles) Why don't they make a like, like, like song. Like is all we need.

Dick: Sean, you're the music expert. Is there a song about just liking somebody? I know George Strait has a song "Do you Like Me, Yes or No". That's about like.

Sean: I can't think of one off the top of my head.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But I'm sure there is one.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: That's a problem. Crib death. How does love solve that, Dick?

Dick: Uh, I don't know.

Maddox: Schizophrenia? Man hands. Love can't solve man hands!! (yelling)

Dick: Yeah. I don't know, man. Look, it solves cancer. That's pretty good.

Maddox: Flatulence. It doesn't fucking solve cancer, Dick. There's way too many things to control for! It's like one of those studies "Are Eggs Good Or Bad For You?" Lewis Black has that classic bit where he asks the audience "Are eggs good or bad for you?" and then there's just silence in the audience, 'cause no one fucking knows how to answer that. 'Cause every other week, there's a new study that comes out. "Eggs are good for you." "Eggs are bad for you." "Milk is good for you." "Milk is bad for you." What is it?!

Dick: Water. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, water. You need to drink 8 gallons. You need to drink one cup. (Dick guffaws) Like, no one fucking knows!

Dick: (guffaws) 8 gallons of water!!!

Maddox: I don't know, man. It's all over the fucking map.

Dick: Do you honestly think that…you're always bringing in, like, stress as a problem. Like, the reason things are bad is because it stresses people out. Do you think it's...you don't think that love relieves stress at all? In, like, a huge amount of people? Like, the whole Earth is covered in people? You don't think that love is a benefit to these people?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Like, it makes you wanna get out of bed. Even the hope of tasting it again before you DIE makes you actually go to work and do your fucking job and live in this horrible civilization of awful monsters around you all the time!?! (ranting) (Maddox laughs) You don't think that that's a POSITIVE effect in the world?!

Maddox: Yeah, maybe…

Sean: (interjects) And come and do a podcast every week? (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: This isn't love, guys. This is…I come in to do this podcast out of pure hate.

Sean: I'm talking about Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, Dick, yeah. Okay. Well, listen Dick. Um, I actually have a study. I brought in some research from Psychology Today. They talk about love being, you know, the chemical released is oxytocin.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's one of the chemicals that are released when you're in love, right?

Dick: I think it's "tosin".

Maddox: Oxytocin, okay.

Dick: I think. I don't know which one.

Maddox: Oxytocin. Whatever. It's the neurochemical that causes trust.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, think about that. If you're in love and this neurochemical that causes trust is being released…well, that makes you gullible, doesn't it? It makes you more suggestible. Makes you more agreeable. (Dick scoffs) Makes you a sap.

Dick: A mark.

Maddox: A mark. That's what I meant to say. Yeah, it makes you a mark. It's released during orgasm and in small amounts when you hold hands. I think…

Dick: Small for some, maybe. (grins) (Maddox cracks up) I spray that shit all over my brain!

Maddox: Dick, they're not talking about…(Sean and Maddox laugh) Jesus, Dick. "In animals, it's released when mothers lick their babies." That's stupid. When mothers lick their babies? So this feeling of love that you're experiencing? Animals experience it when they get licked. (disgusted)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ugh, gross. "Oxytocin is the good feeling of a common cause, whether a political rally, a football huddle, or thieves with a plan." Thieves with a plan experience the same exact feeling that people in a football huddle or people who just had an orgasm experience. And by the way, people are so much more trusting after this release of oxytocin, after they've had an orgasm?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I think that business deals should be made right after an orgasm. Like, as soon as you guys both blow, you should sign the contract.

Dick: Well, that would fix your Meetings problem if they were just orgies. I guess. Is that what you're proposing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everybody in a meeting, just, alright, let's strip down, let's bang this out, and then we'll all sign…we'll deal with it after the fact.

Maddox: Makes people more trusting. "But trust can also get complicated inside the human brain. You trust a person to live up to your expectations, but you may not realize how complex your expectations are. Eventually, your loved one fails to meet them or you fail to meet theirs and in your mammalian brain, any loss of trust can be interpreted as a life-threatening emergency." You don't think that causes stress, Dick? Having a life-threatening emergency? "Because when sheep are separated from a flock, its oxytocin dips and its cortisol surges, and cortisol generates a feeling we experience as fear, panic, or anxiety." That seems to contradict your bullshit-ass study, Dick!! (yelling) What do you say about that?!

Dick: You're shitting on oxytocin now?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (smug)

Dick: Did you know that oxytocin is used to induce abortions?

Maddox: Is that…is that true?

Dick: That's true. So. I know you're a big fan…that was one of your solutions in our last episode, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Well…(sighs) that's true. But, Dick, it's…love. Love is the problem. Love is the problem. It's not all we need. We need way more things than love, guys. We need bullets, we need guns, we need bombs, we need antibiotics, we need science, we need rocket ships, we need fucking deep sea exploration….(ranting) not to find that Titanic, dickhead. Shut up. (Dick cracking up) I know you're thinking it!

Dick: No, I'm just trying to…I'm wondering what kind of…what the world would be without love. It would just be a bunch of, like, computers walking around, randomly jamming their inputs and outputs into each other.

Maddox: Um, Dick. Maybe.

Dick: Like, it's what touching…touching each other generates the positive chemical of love…right? More touching generates it more? The reason we can band together and work together as people? You don't think that's good?

Maddox: Dick, maybe. I don't know. But there's no evidence. I don't think that love is the reason people cooperate. I think that mutual self-interest is…some symbiotic relationship. Like ants and aphids. They don't love each other. They just need each other.

Dick: Yeah, but they're not humans. It's a human thing…like, a mammal thing.

Maddox: No, reptiles…reptiles experience release of oxytocin.

Dick: Oh, really? (incredulous)

Maddox: And, in fact…yeah. And in fact, they don't like to be near each other, specifically because when this oxytocin is released, they are more trusting of each other, which puts their life in peril. That's why reptiles are really untrusting. Snakes are shitty animals. Go vote up snakes, people.

Dick: So you think we should act more like reptiles? (Maddox giggles) Is that what you're saying? Like snake men?

Maddox: Essentially. (laughing) I think that's a solution! I'm gonna bring it in for the bonus episode! Acting more like reptiles.

Dick: That's a Conspiracy Dipshit thing. (Maddox laughs) Aren't there people who think there's, like, lizard men living among us?

Maddox: Yeah, but I don't think that. I'm not an idiot. Um, okay Dick. I brought in… speaking of. I brought in a test. I brought in a love test.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: To see how compatible we are. It's from this website called http://www.allthetests.com.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It says…the name of the test is "Are You Two Really The Perfect Match?" (Dick guffaws) Maybe we're in love, Dick. Let's see…

Dick: (interjects) Alright.

Maddox: Let's take this test.

Dick: According to Dr. Smooth Rod, we are.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, and I'm going to adjust it a little bit so it sounds…so it makes sense for us.

(Ritzy game show theme starts)

Dick: Okay. Is this…do I have to answer this right or I get kicked off the podcast? (grins)

Maddox: Maybe, Dick. If we're not compatible.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I want to have a co-host on this podcast…(Dick laughs) that I can trust, huh? One that I can love, potentially.

Dick: Alright. Alright.

Maddox: Let's see if we're compatible.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: First question. How often do you guys see each other?

Dick: Uhhhhhh…like, once a week.

Maddox: Once a week? Okay.

Dick: Once a week.

Maddox: Yeah, that's one of the options here.

Dick: Once or twice a week.

Maddox: Once a week, there we go. Question number 2. How often do you guys talk to each other?

Dick: By texting? Or actually talking?

Maddox: I'm gonna say texting.

Dick: Texting every day.

Maddox: Texting counts.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's every day.

Maddox: Sean, do you think texting counts? I would say so, right? Because when I text a girl, I think that's communication.

Sean: Yeah, today, so many people text, I think it counts.

Maddox: Okay. So, every day. Great. How long have you guys been dating? (giggles)

Dick: (sighs) Seven years? When did we meet? We met…when did we meet? Right after my book came out. 2008. Or right before.

Maddox: Yeah, it had to have been about 2008.

Dick: 2008.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, six years?

Maddox: So…six…yeah, we've been dating for six…it's not called dating!

Dick: I remember our first…I remember when we met. I remember our first date.

Maddox: It was at an Irish bar.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: I remember too.

Dick: Well, that was where we met.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then we went out to UCB?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I…I emailed you and I got your name wrong in the email. (Maddox giggles) Remember that?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, this is…

Dick: Good times.

Maddox: This is weird. Alright.

Dick: We both brought our girlfriends. They had no idea what was happening. They had no idea what they were witnessing.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. With that whole budding friendship happened behind their backs, didn't it.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: Alright, so, the highest option here is 3+ years. I'm gonna check that.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Then, "Were you guys friends before dating?"

Dick: Not really.

Maddox: Uh, no.

Dick: We immediately got into it.

Maddox: Not even for, like, a week? 'Cause that's one of the options.

Dick: Ah, like a week.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: And, how old are you?

Dick: Um…this is an online quiz?

Maddox: Lemme read this quizzes options.

Dick: Then I'm 16, then. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Well, it's funny that you mention that, because the options here are 10 and younger, 16...

Dick: (interjects) (laughing) Alright..

Maddox: 16+, 11 to 12 years old, and 12 to 15 years old. That's the age range.

Dick: 16+.

Maddox: I don't think were the right demo for this quiz, Dick. (laughing)

Dick: No.

Maddox: And then, one more question. I'll read here. "Have you guys ever talked about your future together?" (giggling)

Dick: Yeah. All the time.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: All the time.

Maddox: What are the options?

Dick: It's a recurring…is there…it is a recurring point of rancor and contention in our relationship? Is that one of the options on this quiz for 13-year-olds? (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, man. There's, like, a timer on this. Dude. There's a remaining time limit of how long I have to take this stupid bullshit quiz.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Anyway. Let's see what the results are. 50%!! We're 50% compatible, Dick!

Dick: What?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah! It's a coin toss on whether or not we should…make a baby. (laughs)

Dick: Well…(sighs) sorry, Dr. Smooth Rod.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We're only 50% compatible. I don't know what that means.

Maddox: Whatever. Piece of shit quiz.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Uh, before we get to the next problem, I wanna remind you that today's show is brought to you by Casper. Get 50$ towards any mattress purchase by visiting http://www.casper.com/biggest and using promo code BIGGEST. We had a gigantic box at the studio today. Like the size of a college boy fridge. Right?

Maddox: I was actually surprised it wasn't bigger, because there was a king mattress inside.

Dick: Yeah. And it was really cool. So, this company Casper sells mattresses online, "Completely risk-free, Casper offers free delivery and returns within a 100-day period." So they shipped us one. It arrived in a box that seemed impossibly small.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For a king-size mattress.

Maddox: I looked at the dimensions of this box and it looked like one of those mini refrigerators.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Like, a tiny mini refrigerator, and it weighed about 80 pounds, I think? And I couldn't believe that they fit a king mattress in there, and I opened it up, and sure enough, right now, I have a king mattress. (Dick laughs) It's amazing.

Dick: It was actually pretty cool to watch it inflate itself.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, it's the most satisfying…

Dick: Or, like, not inflate, but…it, like, expanded.

Maddox: Yeah, and the instructions read that there's a "Listen to the sigh of relief as the mattress inflates." I'm like, that's exactly what I would describe that sound. And it is so cool. I…I know I sound like a shill right now. (Dick cracks up) And these are one of our sponsors and I'm supposed to say…

Dick: It was cool. (grinning)

Maddox: I'm supposed to say nice things about it, but, like, for real, I'm seriously impressed by this whole delivery operation.

Dick: Okay, well I don't mind sounding like a shill. (Maddox laughs) "Mattresses can often cost well over 1500 bucks, but Casper mattresses cost between 500 for twin-size mattress, 600 for a twin XL, 750 for a full-size, 850 for a queen, and 950 for a king." That's a hell of a deal. "Casper understands that buying a mattress online can have consumers wondering how this is possible. It's an obsessively engineered mattress at a shockingly fair price."

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know what kind of magic they did with this. Maybe they got some Ghostbusters on the case, but…(Dick chuckles) this mattress is really incredible.

Everybody bounced on the mattress and hopped on, and it's…it feels like…not one of those, like, memory foam ones, which I always thought were a little bit weird…

Dick: Those are ins…do you know how much those cost?

Maddox: How much?

Dick: Dude, I bought a mattress a couple of months ago. 'Cause I've been using hand-me-down mattresses for my entire life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, and I didn't want to be gross anymore.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It was…it was my brother-in-law's old mattresses I'd been using.

Maddox: Ew, gross, dude.

Dick: So I've basically been sleeping on beds that my sister has been banged on.

Maddox: Oh my gosh, Diiiiiiiick!! (Dick cracks up) Gross, dude!!

Dick: So I upgraded to this new bed, and those memory foam ones, the top of the line, was 10 grand!

Maddox: 10 grand!?! Are you kidding me?!

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: This bed feels way better than that, and it's, what, 900 bucks for a king?

Dick: I mean, I don't know. Yeah. It's 900 bucks…

Maddox: Yeah, that's what it said, yeah.

Dick: 950 for a king mattress.

Maddox: 950 for a king. That's a steal. I've gone to mattress stores. They're always trying to upsell you to some foam, 'cause that's the latest technology. It's the best stuff, right?

Dick: Foam?

Maddox: Yeah, whatever the foam thing is. This isn't foam. It's, like, some…I don't know what material they used, but this compression technology…(Dick giggles) it's like Winzip for mattresses.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: There's a geeky reference.

Dick: "Casper is revolutionizing the mattress industry by cutting the costs of dealing with resellers and showrooms and passing the savings directly to the consumer. Risk free for 100 days." You can send it back.

Maddox: Yep. Um, I gotta tell you, Dick. The whole operation took, what, like 10 minutes to get the mattress up and going?

Dick: Yeah. It was cool to see.

Maddox: Yeah, it was really cool.

Dick: Yep. Go to http://www.casper.com/biggest, promo code BIGGEST to get 50 bucks off your mattress purchase. There you go. Alright, are we ready for my problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And this is…this is the problem that's gonna win and cement my dynasty. (Maddox scoffs) 'Cause this is a great problem.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Okay? This is gonna make me into the…this is gonna make me into the Cowboys circa…96, was it? When they kicked the Buffalo Bills' asses all those times?

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. Sports. (annoyed)

Dick: And you're gonna be…you're not even gonna be the Buffalo Bills. You're gonna be, like, Buffalo Bill the serial killer with your penis tucked between your legs. (Maddox cracks up) Here we go! My problem is Rose Peddlers. Right?

Maddox: Rose peddlers.

Dick: Yeah. These people. These people. That shake you down while you're trying to have a nice dinner with a beautiful woman or maybe a not-so-beautiful woman that you're sure you're gonna get laid with. (Maddox chuckles) Either way…

Maddox: Butt Sanchez.

Dick: They hit you up in the restaurant while you're just trying to eat and spit your game in your nice button-up shirt that doesn't fit quite right, 'cause they never do, and they "Sir, how about a flower for the lady?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Except in LA, it's all Spanish people, Mexican people, so it sounds like "For the lady?" "For the lady?" How much is the rose? I'm sitting there trying to enjoy a nice dinner.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm getting shook down for cash. Shook down for cash at BEST. Because you know what the outcome of that is? You either look like a pussy. You look like a sucker for buying this rose.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You look like a sucker, 'cause you got bullied into buying a rose for this woman.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She loses respect for you. OR, even though she does not want you to buy the rose, she still feels like shit and still thinks you're a cheap ass 'cause you didn't buy one for her!

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: It's…there is no positive outcome to this game!! (yelling) It's just people walking around, little old ladies walking around with two dozen shitty roses, cockblocking everyone all the time!!

Maddox: I dunno, Dick. Sounds like your problem is the solution to mine. 'Cause it sounds like if your date goes bad, you're not gonna fall in love, buddy. That sounds awesome to me! You guys should vote up Love. Oh man, you know what? You should vote up Love and Rose Peddlers, actually. I just realized it's supporting my problem.

Dick: You know these people?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The rose peddlers that I'm talking about?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: You like them? You like getting hassled while you're eating? Some guy walking around…what else are they gonna…how about some shoes?! Hey, here's some nice high heels for the lady. How about that? (Maddox laughs) I got a whole…this little old lady opens up her trenchcoat, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And she's got…(stammers) a bunch of puppies there. (Maddox laughs) Hey sir, how would you like to buy a puppy for the lady? No! I'm fucked now. Date's over!!! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm just gonna go home!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here's 20 bucks for the margaritas. Pay for them both. I'm just gonna go home now. (Maddox laughs) 'Cause this date's over. This date's over! Because you're not getting a puppy!

Maddox: Oh, you sound so stressed, Dick. (laughing)

Dick: I hate it SO much!! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah. That shit is annoying. It's akin to, and I'm only gonna mention it because it'll be a problem in a future episode, but those bathroom attendants.

Dick: Yeah, but that doesn't fuck you with a woman! That's just…you just kinda feel bad not tipping the guy.

Maddox: You know, and it's kind of…it's kind of heterosexist, too, isn't it? Because those guys never…if you were sitting down with your bro getting a meal, they're never gonna come to your table and offer you a rose.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're just gonna assume that you're straight.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe we're dating.

Dick: Wait a minute. Do…this is a serious question.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do gay guys give each other flowers?

Maddox: I imagine. I mean…well, I don't know.

Dick: I don't know. A woman's never bought me flowers.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause they know not to.

Dick: Well, but then what's the difference?

Maddox: Yeah. Hmmmmmm.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: We need to get our gay contingent to pipe in on this one.

Dick: We gotta bring a gay guy in here!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Figure it out.

Maddox: Well, I mean, you can't generalize. All gay guys or no gay guys. I mean, I imagine some gay guys like flowers. Although, I've been…all my gay friends, they're…

Dick: (interjects) That's a good point. That's true.

Maddox: Yeah. All my gay friends whose apartments I've been to, they don't have flowers. They don't have flowers. Their apartment just looks like a dude lives there.

Dick: Huh. Do you think they bitch about it, too, if they don't get flowers enough?

Maddox: Oh, I don't know. I mean, it's either really well put together, or it just looks, like, sloppy. It's one of the two.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I've never seen flowers at a gay guy's house.

Dick: Anyway. I blame the restaurants for this pervasive shakedown. These rose peddlers going around ruining dinners.

Maddox: It's the restaurant's fault.

Dick: It's also the people's fault. So, I read online. I was doing…I was trying to find some stats for this problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I couldn't find any. But people were like, "Oh, it's just…they're just impoverished people trying to make a buck."

Maddox: That's true, yeah.

Dick: Just relax, okay? It's just impoverished people trying to make a buck. A buck!? I would pay a buck for a rose!!! They're charging 10, 15 dollars for a piece of shit they bought downtown, like, 12 hours ago!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That looks…now it looks like it's a bunch of bologna wrapped around a stem. (Maddox and Sean crack up) It's all floppy and limp! They want…a dollar I would pay! Here, a dollar. Get the fuck away from me and take the fucking flower away from me, too. (angry)

Maddox: Yeah. And then what are you gonna do with the flowers, just sitting on the table. And then when they come to bring the food, it's in the way. You gotta move the fucking… and it's thorny. You get cut and you're bleeding everywhere, you get AIDs. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Yeah. You get AIDS! They cause AIDS. It's a big problem! This…

Maddox: (interjects) Vote up monkeys!! (laughing)

Dick: This girl's gotta carry this trophy around of your incompetence for the rest of the night! It's a constant reminder of how easy you are to whip into buying something you don't wanna buy. It's pathetic!

Maddox: Dick, I've got a bad…I've got something bad about this that even you didn't think of. Um, this has actually happened to me. I was on a date and the guy came by our table and the girl…it wasn't…it wasn't even actually a date. It was just, like…I was at a table with a friend, whatever, right? But it could have been a date.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: With a girl. It was me…it looked like a date externally, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: The guy came over, wanted to sell a rose. He thought we were on a date. We weren't. But he went to all the other tables, made his rounds, didn't sell shit, because he's annoying, so everyone feels shitty in the restaurant. Then he came back to our table and gave the girl a rose for free.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhh.

Maddox: Uh-huh! He's fucking moving in on my chick potentially, like, this wasn't a date, but it could have been! He's coming in, he's horning in on my territory, making me look like a chump! Don't give my girl gifts, dickhead!!

Dick: No, you…this. This is an interesting way to play it. What you're saying. I think you could revolutionize the rose peddling game.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (grins)

Dick: If these guys…see if these guys, what they did, if they came into the restaurant and just gave the woman a flower, I would give the guy money. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Ohhhh, yeah.

Dick: Like the mariachis who go around just playing, and they play for free, but then you tip 'em and you look like the good guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With the rose, it's the opposite. You look like the bad guy either way.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: These…that's…Maddox! You've stumbled on an incredible solution for this problem.

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno, Dick, cause I don't wanna feel obligated. I don't wanna…'cause when the mariachis come to your table and you just gotta sit there, "Okay, great. Now I gotta fucking tip these guys, otherwise I look like a cheapskate?" They're pimping you, and what if you don't have any cash on you?

Dick: Yeah, but you don't look like a cheapskate if you don't tip the mariachi people after one song. Like they come, they test it out, one song…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then if you tip them, they stay and play another one, or you just say, "Here's 5 bucks. Get away from me."

Maddox: But the difference is, with the rose transaction, the rose is the end of the transaction. So they have done everything that they're going to do. They're giving you the rose.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: If you don't pay for it, then you just look like a cheapskate.

Dick: I…I don't think you would, necessarily. If they gave the rose to every chick in there.

Maddox: Hmmmm.

Dick: I don't think you would necessarily look cheap if you didn't give the guy money. They might even make more money, I don't know.

Maddox: If every other table just stated tipping them and you didn't, you would look like a cheapskate.

Dick: Well, I don't know. Your results might vary.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You gotta test it out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But that would be better! That would be better than what happens now, where it's just a shakedown!!!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, uh, Dick. I guess it's a problem. Maybe go to restaurants that don't allow those rose peddlers in? Maybe, like, a Ruth's Chris or something? Take your dates to nice places every now and then, Dick.

Dick: This is the…this is the guy (Maddox laughs) telling me to take my dates to a nice place? (grins) Mr. Twelve Dollar Steak?

Maddox: Hey, you can get a good 12$ steak. I didn't say 12$. 35$. That's a good steak.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright, man. Okay. Good problem, I guess.

Dick: Thanks.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Your turn.

Maddox: Not the biggest. Not as big as my next problem, "Valentine's Day"!!!

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Huh?!?! There's a real problem!

Dick: (sighs, exhales) Yeah.

Maddox: The…(cracks up)

Dick: Shameless. (grins) (Maddox still laughing)

Maddox: Dick, I've hated Valentine's Day forever. You know I have. I used to…I used to have this thing called the "Annual Valentine's Day Cupid Slaughter". And I would just draw this really violent picture in Paint. In MS Paint, of just cupids getting slaughtered with hearts going through their eyes and arrows in their butts, and all sorts of, like, funny things.

Dick: What do you mean? When was this? When did you do this?

Maddox: Uh, I used to do it way back when my site first started and then I kinda fell off one year because I started drawing it and I ran out of time.

Sean: Wasn't this about the time of the Mario porn?

Maddox: This was shortly after the Mario porn.

Sean: In Paint?

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: 'Cause you can see the progression of my skills in Paint.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Increase. Every year, it looks a little bit better. The annual…you know what? Maybe I'll do it this year, too, 'cause I haven't done one in a long time. The Annual Valentine's Day Cupid Slaughter. I'm going to ask for submissions, too, by the way. If you're an illustrator, send in your cupid slaughter pictures. Maybe I'll post 'em all on my website. But Valentine's Day, Dick. First of all, no one really knows the exact origins of Valentine's Day. Did you know that?

Dick: No.

Maddox: This is according to NPR.

Dick: I don't know. I don't know what it is. Did a bunch of people get killed? I know a Valentine's Day Massacre, but I guess that was predicated on Valentine's Day already existing.

Maddox: Yeah, it's got…it's got a pretty dark history, actually. As far as they can trace it back to it. From NPR, they say "From February 13th to the 15th, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia. I think that's how it's pronounced. Lupercalia. The men sacrificed a goat and then a dog. And then whipped the women with the hides of the animals they had just slain.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: That's…that's a thing they did. "The Roman romantics were drunk. They were naked, says Noel Lensky, a historian at the University of Colorado of Boulder. Young women would actually line up for the men to hit them, Lensky says."

Dick: (laughing) Sounds like fun.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Kill an animal, take its hide off, "Get over here, baby!" WHAP!! (Maddox laughs) Ah, get outta here!

Maddox: "They believed this would make them fertile. The brutal feat included a matchmaking lottery in which young men drew the names of women from a jar. The couple would then be coupled for the duration of the festival, or longer if the match was right."

Dick: Oh. (surprised)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's cool.

Maddox: You know, if Valentine's Day still included, like, beheading goats and dogs, and then just beating…

Dick: And hooking you up for free. (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, and hooking you up for free.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That sounds awesome.

Dick: It does.

Maddox: Now, you're just on the rope for a bunch of bullshit you gotta buy. Listen to this, Dick. This is from Statistics Brain.

Dick: Is that a nickname you've given yourself?

Maddox: Good one, Dick. (Dick guffaws) These are some Valentine's Day statistics. "The average annual Valentine's Day spending is 13.2 billion dollars."

Dick: Huh. (surprised) For how many people?

Maddox: That's crazy. That's…

Dick: Worldwide?

Maddox: I think…no. I don't think they celebrate it worldwide. This has gotta be America.

Dick: Oh. I don't…I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah. It's greater than the GDP of some nations. We're just spending on buying heart-shaped cards and bullshit candy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. "Number of Valentine's Day cards exchanged annually: 180 million. Number of roses produced for Valentine's Day: 196 million", Dick!! Sounds like your problem would be diminished without Valentine's Day!

Dick: That's a lot. No! My problem would be quadrupled without Valentine's Day!

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: These chicks would need it all year!

Maddox: Naawwww. 'Cause they wouldn't remember! They wouldn't remember. Valentine's Day is a yearly reminder that guys need to buy you roses. Now, here's something that really, really…okay. So, listen to this.

Dick: Can I just comment on that first? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, women don't need reminders that they need things purchased for them. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (stammers) Do you think that?

Maddox: Well, I think it hurts that there is this reminder.

Dick: That your man should be buying you things and being nice to you?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: For a day? No. (scoffs)

Maddox: You think that Valentine's Day doesn't exacerbate that problem?

Dick: No. I think if anything…

Maddox: (interjects) How?!

Dick: It gives them something to…it compartmentalizes it so it gives them something to look forward to. They're like, "Alright, alright. Valentine's Day. We're definitely going out for a nice dinner on Valentine's Day. I can expect it on Valentine's Day and our anniversary and my birthday, and then…

Maddox: (interjects) You know…

Dick: (interjects) I'm not gonna be a pain in the ass about it for the rest of the year.

Maddox: You know, Dick, it's so phony. It's such bullshit. I dated a girl once and…(giggles) one time. I dated this girl. And I told her right from the get-go, I'm like "Look, here are my rules. I don't celebrate Valentine's Day." (laughs) (Dick cracks up laughing loudly)

Dick: Here we go, alright!! "There's something you gotta know about me. Before we date."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Here are my rules. What are they?

Maddox: I told them all sorts of…I was, like, "No babies. Here are the rules."

Dick: "I'm gonna be eating a lot of chili in bed. That's rule number one." (Maddox cracks up) "Rule number two. My correspondence is very important to me. Rule number three. There will be soup every day."

Maddox: Soup and correspondence. (laughing)

Dick: Here is a list of my favorite soups!! (Maddox dies of laughter)

Maddox: Mom, where's my soup!!?!?! The last episode…so funny! I have no idea what the fuck that meant. Anyway, um. Yeah, so I told her. Here's my rules. I don't celebrate Valentine's Day.

Dick: Okay. (scoffs)

Maddox: That's it. Kay? No Valentine's Day. I'm not gonna celebrate it. Fuck Valentine's Day. Because it's contrived. It's arbitrary. It means nothing. It's an arbitrary day they picked on the calendar. What if you just had a fight that day? You're still supposed to fuckin' celebrate because you have to?!! (ranting) You have to go through this fuckin' ritual every year?!

Dick: I broke up with a girl on Valentine's Day.

Maddox: (gasps) Me too.

Dick: Oh, my God, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I remember. That one was bad.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I had a breakup on Valentine's Day. My first girlfriend and I broke up on Valentine's Day.

Dick: Rough, man.

Maddox: It was awful.

Dick: We're a couple of coldhearted motherfuckers on this podcast. (laughing)

Maddox: You know what, dude? You know what? I still did the right thing…you know, "right thing", I did the right thing and I bought her a bunch of bullshit on Valentine's Day.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: I'm like, "Here you go. Here's a fuckin bunch of candy and heart-shaped bullshit." And then we broke up! It was awful. It was awful! She's probably just sitting there crying and eating her shitty candy. (Dick guffaws) Thinking about the Maddox that was. That could have been.

Dick: Why'd you break up?

Maddox: We broke up…oh, man. For a number of…well, first of all…

Dick: (interjects) Just, like, because…

Maddox: (interjects) She was chroooonically depressed, yeah. There was a bunch of…

Dick: Oh, god. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, there's a bunch of reasons. You know. And her…her, like, psycho ex was stalking me. It's insane.

Dick: Oh, that sounds fun.

Maddox: (giggles) "Percentage of Valentine's Day cards bought by women: 85%. Percentage of flowers bought by men: 73%."

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah. So, listen to this. This is a really depressing statistic. "The percent of women who send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day: 14%."

Dick: Ohhhhhohoh. (groans)

Maddox: So 14% of chicks are sitting there…(Dick cracks up) not wanting to look lonely and single.

Dick: You know what they should do? You know what they should do? They should have, like, a white elephant exchange for flowers, like, so these 14% of women can send each other the flowers…(Maddox laughs) at work, so it's still, like, a surprise, so it's still kinda nice, but…(grinning)

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: It's not…well, why do they do that?

Maddox: Then you get people cheaping out and buying you shitty flowers that you don't want. 'Cause they all go to the same websites. 1-800-FLOWERS or whatever.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Man, isn't that the most depressing thing? Like, just think about…think about… really let that sink in for a minute. 14% of women out there are buying themselves flowers. They're going through this ritual. They're trudging through this horrible ritual just to not appear so desperate and lonely.

Dick: Well, I think you're projecting a lot of…they just enjoy flowers, also.

Maddox: Yeah. On Valentine's Day, they're buying themselves flowers?

Dick: Like I…you know, you could buy yourself a handjob, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, oh…I wouldn't call that pathetic.

Maddox: Well, I wouldn't send that to work! (Dick laughs) I wouldn't make this big showy display of me getting a handjob!!! Hey everyone, look at me!

Dick: Do you know they're making a display? Maybe they're just buying themselves flowers for the house.

Maddox: Dick, it says they send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day. You don't send yourself flowers. If you want flowers, you go to the fucking grocery store and you buy some and you walk home and you put them on your fuckin' pot…your kitchen window sill. Whatever the fuck people do with flowers.

Dick: I guess that's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Percentage…" Now, this is damning. Listen to this one. "The percentage of women who would end their relationship if they didn't get something for Valentine's Day: 53%."

Dick: Hmm, (scoffs) I'd like to see that. I'd like to put that number to the test.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. You wanna end it baby?

Dick: Yeah, go ahead.

Maddox: Go ahead and end it. Go ahead. You wanna end it over this horseshit?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: See ya. Man. 53%! Can you believe that?!

Dick: I…did they take that survey, like, at book clubs? (Maddox cracks up) "Okay, ladies." "Oh, I would tell him to go straight to hell!" (silly voice) "Me too!!"

Maddox: "The gifts most often given on Valentine's Day, allowing for multiple gifts given. Candy: 47%. Flowers: 34%. Cards: 52%. Dining and eating out (saucy voice)…34%." (Dick and Maddox giggle)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's a gift I like to give. Eating out. Uh…(laughing)

Dick: Once a year. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, I don't celebrate Valentine's Day! Never!!! (laughing) You know what…you know what, Dick?

Dick: That…isn't…you're just making a huge pain in the ass for yourself, though. You know what I mean?

Maddox: What?

Dick: By putting this dumb rule that you don't celebrate Valentine's Day. Just get something small.

Maddox: So, I was gonna say…lemme finish my story. I was gonna say earlier that the girl I dated one time, I said, "I don't celebrate Valentine's Day." And she got all butthurt, she was like, (goofy voice) "Oh, well, I really like Valentine's Day, uuuuuhn."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And so, I said, "Here's what I'll do." On Valentine's Day, I took her to the beach. We went and had a picnic. It was really nice.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like, you know, beachside, whatever. Nice breeze. It was beautiful. Stuck in traffic all fucking day because every idiot had the same fucking idea! (Dick giggles) Go to the beach and have a picnic. Great.

Dick: Alright, rewind a little bit. (Maddox cracks up) You're talking about Valentine's Day. (laughing)

Maddox: Anyway, yeah.

Dick: The nice date. The nice romantic date.

Maddox: Nice date. Nice, romantic date. (giggles) Uh, then we left that night, took her to a nice concert, it was like a Latin-jazz…it was Poncho Sanchez!

Dick: So you planned the most thoughtful, romantic Valentine's Day ever.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: For your girlfriend.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: However, I'm gonna guess. I'm gonna hazard a guess, here.

Maddox: Aaaah?

Dick: That you refused to let her call it a Valentine's Day date.

Maddox: (giggles) Yep!

Dick: For no fucking reason. (Maddox cracking up)

Maddox: Yup!

Dick: Other than some psychotic, principled obsession that you have against, like, consumerism. (Maddox guffaws) And arbitrariness that I…(trails off)

Maddox: That's what it was! And so, then I took her to a really nice, expensive dinner, had a concert, went and got drinks! End of the day, I'm like, "Well, how was the day?" She goes, "Um, yeah, it was okay." (Dick cracks up) I'm like, "WHAAAAAAAAAT?!!? WHY!?!?!!" What are you talking about, just okay!?!?! I'm like…that wasn't the best Valentine's ever?! She goes, "Oh, well, you know, you didn't call it Valentine's." (Dick cracks up again)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: This is bullshit! (yelling) This is bullshit! There's no justice! There's…then I just sat all night and I stayed up just cutting my thighs! (Dick and Sean dying of laughter) Just digging myself open! I was just so angry, I was just pulling meat out of myself!

Dick: Why is it so important that they don't call it Val…like, you celebrate New Year's, and that's arbitrary!

Maddox: No!!!!!! It's the principle. New Year's is LITERALLY not arbitrary! It is the measure of the Earth going around the Sun one cycle!! (angry)

Dick: From an arbitrary point, you shithead! It's just January 1st! It's no different than June 13th!

Maddox: The difference between New Year's and Valentine's Day, Dick, is nobody expects you to buy a bunch of HORSESHIT for New Year's! You celebrate it or you don't. You go to sleep. You're not obligated!!

Dick: Yes, you certainly are!

Maddox: Girls aren't feeling obligated…they're not feeling obligated to send themselves fucking flowers…(Dick guffaws) just to appear not lonely and desperate!

Dick: People are obligated to go to parties and feel like they have a social life even if they don't.

Maddox: Yeah, but it's not as big of an obligation. You don't feel as pressures as fucking bullshit-ass Valentine's Day!

Dick: AAaaaaah!!!

Maddox: 14% of women buying themselves flowers. That's depressing.

Dick: I don't know. I don't know if they're doing it because they, like, need a man. Like, I don't know if it's a Cathy cartoon. Like, maybe they just kind of are caught up in the spirit and it's a nice thing for them to have flowers at the house.

Maddox: You know…you know what? Fuck you, Dick. (Dick cracks up) And fuck everyone who celebrates Valentine's Day. 'Cause I'm…I'm a great guy. Like, here's what…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah!

Maddox: Here's what it's like to date me, okay? We go out a lot. We do a lot of fun things. We go to a lot of concerts.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: We go to a lot of comedy shows. We go to a lot of movies! We do a lot of, like, exciting things all the time.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: So, when Valentine's Day comes around, I either have one of the two following options. Do what I always do, because I'm always a fun guy, or…(Dick guffaws) do

nothing, okay? So, either way, it's a lose-lose. 'Cause if I do nothing, I'm an asshole! If I do something, which is what I always do, I'm an asshole.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Or I have to go above and beyond. I have to fucking, you know, rent a fucking, I don't know. A concert hall, and juggle plates or some bullshit to outdo what I normally do. It's a lose-lose-lose situation. I can't fucking win.

Dick: All you have to do is call it a Valentine's Day present.

Maddox: Oh, that's it? (snaps)

Dick: Yeah. All you have to do is get a card that says…this whole thing could be solved by 1 dollar.

Maddox: That's fucking b…I'm going to the dollar store right after this.

Dick: Yeah. Hallmark's got a whole line for wacky people like you.

Maddox: Fuck Hallmark and fuck you, Dick! You know what…I do thoughtful things all the time.

Dick: Except letting people say the word Valentine's Day. Do you understand the difference? All you have to do is let them say that one word and everything you've done would be perfect for them!

Maddox: This is bullshit! (Dick laughs)

(Sound clip: "'All you need is Love' by the Beatles plays again")

Maddox: This is your fucking problem. This is what you've created, Dick. People like you celebrate love, celebrate Valentine's Day. It's a big fucking problem. And I'm going to…I'm going to fight this problem to the death.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: I don't care if you guys vote it down. I don't give a shit. Go ahead and vote it down, you fucking idiots.

Dick: Why?!!?

Maddox: You fucking sheep!

Dick: Why is it this important to you that they don't call it Valentine's Day!?

Maddox: You don't think it's depressing, Dick, these people sending themselves flowers?

Dick: I don't give a shit about anything that's happening outside of this room. I wanna know why you won't let them just…why you won't just say, like, "Hey, here's a Valentine's Day date." When it would make your life so much easier.

Maddox: Okay. I'll tell you why. Okay? Because then I will have conceded. (Dick laughs) I will have conceded the debate. I will have conceded the argument. I will have just given up! I'm throwing in the towel, guys! Here it is!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Here's…you know what? I'm going to…I'm gonna put my balls in this white towel, wrap it up, shrink wrap it for you like this Casper bed, the mattress they sent me. (giggles) (Sean laughs) It'll be a bigger box, though. And then…here you go. Take my balls. Do with them what you will. Why don't you have a Viking funeral for my balls? Why don't you just send them out to sea, set them on fire, and watch them just get ashy? They might as well, 'cause they're never gonna do anything. They're not gonna produce anything useful, 'cause I've become one of the sheep. One of the fucking idiots who celebrates Valentine's Day. Who has bought into this fucking Hallmark holiday. This bullshit. And I know that's a common criticism, but it's common for a reason. (ranting) It's true. It's a Hallmark holiday. And I…I think about eight or nine years ago, Dick, I sent an email to all my friends.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And we weren't friends back then, but I sent an email to all my friends and I said, "Hey guys, just letting you know. I've stopped buying you Christmas gifts." (Dick giggles) I'm not gonna…

Dick: (interjects) Great. (laughing)

Maddox: (laughing) I'm not gonna buy you Christmas gifts anymore. And for the same reason as this Valentine's Day ideology. I thought that Christmas is kind of an arbitrary to buy someone gifts.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Rather than…rather than feel pressures to buy everyone gifts right around Christmas, or buy women flowers and shit all…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, on this arbitrary day. Wouldn't it be better if just throughout the year, if I saw something that someone liked, like you, Dick. I would see something that you liked and I just bought it for you? Or if I thought of my girlfriend, I would just buy her flowers? Isn't that better, because doesn't that mean that you actually put some thought and consideration into it rather than looking at the calendar and saying "Oh, god, here comes this big fucking day! We gotta do this song and dance!" Isn't that better?

Dick: Yeah. For you, maybe. Except all she wants is for you to say the word. Valentine's Day.

Maddox: Never.

Dick: It's not…yeah. This is…everything that you just said with the Viking funeral (Maddox laughs) and putting your balls in a vice is your definition of what the rest of us call a compromise. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, just give a little bit!

Maddox: I give a lot, Dick.

Dick: It's a lot easier.

Maddox: I give a lot all the time. I'm the most giving person…

Dick: Just give what they want.

Maddox: I never…

Dick: (interjects) You have to give not just what YOU want…it's what they want also.

Maddox: I never get credit. Yeah.

Dick: That's what the holiday is about. Giving them what THEY want.

Maddox: It's not about giving. (stammers) They're being manipulated!

Dick: No, they just want a little recognition! (laughing) Everyone else is getting it!

Maddox: Dick, I give them recognition all the time! I'm not gonna do this big, showy display of…it's a big fucking pissing contest and you're (Dick cracking up) afraid of what people…these rose peddlers are doing to you in restaurants? How does Valentine's Day make everyone look? Like a fucking chump! And then if, god forbid, if you're that guy who sends flowers to someone at work, you fucking asshole! On Valentine's Day? Fuck you!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You do it just because, that's cool. That's sneaky. That's clever. That's thoughtful.

Dick: It's weird.

Maddox: But on Valentine's Day. It's cheap. It's cheesy. No, it's not weird!

Dick: It's weird! (laughing) It's weird if you're just, like, sending a lot of flowers randomly throughout the year.

Maddox: You're weird!

Dick: It's a little showy.

Maddox: Valentine's Day. Biggest problem.

Dick: Valentine's Day it's appropriate to do it. (grins)

Maddox: Ugggggh!

Dick: You know, it's like…it's kind of a little bit embarrassing and shameful to have public displays of affection littering the office place.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: But on Valentine's Day, it's okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright, Al Bundy. Uh, that's my problem. (Dick laughs)

Dick: I'm Al Bundy?!

Maddox: You're Al Bundy.

Dick: You're the one freaking out like you're from the fifties about it being…Valentine's Day being a scam and you're gonna send your balls out on a funeral pyre…(Maddox and Sean crack up) before you admit anything…"This is not a Valentine's Day date!!!" Good problem.

Maddox: My problem…my problems this week were "Love" and "Valentine's Day". (sounds defeated)

Dick: (laughing) Just the way you said it. (Maddox chuckles) My problems were "Rose Peddlers" and, what was the other one?

Maddox: Who gives a shit? (Dick laughs)

Dick: Shit, what was my other problem?

(Closing riff starts)

Sean: Sex with your Ex.

Maddox: Sex with the Ex.

Dick: Oh, Sex with the Ex.

Maddox: Thanks for listening, guys. Don't forget to check out Casper. More next week.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hi. I just wanted to point out the story of Maddox switching his girlfriend's Jack and Coke out with Jack and Diet in the last episode. (Maddox giggles) **It's yet another weird example of him tampering with people's food without their knowledge.** (Maddox laughs) (**Dick:** That's right!) **I think this is becoming either a big problem or a big solution depending on how you look at it.** (**Dick:** That's right, you did do that. **Maddox:** Yeah. (grinning)) **Also, Dick, you're alright.")**

Dick: Oh, that was nice of him.

Maddox: Oh. Huh. I don't like this analysis he did of me.

Dick: Yeah. He caught that one.

Maddox: It sounds like it's too close…it hit too close to home! (laughing)

Dick: Why do you do that? Why do you like fucking with people's food?

Maddox: Eehhh. I don't know, man. (grins)

Dick: You like seeing what happens. You like just seeing what happens, right?

Maddox: It's an experiment. It's a little, like, micro experiment. I'm a scientist.

Dick: (laughing) You're a garbage man. (Maddox cracks up) Oh yeah, here we go. Nah, that's all I got.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. Well…by the way, the voice mail you played at the end of the last episode?

Dick: What.

Maddox: With the guy who called in…

(recording cuts off)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 40

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy!?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello.

Dick: (laughing) Hey, hey, hey, hey.

Maddox: Welcome back, welcome back. Our big post-Valentine's Day episode. The live episode is out.

Dick: Yeah. It's an exciting day. It's an exciting day for everyone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People have been waiting a while for this live episode, haven't they?

Maddox: They've been bitching a while. That sure as shit has been happening.

Dick: Listen to this. I got a voice mail about it. (grinning)

(Voice Mail: (male voice) "Hey guys. I'm just calling to inquire about the status of the bonus episode. How the hell is this still not out. You've been hyping this for three months." (**Maddox:** Has it been three months?! **Dick:** Yeah. (laughing) (Maddox laughs)**I just don't understand how many goddamn special effects you must be adding in, Maddox.** (Maddox and Sean laugh)**That you can't finish this. But hey, maybe you're just too busy not writing any articles or…**(They all crack up)**not making any YouTube videos. What do I know? I'm just a guy with a real job.** (Maddox guffaws loudly and Dick cracks up) **Keep up the good work.")**

Dick: Oh, yeah. No problem.

Maddox: What an asshole. You know, I wanna delay everything more. Just to piss off people like that. (angry) I really do.

Dick: Just for that guy!?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You wanna take it down and put it up later?

Maddox: Okay, you wanna know a little secret?

Dick: What?

Maddox: I swear, way back in the day, when I was releasing an article one time. I was a little bit delayed. Something had happened. It was a personal thing that happened and I had to delay the release of an article that I said was gonna come out a certain time. Someone bitched about it, and then just out of spite, I wrote back to him and I said, "Hey,

because you bitched, I'm gonna hold off on it for another half day." And I did. (Dick guffaws) I followed through. Just to spite one person.

Dick: Ah, you know, if you were really evil, you could have given him, like, a sneak preview link and then got his IP address by seeing who clicked on that link…

Maddox: Banned him.

Dick: And then, yeah. Banned…or always serve him the same page so he never sees updates.

Maddox: Yeah. Fuckin' tool. Uhhh, listen to this, Dick. I got an email from a fan. His name is **Jiggity Smith**.

Dick: Cool. (Sean cracks up) Okay.

Maddox: And…he says…

Dick: (interjects) Is he friends with Dr. Smooth Rod, by chance? (giggles)

Maddox: They could be brothers.

Dick: Jiggity Smith. (laughing)

Maddox: Jiggity Smith. He sent us what…he created a theme song for the show and this is actually…

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It's really well done. I've never heard anything like this. Uh, I think you'll really enjoy it.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Listen to this.

(Theme song starts with a rap, beat, some dup-step style/video game sounds: "Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. This is where Maddox and Dick will perpetually converse about every last problem, both big and small. It's like the Pokemon of problems, they just gotta discuss 'em all. (Dick laughs) **The goal in mind is to find the biggest problem, and as a bonus, they sometimes try to solve 'em. So I present to you, without further ado, Sean the engineer, Dick the asshole, and Maddox too.")**

Dick: Yeah, alright. (Maddox laughs) Oh! That's cool.

Maddox: Bravo. Yeah, that was cool.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: I like that he uses bonus both ways.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As a bonus, we try to solve them. When it is a bonus episode.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you gotta pay for it. And it's a bonus.

Maddox: That was really well done. Uh, good job. That's **Jiggity Smith.** Check out his website, http://www.jiggitysmith.com and he proposed that as the, uh…as the new theme to the show, but I think it's probably a little bit too long for the theme.

Dick: Yeah, I don't know. You know, um…what is too long is I haven't heard who won last week. Who won?

Maddox: Uh…it was Rose Peddlers, followed by Valentine's Day, Sex with the Ex, and then Love. Alright. So let's go on with the…

Dick: (cackles) Wait a minute! Wait a minute. Rose Peddlers won? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Uh, nobody won, Dick. Because it's not a contest. And I'm so tired of saying that. (Dick groans) I really…okay. What's your gimmick? Let's hear it.

Dick: Well, I got…people are really jumping on board the Titanic thing.

Maddox: Oh. (groans)

Sean: You are on quite a tear.

Dick: I…dude, it's a dynasty. I told you last week that that problem would cement my dynasty of wins, did I not?

Maddox: Such bullshit.

Dick: Did I say that? I said that Rose Peddlers would cement my dynasty.

Maddox: You said something. You said a lot of things, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. Well, here. Somebody sent in a song. Speaking of songs.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Somebody sent in a song for my Titanic bit. Uh…**Grant Mooney.**

(Clip starts, "My Heart Will Go On" music starts. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: This is bullshit. I'm out.

Dick: You know this song is from Titanic, right? (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, I know. I wrote a whole hate article about Celine Dion.

(Theme song intro continues)

Maddox: Is this just the song?

Dick: No, it gets better. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Can't get worse!

Dick: Oh?

Maddox: This…I hate this song so much.

(Male voice starts singing: "Maddox is an asshole. He can go fuck himself." (Maddox and Dick crack up laughing) **His problems all suck and he deserves this.")**

Maddox: You suck!

Dick: Dynasty.

Maddox: Piece of shit.

(Continues: "Keep playing these Titanic clips…. (**Maddox:** This is bullshit. (Dick cracks up)) **and Dick, you can go on and go on…**(**Sean:** I think this is Clay Aiken. (Maddox and Dick crack up) **and go fuuuuuuuuck yourself.")**

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Go fuck yourself, Dick.

Dick: Alright, alright. Are you ready to watch Titanic?

Maddox: That's such bullshit. No, I'm not going to!

Dick: Are you ready to watch Titanic?

Maddox: I've never watched Titanic and I'm not going to. I'm not about to start.

Dick: Well, batten down your hatches, asshole, (Maddox laughs) 'cause you're about to watch another 30 seconds. If you remember, we had just met Bill Paxton, who was leading an underwater salvaging expedition to search for something.

Maddox: You know what? Fuck you, Dick.

Dick: And he had just found the Titanic. And here we are. Maddox, watch.

(Clip starts)

Maddox: Fuck…I'm not watching.

Dick: Watch. Watch!

Maddox: I'm looking away. I'm looking at the ground.

Dick: It's a sunken ship.

Maddox: I'm looking at my penis. My zipper's open.

Dick: Okay. Imagine that your penis is a sunken ship.

("Dive 6: Here we are again on the deck of the Titanic. Two and a half miles down.")

Maddox: I am looking at something the size of the Titanic. With one hole in it, buddy.

("3,821 meters.")

Dick: He's giving you valuable information about the Titanic.

Maddox: There is nothing valuable in this movie.

(Clip continues in the background while Maddox complains)

Maddox: Such a piece of shit.

Dick: These windows are nine inches thick, he's saying.

Maddox: Yeah, I got something nine inches thick, buddy.

Dick: He's talking about science, dude!

Maddox: Talking about my penis, dude!

Dick: You should be interested in this.

Maddox: Nah. This is stupid. The movie's stupid and you're stupid.

Dick: Wait, wait. Ugh. Alright, well.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You've ruined another clip.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Good. Fuck that movie and fuck you. I have a comment from last episode, Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: By the way, so, Valentine's Day just happened. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And when I went out on Valentine's Day, it was fucking impossible to get into any restaurant, lines for hours. Everything was expensive. I just wanted to go to a restaurant and order what I normally order, which is just fucking food, and I can't, because they have this pre-fixed menu for 55 dollars for couples or some bullshit like that.

Dick: I heard about that pre-fixed menu that they're doing now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that offends me.

Maddox: Oh!!

Dick: Because it turns…yeah, yeah, yeah. It turns, like, the restaurant experience into kind of a cafeteria.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a cattle call.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And this seemed to be, like, a mandatory thing they're doing to get you in and out of the restaurant.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: I find that…yeah, I find that distasteful.

Maddox: Yeah, you think it's distasteful and too commercial on Valentine's Day to kind of package everyone into, like, cattle call to try to sell them as much shit as possible?

Dick: I do, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I do.

Maddox: Then you should go vote up Valentine's Day, Dick. Do that right now. You.

Dick: Well…I'll think about it.

Maddox: (scoffs) Great.

Dick: I'll go relisten to the episode and see how I feel about it.

Maddox: Such bullshit. I got a comment from **Katy Diane.** She actually made a poem based on my rant about Valentine's Day and love from the last episode. She said, "**Love is Stupid, by Maddox. I met a great guy. It's me.** (Maddox and Sean laugh) **I do love myself, often. Two or three times a day. It depends, maybe. Whatever. It's normal. Do you fucking know what love is? I know what true love is. And I look at it every day in the mirror. It's such a burning flame for me, I have. Ahh, I love me. I did dedicate both of my books to me. I did dedicate it to my soul mate, the person I love most in this world, and that is love."**

Dick: It's beautiful.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Wrote using my own words.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm a poet!

Dick: I think a lot of the…like, I read a lot of the comments about that podcast, and some guys were saying that they talked to their girlfriends about not celebrating Valentine's Day and everybody hates spending all this money, but I think you can solve a lot of your problems with Valentine's Day just by writing a stupid poem like that. (Maddox chuckles) Don't you think?

Maddox: I guess. But why do it on Valentine's Day? It's tacky. It's thoughtless.

Dick: Yeah, I guess. (skeptical)

Maddox: It's cheap, it's lazy. You just look at the calendar, "Oh, there's the day I'm supposed to do this thing."

Dick: Alright, we got…here's another voice mail about your Love problem from last week.

Maddox: Great.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Dear Maddox, oxy…to…cin. Oxytocin. (Maddox laughs) **Oxy…tocin. Oxytocin.** (**Maddox:** I knew it. I looked it up after the episode, too. Yeah. **Dick:** A lot of people were commenting on it.) **That is all. Have a great day.")**

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. I get it, guys! Who cares?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Whatever.

Dick: Uh, here's one about…here's one about the ad. We ran an ad last week for Casper.

Maddox: Yeah, the mattress.

Dick: The mattresses? Yeah, yeah. Here we go.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey guys, wanted to thank you for the really valuable information about Casper mattresses. As a consumer purchasing a fucking mattress, my number one concern is fucking how do they ship it?! (Maddox laughs) **Because when they include the shipping for free, which I believe they do, how they fuck they do it is ALMOST of no concern to me!** (Maddox laughs) **But nice mentioning absolutely nothing about how comfortable the fucking thing is.** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **Or whether you're actually using it. I'm so glad you're impressed with their website and their ability to stuff a piece of foam in a fucking box!** (Maddox and Dick are still cracking up) **Now, here's a question. What's it like to sleep on the fucking mattress?!!? (yelling) Call me crazy, that's the kind of thing I'm interested in, given I'm gonna spend a fully…what, one-third of my fucking life on the thing. Anyway, great show guys, go fuck yourself Dick.")**

(Maddox still laughing)

Dick: Pretty well put. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Great.

Dick: Yeah, well. They didn't send it to us in time to give you the sleep test, did they?

Maddox: I've slept on it since and it is some of the best sleep I've had. No joke.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: It's a really, really comfortable mattress. Uh, go fuck yourself, by the way. Whoever sent that voice mail in. I was really impressed with the shipping, okay? (stammers) Yeah! It's…it's a feat to be able to ship a mattress in a tiny box, dickhead! (yelling) How is that not impressive?

Dick: And it looked cool!

Maddox: It looked super cool!

Dick: It did look cool.

Maddox: Yeah, and it sleeps fine. I mean, it's a…fucking great mattress. Of course it sleeps fine.

Dick: Uh, here's one from **Duke Rembiaz**. **"Maddox, shut the fuck up so I can listen to Titanic."** I think we can all agree with that, right?

Maddox: (sighs) Yeah. I got a comment from **Braydon Freeland.** He says, **"When Dick wins and he plays Titanic, we are all suffering. The only thing that belongs at the bottom of the ocean is this terrible bit. You're not making Maddox suffer as much as your listeners are as well. Thank God for Stitcher and their 30-second fast forward."**

Dick: Oh. Well, there. I timed it so you could use…take advantage of that.

Maddox: I got another comment, real quick, from **Antonio Demonte.** So you know that stupid John Lennon song, 'Love is All You Need'?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's an article on http://www.markmanson.net. It says, "Love is not enough." This is from, I believe, the article. It says, "In 1967, John Lennon wrote a song called "All You Need is Love". He also beat both of his wives, abandoned one of his children, verbally abused his gay, Jewish manager with homophobic and anti-Semitic slurs, and once had a camera crew film him lying naked in his bed for an entire day. 35 years later, Trent Reznor from Nine-Inch Nails wrote a song called "Love Is Not Enough". Reznor, despite being famous for his shocking stage performance and his grotesque and disturbing videos, got clean from all drugs and alcohol, married one woman, had two children with her, and then cancelled entire albums and tours so that he could stay home and be a good husband and father." That's Trent Reznor, who wrote the song "Love is Not Enough."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (ranting) Yet, John Lennon, this idealistic shithead, wrote "Love is All You Need", and he was an abusive, homophobic, anti-Semitic shithead.

Dick: Yeah. Somebody actually sent another voice mail. I don't know if I should play it. This woman by the name of Diane who said that the Beatles were themselves huge slacktivists, specifically because all they did was talk about how you need love, but, like, their personal lives didn't reflect that?

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Dick: Yeah, I thought that was pretty interesting.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: So the Slacktivism problem goes way back.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How about that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, uh, before we get to the problems, I got a bit I wanna play for you.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Uh, Boisterous Coconuts is back.

(Booming theme song, fanfare "Welcome to The Biggest Problem in History! Taking the pisstory out of history. (Maddox giggles) **Examining the biggest problems in history to occur this week."**

Maddox: I love these.

Dick: Me too. (giggles)

(Telegraph machine beeping, "February 16th, 1923. King Tut's tomb is raided! Congratulations, guys! You broke into a dead kid's grave! (Maddox and Sean laugh) **After years of searching for the lost tomb, English archaeologist Howard Carter finally opened Tut's burial chamber, recovering jewelry, gold statues, and a chariot!**

In other words, they stole a teenage boy's coolest stuff and his car." (Maddox and Dick laugh) **Well done Carter! I hear there's some kickass Bradshaws in JonBenet Ramsey's coffin!** (Dick cracks up) **Go get 'em!!!** (Maddox laughing)**)**

Dick: Alright, here's another one. I'm gonna play 'em throughout the show.

(Telegraph machine beeping, "February 22nd, 1944! Robert Kardashian is born! (Maddox laughs) **Friend to OJ Simpson, defender of OJ Simpson in court! Carrier of OJ Simpson's bloody clothes from his house after his killing spree, and patriarch to a pile of pointless children.** (Maddox chuckles) **Robert Kardashian will forever be remembered for creating the one family of Armenians that you don't feel sorry for.** (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: So that happened this week.

Maddox: That's great.

Dick: How about that?

Maddox: Uh, before we get on to the problems, I do have one last bit to play here.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This is everyone's favorite bit from the show!

Dick: No! No! Fuck you!!

(Ritzy game show music starts, "Dick Versus Dick!")

Dick: No! I hate this bit.

Maddox: Oh, I bet you do, buddy.

Dick: This bit is such bullshit.

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: It's always taken out of context.

Maddox: Oh, but wait, Dick. This is a special one, because…

(Clip of Dick: "It's a two…it's a double. You gotta do both." Maddox: "Yeah.")

Maddox: This one…there's actually two Dick Versus Dicks from the last episode, Dick.

Dick: Alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: Alright, you remember this, Dick? You said this about people who have sex with the ex. You said this:

(Clip of Dick: "It's like moving in together, buying a pet together, or having a kid together. So that's what sex with the ex can lead to, these things that will basically ruin your life. All of these things. Having a child. Buying a pet. Moving in together."

Maddox: Those are all things that'll ruin your life, yeah.

Dick: Basically.")

Maddox: Yeah, so, those are all things that can ruin your life, huh? Having sex with the ex.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what that sounds like, Dick, you know, buying a pet, moving in together, having a kid, sounds to me like a family.

Dick: (giggles) Yeah.

Maddox: And here's what you said in Episode 1. Way back when. You remember this?

(Clip of Dick: "Family is not a problem.")

Maddox: Family is not a problem. So, which is it Dick? Are families a problem? And if so, why were you suggesting…why were you saying sex with the ex is a problem if families are also not a problem?

Dick: Wait, which question do you want? You got a lot of questions out there. Which one do you want…

Maddox: Well, lemme get to the…

Dick: I mean both of them. I mean both of them. I don't care. (Maddox cracks up) I don't care what you have to read to expand your mind enough to be able to hold both of those thoughts in at the same time, but I mean both of them.

Sean: Well, you don't want to start a family with the ex.

Dick: Yes, exactly!

Maddox: Oh, is that what you want? I'm sorry, was this Dick Versus Sean? Or is this Dick Versus Dick?

Dick: I'm sorry that I need a translator for you, Maddox!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To translate what I'm saying into Pedantic Asshole. (angry)

Maddox: Yeah. You need a lifeline, sounds like it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then here's what you said about sex with your ex.

(Clip: Dick: "Sex with the ex. Have you done it?"

Maddox: Why is that a problem?

Dick: It's awful.")

Maddox: So it's awful. And then, when…

Dick: (interjects) That's true!

Maddox: Okay. (scoffs) And when…

Dick: (interjects) Do you think that that's not true?

Maddox: Well, to an extent, yes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And then poor Butt Sanchez asks you for advice and here's what you told him.

Dick: Yeah. (cackles)

Maddox: He asked you for advice on whether or not he should sleep with his ex, and here's what you said.

Dick: Okay. Do it! Do it. (laughing)

Maddox: Here's what…here's what you said.

(Clip: Dick: "He's asking for advice.

Maddox: So whether or not he should bang his ex.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And what's your advice to him? What do you think?

Dick: Well, I asked him. Because you know my advice. Yeah, do it. What's the worst that could happen?")

(Maddox and Dick crack up laughing)

Maddox: Ohhhh. (sighs) Which Dick should we listen to?

Dick: Yeah, because at some point, the bigger problem is, like, what I could have done. Like, the regret of not having done something eventually overwhelms all the other negative consequences. It doesn't mean it's not still a problem! It doesn't mean that sex with the ex isn't a problem! It's just…I'm a curious man. (Maddox laughs) And I wanna know what will happen. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Dick, I think are you talk, we are all left more curious. (laughing)

Dick: Hey, hey, hey. No, no. **Brandon Lozer** wrote in. **"What Butt Sanchez described was my crazy-ass bipolar ex-wife who doesn't work, gives shitty blowjobs, but she's still single. She also…** " bla bla bla. **"By coincidence, I was talking to her and almost tried making plans to go do stuff with her yesterday."** Then the podcast came out, and he didn't.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: So I'm just presenting all sides, here.

Maddox: So…okay.

Dick: And smart guys like Brandon can make their own decisions.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, Butt Sanchez sent me an 11th hour email after the podcast aired, and he said, "Hey, I sent this to Dick, but he didn't read it on the air." And he said that he made an amendment to the description of his ex. He said that she's not in a relationship.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Very controversial.

Dick: Does it matter? Does it matter? (laughs) Does THAT matter?

Maddox: Only to the listeners of this show.

Dick: Allllright.

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Let's get to the problems.

Dick: Go ahead. Hurry up.

Maddox: So that dickhead who called about the Casper mattress saying, "Oh, I spend a third of my life asleep." You know what? You might be part of this week's problem, buddy. Cause the biggest problem in the universe is People Who Love To Sleep.

Dick: Huh. Alright.

Maddox: That's my problem! You know these guys, Dick?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. They're assholes.

Dick: Well, I know a lot of girls who suffer from this problem.

Maddox: Oh. (scoffs) Suffer?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, what do you mean, suffer? Yeah. That's my type. Like, I always date girls who want to stay in bed until, like, 2 PM.

Maddox: Yeah. It's awful.

Dick: It's awful.

Maddox: It's awful. If you like to sleep so much, why don't you just die? (Dick and Sean crack up) Right?! Sleep is like practice for death. It's like one long, eight-hour tutorial for a video game where your goal is to end your life and to lie motionless in a coffin for the rest of eternity. You know who likes to sleep? Vampires. (Dick cracks up) And vampires are idiots.

Dick: What?!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (dying of laughter) Wait a minute. Why do vampires like to…that's the second point, is vampires like to sleep!?! (Maddox laughs) And they're idiots?!

Maddox: Well, first of all, they don't exist, right?

Dick: Unh. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. And second, people who think they're vampires are assholes. You know these guys? Have you ever met someone who thinks they're a vampire?

Dick: I've never met one, but I know of them. Have you met one?

Maddox: Ugh. (groans) Yeah, they're the biggest, smelliest assholes.

Dick: Where did you meet one? (incredulous)

Maddox: Well, I grew up in Utah and Utah has a really big Goth scene. And so, some of the Goths, like, the extreme fringes of the Goths, they get prosthetic teeth and they think they're vampires.

Dick: Did you have a conversation with any of them?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. It's awful. It's always just about…well, they've always been really super nice, which makes me think that they're not vampires. Also, that vampires don't exist.

Dick: Okay. (scoffs)

Maddox: Um, they get…these people, like, seriously. It's insane. They get prosthetic teeth. They eat rare steak, like some kind of spooky supervillain. When all they really are, are assholes who listen to dipshit industrial music at dipshit raves.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's all these guys do. They just to raves listening to industrial.

Dick: They drink blood, too. I saw them on Ricki Lake one time.

Maddox: Yeah. They drink, like, cow blood, and stupid shit. Like, the parts that you throw away of a cow.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're not spooky, moron. You're just an asshole.

Dick: It's gross. (disgusted)

Maddox: Dick, you know what's awesome? Doing things. And you know what's lame? Not doing things. And that's what you're doing when you're asleep. Nothing. You're just laying there. Wow. You know someone else who likes to spend a lot of time sleeping? People in comas.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Comas suck. If your favorite pastime is something you have in common with someone who is in a persistent, vegetative state, you're a moron. (Dick chuckles) I hate sleep. Sleep is the worst.

Dick: No, I hate it too. I've never been good at it. Like, in my whole life, I've never been able to do it properly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can't get enough of it.

Maddox: Maybe you need a Casper mattress, buddy.

Dick: Maybe I do. You know who else loves to sleep?

Maddox: Who's that?

Dick: Babies.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And Babies, I brought in as the Biggest Problem in the Universe, which nobody agreed with.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause it was stupid.

Maddox: Babies…babies are stupid! You think my problem with babies is stupid, or babies are stupid?

Dick: I think your problem with babies is stupid.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: What was…what was your problem with it? Was it that…your problem wasn't that they ruin your life.

Maddox: Well, that's part of it, sure.

Dick: Yeah, but what was your main problem with it? I don't remember.

Maddox: There were so many problems. I said that they cry too much. They're too fragile. They're always dying on you. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. (chuckles) Now I remember. That's where we got really sidetracked. (Maddox laughs) Where…with SIDS and how you would care for a baby. Um, yeah. I hate…I hate people who like sleeping too much.

Maddox: Yeah. It's the worst. I dated a girl who just…her favorite thing to do was sleep. I thought…I just kept…every time she said that, I said, "Why don't you just die?" Like, why… why are we together? Why are you existing? Why are you alive? Why bother? Sleep is unconsciousness. And you know what else happens when you're asleep? Nightmares. Nightmares don't happen during the day. During the day, the only thing that happens, are cartoons, video games, good food, and sex. But during sleep, nothing happens but nightmares.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is the end of a dynasty. There you go.

Maddox: (laughing) It's a good problem, huh, buddy? Well, so I looked into it…

Dick: Yeah, 'cause I really feel strongly about it. Like, almost every girl I've dated has just been mopey and depressed.

Maddox: Yeah. Uggggh.

Dick: And they just want to lay in bed.

Maddox: Let's go to sleep, let's go to sleep. (dorky voice)

Dick: And any conversation about sleep is painful. Like, someone telling you how much sleep they got annoys me.

Maddox: Ugh. Yeah.

Dick: It's like somebody telling me that they got a raise.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm just like, "Yeah, alright, just go walk off a cliff."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I hope your car gets keyed or something."

Maddox: Yeah, I hope your car stalls on a train track.

Dick: Yeah. And then there's the people who are, like, "Oh my god, I barely got any sleep."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, how much sleep did you get last night? Like, I don't know, three hours. "I got two and a half hours."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I got way less sleep than you." It's like, what, so, what are you, better than me?!

Maddox: It's a pissing contest.

Dick: Like…yeah! How is this a pissing contest?! How do you measure the value of your life by how much you DIDN'T sleep? Is that the biggest hardship you have in your life? Lack of sleep?

Maddox: Ye…you know what it is, Dick? I read this article about this a long time ago. It was kind of an opinion piece or an editorial in a newspaper, I believe. But they were talking about this phenomenon of people bragging about how little sleep they got. And they use it as kind of, like, a measuring stick for hard they work. And they're trying to brag and say, "Oh, I only got 2 hours of sleep 'cause I'm working so hard."

Dick: Yeah. And, number one, I don't believe them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I bet if I was hanging over their bed all night like a spectre, they probably hit about six hours.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: Like, six and a half hours.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: And they're just like, "Oh, I don't know, I saw the clock at 5, so I'm saying two."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's, like…it reminds me of, you know, like a gangster rap battle?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're always, like, bragging about how disenfranchised and poor the community that they come from was?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: That's like…that's like the middle-class white version of that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A rap battle. It's like, "Well how much sleep did you get, mother-effer?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got two and a half hours.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm feeling dours.

Maddox: Yea…(laughs)

Dick: I'm not a good rapper, I'm just saying, that's what it reminds me of.

Maddox: No, you're terrible. And very white. (Dick laughs) Um, yeah man. (Sean laughs) It becomes this pissing contest…

Dick: (interjects) Well I got 1:45 and I'm feelin' alive! (laughs) Sorry, go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: Great. (giggles) Anything else, MC Dick?

Dick: No, no, no, no.

Maddox: Alright. Um, you know, so I looked into this, and people who like to sleep too much may actually have a condition called hypersomnia. Have you heard of this?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah, it's actually a medical disorder. This is according to Web MD. "Many people with hypersomnia experience symptoms of anxiety, low energy, and memory problems as a result of their almost constant need for sleep." And lemme add to that, almost constant need to tell everyone that they need sleep. I am so fucking tired of it! I want to have zero conversations about how much you like to sleep…(Dick cracks up) how much you need sleep, and what you like to eat, and all your dietary restrictions! I don't give a shit! I don't care.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you wanna sleep, then fucking fuck off and sleep already. I'm living life, buddy. I'm enjoying shit. I don't go to sleep, I fall asleep. I only fall asleep because my body's shutting down. I stay awake until the last possible second. I'm watching things. I'm reading books.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: There's video games to play. There's people to do. There's food to eat.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I have shit to do. I'm too busy to sleep. Sleep is for death.

Dick: I hate sleep. I wanna keep going until my heart explodes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what I want.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Until, like, my brain dissolved and my heart explodes out of my face. (Maddox giggles) I do not want to ever sleep. First of all, I'm vulnerable in my sleep. I don't like that.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: I have, like, weapons strategically set up in my apartment in case I get woken up in the middle of the night. I have, like, my plan in my head.

Maddox: Ooh, me too, buddy. I have a machete that's at the ready. You actually gave me this machete.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I brought back…I went to Costa Rica and I brought back three machetes.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: One for me, one for Maddox, and one for my life coach, that fat guy that I mentioned in the other episodes. (Maddox laughs) That's it. 'Cause I'm like, if there's three motherfuckers that need a machete at night 'cause they have weird plans of people breaking into their apartments and harassing them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And doing butt stuff with 'em, it's these three guys.

Maddox: Dick, you would not BELIEVE the number of times, no exaggeration, this isn't even just like a Maddox bloviating thing. (Dick giggles) I have…you would not believe the number of times I've used that machete. Like, I always grab that machete when I hear anything. I run outside with it. I've…it's almost dull from all the chopping I've done.

Dick: (laughs) You know where I bought that thing? (grins)

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: At, like, Costa Rican Home Depot.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: That's, like, a lawn tool that they use down there. 'Cause the growth is so crazy…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You just see, like, a bunch of Costa Ricans at the side of the road just hacking… hacking foliage all day.

Maddox: Cool. Yeah. Wouldn't want to get in a fight with one of those guys! They got machetes! That's a cool Home Depot if they got a machete aisle.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So, listen to this, Dick. Here are some of the problems that you can get from sleeping too much. Diabetes. It increases your risk of diabetes. "Studies have shown that sleeping too long or not enough each night can increase the risk for diabetes." Obesity! "One recent study showed that people who slept for 9 or 10 hours every were 21% more likely to become obese over a six-year period than were people who slept between 7 and 8 hours. The association between sleep and obesity remained the same even when they controlled for food intake and exercise.

Dick: Nine to ten hours!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yep. Nine to ten hours makes you 21% more likely to be a big, fat, fatty.

Dick: How do you even live sleeping that…sleeping 9 to 10 hours.

Maddox: I don't know, man. What do these people do?

Dick: You wake up at 8, so you went to bed at 10. Oh, my god.

Maddox: Headaches. For people prone to headaches, sleeping longer than usual on a weekend or vacation can cause head pain. Researchers believe that this is due to the effect oversleeping has on certain neurotransmitters in the brain, including serotonin. And, listen dickheads, you wanna…send in a voicemail and correct me on that, or is it sera-tawnin?! Is it serotonin?!? Who gives a…

Dick: It's sero…serotonin.

Maddox: You know what I'm trying to say, assholes. (Dick giggles) Piece of shit! Back pain. Back pain is another thing that oversleeping can increase. Depression. Although insomnia is more commonly linked to depression that oversleeping, roughly 15% of people with depression sleep too much. That's right. They're depressed, so they just like to sleep their lives away.

Dick: Yeah, like teenagers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Get your ass outta bed.

Maddox: Fuckin' idiots. Heart disease. "The Nurses' Health Study involved nearly 72,000 women. A careful analysis of the data from that study showed that women who slept 9 to 11 hours per night were 38% more likely to have coronary heart disease than women who slept 8 hours.

Dick: 9 to 11 hours?!?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Who the hell are there people!?

Maddox: People I've dated. (laughing)

Dick: No, dude. You're exactly right. It's really infuriating me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Thinking about…thinking about women who've…like, just imagining them lounging out on these chaise lounges.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And this is the girl that I'm dating and fighting with…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And trying to bang.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: And trying to, whatever, have a relationship with.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is what they wanna do. They wanna have a life where they're sleeping 11, 12, upwards of 27 hours a day. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. (sighs) Might as well. You know, why get up? Why get up out of bed? Why bother? Why start the day?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: "Oh, I just like to sit around in my jammies." (dorky voice) They have a uniform for this activity. They put on pajamas. That's stupid.

Dick: Mmm. Yeah.

Maddox: That's like a costume for death. That's all that is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's in preparation for dying. And then, speaking of death, death. (giggles) Multiple studies have found that people who sleep 9 or more hours per night have significantly higher death rates than people sleeping 7 to 8 hours at night.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: No specific reason for this correlation has been determined, but researchers found that depression and low socioeconomic status are also associated with longer sleep. So this all makes sense, right? You have lower socioeconomic status. You have backaches. You have depression. You have headaches. You have obesity. These just sound like big, fat fatties who don't have jobs who are just sleeping away the days.

Dick: They're just sliding right into death.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, sliding like a mudslide.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a big avalanche of fatsoes sliding into the permanent coma of death.

Maddox: They're probably gonna be good at it. I don't think I would be good at death, Dick. To be honest.

Dick: Sorry, come again?

Maddox: Yeah. I don't think I would be good at dying.

Dick: Uh, well, the death scenarios that you've posed thus far have been pretty good.

Maddox: What do you mean?

Dick: Getting rocketed at a brick wall, wasn't that one of your ways to die?

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah.

Dick: That's a pretty good death.

Maddox: I mean, I'm a die hard, that's why.

Dick: Yeah? What does that mean?

Maddox: Well, I'm the son of my father. I gotta tell…this is kind of a little aside, real quick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But, my dad is a real badass, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: In the last 10 years, he has survived…I think I mentioned this on one of the earlier episodes, but he's fallen off a roof three times. Remember, we talked about this? He's fallen off a roof three times. He survived a heart attack, a stroke. He survived cancer. He survived dropping a snow plow on his leg and shattering his shin. He has screws in his legs now. He survived…just recently, he fell, hit his head, got, like, a little brain hemorrhage or something, and internal brain bleeding, and they thought it was the onset of Alzheimer's. A week later, he sprung right back, the blood disappeared, and he's just fine.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Basically invincible. He's bad at dying. I'm bad at dying.

Dick: Oh okay, I see.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it's gonna take a lot to bring you down.

Maddox: I think so.

Dick: Not in the middle of a rant where you just have of your blood vessels…(Maddox cracks up) your heart just explodes.

Maddox: You know what? I think it's making me more powerful. These veins are growing in my head. I think it's just increasing blood flow to my brain so I get angrier.

Dick: Ohhhhh! (grins) That's interesting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So anger is a solution.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: 'Cause it clear…it strengthens and widens the arteries like a giant freeway of blood.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Going to your brain.

Maddox: Blood and anger. You bet it does, buddy.

Dick: Makes you smarter.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I didn't think about that.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. That's my problem.

Dick: That's a pretty good problem.

Maddox: People Who Love To Sleep, fuck off!

Dick: Yeah. Sean and I used to live with a guy who I would say sleep was one of his top 5 favorite things to do. Probably sleeping, nailing fat broads, and telling us about nailing fat broads. (Maddox laughs) Were his top 3 favorite things to do. And I don't know why I remember this so clearly, but he came down one morning. We all lived together in this big house. It was a frat house.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And…not literally a frat house. And he wanted to tell us about a weird dream he had had. So he was…do you remember this?

Sean: No. Just the dream thing…there's nothing more boring than listening to somebody's dreams. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I hate it. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Everything! Any conversation that revolves around sleep is awful. Right? Can we say…everything. What is good? Have you ever heard a good one about sleep?

Maddox: No. Because you know what happened. The beginning, middle, and end are exactly the same.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're laying down.

Dick: And then you wake up. So, he's telling us about this dream he had and we're kinda, like, half tuning out, and then he says in the dream, he saw something weird, and then he goes, "Yeah, so I went back up to my room and took a nap." (Maddox cracks up) Like, wait a minute. You took a nap…

Maddox: He took a nap in his dream?

Dick: You took a nap in your dream? (laughs) (Maddox laughs) And that's that guy to me. Forever. (grins) As soon as he said that, that's…

Maddox: (interjects) That's like a more boring version of a boring story.

Dick: It's like…it's like satirical.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, "Oh, we heard you like sleeping, so we put a nap in your dream so you can sleep while you sleep." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Sleep while you sleep. (grins) Stupid.

Dick: Yeah. You got any more?

Maddox: No, that's it, man.

Dick: Pretty cool.

Maddox: Um, biggest problem in the universe. People who love to sleep too much.

Dick: Not sleep, though. Not sleep in general?

Maddox: No, sleep is fine.

Dick: Is that too big?

Maddox: Sleep is fine. Sleep is fine. If you want to sleep just the normal amount of time, do it and fuck off. Don't talk about it. Don't talk to me about your sleep. I don't care. But if you love to sleep, if it's a part of your hobby, if it's a part of your identity? You know what? I always swipe left to girls who list "sleeping" as one of their hobbies.

Dick: You do?

Maddox: Yeah! All the time. I see girls who say they love to sleep. You know what? Fuck you. You love to sleep? I don't love you. How about that?

Dick: Yeah, it's like eating. Like, I love to eat. I love to have sex. Like…alright.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's what you are?

Maddox: Is that your hobby? Is that your identity? Sleep is your identity?

Dick: I don't care. (sighs)

Maddox: What are you, a sleep master, you Little Nemo? You dumb shit? If you were Little Nemo, I'd be your friend. That sounds amazing. Little Nemo has adventures in his dream and his dreams have, like, real life repercussions. Nobody is Little Nemo. You're not Little Nemo.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Nobody knows what I'm talking about. It's a 1920's comic. There's a Nintendo game. It's really good. Check out the…

Dick: (interjects) It's not the fish. It's not the fish that you're talking about.

Maddox: No, not that fish. Not that Nemo. That's a different Nemo. Little Nemo is…yeah. An old 1920's comic.

Dick: You wanna hear more from Asterios Kokkinos?

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Uh, Asterios' bit where he takes the pisstory out of history. Right, shitstory? This is the worst thing that's happened in history this week.

(Telegraph beeping starts, "February 20th, 1839, Congress prohibits dueling in the District of Columbia, banning the cleanest method we had of resolving political disputes. (Dick and Maddox laugh) (**Dick:** It's true) **Remember the Federalist Party? Of course you don't, because Aaron Burr shot Alexander Appleton, ending the Federalist Party.** (Dick and Maddox crack up) **Although dueling was banned in DC, our brilliant Congressman found a loophole. They simply made the two-hour carriage ride to the outskirts of Maryland, then murdered each other! Hurray!!")**

Maddox: Cool. (laughing)

Dick: Can you imagine that?

Maddox: That would be amazing.

Dick: If that was still a viable way of solving, like, political arguments?

Maddox: I wish those pigfuckers in DC would still do that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Just shoot themselves in the head.

Dick: Yeah. Or at least box it out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like…

Maddox: Is that illegal to say? 'Cause I'm not making a threat, but I am suggesting that they shoot themselves in the head.

Dick: No, no, no. That's not illegal to say.

Maddox: That's not illegal?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: To say that people in Congress should shoot themselves in the head?

Maddox: Shoot themselves in the head. Or face. Yeah.

Dick: Or each other? In the face?

Maddox: Or each other. They should have…

Dick: (interjects) No.

Maddox: …a big party. Like…they should have a big congress where they just point guns at each other and just keep firing…

Dick: (interjects) And just fire randomly.

Maddox: Just slaughter. And the last man standing wins. Okay? You know what? I guess you won.

Dick: Wins a free shot to the head.

Maddox: Wins a free shot to the…yeah.

Dick: (laughs) No, I don't think that's illegal to say. I guess we'll find out. (Maddox laughs) You know what was interesting? So, you remember that movie, The Interview, right? About the North Korea thing?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So, that movie raised such ire because it's about murdering the president or the ruler of North Korea, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yet, it is illegal for us in America to do that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Isn't that interesting?

Maddox: Interesting. Hypocrisy.

Dick: Interesting hypocrisy, right?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: There's, like, hey, so Obama comes out and says, "Hey, eff you, Sony."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "You are pussies for not making your movie about murdering a foreign dictator."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's like, "Hey, can we make that movie about you?" "You're going straight to jail!" If you do that.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Where was that argument, Dick, when I brought in Sony as a problem? Instead of your bloviating about how much Sony…and Obama's the villain here, and this and that. That's a good argument.

Dick: I just thought of it.

Maddox: (giggles) Okay.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: I just thought of it.

Maddox: You know, we'll go back and patch it.

Dick: What I need is a time machine.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: That's why it should be a solution.

Maddox: Oh, biggest solution. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that's a good one. Alright, here's another one.

(Telegraph beeping starts again, with fanfare in the background: "February 21st, 1804, the first steam-powered locomotive is demonstrated at the Penydarren Ironworks in South Wales, leading directly to the development of steampunk. (Maddox and Dick crack up) **Those annoying nerds in goggles and corsets who clog up our otherwise pristine comic book conventions wouldn't exist if inventor Richard Trevithick's new steam-powered engine had simply exploded, killing hundreds.** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **A small price to pay, indeed.")**

Dick: He sounds so nice, but he's such a sick fuck!

Maddox: Ugh, I love Asterios.

Dick: Yeah, me too.

Maddox: That's amazing.

Dick: Alright, we ready for my problem?

Maddox: Let's do it.

Dick: My problem is…Newscasterbation. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Newscasterbatian. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, Dick, you've been really jerking yourself off with these titles lately. (Dick laughs) A lot of creative alliterations and stupid shit.

Dick: Yeah, I'm funny. (laughing)

Maddox: Uh, this one I actually like.

Dick: You like this one, why?

Maddox: I love the title for this.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: It's just fun. It's a fun way of saying it. It's a fun visualization. I'm imagining a new anchor jerking off.

Dick: Right. Uh…which they do. Newscasters? They all jerk off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: However. However, I think as a society, we revere them in this way that they are beyond human. Like, these are not people we're looking at. These newscasters. They are magical deities that bring us only facts and don't jerk off at home. And don't lie. And don't make shit up. Right? And don't have out-of-control egos. They're some kind of prescient beings that are responsible for giving us information and they're not out-of-control egomaniacs who just want to be on television!! Right?

Maddox: Well, I don't think it's one extreme or the other, Dick. I think the truth lies somewhere in the middle. I don't think that newscasters are revered as much as you say. And I don't think they're as shallow and just these vain people who just want to be on TV. I don't think it's either one, really. I do believe that some good journalists exist, and I believe that they are journalists because they want to bring people facts. They want to tell the truth. They want to bring important stories to people who need to know.

Dick: Well, maybe. But I hate them. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So Brian Williams got fired this week.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or suspended without pay.

Maddox: Brian Williams was the NBC nightly news anchor, is that correct?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. He was also the smug asshole on 30 Rock that had, like, this stupid vi…did you ever…do you know the show 30 Rock?

Maddox: Yeah, I don't get it. I tried to watch it a bunch of times. (annoyed) And I don't like 30 Rock. I don't like what's his name…Morgan. Tracy Morgan.

Dick: Tracy Morgan.

Maddox: I don't like him. He's the one who is almost in a coma, right?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Loves to sleep! (Dick laughs) Uh…anyway. (laughs) Yeah, man. I never liked that show. Anyway, yeah. He was in 30 Rock.

Dick: That show only works if you fast forward to the Alec Baldwin parts.

Maddox: Eh, I don't like Alec Baldwin on that show.

Dick: Oh, you don't like Alec Baldwin on the show? (incredulous)

Maddox: No, he's too smug and his face is too fat.

Dick: Oh, okay. Well, he does have a fat face. Anyway! Brian Williams was the wry, smug asshole. The host of NBC News.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And he made…do you know what he made up? He made up a bunch of shit.

Maddox: Like what?

Dick: Well, he said he was in some kind of a helicopter thing in Afghanistan, wherever, I don't know.

Maddox: So, a helicopter, yes.

Dick: He was in a helicopter. There was another helicopter…another helicopter got shot down, and he's been telling everybody that that was the one he was in.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That got shot down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, over time, he's exaggerated…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This…the danger that he was in.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: And he has a history of doing it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, all of a sudden, it caught up with him.

Maddox: What other things has he exaggerated?

Dick: Uh, he exaggerated something about Katrina. I don't know what it was.

Maddox: I read it, actually, Dick.

Dick: What was it?

Maddox: Putting you on the spot. I did your research. I read it. He said during Hurricane Katrina that he was staying at some hotel, I think near the French Quarter.

Sean: It was the Ritz Carlton.

Maddox: The Ritz Carlton, that's what it was.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And he looked out the window and saw a dead body floating by. Well, his producer and I think one of his co-anchors or someone said that they didn't see a dead body float by.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: The French Quarter had almost no flooding.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (scoffs) So, not only was there no dead body floating by, but there was no water.

Sean: Yeah. And he also said that there were, like, "gangs of thugs" was the quote, like roaming around the Ritz Carlton.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's always putting himself in danger. He's like Napoleon Dynamite.

Sean: Right.

Dick: Like, he's always bragging about getting into these fights with rival gangs when it's not happening.

Maddox: So, he's sensationalized the news a little bit.

Dick: Look. Yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Mkay.

Maddox: So that's…therefore, we should just completely diminish his entire career of journalism?

Dick: These people…these people are all car salesmen selling ads.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what I'm saying. These newscasters?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: They're slick. They're slick pimp car salesmen selling ads. They're no different to you and me, except we do our own research and they just read a little screen in front of them. And smile. And act like they did something for us.

Maddox: Yeah. We're not selling anything but dude, check out our bonus episodes. (Dick and Sean laugh) Uh, so, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) At least we're honest about it. That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, I don't think they're trying to fool people into thinking that they're not selling advertisements. Although, I guess the association is lost on some people.

Dick: Well, no, no. I do think they are. Trying to trick people into thinking there's this veneer of professionalism in journalism, and that's why he got fired. Or that's why he got suspended. You see what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah. (sighs)

Dick: It's like when the Dan Rather thing happened.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he got canned, or he left, or whatever. For those fake George W. Bush documents.

Maddox: Refresh everyone's memory.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. So, Dan Rather, 60 Minutes piece saying that…brought in some documents, allegedly, from the National Air Guard, I think?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Saying that George W. Bush was an idiot during his service there.

Maddox: I think he said that he didn't serve, right?

Dick: The documents were false.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay? So Dan Rather's gotta take the long walk of shame into the great Northwest, and he's no longer welcome there. What, did HE do this? Did he put that all together? Like what…he's a MASCOT. All these people are just mascots that have nice smiles and nice voices to read you shit that other people put together that TOES THE LINE between complete sensationalist garbage and mundane facts that you can read on the Internet all day, every day! (ranting)

Maddox: Yeah, I don't think so, Dick. I think some of them do important, original work in journalism and they bring an important story that wouldn't otherwise be known to the public, to Americans, to the world, had they not been doing their jobs. So, Dan Rather, back in 1987, it's interesting you mentioned Dan Rather. Um, he…you know the 6 minutes of silence? The protest that they had on…I believe it was 60 Minutes. You know the 6 minutes of silence controversy?

Dick: Nope.

Maddox: Well, I believe it was CBS. They wanted to broadcast a tennis match, and the tennis match was gonna go a little bit longer into the news broadcast and Dan Rather had a fit. He said, "Absolutely not. We are not going to push the news, which is something important, it's something people need to know, for a tennis match." And so, as a protest, when they cut…it went back and forth and I think at the last minute, CBS backed down and they said, "Okay, we're gonna cut to 60 Minutes." Dan Rather, out of protest, didn't appear at the anchor desk for 6 minutes. There were 6 minutes of silence. And that's what they called it. So later, Dan Rather, well, he's always been kind of uh…liberally skewed, right? He skews more liberal, and he went to…he was interviewing Vice President Bush while he was still a candidate, right? And he asked him a question about the Iran-Contra Affair during a live interview. And Bush responding, saying, "Dan, how would you like it if I judged your entire career by those 7 minutes when you walked off the set in New York?" So Bush actually had a good retort for once in his life, right?

Dick: Ooookay, here we go. (groans)

Maddox: He made a good point. He made a good point. No, that was a good point. If you…(stammers) it wouldn't be fair to judge Dan Rather's entire career based on that one act, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why is it fair to do that with Brian Williams here?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: You know, he's made a couple of mistakes in his career. But he's only allowed to make zero mistakes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Brian Williams can't make any mistakes. He's been a news anchor for over 32 years. He's won a Peabody award. He's won an Emmy award for his coverage of the stock market collapse. He's the managing editor of NBC Nightly News. He makes a couple mistakes. He tells a couple of fibs. So is that the end of his career?

Dick: Yeah!! Because his entire job is just looking like he's honest all the time!

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: His entire job is based on how he looks!

Maddox: Yeah, and so…

Dick: (interjects) Not on doing real work!! (annoyed)

Maddox: So he can't make any mistakes.

Dick: Right!

Maddox: Ever.

Dick: Ever!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Or you're fuckin' fired! Because what you bring to this job is absolutely nothing but what you look like! The same as all these other newscasterbating assholes!! That's why I hate them!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, Dick, I got a…**(ritzy theme music starts)** (Dick and Maddox crack up)

(Dick Versus Dick!!!!!!!!! Theme continues)

Maddox: I got a real quick Dick Versus Dick that just came up.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Breaking news, everyone! So, a few seconds ago, you said that these people are revered as superhuman, as some kind of gods, or whatever.

Dick: Yeah, they are.

Maddox: Right? I think it is superhuman to expect someone to never make a mistake, Dick! And yet, now you're saying he's never supposed to make a mistake, and thus, should be superhuman! Which is it, Dick?

Dick: No, that's not what I'm saying at all.

Maddox: Then what are you saying?

Dick: I'm saying that the nature of their job proves what I'm saying. That they're just a bunch of jokers selling cars.

Maddox: But a lot of these people, a lot of these journalists, Dick. Do have long careers where they don't make mistakes. Lemme read a few of 'em.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Bob Woodward. He broke the Watergate Scandal. You remember Watergate?

Dick: Yeah, he's a reporter.

Maddox: He's a journalist.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He won a Pulitzer Prize. He was a Yale University graduate. Walter Cronkite. Peabody winner. 50 years of experience. None of these blemishes on his record. Ernest Hemingway. You remember that guy?! He was a journalist.

Dick: Are you…are you confusing legitimate journalism with the vain, veneered, fake robots that are broadcasting the news?

Maddox: Yeah, I'm not sure Brian Williams is one of these fake robots. He's done some good work.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: I believe he won the Peabody for his coverage of Katrina.

Dick: He won an award? (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah, because he did do some good work. Look, if he exaggerated this thing during the Katrina news report, or whatever, fine. You know, also, by the way, this thing in the Iraq war that he's saying his helicopter got shot at. Happened, like, 12 years ago. I don't think it's entirely unreasonable to say that while adrenaline is surging, your memory gets a little bit faded, because that's what the purpose of adrenaline is in our bodies evolutionarily. When we experience trauma or when we're experiencing danger, high levels of danger and anxiety, our adrenaline pumps and then we don't remember what happened in those moments.

Sean: But he was in a helicopter that arrived an hour later than the one that got hit!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: An HOUR later. And I also don't think that you forget being shot at.

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah.

Sean: I don't think you conflate that.

Dick: I've never been shot at. I don't remember it. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: You don't remember not getting shot at?

Dick: No, I don't remember it.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sean: I just don't think you mix that up.

Dick: I've never been in a helicopter that was not shot down and then when people say, "Hey, were you ever in a helicopter that was shot down", I'm like, "Oh yeah, totally."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't even misremember that. Because I'm not…a vainglorious blowhard who's on television getting…sucking up worship from Middle America to tell them sensationalist horseshit to SELL CARS and TAMPONS! (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, man. I don't know. I think Brian Williams has had a career for 32 years. He's been a correspondent at NBC Nightly News. He was a White House correspondent. He was on MSNBC News. He started out his career in 1982. This guy's been doing this shit forever. I don't think that he's completely full of shit. I think that he probably…some amount of what he does, probably he does because he does care about the news. I don't think Brian Williams is one of these shills. He's not a Bill O'Reilly. He's not one of these guys on Fox News. He's not like, uh, what's his name? Glenn Beck or, what's the other guy?

Dick: Keith Olbermann?

Maddox: Keith Olbermann, yeah. Keith Olbermann…

Dick: (interjects) The sportscaster? You don't think Brian Williams would just be a sportscaster if he wasn't this, like, revered news figure? That's…why did we see his smug ass on 30 Rock, then? He just wants more attention. Hey, look at me, I'm also funny! Look at me, look at me, look at me, look at me!

Maddox: Yeah, that may be a good point. I'll cede you that.

Dick: Allllriiiiiiiiiiight! (Maddox laughs) I never know. I never know when it's gonna be a good point. I just talk.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: There you go, Dick. (Dick laughs) First time after 40 episodes, you finally made a good point. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know…okay. Brian Williams may be that guy. I don't know. But I think that not all of them are like that. I think some of them are these revered people because they deserve to be. Christiane Amanpour on CNN, you know her?

Dick: Nope.

Maddox: Not a lot of people do, but they should.

Dick: Is she hot?

Maddox: She does really good work. Um, she's a MILF.

Dick: Alright. Thank you.

Maddox: Good question. Let's not talk about her body of work.

Dick: (laughing) She's on the TV!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why you're on the TV! Cause you're hot!! (yelling)

Maddox: No, she's not. Um, she's not…like, these Fox News supermodels that they hire. She's won a Peabody, a Polk, a Dupont Columbia Award, Courage in Journalism Award, Edward R. Murrow Award, nine honorary degrees, Walter Cronkite Award. She does really good work. She does CNN International stuff.

Dick: But these awards, aren't they all shams?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, what's an award?

Maddox: Oh, here we go! Here we go. Dick's agenda!

Dick: What's an award? You brought in the Webby Awards!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I thought every award is a sham!

Maddox: They're not.

Dick: What…oh!!! (exasperated)

Maddox: They're simply not. I shot you down during the Webby Award episode and I'll refresh your memory how I shot you down. I mentioned, specifically, the Nobel Prize. Right? And you said, "Oh, they do that to gin up publicity." That was your argument.

Dick: Yeah, they do.

Maddox: But they don't. They don't, Dick, because the Nobel Award comes with a prize tag.

Dick: A million bucks.

Maddox: And that price…a million bucks!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't think that if they wanted that publicity, they could simply buy a million dollars' worth of advertising or do something else?

Dick: Maddox, that guy invented dynamite! There's not enough money in the world to buy off the guilt that he…that Alfred Nobel suffered for that. I think that's…I think that's accurate. I don't know…I'm not saying…I'm sure the comments will prove me wrong on that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I believe the backstory of that and I don't have a fucking Internet in front of me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I can't make sure, but I believe he was…he made enormous war machines! He, like, revolutionized war!

Maddox: Because of dynamite?

Dick: Yeah, 'cause of what he…his contributions to it.

Maddox: Dynamite also revolutionized coal mining and strip mining, and all these practical applications that we use dynamite for.

Dick: Sure, but guys go crazy when they get older and they go, "Oh, man, I really…I messed a lot of stuff up, so lemme set up this fund that will perpetuate itself through the ages…"

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: "And I'll be immortal." Like that?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: "That's why I'll set up this stupid award, so my name will live forever, hahaha."

Maddox: Yeah

Dick: "Look at me, look at me, look at me."

Maddox: Okay, Dick. I want you to assign a probability to the following possibility.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Okay?

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: What is the probability that Nobel actually believed in creating some good and perpetuating some good in mankind and wanted people to further the arts and sciences and humanities? (Dick exhales loudly) Would you say it's, I don't know. 10%? 50%?

Dick: Yeah. I'd…no, I'd give you around 10.

Maddox: 10%?

Dick: I think. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And what's this based on?

Dick: I don't know. People. I'm like Christian Grey. I have a good understanding of people.

Maddox: Christian Grey. Who's that? From 50 Shades of Grey?

Dick: Yeah. The psychopath from 50 Shades of Grey. (Maddox laughs) Yeah! People don't do things for altruistic reasons. They do things 'cause it gets 'em off.

Maddox: Yeah. You are an abusive sexual monger. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Hey, speaking of abusive sexual monsters, you wanna see…you wanna hear more of Asterios' bits?

Maddox: I sure do.

(Telegraph machine starts to beep: " February 21st, 1988: Famed televangelist Jimmy Swaggart is suspended from his ministry for sleeping with a prostitute, but c'moooooonn! (Dick and Maddox laugh) **What's the point of being a religious leader if you can't get a little on the side?** (**Dick:** Yeah. **Maddox:** Well.) **Jesus hung out with prostitutes, and everybody LOOOOOVVEEESS Jesus! Oh Jesus, you're so great!** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **Jesus has such great abs, marry me Jesus, *kissy noises* enough of that! When will society stop persecuting multimillionaire hypocrite preachers and go after the REAL criminals: working girls trying to feed their families? Lock 'em up!")**

Dick: Good points.

Maddox: Yeah. That was satire, but I'm going to choose to take it literally. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: I can't tell the difference.

(Telegraph machine starts to beep: "February 21st 1855: The newly completed Washington Monument opens, marking the first time America ever made a building that was blatantly just a penis. (Dick and Maddox laugh) **Sure, all skyscrapers are essentially penises,** (**Maddox:** Yeah.)**but we at least dress those up with offices and windows and stuff! The Washington Monument is 100% just a penis** (Maddox chuckles)**- and worse, a very skinny penis! Does not our first president deserve a thick, girthy monument?** (Dick cracks up) **In this reporter's opinion, you could NEVER satisfy that rather feminine St. Louis Arch with such a monumentally small penis.")**

Dick: He's a reporter now.

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

(Sound effect: Audience laughter)

Dick: See? He's a reporter. (grins)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: This is a reporter.

Maddox: Hey, I think Asterios does some very important journalistic work on the show, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. Me too!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Me too.

Maddox: Yeah. He's not like Brian Williams.

Dick: And if Asterios said that…told me that he was in a helicopter that did not get shot down, I would be horrified by his mental state.

Maddox: Yeah, man. (sighs) I don't know.

Dick: I mean, I would say, "I have no idea what you've been doing for your entire life, if you're making that up."

Maddox: You know, maybe Brian Williams…has this part of him deep down in his psyche where he has this need and compulsion to lie. Almost like an old grandpa who exaggerates his war stories, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe Brian Williams has got a little bit of that. You know, these people are really interesting, Dick. I was talking to someone recently who was telling me about a friend that she had who is a pathological liar. And she said there's this girl…so, everything coming out of this girl's mouth is a lie and she doesn't know almost anything about this girl, including her name!

Dick: Oh, god. (groans) Fascinating.

Maddox: Her name…she…(giggles) Her name comes from a bird, and she's not sure if it's real or made up. She's never seen ID. One of the stories she told her is that one time she was a race car driver, and she…she and her boyfriend were driving, and the car went off the cliff, and she said that she climbed out and she went up to the top and she climbed right back down to save her boyfriend, and then climbed back down again to save his luggage. (Dick and Sean crack up) While the car was sinking!

Dick: She got too greedy! I would have believed the boyfriend, but I'm not believing the luggage.

Maddox: Yeah, and she said that she was a supermodel and she won, like, millions of dollars in grants for some research that she did. And she worked for some pharmaceutical company. Everything out of this girl's mouth is a lie. But you don't know where the real… where the truth and the fiction begin. And guess what? It works. She gets jobs. She gets attention. She gets invited to things.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She's a socialite. But where…where does the truth end and begin?!

Dick: I already wanna meet her.

Maddox: I know! (laughs) You know what, Dick? When she was telling me about this girl, I said, "Oh, this sounds like Dick's type of woman."

Dick: (cracks up) Yeah!

Maddox: Out of her fucking mind!

Dick: That'd be great! Yeah!

Maddox: Ohhh. She's so crazy, Dick!

Dick: Oh my god.

Maddox: She's just your type.

Dick: She should host the news.

Maddox: (laughing) Coming up next, a bunch of made-up bullshit. (Dick laughs) With Brian Williams, and Dick's girlfriend.

Dick: Yeah. Um…no, I forgot what I was gonna say again.

Maddox: Yeah man, um, there's some really good journalists out there. Ed Bradley from 60 Minutes. He won an Emmy. Covered the Vietnam War. Dan Rather. You know, Dan Rather, again, like, 43 years of experience, man! You wanna dismiss his entire body of work 'cause he made a couple of mistakes? Yeah. Journalists have to be right 100% of the time. You know how difficult that is? You know how almost impossible that is? Even doctors who perform heart surgery and brain surgery aren't correct 100% of the time! (ranting) The President isn't correct 100% of the time! Nobody's correct 100% of the time except for yours truly! You know how difficult that is!? You know the amount of pressure there is?!? That's why I got these fucking veins in my forehead, 'cause my mind's always working!! (yells) The gears are always turning. I'm always thinking about counters and rebuttals and arguments. I'm always right!

Dick: And monkeys.

Maddox: Yeah. Monkeys. The biggest problem.

Dick: Yeah. I don't think Dan Rather did anything wrong. Because he's just a guy up there reading things people tell him to read.

Maddox: He was a journalist.

Dick: Not at the end when he's on TV. There's a difference, I'm saying! And that…when you're in that job, when you're sitting there acting like a pretend asshole, being serious all the time. That's what I call Newscasterbation. That's why I think the Daily Show is a success, 'cause they don't act like that. Even though I don't like it and I don't watch it!

Maddox: (giggles) Why don't you like it, and why don't you watch it?

Dick: 'Cause it's too fucking Liberal.

Maddox: Oh is it?

Dick: Eh, it's too Liberal for me.

Maddox: You know, people com…people say that about the Daily Show. Look, politically, I'm neither Conservative nor Liberal. I consider myself not affiliated. I usually vote Independent.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I do watch the Daily Show, because I feel like the Daily Show does go after the left, probably not as tenaciously as the right, but they do go after the left. They do call out Obama for his bullshit. They call out Senators, Democrat or Republican, for their bullshit. I think Jon Stewart's clearly Liberal. However, just because you're Liberal doesn't mean everything you say or do comes out of that Liberal prism. Unlike most of the anchors on Fox News. That's why it's difficult to watch Fox News and get any kind of objective response from Fox News. Occasionally, a blurb will come out from Fox News where they're criticizing the right, but it's really, really rare!

Dick: You know what, I'm just thinking about it after you're saying that. I don't even know if it's the Liberalness of it. I think it's the jokeyness of it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, when I hear about…when I hear anything politics, it can be very upsetting. If you think about it for even a second. Like, if you think about what they're doing. If you think about all the money they're wasting and the lives they're ruining, it's very upsetting. And I want it to be treated viciously. Like, when you're talking about gunfights solving political debates, I legitimately think, "I would legitimately like to see that." Like, alright.

Maddox: I would, too.

Dick: Let's duel it out!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here you go. Here's a bunch of pistols. This pistol fight in Congress is sponsored by the NRA!

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Here you go. Let's see it. And I think that is in direct opposition to, like, the piss taking and the humor that is the Daily Show. And I don't know, maybe that's why I don't like it. I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, Dick. I think that with the Daily Show, some of it is that they laugh so that they don't cry.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…(giggles)

Dick: I would rather smash things so that I don't cry.

Maddox: It's a sad…I know. But it's such a sad state of affairs.

Dick: I'm a Raiders fan.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? A lot of people say that I do some important work, too. (Dick cracks up) (Maddox giggles) Fuck you!! Why are you laughing?! That's bullshit!!

Dick: No, I think you do, too.

Maddox: Yeah. So, one time, I got an email from somebody, who said "Hey Maddox, you swear too much." "Hey Maddox, I like what you're saying and I like the message, but the way you deliver it turns off a lot of people."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And my response to them was, "First of all, you are so out of your element. You're so out of your league here. You don't even understand what I'm trying to do. Yes, I swear. Yes, I'm crude. I'm crass. I say things that are controversial. But you know what? The way I deliver my news and my material speaks to a certain segment of the audience and the population that wouldn't be reached otherwise, period. I deliver some important ideas under this veneer of humor, because people need to digest it. You need a little bit of sugar with the medicine. That's why the Daily Show's important. That's why Colbert Report is important. These things are doing…they're doing really important work, but they're delivering it to people who wouldn't be reached otherwise! (ranting) You think college kids

are turning on, what, the McLoughlin Group and watching this boring, dry debate? Of course not! What's our show? What are we doing, Dick? This is a debate show! Some of the things that we talk about on the show, me more than you I think, are really important, and…(cracks up)

Dick: Well, let's check the Titanic counter for that.

Maddox: Oh, well, well, well, buddy. See, but we bring in this important debate under the guise of humor, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's the sugar with the medicine that we're giving people.

Dick: I'm not saying it's a problem. I'm just saying I don't watch it.

Maddox: (giggles) Okay.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. But, most people do.

Maddox: This could be, like, a third Dick Versus Dick. I'd have to go back and listen to it again.

Dick: Why, because I don't enjoy it? I get it. I see what's going on there. I don't do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, I get tea parties. I see why women like dressing up in frilly stuff and going to have a tea party. I don't like it. I don't do it.

Maddox: What does that have to do with anything?

Dick: Because that type of humor engages with, what, 80% of kids, 80% of the 18 to 50 demo? The Daily Show? The type of humor you're talking about.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: The Daily Show and The Colbert Report. Gauges with a lot of people. Doesn't gauge with me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Alright, well. Different boats for different folks.

Dick: Different boats for different folks, guys.

Maddox: That's a sa….(cracks up)

Dick: Alright! That's my problem. Newscasterbation. I don't know if we ever got to the bottom of it, but that's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah, uh…you know, Dick, it sounds like you fucked up.

Dick: (interjects) Oh, one more thing…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The one more thing I wanted…the new international. You remember that phone hacking shit? Remember when that happened?

Maddox: Which phone hacking?

Dick: In the news of the world and other British newpapers were caught hacking, like, celebrities, and police bribing, and exercising influence over politicians. You remember that?

Maddox: Yeah, I do remember that.

Dick: Yeah. The now-defunct paper.

Maddox: Yeah. It went under.

Dick: Yeah. That was a…that was a "respected" news source. (conspiratorial)

Maddox: I don't think so. I think they were a yellow journalist organization.

Dick: Well, maybe so.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (chuckles)

Maddox: I think they were like…and people get pissed off, I think, at me, for quoting anything from, I think the Telegraph, or the Daily Mail, one of the two.

Dick: It's the Daily Mail, because they're right wing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why people get pissed. I promise you that's why. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, it's not just that, though. I did follow up on some of the links that people were sending me to craaaaaazy shit the Daily Mail has published in the past, and it's stuff, like, anti-vaxxer shit and outrageous celebrity scandals. They're one of these types of news organizations that pay hackers to get into the private data and records of the Royal family, so they can have these outrageous, sensationalistic headlines, and things like that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, what's your problem?

Maddox: People Who Love To Sleep. Fucking idiots. (Dick chuckles) Tired of it. Just die already. Um, yeah. And yours was Newscaterbation.

Dick: Newscasterbation!

Maddox: (giggles) Newscasterbation. Pretty good. Um, guys, thanks for checking out the live show. Uh, leave some comments on the YouTube channel and subscribe to the YouTube channel. And this is probably the only time I'll ever ask anyone to subscribe, but subscribe if you wanna see the regular updates being posted there, or irregular, as the

case may be. And uh…let us know what you think about the live show. If this has a good response, you will see more live shows in the future.

Dick: Ooh. Cool.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I can't wait to see the comments. There's already been some compelling comments about how I look like a woman or a cheap version of Weird Al. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because of my hair.

Maddox: I got a comment from **The Black Knightism.** It says, **"First time I've ever seen Dick. He looks exactly like I'd have predicted; like a shithead."** (Dick cracks up laughing) Yeah.

Dick: That's a good one. (laughing)

Maddox: Um, anyway, guys, thanks again for listening.

(Closing theme starts)

Maddox: This is episode number 40!

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: Uh, don't forget to vote at http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. More next week.

Dick: Thanks for listening.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey Maddox, I just got done listening to the Valentine's Day episode, and if you want to not listen to fucking love songs, turn off the fucking radio, you goddamn moron. (**Maddox:** Yeah. Okay.) (Dick laughs) **Jesus Christ in a football helmet, you're dumb. Go fuck yourself.** (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Alright, this fuckin' asshole. Alright, get ready for it, dickhead.

Dick: What?

Maddox: You're not always in control of the radio, are you, asshole?!? Sometimes your friend's driving and you're in the backseat making out with someone and you gotta listen to some bullshit-ass love song because your friend's driving?!!? (Dick guffaws) I have friends, idiot!! Why don't you get some and maybe you'll realize the problem of love songs on the radio! I can't always turn it off!

Dick: You're in the back seat making out with someone? Is that what you tried to say?

Maddox: Maybe a couple of hot babes are making out with my lips! (Dick cracks up)

Dick: A couple!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Ohh, boy.

Maddox: I don't have time. My hands are busy!

Dick: Alright. (grins)

Maddox: I can't reach up there. I can't reach past the driver. Who am I, some kind of bozo in the back seat changing the station?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Cabs? Limos?

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey guys. Um, I'm looking here at the biggest problems from last week, and I see Black Income Disparity, and I thought that was a pretty good problem. But part of me is saying, whenever I vote now, the fact that I wanna listen to Maddox watch Titanic. (**Maddox:** Mhmm.)**So Maddox, my suggestion to you is, why don't you just watch fucking Titanic already, so that way Dick can't use that against you?** (**Dick:** That's true!) **Because I feel like there's just…my personal opinion. That that's affecting how I vote now.** (**Maddox:** Yeah) **Because I just want you to watch Titanic. So, why don't you just go get that out of the way? Uh, yeah. Also Dick, go fuck yourself.")**

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhhhhh!! (disappointed)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Controversy.

Maddox: Okay, uh, two things. Two things. First of all, I agree with that comment in that it's created a gimmick for the show. People are changing the way they vote because they want this gimmick to be heard every episode. And second, um, okay. I'm going to watch Titanic after this episode. (Dick gasps) I will watch Titanic and don't worry about it. No more Titanic clips. How about that? (smiles)

(Sound clip: Titanic theme starts up)

Maddox: You motherfucker!! (laughing) I hate this song!! (Dick laughs)

Dick: I'm gonna end it on this song.

Maddox: Yeah.. end it on this big piece of shit. (Dick cracks up) You know, joke's on you, dickhead. You had to listen to this song to sing this parody of it.

("Maddox is an aaaaaassshole…."

Maddox: You're an asshole.

("He can go fuuuuuuuck himself."

Maddox: Why don't you fuck yourself? (Dick cracks up)

("His problems all suuck, and he deserrrrrrrves this." (Dick laughing)

Maddox: You're my problem. I hope you get cut.

("Keeeeep playing these Titanic cliiiips…."

Maddox: Suck my dick.

("And Dick, you can go ooooooon, and……)

(Song cuts off)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 41

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick.

Dick: Hey! (laughs) What's up, buddy!?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hey.

Maddox: In studio today, Randy. Boy oh boy, Dick. We have had a week, haven't we?

Dick: I'm so fuckin' pissed off right now. (grinning) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! So, the live episode dropped and some people didn't like it, apparently. According to the YouTube comments, right?

Dick: Dropped like a 'Lead' Zeppelin!

Maddox: (laughing) You know, a couple of people on there were really pissed off at our guest. Whitney Moore, that we had on that episode. They said we should never invite her back.

Dick: That was most of the comments.

Maddox: Yeah. A lot of people were…

Dick: (interjects) Most of the comments were anti-Whitney Moore.

Maddox: They said "Do not ever have her on the show again." So, without further ado, our guest this week, Whitney Moore!!

Whitney: Hahaha!! It's me, bitches!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Welcome back, Whitney. (Whitney giggles) Yeah, fuck the…you know, these fucking crybaby whiner piece of shit.

Whitney: Oh, they're so mad.

Maddox: I would like to fucking fistfight them. What do you want to say about that, Dick? Or Dax.

Dick: What, do you want…first of all, you blew it. You and this guy you got to host the show with you is not Dick Masterson. You guys really blew it. (Maddox and Whitney laugh) I wanna say right off the top.

Maddox: You think that's what the problem was?

Dick: Um, no. What, do you want me to talk about that?! 'Cause I'm pissed about that.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: These assholes that are shitting all over Whitney. (Whitney giggles)

Whitney: I mean…

Dick: Yeah. For shitting all over you. For dropping what I thought was an inconsequential sentence of dialogue in your overarcing problem, which was nerd culture. Right?

Whitney: Yeah. The whole argument was that if you make "being a nerd" the cornerstone of your personality, you're just boring.

Maddox: That was…

Whitney: (interjects) And I mentioned sexism, like an idiot. (laughing)

Dick: Well, wait. Yeah. Wait a minute. (Maddox laughs) You had a lot of interesting points that you can…see yourself if you go look at the live show. And one of them was that all culture now is beholden to remixing and rehashing nerd culture.

Whitney: Mhmm.

Dick: Which is true. Look at…look at…how big of a deal was the Avengers 50-year plan?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's 50 YEARS of comic book movies!!! Who fuckin' cares?!?! (yells)

Maddox: I think the point was lost…the point Whitney was making is that if you make it the cornerstone of your identity, you're a boring person. Right?

Whitney: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Right. Right.

Maddox: That was the argument.

Dick: Which is a great, interesting point.

Maddox: And all these fucking crybabies.

Whitney: Ooh. But now I'm a radical feminist. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: For SUGGESTING that there is an abundance of violent threats that happen in this community!! (Maddox and Whitney laugh) Which is true!! (yells) Did we not grow up in this culture, you and I, Maddox?!

Maddox: You know, in defense. I would say this. I don't know if it's an abundance, but I know that the people who do make those threats are very vocal and they're the ones who are most likely to comment on YouTube. You don't see moderate people commenting. Dick, do you comment on YouTube? Whitney, do you?

Whitney: No. (giggles)

Dick: No.

Maddox: No! Of course not!

Dick: But I LOVE YouTube comments, because they are so violent and to the point.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: Like, I love YouTube comments, because they let you know exactly where you stand.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I brought in…I brought in, literally, two dozen quotes about how stupid my hair looks.

Maddox: Yeah. (Maddox and Whitney crack up)

Dick: That's how much I love YouTube quotes! But then these guys flip it around, and they say, "Oh, well, we're not actually…we're not actually reactionary assholes who will say anything to get a rise out of you."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yes you are!

Maddox: Uh, well these people who are commenting are. But I don't believe that they represent the majority. And that's the rub. Therein lies the problem with demonizing the entire group. Because they do represent a small faction, I think. Like terrorists, right?

Whitney: Or gamers.

Maddox: The majority of terrorists are Islamic, but the majority of Islam are not terrorists, right?

Dick: Well…okay. (Sean laughs) This is…now we're getting…yeah. Of course that's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: You sound like the "NotAllMen" GamerGate dudes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I will not say that. I will not say that hashtag.

Dick: It's…violence is part of the culture. I think. I grew up in this culture. Being a kid with anonymity makes you violent, because it's part of human nature.

Maddox: Yeah, but I mean…really violent?

Dick: It's part of the culture. It's not the whole culture. It's part of it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright? Look. Look. Mean Girls? The movie? Exists. We're all violent in our own specific ways. This one happens to be your cross to bear. Alright, kids? So suck it up! (Whitney laughs) Sorry that she didn't say "Everyone is like this!" She singled you out. It wasn't a big deal. Shut the fuck up! (yelling)

Whitney: Dax…we were talking about before…

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Whitney: Awww.

Dick: Sorry. Do it again. Do it again. That guy is YouTube only. (Maddox and Whitney laugh)

Whitney: We were talking about how mine was the only subject that really personally went after people. There were no people who were like "Hey, I shit in other people's toilets, and I am offended at these generalizations you're making about them."

Dick: Yeah.

Whitney: And as one of them personally, I actually thought that your argument was really good.

Maddox: You know what really pisses…you know what really pissed me off about that whole live episode? The one quote that people didn't jump down your neck about, Whitney…(Whitney laughs) is when I said Ethnic Cleansing was a big problem and you said "It's not a big deal." (Dick and Whitney giggle) That was…nobody had a problem with that, you FUCKING IDIOTS!!

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: That's what you guys don't have an issue with, but you have an issue with all the other horseshit, like this throwaway line that she said, you fucking morons? You fucking mouthbreathing piece of shit apes! (Dick laughs) I would like to fucking punch you in the fucking face. If you think that that's not a problem. And nobody jumped down your neck about that.

Whitney: No, I said, "Oh, it's kind of like Nerd Culture, actually."

Maddox: That too.

Whitney: And I had no actual…no real thing to say about it. (giggles)

Maddox: No, of course. We're just…whatever. We're gettin' a rise out of people.

Dick: To be fair. To be fair, Maddox. You never did make a good point why Ethnic Cleansing was bad.

Maddox: Do I have to, dickhead?!!?

Dick: Well, apparently. (giggles)

Maddox: Do I have to sit there and explain to you why killing millions of people and putting them in mass graves is bad? Do I really have to hold your hand and drive you through this process of weeping families and entire civilizations being wiped out? Do I have to make that case clear?

Dick: Yeah! Because otherwise this show is just a list! (Whitney laughs)

Maddox: Great, Dick. (Dick guffaws) I was trying to…I was trying to expand on different points of ethnic cleansing that people don't normally think about. Like, yeah. Where are you gonna park your car? (Dick laughs)

Dick: That's the stupidest point! (laughs)

Maddox: You're the stupidest point! That was something that people don't consider, like, in modern days. Like, if you were living in a small town in say, I don't know, Utah.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And there was some dictator who came through and just cleansed a whole bunch of people, hundreds of thousands of people, there's gonna be graves everywhere!

Whitney: There's not a lot of cleanse in Utah, though, it's pretty much all white people.

Maddox: Yeah, it's already been cleansed. (Maddox and Whitney laugh)

Dick: Didn't what you're saying happen?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Didn't there used to be some Indians there?

Maddox: There used to be. (Whitney laughs)

Dick: Yeah. They got cleansed. There's plenty of parking.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got…I got a voice mail about exactly what you're talking about. You wanna hear it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Already, a voice mail about the live show.

(Voice mail: (male voice) (whiny) "Hey Maddox, if you're so worried about where you're gonna park your bike in spite of all the mass graves, why don't you just ride your bike, you fucking hippie!! Myaaaaaaaah!!) (Maddox and Whitney crack up)

Dick: Point, counterpoint.

Whitney: I like him.

Maddox: That is the snottiest voice I've ever heard in my life.

Whitney: Myaaaaaah! He sounds like an old-timey…the guy that would tie a lady to the railroad. Snidely Whiplash.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Whitney: Myaaaaaaaah.

Maddox: Uh, I got a comment about…so, last episode I talked about sleeping and how much I hate people who love to sleep. Um, this comments from **Conivore O'Brien.**

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: He says, **"Maddox, how the fuck can you think sleeping/dreaming sucks, but video games are awesome? I love video games like I love sleeping. Cool fantasy shit happens while I relax in comfort. Go ride a bull, idiot."** (Whitney scoffs)

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Go ride a bull?

Maddox: Go ride a bull.

Whitney: That's a good insult.

Dick: Alright, wait a minute. Wait a minute. Wait a minute. You're skipping a part of the show.

Maddox: Oh?

Dick: You're skipping the part of the show where we go over whose problem…who brought in the problem that was deemed a bigger problem?

Maddox: Hey, I like that phrasing.

Dick: The winner.

Maddox: There we go. No.

Dick: AKA, the winner.

Maddox: No, not a winner! Fuck you!

Dick: Of the last podcast. (grinning) (Whitney laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, whatever. Listen, listen, Dick.

Dick: So, who is…

Maddox: Okay, so…the live episode dropped a day or two late, right? It should have dropped the same exact day as episode #40.

Dick: That doesn't count!

Maddox: So…it should have!

Dick: We're not counting all the same problems together!!

Maddox: Oh, really? 'Cause we are. It's on the website.

Dick: Nooooo!!

Maddox: Yeah, that's right, dickhead!

Dick: That's bullshit!

Maddox: Yeah. You're bullshit. Here…listen to this.

Dick: I still won.

Maddox: Yeah. You didn't win. Nobody wins. So, um…here's the thing, Dick. (Dick giggles) If after a week, Ethnic Cleansing…Ethnic Cleansing is really making the ranks here. It's at 647 votes as of this recording. Newscasterbation is at 1162. If by this time next week, Ethnic Cleansing is higher and you punish me with some fucking bullshit Titanic clip, then as your punishment next week for misleading our audience, you have to take a shot of hot sauce!

Dick: You are…

Sean: You were supposed to watch it!

Dick: Yeah, you said…

Sean: (interjects) Did that happen?

Dick: Listen to me. Listen to me. Whoa, everyone slow the fuck down. Maddox is pulling one of his…didn't that sound like bullshit to you, Whitney?

Whitney: I was too dazed by his dazzling words.

Dick: Yeah. Bamboozled.

Whitney: I was just…yeah, I was bamboozled. (giggles)

Dick: You were bamboozled like a slick snake oil salesman. (Whitney giggles)

Maddox: What…I don't need this collusion!!! On my own fucking show! This is bullshit!

Dick: Look. This is…the problems that come in on the episode get voted on. That's the show. That's the buzzer. Alright? The problems for the live show, that's a different thing.

Maddox: So, if the live show is delayed and it comes out a day or two later, the problem still gets voted higher? And by the way, Dick, you celebrated on the live show prematurely, because you stacked the deck! Your friends were in the audience…

Dick: What are you talking about?

Maddox: Ohhh, I know what you did, buddy. Your friends were in the audience. Whatever. Okay.

Dick: Okay. Listen to me. Listen to me. So, Whitney. What I usually do, 'cause Maddox swore that he would never watch Titanic. The movie.

Whitney: What?

Dick: Yeah, right?

Whitney: It's a great movie.

Maddox: Never seen it. I will not.

Dick: It's a great movie.

Maddox: You guys are suckers.

Dick: It's a romantic movie and it's an adventure movie.

Whitney: It's nice.

Maddox: Oh, you idiots.

Dick: It's nice. (Whitney giggles) Right? This guy, for no reason, won't watch it.

Maddox: For lots of reasons.

Dick: So…so every time…go ahead, what's one?

Whitney: What is one reason?

Dick: What's one reason?

Maddox: Because it's…it's a cheap commercialization of love. They're trying to…(Dick guffaws)

Whitney: What?! (incredulous) That's every movie.

Maddox: Exactly. And I don't watch shitty movies like that.

Whitney: And you don't watch any movies? (giggles)

Maddox: I don't watch any movies. (Whitney laughs) I sit in the dark. Listen, it's a… (Whitney and Sean laugh)

Dick: You only wanna watch TRUE love movies, right? Not cheap commercial…

Whitney: (interjects) Like porn. That's true love. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. I watch porn because it's honest. It's two people who are fucking. That's all it is. You know what, that's what Titanic is! (Dick and Whitney giggle) It's selling you this lure. This story. You know, they're hooking you with the lure of sex, right? You go to see this movie and you're like "Oh, yeah!"

Dick: No.

Maddox: Kate Winslet! What do you mean, no?! Of course that's what it is!!

Dick: They're hooking you with the lure of sex?! (incredulous)

Whitney: I was in the fourth grade when that came out.

Maddox: Creep…see, creepy! (Whitney guffaws) So all these little girls…you go there with these false expectations…and…you know, life isn't ever like that!! (Dick laughs) It's bullshit! It's baloney! You're never gonna be standing on a boat and your boyfriend's gonna come up behind you, like, eeeeeeeeeeeh. Mwah, mwah, mwah. Look how romantic this is. (silly voice)

Whitney: Wait, is that why you watch movies? Is because you hope to one day do the thing that's in the movie? (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah. Did you watch the Lego Movie?

Maddox: No.

Whitney: Or, like, Guardians of the Galaxy? One day I'm gonna be a raccoon.

Maddox: Guardians of the Galaxy was stupid. There. I said it!

Dick: What?!? (incredulous)

Whitney: No. Wrong.

Maddox: Fuck everyone. I…go ahead. Rip me up in the comments, assholes! I'm gonna bring it in next week as a problem. I'm writing that down right now.

Dick: Oh, it was a great movie.

Whitney: No. It was a good movie.

Maddox: Ugh, I'm gonna rip it up.

Whitney: Seeing what James Gunn did with a big budget superhero movie, making it still his sense of humor, dark and clever, is good. It was good. You're wrong.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) Clever. Except I've seen that movie a billion times. That stupid scene where they were fighting in the…you know what? I'm gonna talk about it next week. Next week.

Dick: What scene? (Whitney giggles)

Maddox: Okay. Where they're fighting in the jail, right?

Dick: Uh-huh. Funny.

Maddox: And there's that guy in the control tower who's operating all the robots and widgets and all that bullshit. And the guy…the famous five, or whatever, the Guardians, get up there, at the very end. So the director gets this really tight shot of the guy in the control tower, right?

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: And it's the back of his head. And he's working. He's pushing widgets and pressing buttons, and then you KNOW what's coming! He's gonna slowly turn around, and then he looks and sees the guys walking in…it's, like, "Oh, shit." (Dick cackles) And that's the part where the audience is like "Oh, man, oh my gosh, here it comes." (stupid voice) and everyone's waiting in anticipation, and of course, cut to a wide shot of them throwing the prisoner guard outside the tower, and it was like…wheeeeeeewww…like they fucking accomplished anything!! (yelling) You didn't see that coming a billion miles away!?! I've seen that scene a billion different movies. It's boring.

Whitney: Ohh, now I'm just interested in seeing a movie called The Famous Five. (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: So, Maddox. Do you…like, when someone starts telling a knock-knock joke, do you go, like, "Stop, stop!! There's a twist! There's a twist! (Maddox and Whitney crack up) There's some kind of semantic pun or a wordplay or a twist on this!! I've seen it!!"

Maddox: Yeah. You know, Dick, I don't tell knock-knock jokes for that same reason. They're fucking stupid.

Dick: Okay, anyway. Whitney. So, I've been playing Titanic every time I win. (Whitney giggles) And in the previous episode, I played 30 seconds of Titanic that this asshole has to watch. Right?

Whitney: That's great.

Dick: And he ruins every one of them by talking through them, 'cause he knows, deep down, that it's actually a good movie.

Maddox: It's a shit movie.

Dick: And he doesn't wanna get hooked in and start getting interested. So, LAST WEEK, you said that my antics are screwing up the voting for this show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Then, to fix that, you said the following, I'm gonna play this…

Maddox: Go ahead.

Dick: That you said.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Clip: (Maddox): "And second, um, okay. I'm going to watch Titanic after this episode. I will watch Titanic and don't worry about it. No more Titanic clips.")

Whitney: Nooo! (whispers)

Dick: So, what is that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you watch it?

Maddox: Yeah, I watched it.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Whitney: Hmm. (skeptical)

Dick: Let's…let's quiz you, okay? Sorry. Let's quiz you. Let's quiz you. (Maddox and Whitney crack up) Alright. What happens to the Titanic? (all crack up)

Whitney: What!? Are you serious?!

Maddox: It sinks. There we go. Don't have to play it anymore.

Dick: Okay, hold on, I've got more questions.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Who directed it?

Maddox: James Cameron.

Dick: Shit. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Get fucked!

Dick: Maybe you did see it.

Maddox: And by the way, by the way, Whitney, you love Titanic so much? You think he's such a brilliant director? You think it's such a good movie? Why don't you look up the alternate ending to Titanic? The one that they didn't use because they decided…they went with this other one? (Whitney laughs) It shows you the ingenuity of James Cameron. He's

a piece of shit. He made this stupid, sappy, dumbass ending that was so dumb. It's…it's dumber than all three original…all three prequel Star Wars combined.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It's the dumbest thing I've ever seen. That's the brilliance. That's the mind that it's coming from.

Whitney: No, it's fucking rad! It's hilarious.

Maddox: Ugh.

Whitney: 'Cause it's such a dated movie.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: If you see it now, you can appreciate it, and be like, "Oh, this was huge back then."

Sean: Does he float to safety on Kate Winslet?

Maddox: (scoffs) No.

Whitney: Can I…can I spoil it? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: I've seen it.

Whitney: Okay. The woman, at the end, who drops the stone into the ocean. She keeps it, and she's like "I'm not gonna give it to you." And then what happens? They, like, fight her?

Maddox: Uh, yeah.

Whitney: They punch her. (giggles)

Maddox: She comes up and she has, like, this little jewel that she's holding, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The fucking magic jewel. I don't know what the backstory is. I mean, I do, 'cause I've seen it.

Dick: Uh-oh!!! (Maddox cracks up) (Whitney giggles) Wait a minute! You haven't seen it, have you?

Maddox: No, I've seen it. I've seen it. Don't worry about it, buddy. I've seen it. Um, so, uh…

Dick: Okay, lemme ask you another question.

Maddox: Go ahead. Yes.

Dick: Did you like the scene when they had sex in the car? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: There was no scene with sex in the car. Trick question.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhh!! I can't…it was a yes or no answer, Maddox! There was DEFINITELY a scene where they have sex in a car!

Maddox: There was not, you guys…is this a trick?

Dick: Yup, there was. No.

Whitney: No.

Dick: There was definitely a scene.

Maddox: You know what? I must have gotten up to get popcorn 'cause it was so entertaining during that part. (Dick scoffs) You know what? That doesn't count. (Sean laughs) Anyway, let's move on.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. You're fucking watching the movie. Fuck you.

Maddox: Kay. If you…if the votes change by next week, you're drinking a shot of hot sauce, buddy.

Dick: I'm not doing shit. You said you would watch it!

(Clip of Titanic continues from previous episode)

Maddox: I did.

Dick: Look.

Maddox: I'm not watching it.

Dick: Whitney, would you like to watch Titanic with me?

Whitney: Yeah. I love this movie.

Dick: So…

Maddox: Why don't you two idiots go on a date?

Dick: So, right now…right now, it was just discovered that that documentary they were doing is kind of a sham.

Maddox: You're a sham! (Whitney giggles)

Dick: What else would they be doing 20,000 leagues under the sea? (Maddox scoffs)

Whitney: I don't know. I liked Titanic just 'cause it's super creepy going that far under the sea. It's like…ugh, that always really scares me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's super creepy and a little erotic.

Whitney: Yeah.

Maddox: It's not erotic.

Whitney: Yeah, it's like equal parts creepy and erotic. (laughs)

Dick: That's what people say about me.

Whitney: Which is so what I'm into. (laughs)

Maddox: Heh. Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: Maddox, look! It's a little guy, like an AutoBot.

Maddox: Aaaaaaaah!! I'm looking at the ceiling! Cool. I just looked at the lights and now I have spots on my eyes.

(Titanic clip stops)

Dick: Poor loser. Do you wanna do problems, or do we have time to…

Maddox: No, no, no. I got some comm…I wanna read some of these live comments from the episode.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This one's from **Blan Blazbo.** He says, and these are all YouTube comments, by the way. I got so many. He says, **"Well, that was disappointing. Was Maddox contractually obligated to be a fucking tool in this live show?"** (Dick and Whitney laugh)

Dick: I read that one.

Maddox: Yeah, uh…

Dick: Were you?

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) I'm sure he was really asking. That's not a rhetorical question. (Dick laughing) Are you calling me a fucking tool, Blan Blazbo, way to use rhetorical questions as a device to make your insult, you shit!

Dick: It's funny. (Whitney laughs)

Maddox: You fuck. And then he said, **"Why was there no debating? Why was it only 14 minutes long?"** You know what, Blaaaazbo? I'll tell you why it was only 14 minutes long. Because of you. Because of all of you! Because of this fickle YouTube generation. You guys only have an attention span of three fucking minutes! I made an original cut of this that was 25 minutes long and I sent it out to a test audience. And the test audience felt it was a little bit long.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe it's not the audience that listens to the podcast; however, still, it's the fickle YouTube audience. And you know what? Don't lie to me! Don't say, "Eeeeeh, well, why don't you put out the longer version? I'll watch it!!" (stupid voice) "Beh beh beh!!" No, you won't. Because I can look at the metrics of every video that I post and I can see your retention rate. And guess what? Right around 3 minutes, it drops off all you fucking toolbags! And also, you know what? We ultimately reserve complete editorial rights and control over this content. We produced the best possible episode, I think, that we delivered in 14 minutes. It's a tight 14 minutes. Fuck you. How about that?

Dick: People have been asking me, like, my honest opinion of it. And I thought there were funny problems. I thought the jokes were good. And I thought the idea of having a talk show where the guest, someone like Whitney Moore, who is the star of Birdemic, right? (Whitney giggles) I thought the idea of having a guest bring in a problem was interesting!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause usually guests just come in and talk about what they're doing. They never have to risk getting torn apart by 10,000 guys in a single day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: By bringing in the wrong problem.

Maddox: I got a comment from **Skidsy.** He said, **"What the fuck's with the laugh track?"** Guess what, Skidsy? There was no laugh track.

Dick: I was wondering that, too.

Maddox: (giggles) There was no laugh track. That was all live studio audience.

Dick: Oh, that's cool.

Maddox: Uh, then I got another one. This one's from **Kingly Minotaur.** He said, **"I really did enjoy this form of the series. I understand why it has to be shorter, but I would like to see more interaction between the guests and the hosts. More of an in depth debate. I understand if that's not feasible with the format, though."** Very, like, sensible comment. That's, like, one of the few sensible comments I read on here.

Whitney: So sweet and reasonable and not like YouTube.

Dick: Yeah. Was that off our site, or was that off YouTube?

Maddox: YouTube.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I got one from **Fuckrumpus.** (they all crack up) He says, (laughing) **"Biggest problem, self-righteous Internet celebrities. Fuck your shitty show, Maddox. Go back to podcasts."** (Dick laughs) You what's interesting is…

Whitney: Oh, what the fuck?

Maddox: When I started The Best Show in The Universe, people said, "Fuck your shitty show, go back to writing." And now that I started the podcast, people are like, "Fuck your shitty podcast, go back to the Best Show." (Dick laughs) And now, we've come full circle and they're saying go back to the podcast. You know what? Go fuck yourself. (Dick and Whitney laugh) I got another one from **Running05.** He says,**"I love your insane outfits. Also, do more live shows. This is great."** I had a couple, actually. Another one from **HitoriMajeri,** he says, **"Oh, my gosh, this was brilliant."** Dick, it looks like you have some…you wanna read some comments?

Dick: Yeah, I got some comments. I got one from Asterios Kokkinos. He did some writing on the show. He says, "If you're wondering how many words into the comments you have to read to find the N-word, it's three."

Maddox: Yup. (they all crack up) I saw that. It was one of the first comments. It was the N-word, it was the C…it was all sorts of…yeah.

Dick: I've got…I'm gonna skip ahead. I've got…I've got about two pages of how I'm ugly. Uh… **Fredsecious. "Maddox has a face for radio and Dick has hair like my Aunt Fanny. Not sure if it's a wig or just a very poor life choice."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Holy shit, that's what Dick look like? No wonder he's an alcoholic." (Sean and Whitney laugh)

Maddox: That's a pretty good one.

Dick: "Dick looks like a time traveler from the eighties" Adrien Kade, "What the fuck is wrong with your hair? Hoping it's just a shitty wig." Ideffy7, "Dick Masterson's hair looks like pubes." (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Mmm. That's pretty good.

Maddox: Uh, trust me guys, I've had this conversation with Dick in real life, asking… imploring him to do something with it, I don't know.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm starting to find, like twist ties and bobby pins around the studio.

Dick: I don't use bobby pins. They hurt your hair. **"Dick looks like a Disney princess."** I…that's gotta be a compliment, right?

Whitney: That's nice.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah, that's very sweet. Disney princesses are hot.

Whitney: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, **Roger Levy, "Holy shit, I never knew Dick's face was so punchable."** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **"No, hey, Dick, I actually like you, counter to popular opinion."** Okay. Uh, **"You just have a punchable face."** It's true.

Maddox: It's true. You do have one of the most punchable faces I've seen.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I got one from **Starvedwatcher.** He says, **"Rest in peace, all the people who got killed and raped by nerds."** (Whitney laughs) Whitney, I believe that was a point, that was a comment to your point.

Whitney: Man. (laughing)

Maddox: Uh, how many people would you say each week die by nerds?

Whitney: 7200. Die by nerds. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's a lot. That's, like, more than a thousand a day.

Whitney: I dunno, man. I insinuated that maybe you get death threats, which was a thing in the news.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: But, man. YouTube didn't like it.

Dick: Oh, it's a thing.

Maddox: Oh, sure.

Dick: It's a real thing.

Whitney: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. I get death threats, yeah.

Dick: Me too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: The best part is that…how defensive everyone got over it. Means that there's some truth to it, at least, 'cause they're like "No, no. We didn't do any of that. We're not like that." And it's like, yeah, you wouldn't be getting that mad if you weren't shitty.

Dick: You might say anger is the weathervane of truth.

Maddox: Oh my gosh, Dick.

Whitney: You might say that.

Dick: That's the first line in my book.

Maddox: Ugh, Jesus.

Dick: What?!!

Whitney: Where is Fuckrumpus?

Dick: That's what you're saying! They wouldn't get bent out of shape if what you're saying wasn't kinda true, right?

Whitney: I didn't get it.

Maddox: Anger is the weathervane of…that's very poetic.

Dick: Thanks. It was actually Jeremie Ruby-Strauss…

Maddox: Oh, there it is!

Dick: My version was, like, a paragraph long. It was embarrassing.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Alright…

Maddox: I got a couple more comments. Uh, this one's from **GameGroomps.** I think it's a play off of GameGrumps.

Whitney: GameGrumps.

Maddox: It's not GameGrumps.

Whitney: No?

Maddox: GameGroomps. He says, **"More like the biggest wait in the universe."** Good one, Game GROOMPS.

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: Real clever. And then I have a couple…I just wanna end on these two comments. This one's from **M4n10r…**whatever, fuck off. He says, **"Not interesting at all. Bye."** (Dick and Whitney laugh) And then…(laughs)

Whitney: Wow. (laughing)

Maddox: And then I just want to end on this one here, it's from **Srachc.** He says, **"Well, I think it's time for me to unsubscribe."** Srachc, I couldn't agree more.

(Clip plays, "So long, farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, goodnight.")

Maddox: See you later, fuckface. (Dick laughs)

("I hate, I hate…")

Maddox: Your face. You piece of shit. You know, we don't need you! I don't give a fuck if you like or don't like the show! Go ahead and unsubscribe. Go ahead and delete it. I don't give a shit. Because you're not paying us to do this. (Dick laughs) The only people who are, are the people who buy the bonus episodes and that's about it. If these were people who bought the bonus episodes and they were bitching this much, maybe I'd give a shit, but you're listening to free entertainment. Fuck off!

Whitney: There were people who threatened to unsubscribe to me. And I was like, "I don't have a YouTube…" (Maddox laughs) I don't have, like, a career in YouTube. What are you talking about. (laughing)

Sean: I love how people bitch about something they're getting for free because it doesn't match what they've conjured up in their minds.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You know, for what the show should be?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe that's on us. Maybe we should have said specifically what the show was gonna be. Like, "It's gonna be 15 minutes long. It's gonna be a talk show format."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And this is what we think it should be.

Maddox: Right. It's different, dipshits. Look, it's…(Dick guffaws) it's a visual medium. We're going to produce a different show for a visual medium. You wanna just see us recording the podcast, great. You're just gonna look at three dickheads talking for an hour. Is that what you want?

Whitney: I'm not one of those…

Dick: No. He was talking about Sean.

Whitney: Oh, that's him. Okay, I was like…(giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No.

Whitney: I'm a nice lady.

Maddox: Yeah. Well.

Dick: You are. (Whitney laughs) You are a beautiful lady, as well.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh, here we go! Here we go.

Whitney: Awwww.

Maddox: Why don't you guys go on your shitty Titanic date, already? Alright, whatever.

Whitney: You wanna watch Titanic?

Maddox: Okay, I'm done. (Whitney giggles) What's your problem? Let's get to the problems, shall we?

Dick: Ohhhhhh, fuck. I got all these voice mails and they're all wasted, now.

Maddox: No, let's hear some voice mails! Yeah.

Dick: Alright, this is about the…well, I'll just play it.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Good evening, Maddox and Dick. It's Brian Williams. (Maddox laughs) **Maddox, I just wanted to call and say thank you for defending me. It occurred to me as I was wrestling a bear with my bare hands today** (Maddox and Sean crack up) (**Dick:** Today?) **Often, journalists are held to too high of a standard. So, thank you again Maddox, for coming to my aid. And now, if you'll excuse me, I have to walk to the moon.")**

(Sean, Dick, and Maddox crack up)

Sean: Please tell me you're following that up with Bono.

Dick: (laughing) No, no, no. I didn't get any Bono this week.

Sean: Aww.

Dick: Here's one about the beds.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Do you know what I really love about this show? (**Maddox:** Okay.) **In one episode, they advertise beds. Casper beds. They have a bed in a box. They'll send it to you.** (**Maddox:** http://www.casper.com/biggest)**And then next week, Maddox likes to throw out, "Oh, fucking sleeping is for idiots. Fuck you if you sleep."** (Maddox and Sean crack up)**Wow. Way to go Maddox. You are a sneaky, sneaky little prick, you.** (All crack up) **…I bet your veins are popping right out of your skull right now. Dick, don't go fuck yourself.")**

Dick: They are!!! They are.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (laughing)

Whitney: I mean, you can use your mattress for other things besides sleeping. Am I right, Dax?

Dick: Like what? Yeaaaaah. (laughing)

Maddox: Oooookay. Here we go. I'm gonna throw up. (Whitney laughs) I'm gonna throw up all over the microphone.

Sean: Yeah, like watching Titanic in bed.

Whitney: No, like, yeah.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Whitney: What did you think we were talking about?

Dick: My TV in the family room is broken, so we gotta go lay on the bed to watch it. (Whitney giggles)

Maddox: Uh, it's an amazing mattress. No joke. I've had some of the most restful sleep I've ever had in my life. But I don't sleep too much, idiots. And I don't love it. It's fine. I like sleeping the normal amount. I got one more comment. I know that we got so many comments. This one's from **Steven Hanner.** He sent it through email. He says, **"Wouldn't it be funny if you kept hyping up the live episode but never actually posted it? Imagine how many sad fans with blue balls you can disappoint. I bet their tears could lubricate your dick for years."** (Dick and Sean laugh) **"Speaking of dicks, I wish Dick's great grandmother died on the Titanic so everyone wouldn't have to be subject to Titanic now."**

Dick: Oh. (dejected)

Whitney: Damn.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, why don't you just watch the movie?

Maddox: I already did, Dick. I'm not gonna watch it twice.

Dick: No, you didn't. You obviously didn't.

Maddox: No, no, I watched it.

Dick: You obviously didn't.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: You didn't remember the most important scene.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I did. It's the painting scene. I remember that.

Whitney: Nope.

Dick: Uh…it's a drawing scene, shithead. Not a painting scene.

Maddox: You know, painting, drawing. (Whitney laughs) It's in the same…it's on a spectrum.

Dick: Yeah. Something's on a spectrum, alright. (Maddox and Whitney laugh) Alright. Fuck these. I don't wanna do these voice mails anymore. You ready for the problems?

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: My first problem is Hay Fever.

Maddox: Hay Fever.

Dick: Yeah.

Whitney: What is…is that, like, allergies?

Dick: Uhh…yeah. I guess that's one way to put it. Yes. It is called "allergic rhinitis", often called hay fever. It's a common condition that causes symptoms such as sneezing, stuffy nose, runny nose, watery eyes, and itching of the nose, eyes, and the roof of the mouth, plus you sound like a stupid, sick asshole for a week.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And there's nothing you can do about it. You're not even sick.

Maddox: You could just have better genes, I guess.

Whitney: Yeah, I've never had that problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, I've never had it either until this year.

Maddox: You have hay fever?

Dick: So, all of a sudden, I'm allergic to pollen.

Whitney: Do you have it right now?

Dick: I think so. I think I've had it all year. I don't think it's the hangovers, either.

Maddox: It could be Titanic. It's making you a bigger pussy.

Dick: No, no, no, no. This is a big problem. It affects, uh, lemme see. In the last 12 months, 17.5 million people have been diagnosed with hay fever. Dude, it's horrible.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like feeling sick every day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And there's nothing you can do about it.

Maddox: Claritin.

Dick: It doesn't…

Whitney: Yeah.

Dick: Claritin costs 30 bucks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: Well, it's a thing you can do about it.

Maddox: It's a thing you can do about it.

Dick: I'm not gonna sit here and listen to two people…(Maddox laughs) who don't ever get hay fever tell me that I can fix it with some Claritin D.

Whitney: I mean…

Dick: It doesn't just go away. It's awful.

Maddox: I'm looking for a "Wwwwaaaaah" sound effect. I can't find it. (Whitney laughs)

Dick: Caused by grass. (Maddox and Whitney scoff)

(Sound effect: Baby laugh)

Dick: It's a type of allergy that happens when your body makes antibodies in response to certain triggers. That's my problem, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Look, it affects…it affects between 10 and 30% of people on Earth.

Maddox: Yeah, you know…it's…I actually have a way of finding out who has hay fever. You just follow the trail of tears. (Whitney chuckles) To the pharmacy. They're always crying about their fucking allergies. Allergy, allergy, allergy. (whiny, nasal voice) Hey, I don't know, man…I mean, if you got allergies so bad…first of all, eat the local honey. That helps with it. If you're…I think it helps build up your body's immunity to whatever the local pollen is, or whatever the allerg…

Whitney: It does.

Dick: I'm sorry, what?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Whitney: It's a thing!

Dick: Eat the local honey?

Maddox: Eat the local honey.

Whitney: Yeah, it's good.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a thing.

Whitney: 'Cause you're eating the pollen, and so you're developing an immunity.

Dick: That's…that's bee pollen.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: I mean…

Maddox: (interjects) But that's the pollen that's making you allergic.

Dick: How do…why do both of you guys think this same wrong thing?

Whitney: And from the local flowers. It's a thing.

Maddox: It's not a wrong thing.

Whitney: It's a thing.

Dick: Eating bee pollen…

Maddox: I'm pretty sure, yeah.

Dick: Does not make you immune to grass pollen.

Whitney: No, it's supposed to help with the symptoms.

Maddox: Yeah, they've done studies. Recent studies have come out that people who have allergies to certain things, especially from early childhood, if they're exposed to it in small amounts and small doses over time, they build a tolerance to it. Just like I did with hot sauce.

Whitney: And alcohol.

Maddox: Yeah. And alcohol, Dick! Dick…there we go.

Dick: No, alcohol goes in reverse. The more you drink, the less tolerant you are. (Whitney laughs)

Whitney: Oh, that's true. You're right.

Maddox: (laughing) Is that…Dick…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. It's the only drug that works in reverse like that. Are you telling me what alcohol does to you?! (Whitney cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause I've seen you, Dick. You drink like a fucking fish and I never see you drunk. Like, I can barely tell between you drunk and sober. Maybe that's 'cause you're always drunk.

Dick: Could be.

Maddox: Could be. But same thing with coffee! Coffee's like that! You drink too much caffeine and it loses efficacy.

Dick: Yeah.

Whitney: I don't know why the only two people who aren't affected by hay fever know this. It should be, like…you should know this if you're trying to get after your fever…

Dick: Uh, you guys should just check your privilege, alright?

Whitney: Oh, no…(giggles) (Maddox cackles)

Dick: I don't need to be told about…I'm not gonna Winnie the fucking Pooh, eating honey out of big ceramic jars when you got hay…what, you think all of us hay fever sufferers just need to eat more honey?

Whitney: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It could help. There was this movement awhile back where people were eating all sorts of exotic honeys and stuff, and I'm not sure if it was a movement so much as a good trend, and people were getting sick from it. And it's, like, of course guys, you're importing pollen and different allergens from a different region and you're making yourself sick if you have allergies to it. Look, man, I don't know. If you got allergies to a thing and it's bad enough, fucking move to another state. What can I say?

Dick: A state that has no grass.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: That's where this shit comes from.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Grass.

Maddox: Move to Utah. It's a fucking desert.

Dick: Alright. Missing work.

Whitney: I would fire someone if they were like "My allergies…" (whines)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You fucking too.

Whitney: I would.

Dick: You know what, those guys are YouTube are right.

Whitney: Oh, my word!

Dick: No sympathy at all. (Maddox and Whitney laugh) No sympathy at all for us poor hay feverers.

Maddox: Put some buckshot right in their ass.

Whitney: Guess who never gets hay fever? Women.

Dick: Is that true?

Whitney: I don't know. (giggles)

Dick: No, that's not true.

Sean: On the plus side, I don't think Maddox is gonna have to listen to Titanic next week.

Dick: Shut the fuck up, Sean. (Maddox laughs) It's the FIFTH leading cause of…chronic major cause of work absentee-ism and presentee-ism. I don't know what that is.

Maddox: Fifth major cause?

Dick: Yeah. Resulting in nearly 4 million missed or lost work days every year, Resulting in a total cost of more than 700 million dollars a year.

Whitney: Why are they getting hay fever if they're working in an office, though?

Maddox: Mmmhmmm.

Dick: 'Cause it's pollen. It's everywhere. It's all over.

Whitney: It's in…

Maddox: (interjects) Why don't you just fucking wear a face mask and fuck off already? (Whitney cracks up) If it's bothering you so much, I see people in Japan and China always wearing face masks! They look like fucking ninjas walking around everywhere. Why don't you just wear a face mask and call it a day?

Dick: That doesn't work. That doesn't stop the pollen.

Maddox: How do you know? Have you ever done it?

Dick: No! 'Cause pollen is little. It's on everything.

Maddox: Uhh…

Dick: It's everywhere.

Maddox: You wear a gas mask!

Dick: You breathe it through the mask!

Maddox: Wear a gas mask like a fucking raver.

Dick: Wear a Hazmat suit. That's the solution?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, if it's a big enough problem, Dick. Are you saying it's a problem, or not? If it's a problem, you should wear a Hazmat suit.

Dick: Medical cost. Total medical cost of this? 3.4 billion dollars, mostly due to the cost of prescription medications, like Claritin D.

Maddox: Yeah. By the way, you know how nefarious Claritin is? That pharmaceutical company that markets Claritin? They now sell Claritin-brand pillows. Did you know this?

Whitney: What? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. Go to Bed, Bath, and Beyond. They have Claritin-brand pillows, comforters, bed sheets, and it's all…it's so fucking weird and abstract and bizarre that I'm seeing this…this pharmaceutical company is now marketing, like, houseware. Like, house products.

Whitney: Are they supposed to, like, defer dander or something?

Maddox: Well, you know, that's what they're trying to do, Whitney, is they're trying to associate it with..what's the…hypoallergenic. They're trying to associate with the term hypoallergenic.

Whitney: Oh.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: So they make supposedly hypoallergenic pillows and things, but guess what? That already existed. So Claritin is trying to become the Nike of bedware.

Whitney: I had a friend whose dog was hypoallergenic and I hated it, so.

Maddox: The dog or the friend?

Whitney: The dog.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What was wrong with the dog.

Whitney: It's not, like, a cool dog. It was like an ankle biter. (Maddox laughs) I dunno. Sometimes dogs suck.

Maddox: Dick's an ankle biter.

Dick: You sure it wasn't biting…(trails off and laughs) Fucking guy. (Maddox and Whitney laugh) Nevermind.

Maddox: What were you gonna say? Yeah. So, what else you got, Dick?

Dick: Uh, look. This is how bad it is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 12 million British people suffer from hay fever. Right?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: So there's a wonder cure you can get. You show up to the NHs, the public hospital, and they'll jab you with, like, an antiallergen that suppresses your immune system.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So many people hate their hay fever so much that even though the NHS took this injection off of the safe injections list, 'cause it weakens your body, it weakens your immune system, they're going to get it privately to escape their awful hay fever.

Maddox: Well, does it help, or not? Why is it…why was it banned?

Dick: Because it weakens your immune system. It makes you vulnerable to other illnesses that…

Maddox: Well, that's curious, because if it weakens our immune system, and supposedly, the symptoms of hay fever are what, like, runny nose, sore throat, fever, that sort of thing, right?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: So how can you tell if it's working if it weakens your immune system and you may be suffering the symptoms of something else that you didn't previously have?

Dick: Oh man, yeah. It would be impossible. But it's…it's the overreaction of your immune system that causes the hay fever…the symptoms of hay fever.

Whitney: Well, if there's a cure, I don't really see why there's a problem.

Dick: The weakening your immune system part? Did you hear that?

Whitney: I mean…just regular-ass life does that. (giggles) Yeah. It's true.

Maddox: Yeah. I have an article here, Dick. It's from the Telegraph. And the title is "Honey: The Sweetest Cure for Hay Fever." (Whitney laughs) Well, well, well. And it says…

Dick: Honey? Really?!

Maddox: It says, "As the pollen count rises, try honey as a natural weapon against hay fever." If you just slowly eat more and more honey and introduce more of these allergens to your body, you'll slowly build a tolerance to it. In small enough amounts.

Dick: Well, I guess me and 30% of the world are too stupid to know that we should be guzzling honey down like it's a sports drink. (Whitney chuckles) Thanks for the tip, Maddox.

(Sound clip, Dick: "You know what? Maybe I am a fucking idiot.")

Dick: Oh, yeah. (Whitney and Maddox crack up) I'm an idiot. I sound like an idiot. You know how hard it is talking to a woman in bed when your voice is all fucked up with hay fever?

Maddox: No.

Dick: You sound like an idiot.

Maddox: Yeah? Well. (sigh) Big problem, I guess, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. But if she's already in bed, what does it matter?

Whitney: Yeah. If she's already willing to bed you, she probably doesn't care about your stupid cold, or whatever it is.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I like…I like the whole show.

Maddox: Yeah?

Whitney: What? (confused)

Dick: I like, you know, the whole performance. I like to be in there talking…what, Sean?

Sean: You already got her past the sheets…(Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: The chili sheets! (laughing)

Dick: I don't just wanna slam it in and then that's done.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: Ew!

Dick: Like, I don't want to be so mechanical about it.

Maddox: Well. (laughing)

Dick: I wanna keep the romance going.

Maddox: You know a guy who talks like that is a romantic, so…(they all crack up) Whitney, what's your problem this week?

Whitney: My problem is People Who Are Recently Enlightened.

Maddox: Okay. This is interesting. What do you mean by that?

Whitney: Uh, by that I mean, um…you're a person who has read, I don't know, an Alan Watts book, or got high and watched Cosmos, or maybe took psychedelics.

Maddox: Oh, god.

Whitney: And you had a massive personal breakthrough, which, lemme clarify, is awesome for you, because I feel like self-work is necessary and, you know, if you wanna be a whole person, sure, go crazy and, like, explore yourself and your mind and the universe. Whatever. The problem is when they invade your Facebook posts and your Twitter and your party conversations.

Maddox: Ugh, the worst.

Whitney: As some sort of social media Jehovah's Witness. (Maddox laughs) Being like, "Have you discovered the universe?" and it's a problem, and it's toxic, because first of all, you're doing a disservice to yourself, because if you really had that sort of amazing emotional breakthrough, however it was arrived at, then you're doing a disservice by posting it on the wall and reducing it to some sort of, like, Facebook fuckery platitude. You know what I mean? (laughs)

Maddox: Facebook fuckery platitude.

Whitney: Yes! (laughing)

Maddox: I know exactly what you mean, Whitney.

Whitney: You can't force someone to have that sort of deeply emotional experience. You can't force someone to arrive at that. They have to discover it themselves.

Maddox: Well, what more…isn't there something insincere about it, too?

Whitney: Super insincere, yes.

Maddox: Right? 'Cause they're not…they're just…it's almost like bragging. That's what they wanna do. They wanna brag. It's like people who say they're into sapiosexuals.

Dick: Oh, god.

Whitney: Oh, god.

Maddox: They're not into people…they can't be attracted to intelligence, 'cause you can't fuck an IQ. What they're trying to say is, "Heeeeeey, look at me, I'm so smart, uuuuuuuuh, I'm only attracted to smart people 'cause I'm smart, and I only wanna fuck the smart people!" (dorky voice) But guess what? If somebody's smart, they're probably smarter than you and they don't wanna fuck you, because they're not calling themselves sapiosexuals. They know you're an idiot.

Whitney: (laughing) It's like…acting like a more evolved human.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: And so it goes…it's even more sinister than being like, "I'm smart. I'm intelligent." It's like "Oh, no, I'm on another level. I'm more connected than you. I'm so much more in touch with myself and with nature and the universe." It's like, "Don't fucking come at me with your bullshit, like, leftover drug trip, like, pseudointellectual…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah. Your drug trip enlightenment. Yeah.

Whitney: Yeah.

Maddox: Or people who just discovered Nietzsche. Oh, my god. The worst.

Whitney: Yeah!

Maddox: The worst people.

Whitney: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, you guys are so much better than everybody else on Facebook. (Maddox laughs)

Whitney: Listen!!

Dick: Oh, yeah…so what should anybody talk about, then?

Whitney: Well, Guardians of the Galaxy. There you go. Titanic.

Maddox: Ugh. Okay, you lost me, Whitney. You're on your own. (Whitney laughs) You're walkin' the plank!

Whitney: Honestly, again! I think it's fine. Like, I…whatever. You did psychedelics. That's really cool. You had, like, a time where you discovered yourself. And that's fine. But that's not something that will be immediately relatable if you try to post about it on Facebook, or like, you read a really rad psychology book or something. It's like…you can't be a warrior for that kind of thing. You can't have people arrive at that, because it's pointless and it makes you sound like a fuuuuucking idiot.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, I'm thinking…I want you guys listening right now, and you guys in this room to think back of somebody smart that you've met in life. And have they ever bragged about how smart they are, or any of the books they've read?

Whitney: No.

Maddox: No. Of course not.

Dick: You do it all the time!

Maddox: Yeah, I know I'm…

Dick: (interjects) You brag about how smart you are all the fucking time! (yells) (Maddox cracks up) And problems like this, where you talk about how stupid and petty everyone else is for posting their little accomplishments on Facebook is another version of you bragging about how smart you are!!!

Maddox: Look. Look, Dick. I'm an authority, okay? I'm a leader. People look up to me. I'm a thought…I'm a thought leader. (Dick scoffs) And that's what people look at me towards.

Whitney: Christ. (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah. (Whitney laughs) What did you say earlier? Anger is the weathervane of truth?

Dick: That's right.

Maddox: That's what I am, baby. I'm the weathervane. (Dick exhales) Yeah. Anyway, um…

Dick: Whitney, what do you post on Facebook, then?

Whitney: I…

Dick: (interjects) I wanna know what I should be posting and not come across as an asshole.

Whitney: What you post on your own time on your own page is none of my business. But I just think that people who are recently enlightened, who have had that sort of breakthrough recently, they're the worst givers of unsolicited advice. And they're always, like…

Dick: Oh, okay.

Whitney: "Do you know what your mind could be doing?" "Did you know that we are made of dead stars…"

Maddox: Oh, Jesus.

Dick: (guffaws) It's true.

Whitney: And the dinosaurs…

Maddox: I hate that shit!!

Dick: The stars!!

Maddox: It's condescending.

Whitney: And no. Everybody fucking knows! Everybody knows. We all got high and watched Cosmos. It's fine.

Maddox: Yeah. Fuck off. We all know, idiot. (Whitney laughs) You're not enlightening anyone. You're not giving us a lecture at this party!

Whitney: No!

Maddox: Everyone's just trying to eat cold, shitty pizza and drink this shitty beer, and go home alone!

Whitney: Exactly. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Just leave me alone, man. Lemme just sulk in this corner.

Whitney: Yeah.

Maddox: It's the people who are, like, obsessed with science, too. I have this article from uh…

Whitney: (interjects) No, like pop…pop astrology.

Maddox: Yeah. Pop astrology.

Whitney: Like, it just…yeah.

Maddox: Exactly. There's this article on this website. It's called http://www.boringasheck.com and one of my fans linked this to me. The article is called "Science for the Epic Motherfreaking Win". I just wanted to read the first paragraph. "I fucking love science. Science for the motherfucking epic win. (Whitney groans) Don't know if you've seen the T-shirt I've been sharing on Facebook, but it has a lot of stuff about science and how fucking epically motherbitching sick it is. It's cool to talk about science

using swear words. The swear words make the science better." I just wanted to read this part, too.

Whitney: Was this written in earnest? (incredulous)

Maddox: Uh, no. No.

Dick: Sounds like satire.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: Okay, I was like…(trails off, laughing)

Maddox: "You see what Takei posted the other day? Yeah. The funny picture with the big words written all over the picture. Epic much? The man knows his Internet. (Whitney groans) He's practically made of win. His posts are basically just a big order of win with a side of fucking epic bacon and a bunch of fucking Sriracha sauce poured on top. Shit yes! Science!"

Whitney: God. That made me want to punch a baby.

Maddox: Yeah. And you know what's funny? Is the fact that you guys had to ask if that was satire makes it that much more relevant, because we know people like this.

Whitney: Yeah. It's the actual worst. (Dick laughs) I mean…it could be a whole other topic talking about people who talk in Internet slang. That's, like, the actual worst ever. But it's just, again. You can't force someone that sort of very huge personal breakthrough. You can't say, "Here's how to think like that." It's, like, you have to arrive on that on your own and you sound like an idiot. It sounds like parceled-down blather. Like, just babble shit, if you talk about it on Facebook.

Maddox: Babble shit. (giggles)

Whitney: Yeah.

Dick: Why?

Whitney: It's my favorite band.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Why can't you walk people into these enlightening personal revelations?

Whitney: 'Cause you can't explain. You know what? I wanna say…

Dick: (interjects) It doesn't work on you. It clearly annoys you. But why…

Whitney: (interjects) I get it. I get, like…I dunno. Reading Carl Sagan, or whatever, makes you really excited and makes you wanna share that excitement with the world. And I totally get it, but that's not the kind of thing that you can just get by having a conversation with someone. You have to…take some time, and like, do internal work, and figure it out.

Maddox: Don't you get that it's condescending, Dick? If I came to you and was trying to teach you something?

Dick: No. I don't think that it's condescending. I think that you read into it that it's condescending. For the most part, I think people are just proud of these stupid relevations that they have. Revelations that they have.

Whitney: There's a…I think there's a middle ground where it comes across at condescending, but the people…you know. Most of the time, they just want to share something cool that they found, which is fine. But they sound like a fucking idiot.

Maddox: It's like a four year old. If a four year old comes up to me going "Guess what? I learned that alligators have 20 teeth." (whiny voice) I'm like, "I know, idiot. I don't give a shit."

Dick: That's great. It's exciting.

Maddox: No. It's exciting for you, 'cause you just learned it, but guess what? I'm an adult. I have life experience. I already read that.

Whitney: And the reason that it's condescending is not that it's, like, general excitement.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Whitney: It's that they know something you don't. (conspiratorial) They know…

Maddox: Smug.

Dick: I mean…

Whitney: Oh, they know.

Dick: You guys…you would really do well by reading a book called Siddhartha.

Maddox: (laughing) Mmkay. (Whitney laughs) Here we go.

Dick: It would really teach you to chill the fuck out.

Maddox: Fuckin' asshole. Yeah.

Dick: About…and not get upset about things you read on Facebook.

Whitney: It's not things that you…it's not like it's incendiary or anything, like, maddening. It's just that…

Maddox: (interjects) Siddhartha talks about that, Dick? How not to get incensed at things you read on Facebook?

Dick: Yeah, man. It's all about not…it's very Buddhist. Very Zen Buddhist. It's all about not engaging with the things in life that upset you.

Maddox: Ooooooh. I feel a Dick Versus Dick coming on!!! (Whitney and Maddox laugh) Tune in next episode, guys!

Dick: What?!? Why, why, what did I say?

Maddox: I'm gonna save it for next episode. That's the exact moment I realized there was a Dick Versus Dick. Anyway…yeah Whitney. Good problem. I like that problem.

Whitney: Hey, thanks.

Dick: Oh, I bet you do. (grins)

Maddox: What?! Why?!

Dick: (yelling) 'Cause you like raging over Facebook.

Maddox: Oh, I like…

Whitney: (interjects) Yo, it's not just Facebook! I have had people come up to me at parties being like, "Hey…I have this…"

Dick: Who was the last one?

Whitney: Who? I'm not gonna…

Dick: No, no saying names, but what did they say? What did they wanna share with you?

Whitney: It all comes off as just babble. That's the thing. It's just like, "Hey, you need to open your soul and free your mind." (Maddox groans) Like, it doesn't make any sense.

Maddox: Fucking pricks.

Whitney: And that's the thing. It's like, it makes sense to you, 'cause you did drugs. Or 'cause you, like, read some astrophysics that, like, is popular on Reddit or something.

Dick: Yeah.

Whitney: And it doesn't make sense just talking about it fluidly.

Maddox: Or…or, you know, people who talk about, I dunno, like, metaphysics or new age type stuff. It's essentially, they're proselytizing their beliefs. Their religion to you. If a Christian did that, everyone would tell them to shut the fuck up and go home. If a Jew did that, same thing. Muslims, you bet your ass. But we're supposed to just sit around and tolerate this New Age bullshit because they watched an episode of Cosmo.

Whitney: Yes.

Maddox: Or is it Cosmos?

Dick: Cosmos.

Whitney: Cosmos. It's a good show, I mean, like, it's fine.

Maddox: Yeah. Whatever. Yeah, sure. It's pop science, you know. If you guys actually want to learn science, you have to pick up a book. You can't just look at pretty pictures on Facebook and on TV.

Whitney: Ugh. (groans)

Maddox: Are you disputing that?

Dick: Me?

Maddox: Dick, you gave me an eyebrow. I don't know what that means.

Dick: No. I just don't know why you're so upset. Like, it annoys me when people who've just done drugs come up to me and tell me how it opened their mind.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I don't think it's as bad as 30% of the world having cold and flu-like symptoms for seven days at a time. (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Because they're…

Dick: (interjects) And costing America 700 million in job losses.

Whitney: I feel like maybe they're just a weaker species.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: Like, maybe they're gonna peter out.

Maddox: That's Darwinism.

Whitney: Yeah.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Oh, shit. Alright. (trails off)

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: And also, hopefully the people who are enlightened. (laughs)

Maddox: Maybe they all need to be cleansed. (Whitney guffaws) Alright, anything else, Whitney? Should we get to the real biggest problem of the week?

Whitney: I'm good.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright. Bathroom Attendants!! Huh?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. There's a real problem. There you go. Thank you, Maddox. That's great.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Oh, and a "ding" as well. Thank you.

Whitney: But they're there to help you.

Maddox: Oh, help me. They're there to help themselves, my friend. (Whitney guffaws)

Dick: Sounds like you ripped off my Rose Peddling problem.

Maddox: Rose Peddling problem, huh?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, 'cause we talked a little bit about it. About bathroom attendants. But, no. It's different, Dick.

Dick: Okay, how?

Maddox: Because rose peddlers come to you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Whereas you can't avoid the bathroom attendant if you go into the bathroom.

Dick: How are you gonna avoid rose peddlers? Pick up your table and walk around the restaurant so they can't track you down, like Pac-Man? (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Dick, how about you just turn to them and say…turn to them and say no! You big fuckin' pussy!

Dick: Why don't you just turn to these guys and say no?!!?

Maddox: I'll tell you why!

Dick: You don't even have to look them in the eyes. You can just walk out.

Maddox: No, I'll tell you why. Because a lot of times, what they do is…Whitney was telling me before the show that she's not familiar with a lot of bathroom attendants in female restrooms.

Whitney: I have never been in a ladies' restroom that has a female attendant.

Dick: Oh, really? (surprised)

Maddox: Oh, it happens a lot.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. It happens a lot. I've seen it. I've seen it in a few strip clubs and high-end restaurants. But, uh…and I don't know why.

Dick: In the ladies' room?

Maddox: Yeah. In the ladies' room, I've seen 'em.

Whitney: Why are you going in the ladies' room?

Maddox: 'Cause the door's open and I look in there, 'cause I'm curious. I'm a curious man. (Whitney giggles)

Dick: And there's a woman attendant in the women's room?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: At a strip…was this a male strip club?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, men were stripping?

Maddox: Men were,..no, no. Females were stripping.

Dick: But there was a woman attendant in the women's room.

Maddox: There was a woman attendant. Yes.

Whitney: I saw…there was one time I went to a concert and there was a woman in there who was clearly not hired by the hotel…

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: But she was there, like, selling hair ties and, like hairspray and perfume.

Maddox: Yuuup.

Whitney: Is that what it is?

Maddox: That's what it is. That's…that's the bathroom attendant. And they're not there to help you. They're there to get tips and harass you. And here's what pisses me off…

Whitney: (interjects) I thought a bathroom attendant, like, handed you warm towels.

Maddox: Yeah. That's what they're supposed to do. In a really nice, high-end hotel and you don't tip them. Well, they expect tips…here's the problem, okay? Lemme get to the problem of this, alright?

Dick: Alright, alright.

Maddox: So, look. You walk into the bathroom, and what they'll do a lot of times, is they'll take all the paper towels out of the dispenser and then hoard them behind the counter so then the only way TO them is through them, right?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: So, let's say, Whitney. Let's live in this magical fantasy world you've created for this. (Dick cracks up) Where these altruistic bathroom attendants are there just to help you! "Oh, here's some towels!" Okay?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So here's what happens. They hand you a paper towel. They hand you a mint, maybe. Maybe a toothpick. They help you out. "Hey, here you go, buddy." Then what are you supposed to do? Reach into your diseased, bacteria-filled pocket to pull out a diseased, bacteria-filled bill, and hand it to them. So this…your clean hands that you've just washed have touched dollar bills that have been floating around with people who may have allergies, who may have the flu, who may fucking have measles, 'cause of fucking anti-vaxxers! Go vote it up, people! It's the biggest problem in the universe! (Whitney scoffs) But you touch these bills right after you've washed your hands, 'cause you have to tip this jerkoff. That's the problem.

Whitney: I mean, technically, we all have the same bacteria that the dinosaurs had. (Maddox sighs)

Dick: No, but bills are gross, though.

Maddox: Nooooo.

Whitney: Haven't you tried enlightening yourself? (giggles)

Dick: You got a good point about the bills being gross.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: I have never had an experience of this before in my life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: I didn't know it was a thing.

Maddox: You need to go to…

Dick: You should go to a strip club.

Maddox: Yeah, you need to go to classier joints, Whitney.

Whitney: I need to go that one specific strip club. (giggles)

Maddox: Whitney, I have a picture here from the Internet. This is actually a women's bathroom with a female attendant. Here are the things you can buy in here. (Dick chuckles) These are all things that they can just sell you in little portions that they mete out at you for a few dimes and nickels. Hairspray. Lotion. Hair brushes. Mouthwash. Nail polish. Bobby pins. Mints. Flip-flops. Toothpaste. Band-Aids. And Dum-Dums.

Whitney: Why is that a problem, though? Honestly, I feel like that's lucrative businessmanship. (Maddox groans) 'Cause if I were to go into a club, super drunk, and be like, "I gotta pee. Oh shit, this girl has got lip gloss! I'm gonna buy some."

Maddox: Oh, great.

Whitney: Like, why would I not?

Dick: Oh! Speaking of…being super drunk. Man, there was a bathroom attendant at the Spearmint Rhino in Vegas that would sell you whiskey out of the bathroom.

Whitney: What?! That's fucking awesome!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, that's cool. I've never seen that before.

Whitney: Why is this a problem?

Maddox: But he's probably doing that…look, who knows what he put in that whiskey?

Whitney: There was somebody in the bathroom…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean? (cackles) Just, like, for lulz? Why…what would he spike whiskey with?

Maddox: Water. He may have watered it down. There was a guy in Vegas recently who got caught. He was trying to sell his moonshine.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: His moonshine whiskey on the streets. Guess what it was filled with when people bought it?

Dick: Rubbing alcohol?

Maddox: His own piss and shit. (Whitney laughs) He just put it in there to color it, and people smelled it, they're like…they almost vomited. The guy got arrested because…

Whitney: why would you buy brown, stinky moonshine? Moonshine's supposed to be just clear. No color.

Maddox: Well, he told them it was whiskey, that's why.

Whitney: Ohhh.

Dick: Well, I didn't buy mine…it didn't come in a plastic bag, okay? It came in a real bottle that was sealed.

Maddox: Hey, where'd you get that whiskey? I dunno, some guy in the bathroom.

Whitney: Yo, I feel like…

Maddox: (scoffs) Great.

Whitney: …it would probably still be cheaper than the alcohol they sell at clubs, so…

Maddox: Probably, Whitney.

Dick: Yeah.

Whitney: I'd be happy about it.

Maddox: But you're also buying it in a place where people go to defecate! Okay? I don't want my liqueurs to sit in a place where people shit gallons of diarrhea all day long!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I just don't wanna eat or drink anything in there!

Whitney: Ew. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: I'm sorry. Even when I go to the bathroom, I don't flush the toilet until I've covered my cup, if I'm holding it, because there's particles of piss and shit that land on everything!

Dick: Man, there's particles of shit everywhere. You gotta get with it. This is real life.

Whitney: Yeah. They're made of star stuff.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I feel like there's particles of shit in this room right now. (Whitney laughs)

Dick: There is!

Maddox: You two.

Dick: It's all over your toothbrush. It's all over what you're drinking and eating. It's everywhere.

Maddox: I cover the lid now when I…so I read this article about that.

Dick: (interjects) It's all over the kitchen! It's EVERYWHERE!! Particles of shit are everywhere!!

Maddox: Great, Dick. That doesn't mean I have to fucking sit in the stew of it. I try to minimize my exposure to shit particles. Is that so bad?!

Dick: You can't. It's pointless.

Whitney: So, which part specifically are you mad about? The fact that they sell things, or the fact that they're not hired by the establishment, or what?

Maddox: You know, Whitney, if it was a convenience thing, that's fine. But how many times have you been going to, say, a bar or a club. I know the answer to this already. It's zero.

(Whitney laughs) How many times are you going to a bar or club and you're thinking "Oh, shit, I need some mints or something for this hot date I'm on. You know what? I'll just wait 'til I get there, because there'll be a bathroom attendant." No. Nobody ever thinks that. You especially, 'cause you've never seen them in there.

Whitney: I dunno. The concept of mints is pretty abstract to me in general. (Dick laugh) I don't know why. (giggles)

Dick: Wait, what?

Maddox: You have monster breath? What's going on?

Whitney: I don't know. No, I just don't know why mints and Mentos are still a thing.

Maddox: For, like, making out.

Dick: For freshening your breath.

Maddox: 'Cause you're a hot chick and you don't have to worry about it. But guys have to, like, fucking have fresh breath and they have to shave and take care of themselves. Women just show up, here we go.

Dick: Change your clothes.

Maddox: Yeah. Change your clothes. Change your sheets. Well, you wouldn't know about that, Dick. (Whitney laughs)

Dick: So, these guys…they're inconveniencing you? How often do you run into bathroom attendants?

Maddox: All the fucking time.

Dick: Where?

Maddox: Like, a lot of restaurants I go to. Not even high-end…low end.

Dick: Gimme a…c'mon. Gimme a ballpark. How many bathroom attendants do you…don't speed through it. How many bathroom attendants do you run into every week, Maddox?

Maddox: Every week?

Dick: Yeah, every week. Such a big problem. Every week.

Maddox: On average, I would say three per month. So, what's that, about 0.7 per week? 0.6?

Dick: 0.7, you got 70% of a guy in the bathroom…

Whitney: What are you, doing math over there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where? Where, where?

Maddox: Uh, bars, and restaurants, and clubs.

Dick: BARS?!?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Bars, absolutely, yeah.

Dick: And clubs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Mmmalright. (skeptical)

Maddox: There's a bunch of bars in Hollywood that do that. Are you kidding me?

Whitney: So is the problem that you feel accosted by these people? Is it like a race thing?

Maddox: Ye…what do you mean, it's a race thing? (Whitney laughs)

Dick: That's a good question.

Maddox: No. No, it's not a race thing.

Whitney: I dunno. Could be.

Maddox: Whitney. They are shielding. They're blocking access to the paper towels and to the water, and to anything else that I fucking need.

Dick: Yeah, but they give them to you.

Maddox: Yeah, for a tip.

Dick: You don't HAVE to tip them.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, it's implied! Oh, Dick! You don't know the social contract, buddy! What are you, a robot? An alien?

Dick: No, I give 'em 5 bucks at the beginning of the night and then I don't tip for the rest of the night, 'cause I don't wanna deal with it.

Maddox: Oh. Oh, you tip 'em before? So it costs you 5 dollars. What are they, fucking valet? What service are they providing you? They're handing you a towel from behind the counter that I can just reach and grab myself. And they don't know how many towels I want! (angry, ranting) And by the way, if I have to ask them for another towel, "Give me another one." "Give me another one." Maybe I wanna blow my nose! Maybe it's none of your fucking business! And also, stop staring at me while I pee!

Dick: I've never had a bad experience with a bathroom attendant.

Maddox: Oh, you ass.

Dick: I've never had!

Maddox: Why? Why?

Dick: You just…you just take the towels. If you wanna be a cheap fuck, then don't tip 'em. Not a big deal.

Maddox: Yeah, except next time…

Dick: It's all night. They get cheap guys in there all night.

Maddox: And you know what happens, Dick? I've been to a really busy bathroom. In fact, I was there with you. We went to this Festival Supreme thing downtown, the Jack Black concert whatever.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: That bathroom had a bathroom attendant. And it had this constant stream of people going in and out, in and out, the entire time. If there's a wait, you might have to wait and sit there because some dickhead is hoarding all the towels to hand them to you. And if you didn't tip him, guess what? He might just hand you one towel, or no towels at all!

Dick: You know what? You're making a great point FOR bathroom attendants, because that festival would have been disgusting without a bathroom attendant.

Maddox: He wasn't doing anything except making tip money.

Dick: He was making sure that towels existed for you. Instead of people…drunk people throwing them all over the bathroom.

Maddox: Dick…

Whitney: This argument is having the opposite effect on me. Like, I wish there were more bathroom attendants around, just so I could, like, you know those…the people who stand outside concert halls and they have the Danger Dogs, the LA hotdogs that have, like…

Dick: Dirty Dogs!

Maddox: Dirty Dogs. For people who aren't familiar, explain those.

Whitney: Uh, they are the people who have carts outside concert halls and places where you get drunk, they sell hot dogs that have grilled onions on them. And they smell delicious when you're drunk.

Maddox: Bacon wrapped. Yeah.

Whitney: Yeah. Bacon wrapped.

Dick: They are delicious.

Whitney: They're probably horrible for you, but we talked about it. Hot dogs are fine. Whatever. I wish those guys would go into the bathrooms. I wish that you could buy hot dogs.

Dick: Yeah. That's a good point.

Whitney: And anytime I have…(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You want to eat food in a place where people shit, Whitney?

Dick: Why not!? Shit is everywhere!

Whitney: Yeah. It's everywhere.

Dick: It's everywhere.

Maddox: Dick, it doesn't mean you have to expose yourself to the maximum amount of shit. Oh, hey, you know what? What if doctors used your dipshit logic? You know what, shit's everywhere! Let's have this open-heart surgery in the bathroom! Fuck it.

Dick: (guffaws) Alright. (Whitney giggles) Flawless logic.

Maddox: That's your argument. Shit's everywhere! Might as well! Fuck it! You know what? We can't avoid it, so let's just eat in the bathroom, let's fucking eat and sleep in the bathroom, drink in the bathroom. Fuck it.

Dick: (scoffs) It's not in a sterile operating theatre. (Whitney cracks up)

Maddox: You said shit's everywhere!

Dick: It's not all over their latex gloves.

Maddox: Oh, wait a sec…so you're saying shit's not everywhere, then, huh?

Dick: I guess not, Maddox. No. It's not in the molten core of the Earth or the middle of the run, either. (Whitney laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What do you want me to say?

Maddox: Great, then I'll eat a hot dog there.

Dick: It's in the bathroom. It's outside. It's in your kitchen.

Maddox: It's not in my kitchen.

Dick: It's in your bedroom.

Maddox: My kitchen's clean, buddy.

Dick: Oh, throw a Petri dish out there, then. 'Cause you got E. Coli. Everyone has it everywhere.

Maddox: I don't have E. Coli.

Whitney: I honestly just admire the business mind of these people.

Maddox: No. Whitney.

Whitney: I don't feel like…I've never been…maybe I don't know, I don't have a place to have this opinion, 'cause I've never been personally accosted by a bathroom attendant.

Dick: They don't accost you. They don't.

Maddox: They do.

Dick: How do they accost you?

Maddox: Well…they kinda…they corner you. I've had them stand in front of the door handing me paper towel before, 'cause here's my new strategy. Now, when I go into the bathroom with these fucking dipshits? These assholes?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What I do is I just go pee and then I just don't wash my hands, 'cause, you know, fuck it! I don't wanna deal with this prick.

Whitney: Gross.

Maddox: Yeah, exactly. It's gross. And that's what a lot of guys do. 'Cause I notice it, too, when I go to the…and I just look at them, I'm like, "No, fuck you. I don't need your fucking pity towel. I don't need your shit." And what they'll do sometimes…

Whitney: Pity towel?!

Maddox: Oh yeah. They'll stand in front of the door…

Dick: Pity towel?!

Whitney: They feel bad for you?

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause they're like, "Oh, well, this guy, we see piss all over his hands. Let's hand him a towel." Right? (Whitney and Dick crack up) And then they stand in front of the door and they won't let me leave until I've taken the fucking towel.

Dick: What you're saying is an insane fabrication. (laughing) They have never barred you from leaving the bathroom!!

Maddox: They stand out in front of the door in the same way that the really aggressive valet usher will stand and try to get you into the parking garage when you're driving down the street and you wanna just clip him. You just fantasize about it all fuckin' night about how SWEET it would be just to clip that fucking asshole! That's exactly what they do in bathrooms!

Whitney: If they really are trying to get you to take a towel because your hands are covered in piss…(Maddox laughs) Then it seems like they're the good guys here.

Dick: They're doing you a favor. (Whitney giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. Great.

Dick: Maybe a couple of bucks their way isn't a big deal in that instance.

Maddox: Why don't you guys go make out with some bathroom attendants? Watch the Titanic together. Why don't you guys all get in one big, stupid, sloppy bed with your shit particles, and just sit there watching the shitty movie. I'm gon…you know what I'm gonna do? I'm gonna eat a Danger Dog on the street instead of a bathroom.

Dick: Well, I admit that they're…annoying.

Whitney: Sounds like fun.

Dick: Like, I don't like seeing them in there, because I do feel kinda guilty and I don't wanna tip them.

Maddox: Oh. That's my point.

Whitney: You know what would be way, way worse, though? If a bathroom attendant handed you a towel, and then was like, "Hey, when was the last time you really searched yourself?" (Maddox groans) "When was the last time you really opened your mind?!" (giggles)

Maddox: Whitney!!!!

Dick: They will talk to you, though. That's a good point.

Maddox: Agenda!! (Whitney laughs) She's trying to wedge in her problem into my problem!

Whitney: It's true.

Maddox: She did that on the live show!

Whitney: It would be so much worse, though!

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: They'd be like, "Hey, listen. Did you know that we're made of star stuff?" And you're like, "Back off."

Maddox: You know what…actually, Whitney, you know what? That's a good point. It would be worse. And sometimes they do wanna talk to you. Guess what, man? I go to bathrooms for solitude. I go there for peace and quiet. I like to just reflect and think about all the bad things I've done when I go to bathrooms. And if this guy's talking to me, I don't have those few precious moments to myself.

Whitney: What do they talk to you about?

Maddox: Oh, "Hey, how's it going man?" "What's your name?"

Dick: Just, like, normal things that people talk to each other about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Pretty much normal conversation.

Whitney: Not like your podcast?

Maddox: Yeah, "You here on a hot date, bro?" I'm like, "Yeah, maybe. Maybe not. Maybe I'm alone. " Like, fuck off! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Okay. (guffaws)

Maddox: It's none of your business!

Dick: Why are you so…I think you should just live in the bathroom permanently. (Whitney laughs) Like, your whole house should be a bathroom.

Maddox: I would love that.

Dick: Your car should be a bathroom.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you could only be in the bathroom at all times.

Maddox: I'd need a kitchen.

Whitney: Wait. So, let's think about this. Um, they're making conversations with you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Whitney: It's their job, as far as we know, but they're not hired by the place. Maybe, I don't know, it's just like any other job where you're trying to make conversation with someone, and like, not hate your life? That sounds reasonable to me.

Maddox: You know…you know, Whitney? There's another type of thing that does this in nature. It just kind of finds a place that's hospitable for their lifestyle and it just camps out there…(Whitney laughs)

Dick: Lifestyle?

Maddox: And starts multiplying, and it starts just using up resources, and taking, and taking, and taking. They're called parasites.

Whitney: So you're likening…

Dick: (interjects) That's not what a parasite is…

Whitney: You're likening…

Maddox: (interjects) That's what a parasite is! It just sits in your gut and just takes up resources! That's what it does!

Dick: No it's not!

Maddox: No one invited it! It just showed up one day!

Whitney: Who…what resources are they taking?

Dick: That was the stupidest definition of a parasite I've ever heard.

Maddox: You're the stupidest…a parasite just sits in your gut using up resources! (angry)

Whitney: You're…you're likening a person trying to make polite conversation to you on their work shift as a parasite?

Maddox: They're parasites.

Whitney: Are you the precious resource?

Maddox: I am the pr…my…mindscape is precious, Whitney! (Whitney laughs)

Dick: Yeah, you gotta get back to your not date at the club you're at, right? (Whitney laughs)

Maddox: You know what, Dick? Maybe I'm there on an important meeting. (Dick guffaws) Maybe I'm drinking my cold Fireball whiskey and I don't want shit particles in it and I wanna wash my hands!

Dick: Just sack up and don't tip him!

Sean: I valeted my bike. (Dick and Whitney crack up)

Maddox: Shut up, Sean! It's a good move to ride a bike to a bar, 'cause then you don't have to pay for a cab, you don't have to pay for Lyft or an Uber, or anything! And that solves your problem, Dick. Chatty Uber Drivers. There you go. Vote down Chatty Uber Drivers. Ride a bike. Vote up Anti-Cyclists and Anti-Vaxxers and Bathroom Attendants.

Dick: And monkeys.

Maddox: And MONKEYS!!!

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " I never heard such a dumb thing!")

Maddox: Woops. (laughing) I meant to play this.

(Sound clip: Monkeys hooting)

Dick: You're slipping on that board today.

Maddox: Yeah, it's all over the place.

Dick: Whitney, you ever had a chatty Uber driver?

Whitney: I…I don't take Uber, 'cause it's expensive and stupid, but I take Lyft, and I fucking love when they're chatty. I love it.

Maddox: Oh, great.

Whitney: I love hearing people's stories. I love whatever candy they have for me. They have, like, sometimes fun music.

Maddox: Ugh.

Whitney: I like it.

Maddox: Great.

Whitney: They're trying to jazz up their work life.

Dick: Have you been to the doctor recently?

Whitney: You know what?

Dick: You might need to get checked out.

Whitney: I like people. I like talking to people, unless they're trying to force some sort of agenda on me. I am happy to talking to 'em. Sometimes, Lyft drivers have…I actually gave a Lyft driver a job once.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: What was the job?

Whitney: It was a writing gig. 'Cause he wrote comics. And so I introduced him to a buddy. And now he, like, writes comic books. You meet some interesting people. Some people do Lyft just so that they can meet other people.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Whitney: I think it's rad.

Maddox: Alright.

Whitney: I'm not hating on it.

Maddox: Alright. Vote down Chatty Uber Drivers. (Whitney laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway.

Dick: My problem is Hay Fever. It's way worse than this stupid problem.

Maddox: Great, Dick. (sighs) What's your problem, Whitney?

Whitney: My problem is Recently Enlightened People.

Maddox: Recently enlightened people. And my problem, the biggest problem in the universe. Bathroom Attendants. Anyway, that's our episode. We got more live episodes coming. (Dick laughs) Much to your chagrin. I don't give a shit if you guys watch it or don't. (Whitney laughs) Fuck off! Unsubscribe. Don't listen to this podcast. Delete it, you morons!!

(Closing riff starts)

Dick: Thanks for listening. (Maddox cracks up) Somebody emailed me. **"The live show is bad and you should feel bad."** It's like, well, buckle up, 'cause you got three more episodes.

(Riff trails off)

Sean: That's a Futurama quote.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Whitney: Yeah, cool job quoting Zoidberg instead of actually having something to say.

Maddox: Unoriginal fuck.

Dick: I got some…oh yeah! It was a reference! The whole point of your problem was everything's a reference.

Maddox: Nerd Culture.

Dick: Guy couldn't come up with anything new.

Whitney: Oh, my god! You're right!

Dick: Right?! I got a voice mail.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey guys! It's Asterios! I talk like a huge fucking asshole! (Maddox and Whitney crack up) **It's not a joke, I'm just stating a fact! But my voice makes it SOOOOOO hilarious.** (They all crack up) **")**

Maddox: Wow. What a fucking…what a consummate hater that guy was!

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Whitney: Wait. Do you guys know that guy?

Maddox: That wasn't Asterios.

Dick: No. That wasn't Asterios. (Sean laughs)

Whitney: Oh, okay. (giggles)

Maddox: No. And by the way, he tried SO hard to sound like Asterios and missed it by a mile!

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: That guy…he didn't sound like Asterios.

Dick: Oh, I thought he sounded kinda like him.

Maddox: What if that was Asterios? (laughs)

Dick: It could have been. Asterios is pretty funny.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey guys, this is Bolo Midas (???) from the (???) Texas. I just wanna point something out to Maddox. You guys keep talking about, I mean, you know, you keep talking about how your dad is a badass because he's fallen off or possibly jumped off of three rooves… (**Maddox:** Yeah. Here we go.) **Survived cancer, heart attacks, and strokes.** (Dick guffaws) (**Maddox:** Sounds pretty awesome) **Survived not getting any blowjibbers for who knows how long…**(**Whitney:** Blowjibbers?!) **I don't think all that necessarily makes him a badass, though. I think your dad is truly in love with your mother and that the power of love has prevailed, baby!** (Dick cracks up) (**Maddox:** Oh, you fucking…. **Whitney:** Awww.) **Overcome all of these obstacles and made him the man that he is today.** (**Dick:** Yeah. **Whitney:** That's very nice.) **Hey, Sean, if you're ever in Texas, I got what you're smoking (???), man."**

Dick: Allllright. (Maddox laughs) Alright.

Maddox: Uh, by the way, that was a funny voice mail. Totally full of shit. Uh, Sean…poor Sean got beat up so bad in the comments on the lead-up to the live show. Everybody was saying comments like, "Hey, did Sean delete this episode?" And then even after it came out, people are commenting, because they thought it was too short. They said, "Hey, did Sean delete 90% of this?" (Dick laughs)

Sean: Oh, my god. You know what's funny about it. I think I was telling Dick before the show. I have done that exactly one time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And the most people possible found out about it.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Build a thousand bridges, but delete one podcast.

Maddox: Yeeeeep. (Whitney giggles)

Dick: They'll call you a podcast deleter.

Maddox: You're like the Brian Williams of the Biggest Problem in The Universe. You can only fuck up once!!

Sean: Well, I think he fucked up more than once, but…

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Yeah, you know, that reminds me…on my way here, I got into a fatal car crash. (Dick and Whitney crack up) Oh no, I'm sorry, I just drove by a fatal car crash. You get those confused all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: One more. I got one more.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Thanks Maddox, and what's your name, the other guy. Dick Masterson. (Maddox laughs) **Thanks for showing black people problems in Black History Month. Just heard your podcast about that. So, yeah. Just wanted to say thanks. This is black man number 3 of 5…** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **Just wanted to say thank you for all that…not believing that Sean. 'Cause I know Sean was against shit. He was like "Oh no, I don't believe that black people are representative at all."** (Dick and Maddox laugh) **Well Sean, yeah.** (**Dick:** Is that true? Did he say that?) **I'm sorry that we're trying to come up in the world, alright? I'm sorry that we're all not ghetto like the rest of 'em.** (Dick dying of laughter) **Like you want us to be, Sean!** (Maddox laughs) **Hey than…") (cuts off)**

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: HEY! What's up, buddy?? (grinning)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: So. (sighs) Let's just, uh, get right to the voting.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Shall we, Dick?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause this is interesting. This is the first time in the show's history since...well, this is the SECOND time in the show's history that a fan's problem came in as the biggest!

Dick: You mean a guest. A guest's problem.

Maddox: A guest!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, she's...yeah.

Dick: Oh, she's a fan AND a guest. You're -

Maddox: (interjects) She's a fan and a guest.

Dick: Oh! (both laugh) So in your mind, the guests on our show are fans...are referred to as fans still. That's perfect! (laughs more)

Maddox: Dick, everyone's a fan of me.

Dick: You're so demented! (giggling)

Maddox: We're in a room with three people, and all three are fans of me. (smiles) (Sean laughs in the background) I counted myself there.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh. (worn out from laughing)

Maddox: Yeah Dick, this is interesting! (sighs) Um...yeah! Recently Enlightened People was our guest Whitney Moore's problem, and you know what's interesting about that? And

then followed by Hay Fever, and then Bathroom Attendants. All in the positive territory. Our fans thought that everything was a problem last week.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: However, you know what's interesting, Dick, is we got alotta comments...A LOT of comments.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And a lot of people were just really shitty last episode.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They were bitching about the live episode still, and they were bitching about THIS episode because we brought in Whitney as a spite against our listeners.

Dick: Yeah, a lot of...a lot of people did like her though.

Maddox: A lot of people did, yeah.

Dick: Like, she got...a lot of people *really* wanna bang her.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: And think she's great. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Great, Dick. Um, I have here -- I have a comment from Stuart Green. I just have a couple comments I wanted to read. Stuart Green says, "I like how shit particles are everywhere, who cares, but then both Whitney and Dick go 'eww' when you don't wash your hands. Also, I can't stand Whitney's, like, American teenager rising intonation on, like, every fucking sentence." 'Kay, so he's...he's -

Dick: (interjects) It is...it is annoying.

Maddox: Yeah, he snuck a... (cracks up) He snuck a little jab against Whitney in there. And then I got another comment from Jon Clancy. He says, "Loved Whitney's condescending problem about people being condescending. Please never bring her back on the show."

Dick: Well, that was my point, that it is condescending.

Maddox: What?

Dick: To talk about...to shit on people who've recently been enlightened and they're trying to relate their experience to...to others. To their friends.

Maddox: Okay, so what? If it's condescending, that doesn't necessarily invalidate her point! I...I agree, yeah. Of course it's condescending. Look, sometimes you can be a hypocrite and still make a valid point. Just because someone who's saying it is a hypocrite, it doesn't invalidate their points. That's a fallacy that I don't get called out enough on. (Dick snickers) Anyway, I do... (cracks up) I do wanna point this out, Dick. So a lot of people like Jon Clancy were saying, "Hey, uh..." You know, this is a quote; he said, "Please never bring her back on the show." (Dick laughs) And yet, you guys loved her problem and voted it number one! So Dick, I have a new segment I'd like to introduce on our show. It's called "Fan VS. Fan." (Dick laughs) [**plays segment intro**]

(crackly old-fashioned parade music)

Booming Male Voice: In this corner we have angry fans, weighing in at 100 I.Q. points!

(Maddox and Sean laugh)

Dick: Hm!

Booming Male Voice: Average age: 12. They love to hate. And in this corner we have moderate fans, weighing in at over 100 I.Q. points. Average age: 25. They are employed and have kids. Fight!

(boxing bell rings)

[**segment intro ends**]

Maddox: Yeah, Dick, so uh...

Dick: That's it? (amused)

Maddox: ...I'm kinda confused. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Those are the two groups of fans?

Maddox: I'm kinda...yeah, we have moderates and we have the haters.

Dick: And they're 25 and they have kids?

Maddox: 25 and they have kids. (cracking up)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: That's about it, yeah.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: I'm profiling our fan base here.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But I don't get it, man. There was so much hate and so much anger, and yet I *think* that validates my point that the people who are haters are a very vocal minority. Because CLEARLY most of the fans are moderate and reasonable, and they voted up her problem!

Dick: Here, I got a...I got a voicemail about that. You wanna hear it? [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Dick, hey Maddox. Uh, so I was just calling in to suggest a potential biggest problem for next week's show...

Maddox: Okay.

Voicemail: ...and that problem is "virginity."

Dick: Mm!

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Good problem.

Maddox: (chuckles) I almost brought that in.

Voicemail: The reason I suggest that problem is because I just finished watching your guys' live show, and I went to the comments expecting to find other people who loved it like I did...

Dick: That's nice.

Voicemail: ...and I found nothing but virginity running rampant. (everyone laughs) **As everyone with a fucking Hentai avatar** (Dick and Maddox laugh) **was losing their SHIT that your guest decided to cry foul at this PRECIOUS fucking nerd culture. Those people calling her a "feminazi cunt"** (Dick laughs uncomfortably) **were really upset that she would suggest that they might have a problem with women. So...you guys are great, she was great, show's great...fuck it, even Sean's great.** (everyone laughs) **The fan base of this podcast may be the worst...may be, in fact, the biggest problem in the universe.**

Dick: No, get outta here!! The fans are great.

Maddox: No. Yeah, he's...

Voicemail: So I upvote "virginity" for next week's show.

Dick: Fans are great.

Maddox: I almost...seriously, I -

Voicemail: Thank you.

[**message ends**]

Maddox: - I started writing the copy for that Fan VS. Fan segment and I had a little diss in there against the virgins, 'cause it does sound like a lot of, like, frustrated virgins...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...who are complaining. Um, but you know, the problem with that guy's voicemail AND the people -- and you and Whitney actually made this point last time, is that...you were saying that people who were hating on Whitney and her problem necessarily proved her point.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But that doesn't...that's not...that *doesn't* prove her point. No, not necessarily. Because just because...you can't...no ideology and no argument is beyond reproach, right?

Dick: Well...uh, yeah.

Maddox: You get into a dangerous territory where if you even question somebody, that makes you a hater. If you question feminist ideology or something a feminist says, it doesn't automatically make you a misogynist. (laughs)

Dick: Of course not.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah! What?? No! No. What?

Maddox: I...I don't know!!

Dick: Are you tellin' ME? Who are you tellin'?

Maddox: YOU!

Dick: Who is the target of this?

Maddox: You -

Dick: (interjects) Is this just, like, standing on a soap box in the middle of "No, I'm just saying 'Hey...hey everybody, check me out. I know this.'"

Maddox: Didn't you say somethin' to that effect, Dick, last episode?

Dick: What, that they proved her point?

Maddox: That it proves her point? Yeah. And same with that caller.

Dick: Yeah, I think it...I think it did!

Maddox: I don't think so.

Dick: Because they had a...they've had a bigger problem with their precious culture being attacked than, um...than ethnic cleansing being treated like a joke.

Maddox: You know, I think this entire thing could've been easily avoided if the wording and phrasing of it was more careful, because it sounded like a generalization more towards the entire group rather than the minority.

Dick: That's life! Everyone gets generalized. That's too bad! Too fuckin' bad. Look, you got...you got things that are unique about what you and your people are doing over there? You're gonna get called out for that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You CONSTANTLY say that athletes are -- no, sports fans are stupid. That can't possibly be true!!

Maddox: No, I...nonono. I don't think that the fans are necessarily stupid, I just think they have, uh, bad taste. Um... (both crack up)

Dick: Okay. Are we -- I don't even wanna talk about it anymore. It's...we covered it last time.

Maddox: Yeah, we covered it. We're done.

Dick: And you...you said we had to say.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, somebody sent me an email regarding the votes from last week, that even though I didn't win...

Maddox: Nobody wins.

Dick: Well, first of all, that was the end of my dynasty. (Maddox laughs) That was 6 wins in a row that I had.

Maddox: (exasperated) Dick, they're not wins. We are conducting an important scientific experiment on this show; we're trying to find the biggest problem in the universe. I think the listeners who are more moderate, they know what the mission is and they're voting based on what they think is the biggest problem, not the gimmick that's...that's played every week.

Dick: Okay, well even though I didn't win, you still...lost.

Maddox: I... [**Dick plays his "Maddox Lost" song**]

(drums and electric guitar)

Maddox: Ugh, DICK... (Dick laughs hysterically)

Dick (singing): Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! (Maddox sighs exasperatedly) **Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! 'CAUSE HIS PROBLEMS FUCKIN' SUCK!**

Maddox: This is just...this just cheating! I'm gonna cut this whole fucking part out.

Dick: Oh, good. (grinning)

Dick (singing): Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST!

Maddox: Fuckin' episode's BULLSHIT.

Dick (singing): Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Diiiiiii-

Dick: [**cuts off song**] Mm! I'm gonna stop it there.

Maddox: GOOD!

Dick: I didn't win.

Maddox: Yeah. Nobody wins! It's not a contest, Dick. (cracking up)

Dick: Oh, so the new...the new live episode's comin' out, or the new in-studio episode's comin' out.

Maddox: IS out. It's out...at the time of this recording it's out, so you should be able to see it at the...at the top of the front page, and the problems from that episode can be voted on. The live episode, Dick, this new one, uh...Episode #2, we had our guest Joe Penna on.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And this guy's known better as Mystery Guitar Man on YouTube. Lotta people don't follow YouTube as closely, so I'll give you guys some information about this guy. Right? This guy has 2.8 million subscribers on YouTube. Um, he has over 340 million views, and he's -

Dick: (interjects) How big is his cock? (Maddox laughs) Isn't that what this is? What...what do you mean, he's got subscribers and...? (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah, I know. Who gives a shit, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But, um, he's a good guy. I met him at the YouTube Studios in, uh, Culver City, actually where we recorded the live episode.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And he was a super nice guy, and he is a fan of the podcast and he was listening.

Dick: Oh, that's cool!

Maddox: Yeah! He legitimately loves this podcast. He's been listening for, uh, for a long time now, and was happy to do an episode! He wanted to come and do a full episode, but we...we brought him in for the live show. This is what -- for those of you who aren't familiar with his work -

Dick: (interjects) What does he do?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, what does he do?

Maddox: This is what he's...this is what he's known for. He makes music out of himself using little clips that he records and then composes them so that it sounds like instruments. It's almost like, um...

Dick: Like the Blue Man Group?

Maddox: Yeah, a little bit like Blue Man Group, or like turntablism. It's actually really popular on YouTube now. There's a guy who does...who sings all the vocals for video game soundtracks. He does, like, Legend of Zelda and...Castlevania and whatever, and he hums them and then he composes them so it sounds like the...the track. Here's a little sample of what he does. He did this entire soundtrack here with blowing balloons and taking little clips of his own voice and sequencing them so it sounds like music. Listen to this, this is kinda cool. [**plays Mystery Guitar Man sample**]

(voice and different percussive sounds layered together to create a hip-hop track)

Maddox: He's using claps, guitars, cups in his apartment, blowing balloons....his air conditioner vents, a box, opening a can... [**stops sample**] Anyway, it's cool stuff. That's, uh, that's what he's known for. That's what the guy does.

Dick: I didn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's cool! Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, kinda cool!

Dick: I got some comments from last week. Um, let's see here. Jakub Pop-...Poprawa...he emailed me this. "Your face, Dick, is somewhat small for your head and chin. Looks too bulky." (Sean and Maddox laugh) So, I...I gotta work on that.

Maddox: Work on making your...work on your proportions, Dick.

Dick: Work on the size of my face. And then, um, the fake Asterios texted me. You know he left us a message?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (amused)

Dick: He goes -- I said "Hey great, keep sending in the fake Asterios bits," 'cause I love them. Uh, I love them because...I never thought anyone could hate Asterios. Like, he's the NICEST guy ever...

Maddox: He's great!

Dick: ...and everything he says or writes is funny. So when people hate on him after being on this show, it's like, "Oh! Anybody could be hated. Even somebody as nice and funny as Asterios can be reviled enough by someone so that they CALL IN and rip on him ACCURATELY!" Like, that was a...that was a great burn! That was a great zing!! (Maddox laughs) Like, he does talk like that.

Maddox: Well, says you! It's a parody of his voice, that doesn't necessarily make it TRUE.

Dick: It was funny!

Maddox: It is funny.

Dick: If it's funny that means it's a little bit true! (both laugh)

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: So he writes back, he...like, uh, "Love you Dick. More Titanic, less Asterios, please." (cracking up)

Maddox: Wow. (Dick laughs) That guy's a fucking hater!

Dick: He is a hater!! (giggling)

Maddox: Asterios got, uh, a little bit shit on! Which is great. We all, uh, we all get our turn. Right?

Dick: Speaking of shitting on, Haik Diloyan says, "Maddox if sapiosexuals aren't real then how the fuck do you explain YOU hooking up with women?"

Maddox: I hook up with women because I'm fucking awesome! What do you mean? (Dick laughs) What is he...what's the argument here? That he's saying all the women who are attracted to me must be sapiosexuals?

Dick: Are only attracted to your intelligence. (grinning)

Maddox: Ohh, that motherfucker! (yelling)

Dick: 'Cause he's implying that there's nothing else they could possibly be attracted to.

Maddox: There's nothing else? Well, first of all -

Dick: (interjects) It would only be your mind.

Maddox: First of all dickhead, that's enough! Alright? That's all I need if...if that was IT. But you get the whole fuckin' package with me. (Dick laughs) You get...

Dick: Well... (skeptical)

Maddox: ...you get the uh, the experience, the date experience of dating Maddox -

Dick: (interjects) What's the date experience?

Maddox: Oh, it's fuckin' wonderful! I drive...first of all, I drive like a samurai through traffic.

Dick: That's not something that women are interested in. (chuckling)

Maddox: All my dates are impressed. They say, "Oh my god, you almost hit that ca-...that's amazing that you didn't hit that car!" (Dick laughs)

Dick: What was the first version of that, that you almost said?

Maddox: No, I...don't worry about that.

Dick: Okay. (laughs with Sean)

Maddox: I'll be...that'll be edited out. (Sean still laughing) Uh...yeah, this is, um -

Dick: (interjects) It was, "Oh my god, you almost hit that car!"

Maddox: No, no, no. I don't remember sayin' that. Um, the...you get the entire Maddox experience when you date me. Like, it's not just the sapiosexual thing. Look, there's no such thing as a sapiosexual. It's a stupid term that people who want to show off about how smart they are use to SOUND smart. Right?

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: (stammers) Are you not...? Whose side are you on here, Dick?

Dick: They're...they're attracted to intelligence! That's it! That's all the guy's saying.

Maddox: You CAN'T be attracted to intelligence, it's impossible! You can't!! You can be attracted to intelligent PEOPLE, but you can't be attracted -

Dick: (interjects) Well, no shit. That's what they're saying. (annoyed)

Maddox: (yells) I'm not bein' pedantic! That's not what they're sayin'!! They're sayin, "Oh, I wanna have sex with books!" FUCK you. (Dick laughs)

Dick: They're not saying "I wanna have sex with books!"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: On Tinder!

Maddox: That's what...THAT'S what...that's the subtext! They wanna put...books in their vaginas.

Dick: No, they're...they're saying "I wanna have sex with a guy who READS."

Maddox: Why?! What difference does it fucking make, ya moron?? (still yelling) If you wanna have sex with somebody, you should be physically attracted to them. Yeah, there

should be some mental component, of course! I'm not saying fuckin' date them and have kids with this person, but you're tellin' me that if someone's really hot... (stammers) "Oh, I can't get off because I don't know what they READ"?! Fuck off! You're attracted...basic physiology doesn't change from human to human! It's not like you can turn it off and not be attracted to someone who's PHYSICALLY attractive. You are biologically wired to be attracted to people. Otherwise society would fall apart and people would stop reproducing! We'd DIE.

Dick: As a guy, yeah! But this guy's saying WOMEN.

Maddox: Look -

Dick: (interjects) This guy's saying women are attracted to YOU for your mind, which you're displaying here.

Maddox: I drew a picture of my balls on my website a long time ago. I think that alone is probably responsible for 80 percent of the times I've gotten laid in my life.

Dick: Could be. Um, I got a lot of response about your...RIDICULOUS claims that honey is a cure for hay fever last week.

Maddox: Mmm! (angrily)

Dick: You and Whitney.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Who are so...now I don't wanna rub this in and, like, just be an asshole.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But you...you have to know, eating HONEY like Winnie the Pooh does not cure seasonal allergies. (Maddox chuckles) Right?

Maddox: This is not something that happens over the course of a month or two. This is something that may occur over the course of a lifetime. You have to increase your exposure to this pollen so that you build a tolerance to it.

Dick: You sound like a fuckin' homeopath. That's EXACTLY what they say!!

Maddox: It's just like hot sauce! How do you think I'm able to eat so much hot sauce?

Dick: That has nothing to do with pollen!

Maddox: You grow a tolerance to it. Same thing with caffeine!

Dick: So how about breaking your fuckin' arm?? (yelling) Should you have your arms broken all the time so by the time you're 30 you're invincible? You gonna walk around like the Man of Steel, punching through brick walls?

Maddox: No, that's an extreme! However, there is an example similar to that, Dick. People who practice martial arts, when they punch hard surfaces, what it does is it mashes down their bones and creates it DENSER. So over time they get denser bones! Yes, you can build a tolerance to punching things, and you become stronger that way.

Dick: Alright, well, Samuel Williams says, "Hey Maddox, here's a couple studies..." He sent me a bunch. I'll send 'em to you so you can refute them one by one. Uh, "...here's a couple studies about eating local honey that call you a stupid naturalistic dipshit hippy." (Maddox and Sean laugh) "Put your Toms on and go back to Whole Foods you tool."

Maddox: Dick, look. I'm not discounting the possibility that this is hippie mumbo-jumbo. However, the studies are inconclusive. They probably need to do more testing.

Dick: So how much honey should I be eating?

Maddox: I don't know, Dick. This is from the BBC News. It says, "Peanut allergy 'cut by early exposure.'" So it's the same exact principle, that they're just exposing people who have allergies to things to things that they are allergic to, and over time your body builds a resistance to it. [http://www.bbc.com/news/health-31550816]

Dick: Okay! (skeptical)

Maddox: Look, I don't know, man! Fuckin' crybabies. It may be a solution, maybe not, fuck off. I don't care. (Dick laughs) You guys are fuckin' sniveling pussies. I don't have fuckin' allergies 'cause I'm awesome and I eat honey all the time.

Dick: That's the closest thing I'm gonna get to an 'I was wrong,' isn't it?

Maddox: I'm not saying for sure that this is a solution.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: However, it may be.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's get to the problems.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You know what the biggest problem is?

Dick: What?

Maddox: Fit shaming.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah! You've heard of, uh, fat shaming, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those are...that's where people make you feel bad about being fat.

Dick: Fat jokes...

Maddox: Fat jokes.

Dick: ...tuba sounds, funny tuba noises... (Maddox and Sean laugh) ...big fat people on TV, always bein' dumb.

Maddox: (**negative 'sproing' sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: That kinda thing? (smiles)

Maddox: That kinda thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: When you see a fat person comin'... (**negative 'sproing' sound effect**) Awww.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Wrahhh. (sliding pitch down) Um...yeah, that's fat shaming. So you remember a long time ago I brought in Shame Shaming as a problem?

Dick: Mhm, yeah.

Maddox: This may sound like a contradiction because I think that shame is a very powerful tool...

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: ...that can be used for good. But FIT shaming is a thing that's happening now. Now there's a backlash to fat shaming so that fat people are coming around and saying "No, you know what? It's bad to be fit, and you should be...healthy at any size and you should love your body at any size." Look guys, if you love your body, GREAT. You should be confident. You should like who you are. However, don't fucking shove this horseshit down my throat, telling me that being fat is healthy and you can do everything just like a normal person. You fucking CAN'T. There are things you just can't do as a fat person, like... (stammers) Here are the life experiences you limit by being obese: hiking to the top of a volcano. I never fuckin' see fat people doin' that!

Dick: No, I don't either. (amused)

Maddox: (raises voice) You ever see stock photos of fat people hiking volcanoes? No, because they don't do it in real life either! It's not representative!

Dick: Oh, that's true.

Maddox: Saving money on gas! You can't do that as a fat person. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: How much money do you save on gas? (chuckling)

Maddox: Well, if you're overweight by 100 pounds, you're carrying around an extra passenger now, aren't you?

Dick: I guess that's true!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Every time, everywhere you go! Can you fucking imagine carrying a 100-pound person piggyback riding your back when you're walkin' up stairs??

Dick: No, you know what? I had this...I had this discussion with, um, a fat friend of mine, because he never works out. And I was like, "Yeah, I wouldn't wanna fight you." And he's like, "Yeah, but you work out all the time!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Why wouldn't you wanna fight me?" I'm like, "Dude, I work out, like, an hour...um, an hour a day 4 days a week. YOU work out all day every day! You're carrying around 150 pounds more than me!"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Are you kidding me?! You're, you're...gigantic!"

Maddox: Yeah, people...people underestimate how powerful, how strong fat people are. (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: They have to build that muscle. I mean, it's...all that muscle is there. It's buried underneath FAT, but that muscle is there. I wouldn't wanna get in a fight with a fat person. No matter how fit they are, I wouldn't want to. Um, because...I myself, when I was overweight, I lost about 72 pounds and when I lost that weight, I had these giant, bulking calves because I had to... (Dick laughs) ...carry my fat ass around all the time!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: My calves are insane! I can bike for miles and miles. It's insane! Um...but you can't...you can't experience that. You can't *utilize* it if you're carrying around all that extra weight, 'cause you're wasting your muscles just carrying around FAT all the time. Here's another thing you can't do: buy clothes that fit. Right? I never see...like, every now and then a fat person might come along wearing a shirt that looks okay. And they're usually bought from http://maddox-store.spreadshirt.com. (Dick smirks) But you generally can't buy clothes that fit, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: There's way more clothing options available for fit people. (inhales thoughtfully) Traveling at amusement park rides!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Look man, if you're a little bit overweight, fine. But if you're A LOT overweight, you're not gonna fit in that fucking seat. And also, you're not gonna have a fun time! You're gonna be worried about havin' a heart attack. Skydiving! You can't fuckin' skydive if you're fat, sorry! You just can't!!

Dick: You know what else you can't do? (grinning)

Maddox: What?

Dick: You can't have helicopter lessons.

Maddox: Oh, is that true?

Dick: No, the same...that same guy I was just tellin' you about?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, his...I think his fiancée bought him helicopter lessons for Christmas? So they had in gigantic bold letters on the thing, like, "You can't be over 275," or something like that.

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: On the helicopter. Like, "Show up, wear closed-toe shoes and don't be fatter than 275."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So he shows up and the guy...he's like, "Hey, uh, I'm over 275. What's the...is that gonna be okay?" And he said the helicopter pilot kinda looked at him and he's like, "How much over?" And he's like, "Oh, about like, you know, 20-30 pounds," and he goes, "Mmm...okay, well, it better...it better only be 30." So there... (cracks up) There was, like...they were willing to risk it, to cram this guy into a little helicopter to take him up in the air. But it was an issue!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It was a safety precaution.

Maddox: It's an issue! It's always gonna be an issue. Um...can't go canoeing. (Sean laughs in the background) You ever see a fat person's canoe?

Dick: No.

Maddox: No! They don't exist. 'Cause they make canoes for people, normal people. And no, you're not normal if you're...if you're morbidly obese. You can't go skydiving, you can't go parasailing! Parasailing is an issue. When I went skydiving a while back, they asked me how much I weighed and they said, "You need to be really honest with us. We have a scale. We'll test you if you...if we feel like you're going over." (Dick laughs) "Er, if you're going under."

Dick: (laughing) Why don't they just measure you, then??

Maddox: 'Cause most...they expect...like, generally -

Dick: (interjects) They gotta put you through the honesty test first?

Maddox: 'Cause generally, obese people don't go skydiving.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So they never have to really test. They know if you're goin' skydiving, you're not a fatass. A big fat fatty. However, I was about...they have a fine that you have to pay beyond...beyond...I think, like, every 10 pounds above the maximum weight, you have to pay like 20 dollars because they have to put extra harnesses and, uh, equipment on you.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah! It increases your...their risk and liability, so you have to buy, like, insurance and all this other shit. It's insane! Um, well, it's not insane; it makes sense. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Can't be a race car driver as a fat person. Can you imagine if you were in NASCAR or drivin' a Formula One car, and you came in just...JUST behind the first-place person, and you thought, "Man! Is there anything you can do?" Because they optimize

those cars! They make those cars as efficient as possible, down to...down to the pound, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Down to -- yeah! They put carbon fiber pieces in there, they put aluminum, they put, uh, titanium; they put really lightweight, strong materials to maximize tensile strength and minimize weight! And -

Dick: (interjects) Well, there's actually a minimum weight. For NASCAR. Did you know that?

Maddox: Oh, is there now?

Dick: Yeah...no, I... (stammers) I don't know about "now," that...I think that's the way it's always been. Like, you...you have to maintain your car's weight up to a certain...otherwise you're just driving around on a rocket with wheels.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it's like, it's classified as a NASCAR above...Sean, weren't you tellin' me this? That there's some...'cause there are definitely fat NASCAR drivers. Fatter than others. Like during the whole Danica Patrick thing, when -

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, Tony Stewart is a lot fatter than Danica Patrick, for sure.

Dick: Yeah!! When everyone was complaining that she had an advantage because they don't weigh the driver inside the car as part of the weight. They only weigh the car itself, and then she jumps in and she's not adding nearly as much weight as everybody else. And were you telling me about that some guy used to have, like, a lead...cowboy hat? (Sean laughs) That he would throw in the back of the car to throw off the weight?

Sean: That DEFINITELY was not me.

Dick: Maybe I made that up.

Sean: Could be!

Dick: Yeah. That'd be a good trick, though.

Maddox: Can't be on top during sex. (Sean laughs in the background) If you're morbidly obese. That's a fuckin' problem, man!

Dick: Did you have that problem when you were overweight?

Maddox: Uh...no. I didn't have that problem.

Dick: Were you having sex?

Maddox: No. (both laugh) So there you go! I guess you, uh, that's not a problem for, uh, big fat...yeah.

Sean: No, you could crush your hand.

Maddox: What do you mean...? (Dick bursts out laughing) Fuck you, Sean! Don't fat shame me, Sean! (laughs)

Dick: Fat shaming after the fact!!

Maddox: That's pretty funny. Um, you can't be a mountain biker...you can't be a professional mountain biker. Again, a bicycle is definitely one of those things. Look, um, the fat NASCAR driver? Sure, he might...he may be overweight. He might be fat, but we're talkin', like, obese. You're not...he's not 300 pounds.

Dick: Morbidly obese.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: You're talkin' 50 pounds overweight.

Maddox: Is that morbid?

Dick: I think so.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: I think it goes 30 is obese and 50 is morbidly obese, but I don't know.

Maddox: Well, sure! Yeah, you're not seeing, like, huge guys in those NASCAR cars, 'cause you have to have a little bit of clearance between you and the steering wheel!

Dick: That would be funny, though.

Maddox: It would be hilarious, yeah. Can't go bungee jumping...man, there's A LOT you can't do.

Dick: Man, you are like an extreme athlete. (Maddox chuckles) Like, your lifestyle...all of these examples are bungee jumping, parasailing, parachuting... (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...race car driving, mountain...hiking volcanoes?

Maddox: These are all things I do, man! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Are they really?! (giggling)

Maddox: This is literally one trip to Hawaii. On one trip to Hawaii I went...I went, uh, parasailing, ziplining -- you can't go ziplining! I went skydiving, parasailing -

Dick: (interjects) Which is the most boring activity on EARTH.

Maddox: It is fucking not! You are basing that on a South Park episode.

Dick: No, I've...I've had to go ziplining with my family many times, and it is...it is torturous waiting for your turn to zipline.

Maddox: Go in a smaller group!! I went in a group of like 9 people. We were done with each event in under 5 minutes, and we ziplined over waterfalls and it was fucking cool as shit! It was amazing!

Dick: I don't...I don't see why it's that cool. There's NO sense of danger -

Maddox: (interjects) Have you ever gone ziplining over a waterfall?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: What's the longest zipline you've ever done?

Dick: Um, the second-longest zipline in Costa Rica.

Maddox: Ohoho, whoooa! (mocking)

Dick: I...I don't know.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. Can't go inside a shark cage as a fat per-...look, I've talked about all the things -

Dick: (interjects) More extreme...shit! (cracks up)

Maddox: I did that! I did that in Hawaii. I've talked about all the things...and I flipped off a shark. Anyway, um, those are all the things you can't do as a morbidly obese person. Right?

Dick: Right. (amused)

Maddox: But as a backlash, they're saying those are...you know, it's not a problem. Now they're fit shaming! There's this mom...Maria Kang, this mom, posted this picture a while ago on Facebook. And she posted a picture of herself, she looks hot as shit.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: She's in her workout clothes, she has 3 kids: a 2-year-old, an 8-month-old, and a 3-year-old. Right?

Dick: Oh, I remember that picture.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She posted a picture of herself lookin' fit as fuck, and then she says, "What's your excuse?" (Dick laughs) Yeah! (Dick laughs more) Yeah!! "What's your excuse?" So she posted this to kind of, um, tell people like, "Hey, don't gimme your excuses. I don't wanna hear it, because you can overcome it if you want." It's a...it's a very positive message, don't you think?

Dick: I guess. (chuckling) Looks like showin' off to me.

Maddox: Oh, is that... (cracks up) Is that what it is?

Dick: "Look at me! Check me out, I got all these kids and I'm fit!"

Maddox: Dick, are you one of these...one of these people who become a parent and you say, "Oh, you shouldn't..."

Dick: Well, she's...

Maddox: "You shouldn't..." Hold on, lemme finish this.

Dick: Okay, go ahead.

Maddox: "You shouldn't criticize your children's artwork because they might be discouraged"?

Dick: What the fuck does that have to do with...posting a picture of yourself looking hot on Facebook and bragging about it?

Maddox: (raises voice) Because greatness can inspire people to become great!

Dick: I guess.

Maddox: What do you mean, you guess?!

Dick: Well, so she's...

Maddox: Are you lookin' for a...are you just...?

Dick: ...fit, man! Like, what's the...she's probably got all day to work out. "What's your excuse?" Probably...I don't know, a job?

Maddox: Oh, really? A job? (sarcastic)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause she works 8 hours a day, Dick! NOW what's your excuse?

Dick: So she says. I mean, I've known girls who've worked...40 hours a day.

Maddox: Dick, she's not -

Dick: (interjects) I don't know that that's true.

Maddox: No, that... (laughs) You can't... (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: I gotta take their word for it.

Maddox: Dick, "What's your excuse?" is a rhetorical question. She's not actually looking for excuses from you.

Dick: Yeah... (skeptical)

Maddox: She works full-time, she has 3 kids; she's still fit as fuck! What's your excuse?

Dick: I don't know, what's YOUR excuse? I'm fitter than you!

Maddox: Eh, I dunno about that, buddy.

Dick: You wanna fight? Right now? (smiles)

Maddox: You have no stamina!! That's absolutely fuckin' not true. You have no stamina! You have...I think you probably have more muscle mass than me.

Dick: "Probably"?!

Maddox: Probably.

Dick: Who needs stamina?? (Maddox laughs) I got a car!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, uh, One-Pump Chump over here.

Dick: So what was the backlash with this lady who's egging on fatsos and asking for it?

Maddox: Her -

Dick: (interjects) Was she surprised that a bunch of people shit on this photo that says "What's your excuse? I'm hot AND I have a family?"

Maddox: Her Facebook account got suspended. (Dick laughs hysterically) Yeah! For "hate speech"!

Dick: Wait, HERS?!

Maddox: Hers!

Dick: Not the...you're sure it's not the backlash, and...like, the fallout of that? It was because of *that* post?

Maddox: Because of that post. Shortly after she posted that -

Dick: No!! (astonished)

Maddox: - her Facebook account got suspended, yeah. It got reinstated eventually. Facebook said, "Oh, it was a mistake." (stupid voice) Really, it was a mistake? Because -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, wow!

Maddox: Why was it banned in the first place? Her account got suspended just because she posted this picture and a bunch of jealous fatties came down on her and flagged her thing. Look guys, you wanna live the lifestyle you want? Go for it. You wanna be fat, you wanna eat what you want? DO IT. Fine! If you see a Van Gogh painting, or uh, a great painting by a master...

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: ...you're not gonna look at that painting and think, "Well, you know, I think that uh, there should be...there should be talent at every level, and you should like anything you paint."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: No!! NO. You're not great. If you're not great, you don't get accolades. You don't get kudos. You can't congratulations. People don't look up to you if you're not great. She's great; she did something!

Dick: I guess! (skeptical)

Maddox: (yells) What?! Why are you such a -

Dick: (interjects) I can...I can see that that *might* inspire people. Like, that she's posting a picture of herself looking hot, and it says "What's your excuse?" But I'm not gonna pretend that I'm stupid and sit here and say like, "Oh yeah...oh, yeah! That's great! Good job. You really nailed it. If you wanna inspire people, ya did it." 'Cause people are gonna hate that!!

Maddox: Dick, what's your argument? What are you makin'...what's your argument here?

Dick: Well, I'm on your side with this fit shaming thing, because every time I see a hot girl post a picture, like a skinny hot girl?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And some asshole...inevitably, some shithead will come into that thread and say, "Eat a sandwich."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like it's...like that's a funny joke.

Maddox: It's fit shaming.

Dick: And it's awful!

Maddox: It's awful.

Dick: And I hate it.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But that's, like, someone minding their own business and not trying to rub it in everyone's face.

Maddox: You know...you know, Dick, this whole thing comes from, uh...a lot of times women who look at magazine covers and they say, "Well, it's unrealistic standards of beauty." (stupid voice)

Dick: It's not!

Maddox: No it's not, idiot. You want a realistic standard of beauty, we have them all the fucking time! Every time you step out into a grocery store you see a bunch of fucking tombstones walking around, slumped over their shopping carts, draggin' their ugly kids around. (Dick laughs) Everyone looks fat and ugly! (yells) Don't fucking shame these people who have worked hard and have earned a job being models on magazines! That's their fucking job! That's the fantasy! When you go down the magazine aisle for Men's Interests, you look at sports cars and guns, and they're always exotic sports cars and always exotic guns!!

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: They're shit that we can't attain, and that's why we buy the magazine, 'cause we wanna look at pictures of this thing that we can't fucking attain!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We don't need realistic pictures of cars! We see Ford Focuses fucking everywhere, they're never on car magazines! No one gives a shit, you fucking morons! Leave these people alone!! Let them be fit. (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: JESUS.

Dick: Yes, I totally agree with you! I totally agree with you.

Maddox: Yeah! I'm so tired of these people bitching about realistic body standards. THIS is a realistic body standard if you want it to be. And if you don't, go on eating your Cheetos! Turn the page, click something else! You don't have to fit shame people who are fit and

working hard to improve their lives because they wanna go bungee jumping and...and go inside a shark cage.

Dick: Well...yeah, that part's a little bit weird. (Maddox laughs) But...I didn't know you were, like, the Dan Cortese of Internet writers. You're doin' all this exotic stuff.

Maddox: Is that...? I don't the Dan Cortese reference.

Dick: Dan Cortese, like that '90s guy who's always climbing...mountain climbing and climbing rocks and shit? Oh, anyway!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um...the thing that bothers me most about it is that people are fixated on this "standard of beauty." Like, the word "beauty."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That everyone can be beautiful, and it doesn't...these people are obviously beautiful.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Everyone could agree...you could...you could vote anonymously. "Look at that girl." Yeah! Beautiful. Everybody. But then when you apply that standard to everyone else, there's this...there's this unspoken, uh, implication that you're a better person if you're beautiful. Or else why else would everyone need to be called "beautiful"? Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Say like, um..."Curves are beautiful," like "natural beauty," all this stuff. Like, it's not...you're not!! You're just not beautiful. Why do you want it so fuckin' bad? I'm...I'M not!! I got too small of a face! (Maddox laughs) I don't feel BAD about that, you know? Like, "Oh..." I got a hundred emails: "Dick, you're too ugly to live." (Maddox laughs more) Like, I don't really care! That's not...it's not something that I VALUE as a person.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Do you know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I WANT it! I wanna see it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But not having it is not the end of the world.

Maddox: Yeah, I've been working -

Dick: (interjects) It's...it's more psychotic!! (yelling) To tell...it's MORE psychotic to tell little girls that they're beautiful as they are because it re-instills this idea that beauty somehow makes them a better person!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: THAT'S the problem I have with it.

Maddox: I agree. I agree with that. I've been workin' on this, uh, this theory for a while now too, Dick. It's along those lines, but it's about how people feel entitled to be beautiful.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: And it has a lot to do with these Dove campaigns. These Dove campaigns are THE most insidious thing. They are doing more damage to more people than MOST things I can think of today.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, these fuckin' Dove campaigns, these beauty campaigns. Anyway Dick, um, yeah. She's hot, after she did the workout and everything, but if she gained like 40-50 pounds I think her face would bloat and you wouldn't be able to tell the definition underneath. A lot of people who are overweight can increase how well they appear to people...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...just by being fit.

Dick: You know what, I had this idea. Tell me what you think about this idea.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a service where you get a fat person who wants to lose weight, right? And you took...you take their bone structure -- whatever, you get an ARTIST to draw them as they would look if they lost like 30 pounds.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Do you think that would be a good motivator? I think it might be...

Maddox: It might be!

Dick: ...but I don't know!

Maddox: Well, I -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I don't underst-...I'm not in the mindset of some-...like, I've never been fat!

Maddox: No, see, I know people, Dick, who...who used to be skinny and then they gained weight, and then they would post pictures of themselves when they were skinny and they would say, "Oh, I wish I still looked like THIS." But that doesn't necessarily motivate them to lose the weight.

Dick: That's true!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, well, my business failed. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Your shit business. Anyway Dick, I've gone on too long. What's, uh, what's your problem?

Dick: Wait! But before we get to my problem, I wanna remind you that today's show is brought to you by Audible! Please visit http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest for your free audiobook download. Maddox, do you know about Audible?

Maddox: Yeah, go...but uh, go ahead and tell 'em anyway.

Dick: Refresh your memory. (smiles)

Maddox: Refresh my memory.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause we...you watched Titanic and your memory of that was pretty shitty. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, you know, uh, I got up to get popcorn a few times, I missed a few details in the movie. No big deal.

Dick: Yeah! (chuckling) Audible has over 150,000 titles to choose from. Every genre, Audible has it covered. Get a free audiobook download when you sign up TODAY. Um, listen whenever and wherever you want, just like the podcast you're listening to right now. I checked it out...I checked out some, uh, some new books they have on there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you know, last one...I brought in some pretty good ones.

Maddox: Yeah, that was pretty great.

Dick: "Milked at Her Uncle's Farm."

Maddox: Yeah, the uh, erotic lactation story was great, yeah. (grinning)

Dick: Yeah! Man, I wish somebody would cut those up and...every time I listen to 'em I get distracted. Like, I try to cut...find some funny quotes from that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, there's a...there's a part in that erotic lactation story where...ah, I don't wanna get into it. Um, "Milked at Her Uncle's Farm," "How Smart is God?" That's a good one. Here's one...here's one that you might like: "Keep Calm - Hypnotherapy for Change." (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: I will not listen to that.

Dick: Go listen to that. (grinning) Uh, "Go the Fuck to Sleep," narrated by Samuel L. Jackson!

Maddox: Yeah, that was a very -

Dick: (interjects) How 'bout that?

Maddox: That was a very popular book, man. That was a New York Times bestseller. It was a parody of a children's book. I pitched a book like that a long time ago to my publisher! They said, "No, it wouldn't sell." Anyway. (Dick laughs)

Dick: What was it called?

Maddox: Uh...I don't remember. I don't remember if I had a title, and even if I did I wouldn't say it on the air 'cause I may still write that book.

Dick: Oh, you may still do it.

Maddox: Yeah, I may still write that book.

Dick: Okay. Yeah, children's books are weird, though. 'Cause don't you have to be, like, an artist a little bit?

Maddox: No, you don't HAVE to be an artist. You can...you can team up with an artist.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Just like they did...like, Samuel L. Jackson didn't write that book, but they thought it was really funny if they would...if he would read it.

Dick: Well, he's just reading it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For the...for Audible.

Maddox: That's a -- yeah, and that is a...that is a pretty funny book. It's a book that a lot of parents get and they kinda snicker and sneer, and they read it and they...they read it to their babies and they realize their babies don't understand, so it's kinda funny.

Dick: Ah, that's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Customers download their choices; you can have access on your PC, you can burn 'em onto CDs, you can upload 'em to your iPod. There you go!

Maddox: Yeah, that is, uh, that is a good book. That's some good stuff on Audible. That's probably a short book, right? A short read?

Dick: "Go the Fuck to Sleep"?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would think so.

Maddox: Yeah. It'd be really relaxing hearing Samuel L. Jackson say that to me as a child, I think.

Dick: Yeah! Maybe.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I don't know.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Check it out. What's, uh, what's the URL?

Dick: Um, http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest.

Maddox: http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest . And guys, it really, really helps support the show, and uh, buying the bonus episodes and all that stuff. So yeah, if you, um...you check that out, you'll be doin' us a...a solid.

Dick: My problem is...superbugs! Superbugs are...um, when a microbe and its progeny acquires a genetic mutation that makes them immune to antibodies, Maddox.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: They're superbugs! They're super-illnesses. Super-bacteria that don't respond to antibodies.

Maddox: Yeah? Where, uh, why...where do these come from? Why is this a problem?

Dick: Well, I'll tell you why it's a problem. There's a lot of reasons. They can come up naturally.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But most of the time, they come up because people are not taking their antibodies all the way through, OR they're taking antibodies when they don't need to be. So you take...you go to the doctor, 'cause you're...you got a sniffle. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he goes, "Whatever, here. Take some antibiotics." So the person goes home, starts crammin' antibodies into themselves. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But they don't have any kind of bacterial infection.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So all the good bacteria in them gets killed, and all the bad ones -- like the weird mutants, the strong ones -- start evolving this immunity to the antibodies.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: The mutations. 'Cause you know, bacteria divide quickly and they...they, like, rapidly evolve.

Maddox: Yeah, they mutate. Right.

Dick: Yeah, they mutate. So, they evolve these...they develop these resistances to the antibodies, then they shoot out of your fluids and get on other people and infect THEM. That person goes to the doctor, they're ACTUALLY sick, they get an antibody; doesn't work!

Maddox: And they have no...they have solution?

Dick: We're running out of solutions! We are...this is...nonono, let me pitch this to you in a way that I know you'll under-...that you'll gravitate to. Okay?

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah, yeah.

Dick: This is an animal in the animal kingdom that we CANNOT kill! (slowly for emphasis)

Maddox: Oh, that's fuckin' cool.

Dick: Ye-... (Maddox laughs) Yeah! This is an animal on the tree of life that human beings once had the power to kill, but NOW, they are outsmarting us! And they...they're killing *us* at an ALARMINGLY increased rate.

Maddox: Yeah, I've uh, I've actually been following this for a long time now. I remember the first time I had a conversation with someone about this. One of the first times was in New York, and I took a little bottle of hand sanitizer out of my pocket and I put it on my hands, and the lady said...this girl says, "You know that doesn't do anything and it's increasing the, uh, the prevalence of superbugs?" And I said, "Okay, well, it's doing SOMETHING, because otherwise it wouldn't increase the prevalence of superbugs now, would it?"

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: "It's killing 99 percent of the bacteria now, isn't it?" She's like, "Yeah, but it's gonna...it's gonna increase...you know, you should just use soap and water and blah blah blah." I'm like, "Hey IDIOT, we're walking in a SUBWAY car."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Like, what are you...where am I gonna get soap and water? I just touched a disgusting pole; everyone on this train is sniffling and sneezing." Yeah okay, maybe! Maybe this is contributing to the problem, and a lot of people are trying to say we shouldn't have antibacterial soaps and antibacterial hand sanitizer, and all these things because they're not effective.

Dick: Well, I used to be like that lady that you're talkin' about, where I thought hand sanitizer was bad. I dunno if it is. Um...so I don't say that anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it's not something that I consider something I believe, you know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But...BUT, but the over-prescription of antibodies -- of antibiotics...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...and people not takin' them all the way through, which is something I ALSO used to do...and still kinda do every once in a while, 'cause I forget.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um...is definitely causing superbug mutation. How 'bout this: currently, superbugs are implicated in 700,000 deaths a year because of their resistance to drugs. By the year 2050, they'll kill an extra 10 MILLION people worldwide.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How 'bout that?

Maddox: Well, I hate to shit on your problem, Dick, but uh, there's an article I linked to a while back...I was trying to find it, but the closest I could find is on NPR. It was an NPR article; it says "Why the 'Nightmare Superbug' Isn't As Scary As It Sounds." [

http://www.npr.org/2015/02/20/387822961/why-the-nightmare-superbug-isnt-as-scary-as-it-sounds]

Dick: What a surprise. NPR. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah!! A NEWS outlet.

Dick: Do you listen to NPR while you're skydiving? (smiles)

Maddox: No!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: No, 'cause it's exciting. I'm just listening to...I listen to my own podcast when I skydive. Um...this uh, this superbug isn't as scary as it was once thought because they just developed a new way of creating...uh, antibodies, I believe?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That are...that CAN overcome these superbugs.

Dick: Oh, that's it?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: That's it!

Dick: So, problem solved? (cracking up)

Maddox: Problem...pretty much. (laughs)

Dick: Thanks, NPR! Thanks, uh...thanks Internet Jesus, NPR! And who's the...who's the speaker of NPR that everyone blows all the time? Who's the main guy on NPR?

Maddox: I don't know, there's a bunch of 'em.

Dick: (excited) Okay, what's one of 'em, Ira Glass? Is that a guy??

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: I don't know, I don't listen to NPR!

Maddox: That's "This American Life."

Dick: Yeah! The... (cackles hysterically)

Maddox: Terry Gross?

Dick: Okay, thanks Ira Glass!! (yelling)

Maddox: I dunno, Terry Gross? There's one.

Dick: Thanks Terry Gross, for bestowing upon us this magical fix for MRSA!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You fuck!

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, well, you know, this uh, this dire prediction...uh, Malthus over here with his dire prediction by 2050 that millions -

Dick: (interjects) 2050, 10 million people?! That's more than cancer!

Maddox: I don't think it's gonna happen!

Dick: IT'S WORSE THAN CANCER!

Maddox: Yeah, that sounds very alarmist!

Dick: Listen. LISTEN.

Maddox: Yeah? (about to laugh)

Dick: Uh...2050, 10 million people? That means by 2085, it'll be 130 million people. I did that math myself. (Maddox giggles) That means by 30-...by the year 3020, that's...that's 2 billion people... (cracking up)

Maddox: Oh. (worn out from laughing)

Dick: ...that will die every year from superbugs! (Maddox laughs more) That's almost everybody! Couple years? By 3030, everyone's dead from superbugs.

Maddox: Dick, this sounds like it's a solution to hunger.

Dick: No no, but this is...look, this is actually a real problem. Um...there you go. MRSA... (cracks up) This is -

Maddox: (interjects) What is MRSA?

Dick: This is...uh, hold on. A doctor said, "This is orders of magnitude bigger than Ebola COULD be." (Maddox laughs loudly) So imagine how...how bad you can imagine Ebola *could* be? That's how bad superbugs...ARE.

Maddox: Yeah, uh... (skeptical)

Dick: You think this is alarmist?

Maddox: Superbu-...so you're saying superbugs are imaginarily bad?

Dick: No, they're as bad as you can imagine Ebola actually being.

Maddox: (laughing) I don't know, man. Uh -

Dick: (interjects) I can imagine it being pretty bad! (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, they DID in that fucking movie. What was it, uh, Hot Zone? Hot Down? It's the Michael Crichton movie. Hot Z-...? It's like...

Dick: Jurassic Park!

Maddox: Congo! The Cong-...no, what is it?

Dick: Oh, Congo?

Maddox: Nonono.

Dick: No, that was about a talking gorilla.

Maddox: They made a movie about Ebola, and it was based on a Michael Crichton book. It was, uh...

Dick: Outbreak!

Maddox: ...Outbreak, yeah! Outbreak.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: That was...they tried to make Ebola as bad as it possibly could be, and even in that fictional fucking movie where they're TRYING to be alarmist, they found a solution to it. You know, there is...there actually -

Dick: (interjects) You're not worried about this at all then?

Maddox: No, I'm not! (Dick laughs)

Dick: WHY??

Maddox: Because of this NPR article I read. (both laugh)

Dick: Oh, man. It's the new Bible! NPR is the new Bible. It tells everybody how to think. NPR and The Daily Show.

Maddox: Look -

Dick: (interjects) I got one...one in the right ear and one in the left ear. How should I think, guys? You tell me. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah, dick...look. (cracks up) And I'm not...I wasn't even calling you your name, I just realized. (both laugh) NPR is just a news outlet; they cover stories from everywhere else. Yeah, it's one of the places I listen to because it's...it's as neutral as it possibly gets. (stammers) You know, sometimes they can skew left and sometimes they can skew right, but generally it's a pretty good news outlet. Anyway, they're just covering studies that come out by UCLA, USC...these are studies that come out, and they found...I believe it's a type of, uh, Petri dish that they tested it in, and they accidentally discovered this drug that kills drug-resistant bacteria. So...and they're predicting, I think by 2018 or somethin' like that, that these...these first drugs that'll start killing drug-resistant bacteria will start hitting the market.

Dick: So it's fixed?

Maddox: (suddenly yells) And by the way, dickhead!

Dick: What?

Maddox: You know why these bacteria become drug-resistant? It's because they grow a tolerance to these drugs! Ohhh! Surprise, surprise! So this whole fuckin' hay fever DOES makes sense, doesn't it, DICKHEAD?

Dick: You're like...you...you just associate outcomes with mechanisms. The mechanisms to get those outcomes. Like, that's...bacteria don't build up a tolerance themselves. They're not like a role-playing game.

Maddox: They mutate! I know, they mutate.

Dick: They mutate. It's their offspring! Their offsprings mutate.

Maddox: Yeah, so?

Dick: You can't...I can't spawn another me that's not allergic to hay fever if I bathe in honey!

Maddox: Yeah, well, nobody's saying "bathe in honey," Dick. I'm just saying, look, if you expose yourself to whatever allergens that you have, over time you will grow tolerant to it. Just like I'm tolerant to your BS! You're just bombarding me with it every day! I'm like, "Oh, that's Dick bein' Dick. Here we go."

Dick: Yeah, okay! Alright. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's my problem.

Maddox: Don't you...don't you think, Dick, don't you think that your body...the efficacy of drugs wears off the more you take them? Like that first hit of heroin is supposed to be amazing, and then after that you can never get it again because you're constantly chasing that dragon? Isn't that true? And same thing with -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, there is...there is...you build up some tolerance to DRUGS, but we're talking about...drinking honey to fight seasonal allergies. I think...I think we woulda figured that out by now. We've had honey for a long fuckin' time, and we've had seasonal allergies for a long fuckin' time. I think -

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, they haven't...they haven't done thorough-enough testing.

Dick: (hesitates) Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So...so...works until proven wrong?

Maddox: No. I'm not saying it works...

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: ...and I'm not saying it doesn't. I'm saying it's *possible* that it works. And I'm not...I'm not discounting the possibility that it's all bullshit. It could be bullshit.

Dick: Okay. MRSA is, uh, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus...whatever. I'm probably not sayin' that right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: First detected in Britain in 1961, it's now COMMON in hospitals. MRSA was responsible for 37 percent of fatal cases of sepsis in the UK in 1999, up from 4 percent in 1991. That doesn't scare you at all?

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's grown 33 percent.

Maddox: Nope! Just like Ebola didn't scare me at all, because guess what? They're...I just read an article right before we went to record this episode...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...that said that they're...they're gonna start the first trials of this Ebola vaccine that they just came out with.

Dick: Yeah, but Ebola was a buncha hype, but this is a real thing that's actually killing people.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (sarcastic)

Dick: MRSA's actually killing people.

Maddox: Yeah, um... (skeptical)

Dick: A lot!

Maddox: (stammers) What is MRSA? Like, what is...what is it?

Dick: It's a...it's a bacteria. It's methi-...methicillin-resistant...bacteria. It's resistant...it's a superbug. It's resistant to antibodies.

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno, man. I mean, there's even studies that they've done where they...they installed copper doorknobs in hospitals.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And it's greatly diminished the amount of bacterial infections, because copper kills bacteria. It has antibacterial properties.

Dick: Eh, seems like somethin' we should be worried about to me. Seems like a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah, uh...I mean, it could POTENTIALLY be a big problem, Dick, if we don't nip it in the bud, but scientists are workin' around the clock to find solutions to the superbugs.

Dick: Thank God NPR is on top of it. (laughs)

Maddox: (annoyed) You're fuckin'...you're SO dismissive of any news source. That's just a fuckin' strawman.

Dick: No, 'cause it's all the same news source! (yelling)

Maddox: Ad hominem -- it's not all the same news source. I cite all sorts...I cite The Telegraph, I cite BBC, I cite NPR; I've even cited FOX News on this show! I cite lots of different news sources.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: New York Times...

Dick: Alright, that's my problem.

Maddox: ...Metro.co.uk, fan favorite! (laughs) Yeah Dick, okay. Superbugs can poten-...here is the...here's the thing, Dick. You wa-

Dick: (interjects) What vi-...what WOULD you be afraid of? Biologically?

Maddox: Biologically?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm not afraid of much. Biologically? Um...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Something like AIDS that had no solution to it, or so-...or no cure to it, but I'm not sure that somethin' like that could potentially even exist because we're on the verge of conquering mortality, I believe.

Dick: GOD!! You are... (Maddox laughs) Your...your faith in our ability and your faith in science's ability to fix problems is astounding to me.

Maddox: Dick -

Dick: (interjects) You have an overwhelming abundance of faith in our ability to solve problems, and I have ZERO.

Maddox: I know! I know. Dick, what is life? (Dick bursts out laughing) You...

Dick: WHAT?!?

Maddox: If you wanted to quantify life; if you wanted to describe what is...what is the difference between an animate and an inanimate object, right? We're all carbon atoms, we're a whole buncha molecules bumpin' around...there's no evidence for a SOUL, right? There's no evidence for any of this stuff. This is just theory! It's human theory that we are alive! What does it mean to be alive?? We're just matter that happens to act in a weird way when we react with energy! Energy comes into our systems, we convert it to something else and we poop it out, and we go around and we build video games and...and houses and toys and things, but what are we? What ARE we? What are we doing?? We're just matter that's trying to make more matter, and we're using other matter to do it.

Dick: Lemme ask you somethin'.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Are you on drugs? (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: No, I've never used drugs.

Dick: (laughing) What the fuck are you TALKING about? What does this have to do with solving these horrible diseases that you have...that you're...that don't faze you at all?

Maddox: Because Dick, I'm not even sure what it even means to be alive. (Dick laughs hysterically) Like, what does it...?

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah, we're gett-...I know we're gettin' some -

Dick: (interjects) That's gettin' real weird!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, it's because of this, uh, this last episode that we did. The...the bonus episode.

Dick: (laughing) The Oc-...

Maddox: The O-...yeah.

Dick: The Oculus Rift?

Maddox: When I was talkin' about the Oculus Rift, and I thought...I kept thinking about what the experience of being alive means. Like, can it be completely simulated? I think it CAN be. And we don't know for a fact if we're ali-...we don't know anything! We don't know if we're alive, we don't know anything. Right?

Dick: Dude, you got...I've been thinking about the bonus episode all weekend. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You got REAL weird with that stupid Oculus Rift thing. (Maddox laughs) Like, that is...that's my favorite bonus episode so far.

Maddox: Yeah, it's uh, it's pretty great, and I know it sounds like we're shilling for it but it was...I have been thinking about it nonstop as well.

Dick: No one was thinking about it until you said that.

Maddox: Yeah. Well... (laughs loudly) Okay, well, whatever. Anyway.

Dick: Well, your reaction to the Oculus Rift is still astounding to me.

Maddox: Why? Why is that?

Dick: Because I've never seen anyone -- so, I talked to the guy's...Oculus Rift who you borrowed?

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: (excited) And he couldn't believe...he said you were acting like that right after you experienced it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he couldn't believe it, 'cause he OWNS the thing and he's like, "It's alright."

Maddox: Yeah! Everyone's a fucking idiot except for me! That's why I keep saying I'm the smartest person I know! (Dick laughs) (yells) 'Cause nobody sees the potential here! This is new technology that is going revolutionize everything. Look, I'm not... (stammers) I'm sounding like the bonus episode.

Dick: I think we see the...I think we see the POTENTIAL, but my...the potential I see in it is limited by how much I believe people are able to execute things. You know what I'm saying? You think scientists can just... (Maddox sighs in frustration) ...solve everything, and everything works perfectly and we'll be amazing and this vision you have for the Oculus Rift will be realized very quickly! And I think it's just a stupid TOY, and that it's

gonna be fucked with and tinkered with a little bit. And I might use...like, someone like me might use it, like...I dunno, an hour a week, a half-hour a week until I get bored with it.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick, that's the difference between you and visionaries. (Dick bursts out laughing) People...people who don't have the foresight to see the potential for technology. That's the problem! Look, back to your problem, right?

Dick: Yeah, superbugs.

Maddox: You're saying that superbugs are a problem.

Dick: Big problem.

Maddox: You think it's a big problem? You don't think humans can overcome superbugs? We've overcome WAY bigger problems than that, my friend. Look at our lifespan, how much it's increased in just under a century. Like a century ago, look how much our lifespans have grown!

Dick: How much has it increased?

Maddox: By 30...about 30 years!

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: What, we were only livin' 'til 50 back in the...turn of the century?

Maddox: Turn of the century, I believe the mortality rate was, uh...yeah, around...around 50! A lot of things were ki-

Dick: (interjects) 50 years old?? Really?

Maddox: Well, lemme check here.

Dick: Don't you dare look it up, you motherfucker! (Maddox laughs) You ALWAYS...you should not be allowed to have Internet on this show!

Maddox: Why not?

Dick: (raises voice) 'Cause I wanna hear what you actually think! I don't care what GOOGLE thinks about how old we lived. Why do you think it was 50?

Maddox: (stammers) Because it was...it was lower! I don't know exactly what it is. I just sound uninformed if I don't look it up, but yeah! It's...it was a lot lower in the 1700s, in the 1600s...in just over a couple of centuries, we've gone from our mortality rate being around the age 30 -- our life expectancy, rather. We've more than doubled our life expectancy, Dick! What makes you think that it's ever going to hit an upper limit? (Dick scoffs) Again -- and then I come back to this philosophical argument, what is cognizance? What is life? Do we need our bodies??

Dick: (laughing) But why do you come back to that weird argument??

Maddox: Because I don't think that mortality is a thing we can't overcome! I think morta-...like, we can be immortal! There's no reason why we CAN'T!

Dick: Do you have a...do you have a contingency plan for your website if something were to happen to you?

Maddox: What do you mean?

Dick: "What do you mean?"?! What's gonna happen with...what's gonna happen to make sure your website stays up after you're gone??

Maddox: Oh, I imagine some wealthy benefactor will...will continue hosting it, and pay for the... (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah, but HOW? How?? They gotta have the ability to...to fund this account!

Maddox: Well, the hosting itself, uh, through all the different we-...yeah, it's like 7-...like 500-600 bucks a month, yeah.

Dick: I'm just sayin'!

Maddox: I'll make sure...I'll make sure my website runs, buddy. Don't worry about that.

Dick: Well, that's my problem. You wanna do some more voicemails?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Whoa, Maddox. So did I just hear you correctly, and you said that...porn is honest?

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: Dude, do you know how many injections into their cocks, like, every single male porn actor has, or how many...

Maddox: What?! (Dick laughs)

Dick: I don't know!

Voicemail: ...you know, plastic surgeries, or...you know, fake gallons of semen dumped over them every female porn actor has?

Maddox: No, I actually don't!

Dick: Is that true??

Maddox: Sometimes.

Voicemail: If you wanna talk about honesty...

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: ...you know, when you say that porn is honest and, you know, shitty romance movies like Titanic aren't?

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: And it is kind of a shitty movie. I will agree with you.

Maddox: (chuckles) Well, I wouldn't know, I haven't s-...I mean, I HAVE seen it. (cracks up) (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: But there's...there's no difference there. They're both lies! They're both lies told by commercials, and so...go fuck yourself, Maddox. Dick, you're pretty awesome. Bye.

[**message ends**]

Dick: Awww.

Maddox: Wooow! (sarcastic) Well, well, well.

Dick: Injections into their cock? I didn't know about that.

Maddox: Look man, just because you have augmentation doesn't mean you're dishonest. Just because you comb your hair so it doesn't look like the exact same way that you woke up, doesn't mean you're dishonest, ya moron. And by the way, it depends on the type of porn! You can watch fake porn and you can watch real porn, and the majority of porn I believe is real! The ones that I watch! I watch, uh...I watch a lot of, like, amateur stuff.

Dick: Oh, yeah, okay. Amateur stuff?

Maddox: Yeah! It's all real st-...it's just...yeah. Just couples, like, doin' their thing in the bedroom. Whatever.

Dick: Um, this dude wrote in about our...our outfits for the live show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He says, "Hey Dick, did you and Maddox steal your costumes from the set of this classic film I was watching the other day?"

Maddox: Oh, boy. (muttering) (Dick laughs)

Dick: So, he sends this...this picture in. [shows Maddox]

Maddox: Okay, waaaaai-...what movie is that?

Dick: Um, I want you to look at...I want you to look at this picture -- Sean, I want you to look at this picture too -- and tell me if anything jumps out at you. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: I'm lookin' at a picture of a guy putting a crown in...it looks like a hallway, and he's wearing a red... (cracks up) ...a red jacket with blue trim and some gold...

Dick: Uh-huh. (smiling)

Maddox: ...gold stuff on it.

Dick: Just like...just like our outfits on the show.

Maddox: (talking over Dick) Oh, and he's gettin' a blowjob!!

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Is he gettin' a blowjob? (Dick laughs loudly)

Dick: Yeah!! (Maddox laughs) Yeah! Classic film. That's...and a big old "Brazzers" on the corner. "Brazzers."

Maddox: Oh, Brazzers, yeah. Brazzers is a porn site, right?

Dick: Uh, yeah, a big one.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: So, I said, uh...I said, "Hey, what's this movie? I wanna go...I wanna go look at it." Right? To see what they're doing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just this guy so far. So he goes, "Well, it's...it's called 'Tour of London: Part 2.' I believe it's directed by Christopher Nolan. I found the film to be pretentious and heavy-handed in its central theme, but relatively easy to masturbate to." (Maddox and Sean laugh) "It certainly deserved Best Picture more than Birdman." (smiles) And there's more!

Maddox: Great. (chuckling)

Dick: "When I first heard that Madison Ivy was playing herself in a semi-autobiographical picture detailing her time in the United Kingdom, I confess I expected this movie would be an exercise in narcissism. How wrong I was. Unlike so many of this year's Academy nominees, 'Tour of London: Part 2' treats us to much more than self-absorbed navel-gazing, taking special care to also include closeups of breasts and vaginas."

Maddox: Whoa!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I didn't, uh, I wasn't expecting that!

Dick: No. (amused) "The casting is spot-on, and although co-star Danny D's performance could be described as stiff and wooden, he..." (both laugh) "...he also performs all of his own stunts, even during some of the film's most intense action scenes." Uh, "At the story's conclusion, you will be utterly convinced by his portrayal of a hard man thrust into circumstances beyond his control." (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: (laughing) "If you hang on until the very end, you'll discover that he even has a softer side." (Sean and Maddox laugh) There you go. Which turns out to be his penis.

Maddox: Yeah, alotta people, uh, shittin' on our costumes, but uh...

Dick: But this guy had this at the ready!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, he had seen the costume before in a porno that he had a detailed opinion about. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. And a porno of a guy gettin' laid.

Dick: Wait, what? (giggling)

Maddox: Yeah, the guy wearing that jacket in the porno's gettin' laid!

Dick: Oh, I see what you're saying.

Maddox: Yeah! It's pretty fuckin' cool!

Dick: Okay. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Dick, on that live show you look like such a douchebag with long hair. (Maddox laughs)**What happened to the cool buzzcut, aviators and mustache like when you were on Dr. Phil? I mean, you still look like an asshole,** (Maddox laughs more) **but like the asshole friend that you hang out with and you just don't know exactly why. Anyway, go fuck yourself.**

[**message ends**]

Dick: (Maddox still laughing) Lotta...lotta commentary on how I look!

Maddox: Yeah, man! Uh...people tearin' you up!

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: Unrealistic standards of beauty!

Dick: Yeah! I...I should feel bad. I should feel worse. Um, let's see... [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddox, if you don't like watching fuckin' Titanic, how 'bout you quit bringing in shitty-ass fuckin' problems? (Dick laughs)

[**message ends**]

Maddox: You idiot. You know, man, it's not that I'm bringing in shitty problems. Yeah, some problems are going to be smaller than others, ya...ya fuck! Uh, of course Bathroom Attendants is going to be a smaller problem than, say, AIDS or Type 2 Diabetes or Militarized Police, but this is a show where we rank all the problems and we cannot say with certainty that we know the biggest problem in the universe until EVERY single problem is enumerated on that list!!

Dick: Sure! That's true.

Maddox: So sometimes I'm gonna bring in a problem that I know is gonna get lesser votes! It's gonna get less votes than, uh, than whatever's...uh, whatever else is there that week. At some point I'll probably bring in ants! Ants are a problem, but they're probably not as big of a problem as...I dunno, anything else on our list.

Dick: I don't know! It depends how you pitch it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, maybe.

Dick: Alright, what are your problems for this week?

Maddox: My problem this week was Fit Shaming. And, uh, what was yours?

Dick: My problem was Superbugs.

Maddox: Alright, that's it for this episode, guys. **(closing riff starts)** Thanks for listening. Don't forget to check out Audible. Thanks for supporting the show, and our bonus episode is out. Vote on the live episode as well!

Dick: Thanks for listening.

(closing riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, this is Ian in Santa Clarita. I'm calling, um, to make a...to say some things in defense of sleep, 'cause you guys were both in agreement...

Maddox: Oh boy. (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: ...that, you know, sleep was the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: No, we didn't.

Maddox: No, people who love to sleep too much.

Voicemail: Um, Maddox, you said that people don't do anything while they're sleeping...

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: ...and that nobody has cool adventures while they're asleep.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Voicemail: But I wanted say, um, there's...you probably heard of it, but for those who don't, there's something called lucid dreaming.

Maddox: Oh, I hate lucid dreaming!!

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: It's this really neat thing where it takes practice and dedication...

Dick: Why?

Maddox: I'll tell you.

Voicemail: ...and it basically allows you to control your dreams. You can go on all kinds of crazy adventures all inside your head, and it's totally a thing that people do.

Maddox: This fuckin' nerd. (muttering)

Voicemail: People get a lot of enjoyment out of it... (Maddox imitates a whiny tone) **...and use that inspiration to contribute. So, anyway. Thanks for hearing me out. Um...**

Maddox: He's so polite! (both laugh)

Voicemail: ...Dick, go fuck yourself.

[**message ends**]

Dick: Ohhh. (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: He's so polite until he says "fuck." Um, lucid dreaming is a piece of SHIT. I started writing an article a long time ago -- I actually finished it, but I didn't think it was up to standard so I didn't publish it. But it's all about how much I hate lucid dreaming.

Dick: Why??

Maddox: I'm...'cause I'm really good at it! I can lucid dream all I want all the time, but guess what?

Dick: WHAT?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Wait a minute, what??

Maddox: Yes!!

Dick: What...how?

Maddox: Lucid dreaming is garbage. I -

Dick: (interjects) Is -- wait a minute. You can do this all the time?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: The thing where you fall asleep and you control all aspects of your dream?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: You can do that all the time??

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: And you are excited about the Oculus Rift WHY? Isn't that the same thing?

Maddox: Absolutely not! Because lucid dreaming, you're just jerkin' yourself off. You're daydreaming! There's no difference! Lucid dreaming, I'm...I'm conscious of my dream state when I'm in a dream, and I intentionally try to forget that I'm awake and conscious so I can see where my mind goes on its OWN. If I wa-...if I'm controlling my mind in my sleep, what's the difference between being awake?? I'm just daydreaming then! It's a big fuckin' jerkoff. Everyone thinks lucid dreaming's so fuckin' fancy and fun, like Inception - "Ooo, I can fly!" (stupid voice) Guess what? I'm fuckin' flyin' right now! I'm imagining myself flying through the air. Woohoo, big fuckin' deal! It's a big jerkoff.

Dick: You can do this while you're sleeping?!

Maddox: Yes!!

Dick: You have this ability to be aware of your dream state and control it?

Maddox: Yes, I hate it! I hate it. I INTENTIONALLY try to not lucid dream! I don't wanna do it!

Dick: You know that that's... (stammers) At least *I* think that that's extremely rare! People can't do that, right?

Maddox: I mean, people train themselves to lucid dream. There's, uh -

Dick: (interjects) Did you??

Maddox: No, I didn't. There's audio tapes that you can take, uh...when I first started realizing that there was a name for lucid dreaming -- I didn't know what it was -- I looked

into it and I found that there are people who take audio...who listen to audio tapes as they're falling asleep that give them, uh, audio cues to remind them that they're dreaming or that they're asleep...

Dick: Whoooa!

Maddox: ...about when REM sleep occurs. So there are people who train themselves to start lucid dreaming, but lucid dreaming isn't a solution to anything! You're just inside your...you're trapped inside your own mind. It's far more interesting to me to see where the random places your mind takes you while you're sleeping, the associations you wouldn't think to make on your own when your mind does that while you're sleeping. That's -

Dick: (interjects) So you're saying, when you're asleep...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...you are just sitting in an empty white room like the Matrix, being aware that you're sleeping?

Maddox: No no, I have dreams, and usually during those dreams at some point I realize that I'm dreaming, and I tell myself to ignore it and I just continue dreaming, yeah!

Dick: Whoa!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's not weird?

Maddox: It's not as interesting as it sounds. It's really not.

Dick: Well, what this guy's saying...it sounds interesting, 'cause you can make...you can, like, do cool stuff.

Maddox: Yeah, but you -

Dick: (interjects) Probably bang hot chicks!

Maddox: Well, sure, but you can't...like, if you want to imagine a monster or a creature or something, some experience that you haven't experienced yet, it's entirely up to you to imagine and...and it's only as real as your real-life experiences have allowed it. Like, if you're trying...like a blind person! Trying to explain to a blind person what a texture looks like, or a color looks like? If you're trying to imagine something you've never seen before, it's REALLY difficult. It's really difficult. I'm not even sure it's possible!

Dick: Why would I try to imagine something I hadn't seen before?

Maddox: Exactly! Why lucid dream?

Dick: Well, 'cause lucid dre-...like, I could pretend that I'm flying around. That sounds cool.

Maddox: Well, you can do that now! I'm doin' that right fuckin' now, what's the difference?

Dick: Yeah, but when you're in a dream you actually FEEL it.

Maddox: Eh...

Dick: Like you're feeling the feeling of flying around.

Maddox: Yeah... (skeptical)

Dick: Or being, like, in space and going like, "wheeee..."

Maddox: I get...yeah, I'm over it. I get butterflies in my stomach every now and then, but whatever.

Dick: Oh, man!!

Maddox: Lucid dreaming is boring! Biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: I'm gonna bring that in, lucid dreaming.

Dick: Okay! Uh, here's another one. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (female caller): I just wanted to inform you that the National Sleep Foundation (both chuckle) **recently conducted a study that recommended 7 to 9 hours of sleep for young adults, and stated 10 to 11 hours may be appropriate.**

Maddox: Yeah. (wearily) Great.

Voicemail: This study was released in 2015, was conducted over a period of 2 years... (brief pause) (both laugh loudly) **...and consisted of a panel of lead experts. I don't know where you got your crooked information for this episode...**

Dick: Yeah. (laughs more)

Maddox: "Crooked"? (incredulous)

Dick: You crook!

Voicemail: ...but I PROMISE, if you just type "sleep" into Google, the FIRST thing you'll get -

Dick: I did it. She's right.

Voicemail: - is the National Sleep Foundation.

[**message ends**]

Dick: Well, it was the second. Wikipedia's first.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, uh, she broke her promise then, didn't she?

Dick: Where'd you get that crooked information, Maddox, you crook? (about to laugh)

Maddox: It was from, uh, I believe, a... (sighs) Oh shit, I don't know. I linked to...

Dick: I'm sure it's right.

Maddox: I linked to it last time? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: It's legit, yeah. No, um, there's another study that just came out that said more than 10 hours increases your...I JUST read this the other day after that sleep, uh, that sleep episode! It said it increases your chance of, I think, uh, morbidity, or...uh, diabetes or

something by 40 percent if you sleep too much! Yeah, it's...I mean, it makes sense! It all correlates to the type of lifestyle that...that, uh, affords you hours and hours to sleep.

Dick: Sure! [**plays last voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (snickering) **Hey, this message is for Dick.**

Dick: Laughin' already. (Maddox chuckles)

Voicemail: Uh, I saw the live podcast show, and uh...you know, I used to have hair a lot like yours.

Dick: Oh!

Voicemail: And for one, it doesn't look like pubes. Pubes are tight, and...you know, they kinda look like a 'fro and have those springy hairs on occasion. Yours are...

Dick: He's describing PUBES to us.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, thanks, buddy. (Dick giggles hysterically)

Voicemail: ...loose and fluffy. Uh, Italian. That whole rock band kinda deal.

Maddox: Yeah. (surly)

Dick: Yeah! (amused)

Voicemail: Uh, but I will say...your hairline! That's your problem.

Dick: OH. (annoyed) (Maddox laughs)

Voicemail: It doesn't compliment...uh, your hair doesn't compliment your hairline very well. Uh, so when I cut my hair it looked way cooler, and then I had some chick perm it, (Maddox sighs exasperatedly) **and so, like, because of the curl...**

Maddox: (yells) We're talkin' about HAIR on this fuckin' show?!? (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: ...and the straightening agent, it -

Maddox: Get this...cut this voicemail!! [**message cuts off**] I'm not talkin' about fuckin' hair!

Dick: Alright! (laughing)

Maddox: Cancel this fuckin'...

Dick: See ya next week.

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy! What's up, buddy!?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello.

Maddox: Ohhh, boy. I am glad to be back, Dick. I was in Utah this week.

Dick: Ohohooo.

Maddox: Yeah. And I was bitching about it before the show and you said, "You know what? Why don't you bring it in as a problem?" and I think will next week, 'cause I already got my problems this weeks.

Dick: Well, because it's a weird wonderland. Like, everything that you describe about Utah is just weird and bizarre and you can't imagine people living in such an environment.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Let alone thriving in it. This is their paradise. This is the paradise that they built for them…it actually makes me question my libertarian ideals. (Maddox and Sean laugh) That these assholes are in this state all on their own, inventing this awful utopia for themselves. I'm like…this…they shouldn't be allowed to do this.

Maddox: Dick, it's a dystopia. I…to be clear. It's definitely a dystopia. You know that world that I painted? That magical world about the Oculus Rift during the bonus episode? Utah is kind of like that, where on the surface everything looks cool and looks great but then underlying is just depression and suicide. Um, anyway, Dick. We also dropped our Live Episode #2 last week and the comments were overall, I would say, a little bit more positive.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Uh, not that I give a shit, 'cause it's fucking awesome and I don't give a shit what you guys think.

Dick: I give a shit.

Maddox: Yeah. About the comments?

Dick: Yeah. (grins) I care what people think about me.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (laughs)

Dick: I'm not one of these enlightened individuals who doesn't care. I actually care.

Maddox: I got a comment from **Victor Risobreria**. He says, **"What the fuck is this shit? Unsubscrive."** (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: With a v?

Maddox: With a v, yeah. (Dick laughs) Idiot.

Dick: Okay. (grins)

Maddox: Alright, see ya, moron. If you can't spell unsubscribe, do it. Um, go ahead and unsubscribe. I also got a comment…this is from the live episode. It's…**Lyle Chipperson.** He says, **"I say the biggest problem is Faggox's erectile dysfunction."**

Dick: Is that you or me?

Maddox: Who do you think Faggox is?

Dick: Oh, that's you.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Why do you have erectile dysfunction? Why does he think you have erectile dysfunction?

Maddox: I don't know. I don't know. I don't think he's ever seen me erect. Uh, his mom definitely. (Dick giggles) Um, and then…(giggles) from last…well, you got a comment.

Dick: Yeah, I have one from the live show, yeah. Uh, **TPH7NS4**. I don't know what that stands for. Might be the guy's license plate. Uh, **"So why doesn't Dick get his own awesome throne?" KunalS3** goes, **"Because he's an asswipe."** (Maddox laughs) Pretty good.

Maddox: Yeah. Take that, Dick. Asswipe.

Dick: Did you have another one?

Maddox: Yeah. This one…

Dick: From the live show?

Maddox: This one's not from the live show.

Dick: Well, let's focus on the live show first, 'cause we gotta say…the next one's coming out, which I'm really excited about, because I loved our guest.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: On that one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…Ela Darling?

Maddox: Ela Darling. She's a porn star. I loved all our guests, but this one…this one…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, I really loved Ela.

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Here we go. Here we go. And you guys can see the uncomfortable flirting. If we didn't cut it out. We'll see. You know…(stammers)

Dick: It better not get cut, man. (grins)

Maddox: It's out by the time that this podcast is out, so, uh, you know. Watch it. Leave some comments. Or don't.

Dick: I'm gonna play that clip at my high school reunion. It's gonna be, "Look at this! Look at this flirting that's going on with me and this porn star! Awesome."

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: Uh, she's also…she's involved in making porn for the Oculus Rift.

Maddox: Oculus Rift, yeah.

Dick: Spoiler.

Maddox: Yeah. By the way, the HTC Vive has come out now. They're talking about that tech demo that just came out and people are saying the HTC Vive is next level. They're saying it's…they have laser sensors that you put on the wall that scan your body so that… you know the problem I said with the Oculus Rift is that your limbs aren't in the game?

Dick: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Maddox: This solves that problem and you're in the game. This is gonna be some next-level shit. I can't wait.

Dick: Oh, yeah. I hope it works as well as, uh…Siri does at voice recognition and, uh, the Kinect does at body-limb recognition, right?

Maddox: Well, yeah.

Dick: What other horseshit techno…the Power Glove? Remember that?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: What a revolution that was for video games playing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I can't wait to see this laser technology in action. (sarcastic)

Maddox: You know, Dick, you shit on pioneers…these pioneers of industry making new technology. The first fucking cell phones looked like bricks. They were like the Zack Morris phone in Saved By The Bell, but now look at 'em!

Dick: They were worse. My dad had one. He was a stockbroker, and it, like, filled up…it'd fill up the trunk of his car.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When he would make calls…he could only call, like a couple people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause only a couple people had them. But it…(unintelligible) Let's not get off into the weeds. What are you doing? Are you drawing pictures again?

Maddox: No, no. Don't worry about it.

Dick: Yeah. You're drawing pictures again over there.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Who…what about the problems from last week?

Maddox: The problems last week, Dick. So, the number one problem from last week was Student Loans…

Dick: Well.

Maddox: From…what?

Dick: Yeah! That's good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's to be expected.

Maddox: Well, it doesn't count.

Dick: It's a huge problem.

Maddox: Yeah, but it doesn't count.

Dick: No, I agree.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright, good.

Dick: Why don't you think it counts?

Maddox: Because it was…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, I'm sorry. What doesn't it count in, Maddox?

Maddox: It doesn't count for the number one problem.

Dick: What do you mean it doesn't count?

Maddox: It was from the…from the live show, so that doesn't count. The actual…the actual.

Dick: It doesn't count as a win.

Maddox: No…

Dick: Is that what you would say?

Maddox: It's not a win. It's not a win.

Dick: But what doesn't it count in, then? 'Cause it's on a list. It's on the top of a list. What do you mean, it doesn't count?

Maddox: The most number of votes. It didn't count as the most number of votes.

Dick: Oh, okay. Okay. (grins) I'm sorry, I almost misunderstood you.

Maddox: Yeah. So the real…so the real TOP…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Top ranking problem last week was Fit Shaming.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Congratulations.

Maddox: Thanks!

Dick: Congratulations. (grins)

Maddox: Thank you. Yeah.

Dick: On what? I don't know.

Maddox: I…(stammers) I don't know what you're congratulating me for.

Dick: Not a win.

Maddox: Not a win.

Dick: Right? Not a win.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Just congratulations.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, too bad. Too bad, you know, too bad that Student Loans doesn't count in that because it was during the live episode. Then, Superbugs and Hotdog Truthers.

Dick: There's one more.

Maddox: Yeah, sorry. (sighs) Sorry, Dick. Oh, and the last one was People Who Complain About What Others Are Doing on Social Media. People didn't think that was a problem at all.

Dick: Yeah, that was…well, it's kinda convoluted, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's like you're complaining about what people are complaining about who are complaining about people on social media.

Maddox: I guess. I mean, I don't…that's something I do all the time. I love complaining about what others are doing. Um, Dick, I got a comment about the Superbugs problem.

Dick: Oh, God. Is it my antibiotics/antibody fuckup?

Maddox: No, although that was hilarious. This one's from **Ryan Okingus.** And he said, **"Here's a kicker for Dick. Manuka honey may be used in killing MRSA."** Remember you said the problem was superbugs and you kept mentioning this methicillin-resistant staphylococcus?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? There's a study he linked to on http://www.pubmed.gov. It says, **"Manuka honey inhibits cell division in methicillin-resistant staphylococcus."** So…you were not only saying honey doesn't do anything, but now they're saying honey may actually be a cure to superbugs. And the results of the study say, **"Statistically significant increased**

number of cells containing Septa and increased cell diameter were found in MRSA exposed to 5%, 10%, or 20% Manuka honey, but not 10% artificial honey without methylglyoxal."

Dick: Alright, well, I'm not eating honey.

Maddox: Oho.

Dick: To cure hay fever. If I get MRSA, I'll start eating honey.

Maddox: Good.

Dick: But I'm not eating it to cure my hay fever.

Maddox: You can just sit there and sneeze, like a little bitch. Um…anyway.

Dick: Hold on.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey Dick. Antibiotics. (Maddox and Sean laugh) **Antibiotics. Anti…biotics.** (**Dick:** I really upset some people with that.)**Antibiotics are drugs used to kill bacteria.** (**Dick:** Okay.) **Antibodies are what your body makes, specifically, what your immune system makes, in response to invasion.")**

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Huh.

(Voice mail continues: (whispers) "Go fuck yourself.")

Dick: Ahhh.

Maddox: (laughing) He snuck that in. (Dick giggles)

Dick: I think…I think that I did know that. I didn't say it right, obviously. I apologize if anyone was caused duress by my mistake, but it's clearly…I was wrong.

(Sound clip: Dick: "You know what? Maybe I am a fuckin' idiot.") (Maddox laughs)

Dick: You know that that was taken out of context, by the way? (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: It sounds like it.

Dick: That was…yeah, that was me imitating a woman being interviewed by a news reporter.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So, much like your facts, it was taken out of context. Um, so…yeah. It sounds like…and the other one sounds like it was spliced from different audio clips, too. This one here.

(Sound clip: Dick: "Maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I am.")

Dick: That was the same thing.

Maddox: That was the same thing?

Dick: Yeah, that was me imitating someone being interviewed by the news.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Dick: I would never say that by myself. Uh…I got some more voice mails here.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "This is a message for the Fan Versus Fan segment. I'd like to respond to that stupid son of a bitch who said that… (Maddox giggles) **the listeners of this podcast are, in fact, themselves the biggest problems in the universe and some of the worst human beings ever. That guy's a fucking cocksucker!!** (Dick guffaws) **I hope he gets skin cancer and dies!!!"** (Maddox laughs)

Dick: So, you know. Point, counterpoint. There you go.

Maddox: Was that a response to one of the comments, or something we said?

Dick: No, a guy called in with a voice mail saying that the fans of the show are the biggest problem.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah. That was hilarious.

Dick: He was saying that they were violent people. And they're bad people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So that guy called in with a response.

Maddox: Well, uh, you shut him up by calling him a cocksucker and hoping that he dies. That's pretty funny.

Dick: Yeah. Uh…

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Uh, hi. I'm just calling in to say that Dick is just a giant fucking asshole. Like, all of his problems suck. (Maddox laughs) **He's not good at defending any of his problems, and I think Maddox has the best problems in the universe. All Dick does is has stupid fucking gimmicks that have people vote up his problems.** (**Dick:** Gimmicks!? (incredulous) **Maddox:** Gimmicks!!!) **Fuck you and your Titanic, Dick.** (**Maddox:** Yeah.) **And, by the way. Fuck you, Dick.")** (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Hey, that sounded like a compliment, though. He said, "Fuck you and your titanic dick."

Dick: Oh, yeah, that's true!

Maddox: No, no. Sean!!! No!!

Dick: That's true, Sean, good point!

Maddox: No, Sean. That's cheating! That doesn't count. We're comma splicing, here. Look. That guy made a point. The guy made a good point. Lot of gimmicks. People vote up your problems sometimes 'cause of the gimmicks.

Dick: Yeah, hey. Speaking of gimmicks. **Trarck Dev** says, **"Dick, how about bringing in Maddox is too much of a pussy to watch Titanic as a problem?"**

Maddox: Too much of a pussy? (incredulous)

Dick: "It was pathetic enough he caved in and promised to watch it, but now he won't keep his word."

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, my….

Dick: What do you…'cause you did say you watched it. I don't know conclusively that you did or didn't.

Maddox: Oh, I definitely…I definitely watched it, guys! You fucking idiots! Of course I didn't watch it, you morons! That was a lie, just to…I'm gonna lie my way out of this bit. Take that, you idiots!

Dick: That's not…that's very uncharacteristic of you, though. (Maddox laughs) To lie.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what?

Dick: And you're not good at it. You got caught immediately.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't care. Whatever. And you…you gave me the most softball questions, too. To prove that I watched the Titanic. (laughing)

Dick: "On a show discussing serious problems, we can't have the main host be a pussy liar." I don't know, man. That's what this guy's saying. Bring it in.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. Okay guys. You know…this is…this is self preservation. That's what that was.

Dick: What is?!

Maddox: I did what I had to do to preserve myself. My dignity. My honor.

Dick: Wait, how did…by what?

Maddox: By lying about seeing the Titanic. I'm never gonna watch the Titanic. Never! I will never fucking watch it! I will take that to my grave.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I have had…I have had girls who wouldn't put out 'cause I wouldn't watch Titanic. It's like, "See ya, hottie!" I don't give a shit!

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Yeah. What?

Dick: I would never do that.

Maddox: You would never put out?

Dick: No, I'll watch whatever.

Maddox: You'll…yeah. See?? That's the difference.

Dick: You can just think about other shit while it's on TV.

Maddox: I just won…I won't watch it, man. It's just…because I made a promise.

Dick: Wait, wait. Can you stop drawing pictures? (Maddox laughs) Like, you're clearly not paying attention to what I'm talking about.

Maddox: No, no. I am. I am.

Dick: You're totally not! You're drawing pictures!

Maddox: It's a real sloppy vampire I just drew.

Dick: Alright. Uh, **Handy Andy Pandy** says, **"Dick, what you mentioned already exists."** Remember that fat…fat Photoshopping idea that I had?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you Photoshop fat people skinny to, like, give them inspiration?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: It already exists on Reddit. It's called Fatsoshop.

Maddox: Really?!?! (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I brought in some pictures of it, too. You wanna see 'em?

Maddox: Yeah. Let's see it.

Dick: So, alright. Here is a fat girl that was Photoshopped to be skinny.

Maddox: Okay, so. I'm looking at this picture of this…wow, she looks really…

Dick: Like a sequined walrus on the left. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Ookay. (chuckles)

Dick: She's wear…Sean, look. Tell me that's not accurate. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: That's a sequined walrus.

Maddox: She's wearing…she's wearing, like, a party dress. Like a going out party dress. I don't know why…it's, like, a daytime photo.

Dick: It's like a sparkly mermaid has fucked a walrus, there.

Maddox: Oookay, Dick. (chuckles) I'm sure that's how she likes to be described. And then, uh…the Photoshopped version of her, she's really skinny looking and kinda svelte and uh…she looks like she has normal body proportions. Yeah.

Dick: Do you think that would be inspirational?

Maddox: Not to me…

Dick: If you were that woman?

Maddox: I don't know, man. I mean, inspirational or…

Dick: 'Cause that one's hot.

Maddox: I guess, but if someone did that...

Dick: You guess?!

Maddox: Well, yeah. But if this woman asked the person to Photoshop her body, fine, sure. But if someone did that and just came over and said, "Hey, look. Look at what I made. You could look like this." I'd say, "Fuck you. Don't worry about it."

Dick: How about this one? Look at that.

Maddox: Dick's showing a picture of a girl. She says, "Fat is the new black." She's wearing…

Dick: (interjects) And she is fat.

Maddox: Yeah. She's…yeah, she's pretty curvy. She's curvy plus. I would say that she's just a little bit over-curvy. Um, and then the skinny one…yeah, she has this thigh gap, which I think is ridiculous.

Dick: Oh, so you don't think that's hot?

Maddox: No, she's hot.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Alright, I got one more.

Maddox: Expect something…some kind of scam coming.

Dick: No, no. It's not a scam. (grins)

Maddox: Oh no?

Dick: How about that?

Maddox: Okay…(cracks up) This is a picture of a fat cat laying down.

Dick: Cat.

Maddox: And then a skinny cat next to it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I guess you're right. I don't think that cat would lose weight.

Maddox: No, I don't think so. Alright, Dick. You got any more voice mails, or should we get to the problems?

Dick: Uh…I got some…yeah, I got one more voice mail I'm gonna play.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey, what's up guys? This is Erik calling from Sweden. First of all, I'd like to congratulate Maddox on being able to become an extreme athlete finally after all these years. You know, I hope you stay with us a little bit longer until you go onto your virtual boy masturbation world. (Dick and Maddox crack up) **Secondly, I would like to bring in a problem. This is a big one. Uncomfortable**

underwear. I mean, when your entire body's at peace, but for some reason you have to keep scratching your ass or scratching your crotch…I mean, it's ridiculous. And also, this can get you into big problems as well, like, if you hang around playgrounds a lot, all of a sudden you're being raped in prison for being a sex offender. (**Dick:** What?!) **And people like Maddox are looking around for…. (unintelligible) Anyway, that's my problem. Dick, why don't you go…hug yourself. Because you're an amazing person and that's why we all love you.")**

Dick: Ugh, okay.

Maddox: Barf.

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Guy just about asked you on a date. Uh, yeah, you know, it's interesting. I actually wrote copy for an underwear company.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah, a long time ago. I wrote some copy. They hired me to write some copy. I was like, "Yeah, fuck it."

Dick: What did you write?

Maddox: Uh, just a bunch of over-the-top manly fucking shit that was awesome, and then they came back and said, "Well, you know, we don't want to associate danger with our product." I'm like, "Alright!!" (Dick guffaws) Then do what you want. Change it how you want.

Dick: With their underwear product?

Maddox: Yeah. I made it sound like there was risk of dying by wearing this underwear.

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: I don't remember. It was something like…there…it was something like put the danger in your pants, or something like that. They said, "We…uh, uh…(stammers) we want it to be more fun! We wanted a fun brand, not a danger brand."

Dick: A fun brand?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For men's underwear?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: They know who they hired, right?

Maddox: Yeah. I was like, "Alright, print what you want, guys."

Sean: Just saying.

Maddox: "You know what you want? You're the writer? Or am I the writer? Oh, you're the New York Times bestseller? Oh, okay. Then go ahead. Why don't you write your own copy."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Figure it out.

Dick: Sounds cool.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh! I got this to bring in. So you remember your problem Fit Shaming, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, this comes in from **Johnny Davis.** You brought in Maria Kang as an example.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of someone fit.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Well this guy says, "People were pissed at her because she's a fitness instructor. So her job is working out." Remember how you said she spends eight hours a day working?

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: Yeah. That's her…her job is basically living in a gym.

Maddox: Was she before, or did she become one after?

Dick: Lemme…lemme read you this girl's profile.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Alright? I went on her about.me site.

Maddox: Oh. Yeah.

Dick: I'm not gonna read you the whole thing, 'cause it's awful.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But here's…here's just the sentence. Um, from her site. Maria Kang. "Wife." This is in order. "Wife. Mother. Author."

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Dick: She's an author. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Speaker."

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: Got a lot of things already.

Maddox: Yeah. Got a lot of words on her mind.

Dick: Business owner.

Maddox: Okay. (grins)

Dick: This is legit…this is listed as a thing that she does.

Maddox: Uh-huh. She's a business owner.

Dick: She calls herself a business owner.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Specifi…like, when you go to, like, Warren Buffet's website. Business owner. (Maddox laughs) That's what he calls himself. "Business owner". (grins) "Nonprofit founder."

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Yeah.

Dick: Okay? "Fitness philanthrophist."

Maddox: Philanthropist.

Dick: Philanthropist.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fitness Philanthropist.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: What do you suppose that is?

Maddox: Um, so she gives away fitness? Like, what does that…I don't know what that means. Oh, she donates…she probably donates hours of…

Dick: She tells people how to work out.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: She's sharing her expertise. Nothing wrong with that.

Dick: And "Social Entrepreneur".

Maddox: Social Entrepreneur. What does that mean?

Dick: So a business…an entrepreneur would be starting businesses, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: She's a social entrepreneur. She starts…conversations. (Maddox laughs) (Sean laughs) So, basically, this chick sits around, gabs all day, and fills out forms to start businesses.

Maddox: Well, that's how you characterize her, Dick.

Dick: Real great role model. (sarcasm)

Maddox: Yeah. That's how you characterize her. To me, she sounds like a hardworking mother who lost a lot of weight and she posted that picture online. Which a lot of people hated. So a lot of people…actually, a few people in the Comments Section said, "Hey Maddox, didn't you write this article about "Don't Inspire Someone"?" This article titled "Don't Inspire Someone", where I talked about how people who try to inspire other people shouldn't because they have no fucking idea what it takes to inspire someone, usually.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Inspiration usually happens unintentionally. You don't go out to necessarily inspire someone unless you have a good track record of doing that, like, Tony Robbins, like, he goes around doing inspirational speeches or whatever.

Dick: I mean, does he?

Maddox: He does, yeah.

Dick: Like…but does he inspire people?

Maddox: Abso…yeah, I've met people who've gone to Tony Robbin's talks and they have changed their lives after the fact.

Dick: Huh. I guess so.

Maddox: But, uh…people who try to inspire others. And I said, "Yeah, you know what? This is actually an argument in favor of my point. " This supports the point that I was making. That you shouldn't try to inspire people. I think that's…it's not inconsistent with Fit Shaming. You can still…this woman's being fit shamed, but the people who were criticizing her weren't criticizing her for her attempts at inspiration. They were criticizing her for being fit. They said, "Oh, well, you know, not everyone's born with the same genes. Uhhh, some people have jobs. Bla bla bla bla bla."

Dick: I just…I think it's a little…uh, offputting to be a fitness instructor and get on the Internet and tell, like, "What's your excuse?" That attitude is very offputting.

Maddox: I mean, yeah, it is offputting, Dick. I'm not gonna argue that. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She didn't do a good job. If she was trying to inspire people, she didn't do a good job.

Dick: She really fucked up. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Although, I don't know, man. I'm sure, reading the comments, there would be some people who say, "Yeah, she inspired me to lose weight." Yeaaaaah…it's probably more negative than positive.

Dick: It seems like she's preaching to the choir, I think is my problem with it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it seems like she's just showing off for people who are already fit.

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: Yeah. Um, I got one more. **Stephen Joseph Musgrove II** says, **"Maddox seems recently enlightened with his Oculus Rift experience."**

Maddox: No!!!!!

Dick: Isn't that…you don't think there's any truth in that?!?

Maddox: No. Enlightened as to what? What's the philosophy that I got enlightened about, dickhead?

Dick: Well, your, like, whole "What is life?" thing? Your whole, like, "What is life?" and "My master race of programmers that are gonna be watching movies by themselves and virtual reality."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You were really proselytizing this Oculus Rift experience.

Maddox: Right, because the experience…it's going to change the world, for sure.

Dick: But that's what people who are enlightened say.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, "This is gonna change…" "This diet. This holistic diet is gonna change your life." Or "The Pilates/spin class will change your life!" "Oculus Rift will change your life!" That's what he's saying.

Maddox: Dick, I have not gleaned any new information necessarily from the Oculus Rift. It didn't inspire me with some kind of philosophy. It didn't instill some philosophy into me. What happened was that I saw this technology and I see the potential, and I see where the human race is going. That's it.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's nothing enlightening about it.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Maybe a little bit!? (raises voice)

Maddox: You know what, Dick?!!?

Dick: Could be…(laughing)

Maddox: You fuck! I didn't bring in Recently Inspired People. That's not my problem. That was Whitney's problem!

Dick: Recently Enlightened People.

Maddox: Go vote it down, people!

Dick: Yeah, but you were on board! (laughing)

Maddox: No! Bullshit. I don't give a shit.

Dick: Alright. You wanna do a problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, go ahead.

Maddox: Alright. My first problem this week is People Who Turn Left.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: Yeah, that's a good problem.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Yeah, damn right that's a good problem. People who turn left are idiots. Morons. Suckers. Um, this is from USA Today. You know, three years ago…this is an actual quote from the article.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: "Three years ago, a retailer, UPS…" for those who aren't in American, that sounds for United Parcel System.

Dick: Parcel? Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway. UPS…

Sean: (interjects) Service. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Oh, United Parcel Service.

Sean: United Parcel Service.

Dick: Hey guys, we did it! We did it. All three of us, we got it.

Maddox: (laughing) Teamwork. Who cares? Um, it's…they're the brown company. Anyway, um. "The retailer deployed software from a division of UPS to design routes to maximize the number of deliveries on each while minimizing time and distance. One trick they use? Restrict left-hand turns."

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Office Depot also did this. They now make 180 to 200 deliveries instead of 125 to 135 over the same distance.

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a big jump.

Maddox: That's a big jump, yeah. It's almost double in some instances.

Dick: Just because they gave up making left turns.

Maddox: Yeah. This is from Bloomberg. It says, "UPS makes no left turns in quest to deliver sustainability. As you make a left turn in the US…" This is someone…a spokesperson for UPS who says, "As you make a left turn in the US, you sit at a light and

you have to idle a lot. You waste a lot of fuel sitting and idling. With our routing technology and better driving, we avoided 98 million minutes of idle time last year."

Dick: Holy shit.

Maddox: 98 million minutes. Those are countless lifetimes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, not countless, but…anyway. Several lifetimes, to be sure.

Dick: Definitely, you could count them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it's a lot.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) It's a lot. It's significant. Um, this is from the Washington Post. This article they wrote called, "The Case For Almost Never Turning Left While Driving". This is the one that sounds …(unintelligible).

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It says, "UPS has chosen to minimize and sometimes eliminate left-hand turns to be more efficient. The company says that the changes have helped save millions of gallons of fuel." And it goes on, "Federal data have shown…" Okay, so not only is it inefficient to turn left, it's pointless, and it's dangerous. "Federal data has shown that 53.1% of crossing path crashes involve left turns, but only 5.7% involve right turns. That's almost ten times as many crashes involving left turns as right turns."

Dick: That makes sense.

Maddox: Ten times!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Can you believe that, Dick? So, you are ten times more likely to get into a fatal car crash, or any kind of car crash if you were turning left than if you were turning right.

Dick: I would…I'm surprised it's not higher.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you're not…you're making a right turn. What's the worst thing that could happen, you get rear-ended?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, you get rear-ended. A lot of times what happens when you're making a right turn is that the driver's looking left to see oncoming traffic to see when it's clear and they're not looking right to see if any pedestrians or cyclists are crossing, and they might hit them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, so that's what happens with right-hand turns. But people say, (goofy voice) "Well, Maddox, what am I supposed to do if I can't turn left?" Idiot. Go past the block that you want and then make three right turns.

Dick: So, wait a minute. Are you gonna start doing this now?

Maddox: I already…

Dick: (interjects) To boost your efficiency?

Maddox: Well, I'm exempt, I feel…(Dick laughs)

Dick: Oookay.

Maddox: No, no. no. Here's the thing.

Dick: You're entitled to left turns.

Maddox: I use my judgment. I use free left turns. So, if I need to turn left, I don't turn left until I absolutely have to, or if I get a free left turn. Now here's what I define as a free left turn.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: If you're going through an intersection and it's about to turn red. It goes from green to yellow, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And if you're about to cross through that intersection and it turns yellow, that's a free left turn. Quickly, boost into the left turn lane and then turn left because you don't wait and oncoming traffic has to yield to you.

Dick: Yeah. Is UPS allowed to do that?

Maddox: UPS…(chuckles)

Dick: (interjects) Like, cut across three lanes…

Maddox: Look. UPS drivers aren't paid to think, alright? They're paid to deliver. (Dick laughs) Don't worry about that.

Sean: Oh, I've seen 'em do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You've seen 'em bomb across three lanes?

Sean: Oh, they drive those things…they drive those things like rally cars.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, they do.

Maddox: Yeah, but generally, Dick, I avoid left-hand turns. I absolutely do. And that's how I get where I'm going faster than most people.

Dick: I've never seen you make three rights, though. 'Cause that's the…in this world you're talking about with all right turns, everyone would be making three rights all the time, right?

Maddox: Ugh. Dick, Dick, Dick. My simple friend. (Dick guffaws) I…(laughs) I have deployed advanced driving maneuvers! I…(Dick still laughing) I no longer…I no longer have to make right turns or left turns. I flip a bitch.

Dick: What?

Maddox: Yeah, that's right. I make a right and then flip a bitch!

Dick: That HAS to be more dangerous than left turns.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: A U-turn in the middle of the street?!!?

Maddox: To an unskilled driver, sure. (grins)

Dick: Oooookay. (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I do the exact same thing.

Maddox: Yeah!! (Dick laughs) That's right, Sean!

Sean: I don't think it's more dangerous.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Yeah, and your car is banged up. (grins)

Sean: I have been hit. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: I have been hit and nothing has ever been my fault.

Maddox: Hit by suckers, right?!

Sean: No, well…one woman tried to make a U-turn from a parked position to immediately go out the other way?

Maddox: Yeah, I've done that.

Sean: And just, like, T-boned me from…yeah, no, it was colossally stupid on her part.

Dick: There you go.

Sean: I have no idea how she didn't look before she pulled an incredibly illegal maneuver.

Maddox: Well, that's the thing. If you look…you pay attention…look, Dick. I have transcended red lights.

Dick: Oh yeah?

Maddox: In my driving…yeah. I don't stop at red lights anymore. I don't have to. If I'm in a hurry, I take a right, flip a bitch. I go through back alleys. I go through parking lots if I have to. I go through other people's driveways if I have to.

Dick: Houses.

Maddox: Oh, I will….well, no. Not houses, yet. But, I have found ways around traffic that are unconventional. Perhaps illegal, I don't know. I don't know. But you gotta have some balls to do what I do. And you have to be a real good driver.

Dick: Yeah. Do you have any interest in, like, the hypermiler club? Have you ever heard of those guys?

Maddox: Oh, I have. No, those guys are extreme.

Dick: You don't like the…they're TOO extreme for you.

Maddox: They're too extreme for me, yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it sounds like never stopping. Like, the shark method of driving that you're describing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you never stop.

Maddox: Never stop.

Dick: 'Cause you'll die.

Maddox: No need to.

Dick: Uh, it sounds like something they would do.

Maddox: Stopping is for suckers. Taking left-hand turns is for suckers. "A study by New York City Transportation Planners concluded that the left-hand turns were three times as likely to cause deadly crash involving a pedestrian as right-hand turns, and 36% of fatal accidents involving a motorcycle involve a left-hand turn in front of a motorcycle according to the National Highways…"

Dick: (interjects) Oh, really. (surprised)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Association.

Dick: Oh, I could see that.

Maddox: Yeah. And it goes on, man. It says "We could save lives by restricting left turns, but we're unwilling to sacrifice what we see as a needed convenience. Even if you discount the safety concerns, the efficiency of turning left is questionable." And then they go on to site that UPS study where they rerouted…they retooled their routing software?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: To avoid left-hand turns.

Dick: But they're…that is you. What they're describing there, because of our entitlement to convenience. They're describing you.

Maddox: What are you talking about?

Dick: Right? You said you're not gonna give up left turns 'cause you're above the system.

Maddox: I don't turn left and I don't turn right. I flip a bitch if I have to and I get exactly where I'm going.

Dick: Flipping a bitch is two left turns.

Maddox: Eh, not really.

Dick: Yeah..so…(stammers)

Maddox: It's one continuous motion. It's a U.

Sean: No, it can be a right and a left, also. Like, if you're going straight, say you're going south?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You make a right-hand turn on the next street, flip an immediate bitch.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: But you just said you're not giving up your…I don't believe that you're never making left turns again.

Maddox: I don't make left turns, I go straight. And I have started to avoid intersections with lights. I will go to the intersections…I used to think that intersections with lights were the best thing, because you were guaranteed a turn through if you needed to, right?

Dick: Yeah, I think that.

Maddox: Especially across…I no longer think that. Because of the app…the app Waze, you know Waze, the navigation software?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you guys aren't familiar with it, Waze. Especially if you live in a big city. Look it up. Waze is an incredible GPS navigation device that routes you around traffic, but it also has done efficiency testing for routes and it finds that if you go straight through heavily-trafficked intersections as opposed to turning left or right, you will save way more time.

Dick: As opposed to turning left or right, what do you mean?

Maddox: So, if you go through a heavily-trafficked intersection that has a light…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Like Hollywood and Highland.

Maddox: Sure. That's a very busy intersection in California.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Um, if you…instead of going through that intersection, if you go one street over and avoid the light, even though you're crossing four or five lanes of heavy traffic, you will still go through faster than if you waited at the light.

Dick: Oh. Yeah, I don't like the way Waze makes you go left on, like, five-lane roads.

Maddox: A lot of people don't. Mhmm. You get nervous, don't you?

Dick: No, it's just too much activity while I'm driving. I wanna kind of zone out and just make a left and not think about it and idle at the light.

Maddox: Well, uh, there you have it, folks. Dick's the problem we have traffic. 'Cause a lot of people think like you, Dick. They get nervous. They don't wanna think about it.

Dick: I didn't say I was nervous. (grins)

Maddox: Well.

Dick: I said I just wanna zone out.

Maddox: Yeah, they wanna zone out.

Dick: I don't wanna think about it that much. It's not nervousness.

Maddox: Yeah. With me, it's war. My heart rate….

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, so, who the fuck's nervous? It's you.

Maddox: I'm not nervous.

Dick: Your pulse is pounding!

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause I'm angry! I'm angry at everybody else idling through life! I think that if everybody just stepped on it, look…get rid of your brakes. You don't need to stop, ever. Just keep going, always. I don't like to touch my brakes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not necessary. The rest of this goes on. It says, "Engineers even hate left-hand turns." This guy named Tom Vanderbilt, he wrote a book called "Traffic". He said, "It's either a car stopped in an inactive traffic lane waiting to turn left, or, even worse, it's cars in a dedicated left turn lane, that when traffic is heavy enough, requires its own dedicated signal phase, lengthening the delay for through traffic, as well as cross-traffic, and when traffic volumes really increase, as in the junction of two suburban arterials, multiple left turn lanes are requiring, costing even more space and money."

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Left turn lanes are a problem, Dick. They may be the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: Yeah. But, I'm thinking about my favorite left turn lanes. Right? 'Cause I love that…

Maddox: (laughs) I'm sure you have 'em, too!

Dick: Of course I do!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause I spent…I grew up in my hometown, I spent a lot of years there. I learned to drive there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's not a city grid. Like LA is a grid. New York is a grid. You can miss big turns and make a bunch of rights or get on a podcast and say that you make a bunch of rights,

even though you definitely don't. (Maddox laughs) But in, like, anywhere that's not a big city, you kinda gotta have a left turn. Like, there's…Sean, you know there's an intersection. There's a very specific intersection. I think it's, um…it's right next to the McDonald's. Is it Solidad and…

Sean: Bouquet?

Dick: Bouquet? It's an intersection in the town where I grew up.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And if you don't make that left, there is no ability to make a bunch of rights to get around…'cause there's a mountain on one side of the intersection.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And a canal on the other.

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: You see what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah

Dick: So what do we do, Maddox?

Maddox: Okay. (grins)

Dick: How do you not stop that? You go…you flip a bunch of bitches down the road, or…?

Maddox: Here's the problem. You're going to McDonald's.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Okay? That's the problem. Don't go to McDonald's. Then you don't have to worry about that left-hand turn. Go someplace that doesn't require you to take a left-hand turn. Or, here's the thing. If you're surrounded by mountains and canals, it sounds like traffic really isn't fucking heavy in that region.

Dick: Of course it is. That's a real city. That's a city.

Maddox: Ugh. It doesn't sound like it, if there's mountains around.

Sean: Wait. And you didn't say you were going to McDonald's.

Dick: No, I didn't say I was going to McDonald's.

Sean: Just that it was a left turn.

Dick: He's just assassinating my character, 'cause that's how he argues. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You like McDonald's!

Dick: Me and my gimmicks, over here. (grins)

Maddox: You fuckin'!! Ohhhhhhhh, Dick! You…

Dick: It's a landmark!

Maddox: What, McDonald's?

Dick: Yeah. It exists.

Maddox: Okay. (Dick giggles) I wish it didn't. But here's the thing, Dick. If the traffic…look. This isn't a general rule. Sometimes you can't avoid a left. If there's nothing else for miles and miles…you gotta turn left, I guess. Or plan ahead and maybe turn left…you know what you can do, is you can go past the turn that you need to make, and go through the median.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: Do that.

Dick: I'm about to blow your mind.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: You ready for this?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Three little words.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Roundabout.

Maddox: Yeeeeaaaaah. Okay.

Dick: Okay? Where my sister lives, this little town in Indiana.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They…their mayor…very progressive guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A lot like you, probably.

Maddox: Well. (grins)

Dick: He took out all the intersections and replaced them with roundabouts.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: So there's no stop signs. There is no left turns.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's killed the left turn.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You get into that roundabout and you're slinging around to go to the other side… dude, you never have to stop in this town. You can get buzzed, throw a couple of beers in you, head home at, like…

Maddox: (laughs) Okay, you're losing everyone, Dick.

Dick: Okay, wait. Respond to the first part that I said and then I'll get to the bombing around town feeling like you are totally invincible, 'cause there's no stop signs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You never have to stop!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can even go…you can even hook the thing in the middle. The little grass part in the middle…

Maddox: Yeeeeeeah!

Dick: The little patio, like, if you time it right, you don't even have to slow down. You can just clip that thing a little bit and jump over it.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, and it slows you down!

Dick: Well, it's…you know, it's an obstacle that you're running over.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: But if you cut the corner right, you don't have to slow down to make the roundabout thing.

Maddox: Oh, that's brilliant.

Dick: You see what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: You just hop over.

Maddox: Hop over the…yeah. Woooowww. Okay.

Dick: You'd love it.

Maddox: I'm on board…that's actually true. There have been efficiency studies. Mythbusters even did an episode about this. They were trying to decide whether or not four-way stops or roundabouts were faster. Roundabouts BLEW it out of the water.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Roundabouts are a potential solution to left-hand turns.

Sean: Because nobody knows when to go at a four-way stop. They don't know the order.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Yeah, you're right.

Maddox: If people aren't paying attention…you know, Sean, if I get to a four-way stop and it's someone else's turn, by they're not looking up or they didn't see me, I just fucking blast right through 'em.

Sean: That's for stop signs, I should say.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Not lights, I guess.

Dick: How much time do you give them to figure out that move, Maddox?

Maddox: About a second. One second is their limit.

Dick: Half of a millisecond?

Maddox: (laughing) Especially if they're…if they are on their cell phone, I will slowly turn left and flip them off and honk to make sure they look up…(Dick chuckles), like, "Hey, idiot!" I'm sure half the time they don't even know why I'm flipping them off. They're fucking idiots. Anyway, Dick. Yeah. Roundabouts…Roundabouts are…

Dick: Yeah. That's a big solution.

Maddox: We should bring that in as a solution. Yeah.

Dick: Well, I kinda blew my wad here, though.

Maddox: Yeah, you blew your wad.

Dick: But it's…I remember driving around there thinking how excited you would be that not only do you not have to slow down…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But everybody is a better driver.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With the roundabouts.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: 'Cause they're terrified of them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they start thinking when they approach them.

Maddox: Now, I should say this, Dick. UPS did this…this route alternation where they made their routes avoid left-hand turns. They said that that only applies to commercial area. So generally, if you're in a commercial area…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's the only time you should avoid left-hand turns. If you're in a residential area, there isn't a lot of traffic around, you're just coming to a bunch of dead intersections 'cause you're living in a fucking cul-de-sac somewhere, who knows. Um, that's when you can turn left and it doesn't matter.

Dick: Anywhere between LA and New York.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Anywhere between those two places. (Maddox laughs) How do you feel about one-way streets?

Maddox: Um…man.

Dick: They're conducive to right turns only.

Maddox: They are. They are. Um, I'm okay with them, except for cities that go nuts with them. Oregon…Portland, Oregon is one of 'em.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: San Diego is another one, where it almost becomes impossible to get where you're going, because you have to know…you have to live there and you have to memorize which streets are up and down. And it's not every other one, sometimes. They don't stagger them like they should. Sometimes it's, like, three in a row are one way.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm like, "Well what the fuck am I supposed to do here?" Just…I gotta punch this in the GPS again, now there's a bridge in my fucking way! I don't know where the fuck I'm going. I just go home. That's what I do. I pack up my car and go home. Not coming to Comic-Con this year! Sorry guys, I can't figure out how to get anywhere in this fuckin' city! Anyway, Dick. That's my problem. People Who Turn Left. Left-hand Turns.

Dick: Well, wait. People Who Turn Left? Or Left-hand Turns.

Maddox: People Who Turn Left.

Dick: So in your ideal world, would it be illegal? 'Cause remember, right on red was illegal at one point.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Would left on green be illegal?

Maddox: It should be…you should be made fun of. Made to feel small.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You should be belittled, and you should…there should be…it should be like a shame response. Like, people who turn left should be shamed. There should be people who mock them and make them feel small.

Dick: Car manufacturers should build it into the car when you activate your left turn signal. It should just scream "I have a small cock!" (Maddox laughs) Like a siren.

Maddox: Or maybe just like…instead of a little "tick-tock" noise, just "idiot". "Idiot". "Idiot".

Dick: (laughs) Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. That'd be great. Um, yeah. My left-hand turn signal, by the way. I bet that light's practically brand new. You could probably sell that thing on E-Bay.

Dick: 'Cause you don't signal?

Maddox: No, I never signal left. 'Cause I'm never turning left.

Dick: Oh, God. Alright.

Maddox: That's my problem, Dick. People Who Turn Left. Idiots. (sighs)

Dick: Alright, my problem…I don't know what to call this problem. Uh, you wanna help me out with this one?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's an update about my man. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay. And you'll have to give everyone a recap of your man.

Dick: Yeah, my man is, um…my…in some cultures they call them a valet.

Maddox: (laughing) Oh, yeah.

Dick: I don't wanna say butler, 'cause I think that's a bit demeaning for how important he was in my life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I met a man at Burning Man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Whom I brought home with me.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles) Yeah, uh…

Dick: Just, you know, to hang out at my appointment. He was having a rough time at home.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: His girlfriend had just cheated on him a bunch of times. He just found out about it. Uh, he didn't have a job. He's…

Maddox: You brought home a homeless person.

Dick: I guess, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who camped out in your living room for, like, a month.

Dick: Yeah, and watched, uh…Breaking Bad and Bojack Horseman.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Instead of getting a job.

Maddox: Instead of getting a job.

Dick: Um, he's a great guy, though. But, you know…he's…he's my man.

Maddox: He's your man. (laughs)

Dick: He's my…I would refer to him, like, who's this guy that is sleeping in your apartment and hanging out with you all the time? Like, he's just my man.

Maddox: Don't worry about it. He's walking around…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. Don't worry about it.

Maddox: In his tightie-whities, making eggs for you. That sort of thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know. If he thinks I need some eggs made for me, he would do that. (Maddox chuckles) That's what a man does for you.

Sean: Is that a euphemism?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know, Sean. Uh, he's there to anticipate your needs.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (grins)

Dick: Do you see what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not in a sexual way.

Maddox: Yeah. Would he…would he shave for you, Dick, if he needed to?

Dick: Ooh. That's a good point. I'll tell you…I'll tell you what he would use, though. (Maddox laughs) If he was shaving me. Because today's show is brought to you by Harry's. (Maddox laughs) Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save 5$ off of your first purchase. Do you…so, Maddox and I were sent Harry's shave kits to use.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I still use mine.

Maddox: I still use mine, too.

Dick: Yeah. I'm saying this honestly, it did have a significant impact in my life, because I shave now, all the time, 'cause I don't wanna look like a bearded fuck.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's what's in style now. To look sloppy.

Maddox: Beards are pretty cool. They don't always look sloppy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I do use it all the time.

Maddox: Yeah, no. I use mine to trim my beard. Uh, those blades…I don't know what they make them…like, titanium or something, but my whiskers are pretty fuckin' tough, and normal blades only last, like, two or three shaves before I have to throw them out. These Harry's ones have lasted me weeks and weeks.

Dick: Well, Harry's bought a blade factory in Germany that has been…I don't know if you were setting me up for this, but they've been…that German blade factory has been crafting some of the world's highest quality blades for almost a century.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "By cutting out the middleman, they can offer an amazing shave at a fraction of the price of drugstore brands." Uh, give Harry's a shot. How about that?

Maddox: Yeah, that's for supporting us, guys. That really helps out the show, and if you do get a Harry's package. Take a picture and tweet it at us, and we'll retweet it to Harry's, show 'em that our listeners are…

Dick: Ohoho!! Alright. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah! 'Cause that's what they respond to. That actually happened last time. A few fans sent me photos of their Harry's packages and they said, "Hey, thanks guys, I got a…"

Dick: (interjects) What, really?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, shit. I didn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah. And I tweeted it at Harry's. Yeah, so do that. It really helps out the show. Anyway, Dick. So, is that…

Dick: Harry's is…wait, go to http://www.harrys.com. They'll give you 5$ off your order if you put in BIGGESTPROBLEM.

Maddox: BIGGESTPROBLEM is the promo code for 5$ off. Thank you, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, so back to your man.

Dick: Back to my man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you might remember that the last man update I had…so, after living in Hollywood for a month.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I said, "Man, you gotta get outta here."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's enough. Like, you looked for a job, you had some early successes, but you know. He's going through, like…a lot of things at once.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, alright. So go take off for a little while.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You're always welcome to come back and be my man.

Maddox: (laughs) Sure.

Dick: 'Kay? But you gotta go regroup. You gotta go regroup.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? Otherwise you get stuck in a rut.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And we can't have that.

Maddox: No.

Dick: I can't have ruts in my life.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Everything's gotta be chaos all the time.

Maddox: You're smooth…smooth-going. Smooth-going Dick.

Dick: What does that mean? (laughs)

Maddox: I don't know.

Dick: Alright. (chuckles) So…

Maddox: (interjects) I was trying to say something more eloquent and I stumbled upon myself sounding like an idiot. Go on.

Dick: So he goes, let's just say…you know. I wanna call this…I wanna say that any resemblances to real people in this story are entirely coincidental. (Maddox cracks up) However, what he did, was he went up to stay in a place I'm gonna call "The Kingdom of Weed". (Maddox scoffs) That's where he went to live. He found a new place to crash. Alright?

Maddox: Is it Sean's apartment he moved to? (laughs)

Sean: You son of a bitch.

Maddox: Alright, let's let that…go on. (grinning)

Sean: I hate you so much. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Dick: What, why? Sean lives in a house, not an apartment.

Maddox: Yeah. So he went to the Kingdom of Weed.

Dick: He went to the Kingdom of Weed. (Maddox giggles) And in the Kingdom of Weed, it's ruled by a…by a duke and a duchess of weed, alright?

Maddox: Okay. (chuckles)

Dick: Let's say…let's say that.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: That's their names.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: So my man wanders into Weed Kingdom.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And the next thing I know, several weeks later, this is the last time we left this story. Is I get a text message from my man saying, "Hey, the duke of weed wants to kill me and he wants to kill you too."

Maddox: Ohhhh, yeah!

Dick: You remember this?

Maddox: I remember that. You teased it a few episodes ago.

Dick: I teased it. I didn't feel comfortable talking about it, because it's just salacious gossip.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm not one for salacious gossip.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You know me.

Maddox: I know you. (giggles)

Dick: I'm all about facts.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: But I didn't feel like it was my story to tell.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: However, now it's pissed me off.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Now there's…now it's a big problem. And it's a big, universal problem.

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: So, I said, "Well, what did you do?" He goes, "Well, nothing." I'm like, "uhh, when a guy threatens to kill you, you probably did something."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Even if it was a misunderstanding.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright? So here's my interpretation of what happened. There was friction in the House of Weed.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Alright? Between the Duke and the Duchess of Weed.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Next thing you know, the Duke is gone.

Maddox: Ugh, I know where this is going. (grins)

Dick: The Duke of Weed is gone. (Maddox laughs) Alright? So. Why do you know where it's going? Why are you already laughing?

Maddox: 'Caaaaaaause…'cause there's some friction…I see…I've seen this script play out across countless relationships…(Dick guffaws) in my life. I know what's happening.

Dick: And I…I seem to have a lot of them!

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: In my sphere.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. This is well known. So, Duke takes off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I said, "Oh, um, well, how did that happen, man? (Maddox laughs) And he goes, "Nothing, I didn't do anything." Like, alright. Next time I talk to him, guess who's shacking up…guess who's the new Duke of Weed?

Maddox: Yup. (cracks up) Oh, man! He…

Dick: My man!! The balls on this guy, right?

Maddox: He shacks up with the kingpin's duchess?

Dick: Whatever, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's where we're at…that's where we're at when I didn't wanna get into it.

Maddox: Wooooooww.

Dick: Okay. So.

Maddox: That's ballsy.

Dick: Very ballsy. Duke of Weed rolls back into town. Weeks later. Maybe even months later. Since the last update. 'Cause I just got…I just got a call from my man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he says, "Hey Dick, just wanted to see how it's going. I got a job working in a brewery." It was like, "Oh."

Maddox: Alright. That's good.

Dick: That's pretty cool. And he's like, "Yeah, I'm making 10$ an hour."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Standing on a factory line, like Laverne and Shirley." (Maddox giggles) And he goes, "Everyone makes fun of me because I have a degree." He's got an engineering degree.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, that's true, yeah.

Dick: And he says after student loans and rent and all the necessities of life, he ends up making 0$ an hour.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And everyone on the factory assembly line calls him the Professor. To his face.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Dick: This is like, kids. Making fun of him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So this is his life right now. Alright?

Maddox: Which, he could very easily get out of this ridicule by saying, "Hey guys, beer's my passion. Shut the fuck up!" End of story.

Dick: Well….really?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I don't know. I think people zero in on what you're vulnerable to and they're really good at exploiting it with nicknames.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what I mean?

Maddox: He seems like the type of person who would be bothered by it, too. Was he bothered? He must be.

Dick: No, but he was, like, a real happy-go-lucky guy.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: He's not really bothered, he's like, "Yep, you got me there."

Maddox: (laughs) Alright.

Dick: I sure do. I sure do value my degree, and here I am, bottling beers at a brewery, making 10$ an hour.

Maddox: Good, so it's not sticking. Good.

Dick: Yeah. Well, it's sticking, 'cause it's still funny.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: So, the Duke of Weed comes back into town. Guess whose phone starts blowing up? So he goes, "Oh yeah, I'm working at this brewery and my phone just started blowing up that I'm gonna get murdered again." (Maddox laughs) Right? And the reason…the reason I get roped into this is because the guy thinks I taught him how to do this.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: I taught him how to break up relationships. (grins)

Maddox: Yeeeeeah. I mean, either directly or indirectly. He learned from you, Dick.

Dick: Do you think that?

Maddox: Well, I think…okay. I will say this.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There is more than a 50% chance that he did.

Dick: That he did.

Maddox: Learn from you, yes.

Dick: And I don't even know it.

Maddox: That you don't even know it.

Dick: Just because of my, like, the way I purport myself.

Maddox: Your aura. Yes, your aura of just, like, homewrecking. (cracks up)

Dick: Well, see. Because I tell people this story.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then, like, the part that trips them out is the, "And he wants to kill you, too" part. But that's the part I get. I'm like, "I could see that."

Maddox: He wants to kill the professor.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The actual professor. Not him.

Dick: Yeah. At the source. He wants to kill him…

Maddox: (interjects) Okay. That's a little bit nuts. Look, no matter what you say to somebody. Let's say you literally sat this guy down, your man.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you said, "Listen man, here's how you do x, y, and z to become an awful person." And he went and did that.

Dick: (interjects) Sorry, wait a minute. Awful person? What are we talkin' about, awful person?

Maddox: Okay, you don't…well.

Dick: Breaking up relationships. (Maddox laughs) The relationship…it breaks up. You're help…you're cleaning up the broken up relationship by swooping in. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So, Dick, you just think that, like, everything in the world just happens around you, and you're just an observer, like a transcendental eyeball walking through and things just happen, right?

Dick: Yeah, pretty much!

Maddox: Okay, alright. (giggles)

Dick: I'm just there making my comments.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: So…so…it's pretty insane that this guy would want to come after you. Instead of the person who did the thing, right?

Dick: So then…(stammers) I think all of it's insane, and that's…I'm gonna get to my actual problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which is what this is. So, the duchess of weed now tells my man, "Hey, so…I'm a little bit worried about these texts that you're getting. Um, for a little bit, why don't you go sleep in the other room?"

Maddox: Um…

Dick: In case. Just in case somebody were to show up in the middle of the night.

Maddox: Yeah. Good idea, I guess.

Dick: Good idea?! (angry) Oh, my god!!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: This…it's this RAGE! That happens when you're not allowed to bang someone anymore, that drives guys insane.

Maddox: What are you talking about, Dick?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: What are you talking about?

Dick: Like, the end of a relationship, not being allowed to bang…not being able to bang a woman you wanna bang.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Causes insane behavior.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Oookay. (skeptical) I don't know if I've experienced this. What exactly are you talking about?

Dick: Okay…

Maddox: (interjects) So what happened to your man when he went and slept in the other room?

Dick: That's…that's it!! So that was the conclusion of his story! "So now I'm sleeping by myself, oh, and by the way, I've been shitting in an outhouse for the last three months, 'cause our plumbing is broken."

Maddox: Ugh, this guy.

Dick: That's the update.

Maddox: Okay. (scoffs)

Dick: That's the final update.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: But the problem is…the problem is the manifestation of this…I don't know if it's jealousy or regret, or whatever it is, this anger that guys have.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When they can't bang a woman they wanna bang. Turns into this, like, ridiculous violence and threats of violence.

Maddox: Oh, you're talking about the Dutch.

Dick: The Duke!

Maddox: Uh, the Duke. Yeah. (giggles) The duke.

Dick: The male Dutch! Von Dutch! I'm talking about him!

Maddox: You're talking about him.

Dick: Tell me you haven't experienced this before!

Maddox: Oh, uh…no.

Dick: Guys losing their fucking minds 'cause they can't bang some girl anymore! Chill out, dude!

Maddox: No, no, exactly, yeah. No, that's desperation. Yeah. That's…desperation. You know what that guy is, is a chump. That's a textbook chump. Because you can't get laid, you can't find another girl, so you gotta sit there and obsess and stalk and creep, and threaten.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: You're gonna get some texts now. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Why?

Sean: Just said that to, like, 40, 50,000 people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What, what? The chump part?

Maddox: What are you talking about?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: I think that's accurate, though.

Maddox: Yeah, no. They're chumps!!

Dick: I think you're chumping yourself!

Maddox: These guys…haven't gone through the work of self improvement to figure out what they're doing wrong to be able to be attract women, and they're fucking pussies, and they sit there and obsess about their ex, who has moved on with their fucking lives! Look man, you break up with someone, or someone breaks up with you, that's the end of it. Look. Maybe they like you, maybe they don't. Maybe they've moved on with someone else. But if you sit there and obsess and stalk and harass and threaten the new person they're living with? You're a fucking pathetic loser!!

Dick: And I think…the reason I think it's a big problem is because I have never NOT dealt with this. EVERY chick I've ever dated has a guy sending her texts exactly like this.

Maddox: Yeah. I have dated…I have dated girls who did get texts like that, like, "Oh, who's this new guy? Blablablablabla." They're trying to, you know, stalk, and threaten, and harass. And I'm like "Wow." I just sit back, cool as a cucumber. I'm like "Well, that guys sounds like he's having a rough time."

Dick: (chuckles) Yeah.

Maddox: Sounds like he's having a real rough time.

Dick: Yeah. So, what would you call that?

Maddox: What. What the guy does?

Dick: What this problem is. Yeah. I like the chumpness.

Maddox: Chump Syndrome.

Dick: Chump Syndrome. That's great.

Maddox: Chump Syndrome.

Dick: That's way better than what I was…I was gonna call it Pussy Grapes.

Maddox: (cracks up) Pussy Grapes?!

Dick: Like sour grapes?

Maddox: Oh, like sour grapes?

Dick: Yeah, except Pussy Grapes. Like, "Dude, you've got a major case of pussy grapes right now."

Maddox: Yeah. I don't know, man. I think these are pathetic guys who can't figure their shit out.

Dick: You know, I don't wanna say they're pathetic. Because it happens.

Maddox: It happens.

Dick: Everybody gets it a little bit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I feel it a little bit, I'm like, "God, I really wanna bang that girl. Like, ugh, I gotta go work out, or drink or something!"

Maddox: Yeah. Well, that's how you handle it. You handle it with either alcohol, which is destructive, or working out, which is building you up. But a lot of people sit there and obsess and they stalk and they can't get over it. They can't get past it. And I…you know, I've experienced it more from women than guys. Like, women do this to me sometimes.

Dick: Well, you lead women on, though.

Maddox: Oh, I don't…come on!!! Get outta here.

Dick: Yeah, you're friends with women, though.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, you know, I think that's leading them on. You know what I mean?

Maddox: You think it's leading a woman on to be friends with her?! (incredulous) (laughs)

Dick: I think that there's a grey area between, like, "friends".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then like, there's a chance if we get drunk enough I'll nail you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And within that grey area, I think you spend some time.

Maddox: I…(cracks up)

Dick: You know what I'm saying? And I don't.

Maddox: That's my neighborhood, you're saying.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You live right in the middle of that grey area.

Maddox: I go to all those bars in the grey area, right?

Dick: You're 100 shades of grey of that grey area.

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, Dick.

Dick: (interjects) They know you at the door at that grey area.

Maddox: No, no. It's happened a few times where I'll be hanging out with a chick and she gets the wrong idea and she starts to flirt with me or she, you know, starts to inquire as to the condition of my penis, etc, etc.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So, um. Then that's when I realized, like, okay. I need to nip this in the bud. I need to express myself and say, "Look, I'm not…this isn't gonna happen. It's not a thing." And I never get drunk enough. I never get so drunk that I'm gonna make that kind of sloppy mistake.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: I just…I know myself. I just never would.

Dick: They're waiting forever for that to happen.

Maddox: Yeah, I know they are. (grins)

Dick: Oh, I'm gonna blow this guy when he gets a couple beers in him. (Maddox cracks up) I'm gonna trick him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, that's a problem.

Maddox: Yeah. That's sexual assault if I'm too drunk, ladies. (Maddox and Dick laugh) I will write an article about it in Rolling Stone. Anyway, uh, Dick. Yeah, okay. Good problem. Chump Syndrome.

Dick: Chump Syndrome.

Maddox: Chump Syndrome. Yeah, that is a good problem. And it's more pervasive, I think, than people think.

Dick: And it's fucking with this guy's life!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You gotta go sleep by yourself!

Maddox: Well, he doesn't have to.

Dick: What the hell?

Maddox: This guy could get his shit…his ducks in a row and not fucking hook up with this drug dealer's girlfriend.

Dick: Alright, alright. Dealer, whoa. I'm using cute euphemisms for these things. (Maddox laughs) Let's settle down!

Maddox: Yeah, uh, you know. If he got his shit together, too. Look, man. If you're going from relationship to relationship and meeting these people who have, like, this weird baggage and all this drama and shit in their lives, like, you gotta at some point stop and look at yourself and say, "What am I doing wrong?" "Why am I attracting these people to me?"

Dick: Uh, 'cause I'm fun.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (laughs)

Dick: And fun people are crazy.

Maddox: Alright, yeah, I guess. I mean, sometimes, sure.

Dick: People who have their shit together have to go home at 10 PM.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They gotta work the next day.

Maddox: But, you know, Dick, to the point of this being the biggest problem in the universe, which it's not. Um, this only affects at most, single people. And at most, single chaotic people. People who have families and kids and they're in stable relationships don't…

Dick: (interjects) No, no, no, no. I think this affects everybody. You think that there's…you think just 'cause a girl's in a relationship or she's married, there isn't a guy there who wants to bang her so bad that he's causing her problems?

Maddox: Well, sure. I feel like most women probably have that.

Dick: Yeah. And this is Women's Month. Did you know that?

Maddox: It's Women's Month?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: It's always after Black Month. Black Guy Month. Now it's Women's Month.

Maddox: Black Guy Month and then…(giggles)

Dick: February is Black Guy Month.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: March is Women's Month.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Even though it has Saint Patrick's Day right in the middle. I don't think they would want that month, personally.

Maddox: No.

Dick: They might want, like a spring month.

Maddox: What would they…

Dick: They don't get a choice in it, though. (laughs)

Maddox: What would you do to celebrate Women's Month? Yeah, I don't know.

Dick: I think that's real.

Maddox: Women's Month? Yeah. They say…there's also International Women's Day. Ugh, anyway. Okay. Real minority group, these women. So, okay, Dick. Uh, Chump Syndrome.

Dick: Chump Syndrome. Yeah.

Maddox: Good problem. Not the biggest problem.

Dick: Do you wanna go…do you wanna do yours, I mean we're running out of time. We only got five minutes, 'cause I took forever giving a man update.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Well, then, maybe I'll hold this off for next week. This is a pretty big problem too. Uh, but we can talk about how Sean is becoming…our very own Sean is becoming a meme, right Dick?

Sean: Greeeeeat. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: HeroGreg sent a Tweet in about Sativa Sean. Did you see these, Sean?

Sean: I have not seen these.

Dick: It's just…it's you. It's a picture of you. Here.

Maddox: So, it's a picture of Sean, who is placed over a background of just weed leaves, and then he's meme-fied Sean. And it says…it says what, Dick?

Dick: Uh, "I told them I was ass farming, but really, I was out grass farming." (Maddox laughs) Man.

Sean: Ugh.

Dick: That's the man part.

Maddox: What's the other one?

Dick: Uh. "My instruments were stores in an improper area." I don't know…I don't get that one.

Maddox: No, because…

Sean: I said that. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Yeah, Sean said that a few episodes…

Sean: But I said my equipment was stored in an improper area. No, it's true.

Maddox: Yeah. No, no.

Sean: It's true. I have, uh…

Dick: Oh, I remember that.

Sean: No, I have friends who grow for the co-ops in Los Angeles.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a total clean operation. And Sean doesn't smoke. We should make that clear, right?

Sean: No, I haven't done it in years.

Maddox: Not in years.

Dick Me either.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As long as we're making things clear. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Dick!

Dick: Here's another one.

Sean: It's true that my equipment did come in reeking like weed.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, I walked into the studio and the entire studio smelled like pot. I'm like, "What, are you guys lighting up in here? What's going on?"

Dick: "The biggest problem…" Here's another one. "The biggest problem in the universe is that people are focused on all the problems. Life is precious. We need to just love each other, man." (Maddox laughs) Did you say that?

Sean: No!

Maddox: No. He just…

Sean: Does that sound like me?

Dick: No, it doesn't sound like you.

Maddox: I mean, I don't know, Sean. I haven't seen you blaze in a…

Sean: Jesus.

Dick: I think that's it. Oh, no. Here's the last one. "Maybe the podcast, like, deleted itself, man." (Maddox cracks up)

Sean: (groans) Oh, my God. Actually, you know what, though? That's more creative than what's been going on lately.

Maddox: What's…people are still giving you shit about that, right, Sean?

Sean: Oh, yeah. And I like it. I just want more creativity out of the 2% of your fans that aren't borderline retarded.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ohoho!!!! (laughs)

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, boy!! Here you are, Sean…you just opened the floodgates!

Sean: I did.

Maddox: There it is!!

Sean: No, that's…actually, the fans are great. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Too late!

Sean: I get nothing but nice emails. (grins)

Dick: Do you really?

Sean: Yeah, I do!

Dick: Like what kind of a nice email do you get?

Sean: I do. Yeah, like…I don't know.

Dick: Do you ever get any from chicks?

Sean: Uh.,.I have.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Ohhhhh. (saucy)

Dick: What'd it say?

Sean: It said "Delete me" with one of those little faces.

Maddox: Emojis.

Dick: Emoticons.

Sean: Yeah, the colon, and then, like, the capital P, so it looks like a tongue sticking out.

Dick: Oh, Yeaaaaaaaaah. (lewd)

Maddox: Whoa, that's hot.

Sean: It was some blonde girl, I guess.

Dick: What do you mean, you guess?

Sean: I don't know if was her.

Dick: You got a picture?!

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Whoaaaaaaaa!!!!

Maddox: Sean, what…whoa, hey, what's going on here?!

Dick: What?!? What?!?!

Sean: Absolutely nothing.

Dick: What do you mean, some blonde girl? What did she look like?! Some blonde girl.

Sean: She looked like a young blonde girl.

Maddox: Yeah. That's exactly how I pictured it. A young blonde girl.

Dick: Was she hot? Did she look hot?

Sean: She was making a really weird face.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: Like she was being funny, maybe. You know, like a…

Dick: Did it look like this? Was the face like this?

Maddox: Dick is making a dick sucking face, which he did too well. (laughs) Uh, Sean. (Dick laughs)

Sean: Jesus.

Maddox: Sean, you know what that look was that she had in her picture is the look of seduction. Sean's never seen that before. (laughs)

Sean; Oh, God.

Dick: Do you have it on your phone?

Sean: Uh…

Dick: I wanna see it. We won't post it, but I wanna see it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: No, I don't have it.

Maddox: Woowww.

Dick: Really? (skeptical)

Sean: As far as you know, I don't have it.

Dick: It's not on your phone? You use Gmail, though. So I know you have it.

Maddox: Alright. Alright, getting creepy. Um, okay. So, uh…so, Sean. Sean is kinda like the show hero. I get a lot of emails and messages from people that are like, "Yeah, Sean should really bring in a problem."

Sean: I want to.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I will.

Dick: Bring it in on 52. Bring it on the 52nd episode.

Sean: Alright.

Maddox: You know what happens a lot of times, too, is that right after we stop recording, Sean will chime in with either a comment about the problems that we had, or a problem of his own, and he'll just go on for, like, 10, 15 minutes, like, ranting about this thing. I'm like, "Sean, that's a really good problem. You should bring that in." And he goes, "Nah, not researched enough." Like…(Maddox and Dick laugh)

Sean: Well, I don't wanna be another Dick.

Maddox: Oh, no one wants that.

Dick: Allllllllright. Maybe you shouldn't bring in problems.

Maddox: The show's already stuffed with Dick. (laughs)

Dick: Um, so, what were your problems? You wanna go? I wanna play some voicemails on the way out, but what are you…what's your problem?

Maddox: My problem this week was "People Who Turn Left". Biggest problem in the universe. This may…look. This affects the economy. This affects mortality rates. This affects reproduction. This affects…

Dick: Gas.

Maddox: Yeah, gas prices!!

Dick: It exacerbates the war in the Middle East.

Maddox: The war in the Middle East. Terrorism. ISIS is exacerbated.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Because people turn left in the Midwest.

Dick: Yeah. And my problem is Chump Syndrome. It affects my man. (Maddox cracks up)

(Sound effect: Booing)

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Yeah. It affects one person. (grins) I mean, that should rank somewhere on the list in the positive territory.

Dick: He's a good guy. Does that matter?

Maddox: Ehhh. Yeah.

Dick: I guess we'll see.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, that's it, guys.

(Closing riff)

Maddox: Thanks for listening to another episode. Thanks for supporting us with Harry's. Don't forget to check that out and get 5$ off with that coupon code.

Dick: Thanks for listening.

(Voice mail: (male voice) Hi, this is Jesse from (unintelligible) ….I don't fucking understand how you're like, "Oh, nobody's gonna watch a 25-minute long live show!" (Maddox chuckles) **But you expect your fans to listen to a goddamn hour-long podcast each week.** (Maddox laughs) **I mean, what a fucking hypocrite. Anyway, you guys are doing the Lord's work. Keep it up.")** (Maddox, Sean, and Dick crack up)

Dick: That came up a lot, but that guy phrased it best, so.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Well, it's too bad that he made a dumb shit argument. Because, first of all, if he's not gonna listen to the entire podcast, he's not even gonna hear himself! He's not gonna hear him becoming immortalized on this podcast.

Dick: Well, he was saying that…that it's hypocritical that we expect people to listen to an hour-long podcast, but not a 25-minute YouTube episode.

Maddox: Yeah, because…listening is different than watching, isn't it, dickheads? You can do something else while you're listening. You can't while you're watching! People listen to this podcast while they drive. I get a lot of emails from truck drivers. There was a guy a couple of weeks ago who sent me his dashcam footage. He said someone, like, swerved and fishtailed and he almost wrecked, and you could hear our podcast on in the background.

Dick: Oh, really?! (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, it was really cool.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where's that?!

Maddox: I'll post the video somewhere. Um, maybe I'll…I'll post it on the episode page for this week.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah, but, yeah. People watch and listen differently. I can listen to hours and hours of talk radio or podcasts in the background, but I'm not gonna sit there and watch an hour of YouTube videos, unless that's all I'm doing.

Dick: Hmm. Alright.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Um, I'm in class right now and I just wanted to say, (Maddox giggles) **Dick, you're an asshole. Tell Dick that he's a fucking giant piece of shit and that he should kill himself. Goodbye.")**

(Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Tell him yourself.

Maddox: Yeah, he called in to…(laughs) So we played his voicemail and he wants me to tell you that you're a giant asshole and that you should kill yourself.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Did you get that message, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, got it. Thanks.

Maddox: Okay.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Fuck you, Dick.") (Sean and Maddox crack up)

Dick: I don't know what I did.

Maddox: Sure…(cracks up)

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: A lot of them. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Short and sweet.

Dick: Yeah. A lot of them this time.

Maddox: You could tell that guy was, like, laying down in bed or something and he just, like got the idea to call into the show. (grins) And he's like "Oh yeah. Fuck you, Dick." Click.

Dick: Yeah.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey guys, this is Daniel here. I was listening to your last podcast and you mentioned the Dove campaign for beauty and it dawned on me. (**Dick:** That's right.) **That nobody has called Dick "beautiful", so here it goes. Here goes…get this self esteem boost, Dick.** (**Dick:** Thanks.) (Maddox giggles) **Dick, you are beautiful.** (Dick giggles) **In fact, you do not have a small face at all. Your face is the appropriate size for your head.** (**Dick:** Thank you. (grins) (Maddox laughs) **You are not too ugly to live. Actually…**(Maddox cracks up) **you are ugly enough to live.** (**Dick:** This is a boost.) **You can go fuck yourself whenever you like and not when others tell you.** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **Dick, you're beautiful.")**

Maddox: That's very empowering. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, thanks. I guess. (Maddox laughing) Last one.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey guys, it's Chris from Kentucky. Hey, I love the live show and all, and I don't wanna be one of those douchebags who complains about it being too short. (**Maddox:** Mmm, too late.) (**Dick:** But?) **But…**(**Dick:** Yeah, here we go) **I would have liked to hear more about, like, the social…like, I would really like to hear more about some of the problems in a little more depth. So, I really can't wait for the long versions. Thanks!")**

Maddox: Yeah. Alright! Well, that's pretty thoughtful commentary.

Dick: It's a good point.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I really wanna talk more about student loans, but…

Maddox: Man, we would have loved to. The live episodes, we did record a lot more and we had more information. We… a lot of people said in the comments that the live episodes seemed scripted. Guys, this wasn't scripted.

Dick: No.

Maddox: We did hire writers and they helped us write a few jokes and do some research, some of which made it on the air, some of which didn't, but for these episodes…look. Every single one of these episodes, I have this big file that I print, that says, "Here, this is episode 43!" This one's called Episode 43_Script. It's not an actual script, but it's research

and opinions. I have three pages of text in front of me. And this isn't necessarily a script for the show. This isn't a scripted podcast, and that wasn't a scripted live show.

Dick: No.

Maddox: But, that is, however, one of the best compliments you can give an unscripted show is to say that it sounds scripted, because that means you think that we sat around and researched and wrote that material.

Dick: And rehearsed it.

Maddox: And rehearsed it! Yeah! That's amazing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a great compliment. Fuck you, idiots!

Dick: It doesn't feel like a compliment, though.

Maddox: Thank you!!! (laughing) I'll take it! Too late. I took it.

Dick: Alright, I got…I got another song by Waterboy.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it.

Dick: Yeah.

(Upbeat dance mix, including various clips of Dick and Maddox from the show, some cobbled together, "I know that X, Y, and Z is true." "What's rational about loving…" "Love…louder.") (Maddox laughs) **Song continues, repeats. Starts to include clips of Maddox making fun of people…"Uhhhuhuhuh…yeaah….(grunting) …bleeeeeeee….idiot." "Idiot."** (Dick and Maddox crack up) **"I know what true love is, 'cause I just want some babies"** (Maddox laughs) **"I know what true love is, 'cause I just want some babies.")**

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 44

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(Theme riff)

Today's show is brought to you by our own bonus episode.

(Voice clips from Bonus Episode #5 (while theme riff continues):

Dick: *If I spent an hour in this Oculus Rift, would I trade two beers for that?*

Maddox: *It's hard to say, because you're kind of a jackass. (Dick laughs) Fuck you, and fuck the real world.*

Dick: *Yeah.*

Maddox: *Because I wanna stay in Oculus Rift forever. It's a better experience than life.*

Dick: *Have you ever heard a heroin addict talk about heroin? (Maddox chuckles) This is how they sound!!!*

Maddox: *You laugh now, asshole!*

Dick: *(cracking up) I'm sorry!!*

Maddox: *You're gonna be a slave! You're gonna be one of my slaves! (Dick cracking up)*

Dick: *You're describing your ultimate fantasy of virtual reality…(Maddox chuckles)…is going to a fake virtual movie by yourself!!*

Maddox: *Yeah. You can have a super body in the Oculus Rift. You can be Goro. That's what I'm gonna be. Goro, with four arms. I'm gonna be punching suckers left and right. It's gonna be amazing. I'm gonna break all the laws. I'm gonna rob a bank. I'm gonna be a criminal. (Dick laughs) I'm gonna be flexing all four of my arms like Goro. Rrrrrrrrrrr! And then I'm gonna have a fucking Mortal Kombat championship where everyone dies.*

Dick: *Over two million kids a year die 'cause they don't have soap. That's a lot of kids!*

Maddox: *I dunno, man. What are these kids' personalities like?*

Maddox: *Boners are awesome. I'm just hanging out here with my dick out. What's the problem?*

Dick: *Well, that your dick is out.*

(Voice clips end)

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(Theme riff restarts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy! What's up, buddy!? How's it goin'? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello.

Dick: Yeeeah.

Maddox: Welcome back. Welcome back. So, Live Episode #3 dropped with Ela Darling. And the votes…the comments came in. A little bit more positive, I think.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got a couple comments saying me and Ela should hook up.

Maddox: Ooookay, Dick. Was that just from your own personal Facebook status update?

Dick: No, no, no. That was real people saying…I got an email on it from **Joel Bailey. "Hey Dick, you and Ela Darling should star in a pornographic adventure…"** (Maddox laughs) **"titled Indiana Bones and Temple of Poon."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "It can be just you and Ela complaining about how uncomfortable jungle sex is until you find the legendary Casper mattress and Tube Socks of Antiquity. Go fuck yourself." Alright.

Maddox: (laughs) You know, I got a number of people commenting. Everyone was pissed off, 'cause you screwed up that pun. This guys says… **Guntherinc** on YouTube. He says. **"Why did he not say Indiana Jones and the Temple of Poon?"**

Dick: What did I…I said 'Indiana Jones and the Temple of Not Getting Cum on my Mom's Comforter', didn't I?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. (grins) That's a funnier joke, to me. (guffaws)

Maddox: Yeah. In the Temple of Boom would have been funny. Temple of Poon would've been funny.

Dick: No. I'm more of, like, a pie in the face kinda guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't like a bunch of clever wordplay, alright? Uh…Mr. New Yorker?

Maddox: Ohhhoh. (laughs) Whoa, excuse me. Didn't know this was class warfare. Alright, Dick. Let's just get through the votes here. Um, Chump Syndrome came in top last episode.

Dick: Boom!

Maddox: You know, I don't know…(stammers) I'm gonna call shenanigans on this, Dick.

Dick: Why?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Because for the longest time, People Who Turn Left was in the positive territory and was outranking all the problems from last week. And then outta nowhere, all of a sudden…

Dick: No, I know why. It's because…It's because when you launched the podcast, it goes to your network of fans. That's why…your problems always start higher. Like, they always shoot up in the beginning.

Maddox: Mmm. (skeptical)

Dick: And then over time, like, casual listeners and fans of the show will listen. They'll listen and actually think about the problems.

Maddox: No. No, that's not true! (Sean laughs)

Dick: And then…

Maddox: (interjects) That's not…oookay.

Dick: (interjects) That's when it comes around to me. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Good…good theory, except for the part that it's entirely horseshit. Uh, so… when I bring in problems that the fans disagree with, like, for example, Fries. You idiots LOVE your French Fries. You voted that down into oblivion.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Fries is one of the lowest things on the list and I fucking think fries are so boring. You know what? If you guys like fries so much. If fries are so good, why do you always have to eat them with ketchup?

Dick: Well, fries are a condiment delivery system.

Maddox: Yeah, condiment delivery system.

Dick: That's what's so great about them.

Maddox: Yeah, so is my finger.

Dick: (cracks up) You just eat handfuls of ketchup?

Maddox: Ehhh. Whatever. And then Spoiler Crybabies from the live show, which you said doesn't count in the final vote…I think it does count, Dick. I'm gonna change the rules. And then The Pronoun 'They', then People Who Turn Left in the negative territory. I guess you guys are fucking morons. And then Having Sex in Weird Places. There you go.

Dick: That was last?!?! (incredulous)

Maddox: That was dead last.

Dick: Ohhhhhh. That's shameful.

Maddox: Yeah. I got a comment from **Maya1.** This girl says, **"She is the worst guest they've had."**

Dick: Oh, come on!

Maddox: "All her swear words are forced and her nose is fucking bullshit!"

Dick: Ohhhhh. What is that…why always picking on the appearances of everybody?

Maddox: What are you saying about the…like, there's nothing wrong with Ela's nose! That's great.

Dick: No. She's beautiful. (slightly creepy voice)

Maddox: Okay, Dick. I'm gonna barf all over this microphone. (Dick laughing) What do you got?

Dick: Um, you know where…I think I know where you screwed up with the People Who Turn Left problem.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Because I…I agree with you. I hate left turns.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, emphatically agree with you. It's the 'people' part. If it had just been Left Turns, I think you woulda got a lot of votes.

Maddox: Dick, it's ALWAYS the people. Left turns don't exist outside of people, Dick. Left turns…(laughs) There isn't just, like, a big pile of left turns causing problems. It's the people who choose to make left turns. That's why I specifically phrased it as that.

Dick: You're gettin' real existential on me lately.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: After your Oculus Rift eye-opening experience.

Maddox: It's changed my mind. Changed life.

Dick: I got a comment from **Justin Wang. "I emphatically agreed when Dick brought up sex in weird places on the video podcast. Not surprised to see it downvoted by people who are probably desperate to even have sex in normal places."** That's this guy saying that, I'm not saying that. **"Sometimes when you travel a lot, you have to make do with what you can, but I think it's just never as enjoyable as when you have a nice clean bed, control of your environment, and all the time in the world."** That's all I'm sayin!!!

Maddox: Uuuuuuuuugh. Crybabies. It's fun! It's adventurous, man. Someone pointed out in the YouTube comments. They said that you wanna be Sailor Man, and yet you won't have sex in weird places. Sai…that's all sailors do is have sex in weird places!

Dick: No, they don't! They only have sex when they come into port!

Maddox: Yeah. Those are weird places.

Dick: Port!?!? (Maddox laughs) A whorehouse?? That's not a weird place!

Maddox: Pretty weird. (laughs) Who has sex there? Hey, uh, I got a comment from **JeffJimps** on YouTube. He says, **"Holy shit. This show and the other episodes are awful."** (Dick guffaws) (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And then someone names **Misterburgers** commented and said, **"Get raped."** (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: This is on Youtube?

Maddox: This is on YouTube.

Dick: What kind of avatar does he have?

Maddox: Uh, just like a little dude sitting back.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And then I got another one from **GeneralKenobi.** He says, "**Drop this already and go back to just writing."** And then **Misterburgers** says, **"Get raped."** (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: That's his…that's his catchphrase that he's trying to get caught on, huh?

Maddox: Another comment from **Chickenpie.** He says, **"10 bucks says 99% of guys went and jerked off to Ela immediately after watching."** Sounds like kind of a positive comment, right?

Dick: Oh, yeah. That's as positive as it gets, in my eyes.

Maddox: Misterburgers. "Get raped." (Maddox cracks up) Yeah. I got another comment, this one on Facebook. Uhh, his name's **Daniel Eek.** He says, **"9/11 was just one big left turn with planes."** (they all crack up)

Dick: Is that true?

Maddox: Probably.

Dick: Did they do a loop? Where do you leave from LaGuardia? They went out of LaGuardia or…

Maddox: (interjects) Boston, I believe. And then they…

Dick: Nah, they went outta New York.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They went outta New York, didn't they?

Maddox: I think they left in Boston and then went to New York.

Dick: Uh-oh. This is gonna be a disaster in the comments. (cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, boy. We're part of the truthers all of a sudden.

Dick: Um, let's see. Did you tell people they should be tweeting pictures of Harry packages to you?

Maddox: Yeah. Last episode, remember, Dick? It was last episode. I said, "If you guys get these packages, take a picture of it and tweet it at us and Harry's…"

Dick: Oh, the Harry's shave kit.

Maddox: Yeah. Harry's shave kit, yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay. I thought they were sending pictures of their testicles.

Maddox: No, not their…not their…that was a joke people were making, like, 'Hey Maddox, here's my balls." Idiots.

Dick: There was another Sativa Sean. Did you see that?

Maddox: No, I didn't see the new one.

Dick: Yeah. It said…it's a picture of Sean, you know, audio engineer. Dr. Feelgood over there.

Sean: Goddamnit. (Maddox and Dick chuckle)

Dick: And it says, "I know a thing or two about mids and highs." (Maddox laughs)

Sean: That's funny!

Maddox: Yeah, emphasis on highs.

Dick: Willjohn Todd. That one.

Sean: Well, it's not funny, really. It's funny to me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I, uh…I have something special for you, Dick. It's your favorite, favorite segment.

(Ritzy theme starts, Dick Versus Dick!!!!)

Dick: Ughhh. (Maddox laughs) This segment doesn't even make any sense.

Maddox: It always makes sense.

Dick: It's always out of context.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: It's such horse…it's such chickenshit, small-ball nonsense. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Small-ball! (laughing)

Dick: It's small-ball.

Maddox: You're small-ball. Hey, speaking of small-ball, uh, this comment comes from episode…way back in Episode 27. **Jordan Bien-Aime**, the fan, sent this in. He noticed this Dick Versus Dick, so thanks, Jordan. (Dick groans) This is from Episode 27. Listen to this.

(Sound clip of harp 'arpeggio'

Dick: Like me, don't like me. I don't give a shit." (harp continues)

Maddox: Yeah. You remember saying that, Dick?

Dick: That's it?

Maddox: And then…and then from last…

Dick: (interjects) I was a different man back then, though. A lot of months have gone by.

Maddox: Ohohoho!!! Sure. Yeah. Yeah. (grins) And then…and then, last episode, here's what you said.

(Harp arpeggio…

Dick: I care what people think about me. (Dick and Maddox laugh in real time) **I'm not one of these enlightened individuals who doesn't care. I actually care." (harp continues)**

Maddox: (laughing) You remember saying that, Dick?

Dick: Ah, fuck off. (Maddox crack up) You can…both of those things can be true. (grins)

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You don't care about what people think about you, and you do care about what people think about you.

Dick: Look. Liking me or not liking me is different from having an opinion, like, a specific opinion about me.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Like, "Oh, I hate him, but he is funny." See?

Maddox: (groans) That is some…

Dick: (interjects) I don't care if you like me, I just want you to think I'm funny.

Maddox: Dick, that is some fancy verbal tapdancing you just did. Good job. Uh, that's all I got. You wanna get to the problems?

Dick: Uh, no, 'cause I have…I have a segment for you.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: Hang on, lemme find this. Lemme find my segment…

Maddox: Maddox Versus Maddox. (grins) Is that…I'm just BRACING for it, one of these days.

(Theme song from Titanic starts)

Maddox: You motherfucker! (cracks up)

Dick: 'Cause you know what it means that Chump Syndrome won.

Maddox: Ohhh man, this makes me angry.

Dick: As everyone knows, Maddox has sworn not to watch the movie Titanic, so when he loses, I play 30 seconds of the movie Titanic so that eventually he has watched the whole thing.

Maddox: Yeah. I will never watch this movie. It's such a piece of shit.

Male voice starts to sing: "Maddox is an assshole…"

Dick: But then you said you would watch it.

Maddox: No, no, no. So, that was a bald-faced lie. For self preservation! I explained that already.

"He can go fuuuuuuuck himself…."

Dick: Oh, okay.

"His probleeeeeeeems all suck and he deseeeeeeerrrrrrves it."

Maddox: This fucking song. You know what, Dick?

Dick: What.

Maddox: I have something interesting about the Titanic, though. So, I was curious what exactly I said about the Titanic way back in the day, because I wrote that article in 1997. Fucking..this song!!! (Dick cracks up) I fucking hate this song! This fucking bullshit-ass song!!"

Dick: What did you say?! (grins)

Song continues…"Titanic cliiiiiiiiiips…."

Maddox: You know what? Good. Fuck you. Whoever sang this song, fuck you. Because you had to listen to this song and you had to keep it in mind and make a parody of it.

"…can go ooooooon and go ooooooon and go ooooooonn…."

Dick: Yeah! I like this song.

Maddox: It's a fucking bullshit song, Dick! (Dick laughs) This isn't metal.

Dick: So what did you say? (grins) What did you say, back in the day?

Maddox: So I went back and looked at the articles.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I…I'd written at least three articles mentioning the Titanic and how much I hated it. And I was reading it and it refreshed my memory, I thought, "Oh wow, okay, this is exactly…" The entire movie, first of all, is contrived. That love story never happened. And it's a movie about adultery!

Dick: What are…

Maddox: Yeah! That's the whole fucking movie! It's just about adultery!

Dick: It's a movie about adultery? (skeptical)

Maddox: That's what it is!!!

Dick: That's a lot of romantic movies, though.

Maddox: (laughs) That's why I don't watch a lot of fucking bullshit-ass romantic movies!

Dick: So, what are you, like a priest?!

Maddox: No!

Dick: (Sean laughs) You don't like adultery in your movies? (laughs)

Maddox: Uh…you know what, Dick?

Dick: Do you score them, by, like, vices?! Ahh, there was adultery. There was blasphemy in that movie!

Maddox: Because people champion this movie like some great fuckin' love story! It's not. It's a woman who cheated on her boyfriend! (yells) That's all it is!! It's a woman who's too much of a pussy. Too much of a coward to confront her abusive boyfriend and say, "Enough's enough. I'm gonna walk away. I'm done!" She just went behind his back and cheated because she doesn't have the moral fortitude! She doesn't have the balls! She doesn't have a backbone to confront her boyfriend and dump him before she goes and shacks up with this loser!

Sean: Why are you so invested in this!? (Dick laughs)

Dick: So, did you read the plot or something on Wikipedia? (grins)

Maddox: No, no, no. This was the old article I read a lot time ago.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How did you write that without watching the movie, then?

Maddox: I inferred. I think I must have read about it.

Dick: You inf…you read about it.

Maddox: I read some reviews and I inferred, yeah. I wrote a review for lots of movies that I haven't watched, but way back in the day.

Dick: So you like movies like "Enough" with Jennifer Lopez. Like, women who are strong and stand up for themselves. You wanna watch that one? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: No, man. I dunno. I've never seen that movie.

Dick: Alright, well you're watching Titanic now. When we last…what?

Maddox: I have…I have one other important revelation.

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: I was looking specifically for the phrase where I said I would never watch Titanic, and I didn't find it in my old articles.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: I had just made that statement verbally. So, uh…

Dick: And it became part of your mythos.

Maddox: It became part of my consciousness, yeah.

Dick: Okay, well, when we last left Titanic…

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: A bunch of uh…aqua machines and submarines were down at the bottom of the sea, filming a documentary. But then, when they shut the documentary off, they were up to something else.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? And they were just sending out their little probe, like the guy in the back of Optimus Prime.

Maddox: Anal probes. Stupid fucking movie.

Dick: Look, Maddox.

(Movie clip starts up again in the background)

Maddox: I'm not looking.

Dick: Look at this stuff. That's a boot! There's a boot on the floor. A beautiful woman might have worn that boot.

Maddox: My eyes are closed.

Dick: And some glasses.

Maddox: Yeah…oh, great. Yeah, glasses. They're gonna find glasses intact at the bottom of the sea?

Dick: Look at this. A child's mask. A porcelain doll mask. That was once held by a child on this vessel!

Maddox: I don't give a fuck what was held by a child. Gross.

Dick: This is a whole…a whole life lost under the sea.

(Voices from the movie in the background)

Maddox: Yeah, you know how many other ships have sunk? All anyone cares about is the Titanic. I also wrote about that. 'Cause…(stammers) Oh, we're focusing on Titanic 'cause of the stupid fucking plot, contrived bullshit.

Dick: Look! Did you see that guy had something that looked like the Oculus Rift?

Maddox: No.

Dick: That he was using. Do you wanna watch it again?

Maddox: No! I…I'm good! I'm good, Dick.

Dick: Even if it might be an Oculus Rift thing?

Maddox: It's not an Oculus Rift, 'cause that movie came out in, like, 1996.

Dick: It was a precursor, though. (grins)

Maddox: I don't give a shit.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Fucking horseshit.

Dick: Oh, I got a voicemail. You wanna hear it?

Maddox: Great.

(Voice mail: (male voice pretending to be Bono but sounding an awful lot like a leprechaun) "A fine day to ya, boys." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Bono! (laughs)

"This be Bono. Your ambassador to the (garbled) fuckin' Cookie Tree. (Maddox laughs) **Now, for the last week, I've been fighting a bout of the ol' hay fever."**

Dick: Oh.

"Me nose is more stuffed up than Elton John's butthole." (they all crack up) **"That's right, everything ……..has found me a…and just in time for old St. Patty's day. I was unwinding after a long, brutal day of ……."** (Maddox and Dick laughs) **And poured meself a glass of me new favorite libation, Fireball Whiskey."**

Maddox: Ohohho!!!

Dick: Oh, fuck you, Bono!!

"I took a few sips, all of me troubles faded away." (Maddox and Dick giggle) **So impressed that I went so far as to make Fireball Whiskey the official pseudowhiskey of U2 and……..** (Dick cracks up loudly) **So when you boys next be enjoying a glass of Fireball, not only can you feel like real men, you can make a bold statement. A statement that you love and stand with U2 and all of our fans in cinnamon solidarity.** (Maddox, Dick, and Sean crack up) **Until next time, boys, may you have walls for the winds, roofs for the rains, and a dick for fucking yourself. Bono out."** (They all crack up again)

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: Why is that guy so funny? (laughing)

Maddox: What, Bono? U2's Bono? That's U2's Bono calling!

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. He's really funny.

Maddox: Big fan of the show. Yeah. I didn't know he was such a funny dude. You know, um, yeah. He took time from his long, hard, grueling days of philanthropy to call into the show. (grins)

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Thanks, Bono.

Dick: God bless him. Alright, you wanna get to some problems?

Maddox: Yeah. What do you got this week, Dick?

Dick: My first problem is Smartphone Fact-Finding Fuckheads.

Maddox: Oooh, okay.

(Sound clip: Clapping)

Maddox: That's…that sounds promising. What do you got?

Dick: Well…this has been bugging me for a long time, and it started…I'm gonna base it off this email that **Kyle Simmons** wrote. You remember a few episodes ago when you…you paused the episode to look up a stats. (Maddox guffaws) On the life expectancy of people 100 years ago, right?

Maddox: Uh, yeah. I wanted to verify, yes.

Dick: You wanted to verify.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause there was some curiosity over whether or not it was as low as you were saying it was.

Maddox: You INSISTED that it wasn't and it sounded like you knew something I didn't, and I thought, "No, I'm not crazy. I know this is pretty much a fact. I just have to verify it."

Dick: Pretty much a fact. Then that's where the magic lies.

Maddox: I'm pretty sure it was a fact.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's where…I mean, in the poker game of life, the "I'm pretty sure I'm making the right move here." Is where the magic is. That thin…that asymptotic line that you can get to, where you don't know for sure, but you're pretty sure.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: That's when…that's when the magic happens. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's when you start risking things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like reputation. (Maddox chuckles) That's when you start looking like an asshole, you know what I mean?

Maddox: When you started getting Dick Versus Dicks?

Dick: Aaaaaaaah, nope! Nope. Not then.

Maddox: No? (grins)

Dick: When you start maybe being the big R-word.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: 'Wrong'. (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: I thought you meant the other big R-word, roundabout. The three-word one? (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: You know my life motto. ABC. Always Be Trolling. (Maddox and Dick crack up laughing)

Maddox: Oh, yeah, Dick. You're fucking trying to…you're backpedaling…this is what you're doing. You're backpedaling so hard, you're trying to save face. (Dick laughs)

Dick: No, look.

Maddox: Yeah, anyway.

Dick: So you paused the episode.

Maddox: You're…you're projecting, by the way. This is all projection.

Dick: Projecting what? (incredulous)

Maddox: You're projecting…you're saying that, "Oh, that's…."

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute. What are you talking about?!!?

Maddox: That's your…that's what you do, Dick. That's what YOU rely on, and you're projecting that.

Dick: Rely on what? What do you mean? What do I rely on?

Maddox: Oh, that, you know, where you wager your reputation and your…the magic lies in this little thin area here. You're projecting. This is…

Dick: (interjects) How is that projection?

Maddox: This is Oculus…this is…

Sean: Nice armchair psychology going on. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah, what are you…explain. Stop saying the word "projecting".

Sean: Maddox Versus Maddox.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: This is Oculus Dick, here. 'Cause you see things through your prism, so you think that other people are kinda doin' the same thing. (grins)

Dick: No,no, no, no. I'm saying when you get to a point where you have a stat in your head…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you think it's…you think it's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You have to make the deci…without looking it up, you have to make the decision to either go with it or not. You have to base choices on that and make statements based on something that you don't know for sure, but you believe in it.

Maddox: Well, Dick, I agree that you are saying those words. So, go on. What is…

Dick: Oookay. So. So. (Maddox chuckles) You pause the episode.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: I tried.

Dick: To look it up.

Maddox: I tried.

Dick: Yeah, but I don't like pausing conversations. You know that about me.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Especially to look up stats that I think are worthless.

Maddox: To carry in a point being made. Yes, go on.

Dick: So, you found that the life expectancy, which is now, like, 80. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you looked it up, 'cause you said it was 50, and that seemed low to me, and you looked it up and the computer said…Google said it is, in fact, 50.

Maddox: No. It said it was more than double. It had more than doubled since, like, the 19th century. The turn of the 19th century.

Dick: So it was down at 40?

Maddox: Yeah, it was around 40.

Dick: Look, it was a big drop. A drop that I thought was staggering, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: So you looked it up and the conversation continued after that, as much as it could. It limped along after that.

Maddox: Ooookay. (annoyed)

Dick: This guy, **Kyle Simmons**, and this is my point. He says, **"Hey Dick, just wanted to let you know that the average life expectancy was so much lower because the infant mortality rate was so much higher** . **People still lived to be pretty much the same age as we do now, they were just more likely to die as a baby, so cram this dildo of knowledge down Maddox's throat."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Unnecessary. I dunno why he put that. **"Ps, your hair fucking rules. Love, I'm crazy for Swayze."** (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: What's that guy's…

Dick: It's the shout-outs that these emails throw in at the end.

Maddox: Yeah. What's that guy's name?

Dick: His real name?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Kyle Simmons.

Maddox: Kyle Simmons. Oh, too bad, Kyle Simmons. Too bad you didn't actually look more into those stats.

Dick: Oh, Christ.

Maddox: Because, they didn't count babies in that mortality rate. In fact, if they had counted babies in that mortality rate, it drops the mortality rate, or, the life expectancy to about, like, 14 years, or something absurd, because so many…

Dick: 14?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah, because that's when the majority of people die is when they're babies. They don't make it out of child birth. So they only count people who grow past the age of 6 or something like that. Because otherwise it totally throws off the skew. Uh, so, sorry, dickhead. No. That doesn't count.

Dick: Look.

Maddox: Here.

(Sound clip: 'Wrong buzzer')

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Here's my point. Here's why Smartphone Fact-finding Fuckheads is a problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because none of this shit matters.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (annoyed)

Dick: What matters is, it's interesting to me that you think the life expectancy is so incredibly low and I don't believe it. That's the interesting part. What's interesting is why you think that, to me. And that's…this fact-finding fuckery…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's happening because of smartphones.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is just killing conversations. All day, every day. And that's a huge problem to me!

Maddox: Um, you know Dick, I am so glad that you brought this up. Uh, because I really wanted to talk about this. 'Cause that was a really interesting thing you said during that episode.

Dick: Here we go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No! (laughs) You waiting for that backhanded compliment, 'cause it's coming.

Dick: It's…that was a backhanded compliment. I'm waiting for the other slap. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: The other slap's comin', buddy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, that was really interesting, what you said, because you think it's interesting that I may have a perspective that may be incorrect based on some, uh…nonfactual knowledge. Right? You think that's interesting, rather than the actual fact that supports the point that makes a solid argument in favor or against whatever I'm saying. Right? You think the process is more interesting than the conclusion.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Stupid. (Maddox guffaws)

Dick: That's stupid. What's more important?

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " Crazy!")

Maddox: Dick, what's more important is the actual cohesive argument. That's what's important. Not whether or not I may have read a wrong statistic or I got my facts jumbled or confused in my mind. And here's the second point I wanna bring up. I'll get back to this. But the second point I wanted to bring up is, I thought this was a really interesting problem you brought in this week, because I thought you were specifically going to talk about how the fact-finding dickheads kill conversations.

Dick: Yeah, they do.

Maddox: But usually, the fact-finding dickheads…this is the type of conversation…this actually happened to me two days ago. I was sitting around talking about the movie "Jurassic Park". And my friend and I couldn't remember for the life of us who the actor was. The main actor.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: The guy with the big wart on his face?

Dick: Here we go! This…and some asshole is like, it's a gunslinger.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In the Wild West.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If someone doesn't know a fact, BOOM. They bust 'em out of their pockets and it's like Quick Draw McGraw with their smartphones.

Maddox: Right. Aaaaaaand, the name of the actor was irrelevant to our conversation.

Dick: Totally irrelevant.

Maddox: It could have made no difference. In fact, I literally said, "It makes no difference." Let's just say his name was Bill, or Bob. It makes absolutely no difference.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because we're not talking about that actor, we're just talking about Jurassic Park, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So, of course, the conversation got derailed and we went on this fact-finding mission for this irrelevant information. However, the difference with that conversation that we had on our episode where I was talking about life expectancy, you were disputing a fact that I was making, so that was relevant. That was something that we had to know before we went on, not a superfluous little tidbit of information like the actor from Jurassic Park.

Dick: Slippery slope. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No! It's a very clearly outlined slope.

Dick: Look, I agree with what you're saying. I agree with what you're saying that sometimes effect can be relevant. Uh, Sean and I were driving over here and he was asking when opening day was, and I looked it up on my phone. 'Cause…opening day for the Dodgers Stadium.

Maddox: Yeah. No, yeah.

Dick: Right? 'Cause I go to opening day every year at Dodger's Stadium.

Maddox: Explain what opening day is to people who…

Dick: (interjects) Opening day of baseball. First day of the…first home game of the season. Is opening day. It's a big party. They fly the B-2 bomber over the stadium.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Usually the stealth bomber.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, lot of fun. We get drunk. Uh…

Maddox: Don't blink, or you'll miss it.

Dick: Oh…

Maddox: The bomber. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause it's so quiet, man. It's like a UFO.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That comes in.

Maddox: And it's, like, gone in a second, too. It's like, "Well, okay. I guess that was cool."

Sean: What do you want it to do, hover?

Dick: What do you mean? Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: I'd just fly around a couple times, you know. Drop some streamers. Some smoke…some smoke streamers. Something.

Dick: I am…smoke streamers? Out of a B-2 war machine?

Maddox: Eh, they'll figure it out. (Dick and Sean laugh) I believe in America, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. I think they like to still have some respect for themselves, though. (grins) When they're flying it over. Like, this is a show of our military might.

Maddox: Ah, come on. Blue Angels! Blue Angels is a show of our military might, buddy.

Dick: Yeah. Alright. Uh…I like to do that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Even bringing this problem in, I was looking it up on my phone, and I'm like "Yeah." There's definitely a difference between something that's relevant…like…this will help the conversation. Right now, the conversation is stymied on knowing this fact. So I'm looking it up. But usually, like in the case of the guy from Jurassic Park, it's just not.

Maddox: Yeah, so that's where I thought you were going more with this problem.

Dick: Well, I am!

Maddox: That is…that is the gist of your problem, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. I'm on board with that. Because it does derail conversations and it's not fucking important. Look, guys. Try to transport yourselves to a time before cell phones existed. Or before you had this…this little book of knowledge with you at all times, called Wikipedia, that you could look up any fucking time you want. I'm going to…submit the following criteria on whether or not you should go on a fact-finding mission during your conversation.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Ask yourself if it's relevant to the conversation. Then, if knowing that knowledge changes anything, because usually, if you just say, "Oh, I knew it!" And then you just move on, no one fucking cares! No one cares that you knew it, or you thought you knew it, or it was somebody…it's that little itch that you gotta scratch inside your brain. It's like, "Ohhh, I have that, it's just on the tip of my tongue."

Dick: It's just selfish gratification.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like jerking off in the middle of the conversation. It is just as offensive as just jerking off. Because it's just…oh, I need this. I need to satisfy this curiosity. For me.

Maddox: That's a great way of putting it, Dick. I agree. It's intellectual jerking off.

Dick: No, I…I was talking to this girl last night. I was driving her home, and she was telling me something about, like, a cricket league. And she threw out the acronym, and I said, "What does that stand for?" Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: An…ANZAR…something like that? Not relevant at all.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Just to get her talking. You know.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You gotta keep 'em talking.

Maddox: (scoffs) Sure.

Dick: Keep the rational mind working so the…

Maddox: Ohhhh. (groans)

Dick: …sex mind can, you know. (Maddox laughs) So the one hand doesn't know what the other's doing. Do you know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Do you actually know this psychological theory? This principal that you're quoting here?

Dick: I mean, I've done extensive research.

Maddox: Have you, really?

Dick: In this field.

Maddox: This is an actual thing.

Dick: What?

Maddox: It's true. What you're saying.

Dick: What I'm saying is true?

Maddox: What you're saying is true.

Dick: Tell me more. What do you mean?

Maddox: Uh, I listened to this episode of RadioLab a long time ago and they talked about how the rational mind and the subconscious are two different things.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they gave specifically an example where, on average, the average person can remember around 7 digits at any given time. More than 7, they start to drop off. It's a big Bell curve, and then anything before 7 is fine. Everyone can remember up to 7 digits. So, they gave people, as an experiment, different numbers of digits to memorize, and then the researchers said, "Okay, go down the hallway to this other room and get a refreshment." The people who were memorizing numbers that were less than 7, like 4-digit numbers, 5-digit numbers?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: When they were offered snacks of grapes or chocolate cake, they overwhelmingly chose the healthier option, which is grapes. And then the people who were memorizing seven digits or more overwhelmingly chose chocolate cake!

Dick: Whaaaaaat? (shocked) So science is proving my…this is a great Dick tip, by the way. (Maddox laughs) If you keep 'em…if you keep their mind working…

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: They will satisfy their baser impulses.

Maddox: Their primal…yeah, their primal impulses.

Dick: Are you kidding me?!?!

Maddox: And this isn't a Dick tip, Dick! I just fucking said it. (angry)

Dick: Yeah, but I threw it into getting laid. I took science and applied it.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what? You get the Dick tip, but then they get the Maddox shaft. (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah, it's a shaft, alright.

Maddox: Yeah, but that's an actual true principle that actually works.

Dick: Well, the fuckin' phone killed it! Because instead of trying to remember, and, like, telling me…instead of this girl coming up with what this acronym was, she pulled out her phone and started looking for it, and I was like, "Ohhh, God." And then I went off into a rant about looking up facts on your smartphone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And, next thing you know, I gotta start over. I gotta start the seduction process over again. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: I didn't know you started it to begin with, if you're talking about, what? The acronym of cricket.

Dick: She was…she was interested in it.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: She was talking about home.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Talking about her dad? Did you ask her how her dad is?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How her relationship with her dad is?

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Yeah. And, so…how'd that play out, Dick? Did you, uh…did you end up bedding this chick?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Oh, did you?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Was it someone you already knew, or totally new?

Dick: Ehhh, I knew her.

Maddox: Mmm, okay.

Dick: I knew her from before.

Maddox: That doesn't count. (laughs) Sorry. I'll give you partial credit for that, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, you know, I do think…like, I get where you're coming from with your whole stats thing. But I do think it's more interesting to nail people down onto why they think a stats is the way it is? Versus looking it up. (Maddox chuckles) Like that age thing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because you look it up, and we just move on. You don't learn about someone's, like, beliefs of how society was back then with the age thing specifically.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or someone's…someone's prejudices. Not negatively, but just, like, about the way they see things back in the day.

Maddox: You know, Dick, that explanation is good; however, I don't think it applied to knowing the mortality rate in the context of that conversation. Because that…that means absolutely no…like, I'm not…I have no opinion about the mortality rate in and around the turn of century. It is what it is, whether I look it up and it's 30 years old, or 40 year old, or 50 years old, it's just a number, and it was to prove a point that humanity…remember the argument we were having? I was saying that humanity has improved the mortality rate over time. And you were using that as an argument. Uh, the context was to say that the Oculus Rift isn't gonna work as we suspect, because humanity always fails, bla bla bla.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I gave an example that the mortality rate has improved over time. It was relevant. I change my mind.

Dick: It was relevant.

Maddox: It was relevant. It was relevant. But, uh…my opinion of that number is irrelevant. That's not interesting.

Dick: Yeah, see, I think it is!!

Maddox: No.

Dick: I think it is, though.

Maddox: Why? Why? Tell me why. I not only don't think that that's the most interesting part, I don't think that's interesting at all.

Dick: Nah, it's interesting to me.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: 'Cause I wanna know why you think that. Like, I wanna know why you think that. Like, I wanna know why that piece of data is important to you, first of all.

Maddox: Dick, I read it…well, you know why it's important in the context of that argument. But I read it in a book. That's why I think that. I read it in a book somewhere.

Dick: But it's in contention. Like, even this guy here, Kyle Simmons, has an opinion on it. Like, it's not…he's got counterfacts for it.

Maddox: Yeah. He's…he's got an uninformed opinion. That's why I have that little disclaimer on the Comments section on the website…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: …that says Uninformed Opinions. Go ahead and place them here. And then my…our fans listen to it. They post their uninformed opinions. 'Cause that guy…if you include…again, if you include babies in that mortality rate, it drastically throws the average off.

Dick: Well, now I don't know who to believe.

Maddox: (sighs) Well, Dick. You should always put your trust in me.

Dick: That's the thing. I don't know who to believe now, and I didn't learn anything about anybody.

Maddox: Okay. So…does that undermine what you said, or what I said? Think about it, Dick.

Dick: You.

Maddox: (laughing) Dick…

Dick: (interjects) I didn't have to think very long. Look it up on Google. Who does that undermine? Me or you?

Maddox: Yeah. Great. (sarcastic)

Dick: Uh, the average user…the average cell phone user reaches for their phone at 7:30 AM in the morning. I got some stats on the Daily Mail. Uh…they spend 3 hours and 16 minutes per day on their phone, which amounts to one full day a week.

Maddox: I believe that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's crazy. Uh…4 out of 10 people admit feeling lost without their gadgets.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. It's an addiction. It's absolutely an addiction. You know, Dick, I went through…way back in the day. And when I had a QWERTY phone that wasn't a total piece of shit like the one I have now…

Dick: QWERTY for people who don't know, is the keyboard.

Maddox: Yeah. The full physical keyboard. When I had a really good phone, it was the Nokia E-90. If you guys look this up. This phone had by far the best mobile keyboard I've ever used. I could type so fast on this thing. There was a control…a dedicated Control key. A Tab key. There was a Pipe key.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: And I used all of these things to SSH into my Shell server and do actual work.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I could run Quake on this phone. Quake would run and it was networked through Bluetooth.

Dick: I've heard of that.

Maddox: It was unbelievable. So, this keyboard allowed me to type so fast that I would sometimes send up to 20 text messages in under a minute to different people, different groups, organizing events, telling people where to be, what time to show up.

Dick: Wait, what is…what are you, like, a community organizer?

Maddox: Y…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean? What are you doin'?

Maddox: I was…I was organizing different pe…I was telling people where to show up for different groups that I was in at the time.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, that sort of thing. So I was sending out so many texts…out of curiosity, I thought, "I wonder how many texts I'm sending in a month." And I did the math and I went to my cell provider and I looked at the total number of text messages. Then I looked at the average length of each one of my text messages, converted it to words, and then converted the number of words to pages, and it turned out, I had written around 120 pages of texts just through my cell phone, through sending text messages, in one month.

Dick: That's a lot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's not as alarming to me as the amount of analysis you put into, like, your life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, analyzing your bills and calculating words per text and stuff?

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: I don't do any of that.

Maddox: Yeah, I know. I know, Dick. Uh…

Dick: Do you know anyone else who does that?

Maddox: Uh, no, I don't. I don't know as many people who are as introspective.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, well. That's my problem. It is an addiction. And if you call anyone on it, they say the same…it's…they say the same that an addict says. "I had to do it." "I have this curiosity that I have. I had to satisfy it."

Maddox: Yeah. They can't…they can't not touch their cell phones. It's insane. It's…it's an addiction. Uh, but speaking of other addictions, Dick. I got an addiction for you.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Being an Idiot. (Dick scoffs) Specifically, being a Well-Intentioned Idiot. That's my problem this week, Dick.

Dick: Oh!!

Maddox: Well-Intentioned Idiots. Oh, yeah. Thank you.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Like your article.

Maddox: Yeah. So, I wrote this article.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It got spread around quite a bit. I hate to use the word "viral", but…it resonated with a lot of people.

Dick: Yeah, I'll be honest. I was surprised.

Maddox: About the article?

Dick: That it resonated with so many people.

Maddox: Oh, I…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I don't know that…it didn't upset me at all, and it upset you a lot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it looks like it upset a lot of other people, too, but I mean, that's your thing. Like, you know what people think.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, so, let's fill in the people who don't know. The article is titled "The Dancing Man and the Cult of Well-Intentioned Idiots". Uh, Dick, about a week and a half, two weeks ago, there was this picture that showed up on 4chan, of this fat guy. And there was a caption on the picture that said, "Spotted this specimen trying to dance the other week. (Dick chuckles) He stopped when he saw us laughing." Okay? That's a very mean-

spirited comment. It shows this fat guy, who was in motion in one shot, and then the second shot shows him looking down and a little bit sad. (dorky sad voice)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Little bit…the only problem is, this was posted in the /b forum on 4chan, and lemme read you the heading for /b. It says, "The stories and information posted here are artistic works of fiction and falsehood. Only a fool would take anything posted here as fact."

Dick: Yeah. That's just a…I think that's more of a general disclaimer, though, to get them away from, like, all the illegal stuff everybody always talks about doing.

Maddox: Well, possibly, but it…

Dick: (interjects) Like, I believe what you're saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That…that it didn't happen the way the kid said it did. 'Cause it seems like they're bragging about making a fat guy feel bad. And then I already think that's bullshit. Like, I think they didn't do it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, there's just simply no evidence for any of this. Look, if you ask somebody…so, this group of women…

Dick: (interjects) Sorry, can I interrupt you for one second?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sean, do you understand what he's talking about? 'Cause you were…I dunno if you saw this dancing fat guy thing? But does it make sense the way Maddox is describing it?

Sean: Yeah. I saw a little bit about it.

Dick: Okay. I'm just making sure, 'cause I'm very familiar with this, and I wanna make sure someone who isn't…

Maddox: Crystal clear, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I'm in.

Maddox: Alright. We're all on the same page. This group of women in Los Angeles. There's this group called GNI. And it's all girls only.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Just a bunch of girls in this group!

Dick: Sexist.

Maddox: It's a hidden…it is, I believe, because I don't know of any groups that are just… that I'm part of that are just guys. I don't…I don't join any groups, like, "Oh, hey guys…oh, men only here." Who gives a shit?

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: So this group is women's only. And they decided to throw a little something for this guy. They decided to, first of all, put out a virtual manhunt to find this guy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then, they wanted to throw him a party with just 1700 women dancing for him.

Dick: That sounds pretty cool! That's why I didn't get why you were pissed off about it! Like, that sounds like a dream…like, this guy fell into an oil well! He fell into a pot of gold!

Maddox: What if he's gay, Dick?

Dick: He…gay guys like dancin' with broads.

Maddox: Do they?

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Why? Why, specifically? Because they're making an assumption about this guy's sex. Why specifically?

Dick: Nooooo!! 'Cause chicks are fun!

Maddox: Are they?

Dick: They…you know what?

Maddox: These chicks? They sound…

Dick: (interjects) Ehhh, Pshyeah, probably.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 1700 chicks? They've probably got a lot of fun ones in there! They like dancing. Yeah!!

Maddox: More projection! More projecting.

Dick: How is---

Maddox: (interjects) Dick's projecting what he likes onto other people. That's what this is.

Dick: Maddox!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a bunch of chicks that like dancing. They're party girls. (grins) They pride themselves on their ability to have fun.

Maddox: Dick, it's condescending. Why don't you let this man have his dignity and…he's not a fucking baby! He's not a child! If someone actually…look. If this happened exactly as this troll says on 4chan, and they actually made this guy stop dancing by laughing at him?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: First of all, he's an adult and he can handle it his fucking self. And second, you're trusting this person, this anonymous person, this commenter on 4chan, who has said this mean thing about this person, so at best, this person is ambiguous! (angry) Ethically

ambiguous! And at worse, he's malevolent. So you're choosing to trust the words of a malevolent person who's making this claim about this picture! This non-contextualized picture! If you look at that picture again, it looks like he could just be looking down to reach for his cell phone! In fact, given the stats that you just cited, Dick, it's more likely that he was reaching for his cell phone than he was dancing in this room full of people.

Dick: Oh, I agree. I agree. However, as…the guy doesn't matter. The guy's irrelevant.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As soon as it gets posted to the Internet, the context BECOMES the story. Do you see what I'm saying? Like, the guy…as soon as those kids said "We did this." "We made this fat guy feel bad for dancing."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It doesn't matter what actually happened. Now, the context is the story. It's an ideology. So, the response is, to me, has nothing to do with the guy and it's just a bunch of girls who wanna make people feel good about dancing.

Maddox: They want to make themselves feel good. This is narcissism!

Dick: Uh, yeah. (unsure)

Maddox: They want attention. Look, Dick. They said in this…so, they created this flier that they started tweeting around, and all these…all the, you know, the 'Hive', the 'Hive' got a hold of it and they started retweeting it…

Dick: Find the fat man?

Maddox: Yeah. Find the Fat Man, is, I believe, the hashtag. (Dick laughs) It was find fattie. #findfattie.

Dick: Was it?!?!

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: What was it, like find the dancing man?

Maddox: It's #finddancingman.

Dick: Oh, please.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, because that's the dimension. That's the one vertice that they're okay to glom onto.

Dick: Yeah. (grins) The cops show up. "Hey, can you describe the guy?" Oh, he was dancing.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs) You know, the dancing guy!!?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Anything else?" "Uh, he had a striped shirt on."

Dick: "Uuuum, yeah."

Maddox: "Anything physical? Anything going on there?"

Dick: "He was wearing glasses."

Maddox: Glasses. Um, white guy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's okay to say "white", yeah. He's white.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anything else?

Dick: Oh, uh, he was 600 pounds. (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, he was morbidly obese? (Dick cracks up) Why didn't you start with that, fuckface? No, "find dancing man".

Dick: My friend actually once said to me, legitimately, "Yeah, I don't think it's appropriate for there to be race, in, like, APB, when the police are looking for a suspect. Like, give me one legitimate reason why they would have race in that." And I'm, like, "Are you fucking kidding me?" It's, like, the most identifiable thing about you if you're being sought after!

Maddox: It's the most identifiable dimension of your description, dickhead!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Of COURSE it's relevant.

Dick: Anyway.

Maddox: If someone's wearing glasses, I'm gonna be, like, "Yeah, the guy over there with the glasses." I'm trying to be efficient with my language and just point out the person. If someone's over there and black, I'm gonna…yeah. The black guy. If he's standing amongst a bunch of black people, then I'm gonna use something else that's descriptive.

Dick: Yeah. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. So, they're looking for this guy, and they put this big flier out. It says, "CANT BRING ME DOWN". "Can't" is missing an apostrophe. (Dick giggles) Then they said, "Dancing Man…"

Dick: (interjects) Sean's face. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. They said, "Dancing Man, we don't know much about you." Uh, correction, idiots. You don't know anything. Anything about him.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't know that he was dancing, even. You don't know that he was shamed, even. You don't know that he was sad, even. You don't know that he's not part of a Witness Protection Program and he doesn't want to be found, even! You don't know that he's taking some time off from work and he doesn't want his boss to see this picture of him

because he's not supposed to be there! You don't know anything about this guy. NOTHING.

Dick: That's a stretch, though. The Witness Protection one.

Maddox: Dick, you don't know anything! If you don't know anything about someone and you're just publicizing this picture to MILLIONS of people on…based on an assumption. Based on the context of a troll who said something mean about him…

Dick: Yeah. But are you really concerned about him getting outed doing something he's not…like, I feel like a lot of your righteous indignation comes from these girls are self-seving narcissists and they're parading around like they're doing a good thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they're anti-bullies, but they're really just making themselves feel good. It's not really about the Witness Protection stuff.

Maddox: Di…no, Dick, it's not about that. What this is about is that these girls, they don't even realize it. Their good will and their good cheer…they're well intentioned.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: By doing this, by spreading his image to millions of people, they have, in effect, bullied this man into coming out into the public! They put so much pressure on him. Millions of people are looking for somebody. What are you gonna do, just sit in your closet and hope that nobody…there were people who…

Dick: (interjects) Eating Ho-Hos?

Maddox: There were people…(laughs) (Dick laughs) Good one, Dick. There were people who were looking for this guy, and some dude, I think his name is Marcus or something. Tucker Marcus, something like that? And this dude…

Dick: (interjects) Whoa.

Maddox: Posted a picture of his guy. He said, "I think I found him." So, of course, the dancing man has been outed. And now, whether he likes it or not, he feels pressured to come out because millions of bullies are looking for him! They have bullied this man, who may have not even been bullied to begin with!!!

Dick: Alright. Bullied into going to a rave held in his honor!? (incredulous) What…is that SO bad?

Maddox: It's a literal pity party, Dick! Leave this man his dignity! Maybe he was shamed, maybe he wasn't! (angry) What if it turns out he wasn't shamed at all, and now because he's fat, everyone feels pity for him? And these same fucking women wouldn't give him the time of day in real life! They would never come up to this guy! I had so many fat…

Dick: Oh, that's absolutely true.

Maddox: Yeah, absolutely fucking true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that's why it's so condescending, Dick. Because there's a line in here. It says, "We are prepared to throw you quite the dance party just for you if you'd have us. To be clear, it's 1,727 of us. And, we are all women." (snobby tone) Now, the presumption here is that the Dancing Man cares that he is going to get attention from women! They're assuming that he doesn't already!

Dick: Women are more fun! That's a real thing! I know there's research on that!

Maddox: You…listen to the argu…listen to the argument I just said.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The presumption is that this man doesn't get attention from women already.

Dick: Wait a minute. Why is that the presumption? They're just saying they're throwing a big party and it's gonna be full of chicks.

Maddox: He's…they're specifically saying, "To be clear, it's 1727 of us. And we are all women."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: As if that's a selling point. As if somebody…

Dick: (interjects) You don't think that is?!?!?

Maddox: Dick, it's only a selling point to somebody who doesn't already…what if he's already getting the attention of 1, 700 women?

Dick: Uh, hey. Double down. That sounds like a good deal!

Maddox: Dick, it's condescending. You're as…you're making an assumption about this guy that he doesn't get attention from women…

Dick: Ugh. (scoffs)

Maddox: And B…A, that he doesn't. And B, that he wants it or needs it.

Dick: I think that's a safe assumption to make that throwing someone party is nice! Especially if it's full of women!

Maddox: Dick, whether…

Dick: (interjects) You don't think so?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Di…(stammers) Look. Whether or not it's true is irrelevant.

Dick: I mean, odds are, it's true.

Maddox: Odds are, it's true. I agree.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I agree. And, you know what, guys? This guy MAY actually want this attention. He may want it. And he MAY be okay with this. But you don't know that and he might not want to, but now we can never know for sure, because he's been pressured and bullied into coming out into the public! And, in fact, Dick, I have a quote from the Dancing Man. Once they found him, all these people, all the media outlets were trying to get attention…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, sure. (grins)

Maddox: And interview with him, right?

Dick: Gotta sell ads.

Maddox: He tweeted to ABC. ABC's Gisella, uh, one of the anchors on there? He says, "I'm trying to keep a low profile. Turned down a couple interviews yesterday as well. Promise will provide interview when there" blank, 'cause it's fucking Twitter and it got cut off. (Dick cracks up) But he specifically said he's trying to keep a low profile.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why do you think that is, Dick?

Dick: 'Cause he probably doesn't like the spotlight.

Maddox: Doesn't like the spotlight.

Dick: I mean, that's not weird.

Maddox: But now he has the pressure of millions of people breathing down his neck to behave in a certain way to fit in this narrative that he's been bullied, which we don't even fucking know!! (yells) Whatever happened to fact checking?! Whatever happened to journalism?

Dick: Well, this is just a bunch of chicks, though. They're not journalists.

Maddox: No, but you know who is a journalist, Dick? ABC-7. Here's what they said.

Dick: Brian Williams?

(Sound clip from ABC: "…heard the expression "Dance like no one's watching"? Well, that cyber bully nearly dashed one (**Dick:** Uh-oh!!) **UK man's dancing dream.** (**Maddox:** Yeah.)**")**

Maddox: So they say. Without doing any fact checking.

Dick: Cyber bullying. (mutters)

Maddox: Without one iota of evidence! And here's what they follow up with.

(Sound clip: "But thanks to some viral vindication, that body shaming victim is... (Dick sighs) (**Maddox:** Victim.) **soon to be center stage at a star-studded dance part here in LA with more ladies than he can count!")**

Maddox: Oh!! (pretends to swoon)

Dick: Well, if he wasn't a victim, then he was when they put it all over the news.

Maddox: Eeeexactly.

Dick: Like, even if the story was fake, he turns on the TV and goes, "Oh, everyone's making fun of me 'cause I'm fat?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or "Everyone thinks that? That sucks."

Maddox: And now, whether or not this narrative is true, it's become true. It's what people believe.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They believe he's a victim.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And without…they have taken away his agency to choose whether or not he was victimized. They have ALREADY labeled him. They've branded this man a victim. They have t…they made this man look weak! Don't you see how condescending that is?!

Dick: I…guess. I guess I don't really read all this stuff into that. It just seems like…it seems like an ideological battle with a bunch of party girls and fame-whoring celebrities throwing a…being opportunist. Throwing a guy a big party 'cause they want…their agenda of "party all the time" to get through.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Like, they want…I think there is…I think they're well-intentioned, as you say.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Um, I do believe that the road to…what is the saying, the road to Hell is paved with good intentions?

Maddox: That's what they say.

Dick: I do believe that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think that…I don't…my idea of Hell is not 1,700 dancing girls.

Maddox: Dick, stop thinking with your dick for one second.

Dick: I'm not thinking about banging them! I like to party!

Maddox: Great, Dick! That's YOU. But just for a minute, put yourself in the shoes of this guy, where everybody in the world is calling you a victim.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: When you aren't one. Think about how that would make you feel if everybody thought you were a victim. Wouldn't that make you feel weak? Wouldn't that make you feel insulted, at the very least?

Dick: Ahh, I don't know. (skeptical)

Maddox: What about you, Sean? Would you feel insulted…if everyone called you a victim and they started passing this picture around, and millions of people saw it, and they said…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah.

Maddox: "Hey, uh…Dancing Sean, why don't you come out of the closet and dance with us?!" (goofy voice)

Dick: If it was, like…

Sean: (interjects) I'm completely on board with Maddox on this one.

Dick: WHAT?!! (furious)

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And it does matter, also, that he's fat, I think, because fat people get constantly teased their whole lives for ONE thing. Being fat. It's not like most people, who are, you know. You go up to the school. "Oh, you're a nerd." "Oh, you're ugly." "Oh, you're.." You get teased for different things.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Fat people are probably really sensitive to it, because it's like, "I got bullied again, for what? For being fat."

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Being fat. Being fat. Being fat. It's just this recurring thing. So they probably don't wanna draw attention to it.

Maddox: Yeah. This is well intentioned…

Dick: (interjects) And this is the opposite.

Sean: What's that?

Dick: This is the opposite, that they're drawing attention to his fatness.

Sean: Yeah!

Maddox: To his fatness, yeah.

Sean: Because he's fat. We're gonna…yeah. We're gonna throw you, like you said. A literal pity party.

Dick: You know, I think. Now I'm thinking if Sean agrees, I gotta rethink my whole thing.

Maddox: Well. (scoffs) (Sean laughs)

Dick: Because this is…if I'm those bullies, right? If I put…if I bully this guy into not dancing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, if I made fun of him? Whatever. Bullying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then posted it to the Internet. This is the best case scenario. This is a successful bullying beyond my wildest dreams!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You know? Like, I don't feel anti…like a sort of anti-bullying was sunk in my heart by this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm like, "This is great." This is better…I've not only manipulated this one guy into not dancing, I've manipulated thousands of people into doing what I…something! Doing what I want!

Maddox: Yeah. You gave his bully the most attention. You gave him the biggest platform.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And by the way. Here's…here's something that many people who are skinny don't know. 'Cause I used to be fat.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And fat people don't like to be photographed. I don't know if you know this, but most fat people, if they feel insecure about their bodies…

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Which many do.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're not very proud of their bodies and they don't want their bodies to be photographed! Whether you're comfortable in your skin or not, they don't want to be photographed! I didn't. I was confident as a fat person. I'm more confident today. However, I still…I look at my old photos, and I didn't have as many photos as I have today, because at some point, you don't wanna be photographed. So now they're taking this picture of this guy and posted it around everywhere, and he felt pressured to post this picture of himself.

Dick: He did seem uncomfortable when he responded on Twitter.

Maddox: Yeah, of course.

Dick: Like he did seem like he didn't wanna do it.

Maddox: Of course. And now millions of people are scrutinizing his body and saying it's okay, and we're not body shaming. You are! You are body shaming. You're making this guy feel self conscious just by putting his picture up in front of millions of people. Don't use him as your poster boy unless he chooses to be. Unless he wants to be. You guys played his hand for him. You pressured him into doing this.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: And at the end of this…yeah. And at the end of this flier, it says, "May we have this dance?" You know, these women.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then it said, "Sincerly." (Dick cracks up) They spelled 'sincerely' wrong.

Dick: Oh man, that's how you know they love to party.

Maddox: Yeeah.

Dick: All typos. (grins)

Maddox: You know, these women…these women. A lot of them are very attractive. I've seen some of them. I got in an argument with one on Twitter, who didn't even understand the…

Dick: (interjects) I read…I read part of that argument.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. This chick, I forget her handle.

Dick: She had the kind of, like, typing persona that made you want to strangle her.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Like…with her, like, winky smiley…like, her condescending winky smiley faces, like a 13-year-old girl, you know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you get that vibe from her?

Maddox: Well, I didn't want to strangle her!!

Dick: Not in those words, but…

Maddox: Yeah. She's a…

Dick: (interjects) That's an "rrrrr". It's like, when you read a text from a girl…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who's, like…who's trying to be…who's trying to rev you up. You know? Who's just being a little bitch.

Maddox: Oh. She was…she sent me a tweet, and she said, "Hey Maddox, um, that 37…" Oh, by the way, I haven't mentioned this yet, but they raised over 37,000$, as of this podcast recording, they've raised 39,000$ to throw this guy a dance party!

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: And she said, "Hey Maddox, you should do more research, 'cause that's actually for charity." And so I did more research.

Dick: (laughing) What charity?

Maddox: Yeah. I did more research and there's a…so, what happened is…the first… initially, when they put out this campaign to raise funds for Dancing Man?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And that's what it's called. Let's not have any pretentions here about it being anything other than a fund for this giant fucking dance party, because that's what the fund was called.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It says, "Dance Party For Dancing Man."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what it's called.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: That's what people are donating for.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 39,000$. And she said, "It's for charity". And then I looked and it said…there's a little asterisk. One sentence in entire fund of, like, five pages. Or, five updates. They said, "Any proceeds not used for the Dance Party will be donated to charity." So whatever's left, guys.

Dick: (interjects) You know…I…

Maddox: (interjects) Whatever's left after we fly this guy out, and buy all the booze, and pay for the lights, and all this shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's supposedly all donated, but you know it's not. You know there's gonna be…

Dick: (interjects) I hope it's not! I hate that they do that. Like, why? Just take it! Just buy more stuff with it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why does…why does everything have to go to charity?

Maddox: (laughs) Well, it doesn't, Dick.

Dick: Like, seriously.

Maddox: Oh, my God.

Dick: Just keep it! Like, why do you have to say it!?!? Why do you have to feel bad that your little campaign worked? Why is there a guilt associated with it?

Maddox: Bec…I'll tell you why.

Dick: You know what? Get a Ferris Wheel! Just spend it…spend it…be like Brewster's Millions. Buy…get…(stammers) Get Tommy Lasorda to show up. (laughs) Bring him back to life. I know he's dead. (Maddox chuckles) Is he dead?

Sean: No!

Dick: No, he's alive.

Sean: No.

Dick: Yeah, pay his ass to show up. He's a fat guy! He'll dance!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I love how he picked a Ferris Wheel. (laughing) (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: It's gotta be expensive! I'm trying to spend money!

Maddox: Uh, I'll tell you why, Dick. Because the chorus of criticism, right? It started to become louder and louder, led with me. Of people criticizing these women. They're saying, "Hey guys, enough's enough."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You've raised 40,000$ for a dance for a guy who you don't know. He might be a child molester. He might be a criminal. He might be something! You don't know ANYTHING about this man!!!

Dick: But it's the ideology. They don't want p…it has nothing to do with him.

Maddox: Well..ex…it has nothing to with him.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But they've raised these funds for this stranger who they know nothing about. He may be a convicted felon. You know NOTHING about this guy. You've raised 40,000$ to give this guy the day of his life, supposedly. Which, by the way, immediately the day after he's gonna go to his dead-end job and just fucking rot in a cubicle. But this guy, um…and again, I'm making an assumption there. We don't know anything about this guy. So, this guy…they raised 40,000$ and people are criticizing them, like, "Guys, enough is enough." There are people who actually need this money. Who actually need these funds. There's a child…like, the same day this story dropped, there was a child whose parents got killed by Boko Haram in Nigeria.

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: He's growing up…Boko Haram is a terrorist organization.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: They kidnapped a bunch of girls awhile back because they didn't want them… they wanted them to go to madrasas instead of getting a traditional education. So they… they killed this child's mother.

Dick: They weren't using 'em to throw a dance party for a fat guy? (giggles)

Maddox: No. No, they weren't. They were…they were, uh…terrorizing them.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And potentially sexually assaulting them.

Dick: I see, Okay.

Maddox: So there's a child in Nigeria who's growing up without a mother, who could probably use, I don't know. Maybe a quarter of the funds you've raised for a fucking dance party to make his…his life…(stammers) instrumentally better. Significantly better. And instead, these women are focused on their narcissism. In fact, there's a quote from this girl…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but wait a minute. I gotta stop you there. 'Cause the whole, like…"The money should go to the biggest suffering people", I don't agree with.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: It's…people are giving this money because they support the cause, whatever it is. They wanna…you know, they like the spectacle that they're seeing. They believe people should feel good about dancing no matter what. I agree with that. Like, it's a good ad for that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How…but you're making…you're making more sense than I thought initially.

Maddox: Yeah. Do you…do you think that also, these people would think that you should grow up with both parents and that one shouldn't get shot in the head? Do you think that that's one of the virtues?

Dick: (interjects) I don't think you always have to think about the suffering of the world.

Maddox: You don't.

Dick: I really don't.

Maddox: I…I agree. I agree. And I think that it's dangerous to go down this moral slippery slope where you say, "Well, you could do more." Everyone could always do more.

Dick: Yeah, everyone.

Maddox: Look, I 'm not raising 30, 40,000$ for this child in Nigeria. I'm not doing it…

Dick: (interjects) Everyone could also do worse! I could be doing a lot worse!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You ever thought about that?

Maddox: (scoffs) Well.

Dick: Huh?!!? I'm gonna start doing it right now!!

Maddox: I dunno if you can, Dick. (laughs) Um, yeah. So the…uh, you know. You could do worse. You could do better. Look, if they raised, say, I don't know. 4, 5,000$ to help pay for the flight for this guy and then put him up in a hotel, whatever. Fine. But then…now they're saying that any of the proceeds left over from this dance.

Dick: I don't think 40 grand is an outrageous dance party budget, though.

Maddox: I think it is.

Dick: You do?

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: Ooh, yikes, I dunno, man.

Sean: And they have to buy two seats on the plane, too.

Dick: That's…that's a good point.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Good point, Sean. (giggles)

Maddox: This guy's fat. They gotta buy two seats on the plane. Uh-oh, did we just fat shame? Ohhhhhhh, ohhh.

Dick: Hey, are they gonna throw Sean a party about deleting emails?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Er, deleting podcast? Sorry.

Maddox: Yeah, that's some trauma that you can't ever get over. So anyway, Dick. They're well intentioned, but they may be doing more harm than good, because they have bullied this man into coming out when he doesn't necessarily want to. Um, along this line, though. Rolling Stone Magazine did a story awhile back about this girl who was…she came out and she made a claim against one of the fraternities at the University of Virginia. She said that she was gang-raped.

Dick: Jesus.

Maddox: And she…yeah. It was a really big Rolling Stone story. It got spread everywhere.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It…it put a spotlight on college campuses and sexual assault that happens on college campuses. Which I think is a problem. And this girl gave this really horrific, very graphic account of being raped. And, uh…being gang-raped. And so Rolling Stone, they asked her if they could interview the people that she's accusing, because they want to get to the bottom of this, right? And she asked Rolling Stone not to. She said, "Don't talk to them."

Dick: Uh-oh. Uh-huh.

Maddox: "Because I'm afraid of repercussions. I'm afraid of them coming after me." Etc, etc.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: As if telling your account of being graphically raped on a very specific night. She gave the specific night and she gave the college fraternity; however, she asked Rolling Stone not to talk to them for fear of backlash.

Dick: Eeehhh, okay.

Maddox: No, but if you make this accusation about this specific account. People who did the crime are gonna know you're talking about them. So whether or not Rolling Stone talks to them is irrelevant.

Dick: Yeah, but she didn't want to name the names, right?

Maddox: She didn't want to…

Dick: (interjects) That's…that's a big difference.

Maddox: No, but she did name the names.

Dick: Oh, she did.

Maddox: She told…yeah, she did. She named the names. They used aliases in the article.

Dick: Okay, but she didn't want them to talk to those guys, but she was okay with giving the names.

Maddox: Correct.

Dick: But she knew that they wouldn't use the names in the article.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Okay, well, still. That's still not naming names.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: I mean, if she said, "Here's the names. Use 'em in the article." And then said "Don't go talk to them." That's weird.

Maddox: But, no. They…they made the choice. They made the edi…Rolling Stone made the editorial decision not to publish the names of the accused because it's an alleged crime, right?

Dick: Mmm, yeah. Sure.

Maddox: There's no…it's a crime until it's convicted, right?

Dick: Uh, whoa. Now you're getting real philosophical. It's an alleged crime.

Maddox: Well, that's why they say "alleged". It's an alleged crime.

Dick: It's an alleged crime.

Maddox: Right? Right. Until there's a conviction, because you can make any accusation about anybody. You can't just go around calling everyone a rapist! And then just have it stick because you say, "Don't talk to them."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So…so anyway, they said, "Okay, you know what? We're going to respect your wish."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "And we're not going to talk to these accused." So they published this article completely without fact-checking anything that she said.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Well, you know what's coming. Shortly after, Washington Post did some snooping, and they found a lot of discrepancies in this girl's story.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, for example, um…you know, in order to be sensitive to this lady, they found that…little details like the fact that the alleged rapist was in another state the night of the alleged rape?

Dick: That's a pretty big plot hole.

Maddox: Pretty big plot hole. And he didn't belong to the fraternity that she claimed.

Dick: Ohh. That's…classic mistake. (laughing)

Maddox: Didn't go to her university.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Hasn't been to her university in six years.

Dick: And he was a woman.

Maddox: No, but close.

Dick: He was a dog!

Maddox: Nope. Nobody with his name in the United States even exists.

Dick: Well, alright.

Maddox: They couldn't even find…she…so they couldn't fact check. Even her own friend who herself was a rape victim. One of her friends, they kind of bonded because they both had this shared experience.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Even she came out afterwards and she said, "Look, guys, I don't even know what to believe anymore."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Because she changed the number of rapists from 5 to 7. Basically, the bottom line is this. We don't know what happened.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So there's a lot of questions raised. But because this journalist had good intentions, we had this giant atrocity and what happened is, Rolling Stone had to retract the story, and what this has caused is people to potentially doubt other people who come forward in the future.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Because of her story. She's done more harm than good and it's because of this journalist's good intentions.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She didn't want to further cause any trauma for this rape victim.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This alleged rape victim, right?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So she honored her request to not interview the accused. And the accused said, basically everything that was contrary to her story. They didn't even have a party the week of the alleged incident!

Dick: Right. So it looks like it's entirely fabricated.

Maddox: Much of it may have been fabricated.

Dick: I mean, maybe. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. We don't know.

Dick: And he was well intentioned and full of his righteous glory and…right? Just ran with the story.

Maddox: It was a she, yeah.

Dick: She ran with the story.

Maddox: And by the way, I looked at this journalist's other work…

Dick: (interjects) Of course it was a she. What am I saying? (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: I looked at this journalist's other work, and she's actually done some really good journalism in the past?

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: She's done some really good stories.

Dick: She just hit a trigger with this one.

Maddox: Yeah. She really screwed up with this one. And then…I'll just end on this one, too. You know who Jessica Williams is, Dick?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Or Sean? Jessica Williams is a correspondent on the Daily Show. And you know how Jon Stewart has recently come out to say that he's stepping down from the daily show?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is the final season. He's not gonna be the host anymore.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So there's this chorus of people on the Internet saying, "Hey, Comedy Central, why don't you replace Jon Stewart with.."

Dick: With a woman.

Maddox: A woman. Or a minority.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or preferably both, right?

Dick: He's Jewish, though. Is that not a minority?

Maddox: Oh, not anymore, I guess!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So a non-white minority.

Maddox: A non-white minority.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Non-white male minority. They want more women. They want more minorities, right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Because that's where true diversity comes from. Not the…you know, like Martin Luther King said that we should judge a person not based on the color of his skin, but the content of his character. Now we're going back to judging based on the color of their skin, aren't we, dickheads?

Dick: Skin, yeah. (grins)

Maddox: By putting a minority in there, because their skin's not brown enough, they're not a minority? You fucking idiots!

Dick: You know what? I…I agree. It should be a minority, but not…I don't even think it should be an American minority. It should be, like, the most minority-est person on the planet. Like somebody from a tribe in, like, the South Pacific. (Maddox chuckles) Like, one of those guys that walks around with, like, the penis poles on?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Who's never spoken a word of English.

Maddox: Never seen…never seen a human. (Dick laughs) Doesn't know what…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, he's throwing his spears at helicopters.

Dick: Whooooahohoho!!! (laughs) Yeah.

Maddox: Nono! They still have those tribes, yeah.

Dick: No, I know, I know, I know.

Maddox: So get one of those guys.

Dick: That's a minority.

Maddox: That's a minority.

Dick: Get one of those guys.

Maddox: Yeah. The most minority host…(Dick cracks up) We don't even…we don't even know what he's fucking saying every night. Ratings will be through the roof.

Dick: And then they should just tweet everybody "Blow me." (Maddox laughs) You got your minority now!

Maddox: Here you go, idiots. You fuckin' morons.

Dick: It's a very specific minority that they want, though.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. It's very specific.

Dick: Like, just say it, it's not minority, 'cause you have a minority. He's Jewish.

Maddox: You have a minority, yeah. He's Jewish. Right. They want a non-male minority.

Dick: Who are a majority. There…there's more women than men.

Maddox: There's more women than men. So what they want is a majority.

Dick: The most majority. (cracks up)

Maddox: They want the most majority, but they want her to also look a little brown. That's what they want.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: They're like, "You know what? Put her in the oven a little bit longer." (Dick cracks up) Bake her a little bit longer. Let's bring her out a little bit, you know, golden toasty brown. That's the shade that we want. Because that's…that will change her opinions and world view, won't it, you fucking…you insensitive, prejudiced cocksuckers! (Dick laughs) You guys want a minority insofar as their skin color's different!! Don't you fucking realize that's the exact same mentality that the KKK has?!!? (Dick cackles) Because based on the color of your skin, you're prejudicing against people, you fucking dipshits! (yelling) Jesus.

Dick: A minority reading words written by a bunch of white guys, right?

Maddox: Well, or…or…

Dick: (interjects) Like what does it…what does it matter?

Maddox: Yeah, what does it fucking matter? The writers are a big group of people anyway! You don't fucking know!

Dick: No.

Maddox: Jeesus.

Dick: Were they not satisfied…do they just want another Oprah?

Maddox: I…I guess, man.

Dick: I mean, they had…she's a minority.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: They had her for a long time.

Maddox: Based on her skin color. Technically, she is a minority, yet Oprah has a very mainstream point of view, doesn't she? Because she resonates with millions and millions of people.

Dick: With everyone's mom.

Maddox: Yeah, well. I guess.

Dick: A lot of those.

Maddox: So, uhh..people were saying this girl, Jessica Williams. She's a black correspondent on the Daily Show. She's really funny.

Dick: (cracks up) They want her to host the Daily Show?!

Maddox: They want her to host the Daily Show.

Dick: This is what the execs at Comedy Central are doing to that. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: What's that? Laughing?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Oh, you're gonna take…they're gonna take an institution like the Daily Show host, hosted by white guys…like, a massively successful, and they're gonna switch it that much. Like, be reasonable.

Maddox: Uhhhh….(stammers)

Dick: Is there any chance of that happening?

Maddox: Okay, Dick. I know you're trying to help, but you're actually, like, hurting my argument. (laughs)

Dick: I mean, just…just be reasonable!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are they gonna do that? Are they gonna take that…if someone makes that decision, they're asking to get fired! Like, that is such a radical change!

Maddox: Well, maybe. It's not. It's not. I disagree. Because it just..it really depends on the person and their point of view. There's nothing necessarily radical about this. If she's qualified for the job, then she should get the job. That's it. End of story. However…

Dick: Oh, I…yeah. Okay.

Maddox: So here's what she said. She came out and she said, "Look. I'm not hosting, guys. Thank you for asking, but I am extremely underqualified for the job."

Dick: Smart.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Smart move.

Maddox: Thank you for asking. I added "for asking". She said, "Thank you, but I am extremely underqualified for the job."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, look. Smart or not, we don't know. We don't know what she's thinking. We don't know her internal thoughts. We don't know her career path. We don't know the decisions…the factors that went into her decision-making on that decision. Right? We don't know that.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: However, right or wrong, she has decided that she doesn't want the job, because she feels underqualified, and there may be other factors, too. She may want to go into movies, which sounds like is what she wants. So that should be the end of the discussion, right? (Dick laughs nervously) Oh, nope. You would think. But there's this woman named "Ester Bloom".

Dick: Good.

Maddox: Yeah. And she wrote an article accusing Jessica Williams of Imposter syndrome. Do you know what this is, Dick?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Imposter syndrome is supposedly a psychological disorder that causes people to feel undeserving of their success.

Dick: What? (incredulous)

Maddox: They feel like they don't deserve it. They feel like that are…um, they're accomplished, but they don't deserve their accolades. Their…achievements.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That makes sense.

Maddox: So she…and this is…a lot of feminists, they say that this…that women are predominantly affected by this. Imposter syndrome.

Dick: I mean…okay. Then you start with the…alright.

Maddox: Yeah. And she said that…you know, this woman, Ester Bloom, she said, "She interpreted Williams' statement as a win for old white people. As if, you know, old white people are sitting there rubbing their hands together and saying "Yes, we got another one!"

Dick: Why does everyone's opinion have to be part of this ideological war?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, she owes you nothing!

Maddox: Yeah. She owes you nothing!

Dick: She owes you, and your crusade, and her own race, absolutely nothing!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: She's making all of her decisions based on how much money she can get out of the rest of her life! Because that's all that fucking matters!

Maddox: Well.

Dick: And her career!

Maddox: Maybe…

Dick: (interjects) In her career.

Maddox: In her career, maybe.

Dick: Whatever it is. Whatever she is. She's making it based on money and artistic desires, right?

Maddox: Well…or…or…maybe she wants to start a family, Dick. Maybe she wants to…or maybe she just wants to go into something else. Or maybe she doesn't want the pressure of having to have a nightly show, 'cause Jon Stewart spent a lot of time away from his wife and his kids, and that's one of the reasons he's deciding to step down, is so he can spend a little bit more time with his wife and kids.

Dick: I fucking hate…you know, I wanted to t…the anti-bullying charity got mentioned. And I wanted to touch on this, because that's just bullying.

Maddox: It is bullying.

Dick: Calling someone out for not, like…putting their "dues" in when it comes to, like, representing their sex or their race, is bullying! It's adult bullying!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you can't kick kids on the playground anymore! (Maddox giggles) All you can do is make them feel bad!

Maddox: Anymore.

Dick: You know what I'm sayin'?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, no, I'm saying, like, you're an adult! (angry) You can't walk…you can't pull another adult's pants down! It doesn't have the same effect.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: But you can get on Twitter.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And say that they're not doing enough for their race and gender! Fuck you!

Maddox: Fuck you. I agree. That is exactly what the problem is.

Dick: Like…

Maddox: (interjects) And so, Jessica Williams, Dick. Actually came out and said something to that effect. Uh, so…this Bloom chick, she said, "Well, what we need to do is put together a big group of suppo…we need to put together a big support group and have a "Lean In" intervention to help Jessica Williams…"

Dick: (interjects) Oh, fuck off!

Maddox: …realize that she's qualified for this job, and blablablablabla. And, finally, like, she called it out. Jessica Williams said, "You know what? No offense, but lean the fuck away from me for the next couple of days."

Dick: Ohohoho!!!! Really?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Whooooa.

Maddox: She said, "I need a minute. Lean the fuck away from me." That's a direct quote from Jessica Williams.

Dick: Woooow.

Maddox: She said, "Lean the fuck away from me." Because by..they have created a no-win situation for Jessica Williams. Because on one hand, if she does try for the job, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then, instead of not appeasing old white people, now she's appeasing young white people. Like Ester Bloom. And Wyatt Cenac, her colleague on the Daily Show, pointed that out. He said, "Oh, so you want her to appease young white people? Is that okay with you?" Because either way, it's a no-win situation. One way or the other, they have created a condition where no matter what she does, she's appeasing somebody and pissing off somebody, and none of her decisions are her own free will. None of her decisions are her own free agency.

Dick: Well, that's the thing. You don't think for a second that she knows more about what she's doing with her career than you do?

Maddox: Yeah! It's condescending.

Dick: Like…some fucking broad on Twitter.

Maddox: Right. Jessica Williams is an autonomous, adult human being.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She can make decisions for herself! And by making these decisions for her, much like the women have done from this GNI group for the fat…the dancing guy?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They have condescended and removed dignity from these people. They can make decisions on their own. They don't need to be handheld. They don't…they're not fucking babies! Yeah, this fat guy looks sad in that second picture, but he also looks like he's reaching for his cell phone! You don't know anything about these people!

Dick: Yeah, and they don't owe you anything.

Maddox: They don't owe you anything.

Dick: They don't owe the race anything. They don't owe women anything. She doesn't owe young, aspiring women a goddamn thing.

Maddox: That's right. That's right, Dick. Fucking right on the nose. In fact, Jessica Williams tweeted. Right after that, she said, "You guys, I don't belong to you." She said that to her…

Dick: (interjects) Are you serious?

Maddox: Yeah, she said that.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: I don't belong to you.

Dick: I'm gonna start stalking this girl.

Maddox: Oh, she's fantastic. She's actually really smart, articulate. She's funny. You know what? Maybe she could have had the job, maybe not. We don't know. But she chose…she made a decision based on what's best for her.

Dick: For her career!

Maddox: And for us to question that decision is REALLY fucking condescending! You call yourself a feminist? You think you're for women's rights? How about when women who are strong and abled of the mind make a decision for themselves, you respect that fucking decision, and shut the fuck up, and move on with your life! Don't try to project your…your stupid Lean In groups on them and saying that they're hurt and they're victims, when by calling someone a victim, you're being an asshole and a bully!

Dick: Yep. I agree.

Sean: I think this is my favorite problem on the show.

Dick: Me too.

Maddox: Thank you, Sean.

Dick: Lemme…lemme sweeten the deal for you. If we're talking about well intentions being a big problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got two words for you. Obamacare. (Maddox laughs) Alright, let's wrap it up on that.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. (laughs) What's your problem this week?

Dick: My problem was Smartphone Fact-Finding Fuckheads.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: And my problem this week was Well-Intentioned Idiots. Don't forget to vote on these problems, guys. Thanks for listening.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Heyyy, Maddox. Listen, love the show. Just got a quick question for you. In Episode 42, you said you drive like a samurai."

Maddox: Yep.

"I'm just kinda wondering what that means. Does that mean you drive like an obnoxious dickhead (Maddox laughs) **who imposes arbitrary rules on himself and picks fights with people who can't defend themselves?** (Dick laughs) **And then I hear Episode 43 and yeah, pretty much that's it. So I guess I answered my own question. Have a great day."**

Dick: Oh, well.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: That is what samurais did, isn't it? Arbitrary rules on themselves?

Maddox: You know what? There's a samurai code of honor, and I…they're not arbitrary rules. Yeah, sure. Maybe the other drivers don't know about it…(Dick cracks up) But there's a very strict set of rules…(Maddox laughs) Alright, dickhead?

Dick: That the DMV produces, not you.

Maddox: No, it's…I produce the rules.

Dick: You produce them.

Maddox: Other drivers don't know.

Dick: Okay.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "I just thought it was funny that you guys mentioned The Room in this week's live episode, because Dick's stupid fucking hair makes him look like Tommy Wiseau. Good job, though.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah, Dick, I got…

"Keep it up."

Maddox: Yeah, a number of people commented…

"Fuck you, Dick." (Maddox laughs)

Dick: You gotta wait for the whole thing. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A number of people commented that you look like Tommy Wiseau in that.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "You fucking morons! (Maddox guffaws) **You essentially pause your podcast to explain to people in foreign countries that UPS is the United Parcel Service. Then you spend the next 15 minutes instructing them to 'flip a bitch' when they're driving their car."**

Maddox: Yeah.

("Like anybody in another country has any fucking idea what flipping a bitch is.")

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Okay, sorry…

("So…you're stupid." (Maddox laughs) **"Also, Dick, why don't you go fuck Maddox?")**

Dick: Ohhhhhh!!

Maddox: Ohhhhh, hey, hey!

Dick: Allllllllllright, sir!

Maddox: Over the line, dickhead! Asshole. Listen. Yeah, okay! Sorry we didn't define every fucking term! So…(stammers) is he criticizing us for defining UPS and also not flipping a bitch, or just not flipping a bitch? Is that what he's criticizing us for?

Dick: I think he's flipping a bitch on that call.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: We didn't pause the podcast to identify UPS.

Maddox: No…

Sean: It took a little longer than it should have…

Maddox: It did, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: But we didn't pause.

Maddox: At most, eight seconds. But listen…

Dick: (interjects) I don't think we even defined it correctly, either. I was reading in the comments that we didn't.

Maddox: Yeah. Flipping a bitch is a U-turn, dickheads!

Sean: Oh, did he say, "Oh, it was United…" Did somebody say…

Dick: (interjects) No! No! Stop. We're not doing it again!

Maddox: No, no, no. He's luring us in…(unintelligible because they're all talking over each other)

Sean: It's United Parcel Service!

Maddox: No, it's a trap, Sean! That's what he wants! (Dick laughs) We're feeding into it!

Sean: Goddamn it!

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick cracks up) Flipping a bitch is a U-turn. I wish we could do a U-turn on that fuckin' phone call.

Dick: Me too. I got, I think one more. This guy tried his best. (Maddox laughs) I got two of 'em.

Maddox: I love these.

Dick: Yeah.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Heyyyy, guys. This is Joe from Chicago. Hey, Dick, uh… (Maddox giggles) **I was listening to the newest episode and you said that those sound clips that Maddox always plays of you saying you're a fucking idiot or whatever, who cares…**

Dick: Yeah.

"…were taken out of context."

Dick: They were.

"**And it was when you were making fun of someone on the news."**

Dick: Yeah.

"They were actually from…the, um…"

Dick: Uh-oh. (giggles)

Maddox: Uh-oh. He's falling apart. (grins)

"Actually, never mind."

Maddox: Oops. (cracks up)

Dick: That's not…he lost a page. (Maddox laughing) And I think he found the page.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey guys, this is Joe from Chicago. Hey Dick, on this week's episode, you said that those clips that Maddox always plays of you…"

Dick: Mhmm.

"Were taken out of context and that they were from when…"

Dick: I like the other read better.

Maddox: Yeah.

"…you were making fun of someone on the news."

Dick: Yeah? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah? (grins)

"Uh, which was incorrect."

Dick: Uh-oh.

"They were about the…um. (stammers)"

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh…

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh?! SO CLOSE!

Dick: Well!

"You know what…I don't care." (Maddox and Dick crack up laughing)

Sean: If this podcast gets big enough, I smell a support group for that guy. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, yeah. They'll throw a dance party for this dude!!

Dick: Uh, yeah.

Maddox: Stats Man!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Find Stats Man.

Dick: Oh, God, I had a really funny comment for you, Sean. That I didn't get to read. Uh, **Scott McGregor.** So, Sean, remember that blonde girl?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Do you…do you have her picture for this episode, by the way?

Maddox: The picture.

Sean: Uh, I do not.

Dick: Okay, he said…Scott McGregor goes, **"So Sean didn't have the blonde girl pic on his phone. Guess he deleted it."** (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Sean: That's funny. That's funny.

Dick: Uh, **Christian Lucibello. "Sean the audio engineer by day, lady deleter by night."** (grins) (Maddox cracks up)

Sean: I didn't delete it!

Dick: You didn't delete it, how is it not on your phone, then?

Sean: Alright, it's on my phone.

Dick and **Maddox:** Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!!!!

Dick: Wow, that was a weird harmony.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Alright, I got one more.

(Voice mail: "Hey guys, this is Matthew Mcconaughey. (Maddox giggles) **Calling in to ask you what all the hullabaloo's about."**

Dick: Sounds like Owen Wilson.

"You guys always complaining about problems and Maddox always seems like he's gonna have an aneurysm every week."

Maddox: Yeah.

"Yeeeeeeah. Sometimes you got problems in life. Sometimes, you don't. (Maddox and Dick giggles) **Especially when you're Ma…"**

(recording cuts off)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 45

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy! What's up, buddy?! (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back. Welcome back, people. Alright, Dick. Right out the gates!

Dick: Alllright. You're full of fire today.

Maddox: Oh, you bet.

Dick: I wonder why that is.

Maddox: Yeah. It's no particular reason, but let's get to, uh…the votes from last week.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Shall we? Uh…Well-Intentioned Idiots. The Number One problem from last week, Dick.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It CLEEANED house.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Followed by…The Huffington Post. The Number Two problem last week! Both my problems.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Both problems I brought in. (grins)

Dick: Clean sweep. (grins)

Maddox: What a hero. What an intellectual hero. (Dick giggles) And then, Unsolicited Advice, that was John Morrison's problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I'm shocked that that didn't win. Unsolicited advice is so much more annoying than well-intentioned idiots. You know what I think it was?

Maddox: What?

Dick: I think it was my Obamacare tag at the very end of your argument.

Maddox: Oh…(cracks up)

Dick: That really won people over.

Maddox: You think that's what it was? (grins)

Dick: Yeah. I saw a guy in the comments saying that I ruined it with my Libertarian agenda. (giggles)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: By say…by mentioning Obamacare at the end of it. Ah, come on, man.

Maddox: That…that should be a space on the square. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Libertarian agenda?

Maddox: You know…the…yeah. Your libertarian agenda. (Dick guffaws) Uh, so awhile back, that guy…uh, what's his name? Call the Cops, IDGAF, whatever.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Made that Bingo scorecard that another fan randomized it and created a playable sheet, so I guess we can link to it again this episode. And you can play along at home. Play Bingo. Biggest Problem Bingo. Then it was Smart Phone Fact-Finding Fuckheads.

Dick: Fuckheads. But it was in the negatives.

Maddox: In the negatives. Which means…

Dick: (interjects) Well, that makes sense, because everyone does it. That's their addiction. Of course they're not gonna vote for it.

Maddox: Do you…do you do that, Dick?

Dick: No. No, I don't.

Maddox: You don't? No?

Dick: I really aggressively try not to look anything up.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not even, like, the spelling of words?

Dick: Yeah. Any knowledge.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I reject it.

Maddox: Alright, uh…Sean, can you mark the time that Dick said that for this episode, it'll make it easier…(cracks up)

Dick: Oh, stop!

Maddox: For a Dick Versus Dick. Um, and then it was Kid Prison. -613. Kid Prison. Your clever wordplay.

Dick: Elementary school, basically.

Maddox: On elementary school.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Grades K through 12.

Dick: I'm shocked that that got so far in the negatives.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did…did everyone really like elementary school? Do they think they're doing a good job?

Maddox: Dick, it's an important building block for crucial thinking and all knowledge that we get in life. Like, we have to have those…those mental processes and the things that we learn in school are important.

Dick: Critical thinking?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Being taught by a bunch of 24-year-old chicks straight out of college? (Maddox chuckles) That's just teaching our kids criti…critical thinking is taught by a bunch of people who can't even band together to get a decent wage? Critical thinking is being taught by people who have to bring their own Kleenexes to classrooms 'cause they can't get a bunch of asshole school board people to buy it for them! That's who's teaching critical thinking!? Good luck! Kid prison!

Maddox: Yeah, here's some critical thinking. Here's some critical thinking for you, Dick.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's an ad hominem fallacy. Why don't you look that up?

Dick: Nope.

Maddox: So…(chuckles) Yeah.

Dick: I should…I shoulda learned it in elementary school!

Maddox: You should have! (Dick giggles) Yeah. If you have dipshit teachers, yeah, you might not have the best education, but if you get a really good teacher, they teach you critical thinking, that's one of the most important tools to have in your life.

Dick: Oh! I'm pissed that I used that in the live show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I really wanna get into it now.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Kid…what, kid prison?

Dick: That's a lot of…a lot of kids' time. When you're a kid. So much of your time is just wasted doing nothing.

Maddox: Yeah, um…

Dick: Just wasted spinning gears, babysitting you so your parents can work.

Maddox: Wha…

Dick: (interjects) If you…if you think that kids have to be there all day, like it's necessary for them to be there all day to learn, like, whatever bullshit, whatever work book they're slugging through that day…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you think that's necessary and not babysitting, I don't know what to say.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. Uh, do you have any examples of kids who, say, didn't go to school, or you know, dropped out of elementary…

Dick: (interjects) It's not about…like, either going or not. I'm just saying…

Maddox: It's less. You think…

Dick: A tremendous amount of time is wasted of these kids' lives!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And it's not something to be proud of.

Maddox: Well, maybe you can bring it in as a differently named problem, Dick.

Dick: I'll bring it in as Elementary School next time. (grins)

Maddox: Elementary…okay. (laughs) Bring it in as Elementary School.

Dick: Not kid prison.

Maddox: Yeah. Because Kid Prison was some fancy…fancy wordplay, Dick. And, uh…

Dick: Why are you smiling? (grins)

Maddox: Well, I had a fan. His name is **Greg Simon.** He sent in this clip. It's a combination of…well, I'll let you listen and see if you like it.

Dick: Alright. I don't like it already.

Maddox: It's…(guffaws) it's a little bit Dick Versus Dick. And here's the specific example that he…that he found.

(Sound clip starts: (keyboard music)

Dick: "No, I'm more of…like a pie in the face kinda guy. (grins) I don't like a bunch of clever wordplay, alright? I don't like a bunch of clever wordplay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Cher sings "If I could Turn Back Time")

Dick: Ghostbusting the Patriarchy.

Dick: Illegal. Illegal. (laughs)

(Cher: "If I could find a way….")

Dick: The No Fun League!

Maddox: The No Fun League.

Dick: NFL. I didn't come up with that.

Maddox: Oh?

Dick: Yeah, I ripped that off.

Maddox: Why do you phrase it like that?!? (yells) Why do you say…your fucking phrasing on this is insane!

(Cher continues…"I don't know why I did the things I did."

Dick: Manspreading Discontent.")

Dick: That was a good one.

Maddox: Oh, real fancy wordplay there, Dick.

(Clip continues…

Dick: "Newscasterbation.")

(Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: That was a real good one.

(Cher continues to sing…

Dick: "Engineering Sexism.")

(Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Yeah.

(Dick: "Because it's a double thing.")

(Maddox laughs)

(Cher continues to sing…

Dick: "What problem couldn't be solved with a little bit of time travelling, Maddox?")

Maddox: And that's why he chose this song.

Dick: Oh, oh. Oh.

(Maddox: "Dick, here's something you can solve with time travel. Indignant Cohosts." Clip cuts off)

Maddox: Yeah, so, anyway, it goes on. It was a whole bunch of Dick Versus Dicks where you said you don't like clever wordplay…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And yet, many of your problems are clever wordplay, including Kid Prison, Dick. What do you have to say about that?

Dick: Uh…you know. Say one thing, do another. That's what America's all about, man. (Maddox giggles) That's what makes this country great.

(Sound clip: Dick: "That's ridiculous!!")

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: Are you done with that?

Maddox: Yeah, I'm done.

Dick: I got…you know, somebody wrote in about your problem of Well-Intentioned Idiots. Do you remember…I wish I could play the voice mail, but the guy left a 5-minute voice mail.

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: So I…I mean, I don't know what to do.

Maddox: Send it to me, I'll edit it.

Dick: I'm just gonna summarize it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Star Wars Kid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Basically, that guy got way more shit than this poor…that poor fat dancing guy.

Maddox: That's true!

Dick: And nothing happened to him. (chuckles)

Maddox: Where's his fucking dance party?

Dick: Where's his party?

Maddox: Although, there was a petition to have George Lucas put him in one of the Star Wars movies. (Dick chuckles) Which I believe never happened.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, yeah. He…he got nothing.

Dick: Okay. Here's a voicemail for you.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey guys, it's Will from Florida, again. Hey, Maddox. Maybe your problems always get voted down because every single episode, you spend the first 10 minutes calling all of your fans idiots. (Maddox laughs) (**Dick:** Yeah, maybe that's why. (chuckles) **And hey, Dick. Go fuck yourself."**

Dick: Yeah. Alright.

Maddox: You know, you idiots, listen. If you think that being insulted in any way affects the score, or you think that it should, you're a fucking moron and you should throw yourself off a bridge! Look, if someone calls you an idiot, that doesn't change facts!! That doesn't change reality.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Just because you're a moron, doesn't mean that something should be a lesser problem than another. And by the way, you're wrong. My problems don't "always get voted down." I believe, like, seven of the top ten problems right now are mine.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, eat a dick! How about that? And not my co-host.

Dick: Well, I think all of you guys are beautiful and smart and you should vote with your hearts.

Maddox: You fucking kiss-ass. (chuckles)

Dick: Here's another one. (grins)

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hi, my name is Slomo. I'm out here in Las Vegas and this message is for Sean. (Dick laughs) **I am so glad to see another retarded audio engineer get a big gig like this one…**(Dick, Sean, and Maddox crack up)**I sure which you could delete my extra chromosome, though…Dick, you are right. I agree with a lot of your opinions.** (**Dick:** He's talking about me.) **'Cause you also seem to be retarded.")**

Dick: Ooookay. (Sean cracks up) (Maddox laughs) Slo Mo.

Maddox: (laughing) Slo Mo.

Dick: Was that guy's name. (cracks up)

Maddox: Seems like his parents…that was a self-fulfilling prophecy. With that name.

Dick: Yeah.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey, Maddox. Big fan since the beginning, back in the day. I've always checked Biggest…errr..your website for new updates. (**Maddox:** Alright) **Just wanted to call and say Dick, fuck you, and fuck your man.** (**Dick:** Oh.)**And then blow your man and taste his hot load.** (**Dick:** Allllllllright.) **Fuck you, you're an asshole. Fuck his problems.")**

Dick: (giggles) Wow. (Maddox laughs) See, if he would have stopped in the middle of that to look up the name of your website, it would have ruined the voice mail. Smartphone fact-finding fuckheads.

Maddox: Or he could have just known it. Everyone knows it. It's…I got a comment.

Dick: Wait, wait, wait. I do have a man update, since you brought up my man.

Maddox: Oh yeah? What's your man update?

Dick: I got a text from him. Lemme read it. Um, he says, "Hey Dick, I listened to…" Oh, I get this out of nowhere after I told that story about Chump Syndrome?

Maddox: Yeah. And he doesn't listen to the podcast, does he?

Dick: He does. Uh…

Maddox: Oh, woops. (laughs)

Dick: He said, "I listened to it with the Duchess." He happened to be with her when he was listening to it.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (grins)

Dick: "Uh, she told me to tell you that the toilet is fixed." So they're back to pooping inside.

Maddox: Good.

Dick: And…AND! He's back to sleeping in the bed.

Maddox: So, what was…uh, just a refresher. What happened in that story?

Dick: Well, her ex went a little nuts, um…apparently…he also says that the last time…the last thing anyone heard from the guy who got the Chump Syndrome, who lost the girl…a man…The Duke of Weed, lost a girl, apparently.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: And now my man is shacked up with her.

Maddox: Okay. So this is…so your man shacked up with this dude's ex-girlfriend.

Dick: Yep. Yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Uh, the guy…the quote from the guy, he said, "I don't care if I go to prison for the rest of my life…if your man shows up, I'll rip his throat out." So…(Maddox laughs) Chump Syndrome's really got a hold of him, I guess. But at least he's back to sleeping in the same bed.

Maddox: Yeah. That's quite a…quite a grip. Chump syndrome.

Dick: Yeah! (chuckles)

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Quite a set of pussy grapes on the guy. I don't know. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: More clever wordplay! Pie in the face kinda guy. (Dick giggles) I got a comment on YouTube.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: From **EddieWood.** So, we…we showed our very last live episode that we shot at the YouTube space…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And a lot of people were actually really upset that we're not gonna be having more of those. Um, it was kind of an experiment. We're seeing if that format works. What works and what doesn't about it.

Dick: You know, where I think we fucked up is not giving the story of how that show came to be.

Maddox: Oh, go ahead?

Dick: Which was that YouTube came to you…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you won an award. From YouTube this week, right?

Maddox: I did, but that's not why they came to me, yeah.

Dick: Well, but, 'cause you're a big YouTube trendsetter. You're like a bigshot.

Maddox: Uhhh, yeah. (uncertain)

Dick: They didn't come to me.

Maddox: No. No. (as though it's obvious)

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox guffaws) Do you hear that? You hear the inflection on his voice? (grins)

Sean: Who's not allowed on YouTube!

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) Who's not allowed on YouTube.

Maddox: Yeah. They came to me and they tapped me on the shoulder and said "Hey, we really like what you're doing here." Uh, that's not like an endorsement of any of my work, obviously, but they said that they like…they like people who put out good quality content on YouTube.

Dick: Which means getting hits.

Maddox: Uh, no. No. It doesn't. It doesn't.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Because…yeah, of course not. There's a ton of channels on there that get millions of views and hundreds of thousands of subscribers. In fact, I know…some of my friends at the YouTube space have more subscribers than I do.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And more views than I do, but it's not about that. It's…they were really trying to find people who they felt would be able to carry a talk show.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And, uh…yours truly was one of 'em, so. That's how that show came to be. They said, "You know, let's do this pilot program. See how this goes." And, you know…

Dick: (interjects) And they had specific stipulations on what they were looking for. Like, a 15-minute, you know…mini talk show.

Maddox: Yeah, pro…yeah. About that. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…and so, yeah. We pared it down and tried to see if we could do a shorter form format. I think that, um…some things worked, some things didn't, but we'll be

experimenting more in the future. It's not the last of live shows. And we may be doing live shows on tour at some point.

Dick: Oh, that would be fun.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, yeah. Totally. But I think…the comment we're getting about the show a lot is people wanna see the long form version.

Maddox: Lot of people wanted to see the long form, which was surprising to me. And…the videos surprisingly do have pretty good retention rates, so eat that, Maddox. Um…then… anyway, I got a comment from that last episode from **EddieWood.** He said, **"The real biggest problem in the universe is black people."**

Dick: (scoffs) Okay.

Maddox: Uh…more of our enlightened fan base out there. (Dick chuckles) And then someone wrote back in response to him… **Rdipthecuss…curse…**whatever. These stupid fucking YouTube handles. I don't give a shit. I'm not gonna…I'm gonna stop reading these, they're so stupid.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Anyway, he said, **"Blacks don't matter. The problem is Jews."**

Dick: Ohhhhhh.

Maddox: Or…(cracks up) **"Or clever retorts."** And then **Roger Levy** says, you know, Dick that last episode. You and John Morrison seemed to really hit it off on the couch and he said, **"Was Dick flirting with John?"** He's asking.

Dick: Um, I'm always flirting with everyone, all the time.

Maddox: Okay. I feel so uncomfortable now.

Dick: I can't turn it off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's how straight I am.

Maddox: (cracks up) I don't think that's straight, Dick.

Dick: No, no. That's the definition.

Maddox: Eeeeehhhh.

Dick: Hit on everybody, just in case.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Even men. That's pickup artist 101. You always gotta be hitting on everybody. Even if it's a guy. You gotta be practiced picking up guys to pick up women better.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what pickup artists do, man.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. Uh, I think there's another word for that. (Dick laughs) Or…

(Sound clip: Dick: "Three little words.")

Maddox: Gay. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Alright, um. You wanna do a problem?

Maddox: Yeah. Let's do it. Dick, uh…I teased this a couple of episodes ago and I'm finally bringing it in. My biggest problem in the world…in the universe…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or at least the United States. Is Utah.

Dick: Aaaaaaaaaaah!!!! Alright.

Maddox: Utah, Utah, Utah.

(Sound clip: Clapping)

Maddox: The state of Utah. I went back there recently, Dick. Uh, to…to make a little visit. Pit stop. In and out. Two nights. Just uh…probably, like, one night too many. Um, I'd almost forgotten how weird that state really is. And for a lot of people who live outside Utah, which is the majority of people. Utah is a state pretty much in the middle of America. It's not considered the Midwest, because for some reason, everyone in America thinks the Midwest is east of the middle of the country, so it's just kinda…

Dick: (interjects) The Midwest?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I count it at the Rockies.

Maddox: That's what you count it, but most people don't.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: When I say Utah, they don't consider that Midwest, I said, so, what is it?! Is it west? They're like "No, that's like California, and Oregon, and Seattle." And I'm like, "Well then what the fuck is it?!? What is it?! The Rockies?

Dick: Ehhhhh, it's the Midwest.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's gotta be.

Maddox: Nobody…you know what, though? You said Midwest to a Midwestern person, like somebody from Chicago, which is like more east, and they say, "No, no, Utah's not Midwest."

Dick: But that's what…nobody wants to be the Midwest. That's the problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they're all kinda…they all wanna talk their way out of it.

Maddox: I tell you what, man. I would have happily worn that label of Midwest when I… you know, if I was in Utah, I'd be like, "Yeah, fuckin'…I'm part of something." You know?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: At least instead of fucking neighbor to Idaho. Anyway, man. Um, here's something about Utah. Alright?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a very conservative state. You know that, right?

Dick: (guffaws) Yeah, I've heard that.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And according to the Purdue Review, one of the basic tenets of conservatism is this: It is the idea that individuals and not governments have the power and responsibility to drive social and economic process, and that government works best when it is as small, local, and unobtrusive as possible.

Dick: Sounds like something I would say.

Maddox: Yeah, it does sound like something you would say.

Dick: Yeah, what…yeah. Okay.

Maddox: So that's a basic tenet of conservatism. Here are things that are illegal or restricted in Utah.

Dick: (chuckles) Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Grocery stores are not allowed to sell alcohol. No wine, no liquor. None. Instead of wine, Dick. I went to a grocery store and I walked down the aisle, and I was looking for wine with a friend of mine, who's not from Utah, and I said…I said to his friend, I said, "Listen, they don't sell any wine or alcohol here." They're like "No, that's impossible." So we walked down this aisle that looks like there's bottles and bottles and bottles of wine, and we looked at the labels, and it's all grape juice. They sell grape juice in wine bottles.

Dick: In its own aisle?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a pretend wine aisle?

Maddox: Yeah. Like a pretend wine aisle. And it doesn't stop there. They sell pretend champagne. It's…it's sparkling cider.

Dick: Is it…then this is a religious thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I…isn't it just as bad to be pretending like you're buying wine? Like, just buy the wine, then.

Maddox: No, apparently not. You're allowed to pretend to drink wine and pretend to drink champagne.

Dick: That's not an affront to God.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. You can fake like it. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, that's weird.

Maddox: God's okay with fakers. Um, so…number two. Beer that is sold in Utah must be 3.2% alcohol by volume.

Dick: Oh, man. (disgusted)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I can't even imagine that.

Maddox: Oh yeah. I drank a Tall Boy in Utah and didn't even feel anything. I felt like I was just drinking water.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: It's insane. Wine and liquor can only be sold at state-run liquor stores. So apparently that's okay.

Dick: Mmmm. (disdain)

Maddox: It's okay if the state sells it. Where the alcohol is more heavily taxed than anything else. Oh yeah, what's another tenet of conservatism? Low taxes, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Except, apparently, when it comes to alcohol.

Dick: So they have a higher tax rate on their state-owned liquor stores?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Isn't that 100%? Like, they own the liquor. That's 100% tax.

Maddox: It's…

Dick: We own the liquor, we're selling it to you.

Maddox: They still buy the liquor from the manufacturers, though, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So whatever they make, they're just raking in. And then they use that money to pass more legislation for more horseshit drinking laws! Like this one. It's illegal to buy alcohol from a neighboring state and bring it to Utah. Did you know that?

Dick: No.

Maddox: So if you…if you're tired of the shitty alcohol in Utah and say you wanna drive up to Wyoming…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or a neig…you know, Nevada. Like a neighboring state.

Dick: Anywhere.

Maddox: And you buy alcohol and bring it back across the border, it's like smuggling cocaine across the border.

Dick: Isn't that unconstitutional?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I thought, like, the fourth article of the constitution was you can't fuck with interstate trade commerce.

Maddox: Oh, well, tell that to Utah.

Sean: Alaska's exactly the same way.

Dick: You can't bring alcohol into Alaska?

Sean: There's so many dry counties up there that they…you know, they sneak it in from other places, like in snowmobiles. It's like…it's serious contraband.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: So why the hell does anyone live there?

Maddox: In Utah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, the way I always explain it to people is, it's a great place to start life and to end life. Uh, it's a…nice safe place…

Dick: Why? Why do you say that?

Maddox: Well, it's nice, safe, and quiet to raise kids.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And it's nice, safe, and quiet to die. Like, for retirement. If you're looking for a place to die quietly alone…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: With…you know, without the intrusions of partying and social life. Um, and the things that people look for in a city…

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Utah's a great place to do that. It's a great place to die. Um…

Dick: How did you end up there?

Maddox: I was born there.

Dick: Well, how did your family end up there?

Maddox: Ohhh. This is kinda interesting. So, my grandma…I have relati…I have family that came way back in the day from Syria.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We're…ethnically Armenian people. My family's Armenian. And the Mormon church went to Syria as part of their missionary program.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they brought my grandma to Utah.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: As…as the first Mormon family from Syria to move to Utah. To Salt Lake City, Utah. (Dick gasps) Yeah. And my grandma, um…in fact, she knit…she hand-knit, like, a Persian-style rug…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Of all the Mormon leaders. The Mormon church leaders. And it's…to this day, it's in the Mormon museum.

Dick: WHAT?!?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hohoho. Wow!

Maddox: In Salt Lake City, yeah. Yeah. Yeah. So my family has some pretty…pretty deep roots in Utah. Um…

Dick: And they brought them in like, what, "Hey, check it out!"? This is…we conned these Armenians into being…like, this is an Armenian family, whoooooooooa?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They brou…like…was it, like, a spectacle?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like King Kong?

Maddox: Yeah, basically.

Dick: Sounds like it!

Maddox: And it's kind…it's weird. It's a really weird thing they do. They try…they import a lot of people. I dunno if they still do this. I think the missionaries go and they convert people in different countries and then they leave them there.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, uh…my grandma…

Dick: They're setting up franchises now.

Maddox: Yeah. My grandma came over here as one of the first families.

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

Maddox: Yeah. So here's some…here's some more crazy laws. Up until 2009, it was required to buy a membership to a bar if you wanted a drink. Do you know…have you ever heard of this, Dick?

Dick: Well, yeah, because there's some liquor licenses downtown that are contingent on laws like that. But they'll charge you, like…it's like a cover. You pay 5 bucks and then you're a member forever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But, uh…

Maddox: That's a real thing. Wait, what do you mean, it's…

Dick: No, there are some bars downtown where their liquor license is grandfathered in and they don't wanna go through the rigmarole of getting a new liquor license, but it's…their liquor license is contingent on them being a membership bar.

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Dick: So you have to pay 5 bucks at the door and it's like a "membership".

Maddox: Oh, interesting. Yeah. Well, this was a law on the books for all bars in Utah up until about 2009. So, uh…there was, like, a loophole. It was basically a big joke. You walked into a bar, they said, "Are you a member?" and you say "No, of course not, I'm not gonna fucking pay 15$ for every fucking bar I go to."

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah.

Maddox: So they'll…there'll be some guy sitting behind the doorman, named Carl, and the doorman'll say, "Hey Carl, you wanna sponsor this guy?" and without turning around, Carl'll be like, "Yep." (Dick chuckles) And you just walk right in. So that was a loophole.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That was a stupid, silly law. Now, if you're under the age of 35, you have to have your driver's license scanned and kept on file for a week if you got to…

Dick: At a bar?!?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: Yeah. I had to…I double checked that one. I had to read that twice. It's pretty crazy. Because they're always trying to make it more difficult and more expensive to drink in Utah.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Uh, bartenders at restaurants are required to put up a "Zion Curtain" to pour mixed drinks, so that impressionable youth can't see them pouring alcohol.

Dick: What the hell's a Zion curtain?

Maddox: It's basically a curtain of purity.

Dick: Do you have to buy it from a special store?

Maddox: Uh, no. You can…it's some…it's either a curtain, an actual physical curtain, or frosted glass, or something. They can't pour alcohol within eyesight of a child.

Dick: Ugh. Okay.

Maddox: Or anyone, apparently. Because, you know, people are impressionable. They strictly measure 1.5 ounces of alcohol for every shot and they can't go over.

Dick: Uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuughhh!!! Now…I'm in the red now.

Maddox: Yep. (sighs) Yep. You want a double? Well, they can't pour it for you, but they can give you a shot and the drink you requested, and then hand you both, and then you mix them.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Um…restaurants aren't supposed to serve you alcohol until your food arrives. They're not allowed to.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: So…yeah. And you can't go to a restaurant and order alcohol; you have to order food as well.

Dick: It's weird, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Would it be…so people don't go out to meet? In Utah?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Because how do you date?

Maddox: You don't.

Dick: But how do you? How do people? Just through the church?

Maddox: Um, through…pretty much through the church. I…I found…when I was living in Utah…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I found it incredibly difficult to date. Because if you are not part of the predominant religion, which is the Latter Day Saints. Uh, LDS. They don't like to be called Mormons. Uh…of course, you know, I did the episode of "Other N Words" a long time ago.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Talking about the "'M' Word". M is for Mormon. They don't like to be called Mormons, 'cause they say that that's a stereotype, or whatever, even though their basic tenet of belief…their basic book is the Book of Mormon. But they don't like to be called Mormons. Um, they like to be called LDS. Or Latter Day Saints.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Anyway…they kinda, like, stick together. It was really difficult dating anyone in Utah if you're not Mormon, but then when you do, I found that all the chicks are, like, super into anal.

Dick: Oh, 'cause they're preserv…

Maddox: (interjects) Did you know this? (grins)

Dick: ing their virginity?

Maddox: Yeah. Sean looks like he just got hit by…(giggles)

Dick: Yeah, Sean…

Maddox: A glitter bomb. (laughs)

Sean: No, I've heard this before.

Dick: Oh, you sound really excited about it, Sean. (grins)

Maddox: Go on, Sean.

Dick: Ass farmer…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Over here.

Sean: No, I've heard this before, but I didn't think the guy was a reliable source…(Dick guffaws)…but I know Maddox with his love of stats.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You know, I'm…I'm kinda believing this one.

Dick: What was the guy you heard it from? (grins)

Sean: Uh, some guy…a long…you know, 20 years ago.

Dick: Assbanger25@weloveanal.com ? (grins)

Sean: No, no, no. I'm old enough there was no Internet.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a way of preserving their vaginal purity.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, the anal sex. And uh, yeah. I've actually. I had gone out on dates with girls in Utah who were not…(Dick cracks up) who were not interested in having any normal sex.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: But they were okay…they were considering anal sex. They're like "Yeah, well, you know, I wanna be a virgin for my husband or, you know, when I get married."

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah. There was also a scandal awhile back in Utah. Uh, about…I think, like, 10 years ago. Where a bunch of kids from the Brigham Young University? One of the big, like, Mormon Universities. Good business college. They were going up to Nevada, getting married for the weekend, screwing their brains out…(Dick cracks up loudly) and then getting divorced that same weekend.

Dick: Oh, no!!

Maddox: Yeah. And they come home and, you know, in the eyes of God, they're pure. Because they had sex during marriage.

Dick: And the girls would be into it too?

Maddox: Oh yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It was a loophole. (Dick giggles)

Dick: So their God's kinda dumb. Right?

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: Like, if he's cool with that.

Maddox: He's…he's just very meticulous with his rules, Dick, and sometimes there's loopholes in those rules. (Dick giggles)

Dick: So he's autistic.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like…the Mormon God is autistic. (Maddox chuckles) Okay, I got it. Now I get it.

Maddox: Yeah. It's also illegal to advertise Happy Hour in Utah, because it promotes overconsumption.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah. No Happy Hours. Uh, you aren't allowed to buy kegs in Utah. No kegs. Polygamy, however. So, here's the thing. A lot of people don't know this about…the first thing they hear when people mention Mormons or Latter Day Saints…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is they say, "Oh, those are polygamists." Right? Well, not really. The polygamists…the polygamist sect of the Latter Day Saint religion broke away in 1890. The church officially stopped polygamy as a practice in 1890 as an official stance.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And now, it's kind of relegated just to a few small sects who live in…they're basically like cults.

Dick: Mhmm. That was a bad day for those guys in 1890.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can you imagine?

Maddox: Oh, that's why it caused a huge split in the church.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. And uh…over time, the predominant one was the one that didn't practice polygamy. However, they tried to outlaw it last year, but a judge threw out the law.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I guess that's a good thing.

Dick: People should be allowed to love whomever they want.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. You think so, Dick?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, same-sex marriage is illegal in Utah.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Yep. In fact, Utah has explicitly passed a same-sex marriage ban, approved by Utah voters and Latter Day Saints member contributed 20 million dollars towards Proposition 8, banning same sex marriage in California. That's over 50% of the funding for this proposition that was banning gay marriage in California came from FUCKING Utah.

Dick: (cracks up) Okay. Uh, by the way, if you're wondering if you're a Midwest state or not, that's criteria number one.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: Did you…are you on an aggressive intrastate campaign to end gay marriage? You're probably in the Midwest.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, fair enough. Then Utah's the Midwest.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah. I'll give you that. And there's a website called http://www.protectmarriage.com and they got 45% of out-of-state contributions from Utah. That's over three times more than any other state. So Utah, very conservative, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Very conservative state, and one of the tenets of conservatism is to be as unobtrusive in people's lives as possible, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Except when it comes to gay marriage, alcohol, and pornography. Pornography, actually, is censored in Utah. I don't know if you know this. A lot of people don't.

Dick: What!? (incredulous)

Maddox: But if you buy…if you buy a DVD in, like, an adult magazine store or something, in Utah, which are really heavily legislated and very few and far between. But if you do buy a DVD. A porn DVD.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh, the genitals are pixellated. They're censored.

Dick: Oh, whoooooooooa.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like Japanese porn.

Maddox: It's like Japanese porn. It's fucking bonkers. It's the most bizarre thing I've ever seen. Because if someone's masturbating, the last thing they wanna see are genitals, right? I mean, a vagina would totally kill my boner if I saw it uncensored. (sarcastic)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's…

Dick: So how does that trick God? The pixels?

Maddox: Well, uh…

Dick: How does that work?

Maddox: It's a thin veil of purity, Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. It's another kind of…it's a visual curtain, I guess.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh…a digital curtain, that's what I meant to say. Yeah, and so… pornography…in fact, they tried to…they censor it now, and in 2005, they passed a law… this is an actual law they passed…banning internet porn in Utah.

Dick: Well…good luck. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. The law was thrown out in 2012.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Speaking of unconstitutional. It would have made Internet Service Providers responsible for filtering pornography from the Internet.

Dick: (laughs) Okay.

Maddox: This…this state where they wanna be as unobtrusive as possible.

Dick: You know what, man? I'm surprised they don't have their own Internet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, with the amount of money that that church has and the amount of crazy that apparently THEY are?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They could just set up their own…they could lock the whole state off, like China.

Maddox: Yeah, well, thankfully, one of the best Internet Service Providers in Utah is xmission.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…my host. (giggles) So, it's http://www.maddox.xmission.com is my website, right? I have been a customer of Xmission, my Utah Internet Service Provider, since 1995.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I have…my email address is older than some of the listeners to this show. I've had the same email address for, I think 17 years now. And the Internet Service Provider is run by this guy named Pete Ashdown.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: He is one of the most progressive, smartest dudes I've ever met.

Dick: So why the hell does he live in Utah? How can he stand that?

Maddox: Because he's…he's kind of like a beacon for change and a light for hope in Utah and this bleak existence in Utah. Um, Salt Lake City, in Utah, is a very liberal city, I would say even more liberal than some blue states, like California and Washington. It's a very… well, maybe not Washington. But it's a very liberal city.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they have to be, because they're surrounded by this sea of conservatism, so Pete Ashdown is a pretty liberal dude, and the mayor of Salt Lake City, Rocky Anderson, a long time ago, was super super liberal. He led protests against George W. Bush when George W. Bush came to Utah for fundraising. Which, by the way, Utah was the reddest state during his election. Gave him the vote by the highest margins.

Dick: Well, you know. Let's not get political.

Maddox: Yeah…oh, no, no. (grinning) Let's not get political. Um…

Dick: Well, you're making…I mean, you're rattling these things off, but this is…I think this is more sinister than you're making it seem, because it sounds like a factory of fascism.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're just creating people who hate freedom.

Maddox: Yeah, it's…

Dick: (interjects) Like, the way it's set up, so you have to meet through the Church.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't get drunk ever and, like, get outside of your sphere of infl…you can't ever get exposed to new ideas, because all of your interactions are through people who think exactly the same as you.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So you just believe str…more and more strongly in your own opinions, and then now they're taking that machine of people, generating money, and REACHING across the border!!!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: To affect us!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? It's even more nefarious than that. I…when I was there recently, I noticed something that I hadn't noticed before, living in Utah. There are a lot of billboards around Salt Lake City that promote some moral stance. In fact, um…I saw a ton of billboards just reminding people that vaping indoors is illegal in Utah. Why would somebody pay to remind people that vaping indoors is illegal?

Dick: Yeah…but that's…I think that's a different problem. 'Cause we got those, too. Like, domestic violence is wrong? You ever seen those bumper stickers?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Those ads?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Like, okay. Uh, yeah. We all know that.

Maddox: But that's not even, like, a moral thing. That's just, like, illegal as well. It's not passing moral judgment. I mean, it's illegal.

Dick: Okay, so what's the moral judgment one? Like, drinking is bad?

Maddox: Yeah. And abstinence. And real men don't use porn.

Dick: Ohh. (disgusted) What?!?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. I've seen billboards that say "real men don't use porn".

Dick: What do they use?

Maddox: Yeah, uh…

Dick: Marriage?

Maddox: I dunno. But…

Dick: Anal stuff?

Maddox: (laughs) I believe this billboard had a construction worker on it. (Dick guffaws) Like, this real, like, beefy-looking construction worker.

Dick: It had a construction worker, a cop, an Indian. (Maddox cracks up) And said, "These are real men."

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: We…(trails off laughing)

Maddox: And you know they're just…they just came from, like, a model farm. Like, a model agency.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Where, like, most of the guys are gay, so they're just having, like…which, of course, they look down upon as well. Anyway, man. Just a couple other. Drug possession is a felony. You get up to a 5000$ fine and a 10-year prison sentence. Powdered alcohol is illegal in Utah. They harass people who go to Planned Parenthood in Utah. Cops sit there and they pull them over. If you go to a fucking bar and then get a taxi…awhile back, there were cops pulling over taxis to do Breathalyzer tests on the passengers. It's like, guys… this is the whole fucking point of a taxi. So I can get drunk and fucking take a taxi home. They're harassing people…my buddy got a DUI in Utah because he left a strip club. And they just sit outside strip clubs and they want to pull people over and harass them. So he got a DUI and he blew well below the legal limit, but they still took him to jail that night, because they said, "Well, you drank some alcohol."

Dick: Wowww.

Maddox: He was, like, a 0.04 or something. Like half the legal limit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Still, They arrested this guy and put him in jail. Just fucked with him. You know, it's just…it's insane. It never fucking ends. This state that they believe in unobtrusive, small governments that don't involve themselves in your lives, except when it comes to your bedroom, who you fuck, what you put into your body.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: What you smoke. That's when they wanna legislate. That's when it's no longer small government that's trying to be as unobtrusive as possible. Fuck you, and fuck Utah!

Dick: And they're trying to come into our state as well!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's the most totalitarian and imperialistic state that we have.

Maddox: Abso-fucking-lutely. I had a buddy of mine, uh…an old coworker in Utah. I was talking to him one time. And he's a pretty conservative dude.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And he's like, you know…it was when the Proposition 8 protests were going on in California.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He was, like, "You know, I just…I don't want Californians to impose their values upon us." I'm like, "Hey fuckhead, Californians aren't investing 20 million dollars to pass legislation to make gay marriage legal in fucking Utah, you moron! We're not trying to inhibi…prohibit people from doing things that are naturally allowed in the constitution. Let people live their fucking lives." (angry)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You guys are doing the same to every fucking other person! You guys are cramming your fucking morality down everyone's throat. And this isn't, like, a big fucking celebration of liberalism. There's a whole shitload of problems with that shit, as pointed out in the last episode with the Well-Intentioned Idiots. I believe most of those guys are liberals! However, this fucking hypocrisy, it's only self-serving. That's all it is! They're looking for small government insofar as they can legislate your private life. No euthanasia. No abortion. No alcohol. No drugs. Nothing that you wanna do to yourself. And by the way, I don't do drugs. I don't give a shit. But come on. Enough is enough. Like, this hypocrisy is mind-boggling.

Dick: Yeah, you're coming after my liquor. That's not…that's not gonna happen.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, that's my problem, Dick. Utah.

Dick: It's a good problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, it's…okay, it's Utah?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not People Who are in Uta…so you gotta move outta Utah, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Everybody just leave!

Maddox: I don't think they want to.

Dick: You don't think people who live there wanna leave?

Maddox: No. They get comfortable. They get comfortable. And it has a really high depression and suicide rate in Utah, too.

Dick: That's not surprising.

Maddox: Yeah. And, one last point. One of the largest pornography consumers in America.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah. Of course.

Dick: Good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. My problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Mars One.

Maddox: Mars One.

Dick: Mars "Oh En Ee". Not Mars Won. Mars didn't win anything. Mars One, the project.

Maddox: Mars One. Oh, it's the mission.

Dick: Yeah, did you…do you know about this? Am I the only one that knows about Mars One? I thought it was a big deal.

Maddox: I…I read about it, but let's…what is it?

Dick: Sean, do you know what Mars One is? You're a pretty good barometer of what people don't or do know.

Sean: Yeah. It's, like, sending civilians to Mars, right?

Dick: A one-way trip.

Sean: One-way trip to Mars.

Dick: One-way trip to Mars.

Maddox: Sign me up!

Sean: How does Maddox not know about this?!

Maddox: No, no, I know about this. I know about this.

Dick: No, you know about this.

Maddox: I…I wanna be first on that.

Dick: Oh, buddy.

Maddox: Sign me the fuck up.

Dick: Ugggh. Uuuuuughhh.

Maddox: Send me to Mars, man! Get me outta Utah, send me right to Mars!

Dick: Maddox, Maddox, Maddox.

Maddox: I'm on board.

Dick: It's…it's…

Maddox: (interjects) Put me on an Oculus Rift, fucking send me to Mars. I don't give a shit.

Dick: It's a scam, in my opinion.

Maddox: Wh--- how is it a scam, Dick?!!? (incredulous)

Dick: Look, alright. I was having some drinks with my old college roommate.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He texts me and he says, "Hey, I'm in…I got a long layover at LAX. You wanna grab a couple drinks?" And I always say yes to this guy. Because he is one of two people I've ever met who can drink more than me.

Maddox: Pretty impressive.

Dick: Yeah. So, if he ever wants to do anything, I'm in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But he acts worse than you.

Dick: That is true.

Sean: He's insane.

Dick: Yeah. He's an insane…he's an insane genius man. So we sit down. And he's a for-real genius. He's an astrophysicist and he's been in a real astronaut training program.

Maddox: Oh, cool.

Dick: Like, yeah. Like, NASA called him up and put him on the list, like, "We are thinking of making you an astronaut."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here's the program.

Maddox: That sounds awesome.

Dick: And you go…yeah. You go in with a bunch of potentials. He was going through the steps. Like, the training and the interview process that he goes through?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They go down to uh…wherever. I don't…they don't go to Cape Carnaveral. I think it's somewhere in Houston. It's like a week of training. Like, weird, up-down exercises.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Weird Victorian-style exercising.

Maddox: Gravity exercises and stuff like that?

Dick: Yeah. Like, a lot of isometric stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? And squats. And weird squats. Like, stuff that…you know. I don't do.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You'd probably be good at it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You ride a bike a lot.

Maddox: I ride a bike, yeah.

Dick: You got endurance. And I like lifting heavy things.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. I don't skip leg day at the gym.

Dick: You don't go to…don't give me that. I…I don't skip leg day.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay.

Dick: You don't even know what a leg day is.

Maddox: Ohhh, please! I invented leg days, buddy!

Dick: What is your leg day workout?

Maddox: I do squats, I do squats with 55-pound weights and 100-pound weights, and yeah. I do free lifts. I do a lot of stuff.

Dick: That was a short list. That's a short leg day. No wonder you don't skip it.

Maddox: Well, and then I fucking ride my bike everywhere. I rode my bike 12 miles the other day.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, my buddy. My ex-roommmate says…he's telling me about this process, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he goes, "Oh, by the way, have you seen about this Mars One stuff?" I'm like, "I don't wanna hear about it." Right? 'Cause I know in my gut, when I heard about it the first time, I'm like "Scam." (Maddox sighs) That's a scam.

Maddox: Immediately you dismiss this amazing-sounding project as a scam.

Dick: Yeah! Because I have a…look, look, look, look, look. This is a…this is a public service that I'm doing right now.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay. (giggles)

Dick: If you…if you were excited about that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you heard that pitch for Mars One, one way trip to Mars?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: And you got excited about it…

Maddox: That's me!

Dick: And you wanted to be a part of it, you are an at-risk mark. You are an at-risk group… (Maddox cracks up) Okay? And I'm not gloating. This is…what I'm doing for everybody listening, if you got excited about that, you gotta watch it! Because you're at risk for getting scammed.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (grins)

Dick: And this is coming from a guy who doesn't get scammed ever.

Maddox: Oh, I don't know about that, Dick.

Dick: Never! Never.

Maddox: You never get scammed?!

Dick: No.

Maddox: Says the guy who spends money on expensive steak and wine and thinks he's getting a bargain. A good deal, because he's getting more quality. Go on, tell me more about this scam, Dick!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Why is it a scam?

Dick: So…Mars One…uh…this there's this great article in Medium. http://www.medium.com about it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, basically…I'll sum it up for you, 'cause we're running out of time. The entire project is built around a reality television show.

Maddox: What?! (incredulous)

Dick: Yeah. That was meant to fund…that was meant to fund the entire trip. In 10 years. Okay? The guy's plan was to get all these applicants, who all have to pay 40 bucks, by the way.

Maddox: Ooooooookay.

Dick: Yeah. And do a 10-minute YouTube video on why they're qualified…

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!! (groans)

Dick: …to be astronauts to Mars. (grins) On a never-before done human endeavor. Pay 40 bucks. Then, uh…the plan was to get their little crew, film them training for 10 years. This is a reality television show that would last for 10 years, going to Mars. The guy projected that it would make, like 6 billion dollars.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. He based the 8 billion dollar estimate on the most recent Olympic Games revenue.

Maddox: Oh, my…

Dick: (interjects) So this is a reality show that was meant to be as BIG and popular, and money-generating, as the Olympics!! (yelling)

(Sound clip: Dick: That's ridiculous!")

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Dick.

Dick: That was this guy's plan.

Maddox: Dick, uh…is everything you just said 100% fact? Is that absolutely…

Dick: That is a…that is a quote from the guy.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You can go on…they have…they have no relationships with SpaceX. They have no relationships with ANYBODY.

Maddox: Not even NASA? I thought this was a NASA initiative.

Dick: Nooooo.

Maddox: Really? (incredulous)

Dick: No.

Maddox: This is a scam.

Dick: Nothing to do with NASA. I don't wanna say it's a scam, 'cause it's…what is that? That's slander.

Maddox: No, it's a scam, Dick.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: I'll say it. I'll say it. It's a big fucking scam. Fuck you! (Dick guffaws)

Dick: So, this poor guy in this Medium article. This dude named Josh. He got sucked into it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he wanted…he heard that 200,000 people applied, but he really wanted to go to space.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? He wanted to make his life mean something.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So he quits his job. He breaks up with his girlfriend in Australia…

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: 'cause he wants to commit full time to being a fake astronaut.

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: Moves back in with his parents so he can train. And the interview process is just ridiculous. It's asinine. Like, they have a…they do 10-minute Skype interviews with these people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: After making them memorize what is essentially a Wikipedia of Mars information.

Maddox: (scoffs) Sure.

Dick: And that's…that's it. That's the end of…

Maddox: Oh, boy. (sighs)

Dick: Now, meanwhile, I'm at a bar, drinking my ass off with a guy who is legitimately being considered to go into fucking space.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And this…this is a year's long process that he's going through with the best of the best. Like, military pilots. He's a pilot himself. And this is the kind of rigorous training it takes to just go up into space.

Maddox: So…

Dick: (interjects) Meanwhile, these jackasses are doing YouTube videos and paying 40 bucks to some asshole in Norway or something.

Maddox: Ugh. (sighs)

Dick: To go on a 10-year reality show, culminating in a one-way trip to Mars.

Maddox: Um, I hate to admit this, but…you're right.

Dick: You got scammed.

Maddox: This is a scam.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I didn't get scammed! I'm not on that rocket ship.

Dick: Yeeeeah, but you were excited! That's the thing..

Maddox: (interjects) Well, it sounded cool!

Dick: That's the thing about a scam!

Maddox: Dick.

Dick: It taps into something in everybody that get…it's not get rich quick anymore, it's "be immortal". It's be part of something.

Maddox: Oh, I wanna be immortal.

Dick: That's what it preys on.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I think he would've figured it out pretty quickly, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who, Maddox?

Maddox: Yeah. If I had done any research into this. Like, I just heard about the Mars One project and figured it was some NASA initiative to send astronauts to Mars, which is something they've been trying to do for years.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I thought that's what this was. If this is just this stupid, fucking asinine reality show, that this guy knows NOTHING about television. Knows nothing about marketing. Knows nothing about sustaining a TV show with ratings. Knows nothing about advertising and selling sponsorship. Knows nothing about space, apparently. And wants a 40$ submission fee? That's…that's…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The number one mark of a scam is any kind of submission fee. If you're gonna talk to an agency or some kind of representation…

Dick: That's true. Yeah, that's a good point.

Maddox: The first thing they say is "Don't pay them anything". This guy's…taking 40$ submissions to sit and talk to you over Skype? What kind of analysis…what kind of background research could they possibly do with your 10-minute YouTube video, you morons?

Dick: None.

Maddox: Oh, man. Dick, you really…

Dick: It's just more marketing! That's why it's such an insidious thing! Because the YouT… it's just people talking about their dreams of going to Mars and getting more people excited! And then, they ask…they said specifically on…they sent out this thing, lemme find where it was. They wanted 75% of any fee you got for appearing on TV talking about the Mars One program.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: They asked…they recommended that you send a 75% tithing back to them. To fund this fantasy. And, by the way…it is a COMPLETE fantasy!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: COMPLETE fantasy that in 10 years, we'll be goin' to Mars, one way or not. And that's what pisses me off. It's…they're pitching this idea of being a technology cowboy. Like it's the culmination of I Fucking Love Science, to me. Pop science. That we have a thing where people think they're actually gonna go to Mars. That this actually gonna happen. When it's not.

Maddox: Yep. Well, Dick, I have to hand it to you. Uh…you're making an awful lot of sense. (Dick cracks up) You earned this, buddy.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Thanks.

Maddox: There you go. That's…that does actually sound like a scam. Like, in every sense of the word.

Dick: Right?!

Maddox: 75% of the proceeds. That sounds like American Idol. Uh…when those contestants go on that show. They sign away their careers and their lives and a lot of their proceeds to record labels. Even before they make their first appearance on the show.

Dick: Well, I agree with that. You don't think they should do that?

Maddox: Well…whether they should or shouldn't doesn't mean whether it's right or wrong.

Dick: You think that's wrong?

Maddox: Well, yeah. Because they're exploiting these people who are desperate to get any kind of work or attention. They could do it themselves if they really tried.

Dick: No way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's no way Kelly Clarkson or any of those nobodies would be famous without American Idol.

Maddox: I dunno, buddy. Tell that to Justin Bieber. Mhmm. Uh-huh. Oh, now…

Dick: (interjects) I guess…(laughs)

Maddox: Sounds like I'm making a lot of sense!

Sean: He got discovered that way, but he has a MASSIVE label machine behind him, too.

Maddox: Well, he does now, but yeah. He got…his career launched just through his talent alone on YouTube.

Sean: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah. And I know…

Sean: He was discovered.

Maddox: And I know all you fucking crybabies and hardasses are gonna be like (goofy voice) "Uh, Maddox, Justin Bieber isn't talented…eeeeeehhhh." He is, you idiots. He's talented at making the type of music that he makes. He's talented at making pop crap that everybody likes. I'm not saying his music's great.

Dick: He doesn't even make it, though. Does…does he?

Maddox: He works with producers, yeah, but he's got a good singing voice. Like, he's able to sing. He's able to belt out those notes. And he's able to produce this pop crap that people like.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, he's talented at something. What the fuck are you doing with your life, you idiots? That's…that's a preview of an article coming. Anyway…um…

Dick: How many Justin Bieber albums do you have?

Maddox: Zero.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't like the music.

Dick: Just checkin'.

Maddox: No, I don't like his music…his music's crap.

Dick: How many do you not have?

Maddox: All of them.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Passed.

Maddox: Yep. (giggles)

Dick: That's my…

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: That's my problem. Mars One.

Maddox: Well, Dick, uhh…

Dick: NASA did a study and they said, with the current setup…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, with the dumb pods that they have, and growing their food, uh…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It'll…they'll be dead in 68 days. (Maddox scoffs, laughs) Because their little pods will fill up with oxygen and then they'll catch on fire. They'll be pure oxygen and that's it.

Maddox: Ugh, that is…that makes me so happy. This is…this makes me happy and sad. First of all, Dick, I gotta hand it to you. When it comes to scams, you're the best. Uh… (laughs)

Dick: Right! That's why I'm bringing this in!

Maddox: You…you have a mind. To your credit, you have a mind that works like I've never seen. You immediately think of the worst possible scenario, the worst possible outcome.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: You think of the most cynical point of view.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And you immediately think of the way that somebody could get exploited, usually because you want to be that…that somebody doing the exploitation. (cracks up)

Sean: I was gonna say. And then he roots for it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, usually, you root for it. But you know what the problem is here, Dick? You're just angry 'cause you're not involved in this scam.

Dick: Well, I was just gonna say. That's…this is why I'm starting my Mars Two program. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah, uh…your Mars Two Program. Just three little words.

Dick: Three little words. (they both crack up) Mars Two.

Maddox: Mars Two.

Dick: Yeah. Alright. You got a problem?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. My second problem this week is Loud Talkers.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Alright. Loud Talkers. So you might be thinking' "Uhhhh, kind of annoying." Right? But how annoying is it? I'll tell you how annoying it is. When asked in a recent Harris Interactive Poll, Americans said that loud talkers was the second most annoying thing at 65% of the vote. 65% of people said Loud Talkers.

Dick: The most annoying thing ever, or the most annoying thing about people?

Maddox: The most annoying thing in day-to-day life.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: So, right after…the number one thing was parents letting their children run wildly and be highly disruptive in public spaces.

Dick: Oh man, that is annoying.

Maddox: Yeah, go vote up "Kids"! Wait, did I bring in kids? Go vote up "Babies"! Babies are the precursor to kids!

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhh, okaaaaaay. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Go vote up Kids. And, by the way, my Monkey campaigning has worked.

Dick: Yeah, it's in the positives now, I saw that.

Maddox: It's in the positives. Yeah. Finally. You know what, guys? I'm happy with that. At least it's recognized as a threat.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: These fucking carriers of disease. Anyway. Parents letting their children run wildly through stores and be disruptive was number one, but that was 86%. Number two, though, was loud talkers. People who are loud talkers. And you know what, Dick? In fact, it outranked…they specifically asked the following question. They said, "Which is more annoying? People who have loud conversations on their mobile phones in public spaces, or people who repeatedly check their mobile phones while having an in-person conversation?" So your Fact-Finding Fuckheads…(Dick laughs) problem from last week only got 35% of the vote.

Dick: Huh

Maddox: Easily outranked! So if this system works. If the biggest problem in the universe works…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This should definitely be more of a problem than Fact-Fincing Fuckheads.

Dick: Than hunger. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, well. I got something for that one, too, buddy. Not this episode, but…loud talkers. So, um…so, Dick. How could this possibly…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, wait. What do you mean, you got something for that one? (grins)

Maddox: What, your Hunger problem?

Dick: Yeah, hunger. It's a big problem!

Maddox: I'm gonna knock it. I'm gonna knock it off the fucking list!

Dick: Why do you want to?!!? (incredulous) It's a big problem! (laughs)

Maddox: You know what, Dick? It is a big problem! I'm not denying that! There's just a bigger problem that should be exactly a little bit bigger than hunger.

Dick: Uh-huh. What? Ugh, alright.

Maddox: Yeah. It's coming. It's comin', buddy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Next week. Um, okay. So loud talkers. Why is this a problem? Dick, the other night, I was having a very lovely dinner. I was at this beautiful courtyard, sitting outside…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It was…you know what? I regret using the word beautiful.

Dick: Pssyeah. (giggles) Sounds really lovely.

Maddox: It was…yeah, okay. No, you know what? It was a cold…

Dick: Was it magical? (grins) Were you listening to Justin…were you pumping your Justin Bieber jams?

Sean: Enchanted evening?

Maddox: You know, you fucking assholes! (Dick cracks up) You know what? It was a fucking manly courtyard. That's where I was.

Dick: Uh-huh. (laughing)

Maddox: Manly court…

Dick: (interjects) Were you wearing glass slippers? (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: There were…there were suits of armor around. It was a real fuckin' manly place. Just don't worry about it, alright? Stop being a dick. Um, I was at this…(giggles) manly courtyard.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: And eating…enjoying my steak.

Dick: Announcing…Prince Maddox. (giggles)

Maddox: (laughing) I was enjoying my steak that I didn't overpay for.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like a sap. Like a sucker.

Dick: Sure.

Sean: This sounds like Medieval Times.

Dick: Yeah, were you at Medieval Times? The theme restaurant? (grins) (Maddox laughs) The jousting/dinner event?

Maddox: No! Fuck. I was just enjoying my steak, okay? I was at this place. Who cares? Who cares where I was?

Dick: Why are you so weird about dinner? (giggles) Where was it, really?

Maddox: Just some place, dude.

Dick: Alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. So, I was eating steak, right? And I overheard a really loud talker sitting behind me talking about her fucking surgery.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Like, her foot surgery and how they were removing some corns or calluses and the doctor prescribed some antibiotics…and there was fungal growth, and she got a staph infection and then her grandpa had the same thing and had one of his toes amputated and just…on and on and on. And I'm sitting there, choking on part steak and part barf because I'm disgusted at this fucking loud talker telling me…

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And by…what kind of fucking dinner conversation is that? (Dick snorts) I mean… of course. I'm guilty of having some gross dinner conversations. I like to talk about poop. I think scatological humor is fucking hilarious. And if you don't, you're an idiot. And some of the biggest geniuses in history did, too. Go look at Mozart's Wikipedia page of scatological humor. There's an entire Wikipedia page for it. And…and a lot of historians are trying to contextualize his scatological humor by saying, "Ummm, maybe it was symbolic for this… emotion, or this period in his life. Hey idiots, it's not symbolic of anything except shit! He just likes shit jokes! Just like I do."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway…this wasn't a shit show…

Dick: (interjects) Why are you always comparing yourself to, like, Mozart?

Maddox: What, geniuses?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, I think it's self-explanatory.

Dick: Alright. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Takes one to know one! Uh…so I was sitting there, on the verge of vomiting my not-overpriced steak.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Because this person was having a really loud, disgusting conversation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Loud talkers ruin dinners.

Dick: Uhhh, yeah. That's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I get busted on it all the time. Talking too loud.

Maddox: You're…you're…so, you're a loud talker, right?

Dick: You know what? You know what they should have? Here's my idea. It's an app for your phone, right? That you can just sit on the table and it will measure the decibel volume of what's going on, like, at the table. Locally, at the table. And it will redline if you're being too loud. Is that possible, Sean? Uh…in audio terms?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Is that possible?

Maddox: It would just clip, right?

Sean: Yeah, there are decibel meters that you can…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's gotta be…is it a decibel thing or is it, like, the timbre of their voice? 'Cause some people have a shrill voice that really cuts through.

Sean: Well, we're more sensitive in certain ranges, like, I think a baby's cry is somewhere around 2 or 2.5 kHz. It's…I think it's, like, an evolutionary thing.

Dick: Oooh.

Maddox: I am immune to hearing a baby's cry.

Sean: (snorts) You would be.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I've trained myself.

Sean: I'm not…I'm not sure if that's true or not. That's what…I've heard that.

Dick: It's not. I'll help you out, there. (Sean and Maddox giggle) It's not true.

Sean: Wait, wait. What's not true?

Dick: Him being immune to a baby's cry.

Sean: Oh, him. I thought you were talking about the baby cry. Anyway. We're more sensitive to certain frequency ranges than other frequency ranges, so.

Maddox: Yeah. Between what, like, 10,000 and 21,000 kil…what is it, megahertz? Kilohertz?

Dick: Kilohertz.

Maddox: Kilohertz, yeah. It's like 10,000 to 21,000 is the normal range, right?

Sean: No.

Dick: No, it goes way lower than that.

Sean: It's 20…

Maddox: (interjects) It's, like, 3,000 to 21,000?

Dick: No, it's like 400.

Sean: Hearing is 20 Hz to 20 kHz, theoretically.

Maddox: Yeah, that's right. Yeah, that's right.

Sean: Most people don't hear as high as 20k just due to, like, environmental damage, and stuff like that.

Maddox: Well, you know what's interesting is younger people are able to hear more in the higher end of that frequency spectrum.

Sean: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That's true.

Maddox: That's why they make these things…these beacons in the UK, and I believe several other countries have started employing them. In fact, they have these in Los Angeles, too. They have these ominous towers…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That look like these giant metal structures and they just say, you know, whatever the city name is, and then if you stand next to it, you hear this really high-pitched squealing noise.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that's specifically built…it's designed to discourage loitering for young people.

Dick: Yeah. (chuckles)

Maddox: They're called…they're, like, these hooligan towers.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And they…I think that's what they call them in the UK. And they…they put those out there with really high frequencies that older people can't hear.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And it discourages young people from hanging around. Anyway, um.

Dick: That's funny.

Maddox: I wish there was something like that for loud talkers.

Dick: Well, it's a huge problem in Hollywood. Like every place I go to eat is people pitching each other their shitty screenplays.

Maddox: Yeah. Yep. Yep, it's all their shitty…and you know what it is, Dick? I think on some level, it's just bragging. You want everybody to know about your business and how important you are and how interesting your life is, or how disgusting your surgery was, or whatever. Maybe it's just people who are not self-aware.

Dick: Yeah, I don't know. I don't know how it happens that they're so loud.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. People are really loud. You know, um…

Dick: And there's no signal. There's no signal that will get them to stop. Like, you can keep lowering your voice and keep lowering your voice, like, hoping that they'll catch on, but they never do.

Maddox: Maybe that makes them talk louder, because they think that their voice is being lower, because they can't hear you, so they'll talk louder to overcompensate.

Dick: Oh, that's true. That's a good point.

Maddox: Man, I was…I was in a coffee shop just a few weeks ago, and this douchebag with a man-bun. You get a man-bun sometimes, right, Dick?

Dick: Uhh, yeah. I rock a man-bun.

Maddox: Yeah. Pretty gross. Um…

Dick: It's cool.

Maddox: Yeah, well, this douchebag with a man-bun, and I think that's it's…it's part of the problem, is the man-bun.

Dick: You're just jealous.

Maddox: (scoffs) You know what, Dick?

Dick: You can get a clip-on man-bun. (grins) (Maddox and Sean crack up) You can strap it to your ears.

Maddox: Like one of those Japanese…like one of those Japanese dude with the bun in the hair?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, like a sumo or something. (grins) No, anyway, this douchebag was in this coffee shop, and this coffee shop, I swear to god. At least four tables of people turned around to look at this guy to see what the fuck was so important that…(stammers) he was broadcasting his voice in this entire fucking coffee shop.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: People were stopping and looking. Like, people stopped their polite conversation. They're studying. They're reading. He's disrupting a potential future doctor's study time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because he's talking so loud. And then that doctor is gonna fail his test and he's gonna fucking do surgery on you, and guess what? You got a fucking toe amputated and I gotta hear about it in the fucking restaurant while I'm eating my steak!!!

Dick: Yeah. And you can't not listen. Like, once they get going, they'll drone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They get going, you can't not pay attention.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? I actually go to specific coffee shops that I know only Koreans visit, for the most part.

Dick: 'Cause it's not distracting, right?

Maddox: Specifically…it's not distracting if I can't understand what they're saying.

Dick: Yeah. Right! Yep!

Sean: I know those places. There's a chain around Los Angeles, right?

Dick: Oho, I bet you do. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: No, they're the…(Maddox and Dick laugh) No, they're the best places! They're, like, so relaxing because everything is isolated. You know the ones I'm talking about!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Oh, yeah. (lewd)

Sean: Jesus Christ. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Dick, what are you…what are you projecting, here?

Dick: No, that's…I feel the same way, like, whenever I go to the Korean day spa. I talk as loud as I want, 'cause I'm like, "Well, it's not annoying anyone, 'cause nobody understands what I'm saying."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And vice versa. It's great.

Maddox: Well, it's not vice versa, Dick. They probably understand what you're saying, but you don't understand what they're saying. (giggles)

Dick: So, what's the fix? This can be fixed! This problem can be fixed by this show.

Maddox: Uh, well, first of all, stop being a loud-talking asshole.

Dick: No, no, no! It's gotta be combative! It's gotta be…we've gotta be able to do something to stop this.

Maddox: Well, how about just..uh, hey, dickhead! Keep it down. How about that? Have you seen the movie Boiler Room, Dick?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's a scene where they're a bunch of rambunctious stockbrokers are sitting in a restaurant and they're being loud assholes.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And this table of gay guys are sitting next to them. (giggles) And one of them just very snarkily turns to them and said, "Uh, you guys are at an 11. We could use you at a 2."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I…I love that line. I think it's such a snarky, passive-aggressive way of saying it, too.

Dick: So people are not gonna say, "Keep it down." No one is gonna confront someone who's loud and say, "Keep it down." That's not realistic. But what if they pass them a little note that says "You're at an 11." That's it. (Maddox laughs) That's the society that we're in, where you can go to someone secretly and drop a little note on their table that says "You're at an 11."

Maddox: You know, Dick, that's not a bad idea. In fact, they should take it a step further and get all the women who are complaining about manspreading, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Because they were really effective in creating a campaign…

Dick: Yeah!!!

Maddox: …to get the metro to put up signs around the fucking metro system.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: Why don't these same women go around and start campaigning governments to start putting up signs in public areas and saying. "You're at an 11". Why don't we start doing that? These passive-aggressive notes all around town. Why don't we just do that?

Dick: I wouldn't mind if it was just passing around notes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you just…you pop out a receipt. You write it on the receipt. You slip the guy a note.

Maddox: That's pretty funny.

Dick: Problem solved.

Maddox: Yeah. That's pretty funny.

Dick: I'm gonna try it.

Maddox: I'm gonna try it, too.

Dick: Let's do it.

Maddox: Yeah. We'll just walk around town. Anytime you see anyone with a man-bun, just assume they're a loud-talking douchebag.

Dick: Allllllright. Allllright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So jealous!

Maddox: You're a loud talker. You're a loud talker, though, aren't you, Dick?

Dick: I got a loud voice.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I…I try to keep it down when I'm not drunk.

Maddox: Uh…well. So that's never. Um, you know who is a loud talker? Uh, Tucker Maxx.

Dick: Oh, is he?

Maddox: Yeah. Uh…Tucker Max. Like, any time I hang out with him, he's…he's… everybody knows our business.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's always this…anyway. Any coffee shop, everyone's turning around to see, "Well, who's talking? Oh, I guess it's Tucker." Um, anyway, Dick. Those are my problems this week. What…uh, what do you got?

Dick: I got one last one. I don't have a lot of time for it.

Maddox: Let's do…let's do a quick one.

Dick: Penis Injuries.

Maddox: (laughs) Penis injuries. Alright, Dick. How'd you break your dick?

Dick: I did…I did almost break my dick. (Maddox keeps laughing) This week.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (grins)

Dick: Yeah. This…there was this…I was having sex with this girl.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Dick: I don't wanna get too into it, 'cause everybody knows what happened. Every guy who's ever had sex…

Maddox: Uh…yep. I know…I know the injury before you even say it.

Dick: Every guy…

Sean: Everyone's been close.

Dick: Oh, my God! So…so close. I've never been closer. This…I mean, this was…this was, like…if this was a Cold War clock? If this was a nuclear Armageddon clock? This was at 11:59, man. That's how close this dick breaking was.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And this girl was skin and bones.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm like, how much damage could she possibly do on top, right?

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: But then she says the magic phrase that lets me know my dick's getting broken. "I know what I'm doing."

Maddox: Oh, no!! That's the scariest thing to hear from somebody who's having sex with you.

Dick: Yeah. A woman who's climbing on top of you says "I know what I'm doing"? Ohhhh, watch out. Your dick's getting broken.

Maddox: I…(cracks up with Sean)

Dick: That's my…that's my argument.

Maddox: Yep. Dick, uh…please, as a public service announcement, please announce this to the women so they know what we're talking about, here.

Dick: Well..which part? If you're riding…

Maddox: How…yeah. How…

Dick: (interjects) If you're riding a guy…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And you're…you think you're in control…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're not.

Maddox: It…

Dick: (interjects) You're whipping around…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a maniac.

Maddox: What…what I'm trying to get you to say, is…it only goes in one direction, ladies!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It only goes in one direction.

Dick: Yeah! It's not an earthquake.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Where the shockwaves can be this way, laterally, or this way, vertically.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's only vertical.

Maddox: It's a lever…

Dick: (interjects) We'll let you get away with a little swing back and forth…

Maddox: A little bit, yeah.

Dick: Little bit!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Little bit! But you go too far…

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: And…crackaroo.

Maddox: Yep. (giggles)

Dick: Dick injury.

Maddox: Think about…think about it in terms of a level that only goes in one direction and it can't go past that 90 degree mark. I mean, a little bit, but not much. Uh…you know, Dick. This…there's a term for this. Do you know what it's called?

Dick: What? No.

Maddox: It's called "daggering". Did you hear about this?

Dick: "Daggering"? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. It was a big trend in Jamaica. It was kind of, like, a badge of honor for guys.

Dick: Oh, God, that hurts just thinking about.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.

Maddox: This is, uh…this is what they…what they…from the Wikipedia page of "daggering". It says, "It is a form of dance originating from Jamaica. The dance incorporates dry sex, wrestling, and other forms of frantic movement."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Basically, they..I mean, it's so aggressive that it basically breaks the guy's penis. It's a thing that…that I guess Jamaican women were into for a while, and guys…I guess a lot of guys were going along with it.

Dick: A lot of guys in Jamaica like their penises broken?

Maddox: I guess. I guess.

Dick: Hmm. I learn a lot on this show.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Yeah.

Dick: I didn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah. It was a big trend awhile back. And these guys were going to the doctors, and sometimes they could repair it, and sometimes they couldn't, and they were like, "Sorry man, your dick's fucking broken 'cause you're an idiot."

Dick: Yeah! And then you can't get int…even if they fix it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's…it's a series of tubes, essentially.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The penis is. (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: So they gotta stitch it up.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles) Senator…what's his name..Stevens. Yeah.

Dick: I dunno. (giggles)

Maddox: Stevens was his name. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Series of tubes. They gotta stitch it up and then you got three to six months off waiting for it to get better again.

Maddox: It's awful. It's awful. Ladies…it's a level. It only go…it's like a 90 degree range we have.

Dick: I appreciate the effort, but you just…you can't be trusted with it.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You get too out of control.

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You can't fix this with popsicle sticks and tape. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: No…

Dick: What the fuck does that mean?! (Maddox laughs)

Sean: It's like a splint.

Maddox: You know, uh…(Dick cracks up) You know, Sean. It's interesting you mention popsicle sticks, 'cause I was hanging around a gay friend of mine about a week ago. And some…some really buff Australian dude walked by, and he looked…he turned to him and was like "Ooooh, I would rape that guy with a popsicle stick." I'm like…what do you mean, popsicle stick?

Dick: Jesus Christ.

Maddox: He goes, "Oh, you know." I'm like, "No, explain it to me. What would you do with the popsicle stick?" He's like oh, well, you know, a man has to be hard, so you have to put a popsicle stick down his penis. I'm like JESUS!!!

Dick: Oh. (disgusted) He would rape him with his butt?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, geez.

Maddox: Yeah. And then force an erection with a popsicle stick, is what he was saying. I guess…

Dick: (interjects) That sounds like a penis injury waiting to happen.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Sean: Wait, are you sure he's gay if he needs a popsicle stick?

Dick: No, the guy!!

Maddox: No, the..

Dick: He was gonna cram a popsicle stick in the guy's penis.

Maddox: In the guy's pee-hole.

Sean: Oh, God.

Maddox: Yeah. To induce an erection.

Dick: To get him hard.

Maddox: A fake erection.

Dick: How loud is this conversation? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Loud enough for me to hear, which was too loud. Too loud. I regret…

Dick: Yeah. Um…doctors say that the consequences of such a fracture include erectile dysfunction, as scar tissue known as fibrous plaques can form in the penis.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it can get bent. When it heals. Up to 45 degrees.

Maddox: Yeah, uh…

Dick: Oh, my God! I got a whole phobia about this, now!

Maddox: He…here you go. Here's a quick rule of thumb, ladies. Um, literally, just pull up your hand. And push one of your fingers back. As far back as your finger can go…imagine that. Alright? That's it.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. I'm talking about…okay. If we're going with the finger analogy?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I'm talking about…let's say you have a ring on your finger, right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like a wedding ring.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Let's say you've married yourself, which you did, on Facebook.

Maddox: I did, yes. Uh-huh.

Dick: So you're fucking around with your wedding ring, alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, putting it up and down the fing…yeah. Keep a good eye on that finger. I see what you're doing over there. Then, you get too into screwing around with the ring. The ring pops off the tip, and you go "WHAM". You bring the edge of the ring down on the tip of your finger. That's the injury I'm talking about.

Maddox: Oh, that's a different injury.

Dick: Ohhhh! That's…was that the one you're talking about, Sean?

Sean: That's what I was talking about. He went in a different direction, and I know that one, too, but…

Dick: Yeah. As long as that ring is on, you do whatever you want. But if that ring clears the tip…

Sean: Yeah. That's called..

Dick: Oh, God!

Sean: That's called a jackknife.

Dick: That's called a jackknife?

Sean: Well, no. I mean, that's what it basically will do.

Dick: Oh, that's what you call it. Yes! Yeah. Yeah. That's a jackknife. That's a jackknife. You're absolutely right.

Maddox: Ugh. All this fingering and daggering and jackknifing…(Dick giggles) I dunno, guys. This is making me real hot and steamy.

Dick: Yeah. You know what the biggest cause of penis injuries is? In the US Emergency Rooms from 2002 to 2010?

Maddox: Jamaicans.

Dick: Bicycles. (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Bicycles?! Really?

Dick: Bicycles, yeah.

Maddox: How, specifically?

Dick: People falling off their seats…

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: And whackin' their penis.

Maddox: Getting racked.

Dick: On the crossbar of a mountain bike or a bicycle.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, that's why my dick's real tough!

Dick: (snorts) It gets a lot of abuse, does it?

Maddox: Yeah. It's like a Coke can. (chuckles) Alright. Alright, Dick. Anything else?

Dick: 'Cause it's 5 cents to recycle?

Maddox: Okaaaaaay. (annoyed) (Sean cracks up) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: 'Cause it's worth 5 cents?

Maddox: It's got a fizzy treat inside. Alright, Dick. My…(cracks up)

Dick: Cause the mouth has been steadily growing since the 70s? (grins) (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: 'Cause it's better in Mexico.

Dick: Like a Coke can?

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick and Sean crack up) Alright, Dick.

Dick: 'Cause it comes (cums) in a six pack? (Maddox dies of laughter)

Sean: You're being kinda hard on him.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!! Alright.

Maddox: Oh, man. We could do a whole episode with just dick puns.

Dick: Probably Mozart could, too. What's your problems?

Maddox: My problems this week were, "Utah", and "Loud Talkers".

Dick: My problems were "Mars One" and "Penis Injuries".

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Yeah, I gotta hand it to you, Dick. That sounds like a real scam. Don't forget to vote on these problems, guys.

Dick: Thanks for listening.

(Voice mail: (male voice, digital) "Hello May-Dox. Hello, Dick Maysterson. (Maddox laughs) **It is Professor Stephen Hawking.**

Dick: Oh, cool.

Maddox: Ohh.

"Why don't those bitches throw a pity whore party for my sorry ass?"

Dick: (guffaws) A pity whore?!?! (Maddox laughs)

"It will be too good to spin records for me? By the way…nobody flips a bitch better than myself with my ass in a wheelchair." (Maddox and Sean crack up) **"P.S, Dick. If I had Obamacare, I would not be stuck with this shit Yankee accent. So go fuuuuuuuuuuuuuck yourself."**

(They all crack up)

Dick: I would think Stephen Hawking would be a little more economical with his words. 'Cause it's so hard for him to type them.

Maddox: (laughing) No, I think that was…that sounded just like Stephen Hawking.

Dick: That was accurate?

Maddox: You know, it almost sounded like someone recorded themselves and then put it through a synthesizer or something, right?

Dick: It did.

Maddox: Yeah, it was weird.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey, this Matt from Utah. I'm calling about Dick's problem from the recent live episode."

Dick: Mmm.

"Kid Prisons"

Dick: Yeah.

"You were…how should I put this? The big "R" word. Wrong. (Maddox laughs) **And in case I haven't…aw, fuck!")**

Dick: Aaaaaahhhhhhh, didn't work out!! (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Oh, you're so happy that he screwed up, aren't you?! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're so happy, you're gloating. You're so happy.

Dick: Yeah!! (guffaws) There's a surprisingly small amount of fuckups on the voice mail.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Dick, Maddox, I gotta start off by saying that I hate agreeing with Maddox when he brings in his bullshit problems like Dogs, but dogs are the biggest problem in the universe!"

Maddox: Yeah.

"Now lemme tell you why! I started seeing this cougar from work. Super hot…she plays video games."

Maddox: Oooooh.

"It's awesome! Great relationship. No commitment."

Dick: (scoffs) Plays video games.

Maddox: Pretty hot.

Dick: Who cares? (giggles)

"On one day, she got this dog. And the dog's a couple months old. (Maddox groans) **And it's gonna be huge!"**

Maddox: I know where this is going.

"So here's my dogs are the biggest problem. And Dick, I think you're gonna really be on board with this when you hear there this goes, because…this dog has now added a whole new element of commitment to this relationship!"

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: Oh, he's right.

"Because now, in order to keep seeing her, I'm gonna have to make friends with this dog. I'm gonna have to work for this dog!"

Dick: Ffffffuck!

"Take it on walks. Pick up its shit! Dogs are the biggest problem in the universe! Go vote it up, people!!")

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah.

Dick: She tricked him!

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeah.

Dick: That's…that's like a half a baby!

Maddox: Yeah, man. Dogs…dogs are the biggest problem in the universe! Go vote it up! It's my new…you know what? Dogs are the new monkeys.

Dick: That's a great trick, though. Because now, if that guy wants to dump that girl, he's also gotta dump the dog! She's making it harder for him to split!

Maddox: Are you fucking kidding me? Dumping the dog is the best thing ever. I'll dump a dog any day of the week.

Dick: So it wouldn't work on you.

Maddox: No way. I would fuckin'…I would dump the dog before I dumped the chick. (stammers) I'd break up with the dog, and then I'd break up with the chick.

Dick: (scoffs) Oh. Uhh..

Maddox: Like, send Rover in here. I gotta talk to him.

Dick: Sounds like something American Psycho would do.

Maddox: Yeah. What, dump a dog?

Dick: Yeah. In the book, he kills his girlfriend's dog.

Maddox: Well, I didn't say I would kill her. (laughing) (Dick guffaws)

(Voice mail: (male voice, whiny) "Do you know what's even better than being sapiosexual? Being pansexual."

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, man! (Dick giggles)

"When people ask me what a pansexual is…"

Maddox: Yep. (Dick guffaws)

"I tell them that bisexuals are only attracted to men and women. That means they subscribe to the narrow-minded view of the gender binary. (Dick and Maddox chuckle) **Conversely, as a pansexual, I feel equal attraction to people of all gender identities."**

Maddox: Yep.

"Because men and women don't exist. Everyone's gender falls along a spectrum.")

Maddox: Yeah, it's a social…

Dick: I didn't know he was kidding until the very end! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. It's a social construct. That's the argument. Is that…gender is a social construct. Right, guys? There's no biological difference between a man and a woman. Except that there fucking is. (goofy voice) And there's MOUNTAINS of evidence to support that theory. However, it's just a social construct, because it supports these bullshit-ass argument. And that pansexual thing, man. They…they talk and sound exactly like that guy. A smug as that guy. And I'm sure that guy was satire…that voicemail was satire. But that's exactly what they sound like.

Dick: Hmm. Good to know.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hi, this is Christian from upstate New York. Just wanted to say, if you don't think left turns are the biggest problem in the fucking universe, you can fucking kill yourself right now. (Dick snorts) **They're stupid, fucking annoying. They're really fucking annoying, anywhere you go. Fucking roundabouts are beautiful. I lived in New York for two years. Gets my dick rock hard.** (Dick and Maddox crack up) **Dick, you can go fuck yourself with a cheese grater strapped to a fucking floor buffer.")**

Maddox: Yeah. That guy's going around in circles and circles in a roundabout with an erection.

Dick: (laughing) Rock hard. Cool. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: What a hero.

Dick: Be careful, man.

Maddox: Yeah. The…the three-letter word, roundabout. No, it was three words.

Dick: Three words.

Maddox: Three little words for you. Yeah, three words.

Dick: Roundabout.

Maddox: Roundabout. You meant three syllables, didn't you?

Dick: No, I meant it as a joke!

Maddox: No you did…no you didn't!!! You're fucking backtracking!! (grins)

Dick: Maddox! Go listen to it!!

Maddox: Yeah, I did!

Dick: Go listen…listen to it! It's obviously a setup with timing…(Maddox laughs) Making it a joke! You think I think "bout" is a word?!

Maddox: I think…

Dick: I mean, it is a word. (Maddox cracks up) Technically, it is a word!

Maddox: It is a word! (laughing)

Dick: But it's…I know roundabout…(they both die of laughter) That was also a joke!!

Maddox: OKAY!! (They crack up laughing)

(sound fades out)

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 46</u>

Transcription courtesy of: **Megan Pennock**

Automated Female Voice: This is a Global Tel Link prepaid call from: **Dick Masterson.** (Dick's own voice)

(main theme from "Serial" podcast)

Maddox: (mockingly pensive) What is the worth of a man's word if a claim is to be made in the present that contradicts the past? Should he be held accountable for it? I'm Sarah Koenig. On May 20th, 2014 Dick Masterson, co-host of the popular podcast The Biggest Problem in the Universe, brought in a problem that few could relate to: Guys Asking Other Guys About Their Dogs. During the episode, he made the case that his handsome and brilliant co-host Maddox was being stupid on purpose.

Dick (from Episode 1): I think you're being stupid on purpose.

Maddox: The reason? Well, it turns out that Dick would make a claim 10 months later during a recording of Episode 45 on March 24th, 2015 that would be the beginning of what would undermine his argument from Episode 1. But first, here's the original statement Dick made from the past.

Dick (from Episode 1): I think that what this is gonna turn into is just straight guys hitting on straight guys all the time.

Maddox: I asked him what he really thought. There was only one person who could know what Dick was truly saying that day, and that's Dick Masterson. From the future:

Dick (from Episode 45): I'm always flirting with everyone all the time. Hit on EVERYBODY just in case.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Even men. That's Pickup Artist 101.

(background music turns dramatic)

Maddox: This sounds pretty damning, but could it be a mistake? Could there be something I overlooked? I listened to Episode 45 again, and here's what I found.

Dick (from Episode 45): Even if it's a guy, you gotta be practiced picking up guys.

Maddox: It seems that this is clearly a man conflicted with himself. Although I'm not sure what new information can be gleaned from this investigation, one thing is clear: this is one man with two opinions. (**"Serial" theme kicks back in**) And we may never truly know what he thinks. This really is a case of...Dick Versus Dick. Thank you for listening.

(Maddox switches to normal voice)

Maddox: Serial is brought to you by MailChimp. **"MailChimp?"** (nasal voice) **"MailChimp?"** (stupid voice) **"MailChimp."** (reedy voice) It sounds adorable when a child says it! **"Mail Sa-Hympe?"** Oh, it's so hard to pronounce! MailChimp, mlehhh! (stupid voice)

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: What's up, buddy??

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back! Episode 46.

Dick: Whoo!

Maddox: Here we go!

Dick: Yeah! If we were a woman, we'd have a...a higher probability of getting eaten by a shark than getting married. This podcast. (cracking up)

Maddox: Is that...is that...?

Dick: I don't know if that's true. (Maddox laughs) I don't know.

Maddox: Hey, well, you got no stats for us! (Dick laughs) Not a single *stats* this time. Uh, Dick, we are really happy about, uh...the way the bonus episode turned out this week.

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: It was a really fun episode. So I just want to tease this a little bit, because way back when, I brought in Hippies as a problem. Do you remember that?

Dick: Yup.

Maddox: Hippies. And for that episode I talked specifically about one of my neighbors, who's this obnoxious, belligerent, DISGUSTING hippie.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: She's a disgusting human being. She sprayed water inside my car! You remember that, right?

Dick: She's a violent lunatic.

Maddox: Violent lunatic. Well, for this week's bonus episode I brought in a recording of her...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...accosting me in, uh, in the streets, in public! It's a really fun episode, guys. Here's just a little preview. I just wanna play this. [**plays clip from Bonus Episode 6**]

Hippie Neighbor: (shrill voice) **I thought you were goin' the other way! I thought you lived over there! What are you goin' over here -**

Maddox: Stop following me, [bleeped name].

Hippie Neighbor: Oh, you want some more, you motherfucker?

(Dick and Maddox laugh)

[**clip ends**]

Dick: What are you gonna do about that lady?

Maddox: (inhales thoughtfully) Eh, well...

Dick: You gotta provoke her into assaulting you so you...you can get her arrested.

Maddox: Nonono, Dick! Because she already has, and she hasn't been arrested.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Anyway, yeah, that's...that's a little preview of, uh, of the bonus episode. Which, by the way, thank you for supporting the show. We're able to fund a lot of things, like the transcribers. I gotta give a shout-out to Megan Pennock. She's been doin' transcriptions for these episodes for a long time, along with Laurie, and Megan recently helped create the glossary for the show. So check it out, it's on the main page. If you go to the main page at http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com, click on 'Glossary' and you can see a lot of common terms and references that we mention so it's not just a...a big circlejerk, this show, like a bunch of inside jokes and references, which I hate. Uh, when podcasts do that.

Dick: No, in fact, I saw someone commenting that "when Maddox makes a 'bags of sand' comment"...

Maddox: Ugh!

Dick: ...it should be on there, and it should be on the bingo board as well. Who said that? (looks for comment)

Maddox: That's just projection, though! That's not a real thing that happens. You THINK it's a "bags of sand" comment.

Dick: Mark Rotch. He's the one that said that. (smiles) (Maddox laughs) I don't know, you do make "bags of sand" comments.

Maddox: Says you!

Dick: You don't think so? (chuckling)

Maddox: No!

Sean: I don't know...I don't know that one! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: See?

Dick: That's when we talk about anything that has to do with sex, and Maddox is like...

Sean: Oh, the "sand at the beach"!

Dick: ...he's had sex in the ocean, and you're like, "How the hell did you have sex in the ocean?" and he's like, "Well, just like wiggling around." And you're like, "How the fuck does that work?"

Maddox: Nonono Sean, it's a reference to the movie "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," they go around the table while they're playing poker and they're all talkin' about sex, and it comes to...what's his name, uh...

Dick: Steve Carell.

Maddox: Steve Carell, yeah, and he's trying to describe what sex is like.

Dick: He's tryin' to describe what breasts feel like.

Maddox: Right. (smiles) What breasts feel like, and he's like, "Oh, you know. Just like, uh, bags of sand." (Dick laughs) And that was the giveaway that he'd never felt breasts before.

Sean: Right.

Maddox: 'Cause he was a virgin. And so Dick is IMPLYING that -

Dick: (interjects) You're not a virgin! I'm not implying you're a virgin.

Maddox: Yeah. You're just sayin' I SOUND like one. (laughs)

Dick: You come across as weird sometimes when you're talkin' about sex! (cracking up) Like, even with the Penis Injuries problem in the last episode. I still don't know what specific penis injury you're talking about.

Maddox: Dick, are you kidding me?! I SPECIFICALLY explained...I elaborated on what I was talkin' about with the penis injury. Like a lever!!

Dick: Alright. I don't know.

Maddox: Everybody knows!

Dick: I don't wanna...I don't wanna go over it again.

Sean: Yeah, you don't wanna point it...have it pointed down toward your feet, is what you're talking about.

Maddox: Sean knows!

Sean: But I was with Dick's injury.

Dick: Yeah!! Right away.

Sean: That's...that's what I thought of at first.

Maddox: Yeah. You probably have Dick's injury. Um... (Sean laughs loudly in the background) I got a...okay Dick, let's just get this out of the way at the top. The problems last week...top, uh...you know what? Everybody liked the problems!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They were all in the positive territory, and they were all neck and neck!

Dick: Yeah! That's true.

Maddox: This was the...I think that's the first time that's ever happened.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mars One barely edged out Utah.

Dick: Ahhhh.

Maddox: And then Penis Injuries barely edged out Loud Talkers.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah. Just by a little bit.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: So that...that doesn't count as, uh, whatever you consider a victory, so um...no need to play any songs or anything.

Dick: What do you mean, a sweep?

Maddox: That's not a sweep.

Dick: Somebody...somebody left a voicemail about that. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): As I look through all the biggest problems in the universe and I keep my eye on all the problems that Dick brings in, I start to notice something: that Dick's kinda missing the FUCKING point of the podcast. (Maddox laughs) **It's not "The Biggest Problems to DICK"...**

Maddox: Yep!

Voicemail: ...it's "The Biggest Problems in the Fucking UNIVERSE."

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Yeah, but we voted!

Voicemail: Also, to the guy who called in from Florida: get raped. (everyone laughs)

[**message ends**]

Dick: 'Kay!

Maddox: I love how that's kind of like, taken on as an official slogan for the show, based on that YouTube comment.

Dick: The MisterBurgers guy?

Maddox: Yeah, the MisterBurgers "get raped" comment.

Dick: Here's another one. [**plays second voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddox, this is Chris from Bumfuck-Nowhere, Pennsylvania. (Maddox laughs) **I wanna let you guys know I was pumped when I saw that Maddox's problems in Episode 44 got the most upvotes.**

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: 'Cause that means I didn't have to listen to 30 seconds-plus of BULLSHIT from that cockbungler DICK. ..

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Voicemail: ...every time he "wins," quotation marks. Hey Dick, Maddox has told you at least 10 times it's not a FUCKIN' competition. (Dick laughs) **You so high on**

estrogen you can't get that through your skull?Alright, nobody wins! It's not a fuckin' game! Nobody with a penis longer than 3 centimeters wants to listen to Titanic. (both laugh) **You know who does lose? We do, when you play that shit. FUCK you, Dick.**

[**message ends**]

Maddox: (laughs hysterically) Oh man, I wanna set that as my ringtone! No, you know what? **(Dick starts playing "My Heart Will Go On" parody)** I wanna set that as my text message...AH, FUCK YOU, DICK!!! (Dick cackles) THIS IS BULLSHIT! Didn't you learn anything from that last phone call?!

Dick: I need to hear it again!

Maddox: Yeah!! (angrily)

Dick: I'm too dense! (grinning)

Maddox: Fuckin' asshole! You see, he said you have no dick! You know what that means? If you don't have a dick longer than 3 centimeters, that's a clit. (Dick laughs) That is a clit by definition, dude. You got a clit!

Dick: Wait a minute!! (laughing)

Maddox: You got a giant pussy!

Dick: A di-...a penis the size of...a penis 3 centimeters long is not the definition of a clitoris.

(Male singer: Maddox is an asshole...)

Maddox: LOOK IT UP!! (laughs)

Dick: Let's stop there! (still laughing)

(Male singer: ...and he can go fuck himself...)

Maddox: You know what? Put it in the glossary!! "A penis is a...is anything smaller than 3 centimeters." A clit.

Dick: That is a "bags of sand" comment! (yelling over Maddox and song)

Maddox: NO! (laughs more)

Dick: That is a "bags of sand" comment.

Maddox: You don't know what the FUCK you're talkin' about.

(**Male singer: ...his problems all suck and he deseeeeeerves this.)**

Dick: "The definition of a clitoris is a small penis." NOT true!

Maddox: That's it!! That's ba-...they're basically the same thing. I get it. You pee outta one, you pee outta the other. (Dick laughs hysterically) It's the same fuckin'... (cracks up)

(Male singer: Keeeeep playing these Titanic clips...)

Maddox: Sean, I don't wanna hear it. THIS FUCKIN' SONG! I'm SWEATING, I'm so mad. You know what, Dick? You don't even have the vocabulary of a sex expert. (Dick still laughing) That's what I am!

(Male singer: ...and Dick, you can go on and...)

Maddox: That's why you don't understand! That's why it's so foreign to you, 'cause it sounds like "bags of sand"? That's because I'm an expert.

(Male singer: ...go on and go fuuuuuuuuck yourself.)

Dick: I just wanna know how you hurt your penis, that's all. (**song fades out**) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: (yells) Like a fuckin' lever! Everybody knows, I don't have to...I'm not gonna go -

Dick: (interjects) I just don't GET it!

Maddox: I know, Dick, you don't get A LOT. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Fuckin' ape. Uh -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, I got...I got some more comments.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, Brian Beckwith. He says he has "a friend who moved to Utah for a couple years and got a job as a Sex Ed teacher, at a public high school. She told me they required that she promote abstinence until marriage and wasn't allowed to go over any forms of birth control."

Maddox: Wooow! Wait...

Dick: That's...yeah, "Again - "

Maddox: (interjects) This was in Utah?

Dick: "Again, this was even a PUBLIC school," he says.

Maddox: Yeah, I went to a public school in Utah though, and I went to a very conservative area of it and I do believe they did teach us...uh, protection. Yeah, nonono, we definitely did! I remember we had to make a poster about condom use in, uh, junior high school.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah! And one of my...I remember one of the jocks made his say...his slogan was "cover the lump before you hump." (Dick laughs) Which I thought was -

Dick: (interjects) That's a good slogan!

Maddox: Yeah, I thought it was pretty clever.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Pretty clever, but it's pretty common. I think he may have ripped it off, but uh...

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Yeah. I've seen it since. I Googled it the other day and there was like, millions of results.

Dick: What was your slogan?

Maddox: Uh... (sighs) Somethin' like, uh... (stammers) It doesn't matter what I say, 'cause you're gonna make it sound like a "bags of sand" reference. (Dick cackles) I don't remember. It was some...look, trust me, it sounded like it came from somebody who was very experienced.

Dick: "Before you pee, put a condom on your wee-wee." (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, great. (sarcastic)

Dick: Was that it?

Maddox: I think mine was just somethin' that, uh, was very practical. Like "unwrap it in the right direction so that...so that it works properly." So that... (cracks up) (Sean laughs)

Sean: It's like a PSA.

Maddox: Yeah. I care! That's what a sex expert does.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: A sexpert. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller imitating Kermit the Frog): Hello, Kermit the Frog here. (Maddox laughs) **Where Dick should have sex with his man and finally get it over with and come out of the closet that he's a flaming homo!** (Maddox laughs more)

Dick: Oh my goodness!

Voicemail: There's nothing wrong with that, YAAAAAY! (Maddox laughs more)

Sean: That's a good Kermit!

Voicemail: It's okay to be gay, according to Kermit the Frog here! Goodbye! (everyone laughs) **Dick, go fuck yourself.**

[**message ends**]

Dick: Eh. (amused) Cool!

Maddox: Yeah. Um, Dick, I got a comment from...Jamie Marquez.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And...I don't know if it's a guy or a girl. He said, "I think both of Dick's problems this week are a subset of Maddox's problem of Utah. Penis injuries can be attributed to inexperienced anal sex practices and the type of people who would fall for the Mars One scam are perfect candidates for the LDS. Go vote up Utah as the biggest problem." Yeah! Couldn't agree more, Jamie.

Dick: Hey, you know, speaking of our solutions episode, didn't you bring in Rude People as a solution?

Maddox: Yeah, and I specifically enumerated the types of rude people that are the solution, yes.

Dick: Okay, 'cause somebody said that talking too loud is a rude...thing.

Maddox: Yeah, you would think, but look man, it's not a...look, I gave specific examples of rudeness.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Not all rude behavior is good.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: *Some* is good.

Dick: Um, Katie Diane says "Hey Dick, I took the liberty of adding a man bun to Maddox." You were shitting on man buns -

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (smiling)

Dick: - 'cause you're jealous, last episode. Remember that?

Maddox: Yeah. No, I wasn't jealous!

Dick: So she...she put a man bun on you.

Maddox: Great, let's see this.

Dick: What do you think? (shows Maddox) I think it looks pretty good!

Maddox: Yeah. Ehh, now I'm lookin' at... (cracks up) ...myself with -

Dick: (interjects) Looks cool, right??

Maddox: I immediately pictured one of those samurai, or like, sumo buns on my head. It actually does look pretty cool.

Dick: Yeah, you look like Sabretooth! Right?

Maddox: Yeah, but that's because I look like a samurai wearing that thing. That's why!

Dick: Well, looks cool.

Maddox: I don't look like a hipster DOUCHEBAG.

Dick: Alright. (chuckling)

Maddox: Wearin' Toms. Which, of the two of us in this room, Dick, you're the only one who's ever worn Toms.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Well, I...uh, sorry Sean, you're in this room too. Um...

Dick: They're comfortable.

Sean: I've never worn Toms! I would never have those.

Maddox: No, I was implying that you were a third. (laughs) I said two..."of the two of us in this room." Well, my comment is a lead-in to my problem.

Dick: Oh, well, no. Um... (chuckles) Don't get excited. You've still got some watching of Titanic to do.

Maddox: I'm NOT gonna watch Titanic, Dick.

Dick: Yep! If you remember, we last left off where the Titanic crew had discovered something potentially very exciting under the sea. That's where we pick up. (hushed tone) [**plays next 30 seconds of Titanic**]

Maddox: It was an end to this bit, I hope.

Dick: No. (grinning)

(music and dialogue from movie in background)

Maddox: They find that?

Dick: Nope, they didn't find that!

Maddox: Man, it'd be so great if I was -

Dick: (interjects) There's only one end to THIS bit. (mischievously)

Maddox: I wish I was under that...when they discovered me in the sea, and I was just sittin' there flippin' 'em off. (Dick laughs) They open up this hatch and I'm just sittin' there angry with my dick out, with a fuckin' hard on. "Ahhh, fuck you!!"

Dick: Are you watching this?

Maddox: No, I'm... (burps)

(underwater sounds from movie)

Dick: Look!

Maddox: I'm not gonna look.

Dick: Their submarine is finding something, dude!

Maddox: Nope.

Dick: You're not interested at all?

Maddox: Not at all.

Dick: To see what they might find in the Titanic?

Maddox: I know what they're gonna find!

Dick: WHAT??

Maddox: A bunch of horseshit!

(mechanical sounds from underwater robot)

Dick: (yells) What if it's not horseshit? This is a hugely successful movie!!

Maddox: So?

Dick: It was probably something at least a little bit interesting! You're not even curious?

Maddox: NO! I know what it...I know, it's some jewel or something, right?

Dick: Listen to the music!

(Bill Paxton: Go. Go, go, go.)

Maddox: Great. (surly)

(Bill Paxton: Flip it over, flip it over, go!)

(more mechanical sounds)

Maddox: Oh, WOW. Oh, so intense. (sarcastic)

Dick: Maddox! Look!!

(Bill Paxton: Go, go, go!)

Maddox: Where is the...?!

Dick: The door is flipping! The door is flipping.

Maddox: Dick, where...what is the urgency in this scene? It's a fucking ship that's been there for a CENTURY. What's the urgency here?

(dreamlike background music)

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: Buncha bullshit. You get... (scoffs)

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Buncha hyped dipshits watching that movie.

Dick: You'll have to wait 'til next time to see what they found.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: In the Titanic.

Maddox: Yeah, I bet your big pussy's wet right now. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Hey, by the way...

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: ...you didn't thank...you're not being appreciative enough of the Oculus Rift-type device present that I got you during the bonus episode. (Maddox sighs in frustration)

Maddox: Okay, Dick, you are such an asshole. (Dick scoffs) Like, you are...the gravity of your assholeness is starting to pull in and you're gonna collapse in on yourself.

Dick: Okay. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Um, so Dick -

Dick: (interjects) What the hell does that mean?

Maddox: Dick...Dick tricked me into thinking...you know what, I'm not gonna give it away. He gave me some bullshit...some horseshit gift in the bonus episode. I'm fuckin' pissed, Dick. I'll just say that.

Dick: You're pissed off at it??

Maddox: I'm pissed off! I'm pissed off at everything.

Dick: Alright. (dismissively)

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway Dick, should we get to the problems?

Dick: Yeah, go ahead. Do you wanna go first?

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, I...

Dick: Go.

Maddox: ...I wrote a status update. My, uh... (sighs) My problem this week -- the biggest problem in the universe -- is Vine stars.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: You know what Vine is?

Dick: Yeah, it's like Instagram for videos.

Maddox: Basically.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Yeah, it's that service that...it's basically 5-Second Films before...uh, after 5-Second Films. It's basically YTMND after YTMND.

Dick: Okay, yeah.

Maddox: So they take a...you know, Vine is a service that allows you to create videos that loop over and over and over again for 6 seconds, and people make a lot of stupid little jokes and they post 'em on there, and there's...they get these millions of followers and they become Vine stars. Basically, all the...all the jokes, all the clips on Vine...uh, here's what they sound like. Here's an example, a typical Vine. Listen to this. [**plays first Vine example**]

Female Voice #1: What'd you learn in school today, honey?

Female Voice #2: That school is Satan's butthole and I fuckin' hate my life. (Dick laughs)

Female Voice #1: That's great. You want mashed pota-

[**Vine ends**]

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Great. Cool. Real funny Vine. (flatly)

Dick: What's wrong with that?? What, you don't think it's funny?

Maddox: It's not funny.

Dick: It's NOT funny?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Oh, but here's an example of something that's funny: "The iPhone is a piece of shit, and so is your face."

Maddox: Oh -

Dick: (interjects) That's hilarious, right?

Maddox: Well, based on the 7-plus million views and the 17,000 diggs that it got when Digg was still a thing...

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: ...uh, yeah Dick, I would say that the consensus agrees on that, right?

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. Well -

Dick: (interjects) I thought it was funny!

Maddox: Yeah! No, it is funny, Dick. Um...that's irrelevant. We're talkin' about Vine here.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Kay? This is a 6-second clip. You thought that was funny? You laughed!

Dick: Well, yeah, 'cause it's like shocking...shock value potty humor. I mean, she's saying a bunch of bad words, "Satan's butthole" about school. Okay, that's funny.

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Dick: I guess.

Maddox: Yeah, it was funny in the -

Dick: (interjects) I'm not gonna buy tickets to see the sequel!

Maddox: Yeah, but that's all it is. That's all the, uh, that's all the clips are on Vine. (suddenly yells) You've made me so mad already, Dick! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Why?!?

Maddox: You're defending this horseshit! Are you ki-...are you serious?? Are you serious right now? Are you...do you really like Vine? Or are you just fuckin' with me?

Dick: I don't use it! I've used it one time. I've used Vine once. Um...I posted a video of me at Saint Patrick's Day, and I posted it crooked. I, like, did it the wrong rotation?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then the girl...this girl...I was dating this girl, which was the reason I joined, 'cause she said she was on Vine. I was like, "Alright, I'll get on Vine and see what you're doin' on there." I posted it, and I was like, "That's it? Uh, I'm out. I can do this on Instagram. I don't care."

Maddox: Yeah. You know Dick, the difference between Vine and my website...specifically that website you cited, "The iPhone is a piece of shit, and so is your face," is that I made a cogent argument in that article.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it wasn't just there to be, "Ha ha, here's my 6-second thing about Satan's butthole and school."

Dick: Right.

Maddox: "School sucks!" Aww, what... (sarcastic) It's so passé. It's so old. What is this, like, the '90s with Bart Simpson? Are you fucking kidding me with that shit? "Cowabunga"?

Dick: It's just a stupid joke!!

Maddox: It IS a stupid joke.

Dick: It's a stupid 6-second joke! What do you want? (yelling)

Maddox: Well, that's the...I'm drawing a contrast between Vine content and real content that takes work, research...

Dick: Ohohohoho. (mocking)

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: It's not real content. (incredulous)

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: Oookay.

Maddox: It abso-fuckin'-lutely isn't. Um, I wrote a status update on Facebook and Twitter. I said, "Vine: for when you want to know what girls/guys 'be like.'"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: End quote. Because that's every fucking Vine, is "Girls be like, 'Wrah wrah wrah wrah wrahhh!'" (obnoxious voice) and "Guys be like, 'Urrrrhhhh!'" (deep voice) EVERY fuckin' Vine is like that. They're unoriginal, they're unfunny...

Dick: Yeah. ALL of them?

Maddox: No...no!

Dick: There's nobody doing what you're doing on there?

Maddox: No, not all of them.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: I like...you know, there's...I've seen a few Vines on there that are pretty funny. What's his name, Will Sasso? Will Sasso has some funny Vines. He doesn't...Vine anymore. I hate that I used "Vine" as a verb.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: But he doesn't make Vines anymore. There's a guy named King Bach...he's pretty funny I guess, but it's pretty...it's pretty safe humor. He's like, "White people be like this, and black people be like that."

Dick: Oh, that's...that's pretty funny.

Maddox: Nyeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Usually.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it was funny in the '70s when Richard Pryor did it. Um...anyway, it's all derivative. It's all derivative crap on Vine. And anyway, when I wrote that status update this guy (cracks up) got really offended. His name is Fermin Martinez...on Facebook, and he said, "Dude how old are you? All your work for the last few years has been crazy out of touch. You went from 'best page in the universe' to 'old guy who doesn't get the Internet.' Basically you've become Rush Limbaugh." (chuckles dismissively)

Dick: You do sound like an old guy, saying that these kids aren't funny with their 6-second things. And by the way, saying that in a *status update.* Like, what's the difference between a status update and an article? It's the same as a Vine and, like, a full video.

Maddox: Well, sure, but a status update is just a passing commentary. The Vine is supposed to be...they're making these Vines to be funny or provocative. And most of 'em are really obnoxious. There's this guy...uh, this French dude, I forget. He's a really popular Viner. I met him! I met him and he's a nice guy, but his Vines are SO obnoxious! He just walks up to people and yells at them...yells in their ear and startles them, and he thinks that's...that's funny. I mean kinda, I guess, the first time I saw it, but after a certain point you're just becoming an obnoxious asshole who's yelling outbursts in public for attention, and that attention comes to you in little 6-second increments.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's all it is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So this guy Fermin Martinez criticized me for being old, and then a few people commented on this thread and they started making fun of his name, and they said, "Fermin? Sounds like 'vermin.'" (both laugh) You know? Real...

Dick: Like, what's the difference??

Maddox: ...real immature joke. Hold on, hold on.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Follow me here. It's a real immature joke, right?

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: And then he started whining! (Dick laughs) He started crying, like "Ohh, people made fun of me for my name in grade school!" So then I commented and I said, "Hey guys, who am I? 'Maddox, you're too old, Vine is cool, get with the times! Hey guys, don't make fun of my name, that's too immature, what are you, grade schoolers?!'" (whiny voice)

Buncha fuckin' crybabies. They don't like it when the mirror turns around on them, do they?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway man, um...Vine stars are the worst people. They are worse than YouTube stars, they're worse than Internet stars, they're worse than celebrities; they're the worst. Vine stars are the worst because they're the most entitled of all celebrities, Dick. And they're not even celebrities! Let's start there.

Dick: Well, I don't know any.

Maddox: What, Vine stars?

Dick: Who's a Vine star?

Maddox: Like, these people I've been mentioning. Um, King Bach...that clip I played, the "Satan's butthole" one, is from this girl named Jessi Smiles.

Dick: How is she like a star? Like, what is...what is a...

Maddox: Oh, these... (exasperated)

Dick: ...what is a star on Vine?

Maddox: These Vine stars are people...they have millions of followers.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: And they have millions of views, and they have millions of fans.

Dick: So like Twitter but with video.

Maddox: Essentially, yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So they're not even celebrities, and this is coming from a guy who started a website in his parents' basement.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So... (stammers) Let's not, uh, let's not say that I have any delusions here. However, I am a New York Times bestselling author. (Dick laughs) Right? Something that's an actual accomplishment that people spend YEARS trying to achieve, I have that!

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: So if anyone here is allowed to glom onto that title, I'm a little bit closer to that than they are. These fucking Vine stars who are unaccomplished nobodies with NOTHING under their belts, whose entire careers can be summarized in 15 minutes of video content! All those 6-second clips? They don't even make a fucking...one 15-minute YouTube episode.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway man, they didn't come up through the normal channels of fame, where people had to work hard. Right?

Dick: Sitting in their parents' basement, writing?

Maddox: Dick, I've written -

Sean: (interjects) Yelling for soup? (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah! How is that working hard?

Maddox: I don't need shit from you two!! I worked for 17 years on my website. For 17 years I've worked...no, it's almost 18 years! It'll be 18 years this August.

Dick: Have you ever calculated the year-per-word ratio on your site? (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: (annoyed) Dick...again, I don't need shit. (Dick and Sean laugh) I have written over 300 *pages* of text on my website over the years.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah! 300 pages, over...over the years. And that's not even counting the countless -

Dick: (interjects) 2 pages a year?

Maddox: You know what, asshole? (Dick laughs hysterically)

Dick: Well, I mean, what...what? What. What's the deal with these people? Why do you hate them? 'Cause they came up differently than you? Like, all of technology's changed now!

Maddox: No, because they're so entitled, Dick. They didn't put in their dues, they didn't get turned down time and time again by some shithead producer who thinks they know better than you. They haven't been sculpted by criticism, because Vine is a platform that by its nature doesn't ENCOURAGE criticism. The content itself is so short that it's barely worth...criticizing! Like, I'm struggling to criticize what exactly I hate about that Jessi Smiles clip that I played earlier because it's so fucking short! She's not SAYING anything. She's making a...a flip comment about school that's unoriginal, uninspired...it's not new, it's not clever, it's not even funny! The words that she used aren't even...a clever alliteration.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or something that we've even heard before! Satan's butthole? Is that worse than any other body part of Satan? I guess!

Dick: I didn't expect it.

Maddox: Supposedly! Does Satan excrete something that's particularly foul? That's especially foul? (Dick laughs) Do -

Dick: (interjects) I would assume so!

Maddox: Oh, you think so?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: It's Satan. (smiling)

Maddox: Well, there you go Dick, I guess she found her demo!

Dick: He feeds on misery.

Maddox: Yeah. (flatly)

Dick: And sorrow. How does that come out?

Maddox: I mean, I don't know, man. We're talkin' about metaphorical things. You can't consume metaphorical things. Whatever, man! It's a stupid fucking comment that she made.

Dick: Well, wait a minute. You're calling into question the LENGTH of these videos like that's bad. (Maddox sighs exasperatedly) Like, what...brevity is the soul of wit. Do you not think there's something to that? I mean, I enjoyed 5-Second Films.

Maddox: Yeah, 5-Second Films is great.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But the difference between 5-Second Films and Vine is that with 5-Second Films, they actually write their content, they script it...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...they produce it, they edit it, and they make sure that every second counts, whereas Vine stars...half the fuckin' time it just ends mid-sentence because "Oh, I guess that's what...that's the limitation of the app!" (Dick laughs) "That's the end of it! We're ending here." You know, one of the most popular Vine stars is this guy who's a magician. He does some, uh...you know, some camera trickery and he does do some editing on his videos.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He is one of the most famous Vine stars, and he puts in the MINIMAL effort of just editing a few of his clips. The Vine... (stammers) You know what really upsets me, Dick, about Vine stars and Vine as a platform is that it doesn't respect the audience. It doesn't...it's built into the platform to disrespect your audience's time, because everybody thinks "Oh, who doesn't have 6 seconds to spare? I'll watch this Vine, I'll watch the next Vine, I'll watch the next one..." Next thing you know, you've spent a minute; next thing you know, you've spent five.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And what do you come away with once you've seen this shitty content that hasn't been edited, that hasn't been...uh, that hasn't been produced? It's not like this podcast.

Dick: A couple of laughs?

Maddox: You hope! You would hope. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Then I'll stop watching if it's...if I'm not laughing at it.

Maddox: Yeah, but that's how they trick you, Dick, is you think you're gonna get that the next one; the next one's gonna come, that dopamine hit's coming. You know there's gonna be a funny one, it's gotta be funny! There's GOTTA be a funny one, right? But then after about 10 minutes you realize, "What the fuck am I doin' with my life?"

Dick: I don't know, I'm not on Vine, but I assume there's some kind of 'liking' thing. Like, there's popular people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can go look for popular people who...who turn out funny content.

Maddox: Yeah? (skeptical)

Dick: Uh, usually.

Maddox: Mhm, well -

Dick: (interjects) Doesn't it work like everything else on the Internet, where it's self-curated? Where it's curated by the community?

Maddox: No Dick, because Vine stars...Vine stars feed on a particularly young demographic, and young people are stupid. Um, here's... (cracks up) Here's the case in point.

Dick: What...?! Okay. (sighing)

Maddox: Here's the case in point.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: This guy named Nash Grier...he's a very popular Vine star. So going by your argument, we should just look at the popular people, see what they're doing. Maybe they're doing some of the best of the best, right? And he's...

Dick: Well, I mean...

Maddox: ...he's considered one of the biggest Vine stars.

Dick: I'm not saying...that's not my argument, but okay, that sounds...that's not crazy!

Maddox: Well, you said it's curated. I mean look, if you're going off of curated content, and...his stuff does get promoted to the front of Vine often. Right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Here's an example of, uh, some...one of the HILARIOUS jokes that Nash Grier said. Nash Grier, the racist asshole. Here we go. (Dick chuckles) [**plays first Nash Grier Vine example**]

Nash: How Asians name their children.

(sound of silverware clanging down steps)

(Nash rattles off nonsense syllables)

[**Vine ends**]

Dick: Old joke.

Maddox: Yeah, it's an old joke! "How Asians name their children," and he threw a spoon in the air -- a buncha spoons, and it went...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ..."ching chong." Uh, real funny. (dryly) And it's not even original! He's ripping off Jerry Lewis. That was an old Jerry Lewis stand-up set. This is from the Mike O'Meara Show podcast. I heard this, uh, that he went to a Jerry Lewis show. This is from a Jerry Lewis routine a long time ago.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Listen to this. [**plays stand-up clip**]

Jerry Lewis: Chinese have a special way of naming children. They take a HUGE silver platter, they put it on the ground...

Dick: Oh my god.

...they grab a handful of silverware, they throw the silverware up in the air and as it hits the platter, "chang, ching, chong..."

[**clip ends**]

Dick: That joke gets better when it's shorter.

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: That was WAY too long.

Maddox: Yeah, it would be awesome if that joke was zero seconds long.

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: It'd be amazing. I would love that joke. Um, that's a shitty joke. It's unoriginal, it's unfunny, and it's not...it's just completely plagiarized from, uh, from Jerry Lewis! This guy Nash Grier. And these kids who are following Nash Grier -- first of all, half of 'em probably thought it was funny 'cause they're all...they're just, uh, they have that hivemind.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That racist, bully hivemind.

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: And then the other half don't even realize it's been ripped off!

Dick: Yeah... (stammers)

Maddox: It's not only offensively bad, but it's...shitty!

Dick: A shitty joke?

Maddox: Yeah!! It's a...it's shitty and it's plagiarized, it's stolen!

Dick: I think I probably heard that joke when I was...13, for the first time.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: I laughed.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, I...you know. Oh, I'm a huge racist, whatever.

Maddox: Yeah, like a dumb...like a dumb 13-year-old.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: No, I don't think you're racist. I think that kids at that age aren't, uh, reflective enough to even realize what it means to...to laugh at jokes like that, or what it means to make jokes like that. They're not reflective. They're not really thinking ahead. That's why a dumb 13-year-old YOU thought that joke was hilarious, whereas you and I and Sean in this room aren't laughing because it's not funny.

Dick: Well, I already heard it also.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (dismissively)

Dick: And I can't say it...I can't say I wouldn't think it was funny if I hadn't heard it. I don't know!

Maddox: Hey Dick, you wanna hear more, uh, more hilarious Vine jokes?

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: This is a gay joke that Nash Grier made. (Dick laughs) Here we go. [**plays second Nash Grier Vine example**]

Guy on television: Testing for HIV? It's not a gay thing. It's -

Nash: YES, it IS!! FAAAAAAAAG! (Dick scoffs)

[**Vine ends**]

Maddox: Get it?

Dick: Ohoho, wow.

Maddox: Did you get the punchline? The punchline was "fag."

Dick: Oh, that's what he shouted?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh. (dismayed)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: That was the pu-...that's, uh, some of the hilarious content on Vine.

Dick: Yeah, that's rough, man.

Maddox: Yeah. Real funny stuff, these guys. (sarcastic) Um... (sighs) Some of these Vine -

Dick: (interjects) But you know, Artie Lange talks like that too and I laugh at him.

Maddox: Yeah, but you know, if you're using it in a...in a specific context, it's funny.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: But he's using it in a hateful context. He's just calling gay people "fags." That's... (stammers) Specifically in a context of a PSA that's saying, "Not just gay people get HIV," which is true and an important thing to get out there. Right? And this, uh, this dickhead...yeah, what do you wanna say, Sean?

Sean: Well, no, Magic Johnson changed the perception on that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sure! Yeah.

Sean: Just happened to a straight guy, you know? It was like...everybody's eyes opened up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: At least in the U.S.

Maddox: Yep. Magic Johnson wasn't on Vine. (Dick laughs) Think about that.

Dick: Is that guy's entire Vine racist stuff, or...?

Maddox: No, he has a PR firm behind him. So as soon as that came out, they deleted the Vine.

Dick: Ohh!

Maddox: Uh-huh! There was a huge controversy.

Dick: Oh, that's funny.

Maddox: All these, uh, all these YouTubers and people...huge people on Twitter kind of spoke out against it. I think...I believe one of 'em's Tyler Oakley. I think he's a...he's a big gay YouTube star.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And he spoke out against it, and so Nash Grier's handlers deleted that tweet, deleted the Vine...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...made it, uh, tried to make it disappear. But it's not goin' away, buddy. It's not disappearing.

Dick: How old is he?

Maddox: Uh, I believe he was like 17 years old when he made this.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And if you watch his current stuff, if you watch his YouTube videos, it's just him sittin' there brooding in his hoodie with his bros, thinkin' they're such hot shit. (Dick scoffs) And they have no reason to believe otherwise, 'cause they've never had to endure any

kind of criticism other than a few...you know, they fuck up and they can instantly delete it and backtrack and have their PR firm and their handlers just try to save their image, to spare their image.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And then they go to, uh...you know, they have a conference; they go to meet some gay leaders or something, and all is forgiven. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause...yeah.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: So you're defending this platform, Dick. Why do you think -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I don't see any difference between this and anything else. Like, pop music's exactly the same. It's a buncha kids who are sheltered from anything and everything, who squeaked through the ranks and suddenly they're superstars when they're 17.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They don't know how to behave in the real world. This seems exactly the same. I don't think what they're creating isn't comedy. I don't think it's funny. I don't watch Vine, but I go on, like, Imgur and...or "Imager," however you say it -

Maddox: Imgur. [pronounced "Imager"] (sighs)

Dick: - and go on the .gif ["jif"]...the .gif [hard 'g']...however you say THAT one.

Maddox: .Gif. [hard 'g']

Dick: I go to the .gif part and, like, laugh at those and send those to my friends. I don't really see the difference!

Maddox: Yeah -

Dick: (interjects) I get that you're...I get that you resent...that you feel you had to work harder for something, and they didn't have to. But that seems...it does seem old. Like, it does seem like you're out on your virtual yard with a rake, shaking it at these Vine kids, telling 'em to get off your Internet.

Sean: And I would also argue that you've achieved more success than they will, because you parlayed, um...your website into a book deal.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: I mean, or you could have a -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, and two TV shows that didn't get picked up.

Maddox: Yeah. (surly)

Dick: How 'bout that? That's pretty... (cracks up) That's pretty successful!

Sean: Well, whatever. I mean...what I'm saying is, I think you made it a lot further than these people will. Maybe a small percentage of them can actually produce content over *minutes.* You know? I mean, that's...

Maddox: Oho, whoa! Whole minutes! (grins)

Sean: No no, instead of 6 seconds!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sean: That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah, no, some of 'em have tried. Some of 'em have tried to do that. But Dick, your argument likening it to pop music as a defense is kind of like saying, "Well, uh, smothering on plastic bags isn't so bad, 'cause people smother on carbon monoxide all the time!" Like... (chuckles)

Dick: Wait, what?

Maddox: You're comparing two bad things. You're saying Vine...and by the way, I'm not criticizing Vine as a platform. That could be a...a problem.

Dick: Yeah, but you said it's inherently disrespectful to the audience, which I also don't understand.

Maddox: It is!

Dick: How?

Maddox: The number one thing that I...well, one of the first things I consider when I'm writing or creating content is the, uh, is the audience that I'm creating it for. I'm gonna create content that I think that...first of all, I'm making it for myself, but I know the audience. I keep in mind the audience that, uh, that I'm workin' with. Right? Every single one of these podcasts is edited. It's edited for clarity, I take out verbal tics...in fact, I stuttered during that sentence. I'll probably cut that out too.

Sean: I cut out a lot too.

Maddox: Yeah! So it sounds -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, you don't...you don't cut out NEARLY as much, though.

Sean: Oh no, I never edit for content.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. No, but I clean up...I clean up the clip so it sounds nice. So it sounds like it's something...and it's respectful to the audience. We respect their time. There's podcasts I stopped subscribing to because they don't! They don't give a shit. They have false starts, they leave it in there; when they look up information they leave that dead air in there. I said, "You know what? Fuck you. If you're not gonna respect my time, I'm not gonna listen to you. I'm not going to GIVE you my time." You know? Edit -

Dick: (interjects) You...you don't think these 6-second clips are, like, thought-out?

Maddox: No.

Dick: I've seen a couple of Vines, maybe, and some...they were by, like, kids who are comedians or trying to be comedians. They LOOKED thought-out. I wouldn't say they were well-executed, but SOME thought went into it.

Maddox: Look man, I'm not gonna generalize all the Vines. Like I said, there are some Vine stars that I think do some...do some clever stuff. I like that King Bach guy, he does some funny stuff, and Will Sasso as I mentioned. I've seen some funny stuff on Vine, and I've watched Vine compilations on YouTube and I've thought about 75 percent of it was pretty funny, but that's out of...MILLIONS of Vines.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, you might find 15 *minutes* worth of content.

Dick: I don't think there...what's...how is that different than anything else? The writing on the Internet, all garbage...

Maddox: Well, because -

Dick: ...music, garbage.

Maddox: Because Vine makes it so much more difficult to edit your content. It's not a platform that's really conducive to editing. When you're writing, it's easy to edit your writing. You can go back, you can delete words, you can add words, you can rephrase things, but with Vine...say, for example, your whole gimmick in your Vine video is going to be that somebody passes you a basketball and you're standing next to a pool, and you go to catch the ball but you fall in the pool. (Dick giggles)

Dick: That's pretty funny!

Maddox: Oh, my god. (exasperated) Why am I...?

Dick: WHAT?! You don't think that's funny at all?? A guy getting thrown a basketball and he falls into a pool? Wha-...(stammers)

Maddox: Eh, n-...no. It's so tired. (Dick scoffs and laughs) It's...like, I've seen it a billion times. That's why I just came up with that off the top of my head, because it's a simple example that I've seen a billion times. How many times would you have to -

Dick: (interjects) And you hate that.

Maddox: Eh, it's just unori-...it's uninspired.

Dick: Oh, BOY.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ohokay, Your Majesty.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiles)

Dick: Bring in a...bring in a jester with a mortar board on so he's...he can entertain you properly.

Maddox: Well, lemme get to the point. When I said that Vine is a platform that doesn't really...isn't really conducive to editing, say that during the beginning of that clip...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...you said, "Okay, go!" and you recorded that person saying "Okay, go!" and there was that few seconds of dead air when they're setting up the stupid little gimmick, right?

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Because Vine is so completely disposable, nobody cares to edit that out. Nobody cares to go back, clean it up, give it another try, give it another take; you do it in one shot, you put it up there...

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: ...and, "Hey, it's disposable, man! It's only 6 seconds. Who doesn't have 6 seconds to spare?"

Dick: But isn't that Twitter? Like, you're on Twitter doing the same thing.

Maddox: I don't like Twitter either.

Dick: But you do it!

Maddox: I hate Twitter. I use Twitter...

Dick: You're not answering the question.

Maddox: I use Twitter because it's ubiquitous. Look, man. The reason I use Twitter...I hate Facebook and I'm still on Facebook. I hate Twitter and I'm still on Twitter.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: I hate these things. Doesn't mean they're not a problem. They're definitely a problem, but I have no choice but to use them because they're so ubiquitous!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can't...you CAN'T be on the Internet today without Facebook and Twitter. You have to have those...those services, unfortunately.

Dick: Sean is! You're not on either of those, are you?

Maddox: Barely!

Sean: No, I'm on...I'm on Facebook. I never use it, but I'm also not an Internet personality.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. As an Internet personality, as somebody who writes and creates content online...look man, the problem is the Vine stars themselves, not so much Vine. Like I said, there's some funny stuff on Vine. But the Vine stars themselves are entitled assholes. I've met a lot of 'em.

Dick: Why?? Why do you say that? 'Cause I don't get that at all from these clips.

Maddox: Dick, I gave you...I gave you examples!

Dick: Okay, the kid's racist. Is that one of the examples?

Maddox: Sure, yeah.

Dick: He's making racist jokes.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like a young kid would.

Maddox: Right, right, right. But so many Vine stars are accused of rape, 'cause these guys think they're invincible! And there's one guy in particular, this guy's name's Curtis Lepore. He's a Vine star accused of raping another Vine star, Jessi Smiles -- that clip that I played earlier?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So he took a plea deal, and then he started talkin' shit about her IMMEDIATELY. (Dick laughs) Immediately on Twitter!

Sean: To be fair, he only lasted 6 seconds. (Dick bursts out laughing)

Maddox: Oh my gosh, Sean... (apprehensively) The nature of the platform MAY attract people like this, because they have no regard for the audience, they have no regard for their art form; they don't care.

Dick: That guy had to get spoons! That was...SOME preparation. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Nah. Yeah, he had to walk into his kitchen? They make lots of money, they're millionaires -

Dick: (interjects) I didn't know that! You didn't mention THAT.

Maddox: Yeah, they're millionaires!

Dick: I didn't know that!

Maddox: These kids are millionaires. Yeah, they're millionaires. You don't think it's an entitled attitude to rape somebody? They're entitled pricks! That's my problem with these guys.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: They're just awful people.

Dick: I've never thought of Vine stars before this conversation.

Maddox: Yeah. You've never met one.

Dick: No!

Maddox: You know, there's exceptions of course, but for the most part they're awful people. Where the fuck is this fame coming from? 'Cause I see the videos, and they're just not funny. They're lame...like the "Satan's butthole" joke, which you thought was hilarious. Um...

Dick: Well, it made me chuckle.

Maddox: Sure! Well...

Dick: For what it is.

Maddox: ...then you're its demo, man! What can I say? (Dick scoffs) But, uh, yeah. Their FANS seem like awful people, and the Vine stars seem like awful people.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: Anyway, subscribe to my Vine channel. (everyone laughs) Anyway Dick, that's my problem. What's your problem this week?

Dick: My problem is the BBC!

Maddox: BBC? What's wrong with the BBC? I like the BBC.

Dick: Fuck you, man. Are you aware that they, uh, that they killed Top Gear this week? The BBC did?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: You aware?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I didn't...apparently I'm the only...out of 350 million Top Gear fans worldwide, viewers, I'm apparently, like, the only person I know who watched this show.

Maddox: Yeah, I didn't -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause no one else knew that.

Maddox: You know, I ca-...if it was on every now and then, I'd be flippin' through the channels and I'd stop and watch for a minute or two, but it was kind of, um...it was kinda boring.

Dick: Yeah. Well, it's the only thing in life that I...loved. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: It's the only thing I've ever loved.

Maddox: They killed your baby?

Dick: Outside of my immediate family.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. And they took it from me.

Maddox: Top Gear?

Dick: The BBC took Top Gear from me.

Maddox: Yeah, just watch reruns!

Dick: I do! I watch several every day.

Maddox: Alright, problem...problem solved.

Dick: But I need new episodes.

Maddox: Well, thanks for listening, guys! Tune in next week. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: So they fired Jeremy Clarkson. Did you know that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You knew that. Do you know why?

Maddox: I heard that he punched, uh, one of the producers on the show.

Dick: There was a...there was a fracas.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A fr-...a "fracah." I think I...I don't know.

Maddox: Oh, is that how you pronounce it? (amused)

Dick: Yeah. I don't know what happened.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The narrative that everyone has immediately latched onto on the Internet is that big-shot entitled celebrity Jeremy Clarkson shows up at a hotel and, for no reason...because he doesn't have a hot steak, explodes with verbal and physical violence on a producer he's worked with for over a decade.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (yells) That is the...that's the narrative that the Internet is willing to IMMEDIATELY believe.

Maddox: Well, the -

Dick: (interjects) That a man who is -- go ahead.

Maddox: Who's this coming from?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: This narrative.

Dick: Well, the narrative is, uh...just what's out in the media. Clarkson isn't saying what happened, the other guy Oisin isn't saying what happened publicly.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Obviously, 'cause it's their lives and their jobs and their reputations on the line.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: The BBC's investigation didn't really disclose anything more than that.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Other than that there was a fight, uh, there were...name-calling happened, and that there was a physical altercation, and then afterwards the producer elected to go to the hospital 'cause he got his lip busted and he was "feeling dizzy."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? That's it. That's the narrative.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That people are immediately willing to believe.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So, BBC fires Clarkson.

Maddox: Well, the BBC did...Dick, it sounds like the BBC did their internal investigation. They apparently did find some evidence that, uh, that supported these claims, right? This story, this narrative. They just didn't disclose it.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right, so this guy...this guy punched one of his employees and, uh...I mean, it seems...I feel like even the most...you know, the biggest fans of this show are saying, "Yeah, that guy shoulda gotten fired."

Dick: The BIGGEST fans?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, no. Absolutely not. The biggest fans don't give a fuck...the biggest fans wouldn't care if Jeremy Clarkson punched out the queen.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They would want him on TV.

Maddox: Sounds like Vine sta-...uh, Vine fans.

Dick: Yeah, maybe!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I don't know. It's just...what annoys me about it is that they're ready to believe, like, a grown man would just wig out for something so small, but I can easily imagine sets of scenarios where maybe there was an altercation that isn't so outlandishly crazy. Like, the narrative on the Internet I read is, "Well, you assaulted a coworker! You should get fired!" It's like, "Yeah, well, they also...on the show they also press the hosts until their breaking points."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like in challenges?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, they purposefully screw with them by depriving them of, like, sleep and comfort and FOOD.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And then if you're dealing with a gigantic celebrity like that...an artist, essentially? You know, like a rock star or a painter or a creator...

Maddox: A Vine star, sure.

Dick: A Vine star, sure! You push them to this point in their job, and then someone kind of fucks with them a little bit? I can easily see that blowing up into a physical altercation.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And I don't know what happened.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I'm just saying, a lot of...big gray area.

Maddox: I thought he was drunk. I heard that he was drunk and this happened at a bar.

Dick: Uh, it happened in a hotel.

Maddox: Oh, in a hotel.

Dick: A possible...you know what might've happened? Uh, they got there a little late...kitchen was allegedly closed, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So the guy brings out a stack of cold meats and cheese.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Says "Here you go. You've been...you haven't eaten for 24 hours, we've been fuckin' with ya. Uh, here's a bunch of meats and cheeses."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah! That's just okay? You're supposed to just eat it and go to bed and that's it?

Maddox: Yeah, fuck off! Or you could get nothing. It's something, it's meat and cheese! That's some-...that's a dish that people order at tapas restaurants, meat and cheese.

Dick: Alright. (dismissively)

Maddox: That's like high-end food! Charcuterie, right? That's what they call it?

Dick: Ha! I guess.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I guess.

Maddox: What's wrong with that?

Dick: It would be an unpleasant surprise to me if I'd been busting my hump for a day and getting my ass kicked around...

Maddox: Big plate of meat and cheese??

Dick: ...to put this show together, and I show up and some asshole didn't bother to set up dinner.

Maddox: So what, you just start punching producers? That's what you would do?

Dick: That's...I'm not saying that's what I would do!

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: I'm just saying, did that happen?

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I don't know. I'm just saying, it's not CRAZY to imagine that a, uh, an *artist* would react in an unhinged manner...

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: ...when provoked constantly.

Maddox: This is an interesting problem, Dick, because you're defending what sounds like an entitled artist.

Dick: Oh!!

Maddox: Just like a Vine star. (smiles)

Dick: Oh, I'm...I...yeah!! I want Top Gear back! (Maddox chuckles) I want Clarkson back!

Maddox: You don't care? (amused)

Dick: I don't fuckin' care! I DON'T CARE.

Maddox: Ah-ha!

Dick: (yells) I don't care! I don't need to pretend that I'm in a world...that I live in a world policing everyone's actions from my FUCKING keyboard.

Maddox: Yeah, but by supporting them, Dick, by supporting them you support this bad behavior, just like the Vine stars who have their fans who like them in spite of the racist and homophobic things that they say. Nonono -

Dick: (interjects) All I'm saying is, I'm supporting a world where you might get roughed up if you fuck up. If you screw up when you're working on a big production for creative purposes and you screw up enough? Uh, you might have to get into an altercation! That's...that's the worldview I support.

Maddox: Hmm. Yeah, I don't know about that, Dick. I don't know about...I don't know that you have to get in an altercation. Why should...why should somebody who's working...look, this producer?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Who got punched? He was just comin' to work.

Dick: You don't know that!! Nobody knows! Nobody knows what actually happened.

Maddox: So you're saying that there could be some justification for why the kid was punched.

Dick: Yeah! Oh yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not a kid either.

Maddox: How old is he?

Dick: Somebody who had been workin' on that show for a LONG time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Somebody who knew EXACTLY who he was dealing with.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: Nice drive-by, though.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah, "some kid," right? (amused)

Sean: Yeah, just slipped that right in there.

Maddox: Wasn't he young though? Wasn't he some producer?

Dick: He was younger than 54!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which is Clarkson's age, by the way.

Maddox: I thought he was, like, in his 30s or somethin'.

Dick: That's not a kid, bro.

Maddox: Well, comparatively!

Dick: COMPARATIVELY, YOU'RE IN THE PRIME OF YOUR LIFE! You should be able take down a 55-year-old man with one hand tied behind your back!!

Maddox: Yeah, but look man, you're in a position where your boss just punched you. What, are you supposed to trade blows with him and get fired?

Dick: Of course! (Maddox guffaws) Get fired.

Maddox: Get fired?

Dick: Right? There's no...nonono. There's no defending it! That's their...they can do whatever they want.

Maddox: What, the bosses?

Dick: Yeah! No, the BBC.

Maddox: The BBC, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. "Clarkson? You make us a billion dollars, but you assaulted this guy. Gotta fire you."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's not up to me!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'd rather have the show back; not up to me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm not defending beating up coworkers...

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: ...uh, I just want the show back.

Maddox: Dick, it sounds an awful lot like you ARE defending beating up coworkers.

Dick: Yeah, because in MY world I don't care if that happens. There's a big...and there's a big difference.

Sean: You just wanna be entertained.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I just wanna be entertained, and every time somebody says "How would YOU feel if a coworker blah blah blah?" I'm like, "I don't care!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't care. Doesn't bother me.

Maddox: Yep, these are the Vine fans, man! "I don't care if this guy's racist or he punched another person; he assaulted somebody, his employee..."

Dick: Mmm... (skeptical)

Maddox: Look man, if Clarkson had gotten in an altercation at a bar and he punched somebody, that's a totally different thing. But he punched his own employee. You think that's cool?

Dick: It's not...first of all, it's not HIS employee. It's a guy that works under him.

Maddox: Oh, you don't think that he could get that guy fired?

Dick: I don't think making a television show is the same thing as making cardboard boxes. That's one problem I have with it. The entire point of the show is FUCKING with the presenters.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's screwing with them directly to get them to react poorly on camera.

Maddox: Did, uh, did Clarkson defend himself when this came out?

Dick: No, he reported himself.

Maddox: He reported himself!

Dick: He said, "This happened...uh, sorry." (Maddox chuckles) "I'd like to apologize to everybody involved."

Maddox: Don't you think that's enough verification that this happened? The fact that...I don't know.

Dick: What do you mean, "verification"?

Maddox: That he...well, you're saying that the BBC story...they investigated it, but it wasn't verified. Don't you think that, uh, that -

Dick: (interjects) No no, it was...it was VERIFIED...

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: ...but there's no context given.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You see what I'm saying?

Maddox: (stammers) You're saying that there...that there could be some context that could exist that could justify him just punching this dude.

Dick: And he didn't *just* punch a dude; there was a row. (slowly for emphasis) There was a struggle. There was a row.

Maddox: A row, yeah.

Dick: Whatever you wanna call it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. He didn't just walk up and cold-cock him.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, so -

Dick: (interjects) At least I don't know! That's not how it's presented though.

Maddox: But he didn't defend himself.

Dick: Not that I KNOW of, no!

Maddox: So I could make the case...uh, I could see that if he didn't defend himself, it could be because he was hoping that the BBC would be lenient towards him if he admitted guilt and culpability, just like a judge would if you admitted...if you pled guilty instead of trying to defend yourself of something where there was overwhelming evidence that you committed the crime.

Dick: Maybe.

Maddox: However...so, so...

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: ...maybe! Maybe he may have done that.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: However, they fired him. The show's pretty much over, right?

Dick: Fired him, two hosts quit right alongside him...

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: ...so they can all go work on Netflix. (cynical tone)

Maddox: Uh, yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Big deal. Of course, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The show's gonna go on, Dick. It's not a big deal. The BBC...look Dick, put yourself in the shoes of the BBC for a minute. Say you ran a wildly successful show...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and this happens, and you're running a multi-billion-dollar organization.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Or hundreds of millions, at least.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And, uh...there's a population out there, there's a big growing chorus of people who are saying, "Hey man, you gonna tolerate this? You gonna tolerate your...you know, one of your celebrities, one of your producers, one of your show runners here, uh, punching each other out and creating this kind of work environment? This hostile -- literally hostile work environment?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "You guys are gonna tolerate that? And potentially lose...risk losing - "

Dick: (interjects) Lose revenue, right?

Maddox: "You're gonna lose revenue," right.

Dick: Here we go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So THIS is where I started my investigation.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You know how the BBC stays afloat? You know how they get all their fuckin' funding?

Maddox: How's that?

Dick: Everybody in the UK has to pay 145 pounds every year to the BBC if they own a television. (incredulous)

Maddox: Ha!

Dick: Did you know that?

Maddox: No, I didn't know that.

Dick: Can you imagine that??

Sean: That's like mandatory PBS.

Dick: Mandatory...it's like, it's like...it's even worse than mandatory PBS. It's like as though every person in America had to give 200 dollars to the FCC so they could run a gigantic billion-dollar television network. (slowly for emphasis)

Maddox: Uh, wait, how is that different than PBS? Because PBS is tax-funded. PBS, for those who are listening abroad, is kind of like our...our version of the BBC.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: It's Public...what is it, Public Broadcasting Station?

Dick: Yeah. Make it PBS, then.

Maddox: PBS. So it's similar to PBS. PBS is tax-funded.

Dick: Right.

Sean: You're right...yeah, I was wrong about that. Obviously it's not all done through donations, even though they do that too.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, they do...they take donations as well. I don't know, the BBC sounds like they're completely tax-funded, but -

Dick: (interjects) Oh no, they have...they do make money on the side. They make another billion pounds just selling ads and commercials.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So their operating budget SHOULD BE a billion pounds a year.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: INSTEAD, because everybody in the country has to pay 215 dollars -- American -- to the company, they're operating at 5 billion.

Maddox: Why is that a problem?

Dick: Why is it a...? Why is it a problem to have a, uh...mandatory tax funding a news organization?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You don't...do you think it's a problem for the state and the media to be basically one entity?

Maddox: Uh, I... (stammers)

Dick: That the state forces you to fund their own media conglomerate?

Maddox: Well, as long as it's a separate arm, it's a separate branch, you can't just collude the BBC with the state, because some of the best reporting I've seen ANYWHERE has come from the BBC.

Dick: Right!

Maddox: They do some really good reporting.

Dick: So why throw the baby out with the bath water? Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I just don't see it...I just don't see it as a problem to, uh, to get funding -

Dick: (interjects) How much censor-...how much censorship would it take on the part of the BBC for you to see it as a problem?

Maddox: Any.

Dick: Lemme ask you that.

Maddox: If there was censorship -

Dick: (interjects) Any!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay! Um...here we go, "Reinventing the Royals"! A documentary critical of Prince Charles trying to rebuild his image after the death of his wife...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...er, the death of his ex-wife, was pulled because it was considered a "hatchet job" and it was critical of Prince Charles.

Maddox: Who, uh, who pulled it?

Dick: The BBC!

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: There's nobody...there's NOBODY checking the balances between, then!

Maddox: Well, that's a problem.

Dick: Oh yeah, that's problem! Commonwealth Games documentary...Mark Beaumont, the presenter, was filmed grappling with a judo champion, this girl. Right? He says, "I'm not..." He loses, of course, 'cause it's television. Uh, "I'm not sure I can live that down -- being beaten by a 19-year-old girl." They cut out the "girl" part.

Maddox: Yeah, I actually -

Dick: (interjects) Offensive!

Maddox: I actually mentioned that, I believe, in Episode #3, Dick.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I brought that specific example in.

Dick: So how did you not know that there's censorship happening there?

Maddox: Well, yeah, but that was... (sighs) That wasn't at the behest of the government. That was, uh...again, that was, like, people outcrying. They were saying, "Oh, you're usin' the word 'girl' as an insult there." That's why I brought that in in the "Other N-Words" episode.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I said that the G-word is now censored.

Dick: What's the difference between the government and the company if the company is funded with mandatory television fees? Um...so you get a TV in the UK.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? You have it, you take it home, just like it is in America.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? You have to pay! You have to send this involuntarily. If you DON'T, they put everybody who owns a TV in something called the LASSY database.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: A database, a system to catch fee evaders.

Maddox: Fee evaders. Okay, so I did the math, Dick. It comes to about 12 pounds a month, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: That's like 15 U.S. dollars a month for BBC -

Dick: (interjects) Like 20. 19.

Maddox: Is it?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. So...I don't know, I haven't done the math for PBS funding. I'd imagine it's probably around that.

Dick: You think PBS gets...gets 5 billion U.S. dollars every year?

Maddox: No, probably not 5 billion. That seems like a lot.

Dick: Yeah, that's a...there's no way!

Maddox: But is that...is that the entire BBC fund, including advertising revenue?

Dick: No, the entire...BBC gets 3.7 million a year from fees, and then another billion on top of that. Pounds. Another billion from ad revenue on top of that.

Maddox: Oh, so...so that's a very minuscule amount, man. 3 million...3 million pounds?

Dick: It's 3 BILLION.

Maddox: Oh, 3 billion.

Dick: 3.7 billion.

Maddox: Oh, BILLION. Okay.

Dick: 75 percent of their funding is because the government sends agents to harass you to pay for this television network. Can you imagine if they did that with either Fox News or CNN or MSNBC here? Any...ANY gigantic media conglomerate. Because one way or the other, half of the country disagrees with what they're saying.

Maddox: Yeah, but Dick, the PBS and BBC...generally I trust them as news sources because they are less biased, they are more balanced, they do look at both sides of the stories. And despite the Republican -- the conservative outcry in this country against NPR...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...and saying NPR and PBS and these -- NPR stands for National Public Radio.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They say that, uh, that it's left-leaning and it's biased, and this and that.

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: It's really not. It's...it's the most balanced source you can get news from in this country.

Dick: That's YOU saying that! The other side radically disagrees with that! Like, can you entertain that idea, that that is one side...like, the people who have their voice being represented agree that it's biased, but the people who feel that their voice is NOT being represented think that's it's *incredibly* biased.

Maddox: Well, that's also because they are not able to get those loudmouth Rush Limbaughs on the air. They have...first of all, the conservatives are being fed those talking points by their, uh, their thought leaders, like the Bill O'Reillys and Rush Limbaughs and the Laura Ingrahams and the Glenn Becks, and I can go on, yada yada yada.

Dick: I don't think that they control the entire conservative populace of the U.S.

Maddox: They're the mouthpiece for the conservative populace for the U.S.!

Dick: You think all Republicans...

Maddox: No.

Dick: ...just, like, "Yep, Rush Limbaugh! That's what I'm talkin' about."

Maddox: No, not all Republicans, but they are the loudest voices for those. There is no alt-...there is no liberal Rush Limbaugh. Who's the closest thing to Rush Limbaugh for the liberals? What do you got? Keith Olbermann? Come on!

Dick: Uhh...

Maddox: There's no one...no one even comes CLOSE to Rush Limbaugh's reach!

Dick: In what...what do you mean, "in reach"?

Maddox: In his...in his radio audience.

Dick: You don't think Jon Stewart...you don't think The Daily Show is a tremendously left-leaning...uh, news source?

Maddox: They are left-leaning, but they still criticize the demogr-...I wouldn't say that The Daily Show is balanced. Don't put words in my mouth. The Daily Show is not even close to balanced.

Dick: I'm not saying you are! I'm saying that's a pretty equal thing in my opinion. Rush Limbaugh and...The Daily Show?

Maddox: Yeah, but that's ONE show on a comedy network versus the entire Fox News network! Look, we're gettin' derailed here, but like, there is NOTHING...nothing that even comes close. What I'm saying is PBS and BBC -- I have found way more balanced reporting that comes out of those news sources. Why do you think that is? Why is that they are producing more balanced news than, say, CNN or Fox News or MSNBC?

Dick: Well, because they don't have to sell ads, obviously.

Maddox: Okay, so they don't have to sell...so I think that...then you're makin' a case for, uh, tax-funded news organizations, if they don't -

Dick: (interjects) I'm REALLY not. (Maddox laughs) I'm ABSOLUTELY not.

Maddox: If...yeah. Okay, well, if they're not...so why do you think that...do you think that, uh, that you can get balanced news from the BBC or PBS?

Dick: What do you mean? Do I think it's possible?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of course! You can get balanced news from anyone.

Maddox: You can. Uh, do you think it's more likely to come from PBS or BBC, or Fox News?

Dick: From the BBC! Fox News is specifically NOT balanced!

Maddox: Right. (chuckling)

Dick: They're not even news! It's just repeating something that came off of the news wire and putting a conservative spin on it.

Maddox: Right. But, so it's more...so you agree it's more likely to come from BBC and PBS?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Okay, so then that's...that's my whole argument, is that BBC...there is a reason for these networks to exist.

Dick: So you're for it? As long as you're not paying for it.

Maddox: No, I...I think it's important -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause England's...if you live in England, you're fuckin' paying for this to exist.

Maddox: Yeah, I think it's important to pay for, uh, for some kind of unbiased, clean news source that is non-political.

Dick: Well, that's controlled by the state. Don't forget that.

Maddox: Yeah, that...that is a...

Dick: They whitewash, or have you ever heard...oh yeah, the Jimmy Savile thing? The guy that raped, like, 500 underage kids and was a television presenter? Wasn't -

Sean: (interjects) He was a HUGE star!

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: He was a huge star.

Dick: HUGE star!

Maddox: For BBC One? Was that the guy, the Indian dude?

Dick: Nononononono, that was... (cracks up) That was ANOTHER guy!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This guy was in like the '60s and '70s. He ran, like, Top of the Pops...he was like our Dick Clark.

Maddox: Um...no, I hadn't heard of this guy. He raped over 500 kids?

Dick: Uh, allegedly.

Maddox: Allegedly.

Dick: So he died...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...he died, the investigation started; they were uncovering all this crazy, um...all these heinous acts, and uh, then the documentary wasn't aired. Now, some might say it conflicted with the, um, the honorariums that they were showing at the time, because this is a...this man is a presenter, a beloved presenter.

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: And they were broadcasting, you know, "in loving memory of this," and these...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...these specials about him, and this documentary exploring his depraved history of sex abuse, of committing sex crimes...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...would conflict with the narrative.

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, the censorship pissed me off, Dick. And I'm not gonna say that, uh...I'm not gonna discount the fact that these...the BBC might be being censored. You're right! That is, uh, that is a concern. Unless we have any evidence, though, that that's actually occurring and how OFTEN it's occurring, because I know for a fact that Fox News censors certain information. Like, for example -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but you don't have to pay for Fox News!

Maddox: Uh, yeah, that's true.

Dick: That's a big difference!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a BIG difference.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Fox News is...only has to answer to advertisers.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You want them to go away? Stop watchin'.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You want the BBC to go away? You can't! Because the government sends AGENTS TO YOUR HOUSE to shake you down for this money.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They call you, they harass you, they send guys to your house with portable devices that can detect how many TVs you have on in your own fucking house!

Maddox: Really? They have those?

Dick: YES. Absolutely true. They have VANS, and they advertise that "we have vans, and we will find you." It's SO pervasive that, uh...you know the British girl that I used to date for a long time?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She said her and her brother were...they were poor. They were broke poor when they were kids. They were AFRAID when they were home and their parents couldn't afford this TV licensing fee...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...that the government would send agents out to do...something. They didn't know 'cause they were kids, but they were afraid of this boogie man lurking in the shadows, coming to collect their FUCKING BBC fee.

Maddox: Right. So to play devil's advocate here, Dick, you don't have to own a TV. You don't have to pay for BBC, you don't have to own a TV! You don't have to do anything.

Dick: There you go. (chuckling)

Maddox: Don't buy a TV!

Dick: Don't buy...don't buy a TV. (amused)

Maddox: Hey man, you buy a radio...you buy a car with a radio; like, some percentage of the fee of the radio goes towards funding the FCC, doesn't it?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: I believe...

Dick: I'm sure it does.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The radio industry has to pay taxes to the FCC.

Dick: So do you...do you support the FCC? Do you think THAT'S a good thing?

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: 'Cause that's a whole 'nother...I think THEY'RE a bunch of crooked scumbags as well, but I don't have to pay 215 dollars every year to support 'em!

Maddox: Well, you don't know...you don't know -- you haven't done the math. We're probably paying -

Dick: (interjects) I DON'T have to pay 200...I do not have to pay 200 dollars a year to support the FCC.

Maddox: Well, we...

Dick: I know that.

Maddox: ...we don't...maybe not 200, but we don't know what percentage of our taxes goes towards that. The FCC. The FCC has done some good things and some bad things. The FCC...probably in recent years more bad than good, but uh, you can't throw the baby out with the bath water.

Dick: I mean, if you say so!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think that they're a bad organization!

Maddox: So this sounds like a lot of, uh...what was it, sour pussies? Sour grapes for, uh...just 'cause they canceled your show, Dick.

Dick: No, I think they're a bad...I think they're a legitimately bad organization. I first started looking into this...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This Twitter account retweeted one of my Jeremy Clarkson jokes.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: 'Cause I sat around all day making...

Maddox: Yeah, I noticed. (smiles)

Dick: ...like, Jeremy Clarkson jokes. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think I lost a bunch of followers doin' it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, it was called...it was @BanTheBBC, or something like that. And he's, like, a serious Twitter account.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: On why it's bad. Why it's bad to have, like, a state-funded media...

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: ...division.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's one of the biggest in the world. Why that would be bad.

Maddox: It's scary, because it could lend itself towards propaganda.

Dick: It almost...

Maddox: State media.

Dick: ...specifically DOES. Like, how could it not?

Maddox: Well, obviously it's not doing that in, uh, in the UK.

Dick: Yeah. Women on panel shows? You hear about this?

Maddox: No, what is it?

Dick: Uh, the actress...2009, Victoria Wood stated that the BBC panel shows were "too male-dominated." So February 2014, TV execs said there would be no longer all-male comedy panel shows on the BBC, and shows MUST contain women.

Maddox: Yeah, that's shitty.

Dick: Yeah! The journalist, uh...somebody, Caitlin Moran, referred to tokenism already existing on such shows...blah blah blah blah blah. So...

Maddox: You know, I...

Dick: How 'bout that?

Maddox: ...I don't understand how women stand for that. If I was a woman and I got cast for a show, or I got hired for a job, I would want to know that it's because I was the most qualified candidate, male or female. If I'm a woman and this law exists...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...or this, uh, this stipulation exists that they have to have a certain number of women on a cast, or as a show, or...staffed at an agency or whatever it is, I would feel insecure about my talents and abilities if this stipulation existed. I would always, in the back of my mind, wonder whether or not I was hired because I was qualified, or whether or not I was hired because I have a fucking vagina.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't want to think that! I don't want to EVER think that, and I think it's condescending towards women. This is a total unrelated thing, but I think that's -

Dick: It's not unrelated!

Maddox: - SUPER condescending. Well, yeah, the BBC's employing this, but it's not...uh, unique to the BBC.

Dick: HOWEVER, if they weren't being funded by your fucking television, you go, "bloop!" CNN pulls that? Switch over to Fox News.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Switch over to ANY other network, and the network that's doin' shit you don't like fades away! BBC? Always gonna be there. They never need to work for that money. They don't need to make you happy. They could put...they could say, "It's 50 percent women! That's what we're doin'. Doesn't matter! Fuck you, you gotta pay for it."

Maddox: Yeah, I mean, I don't know, man. You're makin' the case that, uh, that this mandatory...this tax isn't mandatory, 'cause you don't have to own a TV.

Dick: Well, I think the idea that you don't have to own a TV, and that by owning a TV you HAVE to support a network that you don't necessarily agree with...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...is as...um, totalitarian as you can get on TV.

Maddox: Uhh...

Dick: If the choice is between not owning a television and supporting an organization whose ideals and goals you necessarily don't agree with? If those are your only two fuckin' options, that's like...that's basically "Give me liberty or give me TV death."

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling) Um...yeah man, I don't know. This, uh, this was a mixed bag. I think that...

Dick: You think that's a mixed bag? What if they were doin' it with books or websites?

Maddox: What?

Dick: The BBC.

Maddox: What specifically?

Dick: Part of that money goes to funding websites. What if they had...uh, a Maddox ripoff?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Website?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just a bunch of ripoffs of your articles that...that basically said the opposite, but by owning a computer you have to pay for this anti-Maddox website.

Maddox: Yeah...I mean, we kinda DO, don't we? Don't we all kind of subsidize the Internet just by paying taxes? Don't we all subsidize that infrastructure? The roads...on some level, the roads are the way that commerce happens, and...and telephone poles with, uh, with fiber lines are installed because they're able to communicate and, um...

Dick: But they're not creating comedy websites that compete with you! Or that refute YOU.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're not making you pay for your own...demise!

Maddox: Uh, who is the BBC competing with?

Dick: Um, Channel 4? I think Sky 1 is...

Maddox: Well, Sky 1's...yeah, Sky 1's private, and that's...that's what, Rupert Murdoch's thing, right?

Dick: Yeah, and that's...that's the competition!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they have to compete...they have to compete...you know, like normal, like we're all equal and we're competing to get your views.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: AND they have to compete against every single person in the country funding their competition. That would be like you competing with...your videos competing with someone who has a budget that's covered by everyone in America.

Maddox: Uh...yeah, but I DO, Dick, because PBS has videos on YouTube, and so does...a lot of non-profit organizations!

Dick: This isn't my PBS episode.

Maddox: Yeah. (about to laugh)

Dick: This is my BBC episode.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm sure BBC has a YouTube channel too. I'm competing with not just BBC and PBS, but I'm competing with...uh, who...Viacom! I'm competing with Viacom, and I'm competing with NBCUniversal, and I'm competing with ABC.

Dick: Yeah, but they're not manda-...they're not funded by people having to pay TV licensing fees.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're enforced by the government. Do you not...you just don't care about people showing up at your door?

Maddox: Sounds like... (cracks up)

Dick: Charging you for your TV??

Maddox: Dick, I just view it as a tax, and we pay taxes for lots of things.

Dick: So, fuck it?

Maddox: If you wanna abolish taxes...if you wanna abolish taxes, that's a different argument, but it sounds like a libertarian agenda again. (chuckling) This sounds like, "Well, we don't want any kinda government organization - "

Dick: (interjects) You just...you can't see past labeling it as a libertarian agenda, that the BBC is, like...is designed to be corrupt!

Maddox: Okay, maybe! No, I don't think it's designed to be corrupt. I think they have good intentions, and that's why I think it's more likely -

Dick: (interjects) Well-in-...good intentions!

Maddox: You...but YOU agreed, Dick, that uh, that's it's more likely to...you're more likely to get a balanced news story coming from the BBC than, say, Fox News, MSNBC, or CNN. Right?

Dick: CNN, I don't know.

Maddox: CNN's awful.

Dick: Fox News, I would say is not even designed to be, like, a news organization.

Maddox: No. But CNN...CNN are whores. They will do anything for the dollar. They don't care, they're just...they're JUST going after ratings. They will hire someone right-wing, they will hire someone left-wing; they put Nancy Grace...they give Nancy Grace a platform on their network!

Dick: Well then...yeah, then obviously not. Um...if you're lookin' for the BBC as a source of unbiased news, I don't think it needs to cost 5 billion dollars. I don't see why they get to have programs like Top Gear, for example, if they're just providing unbiased news.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't...

Dick: That seems a little far out of their charter, doesn't it?

Maddox: It does.

Dick: Seems like they could whack that fee down to like 5 dollars and still provide good, unbiased news.

Maddox: But Dick, doesn't the very existence of a show like Top Gear kind of refute your whole argument against the BBC? 'Cause a show that you love and cherish more than anything on Earth, next to your family, came out of this organization that you loathe. So it's possible that the BBC does some...SOME things right, and they greenlight some shows that you like.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: They made that possible! They made a show like Top Gear possible.

Dick: Yeah, you know, I wear Hugo Boss too. They designed the Nazis' uniforms.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Perhaps you're familiar with that?

Maddox: Oh, I'm familiar.

Dick: Yeah, that doesn't mean I support Hitler.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: It just means I like Hugo Boss.

Maddox: Yeah...I dunno.

Dick: That's it! That's my problem. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Alright. Um -

Dick: (interjects) You're not moved by that at all?

Maddox: To an extent. The only argument that I felt like held any weight there was the censorship argument. I am...I am concerned about censorship.

Dick: How about the Hutton report?

Maddox: What's the Hutton report?

Dick: Um, Tony Blair came out and said weapons of mass destruction exist...they were like, "Uh-oh!" Remember that? He's like, uh, he's like the UK George W. Bush?

Maddox: I know who Tony Blair is, yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Okay. And then, uh...now, this is me not being very familiar with the report.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because, uh, it didn't happen here.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: We got enough to keep track of.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But I BELIEVE one way to look at what happened was, the government had an inquiry and decided that it was all the BBC's fault, and that the government was not responsible for anything that happened. You can look it up.

Maddox: The Hutton report...is this the...is this different than the 10 Downing Street memo?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: The 10 Downing Street memo was presented, I believe, by Colin Powell, and it was...it turned out it came from plagiarized sources, and it was intentionally...it was

plagiarized from college papers that were written before Saddam Hussein's regime was even...before the first Gulf War, I believe, and it was a bunch of plagiarized information, blah blah blah. But anyway, yeah, that's a really interesting chapter in history, which I don't think either of us are researched enough to talk about right now.

Dick: Pretty easy to get around government scandals when you can just blame it on the news. And what can they do? 'Cause you're footing the tab no matter what. They can't go away!

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, there's...there's an argument to be made for the BBC and one against. (Dick scoffs and laughs)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, you haven't persuaded me...you haven't convinced me that it's a...that it's a bad organization. I think that just by virtue of the fact that they are more likely to produce a balanced news story than any other news organization...

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: ...is their saving grace.

Dick: Well, then you should chuck in your 215 dollars for that! 'Cause everybody in the UK has to pay for that.

Maddox: Ah, I'm not a UK member. I don't give a shit.

Dick: Oh, fuck 'em?

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Right? (laughs) What if I gave you 200 dollars to agree with me? Then would you see it my way? 'Cause that's what they're faced with.

Maddox: I'll tell you...I'll...no, I won't. I won't.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: No.

Dick: That's my...that's my problem. I really -- fuck them for taking away my Top Gear. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's what this is really about!

Dick: Thank God my brother-in-law has Netflix. I can steal... (cracks up) When it comes out on Netflix, I can watch it there.

Maddox: Yeah, of course it's just gonna come out someplace else. Yeah. Another company that has no scruples about hiring someone who punches someone...you know what, man? Look, he's uh, he's punished, he lost his job; what more do you want? I don't think this guy should be punished for the rest of his life. He's gonna get a show on Netflix.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: And then you can be happy watchin' it on Netflix.

Dick: Well, if it's the same!

Maddox: AND, you won't even...you will deny the thanks that they deserve for even creating the show that you love so much.

Dick: Jeremy Clarkson created that show! It existed before him and it SUCKED.

Maddox: Well, the...the process...the, uh, what's the name...the mechanism to create a show like that, to make a show like that as successful as it was and to fund it and produce it...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...existed because of the BBC, which you won't even acknowledge.

Dick: Yeah! It's a BBC show! (stammers) I have to acknowledge a FACT?!

Maddox: No no, you won't acknowledge that this or-...this mechanism was responsible for creating this show.

Dick: No -

Maddox: (interjects) For allowing...for allowing a show like Top Gear to flourish.

Dick: Uh, no, I don't agree with that.

Maddox: You don't. (amused)

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't.

Maddox: Well, my problem's Vine Stars. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: My problem's, uh, the BBC.

(closing riff starts)

Maddox: Alright, don't forget to vote on these problems at http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. Thanks for listening, and uh, thanks for supporting the show! Check out the bonus episode this week.

Dick: Yeah! Thanks for listening.

(theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Guys, love the show. Uh, could you do me a huge favor and stop talking over Sean the moment you ask him for his fucking opinion, you assholes? (Maddox laughs) **Thank you. And Dick, last thing: not a big deal, just go fuck yourself.**

[**message ends**]

Dick: Ahhh. (exasperated)

Maddox: Yeah, not a big deal, Dick. Go fuck yourself. What do you think about that, Sean?

Sean: You know -

Maddox: (interjects) (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: Sean, we don't really interrupt you. (everyone laughs)

Sean: No, you know what I DO -

Maddox: (interjects) (**buzzer sound effect**) (laughs with Dick)

Sean: You know what I do?

Maddox: What do you do, Sean?

Sean: I, uh -

Maddox: (interjects) (**buzzer sound effect**) (laughs more)

Sean: I jump on you guys kinda too much sometimes. I don't wait to start a sentence.

Maddox: No, not at all -

Dick: (interjects) That's true, you do jump on us way too much.

Sean: I do that. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: No, you...but sometimes Sean has to, because the way we're arranged in this studio, we're not lookin' at each other necessarily. So sometimes we don't see if Sean needs to chime in, so he'll just have to, like, come in.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And another thing, sometimes Sean...Sean is busy doing his audio engineer stuff, so when we ask Sean a question, we give him -

Sean: (interjects) I'm watchin' the computer. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, we... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We gave him...we give him a few seconds to get his mic prepped up and everything ready to go to talk. So sometimes that may come across as we're jumping on his lines. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey, what's up guys? This is Zach from North Carolina. Uh, love what you do and everything, um, but I was listenin' to this episode...I didn't know that Utah had all those restrictions on alcohol, though being enlightened to such a fact makes it a lot more obvious why Maddox would fall for something as shitty as Fireball cinnamon whiskey.

Maddox: Mmm.

Voicemail: No wonder! 3.2 on the beer, can't sell wine in the stores; he must've saw Fireball cinnamon whiskey and shit a platinum fuckin' brick.

Maddox: Ugh. (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: Uh, well, that's all I have. Good comment, good show, all that. Um...Dick, go fuck yourself.

[**message ends**]

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, you know what, asshole? I...I love spice. You guys can attest, I love spice. I love spicy things. I like cinnamon whiskey because it's cinnamon, and cinnamon is spice. I put spice in my coffee, I like spice all the time! Cinnamon's the BEST flavor.

Dick: Yeah, I wonder what it tastes like to you. Cinnamon.

Maddox: Cinnamon?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Tastes incredible.

Dick: It just tastes like dust to me.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: Like kinda sweet dust. I dunno.

Maddox: Did you...did you eat the wrong thing? What are you eating?

Dick: Just cinnamon! Like, it's not that great!

Maddox: GAHH! (Dick laughs) Cinnamon's INCREDIBLE! What are you talkin' about??

Dick: Eh, I guess not.

Maddox: Stick to your smoky bullshit, buddy.

Dick: Alright. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, my name is Nick Sweitzer and this may be a long call, and I apologize in advance for that.

Maddox: Ohh, fuck. (in unison with Dick)

Voicemail: But I wanted to bring something up from a previous problem...

Sean: Well, that's WHY it's long. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: ...Maddox brought up about people who turn left.

Dick: I cut it up a bit, too.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It was long.

Voicemail: You made the case that left turns are terrible, but then I hear Dick saying that he zones out driving sometimes, and I immediately think, "That's really

dangerous!" I thought I misheard him, and then a few seconds later he reiterates, "I like to zone out while driving."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Voicemail: Now I don't wanna be another generic guy who hates on Dick, because I've been a fan of him for years, ever since you did the Mega64 Marcus' Corner episode...

Dick: I think that was the end of the call. Right? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That should've been the end.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: ...because I've loved those guys for YEARS now. It's where I found out about him, so it kinda hurts me to say this, but Dick, what the HELL are you DOING, man?

Dick: Do you agree with this?

Maddox: He's sacrificing himself.

Voicemail: You cannot go ahead and criticize Maddox for driving like a madman...

Maddox: Yeah, he makes a good point.

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: ...and a samurai when you are zoning in and out...

Maddox: Zoning out while you're driving?

Voicemail: ...probably thinking about hairy packages!

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: I'm sure Maddox would agree that driving requires 100 percent attention, or at least 99 percent if you're trying to snort cinnamon Fireball whiskey (Maddox cracks up) **on the dashboard, while stopped to left turn, but you weren't paying attention 'cause you zoned out!**

Maddox: Yeah, man...

Voicemail: Bottom line: kids...

Maddox: JESUUUUS. (Dick cackles)

Voicemail: (inaudible) **...while they're driving, make sure that driving is the number one thing on your mind.**..

Dick: Oh, PSA now.

Voicemail: ...or you'll be like Dick. Keep up the great work, you guys, and Sean: you do an awesome job every week... (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: OKAY. (annoyed)

Voicemail: ...and you deserve MUCH more credit.

Maddox: Oh, man.

Voicemail: Alright, thanks guys.

[**message ends**]

Dick: That's the CUT version. Do you agree with that?

Sean: I thought that was the best call we ever had! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay, Sean. (Sean laughs) 'Cause he kissed your ass. Listen, I got, uh, I got a phrase for this guy. (**sound clip of Dick saying, "Three little words."**) SHORTER. (everyone laughs) Uh, yeah man, zoning out is dangerous! It takes 100 percent attention when you're drivin' like a samurai. (Dick sighs) You can't be zoning off; you gotta be paying attention 100 percent of the time. That's why I don't text when I drive, I don't talk to anybody when I drive...girls HATE it when I drive next to them. (yelling) You know what? Except they're super impressed and they're horned up by the end... (stammers) Whenever we go, they're all horned up and ready for sex because they're turned on by my driving skills. (smiles)

Dick: Wow! (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, I uh...I think it's really easy to say it takes 100 percent of your concentration to drive, but uh, it just doesn't.

Maddox: (yells) Dick, am I...?! I have one hand on the horn, I have one hand hanging out the window ready to flip people off and signal people, to wave myself into traffic, wave out of traffic, wave people -- "Go on! Get in the lane, get outta the lane!" It's a full thing! It's a full-contact sport for me, man.

Dick: Like, this guy doesn't just sit at a light and just kinda wait for it to change? Like, that doesn't take 100 percent of your concentrating. You're sitting there, kind of like looking at a billboard or thinking about the podcast, and you're like, "Oh, this car is moving. Time for me to move next."

Maddox: No! When I'm at a red light, I'm looking at the...at the oncoming traffic to see if they're going to turn slow, 'cause there might be a lagger in the middle of the road who's not sig-...he's signaling, but he's not paying attention to the light turning yellow; guess what? Next thing the light turns green, you're pulling into traffic and all of a sudden this DIPSHIT'S stuck in the middle. I'm ready to honk every single time! Then I'm lookin' at pedestrians walking, 'cause they might be lagging walking across the road, then I'm lookin' at the car in front of me to make sure that THEY'RE gonna go and I'm ready to honk at THEM, and I'm lookin' at the car behind me to make sure they don't jump the gun and rear-end me! I'm ready 100 percent of the time, buddy! I'm like a -

Dick: (interjects) So, lemme ask you something. When you're...I would say the most paying attention I ever do is when I'm arguing with a woman. (Maddox chuckles) Like when I've argued with a girlfriend, that's when I'm paying attention at 100 percent.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I'm thinking of shitty things to say...

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: ...and thinking of, like, whether or not she's wrong...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...like, how to prove this, and I'm listening for every single fuck-up so I can throw it back in her face.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you think...would you agree with that? That that's when you're thinking 100 percent, is when you're arguing with a significant other?

Maddox: I...I've NEVER had to expend more than 12 percent of my effort to argue with somebody. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Alright, well then... (Maddox laughs) Then I probably drive at about a 12 percent, paying attention...

Maddox: That's how you do it. (grinning)

Dick: ...and I spend 100 percent when I'm arguing with a woman. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. No, I usually...I RARELY go above 50 percent.

Dick: There's just not that much stuff to do when you're...when you’re on the freeway, you can zone out!

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: You can look for stuff that might be coming in, but then you can go back to zoning out.

Maddox: Dick, that's YOU!! When I'm on the freeway, I am zig-zagging in and out of fuckin' traffic! (Dick laughs hysterically) I'm driving in the emergency lane if I have to, I'm all over the place! I'm goin' around suckers left and right...I see a semi, "Oh shit, this guy's gonna fuckin' turn...get in the left lane! He's gonna get in the fast lane and I gotta pass him up! He might fishtail, I better be prepared for that!"

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: I predict, I prepare; I'm ready for anything, man.

Dick: Alright, I think you've made my point.

Maddox: (sighs) I gotta pee.

Problem: **“Wash Me”** [00:19:38]

Problem: **Guardians of the Galaxy** [00:27:19]

Problem: **Losing Your Cell Phone** [00:52:32]

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 47

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy? (smiling)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Episode 47. Welcome back, guys. So, um, so Dick, last episode the problems we brought in were...Vine Stars, that was my problem, and the BBC. And Vine Stars CLEANED house, buddy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! You made an impassioned case for hating the BBC, and yet -

Dick: (interjects) (stammers) I brought...I did research, I did a ton of research this time! (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: I brought in good, well-reasoned arguments, and I made a passionate, um...claim on my issue! I mean, I reasoned passionately with my well-researched statistics, and I got SHIT all over. So what does that tell ya?? I'm not bringing in stats ever again! (Maddox laughs) Fuck it, I'm not doin' any research. It's just gonna be what I see on the walk in here. "Uh, BIRDS. Uh, sky. Sky is a problem. Clouds are fuckin'..." I brought... (suddenly calm) This organization, the BBC, killed Top Gear.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is... (stammers) Easter is a recent thing that happened. This is what it was...they killed Jesus! (Maddox chuckles) This is...

Maddox: They did NOT kill Jesus.

Dick: ...they killed Jeremy Clarkson. (yells) I'm the guy saying, "Look, these...these guys killed...they killed Jesus, they're BAD! Ahh, come on!!" Who killed Jesus, by the way? Was it the Romans?

Maddox: I...yeah, it was the Romans, I think. Right?

Dick: It was the Romans?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: THESE ROMANS ARE BAD! Come on!! Band together with me! I've got all these stats...

Maddox: They are... (cracks up)

Dick: Help me take them down!! No, I just get made fun of. (angrily)

Maddox: They are literally not Romans, Dick, and usually you DO just bring in a problem on your...like, whatever you think of on the drive over here. (laughs) It seems. Uh -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, well, I'm goin' back to that!

Maddox: Oh, "back"?

Dick: 'Cause I got no reward for bringing in the BBC.

Maddox: Dick, you argued that passionately, and what's another word for passion? "Emotion."

Dick: "Sex."

Maddox: You were emotion-... (Sean laughs in the background) No, you were emotional when you were arguing that. Um -

Dick: (interjects) Hey wait, can I ask you something?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, is this episode gonna have, like, a 2-minute sandbagging of me before that I can't respond to? (Maddox laughs loudly) Before we get too far into it?

Maddox: Hey, I called you on the phone, buddy! I was like, "Hey, I'm gonna do this thing. What do you think?" and we went back and forth.

Dick: I said, "I don't know Serial. I don't get it." (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah. Well, maybe listen to it, fuckhead! Like, it's the number one podcast of all time! Maybe you should listen to it and just see what else is out there. You know, what else is in this industry that we're in, maybe? I don't know! Research?

Dick: Yeah, okay. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I know all you fuckin' hipsters love your Serial and your NPR.

Maddox: I didn't! I thought...I mean, it's a well-produced show, but it went nowhere. It was a boring listen. The first episode was fine, but uh, it went nowhere. Uh, speaking of going nowhere, that's the end of that sentence. (laughs with Sean) Anyway man, Vine Stars cleaned house, and -

Dick: (interjects) That's stupid.

Maddox: You know, Dick? Based on your comment starting this show -- you were saying that you did all that research and everything?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was a very impassioned argument, but I got a comment from Magnus Olsson. He says, "Hey Dick, do you know why Top Gear can do what they do and piss all over cars they don't like? Because the BBC doesn't depend on advertisers. Ford, Mercedes or Toyota can't threaten to pull their advertising if Clarkson shits on their cars. The reason your news channels in the U.S. are such complete pussies and never hold any politicians accountable is because then they lose access, which damages their bottom line. They don't even dare to investigate journalism about corporations doing heinous shit. The BBC doesn't have to worry about any of that crap so they can hold politicians accountable, which they DO. The fee is specifically a license and NOT a tax..." (Dick laughs loudly) "...so that they are not under the foot of the government."

Dick: Okay. (amused)

Maddox: No, it's a fee and not a tax! Because you don't...it's just like car insurance, Dick! You don't HAVE to own a car, but -

Dick: (interjects) You have to have insurance, though!

Maddox: Yeah, but you don't have to own a car!

Dick: Okay. (dismissively)

Maddox: So that's why it's a fee and not a tax. So, they are not under the foot of the government when it comes to holding them accountable when they do their budget every year. The politicians can't threaten to defund the BBC because of their licensing scheme.

Dick: Yeah. You get an allowance from your parents? You're accountable to them. They let you wander around and make mistakes, you're accountable. Who's feedin' you? The government is.

Maddox: Yeah. And yet, a show like Top Gear was able to be created on the BBC...

Dick: What does that mean?

Maddox: ...because of the very nature of the network that it's on. You would never see a show like Top Gear in the U.S.

Dick: There is a Top Gear U.S.

Maddox: What is it?

Dick: It's called "Top Gear U.S.", shithead.

Maddox: Oh, Top Gear U.S.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Well, it's syndicated. It came from...it was originated in the BBC!

Dick: So you're saying there's no way...you're saying it's IMPOSSIBLE. It's impossible to be critical of ANY company unless the government pays for your show. Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: No, it's not...no, it's not impossible!

Dick: Why can you not have a show like Top Gear in America? (sneering)

Maddox: Well, because you have advertisers and you shit all over advertisers. It's the reason Idiocracy...there's a movie called "Idiocracy" by Mike Judge, the creator of Beavis and Butt-Head and...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...King of the Hill, made this movie called "Idiocracy," and it shit on SO many corporations. It shit on Burger King, Fuddruckers, Starbucks...

Dick: So you're saying that's impossible to have?

Maddox: Well, they buried it because there were too many corporate interests!

Dick: They buried it?! (scoffing)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I love that movie, but...you watch it, you think about it critically and you're like, "Yeah, there's no way this is gonna be a huge hit. It's too high...it's too think-y."

Maddox: Dick, they didn't even release it in a wide enough theater...they released it in literally, I think, two theaters in Texas?

Dick: Ahhh. (frustrated)

Maddox: The weekend of its opening, they buried that movie because they didn't want to piss off the corporations.

Dick: I love that movie; as much as I love that movie, it's destined to be a cult hit. There's just no way that...like, I don't think that's a bad business decision. Not releasing that movie wide?

Maddox: But what are the interests?

Dick: The interests are...putting another movie in the theaters that could be a huge commercial success?

Maddox: Yeah, but they didn't...they didn't even give this a chance. They released it in literally TWO theaters, and they're just swallowing millions of dollars that they invested in this because they -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, well, that's...that's called "opportunity cost." Like, you have a limited amount of theaters that you put your movies in, you pick the best ones that are gonna get...that are most likely to get commercial success.

Maddox: Right. You don't think it has anything to do with the fact that he shits on corporations?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't.

Maddox: Okay. Well, as a person who shits on corporations all the time, I'll tell you firsthand it's REALLY hard dealing with corporations, because they don't wanna work with me 'cause they know that I might shit on, uh, on their brand, on their image!

Dick: Yeah, well...

Maddox: They turn away from...advertisers turn away from people who are hostile towards corporations. And that's what that movie Idiocracy is, and that's why the BBC is able to create a show like Top Gear where they're not afraid of losing car sponsors.

Dick: What was that guy's name?

Maddox: That guy's name was...Magnus Olsson.

Dick: Magnus Olsson, go fuck yourself. I got some, uh, voicemails.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: From the last show. Or did you have more to talk about?

Maddox: No, go...I mean, I have more comments, but go ahead.

Dick: Okay. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddox, hey Dick. Listen, Dick. I'm right there with you on the whole Top Gear thing.

Dick: Thank you.

Voicemail: I really am! But you don't have to be such a whiny bitch about it, okay? (Maddox laughs) **Pop culture? It comes and goes! Try being an anime fan** (Dick guffaws) **and see how quickly your favorite series gets killed. Top Gear died, it happened. Just let it go, Dick. Goodbye.** (Maddox laughs)

[**message ends**]

Dick: (yells) I'm not takin' life advice from someone who admits they're an anime fan.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: I'm an anime fan! (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Hoohoohoo, boy!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, I don't take advice from you anyway.

Maddox: You should! Maybe you should, man. Maybe Top Gear would still be on the air if you listened to me more. Um... (cracks up) I got a comment from Sophie Wood. She said, "Am I actually hearing Dick slagging off the BBC on behalf of the whole of England, just

because he once banged a chick whose parents were too poor to pay the license fee?" (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Dick: Not once! I didn't ONCE bang that chick, I banged her a bunch.

Maddox: A bu-...okay. (laughs) Whoa! Uh, "And worse, he's doing it because they pulled a show he loves - THAT THE BBC FUCKING MADE - and he can't even see how retarded that is." (cracks up)

Dick: Mm. (annoyed)

Maddox: "This is how I defend the BBC." So... (stammers) Anyway man, she just goes on and on for paragraphs. I got another comment that was similar to that. Um, but Dick -

Dick: (interjects) You're better at shitting on my problem than you are at explaining your STUPID Vine Stars problem.

Maddox: Yeah, that's 'cause you kept cornering me with your straw man attacks, like into defending...into, uh -

Dick: (interjects) What's a straw man attack?

Maddox: - attacking Vine. You made me, uh...it made it sound like I was shitting on Vine, which I wasn't as a platform. In fact, I listened back to the last episode...

Dick: Me too.

Maddox: ...and I edited it. You know, I removed some parts, but there was no fewer than -

Sean: (interjects) I'm sure you did!

Dick: Yeah, I'm sure you did.

Maddox: Well, yeah! Because it was over 100...uh, an hour and 18 minutes! That's a long episode.

Dick: Ohhh, okay. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah, so I was trying to pare it down, and I removed some parts during that episode where...3 times during that episode I said, "I'm not attacking Vine; I'm attacking Vine STARS." Vine Stars is my problem that episode.

Dick: Yeah, you said that the platform is built to be condescending to the audience, or some...something like that. Or, uh, you said that the platform encourages the artist to be whatever towards the audience.

Maddox: It's a...it...the platform -

Dick: (interjects) So that's attacking the platform. That's why...I'm just explaining why I thought you were attacking the platform when you said, "THE PLATFORM DOES 'X'."

Maddox: No, I didn't say "the platform does 'x'." I believe I said that it discourages criticism. It's not a platform that encourages criticism for their creators, and because it's such a disposable platform they make it so easy to post and not easy to edit. That's why it's a disposable art form that nobody really puts enough time or effort into, to creating anything...

Dick: Have you ever used it?

Maddox: ...watchable. I've never used it, but I've watched a lot of Vines. Believe it or not, I've watched a lot of Vines -

Dick: (interjects) I stopped at "I've never used it," 'cause that invalidates everything you just said.

Maddox: Well, I've used it through other people's accounts. I don't have an account.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah, I've USED it.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Yeah, I've used it with... (suddenly yells) Lots of friends, every time...every fuckin' 5 minutes, if someone's on Vine, they'll come up to you like, "Hey, uh, can you record me? I'm doin' this Vine." I'm like... (splutters) "WHAT?? What? What do you want me to do? What am I, just a fucking, uh..."

Dick: Prop!

Maddox: What is that, a tripod?

Dick: A grip.

Maddox: Yeah, a prop??

Dick: Cameraman.

Maddox: "What are you, objectifying me?" (laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Literally.

Dick: I got...you know what, I did get a lot of love from people from Scotland who felt that the BBC was biased...

Maddox: Well, there you go.

Dick: ...uh, against -- what do you mean, "here you go"?!

Maddox: I know what this is!!

Dick: So, THAT'S crazy. (yelling)

Maddox: Let's hear it!

Dick: The idea...what?? Go ahead!

Maddox: Your people from Scotland...

Dick: What? What do you know what it is? What do you know what it is?!

Maddox: Are you gonna talk about -

Dick: (interjects) Say it already!! Say it already.

Maddox: Are you gonna talk about Robinson and, uh, Salmond? How he misquoted him on...the Scottish first minister?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Okay, sorry. Go ahead.

Dick: Okay. (Sean giggles in the background) The vote for Scotland to be independent was 45 percent "yes," 55 percent "no." Alright?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's pretty...that's a pretty close race, you would say.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: For a COUNTRY to be independent.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they felt that the BBC had a biased...um, biased coverage of whether or not Scotland should be its own independent country! Robert Hall says, "I'm personally only interested in this due to the fact that I believe that if it weren't for the BBC's biased reporting that my country of Scotland would likely now be independent, governing itself with its own best interests at heart." That is...does that mean anything to you? That an institution funded by the government might have an interest in keeping an entire COUNTRY as part of the union?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Scotland. Scotland's part of the UK; they wanted to be off on their own.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. No, that's a good theory, Dick, except the BBC is NOT funded by the government. (Dick scoffs hysterically)

Dick: HA! So who collects the fee?!

Maddox: The BBC -

Dick: (interjects) Who are you afraid of paying...who are you afraid of when you have to pay the fee?

Maddox: The BBC has their own...

Dick: Nobody? (incredulous)

Maddox: ...internal investigation. They send out letters, and they say... (stammers) Honestly -

Dick: (interjects) Who are you afraid of?

Maddox: Dick, they have no enforcement. They just kind of keep people in check by these threatening letters, and last episode you talked about those, uh, those vans they send out? Those detection vans? It's all a myth. It's all bullshit. In fact, that guy -

Dick: (interjects) It's an ad campaign!

Maddox: That guy that you linked to? That @BanTheBBC Twitter account, whatever?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I really read up on him, and I checked his videos and I checked all this stuff. You know, some of his gripes are legitimate, BUT, those va-

Dick: (interjects) Not mine, though.

Maddox: Those vans... (laughs with Sean) Those vans and those detecting kits are bogus. In fact, if they come to your door you can simply just say, "You're, uh...you can't come in," and then that's it! They can't force their way in, they can't DO anything. They have no authority.

Dick: So that's it? (skeptical)

Maddox: The government isn't behind the BBC! The BBC holds the government accountable. (Dick laughs derisively) And yeah, they're not perfect, and yeah, they might be biased sometimes, but guess what Dick?

Dick: Ahhh.

Maddox: What's the alternative, Fox News? Look at corporate news! You think corporate news is better than this fee...fee-based news?

Dick: Shhh....shut the fuck up. (smiling)

Maddox: Okay! (laughing)

Dick: I'm SO sick of it.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: I'm so sick of this shit.

Maddox: Well, uh -

Dick: (interjects) You're an idiot. (both laugh)

Maddox: Dick, I have a...I have a song to play. This was sent in by...

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: ...Timothy J, or @tweetsecrete on Twitter.

Sean: Ew. (from the background)

Maddox: Um, he sent me this song. It's got... [**plays "One of These Things Is Not Like The Other" spoof**] ...kind of a long lead-in.

(upbeat '70s-sounding flute, xylophone and bass guitar)

Maddox: But, um...I think you'll dig this.

(Female singer: One of these things is not like the others...)

Dick: How long is the lead-in?

Maddox: About 20 seconds.

Dick: Ugh, that's a long lead-in.

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: 5 seconds tops with that.

(Female singer: ...one of these things doesn't belong.)

Maddox: Dick, you'll appreciate this, I think.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: This is a new take.

(Female singer: Can you tell which thing is not like the others...)

Dick: What is this song from?

Maddox: You said this back in Episode 30. Listen to this.

(Female singer: ...before I finish my song?)

Dick: Okay.

(Female singer: Now, I'm gonna sing. You look.)

[clip from Episode 30 starts; music continues in background]

Maddox: I read a lot of different news sources.

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: Like the BBC...I read right-wing -

Dick: (interjects) **Oh, that's...yeah, they're good.**

Maddox: Yeah, BBC's really good!

Dick: Yeah. I'll give you that one.

[Episode 30 clip fades out]

Maddox: Uh-oh!

[clip from Episode 46 starts]

Dick: How much censor-...how much censorship would it take on the part of the BBC for you to see it as a problem?

(audience laugh track)

Maddox: And this was the last episode.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Any.

Dick: Lemme ask you that.

Maddox: If there was censorship -

Dick: (interjects) **Any!**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay!

(laugh track)

[clip fades out; different clip from Episode 46 starts playing]

Maddox: So this sounds like a lot of, uh...what was it, sour pussies? Sour grapes for, uh...just 'cause they canceled your show, Dick.

Dick: I got it! (annoyed)

Dick: No, I think they're a bad...I think they're a legitimately bad organization.

(Maddox snickers)

(laugh track)

[clip fades out]

Dick: You understand...you understand that I only started looking into it when Top Gear got killed.

(music still playing in background)

Maddox: That's it?

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I didn't know all this. That licensing fee shit was a surprise to me.

Maddox: So you didn't have a problem with them before they canceled the Top Gear show?

Dick: I didn't know what they were all about, Maddox! I figured it was just a channel like the rest of them. I didn't know how it worked over there.

Maddox: But you had a positive... (cracks up at singer's goofy voice) This fuckin' song.

Dick: (screams) YOU KNOW WHAT?? (Maddox laughs hysterically) [**song fades out**] You know what I love about these Dick Versus...these chickenshit, nutless Dick Versus Dick out-of-context horseshit bits that you do? You're like a FUCKIN' child...you're like a fuckin' child busting your dad's balls. That's what this is!! It's SUCH horseshit!

Maddox: (**applause sound effect**) Yeeeah. Oh, man.

Dick: FUCK you!!

Maddox: (**baby laugh sound effect**)

Sean: He's got a vein goin' too now!

Dick: (still screaming) OH MY GOD!! (Maddox laughs more) I'm SO PISSED OFF!!!

Sean: I can see it! (laughing)

Dick: I'M SO PISSED OFF BECAUSE THERE'S NO TOP GEAR!!! IT RELAXED ME!! For two months every year the Top Gear...just it existing would bring my blood pressure down,

and I don't have it! I don't know what to do!!! (Maddox laughs more) I CAN'T JERK OFF ENOUGH TIMES IN A DAY TO GET RID OF THIS RAGE!

Maddox: Ohhh, man. It's just that and alcohol, the only two things that calm you down. (smiling) (Dick exhales frustratedly)

Dick: Uh...a hot chick agreed with me in the comments though. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay, what'd she say?

Dick: Uh, Ca-...Callie...Callie Corov-..."The BBC problem really IS a problem." Then she went on but I stopped reading it. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Hot chick agrees with you, you win, as far as I'm concerned.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: I got another...I got somethin' else here. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (monotonous voice) **Hey yo Maddox, what's goin' on? This is Chad. I'm an editor at Men's Fitness Magazine. How's it goin', bro?**

Maddox: Oh. (laughs)

Voicemail: I understand that you're in fact the inventor of leg day. ..

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: ...and I gotta tell you man, I was blown away (Maddox and Sean giggle) **when I heard your lower body routine: squats, and then more squats, and then nothing else.** (everyone laughs) **It just really revolutionized leg day at the gym.**

Dick: Yeah, it would! (grinning)

Voicemail: Uh, we'd like to work with you on an article for our... (inaudible under Dick and Maddox laughing) **You can reach me at 866-...Dick, go fuck yourself.**

[**message ends**]

Dick: (screams) Ahhh, DAMMIT!!! DAMMIT. (Maddox still laughing) What did you -

Maddox: (interjects) (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom saying, "This guy is stupid!"**)

Dick: What did you do those squats with? 50- or 100-pound weights? Was that what you said? (cracking up)

Maddox: Dude, I do a lot...I do a lot of, uh, leg exercises. I ride my bike everywhere.

Dick: I just want the list 'cause I can...I can rattle 'em off no problem, 'cause I DO them.

Maddox: (yells) I don't know the name! You know trivia, yeah!

Dick: Okay, how do you brush your teeth?

Maddox: With a toothbrush.

Dick: No, just do the steps of brushing your teeth.

Maddox: I grab the toothbrush and put toothpaste on it...

Dick: There you go!

Maddox: ...and then put it in my mouth.

Dick: You can rattle it off, 'cause it's something that you do regularly.

Maddox: Okay. (smiles)

Dick: You can't rattle off a leg day 'cause you don't do it!

Maddox: Here's leg day. (yells) Dick, uh, I don't need...I don't need disparaging remarks from Toothpick Legs over here! I do leg...I am the INVENTOR of leg day!

Dick: Excuse me?!?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Toothpick Legs"?!

Maddox: Yeah, I... (cracks up)

Dick: Look at the size of these thighs, Maddox! You could roast this thigh and eat for two weeks off of this thigh.

Maddox: Yeah, two MINUTES. Two minutes, maybe. Uh, Dick, if you're such a leg day guy, how come you can't even keep up on a bike?

Dick: On a bike?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 'Cause I don't ever do it! (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Exactly!

Dick: I don't ever ride a bike.

Maddox: Don't you think that's part of a leg routine, is to be able to do -

Dick: (interjects) First of all, I...first of all, when you and I went biking that one time -

Maddox: (snickers) One time.

Dick: - you gave me a busted-ass bike to use.

Maddox: Oh, really? (sarcastic)

Dick: That was not... (stammers) I think that was a chick's bike.

Maddox: Ohhh! (taunting)

Dick: That was not a real bike.

Maddox: Ohhh...

Dick: Secondly, I bike for an entire week at Burning Man, no problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, have you ever biked for an entire week? No!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: No, you haven't! You haven't.

Maddox: I bike for months, Dick. Yeah, at Burning Man when you're high outta your gourd and you're riding around in the desert with sand and you're not really going anywhere.

Dick: And drunk!

Maddox: (cracks up) And drunk, so you can't even...okay. (dismissively)

Dick: So I'm IMPAIRED and I'm still doing it.

Maddox: Well, based on the testimony of a drunk, I guess you win this argument. Um, I got one more comment -

Dick: (interjects) That's all I got.

Maddox: I got an email from this guy...I'm not gonna say his name because he might get in trouble, but he says, "Maddox, the problem is worse than you imagined." He's talkin' about Vine Stars. He says, "I work at a Pittsburgh area hotel, and Vine star Carter Reynolds held a 'concert'..." -- and he put that in quotes -- "...at my property. I have seen hell, Maddox. First of all, this arrogant motherfucker had the nerve to charge 75 dollars for admission, or around 125 dollars for a VIP ticket. Parents also had to pay to go. Now remember, this is a hotel ballroom for a Vine star. I've paid similar amounts to see Depeche Mode live." I'm sorry about that, actually. Um, "The parents were miserable, the kids were annoying, and Carter himself seemed shocked and insulted when I had no idea who he was and didn't want an autographed picture." (Dick laughs)

Dick: And *didn't* want one?

Maddox: No, he didn't want one 'cause he's like, "Who the fuck is this guy?" So, uh -

Dick: (interjects) Who offered him one?

Maddox: (stammers) The guy!

Dick: Carter?

Maddox: Carter, yeah!

Dick: (cracks up) "Hey, do you want an autographed picture with me?" And he said no?

Maddox: Yeah, he's like, "No, I don't...I don't - "

Dick: (interjects) He's gonna sign the phone? (incredulous)

Maddox: "I don't care." Yeah, he's like, "I don't...I don't want a picture. What are you, kidding me? I don't want some, like, fuckin' 12-year-old's picture."

Dick: That sounds weird, yeah.

Maddox: So I looked up this guy Carter Reynolds; he has somethin' like 8.4 million followers on Vine. This kid makes a healthy living just doing Vine stuff, and he goes around the country doing tours and stuff. I have not heard of this guy, and even when I was at that age where I would be kind of familiar with certain Vine stars or, uh, teen idols? You know, like on Tiger Beat Magazine...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and Teen Bop and all those things?

Dick: Yeah, we all know...we're all familiar with those. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Of course. Which I still occasionally buy now, for research. But, uh... (laughs with Dick)

Sean: I think Seventeen is the least biased.

Maddox: The least...?

Sean: The least biased.

Dick: The least biased news source?

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: The least biased? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I agree with you. They should get a big subsidy check too.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, maybe when they create your favorite show Top Gear you can shit on them for canceling it. Um...so this guy, this Carter Reynolds guy -

Dick: (interjects) Top Seventeens? I would watch THAT show.

Maddox: He seems like... (cracks up) (Sean laughs in the background) Well, there you go! They have a magazine for that. It's Barely Legal. Um...

Dick: Ahh. (amused)

Maddox: This guy...doesn't even seem like he has the amount of celebrity to match up to the, uh, the worst of the best back in the day on Kid Bop, Tiger Beat Magazine, whatever.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Nobody...NOOOBODY has heard of this guy, except for apparently all these little fuckin' 13-year-old girls.

Dick: Well, they're people.

Maddox: Yeah. (flatly)

Dick: Is that it??

Maddox: Yeah! (Dick stammers in protest) He's just reinforcing how entitled, what an entitled shithead...this guy thinks he's so high and mighty. He's just, like, offering you an autograph? No thanks.

Dick: Oh, so what? I got one from Mateo, uh...Hrastnik. "Maddox drives like a samurai - an Asian from the 8th century who never saw a car." (Maddox laughs) That's true.

Maddox: Yeah, you dipshit. I'm talkin' about the samurai ethos, not an actual living samurai.

Dick: Johnny Davis says, "Isn't comparing pure length of work as a metric stupid? I mean, that's like saying some dude who has written millions of words in Twilight fanfic is a better writer than Harper Lee." That's true.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true. That's a good point.

Dick: That's your argument for Vine Stars though, why they're so stupid 'cause their works are short.

Maddox: Dick, that's not why the...that wasn't my main argument for why Vine Stars were obnoxious.

Dick: Oh, it's 'cause -- yeah.

Maddox: But I will cede that point; it's, uh, it's irrelevant how much an auth-...

Dick: Alright, I... (sighs exasperatedly)

Maddox: ...a creator produces.

Dick: I'm sick of summing up this past shit.

Maddox: Great! Let's move on. What's your problem, Dick?

Dick: My problem today?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Wash me."

Maddox: What?

Dick: "Wash me."

Maddox: What is -

Dick: (interjects) In quotes, "wash me." You know what that is? "Wash me." What does it conjure up in your mind?

Maddox: Like when someone writes with their finger on a dirty car, "wash me."

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: That's what you're talkin' about?

Dick: Yeah. So I got out of my car... (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: M'kay. (laughs)

Dick: Just... (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Another problem you thought of on the way in!

Dick: Just now on the way in. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I see that some asshole has drawn a cock on the dust on the hood of my car!

Sean: There's another one of YOU running around? (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Do you wanna see...? Sean! (annoyed) Already??

Sean: You have a doppelganger. (Maddox laughs more)

Dick: Do you wanna see the picture of this cock that someone drew on my car?

Maddox: Yeah, let's see it.

Dick: Motherfuckers. (under his breath) Look at this cock! (shows Maddox photo) (Maddox laughs hysterically) Not only...so not only is the cock short... (goes to show Sean) You see this? (Sean laughs loudly in the background) Alright, yeah. Thank you, Sean. Not only is the cock short -- it's the same size as the balls -- either that is a short cock or it's a limp cock, both of which I'm offended by that someone would draw this on the dust on my car. (Maddox still giggling) SECONDLY...secondly, they put the pee-hole in AND the head! (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they really...'cause you do one or the other if you're drawing a cock, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Either the pee-hole...

Maddox: Or the head.

Dick: ...or the line for the head.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiles)

Dick: This guy has done both, so he really sat there taking his time like a serial killer drawing a cock on the hood of my car. (angrily)

Maddox: This guy's an experienced cock-drawer! What does he, just run around town drawin' cocks on people's cars? Um... (sighs) Yeah, that's a lot of attention to detail for a little cock drawing on your...on your car.

Dick: A man's car is his home.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: He's defacing my home.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's basically just gone into my home and thrown shit everywhere. (Maddox sighs) Writing "fart" on the wall, drawing cocks everywhere?

Maddox: Uh, Dick, I have some breaking news for you.

Dick: What? (snapping)

Maddox: *I* drew that cock on your car. (cracks up)

Dick: (screams) WHAT?!? (Maddox and Sean laugh) (sighs angrily) Maddox, you dickless piece of shit.

Maddox: (**applause sound effect**) (giggles hysterically)

Dick: You drew a cock on my car?!

Maddox: (**'ding'! sound effect**)

Dick: You motherfucker!

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: You know that scratches the paint?

Maddox: That's me! I did it very lightly so it didn't scratch the paint. That's why -

Dick: (interjects) I don't think you CAN do anything lightly.

Maddox: That's why...no no, I did, I did. That's why I didn't draw a *giant* cock on your car, 'cause I was like, "Well, I'll scratch the paint." And I did that little, uh... (suddenly yells) And I drew that like two weeks ago!! You finally found it?

Dick: Yeah. (surly) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I drew that...yeah, I drew that like two weeks ago! I think you were on a date.

Dick: So I've been driving around with a cock on my car for TWO WEEKS?!

Maddox: A small cock.

Dick: You motherfucker! Are you serious?? (seething)

Maddox: That was me! (giggling)

Dick: I wanna fuckin' strangle you right now.

Maddox: Yeah, well, there's a table in the way. (everyone laughs)

Dick: Yeah, um...well, why doesn't someone draw a cock on your fuckin' face?

Maddox: Yeah. You know, that actually happened to me! I went to Mexico... (Sean bursts out laughing in the background)

Dick: Good! Good.

Maddox: Nonono, not my...not my face. Not my face, not my face. My car!

Dick: Everyone, if you have the opportunity, draw a cock on Maddox's face.

Maddox: (yells) I draw the cocks, buddy! People come to my book signings and they wait in line for me to draw cocks on them. You're welcome!! That... (cracks up) That cock is valuable! You could sell...that improved the cost of your car, I bet!

Dick: NO. It didn't.

Maddox: That and the Persian racing rims. (grinning) Yeah. So I, uh, I went to -

Dick: (interjects) Now I got TWO Persian works of art on my car. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: (**baby laugh sound effect**) Dick, I went to Mexico about, um...I wanna say about 4 years ago. I parked my car -- I drive down to Mexico, drive through Tijuana, go down like 45 minutes south...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and I park my car at this hotel resort thing, right? It's a guarded hotel, it's in Mexico, there's not a lot of Americans down there 'cause this is the height of the drug

scare and everyone's a fucking pussy, so I'm goin' down there and just reaping the benefits of everyone being a coward!

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: So I'm havin' a good time down there, right?

Dick: Always an angle.

Maddox: Yeah. (both laugh)

Dick: Always somehow, you're better than everyone.

Maddox: Yeah, of course. (grinning)

Dick: Yeah. Go ahead.

Maddox: So I'm there...I'm there for a couple days, and I come out to my car at some point expecting the worst. I'm like, "Oh..." It was the first time I'm in Mexico driving down; I'm expecting my car to be broken into, whatever. It wasn't! It was a safe resort, everything was fine. However, someone had written in the dust in my car, "U..." -- the letter 'U'...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: "...R..." -- the letter 'R' -- "...GAY." (Dick cackles) Giant "U R GAY" on my back window!

Dick: Fuck that person!

Maddox: Yeah!! And, and... (stammers)

Dick: Literally. (Maddox laughs) You should find them, track them down and say, "Yeah, I'll show you who's gay!"

Maddox: What if it's a hot chick?

Dick: Uhh...

Maddox: That's a win-win!

Dick: Yeah. (sexy tone)

Maddox: Yeah? The hot chick gets laid? (smiles)

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah, man! Um -

Dick: (interjects) That would even be a worse punishment coming from you.

Maddox: What, the uh...?

Dick: Getting lai-...the hot chick getting banged by you.

Maddox: No, that's a reward, buddy.

Dick: Okay. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah. That's the ultimate reward. If I held a contest, that's the implied reward every time.

Dick: You know, now I get why this cock is so small! (Maddox laughs) 'Cause you...that's what you think a cock looks like when you drew it, didn't you?

Maddox: A 3-centimeter one! (Dick laughs) We discussed that last episode. Anyway Dick, is that your problem? Do you have any stats? Or any... (cracks up) Anything other...?

Dick: Yeah, 100 percent of my cars have cocks on them. (Maddox giggles more) "Wash me," it's not funny! It's not funny, it's not...'cause now I have to go wash my car!! And I'm not going to, so I'm gonna be driving around for weeks with a COCK on my car, still.

Maddox: Little cock. (wryly) Yeah, well, that's uh...that's a shame, Dick. Yeah, get that -

Dick: (interjects) An eye for an eye is not strong enough for this.

Maddox: Uh-oh.

Dick: You need...this is a cock for a cock. You've, you've... (Maddox laughs) You've opened up a Pandora's cock box. A cock of...a can of cocks.

Maddox: A dick in a box.

Dick: This is a cock war!

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: I'm gonna get you back for this.

Maddox: Okay!

Sean: This is a guy who drew dicks on every one of the pages of my brother's French book when they went to school together.

Maddox: Ahh.

Sean: Like a brand new French book, and he's like, "I gotta turn this in!"

Maddox: Ohh!

Dick: Oh, yeah. I did do that. (smiles)

Sean: (laughing) He drew di-...fuckin' dicks on every one of the pages.

Maddox: Sounds like someone drew a big pile of karma on your car, Dick. (laughs)

Sean: So what I'm...no, what I'm saying is...

Dick: God dammit, they did.

Sean: What I'm saying is, you might be in for it.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, you know what?

Dick: (interjects) We were out at lunch...you know, me and the gang from high school, and I found a French workbook in the back of my friend's car.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I knew it was his and that it would have to be turned in, so I drew...I went through the French workbook (cracks up) and drew dicks on ALL of the...you know how they're always like, "Oh, vous je voulais, uhh..."

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: "Uh, je voudrais, uh, some...a sandwich."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or something, and they got the little drawings of the people interacting?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I went and drew cocks on all the guys and all the women in every pose, like, of their interactions. (giggles)

Maddox: That's hilarious.

Dick: And he...we got back from lunch and he grabs his books to go to class and he's like, "Uh, Dick, what the fuck?! I have to turn this in!!" And I'm like, "Yeah, that's why it's...that's why I did it!" (Maddox laughs loudly) "Yes, I know!"

Maddox: Ahh, that's hilarious. Well Dick, uh, sounds like -

Dick: (interjects) (shouts) But it's not funny when it happens to me!!

Maddox: No. (Sean giggles in the background)

Dick: That's the point!

Maddox: Okay. Of course. (grins) Well...

Dick: You're in for it, buddy.

Maddox: It's a dick war, you're on! Dick war -

Dick: (interjects) Oh yeah, you're...it's a dick war alright.

Maddox: Alright. (giggles) Ah, you're goin' on...you're steppin' into the ring with the best. The best of the best.

Dick: Oh, you are standing on the edge of the dick abyss, my friend. (smiles)

Maddox: (yells) DICK -

Dick: (interjects) And the dick abyss is staring back into you.

Maddox: Oh, really??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're looking into the pee-hole of the dick that's gonna fuck you! You...okay, right now -

Dick: (interjects) You're the hurricane of dicks and I'm looking into the hole? (cracking up)

Maddox: You're lookin' into the pee-hole of the hurricane of dicks that's coming your way.

Dick: Uh-huh. (sneering)

Maddox: A fuckin' TORRENT of dicks! You have no idea, Dick.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: True or false? True or false: I have at least 20 pictures of dicks on my phone right now. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Probably more!

Maddox: Yeah, probably more!! That's absolutely true. I've been doing this for fucking 20 years! (yelling)

Dick: Maddox...

Maddox: I've been sending dick pics to people.

Dick: ...I have a record for "most dicks drawn in a minute." (smug)

Maddox: I don't know about that!

Dick: That is a real record that I set in high school.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (laughs)

Dick: 72 dicks drawn in one minute! You have no idea. I can...I'm so fast, I could draw dicks...before you can even count to 3, I could draw...I could draw 100 dicks all over the place. Like Muhammed Ali.

Maddox: Okay, Dicasso. You got anything else? (Sean laughing in the background)

Dick: No, go ahead.

Maddox: We, uh, we goin' here? Alright.

Dick: What's your...what's your stupid old man problem this week? (Maddox laughs) What are the kids doing that's pissed you off? (smiles)

Maddox: Guardians of the Galaxy!

Dick: Oh, here we go! (scoffing)

Maddox: Yeeeah!

Dick: One of the greatest movies...

Maddox: Ohh. (disdainful)

Dick: ...of this decade!

Maddox: Boo. (**'boo' sound effect**)

Dick: A movie so good that I went home and immediately pirated it so I could watch it again. (Maddox chuckles) What do you have against that?

Maddox: Well, you uh, you liked this movie so much that you wanna support it by pirating it. Not that it matters, it made so much money. Um, Dick, it's stupid. It's a stupid, simple movie...

Dick: Oh, man. (under his breath)

Maddox: ...for stupid, simple people. So maybe that's why you like it! I don't know, Dick, I've called you simple in the past. (cracks up)

Dick: You just don't understand love. It's a love story. It's a space opera...

Maddox: Oh yeah? (sarcastic)

Dick: ...it's a love story, and you don't understand love.

Maddox: No, I understand it. That's why I hate it! See, I understand the threat, the fear... (Dick laughs) ...that I have for love.

Dick: That's not understanding. (giggling) Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah, it's VERY understanding. Almost everything about this movie is wrong, poorly thought-out, derivative, unfunny, arbitrary, or tired. Right? That's not to say that the entire movie is shit! Like, there...it had its moments. There were a few good parts, like undigested corn in actual shit.

Dick: What?

Maddox: You know, like...if you're gonna eat shit, the only part you have to look forward to is the corn.

Dick: Oh, I see.

Maddox: I'd IMAGINE.

Dick: Gross.

Maddox: Yeah, it is gross. (chuckling) It IS gross. It's a very apt analogy for this movie. Buncha shit with corn in it.

Dick: Are you gonna go through all those one by one? All those accusations you just laid?

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah! I'm going through...I'm laying out a tapestry here, Dick, and I'm starting...

Dick: Crapestry.

Maddox: It's my thesis!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (chuckles) No, it's not a crapestry, it's a TAPESTRY. I'm laying out my thesis and I'm gonna go into detail for every single one of those accusations. And there's no better place to start than the beginning, and I'll explain why this deserves to be on the list of the biggest problems in the universe. The movie starts out with some kid that I immediately don't like because he seems like a spoiled, disinterested asshole. You know? So you remember the first scene of the movie, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, when the kid's mom is dying of, like, cancer or something?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: He seems like a disinterested asshole? (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah! The kid's mom is dying of cancer and what's he doing? He's sitting there listening to his Walkman! Couldn't be more disinterested.

Dick: He looks sullen and unable to cope with the tragedy that's about to happen!

Maddox: He looks -

Dick: (interjects) That's a very moving scene!

Maddox: He looks BORED!

Dick: (groans) Ughhh. Ay ay ay!

Maddox: He looks like a bored, disinterested asshole! (yelling over Dick)

Dick: That scene needed "what this kid is feeling" subtitles, I think. This is...that's not disinterested. (disdainful)

Maddox: He seemed bored. He was sittin' there fiddling with his Walkman. Hey asshole, your mom is dying! These are her last moments on Earth. How about taking off the fucking headphones and listening to what she has to say? It might be important! It might be about your father who's half alien, you fucking idiot!!

Dick: Ahh, that's...okay. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's a...he's a kid. (growling)

Maddox: Oh, HE'S half alien. So-

Dick: (interjects) He's a kid!!

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: He's a KID.

Maddox: (stammers) Oh, kid. Okay. So he's -

Dick: (interjects) Hard to deal with things like that.

Maddox: Sorry, man! Sorry this kid's not infallible, I guess. Then... (laughs) Then when she finally dies, he loses his shit and then runs outside where he's abducted by aliens.

Dick: Yeah, exciting!

Maddox: Oh, okay! That's what...out of fucking nowhere, plot point!! Aliens come down -- this is like the first minute...what, 60 seconds of the movie? He runs outside from a hospital from this very, like, dramatic scene, and they don't explain anything! Just aliens come down from the sky and just... (stammers) Sure, fuck it!

Dick: Did you not understand what was happening?

Maddox: Yeah!! Aliens abducted him, apparently!

Dick: There you go!

Maddox: Oh, great! Yeah, I mean, why not? Sure, have him fuckin' be abducted by aliens after witnessing his mother die of cancer. How...why -

Dick: (interjects) Get him into space!

Maddox: Why stop there, Dick? Why not have him stumble upon a seance and just talk to spirits? I mean, why not just have him discover Bigfoot or win a lottery while we're at it, since random fucking things just happen to him for no reason in this universe.

Dick: It's a...it's a pretty specific thing, though, that sets up the rest of the movie.

Maddox: Oh, I understand!

Dick: Like, random things don't happen for the rest...one random thing starts a story, like finding a cock on your car. (Maddox laughs) That starts a series of events that escalates in a huge dick war!

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: One random thing is good to start a story.

Maddox: Very satisfying closure to that dick war story.

Dick: Ohohohoho, you have no idea.

Maddox: Oh, bring it buddy. (smiles) Yeah man, so I went back and I thought, "That's such a weird thing," and I guess there was a little bit of foreshadowing 'cause his mom said, "Your father will come down from the heavens like light" or whatever, so it's kinda metaphorical. It's a throwaway line. That ONE line in the movie sets up the entire fucking movie, that plot, where aliens just come down and abduct him? Are you fucking kidding me? They don't explain...and then guess what? The next scene is 26 years later!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay! Well, I guess this guy was just abducted by aliens! They don't explain his upbringing, they don't explain how...who raised him, and apparently later on in the movie we find out it's just a bunch of fuckin' space pirates. These, like, marauders raised this child. Sure! He has no issues. He's just totally fine, well-adjusted and affable -

Dick: (interjects) He's not well-adjusted!

Maddox: What's not well-adjusted about him?

Dick: Uh, he's a criminal! He's like a bounty hunter criminal that, uh...what do you mean, "what's not well-adjusted about him"? He's a scumbag.

Maddox: He's a treasure hunter. (Dick laughs)

Dick: No, he's a scumbag!!

Maddox: Yeah. He's a criminal like Indiana Jones was a criminal. Was Indiana Jones a criminal?

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: Was he, uh... (cracks up) Okay.

Dick: He almost got his dick cut off in, like, Madagascar. Remember that one?

Maddox: No.

Dick: When they were gonna cut off his hand and he's like, "Well, it wasn't my hand, but let's not talk about that." (grins)

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Real funny line. (sarcastic)

Dick: Yeah, it was!

Maddox: So yeah, then uh... (sighs) So then we get to the first plot point of the movie, uh, in Guardians. He goes to some planet to get some super powerful orb that's sought after by everyone in the fucking universe, apparently! Everyone wants this orb!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: "Ohh! Oh god, this orb, this orb!" Yet somehow it's just sitting there out in the open in some unguarded cave where NOBODY detected it for years, and then suddenly when a fucking dipshit hero shows up, this...this other group of bandits shows up RIGHT at the same time. Coincidence! I guess they were tracking him, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Because they knew...they knew that he would find the orb somehow.

Dick: Well, that's exactly what Belloq did!

Maddox: Who? What's...what's Belloq?

Dick: Belloq, the bad guy from Raiders of the Lost Ark?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Tracked Indiana Jones, 'cause he knew Indiana Jones could figure out where the thing was, so he was like, "Well, I'll just track this asshole and when he gets it I'll take it from him."

Maddox: Oho. (chuckling)

Dick: That's a classic bad guy move!!

Maddox: So you're saying...so, thank you Dick! Thank you for bringing that up, because you just helped make the case that this movie's derivative of Indiana Jones.

Dick: (shouts) That's...that's real life!

Maddox: Oh really, real life? At what other point in life do we send scouts to follow an explorer, like the people who discovered King Tut's tomb? Do we send, like, bad guys who are sittin' there -- "Okay, as soon as they discover it, we're going to pounce." No, because in real -

Dick: (interjects) Cops do that all the time!! Cops send in little bad guys to catch big bad guys. It's how we hunt!

Maddox: Yeah, but that's...they're working in cooperation with the cops.

Dick: No.

Maddox: They're not just, like, finding some random dude.

Dick: Not always!

Maddox: Well, they...look man, they might have moles in the forest. That's what you're talkin' about?

Dick: No, I'm talking about they look where drugs are going, they follow the drug dealers back to where they're congregating, and then that's where they start the -- whatever. I don't wanna derail your Guardians of the Galaxy rant. Please continue.

Maddox: Yeah Dick, the only difference is these aren't drugs, and these guys are just...uh, based on what, a hunch? Well, you know what? The fact that we have to debate this so much tells you how poorly the movie's written, because we don't know! We don't know.

Dick: No, it says that you're fuckin' crazy, but go...go ahead.

Maddox: Okay. Alright. (sneering) So yeah, anyway, he goes into this unguarded cave where nobody has detected it for years, and yet somehow Quill...that's his name, right? Peter Quill?

Dick: Star-Lord.

Maddox: Star... (scoffs) Oh, Star-Lord, oh fuck! (mocking)

Dick: Yeeeah. Star-Lord, man. (smiles)

Maddox: Oh, excuse me all to fuck. Um, it's -

Dick: (interjects) Get it right.

Maddox: Yeah, STAR-LORD... (Dick giggles) ...uh, gets... (cracks up) The most original, creative name, by the way. Star-Lord goes to this cave, and suddenly just detects it. We have no explanation as to how he knows, why he knows, and suddenly he just finds it. And it has...this orb has the Infinity Stone in it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is a big pile of WHATEVER. Uh, it's -

Dick: (interjects) Why do you need all this shit explained? Like, how long...in your movie, how long would it take to get to this point? You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: You -

Dick: (interjects) Like, you're saying none of this is explained. Like, good! I'm so sick of explaining everything in movies. Just get to it. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Okay. (dismissively)

Dick: (yells) Spiderman's got spider powers! I don't need to see him getting bitten by a radioactive spider 600 times!! He's just a guy that shoots jizz out of his fingers and swings around on buildings! (Sean laughs in the background) Great, got it. Go fight bad guys.

Maddox: Yeah, that's because Spiderman and Superman are ubiquitous. Guardians of the Galaxy is like, "Who? What?" Nobody fucking knows Guardians of the Galaxy except for deep-trenched comic book nerds who have read the Infinity Stone series. What's the, uh...The Infinity Wars?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: They read that and they...it's got the tie-in with Guardians of the Galaxy. (Dick laughs) Guardians of the Galaxy's not a well-known property like Spiderman. It wasn't at least before this movie came out.

Dick: So they don't...but they still didn't explain any of this!

Maddox: No, they didn't explain it.

Dick: 'Cause it was a good movie! They told it visually.

Maddox: It's not a good movie. (Dick scoffs) Uh, I'll tell you why people liked it though. So these Infinity Gems -- these Infinity Stones, whatever.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It's like Kryptonite for the Marvel Universe, except there are six of them. You know, Kryptonite's some mystical stone that has some fucking arbitrary power. I hate in comic books, and I hate in comic book stories, when they imbue some mystical stone with some mystical property, because it is SUCH an arbitrary, contrived plot device. Totally arbitrary, totally contrived. And everyone's just searching for this mystical stone.

Dick: I don't know if I think it's so arbitrary.

Maddox: What's not arbitrary about it?

Dick: Like, they're...I think they're interesting metaphors. Well, the Infinity Stones specifically, they're... (stammers) Sean, I'm...do you know anything about Infinity Stones?

Sean: I can't say that I do.

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause Sean...yeah.

Dick: Okay. So in the Marvel Universe, in the entire cosmos in the universe or whatever, there's these, like, seven stones?

Maddox: Six.

Dick: Six stones, and they all represent a different part of...the universe. There's like a power stone, a time stone, and like a soul stone -- they're like Captain Planet's rings. You remember Captain Planet?

Sean: Yeah, but these are in all the different comics that Marvel does?

Dick: Yeah, it's like the one thing that binds the whole universe together.

Sean: Oh, okay.

Dick: I think it's interesting!

Maddox: It was contrived to sell comics. They were trying to make a big crossover, a big comic thing.

Dick: Yeah... (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah, great.

Dick: You hate that! You just hate the idea of...of that.

Maddox: No, I don't. I found the comic books kind of interesting to read.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I read the, uh...parts of the story of The Infinity Wars, but it wasn't...it's just, it's contrived. Let's not deny that it was contrived. It's a contrived plot device.

Dick: How is it contrived?

Maddox: It's just...okay, it's like, "Superman needs a weakness." "Welp, there's this STONE that makes him weak!"

Dick: Yeah, but it's from his home planet. It's not realistic. It's like a piece of his home planet hurts him and kills him. It's a metaphor! Like, it's interesting...the reason that it's lasted for 50 years, or 80 years, is because there's an element of magic in it that speaks to us as humans.

Maddox: Mm.

Dick: That pieces of his home planet KILL him.

Maddox: Wow. (flatly)

Dick: And his whole thing is that he has no home!

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: Like, he doesn't fit in!

Maddox: Wahh.

Dick: That's why it resonates with people. Do you und-...do you see what I'm saying?

Maddox: Do you think adopted kids have no home too, Dick?

Dick: I think that -

Maddox: (interjects) Because that's a really a metaphor for adoption. Superman.

Dick: It's not a metaphor for adoption! It's about not fitting in, and I do...I would IMAGINE adopted kids do feel some sense of not belonging, whether or not they're happy or not. They feel something that I can't identify with, I'm SURE.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, that's a beautifully-said soliloquy, except that Kryptonite is everywhere in the Superman universe. (Dick sighs exasperatedly) It's not just on his home planet; it's on Earth, their entire planet's made outta Kryptonite, there are asteroids with Kryptonite, there's Kryptonite in the bottom of the ocean, there's Kryptonite in mountains...there's fuckin' Kryptonite everywhere, they're makin' it in laboratories, Kryptonite's everywhere! (yelling) Oh, it's a piece of his home? You know what's a real weakness for Superman? This is a missed opportunity in the Superman movie, which I FUCKING hated. I'll bring that in as a problem sometime. But there was a scene where he...where the bad guy...uh, who was it? Uh...

Dick: Lex Luthor?

Maddox: No no, it wasn't Lex Luthor. In the latest Superman movie it was the Emperor...er, the General Zod, I think?

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: There was a scene where he was threatening to eradicate Superman's memories...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and then there was another opportu-...there was another part where Lois Lane was in danger. It would -

Dick: (interjects) That's Superman's other weakness. Pussy.

Maddox: Exact-...that's... (both laugh) That's his REAL weakness, right? It would have been interesting if instead of this arbitrary Kryptonite that they just invented, his weakness would've been "save your father's memories, or save Lois Lane's life."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Instead of doing that, they just had the memories just be arbitrarily destroyed, like by a missile or the plane crash or somethin' like that, AND he also saved Lois. So this opportunity to show a true, genuine weakness for Superman, this one man who's basically infallible -- he's immortal -- they could have shown that you have to make a decision and give him a real human consequence, and they didn't do that because they have Kryptonite! That's why the stupid gems are arbitrary.

Dick: Yeah, but that's...that's poor writing. Like, I... (Maddox splutters and laughs) But I thought that -

Maddox: (interjects) There you go! That's my point!

Dick: No. The devi-...the idea of the things can be used well or it can be used poorly. That's an example of where the thing is used poorly. But go...go on.

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: I don't wanna slow you down.

Maddox: Sure. Um, so another thing that bugged me in the movie -

Dick: (interjects) We're only in the first 5 minutes of the movie. (chuckling)

Maddox: I know. Yeah, already I have so many problems with it. Um, he's still listening to his Walkman 26 years later on those double-A batteries. Where's he finding double-A batteries in this universe?

Dick: Anywhere! (Maddox snickers) A double-A battery's easy to make.

Maddox: Oh. Oh, is it? (amused)

Dick: Yeah, it's one-and-a-half fuckin' volts. You think he's screaming around the cosmos and he can't figure out how to put one-and-a-half volts in a cylinder that's as long as this cock you drew on my car? (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah. (cracking up) Yeah, this -

Dick: (interjects) I think he could figure that...I think he could knock that one out.

Maddox: This kid -

Dick: (interjects) Pretty handily.

Maddox: This kid who was abducted by aliens, who is so smart and intuitive that he couldn't even tell...his dying mother is sitting there and might die at any minute, he's sittin' there listening to his fuckin' pop songs. (yells) This kid, this moron, this dumbass who couldn't even take a few minutes to talk to his dying mother? THAT guy figured out how to make batteries? Fuck you!

Dick: He's a kid. (Maddox laughs) Kids do that. (smiles)

Maddox: He's a kid -

Dick: (interjects) Kids do that!

Maddox: Kids what, make batteries?

Dick: They don't know how to cope!!

Maddox: Okay. (dismissively)

Dick: With...ugh. (scoffing)

Maddox: GREAT. Then -

Dick: (interjects) I would love to see YOU as a kid.

Maddox: Yeah, I was a gr-...I was a fuckin' badass. Except I was born an adult, so. Uh... (cracks up) So then the -

Dick: (interjects) Like Jesus! Do you know they couldn't represent Jesus in the medieval age as a baby? They had to draw him as a full adult...as a baby-sized full adult?

Maddox: No, I didn't know that. Really?

Dick: Oh yeah, go look at...like, the reason Jesus always looks stupid in medieval photos is because they weren't allowed to paint him as a baby.

Maddox: Oh, really?

Dick: So that's why there's always these little homunculus men, like in Mary's arms. (Maddox laughs) You're like, "What the fuck is THIS?!" (giggling)

Maddox: That's how I was born. Like, just that -

Dick: (interjects) That's how you were born, like Jesus. (laughs)

Maddox: I was born an adult, but just like a little homunculus, yeah. (smiling) Anyway man, so the bad guy...after he's in this cave, you know, the bad guy sends a bounty hunter after him.

Dick: Interesting.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah, oh, wow! (mocking) So uh, Star-Lord is, um..."Star-Lord!" (obnoxious voice) He's going to this planet to...he's basically going to a pawn shop. That's the whole plot of this movie.

Dick: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: He finds this junk and then he goes to a pawn shop to sell it. And by the way, Dick, this guy doesn't even know. Star-Lord, at the start of the movie, doesn't even know that the Infinity Gem is in this. He just knows that the orb is valuable supposedly, but he doesn't know *why* it's valuable? Like, that's like...that's like saying -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause of money. What do you mean?

Maddox: Yeah, of...no, but why is it valuable? Like, it's a -

Dick: (interjects) He does this shit all the time.

Maddox: Well, yeah! He does that shit all the time. That's established, but he doesn't know why it's valuable. Anyway, man. He finds this orb, he takes it to a pawn shop on this planet, and then the bounty hunters find him immediately, of course. They're just TRAILING him.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They're always one step behind him. I don't know why they -

Dick: (interjects) He's gettin' wrapped up in somethin' bigger than him, man!

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: That's exciting!!

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: All these players entering the field!

Maddox: Yeah. So then he gets arrested on this planet where he goes to jail, and the movie becomes every clichéd prison break movie ever made. There's literally a TV trope called the Great Escape, or the Alcatraz Plot?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Where this, uh...there's this prison scene. This prison scene comes, like, almost directly from it. Here's a direct quote from the page TVTropes.org. Have you seen that website?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's really interesting. They said, "Prison movie protagonists are almost always the new guy..." So that's, you know, the new crew that's arrested.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Quill, Gamora, Rocket, and Groot. "...who on his first day does something to gain a lifer's trust." [http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/GreatEscape]

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Drax. Drax is the, uh, the one who's supposedly rational.

Dick: Drax was the...the meathead.

Maddox: The meathead, yeah.

Dick: He wasn't rational. He's very literal.

Maddox: Yeah, he's very literal. Couldn't understand...

Dick: Yeah, you probably love that guy. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. He was one of the highlights of the movie. Him and -

Dick: (interjects) "Nothing goes over MY head." You remember that?

Maddox: Yeah, that was a funny line!

Dick: That was funny! (smiling)

Maddox: You know what, it -

Dick: (interjects) Funny movie!

Maddox: You know, Dick, there were a few funny lines in that movie like that which I genuinely laughed at and I thought was really good, but it felt like someone took this shit mediocre script and then punched it up. So they got a really funny writer to punch it up and add a few jokes in there, like that one?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And there was that scene where he said somethin' about...you would have to take a black light in his rocket ship to find all the cum or whatever. I don't know, there was some stupid shit like that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, man. Um, so... (brief silence) So they -

Dick: (interjects) Prison break.

Maddox: They're in this prison break, right? And they have to gain a lifer's trust, which Drax does immediately after Gamora -- Gamora's the green alien chick.

Dick: Oh MAN, that chick was hot.

Maddox: Yeah. So immediately Drax trusts that chick after she tells them she betrayed her boss Ronan, one of the most powerful leaders in the galaxy. (yells) So let me repeat that, Dick: she convinces a prison inmate that she just met, a prison inmate whose entire personality is defined by being literal, that she will help him get out of prison and catch her boss based on a 2-minute conversation right after she revealed to him that she betrayed her boss!

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So why should this guy trust her? "Hey man, I'm a huge liar and I'll stab you in the back. Uh, how 'bout this negotiation? How 'bout this deal?"

Dick: Your problems with this plot are VERY nitpicky.

Maddox: Oh, is it? That's nitpicky? (skeptical)

Dick: It's a quick conversation to say "the enemy of my enemy is my friend." Like, good! Skip this shit, skip this boring...like, you coulda done that, sure. They could've taken 10 minutes to establish their trust, but they got a long...they got alotta stuff to do in this movie.

Maddox: Dick, they could establish trust WAY more easily, and it doesn't take 10 minutes! In fact, it would take 30 seconds. Drax could be in trouble, she could save him. BAM! How's that for trust?

Dick: You don't think THAT'S contrived?!

Maddox: Well, of course it's contrived, but at least it makes sense! Logically it's consistent in this fucking made-up BULLSHIT-ASS universe!!

Dick: Ehh. (dismissively)

Maddox: Agh!!

Dick: Yeah... (smiles)

Maddox: Fuckin' hate this. (angrily)

Dick: Right? You're shakin' your head. Sean, did you see Guardians of the Galaxy?

Sean: Yeah, I saw it -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, you loved it.

Sean: It is what it is! Can't you just have fucking FUN? (Maddox and Dick laugh loudly) For once?? It's unbelievable! Like, you are the death of all fun!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Oh, I got -

Dick: (interjects) You and the BBC should team up.

Maddox: Yeah. I got more, buddy. (grinning) So they're in there, this ragtag bunch of misfits -- that's another trope -- using a combination... (Dick giggles) ...of poorly-guarded escape routes, the stupidity of the prison guards and some grit and *just* a little bit of luck, they might just have a shot to break out of prison! (mocking)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they're sittin' there around this table, you know, like, um...hatching this plan, and then of course something stupid happens, like Groot trips the alarm while they're hatching their escape plan. This plot device is called "Spanner in the Works," (Dick cracks up) which is when a stupid character, Groot -- which is basically just a Pokemon at this point!

Dick: Ohh, god. (under his breath)

Maddox: He just says his own fucking name the entire movie, which kids delight at!

Dick: Also contrived, right? (smiles)

Maddox: No, that's not contrived!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Well, it's derivative! It's just stolen from Pokemon. So, he's "capable of derailing the most ironclad plan by [...] relying on a Contrived Coincidence and the assumption that nobody would push the Big Red Button." [http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/SpannerInTheWorks] That's from TVTropes.org. Literally, there is a button in the background! It's a big glowing yellow light.

Dick: Yeah! Funny!

Maddox: Groot hits it.

Dick: Yeah. I remember it! I've seen that movie a lot, I have it on my computer. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah. I've seen that movie a lot too, Dick. It's been done in a billion movies. The scene culminates in the control tower where they sneak up on the master prison guard, who slowly turns around to see the guardians standing there. Remember I bitched about that?

Dick: Yeah, but what do you...?! That's contrived too, it's on TV Tropes?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: That's it?

Maddox: Nonono, it...I mean, I've seen that scene a billion times. It's BORING.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: It's unoriginal, it's uninteresting, it's boring. And -

Dick: (interjects) They put a little spin on it.

Maddox: This is...this is when -

Dick: (interjects) By not taking it so seriously.

Maddox: No, that's not the spin.

Dick: That's the feel of...that's the tone of the movie.

Maddox: Yeah, I guess. (skeptical)

Dick: Not taking ourselves too seriously. That's why people liked it.

Maddox: Mm...

Dick: It's like a superhero movie, but we're not -- that's why the Walkman's there, that's why the dialogue is so snappy. We're doing all these tropes, and we're doing them blatantly and obviously.

Maddox: Dick -

Dick: (interjects) And we're not takin' it seriously.

Maddox: Spiderman also didn't take itself too seriously...

Dick: It did.

Maddox: ...uh, Hellboy didn't take himself too seriously...

Dick: Hellboy?

Maddox: ...Fantastic Four didn't take themselves too seriously; I've seen this movie a billion times, it's boring. And so during that guard tower scene everyone loses their shit in the audience like they didn't see it coming the SECOND they were sent to prison. You know that scene existed shot-for-shot the second they get arrested, yet everyone still delights like it's some ultra-satisfying "fuck you" to the control guard who's just doing his job, trying to keep prisoners in check!! (yelling) Some of whom are implied rapists, by the way.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? This is who the audience is cheering against! They're cheering against the control guard, who's doing his fucking job. Then there's that wide shot -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, fuck that guy. (both laugh)

Maddox: Then there's that wide shot you've seen a billion times where they throw him out of the control tower...

Dick: Yeah, funny.

Maddox: ...which is conveniently also a rocket ship. Awesome. (sarcastic) "Wha...hlluuuhhhh!" Just jerk off, they'll cum all over my face. Oh, wow.

Dick: Jesus Christ!! (giggling)

Maddox: Such a GREAT scene. And then there's another spanner in the works when Drax invites Ronan...so Ronan's the main, uh, one of the main bad guys. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So he invites him to the planet where the Infinity Gem is at like a total fucking idiot.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Seriously? Like, we're expected to believe that these guys are so competent and badass that they were able to break out of prison? Escape from the prison that they were in for two minutes after they were arrested, but they keep doing stupid shit like calling the main bad guy to come find them with his entire army, which means he's either stupid or selfish.

Dick: Well, he's both!

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: That's established.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: But you know, there's a balance, 'cause he's also very powerful. That's what you gotta deal with.

Maddox: Who, Drax?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He's just, like, a wrestler.

Dick: Well... (stammers) He got the nickname "The Destroyer" from somewhere, I'm assuming.

Maddox: Yeah, the -

Dick: (interjects) Like, they set it up so he's a powerful guy. Okay, this is the only point I'm gonna make on this.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: In a million years with a billion dollars, you could not write or make a better movie. That's my challenge. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: You're on!

Dick: 'Cause...yeah!

Maddox: Gimme a billion dollars.

Dick: It was fun...

Maddox: Gimme a million dol-...what?

Dick: It was fun to watch, Guardians of the Galaxy. It's fun and it touched your heartstrings, man! In an age where everything is SO cynical, they managed to put an honest and a, um...an emotional love story in this movie. Great movie. Probably too...the Walkman probably pissed you off immediately.

Maddox: Walkman was a terrible movie too.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But for different reasons. At least the Walkman was competent, it was just boring. Um, then there's that scene where he called that main bad guy to the planet that -

Dick: (interjects) You're just goin' through scenes, like, nitpicking plot points though! What's your...what's the reason that you...'cause we're runnin' outta time! What's the reason you really hate this movie?

Maddox: Okay, so... (sighs) Yeah, I don't have a ton of time here. I'll just say two more things that REALLY pissed me off about the movie. So near the end of the movie, the uh, "Star-Lord"... (mocking)

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...dances some more, which is like the dumbest, laziest comic relief in every single romantic comedy, but for some reason the audience for Guardians just eats it up. And then this jewel that's so powerful that...that's powerful enough to destroy an entire galaxy?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: With billions of people in it? But it can be neutralized when just 5 people hold hands in a prayer circle. (cynical tone) So -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but they explained that.

Maddox: (yells) Yeah. So look out, everyone! All it takes is dance to distract the stupid bad guy, and then just hold hands and you can stop the threat!!

Dick: You've never seen dancing distracting a bad guy, have you? That was new! Like, you've never seen in movies where, like, "We're all gonna die! Oh shit, this maniac's gonna kill everybody." The hero just says, "Hey, what about this?" and then does a dance. Have you EVER seen that?

Maddox: Mm, nothing comes to mind off the top of my head.

Dick: There you go. If they even contributed that one original thing, that's...I'm impressed by that.

Maddox: (sneering) Well, you're -

Dick: (interjects) Which they did! The thing that comes closest to that is doing a jig in The Last Boy Scout. Remember that? When John McClane...er, uh, Bruce Willis did the jig after he saved the day?

Maddox: No.

Dick: On top...eh, whatever.

Maddox: He did it *after* he saved the day. Anyway Dick, um...whatever, that's fine. You're, uh, you're... (sighs) You're allowed to like this simple movie. Um... (Dick scoffs and chuckles) But by far everyone's favorite scene in this movie is during the credit sequence when Baby Groot dances to Jackson 5's "I Want You Back." Remember that?

Dick: Uh-huh, yeah.

Maddox: Which, first of all, is a song from 1969 that happens to be a big hit with space aliens! Everybody in space just happens to love this fuckin' contrived bullshit-ass song. (cynical)

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: Everybody in the audience sits there guffawing like IDIOTS. (Dick laughs) While it plays. And you know what else dances to music, Dick?

Dick: Huh? (amused)

Maddox: Big Mouth Bass. That stupid little talking, like, dancing fish that you press the button and it just kinda wiggles its tail?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Or that stupid dancing flower toy called "Rock 'N Flowers"? Remember that?

Dick: I had one of those, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! It's a dancing flower toy that literally dances to any song you play. Their favorite scene in the movie was ripped off from a dancing flower toy. A 12-dollar animatronic toy made in China.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: THAT'S your favorite scene in the movie! It doesn't take a 196-million-dollar blockbuster to entertain you idiots; apparently all it takes is a toy that literally costs less than your ticket price! These morons would be just as entertained buying a 12-dollar toy and streaming Jackson 5's "I Want You Back" on Pandora.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That's my problem with the movie, Dick. Idiots!

Dick: That's a horrible problem. I hope this gets downvoted to hell. That was a great movie.

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic)

Dick: It was a great movie, and um...you grew up in the wrong country, man. You belong in, like, Siberia. (Maddox laughs) Where there's no fun, there's no color, there's no dancing anything. It's just...it's just snow and gray.

Maddox: I had a lot of fun, Dick, watching The Raid: Redemption. That's a great movie. Go watch that.

Dick: What's that about?

Maddox: It's...it's, uh -

Dick: (interjects) It's about a guy who rips on pop culture? (cracking up)

Maddox: No. I had a really good time watching Attack the Block. Go watch that movie. It's a BRILLIANT movie.

Dick: Last problem -

Maddox: (interjects) Anyway, man. And that has aliens in it too!

Dick: Do I have time for my...?

Maddox: Yeah yeah, what's your problem?

Dick: My problem is losing your cell phone. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Okay! Okay, Dick.

Dick: I didn't lose my cell phone. I've never lost a cell phone.

Maddox: You've never lost a cell phone?

Dick: No. Although I still wanna...I still wanna defend Guardians of the Galaxy.

Maddox: Well, go for it!

Dick: No, nononono. Uh, losing your cell phone. Americans lose 30 *billion* dollars worth of mobile phones in a year. Is that...could that possibly be true? That's what these stupid newspapers are reporting.

Maddox: So we dickhead Americans are just going around LOSING 30 billion dollars out of our pockets?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Every year?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's insane.

Dick: Uh, it costs Americans -- 113 cell phones are lost or stolen every MINUTE.

Maddox: What??

Dick: Yeah! Can that be right?

Maddox: That sounds reasonable. Out of like...

Dick: Out of 300 million people?

Maddox: ...a population of 200 million?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? That sounds about right.

Sean: More like 315 million.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well no, but not all...I'm saying...

Sean: Oh, sure.

Maddox: I don't think MOST Americans...I don't think all Americans have it. I'd say about two-thirds of Americans do.

Sean: This is true.

Dick: Some Americans have *two,* though.

Maddox: Uhh, that's true.

Dick: You know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Players. (sexy tone) (Maddox laughs) One in five children age 8 to 16 has had their mobile phone stolen, often by another CHILD or group of children. (incredulous) One in five?! Are you kidding me?

Maddox: Yeah! Don't give your kids cell phones.

Dick: You wouldn't?

Maddox: Well, I would give my kid an emergency cell phone and then that's that. They can't install any apps on it, they can't do any games, they can't text; it's just for 911. There you go, idiot.

Dick: Ugh, what a night-...well, your kid is gonna be, like, the greatest hacker in the world shoving those chili peppers up your ass. "Oh really, Dad? I can only use this for 911? Okay!" (Maddox laughs) "Well, uh, lemme show you...lemme draw a cock right on your face with that one."

Maddox: Yeah. Well, here's your -

Dick: (interjects) You think you can enforce that with a kid? Good luck.

Maddox: Yeah. "Here's your Nokia 6083. Enjoy, buddy." (Dick laughs)

Dick: "Oh, thanks Dad! I've got my, uh, my invisible hologram phone actually, though."

Maddox: "With what allowance, shithead? You're grounded!" (Dick giggles)

Dick: Ohohohohoo, man.

Maddox: "Go to the dungeon." (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. Start with the arms race early. Um, people are most likely to lose their phone at night; 67 percent between 9 P.M. and 2 A.M. Americans lose on average one phone a year.

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: The average American.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I've never lost one, so that's...how long have I had a phone, 15 years? There's 15 people that's lost TWO a year, then.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You ever lost a phone?

Maddox: I have once. It flew out of my pocket on a roller coaster, so. (Dick giggles hysterically) Not really my fault, I don't think.

Dick: Yeah, it is! Did you...did you get it back?

Maddox: Uh, no, man! I went back and I told them. I'm like, "Hey man, my cell phone flew out of my pocket. I can...I'm pretty sure I know the trajectory of where it went." (Dick laughs more) "Can I go out there and...?"

Dick: Did you say that?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: AHH-HAHAAAAHHH!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ohh. (laughs more) Okay! Okay.

Maddox: And they even had a...they even had a ne-

Dick: (interjects) Professor! (Maddox cracks up) Go...please map it out.

Sean: Use a word like that, they gotta call the manager.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. "Huhhh, sorry!" (stupid voice) "I'm gonna call my manager, Star-Lord." Um, they... (cracks up) They even had a net to catch, uh, loose items like that.

Dick: Idiots' items?

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Who didn't put their stuff in their pockets correctly?

Maddox: It was...I had very, uh, very deep pockets, and...no, they were very shallow pockets, rather, and it flew out of my pocket on this STUPID roller coaster. (yells) I'm telling you, the roller coaster was designed poorly! (Dick laughs) 'Cause it hurt my neck! It gives you whiplash!

Dick: Okay, alright.

Maddox: Normal roller coasters don't do that. This is the worst roller coaster I've ever been on in my life, and I've told people ever since. Not just because of the things that fly outta your pocket, but because it's an awfully-designed roller coaster. It just...

Dick: Which one?

Maddox: ...breaks your neck. It's, um...I forget the name of it, but it's just a giant loop that goes around and it's just poorly designed, unfun...it's like the Guardians of the Galaxy of the roller coaster universe.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: Not fun, boring, unoriginal.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) 95 percent of the time, people who find lost smart phones try to access sensitive data, research shows. How 'bout that?

Maddox: Of course! Yeah.

Dick: Have you ever found a cell phone?

Maddox: I have.

Dick: Did you try to access the sensitive data?

Maddox: Uh, no. I'm pretty good about that. I've found...I have found at least 4 or 5 cell phones and returned every single one.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: I even went out on a date with someone because I returned a cell phone. (smiles)

Dick: Oh, what a scumbag. (Maddox laughs) What happened?

Maddox: It was this girl from Sweden...er no, Switzerland, who was visiting, and I found her cell phone and I...it was really hard tracking her down. I was goin' through her recently contacted list and I found the hotel, and I'm like, "Yeah, I found this cell phone. Can you please leave a note?" And she went...she happened to go to the hotel and ask the lost and found if anyone found it, and they said, "Well, this guy called," and she goes, "Oh my god!"

So a few minutes later I get this phone call from this panicked girl. She's like, "Oh, all my contacts! Everything's in there!"

Dick: Ohhhh, YEAH. You got her right where you want her!

Maddox: No, get out! Get outta here. (grinning)

Dick: Ah-hahahaaaah! (suggestively)

Maddox: I was just bein' a gentleman.

Dick: Ah-hah!

Maddox: And then she said...and then she said -

Dick: (interjects) "Right up the ass, Gentleman." (both laugh)

Maddox: (**fart sound effect**) (laughs more) Yeah, she said, "Uh, can I take you to dinner?"

Dick: Uhhh-huh!

Maddox: "Can I take you to lunch?" And I'm like, "Alright! Alright." (Dick laughs) "I'll see what, uh...I'll go to lunch." So uh, yeah!

Dick: That's it?

Maddox: I'm really good at returning -- yeah, I just, uh...that's it. I'm REALLY good at returning cell phones.

Dick: 70 percent of people don't use password protection either, apparently. Cities; here's the 5 most likely cities you'll lose your cell phones. San Francisco, Philadelphia -- that's a surprise -- Seattle, Oakland, California...uh, Oakland...excuse me. Philadelphia, Seattle, Oakland, Long Beach, and Newark. Newark, New Jersey.

Maddox: Wait, why did they count...?

Sean: There's a lot of theft in most of those cities.

Dick: Well, yeah.

Sean: Big time.

Dick: Yeah. So apparently cell phones are getting lost and stolen. More stolen, it sounds like. Ulgh. (grimacing)

Maddox: Well, why did they count Long Beach and California separately?

Dick: Uh, I misread it. For some reason they put the states on some of them...

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: ...and not all of them. I got the...I mean, what other Oakland is there? Stupid newspaper. (muttering)

Maddox: Yeah. You know what the problem is with, uh, with stats like that sometimes is they don't...when it's just a flip little stat that nobody really cares about, it's not really going to affect legislation and, uh, and anything important. What they -

Dick: (interjects) Legislation?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: On losing cell phones?

Maddox: I mean, I can't imagine what legislation that would enact, but...

Dick: It's illegal to lose your cell phone? (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah, there you go.

Dick: Why not?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, the problem with stats like that sometimes is they don't control for population. So recently they did a study at, uh...or they did a survey and they found that people who went...who owned iPhones went to more prestigious universities, or somethin' like that?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: But they didn't control for population, so it just means, "Okay, well, there's more iPhone users in populous cities. You didn't prove anything."

Dick: Alright. Here's the 10 most likely places you'll lose your cell phone. You ready for this?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Your purse. (Maddox laughs) That's the top place. This is TIME. TIME Magazine's sayin' this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Stupid. Chance of recovery: 100 percent. Yeah.

Maddox: (sighs) Good job, TIME.

Dick: A restaurant or bar - number, uh, number two. Roof of your car...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...changing rooms, airport security -- oh, those motherfuckers. I bet they are stealing your phone. (under his breath)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Schools, buses or subway, airplanes...um, blah blah blah, airplane taxis, swimming pools. Look, this is gonna...do you know why this is a big problem? This is gonna be around for long after all these other things are fixed.

Maddox: What, losing your cell phone?

Dick: Losing your cell phone.

Maddox: I don't think so, 'cause I don't think cell phones are gonna be around.

Dick: Okay... (sighing)

Maddox: You're not gonna need them anymore in the Oculus Rift! (smiles)

Dick: Oh, GOD. You are so crazy with your techno fetishes.

Maddox: You know, Dick, have you ever used Google Glass?

Dick: Uh, no, 'cause I hate them and I think that people who use them are stupid assholes.

Maddox: But you've never used them?

Dick: No.

Maddox: I always thought that they were kinda stupid and hokey-looking too.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Everybody looks through that thing and they have that Segway effect. That Segway response, which is like, "Oh, this is dorky."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I went to a YouTube event where they had Google Glass demos, and I put it on and IMMEDIATELY I got it. I'm like, "Oh! Okay, I see the reason - "

Dick: That sounds right.

Maddox: (cracks up) "I see the reason for this technology existing, I see the need, I see that it will change everything going forward." And so Google I think has put a hold on the Google Glass technology.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, but a lot of companies in Japan and China are working around the clock to make their own versions of it, and they are HUGELY popular over there. Everybody has 'em.

Dick: Well, I hope Godzilla kills all those people. (Maddox chuckles) Uh...

Maddox: That's hateful!

Dick: What is?

Maddox: Hoping that Godzilla kills them?

Dick: Yes, that is ab-...that is...I mean it out of hate. (Maddox laughs) I would like anyone promoting the Glass technology to be KILLED. Yeah, absolutely.

Maddox: Godzilla wouldn't do that.

Dick: Because I hate them.

Maddox: Godzilla would wear Google Glass.

Dick: You know what? The worst thing about that Glass thing was the smug look of satisfaction those Glassholes would get when people would ask them about their Google Glass.

Maddox: Glassholes. (under his breath)

Dick: Like, if you've ever broken your arm and you walk around in a cast, people ask you what you did, and by the third time you've told the story you're like, "Ah fuck, man. Can you just fuck off? Like, I broke...I broke my arm."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "What...WHAT? What else? Like, don't make me tell the story again." Those Glassholes, no matter how many times people ask them about their stupid Google Glass, they're like, "Ohohohohoo, I can't WAIT to tell you about the Google Glass!" (stupid giddy voice)

Maddox: Look, I'm lookin' at Sean! Nothin' from Sean? No, uh, no shitting on Dick for killing fun here?? (stammers angrily)

Dick: They're not fun!

Maddox: (yells) They ARE fun! They're incredible to...they're fun and practical and useful technology! (Dick scoffs and laughs) "Oh, look at...oh, Dick hates Google Glass! I'm sorry I'm havin' so much fun with my technology and I'm enthusiastic about it, fuckhead!!" You wanna just kill my enthusiasm with the Google Glass and virtual reality! FUCK YOU!

Dick: Fun AND practical? (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah!! (both laugh)

Dick: Sounds...it sounds like a toothpaste commercial. "The World By **Maddox:** Fun AND Practical!" Fuck off.

Maddox: At least it has a utilitarian function!

Dick: Sean, Google Glass, thumbs up or thumbs down? To settle this debate.

Sean: I don't give a shit.

Dick: Exactly.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Great. Alright, that's my problem, Losing Your Cell Phone. We're outta time.

Maddox: Losing Your Cell Phone. (snidely)

Dick: Losing Your Cell Phone.

Maddox: Yeah Dick, uh... (sighs) Pretty -

Dick: (interjects) It's not as impassioned as your, uh, RIDICULOUS claims about Guardians of the Galaxy, but...

Maddox: Reasoned, level-headed, even-keeled criticisms of pop culture that's garbage. And yeah, every single person...every single friend of mine who liked Guardians of the Galaxy, just buy 'em a Rock 'N Flower and call it a day. That's your favorite part of the movie, you FUCKING morons.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: That's all they liked. They like the dancing flower at the end, the dancing Groot.

Dick: You can't write a better one!

Maddox: Baby Groot.

Dick: Write a better movie. Go ahead.

Maddox: I will not write a movie for the Hollywood industry. (Dick laughs) It's -

Dick: (interjects) What about for people?

Maddox: I mean, possibly.

Dick: You can write a better space adventure that's heartwarming?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: That's *heartwarming*? For all audiences, not just maniacs?

Maddox: Dick, you are defining a good movie in such a narrow term, (Dick scoffs) that it has to be heartwarming for all audiences?

Dick: That's all of the world!! (yelling) I'm defining it as a...the MOST general terms.

Maddox: Ooh! (mocking)

Dick: ALL of the world, that you could bring your date, your wife, your family to see this movie and it makes you feel good.

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: Not all movies have to be a weird cynical statement about life.

Maddox: Not all movies have to make you feel good! Not every movie has to have a love interest! Not every movie has to have this contrived, derivative bullshit! Not every movie has to have that stupid scene where the truck flips forward. I'm so tired of seeing that scene, I'm so tired of these movies. They're ALL the exact same, Dick, summer after summer after summer. There's over 42 superhero movies slated for the next 3 years. 42 of them!!

Dick: I know, and I hate them. I hate superhero movies, but I loved Guardians of the Galaxy 'cause it was good!

Maddox: Yeah Dick, I'll tell you a, uh...

Dick: 'Cause it wasn't full of, like, stupid technology MacGuffin devices. It was a good story about...humans!

Maddox: (yells) The whole MOVIE was MacGuffin devices, and there were only two...there was only...

Dick: Yeah, but they weren't the focus!

Maddox: There was literally only one human in the movie!!

Dick: Nyeah. Nah, you...

Maddox: Or what, three?

Dick: ...you're nitpicking again.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: It was the...the green broad's thing, with the body?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Her story was very human. Uh, the stupid raccoon's story was very human. "I get it! Uhh, he was an animal," (stupid voice) but his story was human. So was Groot's! They were all...they had very...they were very human, and that's -

Maddox: (interjects) Groot?! Groot had no character! He was literally wooden!! (laughs)

Dick: (chuckles) Ah. There you go.

Maddox: He was LITERALLY wooden.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: That's the guy you're saying was heartwarming? There was only one supposedly "heartwarming" scene in the entire movie, and that's when Groot sacrificed himself. That was...justified.

Dick: What about when Star-Lord put that broad in his, uh, his little space ship? That was pretty good!

Maddox: Okay! I'll give you two. There you go.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Okay, heartwarming. Big fucking deal! You know what other movie wasn't heart-

Dick: (interjects) What about when Rocket gets drunk?

Maddox: What about it??

Dick: And says that everyone treats him like shit all the time?

Maddox: Depressing!

Dick: That's heartwarming, man. (softly) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Look at that depressed, broken drunk who says he has no friends. (grinning) (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: I really identified...I really identified with that scene for some reason. (giggling)

Maddox: Oho, yeah! Surprise, surprise. There was another space adventure that wasn't heartwarming, Dick, and that was Star Wars. The original Star Wars movies?

Dick: It was heartwarming!

Maddox: That wasn't heartwarming. No, it wasn't.

Dick: WHAT?!

Maddox: It had moments, but I wouldn't define the movie as heartwarming! (yelling) "Hey, what'd you think of that Star Wars movie?" "Real heartwarming!" You know? (both laugh) You fuckin'...when he chopped off his, uh, his hand? When he gets his hand chopped off at the end?

Dick: That was The Empire Strikes Back, you FUCKING poser.

Maddox: That's what I'm talkin' about!

Dick: (stammers) Star Wars?

Maddox: The original three Star Wars movies. Those weren't heartwarming.

Dick: You're talking about all three?

M: Yeah! Those weren't heartwarming.

Dick: The third one was heartwarming as shit! With all the Ewoks going around everywhere?

Maddox: Dick, just because it had a heartwarming MOMENT or two, doesn't make the movie heartwarming.

Dick: Oh, stop. (exasperated)

Maddox: That's a movie that had a lot of dark moments.

Dick: The pedantism is way too... (Maddox sighs) The force of the pedantism is strong in you today. (Sean laughs in the background) You wanna wrap it up?

Maddox: Yeah. My problem this week was Guardians of the Galaxy.

Dick: My problems were "Wash Me" and Losing Your Cell Phone.

(closing riff starts)

Maddox: Alright guys, don't forget to vote for Guardians of the Galaxy at http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com, and -

Dick: (interjects) Out on BluRay now. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick! (giggling)

Dick: Thanks for listening. (smiles)

(theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller imitating Kermit the Frog): Hello, Kermit the Frog here again. (Maddox laughs) **I wanted to ask again what Maddox's problem actually was! You see Maddox, you rambled on for so long that I forgot what your problem was to begin with.** (Maddox chuckles) **Was it Vine? Was it Vine STARS? Was I hearing it THROUGH the grape vine? Was it the North Star?** (Dick giggles) **I don't know, because I just heard this guy rambling on about all kinds of random shit and it didn't make any fucking sense.**

Dick: You don't wanna ramble when you're criticizing someone for rambling.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: Sean, since you like my Kermit so much, why don't you shut the fuck up while I'm doing it so everyone else can hear it? Huh?? Is that somethin' you can do? Dick, did you have sex with your man yet? Ehh?

Dick: No.

Voicemail: YAAAAY! (Dick and Sean laugh) **Go fuck yourself.**

[**message ends**]

Maddox: (yells) Go fuck YOURself, Kermit! I don't need shit... (Dick cackles) ...from a puppet with a hand up its ass. Alright? You're LITERALLY gettin' fucked up the ass! Fuck you, Kermit. I'M FUCKIN' TIRED OF KERMIT! Cancel Kermit!!

Dick: Well, that's none of my business. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddox, do you know how I know that Utah is in the Midwest? 'Cause you're from there and you have that gay-ass Midwestern accent (Dick snickers) **where you say "asshole" like an "ayass-hole." Fuckin' idiot.**

[**message ends**]

Dick: That's...is that true?

Maddox: No -

Dick: (interjects) You do say "asshole" weird. A lot of people have commented on that.

Maddox: How do I say "asshole"?

Dick: "Yass-hole."

Maddox: "Ayass-hole."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like real nasally? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. They're saying that's a Midwest accent.

Maddox: Is it? I don't...

Dick: That's what they say! I don't know!

Maddox: IIIIII don't know, maybe! But here's the thing: in the Midwest...well, in Utah, growing up, nobody really said "asshole" except for me.

Dick: Oh, no.

Maddox: I do like to say "asshole" that way because it does sound a little bit more, uh, condescending.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: "Ayass-hole." (nasal voice) (laughs)

Dick: Here's that same voicemail. [**plays message from same caller**]

Voicemail: Hey Maddox, do you know how I know I...ah, FUCK. (everyone laughs) **Delete this one.**

[**message ends**]

Dick: Alright. That's it.

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 48

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy! What's up, buddy?! (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Episode 48, Dick. We're comin' up on our milestone of 50 episodes.

Dick: Of 52!!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So we've been arguing all week on whether or not we should celebrate the milestone of 50 or the stupid-sounding 52, which is technically, I guess literally, a year.

Dick: (laughs) Technically one year of episodes. (grins) Which is…in my, uh, view…more impressive that a podcast has gone one YEAR, because you can continue measuring it by year, than a podcast that's gone 50 episodes. 50…you can…shitty podcasts, you can knock 50 episodes out in a day. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah, but 52…what's the next milestone? Uh…(stammers) 104? (jeers) And then 156? That's stupid.

Dick: Two years. Three years. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Four years. You drop the numbers and you just go years. You shithead.

Maddox: I'm fine with that, but then what do you do for the 100th episode? Nothing? You just sit there with your dick in your hands?

Dick: I don't…do you wanna celebrate both?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: We can do that.

Maddox: That sounds like…that's a Maddox thing to do, buddy.

Dick: (scoffs) You be in charge of the 50th episode, I'll be in charge of the year episode. (giggles)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: There we go.

Dick: Can you believe that two grown men instantly…INSTANTLY totally opposite ideas of what we're doing. Asterios wrote and said, "Hey I wanna do something for the anniversary." At the same time, me, "Oh, you mean the 52nd?" Maddox…"Oh, you mean the 50th?" Ohhh boy. Here we go.

Maddox: Yeah. He thought it was the 50th, too. Whatever. There's a great…you know what? Let's…let's hear what you have to say in the comments, and then we will completely ignore it and do whatever we want.

Dick: Yeah. Happy…happy 400 day-th anniversary, honey. Right? That's what you say? (Maddox chuckles derisively) Not a year. Not 365.

Maddox: Oh, I tell her every day. (Dick scoffs) Every day's an anniversary.

Dick: Arbitrary.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Not every hour?

Maddox: Every…oh…

Dick: You don't celebrate the 40th hour? Or the 30th hour of…

Maddox: Well. I'll leave that to the woman. Uh, Dick, speaking of ignoring comments, um…so, the problems from last week.

Dick: Oooh, yeah! (excited)

Maddox: Number One. This is an upset. But "Losing Your Cell Phone". Everybody thought you did a shitty job of defending it, but to be fair, you only had a couple minutes at the end of the episode. The tail of the episode.

Dick: Yeah. (scoffs)

Maddox: But people felt that it was…of the problems we brought in, the closest thing to a real problem. And then "Wash Me", your stupid horseshit cock on your car, 'cause you're too lazy to wash your car. And then "Guardians of the Galaxy" got trounced! You guys happy? You idiots got what you want!!

Dick: I heard…not only was that the fastest negative problem we've ever had…I mean, you posted that problem, and it was already in the negatives.

Maddox: Yeah. It was positive for a hot minute.

Dick: Oh, what, when you voted up on it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then every single other person who voted, voted it down?

Maddox: Yeah, I love how…

Dick: (interjects) Maddox, oh, my God!!

Maddox: I love how in the comments. The comments people sometimes complain. They say, "Hey, this episode's been up for less than a minute. Who voted for this?" And I always comment "Me."

Dick: Yeah, you.

Maddox: I'm the first person to vote. Every single time, 'cause I update the database, and then I add the…I add my vote to it to, uh..to sway the audience. Anyway, Dick. Yeah, um…

(sighs) congratulations. Congratulations to all of you idiots for your Guardians of the Galaxy sweep. You fucking morons! Enjoy your stupid, shitty movie. And you know what, Dick? A number of people commented and they said, "How is this a problem?" I didn't get to…I didn't have enough time to elaborate, but this, essentially…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, thank God. You can do it right now. Right?

Maddox: Great.

Dick: More Guardians of the Galaxy.

Maddox: I just wanna say this.

Dick: Keep voting it negative, everybody.

Maddox: You know what? I don't give a shit!

Dick: Vote it negative for every second you waste this time bitching about it still.

Maddox: Yeah, great. You fucking morons. You're destroying our culture! So what Guardians of The Galaxy signals to other directors and creators. Because of its success, is that this is what we want! This is what Hollywood is!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: This is what Hollywood wants, so they're gonna create more of this horseshit, and then it's just gonna continue this downward trajectory of our culture and art, and it's gonna ruin everything! And we're gonna get more fucking superhero movies. Enjoy!

Sean: I'm shocked you're commenting on art.

Dick: Go ahead. Why is that, Sean?

Sean: No, I'm shocked he's commenting on art, because he doesn't think anything's art!

Maddox: No, that's not true!

Sean: You've…railed against everything!

Dick: What was everything that…what are you talking about?

Sean: Like, nothing is subjective with you. Music…like…

Dick: (interjects) That's right! That's right! (revelation)

Sean: I remember him saying like, "Oh, what, is programming art? Is typing art?"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: No! Come on. I think things are art. Of course…there's the art…there's the art of filmmaking, and I don't think Guardians of the Galaxies…Guardians of the Galaxy…is it "s"? Whatever! I don't think that shitty movie counts!

Dick: All the galaxies. (grins) They were guarding all of the galaxies. (taunting)

Maddox: Oh, yeah. You know what that fucking movie should have been called? (Dick giggles) Is Guardians of Xandar. That's all they defend in that fucking movie! That stupid,

made-up, bullshit-ass planet! Xandar. Which is, by the way, like, the most…the least creative name you could come up with for a planet.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: Xandar? I come up with better names in my sleep! (angry, definitely sweating)

Dick: Go ahead. (snaps) Let's hear one. (Sean giggles) Uh-oh. Let's hear a name! (grins)

Maddox: Oh…okay. Omnicron. How about that?

Dick: Omnicron is a guy…is the bad guy from Transformers, you fuck! The Transformers cartoon movie!

Maddox: Great!

Dick: Omicron was voiced by Orson Welles.

Maddox: I said OmNIcron, not Omicron!

Dick: Okay, rip off, right there, let's hear another one! (Maddox giggles) Let's hear a good planet name…for a planet.

Maddox: Umlaut. (cracks up)

Dick: Umlaut's the thing over the "u" in German! Try again! (grins)

Maddox: Good name for a planet!

Dick: Let's go! Let's hear it!

Maddox: How about…how about Shotgun Blast? (Dick scoffs) That's a fuckin' cool…that's a cool planet! Hey baby, I just got…I just landed on Shotgun Blast. She's gonna say, "Hey, when you come home, you're gettin' a blowjob!"

Dick: No, she's gonna say, "Stay there." (Maddox laughs) "Maddox, stay on Shotgun Blast."

Maddox: (laughing) Whatever.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey Maddox. I totally get why you don't like Guardians of the Galaxy. I think it's all about the Peter Quill character.

Dick: Yeah, it's true.

"Like how he was listening to music while his mom's in the hospital room dying? It's like he doesn't have any emotions. Like he's dead inside. Then when he grows up, he goes on and becomes a pirate, who thinks he's such a badass, but he comes across as a little gauche… (Dick and Maddox laugh) **when he calls himself the Starlord. Almost like an Internet pirate who thinks he's a badass and runs a website called the Best Page in the Universe."**

Dick: Awwwwww.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Did you see that coming? (grins)

"You know what I think, Maddox? I think Guardians of the Galaxy is a little too close to home for you. (Dick and Sean laugh) **Let's face it, Maddox. You ARE the Starlord."**

Dick: You are the Starlord. (laughing)

"And Dick, go fucking play the Titanic song.")

Dick: Ohhhhhhhh!!!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: You know what?! Fuck you! I'm not the Starlord. (yelling) I'm the Masterlord. That guy's a fucking idiot. I…

(Sound clip: Dick's revamped Titanic song starts to play, cutting Maddox off)

(Dick cracks up laughing)

Maddox: This is bullshit! (angry) I hate it! I'm gonna veto this!!! Sean, delete this episode! Seriously. This time for real!! (yelling) I'm gonna fucking knock over this desk! I hate this piece! I hate this bit! (disgusted) (Dick laughs) This fucking…this shit!

Dick: I still don't know why you hated Guardians of the Galaxy.

Maddox: I explained it!

Dick: I get, like…when you reviewed James Bond.

(Song continues in the background)

Maddox: I fucking hate this song!!!

Dick: (giggles) You had some good points as to why that was a crummy movie, but Guardians of the Galaxy, you had no good points!

Maddox: I had plenty of good points, and I just elaborated in the episode! You don't think the downward trajectory of our culture is a problem!?!!?

Dick: I thought it was great. I thought it was pulling comic books out of the derivative shit they've been doing.

Maddox: Yeah, well, you're an idiot. And it's totally derivative. It's just another fucking comic book movie! (Dick cackles) Aw, man! These fucking idiots. These fucking fans! I hate all of you! Every single listener who's every listened to the show! You guys are all idiots!

Dick: Ohhhhhhhh, man. (grins)

Maddox: Cancel the show! Cancel the episode! Unsubscribe. I don't give a fuck!

Sean: But Maddox, you have to know that movie studios have never been about the art, ever.

(Song ends)

Sean: The fact that some of it gets through. That people put out product that actually gets through and is…almost an anomaly. They only care about making money off of it. And it's never been any different. Same with the music industry. All of that.

Dick: Sounds like Sean's got a problem brewing over there.

Maddox: Wrong!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah. Why don't you bring that in as a problem, Sean?

Sean: I dunno, man.

Dick: (laughing) So aggressively!!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Take it from somebody who grew up in it.

Dick: Ohhh! (surprised)

Maddox: The Biggest Problem in the Universe with Maddox. Here we go. Alright. (giggles) This…

Dick: Wait, what are you doing?

Maddox: Nothin…you know what, I'm? No, nothing. I just wanted to read a comment, Dick. This one's from **Emma Olsen**. She says, " **Maybe we should start calling Dick Quick-Draw Dick."** Because of your dirty car wash problem? And she said, "**Get it, Dick?** "

Dick: Yeah, I get it.

Maddox: Because it's a double thing.

Dick: It's a two…it's a double. You gotta do both. (Maddox laughs) It's both. It's Wheel of Fortune. Before and After.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I get it. Very funny.

Maddox: Yeah. I got another comment from **Scott MacGregor**. He said, **"I've waited so long for Dick to get a vein. There's a joke in there somewhere."** Yeah, good one, Scott.

Dick: I got another voicemail. You wanna hear it?

Maddox: Yeah. Let's hear it.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "(shuffling) Thank you for this timely hit piece on Guardians of the Galaxy. (Maddox groans) **A movie that is, I think 18 months old, or possibly more? I think it's been in theaters. There's been an Oscar here since then. And an Olympics. Possibly a second Olympics.** (Dick cracks up) (Maddox giggles) **But you got your finger right on the pulse of what people are talking about, guys."**

Dick: I love this guy.

"Thank you. I don't know where we'd be without this very timely criticism."

Maddox: I hate this guy. Great.

"Of Guardians of the Galaxy. I look forward to your feelings (giggles) on the Lord of the Rings trilogy or whatever bullshit your…(unintelligible) (Maddox and Dick crack up) **Go fuck yourself.")**

Dick: He called…I brought in every one of his voice mails, 'cause they're all so funny.

Maddox: You know, asshole?

(Voice mail: (same guy) "An open-format conversation podcast…"

Maddox: Great.

"Where two spirited individuals have a disagreement of opinion about the affairs of the world. Yeah. Derivative.") (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Pretty funny guy.

Maddox: Yeah. No, I'm tired of that guy!

Dick: He sounds so smug.

Maddox: Yeah. He sounds like he's grinning.

(Voice mail: (same guy) "True or false? (Dick giggles) **I have at least 20 pics of dicks or whatever the fuck you said…"**

Maddox: Yeah, I said dicks.

"**On my phone right now."**

Maddox: Yeah, you're just laughing to yourself.

"I have…some bad news. Letter "u", letter "r", letter "gay"." (Maddox and Sean crack up) "**Edit that so I don't sound stupid, would ya?")**

Dick: Do you know what he said at the end?

Maddox: No, what did he say?

Dick: "Edit it so I don't sound stupid".

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are…gaaaaaaaay!?")

Dick: I did. I edited it so he wouldn't sound stupid. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Was that it?

Dick: You wanna hear it? No, no, no. Here's…here's the edit.

Maddox: Let's hear the edit.

(Voice mail: (same guy) "True or false. I have…no…(clipped) dick. Edit that so I don't sound stupid, would ya?" (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: I don't hear you grinning through your teeth in that one, asshole. Ah, man.

Dick: Oh, God. So many…

Maddox: Can we block that phone number? Block that phone…I'm gonna get in and block that.

Dick: Here's…here's a good one.

(Voice mail: (male voice, sounds like crappy imitation of a Japanese samurai from an anime) "Hello Dick and Maddox-u… (Dick and Maddox laugh) **My name is… Tamaka-san!! I am a samurai!"**

Dick: Samurai. (giggles)

"We do not drive-u our cars like you, Maddox-u. (Maddox dies of laughter) **Samuria drive-u with efficiency! While still remaining respectful.** (Dick and Sean crack up)**and keeping the safety of the drivers around us in mind. Meanwhile-ru.** (Maddox laughs)**You, Maddox-u, drive like a cuuurazy gaijin asshole!!!** (Dick and Maddox laugh)**You are ze the kind of person who leaves giant accidents in his wake-u.** (they all crack up) **Please. Commit seppuku right-u now!! And you…Dick-u Masterson!"**

Dick: Yeah.

"Anata wa suuugoi na hiito daiyo!! That means you are a pretty coor-u guy!" (Maddox laughs)

"Until-ru next time. Saiyonara!!!")

(Everyone dies of laughter)

Maddox: I like that guy. He's always busting my balls! I'd go drinking with that dude.

Dick: Yea, he's cool. (grins)

Maddox: I'll drink some soju with him.

Dick: You don't…you don't drive like a samurai, though. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I do like to drive like a samurai!

Dick: No…Paul…**Paul Gifford** says, **"Lol. I drive by the samurai ethos. You mean bushido, the code of honor, patience, calmness, serenity, perfection, and war?"** (Sean laughs) **"Maddox, it sounds more like you drive like Mad Max or Jason Statham from Death Race; on edge, furious, and like you're always in constant peril."**

Maddox: Uh, yeah. Thank you. That is…that's one of the best compliments I've ever…

Dick: (interjects) Not like a samurai. (grins)

Maddox: That…(stammers) samurai…you don't know what the fuck a samurai does, dickhead! And I didn't mean bushido, I meant a samurai! Samurais are always pissed off! Always. (Dick laughs) Especially when they're making love! (background laughter)

Dick: Is that how you fuck? Like you drive?! (incredulous) Oh, my god!!

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaaaaaaaahh!!!

Dick: You're gonna rip a girl's tits off like that! (Maddox cracks up) You gotta be careful!

Maddox: Yep. Hey, gotta hang on, buddy!

Dick: Um, I got…God, I got so many great comments. Uh…I'll do one more, though. I don't wanna get crazy today.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Chris Pucknell. This might be the funniest, best comment I've ever read. **Chris Pucknell, "The shows are released every Tuesday, but they never take advantage of the phrase, "See you next Tuesday.""**

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: And he adds, **"Cleverly concealing the word "cunt"."** (Maddox laughs) In case we didn't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We know, buddy. We invented that joke. Yeah, we've never done that on the…

Dick: (interjects) See you next Tuesday!

Maddox: See you next Tuesday.

Dick: Oh, we should.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: That's a very cunty thing for us to do. Um, Dick. I have…

Dick: One more. One more.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Matthew Gordon says, **"Maddox, two weeks in a row, you've sounded like some decrepit old bitch."**

Maddox: Mmmkay.

Dick: (giggles) **"During your bullshit argument against Guardians of the Galaxy, I swear the only thing I heard was 'Get off my lawn'." I think it's time for diabetes-safe socks and extra-large sunglasses."**

Maddox: You know what? Fuck you! I'm tired of this shit! I bust my hump bringing in well-researched problems! I wrote this…like, three pages shitting on this…your favorite movie. (angry)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: For your benefit! For your enlightenment.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And this is the thanks I get. Dick, um, I have. I have a bit to play. It's…it's one of your favorite bits on the show. It's everyone's favorite bit…

Dick: Goddamnit.

Maddox: …on the show. What?

Dick: Go! I know what the bit is.

Maddox: No. It might not be!

Dick: It's "out of context shenanigans, brought to you by Maddox". Go ahead. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, you don't know, Dick. It might not be.

(Ritzy theme song starts, "DICK VERSUS DICK!!!!" voice)

Dick: Ugh, such horseshit.

Maddox: (laughing) Ahh, Dick. Today's Dick Versus Dick comes to us all the way back from episode 41.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: Remember, umm…I don't know if you remember this, Dick, but, uh…here's what you said way back when. Listen to this.

(Harp riff)

Dick: Oh, you got a harp.

(Dick: "You know, you guys…you would really do well by reading a book called "Siddhartha".

Maddox: Siddhartha talks about that, Dick? How not get incensed at things you read on Facebook?

Dick: Yeah, man. It's all about not…it's very…very Zen Buddhist. It's all about not engaging with the things in life that upset you.

Maddox: Oooooh, I feel a Dick Versus Dick coming on!!! (Whitney laughs) Tune in next episode, guys!

Dick: Why? Why? What did I say?")

(Harp riff)

Maddox: Yeah. You remember saying that, Dick?

Dick: You what this segment should be called?

Maddox: Yeah, what?

Dick: "Maddox doesn't get jokes". (Maddox laughs) I remember why I said that, too.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: I said that because Whitney was talking about recently enlightened people and how annoying they are when they pitch what they've just become enlightened with.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: So I said…I chimed in with, "You know what, Maddox? You should read…" and then I gave this stupid Buddhist spiel over Siddhartha, which is like a ninth-grade reading book.

Maddox: You know, I agree Dick, that was a funny statement, but I believe that there was a kernel of truth in there, because you're always saying, (whiny voice) "What's the big deal with Facebook? What's the big deal with Guardians of the Galaxy?"

Dick: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Maddox: Well, here's what you said…well, this is just from a number of episodes. Here you go.

(Harp riff)

(Dick: "Whoa, everyone slow the fuck down. Didn't that sound like bullshit?"

Dick: "I'm so fuckin' pissed off. (grins)

Dick: So suck it up! Shut the fuck up! That's crazy!!!

(Maddox and Dick laughing live)

Dick: These chickenshit, nutless, Dick Versus Dick, out of context horseshit bits that …you're like a fuckin' child! Fuck you!!!

(Maddox still laughing)

Dick: I am so pissed off!

Dick: Just it existing would bring my blood pressure down!!!!

Dick: 50 years of comic book movies! WHO FUCKING CARES!!!!

(Harp riff)

(Maddox laughing)

Dick: I'll try it. I gotta go read that book again.

Maddox: Siddhartha, huh? Is that what you recommended to read?

Dick: Yeah, Siddhartha. Maybe I'll read the sequel.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Sean: I think he said, "I can't jack off enough times in one day to get rid of my anger", or something like that.

Maddox: He did say that.

Dick: Alright, shut up, Sean. (Sean laughs) You know what? I was gonna let you off the hook this time, Maddox, but now I'm definitely playing Titanic. Do you remember where we were when we last left off?

Maddox: No! We're not doing this! You already played the fucking song! You get one or the other.

Dick: Ooooooooookay. Nope, that's…I'm playing it.

(Clip starts)

Dick: Do you remember where we were? We had just discovered something exciting.

Maddox: I'm so fucking mad! This is bull…Dick…this is…what is this?!

Dick: Look. Look.

Maddox: No. I will not.

Dick: I'm putting it in front of your computer, then.

Maddox: I'm not looking. Sean, turn that shit down.

Dick: It's Bill Paxton.

Maddox: I'm not…I'm not.

Dick: He just found something under the sea and they're finally out of the sea.

Maddox: I'm not gonna look. (laughing) I'm not gonna look.

(Clip continues)

Dick: All these people are gathering around.

Maddox: Good.

Dick: What they're pulling out of the ocean.

Maddox: Yeah. Probably a big dick.

Dick: No, it's not a big dick.

Maddox: It's a big dick they're pulling out of the ocean. (giggles) Then they can fuck themselves with it.

Dick: It's a safe.

Maddox: Oh, wow. (uninterested)

Dick: Bill Paxton and his crew just pulled a safe out of the ocean.

Maddox: Oh, lemme guess. Is there a fucking jewel in there? Is there a jewel in that safe?

Dick: You wanna see?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Aren't you interested?

Maddox: No. Great.

Dick: They're opening champagne.

Maddox: I don't give a shit.

Dick: Everyone's getting soaked in champagne, like they just won something.

(Clip ends)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick. Dick, you don't…you don't get to do a double on this.

(Sound clip: Dick: "It's a two…it's a double. You get to do both.")

Maddox: You don't get to do that.

Dick: Was it a jewel or was it not?

Maddox: I don't care. Fucking bullshit. I'm so pissed off.

Dick: Alright. Go ahead.

Maddox: What? Okay. I got a comment here from **Daniel Yaha…ya ya.** Whatever. He says, **"Hey Maddox. You watch porn. All porn is derivative as hell. Penis goes into vagina. Woop-dee-doo."** Uh, not always, Daniel. Sometimes penis goes into butt.

(Sound clip: Fart sound)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Get to a problem.

Maddox: Um, okay. My first problem this week, Dick. Is Obesity.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah!! Huge problem!

Dick: Hmmph.

Maddox: Now, Dick. What?

Dick: Good one. (grins)

Maddox: (laughing) Thanks. (Sean laughs) It is a huge problem. Real big. Obesity, Dick. So, here's how I'll know if the system works. If our little experiment…

Dick: If our voting system works?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Because obesity is a bigger problem than hunger.

Dick: Yeah. I got news for you. It doesn't work. Slacktivism is at the top?

Maddox: Yeah! Because slacktivism makes people think that they've done something when they haven't, and then they end up not doing anything at all! It's basically procrastinating anything. Anything getting done. It's a huge problem.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. Um, this is from the World Health Organization. It says, "Overweight and Obesity are linked…" that's stupid phrasing. Anyway…(Dick cracks up) It says over…(laughs) "Overweight and obesity are linked to more deaths worldwide than underweight." Did you know that?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah. More deaths than underweight, Dick. "65% of the world's population live in a country where overweight and obesity kills more people than underweight. This includes all high income and middle income countries. Globally, 44% of diabetes, 23% of ischemic heart disease, and 7% to 41% of certain types of cancers are attributed to overweight and obesity."

Dick: So you're saying that obesity should be a bigger problem than hunger, because…

Maddox: Than hunger.

Dick: Because it causes more deaths.

Maddox: Not just because it causes more deaths, but more disease, too.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, but I don't…I don't think so. Because…(Maddox scoffs) obesity is a choice. And hunger is not a choice. Very rarely is it a choice to be starving. That's why I think hunger is a bigger problem, because it's…it's a much worse fate to be stuck with nothing to eat than it is to be sick because you've crammed butter and cheesecake down your throat for 50 years.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, that's interesting, Dick. Do you also think that AIDS is a choice? Because you said that hunger is a bigger problem than AIDS. Uh-oh…ohhhhh, ohhhhhhh?

Dick: I don't think AIDS is a choice.

Maddox: It's not a choice. I mean, sometimes.

Dick: Well, why are you asking me if I think AIDS is a choice? Who says…

Maddox: (interjects) Because during that episode…

Dick: (interjects) Who the fuck thinks AIDS is a choice?

Maddox: No, but during that episode…your…listen to what your argument is, Dick. You just said that obesity is a choice, whereas hunger is not. And you said…

Dick: Do you disagree with that?

Maddox: But during…during…hold on. That's not the point. During that hunger episode, you said that hunger is a bigger problem than AIDS because hunger affects more people. But now you're saying that obesity is not a bigger problem than hunger, because obesity is a choice. Well, AIDS isn't a choice either!

Dick: I mean, you understand that the reasons are a big part of that. Like, it's…it's hotter in your oven than it is outside because the oven's got stuff in it that heats it up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a whole different reason. Hunger is more…it…it doesn't matter. Go on.

Maddox: Yeah. No, you know what, Dick? Um, obesity is not always a choice, at least insofar as a child's choice is concerned, because children are not at the age of consent. A lot of times, they're beholden to what their parents feed them.

Dick: Oohhh.

Maddox: And according to the CDC…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The percentage of children aged 6 to 11 years in the United States who were obese increased from 7% in 1980 to nearly 18% in 2012. That's over two and a half times in 30 years.

Dick: Yeah. People are getting fat.

Maddox: Yeah. But those are kids specifically who don't have a choice in what they eat. They don't have a say.

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: They eat what their parents give 'em. Similarly, the percentage of adolescents aged 12 to 19 years who are obese increased from 5% to nearly 21%! Over four times the amount in the same period. Four times! That's an epidemic, man. I mean, that is bigger than hunger. That's bigger than AIDS. This is…this may be the biggest problem in the universe. Probably even bigger then female genital mutilation. No shit!

Dick: I know. It was a big problem when I brought it in as "Everyone Needs to Lose 20 Pounds". (smug)

Maddox: Dick!!!! (Sean laughs)

Dick: You remember that?

Maddox: Yeah, I remember your horseshit problem that you were…you were just bringing that problem in 'cause you wanted to bang a hot chick, or something. That was your…your whole argument.

Dick: I believe it!

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, not everyone needs to lose 20 pounds. Because guess what? That problem undermines your fucking hunger problem, doesn't it?!!

Dick: You're right. Some people need to lose 200 pounds. (Maddox laughs) What's next? What's…

Maddox: More stats, Dick. More stats.

Dick: More stats. (grins)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: (laughs) What else did the WHO have to say about obesity?

Maddox: Lots of things, Dick!

Dick: Were you obese?

Maddox: Ye…uh, yeah, I was. At some point in my life. So, I was. I weighed…at some point, about 250 pounds. 252 pounds at my heaviest.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: I was a big boy.

Dick: Every day is a leg day for you when you weight 250 pounds. (Maddox laughs) I'm not joking! I mean, I'm saying it in a funny way, but that's absolutely true.

Maddox: No, that's…that's fucking true. Don't fat shame me, Dick.

Sean: Well, to be medically obese, you don't have to be that overweight. It's…are you thinking morbidly obese?

Dick: We're all almost obese in my medical opinion.

Maddox: Yeah. Dick's…

Dick: No, but you're…you're right, Sean. It's, like, 30 pounds, or something like that?

Sean: Yeah. It's not that much. And then, yeah. I don't know if it's, like, 80 or 100 pounds to be morbidly obese?

Maddox: Well, that's a good point, Sean. Someone sent an email awhile back talking about the BMI of swimsuit models, and they said, "Well technically, they're obese." (stammers) and I said, "No, they're not."

Dick: Okay, whatever.

Maddox: And he said they were starving. And I'm like no, first of all, BMI is not a very good indicator of obesity, because it doesn't take into consideration height and age, and specific body type. Like, for example, Polynesians naturally just have larger bodies than most of Americans. Yet, Polynesians, based on this standard, are all obese. But they're not. They're perfectly healthy. They have healthy cholesterol levels and healthy…whatever. Other fucking blood levels. I…I don't wanna be corrected for this! Shut up! I don't care.

Dick: You know…you know what is a good indicator of obesity?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Me.

Maddox: (scoffs) Oh yeah?

Dick: I can look at any broad I see. I'll tell you if she's fat or not.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they can sneak it by you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They wear fat stuff to hide it. They pose in fat ways.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: They're holding their purse in funny ways, like they're pregnant.

Maddox: Yep. Yeah.

Dick: Mmm. I'll see right through that, like the Terminator.

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: Boop boop boop boop boop!! Fat broad detected! (grins)

Maddox: Dick, you know….

Dick: (interjects) Gotta bang.

Maddox: You know I'm good at that too, right?

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause we've…we've gone through this before, like you've shown me pictures, like "God, I can't tell." And I'm pretty good at detecting that, too.

Dick: Oh, yeah. It's true.

Maddox: It's always the weird angles. The grainy photos. I know what's goin' on. I know what's goin' on, fatties! Um, so yeah. I was a fatty. I was a big, fat, fatty. 252 pounds.

Dick: How'd you get that way?

Maddox: Well, uh…35 pounds of it was directly attributed to writing my first book.

Dick: What? (incredulous)

Maddox: Uh, I gained 35 pounds during that process, because it almost…I mean, that was just such a brutal process. I worked for six months on that…on my first book, from start to finish. In that time, I wrote a computer program that was over 2000 lines just to create a chat room for my illustrators to upload their artwork.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And to also communicate with each other so that everybody could be on the same page for that book. So that the book, even though 8 different people were working on it. It had the same artistic direction, because we…I didn't have an overarching artistic director. I was…I took that role.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And I got $7,000 to do everything. To do all of this. Anyway, and for every one page that went into my book, I wrote three pages of description for the illustrations that I needed in it, because you have to be very specific with illustrators. You know, sometimes we have people…we farm out some thumbnails for this episode.

Dick: Yeah, I just let 'em run with it. Like a sentence…

Maddox: Oh, I know.

Dick: You're like "Oh, tell 'em this, this, this." And I'm like, "Ahh, here's the problems. Make whatever you want."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then you're like "What the hell!? Where did this come from?! This isn't what I said at all!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like "Ahh, give 'em a break."

Maddox: Ugh, alright, Dick. (sighs) I mean, that's the difference between you and I, but for that book, it took so much work…so, imagine. That was a 200-page book.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So I wrote, essentially, 600 pages of writing that didn't go into the book.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And 2000 lines of code that nobody will ever see. And that was just…and that's not even counting the editing I did and the proofing I did, and the layout that I did, and all this other shit, and the research. That book almost…and I did that in six months from start to finish. And I mean that. I didn't take a single day off. I worked on Christmas. I worked on Thanksgiving. I worked on New Year's Eve.

Dick: Sounds like you didn't take a meal off, either, if you put on 35 pounds during all that. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You know, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) What, do you eat to, like..when you're stressed out? Do you eat?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is that what you do?

Maddox: I did. I did.

Dick: That would be rough.

Maddox: Also…you know, Dick. I thought my diet was pretty healthy when I was at that weight. I thought that I was eating healthy things, 'cause I…like, every morning, I would have a sausage and egg sandwich.

Dick: Oh, good. (Maddox laughs) If it's on the men…if it's on the breakfast menu at McDonald's, probably a healthy choice. Right?

Maddox: No, I made it…I made it myself, but I thought…

Dick: (laughing) It's still on there!

Maddox: Oh, I know. I know. I know I was fuckin' up. But I thought, "You know what? I'm getting turkey sausage, so that's a little healthier."

Dick: Oh, my god.

Maddox: And I'm eatin' whole wheat bread. And I'm eatin'…and then one day…

Dick: This is what fat people actually believe.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs) No, it's true. I didn't…I believed that. And then one day, when I sat down and I looked at the calories in everything I was eating.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I realized I was eating, like, a 6-700 calorie breakfast just for that one sandwich alone.

Dick: Yeah,

Maddox: And sometimes I would have a bowl of cereal in addition to that, 'cause I thought, "Well, it's part of a balanced breakfast." They always show two things on the…on the…(trails off laughing) (Dick laughs) On the commercials. And I'd wash it down with a cup of orange juice, and I did the math one day and I'm like "Holy shit, that's a 1700-fucking calorie breakfast I just ate."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And cereal was my big undoing. I would always keep boxes of cereal in the living room or the kitchen, or whatever. And I'd walk in when I would get stressed out writing, grab a handful, pop it in my mouth, and not think anything of it. And then I realized, after about two or three days, those boxes of cereal were disappearing. I was eating, like, a box of cereal every two or three days.

Dick: You're like a horse.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, going through that cereal.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What kind of cereal? 'Cause cereal's pretty healthy, but now I'm thinking maybe this was Lucky Charms or Cookie Crisp.

Maddox: No, it was Shredded Wheat.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And then, I remember…this is just a real moment here, but I remember when I was moving from my last apartment, er, two apartments ago, I was going through my cupboards, and I found this perfectly unopened box of cereal, just kinda tucked away. It looked like it was brand new. And I thought, "What the hell? What's this doing here." And I remember the day I bought that cereal, and I bought it specifically to not eat it, as a test of my willpower. (Dick laughs) Because that was my big Achilles' heel. I really liked cereal. And I remember leaving that on the counter for months and not touching it. And not opening it. Just to kind of test myself, you know?

Dick: Yeah. Sure.

Maddox: And then eventually…and then eventually, I think I had some dates, I lost a lot of weight, some dates came over, and I was like, "You know what? It just looks weird having this unopened box of cereal on the counter. I'm gonna hide it." And I left it there. And I remember that's the last box of cereal I ever bought, and I bought that about eight…seven years ago. About seven years ago.

Dick: What kind of cereal was it?

Maddox: It was Shredded Wheat.

Dick: Shredded Wheats.

Maddox: Yeah. That was my jam.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: Yeah. And I haven't bought cereal since. Not a single box in seven years.

Dick: So you're familiar with this problem of obesity.

Maddox: I am very familiar with this problem. And, yeah.

Dick: What changed? How do you get people to change? 'Cause it's out of control. I agree with you that it's a huge epidemic. Diabetes drugs, like, the sale of diabetes drugs, diabetes Type 2, I already brought in, which is caused by obesity, pretty much.

Maddox: It's…there's a lot of correlation to it. I…I read some statistic, too, that…I think you may have mentioned this during the episode, but if you lose something like 2 or 3 pounds of weight around your waist, it decreases your risk of type 2 diabetes by 50% or something.

Dick: I…yeah. I think it's higher than that, too.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. That's a lot. Um, yeah. So, what changed is…I decided I wanted to live a healthy lifestyle. I started biking everywhere. I bike…I still. That's why I'm such a huge bike advocate, 'cause it gets you off your fat ass!!

Dick: But what if you wanna be, like, a man and lose weight. (Sean chuckles) Then what would you recommend? (cracks up)

Maddox: You know, fuck you, Dick!!! (Dick guffaws) I ride my bike like a samurai, too! Where's that samurai? I'm sure he'll get my back!

Dick: I got a…I got a voice mail about that. Hold on. Lemme play it.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey Maddox, it's Chris from Tampa. I'm surprised you didn't know that a 12-year-old Vine star figured you'd go, like, ride bikes or something like that. (Dick cracks up) **Uhh, Dick, go fuck yourself.")**

Maddox: No…shut up!!! Did he tell me to go fuck myself?

Dick: No, he told me to go fuck myself.

Maddox: Alright, good.

Dick: So you rode bikes.

Maddox: Yeah, man.

Dick: You rode your bike.

Maddox: Yeah. I rode my bike a lot and I got a trainer at the gym. I decided…I also decided that I was allowing myself to spend $5 to $10 per meal for breakfast. I changed my meals one at a time. I stopped eating so much shit.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And…the way to do this. First of all, don't do a fucking diet. Diets don't work, because your body will reject them. You will fall right back into your rut. You have to sneak this onto your body so gradually that your body doesn't even notice. So, one day a week, I would change my breakfast from my turkey sausage and egg sandwich to a bowl of fruit with a handful of almonds and two hard-boiled eggs.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And I had cholesterol problems, so I ditched the yolk and I just ate the protein. And it was a real light meal. But I did that one day a week for a month, and then two days a week for a month, and then eventually, it was every single day, and to this day, I still eat something similar to that. Now I eat a lot of oatmeal, but…

Dick: You're like a Ben Franklin kinda guy. Did you ever…have you ever thought of that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Has anybody ever told you that?

Maddox: What?

Dick: 'Cause, like, you know that Ben Franklin made that stupid book about, like, being a better person.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he had this system, where he would, like, if he noticed that he was, um…oh, god. If he noticed that he was gossiping one day, the next day, he would, like, try to go through a whole day without gossiping. And he literally had a chart where he would check off a day where he didn't do that vice.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: And then by the end, he just had, you know, all check boxes. 'Cause he was perfect, right? (Maddox cracks up) That's what he wants you…that's what he's saying without saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I always hated that story, 'cause I'm like "Okay, so he's just saying he didn't do those things. Whatever. Fuck him. (Maddox laughs) But it sounds like you're doing the same thing!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. I do.

Dick: It's very methodical.

Maddox: I do. And sometimes, I do things…I set up traps for myself and I test myself, just to make sure that I have internal consistency.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that I make sure that I do the same decisions. I have all these little routines and things. I've been blocking Facebook on my computer, too. And I make it really difficult for me to unblock it, because I know myself. I'm a lazy person.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And if I'm lazy and it takes my any more effort than typing the letter "F" into my browser bar, I'm not gonna go to Facebook. I'm over it. I'm done.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'll just get back to work.

Dick: I dunno if I've ever done that.

Maddox: I'm…I'm compulsive. I used to be a compulsive…I mean, I still am. A compulsive Facebook checker. Because I have so many different accounts and little things just buzzing me all the time, and so many…I have so many different pages and comments and messages, and fucking voice mails! It's nonstop. It's a cacophony.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. A couple of other stats real quick and I'll just…

Dick: One meal at a time, right? One day at a time. That's how you did it.

Maddox: Yeah, uh…if you're serious about losing weight, get a trainer. Talk to a nutritionist. And then you need to calculate your calories. And don't feel bad about what you're eating, because if you just feel guilty all the fucking time, you're gonna feel awful. And then my trainer…here's a big tip that my trainer told me. He said, "Look, man. You're gonna have cravings, and you're gonna want to eat some shit sometimes." And I said, "You're damn right, I am." And then he said, "Look, if you're gonna eat shit, make it the best shit possible." Like, if you're gonna have a big, greasy American barbecue platter? Go to the best place and have the best barbecue platter. 'Cause he likened it…I think maybe this was my analogy, but I likened it to sex. You would rather have sex, but masturbation will do, right? But if you're gonna do it, you might as well have sex.

Dick: Well, I mean…I don't know. (Maddox laughs) Sometimes…sometimes you're just kinda over it with a girl and you're like, "Oh, man. I don't really want you coming over. I'm just gonna jerk off."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. That's a snack.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So…not all the time.

Maddox: Not all the time. Don't snack. Get the meal. Get the meal when you can. Okay, maybe it's not the best analogy. Fuck you. Alright…anyway, man. (Sean laughs) Uh…just one more…a couple more stats and then I'm done with this problem. Uh…the biggest problem in the universe, I would say. Here's…here's a really mindblowing stat. "In 2008, more than 1.4 billion adults were overweight, and more than half a billion were obese." That's 6…that's 500 million people who are obese, dude! "At least 2.8 million people each year die as a result of being overweight or obese. The prevalence of obesity has nearly doubled between 1980 and 2008." Nearly doubled in 30 years. "Once associated with

high-income countries, obesity is now prevalent in low and middle-income countries as well."

Dick: Wait, wait. Say that last part again? "Once prevalent in high-income countries…"?

Maddox: Yeah. It was once prevalent in high-income countries. And now, it's…obesity is also prevalent in low and middle-income countries.

Dick: Huh. Is that because of, like, fast food? That we export, like, fast food chains? Or… you know what I mean. Shitty food.

Maddox: Yeah, shitty food.

Dick: All over the world.

Maddox: You…(laughs) So here's one last thing I'll end on here. It said…this is, I believe, from the WHO. It said, "Raised BMI is a risk factor for noncommunicable diseases, such as cardiovascular disease…" bla, bla, bla. And they said, "While they continue to deal with problems of infectious diseases under nutrition, they are experiencing a rapid upsurge in noncommunicable disease factors, such as obesity and overweight, particularly in urban settings." So here's how you can overcome it. Just increase consumption of fruits and vegetables, as well as legumes, whole grains, and nuts. And then limit energy intake from total fats and sugars. That's it. Stop eating so much shit and exercise. It's not a secret, guys. Diet and exercise. That's what worked for me.

Dick: It's a big problem.

Maddox: That's my problem.

Dick: You know what causes obesity?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Hunger.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: Out of control, insatiable hunger.

Maddox: Mmm. (skeptical)

Dick: The kind of hunger where you want to eat your own hand when you're stressed out.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't think so.

Dick: The kind of hunger you get when you're writing a masterpiece of a book.

Maddox: Haaaaa.

Dick: Go vote up "Hunger".

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick! Go vote up monkeys!!!

(Sound clip: Monkeys hooting)

Dick: You ready for my problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what day it is tomorrow, don't you? (mysterious)

Maddox: Tomorrow's Wednesday.

Dick: Tomorrow's Wednesday.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what day good 'ol Wednesday is in the US?

Maddox: Oh, hump day?

Dick: Tax day.

Maddox: Oh, shit!! Is it, really?

Dick: Ohhoho, yeah, buddy!

Maddox: Tax day…is this Wednesday!?!?!?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, f…I haven't done shit!

Dick: April 15th!

Maddox: Fuck!!! I haven….

Dick: Well, maybe I should change my problem to "That look on your face when you realize tax day is tomorrow." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Seriously!?

Dick: April 15th, yes!

Maddox: Fuck! I haven't done shit!

Dick: Uhhhhhhhh…well! Maddox.

Maddox: Shit!!

Dick: Then you're gonna be voting up my problem. (grins)

Maddox: Awww, fuck. I'm sweating!

Dick: Income Tax!

Maddox: This is a nervous sweat right now, for real. Ugggggggh. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Just defer it. Defer it 'til October.

Maddox: I always do, but you still have to pay it.

Dick: Get the extension.

Maddox: Otherwise you get fined up the ass.

Dick: Aaaah, well. Income tax!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's my problem

Maddox: Mmkay.

Dick: Income tax.

Maddox: Uhh…why is…

Dick: (interjects) And I brought in a bunch of stupid stats, too.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's hear it.

Dick: But, uh…I think what it all comes down to for me, for this particular problem, is where do you get off? If you support the income tax? Where do you get off thinking you have the right to my money?

Maddox: Wherever I want.

Dick: Yeah. (scoffs) (Maddox laughs) And that's really, to me, that's the line. That's the line in the sand that says you're either with me or against me. Where…please justify where you think you have a right to my money!

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, boy oh boy, Dick.

Dick: Money that is the quantum of life!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You trade your life for money! Every day.

Maddox: Sure. Sure.

Dick: Is that true or false? Every day, people all over the world trade the bits and piece of their life for money.

Maddox: Yeah, some people do. I made that case awhile back in my old job. I asked my coworker in the other cubicle. I said, "Hey man, would you trade a month of your life for $10,000?" He said, "Fuck no." I said, "Well, you're doing it right now for a lot less."

Dick: Uh, actually, depending on what day of the year it was, they were doing it for zero.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because, according to my little mathematical calculations, the average worker in America spends 10% of the year working for nothing!

Maddox: Because of taxes?

Dick: Because of the income tax.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Average guy makes, let's say 50 grand, right? It's around there?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Average person pays 5 grand in tax…I'm not counting payroll tax, by the way.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: 'Cause I'll bring that in separately, 'cause I think that's also horseshit. This is just income tax.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: What is 5 grand of income tax, counting state and local taxes.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Out of $50,000. That's 10%!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Man. 10% of your year, you are working…you are basically in an air conditioned slave camp for 10% of the year!

Maddox: Well, Dick…

Dick: Where do you get off?

Maddox: Well, Dick. You…you have to eat, right? You have to eat every day?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you have to buy food with that money. Would you say that, then, I don't know, 20% of your year, you're doing nothing, you're working for free, because you have to buy food with it?

Dick: That's a tax that God stuck on me. I can't dodge that one! (Maddox laughs) This is an income tax that everyone is making me pay.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: With guns!

Maddox: Yeah. You say…

Dick: (interjects) With guns and force, you know.

Maddox: Ohoho. Ohhhh, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: The system. The system that then you have to work to PAY FOR, that makes you pay more taxes!

Maddox: Suckers. You know, Dick, you sound like my dad. Um, (laughs) You sound so much like my…my dad is…he carries little bits and pieces of paper around with him in his wallet…and every time he goes…

Dick: (interjects) Confetti?

Maddox: No, no…um…(Dick laughs)

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause your dad's, like, Rip Taylor? (Maddox laughs) He's always celebrating?!!? No, what do you mean?

Maddox: My dad is the…he is the least flamboyant guy you'll ever meet. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: He's the opposite of Rip Taylor, you're saying.

Maddox: He's the opp…he's like stone. He's stoic. Um, my dad carries little bits and pieces of paper, and he'll go…I swear to God, we went to a furniture store one time…

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: And my dad just wanted to buy a fucking couch. And then he got in an argument with the sales clerk saying, "Well, I shouldn't have to pay taxes for this. The 16th amendment wasn't ratified!" And he pulled out these little slips of paper and started showing them, and…

Dick: Are you serious?!

Maddox: Oh, yeah, he's one of those.

Dick: Awesome!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) That's my dad.

Dick: Oh, that's awesome as shit.

Maddox: Yeah. He wants to go back to the Gold standard. He thinks that the world is run by 12 bankers and uh…

Dick: Well, I don't know about that.

Maddox: All this conspiracy shit. And yeah, gold, and libertarians. It's all your fucking libertarian agenda! That's all it is! Gold and fucking guns. That's…yeah.

Dick: Sean? What's the clock? Sean and I had a bet in the car, because…(Maddox laughs) I told Sean my problem and Sean bet me how long it would take you to accuse me of being a libertarian.

Maddox: Yep! (laughs)

Dick: What's the clock, Sean?

Sean: 3:46. I won the over.

Dick: You fuck!! FUCK! (Maddox laughs) So Sean said 3 minutes and I said under, 'cause I thought it was the first thing you'd say.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh…(stammers) I built up to it.

Dick: You win the bet.

Maddox: But, I…that was in regards to my dad. At least the context was my dad, there.

Dick: Yeah, but you said "You all".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You lumped me in.

Maddox: That's true. That's true.

Dick: Yeah. Your dad's that hardcore about income tax, huh?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. He carries little slips of paper, he says, "Can you prove to me that the 16th amendment was ratified?" Meanwhile, the sales clerk is like that zit-covered guy in the Simpsons, like, (goofy voice) "Oh, well, sir. Uhh, I just have to charge you taxes." He's a fucking 16-year-old kid, dad. Leave him alone. He doesn't know shit.

Dick: Yeah, but that's a good negotiating tactic.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can negotiate anything.

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: People…people are pussies.

Dick: I don't wanna pay tax. Fuck you.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Like, doesn't matter why. Go take it up with your manager, right? Did he get the couch!? Did he have to pay sales tax?

Maddox: Of course! They're not gonna waive taxes. I think they gave him a discount because…

Dick: (interjects) Ahhhhh! There you go! No tax! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: They didn't…you know…okay, sure, Dick. But they gave him a discount…

Dick: (interjects) Well, sales tax, the onus is on the seller, not on the buyer.

Maddox: Umm…

Dick: It's just that…yeah, yeah. Sales tax has to be paid by the seller.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Dick: So they pass it onto you…

Maddox: And that's why…yeah. They pass it on to you.

Dick: They can take it on the chin.

Maddox: Well, they did, because my dad was…was a disabled veteran and he used his military card for that.

Dick: Ohohoho.

Maddox: He got a…oh yeah. He's really milking…

Dick: Oh, well. Guess where the military gets all their goddamn funding.

Maddox: Taxes!!!

Dick: Income taxes.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So I…you remember the episode…the Solutions episode when I brought in Time Travel?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And we almost immediately discovered that it was not a solution, but actually a huge problem?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Primar…because of the paradox a little bit, but also because I would only use it to do bad things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like steal intellectual property and murder people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Like the time machine that you're in in the present, that you're just doing bad things all the time.

Dick: Right. (Maddox chuckles) Except throughout time.

Maddox: Yeah. Throughout time. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: I found a list of all the people I would murder throughout time.

Maddox: (laughing) Oooookay.

Dick: If I had a time machine. Starting in 10 AD, Emperor Wang Mang of the Zin Dynasty introduced an unprecedented income tax at the rate of 10% of profits.

Maddox: Unprecedented, huh?

Dick: Yeah. This is…by the way, this is a list of all the people in history who... (grins)

Maddox: (interjects) I know. I know what this is, Dick. Right when you started, I'm like, "I bet these are people who introduced taxes throughout history."

Dick: 1188, uh…Saladin…the Saladin tithe was introduced by Henry II to raise money for the third Crusade.

Maddox: Yeah, but Saladin is a cool name! It sounds like Aladdin plus Salad.

Dick: It's money for war. All of these…all of these taxes are money for war.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what I found in looking through this.

Maddox: War is cool!

Dick: Uh…war…(cracks up) (Maddox laughs) War is not fucking…yeah, it's cool…it's COOL, but I don't wanna work 10% of the year of my life funding it!

Maddox: My dad's disabled and he got a discount on a couch 'cause of war! Fuck you! How do you argue against that?! (laughs)

Dick: What kind of couch was it? I'll tell you.

Maddox: Eh, it was a shitty couch.

Dick: Ohoho!!!

Maddox: It was a…it was one of those pleather…not even pleather. What's the…what's the fabric? (stammers) Don't buy a fabric couch, people. That shit always stinks.

Dick: Naugahyde?

Maddox: Alright. Anyway. Who else? Who else do you wanna murder becaue they… they…

Dick: Sir Robert Peale.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: Income Tax of 1842. Uh…supposed to be temporary.

Maddox: Another cool name. Sounds like orange peel.

Dick: 1961, USA Civil War Tax, 3%. 1894, 2% peacetime income tax of fewer than 10% of…oh, bla, bla, bla, bla, bla.

Maddox: Who did…so, Dick, I gotta play Devil's Advocate here. So who…

Dick: (interjects) Don't play…everyone hates Devil's Advocate.

Maddox: No, they…just you hate it, because you hate being challenged intellectually.

Dick: That's right.

Maddox: I don't necessarily disagree with you, Dick. Like, look. I'm telling you right now, I don't necessarily disagree with you, but how do you…how do you answer…

Dick: It's 'cause you know what's good for you. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: How do you answer opponents of your argument who say "We need taxes to pay for the roads and pay for the military, and pay for blablablabla." And social services, like libraries, and fire departments, and police officers, your favorite, I'm sure. But how do you…what's your response to that?

Dick: Throw it on Kickstarter, then. Throw it on fucking Kickstarter.

Maddox: You're just gonna Kickstarter everything? Then what if you get a…

Dick: (interjects) Well you know what? And this is my actual response. And I don't wanna get into it, 'cause it's, like, it's too goofy to get into.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Who…who needs that infrastructure the most? Rich…rich companies. Like, what… who needs all of that shit to protect themselves?

Maddox: Yeah, they benefit. Yeah. They benefit the most.

Dick: Steve Jobs.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Uh…Bill Gates. All the…all the billionaires of the world. They need that sh…who needs lighthouses? Companies that are importing shit. Let them fuckin' pay for it.

Maddox: But wouldn't…couldn't you also say that the middle class also needs those companies to provide those jobs?

Dick: Don't need it as bad. Who NEEDS it? Who can't live without it, are the rich.

Maddox: Isn't it an engine, though, Dick. And the middle class and lower class kinda fuel that engine and create commerce, so that these companies can grow big, and we need that because we have the taxes that pay for the roads and pay for the defense that supports this infrastructure, like, it's a machine, and it's an engine, and it's a well-oiled thing, and yeah, they're a little bit high sometimes and they're not al…there's…there's misappropriation of funds, and pork-barrel spending, and all this other shit.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But the system kinda works. Can't you say that? Can't you agree to that?

Dick: I'm…we're in a system where the average guy's gotta spend 10% of his life working for free.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not okay with that. Whatever this system is…whosever designing it…it's not worth it.

Maddox: Well, it's not free if you're reaping the benefits of some of the stuff. Like, if you send your kids…

Dick: Naaah.

Maddox: You get social security. If you send your kids to kid prison, as you call it.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: You're reaping the benefits of your taxes, right?

Dick: Hey. I don't wanna get into which of these things are not providing value.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay.

Dick: Because it's all…it's all subjective.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's all debatable.

Maddox: Is there anyone else you'd murder, Dick? Throughout time? Is there any other…

Dick: You, before you started playing Devil's Advocate.

Maddox: Great!!! (laughs) Great, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. 3.4 trillion is federal income every year. Between 40% and 50%, I think 42% is generated by the income tax.

Maddox: That's more than I made last year.

Dick: 3.4 trillion?

Maddox: Yeah. I didn't make that much.

Dick: That's a shame. You should.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uhhh…USA, let's see where we rank on the…Russia. Russia's income tax could be up to 87%. Can you believe that?

Maddox: You know, I don't know if that's true.

Dick: China's 62. I got it off Wikipedia. It's gotta be true. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Gotta be true! Well, uh…you know those super rich, Russian…a lot of them have, like, mob ties. There's a lot of Russian oil money.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And they just have money on money. And same thing with Saudi. By the way, Saudi princes…I have never met anyone from Saudi Arabia who WASN'T a prince. Is there…do you guys have any normal fucking citizens over there? (Dick chuckles) Is everyone a fucking prince? Ever…(stammers) you guys just come around flashing your fucking money, your wads of bills at us, and then buying your shitty Patron at bars.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You get table service like you're big fuckin' ballers. (angry) Why don't you hop on a treadmill?! They all have, like, big fat asses. Obesity. Big problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: For Sau..(laughs) For Saudi princes.

Dick: And this. Whatever this move is, where they do the hand snaps in the air. (Maddox laughs) That's a big problem. They gotta stop doing that.

Maddox: You're not a fan of the hand snaps?

Dick: No, no, no. I brought in…I brought in a budget of what the money actually gets spent on, if you're interested in that at all.

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it. I know…I know what number one is by far.

Dick: Military.

Maddox: Defense, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We spend more on defense than I think the next three companies combined. Countries combined.

Dick: Can you believe…can you believe that?

Maddox: It's nuts. Our defense spending is so…

Dick: So 25%....how many…what's this 10%...or, the numbers were from 10% to 15% of the year. My own figures were 10%. I did the math. What is that out of…50 weeks, 5 days a week, that's 250 working days. 25 days. That is about…how many months is…that's about a month and a half of labor that you're working to fund the government, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So what's 25% of that? That's, like, what…seven…that's like a week and a half.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everybody's working for free.

Maddox: Make bullets!

Dick: To make bullets and bombs. So…so the B-2 bomber can fly over Dodgers Stadium. Awesome!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: How much did that cost me?!!?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. Have you ever seen a movie called the Fog of War?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Okay, you fucking morons who liked Guardians of the Galaxy? You wanna see a real good movie?!? Go see Fog of War, you dipshits!!!!!!!! (stammers) Learn something!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, Fog of War, Dick, they talked about that. They talked about…I think it was president Truman who, when he was signing off one of his last days of his presidency, he warned American about the coming military industrial complex and why the B-52 bomber will never be decommissioned.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Or I think it was one of the stealth…not the B-52, maybe it was another stealth bomber. Because there is a part built in every state for that bomber. And it is…

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: It is so politically unpopular to decommission that, because it'll be loss of jobs across all the states. That…that plane will never be decommissioned.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They'll always replace it with something and keep manufacturing that. And they have to, because it's jobs and it's politically unpopular!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…what do you say about that?

Dick: About what? That the military's never shrinking?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think that's a shame.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As much as I love having a gigantic military and being, like, a force of fear over the face of the globe.

Maddox: Yeah. Do you think America is imperialistic?

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you think that taxes are…

Dick: Are funding that.

Maddox: Do you think that…

Dick: (interjects) Get your life back.

Maddox: Do you think that if they, say…spent more money on education, that it would make things better?

Dick: Look. Spend it. But if you're gonna take my money to do it, at least come at me with a gun or a knife, and say "Empty your fucking pockets, we're building a school."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Don't…don't make me pay for some asshole with a gun to come shake me down. Do it yourself! 'Cause that's what you're doing! (angry)

Maddox: OOOokay.

Dick: When I walk past a bum on the street who asks me for money. Can I get a dollar to buy a meal?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I can say no.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Might say yes if there's a chick around, but I'll probably say no. (Maddox chuckles) The income tax is a cop coming up, saying "Give him a dollar. Then give me a dollar for making you do that. And then give that lady over there a dollar for making sure that I make you do that." That's what it is to me.

Maddox: You know what, Dick?

Dick: And fuck it!

Maddox: (laughs) You're making Lady Liberty's pussy wet by…by paying your taxes.

Dick: Hours wasted. 6.1 billion hours per year people spend in American calculating their fucking taxes. Heh. Which you have not done yet, but I've been doing it all week.

Maddox: Yeah. That shit pisses me off. I just…dump everything into a database.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I got scripts. Yeah. Anyway, Dick. Yeah, that's a big problem. Anything else?

Dick: Uhhhhhhhh…(sighs) No, I think that's it. I brought in some dumb pie chart. How do you like that? Cool pie chart.

Maddox: Yeah, there's a pie chart. What does it say?

Dick: Eh, who cares.

Maddox: Okay. (Sean laughs) Great. Good job, Dick.

Dick: (giggles) I brought in a bar graph, too. Pretty cool.

Maddox: Yeah, I see bars and graphs.

Dick: What do you think? What do you think?

Maddox: I thought it was just some…

Dick: (interjects) Grade my graph.

Maddox: Uh, zero. F. F minus.

Dick: Alright. (grins)

Maddox: F minus. There you go.

Dick: It's a graph of, like, what the adjusted tax rate is. (clears throat) What the adjusted tax rate is between the poor and the rich. And including state and local taxes, the poor actually pay a lot.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, Dick, I'm kind of on board with this problem. I'm not going to completely shit on it. It is…it is a problem. Uh, but I think it's more the misappropriation of spending than the income tax itself.

Dick: You have no right to my money.

Maddox: Well, that's not what the law says, buddy. Sorry. Sorry, take it up with Emperor Zin from the, uh…fourth century BC?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, Dick. I got the real…the real biggest problem.

Dick: What is it?

Maddox: Right after obesity. And an actual cause of obesity. Bacon worship!!

Dick: Oh, God. (disgusted)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I hate that shit.

(Sound clip: Clapping)

Maddox: That's a fucking problem. I am so fucking tired of bacon worship. You know, Dick…you know there is a church of bacon?

Dick: They ruined bacon!

Maddox: Yeah. It's totally ruined. There's a…when I searched for "bacon worship" on Google, the first thing that came up is "The United Church of Bacon" and it's a…it's a stupid parody religion. It says it's a real religion. Here's their "About" page. By the way, this is…Penn Jillette has something to do with this. It's friends of Penn Jillette who set this up.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: 'Cause he…I guess, I don't know. They love bacon. It says, "Get married before bacon." About the Church of Bacon. From their "About" page. It says, "The United Church of Bacon is a real, legal church based in Las Vegas, Nevada, with over 4000 members worldwide. We chose a funny bacon name to expose how wrong it is for society to give automatic respect and special legal privileges to religions." They're pushing their little agenda. Their atheist agenda, here. (Dick giggles) "Is our saying 'we worship bacon' really any stranger than Catholics who say that comm…"

Dick: Oh, Goooooooood.

Maddox: And they're real ballsy.

Dick: We get it!

Maddox: Goin' after Catholics. They…(stammers) "Catholics who say the Communion wafers become the body of Christ. Unlike God, who is invisible, at least we can see bacon." (goofy voice) "Bacon is demonstrably real." Uh, science. I fucking love science! I fucking love bacon! Fuck you, man! I'm tired of this shit! I'm tired of this hive mind! These fucking idiots have ruined bacon! I don't even want it anymore.

Dick: They do! No, me neither.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Yeah, you know what? Why don't you…why don't you throw Allah on that list while you're running your mouth? (grins)

Maddox: Exactly. Yeah. You think you're such a tough guy?

Dick: Catholics are stupid?

Maddox: Pushing around Christians, huh? Oh, those fucking vicious Christians. The biggest pussy religion ever, by the way. Christians. They do nothing. Maybe at one time, they had some teeth, but fucking Christians! They're everyone's punching bag!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, (stammers) you can more easily make fun of Christians than any other religion. You make fun of a Buddhist, people are like, "Hey man. Chill. You sound like a bully." But everyone's…Christians are punching bags! And then Jews. Jews would, I would say, next. People make fun of Jews all the time, but not too much, 'cause you're anti-Semitic.

Dick: No, they love it, because they know that no…no publicity is bad publicity. (Maddox cracks up) That's why they welcome it.

Maddox: And then Muslims…so there's only one speed on Muslim, and it's hate. (Dick laughs) Like, no one makes fun of Muslims, they either say nothing, or they hate them. (laughs) So that's our country right now. That's the barometer of our country.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, and Mormons are fair game. (cracks up) Um, so…

Dick: They love it, too. They're taking tips from the Jews, I think. With their PR. The Mormons.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. They have a…they have a huge PR company behind them, too. They have a huge PR firm.

Dick: Smart. Very smart.

Maddox: I…it's all Mormons. Which, by the way, if you've never seen Mormon the musical, I highly recommended. And when I went to see it in the playbook for the play, the biggest sponsor was the Mormon church.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They said, "Hey, you're interested in Mormon the musical, why don't you read the source material?"

Dick: Yeah. Sure.

Maddox: And they say check out the book of Mormon.

Dick: It's even funnier.

Maddox: (guffaws) I think it's a cheeky move. I like it. Um, bacon worship, dude. I'm so fucking sick of it…like, when I go to restaurants now and they offer bacon on the menu, even if it's, like, some fancy bacon. There's a place that has this candy bacon that I get.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: On, you know. They make salads and sandwiches and stuff, and it's so fucking good, but I have to order it…

Dick: (interjects) I just don't even care about it.

Maddox: I don't even make eye contact with the waiter when I say it, and you know, I kinda say it under my breath…"And then the bacon." Because I don't wanna sound like I'm one of those fucking zealots. These bacon worshippers. Here…like, I can't even go 5 minutes on a social network without seeing some stupid, fucking idiot bacon recipe.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Listen to…listen to some of these. These are some stupid bacon recipes. Bacon-wrapped potatoes stuffed with mac and cheese. Talk about obesity. That's just a big… that's just lard. That is lardass munch. Alright?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's what you feed lardasses in a trough. Bacon-wrapped potatoes stuffed with mac and cheese. You fat fucks! Do you need to put food in food? Aren't we over this now?

Dick: Naaaah, it is fun. I had some bacon-wrapped tri-tip that I made last night. It was pretty good.

Maddox: You made bacon-wrapped tri…

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: That does sound good. (Dick laughs)

Dick: But I didn't take pictures of it and put it on Facebook. (laughing)

Maddox: No. (disgusted) Yeah, you didn't fucking jizz all over your fucking bacon-wrapped tri-tip. You just ate it and fucked off.

Dick: Well, I did do that, but…(laughs)

Maddox: Great. The Pilgrims already did food stuffed in food, guys. We got stuffing in turkey. We don't need it in anything else. Bacon cracklin' pancake with salted honey. Ugh. Bacon-wrapped onion rings? Why? Pull-apart bacon bread? That's like monkey bread, but with bacon? (stammers) Why?!!? Why? Why are you doing this? It's just bread and bacon. Who cares? It's bread and bacon.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then there's bacon jalapeno poppers. That shit…you're just taking an appetizer and adding more appetizers to it.

Dick: Why is it so annoying, though?

Maddox: I don't know. It just…

Dick: (interjects) Like, I don't know why that is, either. I don't wanna just hate on it without knowing why.

Maddox: Listen to this one. This one's an actual recipe. Grape tomatoes with bacon.

Dick: Grape tomatoes? With bacon?

Maddox: Grape tomatoes with bacon. That's not a recipe, idiots! You're just taking two things on your kitchen counter and then putting them next to each other! (angry)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's not a fucking…that's not a meal. That's not a recipe! You didn't do anything! You…you can make bacon with anything on the counter. Literally, just throw bacon down on the counter. Here's bacon with a spoon! Here's bacon with some cereal! Here's bacon with some eggs. Like, whatever you have on your counter! Bacon with some basil! Fuck it. Basil bacon.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Idiots.

Dick: Green eggs and bacon.

Maddox: Yeah, sure. Why not?! Bacon waffles. That's a thing. Sweet bacon chicken bites. Bacon and bean sandwich. And then, this…the bacon and bean sandwich, I saw this on Pinterest. And then in parentheses, it said "Quick and satisfying". And it just looks like shit. It's a piece of Wonderbread, white Wonderbread, with a slathering of just runny barbecue beans, and then bacon on top. And then one slice of processed cheese.

Dick: It's like a Wild West breakfast.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's not a…designer meal.

Maddox: Oh, but Dick, it's quick AND satisfying.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Bacon…bacon-wrapped asparagus. Alright, I guess you found a way to make asparagus edible.

Dick: God, I feel sorry for people who are just on their way to lunch right now…(Maddox laughs) and have to listen to you read this delicious list of food.

Maddox: Ohhh, fuck you!

Dick: It is delicious! It's the worship that I hate! Bacon is delicious. You can't deny that.

Maddox: Yeah, fine!

Dick: Surely you're not denying that.

Maddox: No! It tastes good. I like it.

Dick: It's the worship!

Maddox: I just want everyone who won't shut the fuck up about it to die.

Dick: There's some weird, perverse fetishism with it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Isn't it…I don't know.

Maddox: Maple bacon cookie dough truffles…more fucking food in food. They just keep trying to one-up each other and be fatter and fatter. Listen to this one. Ranch and bacon cheese balls. Barf!!!

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: What do you, never want to shit again? (Dick laughs) Jesus. (stammers) Listen to this one. This one pissed me off! "Make Ahead Bacon and Cheddar-Stuffed Mushrooms".

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: Barf, barf, barf. Everything in that is barf. And why is it make ahead, idiot? Make ahead for what? You think you gotta make this ahead for your fancy dinner party? Your platter, people are gonna come and you're gonna serve them cheddar in stuffed mushrooms?! That's what you're serving to people!? You gotta make that ahead?! You gotta put planning and forethought into this fucking…hors d-oeuvre, this shit hors-d'oeuvre that I wouldn't even serve to dogs. (disgusted)

Dick: You don't like…those sounded good.

Maddox: (stammers) Cheddar-stuffed mushrooms?!? (incredulous)

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: First of all, cheddar. Ugh. It's such a shit cheese to put on mushrooms. Cheddar is…sharp cheddar, maybe.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How about some fucking sharp…Parmesan? Some aged Parmesan?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With some bacon? Now you're talkin'. (grins)

Maddox: You know what, man? Bacon doesn't actually go with everything. It really doesn't.

Dick: No.

Maddox: That's…that cheddar…Parmesan mushrooms? I wouldn't add bacon to that. That doesn't sound like a good thing.

Dick: So why are these guys so annoying, though? Like, what is driving this?

Maddox: It's…it's hive mind. You know what's happened now, Dick. Is that people love bacon so much, or they claim to. That it has bullied other people into also liking bacon so that they don't seem uncool. I feel like people feel obligated to like bacon.

Dick: Yeah! I was just gonna say. I got it. It's this…it's the way people communicate with each other today, with only ideas and opinions that can in no way be offensive!

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: I love bacon! No way, me too!!!

Maddox: Whoa!!!

Dick: Wow!!

Maddox: Do you like Sriracha!!! (goofier voice)

Dick: Uhhhh, yeah, of course, I love Sriracha!! (goofier voice) Uh-guh-guh-guh-guh!!! I don't like Sriracha, by the way.

Maddox: What about zombies, and science?!?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (stammers) Fucking epic! Shit, yeah! (laughs) Ah, man. Um…

Dick: That's what it is. That's what it is. It's the need…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: The need to have something that everyone can talk about without risk of offense. I find that disdainful. I have disdain for it. That's why I hate it. That's why it rubs me the wrong way…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When people geek out on bacon or jerk off on bacon.

Maddox: It's code. Yeah, it's almost like a code. A little secret handshake. Which isn't secret, by the way. It's like people who are on Reddit. When they meet other people in real life who are on Reddit? Guys, it is the most popular social news website on the Internet. It's not that fucking amazing that you met someone else on it in real life!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's…Reddit isn't a secret handshake. Yeah, yeah. The narwhal thing. We get it. We get it.

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: Uh…(sighs)

Dick: I don't get that.

Maddox: You're supposed to mention…

Dick: (interjects) Don't explain it to me. I wanna not know it.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: So when someone tells me, I can look at them in the face, like, "What the fuck are you telling me about this narwhal?"

Maddox: It's bacon, Dick. It's all secret handshake to see how hip you are and to know if you're in the know, and you watch…you read all the same stupid webcomics. And you're on I Fucking Love Science, and you sit there at your altar of bacon and just fuck off.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Cashew butter and bacon soup. Listen to that. Cashew butter. First of all, I can almost not say it, because I can feel…the bile coming up my throat.

Dick: (mutters) Cashew butter and bacon soup…

Maddox: I'm gonna barf.

Dick: I don't know man, I can't picture these, like, I can't read a menu. When I read a menu and I see the ingredients, I have no fucking idea what it is.

Maddox: Oh, look at me, buddy.

Dick: I have, like, menu illiteracy.

Maddox: Okay. You know how I mentioned I was a fat guy?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Always trust a fat guy when it comes to food. And even a former fattie, like myself. I know good food when I see it.

Dick: You do know good food.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: You know very good food.

Maddox: Uh, listen to this one. Avocado-bacon eggroll. Barf! You take the crispiness of an eggroll…you add avocado to it, so it makes it mushy…

Dick: Yeah, that's disgusting.

Maddox: And then you add bacon to it, which is a flavor that's so savory, it doesn't belong in that weird…the taste of an eggroll is kinda subtle, 'cause it's kinda, like, mushy, and you have the cabbage and stuff in there, but bacon is just kind of overpowering. I would never want to eat bacon and soggy cabbage. Never! Ugh!!! I don't wanna eat any of those two things together, ever!

Dick: You know what else I hate about it? It's also…in this hive mind, like, this desire to bond with people without offense?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It stops short of something you actually enjoy. Like, if you're…there's a group of people that are like, "Oh, I love bacon." "Yeah, me too." (seal sounds) "Hey guys, I love getting blowjobs!" Right? (Maddox cracks up) And they're like, "Whoa, whoa, can't talk about that." "Oh, I'm sorry, we can talk about gluttonously cramming grease and fat down our throats, but you can't talk about a beautiful act of love?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Between a man and an obese woman? (laughs) (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Hey, some obese women like to put your hog in their mouth. Uh…(laughs) Bacon...listen to this, Dick, this is called Bacon Explosion. It's chopped bacon wrapped in sausage, wrapped in bacon, slathered with barbecue sauce. Just fuck off, okay?!?! (Dick laughs) Fuck…you're not impressing anyone. I know all your buddies (goofy voice) "Hahaha, look, oh man, hey, let's go over to Joe's house, let's put steak and bacon and sausage in steak and bacon, and then put it in steak and sausage and bacon." Shut up! You're just making a mess. You're embarrassing yourself. And you know what, man? I think a lot of is was popularized by Epic Mealtime? Which, I know those guys. Those guys are really cool.

Dick: They're really cool?

Maddox: I like those…I like…yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. No. They're good dudes. But, yeah man. I think a lot of it was popularized by that. And then the Oatmeal, there's a lot of comic events where they go around with Oatmeal and people…

Dick: It's just the safest comment you can make.

Maddox: It is, yeah.

Dick: And that's what I hate about it.

Maddox: It's safe. It's just like making fun of Christians.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's like…it's like liking Sriracha and talking about the zom…your plans for the zombie apocalypse!

Dick: Yeah, or saying, like, "Well, we need more education." Like, thanks, fuckhead.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: We just…is that just as true as it can be?

Maddox: Such a trite, obvious remark, too.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's all it is. Anyway, man. It pisses me off. This little secret handshake, which isn't secret. It is the most pedestrian, most common thing you can possibly glom onto. Latch yourself onto. It's…I'm tired of bacon, and I'm tired of stupid comic book shows. Comic book movies. That's why I hated Game of Thrones…or, what's its name… Guardians of the Galaxy so much.

Dick: Alright. Allllllllllllllllright!

Maddox: Tying it all together!

Dick: Let's not…let's not get back into that.

(Sound effect: Baby laugh)

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. That's my problem. Uh…

(Sound clip: Dick: "Three little words.")

Maddox: Bacon. Bacon worship, actually. (laughs)

Dick: Bacon. It's pretty good. What are your problems?

Maddox: So, my problems this week were Obesity and Bacon Worship, which go hand in hand.

Dick: My problem is Income Tax.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Good problem, Dick. Don't forget to vote on Bacon, Monkeys, and Obesity. Bacon worship. Uh…

Dick: Vote up hunger.

Maddox: (stammers) No!!!! (Dick cackles maniacally)

(Voice mail: (male voice, thick accent) "Hello. I am son of Saudi Arabian oil baron. (Maddox laughs) **And I have a proposition for Mr. Maddox. If you watch movie Titanic and give proof, I will pay you 100,000 American dollars."**

Dick: One hundred thousand bucks, dude.

"And give you Oculus Rift. If you do not, I will donate money to zoos so they can have more monkeys (Maddox laughs) **and more snakes. Please call me back."**

Dick: Maddox.

"And Mr. Dick, you are very cool dude. Keep up the good work."

Dick: I have that guy's number. Do you wanna take him up on it? He'll give you 100 grand for watching Titanic. You should do it.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm not calling that dude in Michigan. That is the worst Saudi Arabian accent I've ever heard. And by the way, I'm sure that guy's a prince. They're all fucking princes! (Dick guffaws) That's all that country produces, is princes!!

(Voice mail: (male voice) "You know, Maddox, I gotta say, after you listening to you talk about your leg day routine… (Maddox laughs) **your argument against Guardians of the Galaxy was about as strong as your legs. Dick, go fuck yourself."**

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhh.

Dick: Ugh, that's a…(inaudible)

Maddox: (interjects) You're gonna…if I ever meet that guy in real life, he's gonna find out how strong my leg is when it's twitching up his ass! (Dick cracks up) I'm fucking tired of this. I don't need shit!

Dick: Your leg is that small and chicken-y that it can fit up a man's ass?

Maddox: It's that strong that it'll tear a hole wide enough that my leg can fit through. Which, by the way, is the diameter of the Epcott Center, by the way. (laughs)

Dick: Your leg? It's that thick?

Maddox: Yeah. I got thick legs.

Dick: Man, I had a leg today and I'm sore.

Maddox: Oho, I bet.

Dick: What the hell is that supposed to mean? (laughs)

Maddox: Well….third leg day. (laughs)

Dick: That's every day. Work that out every day.

Maddox: Gross.

(Voice mail: (male voice with accent) "Good day, gents. This is Sean Connery. I have a couple of things I'd like to say. Maddox, the ladies don't piss out of their clits. (Maddox and Dick laugh) **That sounds like a …(unintelligible) Yours truly, Sean Connery."**

(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, I got a lot of shit. I know girls don't piss our of their clits, guys. I know they have a pee hole somewhere.

Dick: Now!! You know now! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick! I invented female genitalia! Don't tell me this shit!

(Dick guffaws)

(Voice mail: (male voice, no accent) "Hey Maddox, Jackie Chan calling in. (Maddox laughs) **Just wanted to give you a big thank you for acknowledging my movie Rush Hour finally. "**

Maddox: Yeah!

"For the first time, when you mentioned the fact that in Guardians of the Galaxy, when Chris Pratt dances to distract the enemy…"

Maddox: Chris Tucker, idiot. (Dick laughs)

"Uh…Chris Tucker dances during the scene after he blows up the car."

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

"Really good example, except that in Rush Hour 3, that actually fucking happen, you dipshit! In Rush Hour 3, me and Chris Tucker actually…"

Dick: Me and Chris Tucker. (laughing) (Maddox giggles)

"…to distract the enemies from fighting in the third movie! But this is coming from the same asshole that dared to mention my movie as a "black versus black Chinese white guy comedy!!""

Dick: I don't know what he's talking about at this point.

"In your article, you wrote…"

Maddox: He has trouble with the English language. (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly)

"Like 15 billion years ago…you acknowledged my movie as a good cop bad cop, black cop white cop."

Dick: So what you think…you're saying this is…(cracks up)

(keeps ranting)

Dick: I have to stop this. It's a Jackie Chan transcription read by the worst Jackie Chan impersonator ever. (Maddox cracks up) He does have trouble with his diction and syntax.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. (grins)

Dick: Lemme listen to that.

"I'm fucking Asian! I'm not white. I'm not black. Chris Tucker's black! I'm Asian. I'm not black and white cop…"

Dick: Maybe…(cracks up)

(Still rants) "…who can't tell the difference between creativity like there is in Guardians of the Galaxy, and shit!! Because he just doesn't have the proof, or the…")

Dick: (laughing) This is a racist Asian accent read at a completely normal English accent. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: This is Jackie Chan's real voice. He hams it up for movies.

Dick: Oh, yeah. (cracks up) (Maddox chuckles) I knew that one would be funny somehow…(dying of laughter)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 49

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy! What's up, buddy?! (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: This is the big episode. 49, Dick! One away from our milestone of 50.

Dick: Well, technically, (grins, Maddox chuckles) somebody brought this up, but technically, that makes this our 50th episode because of Deletey McGee.

Maddox: Yeah! (they both crack up)

Dick: Right, Sean?!!?

Maddox: (laughs) I brought in a comment. I brought in a comment.

Sean: It was the same episode we recorded!!

Dick: No, it wasn't!! How dare you? How dare you!?

Maddox: Sorry, Sean.

Dick: Every time, even if we're saying the same things, it's different.

Sean: That's right. You guys got two brand new problems. (Dick chuckles)

Maddox: Mark Burton says, **"You guys need to celebrate the 51st episode instead of the 52nd because you have to account for the one Sean deleted."**

Sean: That's actually pretty funny.

Maddox: You know, if you wanna be real pedantic, we have those original six, too.

Sean: And you do.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) I always do.

Dick: Well, we have the original six, and we have six bonus episodes.

Maddox: Oh, that's true.

Dick: So, technically, we're at 13…we're at 62 now? Is that right? Is that the right math?

Maddox: Uh…no. Not at all. Not even close.

Dick: How is that not right?

Maddox: 49?!? Okay, uh…yeah, maybe. Alright.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhhhh. (taunts) Maybe.

Maddox: I was thinking…

Dick: (interjects) Go vote up time machines.

Maddox: I was thinking 59. Yeah.

Sean: The two smartest men on the Internet. (Dick cackles)

Dick: How did we do last week?

Maddox: The votes…Dick. Uh, big problem. Obesity.

Dick: Ugh. (groans)

Maddox: Came in first. The biggest problem in the universe…

Dick: Dammit.

Maddox: Is obesity. (Dick groans) I would say. It's…it's really climbing the ranks there. It's 18…I think about 1800 votes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And followed by Bacon Worship!! CLEANED HOUSE, Dick! I cleaned house last…you know, people…(Dick sighs) That really struck a chord with people. And then dead last was your income tax, which was still in the positive territory.

Dick: I can't believe it.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: I thought…I thought that would get, like, 10,000 votes.

Maddox: (scoffs) Oookay.

Dick: Who…because I even brought it in! I thought I was being cheap. Like, I was cheating?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, oh here, I'll just bring in this…

Maddox: Vote grab.

Dick: …obvious biggest problem in the universe.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Everyone hated it. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everyone hated it. It's sitting…Income Tax, right now, on the big list, is sitting between Mandatory Holiday Shifts. Not quite as high!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Not as big of a problem! The income tax!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Taking six weeks of your life every year. Not as big of a problem as mandatory holiday shifts. Slightly…slightly a bigger problem than "Not Enough Bartenders".

Maddox: Hah! (laughing) Both of your bullshit…you know, Dick? This is…this is exactly what you deserve.

Dick: No, one of those was yours. One of those was yours.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Mandatory Holiday Shifts was your problem.

Maddox: Was that mine?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Like I give a fuck if people have to work on holidays!!

Maddox: Ohhhhh, yeah. That's right, yeah. Everyone hated you that episode.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You came across real fucking elitist, Dick! (laughing) Okay. Um…

Dick: Got a comment?

Maddox: Yeah, I got a comment. I got a comment from **Keenan Watrus**. He says, **"You wrote multiple books, coded 2000 lines for a single program that will never be used again, won several awards, yet your website still looks like shit."**

Dick: (giggles) That's true.

Maddox: Shut up, Keenan. That's not the point! W…how many beautiful websites have gone under, idiot? Have you ever heard of the dot com bubble? Why don't you fucking look it up on Wikipedia? Oh, I know it's ancient history to you fucking Vine stars.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Shitheads. Alright, what do you got?

Dick: Hey, Dickfucker Masterson.

Maddox: That's you.

Dick: This is from **Anthony Emiliano Campuzano. "If you don't want to pay taxes, that's fine. But you're not allowed to use public roads, libraries…"** which is spelled wrong. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: How did he spell it?

Dick: Uh…"r", "y", "s". Librarys. (Maddox laughs) Librarys.

Maddox: Sounds like he doesn't pay taxes.

Dick: Yeah, you know what? You can keep your libraries. I don't…when was the last time you needed to go to the…that's the second example?! I can't use public roads, or almost as important…librarys.

Maddox: Libraries.

Dick: I can't use that.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Librarys.

Dick: "The post office" . That's fine, I got FedEx. UPS is closer to my apartment. **"Call the police for help".** That'll be the day. (laughs) Right?!? (Maddox and Sean crack up) Please. **"Call the Fire Department".** No problem, I have insurance. (grinning)

Maddox: Ohhh, I'm still laughing at the police coming to help you. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those assholes! I called…I called the cops three times in the last month, like two and a half months. They came two of the three times, both an HOUR late, and did nothing!

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: They're like "Well, we need evidence of the crime." Like, hey, DICKHEAD! If you would have showed up within, even, I dunno, THIRTY minutes of it happening, I could have shown you. But now it's gone. Isn't it, dipshit!?

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Sean: Well you did call them on an old lady.

Dick: (laughs) Did you?

Maddox: Well, that was one of…

Dick: (interjects) Did you call on her?

Maddox: Yeah, of course I did!

Dick: Oh, oh yeah yeah yeah. That was one of the times.

Maddox: That was one of the times.

Dick: Yeah. I…I called them…the only reason I call the cops is because my insurance company makes me file a police report.

Maddox: Yeah! But you know what they're doing now? LAPD especially. What they do is they'll come and they won't file a report, because if they don't file a report, that artificially deflates the crime number in the city!

Dick: Oh, fuck off.

Maddox: Uh-huh! And then they come to the mayor and they say, "Hey look, our crime level's lower." They get more funding and they buy more new toys. That's what they're doing. My friend got assaulted by gang members just a couple of months ago and they wouldn't even file a report, even though they caught the gang members who did it! They wouldn't file a report because they want to artificially deflate that crime number.

Dick: Those motherfuckers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then they buy military gear.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: That our income tax has paid for.

Maddox: Oookay.

Dick: Fuck me! Fuck me!

Maddox: Agenda. (laughs)

Dick: But fuck me! I won't use your librarys!! Okay!!! (Maddox cracks up) Put a big sign at the front of the librarys that says, "No Dick Masterson allowed at the librarys." You wanna jerk off, Dick Masterson? You gotta jerk off at your home Internet! You can't jerk off here! Who the fuck needs a library!?!? (angry)

Maddox: You know, you…

Dick: WHO THE FUCK NEEDS A LIBRARY!?!? (yells)

Maddox: You elitist fuck. I…(stammers) I have friends who go to the library, okay, dickhead?!

Dick: What?!?! (incredulous)

Maddox: And I went a lot when I was a kid.

Dick: Are they all homeless?

Maddox: No. (laughing) (Sean laughs)

Dick: Why do they go to the library?

Maddox: Because it's a nice place to study, asshole! And then you can also rent movies and check out audio books…(cracks up) (Dick scoffs) Ookay.

Dick: Like the books at Audible?

Maddox: Perfect. (laughing)

Dick: "Call the Fire Department. Get Social Security." (Sean laughs) Okay, again. Jesus Fucking Christ. The income tax does not pay for Social Security.

Maddox: Right. That's the Social Security tax.

Dick: That's the payroll tax.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's…(frustrated) which makes me wonder if this guy is a kid and doesn't have a job, or has just never looked at a pay stub.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or is maybe a dog. I don't know. It's the Internet. Who fucking knows?!

Maddox: Yeah who fucking knows the demographic of somebody commenting on our message boards. (they all laugh)

Dick: Here's a…here's a good one. This one's actually…um, do you wanna do one?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. I got one.

Dick: Or you gonna cut me off? Alright.

Maddox: I got one from **Simon Kempthorne**. He says, **"I hear that North Korea doesn't have income taxes. Perhaps, Dick, you'd fit right in there. Go fuck yourself, comrade."**

Dick: Great. (Maddox laughs)

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hello, Haek Doyan here. Or "Hake Dillian", as Dick says."

Dick: Whatever. (Maddox laughs)

"This is so typical. Like, Maddox is worried about what the human race is gonna do in a few billion years when the world is gonna end, but he can't even get his fucking taxes done on time!"

(Maddox and Sean crack up)

Dick: It's true! (grins)

"Dick, make sure you tell Maddox to go fuck himself! Love the show, guys.")

Dick: You heard that, right? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, good job, man. Uh, I'm gonna call into a show and leave voice mail to tell somebody who is listening to go fuck himself via another person.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Good job.

Dick: Sean Michael Conley says, **"People like bacon because they're trying to buy…"** were you gonna read that one?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's a good comment. Go ahead.

Dick: Oh, yeah. **"People like bacon because they're trying to buy a masculine identity instead of earning it. Bacon gets set up as this manly food for lumberjacks and cowboys and shit, so guys try to use it as some sort of substitute for actual manliness, responsibility, hard work, dignity, etc."**

Maddox: Yeah, man. I read that comment. That was a really good comment.

Dick: Yeah, it is.

Maddox: It really is an astute observation. They are trying to package masculinity and sell it back to men, saying, "Hey man, you wanna be a manly dude? You better eat some bacon, otherwise you're gonna be emasculated." That's what it is. I think that guy struck the chord.

Dick: (sighs) Uh…let's see here. Oh, **Laurie Foster** wrote in.

Maddox: Oh, Laurie. The transcriber.

Dick: She said, **"I haven't finished listening to the podcast, but Orson Welles voices Unicron, not Omicron. Not Omnicron."**

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You remember last episode when you said it's easy to come up with a cool alien planet name?

Maddox: Yeah, and I did, and the thing…you know what was so cool about the names I came up with?

Dick: Well, you shit the p…you shit the bed. Immediately.

Maddox: No. No! No, first of all, okay. I said "Omnicron", and then you said "Omicron", right? In fact, it was Unicron. And I thought about it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then I…that's why I went to Umlaut, because of the U, but I didn't say…

Dick: Oh, I see.

Maddox: I didn't say it, 'cause I was immediately thinking of Umlaut.

Dick: That's your process.

Maddox: But you know what…you know what, Dick? You know what's great about my names that I came up with? Is that they're not made-up bullshit.

Sean: Shotgun Blast? (incredulous) (Dick cracks up laughing)

Maddox: That's a thing, Sean!

Sean: What triggered…what triggered that?!

Dick: That's not made-up bullshit?! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No! Because it's a real thing! If you call a planet Broomstick, that's way better than Zandar, because at least it's a thing. Name…like everything around us is named after something or somebody. That's why I said Shotgun Blast. That's a real thing. That's a cool fucking planet. Hey, you wanna go to Shotgun Blast? That sounds awesome. That sounds like a Borderlands planet. Awesome.

Dick: (stammers) Hell. A hellish nightmare, you mean.

Maddox: A hellish nightmare?

Dick: Awesome. Yeah, Borderlands, as a planet?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just lawlessness and, umm…

Maddox: Well, I was talking about the video game, but that would be a cool…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That would be a cool name for a planet. Metal Gear Solid. That'd be a cool planet! I'd go to Metal Gear Solid.

Dick: So you're just…that's what you wanna see in Guardians of the Galaxy 2? "Hey, we're going to Metal Gear Solid, the planet." (Maddox cracks up) Talk about product placement.

Maddox: That would be amazing.

Dick: You would be offended by that.

Maddox: Yeah, probably.

Dick: Sony dropping their…

Maddox: (interjects) Probably not.

Dick: …product placement all over the movie. All over another company's movie. Um, I got a bunch of people calling me a libertarian and an anarchist.

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: A lot of people calling me an anarchist this time.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: 'Cause I don't want a very specific type of tax.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know.

Maddox: You know, Dick? I feel bad for you sometimes, because you bring in these…

Dick: Thanks. (guffaws) (Maddox laughs) Why, because my face is too small for my head?!?! (Sean and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: Among other things. Um…

Sean: Yeah. We got Haley Joel Osmont over here. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: What the fuck!?!? Fuck you, Sean!!!!

Maddox: Oh. That reminds me. I got some…

Sean: That was sarcastic. Have you seen that kid, though?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He does look weird.

Maddox: Yeah, he looks real weird. I got some fanart. This is from **John Nikolouzos.** Niklozas. Whatever. It's Charlie Brown with Dick's face on it. Look at that. (they all crack up abruptly)

Dick: So it's Charlie Brown's head, which is about the size of a half-dollar, a silver dollar, and then my face is about the size of a dime.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In the middle of your pinkie fingernail.

Maddox: (laughs) A tiny…tiny little one. And then I got another piece of fanart…

Dick: What does that guy's face look like?!

Maddox: It's probably normal. It's probably in proportion to…(cracks up)

Dick: Ahh, you're probably right. (they all crack up) Good grief!!

Maddox: Oh boy, Charlie. Um…I got another piece of fanart from **Johnny Carter, or @JohnnyAYCarter** on Twitter. It's the Biggest Ass Problem in the Universe. It's a comic. Here, Dick, I'll let you read this one.

Dick: Uh…(sighs) I can't see it from here. It's…it's Maddox, annoyed..oh, I'm forcing Maddox to watch Titanic in this clip, and rubbing my nipples, for some reason.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I have…some kind of a barrette. A flower barrette in my hair. Or maybe just a flower. I don't know. "Goddamnit Dick, I'm not watching this stupid bullshit Titanic. Bunch of idiots." And then me, "Come on, it makes my nipples so hard."

Maddox: Yeah. And you're rubbing your nipples.

Dick: Hey, I'm not the one that drew my nipples, alright? You weirdo?

Maddox: Yeah. I guess he drew your nipples, but you're the one rubbing them while you make me watch that bullshit-ass Titanic. Which I still haven't seen! I still haven't seen a single second of that bullshit!

Dick: You're gonna watch it.

Maddox: Nope!

Dick: Really?

Maddox: I won't!

Dick: You don't even remember where we were at?

Maddox: No! Of course not. I block that shit out!

Dick: Mmmmm.

Maddox: I'm so angry every single episode!

Dick: I bet you do.

Maddox: Ugh. Anyway, Dick. Should we get to a problem?

Dick: No, I got a…okay, yeah.

Maddox: No, what do you got?

Dick: Before I get to my problem, I've got a special bit.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Sent into us by you know who.

(Voice clip: "Boisterous Coconuts?")

Dick: Old Asterios Kokkinos.

Maddox: Oh, Asterios! That's the bit! Alright, let's hear it!!

(Clip starts, with the upbeat, trumpets, horns, theme song…

"Welcome to...The Biggest Problem in history! Taking the pisstory out of history. Examining the biggest problems in history to occur this week!

(telegraph machine beeping)

April 20th, 1889 - Adolf Hitler is born...on 4/20, broooo! (Maddox laughs) **That's right: the dankest day of the year also brought us history's schwaggest dude. Hitler's rise to power began when he was sent by the German army to totally narc on the German Worker's Party.** (Dick and Maddox chuckle) **Hitler, however, got hip to their vibe** (still laughing) **and began to totally pick up the virulently anti-Semitic rhetoric they were laying down. Hitler went on to pack the German beer halls like choice nugs in a bowl** (they all crack up) **, and within a decade, became Germany's highest dude. Thankfully, his story ends with his bunker being smoked out by the Russians, and his body getting totally cached.** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **Still, one wonders how our world would have been different had Hitler been more of an indica, and less of a sativa.")**

Dick: Oh, that's a good question. (Maddox still laughing) Hitler's birthday. Yesterday.

Maddox: (sighs contentedly) A little too close to, uh…to the stoner glossary, the stoner lingo.

Dick: He knows too many stoner words, you're saying?

Maddox: He knows too many stoner words!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. What's going on?

Dick: Did you get them all, though?

Maddox: Yeah, of course. I read…I've read…

Dick: (interjects) Ohhh. Now you're too close.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You read what?

Maddox: I've read two full magazines of High Times from cover to cover.

Dick: (giggles) You're the only person in history who's done that, including the editor. (Maddox laughing)

(Clip starts again, telegraph beeping, then:

"April 15th, 1955 - The very first McDonalds opens, marking the very last day Americans could take a deep breath without experiencing sharp chest pains!

(Maddox laughs) **Founded by Czech American businessman Ray Kroc, McDonalds was built on the promise of serving food without all that annoying "food" stuff in it.** (Maddox laughs again) **The chain's explosive growth was matched only by our nation's explosive growth of diabetes, and today, serves hundreds of billions in 119 countries...hamburgers?"**

Maddox: (laughing) He does a misdirect. I thought he was gonna say diarrhea instead of diabetes. Could have been either one.

Dick: Me too. Me too, actually.

Maddox: Yeah. Probably both.

Dick: Alright. So.

Maddox: Dick, yeah. What's your problem?

Dick: As we know, yesterday…uh, Sean, you're gonna like this one. Yesterday was 4/20. (Maddox chuckles) And we all know what that means, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Weeeeeeeeeeeeeed!!!

Maddox: (laughing) (goofy voice) Yeah, man.

Dick: My problem's Reefer Madness.

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: Or, AKA: Marijuana Prohibition.

Maddox: Hmm. (stoner voice) Yeah man, uh…you know how many people are jailed because of marijuana?" Oh man, I know so many of these people. (laughing) Who…ever since junior high.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grinning)

Maddox: There was one kid in my class. I won't say his name, but this kid was a major…

Dick: Wha…make up a name.

Maddox: (laughing) I'll just say it's…

Dick: (interjects) Pot Pete? (laughing) Pothead Pete?

Maddox: I'll call him Sexy Pete. How about that?

Dick: Okay. Sexy Pete.

Maddox: So Sexy Pete…

Dick: (interjects) It makes no sense at all, but go ahead…

Maddox: Always wore cammo pants to class. Was a total weirdo. Uh…kind of a fuck up. Like, never did any of his homework. The worst grades in class.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Except for ONE time. ONE time he did his homework. He brought in the most well-researched paper I've seen in all of middle school. (Dick cracks up) It was like three pages long, and he stood up, and he recited that thing from heart, boy. He just stood up there and it was all about marijuana prohibition. (Dick laughing) Yeah. He just went on and on and on and on. I'm like "Oh, Jesus. Here it is."

Dick: They are able to dedicate an incredible amount of resources, mentally and physically, to the defense or cultivation, or celebration of weed.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: It's pretty amazing.

Dick: And I'm not one of these people.

Maddox: No.

Dick: I don't really like weed.

Maddox: Me neither. I don't smoke.

Dick: Um, well I do. Not often, though.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Uh…maybe a couple of times per year, I would say.

Maddox: Why? Like…(stammers) other than Burning Man?

Dick: Yeah, other than Burning Man. Because someone will have it, and they'll offer it to me. And that's…I mean, what are you gonna say, no? If somebody's offering you drugs.

Maddox: Yeah, you say no, turkey.

Dick: Ehh, that's rude. (Maddox laughs) C'mon.

Maddox: Yeah, I've actually literally harshed…what's the…

Dick: Harshed the buzz?

Maddox: Oh yeah, harshed people's buzzes at parties, 'cause I wouldn't smoke. I'm like, "Just fuck off! I don't care that you're doing it! Just leave me alone! I don't wanna do it."

Dick: Alright. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: What?!

Dick: Oh, I mean, it's…you're already angry about it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People giving you free drugs. (Maddox laughs) You've found a new low for what to be angry about. Yeah, I don't…I'm not a big fan of weed. Don't smoke it. And potheads really fucking annoy me. All the time. But I still think it's a big problem.

Maddox: Why do they annoy you?

Dick: Because they zone out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They are…and they'll say that they don't, but they smoke a little bit too much. Every toke takes a little bit of them out of their eyes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: It takes them out of life.

Dick: Yeah. It does.

Maddox: They're not present. They're just kind of…their eyes kinda glaze over. I mean, they're mellow as fuck, sure. Uh, but then that just makes me want to leave.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That makes me want to go home and do something else. Maybe just get a burger on my way home and read a book.

Dick: I agree with you. You wanna know how much it costs us to enforce weed laws every year?

Maddox: How much?

Dick: Rough estimates, 'cause they're all over the place. 20 billion. Half of that in enforcing these laws, and half of that in taxes we could be making off of the legalization of weed.

Maddox: Okay, well let's not include speculative income, yet.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: 'Cause we don't know…that's all theory.

Dick: Okay, alright. You caught me on that one. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, yeah. Let's just go with 7.7 billion a year on enforcing the marijuana laws.

Maddox: Okay. That's still a lot. That's quite a bit, yeah.

Dick: That's a lot of money. Yeah.

Maddox: So if we had simply made marijuana legalized and taxed it, that's the main argument, let's legalize it and tax it.

Dick: Well, that's an argument.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's not my main argument.

Maddox: What's your…

Dick: (interjects) My main argument is that it's a plan and it's not hurting…but I don't wanna get called a libertarian by 400 people again. (Maddox laughs) It's…it's a plant that's less dangerous than, you know, tobacco.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And we let people do that, and we should let people do that. It's way less dangerous than alcohol. I got all the dumb stats if you want 'em.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But, that's…that's my argument, is the only reason…the only reason this prohibition exists is because of racism.

Maddox: Is it?

Dick: Yeah. Like, it was started in the early 1900's. The movement to get it prohibited. To get marijuana…to make it a criminal offense. Was because Mexicans were bringing it in and toking up and having a good time. Lemme…hold on.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: So we didn't want Mexicans to have a good time. So we made marijuana illegal. That's pretty fucking spiteful. That's something I would do.

Dick: Yeah. And you know Mexicans are good at having a good time.

Maddox: Not speci…(cracks up) Okay.

Dick: Not specifically against Mexicans. I know what you're saying.

Maddox: Not specifically against Mexicans. (laughing)

Sean: That's why they all went into gardening.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Ohhh…(laughs)

Dick: 'Cause of weed?

Sean: They could grow it at home, you know, just….

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: The Marijuana Tax Act was introduced in 1937. It required sellers to obtain a license. Blanket prohibition was not the intention. Harry Ameslinger, the Bureau of Narcotics Commissioner, testified. This was his…he testified that it had a violent effect on "degenerate races".

Maddox: What?! (incredulous)

Dick: Yeah. That was the quote.

Maddox: Wooooooooow.

Dick: At the testimony.

Maddox: That's his argument.

Dick: Yeah! That's where this all started.

Maddox: Wooo, boy.

Dick: Mhmm. He specifically referred to the Mexican immigrants who entered the country seeking jobs during the Great Depression.

Maddox: Oh, the degenerate races. So, wait. How long ago was this?

Dick: That was the 1900s.

Maddox: 1900s.

Dick: Well, that was 1937.

Maddox: So marijuana wasn't always illegal though, right? Up until that point, it wasn't.

Dick: No. Nobody cared. Nobody gave a fuck before.

Maddox: So…

Dick: 'Cause it doesn't hurt anybody and it doesn't do anything. It just makes people stupid. And annoying.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, Dick…so, that's the thing I keep saying.. it pops up on all these marijuana activist circles. They have this graph that shows the number of people who died from drunk driving last year and you know, a couple thousand, whatever. Let's say it's 10,000. Don't correct me, I don't give a shit! I'm just…it's not relevant to this argument. And then they showed the number of people who died from weed and it's 0, 0, 0.

Dick: It's always 0. Yeah.

Maddox: It's always 0. But the number of conversations that have died from weed…(Sean laughs)

Dick: Is in the millions.

Maddox: Countless.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Countless.

Dick: No, I know. I know! I agree with you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I…I hate it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's…that's…that's WAY more important to me than whoever died from it. I don't care who died from it, but how did you annoy me with it?

Maddox: If…if somebody dies, that's a conversation starter, isn't it?

Dick: (laughs) Yeah. Good one. Uh…let's see. Yeah. How about this one? Continuing on with the racist theme. I've got two graphs. One says "people by race who have smoked weed", and it's roughly 60% say they've smoked weed in their lives.

Maddox: 60% of people have.

Dick: Yeah, between white and black. However, the very next graph…people arrested for weed. Black people. Four times. Four times as the whites.

Maddox: That is insane.

Dick: That's…you can't recover from that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that is a major. That is a major fuck you in the criminal justice system. I don't care what the cause of it is…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, okay. There's just cops around the ghetto more and there's more drug transactions in a tighter space to enforce, but that's hugely fucked!

Maddox: It's..it's super fucked. And you know what it is, Dick, too, is, um…marijuana's so prevalent. It is kind of like a poor people's drug. Everybody has it. I mean, poor and rich, sure. But more…poor people are more likely to have drugs like marijuana than say, cocaine, or heroin, or higher, more expensive stuff, right?

Dick: I don't know that that's true, because meth is very cheap.

Maddox: Oh, that's true.

Dick: Uh, according to what I looked at, everybody's got weed and everybody's doing it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like across the board. 60%...if 60% of people are doing it, it's not illegal. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's just not.

Maddox: Well, uh…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, that's, like, watching the Superbowl. We're all doing it. We all did it.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay. That's a shitty argument. Um…

Dick: Why?!!

Maddox: The Superbowl is not a good argument. But here's one…here's one…

Dick: (interjects) But the 60% part.

Maddox: Here's a similar one. Speeding. Everybody speeds.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Everybody, at some point, speeds, and yet people get so fucking high and mighty about it. They say, "Oh, well you shouldn't do it and it's there to protect us." Idiots! It's there to generate revenue.

Dick: Right!

Maddox: Let's just…let's just stop fucking lying to ourselves for 5 minutes. Look, if you're against marijuana prohibition, and by the way, if you're for marijuana prohibition…and by the way, I don't know exactly where I am on this one. For the longest time…

Dick: (interjects) Well, that's why I wanted to bring it in.

Maddox: Yeah. For the longest time, I was opposed to legalizing marijuana, because I feel like cigarettes and cigarette smoke is on the march towards illegalization because of the healthcare costs, right?

Dick: So you think cigarettes should be illegal?

Maddox: Well, I think that…I think that cigarettes…look, you wanna do it, fine. But we can't have a world where you're allowed to smoke cigarettes, and then also have a world where we have public healthcare. We're moving towards the direction of public healthcare.

Dick: Well, I agree with you on that.

Maddox: Right? If you're going to tax the system, and I have to pay for your shitty, disgusting habit, then you better pay for your own healthcare, 'cause I don't want…I don't want to be…I don't want you to burden my bills. And I feel like marijuana smoke, as much as they try to say it's safe, and this and that, blablabla, there's still…it hasn't been studied enough, and I see studies coming out all the time.

Dick: Does it need to be? It makes you stupid.

Maddox: No, it doesn't just make you stupid. There are some health risks to smoking marijuana.

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's smoke that you're inhaling into your lungs. That's cancerous. That causes cancer.

Maddox: There are carcinogens in there. Right?

Dick: Yeah. And it makes…it, like, makes kids IQs, if they're heavy users for 10 years, drops their IQ by 10 points.

Maddox: Yeah, it totally does. And it also…there's also all these weird…it's not quite as habit-forming as tobacco, but…

Dick: 9%. 9% get addicted. 30% get addicted to tobacco.

Maddox: Okay. So, that's a third of the people who smoke either tobacco or marijuana. A third of the people who smoke marijuana are getting as addicted, right?

Dick: Uh, yeah. Yep.

Maddox: I mean, look man. The health things aside. Why I'm kind of towards the middle now, about not deciding whether it should be legal or prohibited. Is because I do know some people who legitimately use marijuana for medical reasons. Uh, my friend's mom. She's in her last 50s, early 60s, something like that? She had some cataracts and she had some back surgery done and all the painkillers she took. Nothing helped. She's a pretty

conservative lady, too. And she's not, like, one of these potheads. She never grew up smoking the stuff. She decided to try it just to relieve her of the pain that she was suffering from.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And it worked. It's the only thing that worked.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I'm kind of like, okay. I can see the medical benefit for this.

Dick: How about this one? You know how many people are in jail because of marijuana?

Maddox: How many?

Dick: 700,000 people get arrested every year.

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: Arrested.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For marijuana…you know how many…that's a lot of cop activity. On a long enough timeline, some percentage of those are gonna go very wrong.

Maddox: Yeah. Of course.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Uh…in addition to that, they're enforcing a law that everyone doesn't respect.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So if you're enforcing something that no one thinks should be enforced, judging by the fact that 60% of people do marijuana…they're gonna hate you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what I'm sayin'?

Maddox: I…I was with a friend of mine who's a cop, and I was going on a ride-along a long time ago. I was on a police ride-along. You know that's where you sit with the cop and they take you on patrol with them.

Dick: Yeah, you sit on their lap and ride around town, I know. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, more or less, Dick.

Dick: I've been on a ride-along.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles) Have you…have you really? Have you been on a ride-along?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Okay. So, I went on a ride-along. And I saw…I noticed this car travelling down the road with its rear exhaust completely smoking and it looked like it was a mess, and so I pointed it out, I'm like, "Hey man, look at that." He goes, "Oh, let's check it out." So he turns around, like, pulls over this lady. It's this woman and her aunt. And she's driving and she has a baby in the backseat.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So they're driving someplace. The engine is smoking, whatever. And…and then he decides to check her bags for whatever, and he found that inside this little cup, like a baby sippy cup?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There was a tiny little baggie of marijuana that she'd stored.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: And so, he said, "Well, I gotta arrest her." And he arrested her. And because the marijuana was in the sippy cup, she also got slammed with child endangerment.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: So she got taken to jail. And meanwhile, the aunt, who didn't speak English, had to take care of this baby in this beat-down car, who…I don't even think she had a license. So then they had to go into debt calling a cab to come pick them up and take them to whatever, their low-income housing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It is a big problem, man.

Dick: Impossible to escape now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Impossible. 'Cause you've got a child endangering drug charge on your record.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For having a little baggie of weed. You're done. You're done, and the rest of your family tree is screwed, causing more crime, blablablablabla.

Maddox: And…and, when you put this woman in jail, she's not gonna be able to pay the fines and fees and penalties.

Dick: No. Guess who is?

Maddox: So it's gonna…yeah. The taxpayers.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Doesn't California just give you tickets now? Unless it's over a certain amount? I think they relaxed that stuff.

Dick: Yeah, I think it is decriminalized here.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You get a ticket.

Sean: Yeah it's kind of…yeah, it's kind of ignored. I know it's like a possession ticket or something.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: But, um…unless you're…unless it's over a certain amount, in which case you're probably still in big trouble.

Maddox: You know, I have a lot of friends who smoke a lot of pot, and just by being around them, I have a ton of pot clothes and accessories. I don't even know…'cause I never smoke, but I have two or three pairs of pot socks. Actually, to be fair, I bought those. (giggles)

Dick: Pretty cool.

Maddox: Because I thought they were maple leaves, like Canadian maple leaves.

Dick: Yeah. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Green maple leaves? (Maddox laughs) Like maybe they glow in the dark?

Maddox: I thought they were cool. I got 'em in a skater shop and I'm like "Oh, those are…"

Sean: Big syrup supporter over here.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (laughing) I was like, "I like Canada. That's cool." (laughing)

Dick: Oh, let's see. How many people are in jail because of weed? It's not free to send people to jail.

Maddox: 700,000 people, you said. Oh no, that's how many were arrested.

Dick: No, that's arrested. I think…'cause we have a…I forgot the total prison population. It's like 2 million people in the US are in prison? It's one in every hundred people in the US. It's roughly one in every hundred and ten people is in jail. In this country.

Maddox: Yeah. It's more. It's like 10% of the population or something, right? No.

Dick: No, no, no. That's like 1.

Maddox: 1%?

Dick: 1%. 250 million adults. So let's just say 2.5 million people.

Maddox: It's a lot.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's more than…it's more than the number of people arrested in China, I believe. And that's REALLY saying something, considering they're the most populous nation.

Dick: Yeah. So, uh…guess what all of them are in there for?

Maddox: Weed.

Dick: Half of them are for drugs. And marijuana makes up 27% of that. So 13% of people in our jails are there because of weed.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: 30,000 people?

Maddox: Well, Dick. You talked me into it. I think I'll…I'll give you an upvote!

Dick: It's more than anything else. That's more than immigration. That's more than sex offenses.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's more than drawing cocks on people's cars.

Maddox: You know what happens when you smoke pot, Dick, is you get the munchies. And when you get the munchies, you overeat. You eat too much, you get fat! (yelling) Go vote up obesity, people!

Dick: Oh, there you go. (grins) (Maddox laughs) You wanna hear about the positives?

Maddox: The positives of marijuana?

Dick: Yeah. It makes you a safer driver. It makes driving safer.

Maddox: Is that true? Is it because their reactions are slower?

Dick: Uh…it's hard to say. I have an alternative theory. States that have legalized the drug have reported 8% to 11% fewer accidents. I think it's because people who were getting shitfaced are now smoking weed.

Maddox: Oh, I see what you're saying. I think it may be because they lose the motivation to leave the house.

Dick: That could be too.

Maddox: Or wherever they are. (grins)

Dick: That could be too. Good.

Maddox: They just…they smoke and they just sit around on their fat asses.

Dick: Good. Uh, veterans are using it against their PTSD. But then we don't get things like Rambo. I don't know if that's a positive.

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeah, man! With pot around, Rambo wouldn't have existed.

Dick: Yeah. Uh…suicide. Suicide drops dramatically.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 5% drop in suicide rates. And real jobs. People get real jobs.

Maddox: Wow. (giggles)

Dick: Growing legal…legal weed.

Maddox: I don't…yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: What, it's a crop!!!

Maddox: Yeah, it is…it is a crop.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Well, Dick, is that all you got?

Dick: Yeah, I guess so.

Maddox: Hey, you know what they do in jail, Dick.

Dick: What?

Maddox: They read a lot.

Dick: They do! (Maddox chuckles) Thanks for reminding me that this episode is brought to you by Audible!! Please visit http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest for your free audio book download. Maddox, you know about Audible?

Maddox: No, tell me.

Dick: They've updated their copy. I've got an updated copy in front of me. They've got 180,000 audio programs from leading audio book publishers now. It used to be 150. I don't know if you remember that.

Maddox: They added 30,000 titles since they advertised on our show. WE are responsible for that. You're welcome, Audible.

Dick: That's right. (grins) You can listen to 'em just like you're listening to this podcast right now. Um, you get a free…lemme find it. You sign up with our code, you get a…you get a free book. (Sean and Dick crack up) Books like…books like "Steve Jobs - The Autobiography". You wanna listen to that?

Maddox: In his voice? Absolutely. (grins)

Dick: No. It's a zombie.

Maddox: Dammit. The one person who you could get to read a book without his consent. (laughs)

Dick: Icon. Steve Jobs, the Greatest Second Act in the History of Business.

Maddox: Oh, great. Did you bring that in, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, I did. I thought you might like that one.

Maddox: Awesome. Oh yeah, I'll be sure to read that one.

Dick: Okay, how about "Why is the Penis Shaped Like That?" by Jesse Bering.

Maddox: That's a real book?

Dick: That's a real book.

Maddox: Oh man, that's…

Dick: (interjects) You wanna download that?!

Maddox: Yeah, I kinda do, actually.

Dick: Alright. Alright, alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: Alright Dick, is that all you got?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Go to http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest for your free audio book download. Wait a minute. You wanna hear something from Asterios before we go on?

Maddox: Oh yeah! Let's hear Boisterous Coconuts.

Dick: Alright. Here we go.

(Sound clip starts, telegraph machine beeping

"April 14th, 2003 -- The Human Genome Project is completed with 99.99% of the human genome sequenced... totally spoiling the end of the movie of our lives. Helloooo! Some of us wanted to be surprised by life. We were told the future was unknown, ours to create, filled with possibility. Thanks for ruining the plot, gene mapping. (Maddox chuckles) **Maybe we didn't want to know if we'd end up with grey hair, cancer, or our father's inability to meaningfully connect.** (Dick and Maddox crack up) **And plus, how are we supposed to now blame everything wrong with our lives on our parents, if they're just computer robots too?! Thanks a lot, Human Genome Project. Thanks for nothing!")**

Dick: He doesn't like…(Maddox laughs) Never met anyone who didn't like the Human Genome Project.

Maddox: Was he being sarcastic? (cracks up)

Dick: I have no…I have no way to tell with that guy.

Maddox: Sounds like the plot of the movie Gattaca.

(Sound clip starts again, telegraph machine beeping.

"April 15th, 1850 -- The city of San Francisco is incorporated, finally giving the homeless a place to pee!"

Maddox: Yep! (laughs)

"During the gold rush of 1848, the population of San Francisco (Maddox still laughing) **exploded from one to twenty five thousand. 24,000 of them completely insane homeless men named Zeph who refuse to stop staring at your girlfriends or wives.** (Maddox and Dick laugh) **And the gold rush mentality proudly lives on today, as San Francisco is one of America's most expensive places to get pissed on by a crazy person.")**

Dick: Oh. Didn't know that. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. It's the most expensive place to be homeless and crazy. Um, that reminds me of one time I was at a coffee shop. I was going there with a girl I was dating at the time. And this dude comes up…

Dick: (interjects) How big were her cans?

Maddox: Uhh…lemme think. Like a good caracara orange.

Dick: I don't know what a caracara orange is.

Maddox: It's basically a navel orange. A little bit smaller.

Dick: Oh, okay. Alright. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Um, so (giggles) we're walking on…

Dick: (interjects) Please continue. (laughs)

Maddox: (laughing) We're walking and this homeless guy comes up to me and goes, "Hey man, I'm not gonna touch your lady. I was just wondering if I could get a dollar." Like… (laughing) alright. Well, now. Sure!

Dick: I was dating this girl with HUGE cans.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Double…Double D, we're talking.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And we were waiting in line for a movie over in Pasadena. This homeless dude's kinda ambling around. He, like, walks up to try to talk to us again? And she drops a bunch of change in his cup.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: And he's like, "Uhhh…that was my coffee."

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh!! (laughing)

Dick: So I just…I gave him some money. Like, get the fuck outta here.

Maddox: Was this homeless guy wearing a suit? (laughing) Just sitting there, like, reading the New York Times?

Dick: I don't know. I was just looking at her cans the whole time.

Maddox: Great. Alright, Dick. Let's get to a real problem this week, huh? Wage Gap Truthers!!!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeeeeaaah!!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick…(sighs) I…I've been working like a madman on my latest post and video that I just posted.

Dick: Oh, cool.

Maddox: Yeah. It's about this very issue. I tried to…I tried to finish it in time for last Tuesday, because last Tuesday was International Wage Equality Day.

Dick: I know, I was talking shit on Twitter all day about that.

Maddox: Oh, really? (grins) Okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: See, I wouldn't have known, because I blocked Twitter and Facebook to get work done, because Twitter and Facebook suck. Um…

Dick: So what's the deal? What's their gripe? Why do they need a day?

Maddox: Well, first. For people who don't know, the International Wage Gape Day is supposedly the amount of days that a woman has to work just to earn the same salary as a man. Because…

Dick: Zero.

Maddox: (laughing) Yes.

Dick: Don't they just take half of it? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: There you go, Dick. (Dick guffaws) No, because women say that…a lot of women's rights groups.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Women's advocacy groups say that they make only 77 cents to every dollar a man makes.

Dick: Ugh! (groans)

Maddox: 77 cents. So, Dick. A long time ago, I came across this statistic because I was writing my book, The Alphabet of Manliness.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I was looking…I was looking to write a joke about the wage gap. Something along the lines of, you know, God was gonna punish Eve for eating the apple, and to punish her entire gender, he says, "Okay, now you have to make blank percentage for every dollar a man makes."

Dick: (interjects) I don't think that's a very good joke.

Maddox: So, I decided….Dick…in context, it's great! (annoyed)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Why don't you make up a better joke, dickhead?!

Dick: Uh…alright. Lemme think. Hold on. 75%...(grins) Nah, you got me. That is…

(Sound effect: 'ba-dum ching' cymbal)

Dick: That's a better joke. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Anyway. Yeah. That actually…that section of the book, someone actually did a play on it. They…they actually brought it to their college and they took the script and they made a play out of it.

Dick: On your book!?

Maddox: Yeah, on my book, yeah!

Dick: Oh wow, that's cool!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. It was really cool. Um, that specific section. So that 75 cents to the dollar, Dick. I looked it up and I thought, "Well, I'd better get this number right. I might as well, I'm writing a book and I'm an author. I might as well get my facts right, right?"

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So I looked it up and I couldn't quite find the source of it.

Dick: Of course not.

Maddox: There were lots of different sources. When I looked it up, it was 70% one year, and it was 72%, and then it was 75%, and 77 and 82 and 64. It was all over the fucking place!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I couldn't even find the same number from within the same year from the same source! Different sources said different things. And then I thought, "Well, this is really strange, because it's something that's so engrained in our society." Right? You say, "Well, women don't have equality when it comes to wages." Which always pissed me off, Dick. Because I'm…I'm an egalitarian.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And I think most…most reasonable people are. And so when I heard that, that really upset me. I thought, "Well, that's fucking bullshit. If a woman's working equal work, then she should get equal pay."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? Very simple.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So I started doing research. That's what started me down this path of research. Six…that was in 2006. What's that, eight? Eight years ago, right? So that was, umm…that was a long time ago, and I find…all of that research and everything finally culminated this last week when I finished this article.

Dick: Today?!!?

Maddox: Today. (laughs)

Dick: Oh, wow!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's exciting!!! (excited)

Maddox: Yep. I brought it in.

Dick: It's a real life work. (grins)

Maddox: Here we are.

Dick: Here we are, with 15 minutes to go over 8 years of work!!! (Maddox laughing) I can't wait!

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: Hey, in your research, did you uncover the number of men who've got raises because their boss wants to bang them?

Maddox: Uh…no. But I do know…

Dick: Is there a day for that?

Maddox: (laughs) I do know personally some guys who have climbed the corporate ladder by banging their bosses.

Dick: Uh-huh. Really? (incredulous) Were the bosses chicks?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I've had opportunities myself, Dick, that I have turned down.

Dick: I don't believe that.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) Fuck you! Why…why don't you believe me?

Dick: What do you mean? Well, I don't know, 'cause you only had that one job to go…like, how…(stammers) what happened?

Maddox: Yeah. No. There have been other opportunities, my friend. Um…

Dick: Well, what?! What were they?

Maddox: I…I'm not gonna disclose it, man. The bottom line is this. I had opportunities and I passed on them.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright?

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So, uh…it does happen. It does happen. It's less frequent. It's less common. However, Dick. There is a smoking gun argument that I have. Which basically shuts everyone down when you bring up the wage gap. 'Cause they say there's 77 cents to the dollar. That's a bullshit statistic, because it doesn't control for the number of hours worked, if a guy works the same amount of hours as a girl. The type of job that he works.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A female chemical engineer is gonna make the same as a male chemical engineer if they have the same experience level, education, tenure, region of the country, marital status, whether or not they have kids, whether or not they have to take time off for kids, not only for themselves if they get sick, but also for their kids if they get sick. To take time off to go to their children's functions at school and things like that. Um, if you control for all of those variables?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know that they found…the Department of Labor did this study, they commissioned a study and they found that the wage gap shrinks to anywhere from 93 to 95%.

Dick: You know what they probably left out? Celebrity news sites. That's that last 5%.

Maddox: What do you mean?

Dick: Women on their phones all day at work being on celebrity news sites.

Maddox: Okay. Dick, I try to bring it…

Dick: Playing Candy Crush. (grins)

Maddox: (giggles) I try to bring in a well…

Dick: (interjects) And thinking about puppies. Did they have that in there?

Maddox: Argument…great, Dick. I bring in this well-thought-out, great argument. Cogent argument.

Dick: Go ahead!!! (cracks up)

Maddox: You shit all over it with your sexist bullshit! (Dick guffaws) Yeah, no, Dick. I don't think they controlled for Candy Crush Saga.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: (laughing) So there's this group, Dick. The group is called the American Associated of University Women. The AAUW. This is an advocacy group, right?

Dick: The aaaaaooo?

Maddox: Aaaaaaaaooooo.

Dick: Great. Great letters, ladies.

Maddox: Yeah. So they're the…they're one of the big ones who are really pushing this 77% number.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you Google the wage gap by gender or wage disparity by gender, one of the first links that come up, I think in the top two. Is their website. And they're really pushing this 77% number. They have numerous studies that they release year after year after year based on the same data. They change it a little bit here and there. But they release the study as a looooooong, 64+ page document, and then they release an executive summary,

which doesn't really talk about the numbers. They just say 77%, blablablabla. And they don't really talk about the methodology or the data.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I pulled up the 64-page document. The really long one, right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I thought, "Well, they can't deny that if you control for all these variables, the wage gap is gonna disappear. They can't deny that." Well, it turns out, they don't. They actually admit it.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: In this…in this document, they admitted that when you control for all these variables, the wage gap is 93%. They went with the lower figure. They went with 93 instead of 95.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But they still had to admit that it's 93% when you control for these variables inside this women's advocacy group study. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: However. In a 64-page document, they only mention it ONE time. In ONE sentence. Buried deep, deep, deep in the document, near the end. Near the bottom.

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah.

Maddox: And with one chart. That's it. That's the only time they mention it. And then they tried to say, "Well, but it's still a problem. Why is there a 7%?" Why…so there's a 7%...

Dick: (interjects) Because you're lying. That's why it's 77%. 'Cause you're just fucking lying.

Maddox: They're…it's misleading.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Um, I mean it's true, if you just look at all jobs across the board, of all men work versus all women work, but that doesn't control for any number of factors.

Dick: It's true in the way that you're not saying it. Like, it's true in the way that you're not implying.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah, exactly.

Dick: So, good work. Thanks for helping us all out.

Maddox: So, Dick. This 93% number that they came to. They said, "Well, that's true. It's 93% when you control for all these variables. But that still doesn't explain one-third of the

disparity." And when you hear that number, that one third number, you think to yourself: Oh, well that sounds like there's still a 33% gap, right?

Dick: Right. But it's not.

Maddox: They're not talking about that.

Dick: No.

Maddox: They're talking about one third of the 23%.

Dick: Yeah. Yep.

Maddox: Which is 7%. That's a real shitty way of saying 7%. I sound like I'm just, like, parroting my script, but this is just coming right from my head. I'm not reading this anywhere. (excited, angry) Uh, seriously. That's 7%. They're trying SO hard to make it sound bigger and make it sound badder, and make it sound like they're more of a victim than they actually are because they have an agenda. You know what their agenda is, Dick?

Dick: Money! Making money.

Maddox: It is money. It is money, yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they're all fucking liars. Anybody coming up with stats is doing this.

Maddox: No. Not always, Dick. Some people…see, you're such a cynic! You're such a cynic. Now listen to this.

Dick: It's…it's pictures of kittens and puppies that explains that 7%. I promise you that's true.

Maddox: No. Their study, even in this women's study? This AAUW report.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They said that some of the…they had to admit. They said that some of the disparity can be explained because women simply don't ask for raises.

Dick: Of course not.

Maddox: Why of course not?

Dick: Well, first of all, 'cause they don't value themselves as highly as men do.

Maddox: Okay, I regret asking you.

Dick: (interjects) No, no, no! Wait! That's a study. What are you talking about?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They don't…when self-reporting their value to a company, they report low.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: They always do. I brought that in…I brought that in in the Ask For a Raise bonus episode.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. You may have mentioned that. I think…are you referring to the phenomenon that's called, uh…Imposter Syndrome? Because that's what Jessica Williams was accused of. I brought that in, like, three or four episodes ago. Jessica Williams is the black…

Dick: (interjects) I brought it in before that.

Maddox: I know you did. But…is that the name of the study you're referring to? The phenomenon?

Dick: I…I don't know. I just looked at the numbers. It was the percentage of women who say that they deserve more money. And it was just less across the board.

Maddox: Right. Just to refresh everyone's memory, that Imposter Syndrome is what Jessica Williams, the anchor on the Daily Show was accused of. Which is a phenomenon where people think that they are not worthy of the success that they have achieved.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So sometimes people say, "Well women have this." They, for some reason, because society's beat them down and hammered them down so much. Um…but, Dick. Back to this point I wanna…I wanna make this point real quick. With the AAUW. Here's their agenda, right? They have this legal fund, it's the Legal Antidiscrimination Fund, whatever. Um, but they only take up certain types of cases with certain criteria. And one of their criteria, if they wanna take your case? If you have a sexual discrimination case and they wanna fight it for you?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: One of their requirements is that you allow the AAUW to publicize support for these cases internally and externally, including the media, on their website, and in electronic and print communications.

Dick: That makes sense. They wanna use you as a spokesperson.

Maddox: Yeah. They wanna use you. They wanna use you. So, say you've had a traumatic sexual assault at your work.

Dick: Say that I did?

Maddox: No, I mean as a woman.

Dick: What did I…oh.

Maddox: Say if you did and you were victimized.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: Don't threaten him with a good time.

Dick: Yeah, I was gonna say, lemme get my erotic story music out. (grins)

Maddox: Great. Um, if you have been sexually assaulted and you want to bring this person to justice. They will not take up your case unless you agree that they can use you and publicize you, and publicize this case to get more funding.

Dick: Yeah, but that's what they do.

Maddox: Well, that doesn't make it right.

Dick: That's fine. Eeeeeh, right. They're providing you legal counsel for free, aren't they?

Maddox: Allllllright, Dick. (annoyed)

Dick: Aren't they?

Maddox: No. No.

Dick: So you have to pay them and…

Maddox: (interjects) You don't have to pay them. No. You don't have to pay them. It's not entirely free. They cover the majority of the expenses for the legal fund. But not your personal travel and things like that.

Dick: I'm not really upset by that. I don't see how that's wrong. Go get another lawyer, then.

Maddox: Yeah, well, uh…

Dick: So you don't get hoodwinked by these…

Maddox: Well, but they…let's not pretend that this is altruism. They're not trying to do anything good here for women if they're just only…if they're gonna take up your case, but they say, "Well, you know what? We wanna help you, but also we wanna help ourselves."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Well, which is it? And also, it's…the most egregious form of self interest when you are further potentially victimizing someone who's experienced sexual assault. If you've had…I'm sure you've known somebody who, at the workplace, has experienced sexual discrimination, or at least sexual assault in some form. I do. I've known girls who've had their asses groped by their bosses, and finally, when they spoke up about it, their bosses tried to fire them or intimidate them. It's a real shitty thing. So, if you go to the AAUW and you say, "Hey, I'd like to bring suit against my boss." And they say, "Well, not unless we can publicize this and splash your name all over the media." You might say "No, fuck off. I wanna keep my private life private. I wanna grieve and deal with my trauma in my own way. Or maybe they're okay with it. But regardless, they shouldn't be forced. They shouldn't have their hand forced by this organization.

Dick: Well, they're not forced. They can go anywhere they want. I mean, I get that, like, you don't like hypocrisy, but they could just go to another lawyer if they want. If they don't want that.

Maddox: Yeah, but that's not the point, Dick. The point is they're not doing it out of altruism.

Dick: Oh, these women.

Maddox: The AAUW isn't.

Dick: Oh, yeah, of course not! (scoffs)

Maddox: No. They…they don't really care. I mean, they might…

Dick: (interjects) They don't even care about…they don't even care that they're perpetrating a ridiculous lie on the entire population! (yells) That they're perpetuating this divisive statistic that is…that means absolutely nothing at best and is a blatant lie at worst! They don't even care about that! Like, they don't care that they're directly harming everyone!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That…'cause that number? That number only breeds contempt and jealousy, and… like, how many women believe that?

Maddox: A lot.

Dick: All…fucking every woman I've talked to will throw it in!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, even if they don't mention it, they believe it somewhere, because if you hear it from everybody, it's IMPOSSIBLE not to! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like people who say your hair and your fingernails grow after you're dead. It doesn't! They don't.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But everybody believes it, 'cause they hear it from everybody. It's a hopeless cause to try to convince them otherwise! It's fucking hopeless!

Maddox: Um, I don't think it's hopeless. I think that we just have to take our time. It's gonna take a long time to do it, but we have to slowly…it's kinda like lemmings jumping off of cliffs, or George Washington's false teeth being wooden, or whatever. All those urban legends? Slowly, over time, little by little, uh…people can be enlightened to it. Especially, I believe the website Snopes is really helpful. And there's another website, Dick, called PolitiFact. Have you heard of PolitiFact?

Dick: I have, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. PolitiFact is actually really good. It's a nonpartisan website, which is what I like about it. They will call out the bullshit of all politicians, not just conservatives, but liberals as well.

Dick: Well…alright.

Maddox: No, they do.

Sean: No, there's a few of those. I think it's, like Factcheck.org.

Maddox: Factcheck.org is another one, I believe.

Sean: Yeah. PolitiFact. There's a few of them that…

Maddox: (interjects) That are nonpartisan.

Sean: Yeah, pretty much.

Maddox: Yeah. They just wanna get down to the bottom of it, which I really appreciate. Factcheck.org, however. Um, so when Obama, during his State of the Union address in 2014?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He came out and he said there was a 77% figure, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The 77 cents to the dollar. Uh, Factcheck.org came out and they said, "Hey, that's mostly false." And they explained how that number's misleading.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yes. It's specifically in the way…and then another politician came out and made those same claims? And they called him out on it, too. They said, "Those are mostly false." Those are really misleading numbers you guys are saying.

Dick: They're very misleading.

Maddox: Yeah. They're really misleading numbers. So, uh…they're doing a good job, I believe. So, Dick. You know what's interesting, though? Is that in spite of this staunchly held belief by women and men, most of society, really.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That women are paid less than men. Despite that, women overwhelmingly have a higher job satisfaction rating than men do.

Dick: Yeah, that's part of the ask for a raise problem.

Maddox: What do you mean?

Dick: 'Cause they don't ask for a raise 'cause they're more satisfied with their jobs, also.

Maddox: Could be.

Dick: I'm saying that's another reason why.

Maddox: Could be. So I looked into why, and the prevailing theory by a lot of feminist authors and feminist academia…

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: Is…yeah. (laughs) Is that women have been so browbeat and conditioned by society to think that they're worthless.

Dick: Oh, man. (laughing)

Maddox: That they don't even ask for a raise because they're so victimized. They're so weak! They're so…they don't even want to! They don't even wanna try. However, they're still somehow happier at their jobs, right?

Dick: What…what…what can you talk women into doing? Like, this is a real question. Can you try to talk a woman into doing something she doesn't wanna do?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: I mean, honestly. That's like most of my life, is trying to talk a woman into doing something that she doesn't…(Maddox laughs) And I'm not talking about sex. I'm talking about ANYTHING.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, (stammers) so what? We all banded together and brainwashed these women into thinking that they're thrilled to be at work?

Maddox: That's…

Dick: (interjects) That's what they're posing?

Maddox: That's the argument. Which, by the way, makes women sound weak.

Dick: Oh, how about…

Maddox: (interjects) Don't you see how insulting and condescending that is to say that women are so suggestible that you can tell…you can feed them shit and tell them that it's a steak, and they'll be like, "Oh, mmm, steak!" Right?

Dick: Yeah. How about…how about, "Hey, sweetheart, stop worshipping Disneyland." Spend your whole life. You're never gonna get that message through.

Maddox: Dick, what the fuck are you talking about?

Dick: (laughs) You can't talk them out of or into anything.

Maddox: Ooooooookay, Dick. I don't…I don't agree with that.

Dick: What do you mean? What do you mean?

Maddox: What? You can't rationalize with them? Is that what you're saying?

Dick: No, the opposite.

Sean: I like how he takes you on the ride and then kicks you out of a moving car.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah. (Maddox and Sean laugh) I totally agree with you. So…so what? So we can convince women that they're thrilled to be at work, but we can't talk them out of doing annoying this that I hate.

Maddox: Oh, I see what you're saying. You're saying that that…that you don't believe that's what women have been conditioned into believing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. I see what you mean.

Dick: I think they're, you know, like real…like, people.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: That have, like, motivations internally. And…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, I misinterpreted what you said. Yeah. Okay. That's…

Dick: Yeah. That's what…that's my life, man. People just misinterpreting everything I'm saying. (Maddox laughs) They think I'm a bad guy, but here I am, just trying to agree.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) Thanks, Dick. (Dick guffaws) Wow, good guy Dick Masterson. (Dick and Maddox laugh) Yeah, man. Um…so, I looked into the statistic, and that's the main reason that people say. Which there's no evidence for. Here's my theory. My personal theory. And I'm not saying that this is substantiated by any evidence or facts or research, or whatever.

Dick: Oooooh, I like it. Alright.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles) This is my own personal theory.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Um…when they control for job type, women, uh…women make largely the same as men, but when you're not controlling for job type, well suddenly that disparity reappears, right? Because then you're comparing people who…who might be working at McDonald's versus people who are, I dunno, petroleum engineers, or somebody who works at…

Dick: Or CEOs.

Maddox: Yeah. Or CEOs. Or somebody who works as a crab fisherman, who's way more likely to be a guy. With a much higher…

Dick: So, wait a minute. If I have a crab boat, I can just hire all women at 77% of the salary?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or if I run, like, a sanitation service, I can just hire all garbagewomen?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Holy shit! I'll run everybody outta town!

Maddox: Just hire 'em! Yeah.

Dick: I should do that!

Maddox: Because you'll save 23% on wages. Do you know how insane that figure is? To say that companies could be saving, TODAY, RIGHT FUCKING NOW…

Dick: Yeah. It's crazy.

Maddox: TWENTY-THREE PERCENT on their wages. (angry) And they're not tripping over themselves to hire women to fill these jobs?

Dick: That's the first thing they would do.

Maddox: That's the first thing they would do.

Dick: They'd do anything to save money.

Maddox: They're breaking laws by hiring illegal immigrants left and right!

Dick: (laughing) Yeah!

Maddox: They're trying every chance they can get, but illegal immigrants they know they can bully, because if they speak up, they'll kick 'em out of the country! They know they can't pull that shit with women! (Dick guffaws) If they could simply hire women and pay them less, they fucking would!!! You would see women accounting for the overwhelming majority of the workforce! And you just don't see that.

Dick: Yeah. You…they'd hire employees who don't speak English. That's all women do. Speaking all the time! (Maddox laughs) That would be the workplace!

Maddox: Good job, Dick. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: We look like…we'd look like the Serengeti.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It would just be the men…the male lions doing nothing all day and the women just working their asses off for 77%.

Maddox: For 77%. You know, Dick. So, that wage disparity and the job satisfaction. There's so many studies about this. The job satisfaction paradox.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That's actually a thing. It's a phenomenon that's known and there's so many studies that have looked at this. It's called a jo…wage…here, I got the actual name of it.

Dick: I wonder what that is. I wonder what that's all about.

Maddox: I…I…I'll tell you what my theory is.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: In just a second. It's called the "Gender Job Satisfaction Paradox". And my theory is, Dick, that the jobs that pay more are more dangerous. You are responsible for more. They're more stressful. You work longer hours. You work overtime. And you work extra time. So those jobs pay more. But they are miserable people who are working those jobs a lot of times. Like, I used to work at one of those jobs when I worked for the telemarketing company.

Dick: Here we go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can we put this square on the Bingo game? (grins)

Maddox: F…fuck you, Dick. (chuckles)

Dick: Something about the telemarketing company. (grins)

Sean: You know what? I just found out that you weren't actually on the phones. That's how I always pictured you.

Maddox: No, I started out on the phones, Sean. (Dick guffaws)

Sean: Oh, you did.

Maddox: I did, yeah.

Dick: How long did that…how many calls did that last? (cracks up)

Sean: About a day and a half, right? (grins)

Maddox: (chuckles) No, I was on the phones for about a year.

Sean: Oh my God, really?

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: Yeah. I was there for a long time. And that's…the reason I got my IT job and I got my foothold in the IT Department and then worked my way up into Programming and became their Research and Development programmer is because I was so bored on the phones, I would memorize the script and then sit there with my eyes shut, and they couldn't tell if I was asleep, which half the time I was. They couldn't tell if I was asleep or if I was on a call and just reading the script with my eyes shut, because I memorized everything, including the rebuttals, including the…the codes.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: And I would get so bored that I would sit there and hack the computers and break into their Unix system. And I would fool around with the little scripts and, like, write little payroll things, and I would shut down my computer when I didn't wanna work, and I'd turn of…you know, I'd disable calls, and just fuck around with the computers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Finally they said, "Hey man, you should probably work in IT. You know what you're doing." (grins) And that's how I got that job. But, uh…when I was at that job, Dick… wait, what we…what was the…

Dick: You were talking about how I was right that Reefer Madness is a huge problem.

Maddox: Diiiiiiiick! (Sean laughs)

Dick: No, you were talking about women working jobs that are not as, like, stressful and miserable.

Maddox: Yeah. This job was really stressful. When I became a programmer, it was a really stressful job, because I would work around 60 to 80 hours per week, and I hated it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I hated my li…I hated life. I gained weight during that time. That was another big period of gain…

Dick: Oh, boy. Here we go. (giggles)

Maddox: Of weight gain in my life. Yeah. It was a shitty job, Dick. I would sit there working in just a smelly, little office with a bunch of IT people. You know, like, computer nerds.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it…it sucked. I worked on Thanksgiving. I remember having to go in. I remember being on my vacation travelling abroad and having to log in through my phone in a WiFi…in an Internet café to take care of some fire that came up. It was a shitty job.

Um…yeah. It paid well. But I was stressed out. So somebody who has a stressful job is obviously gonna have lower job satisfaction than somebody who has a job that's not as stressful, but they're also not making as much.

Dick: Well, I hear what you're saying. Maybe that's true. I'm gonna pose another alternative theory. Uh…men like being miserable. (Maddox scoffs) Don't we?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: We get here every week and bitch about how miserable we are…(Maddox laughs) You know what I mean? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I dunno if women do that. Like, if a guy with a survey came up to me and said, "Hey, Dick, how do you report your job satisfaction?" I'm gonna go, "Well, what'd the last guy say?" And he says, "Well, it's like a living hell." And I'll say, "Well, mine's like two living hells." (Maddox laughs) "Put that down."

Maddox: Yeah. Is that the male version, of what, just gossip, I guess?

Dick: It's like being a martyr.

Maddox: We just like to be miserable.

Dick: We just do. We get together and commiserate over how miserable life is. 'Cause it is.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. Nice theory. That's my problem. (giggles) The wage…wage gap truthers.

Dick: That's pretty funny.

Maddox: Thanks. What's your…what's your last problem, Dick?

Dick: My last…aw, shit. We're running outta time, man. Let's hear…let's hear some more…

Maddox: Yeah, alright.

Dick: I got time for it. It's a quick problem. Let's hear some more Asterios…Asterios Kokkinos and his Biggest Problem in History. The biggest things that went wrong this week and last week, because he got it in late. (Maddox cracks up)

(Clip starts, telegraph machine beeping:

"April 18th, 1923 -- Yankee Stadium is opened, finally giving new yorkers a place to yell around a lot and be rude! (Maddox laughs) **Before Yankee Stadium, New Yorkers simply had no place where they could rant, complain** (Maddox and Dick crack up)**, raise their voices, shout unsolicited advice, make a mess while eating, get way too drunk,** (still both laughing) **turn minor differences of opinion into brutal fistfights…"**

Maddox: Fucking New Yorkers. (grins)

"…**presumptuously act like you're a member of their family,** (Dick laughs) **make sure that you know that they know what's going on, or call people they'd just met "my**

friend." The notoriously repressed and humble folk of New York City finally had a forum -- thanks, Yankee Stadium!")

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: You ever been to Yankee Stadium?

Maddox: Uh, no. Just in passing.

Dick: I never have either. Sean? You been to Yankee Stadium?

Sean: Well, no. The original is torn down.

Dick: Oh, I didn't know that.

Sean: There's a new one, though.

Maddox: Well, Sean, the raincloud of fun! (Dick laughs)

Sean: It's across the street.

Dick: Sean's the raincloud of fun?!!? (Maddox laughs) Oh, sorry, Starlord.

Maddox: Fuck!! Fuck you!!!! Fuck Guardians of the Galaxy!!!

Dick: That title's taken. (grins)

Maddox: No!!!

Dick: Alright. Here's…here's the last one. I'll play it. Asterios. (Maddox chuckles)

(Clip starts again, telegraph machine beeping.

"April 15th, 1912 - The RMS Titanic sinks in the North Atlantic Sea…"

Dick: Ohooooo!!! (Maddox laughs)

"… leading to the greatest disaster of the 20th century..."

Maddox: Good.

"…the movie Titanic."

Dick: Awwwwwww.

Maddox: Yeah!

"…The mighty vessel took two hours and forty minutes to sink. That's right -- it took the Titanic less time to sink than it takes to watch Titanic! (Maddox and Dick laugh) **Hopefully, I've talked long enough so that Dick can surprise Maddox with a Titanic clip -- now, Dick, show him the clip!!"**

Maddox: Oh…better not!!

Dick: No, I can't. (cracks up)

"…Hah hah, yes! Look at his face! (Dick and Maddox crack up)

He looks like a bottle of hot sauce!! (They laugh again)

He's got that bulging vein thing going!!

Oho, my God, is he going to die?")

Dick: You can imagine, though. (Maddox laughing) I think that's it…

Maddox: Is he gonna chime in anymore? During this….

(Clip: Asterios: "Great joke, Dick!!") (They all crack up)

Dick: I'm gonna play that along with every clip from now on.

Maddox: Good! Then I'll just fucking leave. I'll go get a burger. You can fuck off in here.

Dick: Hey, I don't like watching it, either!

Maddox: Oh, you said you liked it! You said you like love stories and this and that!

Dick: I like rubbing it in your face.

Maddox: Awwwwww.

Dick: Doesn't mean I like watching the movie.

(Clip: Asterios: "That's all for now! (Sean and Dick crack up) **This is Asterios Kokkinos saying. "The past can go a-fuck itself!!!!")**

Maddox: That's one of the best ones yet, I think. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. I love that guy. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Oh, man. That pisses me off. I'm really angry now.

Dick: 'Cause of the Titanic?

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause of everything. Although, I'm happy that the Titanic sunk. So, there's that.

Dick: Well, you should smoke some weed, man. That oughta mellow you out.

Maddox: Wait. I will not smoke weed. I also changed my mind. I changed my mind. I am actually not happy the Titanic sunk, 'cause had it NOT sunk, maybe I wouldn't have to sit through that horrible bit that you do when your problems come in with more votes.

Dick: Guess we'll never know.

Maddox: (scoffs) I guess. Time machines as a solution.

Dick: Do we have time for, uh…do we have time for…oh, yeah, you would go back in time and prevent the Titanic from sinking.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs)

Dick: So you wouldn't have to watch that bit anymore. (Maddox cackles)

Maddox: Talk about…talk about false altruism! There's some fucking false altruism for you!! I'm not doing it for you guys. I don't give a shit if you guys die! I just don't want to have to watch a movie a century later!!! (laughs)

Dick: It's all fake, man.

Maddox: (laughing) Oh. Oh, are you a truther?

Dick: It's allllll fake.

Maddox: Are you a Titanic truther?

Dick: ALLLLLLL altruism is fake, I'm saying.

Maddox: Oh. Oh, okay.

Dick: Um, yeah. You'd be the last person I would want on that ship trying to save it.

Maddox: Wh…why? I would do a good job!

Dick: No. You are immediately condescending.

Maddox: I'm very charismatic. (laughs)

Dick: With every person. Well, first of all, you're Middle Eastern. And this is…

Maddox: (interjects) I'm not!! I'm Armenian. There's that.

Dick: Oh, ok…I didn't know there was a difference. I'm sorry.

Maddox: Oh yeah. There is a huge fucking difference, asshole. (Dick laughs) Why don't you look into it? Why don't you pick up a book?

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Why don't you go to a "librarys"?

Dick: If you dance like this, with snapping, rubbing invisible quarters together in the sky, like you're snapping, but you're not snapping? (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: I don't do that, asshole.

Dick: Then I call you Middle Eastern.

Maddox: No.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Dick: Well, so, I don't think they would respond well to that, first of all.

Maddox: Okay. It doesn't matter what they fucking respond to. You know what? If I showed up on that ship, I'm so charismatic and, yes, condescending. (Dick guffaws) But… but sometimes you listen to a condescending, charismatic leader, right? Don't you? I think people do.

Dick: I don't know about that. Name…who's a condescending, charismatic leader.

Maddox: Uh, me.

Dick: Neil DeGrasse Tyson!

Maddox: You're lookin' at him. No.

Dick: There we go.

Maddox: Oh, okay, well, there you go, sure. He's condescending and charismatic.

Dick: Yeah. He is.

Maddox: There you go. He's a perfect example.

Dick: Maybe I'm wrong.

Maddox: Yeah, eat my asshole.

Dick: Let's…let's have a contest. Let's travel back in time and save the Titanic.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: You wanna hear one more problem this week? Or else everyone's gonna bitch that we only had two problems.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. God forbid. You know, somebody was bitching about that. He's like, (dorky voice) "Yeah, what's the deal guys with the three comments lately?"

Dick: Three problems.

Maddox: Or, "The three problems you guys are bringing in?" And someone commented and said, "Hey, uh, would you prefer zero problems? They don't have to do this, dickhead!"

Dick: I saw that.

Maddox: Yeah. What's your last problem, Dick?

Dick: Getting Too High. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: Getting too high. Good…good pairing with your other problem.

Dick: Yeah. So, you know. Weed Day episode.

Maddox: What's wrong with getting too high?

Dick: Well, uh…you know. A lot of things. You look like an asshole.

Maddox: You do look like an asshole.

Dick: Sometimes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: See? The problem is…the problem with weed is you can't…you can't get too drunk. But you can get too high.

Maddox: Uhhhh, no.

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: You're absolutely wrong. (laughing) I…I would much rather be around somebody who's too high than too drunk. Although there is a point of drunkness where they pass out where I'm just drawing shit on their face.

Dick: See?

Maddox: That's pretty funny.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But if you're too high, you're just sleeping.

Maddox: Yeah, but then if you get too, too drunk, then it's just alcohol poisoning, and that's gonna really just bum people out if they die.

Dick: You ever been too high?

Maddox: Uh, too…no, I don't even think I've been high…I've been high maybe, like once. But no.

Dick: You get high on life.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay, Dick.

Dick: Well, it's not making fun!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is it true?

Maddox: What?

Dick: That you get high on life. Is that an accurate statement?

Maddox: I don't even know. Like, how can you explain to someone who's never been high if they're high…like, what it's even like to be high.

Dick: Uh…

Maddox: You know, that's what…that's…my problem. I sound high right now. Uh…(Dick laughs) that's my problem. That's my problem with people who say, you know, they try to convey an idea that is internal to someone else who's never experienced it.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Or maybe has never experienced it. Like headaches. How do you know a migraine that you think that you're having is an actual migraine compared to someone else's headache? You might just think you're having a bad headache.

Dick: That's true. I was trying to explain to a girl what busting a nut felt like. (Maddox laughs) The other week.

Maddox: Great. (grins)

Dick: I can't remember what I said, though.

Maddox: Um…I…(laughs) you know, it's sooooo stupid, Dick, 'cause I was having this exact same conversation. (laughing) Different time, different people.

Dick: What do you mean? This conversation we're having right now?

Maddox: Yeah…no. I was trying to explain…I was trying to explain to a girl what it feels like.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It's weird. It's weird, yeah.

Dick: It's hard. It's very difficult. I'm gonna work on that. I'll come back with that next week.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: I'll do some homework.

Maddox: Oh, it's hard, buddy.

(Sound effect: Boner "Boing!!!")

Dick: Getting Too High. I fell off a stool at the Pacific Dining Car last week.

Maddox: What's the Pacific Dining Car?

Dick: It's a steak restaurant.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Steak restaurant.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was too high.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You fell off a stool?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What an asshole.

Dick: Yeah, I know.

Maddox: Why were you so high?!

Dick: I've never fallen off a stool 'cause I was drunk. Too drunk.

Maddox: Yeah, well…what do you, just turn into a goofy idiot when you're high?

Dick: That's what it does to you, man.

Maddox: Mmm. So…so, Dick. You're…lemme…(laughs) …lemme get this straight. Your problem this week is you fell off a stool at the Pacific Dining Car.

Dick: (grins) Yeah, but I got other examples of getting too high.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Um…I was going to a rave one time. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Is this a Burning Man story, Dick?!

Dick: No, I got a Burning Man story about getting too high, too.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Yeah, I was going to a rave one time. I was supposed to meet a bunch of friends there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they…they were bringing all these…all these pot brownies. Right? Edibles are murder, too. I don't know if you know that.

Maddox: I have…okay, I take it back. I have done an edible before.

Dick: Oh, then you've been high as shit!

Maddox: Well, there you go. There's that.

Dick: So they panicked in line. They had a whole plate of pot brownies.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they panicked in line, 'cause the bouncer was, like, frisking people.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: This was in college, so they're terrified of authority. And, uh…they decided to eat all of the pot brownies as quickly as possible.

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: To get through…to get through the line. 'Cause they don't wanna waste them, right?

Maddox: (shudders) God forbid.

Dick: So they get in…they get into the rave, at like, I dunno, 10.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Found 'em at 6 in the morning, all sleeping on top of each other. (Maddox laughs) In, like, these beanbags out in the front.

Maddox: Idiots.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: You blew it. You know, I feel like pot, and alcohol to an extent, maybe both the same extent, but I think that it's a way that people obliterate their senses so they don't have to contend with life.

Dick: Yeah! That's exactly what it is.

Maddox: Yeah. That they don't have to deal with their demons.

Dick: Yeah. You get it.

Maddox: I know people…I know people who just smoke nonstop. And it's because they don't want to be present enough to think about what they've done. (laughs) Or haven't done.

Dick: Happy 4/20, everybody.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, enjoy. Hey, is that harshing your buzz, you idiots? You fucking…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, well. I mean, you got video games, right? That's what you do.

Maddox: Yeah. But it's not.

Dick: To check out.

Maddox: But it doesn't…I don't check out. I think when I play video games. Especially…

Dick: You can't hold a conversation when you play video games.

Maddox: Oh. Oh, that's a fucking…(excited) Okay. You should see me play Street Fighter when I'm on the phone, buddy. When I'm having a…when I'm talking on the phone and I'm playing against someone else in Street Fighter, everyone gets pissed off, 'cause I'm so good. They…(laughs) they say, "Hey man." 'Cause I'm always, like, holding back. Like, one arm behind my back when I'm playing Street Fighter, right?

Dick: Oh, my god.

Maddox: 'Cause I'm playing against all these rookies and suckers. (Dick cracks up) And then when I'm playing…when I'm talking on the phone, I'm paying more attention to the conversation and I just go into muscle memory with Street Fighter, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I'm just kickin' ass. And everyone's like, "Hey, this isn't fun. 'Cause you've won 30 times in a row." I'm like, "Oh, sorry. I'm on a phone call, I'm not paying attention. I forgot that I'm playing with my Master self."

Dick: Alright. (Maddox and Sean crack up) You got my problems.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Reefer Madness and Getting Too High.

Maddox: And my problem this week was Wage Gap Truthers!!

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Don't forget to vote on these problems at http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. Thanks for supporting us with Audible, guys. It really helps out the show.

Dick: Yeah. See ya next Tuesday. (Maddox laughs)

(Voice mail (male voice): "Oh, my god. Talk about non-fucking problems this week. I think you guys have really gotten to the end of the Biggest Problem in the Universe.

Dick: We brought in enormous problems last week.

Maddox: Yeah.

"The best you can fucking come up with is obesity, bacon love, and taxes."

Maddox: That's a huge problem!

Dick: Both…both…

"Dick, you dumb motherfucker. If you have a problem with taxes, you gotta have a fucking reason! I mean, they're necessary. Without taxes, we don't have roads or infrastructure. I get, you know…"

Dick: We got a lot of countries to run.

Maddox: Yeah.

"(inaudible) spending too much on military, then, like, maybe your problem shouldn't have been taxes. It shoulda been how we spend taxes, 'cause I agree, you

know. I agree, we spend way too much on military. It's a fucking waste of money on my…

Maddox: Oh, thanks for agreeing, asshole. (Dick cracks up) Thanks for this really thoughtful point you brought in for our nonproblems, dipshit!

(Guy continues rambling in the background, inaudibly, while Maddox yells)

Maddox: You spent like fucking two minutes talking about this nonproblem, apparently!

Dick: So big of a nonproblem that it took two minutes to get to it.

"…Maddox, obesity is kind of a solution, 'cause these fat fucks die faster."

Maddox: No.

Dick: No.

Maddox: No. They just…they're more…idiot.

"…we're decreasing the population of people who are too stupid to take care of themselves.")

Dick: I can't take it anymore.

Maddox: Good. You know what? You moron! Listen, it's such a fucking nonproblem that it…that it spurred a two-minute debate you had with YOURSELF on a fucking voice mail, you idiot! (Dick cracks up) That's how…that's how much of a nonproblem. Uh, sorry we brought in this problem that has spurred no controversy or debate.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Really? It's not a problem? Guess what, you wouldn't be calling in if it wasn't a problem, shithead!!! Fuck!!!! (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Speaking…speaking of having a debate with yourself. Here's a…here's a call, uh… (Maddox still laughing)

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Dick, you fucking tit! (Maddox laughs) **I'm listening to Episode 47 right now, and I'll tell you what. Belloq did not follow Indiana Jones to find the fucking Lost Ark, okay? He saw Indiana's guys digging it up."**

Maddox: Oh, man. I'm so glad we…

"I'm of course talking about the beginning of the movie…..(inaudible) he did follow him. To find it. You're right.") (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: Then he called back immediately upon realizing his mistake.

Maddox: Okay. (grins)

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey Dick, this is Pete again. (Maddox and Sean laugh) **I just called and I was talking about your reference to Indiana Jones on Episode 47.** (Maddox cracks up) **I do apologize.** (Sean and Dick crack up) **I think it's pretty obvious you're talking about the beginning of the movie."**

Dick: I think it's pretty obvious!! (dying of laughter) (Maddox cracks up)

"When Belloq follows Indiana Jones and just hangs out outside the opening of the cave, waiting for him (Dick and Maddox still laughing) **to get the idol with The Hovitos. So, I…I immediately jumped to think that you thought he was….I immediately jumped to…I've been drinking.** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **I immediately jumped to the point that you were…you were talking about him finding the Lost Ark and Belloq follows him to the Lost Ark, when, you know…(stammers)…")**

Maddox: Oh, boy. (Dick cracks up loudly)

Dick: Alright. (laughing)

Maddox: Now he's gotta apologize for talking too long.

Dick: I got…I got two more. Oh, uh…somebody wrote you a song, Sean.

Maddox: Ooooooh! We got a song for Sean.

Sean: Oh, great. (annoyed)

Dick: Yeah. I gotta play it this episode, too.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Let's end on this one.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Reggae music starts…

(Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: Perfect!! (laughing) I love it already.

Me name Sativa Sean and me live on de farm and ….all day who comes be mon. Hey! But in this life, there's one thing I need. The day's over. I want to bun up some weed.

(They all crack up continuously throughout)

Yo! Where's the green?

Sean (clip) : It's gone.

Why?

Sean (clip) : Because last night, I went full-blown retard.

(They all crack up)

What happened?

Sean (clip): I deleted the weed (clip cut in). (They all laugh, Sean is coughing from laughing too much.)

Sean (clip): I deleted…")

Maddox: Oh, man. (laughing)

Sean: Wait, that was it?

Dick: No, hold on. I think I accidentally exed out of it.

Sean: Oh, my God.

(Song starts again.

Sean (clip): I deleted…")

Dick: Oh, that is it.

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 50

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Casper! Get 50 dollars towards any mattress purchased by visiting http://casper.com/biggest and using promo code "BIGGEST".

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy??

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Derelicts!

Maddox: In studio is Randy, and all the way across the country joining us remotely via Skype is...Boisterous Coconuts! (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Yay!

Asterios: Hey, what's up?

Dick: Also known as Asterios Kokkinos. What's your current Twitter handle, Asterios? You always say, like, "America's Acquaintance" or something like that.

Asterios: I...that is me. I am America's Acquaintance. (Maddox and Dick laugh) Hey, you know what guys? Just real quick, let's get the energy up. We usually start these shows with...you know, listen to some voicemails, find out who won, but why don't we start with my problem?

Dick: Start with your problem? Before we even -

Asterios: (interjects) UNEXPECTED GUESTS!!! (suddenly enters room) (Maddox and Dick gasp)

Maddox: OH MY GOD!! (screaming)

Dick: WHAT?!? WHAT??

Maddox: ASTERIOS, YOU MOTHERF-... (breaks down laughing)

Dick: WHAT? WHAT?? (background laughter) What the HELL?

Asterios: That's right!

Maddox: What the hell?!

Asterios: Unexpected guests!

Dick: Asterios...

Maddox: Asterios is in studio!! Oh my g-...

Dick: Asterios, I am for real gonna execute you... (everyone else laughs) ...in about 10 minutes. First of all, first of all...first of all, sit at Sean's microphone.

Maddox: Oh, my GOSH.

Dick: Sit at Sean's microphone. Okay, lemme give...lemme give some background on this, what's happening right now. Because I -

Asterios: (interjects) Oh yeah, unexpected guests are the worst, aren't they? Yeah, what a terrible problem! I'm glad we're all on the same page!

Dick: Turn off your Skype, 'cause it's echoing. Turn off your Skype. And lemme...lemme explain what happened, because... (everyone else giggling) I am for real...I am for REAL going to kill you after this taping.

Maddox: Oh my gosh, Aste-...yeah!! Asterios! (yelling)

Dick: For the last 2 hours...for the last 2 hours, all of us have been trying to set up our piece of crap computers: Maddox's netbook, my MacBook, Sean with his Pro Tools coffin that he brings in every time? We've been trying to set this up for TWO GOD DAMN HOURS just to get a clear audio channel to have Asterios call in from across the country with Skype. (raises voice) We JUST finished. We JUST got it done, and this grinning fuckin' asshole bursts through the door like a retarded Santa Claus, carrying a bunch of equipment, saying, "Hey guys, all that time you just wasted? Shove it up your ass, because I'm a digital cyberdemon!!" (everyone laughs harder) "Fuck you!"

Asterios: Hey, it's not my fault that you guys have lives and I don't, okay? I can spend 2 hours in the car outside of Maddox's house. Actually, the only reason I burst in this early is that Maddox's crazy neighbor started yelling at me! (Dick and Maddox laugh) So I was like, "You know what? They're gonna hear, I better fuckin' pull the trigger on this!"

Dick: You motherfucker. And what dedication to sit through TWO HOURS...

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: ...of FUCKING AROUND for this payoff.

Asterios: Yeah! It was really hot in that car! It was really hot in that goddamn rental car.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Oh my...GOD. Asterios, this is... (stammers) I am, like, A) pissed off, B) happy...but C) a little bit more pissed off than happy. (laughs with Asterios) Yeah, uh, everything -

Asterios: (interjects) Like most of the women I know. I have that effect on people.

Maddox: Oh my gosh. Un-fuckin'-believable.

Dick: I'm pissed off because I was inconvenienced, and I'm even MORE pissed off in a way that I like being 'cause I was had. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I don't register happiness. I only have "not rage" and "rage." So this is like, the rage has spilled over into a feeling that, like, consumes me and I love.

Maddox: Would you say that that's the feeling of busting a nut? A fan asked last time?

Dick: Yep!! That is the feeling! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Ohh, that's what it is!

Dick: This is the feeling of busting a nut.

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: That we were tryin' to explain to women in the previous episode.

Maddox: Well, since this is the weirdest fuckin' start to a show ever, happy 50th everyone!

Asterios: Happy 50th episooode!

Dick: Happy 50th. (laughing)

Maddox: Happy 50th, with unexpected guest Boisterous Coconuts in studio! Sean, were you in on this??

Sean: Oh, yeah! (from background)

Maddox: OH, MOTHERFUCKING SEAN!

Asterios: Of course he was! (laughing)

Maddox: SEAN!!

Dick: You were in on this?

Sean: I knew for a week!

Maddox: Oh, you piece of shit! (Asterios giggles)

Dick: You piece of shit.

Maddox: Oh my GOSH.

Dick: Both of you are pieces of shit.

Asterios: Yup! (smiling)

Maddox: Oh, the worst!

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: I wouldn't have flown...look, all I'm saying is I would not have flown in for the 52nd episode, okay? (Maddox laughs) But it's the 50th.

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) There you go. Now I'm back on your side, Asterios. (**'ding!' sound effect**) Ding.

Dick: Vote it down. Unexpected Guests.

Maddox: I LOVE it.

Dick: Is that your for real problem this time?

Asterios: Yes, it is! I can walk you guys through it.

Dick: Okay, wait. Let's...

Maddox: Well, hold on.

Asterios: Oh, you wanna wait? Alright!

Dick: Can we...? Yeah, let's do...

Maddox: Let's get to the comments and stuff, yeah.

Dick: Let's do the normal show first.

Asterios: Alright! Alright.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You shifty fuck. (Asterios and Maddox laugh) Can't trust you now. Now we know that you're...now we know you're a good liar!

Asterios: I'm the best!

Dick: Ohhh, that's...alright, that's good to know about you!

Maddox: Uh-huh. Sneaky Greeky over here. (laughs with Asterios)

Dick: Oh, hey! Uh, by the way, that reminds me of our Armenian debate from last week.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: Whether or not Armenians were Middle Eastern.

Maddox: Okay! Let's hear what Wikipedia fuckin' bullshit-ass article you brought in.

Dick: No, no, no. I don't trust Wikipedia. There's one website that I always get straight info from.

Maddox: WikiHow?

Dick: Bodybuilding.com. (everyone laughs) So I went to the forums at bodybuilding.com to see if, uh...the question was "Is Armenia considered European or Middle Eastern?" Uh, PowerbaII says, "They are Middle Eastern." CaptainSquatz... (Asterios snickers) ...says, "Middle Eastern IMO." That's bodybuilding talk for "in my opinion." (in unison with Maddox) Yeah. And then, uh, Evensanity says, "Such a small country, who cares?" So I... (Maddox and Asterios laugh) I think that debate is pretty much closed. (smiles)

Maddox: Great. A bunch of bros on bodybuilding.com. (Dick laughs) Which, by the way, that same, uh...there's a thread on there from like 2 years ago where 2 guys, in earnest, were debating the number of days in a week! (Dick and Asterios laugh)

Asterios: Oh, that's right! I've seen that.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What?! (giggling)

Asterios: Yeah, it's...

Dick: WHAT?

Maddox: It's one of my favorite things on the Internet. It goes on for like 5 pages, and people are saying, "Well no, the week starts on Sunday," and then this other guy's like, "Well no, it's Monday to Sunday." I'm like, "No, idiot, that's 6 days!" And then they go back and forth, like, counting out days like preschoolers on their hands!! (Dick cackles) For 5 pages!

Dick: For 5 pages??

Asterios: Yeah, well, 'cause they're trying to figure out...like, when to alternate between legs and arms and shit, so someone's like, "Well, you do your legs every 3 days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday."

Dick: They don't have enough limbs to count the number of days!! (everyone laughs)

Asterios: Yes, exactly!

Dick: "Well, I got leg day, that's day #1; arm day, that's day #2; cardio, that's day #3. Three days in the week, that's it, then you start over!" (dumb voice) (laughs with Asterios)

Maddox: Okay, so according to those meatheads, I guess Armenia's Middle Eastern. But what do I know?? What the fuck do I know? I'm only Armenian.

Dick: Yeah, that's why you shouldn't be trusted, though. I mean, that's why your opinion on it is... (Maddox winds up) I'm not saying 'cause you're Armenian. I'm saying, like, that you're too close to it.

Maddox: Uh, nononono. I...look, let's not look at me as the person in this room not to be trusted, okay? (everyone else laughs) Mr. Unexpected Guest and Sativa Sean over here. Last episode, guys, Wage Gap Truthers was the #1 problem of the week. Wage Gap Truthers cleaned house. And that's a really good problem, I say! Uh, yeah! Thank you.

Dick: Yeah, it's a good problem.

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) Then followed by Reefer Madness. Everyone agreed, Dick, good job. And then barely NOT a problem was Getting Too High.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Which I disagree with.

Dick: Why?

Asterios: Because if you are way too high, you are way too annoying.

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: If you get too drunk, you fucking pass out and you don't bother anybody anymore.

Dick: And you're funny!

Asterios: Yeah, exactly.

Dick: People fuck with you.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: They draw dicks on your face, they put their dicks on your face, they put your dick on THEIR face. It's hilarious.

Asterios: If you draw a dick on the face of a guy who's way too high, he's gonna think it's funny, and then where's your satisfaction?

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. A drunk guy, that guy's gonna get pissed off, he's gonna wanna start a fight, he's gonna take a swing...you know, fall over in a pool of his own puke. THAT'S the guy.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I love that guy!

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: You know, Asterios, you just...you drew a dick on the face of this show today. (everyone laughs)

Dick: You really did.

Maddox: You got us so good!

Dick: You FUCK.

Maddox: Oh my gosh.

Dick: You motherfucker.

Maddox: I got a comment from Paul Medlicott. I think this was on YouTube, I'm not sure. He says, "Hey Maddox! Do you save 23 percent on shampoo?" Uh... (cracks up) Because I'm bald. Yes I do, asshole.

Dick: So shouldn't you save 100 percent?

Maddox: No, I still wash my head, dickhead! And I still have -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause of your eyebrows? You wash your thick Armenian eyebrows? (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! I don't want my eyebrows stinkin' up the place. (laughs) Then I got a comment from Leonel Gallo. He says, "Fastest Dick vs Dick ever. Hey - "

Dick: (interjects) Oh, fuck OFF!

Maddox: "...let me..." (cracks up) "...let me go on more than 50 episodes with a strong..." Or 49 if we're not counting the one Sean deleted. Um...

Sean: Oh, come on!! (from background) (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: "...let me go on more than 50 episodes with a strong stand against taxes and then open my weed decriminalization argument with 'we could be losing 10 billion dollars in taxes.'"

Dick: I said INCOME TAX. Why does ev-...everyone jumped on me for saying there should be no taxes. All I said was the fuckin' income tax! There's thousands of different types of taxes! Okay?? (Maddox chuckles) Fuck off!

Maddox: Thousands of...yeah.

Dick: I bet there is thousands of different types of taxes! I mean, there's tariffs on everything!

Maddox: There are -

Dick: (interjects) There's a tobacco tax...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...there's a big balls tax. You...oh, you guys wouldn't know anything about that, would you?

Maddox: Oh. Good one. Real funny.

Asterios: Hmm, one day.

Maddox: (**'boo' sound effect**)

Asterios: One day I'll pay the big balls tax. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Well, the... (stammers) I mean, to be fair to this argument though, isn't the income tax, like, way fairer than just taxing every time you buy a cigarette? 'Cause if a rich guy buys a cigarette or a poor guy buys a cigarette, they'll be taxed the same amount!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Here's my entire problem with it. All the other taxes, like if you...like, let's say a VAT.

Asterios: Alright.

Dick: Because a VAT, a value-added tax, is a perfectly viable alternative to an income tax.

Asterios: Alright, let's talk about -

Dick: (interjects) That is a voluntary tax. When you go to buy something, you can make the decision or not if you're gonna buy something. And it's not on food, so poor people...you're not punishing people for LIVING, 'cause it's not on food. A value...it's only if you take a product, improve upon it, and then you're taxed upon the improved value of the product. If you're getting taxed on your income, you can't not pay that! It's a mandatory tax. Like the government is God, saying, "Hey, do you wanna work today? You gotta give us some of that time, buddy." (Asterios laughs) You can't say, "You know what? I'm just gonna work and I'm gonna live in a cabin out in the woods and I'm gonna mind my own fuckin' business." The income tax doesn't let you do that. They own your life!

Asterios: But don't...don't most of our listeners pay so little in income taxes that they have no idea what you're talking about?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And if you taxed their cigarettes or alcohol, they'd get super pissed off. 'Cause a value-added tax is on cool things we want!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like in England, I believe there's a VAT on lipstick. Don't you want ladies to look super hot? Do you really want them to have to go into their own pocket for that? No! Come on, man!

Maddox: Ahh.

Dick: Asterios?

Asterios: Mhm?

Dick: Whose fuckin' listeners?

Maddox: Ohhh. (laughs with Dick)

Asterios: YOUR listeners! What did I say? What did I say?? (giggling)

Dick: You motherfucker, you said "our listeners."

Asterios: God dammit, I'm sorry!

Dick: You shifty...you are a shifty Greek! (yelling)

Asterios: I FLEW ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR THIS!

Dick: You are a shifty Greek!! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Jesus Christ!

Maddox: Oh, Dick, another surprise: I'm kicking you off the show. Asterios, welcome to the new... (laughs)

Asterios: Yaaay, thank you!

Dick: NOOO!! NO, NOOO!

Asterios: Thank you guys.

Dick: NO!!

Maddox: Happy 50th, fuckhead! (Dick laughs)

Asterios: Happy 50th, guys. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. No, you make a good point. Vote for Rand Paul, I guess. Um... (everyone except Dick laughs)

Dick: WHAT THE FUCK! Like...GOD DAMMIT!! GOD DAMMIT.

Maddox: I got a comment from Sean Michaelson. He said, "Has anyone that has ever promoted the 77 percent pay argument ever cited a specific company that does this, excluding positions where you have to negotiate your own salary?" Yeah, that's a good point, Sean. I was gonna mention this in the video, I didn't have enough time, but where are all these companies paying women 77 percent to the dollar? Can we just boycott them?? Can we just shut them down and say, "Hey fuckheads, you got..." If this was really happening across the board, wouldn't there be one or two companies in the news for doing this? Wouldn't someone find out eventually? Wouldn't one of the many women who work in payroll departments look at the salaries of people and put it together and say, "Hey guys, let's shut down this fuckin' country!"? Because -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, they would have to because it's every single fucking company. Every CEO makes like 100 times...every male CEO makes like 100 times female CEOs.

Asterios: Well yeah, that -

Dick: (interjects) Start there.

Maddox: No, nononono.

Asterios: Well, see, that's kinda the interesting thing. Like...

Dick: Wait, what do you mean, "nononono"?

Asterios: ...the California state government, for example. You can look up what any California state employee makes.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: You know? And because of that, because it's an open and transparent system, there is a lot less of a wage disparity.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, what us not knowing what each other makes allows for is for shifty Greek guys like me to make WAY more than my coworkers and kinda, like, not be called on it and have it be awesome. (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: Good!

Asterios: And like...yeah! So you know, it's like when there's transparency, everybody benefits; when things are shrouded, *I* benefit.

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: Yeah! And so do you probably, uh...what is it one more time?

Maddox: "Dickhole."

Dick: Dick! DICK!

Asterios: Ah, I'm sorry! (cracking up)

Dick: It's real easy to remember. (Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Maddox: It doesn't matter. It's all, it's...cat's outta the bag.

Asterios: Alright.

Dick: (screams) OF COURSE I FUCKIN' BENEFIT FROM THAT! That's why I like it!! (Asterios laughs) The closer the system gets...the closer the system is leveled towards people who are willing to fuck each other over, the better I do! I'm a 35-year-old psychopath and an engineer! (Asterios laughs harder) The closer we get to total chaos, the more power I have!! Yeah! It definitely behooves me.

Asterios: One of the things that...one of the original problems, or I think it was your solution that you brought in was "Everybody Ask For a Raise."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Which is something that I've always agreed with...

Dick: Of course!!

Asterios: ...because the squeaky wheel always gets the grease. Like, there are so many studies about, you know...for example, women in the educational field who don't try to negotiate up their first salary.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And as a result, they're behind the eight ball forever. Because like, after...you know, whatever your original negotiated salary is, after that your raises -- your annual raises or your bi-annual raises -- they're always gonna be like 7 percent.

Dick: Cost of living.

Asterios: No one's ever gonna be like, "Here's a 30 percent raise!"

Dick: Of course not.

Asterios: You know? So it's like, eh, you know, you...you gotta ask for a raise. That's what's up.

Dick: What were you gonna say?

Maddox: Well, you guys make a good point. Uh, I guess I'm gonna vote for Rand Paul. (laughs with Asterios)

Dick: Oh, you're such a FUCKIN' idiot!

Maddox: Listen -

Dick: (interjects) Hey! Oh, here I got...oh, what? Go ahead, go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. I just wanna...one more thing, Dick, before we move on. You kinda glossed over this; you said male CEOs make more. How many CEOs are there in a company?

Dick: One.

Maddox: One!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So no two CEOs are alike, are they?

Dick: Oh, oh, oh, yeah. Sure.

Maddox: Because by definition they're working over different companies with different incomes and different values. Like, that's a real shit comparison. You can't compare CEO salaries.

Dick: You know...oh, go ahead.

Maddox: You compare like jobs to like jobs. So if you have a female supervisor on the sales floor versus a male supervisor on the sales floor...hey, if you're a woman and you're

in payroll, why don't you check those salaries, compare their education levels and their experience levels and the number of hours they work, and guess what? If the guy's makin' more, fuckin' report it because you're in the power to do so! It doesn't fucking happen because it's not TRUE. They just...when you normalize for all those variables that I mentioned in the video, it's just fuckin' not true.

Asterios: Well, people don't leak an entire company's payroll data, 'cause it's super illegal! Like, that person would go to jail forever for exposing everybody's private data.

Maddox: Oh, come on!

(all talking over each other)

Dick: (interjects) Unless it was an accident! (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, we're back in...back in my world now!! (grinning)

Asterios: Oops, your fat finger!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Your fat finger! Here's an interesting thing about comparing...you know, you could say it's apples to oranges, but women generally, uh...okay, for example, India had a huge problem with graft and corruption, so their solution to it was to put more women in charge because women traditionally don't rip people off like men do. Like, that -

Dick: (interjects) What?!?

Asterios: Yes! That is exactly... (Dick scoffs and laughs) That is exactly the case. Like, the reason a female -

Dick: (interjects) How many dinners have I bought? (Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Asterios: The reason a female CEO probably makes a lot less than a male CEO -- and look, if you wanna say this is gender stereotyping, so be it -- is that, uh...women have this kind of sense of shame that men, like, we just don't have. Like, I want as much money -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, get outta here, Asterios!!

Asterios: I want as much money as I can squeeze out of my boss and I don't care.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, I want as much as I can get. You know, I don't know if that's the same for the...for the fairer sex.

Dick: Oh, you're lucky you're married. Wait, are you publicly married?

Asterios: Yeah, I'm married!

Dick: Are you a big enough celebrity to not admit that you're married, or am I...?

Asterios: I'm married!

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: Oh right, yes, 'cause all my...all the fangirls are after me.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Asterios: Exactly, yeah.

Dick: You're lucky you're married if you think that women are not as cunning and duplicitous and greedy as men. (Asterios laughs) You are FUCKIN' lucky, my friend.

Maddox: Dick, you got some voicemail?

Dick: You know what? Yeah I do, but you know what you didn't cover on that wage gap thing? I think I figured out what that final 7 percent is.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Bein' on the rag. (Asterios snickers) (background laughter)

Maddox: Okay. (irritated) Here we go!

Asterios: God dammit. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Again, I try to make a really well thought-out, cogent argument, I bring in statistics and then Dick just, "Oh, maybe they just have a period every month." (stupid voice)

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: GREAT. Good one.

Dick: I got a...I do have a comment from Ed Dy. He says, "I found Maddox's Tinder bio." (Maddox guffaws) You see this one?

Maddox: No, let's hear it.

Dick: Here it is: "I'm a trend-setting egalitarian that enjoys Cara Cara oranges..."

Maddox: Oh, I do.

Dick: "...but who also..." You do? (chuckling)

Maddox: I love Cara Cara oranges.

Dick: I don't even know what that is. What is it?

Maddox: They're oranges that have been somehow, like, cross-pollinated or cross-bred with strawberries.

Dick: Oh, fuck off.

Maddox: Okay. (Dick laughs) Yeah, they're delicious oranges!

Asterios: That sounds really good. I don't know why you told him to fuck off. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah! They're only in season 2 or 3 times a year.

Asterios: Sounds delicious!

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: And he's so happy about it.

Asterios: Do you have any of those in the house right now and can I have one?

Maddox: I ate them all, but I think they're in season again so we'll check the grocery store right after this.

Dick: (comment continues) "...but who also hates hipsters. I despise sapiosexuals but I'm looking for someone who can challenge me mentally, which means you're going to have to be pretty smart." Is that your Tinder bio?

Maddox: No! It's not my actual Tinder bio, dickhead.

Dick: I don't know, this guy says he found it!

Maddox: Yeah. Great. (chuckling)

Asterios: That does sound like you.

Maddox: Why would...? (everyone else laughs) There's no... (cracks up)

Asterios: That's all I'm saying. You knew about those oranges.

Maddox: Yeah, he just...he's just an ardent fan. You can't blame him. Uh, I got another comment -

Asterios: (interjects) I wonder if he's getting laid a shitload on that bi-...what if he's getting laid more than you on Tinder because of that bio?

Maddox: Because of the one that he just made up?

Dick: The fake bio, you mean?

Maddox: The fake bio?

Asterios: Yes.

Maddox: Uh, that would make me really mad! (Asterios laughs) Because people sometimes imitate me, and then maybe do a better job? I don't know. It fuckin' pisses me off if they figure...if they figured out how to be a better me on Tinder and they get laid more? Oh MAN, I'm g-...I'm gonna jerk off out of anger! (Asterios laughs)

Dick: That sounds like a fun contest.

Maddox: Yeah. (sexy tone)

Dick: Who can get...

Maddox: Angry?

Dick: ...laid the most as Maddox on Tinder.

Maddox: I get...I thought... (laughs)

Dick: Everybody's showing up to dates with an eye patch and your book. (smiles) Which you probably do, I don't know that you don't.

Maddox: You know what? We should do that! We should create Tinder accounts for everyone in the room, and they should all be pictures of me...

Asterios: Right.

Maddox: ...and we can test it out. Yeah, I'll write different bios and stuff.

Dick: Okay. I got some more voicemails if you wanna hear 'em.

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey, this message is for, uh, Maddox. If I sound weird right now, I'm in the bathroom 'cause my fuckin' girlfriend... (sighs) ...won't let me get any time away, so I'm tryin' to find stuff that's, uh... (Dick and Maddox giggle) **...peaceful in life, so.**

Asterios: Oh, god. (under his breath)

Voicemail: Anyway...

Dick: He's hidin' in the bathroom.

Voicemail: ...uh, I just wanted to say that in one of the episodes you'd said -- this is previous -- you said that, uh, dogs couldn't be considered a member of your family because they didn't contribute.

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: You, uh, listed reasons such as they couldn't drive you to the hospital...

Maddox: Right.

Voicemail: ...and they couldn't massage you.

Maddox: True! (Dick scoffs)

Voicemail: Well, what about a paraplegic or a handicapped member?

Maddox: Okay...

Dick: Yeah! What about that? (laughing)

Voicemail: So just because they can't contribute means they're not a member of your family, you FUCKING asshole? (everyone laughs) **Alright, see ya.**

[message ends]

Maddox: Nice logical (inaudible under Asterios laughing) to my argument.

Dick: Now he's back to just hiding in the bathroom, by the way. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. While you're hiding in the bathroom, dickhead, did you ever stop to consider the possibility that maybe dogs aren't members of your family 'cause when they die you just buy a new one and you don't buy paraplegics or quadriplegics, dickfuck? You don't just go out and buy people who are handicapped!

Asterios: Well, wait, you wouldn't...

Dick: You don't buy a -

Asterios: (interjects) You wouldn't wanna buy a paraplegic or quadriplegic. You'd wanna buy, like, someone with working arms and legs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay Asterios, don't discriminate against... (stammers) I would buy -

Asterios: (interjects) All I'm saying is if I had my choice I would pick the one with the...you know, the one with the working arms and legs.

Maddox: Well, of course! You're gonna choose among all of them.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You're gonna choose one who's gonna give you a massage and drive you to the hospital.

Asterios: Yes.

Maddox: BUT, with a dog? No! They can't drive you to the hospital! I've never seen a dog drive anyone to the hospital. Have you?

Dick: You don't replace dogs when you buy a new one.

Maddox: Yeah you do!!

Dick: They have a new personality.

Maddox: Ohh! (disdainful)

Dick: It's a NEW pet. It is a new member of the family.

Maddox: It's not a member of your family!

Dick: Yes, it is!

Maddox: 'Cause when it dies, you put it in a shoebox and throw it away!! You put it in a dumpster! You don't -

Dick: (interjects) That's exactly the same thing that you do with people.

Maddox: No!

Dick: It's just a more expensive shoebox. (everyone else except Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: Yes, it is! Yes, it is. They both go in the fuckin' incinerator, 'cause they're both a corpse.

Maddox: No, they don't...dogs you just throw out. You put it literally in the kitchen garbage bag...

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: ...and you toss it in the -

Dick: (interjects) You absolutely do NOT do that, uh, Robert Furst. Er, Durst.

Maddox: Durst. (amused) (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: You can do way cooler things with dog corpses than human corpses. Like, you know, taxidermy! You can have your dead dog, like, positioned all cool...

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: ...your dead parakeet, exactly. You can't do that with a human, you'd be called a monster!

Maddox: You CAN! Have you ever seen that, uh, Chinese museum that goes around?

Asterios: Oh, right!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: All those Chinese slaves whose bodies they stole and turned into that museum! (Maddox laughs) Yeah, great example, Maddox. (cracking up)

Dick: You're talkin' about the plastic people, right?

Asterios: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: No, they were real!

Dick: They were plasticine people.

Asterios: The "Bodies in Motion," whatever it was.

Maddox: No, they were real! Yeah, the "Body..."? Those were real, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I know they're real! That's what you're talkin' about.

Maddox: Yeah, that's pretty cool!

Asterios: Yeah, but it turns out that all...it turned out that all those bodies were, like, stolen corpses of Chinese slaves.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, they were?

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Asterios: But look, I'll still go. Whatever, I went to SeaWorld the other day.

Maddox: They were prisoners! That's what it was.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: They were prisoners, convicted prisoners. Hey, put 'em to some good use. Why not?

Asterios: Have 'em play basketball!

Dick: Yeah, what do they want their bodies for?

Maddox: You don't buy people!

Dick: Alright, I got a special segment for the 50th episode.

Maddox: Oh, GREAT.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, because everyone every episode throws this at me, and I never bring it in because I think to do this...it's a Maddox versus Maddox.

Maddox: Ohhhoho!

Asterios: Oh, finally!

Maddox: Well, well, well.

Dick: I think...I don't think it's funny to throw my friends' words back at them. (Maddox groans) I'm not that kinda guy.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You know? I like shooting straight. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. (muttering)

Dick: I'm a uniter, not a divider.

Maddox: Oho, sure.

Dick: But every-

Sean: (interjects) Except today! (from background)

Dick: Everybody... (cracks up) Everybody throws it at me constantly, and I finally got one worth bringing in. Not because of the content, but because of the theme song. [**plays intro song**]

(upbeat 8-bit theme music)

Male singer (pitched down): Consistency is difficult and so are math degrees

He makes love to his principles with randomosity

Everyone's seen Dick at work fighting man-to-man

But self-defeat can be such a treat

No excuses for the one who can take the heat

Do some research on yourself before you speak to me

It's Maddox versus Maddox!

[intro song ends]

(Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Dick: It's pretty good, right? Wauterboi!

Asterios: That was great!

Dick: Yeah, Wauterboi made that.

Maddox: What an asshole.

Dick: Okay, here's...here's his part. I'm not gonna read any of them.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: I'm just gonna play...you know what? Only Wauterboi's allowed to do this.

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: So anything he sends in I'll play.

Maddox: What does he got? [**Dick plays Maddox versus Maddox segment**]

(more upbeat music in background)

[clip from Episode 38 plays]

Maddox: Oh, I'm so tired of these fucking crybaby pieces of shit! They just wanna make...they wanna make money by fining him, they wanna make money by selling it. They're a bunch of fuckin' hypocrite douchebags, and YOU'RE a hypocrite douchebag for supporting this SHIT industry.

Dick: I BROUGHT IT IN AS A PROBLEM!!

Maddox: No! YOU brought in -

Dick: (interjects) That you shit all over!!

Maddox: You brought it in... (stammers) Do you honestly think the NFL's a problem, Dick? Are you gonna boycott the Super Bowl?

Dick: The No Fun League is a problem! (Maddox scoffs and laughs) I think they can fix it.

Maddox: DICK...

Dick: I don't wanna throw the baby out with the bath water!

[clip ends]

Wauterboi: Hey Maddox, I'm glad you were able to call out Dick on his hypocrisy for enjoying the NFL despite its corruption and money-hungry mentality.

Maddox: Okay, here we go...PlayStation! I know what you're gonna say! (Dick cackles)

Wauterboi: I'm glad that someone was able to set the example of perfection by boycotting corporations you disagree with, like for instance when it comes to Sony.

Maddox: Yep! (Sean laughs)

[clip from Episode 32 plays]

Maddox: Dick, I would love nothing more than -

Maddox: I knew it! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: - for Sony to just go the fuck away, and start being a normal company.

[clip ends; different clip from Episode 32 plays]

Dick: Do you have a PS4?

Maddox: Do I have a PS4?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, but I'll probably get one. (both laugh)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: It's the lesser of two evils right now and I love video games more than I hate Sony, so I have no choice.

[clip ends]

Wauterboi: Dick could learn from a man who is as consistent -

Maddox: Ahh.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Wauterboi: - with his philosophies as you. One should refrain from supporting the sports' greed and red tape by supporting the video game industry's greed and red tape.

Maddox: Mm.

Dick: Yeah.

Wauterboi: Especially with money. When you give a corporation money, (Maddox groans loudly) **logically they will go away. Oh wait, except that doesn't make sense and you're the hypocrite!**

[segment ends]

Maddox: Ohh! Ohoho, no! (sarcastic)

Dick: YOU'RE the hypocrite. (smiles)

Maddox: Shit! Ohh.

Dick: You're the hypocrite, Star-Lord.

Maddox: Wow!

Dick: What do you think about that?

Maddox: Wow, good argument. (**buzzer sound effect**) Except for the part that it's NOT. I literally explained myself in that clip that he played! Look...uh, Asterios, have you ever had a job you didn't like?

Asterios: Yes, every job I have.

Maddox: Every job you have, you didn't like.

Asterios: Yes. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sean, have you? Have you ever had a job you didn't like?

Dick: You gotta get on the mic...yeah, okay.

Maddox: Of course! He's sayin'...everyone's saying "yes." And did you go to those jobs regardless, despite the fact that you hated that job?

Asterios: Well yeah, but I need money to pay my rent and to buy food and live. I don't need a PlayStation 4. (cracking up)

Maddox: Right, right, right. It's not about necessity -

Dick: (interjects) I've had a blowjob I didn't like. (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: What?! (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Okay, Dick. It's not about necessity, alright? This is about making a choice. You need to...you like to eat more than starving, don't you? But -

Asterios: (interjects) I...I do like to eat more than starving.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So video games are food for you?

Maddox: No, they're not...they're not a necessity. I'm saying that my amount of love for video games is greater than my hatred for Sony. Therefore, I can live with the fact that I own a Sony PlayStation even though I hate the company. You understand?

Dick: That's what makes you a hypocrite, though.

Maddox: It's not hypocrisy! It's the lesser of two evils! Look, I hate Microsoft Windows -

Asterios: (interjects) But you don't have to choose either evil!

Dick: Yeah, you don't... (laughs)

Asterios: The point of the lesser of two...it's like... (laughs) The point of the lesser of two evils is that you're STUCK with one of them.

Maddox: I'm not saying I have to; I WANT to. I hate Windows -

Dick: (interjects) That's what makes you a hypocrite. (everyone except Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No! No, it's not! It's not. Like, I... (stammers)

Dick: It absolutely is.

Maddox: I'm tired of YOUR horseshit and I'm sittin' in a room with you!

Dick: How is it any different than the NFL? How is Sony different than the NFL? If I'm a douchebag for supporting the NFL, how are you not a douchebag for supporting Sony?

Maddox: Well, the NFL...first of all Dick, it's, uh... (Dick laughs) If you like -

Dick: (interjects) Here we go!!

Maddox: If you like the NFL -

Dick: (interjects) Arms up! (laughs more)

Maddox: Hold on! Hold on, I don't even remember what you said that episode. I don't think you were saying you didn't like the NFL. You said you liked the NFL; you hated the No Fun League.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: You hate certain aspects of the NFL.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Absolutely.

Maddox: So for example, I...a lot of times people say...because I shit on Apple so much, they say, "Oh, well, Microsoft isn't better. What's, uh, what's the deal with Microsoft?" (dumb voice) Of course Microsoft isn't better! I hate Microsoft too, but just because I hate Microsoft doesn't mean...just because I hate Apple doesn't mean I love Microsoft. Just because I shit on Bush, George W. Bush, doesn't mean I'm a flaming liberal who's gonna vote for a democratic president. Just because you shit on -

Dick: (interjects) You're definitely flaming, though.

Maddox: Okay. (everyone else laughs) Good... (cracks up) (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom saying, "And who are you, GAY??"**) Uh, just be-

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but that is the lesser of two evils, IS Windows and Apple. You have to pick one.

Maddox: No, you don't! You can pick Linux or you can not compute, but I'm not going to choose to not compute.

Dick: THAT does not compute. (everyone else except Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Great. (sullen) Great. Um, guys, I don't know how to more clearly explain it. I don't like to drive, but I do sometimes. I minimize the amount of driving that I have to do. I choose the thing that minimizes my agony and maximizes my fun, and right now that's the Sony PlayStation 4.

Dick: Alright! Well, I don't know, Wauterboi says it. I didn't bring it in.

Maddox: Yeah. I saw that comin' a mile away.

Dick: Should we get to some problems? We're already gettin' long.

Maddox: Well, hold on. One more, I got one more...a couple quick comments. I have one from Joey Mezzacappa. He says...he quotes you. He says, "Dick: 'How big are her cans?' Maddox: 'I'd say roughly as big as a two-pound bag of sand.'" (everyone laughs) And then I got some fan art from Canon Manley. He says, "Since photo comments are not enabled on the site..." Although Dick, we are now announcing a new feature for the website: fan art! You can upload your own fan art on the website. This should be available by the time you listen to this episode.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause we're gettin' a lot of fan art. I'm not even able to keep up with it. But he says, "Since photo comments are not enabled on the site, thought maybe you could pass this message along to Dick for me: Dick, you magnificent bastard, you know what makes a person look more of an asshole than being too high or passing out on beanbag chairs?

Sporting those flowing locks of yours while drunkenly tossing oranges at bearded bros re Episode 29." And here's the picture he sent in.

Dick: Lemme see that.

Maddox: Look at this, uh, look at this picture. (amused) It's a picture of Dick -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that looks badass! (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: It's kinda funny, yeah. (Asterios laughs)

Dick: I got my Wild Turkey there...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: First of all, I'm more muscular than this. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Oh, no, that's false.

Dick: But I like the attempt. I like that my hair is flowing beautifully in a pose of action. I've got a bottle of Wild Turkey, uh, more full than I've ever seen a bottle of Wild Turkey in MY possession.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I got a cool dog right there. My buddy!

Maddox: Well, we got to Uninvited Guests with Asterios' problem. (Asterios chuckles) Do we, uh, do we need to cover anything more? Do you have any stats for us, Asterios?

Asterios: About my problem? Yeah! Let me get into it.

Maddox: Greek...Greek Sneak. (smiling)

Dick: Sneaky Greek.

Maddox: Sneaky Greek! (laughs with Asterios)

Dick: Sneaky Greek.

Asterios: Alright. Well, let me just say, my problem is Unexpected Guests. Unexpected guests are the worst. I made... (cracks up) I made Dick super angry when I walked in here.

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: Because unexpected guests are the worst! Now, think about it: you guys have your whole weekend planned out. You got a long list of casual female acquaintances to drunk text... (Maddox and Dick laugh) ...you're finally gonna write that screenplay nobody asked for, Dick's gonna do his bi-annual sheet change... (more laughing)

Dick: Why did I get that reputation? Some broad emailed me and said she would blow me on my chili-stained sheets.

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: Yeah! That's what I said! I didn't even...well, I responded a couple times, but... (everyone laughs)

Asterios: So how did it go?

Dick: Uh, I didn't respond that much.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Asterios: Well, all I'm saying is you got your whole weekend planned out, and then some asshole just drops by. Perhaps an asshole who FLEW ACROSS THE COUNTRY just to see YOU, and now your weekend has to be about entertaining this hypothetical half-Greek, half-Chinese guy! (Maddox laughing) Okay? Where are you gonna eat? Where are you gonna eat tonight? Well, he made the trip, so you gotta eat where HE wants to eat tonight: Buca di Beppo's! (everyone laughs)

Maddox: I fuckin' hate Buca di Beppo's!

Asterios: Yeah, I know you do! That's why we're going there!! (Maddox laughs harder)

Maddox: AHHH, no!!

Asterios: It's family style! You know? What are you gonna do for fun tonight? Well, he flew across the country to see you! (Maddox groans) So you're gonna do what HE wants to do...Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2. (everyone laughs more)

Maddox: Oh, you son of a bitch! (growling)

Asterios: On the Cinerama Dome or in IMAX! I'll accept nothing less!!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I WANT PAUL BLART TO BE AS BIG AS MY LOVE FOR PAUL BLART IS! (Dick and Maddox still giggling) Where's he gonna sleep? Well, he made the trip across the country! (suddenly sheepish) Uh, Maddox, can I crash here?

Maddox: Yeah, you can crash here. (laughing)

Asterios: (yells) So he's gonna crash on some chump's couch, isn't he?? Some total rube, he's gonna crash with that guy!

Maddox: Ohh. Oh my GOSH.

Asterios: Yeah! Yeah, and he's gonna use your shower!

Maddox: Ughhh!

Asterios: Oh wait...wait, hold on. There's a typo in my script. (yells) He's gonna pee in your shower!! (Dick and Maddox giggle more) He's gonna leave a smell on your couch that you're gonna puzzle over for months! Spoiler alert: it's barbecue-flavored Pop Chips! He does a lot of late-night stress eating. He's gonna use your razor from Harrys.com using the promo code "biggestproblem" to get 5 dollars off at checkout. (more laughing) They liked the blade so much they bought the factory!

Maddox: We!! WE bought the factory!

Asterios: We bought the factory! (cracking up) Okay, so has this hypothetical bunch of particularly excitable coconuts booked his return flight yet? No! No, he has not. (everyone laughs more) Because when it comes to inconveniencing you, the surprise guest keeps it casual! Okay? Unexpected guests...also they usually don't rent cars, but don't worry,

they're gonna take the bus. (switches to loud whisper) He's not gonna take the bus! He's just saying that. You're gonna be his unpaid Uber driver-slash-bitch!

Maddox: Ohh, I gotta drive you around now too!

Asterios: Well, I could also ride on your handlebars.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Ohhhohohoho. (background laughter) Yeah, you play your cards right! In your dreams, buddy. Ride like a samurai through traffic. You'll see!! You'll see, I'll ride like a samurai!

Asterios: And when you finally ask him to maybe consider heading home, it'll be completely drama free. (Dick and Maddox laugh) I mean, he only used...ALL his airline miles to get here. Maybe he was gonna use them to take his grandma on a trip to Vermont, but I...

Dick: Aww.

Maddox: Oh my gosh!

Asterios: You know, he thought you guys were friends. I...I guess that was his mistake. (pretends to almost cry) (Maddox laughs) No, no, it's cool! No, it's cool, he gets the hint. I mean, story of his life. Who would...who would want a guy like me around anyway? (brief pause) I GOTTA GO!! Oh, god!

Maddox: No!! No, Asterios, come on back! Asterios! (sounds of Asterios wailing in background and a door shutting) Uh, well...okay.

Dick: You know, I'll tell you where he SHOULD sleep.

Maddox: Where?

Dick: On a bed made by Casper! (everyone else laughs) This episode is brought to you by Casper.com. Make sure to, uh -

Asterios: (interjects) ...and scene!! (from background) (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Go to http://casper.com/biggest and use promo code "BIGGEST" to get 50 dollars towards any mattress purchased. Hey, how is your Casper mattress by the way?

Maddox: It is, no joke, the most comfortable mattress I've ever slept on.

Dick: Is it really?

Maddox: Yeah! Asterios, you will never know the pleasure. I will not let you sleep on my Casper mattress.

Asterios: (back at mic) What if I fall asleep in it super drunk and you can't move me? (background laughter)

Dick: There you go!

Asterios: Dick, do you have any whiskey on you?

Dick: (chuckles) Always.

Maddox: Always. It's just in his PORES. Just squeeze out his shirt. (Asterios laughs)

Dick: Just suck on my face.

Maddox: Dredge out his... (laughs)

Dick: Mattresses can cost well over 1500 bucks, but Casper mattresses cost between 500 for a twin-size mattress, 750 for full-size, 850 for queen-size, and 950 for king-size mattresses. Uh, the price alone is worth watching it come out of the box, I think.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs) You know...

Dick: Let's talk more about that.

Maddox: ...we got shit on so hard for bein' so impressed by how they shipped this thing. Yeah, it feels comfortable, guys. I've been sleepin' on it for a couple months now. It's the best mattress I've ever slept on, and I know I'm supposed to say that and I sound like a shill, but... (sound of cell phone vibrating) Oh, what is, uh...??

Dick: Calm down, calm down.

Maddox: Ohh! Well, well, well. Not silencing your cell phone, that's my problem! (background laughter)

Dick: So you like the mattress?

Maddox: What? Yeah, the... (everyone laughs) ...the mattress is great. (grinning)

Dick: You know Buckley...remember Nathan Buckley, who we had on here?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think he bought one because of this show.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Like, he saw it...he saw the, uh, the ads around and he heard 'em around, 'cause they're around everywhere.

Asterios: How much money do you save with that promo code?

Dick: You get 50 bucks off your mattress.

Asterios: Oh, you save 50 dol-...? That's great!

Maddox: 50 bucks, that's pretty good.

Asterios: Yeah, that's pretty good!

Dick: Risk-free trial and return policy: try sleeping on a Casper for 100 days with free delivery and painless returns. They're made in America, so there you go.

Maddox: Yeah. The returns are pain-free and so is your night of sleep, you guys. (Dick scoffs and laughs) You know what? Uh, my... (cracks up) I seriously -

Dick: (interjects) Thanks, Don Draper! (everyone laughs) http://casper.com/biggest.

Maddox: I...hey, that was sarcastic. Listen, when I sleep in this thing...for real, it's like coma sleep.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: I get knocked out so hard. I wake up, I've missed text messages, phone calls from family -- which ALWAYS terrible late at night.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You will ignore phone calls from your family.

Dick: That was a phone call from my dad, by the way.

Maddox: Oh, I know! I saw it, Dick. I saw it rumbling. (Asterios laughs) "Tremors" over here. Dick, you got a problem for us?

Dick: Well, uh, why don't -

Maddox: (interjects) Is that it? Is that all you got, uh...?

Asterios: That's my problem, Unexpected Guests!

Dick: Oh yeah, it's a big problem.

Maddox: Well, it's a huge problem.

Asterios: Yeah, I know!

Maddox: That we're dealing with. (smiles)

Asterios: Yeah. We're gonna have a great weekend, guys! (mischievously) (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Including the 2 hours we pissed away setting up this imaginary Skype phone call!! Motherfucking... (Asterios laughs tauntingly) Oh my GOSH.

Asterios: That's what you guys get for having lives. That's all I have to say.

Dick: You wasted more time collectively setting up the joke than you did flying across the country to be here!! (everyone laughs more)

Maddox: Asterios, I gotta...my hat's off to you. That is one of the most spiteful things I've ever seen anyone do in my LIFE!

Dick: It's great.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) By far!

Dick: It's great.

Maddox: That is, like, that is...that is next-level spiteful. That's like level-9,000 spite. That's incredible.

Asterios: I'm pretty proud of myself, thank you. (chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah. Holy SHIT.

Dick: Do you wanna go? We're already at...we're already more than halfway through. I don't wanna eat into your problem.

Maddox: You want me to go next? Alright!

Dick: Yeah, if you don't...if you, uh...

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: If you feel comfortable with that.

Maddox: Yeeeah, let's get it out of the way. My problem, Dick, this week is First-Time Child Experts. (Dick sighs) OR, in your case Dick, *no*-time child experts. (everyone laughs) 'Cause you remember from Episode 9...? Sean's shaking his head. You remember from Episode 9, Dick -

Dick: (interjects) He's shaking his head at YOU.

Maddox: Yeah, I know! Oh, I know.

Dick: 'Cause you don't know shit about children. (background laughter)

Maddox: I don't need shit from -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you ARE one.

Maddox: I don't need shit from Sativa!

Asterios: Weren't you the guy that was, like, afraid babies would malfunction and break in your hands?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah! And from that... (Asterios laughs loudly)

Dick: I would love to see you explain to a child why he can't have a dog. "'Cause they're replaceable! 'Cause they can't massage you and drive you to the hospital, son!" (stern voice) (Asterios giggling)

Maddox: You don't explain yourself to a child!!

Dick: GREAT. Great start!

Maddox: You just set rules...

Dick: Great start.

Maddox: Okay, Dick -

Dick: (interjects) "Just obey these rules for no reason and, uh, figure out how to be well-developed later."

Maddox: Go...go on, Dick!

Asterios: 50 years later, he's a Nazi! WHAT DID YOU DO? (Maddox and Dick laugh) He was just following orders!

Maddox: Yeah. Like I said, "...or in your case Dick, *no*-time child experts." So from Episode 9, Dick, you said...we were talkin' about shame shaming.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I was talkin' about the dad who made his son hold a sign in traffic, like on the streets or something because he was bein' a little shit, and he -

Dick: (interjects) The dad or the kid?

Maddox: The kid!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The kid was bein' a little shit, and then you said, "That's crazy! That's just a crazy parenting strategy!"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And then you said, "'Cause you're a horrible person if you do that! Yeah!" And then you said -- this is a direct quote -- "It's because you're a shitty parent!! [...] 'I'm neglecting them in some way!'" That's what you said. You gave parental advice having had ZERO experience raising a child!

Dick: Yeah, because I'm fuckin' smart! (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Okay. (skeptical)

Dick: That's why! Almost everybody, half of people, are fuckin' stupid.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I do think I could raise their kids better than them with no experience.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Suck my cock.

Maddox: Okay. You THINK that, for sure. I agree that you think that.

Dick: Uh, the end result is not gonna be me forcing my kid to hold a sign out in the middle of the street saying "I have a small dick." That's where that parenting leads to.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, you know...it sounds like you have all the answers, Dick. You are a child expert. A first-time, no-time child expert. (Dick and Asterios laugh) Child experts...they're everywhere in public. They think they know what a baby is crying about at all times. Their expertly trained ears can tell the difference between the cry of a child who's hungry and the cry of a child who's tired. And by the way, if you're so tired, why do they have so much fuckin' energy to cry all the time? I never got that! Do you guys cry when you're tired?

Dick: What the FUCK are you talking about? (Asterios laughs loudly)

Maddox: Children!!

Dick: Babies are either tired or hungry. It's a guess! It's a desperate guess from a desperate person who's been hearing crying for anywhere between, uh, 24 hours straight or 6 months straight. (yelling)

Maddox: I've been hearin' crying...how long is this episode? 39 minutes now. (everyone else except Dick laughs) From that side of the room. They think they're such experts in child psychology. You, Dick, YOU think you're such an expert in child psychology. Your own -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause it's the same as adult psychology.

Maddox: Oh, really? (sarcastic)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Well, your own life might be a total mess, which it IS, and you're standing in line at McDonald's for dinner so things can't be goin' that well for you. But you know what? Why don't you share some unsolicited life lessons with a parent in front of you? They look like they could use a few pointers on raising kids who you've never met and know nothing about!

Dick: Who does that?!

Maddox: YOU!

Dick: This is an imaginary person that...nobody is sitting in line at McDonald's watching a family freak out and go, "Uh, excuse me, can I just offer some parental advice to you?" NOBODY does that.

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: That is not a real thing!

Maddox: (chuckling) This happens -

Dick: (interjects) That is the most straw man of straw man arguments ever!

Maddox: Well then, you're gonna wish you didn't say that a second ago because I have some stats from The New York Times. This actually happens all the time. This is from The New York Times; this journalist wrote...she said, "I told the stranger at the next table in a restaurant not to wake her child from a stroller nap, because 'you should never ever wake a sleeping baby. It never goes well.'" She offered this unsolicited advice, and then she herself was offered unsolicited advice when she was putting groceries in her car. Her kids were screaming and this woman came up to her and she thought, "Oh, this nice lady's coming by to give me a hand and put the groceries in my car 'cause my children are screaming and unruly." Instead the lady said, "Hey, you know, if you let your child cry long term it's bad for them," and then walked away! Yeah, so she walked away instead of offering to help this woman. She gave her..."Hey, you know what she needs? Her hands are full, her children are crying; she needs some unsolicited advice! Let me walk over and give her some parental advice." That's you, DICK. (Asterios bursts out laughing)

Dick: Can I ask...can I ask some questions?

Asterios: How is that him?! He doesn't do that! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah. No, no, no.

Asterios: What is...when has he ever done that?? (giggling)

Maddox: He knows what's best for children, apparently!

Dick: Are all your stats on this episode anecdotes from broads writing for The New York Times? Like, did you consult Tumblr to get all these statistics? (Asterios laughs) "Here's what I wish I would've done today but I didn't actually do, but my little collective would never question that." Right?

Maddox: Dick, I would -

Asterios: (interjects) I wanna say...I just wanna say, I totally believe this happens. I totally believe that there are women out there that have absolutely nothing better to do than, like, prove their superiority over other women who are having trouble with their kids.

Dick: Yeah! Hey, by the way, I'm not the one selling t-shirts on how to be a parent. (everyone else laughs) I'm holding in my hand, "If your child..." A shirt that you can get...can you get this at maddox.xmission.com, this shirt that I'm holding? At your fuckin', uh, Slipstore, whatever it is?

Maddox: You can. I believe it's...

Dick: Squarespace?

Maddox: ...$18.95 for the t-shirt, yes. Uh, "If your child doesn't look like this when you..." It was from a satirical -

Dick: (interjects) "If your child doesn't look like this when you come home..." and then it's a child cowering in fear... (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: "...you have failed as a parent."

Maddox: Right. (background laughter)

Dick: So this is not you telling people; this is you recruiting people to tell other people how to parent. So why don't you go fuck yourself about what I tell people?

Asterios: Didn't you also write a book called "Crappy Children's Art" where all you did was tell people how to make their children better? And how their art is so terrible and how you would be so great at it?

Maddox: No, no, no, no.

Dick: And then you implied that your mentality is what created Mozart? (Maddox laughs) Did you also do that??

Maddox: No, you guys. Nonono...okay yeah, I DID say that. I didn't liken myself -

Asterios: (interjects) We're using your own babies against you, Maddox! We're both holding up your merchandise!! (cracking up)

Dick: We literally don't have to get up to get this evidence. (Asterios and Maddox laugh) We're sitting down in your store room. We don't even have to...I have to turn around a TINY BIT to find this shit. (background laughter)

Maddox: (yells) Yeah Dick, look, there are parents who definitely need to be told they're fucking up, like if you leave your kid in a parked car while you run to the store! Don't wanna bring the kid with you, then don't go to the fuckin' store. This isn't about...uh, telling people how to raise their kids. The only time I care about parental rules is if it affects ME. Right?? If your kid's sitting in a, uh...if your kid's getting unvaccinated 'cause you're makin' a choice as a parent? "I'm not gonna vaccinate my kid!" (ornery voice)

Dick: Oh, this is a -

Maddox: (interjects) Fuck you!!

Dick: This is an easy fallback. (Asterios laughs) You know people are gonna support the vaccination shit. Yeah.

Maddox: Because it's true! And by the way -

Dick: (interjects) Changing gears. (smiling)

Asterios: Wait, he also brought up a child baking to death in a car...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: ...to defend his position. (laughing)

Dick: All of a sudden. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah, that's not a parenting choice, dickhead! If you just leave your kid in a car, or if you decide...if you decide not to vaccinate your kids, that affects me, and if you decide to let your kids draw crappy art and you reward them for it, it's gonna create mediocre artwork!

Dick: That affects you somehow too?

Maddox: Yes!! (Dick laughs)

Asterios: But here's the thing: the reason we don't call people on their anti-vax bullshit is because we don't want to be...what's the name of your problem again? What did you call it?

Maddox: First-Time Child Experts.

Asterios: We don't wanna be first-time child experts. Like, I know people who don't vaccinate their kids.

Dick: Are you serious??

Maddox: Yeah, I do too!

Asterios: Yes, and I don't want to get in their face about it -

Maddox: (interjects) Why?

Asterios: Because I wanna s-...I don't want those kids cut out of my life. It's, uh...you know, I've -

Dick: (interjects) So this is, like, family members?

Asterios: Yeah, exactly!

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: Wow.

Asterios: So it's the kind of...you know, you wanna talk about the lesser of two evils; it's the kind of thing where it's like yeah, look, I could really sit down a family member and be

like, "You are ruining this kid's future, and you're really...you might hurt this kid! I know you believe this, but you're wrong." But then I don't get to interact with that kid anymore, so -

Dick: (interjects) And it's not gonna work!

Asterios: Yeah!! It also -

Dick: (interjects) You can't convince people out of their beliefs, and they just...'cause they're not scientists.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: People in this ROOM are not qualified to say for sure whether or not vaccines work. Like, I trust it. At the end of the day I just kinda have to trust it, and that's most people. Sitting someone down and talking them into having the same trust as you is just not gonna work!

Maddox: You know, some of these anti-vaxxers are actually starting to come around because...

Asterios: I know.

Maddox: ...their kids are getting really, really sick.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And there's this mom that was on the news recently. She was a HUGE anti-vaxxer, and she said, "Yeah, my kid got measles and it was pretty serious. Almost died. I'm changing my mind about vaccinations..."

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: "...getting all my kids vaccinated." These fucking morons, they're... (stammers) The chickens are coming home to roost now because of their stupid policies and stupid parental beliefs, Dick! That's not a parental decision.

Dick: That's a...correct metaphor!

Maddox: Oh, thanks. (chuckling) (Asterios laughs)

Dick: You used a correct metaphor!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Hey, lemme ask you something. Has the thought ever crossed your mind, Asterios, to just vaccinate the kid?

Asterios: Oh yeah, of course!

Dick: And not tell them? (Maddox chuckles)

Asterios: One time I spent like...

Dick: Have you done that?

Asterios: ...two hours Googling, like, "How do I secretly vaccinate..." (Maddox laughs loudly) Like, is there a kit I can buy? And I was just like, "No, I can't. That's gotta be some sort of super crime." (cracks up)

Dick: Yeeeah.

Asterios: Like, injecting a serum into a kid that's not yours? (Dick laughs) Although that is how we have Spiderman, isn't it? Well, look, I haven't decided yet.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I still might secretly vaccinate this kid. But you know, back to Maddox's issue.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's like...see, that's kind of the spectrum of it. On one hand we don't want people annoying ladies tryin' to put groceries in their car, but if we don't annoy anybody we have all these unvaccinated kids running around making vaccinated kids sick. It's like, what the fuck do you do?

Dick: Annoy everybody! Fuck them! (Asterios laughs) Fuck 'em! Fuck 'em. You're tryin' to load groceries into your...? "Hey lady, shut your kids up!" (Asterios laughs harder) Does that...is that a problem? Do you feel bad that you got called out in the middle of a parking lot? No one fucking cares. Shut up, shut your kids up, get outta my fuckin' face.

Maddox: Yeah. No, parents who -

Asterios: (interjects) What side are any of us on at this point? (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: We're all just yelling!

Maddox: Yeah... (laughs)

Asterios: I forget if I'm for this or against this.

Maddox: Hey guys -

Asterios: (interjects) Do you like this or hate...? What are we talking about anymore?? (giggling)

Maddox: The beers were a great idea. (laughs)

Asterios: I need another beer! I need another beer until I know what side I'm arguing.

Maddox: No, listen to this. You know, if you choose not to vaccinate your kids, that's not a parenting choice. Like, here's where you draw the line about unsolicited parenting advice and unhelpful criticism, because one is unhelpful criticism -- when the lady's putting her groceries away -- and the other one is unsolicited parenting advice when you're telling them how to raise their child. Right? So if your child is screaming and running around in a restaurant, it needs to be put down. Uh... (Asterios and Sean laugh loudly)

Dick: Great.

Maddox: (yells) There's some advice! Alright? Why don't you take THAT advice and stick it up your ass? Also, I know parents think it's cute to have a learning moment by asking their kid what they want to eat in a restaurant, but hurry the fuck up because the rest of us learned how to read in school, not by holding up an entire restaurant while your little monster decides between chicken nuggets or grilled cheese!! And that's always what they

choose! Also, here's some parenting advice: how about the kid eats what you give him? Huh?? When did the...when did choice become a thing that kids have? This isn't Nickelodeon, dickhead! It's a restaurant. Kids don't rule ANYTHING. And by the way... (Asterios bursts out laughing)

Dick: Is that the Nickelodeon slogan?

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: Yes. "Where kids rule," yes. (cracking up)

Maddox: "Where kids rule." Right?

Asterios: That IS where kids rule, Nickelodeon.

Dick: What are you guys, pedophiles? Why do you know that?

Maddox: Kids... (cracks up) Kids don't rule anything.

Asterios: Weren't you just making fun of Dick for giving advice to -

Dick: (interjects) This is all parenting advice.

Maddox: No, it's not! Nope!

Asterios: This is all... (stammers) You don't have any kids! (yelling)

Dick: What the f-...? This is all parenting advice!

Asterios: You're a 0th-time parent and you're...this is what you're doing!!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Are you guys...are your headphones working?! I literally just said you draw the line where it affects me! If I'm standing in a restaurant waiting for you to order 'cause your little monster is sitting there having a learning moment with the menu... (stammers angrily) I get it. It's cute, dickhead, but save your Hallmark moment for home and sit down and read comic books and whatever the fuck you want with your kid, but not in a restaurant! 'Cause guess what? It's busy! Commerce doesn't have to come to a fucking stop because your little SHIT can't decide between chicken nuggets! (background laughter) And he's just gonna order nuggets anyway! ORDER THE FUCKING NUGGETS AND MOVE ON!!

Asterios: Yeah, and *Dick* is the libertarian in this conversation. (laughs with Maddox)

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, Dick is...yeah, right, exactly.

Dick: That's...well, that is -

Asterios: (interjects) DICK'S the Rand Paul voter.

Dick: That is why I always order for women when I go out.

Maddox: Oookay.

Dick: I wanna keep things moving.

Maddox: Here we go!

Asterios: It turns them on!

Dick: It does!! It totally does.

Asterios: Yeah, it absolutely does.

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Alright. (laughs)

Asterios: They want a take-charge guy.

Dick: Oh, yeah! Especially when it comes to what goes in their mouth, you know what I'm sayin'?

Maddox: Okay... (laughs with Asterios)

Dick: And in their butts, eventually.

Maddox: Oh, man. Gross. (background laughter) (Dick giggles) Alright, I just wanna end on this one last point.

Asterios: No wait, let's talk more about that! (everyone laughs)

Maddox: (**fart sound effect**)

Asterios: Alright, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. (giggling)

Maddox: Yeah. Let's not talk about... (smiles) Um -

Dick: (interjects) You have one more...parenting advice for people? (amused)

Maddox: No, this is from, uh...this is from a website called Scarymommy.com, and it's a website -- it has like a top-ten list of this annoying parental advice they get. Here's some things that they've actually heard: "Sleep when the baby sleeps." And then the lady said, "So, my baby sleeps well when riding around in the car. Other suggestions?" (Dick and Asterios chuckle) She said, uh, here's another one. It says, "Breast milk is literally liquid gold." "You're right! Thank you, kind stranger, that doesn't sound like an overstatement at all." (Asterios chuckles) Another one is "Does the baby have a jacket in case it gets cold?" "No, this suitcase of a diaper bag I'm carrying is filled to the brim with only my parenting insecurities and tissue paper." And then this one I really liked. It said, "I just let my baby tell me when he/she was hungry." "Great, so you didn't feed them until they were 18 months old. Smart. A real money saver."

Dick: You know what? Uh, Maddox, you would...you would make a really good single mom. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: I don't need parental advice from you, Dick Masterson.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause you're full of it!! You can't stop giving it! (background laughter)

Maddox: I'm not claiming I know what's best for a kid! I don't know shit about kids, except they're annoying!

Dick: So just when they're being rude, then you wanna...THEN you have parenting advice.

Maddox: If it affects me it's a problem, and that's when I start to tell you what to do with your fucking kid. If your kid is butting into my life when I'm sitting there on a hot date, which ALL my dates are! (Dick scoffs) I'm sittin' in a restaurant and some-

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause of you or them? (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Well, I do my part, buddy. (Dick and Asterios giggle) I'm like 90...I'm 90 percent of it. I shave my goatee, I shave my beard, yeeeah! Sexy.

Dick: Yeah. What about the Mozart shit though?

Maddox: What?

Dick: That doesn't affect you.

Maddox: Of COURSE it does! That is...that affects not just me, but it affects me in the biggest possible way. It is affecting our culture and society. It is dumbing down society, it is making crappier art, it is lowering expectations, it's...we're gonna have a building, like, we're gonna have skyscrapers leaning up against each other like in Idiocracy if we don't watch it.

Dick: So, that affects you...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...so that's okay to tell people how to parent their kids...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...but what I'M doing is bad?

Maddox: No, because you don't know shit, Dick! (Asterios laughs loudly) You don't know -

Dick: (interjects) WHAT THE FUCK DO YOU KNOW?!? You don't know anything! You don't even understand DOGS!

Maddox: You are trying to tell a guy what is and isn't a good way to discipline a kid when you don't fucking have one! I'm not doing that! I don't give a shit how you discipline your kid as long as it doesn't affect me.

Dick: Alright! Where's the shirt? Wheeere's the t-shirt? (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: That's satire, Dick, dipshit!! (yelling)

Dick: Where's the t-shirt?

Maddox: That's satire! That's obviously satire, I'm not telling people to go abuse their kids!

Dick: You fuckin' believe this. It's satire, but you believe the kernel of this.

Maddox: The kernel -

Dick: (interjects) You believe that kids should be punished...

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: ...you believe that you should be honest with children when they're not doing something amazing. You believe in honesty towards children, true or false?

Maddox: Yes, but that's MY own personal beliefs that I would govern my kids with if I ever had...if I was ever unfortunate enough to have kids, that's how I would govern them.

Dick: Imagine how the kids would feel. (Sean laughs in the background)

Asterios: I just want...I want to give both of you a baby and see which one dies first. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Yes!! (laughing) You're on!

Asterios: Like, you're both so bad at this, and you're yelling about how much worse the other one is.

Maddox: Yeah. Asterios, you're on. We're gonna get a baby in here...we're gonna get TWO babies.

Asterios: Twins, so that we -

Dick: (interjects) My sister's about to have a kid.

Asterios: There you go!

Dick: We could probably use hers. (background laughter)

Maddox: Oh, twins would be perfect. I have a friend who has twins.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly!

Maddox: She would sacrifice her kids for the show, for a podcast episode. (laughs)

Dick: So is this game now which one of us can poison a little baby faster? (cracking up)

Maddox: Dick, my child -

Asterios: (interjects) No, no, the longer...whichever baby survives the longest -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but I'm gonna try to kill his first. (background laughter)

Maddox: Ohh! That's -

Asterios: (interjects) Well, if he's not a good dad then that's gonna happen.

Dick: Yeah, exactly.

Asterios: A good dad stops their baby from being poisoned, Maddox.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's...I'm gonna carry antidotes with me everywhere I go!

Dick: Antidotes? (amused)

Maddox: I'm gonna have... (laughs with Asterios)

Dick: Antidotes, like Batman. The Maddox utility belt.

Maddox: Oh, man. I'm gonna put it in my -

Asterios: (interjects) Baby antidotes. (cracking up)

Maddox: I'm gonna mix it in my baby's food no matter what! Every single meal. EVERY single meal. That way...why wouldn't you?

Dick: The only way to be sure is if you breastfeed him yourself. (Asterios snickers) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, I'm gonna get a MILF. A hot MILF.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright. (laughs)

Dick: Are you done?

Maddox: We're all nodding in agreement. Uh, yeah -

Dick: (interjects) How did you think that would be a good problem? That's all you do is parenting advice. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: No, it's... (annoyed)

Asterios: God dammit!

Maddox: Dick, again...

Dick: Fuckin' stupid.

Maddox: ...I drew the line in the sand. If I...if it affects me, right? Like leaning skyscrapers next to each other, because that's what happens -

Dick: (interjects) That doesn't affect you!

Maddox: Of course it does, Dick.

Dick: That's like anyth-...that could be anything then!

Asterios: That's the butterfly effect.

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: Yeah, you...like, literally anything. That could be anything.

Maddox: No, nononononono. Do you guys like what's on TV right now? Do you like the state of the cable industry? No! Because it's all dog shit, because the parents -

Dick: (interjects) Are you gonna...wait, was that a question or are you just answering it for us? (chuckling)

Maddox: It's a rhetorical question! I know you don't; it's a rhetorical question. Because this generation -- the past generation of hippies that raised us, right? They told us, "Well, you know, you're doin' good enough. That's a good job," and then we didn't try hard enough and that's why we got SHIT on TV, and I turn it on and I'm fuckin' bored, and I blame shitty parents! That's what affects me.

Dick: I don't know, man. I feel like throughout my whole life I've always just kinda liked 3 or 4 shows that are on. Is that not accurate? Like, even way back when I was a kid I probably liked 3 or 4 shows.

Maddox: Oh, is that why literally every single movie that's coming out in Hollywood is a remake of something from our childhood because nothing new that's worthy is getting made anymore?? (yelling)

Dick: Guardians of the Galaxy was new.

Maddox: No it's not, it's based on a fuckin' old property! You know that comic came from like the '60s, AND they changed the entire origin story for fuckin' Peter Quill.

Dick: But Die Hard was based on a book that was written way before. It's all based on SOMETHING.

Maddox: No, not all! You gave one cherry-picked example!

Dick: Well, pick another one! What's a completely original movie that was when we were a kid? Like, what is a...I just don't think anything's completely original. I think that we have perspective now as adults that we didn't have as kids so things seem stupid and more predictable, but if you watch things you loved as a kid, like...I mean, this is sacrilegious, but DuckTales? It's just...there's gigantic holes in it! It's just not as good, 'cause you can't get out of your adult mindset. That's all I'm sayin'.

Asterios: Well, DuckTales is also based on, like, those comics from the '30s. You know, The Adventures of Scrooge McDuck. Like, uh, yeah! I never watched The Goonies as a kid, and I tried to watch it a couple of years ago and I was like, "This is the worst movie I've ever fuckin' seen..." (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, it's pretty bad.

Asterios: "...in my goddamn life."

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I tried to read Catcher in the Rye as like a 26-year-old and I was like, "This whiny little bitch needs to shut the hell up." (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: 'Cause what was it? Holden Caulfield, whatever?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Oh, ugh, that guy SUCKS. You know? But when you're a kid you think ev-...I watched Saved by the Bell as a kid! I was stupid. Kids are stupid.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Kids are stupid, but the reason that we don't see any new stuff in movies anymore -- it's all Smurfs and Garfield, and uh... (Dick and Asterios laugh hysterically) Oh, what are they doin'...Scooby Doo, and they're makin' movies -

Dick: (interjects) "It's all Smurfs and Garfield!"

Maddox: That's all it is! Transformers, Ninja Turtles? There's nothing new!

Dick: No, it's all Smurfs and Garfield! That's the line. (everyone except Maddox laughing)

Maddox: That's what coming out! You know they're making a live-action -

Asterios: (interjects) I don't know if we're gonna top that. I think we should move on to your problem.

Maddox: Great. Whatever! Fuckin' shit all over!! I bring in this well-researched problem, and AGAIN you guys don't understand! (snarling)

Dick: (chuckles) But you just...

Maddox: Okay, what's your problem?

Dick: ...violated it the entire time. My problem... (stammers) Alright. Um, High School Prom!

Maddox: Ohokay.

Asterios: Ooo!

Maddox: Alright! (background laughter)

Asterios: Alright!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: I got an email from a kid by the name of Jay Evans. "Hello Dick, I'm a big fan of the podcast and I need advice of which you're the most qualified to give." Ohh, alright! (Maddox and Asterios laugh) Probably something about lying!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or something about cheating on somebody. (chuckling) "You see, I'm a high school junior and my prom is just around the corner. Having already spent 150 bucks on my ticket (I'm an idiot)..." Can you believe that?

Asterios: 150 dollars? (incredulous)

Dick: 150 dollars! How much was it when you went? Did you go to prom?

Asterios: Yeah, it was like...40 dollars or something? It wasn't that much.

Dick: See, mine was 180.

Asterios: Oh my g-...really?!

Dick: And that was in like 1998.

Asterios: Oh, Jesus Christ.

Dick: 1997, 1998. Did you go?

Maddox: No, I watched porn with some friends. And we, uh, I pushed my friend's van up a hill.

(brief silence)

Dick: What?

Sean: What?? (from background) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: We, uh, we were -

Dick: (interjects) Was that like a float? Were you guys having a little parade with your...what do you mean? (amused)

Maddox: Uh, no. There was this girl in high school I was kinda crushing on so I thought...prom day came and I didn't really have a date or anything, 'cause girls asked me out and I didn't realize what they were asking me out for, so I didn't...I blew it. Anyway, um -

Dick: (interjects) Hey, wait. How did that happen? What was that?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's a long story. Basically I was an idiot. Um...so this girl who I was kinda crushin' on, I thought, "You know what? It's prom night. She's probably pretty lonely. I'll give her a call and see if she wants to go out, go hang out!" I call her; her brother answers and he goes, "Yeah, she's at prom." I'm like, "Oh." (Dick scoffs and laughs) And I, then I... (cracks up) I later found out that she went to prom with the biggest jock in the school, like, the prom king. I'm like, "Oh, I guess she's a lot hotter than I thought!" Uh, I guess everyone was after her? I don't ev-...I don't even fuckin' know! I barely even saw her at school. Anyway man, so my friends and I decided to ruin everyone else's fun.

Dick: Great. (flatly)

Maddox: So we got in his van, drove up to this makeout peak where we knew all the prom kids were makin' out in their cars. (Dick giggles) We were lookin' for, like, steamy windows and stuff, and we were just flashing our brights on their cars. Well, that was the plan. On the way up there the van broke down...

Dick: Good!

Maddox: ...and we were stuck on a hill. And so we all had to get out and just push it up this hill, and we got to the top and we were all panting and heaving, and the car wouldn't start so we had to roll it back down the hill just to get the engine started. And then we went home and watched Mystery Science Theater and porn, I think.

Dick: You pieces of shit! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: That's the most Maddox-y thing I've ever heard! You wanted to ruin everyone else's prom because you didn't realize a girl was asking you. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: It's like bags-of-sand meets bags-of-poison! (Maddox laughs harder) It's the...it's perfect!! That's, like, the perfect 50th episode story.

Maddox: Yeah, whatever.

Dick: You cockblocking piece of shit. And I love that you're all huffing and out of...it's 4 dudes at a makeout spot, huffing and puffing and getting out of some kind of gay orgy van. (everyone laughs loudly)

Maddox: We were, what, like 18? 16, 17 years old? How old are you when your prom...?

Dick: Barely legal.

Maddox: Buncha 17-year-old kids pushing this giant fuckin' iron van, which weighed as much as the fuckin' Titanic. This piece of SHIT, my friend's van. I still...aw, I hate that

fuckin' thing. We used to kick it! We used to go up to his house when he wasn't even home and we'd just kick his van because it's such a piece of shit, and sometimes we'd call him like, "Hey man, look out the window!" We'd be peeing on his van. He goes, "Hey guys, stop peein' on the van" and we said, "NO!!"

Dick: And you guys didn't have prom dates?

Asterios: Did you grow up in Napoleon Dynamite? (Maddox laughs) What...where did you grow up?! What's happening?? (giggling)

Maddox: Utah, yeah.

Asterios: Oh my god!

Maddox: It's very similar to Napoleon Dynamite.

Dick: So Jay Evans says, um... (Asterios laughs) Before securing a date, he bought his ticket. "I still fully intend to go; the problem is I don't have a date yet and probably still won't by the time prom rolls around. Being the type of guy you are, I'll bet you leave avenues with girls more often than you arrive with them." That's true. (Maddox snickers) "Which is good, but because I'll probably end up showing up to the big night without a date like a jackass, I'm asking you to put yourself in my shoes. What's the strategy to snag a date at the dance? Gratefully yours, Sleazy in Sarasota."

Asterios: You should definitely still go to the prom because someone is gonna blow up at their boyfriend. Like, some girl's gonna run off crying...

Dick: Sneaky Greek!

Asterios: ...and you can... (cracks up) Exactly!

Maddox: Sneaky Greek. (grinning)

Asterios: And you can just slide in there and be the shoulder to cry on, and of course that girl's gonna wanna get laid on prom night. It's prom night!

Dick: It's magical.

Asterios: Exactly! (Maddox scoffs) You can't NOT get...it's an automatic! It's prom night and Halloween; they're the two automatics for sex. You gotta go to this prom, Jay!

Maddox: Does anyone who's not a virgin get laid on prom night? Like, for -

Dick: (interjects) Wait wait, say that again?

Maddox: Does anyone who's...who's -

Dick: (interjects) Who's a virgin?

Maddox: ...who's a VIRGIN get laid on prom night?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Like, people...yeah, nobody gets laid!

Dick: It's a myth.

Maddox: NOBODY. Yeah!

Asterios: Eh, that's true. Alright, okay.

Dick: It's a marketing myth like Vegas.

Maddox: It is!

Dick: All of the Vegas ads say "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas" because nothing fuckin' happens in Vegas.

Maddox: Yup!

Dick: It is not this -

Asterios: (interjects) You jerk off in your hotel room in Vegas and it stays in Vegas.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that's exactly my problem with prom. It has this mythos like it's like, "We're all gonna get fuckin' laid tonight 'cause these chicks are all tuned up to bang" when it's the FUCKIN' opposite. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Nobody gets laid at prom!

Maddox: Nope.

Dick: It costs...the average family spends a thousand bucks on prom!

Asterios: Oh my god!!

Maddox: That's insane.

Dick: When it is...it is sanctioned fun. It is a fake wedding.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: It is like a pretend wedding where nobody's getting married. The marriage is between, uh, fun and death. (Asterios laughs) Because it is the death of fun to go to a stupid...to a place that is a conference center during the day, a place where men in suits go when they want to DIE. That's where you're going to celebrate this stupid dance? At some Biltmore or Hilton conference center, down...you know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: That's the venue of this prom.

Maddox: It is also the perfect illustration of what some dipshit kid thinks his idea of a fancy dinner is, which is always Spaghetti Factory.

Dick: I'll tell... (everyone laughs) Yeah! I'll tell you who it is, who I blame for this: the fuckin' Baby Boomers.

Maddox: Ohh!

Dick: And I'm gonna bring them in...I'm gonna bring them in as a problem at some point. But everything we experience in our lives as Generation X and the Millennial generation is some kind of watered down, safety-first, horseshit, nostalgia-generated reenactment of something they did as kids, and they are the ones that trained us to do this. That's why the prom is, like, this must-do and it's an important night of your high school life, when it actually is jack shit and horrible. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And costs you a thousand bucks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Chicks are treating this like a fuckin' wedding!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: This is a...this is a pseudo-wedding where you go and pretend to be a married couple.

Maddox: Yeah. It's awful! It is a template for ruining your life, because that's what you're supposed to do 4-5 years from now when you're 25 and you drop out of college. But the only people who are having sex at prom are people who are already having sex before prom.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Those are the people who are cool, the cool kids in school. Right? They're havin' unprotected sex, they're dumb! (Asterios laughs loudly)

Dick: Well, let's not...

Maddox: But they're cool!

Dick: Let's not go crazy. (Maddox chuckles) Unprotected sex is pretty much the only thing worth doing in life. (Asterios and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Having unprotected sex is the top! Nothing else is as good as having unprotected sex.

Maddox: Dick, I got a line for you. I saw this on the Internet on a -

Dick: (interjects) Not even a line is as good as...you know. (imitates snorting)

Maddox: No, no... (laughs with Asterios)

Dick: Not even a line is as good as having unprotected sex.

Maddox: Not one of those. I saw this line on the Internet on a meme, and I thought it was so funny that I'm gonna use it in real life. The meme was somethin' like "If she don't raw dog, I go 'Naw, dawg.'" And so... (laughs with Asterios and Sean) So it's worked every single time.

Dick: Ha. One?

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs) One hundred!

Asterios: Hey, that's 100 percent of the time.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Here, lemme tell you something about being fancy and being a grown-up, because that's what they pitch prom as, right? It's a fancy adult wonderland where you're going to experience adulthood. You don't take a fucking BUS to a fancy party.

Maddox: What if it's a party bus, Dick?

Dick: It's not a party bus. Have you been to prom? (Maddox and Asterios laugh) It's not a party bus when a 70-year-old woman is walking up and down the aisle making sure nobody's taking slugs out of a flask.

Maddox: Yeah man, prom sucks and you're a sucker for going to it. You should drive up to makeout point and flash your brights on people who are makin' out!

Dick: That's awful. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah, it's pretty fuckin' cool!

Asterios: I will do that. In fact, that's what we're all doing tonight!

Maddox: Is tonight prom night? Let's find out! I'd crash a prom -

Dick: (interjects) No, that's why I brought it in.

Maddox: What?

Dick: 'Cause his prom is tonight.

Maddox: Oh, is it really?

Dick: Yeah, yeah. This guy's prom is tonight.

Asterios: So he's getting this advice just in time.

Dick: Well, I sent him some tips before. I was like, "Learn how to dance. Don't be afraid of dancing, because guys your age will not dance 'cause they're uncomfortable with - "

Maddox: (interjects) Dancing is stupid. (Dick sighs)

Dick: Okay. Okay Mr., uh...

Maddox: Except for -

Dick: (interjects) Mr. King of Cockblocking on Prom Night!

Maddox: Except for break dancing, which pirates and lumberjacks would agree is cool. That's the only type of dancing. I... (cracks up)

Dick: Just learn how to step back and forth. (everyone laughs) That's allll I'm sayin'.

Maddox: Here's another thing...here's another pathetic thing. My friend and I one time, instead of goin' to I think another high school dance, or somethin' was goin' on?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We went to Blockbuster Video and rented a "how to break dance" video and sat in his parents' basement watching this break dance video on how to pop and lock, and uh...

Dick: This is literally Napoleon Dynamite! (Maddox giggles) Your life is Napoleon Dynamite!

Maddox: Yeah, I really resonated with Napoleon Dynamite. I got... (Asterios laughs) I thought it was a good movie.

Dick: Don't get a tux, wear a suit. What's up?

Asterios: Oh, I was gonna say, are you gonna talk about promposals?

Maddox: Oh, what's a promposal?

Asterios: Promposals are...it's like now you not only have to, you know, buy the dress, spend the thousand dollars; you need to be asked to the prom in a special way.

Dick: No, FUCK no. (incredulous)

Asterios: Yes, it's called a "promposal." You need to be asked with fireworks that spell out your name. You need to be asked with a lip dub video that's uploaded, you know, with all her friends in it. You need to show up outside her house with a boombox and her family's there. Like, you gotta have a promposal. It sucks because you're right, you don't get laid on prom night unless you're already getting laid. You have to put all this work in, and then it's just...it's fucking nothing!

Maddox: (**negative 'sproing' sound effect**)

Dick: It's a pretend marriage!

Asterios: Yeah, exactly!

Dick: It's a pretend marriage.

Asterios: Yeah, at least on your wedding night you get laid, you know? And all your friends are there and there's open bar. Oh, prom is so depressing, god dammit!

Maddox: And what parent...like, your odds are so stacked against you. You have 4 people with a vested interest in makin' sure you don't get laid that night. (Asterios laughs)

Dick: Right!

Maddox: Your parents AND their parents. And 5, actually! The chaperone!

Dick: Well, I don't know. I think my dad...I think your dad, if you're the guy, is gunning for you.

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: Maybe?? (skeptical)

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: Oh, come on!

Maddox: Depends! I wanna check this chick out, see if -

Dick: (interjects) I don't wanna give parenting advice, but uh...

Maddox: Nooo, no.

Dick: ...I will be gunning for that dude to get his, uh, his dick wet. You know what I'm talkin' about? (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Noooo! Di-

Dick: (interjects) If you know what I'm talkin' about.

Maddox: Dick, of course! That's why you give shit parenting advice! (Dick giggles)

Asterios: (laughing) Oh, I'm...what are you talking about when you say "get your dick wet"? That's so vague and obtuse! (Maddox laughs) What could that mean??

Sean: Taking a shower? (from background)

Asterios: Yeah, is that what you're talking about? (laughs more)

Maddox: Like, the worst time to get laid in your life is in high school, because you're -

Dick: (interjects) What?!

Maddox: First of all, first -

Asterios: (interjects) I don't know if that's true.

Maddox: Okay. (amused) Well, first of all -

Asterios: (interjects) It's the worst time to have a baby!

Maddox: It is, and you're way more likely to!

Dick: Actually, I will disagree with that because your body...if you're a chick, your body will bounce back like a fuckin' Super Ball if you have a baby when you're young. Like, the younger -

Asterios: (interjects) That's a very Dick Masterson reason to... (laughs)

Maddox: It's not about...yeah!

Dick: That's absolutely true!

Maddox: It's not about your body, dumbshit! Then what are they gonna do the rest of their lives?

Dick: (screams) EVERYTHING'S ABOUT THEIR BODY!!! (Maddox and Asterios laugh) Every single fuckin' thing in the world is about a woman's body! What do you think it's about, the Oculus Rift?! (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Oh, I'm sorry I...I'm sorry I brought this up. I'm sorry I tried to make a point here. No, it's not about their body, Dick! Look, first of all, the sex in high school is awful. Uh -

Dick: (interjects) Ugh. WHAT?!

Maddox: Yeah, it's the worst! You're just -

Dick: (interjects) Who were YOU fucking?

Maddox: It's just a bunch of inexperienced nobodies sittin' there bumping uglies, tryin' to figure it out, like "Oh, I..." Putting on a condom for the first time? Forget it! Get outta here! Learn how to have sex. The best sex you have in your life comes later, my friends. I'm sorry to disappoint all you fuckin' COOL kids havin' sex at prom and all the, like, cool high school kids. Your sex sucks!!

Asterios: All the kids that aren't pushing a van to the top of a hill. (laughs with Maddox)

Dick: Yeah! Hey, this is what people who didn't go to prom actually believe!

Maddox: Yeah. No, sex -

Dick: (interjects) Sex as a teenager is the BEST, man!

Maddox: Bloooows.

Dick: It NEVER gets better than that. If you're a teenager, do anything you fuckin' can to get laid.

Maddox: (chuckles) Nah.

Dick: That is as good as it gets, man!

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: Ohh!

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: You're crazy. It never gets better than that.

Maddox: You know what it is? It's like an unripened banana. (Asterios snickers) You bite into it, it's a little bit too tart, it's a little bit too bitter, and you sit there and you wish, "You know? Hm, this banana would be pretty good if I left it on the shelf a couple more weeks." That's what high school sex is like. Garbage.

Dick: Well, I totally disagree. I think it's like watching The Goonies; you gotta watch it when you're young. (Maddox and Asterios laugh) 'Cause when you're older, you see... (cracks up)

Asterios: You see the flaws.

Dick: You see the special effects, you see...yeah, you see the flaws.

Asterios: There's so many flaws, ugh!

Maddox: Well, then that...you just made my point for me, Dick! You're deluding yourself with shit Goonies when you're young, and then when you get older you realize, "Huh, that wasn't so good."

Dick: The magic doesn't work anymore. It's not the same. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah, it's way better.

Dick: You know, I'd rather have another drink than get laid sometimes.

Maddox: Oh, I'm sorry I'd rather have sex with women! I think that it's way hotter to have sex with women than, uh, than adolescents. (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: You guys both agree about this prom problem, too! (Maddox laughs) You're just looking for these weird, divisive wedge moments! You're both on the same page!!

Dick: No, we're not. No.

Asterios: You're not?!

Maddox: Asterios, we're not ready...we're not... (laughs)

Dick: We're not on the same page, no. Where it matters we're not on the same page.

Asterios: Alright, getting laid as a teenager. You wouldn't wanna get laid as a teenager, really?

Maddox: Of course I would! I'm not sayin' I wouldn't!

Asterios: Well, that's the thing!! That's all Dick is saying!

Dick: More than as an adult?

Maddox: Would I want to get laid more as a teenager?

Dick: If you could pick. If you could be banging...if you could be 17 right now and be banging a 17-year-old girlfriend...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...or...what are you, 43? (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Go on, asshole! Yeah?

Dick: And banging, like, a 52-year-old woman? I don't know, what are you into? (smiles)

Maddox: I just, like, burst into anger sweats. I'm so mad right now. (everyone laughs more) Like, for real.

Dick: I don't really care, that was all a setup for that joke.

Maddox: I can just feel it on my body. Ohhh, I just...it's like waves, you know? You get the ripples in a pond? It's just hitting my forehead and then it goes back down to my balls and it comes back to my forehead. (Asterios giggling) Go on! What's your shit...what's your -

Dick: (interjects) It was just a setup for that insult.

Maddox: Great. (sullen) No Dick, I would rather...first of all, 17-year-olds are way too emotional, they're way too attached, they're way...it's just, the drama that you have to deal with after the fact is just not worth it! Dick, YOU of all people -

Dick: (interjects) I found that to be the case now, grown up.

Maddox: What are you...?!

Dick: 'Cause girls want to know NOW where you're at.

Maddox: Oh, but that's...that's 100 percent on you, buddy. You're a shit communicator. That's why! You -

Dick: (interjects) Well, what do you mean? Why? Why am I a shit communicator?

Maddox: Well, you...when you go into one of these arrangements, right? With another adult?

Dick: Yeah, you can say it straight, I don't care!

Maddox: Right. No, I'm -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, I'm interested to hear what you have to say about that.

Maddox: Uh, because you have set up expectations and you don't deliver on those expectations, and so things fall apart.

Dick: What kind of expectations are you talking about?

Maddox: With a woman?

Dick: That I'm setting up? Yeah.

Maddox: Well, for example, if you're going to have sex with a woman, don't lead her on that you're going to en-...you're going to begin a relationship with her if you don't intend to.

Dick: But it makes the sex better!

Maddox: Ah, there it is!! (laughs with Asterios)

Dick: It makes the blowjobs way better -- it makes them exist.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it makes the sex way better.

Maddox: It's dishonest!

Dick: Well -

Maddox: (interjects) That's why you have drama as an adult! That's why you're dealing with the drama as an adult...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...whereas as a KID -

Dick: (interjects) So, I don't call that a poor communicator though!

Maddox: Yeah! 'Lying,' I would put under the umbrella of poor communication. (laughs)

Dick: Ahh, "poor"? I don't know.

Asterios: Are you lying or are you just omitting certain...or are you just kinda leaving some things hang out there?

Dick: That's a lie!

Asterios: You're not saying certain...hey, there's...a lie and not telling the truth are not the same thing! Dick is right. If you're not in a relationship but the girl thinks you're heading there, the sex is gonna be better and crazier.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Coming from -

Dick: (interjects) So why would you not do it?

Maddox: Coming from the Sneaky Greek!! (laughs)

Asterios: That's all I have to say!

Maddox: You know, um -

Asterios: (interjects) Those girls go so much farther because they're tryin' to get you, and because you don't want it they wanna go farther and farther.

Dick: They feel safe! They feel safe with you.

Maddox: But don't you feel...don't you feel like you're selling someone a lemon? Huh? Don't you feel like you're selling -

Dick: (interjects) Yes!

Asterios: Yeah, but you get to drink the lemonade! (Maddox giggles) Don't you get it?? That sweet, sweet, delicious lemonade. What would you rather drink, lemonade or lemon-flavored Kool-Aid?

Maddox: Uhh, the...well, I give THEM the Kool-Aid. (Asterios laughs) No, no, no. Listen to this, listen to this. Here's my whole angle: I don't mislead. I tell people straight up "here's what's gonna happen," because if you DO -

Dick: (interjects) Oho, what's gonna happen? (everyone laughs)

Maddox: They're on a one...they got a one -

Dick: (interjects) "You're gonna be very disappointed. Let's start there."

Maddox: They got a one-way ticket to Pleasuretown, buddy! And I'm the conductor! (Asterios giggles) So they -

Dick: (interjects) "And I, uh...you're gonna be on a mattress that I saved 50 dollars on with this promo code, if you're interested and if you find your experience pleasurable." (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Thank you for supporting us, Casper! Um, so they ride on my train, right? To Pleasuretown. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Oh, GOD.

Maddox: But before they get on, before they even get their ticket in their hand -- and they're anxious for that ticket. They want that ticket to Pleasuretown, right? (Dick laughs) I say, "Listen, here's what it's gonna be. This is the last stop! There's no more stops on this train to Pleasuretown." And then they understand at the end of that train, if I get off at that stop, that's it. There's no more ride. BUT, there's no drama! That's how I avoid it, because I'm honest! I tell them, "This is what it is."

Dick: Your sex must be so lousy without mind games. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Ohh my god. (exasperated)

Dick: Mind games are like 95 percent of the sex for me.

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: Gross?! Why is that gross?

Maddox: 'Cause I'm not a fucking Jedi! I just wanna get in and get out and get on with my life.

Dick: That's right.

Asterios: Jedis are pretty cool, Maddox.

Dick: I am a sex Jedi.

Maddox: Oho. Oh yeah? (amused) You know, when I think "cool" I think "Star Wars." The coolest people I know are really into Star Wars. (laughs)

Asterios: Light sabers are cool, Maddox. (cracks up) Light sabers are cool!

Maddox: Go on!

Asterios: They're sword...they're laser swords!

Maddox: By the way, I gotta plug somethin' Asterios has done.

Asterios: Sure!

Maddox: He has this General Ackbar Snackbar thing -

Asterios: (interjects) Admiral Ackbar, Maddox. (cracking up)

Maddox: Oh, Admiral? Oh. (laughs)

Asterios: Thank you.

Maddox: You nerd. (smiling) He has this -

Asterios: (interjects) He has a name!

Maddox: He has this funny sketch he's done online and it's gone viral. It's "Admiral Snackbar," and it is one of the funniest things I've ever seen.

Asterios: Thank you.

Maddox: It totally deserves to be seen, look this up on YouTube. He does this, uh, this concession stand routine as Admiral Ackbar. Right?

Asterios: If you Google "Admiral Ackbar Snackbar"... (giggling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: ...you can see it. Yeah, I made 9 crazy Star Wars comedy sketches that you can...I think it's http://youtube.com/user/asterios. You can see 'em.

Maddox: They've gone viral, right?

Asterios: They were on The Huffington Post, Playboy wrote about them...

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: Yeah, it's the -

Maddox: (interjects) Everybody's seen them. You've probably seen these and you didn't even know our very own Boisterous Coconuts did those, uh, those sketches!

Asterios: Thank you for plugging that!

Maddox: Very funny stuff, yeah yeah yeah.

Asterios: That's nice of you.

Maddox: Anyway Dick, is that all you got?

Dick: Well, I got one more piece of advice. Um, if you wanna smuggle booze into your prom put it in a Ziploc bag, some vodka, and tape it to your belt area on your stomach. Under your stomach.

Maddox: That is good advice.

Asterios: That's a great idea!

Dick: So they won't frisk you there. And they will find a flask.

Asterios: Well, yeah!

Dick: They will find it, 'cause it changes the way your slacks move. If you're not used to wearing thin, like, tuxedo pants it's easy to spot a flask, but definitely pop that Ziploc under your belt or somethin' like that.

Asterios: You also wanna try to smuggle alcohol in in your stomach 5 minutes before you walk into the prom.

Maddox: Smart.

Dick: More good advice.

Asterios: Exactly. You chug as much as you can because it's gonna take 10 minutes to take effect. You walk through the doors, you're fine; you get in, you're shitfaced. It's great!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So then you're gonna have, uh...the people who are already having sex are gonna have sloppy, inexperienced sex by people who are sloppy and inexperienced at drinking. Great! Sounds like a perfect recipe!

Asterios: How do you get experienced at sex if you don't have sloppy, inexperienced sex?? If a 30-year-old guy who did not have sex as a teenager has sex for the first time, it's gonna be weird, inexperienced sex!

Maddox: Well, yeah.

Asterios: How do you get experience?!

Maddox: Well, you get expe-...you get experience in high school, and that's -

Asterios: (interjects) Well yeah, that's the thing, exactly!

Maddox: Sure, but it's not good.

Asterios: So you don't wanna give up those precious golden years!

Maddox: Ehh. (dismissively)

Dick: This is not World of Warcraft. (Maddox and Asterios laugh) You're not grinding for experience points for sex.

Maddox: Oh, I am! (laughs)

Asterios: Oh no, I am.

Maddox: I am literally grinding for experience.

Asterios: It's the best way to grind! (Maddox laughs more)

Dick: Jerking off on your Casper mattress does not make you better in bed. It's not about having experience; it's about being in the moment.

Maddox: Ohoho!

Dick: That you might never get back!

Maddox: Whoa, sagely advice from Dick Masterson.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Sounds like he's advising everybody. A no-time parent giving us parental advice.

Dick: I'm giving SEX advice, no.

Maddox: Ohh, okay. (smiles)

Dick: Alright, let's go over our problems. You first, you shifty fuck.

Asterios: Alright, my problem is... (cracks up) ...is Unexpected Guests.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Shifty Sean knew about this, by the way, so Shifty Sean and Sneaky Greek!! (Asterios laughs) These two guys, these two guys -

Asterios: (interjects) That's our new cop show, "Shifty Sean and Sneaky Greek." (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Sneaky Greek.

Maddox: Boisterous. Okay, so your problem was...?

Asterios: My problem was, uh, Unexpected Guests.

Maddox: Unexpected Guests. (chuckling)

Asterios: Which is clearly pissing some people off. It seems like a pretty big problem.

Dick: Yeah, I'm really pissed off now. Now that the fun of this episode has worn off I'm really fuckin' pissed off.

Maddox: And my problem was First-Time Child Experts. Or maybe just Child Experts, or NO-Time Child Experts in your case, Dick.

Dick: Or just go vote up Maddox! It's the same thing. Same problem.

Maddox: Yeah. Ohh, appar-...yeah sure, apparently, 'cause people can't figure out satire! Maybe I need a satire tag on that failed parent t-shirt!

Dick: I don't know. My problem is High School Prom.

Maddox: And last time we plugged your, uh...

Asterios: The Mega Man book!

Maddox: ...your "Twenty-Something Mega Man" villains, right?

Asterios: Yeah, exactly! There's a sequel coming out. It's called "Enemies of Twenty-Something Mega Man II."

Dick: Oh!

Asterios: And just for this week, the people who are listening to this podcast, you can pick up a copy for a buck at http://devastatorpress.com/megaman2/. Uh, all -

Maddox: (interjects) We'll link to that on the website.

Asterios: Oh, thank...I would appreciate that!

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Do you have any samples from that?

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. For example, "Dresses His Baby Up For Attention Man" is in this book. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Ahh.

Maddox: Oh, I know that guy! They always put their baby in a little fedora, little douchebag glasses...

Asterios: Oh, with those little red shoes and all the little bow ties, it's the worst!

Maddox: They have their little Beats, their 300-dollar headphones for those little fuckers.

Dick: Hm.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly! "Vapes At Inappropriate Times Man." Uh, "Won't Stop Talking About His Rescue Dog Man."

Maddox: Oh, the worst! (laughing)

Asterios: "Underpays On Split Checks Man." All of the worst villains that you run into in your twenties. You can pick it up; you go to http://devastatorpress.com/megaman2/. Just for this week, just for the listeners, just for a buck.

Maddox: A buck? Fuck you if you don't buy it. (Asterios laughs) How's that for a sales pitch? (chuckles)

Asterios: Oh, it's...that's awesome! Thank you!

Maddox: Maybe we should use that for Casper too. (**closing riff starts**) Anyway, thank you Asterios for flying in and surprising us, and Shifty Sean for keepin' a lid on this and

letting us piss away two hours of this horseshit setting up! (yelling) (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

Asterios: See you next Tuesday! (Maddox laughs)

(Theme riff)

Voicemail (female caller): Hi guys! This is Lucy from Sydney, Australia.

Maddox: Whooa!

Voicemail: I just wanna say we're a huge fan of the show, and when I say "we" it's me and my friend. Um, the only problem that I have, and I know this is gonna sound stupid, but Sean...what does he look like? I haven't done a lot of online stalking, but...

Maddox: Oh my god.

Dick: Which means she has.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Voicemail: I don't have a clue what he looks like and it's kind of agitating, 'cause...I dunno, we're just intrigued I guess.

Dick: Do you hear how turned on this chick is?

Maddox: She sounds SO turned on.

Voicemail: So please post a photo of him on your site, um...or I'll just personally email him. (giggles)

Maddox: She sounds DEWY turned on. (chuckles)

Voicemail: Alright, thanks guys. Keep up the good work. Thanks, bye!

[message ends]

Dick: Sean, my iPad is slippery after playing that voicemail. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Gross, Dick!!

Dick: Can you believe how turned on that chick is? Oh my god!

Sean: What do I look like?

Maddox: Okay, you know what? Let's leave that to the...we posted a photo a long time ago. It was kind of like a little, uh, just a little...it was a drive-by photo of you, Sean.

Sean: When I was opening my Butterfingers.

Maddox: Yeah! (cracks up)

Dick: You...yeah, you look like -

Sean: (interjects) That I got for Christmas shortly after I did...*something.*

Dick: You look like Richard Gere meets Donald Sutherland, I think.

Sean: That's a weird cross. Do you know who I get?

Dick: Who?

Sean: I've gotten really some weird, uh...people I don't even think look alike. I've gotten Richard Gere...

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: ...I've gotten Edward Norton, I've gotten, uh, Patrick Dempsey? And this is the funniest one, and actually I think may be the most accurate: I've gotten a young Alan Thicke. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Dick: Ohh, yeah! You DO kinda look like his kid, too!

Maddox: You know what, Dick? With the commemoration of our new fan art section, why don't we open this up to our fans? Why don't you illustrate what you think Sean looks like?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Why don't you post it in the fan art section?

Sean: I'm always a fat guy with sweatpants and a weed shirt! (irritated) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah. It's the opposite!

Maddox: You do have kind of a fat voice.

Sean: I guess so, yeah.

Maddox: I don't know, I'm usually good at bein' able to pick out fatsos by their voice, but you kinda sound fa-...but you're not fat! You're not fat at all!

Sean: Thank you.

Maddox: That's weird, yeah. You're welcome!

Sean: I try very hard to stay in shape.

Dick: You're too skinny, actually.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You need to put some fat on. (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: Let's go get some burgers, guys. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (slightly creepy voice) Hi Maddox. You received a voicemail a few weeks ago from somebody claiming to be a pansexual. (Maddox chuckles) **Well, they were an imposter. I'm a REAL pansexual.**

Maddox: See, I think I believe this guy.

Voicemail: I only have sex...with PANS.

Maddox: Oookay. (everyone else laughs)

Voicemail: Now if you'll excuse me, I have a 12-inch wood-handled Teflon-coated beauty that I have to get back to.

Maddox: You fuckin' nerd. (muttering) (Dick giggles)

Voicemail: (voice gets creepier) Don't wait up, Maddox. Bye!

[message ends]

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: You believe that guy?

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: 'Cause that... (cracks up)

Maddox: There's something goin' on with that guy. I don't know what it is. (Asterios laughs) I don't know what...I don't know if he's a pansexual, but he's some kinda sexual that I don't, uh, I'm not on board with. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Listen Maddox, I've smoked just about every day and I'll tell you what: I'll kick the SHIT outta you in some Street Fighter, buddy. Name the game, the time and the place . I'll be FUCKIN' there, bro.

[message ends]

Maddox: Wohohohohhh!

Asterios: You have to put this on Twitch!

Maddox: You're on, fuckface! Street Fighter Alpha! (yelling)

Dick: You're gonna challenge that guy?

Maddox: Let's do it, you're on! Street Fighter Alpha 2. Not 3, not...well, I'll do 1. But Street Fighter Alpha 1 or 2, you're fuckin' on. You're goin' down HARD.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: You're goin' down harder than Dick's Titanic bit went down. (Asterios laughs) That's har-

Dick: (interjects) Oh, I think...I think it'll be back. (mischievously) (everyone laughs) After that retarded parenting problem you brought in.

Maddox: Oh, sorry. Yeah, sorry I didn't give enough good parenting advice like Zero-Child Dick Masterson, tellin' people how to raise their kids and how to discipline them!

Dick: You got a song?

Maddox: Uh, yeah! So this is sent in by Reverend Scott, Dick. He sent in a very special song for us. He composed this himself...or I think he used a song from someone else. By the way, this Reverend Scott, it's the guy who on Twitter sent us these clips, Dick. You remember these? (**sound clip of Dick saying, "You know what? Maybe I AM a fuckin' idiot.**) And... (**sound clip of Dick saying, "Maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I am."**) (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, I remember those clips.

Maddox: You look SO unamused. That is, uh...so that Reverend Scott, it's @ReverendScott on Twitter. He sent in this song. Maybe you'll appreciate it, maybe not. Let's, uh, let's see.

Dick: I doubt it.

Maddox: It's actually a voicemail, so here you go. [**plays Reverend Scott's message**]

Reverend Scott (over voicemail): Hey there, Maddox and Dick! Ah shit, hold on. I can't have you complainin' about the quality of my phone call.

(electronic buzz sound)

Reverend Scott (into mic): There we go.

Dick: What the hell?

Reverend Scott: I forgot to turn off the "Made in China" button. (Maddox and Asterios laugh) **Lemme give you a little background music.**

(calm, pleasant acoustic guitar starts in background)

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright! (hushed)

Reverend Scott: That's better. Hey guys, this is Reverend Scott. I've been listenin' since Episode 1, and with the exception of a few clips of Dick that I sent into the show, I'm not sure why I haven't really given you any feedback before, Maddox.

Maddox sound clip: "I don't know. I honestly don't fucking know." (Maddox chuckles)

Reverend Scott: Although mostly it's because I've been too busy watchin' Sean's ass videos.

Maddox sound clip: "Sean's ass video is an amazing big deal."

Reverend Scott: Those are JUICY. (Maddox laughs more)

Dick: Is he the Ministries of Christ? Is that what this is?

Reverend Scott: Anyway, I just wanted to drop in and let you know that just because no one held you guys accountable for some of the things that you said in the past, doesn't mean it's not a bigger problem than AIDS.

Dick sound clip: "What is your problem with AIDS?"

Reverend Scott: See what I mean, Maddox? (Maddox and Asterios laugh) **At least you don't say shit like that.**

Maddox sound clip: "What is your problem with AIDS?"

Reverend Scott: What? Whatever. Just...movin' on. I just wanted to bring up a little Dick versus Dick action from Episode 33... (Dick sighs exasperatedly) **...in regards to a broken toy truck Dick purchased.**

[clip from Episode 33 plays]

Dick: I'm sitting there cursing myself, cursing my life, wondering who I can blame for this...

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: How about yourself?

Dick: ...trying to fix these shitty servos that are underneath the monster truck to get it working again, or to get...you know, to get it working on Christmas Day again?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: What do I fuckin' see on the bottom of this thing? "Made in China."

Maddox: Oookay!

Dick: That's my problem!

Maddox: This took a twist. (laughing)

Dick: Made in China.

Maddox: Okay, your problem is...what is it? What's the -

Dick: (interjects) Made in China!

Maddox: No, there's a fallacy here.

Dick: Made in Fuckin' China. (Maddox, Dick and Asterios laugh)

Maddox: I need to look it up.

Dick: It's not a fallacy, it's Made in China! Shit that is made in China sucks.

Maddox: No, not always.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Not always? Get outta here, "not always."

[clip ends; second clip from Episode 33 plays]

Dick: I do think that everything that comes out of there that we get access to is garbage.

[clip ends]

Reverend Scott: Ten minutes later...

[third clip from Episode 33 plays]

Maddox: I mean, it's hard to make the case that just in general, as a blanket statement, all products coming from China are crap. Because we -

Dick: (interjects) I'm not saying it's all!! (Maddox, Dick and Asterios laugh loudly)

Maddox: Well, how -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, admit that I'm not saying it's all!

[clip ends]

Dick sound clip: "Oh my FUCKIN' god. Somebody fuckin' kill me with a knife made in China." (everyone laughs more)

Reverend Scott: Well, there you have it. Dick doesn't even know what the fuck he means.

Maddox sound clip: "Thanks for setting the record straight, Scott."

Dick sound clip: "Yeah! Thank you."

Reverend Scott: Hey, that's no problem, guys.

Dick: What?!

Maddox: I guess we said that in an episode.

Reverend Scott: Well anyway, congrats on your 50th episode. That's a huge accomplishment! Maddox, I figured you woulda strangled Dick to death during a Titanic clip by now.

Maddox: Almost!

Dick: Me too.

Reverend Scott: But maybe you're savin' that for the one-year show? Well anyway, I'm gettin' outta here. Peace and love, guys.

(guitar music fades out)

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**)

Maddox sound clip: "I've been snacking on nuts all night. It's a big jerkoff that you do in your mouth."

[Reverend Scott track ends]

(everyone laughs more)

Maddox: Thank you, Reverend Scott.

Dick: Oh, he really WAS a reverend.

Maddox: (cracks up) No, that's just his name.

Dick: That guy plays guitar in church. I know he does. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: I think he collaborated with someone online for that. Happy 50th, guys! Nailed it.

Asterios: Is that it?

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: Happy 50th!!

(chairs moving; voices get further away)

Maddox: Holy shit, Asterios! Welcome, buddy! (grinning)

Asterios: Thank you!

Maddox: What a fuckin' good sneaky little trick. (laughs)

Dick: Buddyyyyy. (smiles)

Maddox: Sean, you kept a lid on this thing?

(voices fade out)

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 51</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey!! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our phlegmy engineer.

Sean: Psychopaths! (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Oh, you got a new one! Somebody was calling you out for not saying "gentlemen" 'cause you got made fun of in the comments.

Maddox: Yeah, you said "derelicts" last episode, Sean.

Dick: Is that what you're gonna do? Is that your gag, like Bart Simpson's chalkboard thing? You're gonna say a new thing at the -

Sean: (interjects) Wait, what'd I...? I don't read the comments.

Dick: Oh, alright.

Sean: No, I never read the comments.

Maddox: Yeah. Did you see the photo I posted of you on the website?

Sean: No.

Dick: Do you know there's a website? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: I DO know there's a website.

Maddox: Sean, do you know where you are right now? (laughs with Dick)

Sean: I'm not sure! It's been like a 70-hour week so far.

Maddox: We're bustin' Sean's balls. He's been workin' like crazy.

Sean: What's on the website? (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Uh... (laughs)

Dick: Just in the comments someone said that, um...they were sad that you stopped saying "gentlemen," and they blamed another comment for making fun of you for being some kind of fedora-wearing guy for "gentlemen." (stammers) Yeah, I know! He read way too much into it, I'm saying.

Sean: I didn't like "gentlemen." I tried it a couple times, didn't like it.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: On to the next.

Maddox: Well, speaking of movin' on -

Sean: (interjects) "Hello" is usually good. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Episode 51, Dick! The problems from last week...

Dick: Oo!

Maddox: ...when we had our unexpected guest WAS Unexpected Guests! You guys thought that was a huge problem!

Dick: That is such bullshit! I shoulda won. Asterios robbed us of 30 seconds of Titanic.

Maddox: You should've -

Dick: (interjects) Because it was all the showmanship that people voted for.

Maddox: Mhm, yeah. You should've won on a show where they actually have winning, 'cause it's not this show.

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: Followed by High School Prom, and then First-Time Child Experts. All the problems last week came in the positive territory! You guys thought they were all problems. I'm actually okay with the voting on this.

Dick: You barely got ANY votes.

Maddox: You can barely suck my dick! (Dick giggles) I got...I got over 300 votes! That's higher than your fuckin' horseshit Sex With The Ex problem.

Dick: Is it?

Maddox: Yeah! (smug)

Dick: What's Sex With The Ex at?

Maddox: That's another controversial one. It's near zero.

Dick: Hm. Well, interesting! Interesting.

Maddox: That one and Burlesque Dancers.

Dick: And Know-It-All Masseuses.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, real sh-...hey guys, before we move on, I want to mention that I have a big announcement to make in a couple weeks! About a week and a half to 2 weeks on my website. Uh, stay tuned, it's a real big announcement. I've actually been kind of thinkin' about this for over a year now.

Dick: Ohh!

Maddox: And I'm gonna mention it. And Dick, if you, uh, if you care to wager a guess you can be my guest, but...

Dick: Are you getting a dog?

Maddox: No, I'm not gettin' a fuckin' dog!

Dick: Oh. (laughs)

Maddox: I don't like their sounds, I don't like their smells! They're cute sometimes, but...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...no.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: No, I'm not getting a dog, Dick. (annoyed)

Dick: That's not the announcement?

Maddox: I'm not getting a dog, nor am I getting a monkey. Go vote up monkeys, people. As a problem.

Dick: Ah, that was gonna be my second guess.

Maddox: Oh. (cracks up) Were you really gonna guess monkeys?

Dick: You know, there's other big news!

Maddox: What?

Dick: The king, Slacktivism, was briefly toppled this week by Female Genital Mutilation.

Maddox: Yeah. They're neck and neck!

Dick: They're neck and neck! I think, uh, FGM...I'm gonna call it "FGM" from now on 'cause I don't wanna say "female genital mutilation."

Maddox: Yeah, it's bad!

Dick: FGM is #1.

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: I think it's moving ahead! It's trending ahead I think, and it was brought in LATER, so.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, but it's still one of the earlier problems, Dick. I think that over time, the problems that are on the list longer are probably gonna get more votes. We have to, uh, we have to look at fixing that system.

Dick: I don't think so, 'cause Hunger's catchin' up fast!

Maddox: No, it's...

Dick: And that was brought in in Episode 30!

Maddox: It's still languishing in the low 20s or 30s!

Dick: No, nononononono. It's...it's climbing. It's leapfrogging over your shitball problems.

Maddox: Yeah, your NOSE is climbing. Um, anyway Dick, I got a comment from Charles Jackson Fairchild. And by the way, one other thing: I wanna say to everyone, happy Osama bin Laden Death Day! That was this weekend. I hope you all celebrated with barbecue and giving each other alcohol and handjobs. This is from YouTube, because we talked about the wage gap shit from a while ago.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: He said...this is from Bloody Bleeder. He says... (cracks up)

Dick: Gross.

Maddox: He says, "This is probably the most racist thing I've ever seen in my life. God, what a homophobe." (laughs)

Dick: Wait, you?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: He's saying that about you? Racist?

Maddox: He's sayin' I'm racist AND a homophobe. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Okay. I got another -

Dick: (interjects) But not sexist. He missed that one. (laughs more)

Maddox: He missed sexist, yeah! That's a big one! Way to -

Dick: (interjects) Thanks, uh...thanks Ray Charles. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) What do you got?

Dick: I got a comment from, uh, Benoît Da-...Jesus CHRIST. We were talking about these names in the bonus episode that just launched. Go buy the bonus episode.

Maddox: Yeah, thanks for supporting the show, guys! The bonus episodes really help everything out, and I mentioned this in the bonus episode but all the episodes have transcriptions now. Make sure to check those out.

Dick: Yeah. We were talking about the ridiculousness of some of these names. This guy has characters in his name that I don't even know...I don't know the name of this character. It's an 'i' with a little triangle hat on it. I don't know what that character is.

Maddox: That's...an accent 'i'?

Dick: This guy Benoît, he says on the problems list: "I've just voted Slacktivism down to 2nd and Female Mutilation up to 1st. I feel so good about myself and my good deeds now." (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Oh man, that is some deep meta...there's some deep meta going on there. He did a slacktivist move to vote down Slacktivism.

Dick: Yeah. Um, Amadeus Jones says, "Let's all keep calling Maddox 'Starlord.' It's hilarious."

Maddox: Great. (muttering)

Dick: He's right about that, it is hilarious.

Maddox: Fine, call me Starlord! At least I'm the lord of somethin', dickhead! (Dick laughs) What are you the lord of? Jack shit!

Dick: Oh, I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah! I got a comment from Dan McLeod. He says, "The Biggest Problem in the Universe is the best podcast in the universe. It could only be improved by calling Dick versus Dick 'Dick on Dick.'"

Dick: That's clever. I saw that one.

Maddox: Yeah, what do you think?

Dick: You shoulda thought of that.

Maddox: Dick on Dick!

Dick: Nah, you already coined it. You can't change in the middle.

Maddox: I can change whatever the fuck I want! It's... (stammers) I can change whatever I want!

Dick: It's perceived as weak.

Maddox: YOU'RE perceived as weak.

Dick: Well, you do what you want then.

Maddox: Great! I will!

Dick: That guy made the poster and everything. I don't want a bunch of gay porn of me coming in if it's Dick ON Dick. (cracking up)

Maddox: Okay, you heard that everyone! (Dick giggles) Dick does not want a bunch of gay porn coming in.

Dick: Got a voicemail. You wanna hear it?

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, this is Chris from Maine again. Um, I think Asterios was actually on to something with his little parenting contest, but um...

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: ...I don't think you guys could actually get a hold of a couple of real babies.

Maddox: Sure we could.

Dick: Well...

Voicemail: Maybe you could look into gettin' some of those, uh, simulacra that schools are usin' to teach kids about parenting.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Bag of flour?

Voicemail: Of course, it's not really a fair fight because you can't exactly leave a baby simulacrum emotionally crippled for life by crushing its spirit, but uh...you know. (Maddox laughs) **I think Maddox is up to the task anyway.**

[message ends]

Maddox: Yeah. I think he's referring specifically to me with the "crushing spirits" part.

Dick: We could have a contest! Who can raise a baby better?

Maddox: Crush someone's spirit? Oh yeah, to raise a baby?

Sean: You know the babies they're talking about, right?

Dick: No!

Maddox: No.

Sean: That they send with kids home?

Dick: No!

Sean: Yeah, they're like, uh...not animatronic babies, but basically they...they make you get up at all hours like a real baby. (Dick gasps) It basically logs everything.

Dick: It times you??

Sean: Well, yeah.

Dick: Ohh!

Sean: It cries in the middle of the night, and if you ignore it...they get grades on this shit. So it's like it tells you when it needs to be changed, it tells you when it's hungry, it tells you...and like, just -

Dick: (interjects) Just like a real baby!

Sean: Just like a real baby. You can't sleep through it.

Dick: Oh dude, we should...

Maddox: That's fucking awful!

Dick: ...we should do that.

Maddox: Why are they teaching...?

Dick: Why are they doin' that? (smiles)

Maddox: Why are they teaching this to kids? (Dick laughs) Why aren't they teaching them how to take out a loan, or how to invest in the stock market, or how to get a job?

Sean: No, it's -

Dick: (interjects) Or how to not run up your credit card into the quintuple digits?

Maddox: Yeah!! Or how to put down your fucking cell phone and be an adult for five fuckin' minutes and have a conversation with someone at a dinner table, you fucking zombies?

Dick: Kid Prison! Vote it up!

Maddox: Dick, less education is not the solution.

Dick: This is not education!! This is a TOY! This is a game that they're making kids play.

Maddox: Bad education is better than no education, I think. Well, uh, hold on. (Dick cackles)

Dick: Ha, yeah! That's...

Maddox: Okay, I take that back. I take that back.

Dick: ...that's how you get World War II!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's supposed to scare the shit out of 'em.

Dick: Oh, scare them out of getting kids?

Sean: Having a baby!

Maddox: Ohh, okay Sean.

Sean: Oh yeah, when they see how much responsibility it is.

Dick: Oho, that...no, that's not gonna work. (cracking up)

Maddox: No, I'm on board with Sean actually. That makes sense. If -

Sean: (interjects) I'm not sayin' it WORKS.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That's the idea.

Dick: Yeah, that's the idea? "Oh, they won't wanna fuck if we have this dumb alarm clock all night!" Uh, yeah, we -

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, preach abstinence! (amused)

Dick: Now that I'm awake at 4 A.M., I'm texting my girlfriend.

Maddox: Can you think of saying or showing anything to a kid, to a high school kid, that would make them not want to fuck?

Dick: No!! Nothing!

Maddox: Like, I remember seeing the nastiest, grossest herpes sores and all the STDs and all the videos and everything, and everyone's still like, "Yeah, but I'm horny."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Uh, I can't think of anything! Like, what would you...threats? Threats don't work.

Dick: And a baby is DEFINITELY the worst STD you can get.

Maddox: Babies are the worst STD.

Dick: Still not gonna work.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: No, and you always think "it won't happen to me."

Dick: Well it's like, talk me out of eating lunch. Go ahead, gimme...show me an ad that's gonna make me not wanna eat today.

Maddox: I can show you my...I can show you a DICK that will make you not wanna eat. (grins)

Dick: (stammers) Yours?!

Maddox: Well, if it's in between -

Dick: (interjects) That's a... (snickers) That's a pretty good self-burn.

Maddox: If it's in between a hot dog bun! (Dick giggles) What?

Dick: Your dick makes people not wanna eat?

Maddox: You specifically! I don't know, maybe you want it!

Dick: (interjects) Oh, me specifically.

Maddox: Yeah, maybe you want it!

Dick: I'll still eat.

Maddox: I think a lot of people get an appetite when they see my dick. (laughs)

Dick: Alright. Uh, speaking of dicks, somebody re-edited some audio of ours a couple shows ago.

Maddox: Oh great, let's hear this.

Dick: I forget the guy's name, but here...

Maddox: Let's hear this hack job.

Sean: I think it was "Maddox."

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs)

Dick: Nonononono, it's a...one sound effect changed the entire conversation that we had.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I think it's actually a great bit!

Maddox: Let's hear it!

Dick: Like, one sound effect. **[plays edited clip from Episode 47]**

Dick: Look at this cock! (zipper sound effect)

(Dick and Maddox laugh hysterically)

Dick: Not only...so not only is the cock short... (goes to show Sean) You see this? (Sean laughs loudly in the background) Alright, yeah. Thank you, Sean. Not only is the cock short -- it's the same size as the balls -- either that is a short cock or it's a limp cock, both of which I'm offended by that...

[clip fades out]

(Maddox and Dick still laughing)

Maddox: Bravo! That's actually really good.

Dick: I gotta hear it again. **[replays bit]**

Dick: Look at this cock! (zipper sound effect)

[Dick stops clip]

Maddox: (giggles more) (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: That's great. (grinning)

Maddox: Bravo, that's really good. I like that a lot. I got a comment from Humble Dwelling. He says, "So Dick just tricks girls into sex? What does that say about him? The drama is expectable, Dick. You sell false advertisement."

Dick: What does that say about me?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That I'm a man.

Maddox: Oh? (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah. That's why...that's why we do anything.

Maddox: That you're a chump!

Dick: That's why I put a shirt on!

Maddox: Yeeeah.

Dick: So I can trick someone into having sex with me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why I participate in society.

Maddox: You know, Dick -

Dick: (interjects) That's why we all do!

Maddox: You know, Dick, with you it's poker. You gotta put on your best bluffing face. With ME...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...with me it's an all-included resort. (laughs) And people are lining up! Lining up to get into that resort!

Dick: All-inclusive resorts are renowned as being horrible, tremendous scams.

Maddox: No they're not!!

Dick: They're awful! The liquor is all watered down, the food is shit... (Maddox laughs) ...the accommodations are shitty. It's like, uh, it's like mass-produced vacations.

Maddox: Look, what I meant to say is I'm an all-included trip to Italy. Huh??

Dick: Oh, like on...you're a "Price Is Right" showcase? Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: I'm the Showcase Showdown, buddy!

Dick: You're the Showcase Showdown. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. Two people fighting intensely out of greed. That's what sex with you is like. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeheheheeeah! Yeah, that's exactly what it's like.

Sean: Last week you were the conductor of a love train or something like that, if I remember right. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And goin' to Bags-of-Sand Town! (laughing)

Maddox: There was a, there was... (cracks up)

Dick: All aboard!! All aboard the Bags-of-Sand Express! (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Maddox: There was a girl in the comments, I think Emma Olsson, whatever. She said, "Hey Maddox, if I ride this train to Lovetown..." Or to Pleasuretown, that's what it was called.

Dick: Oh. (giggles) That's creepier!

Maddox: She said, "...is there a round-trip ticket? Do I get back home?" And I said, "No, there isn't. However, you just take a quick jaunt down Walk-of-Shame Lane and you're right there."

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: You're right there, yeah. (smiles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Pretty clever, I thought!

Dick: Always going, never coming on the Maddox Express. (everyone laughs hysterically)

Maddox: Oh, people... (giggles more) People come left and right, buddy! They come before they even get on the train!!

Dick: Yeah, I'm sure. Alright, here's a good...this is a good voicemail. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Maddox, you drove a van up to the makeout point and flashed your brights into people's cars because they were making out so that you could ruin their fun.

Maddox: Pretty cool!

Voicemail: You're LITERALLY the king of ruining fun. (Dick and Maddox laugh) **Don't ever complain...**

Dick: Yeah!

Voicemail: ...about being a ruiner of fun again.

[message ends]

Dick: You are! That's the worst thing I've ever heard anyone do. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: You know what, guys? (Dick giggles) I'm already getting shit on for hating fun because I didn't like Guardians of the Galaxy. Go ahead, label me that! I don't give a SHIT!

Dick: Oh. (worn out from laughing)

Maddox: 'Cause sometimes it's not about fun; sometimes it's about learning. (cracks up)

Dick: Oh, Stephen Smith was the guy that did that zipper...the cock zipper bit.

Maddox: Oh, Stephen Smith. Good job, Stephen. Anyway Dick, uh, are we ready to move on to some problems?

Dick: And Adam Anderson said it bothers him that Sean says "hello." I'm sorry, just getting...I'm just getting the shout-outs out there.

Sean: Oh! Okay.

Dick: 'Cause I appreciate that people leave funny comments.

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: Adam Anderson?

Dick: Yeah, Adam Anderson.

Sean: Okay, I'll remember that name. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Sean, you said that so creepily.

Dick: (gasps) One more! One more big call-out: Sheldon Codling says, "I had my doubts that Maddox is any good at Street Fighter, but he confirmed it in this episode when he said he would play the guy at Street Fighter Alpha or Alpha 2 over Alpha 3."

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: "Anybody who really cares about Street Fighter would have challenged someone to Street Fighter III: Third Strike or Ultra Street Fighter IV." So he's saying you're a poser! You're a video game...er, a Street Fighter poser (Maddox gasps) 'cause you picked the wrong Street Fighter to challenge someone in, and I don't know if that's true!

Maddox: Fffffucking...it's not!! This guy's a...THIS guy's a fuckin' poser, 'cause I guarantee this guy's never played Street Fighter III: Double Impact, has he dickhead? I bet he fuckin' hasn't! He's probably a Street Fighter EX fan, or EX2, God forbid. This guy's a piece of shit. Listen, Street Fighter Alpha or Alpha 2 kicked ass! You know why he didn't wanna step up to the challenge for Alpha or Alpha 2?

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Wait, what was he saying?

Dick: No, he said you should've...you should've played the guy at Street Fighter Alpha or Alpha 2 over Alpha 3.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I guess you said Alpha 3.

Maddox: No, nononono! He COMPLETELY misheard!

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: I said Alpha 1 or 2, NOT 3 specifically.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So that makes me -

Dick: (interjects) Okay, so he's...so then he was wrong?

Maddox: Yeah, he's wrong.

Dick: Okay, alright.

Maddox: You know what? He is as bad at hearing as I am good at video games.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, that's...he said, "It sounds to me like Maddox just sucks at Street Fighter and is picking the easiest game to play. Also Dick can go fuck himself."

Maddox: Sounds to me like he's bad at listening comprehension.

Dick: Could be! Could very well be.

Maddox: Okay Dick, should we move on to the problems?

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Alright Dick, my first problem this week is...flowers! (**clapping sound effect**) Yeeeah, flowers! There we go. (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Okay. (amused)

Maddox: Now, I know what you're thinkin'. I know what you're ALL thinkin'. You're thinkin', "Oh, this is another horseshit Maddox problem, or you know, one of those problems where he has a problem with love or family or what- "

Dick: (interjects) Fun!

Maddox: Fun?

Dick: Fun, yeah.

Maddox: I'm okay with that! Call me a fun-hater, I don't give a shit. Most flowers in the US come from Colombia and Ecuador. Did you know this, Dick?

Dick: No!

Maddox: You know what it was this last weekend other than Osama bin Laden Death Day? Uh, which nobody bought flowers for. It was Mother's Day!

Dick: No it wasn't!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: (gasps) Uh-oh.

Maddox: (taunting) Ohhhh! (suddenly quiet) ...Oh. (brief silence) You know what's coming up? (Dick laughs hysterically) You know what... (cracks up) Yeah, I just checked the calendar. You know what's coming up this next weekend, Dick?

Dick: Does your calendar have a name? (laughs)

Maddox: N-...no, why?

Dick: Nonono. Nevermind, nevermind. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. You know what's coming up this next weekend, Dick, is Mother's Day, and people are gonna be buying flowers for their moms.

Dick: It is for real?

Maddox: Yeah, for real!

Dick: Oh, f-...dude, you just saved my life.

Maddox: Yeah. I saved everyone's lives.

Dick: Man, the gr-...like, the greatest service a company could do for me is just email me every year 3 days before Mother's Day. I will buy whatever they're selling if they would just do that.

Maddox: What am I but a humble servant, Dick? Why don't you go to maddox-store....whatever, spreadshirt.com and buy a t-shirt? (Dick scoffs) Then you can support me. Um, most...so I was mentioning, Dick, most flowers come from Colombia and Ecuador.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And most of the workers have work-related health problems -- two-thirds of which, actually -- because of pesticides they use in Colombia.

Dick: Ohh!

Maddox: Yeah! This is from this website; it's usleap.org. It's a...it's, like, some kind of a -

Dick: (interjects) US Leap?

Maddox: Yeah, US Leap.

Dick: Like a jump?

Maddox: "Leap." Yeah, like "jump."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Usleap.org. They say these pesticides are banned in North America and Europe, so we push our demand for these flowers on countries with lax regulations.

Dick: No shit!

Maddox: And the result? Over two-thirds of flower pickers have the following symptoms: they have nausea, headaches, impaired vision, conjunctivitis, rashes, asthma, stillbirths, miscarriage, congenital malformations, and respiratory and neurological problems. This is some real shit! And it gets worse: there was a law passed in 2002 because the only way these workers...these workers barely scrape by on the minimum wage they get picking flowers all day.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So the only way they used to be able to make any money, any real money, was by working overtime. So in 2002, they passed a law that defines a work day from 6 A.M. to 10 P.M. (Dick scoffs) (Sean grimaces in the background)

Dick: 16 hours?

Maddox: So workers don't get overtime unless they work more than 14 hours a day, so given 8 hours of sleep -

Dick: (interjects) Oh my god!

Maddox: Right? If you give 'em 8 hours of sleep, 1 hour to eat -- which means you have to fit 3 meals in, 20 minutes apiece -- that leaves you 1 hour to yourself for every 24 hours you live! It fucking sucks.

Dick: These are slaves!

Maddox: They're slaves! They're essentially slaves.

Dick: I mean, they're probably cheaper than slaves!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you gotta feed a slave or they'll die!

Maddox: Yeah, that's true! Yeah!

Dick: You don't have to feed...

Maddox: You don't have to feed 'em!

Dick: ...an employee working 14 hours a day! (chuckling)

Maddox: They've outslaved slavery.

Dick: Eat the flowers. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! And it's even worse for women; a study found that 85 percent of female workers were required to take pregnancy tests -

Dick: Ulgh.

Maddox: - to prove that they weren't pregnant before they worked as flower pickers! And some women even had to prove that they were STERILE. They had to go through these

tests to prove that because the employers didn't believe them. And an average of 2 workers a day are fired for becoming pregnant, and the women who do get pregnant get premature births and congenital malformations and miscarriages because of all the pesticides they're dealing with every day.

Dick: Oh my god!

Maddox: They have to...I read something like they had to pick 250 flowers per hour or some ludicrous amount, and they have thorns and they get cut and they get blisters and calluses. They also get ruptured varicose veins and kidney failure. They also have restricted bathroom use. So all you dumbasses can give your moms some stupid flowers on Mother's Day, that's what they're doin' this for. Or some stupid carnations for some stupid high school dance.

Dick: You know what you should call this problem?

Maddox: What?

Dick: "Blood Flowers." (Maddox chuckles) Like blood diamonds!

Maddox: "Blood fl-..." Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Yeah! That's what it is!

Maddox: It's almost clever!

Dick: Why is it that...? Fuck you. (Maddox laughs) Why is it that all of these symbols of love that we're basically giving to chicks...right? I mean, is that fair to say or is that sexist?

Maddox: Uh, I -

Dick: (interjects) Diamonds and flowers are for women. Marilyn Monroe fuckin' said it, not me!

Maddox: Guys sometimes give other guys flowers; sometimes women or men buy flowers for themselves. I think it's more rare, but they do...they do buy flowers.

Dick: Let me ask you somethin'. Are we that gone in society that I cannot say flowers and diamonds are for women?

Maddox: Uh, traditionally, yeah!

Dick: Why are these things specifically so fraught with this, uh...like, the human rights abuses?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like diamonds and flowers. That sounds awful! Do other... (stammers) Do vegetables work like that? Does lettuce...is lettuce picked by slave laborers?

Maddox: Uhh...kinda. (cracks up) Actually.

Dick: Oh, it is?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: So anything grown comes from this? Or is this flowers specifically?

Maddox: Yeah. You remember in the Solutions episode I brought in Dumb People?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, you know, these are people who are subjugated. They don't have education, but they're doing jobs that other people won't do. That's why I sincerely respect their work. And you know what the worst part is, Dick, about all of this? It's that these flower workers, these flower pickers, aren't even asking us to boycott flowers because it would mean that they would...

Dick: Lose their jobs, yeah.

Maddox: ...lose their jobs, yeah! And the feel-good "fair trade" label that you see on food and flowers doesn't do shit to ensure that there's humane working environments for flower pickers. This is just an awful industry with an awful problem, and -

Dick: (interjects) Wow!

Maddox: Even boycotting it won't help because that means they go from a shitty situation to a shittier situation of unemployment.

Dick: Then they gotta make...what countries are these?

Maddox: This is Ecuador and Colombia.

Dick: Yeah, then they gotta make cocaine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If they can't pick flowers, they gotta pick coca.

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: I mean, that's what...that's what they export down there, right?

Maddox: Yep, that's true! All of this suffering so you can smell a rose. Which was grown with pesticides, by the way. You're sniffing pesticides, idiots.

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: And then leave it on your counter for a week until it wilts and you throw it away. That's what all the suffering is, uh, is going into, so you can have your little flower that you picked up from Trader Joe's or whatever local grocery store. You bring it home, leave it on your counter or put it in a book.

Dick: I mean, they work! They make women feel good.

Maddox: I guess! You know what? I've been fortunate enough to date women in my past who weren't interested in flowers, and I thought it was a...I thought it was a trap!

Dick: They always say that, Maddox. They say that, but they want you to get them...'cause they want to be seen as low-maintenance and ALSO they want the benefit of getting flowers. That's what they want!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They want a twofer!

Maddox: Ahh. (smiles)

Dick: They want both!

Maddox: That's really cle-...that's a -

Dick: (interjects) That's how high-maintenance they are.

Maddox: I interpreted it that way as well, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause I think you and I think similarly in that sense, but -

Dick: (interjects) Correctly.

Maddox: BUT, uh, I tested it! I tested this theory one time with one of my exes and I bought her flowers, and it was such an awkward...have you ever been to the UK and you tip a taxi cab driver?

Dick: Yeah, and it's weird.

Maddox: It's WEIRD.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's really weird. They don't expect it, they feel a little insulted; it's just awkward.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They kinda just sit there with the change in their hand staring at it, expecting you to take it back. That's how it was when I gave this girl flowers. She -

Dick: (interjects) Well, what did you say though? 'Cause you...you might've said something to warrant that. What did you say when you used the flowers?

Maddox: I said, "Here's some flowers! Here you go! Here's some flowers."

Dick: Oh, okay. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Was it...it wasn't somewhere weird?

Maddox: Uh, no, just my apartment! I just bought flowers just because, 'cause I'm a thoughtful guy. But, BUT, it proved that she was telling the truth. She really didn't give a shit about those flowers. And by the way, she didn't even water them, and I felt bad 'cause they were a HUGE bouquet of flowers. I thought, "Well, maybe *I* should fuckin' water 'em."

Dick: That's rude, though.

Maddox: What?

Dick: There's...I'm seeing a lot of red flags in this though.

Maddox: Ah.

Dick: Because if I got flowers from a girl, I don't...I don't care about flowers, but I'm a human, so I can see that they're pleasant. They smell good...

Maddox: No!

Dick: ...and they're nice to look at.

Maddox: No. I hate flowers.

Dick: What do you mean, "no"?!

Maddox: Flowers are dumb! I step on them!

Dick: They're like a nat-...they're, like, natural beauty! Flowers are beautiful! How can you say they're dumb?

Maddox: My FOOT'S beautiful. Why don't you look at my foot? Kiss my foot.

Dick: Your foot is disgusting! It's utilitarian!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Flowers are not! They're like...they're EVOLVED to be bright so they can attract insects to pollinate them.

Maddox: Insects, yeah. Are you a fucking insect? No! Then shut up! (laughs)

Dick: (scoffs) I...why on this podcast do I always find myself having to prove things that are fuckin' obvious to everyone else on Earth?? Flowers are...are pretty!

Maddox: Dumb. (everyone laughs)

Dick: Oh, but that's... (snickers)

Maddox: Flowers are dumb.

Dick: Pointwise.

Maddox: What's your favorite flower? Pansy?

Dick: Uh...tulips on my organ. (everyone laughs loudly)

Maddox: Had you thought about that before? You had to have thought of it.

Dick: I wrote that joke in my high school girlfriend's yearbook. "What's better than roses on my piano? Tulips on my organ."

Maddox: Yeah, tulips on my organ. That's funny. (smiling)

Dick: And she got so fuckin' pissed off. Like, she wrote this long heartfelt thing in my yearbook about, like, being together and blah blah blah blah blah, and I just wrote that joke. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah. That's pretty funny.

Dick: Yeah, I didn't get tulips on my organ for a while after that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um...

Maddox: I'll bet you didn't.

Dick: Anyway! Anyway, the natural reaction to getting flowers, even if you don't like them, is still a pleasant... (stammers) They're like, "Thank you!"

Maddox: Hey, I just thought of a joke.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You know what you would call a gay lion who is also a flower?

Dick: What?

Maddox: A "dandy-lion." (smiles)

Dick: That's great. (chuckling) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: (**'boo' sound effect**) I just booed myself.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, um...yeah man, flowers are dumb, so...and they're awful! Everything about flowers is awful. So next time you sniff your pesticide-laden, piece of shit flower on your counter, just remember all the suffering and enjoy! Happy Mother's Day everyone! Happy fuckin' Mother's Day. There you go.

Dick: Huh! I didn't know that, that's interesting.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) Buzz to Mother's Day. That's my problem: Flowers! Yeah.

Dick: Are there conflict-free flowers that you can buy? (Maddox chuckles) Is anyone selling that?

Maddox: Non-...

Dick: Is anyone online selling that?

Maddox: Non-blood flowers? (amused)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You know, they...some of these flowers have this "fair trade" sticker on them. That doesn't mean shit! That doesn't mean that there are inspectors making sure these workers are treated humanely!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And by the way guys, I know that we as Americans and westerners really like to sit on our high horse and say, "Oh god, it's so awful that there's sweatshops in China and these people are exploited." However, when you talk to some of these people in these countries and cities where they're working in these sweatshops, some of them obviously absolutely hate it. And I've actually mentioned that, I think, with Foxconn, with Apple...uh, Apple and Android and Google, all these companies use these sweatshops and this cheap labor abroad, right?

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: But they say that it's really condescending for Americans to come in and say that we should shut these places down, because the alternative isn't that they get a better job; the alternative is NO job.

Dick: No job. No schools, nothing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They said that they're in a bad spot but they're WAY better off now than they were before. And that's not speaking for everybody, 'cause clearly a lot of people disagree since they're committing suicide and they put up suicide prevention nets in these factories.

Dick: Yeah, it's not...it's not clear-cut, is it?

Maddox: No, it's not. It's a real complex issue, kinda like riots. Um, anyway Dick, that's my problem. What do you, uh, what do you got this week?

Dick: Good problem. Uh...earthquakes.

Maddox: Earthquakes!

Dick: It's a big problem, wouldn't you say? Or am I gonna have to explain that earthquakes are a problem?

Maddox: Can be. I wouldn't say it's the BIGGEST problem in the universe. It's, uh, it's up there! Earthquakes do cause damage and the loss of lives, so it's up there.

Dick: Okay, so remember how I said FGM is the #1 problem now? Female Genital Mutilation?

Maddox: Yeah, it was. It was, it's no longer.

Dick: Well, I think it's gonna overtake Slacktivism though.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: 'Cause it's a...it's a real horrific problem, and Slacktivism is just annoying on Facebook.

Maddox: Slacktivism I think is sincerely a...probably a bigger problem, because Slacktivism causes people to ignore problems that actually need attention...

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: ...by doing something that actually helps nobody. So in effect -

Dick: (interjects) Compared to FGM?

Maddox: FGM only affects...I think in that episode I mentioned 1 to 2 million women per year. It's not, uh...I mean, compared globally, it's not -

Dick: (interjects) 133 million women.

Maddox: Oh, 133 million?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Okay. No, that's...that's a lot bigger than I thought.

Dick: It's a lot.

Maddox: Um, yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's, like, the entire middle of Africa.

Maddox: Yeah. But it's not even the majority of the countries in Africa. It's just...it's like a handful of countries.

Dick: So are you... (stammers) Are you talking down FGM?

Maddox: I think FGM's a huge problem! That's why I brought it in!

Dick: But not as big as Slacktivism?

Maddox: But I don't think it's the biggest problem.

Dick: Okay. Well -

Maddox: (interjects) I think it deserves to be in the top 3 easily.

Dick: You know what IS the biggest problem?

Maddox: Not earthquakes. (chuckling)

Dick: Earthquakes.

Maddox: Not fuckin' earthquakes!

Dick: Earthquakes. They affect 136 million people! Uh, in the last...in the last 30 years, I think. That's more than FGM. And the one just hit Nepal, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why I'm bringing it in. It's topical.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah yeah. There was...okay, no joke, I felt an earthquake this morning. Did you feel it?

Dick: Uh, no...

Sean: I did.

Maddox: ...but I was in a bad state this morning.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: At about, uh...

Maddox: Like 7 A.M.

Sean: Yeah, just a little before 7.

Maddox: Yeah, a little before 7. I felt it, and I -

Sean: (interjects) Really small, but I could tell it was an earthquake.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm so jaded at this point, I wake up with one...I open one eye, and I just wait for it to stop rumbling and I think to myself, "God, just stop so I can go back to sleep. I don't care. I just don't care."

Sean: I can't remember the last time I got out of bed for one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: 'Cause as soon as you get up -

Dick: (interjects) Guys, they're a big problem. Okay? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: We sound like earthquake hipsters.

Dick: You do.

Sean: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) So what were you gonna say, Dick?

Sean: No shit, that one in '94? Big problem in California.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People affected: 136 million. People KILLED: 385,000.

Maddox: In 30 years?

Dick: How much in damages from earthquakes in the last 30 years?

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: 351 trillion dollars.

Maddox: Well, can't put a cost on lives! (chuckles)

Dick: You know how many... (cracks up)

Sean: Wait, in the number killed, does that count tsunamis caused by earthquakes?

Dick: No!!

Maddox: No!

Sean: Oh, see, because that was 230,000 in Indonesia or wherever that was.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Exactly!

Maddox: Different problem, Sean, and I'm bringin' that in.

Dick: Exact-...no!

Maddox: No, you don't get tsunamis! (yelling over Dick)

Dick: No, earthquakes are the root of tsunamis.

Maddox: You don't get tsunamis, fuckhead!!

Dick: Earthquakes are the CAUSE of tsunamis, Maddox.

Maddox: Oh, well then existence is the cause of suffering, dickhead! Let's bring THAT in as a problem! (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Mm, nononononono. This is...life is not...Judge Death, calm down. (Maddox laughs) Life is not a problem. (smiles)

Maddox: No, 'cause I have tsunamis on my short list of problems to bring in. You don't get tsunamis!

Dick: Well, you fucked up! You shoulda brought it in. Earthquakes cause those.

Maddox: I think YOU fucked up. You brought in...you brought in the fire rather than the spark.

Dick: Okay, all these deaths aren't doing it for you guys? Lemme pitch it -

Maddox: (interjects) Or no, you brought in... (cracks up) Sorry, you brought in the spark, not the fire.

Dick: Not the fire.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Eh, well, I don't know. The voting will tell us. How about earthquakes, um...earthquakes knock over your toys!

Sean: Mmm. (from background)

Maddox: Oho, wow!

Dick: That's a pretty big one.

Maddox: Well, you gotta spend countless seconds picking them back up. (Sean laughs) Yeah. Maybe, uh, maybe if I had one of those iPhone watches I could save all that time checking Facebook.

Dick: You know how much a...uh, estimated cost I found of a space elevator?

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: 8 billion...a space elevator, you know.

Maddox: Yeah, I know what a space elevator is, but what's...?

Dick: 8 billion dollars. NASA's entire budget: 18 billion dollars.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Earthquakes cost 351 *trillion.*

Maddox: Yeah, but that's -

Dick: (interjects) So imagine what we could do to all that money!

Maddox: Yeah, but it's not like that money was just sitting around waiting for us to spend. That's just money that... (stammers) Actually, you could make the case that earthquakes are a good thing.

Dick: Let's hear it.

Maddox: And I know I'm soundin' like just a contrarian dickhead here, but you could make the case that earthquakes are a good thing similar to World War II. Economists largely agree that World War II stimulated the economy and got us out of the recession, the rut that we were in, because it...because of all the industry that we had to create for it, right? If an earthquake strikes...every time an earthquake strikes, go look at the stocks. Go look at the stock prices of companies that produce lumber, that produce housing materials; they skyrocket.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: That stimulates the economy!

Dick: So they're...they're a GOOD thing?

Maddox: Some good comes out of earthquakes. I don't know if it's more good than bad.

Dick: Lemme ask you this.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Would you say that heart attacks are good because they keep cardiac surgeons employed? That's basically what you're saying. Is that...?

Maddox: In that regard, yes. Yes.

Dick: You would say "yes"?

Maddox: In that reg-...in that aspect, yes.

Dick: (scoffs) I don't know with you. I don't know with you. (Maddox laughs) I don't know how to get around some of these arguments you make sometimes, 'cause they're so outlandish.

Maddox: Well, I'm not saying -

Dick: (interjects) Earthquakes boost the economy?!

Maddox: They do!

Dick: So they're good? I think... (laughs) I think people in Nepal would disagree with you.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? There's good earthquakes and bad earthquakes. (Sean laughs in the background) Here's the thing: that earthquake that happened in Ne-

Dick: (interjects) It's not cholesterol, Maddox!

Maddox: No! (laughs)

Dick: It's an EARTHQUAKE. It's an -

Sean: (interjects) It's all how the earthquake was raised. (Maddox laughs harder)

Dick: It's the wrath of God that you're talking about. (chuckling)

Maddox: Dick, there are good earthquakes and bad earthquakes. Let me give you an example, 'kay? So this Nepal one that just happened, 4,000 people died. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a bad earthquake, BUT... (Dick scoffs) ...it may have...because now they have to rebuild all that infrastructure and they have to build it up to code.

Dick: Yeah, all their cardboard huts. (cracking up)

Maddox: No! They have to build it up to code, and now they CAN -

Dick: (interjects) Code?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: In NEPAL??

Maddox: They have codes -

Dick: (interjects) They didn't build it like that because they thought it would be funny, they built it like that 'cause they're dirt poor! They don't have fuckin' codes!

Maddox: Yeah, but they built those buildings years ago, decades ago, before we had modern materials and technologies. Now we have the technology to build it stronger.

Dick: WE do! They don't! They're still Nepal!!

Sean: It's one of the poorest countries on Earth.

Dick: Yeah! They can't rebuild nice shit 'cause all of their old shit got knocked down.

Maddox: They get aid from the US, and guess who's goin' out there to rebuild those buildings? Civil engineers from America. A bunch of fuckin' do-gooders, uh, these GOAs. NGOs, rather. They're goin' over there to build these buildings! You know they are.

Dick: I...no! I do not know that a bunch of contractors from America are going over there to rebuild their shit for free.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? This sounds kinda drastic, but I would volunteer to go over there and help build. However, I don't wanna be one of those -

Dick: (interjects) Please...please don't. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Why?? I'm a fuckin' good builder!

Dick: Um, for maybe the first half.

Maddox: What? (annoyed)

Dick: Are you gonna finish the job, though?

Maddox: Ohhh, don't look at ME about finishing jobs, buddy! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You're the king of not finishing jobs.

Dick: Allllright.

Maddox: I'm the star of lords! (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Tsunamis, avalanches, landslides. Earthquakes cause volcanoes to erupt.

Maddox: Um...

Dick: Pretty big! Floods, they cause.

Maddox: Yeah... (unsure) Earthquakes...okay.

Dick: They annoy you on Facebook, since that is what's winning in the problems right now. Earthquakes also annoy you on Facebook.

Maddox: Yeah, go vote up Facebook! Yeah, then vote up Facebook.

Dick: You know what? I've been meaning to bring this in. Have we talked about that Facebook owns Oculus Rift, your favorite thing in the world?

Maddox: Dick, I named my solution "Oculus Rift/Virtual Reality," because I don't give a shit that it's branded Oculus Rift.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I just care about the technology.

Dick: Okay. Shoulda called it "Virtual Reality" then.

Maddox: I did. ".../Virtual Reality."

Dick: Yeah, you shoulda went with one. That also looks weak. That's why it's not getting votes.

Maddox: No! I hedged my bet just in case Oculus Rift does turn out to be the technology, which I don't think it will. The HTC Vive sounds way more promising. (Dick chuckles) Whatever it is, "Virtual Reality" is my solution.

Dick: Yeah. Um...earthquakes are slacktivism for God! (Maddox and Sean laugh) So if you don't like Slacktivism, definitely vote up Earthquakes 'cause it's God's slacktivism. He doesn't get involved, he just hears that it's kind of a problem. Earthquake, can't stop that.

Maddox: Dick, that is, like, the classic act of God. In every contract, when they say "act of God" everyone's always thinking two things: earthquakes and lightning. Well, lightning is #1, followed by earthquakes.

Dick: Yeah, it's slacktivism though.

Maddox: That's not slacktivism! God's reaching down and shaking shit up!

Dick: No no no, but it's... (stammers) There's no specific problem. There's nothing specifically that he's tryin' to fix. It's not like he's sending Jesus back to fix things. It's just wreck everything, knock the buildings down.

Maddox: He's saying, "Hey, this economy needs some stimulation!" (Dick chuckles) "Here you go, lemme...lemme poke my finger down here. Whuuuuh, it's all wobbly!"

Dick: It's like the FGM of, uh...it's like the FGM of bein' God, too.

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, I'll give you that. Look, earthquakes are a problem but they don't deserve to be in the top 10. I wouldn't say they're in the top 10, not even by a long shot. No way.

Dick: Really? Not over Anti-Vaxxers?

Maddox: No! Not -

Dick: (interjects) Not over...not over Outrage Porn?? Which does NOTHING?

Maddox: They should definitely be up...uh, it should definitely be higher than Outrage Porn. I'll give you that.

Dick: Okay. So it should be in the top 10?

Maddox: No, Outrage Porn should not be in the top 10. Outrage Porn should be in the top 20, but Earthquakes should probably also be in the...I'd say maybe #11, at most. Guys, vote it up to #11, and if it gets any higher vote it down because we wanna make sure this works. (Dick laughing)

Dick: Alright, that's my...that's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah, pretty good problem, Dick.

Dick: Pretty good problem!

Maddox: Did you have any other st-...did you bring any stats, by the way? From the, uh, the earthquake in Szechuan Province a few years back?

Dick: No, I didn't...what? What is that?

Maddox: That was a slam dunk for your argument, dickhead! That would've been...'cause I think 50, 60, 70,000 people were left homeless and tens of thousands died. It was a huge earthquake!

Dick: I said it affects 139 *million.*

Maddox: Yeah, but over 30 years.

Dick: How is a smaller amount a slam dunk?

Maddox: Hold on, Dick. You said 139 million over the course of 30 years. And by the way, "affect" is kind of an ambiguous verb. Uh, how exactly -

Dick: (interjects) Oh yeah, you're right. Some of them that, uh, that the UN counted were just ANNOYED. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Yeah, like me! (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: That's what the fuckin' stat included, Maddox.

Maddox: I was affected this morning, Dick! I woke up early!

Dick: They called people after an earthquake and said, "Um, were you affected at all?" And they said like, "What do you mean, 'affected'?" and they said, "Eh, you know, just whatever."

Maddox: They said, "Yeah, my toys were knocked over!" (Dick sighs exasperatedly) They... (laughs)

Dick: They're not counting that in the stat!

Maddox: How do you know?

Dick: It's people who had their lives ruined. Because otherwise, the stat's useless!

Maddox: Yeah, it's -

Dick: (interjects) It's a usef-...well, they meant it to be useful. So it's people whose lives have been fucked up because of earthquakes.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? I don't think that they called people in an earthquake, especially immediately after.

Dick: Of course not! That's the joke!!

Maddox: Okay. (cracks up) Great.

Dick: 'Cause everything's destroyed! It destroys civilizations! (yelling)

Maddox: Dick, you know what goes into that stat, is they look at a country like China and they see the Szechuan Province got a huge earthquake, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It knocked out the power grid. So they say, "Okay, well, there's 40 million people living here. They went without power for a few days, so it affected 40 million people." Well, sure. It definitely affected 40 million people, but not all of those 40 million lost a home or lost a family member or lost a loved one. Yes, it affected a lot of people.

Dick: Pure conjecture. Everything you said was just a story that you made up...

Maddox: No!

Dick: ...about how they make that stat. Absolutely, it was.

Maddox: Okay Dick, how do they make it? How else would they make it?

Dick: They would count how many people are homeless in China! There you go. That's a number. Next time an earthquake happens, how many people are...how many people suffered?

Maddox: It's a guess! They don't...it's a guess, Dick! They're goin' around trying to find...like literally, they just have the tools that we have, you and I have. You and I, Dick. We'd just sit around, look at a map, say "Okay, well, there's the strike zone, and here's where the power grid went down."

Sean: Don't they ever go to the site?

Dick: Of course they do.

Maddox: Of course they do, Sean!

Dick: Of course... (stammers) Of course they do. You're totally making stuff up to make it seem like not a real problem.

Maddox: Nonono, it IS a...

Dick: 'Cause it's a fuckin' contest.

Maddox: It is a real problem and it's not a contest, but it's not as big as you're making it sound. Dick, not 139 million people have been affected to the point of loss of limb or loss of life or loss of home. I don't believe that. Even over the course of 30 years, 139 million seems...seems pretty high.

Dick: It's an earthquake! It's a huge natural disaster!!

Maddox: It really depends on where the earthquake happens. When it happened...there was that one -

Dick: (interjects) You're right. When it happens on the moon, it's not a problem.

Maddox: I would say it's a pretty big problem on the moon. (Dick scoffs) 'Cause it could throw our tidal...our tidal shift, our tidal wave shift...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...out of whack. Man, that's a real...real delicate balance.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I'm done.

Maddox: Oho, great!

Dick: That's my argument for earthquakes. (smiles)

Maddox: Good. Good pro-...good problem, Dick. Let's get to a -

Dick: (interjects) But not good enough. Not as good as, uh, Slacktivism. What else is on the top? What else is in our top 10?

Maddox: Militarized Police, vote that one down. Uh...

Dick: Celebrity Worship? Earthquakes are a much bigger problem than celebrity worship. (chuckling)

Maddox: I'll give you that!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I'll give you that. I agree.

Sean: What about Armchair Psychologists?

Maddox: No!! Vote that the fuck down! Why is that even on the list? (yelling)

Sean: Is it in the top 10?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's like...yeah! It's like #5...like 6 or 5 or somethin'.

Dick: Big problem.

Maddox: It's your highest problem so far, Dick.

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: (scoffs) Whatever. Anyway.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Wanna get to a real problem, Dick?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Gossip.

Dick: Alright. (giggling)

Maddox: Gossip's a big problem, man! Huh?

Dick: Really? You think so?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Why? Celebrity gossip or all gossip?

Maddox: You know, Dick...all sorts of gossip.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You know those, uh, those tulips on your organ?

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: There's another kind of lips that can sink ships. (Dick scoffs) Huh? Gossip sinks ships. Loose...loose lips. (smiles)

Dick: Uh, you're talking about the World War II propaganda?

Maddox: Yeah, the World War II slogan. Let's call it a slogan! Stop hating America for 5 minutes!

Dick: I mean, that's what it is! Propaganda can be good, can't it? It's not necessarily bad.

Maddox: Yeah, but propaganda, the word "propaganda" has a negative connotation.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: So Dick, um, gossip sucks. This is from Psychology Today. It's an article titled "To Gossip or Not to Gossip: That Is the Question." Real clever. (dryly)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It says, "Gossip creates herd mentality." Did you know this? "Gossip often leads to groupthink, which occurs when a group makes faulty decisions because of group pressures. We are especially vulnerable to groupthink when we are with those from similar backgrounds, when the group is insulated from outside opinions, and when there are no clear rules for decision making."

Sean: That's called "the Internet." (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Yeah. It's called "Reddit," specifically. "The worst kind of human behavior can result when we start letting herd mentality settle the question what is true or what is false, what is right and what is wrong."

Dick: Well, that part...they were right until they had to put a twist on it, and then they just made that up.

Maddox: Yeah, I know, 'cause -

Dick: (interjects) Like, that's just bullshit.

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: Oh, the worst evil comes from when people are thinking similarly? The best does too. Like...

Maddox: Uh, yeah. No, I'll give you that too.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sometimes it does.

Dick: They just threw in that editorializing, 'cause they want...'cause they don't like gossip.

Maddox: Yeah, but uh, but mob mentality is definitely bad, right?

Dick: Nooo! Mob ment-...the thought process behind mob mentality has been sh-

Maddox: (interjects) Here we go. (annoyed) (Dick laughs) I know you just -

Dick: (interjects) Has been shown to be better than an individual's decision-making! A mob's decision-making, when they're properly informed, has been shown to be better and faster than an individual's thought process.

Maddox: I know you just read this study. Um...

Dick: I didn't just read this study!

Maddox: You were just tellin' me about it the other day! You said, "Hey, I read this interesting thing in..."

Dick: I happened to mention it to you, yeah.

Maddox: "...on Apple News," or some...what was it? (laughs with Sean)

Dick: But don't frame it like I just read this and I'm excited about it. See, that's what you do!

Maddox: Oh, recently enlightened.

Dick: You try to do this sneaky shit... (Maddox laughs more) You try to do this sneaky shit and then you act like you aren't caught when you are. (background laughter)

Maddox: I'm so strong and powerful.

Dick: You're s-... (cracks up)

Maddox: I'm such a good guy. (smiles)

Dick: Your fuckin' innuendo game is very weak.

Maddox: Brilliant.

Dick: But go ahead!

Maddox: I'm so smart.

Dick: Tell everyone about this study I just read and I was so excited about it like a child that I ran to you and said, "Ohhh, listen to this!" (dumb voice)

Maddox: You DID! What was the context?

Dick: No.

Maddox: What was the context that you brought it up in?

Dick: We were talking about what problems we were gonna bring in, or solutions we were gonna bring in.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I said, "I'm thinking about bringing mob mentality in as a solution," and you said, "No, I'm bringing in riots."

Maddox: Ohh, right!

Dick: And I said, "Yeah, that's more interesting and topical and funnier."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: "So I won't bring in mob...uh, mob mentality."

Maddox: And you know what's interesting, is the entire Solutions episode you sat there on your, uh, on your little soapbox talkin' about how bad riots were, yet riots are a result of groupthink, aren't they?

Dick: (stammers) I...I...

Maddox: Ohh... (taunting)

Dick: No, they're not a result of groupthink!

Maddox: ...ohhhh! (laughs)

Dick: They're a result of people committing crimes!

Maddox: That's the sound of Dick gettin' caught! (laughs more)

Dick: How is...why is a riot the result of groupthink?

Maddox: It is by definition a group of shitheads who are doing something violent! It's groupthink!! You see someone throwin' a -

Dick: (interjects) Sorry, what is a riot? A group of shitheads doing something violent, and you brought this in as a solution?

Maddox: I... (stammers)

Dick: Good fuckin' luck.

Maddox: I brought it in as a solution -

Dick: Yeah, there you go.

Maddox: - because some good...just like the heart attack example, Dick. Some good can come of something bad. Just because there's something bad that happens and there's shitheads who do it...look, someone who robs a bank and does something good on the way to rob the bank doesn't mean he has good intentions, or doesn't mean that he was justified in robbing the bank.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I don't know how else I can make myself so clear.

Dick: It's not clear at all.

Maddox: And by the way, the PS4...the PS4 argument, I wanna mention these fucking shitheads in the comments. For those of you who don't know, someone mentioned that...oh, what was it? Uh, Wauterboi. He sent in that...

Dick: Wauterboi, the master of Maddox versus Maddox.

Maddox: The master of bation. He sent in that clip where he was like, "Oh Maddox, uh, you said you didn't like Sony, but you're gonna buy a PS4." (dumb voice)

Dick: No, he said that you called me a douchebag for watching the NFL even though I have some problems with the No Fun L-...a set of problems with the NFL I labeled "the No Fun League."

Maddox: Right. After -

Dick: (interjects) And yet you support...

Maddox: Hold on!

Dick: ...Sony.

Maddox: After I called you a hypocrite douchebag for supporting the NFL -- because it was a hyperbole.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But after I called you that, you said, "Hey, don't throw out the baby with the bath water."

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And I agreed! I thought, "Well, that's a fair...that's reasonable."

Dick: That's why I brought in the No Fun League and not the NFL.

Maddox: Yeah! I agreed! That wasn't ever contended.

Dick: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Maddox: That was not -

Dick: (interjects) You did go on a big rant about how I'm a douchebag for supporting an organization.

Maddox: It was ONE SENTENCE in the episode, Dick! It wasn't a big rant, it was literally one sentence and I let it go!

Dick: That's the part you're defending, is that I labeled it as a rant? The one sentence or is it the content of the sentence?

Maddox: No no, the part I'm defending here is how I can still own a Sony PlayStation because it's not so bad that I have to completely boycott the company. It's -

Dick: (interjects) Then it's not a big problem!

Maddox: I never...

Dick: Then Sony's not a big problem!

Maddox: No, Sony is a big problem in different areas. Look, Sony's a huge company that does a lot of different...it has a lot of different heads to this organization! Just because...and by the way, I have friends who work at Sony. I don't think they're part of the problem. I have good friends who work at Sony. But anyway, that's...that was the point. The point was...

Dick: "I know a black guy!" (cackles)

Sean: That's exactly what I was gonna say!! "Some of my best friends are black!"

Dick: "I'm not racist, some of my best friends are..." Go ahead.

Maddox: Alright, you... (Dick and Sean giggle) Couple chuckleheads over here.

Dick: That's why you're a hypocrite!

Maddox: No!

Dick: 'Cause you called me out on doing exactly what you're doing.

Maddox: Dick, you know what the best example I can give, 'cause you meatheads aren't gettin' it through, is -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it sucks when EVERYBODY ELSE doesn't get it, right?

Maddox: Dick, listen!

Dick: Then you're definitely right. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: No, 'cause everyone a fucking idiot, for sure! For sure. Here's why. Like seriously, I am so, um, disappointed -

Dick: (interjects) And dumb people are a problem!

Maddox: I am so disappointed in humanity (Dick laughs) and especially...specifically our listeners. I'm so disappointed in you guys, I feel like a father who was let down.

Dick: Uh-huh. (giggles with Sean)

Maddox: Listen, does anybody like the taste of medicine? No! But people dislike being sick more than they dislike the taste of medicine! So you swallow the pill, don't you dickhead? That's exactly what Sony is! It's the bitter pill that I have to swallow to get to the games I want to play, you fucking idiots!

Dick: Yeah, here's why you're wrong.

Maddox: Okay. (annoyed)

Dick: This is why everyone thinks you're wrong.

Maddox: Alright, you know what? (stammers angrily) (Dick laughs)

Dick: Can't even hear it! Can't even hear it.

Maddox: Hold on, let me get a knife so I can cut my eyeballs out and swallow them so I can see them shit out, 'cause it'll be less painful than this horseshit I have to deal with.

Dick: Are you done? I don't wanna...I don't wanna read another bitchy comment from you in the comments section saying you got steamrolled when you were tryin' to explain this.

Maddox: Okay, what?? (angrily)

Dick: Are you done?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Because being sick, curing your illness, is a necessity.

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: Your... (scoffs) To live it is!

Maddox: Nothing is a necessity, Dick!

Dick: Curing a medical...

Maddox: NOTHING.

Dick: ...curing a medical illness...

Maddox: (yells) Being alive is a choice, having friends is a choice, eating food is a choice! Being sick...look, eventually your body's going to heal itself.

Dick: Wrong. People don't equate being sick to not playing video games.

Maddox: Dick, just because it's not exact...look, there's this fuckin' comic online that -- you do this all the time, Dick. (Dick guffaws) You look for...you look for one degree, one degree of separation, one degree that's different in an analogy and say, "Well, it's not exactly the same!" and you completely dismiss the analogy, whereas the bulk of the analogy here is that yes, it's similar in that you WANT to be not sick.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You don't have to not be sick. You don't have to live, you don't have to eat food, you don't have to do anything! There is nothing that's a necessity in life, end of story! You don't! If I choose -

Dick: (interjects) Death is.

Maddox: If I choose...fine. (Dick sighs exasperatedly) But it's not a choice. It's not a choice unless you commit suicide. But if I choose to like video games and I want to play video games -

Dick: (interjects) Taxes are. Yeah?

Maddox: If I choose this thing for myself, then it's entirely my choice whether or not I play it or not. Look, the um...Sony's bad right now, but -

Dick: (interjects) You're jumping around like crazy in this defense.

Maddox: No, absolutely not!

Dick: Well, you wanna go back to the analogy thing? Or do you wanna keep -

Maddox: (interjects) There's nothing to go back to. It's very clear.

Dick: Well, the reason I...the reason I point out inconsistencies with your analogies is because you pick them to support what you're doing. The inconsistencies make the analogies not applicable to the situation.

Maddox: No Dick, what you're doing is cherry picking inconsistencies with the analogy rather than looking at the bulk of the analogy.

Dick: We'll see!

Maddox: There's this webcomic. I'm gonna post it online and I'm gonna shit all over...I'm gonna take a big shit right in your throat, Dick.

Dick: Yeah? (amused)

Maddox: When you guys see this comic, because it's exactly what's going on right now. Like, I'll say...I'll say, "You know what? Driving through traffic is like, uh, doing taxes. It's agony." And you're like, "No it's not! You don't do any paperwork while you're driving, euhhh!" (stupid voice) Idiot! That's exactly what you're doing right now! You're choosing intentionally something -

Dick: (interjects) That's what *I'm* doing right now? (chuckling)

Maddox: Yes! You're saying, "Well, it's not a necessity to play video games."

Dick: It's not.

Maddox: Nothing is a necessity!

Dick: Yeah, but it's...it's seen as more important to cure an illness.

Maddox: Irrelevant!

Dick: That's a more dire situation...

Maddox: Irrelevant.

Dick: ...than playing video games.

Maddox: Irrelevant. It's not necessary to cure anything. You don't HAVE to do anything in life.

Dick: Can we...can we drop this?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I'm happy to! I'm happy to. I understand that, um, our listeners are -

Dick: (interjects) "I'm happy to drop it immediately starting in on a rant with it." (laughs)

Maddox: No! No, I understand. It's just like, um... (sighs) You know, it's like you walk up to, uh, Mount Moses, whatever, where you're gonna get the Ten Commandments? And instead all you get are a buncha shithead fans with shitty comments. (Dick scoffs)

Sean: Wouldn't that be Sinai?

Dick: Yeah, that's...that's Mount Sinai. (smiling)

Sean: It's been renamed "Mount Moses."

Maddox: Has it really?

Sean: No.

Dick: Yeah! (giggles)

Sean: It's like JFK and "Cape Kennedy" from "Cape Canaveral," right?

Dick: Ahh. (amused)

Maddox: You know what I'm talkin' about. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Yeah, yeah yeah yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You get up to Mount Moses and there's nothin' but a grinning dick up there.

Dick: So now that you've had the last word, can we drop it?

Maddox: (smirks) I don't care. Gossip gives people a false sense of superiority. (laughs with Dick)

Dick: Isn't it fun to gossip though? Come on, we gossip all the time. Like, "You'll never believe...you'll never believe the kind of ass Sean's farming."

Maddox: Oh my gosh!

Dick: Alright, what's your...what's the...you don't like gossip?

Maddox: No no, but look, it gives you a false sense of superiority. People stand around and they think that they're building camaraderie, but what they're actually doing...like, if you come to gossip, it makes you feel like you're above it all, right? But if people come to me and they gossip to me, I immediately write a little mental note in the back of my mind to remember to never tell them anything, unless it's something I want to spread. And I have some gossipers in my life.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My mom's a huge gossiper. I know some gossipers in my life who I know if I want to spread any information, especially MISinformation, they're the first person I go to. (Dick giggles)

Dick: What kind of misinformation do you spread?

Maddox: Well, for example, if I want to do a misdirect. Like let's say I'm planning a surprise party, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I want...I want to completely misinform all my friends so nobody suspects anything and I'm surprising a bunch of people. I will tell them to plan for something unrelated and in a completely different time, or...not even plan. I'll tell them something like, um...oh, I don't know. "I got this...I'm gonna be out of town this and this week, or this and this weekend," and they'll spread that information. Even innocuous little information like that, they'll spread.

Dick: Huh, so you use gossip to your advantage!

Maddox: Sometimes.

Dick: As a tool!

Maddox: Well, that doesn't justify it.

Dick: Eh. I -

Maddox: (interjects) And, AND, more harm comes from gossip than good.

Dick: You know, I don't know. I think everyone does it. Like, I've heard, um...I've heard this position that gossip is just wrong...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and bad, and we shouldn't do it, but then it's always from someone that I regularly shoot the hot goss with. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Shoot the hot goss?

Dick: Yeah! We all do it! We like talkin' about each other and the minutia of life.

Maddox: You know Dick, I draw a line though. I don't get into personal details.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: I may allude to it. No, I generally don't.

Dick: Personal details of what, other people?

Maddox: Yeah. There's a lot of detailed information you don't know about people who we have in common, and vice versa.

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: I haven't told other people, like, certain intimate details I know about you. Uh, gossip is -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I tell them all on the podcast. (both laugh)

Maddox: Gossip is a way of separating us from them, and it makes you sound like a shithead. Some people bond over gossip like two turd planets colliding into each other.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: But people like me trust you less when you gossip, and uh...yeah, like any time I get a juicy scoop I trust you a little bit less. I think, "Well, there's a person I can't ever trust."

Dick: You like gettin' the scoop though, don't cha?

Maddox: I do...

Dick: Yeeeah.

Maddox: ...but it goes in the vault. It's a one-way vault.

Dick: Ah!

Maddox: It's like my butthole. Things come out, nothin' goes in. Except occasionally a doctor's finger. (laughs)

Dick: Oh, it's fun, man.

Maddox: What, gossip?

Dick: Gossip's fun, yeah.

Maddox: Great. You yenta. (smiles)

Dick: Yeah, but I think, like...when I picture anyone shitting on gossip, I picture someone who wants to project this image of themselves like a principled...like, "I'm Teddy Roosevelt! I'm from an era when men had honor and integrity, and I don't engage in childish games like gossip." (stuffy voice) But then I'm like, "Yeah, you probably do. Like, you probably participate a little bit in the gossip."

Maddox: Nah, well... (sighs) Here's where I draw the line with gossip.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Like, say for example you have a mutual friend in common with somebody. You come up and you find out that this mutual friend, say...oh, I don't know, got arrested over the weekend for doing graffiti.

Dick: Who...who did that? (hushed)

Maddox: Let's just say! Let's just...completely hypothetical situation.

Dick: Was it Sean? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: It was Sean.

Dick: Was it Asterios?

Maddox: Yeah, both of 'em. The Sneaky Greek and Shifty Sean, graffitiing! (Sean laughs in the background) No, but you would say, "Hey man, did you hear what happened to Allen? Allen got busted for graffiti this weekend." That's not gossip. Where it's gossip is, "...and Allen has anal warts," or something.

Dick: Ooo!

Maddox: You're volunteering irrelevant, detailed, intimate information about somebody that you know that they probably wouldn't want other people to know, and it's something that you wouldn't find out on your own unless you heard it from the source. That's when it's gossip.

Dick: That's...okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I get that.

Maddox: That's my definition.

Dick: I don't know. I find people very, like, precious about the details of their lives.

Maddox: Gossip has ruined friendships, Dick!

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: Like in my personal life, I know friends who don't talk to each other because of gossip anymore. And -

Dick: (interjects) Was it true?

Maddox: What, was the...?

Dick: Was the gossip true or was it false?

Maddox: It's true, but it's information that, uh, that they didn't necessarily need to know.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Like for example, Dick, like for example...I'll give you a perfect example.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I was hanging out with my friend one time, a married friend of mine, and he confessed to me that didn't, uh, he didn't quite...he wasn't really quite attracted to his wife, and he was attracted to other women more than his wife. (Dick exhales in surprise) Yeah! Pretty heavy load, right? Would that be information that I need to share with his wife? Fuckin' of course not! If I was a gossiper -

Dick: (interjects) No, you'd be a snitch.

Maddox: Yeah, I'd be a snitch! I'd be...if I was a gossiper, I would go up and tell his wife and ruin his life, wouldn't I?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that kind of stuff has happened to me where people...not that specific example, but -

Dick: (interjects) What happened to you?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: You wanna give some hints?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Tell me a li-...that's very interesting though, 'cause I'm trying to identify with this problem.

Maddox: Sure! I'll give you the most general summary of it. I confided in someone, and that someone broke my trust and went to the person I was confiding about and explained everything, and it...it has since ruined my friendship with this person.

Dick: Chicks? Was this chick stuff?

Maddox: If course it's chicks!! It's always fucking chicks, man!

Dick: Ahhh.

Maddox: I have like 2 male friends who gossip and like 30 female friends who gossip.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Actually, that's not true. I have about the same amount. (Sean laughs in the background) It takes a certain mentality. You know what I think -

Dick: (interjects) You have the same amount...equal men and women shootin' the goss with you?

Maddox: Yeah, I think so! The type of friends I have who gossip, I know who they are and they have a certain mentality. I think it, uh...the egg that gossip is hatched from is boredom.

Dick: Oo. You know what I think it is?

Maddox: What?

Dick: I think they want the attention...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...for revealing a salacious, scandalous story about someone.

Maddox: Yes! Yeah.

Dick: Maybe there's a distinction...maybe I don't know what gossip is. Like, maybe what I call gossip is not really gossip. 'Cause I like tellin' funny stories about people and revealing things that maybe they wouldn't want to, but I don't think...that I think ultimately would probably help them if other people knew about this, and it's usually funny and humiliating, but I don't know.

Maddox: Generally if it's something that you would find out anyway, like your friend Allen went to jail, you're probably gonna find that out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If it's something intimate about themselves that they wouldn't reveal unless you specifically talked to them, then it's gossip. But yeah, I get it. Like, funny stories...you know, as long as you're not revealing that intimate detail, I don't think it's gossip.

Dick: Yeah, you're probably right then.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Celebrity gossip is definitely a big problem.

Maddox: Celebrity gossip? Well...

Dick: Yeah, it's annoying as shit.

Maddox: And half of it's fake, so whatever.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But yeah, gossip is a way that people like to...you know what it is? It's judgment. That's what it is!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You're sayin', "Look at So-And-So! Isn't this funny?"

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: "Isn't this funny how fucked up their lives are?" And guess what?

Dick: (interjects) "I would NEVER do that."

Maddox: "Yeah, I would never do that. My life's perfect!"

Dick: "I would never find other women attractive. Are you kidding?"

Maddox: Suuure.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah! That's a real dick move. It's a real dickhead move. And if I was a -

Dick: (interjects) It is a dick move.

Maddox: And I was a lesser person or a lesser mind, like most of our listeners with that Sony/PS4 debate -

Dick: (interjects) Welp, just lost all the votes! (both laugh)

Maddox: If I was a lesser mind and a lesser person, I would be a gossiper and I could very easily destroy lives. But I...why would you wanna do that? I mean, I can destroy...

Dick: Laughs?

Maddox: (chuckles) I'd rather destroy arguments. Which is what I do for a living!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Did you say "destroy laughs"?

Maddox: No, FOR laughs.

Dick: I just said "laughs," but it sou-...yeah, I said "for laughs."

Sean: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I didn't mean "destroying laughs." (Sean giggles) No. Even if it sounded like that. Well, is that...is that your problem?

Maddox: That's my problem!

Dick: It's a good problem.

Maddox: Thanks.

Dick: This is...this one's it. Mine is the end-all, be-all...

Maddox: M'kay. (chuckling)

Dick: ...of problems. Biggest problem in the universe: bachelor parties.

Maddox: Uhh...okay.

Dick: You know what a bachelor party is?

Maddox: What?

Dick: It's, uh, it's a man, it's a fully-grown man demanding that his other man friends throw him, like, a quinceañera.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what the modern-day bachelor party is. It's no longer going out with your friends to a bar, having some laughs, telling some stories about the good old days and then stumbling home at like 1:30 to think...or stumbling to a strip club?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And, you know, enjoying some female attention before heading home for the night?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: It's now...it's now a 3-day weekend. It's now an event!

Maddox: Yup. (laughs)

Dick: It's an event where you are FORCED...where you are forced to pay more to engage in than you are to pay for the fucking wedding.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you're in a bachelor party, you are...you might have to spend 500, 600 dollars spending one of the few 3-day weekends that you get in a year going on some fucking Fantasy Island tour at the behest of your best friends, some of whom you probably have never met before!

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Because it's always a mixture of friends!

Maddox: It's always a mixture of their hometown and their current town, yeah.

Dick: Yeah! And you know, people who have things in common with them currently, and people who have things in common with them growing up and will tell stories that have no...that have no relevance!

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: To life! To, like, your life as it has been for the last several years.

Maddox: It's like hanging out with your longtime bro, but 50 percent is pleasurable because you don't get 50 percent of the references.

Dick: Yeah! Uh, it is... (stammers) On a scale of, like, things I want to do, meeting new men is dead last. (Maddox laughs) You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Uh, that's not what you said from a few episodes ago, Dick.

Dick: What did I say?

Maddox: Pickup Artist 101, you gotta be hittin' on everyone all the time, even men! (laughs)

Dick: That was a...that is a joke!

Maddox: I know!

Dick: Because I think...yeah!

Maddox: I know, I'm bustin' your balls!

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah yeah yeah. (cackles)

Maddox: Unlike me, I can't get away with a fuckin' joke, otherwise I'm a huge fuckin' hypocrite and my entire moral fabric is CRUMBLING based on one fucking sentence that was a throwaway and as a joke a fuckin' LONG-ASS time ago! All you fuckin' lesser minds in the comments! (yelling) Oh, I wanna pick my own scabs and eat them. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah. Um...guys, fuck off with the bachelor parties.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay? It's not your special day. It's a man's version of a wedding now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's what a bachelor party is to me. Girl has a wedding, throws a wedding? "Oh, I want this! I want this!" A huge diva. "I want this! I wanna spend 10 grand celebrating this event." This is MEN doing this!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: To each other!! (stammers angrily) Guys, guys: we have tolerate shit from everyone in life! We have tolerate people fuckin' us over. Don't do it to your best friends!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay? I want my weekend. Give me my weekend back. I want my 500 dollars; I don't wanna make new friends!

Maddox: It's like black-on-black crime.

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox giggles) This is man-on-man crime.

Maddox: Yeah Dick, I know why you brought this problem in, because I mentioned to you recently that I'm going on a bachelor party, uh, this weekend!

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Yeah. That's why we had to throw our -

Dick: (interjects) Sayonara.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up) We had to record -

Dick: (interjects) Have fun. (laughs)

Maddox: Thanks! Thanks, buddy. I was tellin' a girl this just recently, and I was tellin' her that I'm goin' to this bachelor party and I'm just...and they're like, "Oh, what's wrong? Why don't you sound excited about it?" I said, "Well, 'cause it's not what TV sells you." On TV, in movies, in TV shows, it's always that crazy weekend where you guys go to a strip club and you wake up with a lampshade around your head and a tiger in your bathtub. Like what's that, The Hangover?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It's not that!

Dick: No!

Maddox: EVER. It is what you described, which is, um...a bunch of bros -

Dick: (interjects) A bunch of lonely men sitting around...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...trying to see who's gonna be the last one to cave and buy beer.

Maddox: Right, and it's usually two groups of friends, exactly like you described, who don't have anything in common, don't...they're not necessarily bad people. I've gone to bachelor parties and kind of bonded...I'm usually the bridge between the two groups, because I can...I'm good with people!

Dick: Yeah! You're a social lubricator.

Maddox: I'm a... (cracks up) I'm social lube.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I lube up that dick of conversation.

Sean: "Your group is dumb, and YOUR group is dumb!" (Maddox and Dick laugh) "I'm the bridge in between!"

Dick: Everybody likes a bad guy!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They all need somebody to hate together. (smiling)

Maddox: They bond over the hatred of me. (Dick keeps laughing) Um, well -

Dick: (interjects) So are you excited about this bachelor party or what?

Maddox: Actually, this one I do know most of the people there so it's gonna be...it's probably gonna be pretty fun. However, there's the, um, the Pacquiao fight and there's Osama bin Laden Death Day and all this other shit this last weekend.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. But here's the thing, Dick: in defense of bachelor parties, sometimes...and usually actually, I will say, it's not the bachelor himself who's setting it up. It's usually his best friend who's just tryin' to do something good for the guy. Can't you stop bustin' his

balls? He has all this pressure from society and women and men and TV shows. "Oh, you gotta have this big extravagant fucking thing!" Whereas if it was your best friend, most likely for the bachelor party he would just say, "Hey man, can we just bro out at a bar and not make a big deal out of this? 'Cause we hang out all the time anyway, and it would just be great to do that instead of goin' to a strip club and pretend having fun and pretend..." Like "Oh, you gotta buy the bachelor a lap dance," that he reluctantly receives.

Dick: And you're touching on something that also infuriates me. I went to a...I planned a bachelor party last year, and there was obviously...OBVIOUSLY I'm going to a strip club.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Obviously that's gonna be a part of it. I got flak from some guy saying like, "Well, you know, are you sure we have to do that? Are you sure that's gonna be fun?" I'm like, "Dude, is this real life? Am I getting shit from a m-...from MEN about going to a strip club on a bachelor party?!"

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yep!

Dick: "Have I fuckin' been in a coma? Am I Rip Van Winkle? Did I wake up in the future where everyone's a chick? What the fuck are you talking about?! Of course we're going to a strip club, so don't go! Don't fuckin' go then!!"

Maddox: Yeah. You know what it is, Dick, is you get the hometown heroes who are their childhood friends who stayed in their hometown, got married and have kids now, and they're dads with responsibilities and suddenly they're gettin' dragged out to their -

Dick: (interjects) I wouldn't wanna go to a strip club if I was a dad.

Maddox: You wouldn't?

Dick: Probably.

Maddox: Would or wouldn't?

Dick: No, I think I would have a different opinion of it.

Maddox: Yeah, I would probably get...I would probably wanna go as a dad. I don't now for some reason, 'cause I don't...I don't know, man. I've never just...I've never really been into strip clubs. Whatever.

Dick: Really? Why?

Maddox: Um, because I'm not gonna pay for a lap dance. I don't get horned up that way. I don't, uh, I don't feel like...I don't feel like if I'm paying a woman for any kind of interest, like if she's taken interest in me and I know that there's my wallet at the end of that line...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...it doesn't turn me on.

Dick: I feel exactly the opposite. (Maddox laughs) Like, I'm specifically turned on dangling the money in front of their face.

Maddox: Yeah! That's, like, some weird fuckin' power thing that you have.

Dick: Yeah, it is.

Maddox: I don't have that. I do go to strip clubs and I try to make the girls laugh with my buddy, my big buddy Austin. He's really funny at strip clubs. He -

Dick: (interjects) And they're laughing to get money out of you.

Maddox: Uh, no. No, they laugh 'cause they're PEOPLE who want to have a good time at their jobs, Dick. And believe it or not, they're bored with a buncha sleazeballs dangling cash in front of their heads all the time, so if you make a girl laugh she's gonna be your friend and talk to you all night. That's pretty cool!

Dick: Wasting her time. Wasting her time at work. She could be out getting money.

Maddox: Hey, I'm just sittin' there fuckin' bored outta my mind while this bachelor party's goin' on, I might as well have a conversation with a decent human being.

Dick: Eh. Alright!

Maddox: I've had some really good girls at strip club, like just...

Dick: Yeah, me too.

Maddox: ...decent people. (cracks up) Oh, 'kay.

Dick: I've had some bad girls at strip clubs too. (smiles) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I don't have anything against strippers, I don't have anything against strip clubs. I'll go to 'em! I just -

Dick: (interjects) I WANNA have something against strippers, you know what I'm sayin'?

Maddox: Ohhh. (uneasily) (Dick cackles) Is it your organ, Dick? They play with your favorite flower? So if they planned this bachelor party...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and they show up, they have a lot of pressure. The best man has a lot of pressure. He's expected to do this, so I think it's the bachelor's responsibility to be like, "Hey man, don't. Let's not do...just don't."

Dick: I think it's all of our responsibilities. I'm done. No more. I'm done with bachelor parties.

Maddox: You know what's funny, Dick? One of the bachelor parties I went to...so you had the local crew who lives in his current town, and then you had the home crew who flew in, and the home crew and the local crew couldn't be more different. You had, like, me wearing my samurai t-shirts and my...you know, whatever crazy shit I'm wearing and I don't give a fuck.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then you had the hometown crew wearing, you know, khaki Dockers and polo shirts.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Just straight off the plane from their jobs, their 9-to-5.

Dick: Right outta J. Crew.

Maddox: Yeah, and those guys were so horned up to go to strip clubs.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It was hilarious to watch. 'Cause like with me...they were kinda takin' a poll with all the guys and it was kind of a 50/50 split. Some of the guys were like, "Yeah man, I'm okay with it," some of the guys like me were just on the fence. I'm like, "Eh, I could go or not." And then the home crew was like, "Yeah, we're definitely goin', right?"

Dick: "Yeah, we're definitely goin'!"

Maddox: "And can we bring a girl back?" Yeah, "Can we fuck 'em?" And I'm like, "No man, it's a strip - "

Dick: (interjects) Yes! Of course.

Maddox: Well, you don't want to go to...you want to go to a strip club in your mind where you can hook up with the strippers, but then when you DO, you don't.

Dick: Wait a minute, I thought you were just speaking about respecting strippers. Now you're saying you don't wanna...bang them?

Maddox: Nonono, you don't wanna go to the type of club that allows it. Those are real shady clubs.

Dick: Aohhh, man. They all..."allow"? Of course they don't "allow" it.

Maddox: Yeah. They turn their...they look the other way.

Dick: Well, there's alotta gray area you're talking about now.

Maddox: What??

Dick: 'Cause it's just two people banging at the end of the day. Like, are you talking about prostitutes or are you talking about having sex with a stripper? 'Cause they'll...they're real women!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can have sex with them without money being involved.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, well if THAT'S the case. That's not the case I'm talkin' about. I'm talkin' about the -

Dick: (interjects) You're talking about a whorehouse.

Maddox: Basically.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But it's under-the-radar whorehouse.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: So you're going there...basically you're hiring a prostitute, but it's illegal, so...

Dick: Yeah, I don't have a big problem with that either.

Maddox: Yeah, but the other kinda shady shit that goes on? Those are the strip clubs where they have ATMs where if you take out 20 bucks from the ATM, there's an 8-dollar fucking fee.

Dick: I've never been to a strip club where that's not the case.

Maddox: I have! I've gone to some strip clubs where they don't let you hook up with the girls, and it's on the up-and-up and they're not tryin' to screw you every time. 'Cause if it's the type of strip club that lets you hook up with the girls, they know if they jack up the ATM fee you're not likely to complain because you don't want to have to explain this bill to your wife or to your bank or whoever it is. You're not gonna sit on the phone with a bank teller and be like, "Yeah, so I went to this strip club and they ripped me off with an 8-dollar ATM fee."

Dick: Well, that is a scam, but I've never been to a strip club, like ANY strip club, and none of them have been...I mean, not all of them have been whorehouses. (Sean laughs in the background) I've never been to a strip club that didn't have a... (chuckles) ...that didn't have a 10-dollar ATM fee at least.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. No I've been to some -

Dick: (interjects) Where is this magical place?

Maddox: I went to a strip club in Vegas that was really cool, actually! The girls were really nice, everybody...like, it wasn't seedy and depressing. It was like, the girls were really nice and it was...everyone was havin' a good time, there were lots of people there, it was really good environment. And the ATM fee was somethin' reasonable, like 4 dollars, which is reasonable for a strip club.

Dick: I'm surprised.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm surprised by that. Anyway, I think it's partly a branding problem. We gotta stop calling them "bachelor parties," 'cause that sounds too much like the TV show.

Maddox: What do you wanna call it?

Dick: "Stag night." NIGHT. "Night" is right in the name. One night!

Maddox: Yeah, but if you call it "night," people...like, the dumb people might think that it's "K-N-I-G-H-T."

Dick: Dumb people are a problem.

Maddox: Dumb people ARE a problem.

Dick: Okay. Just checking.

Maddox: In certain contexts!

Dick: Ohh, okay.

Maddox: They may be a bigger problem than a solution. We'll see someday.

Dick: We'll see.

Maddox: Yeah, we'll see.

Dick: You think people are gonna...and then what, make you go to a 3-day Renaissance fair? (Maddox laughs) 'Cause they think it's "knight"?

Maddox: That sounds so awful.

Dick: That's what a bachelor party is to me now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's 3 days...3 days doin' something that I'm sure is fun, I like doin' it, but don't...just stop.

Maddox: You know, when we had Asterios in when he brought in Burlesque Dancers?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Remember that was because of a bachelor party?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That problem? I actually had fun at that bachelor party, but what do I know? I mean, I...I thought it was kinda cool! Everyone was there in some Harry Potter shit. I dunno, I guess if I didn't HAVE to...I didn't have to so I had a good time, but if I had to I feel like...I don't wanna feel like I'm obligated to do anything.

Dick: Yeah, like work. "The whole company's going bowling!"

Maddox: Yeah. No, oh, work functions are the worst!

Dick: The worst.

Maddox: Oh man, um...I just wanna end on this. Well, I mean it's your problem, but...

Dick: No, I'm done.

Maddox: Okay, I just wanna end on this then. My boss a long time ago sent out this email to our entire department. This was when I was at the...the programmer at the telemarketing company.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: He said, "Hey, we wanna do something to reward you guys and take you guys out for some special treat, like kayaking or go to a park someday or do this...you know, something fun after work."

Dick: Just go home.

Maddox: Yeah! Go bowling or something.

Dick: I have the most fun at my house.

Maddox: Well no, I -

Dick: (interjects) Just send me there.

Maddox: No, I was...I was super excited, Dick. I thought, "Wow, that's really cool! I would love to go kayaking," and then EVERYBODY thought that we were gonna take a day off of work and go kayaking.

Dick: Uh-uh. (chuckling)

Maddox: Mm-mm!

Dick: Saturday.

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They were like...they said, "We'll do this a 3-day weekend. We'll start Friday night after work, after you're exhausted and just wanna fuck off at home."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "You're gonna go to...you're gonna spend MORE time with your coworkers going kayaking instead. Who's in?"

Dick: Nobody.

Maddox: NOBODY responded. Not a single fuckin' person. Of course not, dickheads! We don't wanna spend more time with our colleagues after work!

Dick: That can only hurt you.

Maddox: Oh, that's gotta be a problem.

Dick: You make a...yeah, I got it on my list. I got it on my short list.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway Dick, my problems this week were Flowers and Gossip. Happy Mother's Day, everyone.

Dick: My problems are Earthquakes and Bachelor Parties. (**closing riff starts**)

Maddox: Big problems, Dick. I actually agree with Earthquakes. Bachelor Parties, um...should be in the positive territory, maybe?

Dick: See you next Tuesday. (Maddox laughs)

(theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller): 10 IQ points? Really? That's what you're gonna go with? That's like the difference between knowing the 16th number in pi and the 32nd number in pi. Nobody gives a fuck. I would much rather do...deal with a fuckin' idiot with a 50 IQ than deal with someone who's got 60 IQ points and is a fuckin' asshole because he just can't enjoy life.

Maddox: What??

Voicemail: Fuck it.

[message ends]

Dick: He's talking about when we were talkin' about pot and we said it would cost you 10 IQ points.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, a habitual pot user.

Maddox: Oh, okay. And so what's the...what's his problem here?

Dick: That losing the IQ points is not a problem.

Maddox: Sounds like he's lost too many IQ points.

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: Why don't you learn how to articulate a point, bozo?

Dick: They're precious. Precious IQ points.

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, regarding the whole prom problem thing, I can say that I do relate with Maddox because, um...I'm a senior in high school, and my junior year I did try fuckin' with people on prom night.

Maddox: Yeheheeeeah!

Voicemail: Oh wait, I forgot: I'm not a fuckin' virgin! (Dick and Sean laugh)

[message ends]

Maddox: 'Kay. **(buzzer sound effect**) You know what, asshole? Real... (**baby laugh sound effect**) Real funny joke, you get a baby laugh for that! Real fuckin' funny joke. You're not a virgin? Okay, cool kid, enjoy your fuckin' mediocre sex in high school.

Dick: Oh man, you're dead wrong on that.

Maddox: Yeah. Talk to me when you take the training wheels off and you have sex with actual women who are experienced, dickhead.

Dick: Experienced? (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Eh. Go vote up Penis Injuries. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: That's inexperience, buddy! That's why you stop fuckin' high schoolers! That's your problem. (Dick cackles)

Dick: Um...

Maddox: You know, Dick? No, for real though, every girl I've hooked up with who's been younger has been inexperienced, just amateur hour. It's like watching the worst-production porno I've ever seen, where it's just, "Oh, oh, oh!" (flatly) It's just fuckin' fake. Everything's fake, and I'm like, "You don't have to ham it up, man. Like, this is...everything sucks. It's just..." The only thing good about it is their bodies are more supple.

Dick: Sorry, everything sucks? Um...younger girls, their bodies are more supple?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I haven't found any kinda correlation with age and how good the sex is.

Maddox: It really depends on the amount of experience they have, and some people are naturals, but...yeah, it's something that you can get better at.

Dick: I TOTALLY disagree with that, that having sex makes...having sex with one person makes you better at sex with *them.* Like, having sex more with the same person makes you better at sex with that person, but it doesn't translate to other people.

Maddox: You know what's great about having sex with experienced people is that they get to a point sometimes where, um...hey, sex on paper is awesome, but sex in real life sometimes, you're not super into it and you're just not in the mood and you just wanna kind of get it over with. However, you still do it because it's pleasurable, but you don't have to sit there and pretend like you're havin' this mind-blowing orgasm when you're not. Sometimes with more experienced people they'll just be like, "Yep, well, here's...that's all I got in me and that's that," and you're like, "Thank God. Let's move on with our lives." That's great! That's a fuckin' beautiful day to me.

Dick: That's GOOD sex?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Oh, now I definitely don't know what you're talkin' about then.

Maddox: Well that...I mean, that aspect of it is... (trails off)

Dick: You don't like it when they perform? They put on a little performance for you?

Maddox: I do to an extent, man! But it's like, you know, 5-10 minutes and I'm like, "Alright, what else you got? What are we doin' here?"

Dick: I think I could just stay in bed all day. 40 minutes...

Maddox: Well, sure!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I mean I can have those marathon sessions. I don't know how you can with your lack of stamina, Dick.

Dick: I...I don't know what you're talkin' about. (Maddox laughs) Uh, I got one more. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey, this is Jordan from Bountiful, Utah, and do you know how I know that Maddox is from Utah? He's a shit driver like the rest of us. (Maddox laughs) **I almost killed 3 people on my way home from the McDonald's. It was great!**

[message ends]

Maddox: Cool. (Dick and Sean laughs) Yeah, I was about to be like, "Bravo, man! That's pretty cool!" Yeah, I'm not...you know what, Jordan? When I was spending a lot of time driving in Utah, my nickname by my friends...I'm embarrassed of this, but my nickname

was "The Grandma" because I drove slow, I drove cautiously. Driving around in a large city has awakened something in me. Something primal, something primordial from the ancient Japanese era...

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: ...of samurai has woken in me. (mysteriously) That's how I drive now.

Dick: Well, that's good to know, Grandma.

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick! (Dick and Sean laugh) I don't need this shit! I give you tips on driving and this is how you treat me??

Dick: Tips on driving? "Honk a lot"?

Maddox: Yeah! Honkers care.

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 52

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's! Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save 5 dollars off your first purchase.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe! With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello, gentlemen!

Maddox: We have made it...guys, gentlemen, we have made it one year old! This show is one year old. (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Shocking! Shocking. (chuckling) Shocking that we made it this far without somebody strangling somebody else.

Maddox: This is our one-year episode! Pretty incredible milestone, especially since we just had our 50th episode milestone.

Dick: The milestones keep on comin' on this show. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: We have so many milestones.

Sean: It's a twofer.

Dick: Yup!

Maddox: You gotta do...it's a double, you gotta do both. (laughs more)

Sean: Oh, that's what it is. (smiles)

Dick: That reminds me of a special bit we're gonna listen to in a minute. (mischievously)

Maddox: Yeah. Well, before we get to any bits or anything Dick, I just wanna cover some stats.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: 'Cause a lot of our listeners are curious what kind of numbers this show's pulling in. Our show currently is pulling about...last month, the month of April, we had 331,000 downloads. Really strong numbers, yeah. And then in March we had 340,000 downloads, and then our all-time...our one-year, our year-to-year download record -- and this is actually a little bit lower because we weren't always with the same hosting company...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...but right now as of this recording, we're at 2.8 million downloads.

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) Pretty fucking incredible. (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: What does that compare to? What is 2.8 million of what? Is there anything...is there any stats that we know that's 3 million of something? Like the population of, uh...I don't know, West Hollywood or Vermont or something?

Maddox: Oh, that's...it's gotta be more than...it's more than the population of Utah, I believe! Utah's only 2 million people, the entire -

Dick: (interjects) Alright!

Maddox: The entire... (cracks up)

Dick: We should declare a war on Utah!! We got more people than them.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: We'll invade it and take it over.

Maddox: Our listeners versus the entire state. We'll burn...we'll BURN the state to the ground.

Dick: The liquor will run through the streets.

Maddox: Nobody will be spared; no women, no children. They're goin' first in my world. (background laughter) Um, anyway Dick, yeah. Those are some really strong numbers, and um...I guess we should just get this out of the way.

Dick: What?

Maddox: Uh, last week, Earthquakes...got voted number one. (reluctantly)

Dick: Yeheheh

Dick: I got about 6,000 emails telling me about the broken window fallacy that you brought?

Maddox: Yeah!! Oh, we're gettin' to that!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We'll get to that. Don't worry, we'll get to that.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Dick, before we go on, I have to play this bit that somebody sent in, this guy named @BandWagonBedlam. He sent in this song that he wanted us to play for this episode. I think you guys'll really appreciate this, I got a huge kick out of it. Listen to this. [**plays "Too Much Swearing" remix**]

(lively marching music starts playing)

Maddox: Too much swearing… (voice pitches down) …too much swearing… (voice pitches down more) …too much swearing.

(supercut of Maddox, Dick and Sean swearing in time with march)

Fuckin' fuckin' fuckin' fuckin' monkeys, shit! Shitty.

FUCK! Fuckin' motherfucker! Fuck you. Fuck off!

Fuckin' horseshit. Fucking fucker, fuckin' fuckin' fuckin' bullshit.

Fuckin' shit, fuckin' fucking fuck! Fuck it, fuckin' dipshit.

Shit, shit. Bullshit-ass bitching, fuck that!

Fuckin' shit, fuck fuckin' shitty fuckin', 'cause you're a dumbass.

Shit, fuckin' shitty. Fuckin' fuckin' fuckin' asshole!

Shit fucking, fucking fucking shove it up your ass. (everyone laughing)

Fucking shit! Fuckin' shit, horseshit! Fucking asshole.

Shit, fuckin' bullshit. Fuck you, fuckin' fuck it.

Fuckin' fuckin' fuckin' tits!! Fuckin' horseshit.

Shit, fuckin' fuckin' fuckin' fuckin' fuckin' horseshit.

FUCK you, Dick! (buzzer sound effect) Fuckin' fuck myself, dipshit!

Fucking shit, fuckin' stupid. NENENENENENENENENENE!

Shit, fuckin' shit. Fuckin' fucking FUCK OFF!

Fuckin' Rand fuckin' Paul?

Sean: I love to fuck at work!

(music fades out)

Maddox: Fuckin' Apple product.

[remix ends]

Dick: (guffaws) What did you say at the end?! "I love to fuck at work"? (Sean laughs) Is that what you said, Sean??

Maddox: Here. Here -

Sean: (interjects) No, I didn't even hear me! I was laughing at the Rand Paul thing.

Maddox: Here, I'll play the tail end of the song again, yeah.

Dick: Play the tail end. I think he said...

Sean: "I love to say 'fuck' at work," and he took out...

Dick: Oh!

Sean: ...he took out "say," I think. [**Maddox replays end of remix**]

...NENENENENENENENENENE!

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Fuckin' Rand fuckin' Paul?

Sean: I love to fuck at work!

(music fades out)

Maddox: Fuckin' Apple product.

[remix ends]

(Maddox and Sean laugh more)

Dick: Yeah, you said, "I love to fuck at work!" That figures.

Maddox: Did you catch the tail end too?

Dick: Oh, that's "Too Much Swearing" by @BandWagonBedlam.

Maddox: @BandWagonBedlam, yeah. Great song, super fun. We got a huge kick out of that, thank you for making that.

Dick: Probably took about half an episode to get that much swearing to fill up a song.

Maddox: Do you, uh...?

Dick: What, you got somethin' else? I got another song if you're in the mood to listen to music.

Maddox: I do wanna hear the song, but I have...I kinda teased this last episode.

Dick: Oh, your big announcement!!

Maddox: Big announcement. I have a -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, boy!

Maddox: BIG announcement to make. Uh, you guys -

Dick: (interjects) I got a comment about that, first of all.

Maddox: What? What did they say?

Dick: Elena...Elena Hdz says, "Please don't say that your big announcement is another live show." (everyone except Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, don't worry Elena!

Dick: It's not gonna be, is it? (grinning)

Maddox: You know what, Elena? You're not invited to watch. Yeah, how about that? (background laughter) I'll block...I'll do an IP block, I don't care.

Dick: Nah, she's...she's hot. You don't wanna block her.

Maddox: Yeah. No, I know. Um, alright. So here's -

Dick: (interjects) You know? What do you mean, "you know"? (Maddox laughs) Have you been checkin' this girl out on Facebook?

Maddox: Dick, I know all things at all times, okay? (yelling)

Dick: Okay, so yeah! (giggling)

Maddox: I don't need shit! I don't need shit from Dick Masterson over here. Anyway, so I teased about my big announcement.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I'm ready to announce it, at least just a little bit of a tease: I am writing a new book! (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Oh!! (background cheering)

Maddox: Yeah! (**'ding!' sound effect**) This is my official announcement of my new book! This is my third book. The title will be announced on my mailing list when it gets a little bit closer.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I'm not ready to mention the title yet.

Dick: Oh, you're the worst cocktease in the world.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiles) The content is a mystery, but I'll give you this hint: it's all new material, and it's a book that I wanted to write back when I got my first book deal. So I wrote The Alphabet of Manliness but this was the actual book I wanted to write, and I knew I couldn't write this book until I got a little bit more cred under my belt, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I had to write two other books.

Dick: So those were...your first book was a compromise!

Maddox: Nah.

Dick: This is the...this is the unfiltered Maddox that you wanted the people to experience. Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: I wouldn't... (cracks up) I wouldn't call the first book a compromise. I still put my heart and soul into that, and that was an awesome book!

Dick: Oh, goodness. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, it was a kickass book. But THIS, this is my -

Dick: (interjects) Maddox, it's already sold! You don't have to sell it anymore.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That book was already a huge hit!

Maddox: I got your dollar for this one?

Dick: For this book?

Maddox: Can I count on...can I count a dollar from...? That's about how much an author makes per book, guys. I make a dollar per book. Anyway, uh -

Dick: (interjects) I'll tell you what, I'll give you 77 cents. (everyone else laughs)

Maddox: Hey, I'm no woman, buddy! Um... (laughs more) So yeah, I'll be going on my fourth book tour based on the cities that people sign up from in the mailing list, 'cause that's what I did last time and it was hugely successful. I had a blast. So this'll be...yeah, this'll be my fourth book tour, 'cause I did two for Alphabet of Manliness. But yeah, that's coming soon! You gotta sign up for the mailing list and I will announce the title when it gets a little bit closer, but I've been workin' on this for a long time. And also, I think I'm gonna start doing a little bit more with the mailing list. It's not gonna be one of those annoying things where you get hit every month or every week with some annoying bullshit-ass little offer, or "Oh hey, check this...check this out." It will be...I'm even thinking about doing something subversive and asking people to, uh, to do things that...I dunno! We'll see. I may quiz people to find my smartest listeners and smartest fans, and put a special group of those people on the Internet.

Dick: Oh, wow!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That sounds exciting.

Maddox: Real Illuminati shit.

Dick: So what's the, uh, what's the release date? Can I ask you that? When can we expect this book?

Maddox: The release date is still unannounced. It's up in the air. Probably...I dunno. As, uh, as early as 4th quarter this year or sometime next year, so.

Dick: So in time for Christmas?

Maddox: Possibly.

Dick: Or in time for...Valentine's Day next year? (Maddox chuckles) Possibly?

Maddox: Hopefully.

Dick: Do you have...can we get a thermometer of what percentage complete the book is?

Maddox: No, don't worry about that. (everyone laughs loudly) My... (cracks up)

Dick: I feel like there's a gigantic publishing company somewhere going, "Dick, please God, on the podcast ask him how close he is to being done with his fucking book!"

Maddox: Ohh, my editor might be listening. People at Simon & Schuster might be listening, so I'm not going to.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, no. No, we won't be talkin' about that.

Dick: Okay. You got anything else about the book?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Anything else you wanna tease?

Maddox: That's it.

Dick: We got...so, what do we know? We don't know the title...

Maddox: Don't know the title.

Dick: ...we don't know the content...

Maddox: Don't know the content.

Dick: But we know that it's gonna be...

Maddox: That I'm writing it!

Dick: ...very exciting. (background laughter)

Maddox: It's very exciting, yeah.

Dick: And it's being written. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Top men are working on it right now.

Maddox: Yeah, top men. Top MAN. One man. (laughs)

Dick: Alright. Anything else?

Maddox: No, that's it! That's all I'm gonna announce right now, and maybe more in the future but we'll see.

Dick: Okay. We've got a huge disaster to go over now, right?

Maddox: What?

Dick: A very...a very wonderful and excited fan sent us something really amazing for the year anniversary of the show, didn't he?

Maddox: Oh boy.

Dick: Of course I'm talking about Butt Sanchez.

Maddox: Butt Sanchez! So, let's fill in some of our listeners.

Dick: And he emailed me several times saying, "I'm sending you guys a package for your year anniversary show. Tell Maddox NOT to open it unless it's on the show."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I said, "You got it." So I get a text from Maddox the other day saying, "Hey, I opened the package." (Maddox laughs) And I said, "What the...what the eff?! Why would you open the package? He asked us not to, he spent a bunch of money on it to send it here! Why would you open the package??" Maddox, why would you open the package?

Maddox: First of all, for the listeners who don't know, if you're just tuning in and this is your first time listening to this show, Butt Sanchez is a longtime fan who sent in a comment back in, what, like Episode 5 or something like that?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, like...

Dick: He sent in an erotic story...

Maddox: He sent in an erotic story. (chuckling)

Dick: ...about hooking up with this girl based on my advice.

Maddox: Right, and you gave him...yeah, you gave him advice.

Dick: I gave him advice to ask her what her relationship with her father is.

Maddox: Yeah. And he kind of looks to you as, uh, a mentor! Right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, you're...this is the guy -

Dick: (interjects) A mantor. (everyone else laughs)

Maddox: A mantor, there you go. This is a guy who you give life advice to...

Dick: (chuckles) Sure.

Maddox: ...and is influenced by your philosophy and, say...let's say intelligence.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Like, let's just say.

Dick: In positive ways.

Maddox: Yes, in positive ways. (cracking up) So I go down...I get a call from the packaging company, the P.O. box company -

Dick: (interjects) The post office.

Maddox: The post office, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The lady says, "Come down and pick up your package." (Dick laughs)

Dick: "Immediately."

Maddox: Yeah! (giggles)

Dick: "'Cause there's a big fucking problem with it."

Maddox: Yeah! Well, that's unusual that I'm getting a call from the P.O. box, right?

Dick: Yeah! (laughing)

Maddox: The P.O. box lady. So I go down there, and -

Dick: (interjects) What are you thinking? What's on your mind when you go down there? What could possibly be happening here?

Maddox: Well, I'm a positive guy, so I decide it must be a big package that they just wanna get outta there.

Dick: "It must be SO COOL...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...that they want me to come pick it up."

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Okay. Me, I woulda gone the other way with it. I woulda thought, "Oh wow! He must've, like, shipped a raccoon." (everyone else laughs) "And it died."

Maddox: No, I thought...I thought this was, you know, this was something that's a liability if they don't get it out of there. Right? It's something that's so expensive and...yeah, like you said, cool.

Dick: Oh! Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah! They gotta get it outta here, right?

Dick: You are an optimist, man.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm an optimist! So I went down there and she goes, "Oh, it's YOU." (everyone laughs) So she said, "Yeah, your package is right here on the ground," and I see this box that's about the size of...I'd say a large printer. Like a large, boxy printer.

Dick: Okay, that's beefy.

Maddox: It's a beefy box! And it's all wrapped in Saran Wrap...

Dick: Uh-oh!

Maddox: ...and I thought, "Oh, that's weird."

Dick: Okay, odd.

Maddox: So she picks it up and then she goes, "Ew," and I look down... (laughs with Dick) ...and her hand is covered in, like, this RED stuff.

Dick: Oh, god!

Maddox: And I'm thinking -

Dick: (interjects) That's the worst thing to be cov-...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It could be blood, it could be shit. You don't know.

Maddox: It could...yeah!! It's kind of brown and ruddy and red, and she said -

Dick: (interjects) Ohh, no. Nononononono. (under his breath)

Maddox: She says, "Oh my god, what is this?" And she looks so disgusted and horrified, I thought, "I don't know! It could be a severed head for all I fuckin' know! My - "

Dick: (interjects) Have you ever seen Se7en?

Maddox: "My fuckin' fans, yeah! Who knows!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I...the poor lady's freaking out, and so I reach down and I smell the box where it's leaking from... (Dick laughs)

Dick: Ohh! (horrified)

Maddox: ...and it smells like barbecue sauce.

Dick: Oh, nooo.

Maddox: And I thought, "Oh, I'm sorry. It's just one of my bozo fans sent in something and probably didn't package it right, so one of these bottles probably broke."

Dick: Or he thought it was funny.

Maddox: (chuckles) Or maybe!

Dick: 'Cause when you sent me the first picture that happens immediately after this, I thought this was his idea of a joke.

Maddox: I thought that too.

Dick: "I'm just gonna send a box...of a mess."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like "Eh, that's pretty funny!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm not gonna say that's NOT funny. (background laughter)

Maddox: No. No, so um, so it smelled like barbecue sauce, and then she got...and the poor lady, I lifted it up and there was this puddle of barbecue sauce on the floor in the P.O. box area...

Dick: Augh.

Maddox: ...that STAINED the carpet. (Dick laughs) And so she's sittin' down there and I felt bad, I'm tryin' to help her scrub the carpet with paper towels and shit. (Dick laughs harder) Plus, PLUS, I was on my bike! I rode my bike down to the P.O. box...

Dick: Stupid!

Maddox: ...thinkin, "Eh, it can't be that bad." (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: "It can't be that bad." So then I had to carry this box back home in my bike basket.

Dick: Oh, god!

Maddox: While I was dripping sauce everywhere.

Dick: When did you open it? Did you open it at the...?

Maddox: When I got back home. No.

Dick: Oh, smart.

Maddox: 'Cause I thought, "Yeah, it's - "

Dick: (interjects) "It'll explode if I open it there." You thought...

Maddox: Exactly, yeah.

Dick: ..."I'll bring it back home and let it explode all over my house."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And we're being glib about this and laughing, but I feel really bad.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That a cool fan sent us an awesome package, and...

Maddox: Well, you'll feel even worse when you find out what's in it, Dick.

Dick: Aww, no. (sighs)

Maddox: So I have some pictures here. We'll describe the pictures and post some of these on the website, but here's some pictures from the package. So first of all is the address from...he wrote it...the "from" address says "Butt Sanchez and Dr. Smoothrod."

Dick: Oh yeah, I remember that guy! (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: His friend, right? So he sent that in to us, and this is what the package looked like when I received it. There's this... (background laughter) There's a picture of -

Dick: (interjects) It looks like something's dead in there.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And it looks like they knew it and they wrapped it with Saran Wrap.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's the last thing you want, is "this seems premeditated."

Maddox: It looks -

Dick: (interjects) It's the corner of a box, it's SOAKED...and dripping something weird and blood-like, and it's wrapped, like, half in Saran Wrap.

Sean: It's trying to burst out.

Maddox: Well, the entire box was wrapped in Saran Wrap. That was my job of, like, pulling it down trying to get it unwrapped. Just to open it, right?

Dick: Oh, nononononono. (under his breath)

Maddox: And I don't think they sent it like...I don't think he sent it like this, but -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, you think the shipping company wrapped it?

Maddox: I think the shipping company wrapped it when they noticed that fucking shit was leaking from it.

Dick: Ohhh, no!

Maddox: Yeah! Poor guys. (cracks up) So I opened this up outside, by the way. I didn't want barbecue sauce exploding all over my house. So then this is what I opened it up to. I'm lookin' at a box here that just looks like...garbage. It's just paper towels, the entire side of the box is SOAKED and glistening...

Dick: Soaked.

Maddox: ...with barbecue sauce.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Dick, if you took a sponge and left it in a puddle of barbecue sauce, it wouldn't soak up that much barbecue sauce. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Well, I see a lot of paper and then I see half of a bag of what looks like Frosted Mini-Wheats.

Maddox: Yeah. That is...

Dick: 'Cause that's what you ate when you were a fat guy.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah, so -

Dick: (interjects) So he's trying to fatten you up again. (smiles)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's funny!

Maddox: Yeah. So the entire box...it just, I mean, it literally looks like just someone took a whole pile of garbage and -

Dick: (interjects) And this is what Maddox sent me, and I'm like, "What, he just sent a box of garbage that...?" (Maddox laughs) That's not a sophisticated prank, but it is funny that you had to carry this around on your bike. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, and I'm...so I go inside, I get some latex gloves 'cause I don't wanna touch anything in this box! Everything's just gushing with barbecue sauce. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: I'm sorry, excuse me. You have a ready supply of latex gloves where you live?

Maddox: Oh yeah, of course. Yeah, and I use 'em a lot.

Dick: That's a...mark of a serial killer! Alright! What's... (everyone laughs)

Maddox: So I'm outside, and my neighbors -

Dick: (interjects) Sean, do you have latex gloves in your house? Anywhere?

Sean: Nowhere.

Dick: No? Randy? Our manager who's here with us today, who's responsible for getting this podcast together, do YOU have any l-...? How long would it take you to find latex gloves if you had to have them?

Randy: As long as it took me to go to Ralph's.

Dick: To go to Ralph's.

Maddox: To go to a grocery store, yeah.

Dick: And I don't even know that they sell latex gloves in Ralph's.

Maddox: I have lots of latex gloves! (Dick and Randy laugh)

Dick: Why?!

Maddox: I use them for everything!

Dick: Why? What?

Maddox: I just...you don't need to ever cover your hands? You're cleaning with bleach or ammonia or anything like that?

Dick: No!

Maddox: I have a picture of my fingers, buddy. One time I cleaned with bleach, and then all my cuticles were peeling back! It looked like my fingernails were peeling off 'cause I didn't use latex gloves.

Dick: No, 'cause all the cleaning I do takes place, uh, 35 minutes before a new girl's coming over.

Maddox: A girl, yeah, I know. Yeah.

Dick: So I don't really... (chuckles) I don't really get in the grout.

Maddox: Yeah. I've seen your bathroom, man. It looks like you went peeing with the lights out and then missed, and then peed entirely on the toilet roll. (everyone laughs)

Dick: Alright, this conversation got out of control.

Maddox: Alright, so back to Butt Sanchez, back to this package. So with my latex gloves on, which you can see my thumb here has a latex glove on.

Dick: Yeah, alright. (giggling)

Maddox: The first thing I pull out is what looks like a bag of Butterfingers...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...with a note that is drenched in barbecue sauce. (Dick and Randy laugh hysterically)

Dick: That's ironic!

Maddox: Yeah! (everyone laughs) Nice joke, Butt Sanchez! So this is to Sean, and the note as far as I can read says, "Sean: Because a man cannot have too many Butterfingers," and then it's signed "B.S." for Butt Sanchez.

Dick: Butt Sanchez.

Maddox: Yeah. And it's torn and has barbecue sauce on it. You know what, Butt Sanchez? I think you proved that a man definitely CAN have too many Butterfingers. (Dick and Sean laugh) Followed by... (cracks up)

Dick: This Frosted Mini-Wheats box that I'm looking at looks like it's had an axe...this looks like something that JFK was carrying when he got shot.

Maddox: It looks...

Dick: It looks like brains exploded all over it.

Maddox: It looks...it looks absolutely awful. The note on it, as much as I could read...

Dick: Yeah, enhance.

Maddox: Yeah. It says, "Maddox: Come back to the dark side." Something...

Dick: "Cereal."

Maddox: "Cereal is fucking awesome. - Butt Sanchez." And the note is COMPLETELY soaked to the point where it's transparent. (Dick and Randy laugh) From barbecue sauce and grease from the barbecue sauce. So yeah, that's the box of Mini-Wheats. Very funny, good prank! Then -

Dick: (interjects) The latex gloves, I can't get over this!! (Maddox laughs) That it looks like...this is like what Dexter does! Like, you've taken photos of the crime scene...did you rope it out too? Do you have, like, trajectory of the inside of the box?

Maddox: No, but I didn't wanna bring all this shit in my house and I'm not gonna stick my...I have hai-...look at my knuckles, Dick. I have hairy knuckles.

Dick: It would take you weeks to wash anything out of those, uh, hairy cabbage patches.

Maddox: It's bad enough when I eat barbecue! (cracks up) (everyone laughs) Did you call them hairy cabbage patch fingers?

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Asshole. (Dick and Randy laugh) So it's bad enough that when I eat barbecue, I get barbecue sauce in my knuckles. I'm not gonna get it in my knuckles just for opening a package! Are you fucking kidding me?

Dick: No, no, no.

Maddox: Yeah, so the next thing I took out of the box is a foot. (everyone laughs) A porcelain foot.

Dick: A porcelain foot, aw. That's heartbreaking.

Maddox: And I'm looking at this thing and still at this point I'm not sure if it's a joke, like Butt Sanchez is just fucking with us and he just sent us a pile of garbage, or -

Dick: (interjects) That would be a ballsy joke.

Maddox: Yeah! Or is this part of something else? So I'm just staring at this foot in my hand and thinking, "What the fuck is this? Barbecue sauce on a foot?"

Dick: "Is this a message?"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Is this the Godfather's message?" (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah! "Is this a threat? Like, what's he doing here?" And then I pulled out ANOTHER foot!

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Yeah! A right and a left foot, and they're both broken at the shin. I'm like, "Well, this is definitely a message, right?"

Dick: Oh, no. (uneasily)

Maddox: Like the first plane hits the Twin Towers and you're thinkin', "Well that's a sloppy pilot"; the second one hits and you're like, "Well, that's deliberate." (Dick laughs) Right?

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: This is exactly like 9/11. (laughs with Randy)

Dick: Yeah! Right.

Maddox: Then -

Dick: (interjects) That's why it took Bush so long to relax! Er, to get on...to call to action. That's why he finished that kid's book.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Uh, I don't think...Dick, we're not gettin' into fuckin' Bush shit right now! (Dick giggles)

Dick: Alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: So then I pull out what is truly heartbreaking.

Dick: Ugh, I see it already.

Maddox: It is a plaque that says "Army of Darkness" (Dick sighs) and it's numbered. It's a limited edition Army of Darkness statue that's numbered 011 out of 150.

Dick: Augh. Army of Darkness...Sean, you know Army of Darkness?

Sean: Yeah, I know. I've seen it multiple times.

Dick: Oh, man. Just the best movie ever for guys like us.

Maddox: Yeah. It's one of my top 3 or top 5 favorite movies of all time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So this plaque, it's kind of like a stand for the character that he sent us that I guess had broken -

Dick: (interjects) For the feet!

Maddox: With the feet, yeah.

Dick: So we've got the feet and what they're supposed to go on so far. (chuckling)

Maddox: Uh-huh. And on the other side of the plaque is, um, is the Necronomicon.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: So he's kinda standing on the Necronomicon of Army of Darkness. So I was still digging through, and then I pulled out what was the first bottle of broken barbecue sauce.

Dick: Ohoho, no.

Maddox: And on it, it says, "Dick: You'll appreciate this."

Dick: Well, to be fair, I do. (Maddox laughs) I think this is...I mean, this is a great prank! If you really wanna nail somebody, send to their P.O. box -- someone who rides a bicycle -- a box full of uncontained barbecue sauce.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's hilarious!

Maddox: Great prank. (Dick laughs) Great unintentional prank. And the bottle, by the way? It looks like the top has just completely screwed off! It's not even broken; the top is screwed off.

Dick: Wait a minute! It...that was like that when you got it??

Maddox: That's how I got it!

Dick: That top has been screwed off like an octopus came out of the bottle.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: How did that happen?

Maddox: I don't know! It looks like the barbecue sauce -

Dick: (interjects) That can happen?

Maddox: I gu-...well, you know, I have a theory...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ...in that wherever the altitude was that he bought that sauce in...

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: ...then on the flight, the air pressure changes. So if you go from low altitude to high altitude -

Dick: (interjects) Well, he comes from Atlantic Ci-...he comes from New Jersey.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So he comes from the coastline just like us.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It must be just the altitude of the plane.

Maddox: The altitude up top.

Sean: No, that happens.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, because it's lower pressure up top...

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: So it bursts out, ohh.

Maddox: ...and so then it caused it to expand. It caused it to burst out.

Sean: Yeah, but I don't think it can unscrew like that.

Dick: Yeah, but if it...if the cap just blows off, if it's a plastic cap, it'll just blow off.

Maddox: Yeah. You know Sean, that's why...that's why companies like Arrowhead, when they bottle the water they put the water all the way to the top. And same thing with Kool-Aid, those Kool-Aid twist pops?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They fill it all the way to the top so that the air pressure can't change and cause their, uh, their packaging to explode.

Dick: It's like when you haven't busted a nut in a while...

Maddox: Okay. (flatly)

Dick: ...and a girl's trying to, you know, show off and swallow and she can't keep up and it's like, "BWLAHH!" (everyone else laughs) It just blows her mouth right off, you know? (smiles)

Maddox: "Whuh-huh!" (grunting) (laughs) So gross, Jesus Christ! That's the grossest thing I've ever heard.

Dick: Isn't that what it's like, though?

Maddox: Like a giant a Go-Gurt? (laughs more)

Dick: Yeah! Like, "Get ready for this Vesuvius, bitch!" and she's like, "What?" "BWLAHH!"

Maddox: Ohh, that's so disgusting. Ugh.

Dick: Like a dog throwin' up. (gagging noise) (everyone laughs more)

Maddox: Oh, my... (cracks up) Yeah, just like a dog throwing up on semen, too much semen in its... (Sean grimaces in the background) Oh, that's disgusting.

Dick: Oh, you made it gross!

Maddox: Oh yeah, I'm... (laughs) I'M the one who made it gross. Anyway Dick, so yeah, you can see this empty bottle says, "Dick: You'll appreciate this." Do you appreciate it, Dick?

Dick: Yeah!! (cackles)

Maddox: Great. Of course.

Dick: I DEFINITELY appreciate this!

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Even more, 'cause this is...this is, like, this is perfect! It's someone who went through a lot of work, well thought-out work, put a lot of effort into it. I mean, the expense is heartbreaking, the thought is heartbreaking, and then to get it to the very last 1-yard line and completely fucking blow it? (Maddox laughs) That is the most beautiful thing in the world to me. That's the funniest joke that there is.

Maddox: It's like getting to the 1-yard line and then -

Dick: (interjects) Shitting your pants. (both laugh)

Maddox: And then leaving the field, going to an army surplus store, buying a hand grenade, pulling the pin and swallowing it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what this is!

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: It's just a fucking disaster. It's a mess.

Dick: So my heart breaks, but I definitely...like, I can't say I won't think about this for the rest of my life as a funny thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Even though it's tragic.

Maddox: Well, it gets even more tragic, Dick, because then I pulled out the rest of the figure that he sent us.

Dick: The Army of Darkness figure.

Maddox: The Army of Darkness...it's Ash, he's holding a chainsaw up in the air. (Dick sighs) The chainsaw is bent at a 90-degree angle from the base! (cracking up)

Dick: Oh, man! Ohh, nohohoho. (Sean laughs loudly) Ugh!

Maddox: The chainsaw is bent at a 90-degree angle!

Dick: The Deadites are gonna like that.

Maddox: Yeah, and he sent us this note. (Dick groans) This note was on the box. This was one of the only things not completely drenched in barbecue sauce. He says, "Dick and Maddox - "

Dick: Also ironic!

Maddox: Yeah. (everyone laughs) The one thing worth NOTHING in the box.

Dick: This joke's got alotta layers.

Maddox: He says, "Dick and Maddox: This is the big present." (Dick giggles) "This is to thank you guys for all the hard work that you both did this year in making the greatest podcast in the universe. Here's to many more years of Dick versus Dick, Maddox yelling at his audience, stupid voicemails, Sean laughing in the background, Asterios being awesome, and happy y-..." Wait...

Dick: Happy Yom Kippur? Is that what he was gonna say? (Randy laughs)

Maddox: No. "...and happy you get to the..." Oh! "...and HOPING you get to the real biggest problem in the universe, which is Illuminati Truthers, baby. - Butt Sanchez." And then it says, "P.S. - Dick, go hug yourself."

Dick: Aww.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, you know what the real biggest problem in the universe is?

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: No packing peanuts. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: You know, so I was lookin' at some of these bottles and some of 'em had prices and stuff on 'em, and one of 'em was like 13 dollars, so the others had to be in that range, right?

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Like 15 bucks?

Dick: Yeah, he spent some money on it.

Maddox: Yeah! So he sent...so there was altogether about 5 bottles of sauce in there. 3 of them survived, actually! I have 3 of the bottles, so thank you Butt Sanchez. He sent one of them, uh...one of them, one that survived, has a note on it that says, "Maddox, I think you'll really like these. You'll like..."

Dick: No, it says somethin' else.

Maddox: "...these bottles." He has something -

Dick: (interjects) "I think you'll really like...drink bot-...?"

Randy: "Both."

Maddox: "Both!" Oh, both these bottles. (in unison with Dick)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, and then the other one is, "Maddox: Fuck yeah. - Butt Sanchez," and then the third one that survived, it says, "Maddox: This shit is awesome. Enjoy!" and it's completely drenched in barbecue sauce.

Dick: (sighs) Butt, as your mantor, I'm gonna just give you a little bit of advice. This goes for everybody. Always...I know it's exciting. Life is exciting sometimes, but you gotta rein it in when you're at the 1-yard line, and you gotta think about it and you gotta hand it off to the tight end like you're supposed to and you've gotta carefully walk it across the goal line. That's it. Just always...always remember, when you start to get excited, walk it across the goal line. Don't forget that part! 'Cause then this...then this happens! And I love it, I appreciate it.

Maddox: You're right there, Butt Sanchez! You sent us...you spent all this money, and then... (stammers) The bottle that he said, "Dick: You'll appreciate this," I pulled the label off.

Dick: WHAT?!?

Maddox: And it says, "Pappy's Sauce for Sissies." (laughs loudly)

Dick: Okay, I take everything I just said back. Fuck you! Fuck you, Butt Sanchez, you motherfucker! You deserve this.

Maddox: It says, "Good for babies, brats and bikers." You're all three except for the biker.

Dick: Alright. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway Dick, that's the package from Butt Sanchez. Butt, thank you, but use some packing bubbles next time, which cost NOTHING compared to this exp-...that -

Dick: (interjects) They're givin' them away.

Maddox: Yeah! That Army of Darkness figure must've cost upwards of 50 dollars at least!

Dick: We gotta fix it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We can fix it.

Maddox: Yeah, we'll try.

Dick: We have the technology, right? (Maddox laughs) We got latex gloves over here. What else do you have in your murder bag? (cracking up)

Maddox: I got... (laughs)

Dick: You have some super glue to glue a girl's lips shut or something that you can fix this Army of Darkness character with?

Maddox: Dick, I got a voicemail. Do you have any voicemails you wanna play?

Dick: Oh yeah, of course I do.

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear. [**Dick plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey, you guys said in your bonus episode that if we have any issues we should email Dick and not Maddox.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's true.

Voicemail: Well that's true, Dick is very good about responding to emails. Thank you, Dick.

Dick: You're welcome.

Voicemail: But we shouldn't email Maddox 'cause he doesn't check because he gets enough emails? I mean, what the hell is he working on? (background laughter)

Maddox: Uh, I dunno! Why don't you listen to the start...

Voicemail: He wrote one book 10 years ago... (Dick and Sean cackle)

Maddox: Ffffuckin' asshole!

Voicemail: ...and he updates his website 2 or 3 times a year. (Randy laughs) **What...you don't even have health insurance. You don't have a real job. What are you working on, Maddox? You know? Piece of shit.** (more laughing)

[message ends]

Maddox: Ohohohoho! Sean, delete that voicemail! Delete it from the track.

Dick: Alright.

Sean: It's gone!

Maddox: (cracks up) Yes! (background laughter)

Dick: But you are working on a new book!

Maddox: Yeah!! How 'bout that, dickhead?!

Dick: That's why I brought that in.

Maddox: You FUCK! I'm workin' on a new book! Does that answer your question, you asshole? (yelling)

Dick: Yeah, so email me.

Maddox: You mellow fuck? This piece of shit, he's bustin' my balls? I wrote a book 10 years ago?? First of all, my first book came out 8 years ago, dumbass! And then my second book, did you even see that? And how about my fuckin' website that I updated like twice last month, and then the weekly podcast? Are those things that I might have, I don't know, occupying my time and energy, you fuck? And then the YouTube channel and all the fuckin' social networking and responding to your inane comments and bringing in your horseshit comments this week??

Dick: Ah, you started strong. Now, responding to comments, I don't...you always do that.

Maddox: Well, the reason -

Dick: (interjects) I got another voicemail. You wanna hear?

Maddox: Okay, yeah. Let's hear it.

Dick: This is a...this is a pretty big one! [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, this is Barack Obama. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: Nailed it.

Voicemail: Love the show, congrats on your 52nd episode. Yes, this is the episode to celebrate. A complete rotation around the sun is far less arbitrary than 5 times the number of fingers you have...

Dick: Mhm!

Voicemail: ...so suck my dick. (everyone laughs) **Before anyone starts complaining, you can wait until a quarter of the way through the next episode if you actually wanna celebrate if you take into consideration daylight savings.**

Dick: This is Barack Obama. What's on his mind? (Maddox sighs)

Voicemail: I'd like to vote for my own biggest problem, which I think is Unexpected Guests. Just ask Dick's good friend George Bush and the Iraqis.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs) (Dick scoffs) Zing!

Voicemail: Also, from your last episode I'd like to point out that groupthink and mob mentality are completely different.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hm.

Voicemail: So you guys are fucking morons.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Alright! Nobel Peace Prize.

Voicemail: And Sean, when I get out of office I'll be lookin' for you to smoke a bowl. Thank you guys, good luck!

[message ends]

Maddox: Wow, Barack Obama!

Dick: Cool, yeah!

Maddox: Big fan of the show!

Dick: He had to get political though, he can't resist. (grinning)

Maddox: Uh-huh. I like how his slam dunk argument about groupthink and mob mentality being completely different is just that. (Dick laughs) So we're fucking idiots, apparently.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, anyway, thanks for listening, Barack Obama.

Dick: Here's to another 4 years.

Maddox: Yeah. (snickers) (background laughter) We'll get a good dynasty goin' in the office with, uh, maybe Jeb Bush! Maybe Jeb Bush will continue the dynasty. I got a voicemail, Dick, from a guy named Sean.

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: Sean sent this in, and we kind of teased this new segment on, uh... (cracks up) ...on the show last time, but he sent this in, yeah.

Dick: No, I don't wanna...it's not "Dick on Dick"!!

Maddox: Here it is! Yeah!

Dick: GOD D-... [**Maddox plays Dick on Dick voicemail**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, this is Sean from Indiana. Uh, just wanna say I would be honored and privileged if I could contribute to the first ever Dick on Dick.

Maddox: [**pauses message**] Okay, so I...I actually helped him out here.

Dick: What a surprise.

Maddox: I created a quick little intro... (laughs) I created a quick little intro and cleaned up his audio a bit. Here it is. [**plays Dick on Dick intro**]

(sleazy music and sounds of a guy moaning) (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Is this a gay porn?!

Maddox: (deep voice) Dick on Diiiiick. Mmmm. (Maddox and Randy laughing)

[**intro ends]**

Dick: Is that it??

Maddox: Nonono. So here's the actual, here's the actual...he found this! This is a fan-submitted segment, so here we go. [**resumes original message**]

Voicemail: Um, Dick, you bring in some good points sometimes, but it's really hard to side with you because I just don't know when you're gonna contradict yourself. Uh, for example, when you say stuff like this.

(dreamy harp glissandos)

Dick: There's your harp, right? That's your trademark.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I haven't found any kind of correlation with age and how good the sex is.

(more harp glissandos)

Dick: Sex as a teenager is the BEST, man!

Maddox: Bloooows.

Dick: It NEVER gets better than that.

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox laughing)

Dick: If you're a teenager, do anything you fuckin' can to get laid!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Nah.

Dick: That is as good as it gets, man!

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: Ohh!

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: You're crazy. It never gets better than that.

(more harp glissandos)

[segment ends]

Dick: Yeah! What I'm saying is, it's a hockey stick.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: It doesn't get BETTER as you get older, it's just different. But man, when you're a teenager, boom. That's when to get it.

Maddox: But what are you saying? 'Cause you said that you haven't found any correlation with age to sex!

Dick: Well, I just explained! When you're a teenager it's something different.

Maddox: Ahh.

Dick: It's better than it ever will be again.

Maddox: Huh. I think -

Dick: (interjects) It's not like you can say, "Well, I didn't have sex as a teenager, but you know, now that I'm 30 it's like my dirty thirties." (Maddox snickers) "For the rest of my life, I'm just getting...I'm just getting better at sex, right?" It's like, "No! You're fuckin' old! You should...evolutionarily speaking, you should be dead! You missed it. You missed the time to bang."

Maddox: Wrooong, Dick. Have you ever talked to a chick who banged a really old dude? And it's like, you know -

Dick: (interjects) That's pretty much all I date. (Maddox laughs) As it turns out, the girls I date have alotta daddy issues.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. Oh, I know, buddy. (grinning) Anyway, these chicks always talk about, "Yeah..." They kind of, like, confess to me. They say, "Hey Maddox, I hooked up with a guy

last night but I feel pretty weird about it." And I say, "Why do you feel weird?" and she says, "'Cause he's 20 years older than me."

Dick: Yeah, it's gross.

Maddox: "Or 30 years older than me. BUT, mind-blowing sex. The best I've ever had. Made me cum multiple times, and no other guy has ever done that, and all these bozos in high school don't know what the fuck they're doing," and that's the truth.

Dick: Uh, Bennett Zweber -- you wanna talk about sex? (Maddox laughs) Actually, let's just skip...let's just skip to this new song that I brought in. [**plays "Bags of Sand" song**]

Maddox sound clip: "It doesn't matter what I say, 'cause you're gonna make it sound like a 'bags of sand' reference." (Maddox laughs)

(simple drums, guitar and bassline)

Maddox: Love it. (smiling) Did you make this?

Dick: No.

Male singer: What are boobs like?

I don't know (everyone laughs)

What's a vagina?

I don't know

Basement research

Mom, bring me some soup! My correspondence! (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

All I have are my bags of saaaand

(series of clips of Maddox's "bag of sand" comments)

Maddox: "Genitals in Utah are censored."

"My pussy bed...'cause I just banged a lot!"

"Trust me, it sounded like it came from somebody who was very experienced. 'Unwrap it in the right direction so that...so that it works properly.'"

"You don't have sex underwater. It's nice on paper, but then in practice it's bullshit. Vaginas dry up, man! By the way, it dries up with a condom too! With or without a condom."

Dick: With or without!! (giggling)

Maddox: So we're at the beach, right? 'Well, this is boring. I'm gonna go have sex.' Look, I've had sex in an ocean, I've had sex in swimming pools, I've had sex in hot tubs, I've had sex in SINKS. Like, it doesn't fuckin' work.

Dick: How do you have sex in the ocean, then?

Maddox: Well, with my hips, man! I just rock 'em! (everyone laughing hysterically)

Maddox: "That's why it's so foreign to you, 'cause it sounds like 'bags of sand'? That's because I'm an expert."

Dick: Uh-huh. Yeah! (grinning)

Maddox: "If you don't have a dick longer than 3 centimeters, that's a clit. That is a clit by definition, dude. You got a clit! A penis is a...is anything smaller than 3 centimeters. A clit. That's it!! That's ba-...they're basically the same thing. I get it. You pee outta one, you pee outta the other."

"I'm an expert."

"Whenever we go, they're all horned up and ready for sex because they're so turned on by my driving skills."

"Sometimes penis goes into butt."

Maddox: What if they...what if they accidentally engineered just a really gappy...just, like, just big old mudflaps on that..." (laughs)

Dick: I think that's called a vagina.

Maddox: Yeah! What if they make it -

Dick: (interjects) They already did that.

Maddox: Yeah. That's pretty gross.

Maddox: "Any time you want to look up anyone to verify whether or not they have genitals..."

"I invented the pussy emoticon! Looks like a vagina."

Dick: "Why Is the Penis Shaped Like That?" by Jesse Bering. You wanna download that?

Maddox: Yeah, I kinda do, actually.

Dick: Alright, alright alright alright.

Dick: Want me to finish this up later? Yeah yeah yeah.

Maddox: No, let's hear.

Dick: You wanna hear the end of it? Alright.

Maddox: "You can see titties on the Internet! You wanna see titties on the Internet?"

Maddox: "Non." Is that how? I don't know.

Dick: Yeah, it is "non."

Maddox: "Non." Uh, no, I've only heard "Oui, oui, oui." Um, but uh... (cracks up)

Dick: Bags of sand!!

Maddox: "Oh, I'm havin' so much sexy sex here! I'm bangin' so many chicks." (everyone still laughing)

Male singer: What are boobs like?

I don't know

What's a vagina?

I don't know

Basement research

Mom, bring me some soup! My correspondence!

All I have are my bags of saaaand

[song ends]

Dick: "All I have are my bags of sand!" (singing) (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: You fuckin' assholes!

Dick: Christoffer Strand from Norway.

Maddox: I get nothin' but disrespected on this show!! (background laughter)

Dick: Yeah. So what about teenagers and sex?

Maddox: (yells) Yeah, I don't wanna hear this shit!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You guys don't even understand the level of expertise (Dick sighs) when it comes to sex that I have!

Dick: What level would you say you're at? Like if you had to compare yourself to...to, like, a famous cocksman? (background laughter)

Maddox: A fa-... (cracks up) A famous cocksman?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: Like Wilt Chamberlain, for example. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Was he a famous cocksman?

Dick: Bags of sand!! (everyone laughs) That didn't take long!

Sean: He's the basketball player who said he slept with over 10,000 women.

Maddox: Oh okay, yeah!

Dick: By "slept" he means "had sex with." (laughs hysterically)

Maddox: Yeah, I know, Dick! Fucking asshole! (yelling)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Yeah!! Well, then definitely him! (everyone laughs more)

Dick: "Definitely him!" (giggling) I can't! Oh, I can't do this today!

Maddox: Oh my gosh. Dick, this...we are draggin' our...don't laugh, Sean! (angrily)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Tired of your SHIT!

Dick: You wanna do problems?

Maddox: Let's get to some problems here.

Dick: Alright! Bicyclers is my problem.

Maddox: Okay. Bicycl-

Dick: (interjects) Not cyclists. Not cyclists, because they want you to call them "cyclists" 'cause it sounds cool. But what they are is "bicyclers."

Maddox: They are "cyclists" because that's what they are, Dick!

Dick: No.

Maddox: That's a fuckin' "bags of sand" comment about bikes! (Dick laughs) You don't know shit!

Dick: Bi-...okay! Classic bicycler comment. (Maddox laughs) Comparing bicycling to sex. Um, you -

Maddox: (interjects) You put the fun between your legs! (laughs)

Dick: You criticize me a lot for not explaining things for listeners outside of the US.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So I'm gonna explain this one. Um, if you're outside of the US, a bicycle...what it is is like a motorcycle, except instead of being powered by a motor it's powered by a sanctimonious pussy. (everyone laughs) Who steers...who careens around the road like a blindfolded homosexual at an ass factory. (more laughing) That's what a bicycle is.

Maddox: You think a...you think that, uh, that blindfolded homosexuals at an ass factory just careen around? I bet -

Dick: (interjects) Well, I mean they're like...right? Like, that's the joke!

Maddox: No! Well...

Dick: Like there's asses everywhere, they're like, "Oh, I smell an ass, lemme get that ass!" (Maddox laughs) And then they get far away from one...that's the visual I...that's what I think when I see a guy riding a bicycle with his little lycra shorts down the street, is "Classic case of a blindfolded homosexual at an ass factory!" (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: Which, by the way Dick, one of our fans kept tweeting pictures of Dick on Dick to you nonstop. (giggling) So funny.

Dick: What was his name?

Maddox: Uh, I forget. I'll bring it...here, I actually have it up, yeah.

Dick: Look it up real fast. He deserves some credit. (Maddox chuckles looking for Twitter account) You think that's real...you think this is real funny, don't you? Dick on Dick.

Maddox: Oh, it's my favorite. I love it so much.

Dick: It's not funny at all.

Maddox: Yeah. And yeah, Dick doesn't like these at all, so stop sending them, guys! (background laughter)

Dick: It's not funny!

Maddox: They're not funny! They're not funny. Stop sending Dick "Dick on Dick" pictures on Twitter.

Dick: 'Cause what did I say? "Dick on Dick" sounds like gay porn, so it's gonna be a bunch of photoshopped me doing gay porn. What's his name, R....R. Abramam? There it is.

Maddox: Oh, there it is, yeah. Paul Castro! So this was one of the pictures Paul Castro sent. (laughs) (Sean grimaces in the background)

Dick: Oh, click on his username.

Maddox: Dick on Dick.

Dick: Let everybody see all these beautiful works of art. Hey, you guys are the ones lookin' at gay porn, not me!

Maddox: What about that one? (laughs) (more disgusted sounds in background)

Dick: What do you think about that, Sean?

Sean: Ugh, god! (gags)

Maddox: His Twitter handle is @drugfreethug. (giggles more)

Dick: Nerd.

Maddox: Yeah. Um...no, I think he did a pretty good job, Dick! I think this is a masterful photoshop job, don't you think?

Dick: Go to the other one. No, it's...that one has my face as the head of two penises that are touching each other.

Maddox: Yeah, I think it's pretty good! Look at this one! It's... (cracks up) ...you fucking some dude in the ass.

Dick: It's the f-...I don't know why he found these facial expressions of me that do look like I'm having sex with myself.

Maddox: That's every facial expression of you, Dick. Go fuck yourself. (more laughing)

Dick: Find another one! I've already seen that dick one.

Maddox: Alright, alright. I'm pullin' up all the dick ones. Here...oh, here. Here's the... (cracks up)

Dick: Oh yeah, here we go. GREAT.

Maddox: Here's a bunch. (giggling)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: I love that his account hasn't shut down yet. Oh, this is a new...I haven't even seen this one! It's three... (laughs)

Dick: That's a...it's a threesome of me. (background laughter)

Maddox: It's three dudes, and... (breaks down laughing again)

Dick: And the god damn faces are SO st-...you son of a bitch, Paul Castro.

Maddox: Look at that one! Look at that one, fuckin' yourself! (laughs with Randy)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Oh, and now a chimp, this... (giggles)

Dick: The monkey's not as funny.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: Classic bicycler humor. (everyone else laughs more)

Maddox: "Cyclist."

Dick: (sighs exasperatedly) Okay. Bicyclers.

Maddox: Yes?

Dick: Red doesn't mean go! When you guys get to the crosswalk?

Maddox: Eh! (dismissively)

Dick: Fuckin' stop!

Maddox: They're stoptional for us. (chuckles)

Dick: Exactly!! This is why everyone hates you, because you pretend like you're doing us a favor...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...with your stupid hobby, but you don't obey any of the rules and you make it more dangerous on the road! That's why we hate you. (yelling)

Maddox: "Uh duh, duh duh duh, you don't obey the rules!" (stupid voice) Nerd! Listen, I once talked to a cop -

Dick: (interjects) The driving rules are there for safety!

Maddox: Really? They're there...they're for safety? Here's the thing: you don't have to get a license to ride a bike! Anyone can ride a bike anytime, anywhere on the street. You don't have to learn -

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, that's the problem.

Dick: Yeah! Exactly.

Maddox: No, it's not a problem! Here's the problem: bicyclists are taxpayers and we don't get to use the freeway. We don't get to use all the roads that we want. There's not parking, there's not ample parking for us. And by the way, I talked to a police officer -

Dick: (interjects) Ample parking for your bikes?!

Maddox: Well, there is.

Dick: There's dumpsters all over the place! Just throw 'em in wherever you get!

Maddox: Okay, asshole. (laughs) Piece of shit.

Dick: Here you go! Throw it away! "Here's my fuckin' cross that I rode here all the way like a martyr!" (Maddox laughs more) "I'm gonna nail myself to my bicycle and then throw it away!"

Maddox: You know Dick, we ARE doing everyone a favor because according to SMH.com -- this is a website, a news website -- they said, "The economy benefits by more than 21 dollars every time a person cycles 20 minutes to work and back, and $8.50 each time a person walks 20 minutes to and from work, according to policy statements released by Deputy Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Tuesday."

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: There you go, dickhead!

Dick: Thanks for the, uh, armchair lesson in economics.

Maddox: Oho, you mother-...you fuck! (cracking up)

Dick: I know what that... (laughs)

Maddox: You fucking foreshadowing piece of shit!

Dick: Uh, hey, do you ever ride your bicycle on the sidewalk?

Maddox: Rarely, if ever.

Dick: Rarely? Okay! You know how many times I've driven my car on the sidewalk? Zero!

Maddox: Oh, really?? (yelling)

Dick: Fuck off!

Maddox: REALLY?

Dick: I tried, that's how I wrecked it! (Randy laughs in the background)

Maddox: Rain Slick Dick over here, yeah!

Dick: I didn't get on the sidewalk.

Maddox: That's 'cause you hit the curb, you fuckin' asshole! That's the only reason you didn't ride on the sidewalk. And by the way, have you ever been hit by a cyclist?

Dick: Um, you wanna hear something interesting?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: Long Beach...Long Beach did some research on bicyclings.

Maddox: Long Beach is a city in California, sure.

Dick: On bicyclers, yeah.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: 45 percent of bike-related accidents are caused by the bicyclers!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: 35 percent are driver-related, 20 percent are undetermined but probably the bicycler's fault. Let's be serious here.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: 'Cause you guys drive erratically and like assholes. Leading cause of bicycle accidents? Bicyclers riding on the wrong side of the road.

Maddox: Yeah. No, I believe it. Hey man, um -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you think it's yours!! Because a bicycle is a bumper sticker that you can ride.

Maddox: Yeah, because CYCLISTS are the ones who are entitled to everything, huh?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They're the ones who are honking at cars tellin' them to get out of the way? We're the assholes??

Dick: YES!

Maddox: You fuckin' pricks are sittin' there, like, riding our asses 'cause you're too much of a pussy, you're too much of a dipshit to turn your steering wheel 2 degrees to the left and maneuver around a cyclist who has the body footprint of a human being! If you can't maneuver around that in traffic safely, fuck off!! Stay home! Turn your driver's license in. Shred it!

Dick: YOU stay home! Take your stupid hobby out to the country!

Maddox: It's not a hobby!

Dick: Take it to Portland!! All of you hipster fucks with your bicycles, have your own city!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Go make your own fuckin' city called "Bicyclertopia" and just ride around all day blowing each other. Get those tandem bikes so one of you can turn the other way and suck the other guy off for what a great person he is. (everyone else laughing)

Maddox: You know what, asshole? That city already exists, and it's called "Amsterdam" and it's FUCKIN' brilliant.

Dick: I've been to Amsterdam.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's -

Maddox: (interjects) And everyone cycles everywhere and traffic is never jammed. It's fucking awesome. Everyone gets everywhere they need to go, no problem. You know

what, Dick? I can get anywhere in this city faster in traffic on my bicycle than you can in a car while you're sittin' there like a fatass.

Dick: Totally false.

Maddox: Yeah, breathing in your air-conditioned air, your pampered...ohh, your bourgeois car with your air conditioning, you're so fuckin' cool.

Dick: Speaking of the air I'm breathing in, uh, a study in Brussels says that bicyclers breathe in 5 times more air pollution than drivers OR pedestrians. So enjoy your cancer, Maddox!

Maddox: Oh, okay. But you're still breathing the same air, asshole. You're just breathing in...uh, all day long, every day!

Dick: No, you're breathing it right out of a car's butthole. (Sean laughs in the background) 'Cause that's what a bicycler is! You've got your lips, while you're out there on the road, sealed to the BUTTHOLE of a car.

Maddox: Dick, first of all -

Dick: (interjects) You're just sucking the poison in.

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: Fuck you.

Maddox: I got some poison you can suck outta something! (Dick giggles) Here's the thing, Dick: I'm a cyclist, I'm a considerate... (cracks up) I'm a considerate cyclist, okay? When I ride my bike I take side roads, I ride the roads less traveled, and I...yeah, I sometimes coast through 4-way stop signs because bikes aren't cars! It doesn't make sense for them to come to a complete stop; they don't need to! You can slow down...look, if I'm driving through -

Dick: (interjects) Here we go! Entitled asshole bicycler!

Maddox: No, it's not that I'm entitled, dickhead!! It's that...like, it just doesn't make sense to come to a complete stop if you're coming to a 4-way intersection.

Dick: Yes, it does!

Maddox: You slow down to 5 miles per hour, you look left, you look right -- cars do it all the time, except I'm a dick if I do it on a bicycle. And by the way, if I run that stop sign and I get hit, I'm the only person who's gettin' hurt.

Dick: Good!

Maddox: Yeah, fuck you! So here's the thing: there's this dickhead cop in a city, I think this was in Connecticut. There was a big group of cyclists, 26 of 'em, who were driving in a big pack together, and they all ran one big stop sign together 'cause the person at the front stopped and looked both ways, he said "It's clear!" and then the entire group moved through, right? Some dickhead cop wrote every single cyclist a ticket! And all these hardass drivers, these entitled dickhead drivers who think they own the roads, came over...who, by the way, their fuel prices are lower because of us. But anyway, they came over and they said, "Good, I'm glad all the cyclists got tickets."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah! Because what's the alternative, dickhead? That we all get in a single-file line and then you wait for 26 cyclists to come to a complete stop and then start up their slow-ass cycles to ride through the intersection? Is that what you want?!

Dick: That's right, 'cause it's the fuckin' law!

Maddox: No!

Dick: Are you guys a car or not? Do you belong on the road or not? (yelling)

Maddox: It's safer -

Dick: (interjects) You don't just get to barrel through and take over the intersection because you're enjoying the breezy day with your stupid bicycles!

Maddox: Dick, it helps traffic! It helps move along traffic, and it's safer for cyclists AND motorists.

Dick: You know what else helps traffic? Keeping your fuckin' bicycle off the road. You don't wanna be inconvenienced stopping at a stop sign? Stop inconveniencing the rest of us by making us swerve around you on our way to work.

Maddox: Ohh, wah! Boo hoo! Why don't you nail yourself to your cross, you big fucking crybaby? You know what traffic is, Dick? CARS. Cars are traffic, not bikes. There's never been a bike on a freeway, and they're jammed every fucking day. How do you explain that?

Dick: How do I explain that freeways are jammed?

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: You want an explanation for that?

Maddox: Allll fuckin' cars!

Dick: Do you need one? (chuckling)

Maddox: Cars, cars, cars, cars, cars! More fuckin' cars, that's what we need, huh? And by the way Dick, every time you see a cyclist you should get out of your car that's parked and stuck in traffic...

Dick: Uh-huh?

Maddox: ...and pull him over and lick his asshole and say, "Thank you for saving me gas money AND creating an extra parking space wherever the fuck I'm driving."

Dick: Thats interesting. (sighs) Uh, bicyclers are eco-friendly you would say, right?

Maddox: Well, sometimes!

Dick: Sometimes? When is that time? 'Cause that seems to be a big component of their argument, is that "Well, we're...we're saving you all this fuckin' gas!" (obnoxious voice)

Maddox: Well, I don't give a shit -

Dick: (interjects) "You should thank us!"

Maddox: I don't give a shit about the environment. You know me. I don't. I don't bicycle because -

Dick: (interjects) I think you do.

Maddox: No, I don't! I don't care...I don't bicycle because I care about the environment; I bicycle because it's fast, convenient and it's good exercise. But it does save you money on, uh, on gas because we're using less fuel.

Dick: Where do those calories come from that you're burning while you're on the bicycle?

Maddox: Food, which is way cheaper than drilling oil out of the Middle East!

Dick: How do they harvest that food, jacko? With gigantic tractors that suck down gasoline!

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah, so?

Dick: Yeah! So if you...I got some stats for you on this one. If you get 4 guys on a bike...

Maddox: Uh-huh?

Dick: ...that's exactly equal to the amount of gas it takes those same 4 guys to drive in a car.

Maddox: That's 4 people versus 1, usually. One driver!

Dick: So fuckin' carpool.

Maddox: So... (stammers) Oh, who carpools?? You can't even -

Dick: (interjects) That's on a normal diet!

Maddox: You can't even fit 4 people in your car, asshole!

Dick: That's 'cause it's cool. (everyone else laughs) I can fit 4 people if 2 of them are hot chicks.

Maddox: (yells) So you're...you're basically...you made an argument -

Dick: (interjects) And they lay on top of each other, you know what I'm...? (Maddox laughs) You know what I'm talkin' about? (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah, maybe in the glove compartment, ya psycho. (laughs more)

Dick: Okay, Mr. Latex Gloves! Where were you gonna throw 'em, in the trunk?

Maddox: No, it doesn't matter where I put the chicks! Listen. (cracks up) The bottom line is, you just made a case FOR me. You said that 4 cyclists are equivalent to 1 carpool, which nobody does.

Dick: They don't save that much gas. That's what I'm saying. Fuck off with your eco-friendly shit.

Maddox: They save...look, I don't care about the environment, but they save 3 times the amount of gas! You just said so yourself!

Dick: Nonono, it's...they use, uh, they use a quarter.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: A bicycle uses a...a guy riding a bike uses a quarter of the gasoline as a driver because of the amount of food calories he burns while he's riding that bicycle.

Maddox: So it's 75 percent more efficient. Plus it depends on where you get your food calories from, right?

Dick: Yeah, if you get it from...if you get it from meat mostly, which I'm assuming you do, 'cause even though you ride a bike you're a man.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah. If you get it from meat it's even more.

Maddox: Protein is cheap! You can get protein sources anywhere! You can buy a container of a dozen eggs for like 2 dollars.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's cheaper...that'll feed you all fuckin' week!

Dick: How about your dumb outfits? (background laughter)

Maddox: I don't wear dumb outfits when I cycle.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: People do, though.

Maddox: I don't own...I don't own bicycling shorts. Look man, I'm not gonna defend that. That's stupid.

Dick: Yeah. You know what's inconvenient about bikes? Every time you're at a stoplight, they go right to the front of the line.

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: And then they...and then they futz around like a little child learning to work, trying to propel their stupid machine across the intersection while everyone fuckin' waits. Motorcycle? BOOM. Takes off like a rocket. Takes off like a penis with a rocket in it at a stoplight. Bicycler? "Dur duh-dur duh-dur duh-dur duh-dur!" (stupid voice) Steering around like they're...like they're having sex for the first time, jabbing their dick in any which way. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Like a teenager having sex.

Dick: Go to the end of the line! Go to the END of the line. (Maddox laughs more) You guys do not deserve to be at the front.

Maddox: You're such a crybaby. If bicycles...you're complaining that bicyclists have advantages over driving, so fucking get a bike, crybaby!

Dick: That's not an advantage!

Maddox: It IS an advantage!

Dick: That's just jamming yourself in the front!

Maddox: No, because here's the thing, Dick: if cars are so much faster, why are you even stuck there? Why can't you just maneuver around us?

Dick: 'Cause it's a pain in the ass. That's why.

Maddox: "Oh, it's a pain in the ass to turn your steering wheel 2 degrees!" (whiny voice) Fuckin' pro driver over here.

Dick: Yeah! It is! I wanna be texting and Tindering. I don't wanna watch out for you guys on the road.

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly)

Sean: I have a question for Maddox.

Maddox: Yeah?

Sean: What happens when you're in a car and you get behind a cyclist? Are you laying on your horn and getting angry and yelling and all that kinda stuff?

Maddox: No!

Sean: 'Cause that's what you do in a car.

Maddox: Here's the thing, Sean: when I get to where I'm going, my destination, I pull up and if I see a parking spot open I think to myself, "Well, that cyclist might've been going the same place that I was going, and he probably saved me a parking spot. And if it wasn't him, it was probably the other 10 or 15 bikes that I see parked out front of the building, 'cause every single one of those bikes represents a parking space that I can't park in...that I otherwise wouldn't have been able to park in," so I thank that cyclist. And also, it's not that much of an inconvenience! There has never been a traffic jam because of a bicyclist. There has never been...it just doesn't fuckin' exist! Everyone gets a little bit inconvenienced, but have you ever been more than like...I dunno, 30 seconds, maybe a minute late to something because you had to slow down a little bit for a bicyclist? Who, by the way, if he was driving a car, that's one more car that you would be sitting behind in traffic at the front of an intersection. If the red light is all backed up and the intersection's all backed up...have you ever been in that situation where you're one car away and you just barely make it through that intersection? Well, you may have been in that situation because of a cyclist!

Dick: Have you ever been in a situation where your dick doesn't work because you rode a bicycle for too long and it ruined your prostate?

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: 'Cause that's real.

Maddox: Yeah, I know.

Dick: Big fucking problem.

Maddox: Well, if you, uh -

Dick: (interjects) You do know about that though, right?

Maddox: Yeah! Of course, yeah. If you sit on shitty seats and you cycle too long.

Dick: Men who cycle more than 9 hours a week are 6 times more likely to develop prostate cancer, study finds.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (chuckles) Yeah, so I guess you won't be needing that erection anyway. (Maddox sighs exasperatedly)

Maddox: Dick, I ride my b-...I solved that problem by riding my bike hard.

Dick: No... (everyone laughs)

Sean: Pretty good. (from background)

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Pretty good! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Lance Armstrong? He was a bicycler.

Maddox: Yeah, he's a...yeah.

Dick: Cheated, embarrassed America. (Maddox chuckles) Embarrassed the US Postal Service too.

Maddox: Yeah, he's an asshole.

Dick: Hitler was a bike messenger. Bicycle messenger during World War I.

Maddox: Okay, here comes the Hitler argument! (laughs with Dick)

Dick: All of you guys are a road rage. (Maddox laughs) All of you bicyclers are full of rage. You're all wannabe visionaries...CEOs, like fuckin' yuppy CEOs on your bicycles, touring around town while the rest of us are trying to get our shit done. Fuck you.

Maddox: The only...here's the thing: I think that bicyclists sometimes are idiots.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Because I have seen some militant cyclists who are cycling *activists,* which I am not. I don't give a shit. Like, if you wanna drive your car, you're entitled to, but I think that bicycling is the best form of transportation. But sometimes these militant cycling dipshits pull up next to a car and they say...when the car yells at them, they yell back "Get a bike!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well dickhead, sometimes not everyone can ride a bike. Sometimes people have disabilities, sometimes -

Dick: (interjects) Or balls!

Maddox: Sometimes... (cracks up) Yeah. (Sean and Randy laugh) Yeah, they don't have balls 'cause they're sittin' there in their big SUVs with air conditioning.

Dick: Uh-huh!

Maddox: Gettin' pampered by the climate control.

Dick: And not breathing in cancer. (smiles)

Maddox: You're all...everyone's breathing it in, dickhead!

Dick: Well, you get a little more!

Maddox: And you know what? You know what, that might be offset. The cancerous particles that we're breathing in might be offset by the fact that we have healthier bodies.

Dick: Yeah. You're the...you're the benchmark of health.

Maddox: Yeah! I don't need shit from Dick Masterson, paragon of health over here with whiskey dick. (laughs)

Dick: It's the vinyl of transport. That's what a bicycle is. (Maddox laughs more) It's the vinyl of transport.

Maddox: Vinyl of transport?

Dick: Yeah, I think you could understand more about, uh, vinyl lovers...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...with your love for bicycles. 'Cause it is a...it is a shittier way to drive around, to get anywhere.

Maddox: Says -

Dick: (interjects) And it pisses everyone off, but you just love it!

Maddox: Yeah. Says Dick Masterson, the person who thinks that everybody needs to lose 20 pounds. (Dick chuckles) You're arguing against exercise, like bicycling exercise?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Great! You know what, Dick? We still have to have a race. I will race you in heavy traffic on my bike, in your car; we'll see who gets to where we're goin' first.

Dick: Oh, you throw in "heavy traffic" like that's -

Maddox: (interjects) Because that's the point!! That's the point! If you live in a large city like, oh, I don't know, LA or New York or Austin or wherever -

Dick: (interjects) Then why does everyone hate you guys? Riddle me that!

Maddox: Not everybody does! It's just a bunch of blowhards.

Dick: Everybody hates bicyclers.

Maddox: It's a bunch of limp-dick, finicky, emotional blowhards like yourself who are sittin' there stuck in traffic and you look around and you think, "Oh, I'm gonna blame bicycles!" 'cause you're a conspiracy dipshit, rather than blaming other drivers! You are traffic, Dick Masterson, not me! Us cyclists, by the way? If traffic gets heavy, guess what? Sometimes I see car drivers getting frustrated and trying to get through traffic. When I go to the front of an intersection and I go forward, I always pull off to the side as far right as I can to let cars pass me by. I'm not a dick!

Dick: Not far enough.

Maddox: Ha! (scoffing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Alright! That's my problem!

Maddox: Shit problem!

Dick: Bicyclers.

Maddox: Yeah, and I have, uh, another -

Dick: (interjects) Everyone else apologizes for inconveniencing people. You notice that?

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: Everybody...I get drunk, throw a beer at a baseball game, I'm like, "Sorry I did that. I deserve to be kicked out." Bicyclers don't! You think that we owe you some kind of gratitude for your stupid hobby that inconveniences everyone.

Maddox: I guess, Dick. I guess other than the benefits of riding and walking to work -- which include better health, less congestion, reduced infrastructure costs, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, better air quality, noise reduction, and savings in parking costs -- I guess other than all that, there is no advantage to riding a bike. You're welcome.

Dick: It's annoying. And that...according to the #1 problem Slacktivism, that's all it takes.

Maddox: Oho, I guess! Except Slacktivism does actually have real-world repercussions.

Dick: Not in a study! (Maddox scoffs and laughs) Just in your opinion!

Maddox: Do you have a stats? (**sound clip of Dick saying, "I got a stats for you."**)

Dick: No! Alright.

Maddox: Hold on, Dick.

Dick: What?

Maddox: You know, cyclists are manly men who have to shave often.

Dick: Oh, yeah. (Maddox laughs) This episode is brought to you by Harry's! Please visit http://harrys.com and use promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save 5 dollars off your first purchase. Uh yeah, cyclers are manly men who need to shave often 'cause their thighs chafe too much while they're riding their little girl bikes?

Maddox: I sh-...my thighs are smooth, buddy!

Dick: Have you been using your Harry's?

Maddox: Yeah! I still use my Harry's blades.

Dick: I need...I want them to send me some shaving cream, 'cause I had to go buy some at the store. Not only was it a pain in the ass, which Harry's is not, but I also didn't like it as much as my Harry's shaving gel.

Maddox: Yeah, the shaving gel was really good. I still have...I still have some of that, uh, the other stuff too, the shaving butter. I prefer the shaving cream over the shaving butter.

Dick: Are you gonna not use the butter? Because that's what I use.

Maddox: Oh, it's yours. Yeah, you can have my butter.

Dick: Oh, yes! Gimme that...gimme that butter, Maddox! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I'll put it all over your face. (laughs more) (Sean grimaces in the background)

Dick: Harry's high-quality German-engineered blades are crafted for sharpness and precision. I'm sure you're wondering how does Harry's.com deliver a superior shave. Were you wondering that?

Maddox: Uh, yeah! I was about to ask you. (chuckling)

Dick: They bought a blade factory in Germany and they've been crafting some of the world's highest-quality blades for almost a century. You can save...here's the meat of this: their starter kit's just 15 bucks. That includes the razor, 3 blades, and your choice of shaving cream or foaming shave gel. You like the gel, I like the cream.

Maddox: The gel's great. You can have the cream.

Dick: Cool. Uh, as an added bonus you get 5 bucks off if you put in our code, "BIGGESTPROBLEM".

Maddox: "BIGGESTPROBLEM" is the code, guys. And no joke, I have never had a set of razors last longer than those blades.

Dick: That's absolutely true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're really...you're gonna get your money's worth outta that. And it supports the show, guys! Thank you for supporting us for 52 episodes! Big milestone of 52, just rolls off the tongue! Okay. Let's get to the real biggest problem...

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: ...in the universe. This week, at least. Armchair Economists!

Dick: Oho, great.

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) Yeeeeah, there's a fuckin' prob-...that's a problem!!

Dick: Is this related to the deluge of comments you got about your idiotic statements in the last episode? (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah! It sure is, Dick! (Dick laughs) And I am ready to rip the asshole of these armchair economists WIDE OPEN with my foot, buddy!

Dick: Okay! So you're about to make several arguments about economics as a what? Regular guy. Right?

Maddox: Yeah! As a regular guy.

Dick: What does that mean you are?

Maddox: I'm not an armchair economist!

Dick: Go ahead!

Maddox: Yeah. (Randy laughs in the background) 'Cause I'm not makin' economic theory -

Dick: (interjects) Just curious.

Maddox: I'm not makin' economic theory; I'm criticizing a fallacy which itself is a fallacy, and I'll tell you why.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Economists, first of all, are like the weathermen of finances. Right? Can we agree on that? Their predictions are usually bullshit, because most predictions are just that: bullshit. Every single stock market prospectus includes the phrase "past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results" because they're nothing more than glorified mediums who use clunky regression models to do just that: predict the future based on past results!!

Dick: Oh. (amused)

Maddox: That's all they're doing all fuckin' day long! The entire field of economics is one big gambler's fallacy, and only occasionally does anyone get it right! It's like wine tasting but with mathematical models that sometimes occasionally get it right. That's it.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: That's economics! First of all, a long time ago Dick, I started writing an article. This is, what, way back in 1999 or something? In the early days of my website, I started writing this article that was titled "Economists Are Full of Shit," and I started doin' all this research and got bored because reading economics books is so fucking boring. They're dry. But, uh -

Dick: (interjects) And as a math major, you hate that.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: (stammers) I'm a math major! I love numbers, I love equations and I love number theory, but economics is very boring and very dry and it's mostly bullshit! It's like -

Dick: (interjects) I'll tell you why.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Because an economist's job is not predicting the fuckin' future, like your phrasing there.

Maddox: They are.

Dick: No, that's not their job. Their job is to understand the decisions people make based on the economy. It's about understanding PEOPLE.

Maddox: Oho. (chuckling)

Dick: It's about trying to figure out what choices they make with their money, 'cause that's when the votes really count.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they're, you know, the quantum of your life.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: It's about taking that data and trying to understand what makes people tick.

Maddox: Dick, uh, you know I love you, but you're wrong. (**buzzer sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: Alright. Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: That is a psy-...that is a psychologist's job.

Dick: No!

Maddox: To understand why people do things. (Dick groans) And an ECONOMIST'S job is to model economic activity! That's all!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: They're just looking with regression models, that's what they do! I took classes in economics, and -

Dick: (interjects) How many?

Maddox: One.

Dick: Awesome. (background laughter) Thank you. Perfect answer. Please continue!

Maddox: It was a high-level economics class though.

Dick: I bet! You jumped right...why would you start at the beginning? You clearly understand what an economist's job is: to predict the fuckin' future like Madame Cleo.

Maddox: That's what...that's all they're doing, is they're trying to explain...yeah, they explain what the stock market and the economy's doing with regression models! That's all they do! It's just regression models.

Sean: So you're lumping all economists into the "armchair" tag?

Maddox: No, I'm not. I'm not. I'm specifically -

Dick: (interjects) So they...who knows what they're doing?

Sean: Just checking!

Maddox: Look, if push comes to shove I'm gonna listen to an economist over an armchair economist, and I'll tell you who the armchair economists are: our listeners!

Dick: But you already don't respect economists! Right?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: You're already saying they're...you're already saying they're soothsayers. See, people don't say an armchair quarterback is an idiot and ALSO the quarterback is an idiot.

Maddox: I do! (laughs)

Dick: Yeah! Again, you don't understand the fuckin' metaphor!

Maddox: DICK -

Dick: (interjects) Somebody has to be correct if someone is an armchair *blank.*

Maddox: Dick, there are degrees of correctness! If I'm gonna listen to something about football, I'm gonna go to...I'm gonna listen to a quarterback before an armchair quarterback.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Because more likely than not, the quarterback knows what he's talkin' about more than an armchair quarterback. That's why.

Dick: So economists do!

Maddox: Economists more than armchair economists do, yes!

Dick: Okay, go ahead!

Maddox: Yes. And by the way, there aren't...they're not ENTIRELY garbage. There's some good economists. I thought -

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, "some"?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Who's a good economist that you have on the tip of your tongue?

Maddox: I liked what Alan Greenspan did! I liked what he did with our economy. I liked some of his, uh, his -

Dick: (interjects) What specifically did you like about Alan Greenspan?

Maddox: Well, he was very conservative when it came to raising interest rates or lowering interest rates. He was very cautious, and the stock market liked that and they responded well to it.

Dick: In what ways...what did he use to raise or lower them? I just want a sp-...one specific answer outta this, 'cause it sounds like you know the name "Alan Greenspan" but you don't know specifically what you like about him.

Maddox: What are you trying to get out of me?

Dick: An answer. What do you like that he did?

Maddox: I told you, he was very cautious! Look, when 9/11 happened and the stock market went to shit, Alan Greenspan came through and he didn't panic and suddenly just...you know, throw the baby out with the bath water.

Dick: What did he do?

Maddox: He lowered the interest rate very conservatively. Like half a percentage point at a time, the interest rates.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Right? The lending interest rates, the banking interest rates.

Dick: Huh?

Maddox: Look man, it doesn't matter! The bottom line is you asked me the question and I answered it! Like, I like Alan Greenspan because he was conservative.

Dick: Yeah, but you didn't give a satisfactory answer to me.

Maddox: Because nothing...you keep moving the goalposts, Dick! I tell you specifically what I like about Alan Greenspan in that he was conservative and wasn't panicky and didn't introduce more volatility into the stock market at a time of disaster!

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: That's what I liked about him.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: He's a smart guy! He was a very conservative guy. He was a shrewd economist.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: There you go! So there's one that I liked. Anyway Dick, um, a lot of people last time called me out for something called the broken window fallacy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what -

Dick: (interjects) Most blatant example of it you could possibly give. Go ahead. What was it?

Maddox: Yeah. The broken window fallacy, for those who don't know, is, um...this is from...this was the first link that someone linked to me. It's from About.com, and I think it was a girl who said, "19th century political economist Frédéric Bastiat offered an answer to such a question in his 1850 essay 'That Which Is Seen and That Which Is Unseen.'"

Dick: Right.

Maddox: This theory, this fallacy, the broken window fallacy comes from the year 1850.

Dick: So do you wanna go over what you said that made people say that?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Or do you want me to do it? So we were talking about the earthquake...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...and you said it was good that the buildings...there can be some good from the buildings getting knocked over because building new buildings stimulates the economy.

Maddox: Correct.

Dick: And everybody said, "That is the definition of the broken window fallacy, which means you're totally wrong. It does not stimulate the economy."

Maddox: I didn't say "broken windows"; I said specifically those BUILDINGS being replaced would stimulate the economy. And -

Dick: (interjects) No, they didn't mean literally it's about the windows.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: They meant the buildings themselves. It's the logic behind...

Maddox: Right, right, right.

Dick: The logic!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's the logic behind "rebuilding the buildings does not stimulate the economy."

Maddox: Right. Here, I'll read -

Dick: (interjects) It doesn't.

Maddox: I'll read the fallacy. It says, "By breaking the window, the man's son has reduced..." Okay, so the example they gave of this guy in 1850 said that a son who's the son of a storekeep breaks his window, and then people around him say, "Oh well, at least it's good for the economy because now you have to buy a new window and that stimulates the economy."

Dick: Right, which is false.

Maddox: Well, that...hold on!

Dick: In my opinion.

Maddox: Okay, and in your opinion and a lot of armchair economists'.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: They say, "Because the man's son has reduced his father's disposable income, meaning that his father will not be able to purchase new shoes or some other luxury good. Thus, the broken window might help the glazier, but..." Is that how you pronounce it? Glazer? Glazier?

Dick: Yeah, I don't know.

Maddox: Whatever. It might help the windowmaker, "...but at the same time it robs other industries and reduces the amount being spent on other goods."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Moreover, replacing something that has already been purchased is a maintenance cost rather than a purchase of truly new goods, and maintenance doesn't stimulate production." That's the fallacy in a nutshell, right?

Dick: Well... (sighs) I mean, it's a simplification, but sure.

Maddox: No, that's the whole...that's the entire fallacy! I copied and pasted that!

Dick: That's what the original guy wrote?

Maddox: Yes!! That's what the original guy wrote!

Dick: Or that's from Wiki-...whatever.

Maddox: It's from About.com, but that is the fallacy! That's the entire fallacy right there. I'm saying -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, I think it's...there's a lot more to it than that, but you can attack just that!

Maddox: Well, that's...

Dick: If you want!

Maddox: That's the windowmaker...that's the broken window fallacy, right? They accused me of that. But here are the assumptions that it neglects, and I have 8 of them. First of all, that the father has disposable income. Right? That's an assumption! You're just assuming that in this made-up scenario where a shopkeep gets a broken window, he has disposable income.

Dick: He replaced the window. What does he replace it with? Money.

Maddox: But you can also go into debt. That's an assumption they make.

Dick: That's the same thing!

Maddox: No it's not!

Dick: You... (stammers)

Maddox: Debt is not disposable income.

Dick: But you're talking about the economy. Alright? If you're...if you're posing a situation where the guy breaks a window and then fixes it, you have to assume that he spent 'x' dollars fixing the window.

Maddox: Correct.

Dick: Whether it's cash, whether it's on credit, it's -

Maddox: (interjects) Different. It's a huge difference, because one -

Dick: (interjects) It's not a huge difference!

Maddox: It is a huge difference, because if you had to borrow money to replace that window, then a bank is making interest off that debt, aren't they?

Dick: I mean, not really.

Maddox: Of course they are.

Dick: Now you're assuming he borrowed it from a bank.

Maddox: No I'm not! I'm not assuming. THEY'RE making the assumption here, Dick. I'm just saying that this fallacy, it neglects the possibility that the father doesn't have disposable income.

Dick: That's not the...the point is not that it's disposable though! The point's that he has to spend it!

Maddox: Dick, you don't have to argue every single point. Let me get through this. Let me get through these -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, let me get through these points I'm arguing. Go ahead!

Maddox: Well no, but that's an assumption! You can't deny that's an assumption! Or go ahead, deny that. You're denying that that's an assumption they make?

Dick: It doesn't matter. Go through the list, I won't interrupt with points about these assumptions you're making. Go ahead.

Maddox: But that...you can't deny that that's an assumption they made!

Dick: That he has income to spend on the...?

Maddox: Disposable income! That's an assumption!

Dick: The word "disposable" is not the focus of that point they're making.

Maddox: Dick, is it or is it not an assumption?

Dick: That an imaginary guy has a disposable income?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: Okay. That's all...that's the entire point I was trying to make.

Dick: It's a hypothetical story!

Maddox: You cannot dispute that. That's...you cannot fucking dispute that. (chuckling) It's just an assumption that they made in the fallacy. Okay? That's not even the point I'm trying to make! Let me get on!

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Let me move on. Here's another assumption: that the father intended to spend that disposable income on other things. The father might opt to save that income instead of spending it, right? In which case there would be no economic stimulus. That's another assumption they made!

Dick: I mean, this is the poorest defense of a fallacy I've ever heard. Like, this has nothing to do with the point of the fallacy.

Maddox: You're saying it's poor, but you're not saying why. Why is it poor?

Dick: Yeah, 'cause when I started to you said, "Don't pick on every point."

Maddox: Dick, you cannot deny that that's an assumption they made! How are you gonna deny that?

Dick: Which one, the second one now? (sighing)

Maddox: Both of them! Those are both assumptions they made. They made the assumption that that disposable income would have necessarily been spent on something else. They're assuming that that father wasn't going to save and sit on that...they're assuming that that wasn't a bundle of cash under his pillow that he never intended to spend.

Dick: Well, that's a very bizarre case.

Maddox: It's not!

Dick: A guy running a small business, like, hoarding a very specific amount of money? 'Cause they're talking about in the long term...like over many years, the amount that he spent on the broken window would be spent possibly on something else. Like, there's...cash doesn't go and sit in a vault. A guy running a business uses the cash to do things with the business. Or he takes it as income!

Maddox: That's an assumption! But there was that...The New York Times did a story about a millionaire who was this widow who was born in the 1920s who was a multi-multi-millionaire, but every day she ate cold oatmeal and lived in a cold apartment...a cold mansion with the heater turned off because she was so shrewd. She didn't spend any of her money. So it's -

Dick: (interjects) That's a very bizarre anecdote to apply to, like, a macroeconomic principle.

Maddox: That's irrelevant!

Dick: Like, the velocity of money is something that's very real.

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: The money coming into the store and going out of the store is, like, part of business.

Maddox: Dick, I'm not talkin' about money coming into or out of the store. We're talkin' about a disposable set of income that someone might have that they're not spending. They're making the assumptions that he was going to spend that money. That's an assumption! You can't deny that. You can't deny that's an assumption of the fallacy.

Dick: No, you're right. He might've turned it into gold and put it in a bin like Scrooge McDuck! You're...

Maddox: He might've!

Dick: ...you're totally right, and that's -

Maddox: (interjects) People save!

Dick: That's a bizarre comment to make about this fallacy. (background laughter)

Maddox: Whether it's bizarre doesn't matter, Dick! Whether it's...look, all you need to do is find an exception to the rule and then your fallacy has a hole in it, doesn't it? (Dick starts to protest) And then here's another assumption they make: that the product being destroyed is a window that doesn't depreciate much in value. So used in modern scenarios,

something much more likely to get destroyed is something like your cell phone, where you drop it in a toilet and it gets destroyed, right? That cell phone definitely depreciates in value, so replacing it isn't a maintenance cost because you're ADDING value to something that has depreciated.

Dick: I don't even understand the point you're trying to make with that one.

Maddox: Dick, windows don't appreciate or depreciate in value. Unless sometimes if they're stained glass they might, because, uh, for collector's value.

Dick: No one is thinking stained glass.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: This is a guy with a shoe store that has a broken window.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's VERY simple.

Maddox: This example comes from 1850 when the things that were breaking that needed to be replaced were things like door hinges and windows. What really -

Dick: (interjects) Those still break!

Maddox: Okay, but that's not the point. They're making...they're CHOOSING, they're cherry picking something that helps their case when it's no longer applicable to reality. What breaks more often, Dick?

Dick: Would you like this applied to you? I'll let you get through the whole list and then I'll tell you how this fallacy applies to you.

Maddox: Sure, okay!

Dick: Go ahead though, 'cause I don't wanna...I mean, I don't wanna piss you off by offering objections to your objections to the fallacy, so -

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, I haven't even made an argument until point #3. I'm just listing assumptions that the fallacy made, and you're disagreeing with assumptions -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause they're very specific!

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: You're...instead of...go ahead!

Maddox: These assumptions you cannot dispute. They're assumptions of the fallacy. I'm just stating them. I'm not inventing these! These aren't my arguments!

Dick: The assumptions are that it's a normal business.

Maddox: Dick, you're generalizing just to gloss over this. Like, let me get through this list, okay?

Dick: Oh, please!

Maddox: #4, here's another assumption they make: it assumes that there is no insurance to cover the cost of those new goods. Insurance is what we pay to cover incidental costs

that come up, right? So as long as we don't abuse it by filing false claims, insurance premiums won't inflate significantly, and that's why insurance companies are so profitable. So that's also making an assumption that the window...the shop owner doesn't have some kind of insurance to cover incidental costs like that. Here's another assumption: it neglects the possibility that insurance can exceed the cost to replace the broken asset. So sometimes insurance pays you even more than the item is worth. You and I have a mutual friend whose car was totaled, and he got way more money from the insurance company than the car was even worth! So he actually ended up MAKING more money that he then spent on something else. That's another assumption that they make with this, uh, with this fallacy. Here's another assumption, #6: it doesn't factor in the number of people who die without making an insurance claim, which are funds that go back into the pool. That also stimulates the economy. It also assumes that any rebuilding after a war is a maintenance cost. They're assuming that everything is a maintenance cost! It neglects the possibility that the things that we rebuild are often better than the things that were destroyed. The reason old buildings get destroyed in earthquakes is often because they're not built up to code. Newer buildings are made with newer materials and technology that can withstand future earthquakes, so we're replacing something old with something new that's better and more valuable. Those are all assumptions that the fallacy completely dismisses and disregards! And then before I get to the last point, what do have to say about that?

Dick: None of this makes any sense. (Maddox sighs exasperatedly) I mean, it's... (Randy laughs in the background) I don't even know if I'd call it cherry picking!

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: It's like...it's like, I don't think you understand the basic point of the broken window fallacy.

Maddox: No, I do.

Dick: Uh, I...okay! Can you explain it...I mean, you said a lesser mind is someone who can't have two thoughts in their head.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Can you explain it in favor of the broken window fallacy?

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Like, you're making it very specific, like with insurance -- even though insurance is itself a cost.

Maddox: Everybody has insurance.

Dick: You have insurance for, like...

Maddox: My car!

Dick: ...your bicycle tires?

Maddox: No, but my car I do!

Dick: So your car specifically but not in, like...in general, you don't have insurance for every little thing you own, do you?

Maddox: Sure I do! It's renter's insurance. I do!

Dick: So if you, like, tore a hole in your jeans, you would file a renter's insurance claim?

Maddox: Uh, I don't think renter's insurance covers jeans.

Dick: Of course not!! You should be able to answer that right away! No, you would never do that!

Maddox: But you're choosing a specific example of something that's not covered by it. What's your point?

Dick: I'm saying in life in general, when things break people don't file insurance claims unless it's specifically for their health or their car. People in general don't file, like, small business insurance claims for things that cost a small amount of money, 'cause it will raise their rates.

Maddox: No, I -

Dick: (interjects) And it's not covered by the deductible.

Maddox: Totally false! I file insurance claims all the time. With my renter's insurance, it covers things that are lost, stolen, or even damaged. My last apartment, I had a hand truck that was stolen. I filed an insurance claim and got money for it!

Dick: Ah, well. I mean, good for...so in your opinion, having your hand truck stolen stimulated the economy?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Because that hand truck went to somebody who had it and wasn't probably gonna purchase it because he's a thief, so then I had to go out and buy another one. Um, this -

Dick: (interjects) Well, if you call armchair economists a big problem, then this is definitely a big problem. 'Cause that's armchair economizing.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, Dick, you asked me a question. You said, "Can I state any scenario in which the broken window fallacy is true?" And specifically -

Dick: (interjects) No, just that you understand it!

Maddox: I do, Dick. And specifically in the scenario that he laid out with these assumptions, it's correct. If the shop owner had a broken window and we're in the 1800s and we don't have any other things that are breaking and he has disposable income and he was intending to spend that disposable income on something else that he now can't buy because he has to replace that broken window, yes. In that specific scenario, the broken window fallacy applies. But that scenario is irrelevant to modern days, and I'll tell you why.

Dick: Completely irrelevant!

Maddox: Well, not completely! But to a large extent, and I'll tell you why. Here's my final...my final point and my final assumption.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The broken window fallacy neglects the acceleration of new technology that gets developed during wars. Not only that, but it neglects the creation of entire new INDUSTRIES created during wars that didn't exist before. For example, here are some inventions that came out of World War II: radar. It was invented to get bombers on target and it cut costs of bombing campaigns significantly. Bombers were wildly off target and completely missed the entire area they were going for, destroying more innocent buildings and causing more collateral life damage. They made landing safer too because far fewer accidents happen at night. Microwaves came out of World War II. Dynamo-powered flashlights -- those are crank flashlights.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They last upwards of 70 years! Those came out of World War II. Penicillin was invented in 1928 but it wasn't until 1939 that it was popularized because it started saving the lives of troops, and by 1944 it saved 12 to 15 percent of our soldiers, ushering in a widespread adoption of vaccination programs that we're still using today. Uh, no thanks to anti-vaxxers.

Dick: How many dicks did it save though? Penicillin?

Maddox: Probably a...

Dick: A lot! A lot more than that! That's how you cure syphilis, and...

Maddox: Oh, that's right, yeah! That's true, yeah.

Dick: ...you know, that's how you cure STDs!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah yeah!

Dick: That's why it's so important for war!

Maddox: Uh... (cracks up)

Dick: 'Cause people are bangin', man!

Maddox: People were bangin'.

Dick: "These French girls are grateful we saved 'em! Ooh la la!"

Maddox: Yeah. Um, it created synthetic rubber and oil, an all-new industry that didn't exist before the war. Jerry cans were created because of war. Jerry cans are those metallic canisters you see for gasoline that they put on the back of Jeeps.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Those were specifically invented and designed because they had to quickly pour fuel without having a container that would compromise its structural stability, so they put an air pocket in the handle so when you poured it out, the air pocket would cause a differential that would cause the fuel to come out smoothly.

Dick: I mean, if you're crediting a war with inventing a shape of a metal can, I think that's kinda reaching.

Maddox: Well, it came out of the war because of a need!

Dick: Well...

Maddox: So did radar! Like in World War I, people...like, pilots were dropping bombs out the side of their plane. It was really rudimentary how they were bombing...doing bombing campaigns in World War I. World War II, we have -

Dick: (interjects) Some people might see that as a good thing.

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Dick: That we couldn't more easily murder a bunch of civilians.

Maddox: Yeah, but that doesn't mean we'd stop trying. (Dick laughs) We'd just waste more money doing it.

Dick: I'm just saying some people might see that as a good thing.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, you're right, you're right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then we also got pressurized air cabins from World War II. It solved altitude sickness, barotrauma, and hypoxia. These were all things that we were suffering from. Anyway, um, and...so microwaves are one of the big ones that came out of World War II. Had we not had that war that created the accelerated effect on our economy, we might not have developed this technology for years to come, if ever!

Dick: Or we might've developed it sooner. Like, that's...

Maddox: No, we have evidence... (chuckles)

Dick: ...that's the point of a fallacy.

Maddox: But we have evidence that we didn't develop it sooner.

Dick: But you can't say, "Without the war, they wouldn't have made a gas container faster and better than the one we have."

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Like, there's no control for this claim you're making.

Maddox: There is in that these things were specifically invented to solve a problem that we had during a war. Had we had...look, nobody had a problem of pouring out gasoline quickly before the war.

Dick: Yeah. (unsure)

Maddox: This was just something that they invented on the field because they saw a need for it.

Dick: Well, we might've...if we had not been fighting a war...this is what people are saying that you gotta understand.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: If we had not been fighting a war, we might've solved a bigger problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like yeah, we solved not being able to fuel Jeeps fast enough.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But we might've solved, you know, female genital mutilation.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With the money and the resources that we sunk into killing people.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: We might've solved something better! Might've solved slacktivism! I don't know how, but it might have happened.

Maddox: It's possible, Dick, but without mobilizing those funds and without really having a cause behind it, without getting the entire nation behind you and scientists thinking about it around the clock, there's no urgency. And I would make the case that wars accelerate the creation of these devices and these inventions specifically to solve these problems because we have an active, urgent need for it, whereas female genital mutilation has been going on for decades and decades and nobody's done anything about it.

Dick: Centuries!

Maddox: Uh, yeah, sure! Centuries.

Dick: Yeah, forever.

Maddox: So it's been going on DESPITE war. It's been going on regardless of war, because I don't think that nations view it as a very urgent problem like they did with war.

Dick: Yeah. I'm gonna tell you something very honestly: I think it's a shame that you can say war is good because it grows technology. I think that's a really bad thing...seed to put in people's heads.

Maddox: Well, hold on. I'm not saying war is good. I definitely didn't say that.

Dick: Yeah, but I think if you credit it...if you credit it for inventing these things and we might not have invented them sooner, I think that's a really poisonous thing to put in people's heads.

Sean: But isn't it fair to say that both things can be true?

Dick: What?

Sean: I mean, I don't think that it's necessarily A or B.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Like I mean, yeah, it grew our economy *and* war is pretty shitty.

Maddox: Yeah. That's correct, Sean.

Dick: But you don't know that it...you don't know that it grew the economy!

Maddox: We do.

Dick: That's what you're saying. You don't know!

Sean: But it is credited.

Dick: It's...yeah, but that's a problem too!

Sean: Yeah, I mean...

Dick: Like, there's also evidence saying the war DIDN'T grow the economy and in fact stifled it, and that war in general is not this, uh, contributor to -

Sean: (interjects) Creates an economic boom?

Dick: Yeah! There's evidence saying it doesn't, and that's what being an economist is: taking multiple views of something...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and kind of positing what maybe...why maybe we did the things that we did.

Maddox: But you didn't address the 7th point that I made, Dick, that the fallacy neglects that all costs in a war are not maintenance costs. Some of them are technology costs! Like if you replace a depreciated computer...like for example, if mine got burned in a fire in my apartment and I filed an insurance claim for it, it would be replaced for the monetary value that that computer was worth.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They don't necessarily count depreciation or whatever, and I may be able to take those funds and buy a computer today that would cost...that would be worth way more, that has way more value than whatever I replaced.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So not everything is a maintenance cost. Those buildings that are being rebuilt in Nepal are being built up to today's standards rather than those shacks that they had before.

Dick: That's...100 percent false.

Maddox: No! No, it's not! They did in China! That's what they did in China! All the buildings they rebuilt in China after the Szechuan Province earthquake, all that infrastructure they're rebuilding is using modern polymers, modern technology, modern equipment; everything's gonna be better.

Dick: So lemme ask you this.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Lemme ask you this. First of all, China's not a third-world country that no one gives a shit about. So of course they built their stuff good, 'cause they have the ability to do that. #2, and here is the core of the broken window fallacy: they rebuilt a whole town, got it up to par, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And you say that's a good thing?

Maddox: Right!

Dick: There you go, and that's where the myopia sinks in because what you don't think is with all that money, if we didn't have to rebuild these buildings, we could've built 100 hospitals. We could've built 100 schools. We could've built any number of things that now we cannot build 'cause we had to rebuild shit that was basically working.

Maddox: Yeah, but you're also neglecting -

Dick: (interjects) That's the fallacy!

Maddox: I understand that Dick, but you're also neglecting that instead of...we could have built, we could have, we could have. I'm hearing a lot of "we could haves," but we could have also just sat on that money and put it in the stock market, and we could have just sat there collecting interest on it. We COULD HAVE. We could have, except you know what really inspires people to do things, Dick? Inspiration comes from necessity. That's when you actually have to get up off your ass and do something about it. You have to get up off your ass and BUILD something, because it's gone! You need it!

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: That's why radar was built in World War II!

Dick: I think people dying is a good necessity to build a hospital.

Maddox: It is!

Dick: Like, the point of the fallacy is the "could have." You're saying that the "could have" is the stupid part, but the fallacy posits the idea that, "Look at all the things you *could have* done if you didn't have to spend this money replacing something." Like if your bicycle tire got slashed by someone who thinks bicyclers are a big problem...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...and that they're also too big of pussies to do anything about it, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If somebody just walked out and slashed your bike tire -

Maddox: (interjects) They're wrong. They would get a tire iron upside their head, but go on. (Dick cackles)

Dick: 'Kay!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You'll have to spend money replacing that tire -- 'cause you're not gonna submit an insurance claim for that!

Maddox: No.

Dick: That you might've spent on, I don't know, making another video.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, the point of the fallacy is the "what if." What if you didn't have to spend it? That's why you can't just say, "It's good that they slashed my bike tire because now I have to go spend money on another tire."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's easy to say that!

Maddox: That's a beautiful cherry-picked assumption that you made.

Dick: But that's what...it's not cherry-picked! That's what replacing this shit -

Maddox: (interjects) It is! You specifically chose an example of something that isn't insured, like my bike. If you used that example with my car I would say, "Yeah, well, it's insured and my insurance rate isn't gonna go up. They're just gonna replace the tire and that's that." If it happens too often, yeah, my insurance rate might go up, but you've neglected insurance. You've chosen something that isn't covered by insurance. (yelling)

Dick: (groaning) Oh, my...yeah, this is...you are WAY far off on this. Let's take insurance then!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If insurance covers it, you're also contributing money globally to a business that is building tires instead of the business you would've other-...instead of the industry you would've otherwise put your money in.

Maddox: Wrong!

Dick: Globally. Yes, because that mon-...the tire company has to get money from somewhere, whether it's you or the insurance company.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Doesn't fuckin' matter that it's insurance! They would've got that money and the industry benefits that small, small, tiny drop, and all those drops add up. Otherwise, another industry...let's say you would've gone and bought a video game. The video game industry would've benefited from that money! It doesn't matter that you personally have to spend it one way or the other. Would you rather have that money go to the bicycle tire industry or the video game industry, which you would...I think you would support more!!

Maddox: Dick, what you said makes no sense because you're assuming that the money that I have invested in insurance is mine to spend however I want. It's NOT. It's there specifically to replace tires or some damage that happens to my car. Of course, if I had that money as disposable income I might spend it on video games, I might spend it on making a new video, or I might save it and invest it. If I don't have an urgency to spend it, I might not spend it because as a shrewd investor, as somebody who wants to save money for the future, if I'm going to put money in the bank I'm gonna leave it there unless I have to spend it. That's why you save money for a rainy day! That phrase comes from necessity! Spending for a rainy day, spending in case of adversity. That money is not there for you to spend if it's invested in insurance. The only way to stimulate the economy...and by the way, insurance companies are hoarding that money and collecting interest on it!

The only way to stimulate the economy is to get that value out of the insurance company and replace that tire. That DOES have a net positive effect on the economy.

Dick: Um, I don't know how...I don't know what to root for in the voting on this one, because I think you're being the biggest armchair economist, like, that I've ever met now, and I think it's a big problem 'cause I don't think you know what you're talking about in this case.

Maddox: I know!

Dick: I mean, this is...like, part of this is saying that war is good 'cause it brings te-...so I don't know how -

Maddox: No nonono, I didn't say war is good! What Sean said is perfect. Sean said that some good can come of war, but war is also bad.

Dick: Okay. I don't know how I want the voting to go. I guess go vote up Armchair Economists! Why not?

Maddox: You know, Dick? You know what's a big problem, is not being able to breathe in space, and that's...because of that problem NASA has created all sorts of technology and all sorts of space companies...uh, space industries in various countries have tackled this problem to create new technologies to solve this problem. We're not sitting down on Earth trying to think of new ways to breathe in space unless we had to! We didn't think of those problems until we encountered them, so that's why *sometimes* some problems can inspire creation of new industries that we didn't even know existed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Our economy is bigger today because of World War II, because of these technologies that were invented out of necessity. Had we not had that necessity, you know what, Dick? Maybe it would've been invented, maybe not, maybe it would've taken multiple more years to come about, but that necessity created that invention and you can't deny that.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: You're saying society is more reactionary than anything else.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Yeah, that's why Slacktivism is problem #1, 'cause people see it and get pissed off and then click the vote when it does absolutely nothing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Slacktivism does absolutely fuckin' nothing. Alright!

Maddox: Well, that's my problem!

Dick: Well, that's your point!

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Uh, should we go over...we got anything else? You got any...

Maddox: Ah, this is a...this is a looooong episode.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is our longest episode yet!

Dick: Do you have anything else?

Maddox: No, that's, uh...I mean, I got some other stuff but I guess I'll just end on this last point here. (chuckles) Richard Bearce says, "Dick is a genius!" And he quoted you; he said, "Are heart attacks good because they keep cardiac surgeons employed?" And he says, "No, Maddox, heart attacks are NOT good." (cracks up) And then he says, "WWII was not good for the economy. Yes, the stimulus spending..." and then he just, like, kinda rambled on with this, uh, poorly written -

Dick: (interjects) No, he's making good points!

Maddox: No.

Dick: World War II was not good for the economy, heart attacks are not good because they keep cardiac surgeons employed. Pretty simple.

Maddox: Well, heart attacks...cardiac surgeons exist because heart attacks exist, so those cardiac surgeons are in an industry that was created in response to heart attacks.

Dick: No, you're totally right! We'd be so fucked if there was no heart attacks and we had all these cardiac surgeons around that didn't know what to do! Right? (Maddox chuckles) That would be the biggest problem ever! We got all these cardiac surgeons but no fuckin' heart attacks! Let's gin up some heart attacks!

Maddox: Yeah. You know Dick, I took a class that was, uh, that studied modeling not just of the economy but of the heart, because it's very similar...the equations that they use for regression models for the economy are similar to equations they use to model electrical pathways through the heart.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they found that, uh...in doing this research, they found that this has applications in so many other fields that they never even thought of. It's improved not just pacemakers but cancer research and biology and chemistry, all these different fields! These applications came about because we were trying to solve this problem of heart attacks, so I don't think that it's...I think it's a simplistic view to say that, "Yeah, cardiac surgeons wouldn't exist without heart attacks, but then they would be spending that time doing something else." You know what? It might have a net positive. That's all I'm saying.

Dick: Alright. You done?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I gotta get to one more thing before we close out the show, because as you know, last week...I won.

Maddox: Ughhh! [**Dick plays "My Heart Will Go On" parody**] Dick, nobody...NO, THIS IS FUCKIN' BULLSHIT!! (Dick cackles) This is what I get?!

Dick: Uh, do you remember where we were last time? It's been a while since we've had to watch 30 seconds of Titanic.

Maddox: You know what, dickhead? You don't get to play this song AND the Titanic clip.

Dick: I was talking to you about where we are in Titanic! I'm not just playing the song!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Do you remember where we were?

Maddox: No! I FUCKIN' hate this song.

(Male singer: Maddox is an asshole...)

Dick: I'll tell you then! You can sit through me recapping it if you want. We started under the ocean...what?

(Male singer: ...and he can go fuck himself...)

Maddox: (stammers angrily) Fuck YOURself, Grant Mooney! Piece of shit.

(Male singer: ...his problems all suck and he deseeeeeerves this.)

Dick: We were under the ocean, and Bill Paxton was taking us on some kind of archaeological expedition. Right? In the submarine under the sea? Do you remember that?

Maddox: I don't know, I haven't seen it! I haven't seen it.

(Male singer: Keeeeep playing these Titanic clips...)

Dick: Do you remember when he pulled out, uh...what did he pull out, a little child's toy?

Maddox: A dildo!

Dick: A dildo?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He pulled out a safe. Do you remember what he pulled out of the safe?

Maddox: No, 'cause I didn't see it, Dick!! I was looking down at my cock!

(Male singer: ...and Dick, you can go on and...)

Dick: Yeah, but you heard it!

Maddox: No!! I...you know what? I'm pluggin' my ears this time.

Dick: And you said, "What did...what did he pull out, a big gem?" Remember?

Maddox: No.

(Male singer: ...go on and go fuuuuuuuuck yourself.)

Dick: He opened the safe and he said -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause I read the synopsis! I know what it is!

[song fades out]

Dick: Oh, you know what it is??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, you're in luck. You're gonna relive it! (background laughter)

Maddox: Ffffuckin' hate this song. (muttering)

Dick: I've mixed in Asterios' commentary too. [**plays next 30 seconds of Titanic**]

(sounds of people clapping and cheering)

Dick: Alright, there they are opening the safe.

Maddox: I'm not... (chuckles) I'm lookin' up.

Dick: Maddox?

Maddox: Lookin' up!

(sounds of banging on metal and something wet spilling out)

Maddox: Sounds juicy.

Dick: Alotta water came out of there.

Asterios: Aha, yeeeah! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Ugh!! (laughs) Asterios!

Asterios: Look at his face! (Maddox laughs more)

(voice echoing through a loudspeaker on ship)

Asterios: He looks like a bottle of hot sauce! (Maddox groans)

Dick: Don't you wanna see that?

Maddox: NO!

Asterios: Yeah, he's got that bulging vein thing going on! Oho my god, is he gonna die?

Maddox: Why are you lookin', Randy? Titanic lover!

Dick: It's a good movie! (smiling)

Maddox: It's a SHIT movie.

Dick: Is it better than Guardians of the Galaxy do you think, or worse?

Randy: It looks like that box that got mailed to you. (from background)

Maddox: It's prob-... (cracks up)

Asterios: Great joke, Dick! (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly)

Dick: Randy said it looks like the box we got from Butt Sanchez.

(Guy in movie: You know boss, the same thing happened to Geraldo and his career never recovered.)

[clip ends]

Dick: That's pretty funny.

Maddox: This feels like longer than 30 seconds.

Dick: It was a little bit longer. I've been growing them by a couple seconds every week. (smiles)

Maddox: Ohh, you son of a...I knew it! I KNEW it! Somebody commented too, they found that one of 'em was like 36 seconds long.

Dick: Oh, go fuck yourself. (everyone laughs) Alright, my problem...my problem was, um, Bicyclers. (**closing riff starts**)

Maddox: And my problem was Armchair Economists! Which I'm not, but you should definitely vote up.

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

Maddox: Fuckin' bullshit fallacies. (muttering)

(theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Dick, brah! This is Chad, I'm a moderator from Bodybuilding.com.

Dick: Oh.

Voicemail: You may know me by my handle RoidBalls96. (everyone laughs) **And uh, I have the answer to your question, 'cause at Bodybuilding.com we care about providing accurate info and gettin' stuff right and stuff.**

Dick: That's true. (Maddox laughs)

Voicemail: So historically Armenia has been associated with Asia and the Middle East...

Maddox: Great.

Voicemail: ...but these days, it's economically in line with Europe. In fact, Armenia's joining the Eurasian Economic Union in January. (Maddox groans)

Dick: Is that not true?

Maddox: I don't know.

Voicemail: Also, I wanted to inform you that we banned your account.

Dick: Oh! (Maddox laughs)

Voicemail: Yeah, turns out there have been numerous sexual harassment claims on our forums from both our male and transsexual users. (Maddox and Dick laugh) **So as we say at Bodybuilding.com, GNC sucks and go fuck yourself.**

[message ends]

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Your account got banned? (laughing)

Dick: Nah, not...no complaints from women though, so what does that tell ya? Only men and transsexuals. (laughs)

Maddox: I mean, it tells me there's no women on Forum.bodybuilding.com.

Dick: Oh, there is!!

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: No hot chicks hanging out on a forum with bros!

Dick: (chuckles) Yeah, why would women wanna hang out with a bunch of buff dudes, right?

Maddox: 'Cause they're...they talk like meatheads. (Dick giggles) Maybe in real life, but you wouldn't wanna chat with them online.

Dick: Ohh. (amused)

Maddox: Talkin' about Armenia's economic policy? Get outta here. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, it's Ben from Ohio. Just, uh, had a quick question for you. Where the fuck is my bonus episode?

Dick: Hmm.

Voicemail: I paid fuckin' 94 somethin' cents for this thing, (Maddox laughs) **and I don't have time to be fuckin' sittin' around all weekend waitin' for your bonus episode so that I can fuckin' sit around all weekend and do nothin' listenin' to your bonus episode instead of doin' my job. And I don't wanna hear any bullshit about "Ohh, Boisterous Coconuts came by unexpectedly and we had to host him!" Put him on the fuckin' bonus episode...**

Maddox: That's a good idea.

Voicemail: ...and gimme my goddamn bonus episode.

Maddox: Yeah, uh -

Voicemail: And just one other quick thing. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Always one other quick thing!

Voicemail: Dick, if you get a moment between not releasing the bonus episode, if you could go fuck yourself. (Maddox laughing) **Thanks guys, bye.**

[message ends]

Maddox: I'll tell you what you can do, uh, where your bonus episode is. It's probably where that other $1.05 is, dickhead. Our bonus episodes don't cost 94 cents.

Dick: But they are available on the website, so you can go there to buy them.

Maddox: Yep. $1.99 or $15.99 for the entire season, which is a bargain! You save like, what, 7 bucks!

Dick: Yeah, so don't buy that. Buy them individually.

Maddox: Buy them individually, yeah. Multiple times, we recommend. Um, yeah, I don't know -

Sean: (interjects) It stimulates the economy. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Sean, bringin' it home. Bravo. Yeah, I don't know, send Dick an email if you're not gettin' the bonus episodes. I've gotten a bunch of emails from people who don't get it for some reason. And usually -

Dick: (interjects) They put the wrong email in!

Maddox: It's usually the wrong email, yeah!

Dick: It's always the wrong email! How the fuck hard is it to copy and paste your own email?!

Maddox: Yeah, it's...it's awful. These people put typos in their email, and then they...like, every single time they say, "No, I'm sure I typed it correctly 'cause I got the PayPal receipt." I'm like, "Dickhead, your PayPal receipt is tied to your actual email!

Dick: Account.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not the one that you typed into the...and then it's always like, "homail.com" instead of "hotmail."

Dick: Wait, who's using Hotmail anymore either?

Maddox: Uh, our listeners.

Dick: They are, I know!! I don't get... (sighs)

Maddox: I guess!

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Dick, I got one last clip to play. This is from Reverend Scott. He sent in another clip this time. So he sent in one for our 50th episode and he thought this was another milestone, 52!

Dick: Did he rip off the background music this time and not credit it?

Maddox: Sure... (chuckles) Sure did!

Dick: Did you see that?

Maddox: I credited it though, yeah.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah, I did.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: I saw that somebody in the comments said, "This came from someone else."

Dick: Yeah. No regard!

Maddox: Yeah. No, he mentioned it in an email but I thought it was a collaboration. I don't know if it was, but I -

Dick: (interjects) No!

Maddox: I gave credit just to be safe.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: So anyway, here it is. [**plays Reverend Scott's message**]

Maddox sound clip: "If she don't raw dog, I go, 'Naw, dog.'"

(relaxing acoustic guitar music starts in background)

Dick: Here comes the Christian Ministries of Reverend Scott.

Maddox: I love it. (smiling)

Reverend Scott: Hey there Maddox, Dick and Sean. This is Reverend Scott. Here to celebrate your one-year anniversary with a little segment I like to call "Holy Shit with Reverend Scott." I can already tell you're excited to hear it, Maddox.

Maddox sound clip: "Ughhh! This is worse than sittin' on my balls."

Reverend Scott: Maybe I'll just stop, then.

Dick sound clip: "Come on, it makes my nipples so hard."

Reverend Scott: Well, in that case I'll continue! (Randy laughs in the background) **First things first though: it's about time I came here with my own problem.**

Dick: What?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Reverend Scott: I've been listenin' to your problems for a year now. Plastic bag bans, self-checkout lanes not working, not enough bartenders, Toms shoes, anti-vaxxers, drought dickbags, celebrity worship, hipsters, detox diets; you know what all those have in common? The state of fuckin' California.

Dick: Hm.

Reverend Scott: That's my problem. Cali-fuckin'-fornia. We're really only one earthquake away from solving that problem though, so everybody go vote down earthquakes 'cause that's not a problem. That's a solution! I'd like to see you try and argue against that logic, Dick.

Dick sound clip: "Uhhh...alright, lemme think. Hold on. Nah, you got me." (Maddox laughs)

Reverend Scott: What's even worse about California is all you jerkoffs live there.

Maddox sound clip: "Get fucked."

Reverend Scott: I'm serious! I don't like what that place is doin' to you guys. What do you spend most of your time doin' there, Dick?

Dick sound clip: "'Usually I'm getting my ass torn up."

Reverend Scott: I know I don't wanna pass out at any parties YOU go to, Dick.

Dick: Gay jokes.

Reverend Scott: Not with what they do to ya.

Dick sound clip: "They draw dicks on your face, they put their dicks on your face, they put your dick on THEIR face." (Dick laughs)

Reverend Scott: And don't you laugh Maddox, because California has done something even worse to you. It's taken away your manhood.

Maddox sound clip: "Hey guys, psychologically I identify as a woman, so you have to call me a woman, I get to use the women's restrooms...I haven't had the operation or the surgery yet. Nobody should be allowed to doubt my sincerity."

Reverend Scott: Oh, we won't, buddy. (Maddox laughs) **And that's probably why you're so into censoring porn!**

Maddox sound clip: "I mean, a vagina would totally kill my boner if I saw it uncensored." (Sean laughs in the background)

Reverend Scott: I think it's about time we just all said farewell to Maddox's balls.

Maddox sound clip: "Take my balls, do with them what you will! Why don't you have a Viking funeral for my balls? Why don't you just send them out to sea, set them on fire and watch them just get ashy. They might as well, 'cause they're never gonna do anything."

Reverend Scott: At least you can start getting the type of sex that you want the most.

Maddox sound clip: "Super into anal." (Maddox laughs)

Reverend Scott: Okay, okay.

Maddox sound clip: "Sometimes penis goes into butt." (fart sound effect)

Reverend Scott: Okay Maddox, we get it! God. And I'd mention Sean too, but then this segment would probably get deleted. (Maddox laughs) **Oh, and Asterios, uh...he's not even from California so I'm not sure what his excuse is.**

Asterios sound clip: "This whiny little bitch needs to shut the hell up!"

Reverend Scott: You know what? I think that's enough for one week, guys. Congrats on one year of podcasts. Now go vote up California. And as always, peace and love, guys.

Maddox sound clip: "Shithead! FUCK! Oh man, I'm g-...I'm gonna jerk off out of anger!"

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 53</u>

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(Theme riff in background)

Dick: Today's show is brought to you by our own bonus episode!

[**montage of clips from Bonus Episode 7 plays**]

Maddox: Everybody is dumb compared to me.

Maddox: I got a comment from Chael Greer...whatever. Why don't you guys get simpler names?? (Dick giggles) Huh? "Chael"? How the fuck...

Dick: 'Cause you value pride above anything else. (Maddox and Sean laugh) That's why! You value pride above time, friendships, relationships, people's health, your own health...

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: Look out, you're pullin' his covers! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeeeah.

Maddox: Yeah, they had milk privilege.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: Were those the 2 percenters? (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly)

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) (rimshot sound effect)

Dick: You know why I have that book? 'Cause I'm gay.

Dick: He's like the black Orville Redenbacher.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: I learned it in Rush Hour 2.

Maddox: Oh, great. I bet you did.

Maddox: That's what you are. You're enabling...you're a douchebag enabler! Go to Portland, go to any coffee shop. There's another fuckin' handlebar moustache dipshit in his jorts! (Dick laughs) His pulled-up jorts and his loafers with no fuckin' socks on!

Dick: This is the wrong show! This is the Solutions show!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: All of these are problems!

Sean: Talk about a 180.

Maddox: Sorry I blew your fuckin' minds. (Dick giggles) I'm sorry I'm so smart. Everyone's dumb compared to me.

[montage ends]

Dick: Now available at http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. And with us today is our very good friend and comedian, Ron Babcock!

Ron: Hey guys.

Dick: Hello, Ron. (smiling)

Ron: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome to the show, Ron. We know Ron through the comedy scene in Los Angeles. Very funny guy.

Dick: Oh, you sound like such a douchebag when you put it like that. (Ron chuckles)

Maddox: I know. Yeah, I didn't wanna say...I don't know -

Ron: (interjects) I do hang out in the scene! (Dick laughs) I am a comedy scene guy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I guess. What else would you call it though?

Dick: I have seen Ron play...I think the funniest thing I've seen you do is play Jefferson Davis.

Ron: Oh yeah, for the Tournament of Nerds?

Dick: In an arguing contest, yeah.

Ron: You know what I found out? That was for the...when the Veep...the cast of Veep was judging that show?

Dick: Yes.

Ron: And Joe Starr was helpin' me out, and they said that they wanted to give us the win but they didn't want it to get out that the cast of Veep voted for Jefferson Davis.

Dick: Ohhh.

Ron: You know, 'cause he was the president of the Confederacy? So they were like, "Yeah, so we didn't give you the win." And I'm like, "Meh, that's kinda better."

Dick: That sucks.

Ron: Yeah.

Dick: It was that you had a...you had a leaf blower...

Ron: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...and toilet paper on a stick, toilet paper rolls on a stick.

Ron: On like a plunger, and then we came out to Kid Rock's...you know that "Bawitdaba"?

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: And my friend Joe was dressed behind me as a juggalo holding a Confederate flag that said "redneck" on it, and we just kinda sprayed that. So the whole thing was like, you know, Jefferson Davis is just this piece of...he was actually an awful president too for the Confederacy. He was TERRIBLE.

Dick: Well, but he was...he supported states' rights.

Ron: Yeah, states' rights! That was the whole argument, states' rights.

Maddox: Alright, here we go. What is this? (Dick laughs) Sean, what's the...is this a record for the libertarian agenda? (giggles)

Dick: The ingenuity of the toilet paper cannon is great. (Ron laughs) I was like, "That's amazing! That should be a lifehack! This should be on the Internet!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: You turn on the leafblower, the toilet paper goes crazy.

Maddox: Yeah, that's a real lifehack. Real useful. (Ron snickers)

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: "Oh man, I can't get this toilet paper off this roll fast enough."

Dick: Already in a bad mood. (grinning)

Maddox: No! I'm happy, I'm super happy. In fact, let's go over the voting from last episode, Dick. (menacingly) (Dick laughs)

Ron: Ooo!

Maddox: #1 problem from last week was Armchair Economists! (**clapping sound effect**) Yeah, that's right!

Dick: Oh my god. (under his breath)

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Smart. Brilliant. GENIUS. Maddox.

Dick: Ron, do you know what we do on this show?

Ron: Yes, uh...and by that I mean no. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Okay, so we bring in...we bring in problems...

Ron: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...and we try to present our case as to why it's the biggest problem in the universe.

Ron: Okay.

Dick: But every once in a while...Maddox did something interesting last week. He brought in a problem, and then he WAS that problem as hard as he possibly could be. (Maddox laughs) He brought Armchair Economists last week, and then proceeded to be an armchair economist for half an hour so bad and so hard that a doctorate...a doctorate of, uh, economy...I don't know.

Maddox: Oo! (sarcastic)

Dick: What is... (cracks up) What is he?

Maddox: Oh, this sounds like somebody I will respect! Even though I...I basically spent the entire hour shitting on economists, how they're basically just glorified clairvoyants. What did this, uh, what did this -

Dick: (interjects) After taking one college course in economics.

Maddox: Yeah, and what did this psychic say?

Dick: A PROFESSOR of economics...

Maddox: Uh-huh?

Dick: ...took time out of his very busy and...

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly)

Dick: This is a learned man who has a PhD!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Not a Ph-Nothing like you!

Maddox: A Ph-

Dick: (interjects) A PhD in economics.

Maddox: Yeah? Does it stand for... (laughs)

Dick: He took time out of his day to write a 3-page response to your asinine comments about armchair economics.

Maddox: Why didn't I see it? Where...where is it?? Why didn't I see it?

Dick: Well, I brought it in.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: I'm gonna read you...I'm gonna read you passages from it if you want.

Maddox: So Ron, let me get you up to speed and anyone who hasn't listened to the last episode yet, which was probably one of our best ever. It's one of my personal favorites. Um...the premise of the problem I brought in, Armchair Economists, was because someone called me out for this thing called the broken window fallacy, (Dick sighs) which is basically...if you break a window, it's not a good thing because the argument is made that it could stimulate the economy, right?

Ron: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So people say, "Well..." (Dick scoffs and laughs) "...you have to replace the window, so that money that you would spend on replacing the broken window could be spent on something else that you're now not spending it on, so therefore it's a null...it's a null contribution to the economy." That's the entire fallacy.

Dick: Ron, lemme ask you this. Broken window: bad or good?

Ron: Uh, I'd say it's bad.

Dick: Yeah, there we go.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah -

Dick: (interjects) There we go, more qualified than you. (laughs)

Maddox: And yet, AND YET, I just wanna make this point. You know what's ironic is that very same episode we got a package from our good fan Butt Sanchez where we had literally broken bottles in it, which made for a way better episode, added a significant amount of value to this show's lore, and that we will be talking about forever! Dick, you yourself said it couldn't have turned out better.

Dick: Yeah, you're right. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah!! So there you go! Our own fuckin' episode disproved the fuckin' bullshit-ass theory.

Ron: And so...and his name was Butt Sanchez?

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, we got a big fan. (laughs)

Dick: This guy...

Ron: That's awesome.

Dick: I mentor him in ways, in life ways.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And love ways.

Ron: My dad was a, um...a professor of economics at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Dick: That's true?!

Ron: He was also associate dean of the school of management there, which is nationally recognized. So just on a matter of principle and in honor of my father who, yes, has passed away, I'd like to be against Maddox's argument. (Dick, Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: What an unfair horseshit argument. (Ron snickers) And I'm sorry for your loss. (laughs)

Dick: Well, here's another... (cracks up) Here's another professor of economics who supports you. He says, "Dick and Maddox, love the show. I'm a recent PhD in economics and I'm starting as a professor at Northern Illinois University in August. I heard Maddox's TERRIBLE..." (laughs with Ron)

Maddox: Why did you...why did you emphasize that? Was that in quotes?

Dick: Uh... (stammers)

Maddox: Was he being sarcastic?

Dick: I assume...no, no. (Maddox laughs) That's just what it says. "...TERRIBLE attempt at trying to justify the broken window fallacy and I couldn't resist sending this." That's how it starts.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: 3 pages long. I'm not gonna...I'm not gonna read all of it. We -

Ron: (interjects) Dude, he worked on that...like, that was his whole morning was composing this email.

Dick: So, I think we have to post it!

Ron: Oh, yeah!

Dick: Like, this is a...this is a white paper!

Maddox: I'm happy to see it! I'm happy to see it. Here's what I'm going to propose, okay? This is no joke. I want the biggest, baddest awesome economist out there who's listening to this show...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That's professors included, okay?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: If you guys wanna nominate this professor to challenge me to a debate, I would love to have a fuckin' debate with this guy, specifically about the broken window fallacy because I don't know shit about economics.

Dick: Anything!

Maddox: I'm not an armchair econ-... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Shut the fuck up, Dick! (Dick laughs) My problem was voted high! Your bullshit Bicyclers problem? Downvoted into negative territory.

Ron: Wait, bicyclists in general?

Dick: Yeah! Bicyclers.

Maddox: BicyclERS is what you call them.

Dick: "Bicyclers."

Ron: Bicyclers.

Maddox: 'Cause he... (laughs)

Dick: I have a big problem with bicyclers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're a pain in everybody's ass.

Ron: Oh, you mean just people -

Dick: (interjects) They're like the hemorrhoids of traffic.

Ron: So just any dude on his bike, you're not into it?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Big problem.

Ron: Oh god, I hate both these problems.

Maddox: What a stupid asshole. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Okay. Ron, this is no joke. When I was taking the advanced math portion of the GRE test, some kid walked into our testing room and he said, "Is this, uh, is this econ advanced study?" and we're like, "No, it's the room next door." And after he left someone blurted out...he's like, "Economics? Is there a wrong answer?" and everybody busted up laughing. It's like the butt of jokes in the mathematics field.

Dick: Is that a math joke?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, wow. (laughs with Maddox)

Ron: Dude, super...super hilarious. (Dick and Maddox laugh harder)

Maddox: Hey, we're math majors!

Dick: Asymptotically approaches "not funny."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is the limit of -

Ron: (interjects) That joke has such a common denominator. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Ron, you fucking...that's not even nerdy! That's just, like...

Dick: Dr. Holt, the doctor of economics, goes -

Maddox: (interjects) This is the guy?

Dick: Yeah. Goes on to say...

Maddox: Great!

Dick: ..."First of all, I should point out that these clunky regression models Maddox criticizes are exactly the same clunky regression models he used to justify the lack of a gender wage gap in last month's video."

Maddox: No, that's not true.

Dick: Well, that's what the doctor says! Who...are you -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, actually...actually, hold on, hold on, hold on.

Dick: Actually yes? (smiles)

Maddox: No no, uh, specifically one of the studies I referenced did do a regression model to figure out the wage gap. That was the American Association of University Women, not the Bureau of Labor Statistics study.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This...I'm gonna skip to the most important part, 'cause we're already runnin' late.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Dick accurately summed up the broken window fallacy by stating PRECISELY what Bastiat meant when first stating it. We see the effects of the broken window on the shopkeeper's wallet, but what we do not see is the money that would have been spent elsewhere." Precisely!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I precisely stated something that a respected economist said!

Maddox: You precisely -

Dick: (interjects) Off the top of my head!!

Maddox: No, you didn't.

Dick: I'm like a prodigy of economics over here.

Maddox: You simply cited the fallacy word for word. You just repeated yourself, which is what every single person who's been arguing with me has done. They have not addressed my arguments.

Dick: What -

Maddox: (interjects) Let me ask you this, Dick.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Let's say... (Dick laughs) Let's say this is not a hypothetical situation.

Dick: Everyone hates this conversation, by the way.

Maddox: I know.

Dick: We got so much hate mail about the economics problem.

Maddox: Just real quick! Just real quick.

Ron: No man, this is so awesome. I love it. (chuckling)

Maddox: I have two things I wanna say, okay? Two quick little examples.

Dick: One is "I'm sorry." (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: I'm NOT.

Ron: And the other is "I'm wrong." (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Okay Ron, I'm editing these episodes. I'm gonna use that out of context, you better believe it. Um, so here's... (everyone laughs) Here's the thing: there's, um, there's a...let's say there's a 3D modeler, somebody who models...does 3D modeling on their computer, right?

Dick: Nerd.

Maddox: That's something that requires a lot of rendering and computational power, right?

Ron: Yeah.

Maddox: So if your computer is, say, 5 years old -- which mine has been in many instances in my life, 5 or 10 years old -- and that computer is insured under renter's insurance, which covers computers, DVDs, power tools, et cetera, that computer gets destroyed and you replace it for the cost of value. Right? That, uh, the cost of the purchase? Then you buy a modern-day computer that increases your efficiency.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So your productivity has now increased, hasn't it?

Dick: Oh god, I got that sound in my brain. That "EEEEEEEEEH" sound, listening to this.

Maddox: Yeah. No rebuttal!

Ron: Despite the time you spent not having a computer.

Maddox: Well, that's trivial.

Dick: It's trivial. (grins)

Maddox: You could buy it the same day if you wanted to.

Dick: It's trivial to not have a computer, Ron.

Ron: I mean, yeah. I mean oh, apparently your insurance company's really good. They cut you that check pretty fast.

Dick: Yeah! (laughing) They never fuck with you at all.

Maddox: I mean, that's arbitrary. That's an arbitrary argument. You could say it's a day, you could say it's a week, you could say it's a month. Like, whatever. I mean whatever that

time is, yeah, you're correct, you would deduct that from it, but it would depend on how quickly they returned it. But no rebuttal I'm hearing.

Dick: No, 'cause it's...it's stupid.

Maddox: Dick, if in the earthquake they built something, say like a power reactor that, uh, in place of some of the broken hovels and houses...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...that then generated funds in the future. Would you say that that's a positive benefit from the earthquake?

Dick: From the earthquake?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know. What if two people met and fell in love because of the earthquake?

Maddox: No no, this -

Dick: (interjects) "Oh, sorry all the hundreds of thousands of people that died."

Maddox: This isn't a "what if." Like, what if they...I mean I'm asking you, if that actually happened would you say that's positive?

Dick: Would I say it's positive that they built a reactor?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just tell me what you wanna say! I don't know what...I don't know what the hell you're thinking.

Maddox: You won't answer. You don't give me a straight answer.

Dick: No, because building a reactor?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You need power plants!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What do you mean, "it's good or bad"? You need them!

Maddox: Say -

Dick: (interjects) If you had a working one -

Ron: (interjects) You're basically making the same argument as Gary Oldman did in The Fifth Element.

Dick: Yep!

Ron: When the priest...he's talking to the head priest and he's like, "Chaos is good because you have to have all these little toys and these workers and these manufacturers to help clean up the chaos."

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: But what Gary Oldman didn't realize was that it was almost too much chaos. It would've brought, like...you know, you could have a little bit of chaos and it was for economic activity, but too much...like a huge earthquake that would dismantle all of our systems?

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: We wouldn't recover from that quick enough.

Dick: Hm, yeah.

Maddox: Interesting, yeah.

Dick: That's Jean-Baptiste Emanuel Zorg, bitch. What do you have to say about that?

Maddox: Yeah, well I have this case study from 1976.

Dick: Oh god, nooo! No! (laughing)

Maddox: The Tangshan earthquakes, dickhead. You know what happened? They rebuilt the entire city more modern, widened streets, greater property value, AND they built a power reactor that was the biggest power reactor in Northern China. And guess how they paid for it? This totally shits on your fuckin' fallacy because they didn't go into debt! They paid for it with future profits from the power reactor that they built, so fuck you!

Dick: Bro, it's Nepal.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: They're like the poorest country on Earth.

Maddox: Look, I -

Dick: (interjects) They don't have these options.

Maddox: Correct. I already ceded that the broken window fallacy is accurate in some instances.

Ron: Dude, this is gonna be so ironic when you die in an earthquake. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: I may!

Dick: And he's gonna put his funeral on a credit card. (everyone except Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Why are you all laughing?

Dick: Maddox, a famed economist! (laughs more)

Ron: Oh, god. He's gonna crowdfund his own funeral costs.

Maddox: I'm your FRIEND. (Dick and Ron cackle) This isn't funny.

Dick: So you wanna argue, uh, an econ-...you said you wanted to argue an economist, or you wanna debate a...bring the best one you've got.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's what you said.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's like Scrappy Doo challenging Mike Tyson to a boxing match.

Maddox: You realize, Dick Masterson, when you search for the broken window fallacy, there is an entire section on Wikipedia that just says...that's entirely criticisms, and there's a study in the Journal of Economic Inquiry, Volume 40, Issue 4 that specifically shits on this fallacy? You realize, like, this is not just me conjecturing here. This is actually other learned men, in your...to use your parlance, (Dick scoffs) have shit on this fallacy as well.

Ron: I think what you're tryin' to say is that you can make the best out of a bad situation.

Maddox: Correct. Sometimes.

Ron: You know? BUT...

Maddox: Sometimes, yes.

Ron: ...sometimes, that's the thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: 'Cause not all...you know, people, uh...you know, sometimes people spill some milk. Look at Haiti!

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: Look at Haiti.

Maddox: Yeah, Haiti's -

Ron: (interjects) I don't have anything else to say besides that, but look at Haiti.

Maddox: Haiti's a good example of this not working.

Dick: I got an email...er, I got a voicemail for ya. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Maddox, you sanctimonious piece of shit. (everyone laughs) **I can't fucking believe that you sat on this fucking podcast and all you talked about was how good war was for the economy. It killed tens of millions of people!**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Voicemail: How the fuck don't you understand that? (Maddox chuckles) **"The economy is so great! Oh, war helped the economy!" What about the tens of millions of people who are FUCKING DEAD?**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Eh, I don't know.

Voicemail: You fucking idiot!! (Maddox laughs) **Fuck!**

Maddox: Yeah, sometimes it's not all good.

Voicemail: That's it.

[message ends]

Maddox: Um... (everyone laughs) But in the...no! I admit...I admit that.

Dick: Here, I got another one for ya.

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Yeah Maddox, you forgot about the broken HYMEN fallacy, where we speculate that you go fuck yourself. (everyone laughs) **But you can't because you're fucking free flowing outta your vagina.** (Maddox guffaws)

[message ends]

Dick: Yeah. (amused) We got another one. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddox, I just wanted to let you know that the assumptions you used to criticize the broken window fallacy included some assumptions of your own.

Maddox: "Wuhhh..." (stupid voice)

Dick: Yeah.

Voicemail: Like money sitting in the bank is bad?

Maddox: "Uhhh..." (Dick giggles)

Voicemail: Money sitting in the bank reduces the cost of capital...

Maddox: "Reduces." (dopey)

Voicemail: ...and then people can invest in things like research and development.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: (coughs) (Maddox and Ron snicker) **You also...assume that spending is inherently good for the economy.**

Maddox: No.

Voicemail: If I give you 20 dollars to eat shit, (Maddox giggles) **and you turn right around and give ME 20 dollars to eat shit, the economy grew by 40 dollars but we both ate shit for nothing.** (Maddox and Ron laugh) **And Dick, roads were built to accommodate -**

Dick: [**cuts off message**] That's a good point!

Ron: Dude, that guy's great. (everyone laughs more)

Maddox: Why don't you put the joint down, dickhead? Next time you call into a professional, nationally...worldwide-syndicated radio broadcast. Er, podcast.

Dick: Alright.

Ron: You never put that joint down, man! (laughs with Maddox)

Dick: Scott Miller says, "Sanchez, you imbecile, do you know how many people you could have helped in Nepal if you sent them this barbecue sauce?" I don't know if he does or not.

Maddox: Probably close to zero. I got a comment from Zachary Jensen. He said, "Funny seeing Maddox get called anti-fun in the intro when Dick's problem is fucking Bachelor Parties."

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: That was from a couple episodes ago.

Dick: Oh, please. Oh, you're tryin' to turn this around on me now?

Maddox: You're anti-fun. (Dick scoffs and laughs) Yeah!

Dick: Okay, Starlord. (Maddox laughs) Whatever you say.

Maddox: I got another comment from Derek Hart. And you got called out on this a lot, Dick, in the comments, but he said, "Dick, a tight end does not run the ball often unless it is a trick play. On the goal line a hand off usually goes to the running back or full back." What, you...?

Dick: Here, I got a voicemail. I got a great voicemail on that one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I...I try to bring in voicemails that shit on me...

Ron: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...but last week there was only two. (everyone laughs) 'Cause Maddox made such an ass of himself.

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Yeah, I don't know what the "bags of sand" equivalent is for football, but hand it off to the tight end at the 1-yard line? You're a fuckin' idiot. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

[message ends]

Maddox: I'm so glad that people called you out on football, because I don't know shit about it.

Dick: No, well... (sighs) No, I knew I screwed it up as I listened back to it too. I was thinking...so this guy, this fan...this fan packaged like 400 dollars worth of hot sauce -

Ron: (interjects) Was it Butt Sanchez?

Dick: Yes.

Ron: Okay.

Dick: Butt Sanchez packaged like 400 dollars worth of hot sauce and, um...and like, and toys and a statue of Ash from Army of Darkness.

Maddox: A limited edition out of 150 of them.

Ron: Whoa!

Maddox: And I saw one going on eBay right now, like today, goin' for 400 dollars.

Ron: Jeez.

Dick: Yeah. So he packaged all this stuff up for us as a present for our year anniversary, right?

Ron: Holy shit! Yeah, that's awesome!

Dick: And he's makin' a big deal out of it, but there was this whole thing...he didn't use any packing peanuts or anything. He put, like -

Ron: (interjects) He just put it in the box?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Basically.

Dick: Basically. So all the barbecue sauce -

Ron: (interjects) Does he not understand how things work? (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I don't think so.

Maddox: Well, that's why he's asking Dick for advice. Obviously not. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: Augh.

Maddox: Which, by the way Ron, again ended up being way better for the show than had those broken...those bottles not broken, so fuck you again with your broken fallacy horseshit. (Dick laughs)

Dick: So, uh, I was trying to...I was trying to teach the lesson of "look, when you're at the 1-yard line, you carry it across."

Ron: Mhm.

Dick: Like, you put the packing peanuts in. You make sure you do everything. Don't get distracted, don't start celebrating early. Right?

Ron: Uh-huh.

Dick: That was my point. I stupidly said "you hand it off to the tight end" when you never -

Ron: (interjects) Ohh, what a fuckin' IDIOT.

Maddox: Idiot.

Dick: Right. Right, right.

Maddox: That's what the...that's what the Seahawks did in the last Super Bowl, right? And they fucked up!

Dick: Well, they threw it...they threw it to the tight end instead of just handing it off to Marshawn Lynch.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The running back.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I got my metaphor all confused 'cause like, "Wait a minute, the quarterback's not gonna run it in."

Ron: Yeah, but I also feel like your listening audience is very understanding whenever you make a slight mistake.

Dick: I made a mistake.

Ron: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm saying I'm wrong.

Ron: Okay.

Dick: It's very easy.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Very easy to do.

Maddox: I don't...

Dick: Maddox, you...you just saw that, right?

Maddox: I've never said those two words consecutively in my life. Um... (Ron laughs) Anyway, this guy just ends a comment with "ESPN reporting, I'm Dick Masterson. Dick Masterson, sports reporter." (laughs)

Dick: Mhm. Great. (chuckling)

Maddox: Um, I don't...yeah, you got another one?

Dick: Go ahead. Oh, I do have one!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh...I do have one, and this is a topic I really wanna talk about but it's gonna be...there's gonna be a lot of acrimony brought up when I bring this up.

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: And there's gonna be a lot of...tempers are gonna flare, accusations are gonna fly...

Maddox: Ohh!

Dick: ...so I'm gonna bring it up now, but I don't wanna talk about it in front of our guest.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: I don't wanna talk about it while we have company.

Maddox: Okay. Let's keep this polite.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Like usual.

Ron: Right now I feel like the tone in the room is like when you go to your friend's house in middle school and his dad, like, hits his mom?

Maddox: Yep! (laughs with Dick)

Ron: Like, there's just this really weird energy right now and I'm not sure what to do.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Who's who? Who's the dad?

Ron: Um, I think we know who's who. (laughs with Dick)

Maddox: Don't fuck this up, Ron.

Dick: That's such a chickenshit answer!

Maddox: Yeah, fuckin' diplomacy.

Ron: You're obviously the woman, okay? (cracks up)

Dick: Lucas Lestrom...Lucas Lestrom says, "Didn't Sean say he'd bring a problem for the 52nd episode?" And he did! We did say that!

Sean: You're baiting me and I'm not going to do it. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Oooo.

Dick: Alright, we're gonna talk about it next week. (smiling)

Maddox: That's some 5 o'clock foreshadow. (laughs with Dick) I got a comment from Joseph Forsythe. He says, "Dick considers bicyclists a problem..." and in parentheses he says "(they aren't)"...

Dick: Okay. (chuckling)

Maddox: "...and says that they are more likely to get prostate cancer and health problems from pollution? Wouldn't that mean more bicyclists are likely to die from these problems, and thus there would be less of them?" And then he says, "It doesn't really matter anyway, because if you're sitting in a car, you're also increasing your chances of developing cancer." And then he posts a link to Cancer.org, where it says that women who sat for 6 or more hours daily faced a 37 percent greater risk of death as compared to those who sat for 3 hours or less, and for men the increased risk of death for those who sat at least 6 hours a day was 17 percent, and those who did not exercise regularly and also sat for long periods faced even greater mortality rates...

Dick: Dude.

Maddox: ...a startling 94 percent higher for women and 48 percent higher for men. Fuck you.

Dick: We gotta talk about the numbers. You get three numbers, then you gotta stop and summarize.

Maddox: Yeah. (flatly)

Dick: I don't know what the hell any of that was. I couldn't follow it.

Maddox: I'm sorry, Dick. Maybe go back to kid prison and pay attention this time.

Dick: What was the point of that? I'm wrong somehow?

Maddox: 94 percent higher rates of mortality for people who don't exercise and who sit for more than 6 hours a day, and 48 percent higher for men!

Dick: For people sitting?

Maddox: Yeah! Sittin' in your car with your air conditioning and your -

Dick: (interjects) People are sitting for 6 hours in their car? What is that, a study on truck drivers?

Maddox: No, it's...

Dick: Probably a study on office workers.

Maddox: It's a study of people who sit in traffic every day and then sit at their desks at work.

Ron: There's alotta standing desks in the office I work at.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: Like in the past year, and it's so weird because you'll be at your sitting desk and then the guy next to you gets a standing desk, and then he's just literally standing over you while you're sitting next to him. It's just this...and the whole office is currently being switched over, but it's the big thing. Standing cars, that's what we need.

Dick: That is what we need! That would be great!

Ron: That actually would be really fun, to stand and drive a car?

Dick: They have standing bicycles. They're called...

Ron: Like a podium?

Dick: ...racer scooters. (Ron laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. I was gonna say they have those, they're called scooters.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Talk about lookin' like a dipshit while you're traveling. And they have Segways too, I guess that's a standing car. Literally.

Ron: Yeah, I guess you're right. Eh, that's not as cool as I thought it was.

Dick: Standing car, it'd be a bus.

Maddox: Um...

Dick: You can stand in a bus.

Ron: I wanna drive it, though.

Dick: Alright, are we ready to get to problems? That's enough screwing around.

Maddox: We sure are, Dick.

Dick: Uh, big problem!

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Bad blowjobs...

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: ...is my problem.

Maddox: Bad blowjobs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why, uh, why is that a problem? (snickers)

Dick: Guys, I have an announcement to make.

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: I had an amazing blowjob this weekend.

Ron: Whooooa.

Maddox: Whooooa! Who's the...

Ron: What's his name?

Maddox: ...who's the guy? (laughs) (Sean chuckles in the background)

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, good one. (sneering) Gay jokes!

Maddox: Ron and I simultaneously, we're like...

Ron: Yeah, we both simultaneously took the...picked the low-hanging fruit.

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: Gay jokes, great. And it made me realize how awful bad blowjobs are.

Ron: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, bad blowjobs are awful.

Dick: So awful that I think they really could be the biggest problem in the universe.

Maddox: Hmm. Uh, well, you're wrong, but go on.

Dick: Why? Wrong already.

Maddox: Well, because it doesn't kill anyone, doesn't affect anyone, doesn't injure anyone, doesn't cause property -

Ron: (interjects) Yeah, no, it does kill someone. It kills boners like crazy. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Like crazy.

Ron: Do you know how awful it is to get a bad blowjob but then you still have to be like...kinda positive?

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Yeah!

Ron: Otherwise you just make them feel bad, so you're like, "No, it's great! It's awesome!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: And meanwhile you're trying so hard just to maintain a boner...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: ...and you're just like, "How do you have that many teeth in your mouth right now?" (Maddox laughs) "Like, it's not pleasurable at ALL."

Dick: You really have to dig deep.

Ron: 'Cause you take something that should be awesome and then all of a sudden it just makes it, like... (stammers) I've had blowjobs where I just couldn't wait for them to end, and that's a terrible way to go through a blowjob.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they don't prepare you for that!

Maddox: No.

Ron: No!

Dick: You think once you get 'em in bed...

Ron: This is gonna be -

Dick: ..."Oh man, this is all smooth sailing."

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: "Oh, it's gonna be so much fun!!" And then you...ugh.

Dick: It's like, it's like...I mean, it's like 3 outta 4! 3 outta 4 times it's just like, "Why did I even do any of this? Why did I - "

Ron: (interjects) You gotta be like a Little League coach. You know? Where you're like, "Go, keep it up! Good job, good job! Good eye, good eye!"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I've started coaching them. One of the best blowjobs I've ever gotten was, uh, was this girl who, like...just seemed dirty. Uh, she... (cracks up)

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: She just seemed, like, TOO dirty.

Dick: Like Pigpen?

Maddox: Like, too good at it...huh?

Dick: Like Pigpen? The Peanuts...? (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: No no no, not like Pig-

Ron: (interjects) Oh, like a blowjob so good you're like, "Man, how much practice have you had?"

Maddox: Yeah!

Ron: 'Cause that was aloootta practice.

Maddox: Exactly, one of those. Like, too much practice. It's like a porno blowjob.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And I'm like, "This is...this is nuts. Stop it. I feel like, I feel..." I started to blush during sex! (laughs)

Dick: Oh, awesome. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Is that a "bags of sand" comment?

Dick: Yeah! (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Whatever!

Ron: I just, like... (giggles) The idea of you putting your hand up to your cheek...

Dick: "Heeheeheehee!" (high-pitched)

Ron: ...and being like, "Oh my!" (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Dick: What made it so great?

Maddox: Um...well, do you want me to talk about the actual technique?

Dick: I wanna know to you what made it great.

Maddox: Okay, there's this move...it's -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause that's the big question online. I punched in, uh...

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: ..."what's the deal with...?" Like, "What's the deal with blowjobs?" online, and it's a bunch of women...or probably teenage girls, 'cause I imagine they don't really care if they give shitty blowjobs after they're 23, but just a bunch of girls going like, "What's the trick?"

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: "What do you do? What are the techniques?"

Maddox: It's intimate knowledge of the...of the wiener, and enthusiasm. Those two -

Dick: Eh, okay!

Ron: (interjects) That is the biggest thing for me.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Ron: It's always like, "What's the trick?" To just enjoy it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: That's how, is to actively enjoy the process. 'Cause I've gotten those, like, "you earned it" blowjobs, and there's nothing worse... (Maddox laughs)

Dick: It's insulting!

Ron: ...than getting a, "Well, I guess I gotta do this."

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: It's just like, "You're not having fun..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: "...I'M not having fun." (in unison with Dick) And 'cause I, uh, I like reciprocating.

Maddox: Sure!

Ron: And I actively enjoy it, and so it's like it's not -

Dick: (interjects) Sometimes.

Ron: You know? I mean, I...okay, well, I'm a creepy dude. I like it. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Alright! Alright, alright. (smiling)

Ron: Yeah, I just...you know?

Maddox: Yeah, man! It's, uh, it's fun. It's fun.

Dick: Well, I got some stats for you.

Maddox: Oho, great.

Dick: Well, you said...like you're saying, they've gotta love it. Right?

Ron: The worst is, like...the worst, though, is when they give it to you and they're not into it, and then they're like, "Why aren't you cumming?" and you're like, "Do you really want me to answer that question?"

Dick: Yeah, 'cause this is a charade! (Ron chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why. Um, "I love..." A survey out of Esquire -- women who said, "I love it," that was their response: only 30 percent!

Maddox: Only 30 percent of women...

Dick: Only 30 percent!

Maddox: ...said they love...

Dick: Said they love doing it.

Maddox: ...the peen?

Dick: That was their response to this survey, is "I love it." They had the choice between "I love it," "I like it 'cause he likes it," "I do it but I don't like it," which is like a prison sentence...

Ron: Mhm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...in bed, and "I won't do it": 5 percent!

Maddox: 5?!

Dick: I can't even imagine that!

Ron: That's a weird conversation. You know? "Hey, can I, um...you know that...would you ever consider, you know, letting me put my penis inside your head?" And her just drawing the line like, "I don't do that."

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: And it's like, "Well..." That to me is just being like, "No, I don't like to make my partner feel good."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right??

Ron: You know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: I guess I would ask, "Well, why? What's...you know, have you had a bad experience or something?" You know what I mean? I feel like there's a lot more subtext under a statement like that.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Yeah, I've met a lot of girls who...well, a lot of 'em will say, you know, it's kind of like a little bonus. They'll say "I'll swallow," and I say "I don't care. Uh, do what you want with it. Once it leaves my body, it's no longer mine and I don't feel it."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "So if it's goin' down your throat and it's doin' somethin', I don't know." (chuckling)

Dick: "I'm done, you're done, whatever. It doesn't matter to me."

Ron: I prefer if you go outside and spit it into my garden, (Maddox and Dick laugh) 'cause I actually hear it's really good for the plants.

Maddox: I don't care what you do with it, as...you can fertilize plants, just don't fertilize your ovaries.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: And please don't get it on my sheets. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: That too. (laughs more)

Ron: 'Cause I...actually, it is a big pet peeve of mine. I'm like, "Great, now I gotta wash 'em again!" 'Cause I'm, you know, pretty Type A.

Dick: And changing your sheets is a big hassle, isn't it? (Maddox groans)

Ron: Oh yeah, changing my...yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: And that's, like...so many dudes who don't get laid, I'm just like, "Just change your goddamn sheets." Like, you finally get a woman into your bed; first of all, your mattress is on the floor. Do you think any woman is excited about that possibility...

Dick: No.

Ron: ...when she goes into your room, sees your mattress on the floor? And then you have these dirty, crusty sheets. It's like all she's doing is just like, "I shouldn't be doing this!"

Dick: Mhm. (Maddox chuckles)

Ron: Like, just spend more than 18 dollars on sheets, change 'em once every two weeks. I'm not saying anything crazy right now.

Dick: No! No.

Ron: So many dudes don't do this and then they wonder why they never...

Dick: 'Cause it's a big hassle!

Ron: ...they never get laid, and it's like, "Because you live like a hobo." You know?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick Masterson. (Dick laughs)

Dick: What are you talkin' about me for?!

Maddox: Chili sheets.

Dick: I don't...oh, Jesus. (Maddox laughs) He made up this story that I have chili on my sheets for some...

Ron: Chili?

Dick: ...for some reason.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: Yeah, chili. I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: Is that what you call it? Chili? (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: Yeah. (sighs) Spicy.

Ron: "Babe, you want some of my chili?" (cracks up)

Maddox: Gross.

Ron: Just please say that all the time.

Dick: So, 30 percent. You're lookin' at 70 percent of the time, you're getting a shitty blowjob, man. That's 70 percent of life that's basically not worth living.

Maddox: Yeah. Man, uh, you find a partner that you're with for a long time who gives great blowjobs, and you're...you've got it made, man. You're golden.

Ron: Uh, yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: I think -

Maddox: (interjects) But I'm not...here's the thing: I think the problem here is society, because...

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: ...especially the media.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: TV at large, entertainment -- the entertainment industry -- has sold this...two great myths: first of all, that guys want sex all the time, and second is they want blowjobs all the time.

Ron: Yeah, I'm in my 30s, man. I don't want sex all the time.

Maddox: Yeah, and...I mean I do to an extent, but it's not with anyone, anywhere, anytime; it's like, "Hey, when I'm ready, I'll let YOU know."

Ron: Yeah, no, but there are definitely nights where I'm like, "We could seriously just watch Game of Thrones and I'd be totally happy."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that is a very 30s thing that you just said.

Ron: Yeah. No, I'm deep in it.

Maddox: Yeah. Um...and then the other thing, the blowjob thing, which is...which is like we're always supposed to want and expect blowjobs. I'm okay with not getting them some-...like, unless you want to.

Ron: Yeah! Yeah no, that's what I'm sayin'.

Maddox: Again, it's like, "I'm not gonna force my wiener in your mouth." Like, that's the thing.

Dick: But you could talk me into it.

Maddox: What? You specifically, Dick?

Dick: No, to a girl.

Maddox: I could talk a girl into it?

Dick: No, but she could talk me into it. (chuckling)

Maddox: YES, correct. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I don't want...I don't wanna necessarily.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But if you're lookin' for, uh, if you're lookin' for somethin'...

Ron: I think it really just comes down to, like...

Dick: If you're lookin' for a run at the snack bar...

Ron: ...enthusiasm. You know?

Maddox: It is.

Ron: If it's something that you wanna do, it's like, "Oh, does this turn you on? Oh, absolutely I wanna help out with that!"

Dick: Yeah. There's no moves.

Ron: Yeah.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's like professional wrestling.

Ron: But then do you...I mean, of course, what do you think about guys who won't go down on women?

Maddox: Stupid. Idiots.

Dick: Eh... (sighs)

Ron: I think it's -

Dick: (interjects) I think I'm...I could fall into that category sometimes.

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: 'Cause different women'll bring it outta you.

Ron: Well, I think I just...I've always enjoyed it, but I think if she's goin' down on you, it's...you can't be one of those dudes who's like, "Yeah, I don't do that." (dumb voice) 'Cause then you're just as bad.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, you don't have to say it. You just have to not do it. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Dick, that...

Dick: Big difference.

Maddox: ...that's the same thing, and then they get in that headspace where they're like, "Well, can I ask him for that special favor?"

Ron: "What's wrong with me?"

Dick: Yeah, maybe it wasn't good enough. Then they get to thinkin' like, "Oh, next time it'll be better and I'll get it."

Maddox: No man, I'm okay. I'm okay with, uh, with either one. If they're...if they're down, I'm down. 'Cause I'm down to chow. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (guffaws) That's gross.

Ron: I hate when people do the, uh...I hate those, like, whenever a woman says, "Oh, you were...like, you did that really nice thing, you came out with me and friends from high school. You're gonna get a blowjob later." I hate when people use sex...

Maddox: YES.

Ron: ...as this, like, reward or this treat.

Dick: Me too.

Maddox: Abso-...Ron, yes.

Ron: It's like, just fucking do it because it makes your partner feel good!

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: Like, why...

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Ron: Why do you have to, like...did I win?

Maddox: Ron, I...uh, yeah. (Ron laughs) That is the 'ding' of success. I've been working on a thesis about that specifically for a long time. It's something that -

Dick: (interjects) A thesis?! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah! It's something that, uh, that is so pervasive in entertainment, that sex is this reward, which is really perverse and disgusting.

Ron: It's fucked up!

Maddox: Yeah. It's basically -

Ron: (interjects) Just do it because it's the person you love!

Maddox: Yeah, it's not supposed to be a barter system. If you're not into it, I'm not into it.

Ron: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, end of story. Like, if you don't wanna have sex with me, alright, peace out!

Ron: Nothin' like turning sex into a transaction, you know? To really, like...

Maddox: Ugh.

Ron: ...heighten the mood.

Maddox: Well, what do you...yeah, what do you give me? What's, uh, what's for barter?

Ron: Mhm.

Maddox: Stupid.

Dick: Yeah. Well, that's my problem.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. Um...

Dick: I got the worst...I remembered the three worst blowjobs I've ever had. You wanna hear those?

Ron: Yeah, I kinda do.

Maddox: I kinda wanna hear a little bit more about the good one too! What's, uh...?

Dick: What do you wanna hear about the good one? Nobody wants to hear about good sex. They wanna hear about the awful stuff.

Maddox: Alright! Let's hear it.

Sean: Wait, were they from the same person?

Dick: No. "Woman," no. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Did you just call Sean a woman??

Dick: No, I'm saying not "person." "Were they from the same woman?"

Maddox: No no, I think "person" is correct.

Dick: No. (Maddox laughs)

Ron: Was her name Jeremy?

Dick: Uh, no. No, it was not.

Maddox: Alex?

Dick: No. (sighs) One was, um...

Maddox: Zandor?

Dick: ...one was about...one was about 2 pumps in, and she says to me, "Is it good? A lot of guys say that, uh, I'm...I give the best blowjobs they've ever had."

Maddox: Agh.

Ron: Ugh, I hate that. (Dick laughs) I hate that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: First of all, you know what? If...if you give the best, you don't have to say that if you do!

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: You know?

Maddox: You'll know.

Ron: The proof is in the chili, you know?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Gross. (smiling) (Sean chuckles in the background)

Dick: Yeah. So, uh, I had to...I had to end it.

Ron: I never trust any girl who ever says "I'm really good at blowjobs," 'cause I'm like, "First off, if you were that good you wouldn't need to say anything, 'cause you would already have your self worth just from being fucking awesome at it. You wouldn't need to express it to anybody else." Same thing with guys saying like, "Oh,
I'm great at goin' down on chicks." Um, no you aren't. If you don't ever talk about it...

Dick: Huh!

Ron: ...then you are.

Dick: No, totally. Let's see, the second one was...the second one was a girl punished the...well, she was trying to do, like, a sword-in-the-stone thing but in reverse? (Ron snickers)

Ron: Jesus Christ! (Maddox and Sean laugh uncomfortably)

Dick: Like...you know? (cracks up)

Ron: That sounds so painful!

Dick: The sword...yeah, it was very painful.

Ron: What do you...how does that work?!

Dick: Well, instead of trying to pull the sword out of the stone...

Ron: Uh-huh?

Dick: ...she was trying to cram the sword INTO the stone, if you catch my meaning.

Ron: Oh my gosh!

Dick: Right? Just as hard as possible, like, "I'm sure this thing will fuckin' fit if I just hammer it a little more."

Ron: That sounds awful. (cringing)

Dick: And I'll tell you the worst part: she loved it. (Ron gasps) So I had to adapt to...to this treatment again and again and again! 'Cause what are you gonna do, say no to that??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? I'm not crazy.

Maddox: Poor guy!

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox chuckles) And the worst one was, uh, this girl says, "Do you have a condom?" And I just...I started laughing. (Maddox and Sean laugh) I was like, "For a blowjob?! No!" (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, no. (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: "Nevermind, we're done."

Maddox: Nooo. Condoms with blowjobs are stupid, unless you got bumps on your dick, which I don't. (laughs)

Dick: I got one more stat. Um...

Maddox: Sean's shakin' his head. (grinning)

Dick: 23 percent of men refuse to date women who will not give them blowjobs.

Maddox: That should be 100 percent. That's a huge problem.

Dick: Now, that's what I thought too!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But let's...we've got 4 guys here in this room. Uh, Ron?

Ron: Yeah?

Dick: Are you a "yes" or "no"? Do you agree or disagree with that? Girl says no; what do you say? "Hit the road, sweetheart"? "Hit the road, Jacqueline"?

Ron: I don't know if I'd say "hit the road." I would try and find, like...be like, "Why? Talk to me about it." Like...

Dick: So you're hooked right there.

Ron: Yeah.

Dick: A "why" is in.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's a foot in the door.

Ron: I'm...I wanna hear the reasons -

Maddox: (interjects) Those are sales questions!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mhm! Those are buying questions.

Ron: I mean, but there's...I mean, if she got some big old titties? (underhandedly) I mean, there's other factors in my...

Maddox: Alright.

Ron: You know what I mean?

Dick: Mm, that's true! That's true. Maddox?

Maddox: The women in this, uh...I think the women of this episode are loving this, by the way. Um...

Ron: Do any women I-

Dick: (interjects) Why? We're givin' them good tips!! (Maddox scoffs) According to the Internet, this is what they search for!

Maddox: Yeah, a little Dick tip. I think that if the woman is, uh, is abjectly opposed to it, then I would say "No, hit the r-..."

Ron: (interjects) Like if a blowjob killed their father?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, o-...I mean, there are exceptions. If a blowjob killed her father I'd give her an exception, but you know, I'd...that would be...I'd have to hear the story, really, to judge. Yeah, if the chick's not into it that's a different story, but if she just absolutely refuses out of principle, I'd say, "Okay, see ya. You're not interested in...I mean, you're not open-minded at some point." That's -

Dick: (interjects) What if she doesn't tell you and just never does it?

Maddox: Uh...I don't know.

Ron: But it's also like, a blowjob isn't a crazy thing.

Maddox: No.

Ron: If a girl's like, "I don't like anal," it's like, "Oh, okay."

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: "Okay, I get that. Like, okay! Fine, I understand. It's not comfortable and you don't enjoy it."

Dick: It's traumatic.

Maddox: And then you spend the rest of your life just tryin' to persuade her to, uh, to open up that b-hole! (**fart sound effect**)

Ron: Yeah. (laughs with Maddox)

Dick: It's fun.

Maddox: Yeah!

Ron: "Come on, it's my birthday." (dopey voice)

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: "Come onnn."

Dick: Sean? You're the last one. Yes or no? (smiling)

Sean: I don't know what I'd say. It's never happened to me.

Dick: Ohhh. (disdainful)

Maddox: Ohh, fucking cool, Sean! (laughing)

Sean: No, I'm serious!

Dick: Fuck off.

Sean: I've never dated a woman who...

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Sean: ...who wouldn't! (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Cool...cool Sean. (amused)

Dick: Welp... (sighs) Then...thanks, guys. That... (scoffs)

Maddox: What about the hypothetical, Sean? If a girl was refusing at the outset -

Dick: (interjects) If a girl walked in here right now with an itty bitty waist and a round thing in your face and she said, "I don't suck dick"...?

Sean: I mean, I'd probably look for somebody else.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Okay! Fair enough! And how about you, Dick? What's your final answer?

Dick: Oh yeah, of course! God, yes.

Maddox: Okay. 'Kay, sorry Ron, you... (cracks up) You're the guy gettin' the lemon in this deal.

Ron: Ah, that's alright.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright. Thank you for being our guest this week, and we should mention your website's HeyRon.com, which we'll plug in at the end, but it's really funny. There's this sketch that you just put up there.

Ron: Yeah! You're -

Maddox: (interjects) That I'm in!

Ron: You're in!

Maddox: I have a cameo. I haven't even seen it, and I asked not to see it until after this episode.

Ron: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: Well, that's good.

Maddox: Okay, so -

Dick: (interjects) Why did you put him in a sketch?

Ron: 'Cause I needed someone, and I, uh...I texted him and he was like, "Yeah, I'm down!"

Dick: Alright, yeah.

Ron: And so I was like, "Sweet, let's do it."

Dick: How would you grade his acting?

Ron: Um...

Dick: Is it better than his economizing?

Ron: MUCH better.

Dick: Okay, great.

Ron: Abso-...astoundingly better.

Maddox: Fuck... (Dick laughs) Fuck you guys! (**buzzer sound effect**) I'm so p-...okay, you know what? Let's skip Ron. Uh, let's go to my problem. (Ron laughs) Ron, what do you got this week?

Ron: Alright, my problem is, um...automatic dispensers in airport bathrooms.

Dick: That's very specific.

Ron: Yeah.

Maddox: VERY specific.

Ron: You know the, uh, the hand and the soap...and honestly even the toilets. It's, um -

Maddox: (interjects) So automatic sensors, right?

Ron: Yeah. Automatic sensors, basically.

Maddox: Automatic sensors, okay.

Ron: Okay, remember when airports started getting these motion-controlled faucets?

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: Do you remember the first time you saw that? Like, I had...I remember seeing that and I had such high hopes for the future.

Dick: I thought it was cool.

Maddox: Yeah!

Ron: I remember I was like, "Oh my god, finally. This is it. Like, the future is now." And I...you know, I was like, "Okay, just a few more years and we'll have the flying cars and the hoverboards..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: "...and like, space ice cream will be everywhere."

Maddox: It's a little cocktease of the future.

Ron: And it was just great, and I...but I remember it was, uh, but it was a little bit weird. You know? They didn't quite work but I was like, "You know what? That's okay, 'cause it's a new technology and I understand that when new technology happens it's a bit wonky."

Dick: Mhm.

Ron: "It takes a couple years to iron that out. I'm not ridiculous, I understand that. It's not perfect, that's fine." But it's been 10 YEARS and it's still wonky, alright? Kinks abound. Every time you try and use an automatic dispenser, it's like when four cars pull up at the same time to an intersection.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: You just don't know who to go, and there's this hemming and hawing, and there's wasting of water during an epic drought, you know?

Dick: Yeah, well...

Ron: And also, this is like...they're pitching us the idea of self-driving cars and the hyperloop and the Oculus Rift and robot limbs, and all these things where we're giving robots, like, control over vast parts of our lives. And a lot of people are nervous about this, and rightly so because they can't get fucking automatic soap dispensers right in airport bathrooms! I mean, if your kid can't make toast, you're not gonna let him make breakfast. Alright?

Maddox: Right. (chuckling)

Ron: In this scene, the automatic soap dispensers...well, I guess the hyperloop would be like the bacon, and the dispensers would be like...not even the toast. It'd be the napkin that you use to wipe your face.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: You know? And they just...if they can't get that right, I don't trust them with anything else.

Dick: There's no possible way!

Ron: Yeah!

Maddox: I wouldn't...I wouldn't let a kid make me breakfast, but I'd MAKE him. So, it's a very subtle distinction there.

Dick: Mhm.

Ron: So you would order him to make you breakfast?

Maddox: Yeah. Unless he wanted to, in which case I'd say no. (Ron and Sean laugh) It's a control thing. Um, yeah -

Dick: (interjects) Just like blowjobs.

Maddox: No... (laughs with Ron) No.

Ron: I only want a blowjob from a girl who doesn't wanna do it. Is that what you're sayin'?

Dick: It's...yeah. Now that they're 10 years old too, all of it's fallen into disrepair. Like, you go to use those soap things, you put your hand under there, it does nothing, you assume it's broken; you take your hand away, it shoots out a bunch of pink goo, and you look on the floor and there's like a swamp of pink goo. And you're like, "Tremendous."

Ron: It's supposed to make things efficient. Like, my mind was blown when I saw that one part from Garden State when Zach Braff walked by all the...the faucets, and they all go off as he's walking by?

Dick: Yep.

Ron: And in my head I was like, "Well, we gotta fix that, 'cause that's just a huge waste of water." And we still haven't quite fixed it, and I don't understand how we can shoot thousands of satellites into space and we can't get one of those teams to, like, crack this code on their lunch break to finally make a decent sensor so that this shit just works.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, the toilets don't work, the soap doesn't work...

Ron: Oh, the hand thing? When you wave your hand in front of the paper towel dispenser?

Dick: You know what the worst fuckin' thing about that is? It only sh-...it shoots out like a third of a serving...

Ron: Mhm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: ...then it shoots out like 3 of those, like a whole serving, and you still need one more to dry your hands properly.

Ron: So you do it again, and then it just -

Dick: So you do it again...

Ron: So we've turned going to the bathroom into this, like...kind of a stressful experience.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: Like, it should be this part where you go in, you relieve yourself, you have a moment of calm. You're already in an airport, so you're already kinda heightened.

Maddox: Drop a deuce.

Ron: And nothing they're doing...and it doesn't even help them! 'Cause they're like, "Oh..." It makes things more messy -

Dick: (interjects) It gets water everywhere!

Ron: You get soap everywhere, the toilets are always going off; it's just, like...

Maddox: Or never!

Ron: ...how the fuck haven't we fixed this yet??

Maddox: Yeah, no, the oth-...the flip side of that is sometimes you take a real nasty growler in the airport toilet, and it's kinda...you know, it's one of those, like, event horizon breakers where it's comin' out past the water? (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: You know what I'm talkin' about?

Ron: Mhm.

Maddox: And for some reason or another the fuckin' sensor doesn't detect, and you get up and you look around desperately for...and it's eliminated courtesy flushes!! I've been in toilets and had, like, MASSIVE diarrhea where it's just, like...just coating the bowl in yellow slime, and I... (cracks up) (Sean grimaces in the background)

Ron: Ugh, yellow?!

Dick: Jesus.

Maddox: I turn... (giggles)

Ron: Specific color!

Dick: Why is it slime?

Maddox: I chose yellow. (grinning) Uh, I turn around lookin' for the flush, somethin', desperately to help out my fellow man.

Dick: Yeah, you can't.

Maddox: Of all the courteous things you can do in life, the courtesy flush is #1. And I'm lookin' desperately, I'm feelin' around for buttons or anything, like pushin' things and squeezin' things and undoin' the fuckin' toilet seat desperately, and I'm like, "I'm sorry!! I'm sorry! I'm sorry my shit stinks so bad!" (yelling) "I ate something wrong! I'm in an airport."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "What do you want me to do?" And I'm just sitting there SWEATING. Just sweating cold...sweat.

Ron: You always have to search for the button, too. There's always a button.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: You know? They hide it, and you gotta search for it. It drives me fuckin' crazy.

Maddox: You know what? You know what I'm wondering? This is kinda tangential to the Conspiracy Dipshit problem. It's top 10 on the list right now by the way, I believe, or top 20. Anyway, those sensors are essentially cameras. They're infrared cameras. (Dick laughs)

Ron: Really?

Maddox: Yes! And I don't know why conspiracy dipshits haven't glommed onto this one, because essentially anyone...someone could tap into that network of cameras and see everyone's junk everywhere!

Dick: No, they're la-...they're lasers and photoreceptors. They're not...they're not cameras.

Maddox: They're infrared!

Dick: They're not CCD cameras, though. They're probably just like a photocell.

Maddox: But they're infrared. They work by comparing two scans of the same image within a certain, uh...

Dick: I don't think you're right about that.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I don't think it's an...I don't think it has a LC-...er, a CCD chip in it.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Like, it's just a...have you seen a photoresistor?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a little wafer that just tells you...it changes its resistance whether you cover it or not, where it's dark or not?

Maddox: Oh, so if it...if the signal's broken, that's when it...that's when it checks?

Dick: Yeah. When it gets dark, the resistance drops and it flushes.

Maddox: Ohh. Yeah, you may be right about that.

Dick: That's why if you lean forward in...they didn't equip toilets with video cameras.

Maddox: Well, I guess...but they could! It's pretty simple. It's not a stretch of the imagination that...you know, it is a conspiracy dipshit thing, but they could put actual photo cameras in those.

Dick: Well, they're made in China. I don't know, Chinese -

Ron: (interjects) And then you see a bunch of buttholes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ye-...uh, yeah!

Ron: Or I guess you'd have to put the camera inside the toilet so...nah, they probably... (trails off)

Dick: It really frustrates me that technology has made our lives so much worse.

Ron: Well, I just love, like -

Dick: (interjects) In this specific way.

Ron: When I get super pissed off is, you know, when they bring out a new phone and they're like, "Oh, it can do this, it can do that," and I'm like, "Can't you just make this shit work on my old phone? Stop introducing new bells and whistles."

Maddox: Hmm.

Ron: "Just make the things we already have work."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ron...

Ron: THEN I'd be happy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What kind of phone do you use, Ron?

Ron: Shut the fuck up, Maddox. (cracking up)

Maddox: Ahh, Ron uses an iPhone, and he's kinda upset because the new iOS always makes your old iPhone kinda crippled, doesn't it? Kinda like a reason to go out and buy the new iPhone, the new model, because the new OS keeps adding layers of complexity that they don't need to, overhead in RAM and CPU usage...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...so it cripples every new...every last generation of phone. Try running the iPhone 4S right now with the current...with the modern operating system. You fucking can't! It's garbage!

Ron: You know, you're completely right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, he's completely right, but this is also a man whose phone is so unreliable that we can no longer text. We have to email important things because texts might or might not come through on his phone. Is that...Maddox, is that a true statement or not?

Maddox: (**sound clip of man saying, "Well, that's unfortunate."**) (laughs with Ron)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It is absolutely true. I fucking hate my phone right now.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It is awful.

Ron: Dude, I just wanna get, um...I just wanna get a box of flip phones and then just walk around town and just stand outside of subway stations and just be like, "Go! Now!" and then break the phone and then throw it in the garbage and run onto the subway, just to freak people out. (Dick chuckles) Just 'cause I feel like that's what you always see, like people break a phone and throw it away.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like Walter White.

Ron: Yeah. I just wanna break flip phones all the time.

Maddox: Alright Ron, good problem. I will say this, though, in defense of automatic motion sensors. The one technology I've seen that works really well and I fucking love it is at airports, some modern ones, especially like in Tokyo and Hong Kong, they have these toilet seats with plastic wrapped all the way around the seat.

Ron: Oh, yeah yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: What?!

Maddox: Uh-huh! Yeah.

Ron: Those are so cool.

Maddox: And you sit down on it, and it senses...I think it senses your weight differential, and so when you get up it automatically slides the plastic around the seat so you never have to touch it or change it.

Dick: What??

Ron: First of all, I guess what I shoulda meant my problem to say is that this is strictly an American thing, because I have taken some of the most GLORIOUS dumps of my life in Japan, where you poop in like a f-...a closet!

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: It's like a room! And there was this, um, almost like this little...it was like a bidet and then it had all these buttons on it. I mean, it was incredibly complex for a toilet, and you just got...I mean, it was awesome! It was the most comforting and relaxing thing where, like...you know, American, we have the...'cause I think they want it so people don't do drugs, but they have those doors with that half-inch gap...

Maddox: Hmm.

Ron: ...where someone can just peek in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: And I -

Dick: (interjects) That's why? It's because of drugs?

Ron: That's what someone told me! He was like, "Oh, it's 'cause...so people don't do drugs in the bathroom." And I'm like, "How many - "

Dick: (interjects) I hope it's not that r-...I hope it's because of its precision.

Ron: How many people are doin' fuckin' drugs? No, how...it makes no sense!! We make cars. Like, we can't...how is it precision? We can't put two doors together? We haven't figured that out at the bathroom door-making factory?

Maddox: It could be for any -

Ron: (interjects) It makes no sense!

Maddox: Yeah, it could be for any number of reasons, like people having sex in the bathroom, homeless people shooting up, uh...yeah, well that...I guess that is drugs. And then -

Ron: (interjects) I think it's 'cause they don't want you to have that level of privacy, which I hate.

Dick: Why are we proud of ourselves in America at all?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If we...why are we...why do we walk around pretending to be tough men when we have no regard for our own bathrooms? That's...this is a travesty.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: I really...isn't it? It's disgusting.

Ron: How many times have you taken a piss next to someone where there's not even, like, a little...you know how there's a little wall usually between urinals?

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: But then a lot of bathrooms just won't have that, and I'm like, "Why do people think that I wanna pee, like, with a bunch of other dudes all the time?" I want my own little space to pee.

Dick: And how much would it cost? 100 bucks?

Ron: It doesn't cost anything! I don't understand!

Sean: What about the troughs?

Maddox: The troughs are awful.

Sean: What about the troughs? They don't -

Dick: (interjects) I actually love troughs.

Maddox: Why?!

Dick: I like getting...I like getting guys in a little sword fight.

Maddox: Alllright. (Dick laughs)

Ron: Actually, the only time I like troughs is when it's one of those, like, downtown LA 1930 bathrooms?

Dick: Yeah, yeah. (smiles)

Ron: 'Cause I feel like I'm peein' in a time machine.

Dick: Yeah! (laughing)

Ron: I kinda like that. That's how my dad peed, you know what I mean?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What do you mean? You get in a sword fight with other dudes? You're just sittin' there...

Dick: Yeah. Like, "Hey dude, sword fight? Ehnenenene?"

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: You kinda throw a lure out.

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom saying, "And who are you, GAY?!"**) Alright, guys.

Dick: It's not different 'cause she's sayin' it. That's basically you sayin' that.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, it's gay. I'll say it. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: It's pretty gay. Um...

Ron: Actually, it is the definition of kinda gay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: I mean, if you wanna...touch your penis to other men.

Dick: Well, hey!

Maddox: Like, literally gay.

Dick: No, not your penis, your pee streams! Like lightsabers!

Maddox: Yeah, but here's...here's -

Dick: (interjects) You know? Like your pee st-...you have to keep your pee stream goin'...or whosever pee stream wilts first, they have less power than you. (Ron snickers)

Maddox: So... (cracks up)

Dick: That's the defini-...duh! That's a sword fight. Everyone knows that.

Maddox: That's...

Ron: You dipshit! (everyone laughs)

Maddox: That is a -

Dick: (interjects) And then sometimes you make the sounds, "bjooo, pshooo, pshooo!" (lightsaber noises) while you're doin' it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, that's, uh, that's a...

Dick: What are you guys... (cracking up)

Maddox: ...a pissing contest, for real.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's cool!

Maddox: My friends and I actually used to have pissing contests in grade school. We'd walk home and we'd climb up my neighbor's tree on the way home 'cause he had a very climbable tree, and we'd get on the furthest branch out that was -

Ron: (interjects) Climbable tree, bro! Nice!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was very climbable. (chuckling) We'd get up in the furthest branch that was near the street and we'd see who could pee further. (Dick laughs) And, uh...yeah! It was just a piss contest we had every day.

Ron: We used to do that where we would start peeing in grade school, and we'd start taking steps back from the urinal...

Dick: Yes! Yeah!

Ron: ...to see who could get the furthest arch.

Maddox: Oh, that's cool, yeah.

Dick: Yep, and then you'd piss all over the bathroom. (smiles)

Ron: Yeah, 'til -

Dick: (interjects) And you never even thought it was bad as a kid. Now you're like, "Why did I do that??" (giggling)

Ron: No, you were just like, "Whateveeeer!" And some poor guy in his like 30s and 40s was like, "These fucking kids." (growling)

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: "Always p-..." You ever pee...you know the best was when you were at camp or somethin', or on a hike, and you just...I mean, it's still my favorite thing to do is just to pee from high up.

Dick: Yes.

Ron: That's the best.

Dick: Absolutely.

Maddox: YES. Peeing from the highest-up place ever.

Dick: So that it splatters into a mist before it even hits the ground.

Ron: Yeah, it just evaporates.

Dick: Like throwing your own ashes off of a cliff. "Pshooooo." (pitching downward)

Maddox: My dad...we went to the Grand Canyon, and there's this part that's kind of, like, roped off away from tourists 'cause it's this really, really thin walkway that's on this tiny little ledge, ALL the way out in the, uh...it's a decent amount into the canyon!

Ron: Mhm.

Maddox: And my dad...my mom's screaming at him, saying "Don't do it, don't do it!" My dad's like, "Ahh, shut up!" and he climbs over the fence and he's walkin' down this tiny little walkway. At some point he had to put one foot in front of the other to get to the end of this thing...

Ron: Ohh.

Maddox: ...and as soon as he got out to the very end, he just took his dick out and took a leak. (Dick giggles) Fucking awesome. I was so proud of my dad.

Ron: And I was like...yeah, I was like, "Uh, that's gotta be...oh, what's the coolest thing my dad has ever done?" Like... (laughs with Maddox) You got your story locked and loaded.

Maddox: Oh, there's a bunch, buddy. Alright, let's get to the real biggest problem in the universe!

Dick: Can I say something first?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got so much hatemail...I got more hatemail for our last episode than any other.

Maddox: Good.

Dick: People saying how the economy problem was so boring that they couldn't take it.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: They're like, "I'm ready to shut the episode off..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "...'cause it's too...there's too much debate and too many figures, and blah blah blah." Okay, you guys have gotten an episode with blowjobs and pissing on stuff. Are you happy now?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, uh, then let me apologize in advance...

Ron: Augh.

Maddox: ...for my problem, my next problem that I'm gonna bring in, because I hope it's not too close to economists.

Dick: Oho, god.

Maddox: But it's psychics!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah! (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom saying, "Go to hell and stay there!"**) (laughs with Sean)

Dick: Don't put the real one in.

Maddox: Wrong button.

Dick: That's the...that's the button. (smiles)

Maddox: Whatever, I don't give a shit. Economists!

Ron: I can't remember the last time I've seen a psychic, like, store. Are there...?

Maddox: They're everywhere!

Dick: Oh, they're all over in LA.

Maddox: They're all over!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's probably like 3 on this street right now.

Dick: Yeah. (Ron snickers)

Maddox: And they're open 24 hours too, these fuckin' psychic shops. They're always tryin' to hustle you in. Psychics -

Dick: (interjects) You mean psychics, not econ-...you didn't have economy in there for real, did you?

Maddox: I did put in economists. (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah, but is it psychics or economists?

Maddox: "Psychics" is my problem.

Dick: Okay.

Ron: Okay.

Maddox: But they're...but it's a very fine line between psychics and economists.

Dick: Oh, fuck OFF. Alright.

Maddox: Uh...so, economists are the psychics of the mathematical world. (Ron cackles) And... (cracks up) And psychics are the economists of the spiritual world.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They're people who think they have an extrasensory perception, right? ESP. To be specific, the ability to perceive information not gained through physical senses. So it violates the principles of basic science, like the ability for the past to transmit information to the present. That's a thing. Oh, and you can do goofy shit like the psychic ability to smell. Did you know this, guys?

Ron: No.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah, until I started looking into it I didn't realize how goofy all this psychic shit was, but there's...there is a psychic version of every normal sense that we have.

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: So, um -

Ron: (interjects) So you could, like...know what you're gonna smell? Like, in the future?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, I mean, I feel...I feel... (cracks up)

Dick: Or you can smell someone's future?

Maddox: I feel somethin' brewin' right now in my stomach. You guys are gonna smell somethin' in the future. Um... (laughs with Ron) This, uh, I went through the list of all the different kind of psychic senses. This one's called clairsentience, and I started...just for fun, I added the words "or penis" at the end of these descriptions, but feeling or touching with the mind is clairsentience. So you can feel someone's soul...or penis.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Uh, that's...yeah, the clairsentience, and then there's clairaudience: hearing with the mind, which is actually how you hear. Uh... (chuckles) And what they mean is usually to talk to the dead or talk to paranormal spirits, or to hear their voices.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or penises. (smiles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, funny. Little joke. Um, and then there's clair-...I think it's clairalience? Clairalience: the ability to smell psychically. You can smell a really smelly ghost penis with that one.

Dick: What do you smell for real though? What do they say that you smell if you're a psychic?

Ron: "Ohh, I smell strawberries." (mysterious tone)

Maddox: Yeah, I have no fuckin' idea!

Dick: Oh, okay.

Ron: "Ohh, you're going to the farmer's market tomorrow."

Maddox: I think it's a less common one, the clairalience. And then there's claircognizance; it's knowing something psychically, primarily by means of intrinsic knowledge. The knowledge you get psychically has no physical explanation by definition.

Ron: So that's the one that we kinda think of when we think of psychics.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: Like, I don't...I've never gone to a psychic and been like, "So what am I gonna smell in the future?" (hushed voice) (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Ron: "I gotta know!"

Maddox: I think that would throw them for a loop. And then the final one is clairgustance; it's tasting psychically. Yeah, that's a thing.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: People with the power of clairgustance claim to be able to taste things without putting them in their mouths. I couldn't think of a penis joke there. Uh... (laughs with Ron) But uh, yeah, those are the 6 psychic versions of senses that we actually have.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Total bullshit. Um, there's...so there are these cards that were invented in like the 1930s; they're called Zener cards, and you've seen these! These were used in Ghostbusters. Remember the very first scene of Ghostbusters?

Dick: Mhm.

Ron: Mhm.

Maddox: Where they're testing the...what's the, um...

Dick: Venkman.

Maddox: Venkman, yeah. Venkman's testing the guy. The symbols on the cards are circle, square, wavy lines, cross, and star, and 5 cards are in a pack of 25. So this botanist from Duke University became interested in testing psychics, so he created Zener cards to test them. He didn't want to be associated with seances and hauntings, so he coined the term "parapsychology." This was the guy! And so they started doing -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, he...there's a real parapsychologist?

Maddox: Yeah! It's -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's funny.

Maddox: Yeah! He coined that term because he started...he was the first one to really start testing these kooks...

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: ...and say, "Okay, well, let's do a somewhat scientific approach to this weirdo bullshit."

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: Yeah, what did he -

Dick: (interjects) Is it...what's the problem?

Maddox: I'll tell you what the problem is, Dick.

Dick: This is a real problem.

Maddox: Have you ever known someone who seriously relies on psychics?

Dick: Bro, uh... (sighs) (Maddox laughs) I don't know how seriously you want -

Maddox: (interjects) Yes, bro? (laughs more)

Ron: Whenever he starts a sentence with "bro," I just know I'm gonna get some knowledge dropped on me. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Go on, bro!

Dick: Listen, bro. (Ron cackles)

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: More...I think more people than you...I think you'd be surprised at the number of people you know who slightly rely on psychics.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the number of people who just kind of buy into it a little bit?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: The kind of people who, like, do it to make themselves feel better a little bit every once in a while?

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: Well, to me it was that thing you did when you went down to the Jersey Shore and you'd be like, "I mean, whatever! Let's just try it!" (dumb voice)

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: And like, it's that thing you do once in 8th grade and you're like, "This is bullshit!" But then she says somethin' to you like "You're gonna marry a woman named Jamie," and then every Jamie you meet, you're like, "Maybe this is the one!" (dumb voice)

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Ron: Like, there's always that gnawing sense. It doesn't do you any good. All it does is just give you a voice in your head.

Dick: It's fun though!

Maddox: Oh, Dick... (exasperated)

Dick: It is fun.

Ron: It is fun.

Dick: It is fun!

Maddox: It's n-...okay, it's fun...fine, fine. You wanna call it fun? So are drugs, until it becomes a problem. Then -

Dick: (interjects) Well, okay. Yeah. (cackles)

Ron: But man, you know, like...I know so many friends ADDICTED to psychics.

Dick: Yeah! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Ron: "Give you 40 bucks, man! I gotta know what I'm gonna smell next week!"

Maddox: I'll tell you -

Dick: (interjects) "I'll suck your dick to tell me what I'm gonna do next!" (Sean laughs in the background)

Ron: "I'll suck your dick to tell me the next time I'm gonna suck your dick!" (cracking up)

Dick: That's right now! (laughs)

Maddox: I'll tell you when it becomes a problem, is when you have people who become desperate. They're in desperate places in their lives, and they turn to psychics for help. They ask psychics what they should do with their lives...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and the psychics, who are basically just pulling shit out of their asses, are guiding these people into making really bad decisions sometimes! I've had...I've known people who have moved cross country based on the advice of a psychic. I've known people who have gone into really shitty relationships and stayed in them for years, abusive relationships, because of the advice of a psychic.

Dick: (scoffs) I'm sure they were wrecking an amazing life.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Someone who would take advice from a psychic. By the way, I would love for you to just replace "God" with "psychic" in everything that you're saying, 'cause isn't that the same thing?

Maddox: No.

Dick: People go to priests for advice, they seek counsel from some kind of spiritual authority, and those people are just pullin' shit out of their ass too.

Maddox: No, but priests and rabbis, when you go to them and confess they don't tell you, "Here's what you should do to fix your life!" They tell you, "Go say ten Hail Marys and, uh, have a nice day."

Dick: "And fork over the cash."

Maddox: No. It's...no, they... (cracks up) Have you ever been to a church? That's not what they do.

Dick: They charge for weddings!

Maddox: Well, sure they do, and that's a fuckin' scam. Especially -

Dick: (interjects) Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, so psychics...psychics do cause real harm to people. I've known...like I said, I've known people who have gone into really shitty relationships and gone out of great ones and gotten, you know, moved cross country based on the advice of a psychic, and what they do a lot of times is they take...they rope you in for A LOT of money. Um, so I went through a list of some of the famous psychics throughout history. In 1877 there was this guy named Edgar Cayce. People were skeptical of his ability to do psychic healings, he was called a fraud, and he was kind of upset because he said that his work in psychics...in, uh, psychic spirituality was taking away the attention from his work in psychic healing. He was... (cracks up)

Dick: Oh, yeah. (cynical)

Ron: Oh, man.

Maddox: Yeah, he was upset about that. Uh, in 1911 there was a guy named Peter Hurkos. He failed to predict accurately the date of his own death. (chuckles) Although he prophesied that he would die on the 17th of November in 1961, he did not die until June 1st, 1988.

Ron: You know what pisses me off is the guy who, um...the one who forecasted the end of the world, and he got all -

Maddox: (interjects) Nostradumbass?

Ron: Uh, no, the dude from a couple years ago. Like, he got -

Dick: (interjects) He was recent, yeah.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Ron: He got all those people to spend their retirement money on billboards, and then it didn't happen and he was like, "Ahh, I...I fucked up the math! It's gonna happen!"

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: And then he...and there's no...my problem with that is there's never any repercussions.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: Like, you could just say the end of the world's coming and all these people spend their savings, and then it doesn't happen and then you're like, "Alright." You know? "Oops."

Sean: Well, that's the second time that guy predicted it too.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: Exactly, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: He was wrong before.

Maddox: He was wrong before.

Ron: I think we should...if you do something that big, I think...and it doesn't happen, we should...I don't know, take a finger. Somethin'. (Dick laughs) Like, we all get a finger. And then we share it, but just something so that people don't do that stuff lightly. 'Cause that's the thing, you could make the wrong...psychics, I guess, could make the wrong call, and what's gonna happen if they're wrong?

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: You know? You're just like, "Meh."

Maddox: They're just a bunch of charlatans who will take you for what you're worth. They'll bring you in, they'll give you this prediction. I've had...there are phone psychics, and actually there was this girl on YouTube who started out a WAY long time ago, and she got really popular and, like, lost her fucking mind. Or maybe it was gone always to begin with, but she was this girl...uh, I forget her name. It was like Kaylee, Kylie, whatever? She gave sex advice, and her whole gimmick was she had these thigh-high rainbow socks that she wore, and she would just sit there...

Ron: Oh, I...

Maddox: ...kicking her legs back and forth...

Dick: Alright! (sexy tone)

Ron: Good lord.

Maddox: ...so erotically. And she just kinda played it off like, "Oh, I'm just be-...I don't know what you guys like about this, blah blah blah," (ditzy voice) but... (Ron snickers) She was giving sex advice, so everyone's all horned up and just...everyone's just, like, diddling their bean and rubbin' one off while they're watchin' this chick, right? (Dick giggles)

Dick: Okay.

Ron: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Then she got into some weird high school drama bullshit in YouTube comments with YouTubers calling her mean, whatever, and she lost her fuckin' mind, moved cross country, married someone...like, all this crazy shit. This is...by the way, this isn't my account or my accusations. This is what I've read.

Ron: So your crazy shit is someone who moved and married?

Maddox: Nonono, I'm not...yeah, I mean, that is crazy. But, uh... (Ron laughs) Here's where it gets, like, crazy: she tried to start making money by doing psychic healings remotely. Remote psychic healings.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And, uh, and so people were sending her money, and she'd say "For one hour it costs 135 dollars," or whatever. I'm, like...I'm paraphrasing here.

Ron: That's kind of a good price, if you think about it.

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: Like, remote psychic healing, buck-35? Probably write that off on your taxes.

Dick: That's a good deal!

Maddox: Yeah, and the sad thing is people were paying this woman for this remote psychic healing. And where it becomes a problem, Dick, specifically this, is if they -- and religion can be a problem too in this very same sense -- is if they...if they turn to psychic healing or prayer in lieu of actual medicine, that's when it becomes a problem.

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) Yeah.

Maddox: There are people who will go towards this alternate medicine before...like, it's not even medicine. Let's just call it what it is. It's -

Dick: (interjects) Quackery.

Maddox: Yeah, it's quackery.

Dick: Yeah, a scam.

Maddox: There is a woman...uh, Sylvia Browne. She's one of the most famous -

Dick: (interjects) Angels!

Maddox: What's that? Is that her book?

Dick: That's a...yeah, no, she writes all about angels.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, how everyone on the planet has a whole planet full of angels just for them.

Ron: Are you fucking serious?

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: Cool!

Dick: Oh, it's quite a world she lives in. Quite a universe she lives in.

Ron: So I have a whole planet of angels just for me?

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: Alriiiight!

Maddox: Sounds kinda like...there's kind of -

Dick: (interjects) And they all look exactly like you.

Ron: No way! That sounds like an awesome planet.

Dick: I don't know if that's...now I'm adding to the...I don't...that's not canon.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, she was convicted for fraud.

Ron: Aww.

Maddox: She sold gold mining securities to a couple... (chuckling)

Dick: Ohoooo.

Maddox: ...for 20,000 dollars. Convicted of fraud!

Dick: Why did she do that??

Maddox: She and her husband.

Dick: She was makin' so much money with the book!

Maddox: Was.

Ron: I don't understand when people do that. I understand when people wanna, like...they steal from Walmart or Target or Best Buy.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: I get that. You know? I get it 'cause it's kinda like this faceless corporation.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: But when you're doin' somethin' where it's like there's a person, you're looking at 'em and you're just directly fucking them over?

Dick: Mhm.

Ron: I don't get how people can do that. That to me is, like...

Dick: I think that...I think part of her thinks she's telling the tr-...she's actually psychic.

Ron: She believes it?

Dick: Like, she believes it. Or either she's brainwashed herself into thinking it, or maybe she really does because...like, imagine...there's so many people who are ready to buy it. Some of them have just gotta turn it on and say, "You know what? I actually am psychic!"

Ron: Well, there's...

Dick: Like, they make enough predictions -

Ron: (interjects) Anyone who's goin' to a psychic is obviously, like, searching for something. They feel...

Maddox: They're unhappy.

Ron: They're looking for some kind of guidance.

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: You know? They're trying to fill some...something inside themselves that's empty. Or for me, it was kind of that momentary fun, you know?

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: Like, "Look at this fuckin' weird thing. Let's do it."

Dick: Yeah.

Ron: But there are people who, uh...I mean, I remember that...remember Miss Cleo?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: "Call me now!" (Jamaican accent) Like that?

Dick: She got screwed over in that whole deal, I think.

Ron: Wait, wh-...?

Dick: Yeah, she was running...she was running it for a big company...

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: ...that would run these psychics like telemarketers. Like, they spent -

Maddox: (interjects) Harris! Harris, I believe, yeah, is the name of the company.

Dick: Do you have that on your list?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Oh, go ahead.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Well, she...my understanding was that they would run these psychics, like if they took...if they didn't get enough money out of somebody, they'd get reprimanded for that. They'd have all these metrics they had to hit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they'd develop relationships with 'em.

Ron: I just remember in college all my friends and I would be like, "Call me now!" (Dick laughs) Like, we just never got tired of doin' that.

Maddox: Yeah, she was active in 1997, mostly. When Miss Cleo...the FTC charged her with deceptive advertising, billing and collection practices.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Yeah! They're, uh, they're all kinda...they're all charlatans. Here's the thing though: you know, Ron, you mentioned stealing from a big company like Walmart, Best Buy, whatever. A big faceless corporation that makes billions in profits. What I really despise about psychics, though, is that they often prey on the weak and vulnerable: people who are depressed and broken and sad and dispirited, and they turn to these psychics.

And rather than these psychics coming clean and saying, "Look, it's really simple to prove that all this...everything we're saying is horseshit and we're...we can't help you," they give them false hope and tell them...give them bad advice a lot of times. Like, at least if a psychic had a degree in clinical psychology and at least advised them towards a direction that a clinical psychologist would based on whatever, you know, qualifications that they have, at least then they could do something. That should be something, a parapsychologist!

Dick: You know, you're...go ahead.

Ron: Well...listen, bro. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah?

Ron: I feel like these same sad and depressed people occasionally have to travel, and when they do travel they use bathrooms. (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: That's true.

Ron: And these bathrooms are filled with sensors that aren't optimized, and so it's just a thing...a psychic, they may go to, like...I mean really, let's talk about numbers here. How many people really are going to this level, you know? And those people who go to psychics, if it's not psychics it's gonna be somethin' else. They're gonna find somethin' to go crazy over.

Dick: Yeah!

Ron: 'Cause deep inside, they're broken. But soap dispensers are something that we ALL deal with.

Dick: That's a good point.

Ron: Men and women, okay?

Dick: That's a good point.

Ron: 'Cause bad blowjobs are only something that men deal with.

Dick: Well, let me...let me stop you right there.

Ron: What's that, bro?

Dick: First of all, women have to deal...bro. (cracks up) Women have to deal with bad blowjobs too, 'cause they're the ones givin' 'em! They're feeling bad for doing it, and you can buy -

Ron: (interjects) Wait. Wait, what? They feel bad for -

Dick: (interjects) They feel bad for giving a bad blowjob!

Ron: But they don't know they're giving a bad blowjob, 'cause you can't tell them they're giving a bad blowjob!

Dick: Eh, they...they feel it.

Ron: Then you won't get ANY blowjob!

Dick: They feel it, though.

Maddox: Yeah. They feel it with an emptiness in their mouth.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that emptiness they're missing is some chili.

Dick: We can fix the automatic hand dryer stuff. Let's just ask Japan.

Sean: But you can't fake a boner.

Ron: Mhm.

Dick: We can fix that with money, but we can't fix bad blowjobs with money.

Maddox: Did you hear what Sean said? He said you can't fake a boner.

Dick: That's true!

Maddox: Yeah, that is true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Bros...bros, listen. Um...Ron, before the show you mentioned how much -

Ron: (interjects) Instead of "bro," can we just start saying "brother"? (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Like Hollywood Hulk Hogan?

Ron: Yeah! "Listen, brother." (laughs)

Maddox: "Brother!" (gruffly) Uh, before the show, you mentioned how much you like specifically automatic hand dryers.

Ron: Oh, yeah! I'm not a big fan of, like, deforestation. It's just not my bag. (Maddox snickers) But if you guys are cool with it, I mean, we could talk about it.

Maddox: I LOVE deforestation. Is that what you're talk-...?

Ron: Oh, is that what you...are we...?

Maddox: Oh, you mean automatic hand dryers?

Ron: Yeah, I looove automatic hand dryers.

Maddox: Okay, that...I brought that in as a problem, Ron, and you seem to be under the impression that automatic hand dryers are more sanitary than paper towels!

Ron: Oh, are you gonna go with the whole...the fact that the air is full of microbes and they get blown onto the hands? Is that where you're goin'? Is that what you're walkin' through?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah. The facts, yes.

Ron: So...so you don't know, like, the new hand dryers with the level of microfiber purifiers they have (Maddox scoffs and laughs) that actually clean the air to 99.9 percent?

Dick: Oh, wow!

Ron: Or are you usin' the old-ass hand dryers? I don't -

Maddox: (interjects) Are you talkin' about the Dyson Blade? Is that what you're talkin' about?

Ron: Uh, the one where you dip your hands in and secretly I just wanna put my penis in it?

Maddox: And you have to... (laughs)

Ron: Ah, I'm sorry.

Maddox: And you have to play fuckin' Operation and not touch the sides because other people's disgusting hands are -

Ron: (interjects) Oh yeah, well, I'm like a human man who can control my body (Dick cackles) so I don't have this weird fucking, like...I don't know why you think it's this game of Operation that you just can't handle. (Dick still giggling)

Maddox: I'll play Operation with you right now, buddy! I bet you'll hit the sides left and right!

Ron: Yeah, 'cause it's a game of Operation! I'm talkin' about a hand dryer that has, like, a chasm of space for you to dip your hands and quite possibly your penis if no one's looking.

Maddox: Uh, Ron, if you're putting your...first of all, you have to do that stupid, like, fuckin' Frankenstein...like you're a coat hanger, a human fucking coat hanger putting your hands down!

Ron: "Zzzzzzzzzz!" (high-pitched) I like to pretend like I'm getting ready for surgery, and then I put my hands in and then I take them out.

Maddox: Yeah, like Operation! That's exactly what it's like, like Operation! That kinda surgery. And you're putting your hands down this, like, filthy trough. Guess what? Those drippings -

Ron: (interjects) Filthy trough?! You're not touching anything!

Maddox: You THINK that, but those drippings -

Ron: (interjects) I KNOW THAT! I'm not touching anything!! (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Ron, it...well... (cracks up)

Dick: They're not like this ghost I'm fucking putting my hands in! (laughing)

Maddox: When those fucking hand...those Airblades are blowing, what they're doing is they're blow-...they're creating, like, a circular vortex that's going down inside that oval shape that they have, and those drippings that fall from your hands sit there collecting moist, warm bacteria!

Ron: Oh, so your whole thing is -

Dick: (interjects) You got him on the ropes. He starts usin' big words when you got him on the ropes.

Ron: Okay, so your...so you...

Maddox: What was the big word I used, "bacteria"?

Dick: "Circular vortex."

Ron: Here's the thing: every guy who gets into this thing...like right now, I'm gonna take a look at your bookcase right now, okay? I want you to watch my finger. Look...at all this fucking dust. (Maddox and Dick laugh) That just...I could write my name in your bookshelf, and you're talkin' to me about germs?!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, I'm not...I'm not -

Ron: (interjects) And microbes??

Maddox: I'm not drying my hand with it!

Dick: And you're talkin' to me about chili sheets?

Ron: I mean, look at what...look at this!

Maddox: It's...yeah, I don't -

Ron: (interjects) LOOK AT THIS!

Maddox: I'm not...I'm not drying my hand in this fuckin' room! It's just fuckin' dust!

Ron: You're just livin' in it. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Ron...Ron has the neatest, tidiest apartment I've ever seen in my life.

Ron: It is called havin' your shit together.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: OCD is just another way of sayin' I get -

Maddox: It is! That's what it is, it's O-fuckin'-CD! (laughs)

Ron: Yeah, it's a...it's a "get shit done" disease. (Maddox laughs harder)

Maddox: Oh, that's true. Okay guys, so that's my problem: Psychics!

Dick: Well, wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah, what?

Dick: Wait a minute. So, what's...well, you know, I have a prob-...I have trouble just accepting this as a problem, because I see it as...

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: ...a lot of people just having fun and looking for guidance, and um...that's it! Like, needing a boost in their lives and they just, they have to pay some pittance to get it. I get that every once in a while people run up enormous credit card debts on it, or maybe they take the wrong advice...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...but, uh...

Ron: I think most times psychics just tell you what you wanna hear, you know?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, they do.

Dick: That's what...it's like going to a, you know, psychologist. (chuckling)

Ron: It's like goin' to a really good friend.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um...

Dick: That you have to pay for.

Maddox: Okay. Well, that's why I don't ask friends of mine who are really close to me or like me for their...for honest opinions on stuff. I have a group of friends...I have people who I use as a barometer. And Dick, you're one of them!

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: I know every time I ask this group of friends, they have a consistent style of response to me. (Ron chuckles) For example, I have this friend who -

Ron: (interjects) Dick's his...listen, bro. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Bro. (grinning) Uh, I have a friend who specifically hates everything I do, and -

Ron: (interjects) Really??

Maddox: And depending on the degree of hate, like if he absolutely hates it...it goes a low as 14, like -14 on the scale for him. And he hates pretty much everything I do, and if he doesn't absolutely hate it at the -14 level -

Ron: (interjects) That's interesting.

Maddox: Yeah!

Ron: You know you got something kinda good?

Maddox: I know I got somethin' kinda good!

Ron: Ohh, okay!

Dick: Why 14? Where did that number come from?

Maddox: Uh, 'cause I...'cause I thought...he hated somethin' of mine a lot one day and that was like, "Well, that's a 10."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then he hated something even MORE than that, so I thought, "Oh, I gotta lower the scale!" (Ron cackles)

Dick: What did he...what did he hate even more? What was the thing he hated the most?

Maddox: Oh man, I don't even remember.

Dick: You gotta remember what he hated the most. That's...

Maddox: It was -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I wanna know what this guy hates.

Maddox: I dunno, he hates so much that I do. So anyway, I forgot.

Dick: Ahhh. (disdainful)

Maddox: It'll come to me. And then I have another friend who is kind of ambivalent towards my stuff, so based on his response, on his little degree...it's like between 1 and 3, and I go into decimals with him. Dick, your -

Dick: (interjects) I bet that's Roger.

Maddox: No, it's not Roger.

Dick: No? Alright.

Maddox: Roger Barr...Roger Barr is very honest and gives it to you straight. I do like that guy.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: He gives good advice.

Ron: Yeah, Roger...he does give it to you straight.

Dick: So he's like a 0 to 10?

Maddox: He's a 0 to 10, yeah.

Dick: Oh, wow!

Maddox: You, Dick, you give...when it comes to criticizing my stuff, you give really good advice sometimes. However, when it comes to life advice I know to do the opposite of what you tell me every single time, because your advice always tends towards chaos. The most chaos! (Dick chuckles) You always suggest...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause I know what you're thinking, and I'll -

Dick: (interjects) It's fun!

Maddox: Right before I send off an email, I'll have a friend in the room. I say, "Okay, well, I'm gonna ask Dick what his opinion is, and I bet he's gonna respond this way." I'll send it off. Within minutes you'll write back; you're like, "Yeah, do it." And I... (laughs) And I'll think, "He told me that because he thinks it's fun and he just likes to sit there and watch the world burn." (laughs more)

Dick: Well, that's part of it. I can't responsibly say that that isn't it, but here's...here's my philosophy on that.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: You've already experienced what you're experiencing, so why not just totally mess it up? (Maddox laughs)

Ron: WOW. That is...

Dick: Then you get something totally new! I mean, aren't you, like -

Ron: (interjects) Oh my god, that just...augh. (cracks up)

Dick: I got it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got what this is!

Maddox: That's Dick, that's Dick! That's the way he thinks!

Ron: Why don't...you've already experienced what you're experiencing...

Dick: Yeah!!

Ron: ...so why don't you just mess it up?

Dick: Yeah, just totally change it! (Maddox laughing) Then you get...you get to see all new things!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's great!

Maddox: Yeah! No, I know! I -

Dick: (interjects) It's like a snow globe! Life is like a snow globe, except every time you shake it, it might turn into something totally different.

Maddox: Dick, you are -

Dick: (interjects) Like a rabid weasel. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: When it comes to this philosophy, you are so consistent that I can use you as a barometer, and that's -

Ron: (interjects) Do you know, if you were a psychic, you would be the worst psychic ever. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: "Life's like a snow globe, man! Just shake that fucker up!!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who knows what could come up?

Ron: "That'll be 65 dollars."

Maddox: No, I guess this...this hits me personally, this Psychics problem, because I know a lot of people who are really depressed.

Ron: Have you ever been to one?

Maddox: Uh, no. I've, well...I've been to one with a friend. Oh no, I did! I did go to a psychic, 'cause I went...I snuck into this fuckin' bullshit-ass party for Halloween. Tickets were like 80 dollars. I thought, "There's no fucking way I'm payin' 80 dollars for anything!"

Dick: At the Magic Castle?

Maddox: No, it wasn't at the Ma-...

Dick: No?

Maddox: It was, like, some downtown fuckin' warehouse. I snuck into this party, and I was bored to tears. There was nothing going on at this bullshit-ass party except for a bunch of fatties. (Dick scoffs) It was like...kind of like a Ren Faire but around Halloween.

Dick: Oh my god.

Maddox: So it's just a bunch of fatties tryin' to, like, hook up with each other. So I snuck in and I was bored and there was this line to talk to a psychic, so I sat down and talked to this chick, and uh...she told me a bunch of bullshit and she was really inexperienced. And I started quizzing her on stuff and I gave her the wrong information to see if she would correct me or say, you know, "No, you're actually this sign, or this whatever," and she didn't.

Dick: Well, of course not!

Maddox: No!

Dick: She's not... (laughs)

Maddox: She's a psychic!

Dick: Why would you do that?!

Maddox: Were you about to say she's not a psychic?

Dick: No! She's...of course she's not a psychic, Maddox! (Maddox laughs) None of them are psychics!! It's a game that they play! They wanna, like, have a little fun conversation with you! Why would you test her on something you know she's not? (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah, I...I don't know. I was just, uh, I was bored. (Dick giggles) So, um...'cause, you know, I wanna take a little bit of a scientific approach towards psychics. (Dick laughs more) That's why, Dick. Why is that so fuckin' funny?

Dick: It's just so funny that you would go to a psychic, who you know is a complete fraud...you know that, right? And you would engage with her by giving her false information, and then you get off on watching her humiliate herself by giving you predictions based off the false information.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You don't think that's funny?

Maddox: Well, Dick, I...I still wanna test my beliefs! Even though I do believe that and I have no evidence to believe in psychics, occasionally I still wanna test it. I wanna test it! I mean, why not?

Dick: How much do you not believe in psychics? 100 percent?

Maddox: 100 percent, yeah!

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah!

Ron: What about, like, um...what about all that, uh, astrology stuff?

Maddox: Nohoho.

Dick: Oh, he already brought that in.

Maddox: ABSOLUTELY horseshit.

Ron: Yeah, I can tell. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Horoscopes. Um, one other thing: there's a study...er, it wasn't a study. It was a test, a psy-...I think a psychologist did in, uh, in a class a long time ago, I think in the '50s or '60s. He handed out, um...I think horoscopes for everyone in class, and told them that they were for whatever sign they were, whatever Zodiac sign?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And he said that, uh...he asked the class, like, how accurate they thought their reading was, and the majority of the class, I think somethin' like 80-90 percent, said it was very accurate, that it specifically described them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then he revealed to the class that he gave everyone the exact same reading.

Dick: Well...

Ron: Ohh.

Maddox: Yeah! Shat all over it. Anyway, it's a buncha horseshit. Psychics, that's my problem. Psychics/Economists, same thing. So, uh, that's my problem.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: What do you...what do you got this week?

Dick: Bad Blowjobs!

Maddox: Bad Blowjobs, and Ron?

Ron: Automatic Dispensers in Airport Bathrooms.

Maddox: And check out the sketch that, uh, that Ron just posted on HeyRon.com, and what...you have an Instagram too, right?

Ron: Yeah! @Heyron.

Maddox: @Heyron, and check out Ron's Instagram. He posts some steamy pictures on there. (**closing riff starts**) Thanks for listening, guys. Don't forget to tune in next week. We got a lot of exciting stuff comin' up. (Dick chuckles)

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

Maddox: Ah, jeez. (cracking up)

(Theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Hey yo Maddox, what's up man? This is Brad. I'm an editor over at The Economist. (Maddox laughs) **We're over here working on an article on Alan Greenspan for our newspaper.** (Maddox laughs more) **Uh...anyway, I was just calling to request permission to reference your podcast in our article, your opinion that Alan Greenspan is a good economist because he's conservative, and he's cautious, and he's conservative, and nothing else.** (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Fuckin' asshole.

Voicemail: It's a revolutionary point of view towards his legacy. Uh, gimme a call back. My number is 866-9-...

[message ends]

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: No no, he -

Dick: Shit! How are we gonna give that guy permission?

Maddox: Was that...that wasn't a real number? He was gonna say -

Dick: (interjects) No. It was only 4 digits long, so no, it definitely wasn't a real number.

Maddox: You didn't cut that off?

Dick: No! (chuckling)

Maddox: That fucker! (Dick giggles) He sounds just like the editor from Men's Health Magazine. Sounds suspiciously like the same guy!

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: The guy...the guy at Men's Health magazine wanted to run a column about Maddox's leg day, (Maddox and Ron laugh) which consisted of...which consisted of doing squats with either 50 or 100 pounds, and that's it. Similar call!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Similar...similar framework to that call.

Maddox: We talked about...we talked about leg day at the beginning of this episode, before we started recording, and how I don't know the names of the exercises, but that's irrelevant.

Dick: Well, it's irrelevant 'cause you don't do them and you can't describe them.

Maddox: Of course I do them! I can ride my bike longer than you. How come you can't ride a bike?

Dick: Go ahead!

Maddox: Yeah!

Ron: Just be like the chef cooking without knowing the names of the ingredients.

Dick: Well, it's like saying to a chef, like, "How do you make popcorn?" and he's like, "I don't know! I can ride...I can eat more popcorn than you!" It's like, "Alright, well, calm down."

Maddox: No, it's not! It's like, "How do you make popcorn?" and you just say, "I don't know, I just put the bag in the microwave," or "I put the kernels on the stove. Like, what do you...?" (Dick laughs)

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Is that a "bags of sand" comment too?! (angrily)

Dick: No! Do you wanna...do you want another shot at leg day? Do you want a redemption to tell us about your leg day?

Maddox: I will...I will never learn the names of those exercises, 'cause I don't care.

Dick: You don't have to know the names! Just describe them!

Maddox: Oh, okay. They're mostly just squats and lunges and crab walks and sumo squats. Like, all these -

Dick: (interjects) Those are a bunch of names!!

Maddox: Okay! I...but I don't know the technical name. I'll tell you, like, the motion and what I do, but I don't know the technical name and I'll NEVER learn them.

Dick: I think you looked those up after that podcast.

Maddox: No. It -

Dick: (interjects) And brought them in to this one. I think you...you, uh, shaped the conversation after that call...

Maddox: Ohhh!

Dick: ...so you could bring up these leg exercises that you looked up after the fact.

Maddox: Ohoho, yeah!

Dick: I'm onto you.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: I have a psychic feeling about this. (Maddox and Ron laugh) I got one from Butt Sanchez too. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Maddox: Okay.

Butt Sanchez: Hey guys, this is Butt Sanchez.

Maddox: Hey, Butt.

Butt Sanchez: I just heard what happened, and like, if you want somebody blame, it's completely my fault. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: Yeah, we...we know!

Butt Sanchez: And I'm really fuckin' sorry that, like... (Maddox and Dick laugh more) **I thought it would be fine, but apparently no, it fuckin' caved, and it's completely my fault, dude. I'm so sorry, guys. Um...**

Dick: Awww.

Ron: Aww.

Maddox: Oh my gosh.

Butt Sanchez: I'm gonna try to do something cool in the future, and next time I'm gonna wrap it up right, guys, and thanks.

[message ends]

Ron: That's so sincere! (Dick chuckles)

Maddox: Butt...listen, Butt. Man, you...you went way overboard with this gift to begin with. You didn't have to do any of that. You don't need to apologize for delivering us a gift that we...that you weren't obligated to deliver. Thank you for even sending it, and as Dick mentioned in the last episode, it turned out way better than had those bottles arrived intact! Because -

Ron: (interjects) Kinda was a happy accident.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, happy accident.

Maddox: You can say that it's, uh, the broken fallacy...the broken window fallacy in reverse.

Dick: Oh, god.

Maddox: Yeah!

Ron: You're really still coastin' on that whole broken window fallacy.

Dick: [**Dick plays "Maddoxnomics" song**]

(goofy tuba background music)

Maddox: Let's get to the real biggest problem...

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: ...in the universe, this week at least.

Dick: Somebody sent this in.

Maddox: What is this?

Maddox: Armchair Economists! (Maddox and Dick laughs) **I'm not an armchair economist!**

Dick: Go ahead!

Maddox: Yeah. (background laughter) 'Cause I'm not makin' economic theory -

Dick: (interjects) Just curious.

Maddox: Every time an earthquake strikes, go look at the stocks. (Maddox laughs) **Go look at the stock prices of companies that produce lumber, that produce housing materials; they skyrocket.**

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: That stimulates the economy!

Maddox: It does.

Maddox: That stimulates the economy! (Maddox laughs) **That stimulates the economy!**

Maddox: I hate this song.

(gypsy-sounding strings and cymbals kick in with tuba)

Male singer (goofy voice): Goooo fuck yourself.

Maddox: That stimulates the economy! (Dick giggles)

Male singer (goofy voice): Go fuck yourseeeelf!

Maddox: I took classes in economics. (Maddox starts laughing)

Dick: How many?

Maddox: One. One.

Male singer (goofy voice): Idiooooot, idiooooot! (Ron starts laughing too)

Maddox: I'm not makin' economic theory. The entire field of economics is one big gambler's fallacy...

Maddox: It is! (giggling)

Maddox: ...and only occasionally does anyone get it right!

Maddox: You fuckin' idiots!

Maddox: It's like wine tasting but with mathematical models that sometimes occasionally get it right. That's it.

Male singer (goofy voice): Maaaaaaddox, you're a moron. (everyone still giggling)

Maddox: Economists largely agree that World War II stimulated the economy and got us out of the recession. Uh, economists are full of shit.

Male singer (goofy voice): What an asshoooole!

Maddox: One. Yeah, but it's not like that money was just sitting around waiting for us to spend. That's just money that...actually, you could make the case that earthquakes are a good thing.

Maddox: Yup!

Male singer (goofy voice): Please euthanize yourseeeeelf. (more giggling)

Maddox: And I'll tell you who the armchair economists are. I'm not an armchair economist!

[song ends]

(Maddox still laughing)

Ron: Man, that was a sick beat.

Maddox: Yeah! Good song. I LOVE that song. That song is...I'm gonna listen to that song...I'm gonna set that as my ringtone.

Dick: Great. (laughing)

Ron: I don't know how anyone could ever dance to that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: That was like a...in slow motion.

Dick: "Duh, duh duh-duh-duh duh, duh..." (mimicking tuba) You can only walk to that.

Maddox: You'd have to be an elephant, yeah. (Ron laughs)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, well, um...sorry dickhead, go look up that 1976 Chinese earthquake, because -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, stop! STOP WITH THE FUCKIN' ECONOMY! (Maddox laughs) You don't know what you're talking about!!

Maddox: I -

Dick: (interjects) A doctor told you you don't know what you're talking about! (screaming)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's it! That's the end game!!

Maddox: He's not a doctor. (laughs)

Dick: It's...only if God came down and said you're wrong is it any higher than a PhD of economics!!

Ron: I just wanna...uh, *recent* PhD.

Dick: A r-...are you saying that's good or bad?

Ron: Eh, like, he's a recent PhD. You know? I mean, he...he said "recent PhD," and that -

Dick: (interjects) He's a professor!

Maddox: Yeah.

Ron: But that perked my ears, like, "recent PhD."

Dick: Ron...

Dick: He's a rookie! He's a new guy on the force!

Dick: Ron, on the tip of my cock. (Ron laughs) That was you punching right on the tip of my cock while I got him.

Maddox: Yup! (smiling) (Dick laughs)

Ron: I just like to...I like to punch on both sides.

Maddox: And, uh, I cited TWO PhDs -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, STOP!!!

Maddox: Yep! Two to your one, dickhead! And they're published in the Journal of Economic Inquiry. How many journals has your dickhead professor been published in? Probably jack shit!

Dick: 25.

Maddox: Yeah, BULLSHIT! (Dick laughs) That sounds like an economist's answer to me!! Fulla shit! Psychics! Ha, idiots. (giggles) Haaah, winner. (laughs more)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Wooo, so proud of myself! What a winner! (still laughing)

Ron: I don't know how you guys do this every week. It's so emotionally exhausting.

Dick: Ahaha, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 54

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's! Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save 5 dollars off your first purchase.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back, welcome back!

Dick: Hey Sean, we skipped your greeting last week, didn't we?

Sean: You did. That's alright though. You do what the -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause we had the guest. We had...Ron was in studio.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: You gotta get it in before the intro...

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: ...ends.

Maddox: Which...I don't know if you guys listen past the credits of this show. We've been doing this for a long time now. We've been throwing a little bumper at the end of each episode, and we kind of busted Ron's balls for being OCD, didn't we?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, but after he left -

Dick: (interjects) Well, he outed himself as being OCD too.

Maddox: Yeah, he outed himself.

Dick: I don't know if that's medical or not. A lot of people just say "I'm OCD" when they're...not. Right?

Maddox: I believe it with Ron.

Dick: You believe it?

Maddox: I've been to his apartment, I've seen his... (chuckles) It's like, ev-...it's meticulous! It's clean, it's tidy, it's neat. A little too neat.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Like, uh...you know? Like, um...

Dick: Like he's either gay or he's got a disorder.

Maddox: Uh... (laughs) It's probably the dis-

Dick: (interjects) That's the spectrum of OCD. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah. Um, it's almost -

Dick: (interjects) That's the flowchart.

Maddox: It's almost like a...like one of those dystopian futures where everything is so bright and sunny, but the wallpaper starts to peel off a little bit and it's all gray behind it, and you look behind and there's, like...just machines terrorizing people.

Dick: This is the man's apartment??

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: But for being such a neat and tidy guy, alotta crumbs left behind where he was sitting last time. (both laugh) Ahh, I love shittin' on our guests when they're not in studio to defend themselves. (Dick cackles)

Dick: We should turn that into a bit.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Anybody that comes on, we just talk shit...we just gossip after they leave...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...the next week.

Maddox: We'll get great access to great guests, I'm sure. (Dick laughs)

Dick: They like it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People like it.

Maddox: Sure. People love -

Dick: (interjects) People like getting shit on.

Maddox: People love people talking behind their backs. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Alright Dick, the #1 problem from last week was Psychics! Yeeeeah! (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Ohh. (amused)

Maddox: Woo! (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yeah, Psychics.

Dick: I actually knew that would happen. I used my psychic abilities to predict that.

Maddox: Oho, yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What are you, an economist now? Same thing! Same thing. By the way, on Twitter -

Dick: (interjects) Stop it. (chuckling)

Maddox: On Twitter... (breaks down laughing)

Dick: Stop it, man.

Maddox: On Twitter I got all these economy majors who were hittin' me up and they were saying, "Maddox, you don't know what the fuck you're talkin' about! I'm an economist, I just graduated!" And I would just send them a picture. I'm like, "Yeah, here. Did you use one of these for your graduation ceremony?" and I sent them a picture of a crystal ball. (Dick laughs) Or, uh...I found another one. I'm like, "Here. Here's a picture of you," and it's just a picture of a psychic sitting there with, you know, one of those stupid hats.

Dick: Oh, you don't understand economics.

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering) Oh, I understand economics. I understand weather, too.

Dick: Go ahead! (grinning)

Maddox: Uh-huh! Predictions! More predictions. Anyway, Psychics, big problem. Thank you for voting that up. People finally listened to reason.

Dick: Little bit of a '90s throwback, though, Psychics. Don't you think? I remember them being prevalent in like the '90s on TV, but I don't hear about 'em much anymore.

Maddox: Not as much anymore, but they're still there. They're still, uh...they went underground. (Dick laughs) They've kind of distributed themselves. They've crowdsourced their bullshit.

Dick: Yeah? (smiling)

Sean: Did you guys know the FBI used 'em for like 30 years?

Dick: What?

Maddox: That's true.

Sean: They did.

Maddox: There was a covert...yeah.

Sean: I'm almost sure it was the FBI, but they ended it maybe 7 or 8 years ago.

Dick: Oh, to solve cases? To help them solve cases?

Sean: Yeah, because guess what? It didn't increase any results.

Dick: Ohhh. Man, that's a shame.

Maddox: Yeah. PSYOPs! PSYOPs, and they looked into astral projection. There was a really -

Dick: (interjects) Augh.

Maddox: (chuckles) There was a really black-book secret project that they looked into for astral projection, and they tried to use these people to locate...I think missiles in Russia, or somethin' like that.

Dick: Good. (annoyed)

Maddox: Like, some crazy shit. Yeah. Well, didn't find shit, so.

Dick: How were Russia's psychics doing? Did we have a gap there? (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: You know what? It may have been a psychic battle, and it was a draw, a stalemate. (Dick laughs)

Dick: They were shielding? As much disdain as I have for it, I would love to be a psychic in the employ of the US government.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, to just make up shit?

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Like meet with the Russians and like, "Yeah yeah yeah, we're doing a psychic battle, so we're gonna tell these idiots that we're shrouding you from the Russian psychic waves, and you tell your boss the same thing." And then we just keep cashin' a check.

Maddox: Wouldn't it be great to boss around a 4-star general too? Like, "Dim the lights a little bit, please."

Dick: Yeah! (laughing)

Maddox: "I can't...I need more candles in here! Can you get me some incense?"

Dick: "Take your shoes off!"

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: "Take 'em off, take 'em off. Touch them. Pet them like a dog."

Maddox: "I can't predict the future with these unaligned chakras everywhere!" Anyway, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: I got a comment. You know, every now and then we go back to previous episodes, because people are constantly commenting on our older episodes.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I bring in a comment that, uh, from an older episode. This one's from Episode 44, which was one of the most popular episodes of all time, I think, on our show.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah, the stats are through the roof on that episode!

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: That was the one where I brought in the Well-Intentioned Idiots problem.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: You remember that?

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: I got a comment from Julia Astrauckas. She says, "Huffington Post is the liberal Fox News no one needed or wanted." Amen, Julia. Because we also had the live episode in that episode...during that?

Dick: Ohh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. The live episode that our fans cherished. (angrily) (Dick laughs)

Dick: I wish we could bring some of those problems back in from the live episode.

Maddox: Oh, do you?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, is that a little bit of foreshadowing on what we're about to talk about?

Dick: No, no, no. I'm not...no. No, I'm not gonna do that today. I just...I see something like student loans on there and I'm like, "I would love to talk about that for an hour."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not like...not 2 minutes.

Maddox: We did need to discuss some of those problems a little bit longer. The format of the show is a longer-form format, so I don't think it lended itself well to the shorter format. I mean, it is what it is. It was entertaining, I thought.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is to say that it was excellent and you guys are all fucking idiots. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Caught yourself there.

Maddox: Yup. Um, I got a comment from Will Tower from...this is again from Episode 44. He said, "Dick, my very specific opinion is you should go fuck yourself."

Dick: H'okay. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Long setup for such -

Dick: (interjects) That's it?

Maddox: Yeah, that's it.

Dick: Oh. I got a voicemail. You wanna hear it?

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (raspy Southern accent) Gentlemen. This is former president Bill Clinton. (Maddox laughs) **I called you boys up 'cause I'm a fan of the show.**

Dick: Oh!

Voicemail: First off, Maddox, I have to say that obesity isn't all that bad. (Maddox chuckles) **Some of us like women with a little extra meat on their bones.**

Maddox: Alright.

Voicemail: Dick probably knows what I'm talkin' about with the bigger girls and the blowjobs. Am I right, Dick?

Dick: Ohh, yeah... (smiling)

Voicemail: Yeah. Bacon?

Dick: ...no. (Maddox laughs)

Voicemail: Bacon is a bipartisan issue that brings the American people together.

Dick: Bacon?

Maddox: Bacon?

Voicemail: And it tastes delicious. Worshiping it is stupid, but it is still really tasty. Finally...

Maddox: Oh! (laughs)

Voicemail: ...my opinion on your views of the income tax: Dick, go fuck yourself. (Dick scoffs) (Sean chuckles in the background)

[message ends]

Dick: How many presidents have told me to go fuck myself on this show?

Maddox: Uh, 3, I believe. Right? We had Obama tell you to go fuck yourself...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...Clinton now.

Dick: Clinton did.

Maddox: Didn't Bush?

Dick: I think Bush did.

Maddox: Bush probably did, yeah.

Dick: So get out your history books, guys, if you're gonna tell me to go fuck myself. It's already been done.

Maddox: 3 presidents telling you to go fuck yourself. That's a...that's a lot! That's alotta pre-...that's more than...most people don't have 3 presidents tellin' them to do anything.

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling) I got another one. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Maddox, uh, you look great. I congratulate you on your weight loss.

Maddox: Oh, thanks.

Voicemail: I saw the live show; you look amazing. Dick, you need to cut your hair and your face looks fat. (Maddox giggles) **It looks VERY different than the image in the upper right-hand corner of the website.** (Dick and Maddox laughing) **I feel like an idiot for telling you this...**

Dick: Yeah, you are.

Voicemail: ...but you need to lose weight and get raped somehow.

Dick: Ohhh. (dismayed) (Maddox laughs)

Voicemail: Bye.

[message ends]

Dick: You think MisterBurgers knows that his catchphrase "get raped" has been...has caught on on this show?

Maddox: I don't think so! So that catchphrase...if you guys don't remember, it was from our YouTube episodes, and I brought in a comment that someone kept saying over and over again in response to people who were criticizing our show and people who were in support of it, AND comments that were totally innocuous. His response every single time was "get raped," and so that's kinda caught on.

Dick: Alright, here's a good one. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Uh, hey guys. I'm, uh, I'm a sex education teacher, and uh...

Maddox: (chuckles) 'Kay.

Voicemail: ...I just wanted to read what one of my students wrote on his exam about conception. He says he didn't really study, but uh, he listened to this podcast and that he didn't need to, so. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Smart.

Voicemail: Uh, "A man swims out into the ocean with his beloved and wiggles around with the woman while treading water until the sperm that's floating around in his penis swims up into the woman's ovaries." (Dick and Maddox giggling)

Maddox: Could happen.

Dick: "Wiggles around." (amused)

Voicemail: Um, so good so far. "Then the woman says 'Oui, oui, oui' as you caress her bags of sand (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly) **and she then pees out of her clitoris, which is just a tiny penis..."**

Dick: Alllright. This is a joke. (Sean laughs in the background)

Voicemail: "...and one of the ovaries becomes a baby." Um, Maddox, I really enjoyed your role in the 40-year-old virgin. You really sold it.

Maddox: Shut up. (Dick cackles)

Voicemail: Very good. And I also teach Spanish, and one of my students wrote that the Spanish word for "smoking" is "farting."

Dick: This guy got all of his jokes in in one call! (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: So thank you for that too.

Dick: Great.

Voicemail: And Dick, go fuck yourself.

[message ends]

Dick: Aohhh! (exasperated) (Maddox and Sean laugh) God dammit. Alright, I have a serious comment.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I have a serious email to bring in. It's from Matt Barr. "Hey Dick, I am the Street Fighter challenger whose voicemail was played at the end of The Biggest Problem in the Universe Episode 50. Proof..." and then he has his number here. "...on April 21st at 5:39 Central Standard Time." He's very specific. (Maddox chuckles) Uh, "I sent Maddox a similar message, but I have yet to hear back." You won't hear back.

Maddox: No.

Dick: "There's a few points we need to touch on before this can happen, and I was hoping you could forward the message to him." (Maddox groans loudly) First of all, are you open...this guy is challenging you to a Street Fighter challenge. Are you open to this in any way? Can this...can you be convinced to fight someone at Street Fighter?

Maddox: Mm, I dunno, man. What's the purse? I'm like, um...I'm like Rocky comin' outta retirement. I'm a little rusty. I gotta go back into training, do my thing. What's the purse here?

Dick: So yes? So yes, that's a "yes."

Maddox: Possibly.

Dick: That's a "yes." Uh, "#1: Regular Alpha 2 or Alpha Gold?" That's the first question. What Street Fi-...? I don't know what that means.

Maddox: Alpha. Regular Alpha, Street Fighter Alpha.

Dick: Well, he says "Regular Alpha 2 or Gold Edition?"

Maddox: What's Gold Edition?

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: Oh, I think Gold Edition -

Dick: (interjects) Does that mean he knows more about Street Fighter than you?

Maddox: No, nobody...NOBODY knows more about Str-... (cracks up)

Dick: Alright! It says "Gold Edition," I don't know!

Maddox: ...about Street Fighter or sex than I do!

Dick: Alright. (chuckling)

Maddox: No-... (laughs more) Gold Edition, I think, was the one where they had alternate characters, or I think they made Rose playable, but it wasn't, um...yeah, I think that's what it was. I'm okay with...yeah. Street Fighter Alpha Gold? Sure.

Dick: Okay, Street Fighter Alpha Gold. That's the one you wanna play?

Maddox: That's Part 1, Gold. Right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, "I would prefer to play the arcade perfect version using a PC running MAME..." (Maddox groans) "...which is compatible with basically any controller." Is that acceptable?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Oho, 'kay.

Maddox: Because MAME is easy to hack! You can get a hacked ROM in there, you can -

Dick: (interjects) But what if it was your PC?

Maddox: If it was running on my PC, then how are we gonna play it? What, are we gonna network it and I'm gonna run the server?

Dick: Oh, he'd be running his own copy, are you saying?

Maddox: I guess. I don't know how...MAME networking...MAME-networked gameplay is kinda iffy.

Dick: Okay, so what's your counter-proposal?

Maddox: We'd have to do it in person at an arcade machine.

Dick: Okay! Arcade machine only.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause that way neither -

Dick: (interjects) I feel like I'm brokering the Mayweather-Pacquiao fight right now. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Except there's more at stake here.

Dick: There really is!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would much rather see you fight someone at Street Fighter in an arcade than I would watch two men hug each other for 12 rounds.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: "Local or online?" So you're saying local?

Maddox: Local.

Dick: You're saying it must be local.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, "I really hope you read this. Let me know what you think. - Matt Barr."

Maddox: Matt Barr.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Never heard of this guy.

Dick: Well, he's tryin' to make a name for himself, buddy!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, uh, good luck, Matt. That was meant completely sarcastically. You're gonna go down. (Dick laughs) You're gonna burn. You're gonna burn in hell! (yelling)

Dick: You wanna do any more comments? We take too much time on comments. You wanna get to the problems? You have any more comments?

Maddox: No, I just wanna...we have, uh, we have this...Dick, two episodes ago for our 1-year anniversary, or Episode 52 as you like to call it... (cracks up) (Dick scoffs) ...I brought in this questionnaire. We were gonna talk about it, but the episode went on for so long that we didn't have time.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: It's a questionnaire that I brought in that we both kinda filled out. I wanted to know...because it was our 1-year anniversary, we didn't get to it. I wanted to mention, which votes...this is a question I asked both of us. Which votes were you most disappointed with of all the problems that we've brought in?

Dick: Um...am I most disappointed with?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was either...it was either the Income Tax or Changing Your Sheets.

Maddox: Do you remember what the Income Tax problem got?

Dick: It was in the positives, but it was...it was...

Maddox: Way too low.

Dick: ...just limping along.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think it was in the triple digits.

Maddox: You know, you corrected yourself...or actually clarified, rather, in the following episode, but I think a lot of people confused your Income Tax problem with taxes in general.

Dick: Taxes in general? Yeah.

Maddox: Do you have a problem with taxes in general?

Dick: Well, I don't wanna pay them.

Maddox: (snorts) Okay.

Dick: But what do you...yeah. Do you want more than that?

Maddox: Well, no. 'Cause this'll derail into a tax argument, and I'm...

Dick: Yeah, they exist.

Maddox: ...I'm gonna have to call you a libertarian again.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh... (laughs)

Dick: And everyone's done with your thoughts on economics.

Maddox: Oh, okay!

Dick: Can we say that finally?

Maddox: Ohh! (smiles)

Dick: No more economy talk on this show?

Maddox: As long as we don't mention psychics, I'm fine with not mentioning economists. Um, my problem that I think that I was really disappointed with the vote was Self-Checkout Lanes. It was -613, I think, as of this writing.

Dick: Yeah, they're great!

Maddox: Self-checkout lanes are a huge problem, man. And I definitively proved it in that episode by bringing in studies and evidence and case studies and, uh...personal accounts from customers who said they hated those things and they were garbage, and then grocery store chains pulling them out because they were A) inefficient, B) made a worse experience...worse customer experience, and C) didn't save them money!

Dick: I remember you sayin' all that, but uh, you're just wrong.

Maddox: Yeah. I guess our fans' ears are fulla shit. (Dick laughs) (cracks up) Then the second question I have, Dick, which is: which problem would you like to have a do-over on?

Dick: Oo, boy. Well, all the ones I'm disappointed in...oh, I'll tell you which problem I'd like to have a do-over on: Snapchats of Not Tits.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: Because after that episode I got a bunch of Snapchats of tits. (cracking up)

Maddox: Ahhh-hah, great.

Dick: So, doing it again.

Maddox: Yeah, I got a few. That was pretty cool. Thank you for bringing that in. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, you're welcome.

Maddox: You f-...

Dick: That's why I brought it up again too, by the way.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm glad you're takin' this show seriously, asshole! (Dick cackles)

Dick: What?!?

Maddox: We're tryin' to find the biggest problem in the universe! Well, here's my SERIOUS answer: Facebook.

Dick: Okay. (grinning)

Maddox: Facebook was the problem...because I really feel like I got steamrolled in that episode. I didn't have a chance...there was such limited time, and I made such a great case that nobody listened to because you got shit in your ears.

Dick: Well, we need more time!

Maddox: Yeah, we do need more time. And then, what do you think should be #1 on the list? If the -

Dick: (interjects) Hunger.

Maddox: Hunger?!

Dick: Hunger should be the #1 thing.

Maddox: Hunger doesn't even affect as many people as half the shit that's on that list!

Dick: It's horrible though! It's a horrible thing. The scarcity of resources is so bad that people are starving to death? That's awful.

Maddox: It's not the scarcity of resources; it's the inefficient distribution models that we have.

Dick: I... (exhales)

Maddox: We have more than enough food, we just can't get it to people.

Dick: In America.

Maddox: Well yeah, in America, but the companies aren't shipping them to some of these countries. And it's not a simple -

Dick: Yeah, why would they?

Maddox: Well, it's not a simple thing. It's not a simple solution where you just ship them food and then that's that, because we did that in Haiti after their earthquake, and what it did is...Haiti's #1 export, I think, was rice.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Or one of...the #1 thing that they produced in their country was rice, so we basically put local farmers out of business when we were just sending them free rice. (Dick chuckles)

Dick: Yeah! Welp, sucks!

Maddox: Yeah, and then when the funds dried up we stopped sending them free rice. Well, the local farmers went out of business already, so we actually impacted their economy even worse than before.

Dick: Yeah, so it's hard to fix!

Maddox: Um, that problem is a big problem and definitely deserves to be on the list, easily in the top 20. I don't think it's the #1 problem, because I think -

Dick: (interjects) It's 11 right now.

Maddox: I think...okay! I'm okay with that.

Dick: Yeah. I track it every day. (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: I bet you do, you pedantic fuck. (Dick laughs) Uh, #1 on the list -

Dick: (interjects How is that pedantic?!

Maddox: I dunno, it's just...

Dick: Petty maybe, not pedantic.

Maddox: Well, both! Both...it's all the 'p's.

Dick: Yeah. What was your problem?

Maddox: Mine is Anti-Vaxxers. I think Anti-Vaxxers is really...has the potential to undo us as humanity.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think their steam's kinda wearin' off on those guys, though. Like, EVERYBODY'S harpin' on them now.

Maddox: Good.

Dick: They're becoming like...what was that religion where they didn't do...they wouldn't go to the doctor? That Jim Henson died of?

Maddox: Jews.

Dick: No. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: No, it -

Dick: (interjects) Jews ARE the doctors. They don't need to go anywhere.

Sean: Jehovah's Witnesses don't.

Dick: Yeah. They don't go to the doctor?

Maddox: Ohh, yeah.

Sean: That's what he was. Aren't there...? Eh...

Dick: I think they're, like, relegated to the side. Like, they're not growing. Anti-vaxxers aren't growing anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If anything, they're declining.

Maddox: I hope, man. But I still know some anti-vaxxers who have families. This friend of mine has a family, 3-4 kids? I don't know how many kids. They're always poppin' out kids. And, uh, she doesn't believe in vaccinations! She thinks that she knows better than doctors with degrees and everyone else in society, apparently.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's just selfish. It's one of the most selfish things you can do.

Dick: Armchair doctors. Can you imagine how that guy who started it all feels? Like, he...he debunked his own research, the doctor who originally put out this idea that vaccinations cause autism?

Sean: He was completely discredited.

Maddox: Yeah. His -

Dick: (interjects) Yes.

Maddox: The study that he published was recalled, and it's one of the most famous recalled studies. They recanted that study. They said, "This guy is a charlatan. He - "

Dick: (interjects) Hasn't he also recanted on it? Or is he still...?

Maddox: I think so, yeah.

Sean: But all you have to do is put it out there.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And people are gonna hang on to it 'cause it's scary.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, it's out in the ether.

Dick: Like, he is responsible for so many deaths.

Maddox: So we agree that #1 should be Anti-Vaxxers. Thank you. (Sean laughs in the background) Um, let's move on to the problems, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: You want me to go first?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: My first problem this week is people who complain about being cold all the time.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Mmm. (in background)

Maddox: WAH. (**buzzer sound effect**) Crybabies! Just a buncha suck-ass sissies.

Dick: Well, it's all women.

Maddox: It's... (chuckles) It's almost every girlfriend I've ever had.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know who doesn't complain about being cold all the time? Fat people. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, none of my girlfriends. (giggles)

Dick: So you brought in women as a problem? (cracking up)

Maddox: No, no, no. I'm just bustin' balls here. I'm just...I'm bustin' boxes here. (smiles)

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But, uh...but yeah, it's people who complain about being cold all the time. It's guys and girls, and it's really unbecoming of humanity, I think, to complain about being cold all the time. What are you, a fucking lizard? Are you a reptile? Get a jacket, eat a pepper, drink some Tabasco, and fuck off! What's the big deal? Why can't you just stay warm? Why is it so hard to stay warm? And these people -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it's cold.

Maddox: It's... (everyone laughs) "Wahh, it's cold!" These people complain incessantly about how cold it is, and then you know what they do? They ruin the fun for others. (Dick guffaws) They say they hate the cold, they'll stay away from the s-...look man, I'm not a fan of the cold. I grew up in Utah, I'm fucking tired of it. It's GROSS.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: I'm done with the cold.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: However, when I'm in the cold, I just deal with it! I sit around and it's not a big deal. Okay, I'm a little bit inconvenienced by the temperature in this room. Who gives a shit??

Dick: Yeah, I do think you're just talking about everyone's wife though. (Maddox chuckles) Or girlfriend. Like, I really...this is a real sneaky way to do that, but...eh, they're cold! They're small. They don't have...they don't have big bodies with muscles generating heat all the time.

Maddox: So eat a fuckin' steak! Can't you gain a couple pounds and shut the fuck up? Pleeease?

Dick: I don't think it works like that. (cracking up)

Maddox: Like a bear? I'll tell you, man. (Sean laughs in the background) When I was heavier -

Sean: (interjects) Like a bear! (laughing)

Dick: Ohh, no. No more Fat Maddox stories. (Maddox laughs) People are sick of the Fat Maddox stories.

Maddox: You know who is, though, is Asterios. He had a status update that said somethin' like "The worst things to talk about in this world," and #1 was like "people who used to be fat talkin' about how skinny they are now."

Dick: Oh GOD, yeah.

Maddox: And #2 was, like, ethnic cleansing or somethin'. Like... (cracks up) Somethin' like that, but...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, no. When I was fatter, I would never, ever get cold. I remember I would walk around without jackets all the time. In fact, I went through a 4-year span of my life without wearing jackets, because when I lived in...when I had my place in Utah I rented two apartments, and I lived in one and I worked out of the other. And a lot times...they were like a block, a block and a half apart.

Dick: Oh, can we go through that for a little bit first?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You had two apartments, one just to work in?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What do you mean, "work in"?

Maddox: I set up my -

Dick: (interjects) Like be on the computer?

Maddox: Yeah. To write my book, my manuscript for my first book, and also to do my online store.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Where I would ship t-shirts out of, so I needed a place to store all that stuff. 'Cause that stuff used to be in my living room, and it was just, uh, piled to the CEILING.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Literally, there wasn't...you couldn't even fit a piece of paper in between the boxes piled in this...in my apartment. It was just a mess. So I finally got a second apartment, because I looked into the price and it was...it cost like 400 dollars for a 1-bedroom apartment, so combined for both apartments it cost me 1,000 dollars, and this is downtown Salt Lake City.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I had a combined 2 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, 3 bedrooms. It was great! But the apartments were about a block and a half apart, so a lot of times late at night when I'd be working I would just walk to one apartment wearin' my shorts and flip flops and no jacket, and walk back home because it's just a block and a half. Who gives a shit?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And one day there was a blizzard, and I'm walkin' in this blizzard and I thought, "Wow, you know what? It's really cold, and my body's probably working harder to produce heat. I'm probably burning more energy." And that kind of spawned a theory of mine a long time ago -- this was like, back in 2004, 2005 -- about an ice diet, where I would swallow ice to keep my body temperature low at all times.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. That's a thing now!

Dick: That's true, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a thing now. Like, people are sayin' that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's an actual thing. Anyway, I came up with that theory. And that happened when I was walkin' back and forth, and I decided...and then I looked into it and I found out...I think it was Socrates, was the philosopher? I found out he never wore jackets and he would walk around in the cold barefoot, so I thought, "Well, fuckin'...if Socrates did it, I'm gonna do it!" (Dick giggles) So that kind of inspired me. That started a 4-year span of my life where I boycotted jackets. I stopped wearing jackets altogether. I refused to wear jackets!

Dick: Are the temperatures similar in Utah and ancient Greece?

Maddox: I think so, because I looked... (Sean laughs in the background) They're about the same -

Dick: (interjects) I don't think so. It's like a...like, it didn't snow in Greece ever, did it?

Maddox: Yeah! They specifically talked about how Socrates would walk around barefoot in the snow.

Dick: In the snow? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Oh! I dunno.

Maddox: So I went through this phase where I didn't wear jackets, to my personal, financial, and possibly career detriment. I was in New York visiting with the president of the publishing company I was with...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and he said, "Maddox, your book's doin' well. I'm gonna take you out to the best steak restaurant in New York."

Dick: Big mistake. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: And he said...I showed up and he said, "Um, do you have a jacket?" and I said, "No, I don't wear jackets." Very proud, like, startin' to go off on my stupid theory, right? (Dick cackles) He's like, "Uh, do you - "

Dick: (interjects) You're like a fucking sitcom character! (both laugh)

Maddox: So he said, uh...he said, "You don't have a jacket?" and I said, "No, I don't wear jackets," and I went on and on.

Dick: "Did you not hear me, you fat fuck? I don't WEAR jackets." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So I told him my theory, and he seemed really unimpressed. He said, "Okay." (Dick laughs more) "Well, can you find a jacket?" I said, "No, I don't need one. I'm fine." And I didn't...I wasn't picking up the subtext here. He said, "Uh, you should really get a jacket. It's gonna rain tonight." I said, "It's okay, I walk in the rain all the time!" So I refused jackets -

Dick: (interjects) Did you tell him the Socrates part though?

Maddox: I did! Yeah.

Dick: Of course. (laughs)

Maddox: I explained... (cracks up) I explained the Socrates part.

Dick: Can you imagine this poor guy? What is he, like a VP of a publishing company?

Maddox: He's the president! The owner!

Dick: The president of the publi-...the pres-...the owner of the publishing company has to go home that day, and his wife's like, "How was work?" and he's like, "These FUCKIN' authors." (Maddox laughs) "This fuckin' jackass comes into the building today and he's makin'...he's walking around pretending to be Socrates." (Maddox laughs harder) "Who the fuck...where the fuck do these people come from?"

Maddox: So I show up to this steakhouse, one of the best in New York, and...you know, ridiculously expensive steaks, like 100 dollars plus, and so I walk in and I notice everyone in the restaurant is wearing a jacket and, like, a suit.

Dick: Like a nice jacket?

Maddox: And a tie, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Meanwhile, I'm wearing a shirt with tanks on it and jeans.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And so I walk in and I thought, "Wow, I'm really underdressed. I feel like an asshole. Now I get it." He was tel-... (both laugh) He was tellin' me...

Dick: (interjects) How old were you?

Maddox: ...to wear a jacket. This was when my book came out in 2006, so what, like 8 years ago? Yeah.

Dick: Ohoho, my...

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I'm surprised they didn't have jackets.

Dick: Yeah, they usually do.

Maddox: They usually do. However, I think this worked a little bit in my favor because they know the owner of the publishing company and they know that he's a regular, so he's a high roller. He comes in, they don't wanna insult him, they don't wanna insult me. And they saw that I was with him -

Dick: (interjects) Mm, definitely him, yeah. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: They saw that I was with him, and they realized...they treated me so differently when they saw that I was standing next to him. 'Cause when I walked in I got all these eye rolls and glares, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then I walked up next to the publisher and they said, "Oh, right this way, right this way!" And they thought I was such a big shot because I was able to walk into this restaurant not wearin' a jacket, wearin' my stupid graffiti tank shirt, and they sat me down and they were...everyone's like, "Oh, who's that guy? Who's that guy?" (hushed voice) "He must be real important, 'cause he's not wearin' a jacket!" Yeah.

Dick: They must be used to dealing with the biggest screwballs that come from a publishing company, like other authors who also don't understand what having a nice dinner means.

Maddox: I think authors are meek.

Dick: Why? What do you mean?

Maddox: Most authors are very meek. They come from the Midwest, they're just very unused to...I think that's what I was too, a little bit.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: When I met this guy. They don't know what to expect. They don't, uh, they're not used to that lifestyle, so. Anyway man, that's my story. Oh, plus I was drenched in rain. (both laugh) 'Cause it was a torrential rain outside.

Dick: You have a habit of showing up soaked for meetings. Important meetings.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: Remember when you rode your bicycle to that meeting at, uh, Fox?

Maddox: Oho, which one? (laughs)

Dick: And you ran around in a panic because they had no bike rack?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: So you had to, like, tie it to a parking meter or something? Or like a...a homeless person? (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah... (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: To go up to your meeting, and you were drenched in sweat when you got up there?

Maddox: Oh boy, that was ano-... (Dick giggles) That happened another time at Comedy Central, specifically. Anyway man, the point is I wasn't cold. I just sucked it up.

Dick: Yeah, but so what's your problem with people who are cold? Like, what's your...what's a temperature? What's a temperature that's acceptable for you to be at?

Maddox: I think...I think -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I run hot.

Maddox: 50 and above, shut the fuck up.

Dick: You're...that's INSANE.

Maddox: 50 is comfortable!!

Dick: Maddox, you can't think that 50 degrees...you can't think it's okay to keep people in 50 degrees in the house.

Maddox: Ohh, get outta here! If I get into the ocean and it's 50 degrees? "Hey, it's a great day! Get in the ocean! Throw me a beach ball, let's do this!"

Dick: So if your house was at 50 degrees and somebody was complaining, that would be a problem for you?

Maddox: Uh, it would be...it's a little colder than average, but yeah.

Dick: 50?!

Maddox: 50's n-...what are you...? See, this is a traditional California pussy, and here's what I'm disappointed in reporting. (Dick scoffs) Guys, I...after I lost weight and, you know, if you...the longer you live in a warmer climate, the more acclimated you get to it?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: It's turned me into a little bit, a *little* bit, of a pussy.

Dick: You know what really annoys me...

Maddox: What?

Dick: ...about you jackasses from the cold? You're so proud of how...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...of how you can take the cold weather.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: It's so annoying. It's like, you didn't do anything! You just live where it's cold.

Maddox: You became -

Dick: (interjects) It wears off if you don't live there, so shut the fuck up about it.

Maddox: I don't think you can adjust! I don't think so, Dick. I think the cold would chew you up and spit you out like a toothpick.

Dick: Of course you adjust, 'cause you didn't do anything to get it! You just sat there on your ass walking from one apartment to another!

Maddox: Did you not hear my boycott of jackets for 4 years?!

Sean: Some of 'em talk like they're genetically superior or something like that.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: That's me, Sean!

Dick: Yeah, they talk like they're the master race 'cause they can take it. They're like, "Oh, huh, look at you guys wearing your jeans! I'm only wearing high water pants. You're a bunch of pussies."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, "Yeah, you live where it's cold, dude. Shut the fuck up."

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Like, is your...is where you live so shitty that you have to be proud of something as stupid as being able to take it when it's cold?

Maddox: Yes dickhead, because it's tough to live there! You...people die in the harsh climates that we grew up in as children!

Dick: Oh, get over yourself.

Maddox: And then when you come to California, "Oooh, it's a bit nippy! It's 69 degrees, oohoohoo!" (Dick laughs) "Lemme get my scarf out!" All these fuckin' hipster PUSSIES standing around Intelligentsia Coffee...

Dick: Ohh. (smiling)

Maddox: ...with their twirly mustaches. Idiots.

Dick: You're such a man 'cause you can take it when it's cold outside.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah!

Dick: Oh my god, where would we be without you tough guys to take it when it's 50 degrees outside?

Maddox: I'll tell you. I'll tell you where you'd be: in a coffee shop...

Dick: Yeah. (sneering)

Maddox: ...sipping an expensive latte, ya pussies. You wanna hear the story of when I finally broke down and started wearing jackets?

Dick: Yes. (both laugh) It wasn't that??

Maddox: No! No.

Dick: That didn't shame you into doing it?

Maddox: This was a real stupid fuck-up. Um, I went to London in December... (Dick giggles) ...and I...here is the heaviest, thickest thing that I packed: one flannel shirt. (Dick laughs more) That's it! Everything else in my suitcase was short-sleeve, and I only brought one pair of pants and a couple shorts with me.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I walk... (cracks up) ...show up in London and it's fucking bitter cold, and I'm walkin' around thinkin', "Okay, if I shop...if I walk around and I hop in from shop to shop at, you know, 15-minute intervals at a time and I'll just pretend like I'm browsing so I warm up," you know?

Dick: And this...you're still okay with your principle of not wearing a jacket like Socrates, even though you're leapfrogging like a homeless man from shop to shop. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is still a win?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. (about to laugh)

Maddox: And every time I would see a pasty shop...for Americans who don't know, pasties are these little pocket...they're almost like hot pockets -

Dick: (interjects) It's like a piece of bread full of jizz, right?

Maddox: Noo. It's...they're delicious. It's like a calzone filled with, like, curry and chicken and beef. They're really good!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're doughy and just chewy. They're really good. So every time I saw a pasty shop I would stop in, buy a pasty to warm up my hands, (Dick giggles) and then I'd walk to the next shop and just browse souvenirs while I warmed up, and I thought, "I could just keep doin' this my entire trip in London." And so then... (chuckles) I was doin' the tourist thing and I was goin' to see the London Eye and all this other bullshit, so I was walkin' across this bridge...'cause right by the London Eye there's this big stretch of water.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the wind was blowing across that water, and it started...it was overcast and it started to snow.

Dick: The Thames, isn't it?

Maddox: What?

Dick: The Tham-...that's the Thames River? (pronounced "tame")

Maddox: Thames River? I think so, yeah.

Sean: "Thames." (pronounced "tems")

Maddox: Oh, Thames. Okay.

Dick: Yeah. Oh, it's Thames? Is that how you say it?

Sean: Yeah, I think so.

Maddox: Whatever, I'm sure some Brit's gonna correct us in the comments. So I was walkin' across this bridge and the wind blew so hard with snow and ice, I actually felt frost on my face. (Dick laughs) Like, my cheeks were frosty and I kinda scraped it off. And I was so fucking cold, I was shivering, and there was this little Chinese lady...it was right about the time all the shops were closing up, and she was selling scarves and gloves -

Dick: (interjects) And she said, "Ahh, abominable snowman!!" (both laugh) "Run for your life!" (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: That's Vietnamese, asshole. You always do Vietnamese instead of Chinese. (both crack up) Anyway, so this lady's sellin' all this stuff, and I walk up to her. I said, "Um, how much?" and before she could even answer I said, "Whatever, I'll buy everything! I'll buy everything!" (both laugh) I bought...I made her fuckin' day, dude. I didn't haggle for anything, I paid her whatever she was asking. I bought a hat, I bought gloves, I bought a scarf...I bought two scarves to, like, wrap around my arms, and then I bought so much shit there. I bought an extra hat just in case I dropped mine.

Dick: You became a homeless person! (giggling) (Maddox and Sean laugh) Like, you literally became a homeless person, just grabbing garments of clothing!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Anything that you can get to wrap around your body.

Maddox: And I bought this, like, stupid-looking fleece poncho or something she was selling. I thought, "Whatever, I don't give a shit. I'm gonna die out here if I don't wear something."

Dick: Maddox, you make your life so much more complicated than it has to be (Maddox laughs) with your asinine, like...with your principles.

Maddox: Yeah. They're principles, Dick. (Dick laughs more) Anyway.

Dick: I want...I know you're working on a book.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How far...how's that going, by the way?

Maddox: Great!

Dick: What percentage?

Maddox: Eh...

Dick: I'm making a thermometer over here.

Maddox: Eh, percentages. You know, they're just numbers. (laughs)

Dick: Okay, that tells me...that tells me it's less than 10.

Maddox: Oh, uh...uh, whew, I'm sweatin'. (both laugh)

Dick: Okay! That tells me...

Maddox: I'm not cold right now!

Dick: That tells me 10...it's a LOT less than 10.

Maddox: Dick, the publisher might be listening. (both giggle)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: It's comin' along great, guys,

Dick: Alright, I'm gonna keep this thermometer on the back of... (trails off)

Maddox: Great. And thanks for signing up for the mailing list! I still haven't sent out the final verdict, but I...people called me out on that, when I said you have to give me a reason why you think that you should be signed up for this mailing list. Some people are fuckin' with me in there.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: One of 'em said, "I used..." This guy said, "I used to beat up computer science majors like you in high school when I was a kid," and that's what his response was. Deleted!

Dick: Uh...aw.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You deleted that? It's funny.

Maddox: Well, I put it on the, uh, the "maybe" list. We'll see.

Dick: Yeah, that's the best part of having those lists. Like when we had the list for the live show, the answers that everybody put in...

Maddox: Hilarious.

Dick: ...were hilarious.

Maddox: Dick, what's your...what's your problem?

Dick: So...nonono, I was gonna say...so the book that you're writing, I know it's not gonna be what I'm about to pitch you, but what I really wanna read is "Making Your Life More Complicated" by Maddox. (Maddox chuckles) And it's just full of these stories, like, "Here's how I became a homeless man," and it all starts with "I wanted to be more like Socrates." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, I was just walkin' between two apartments.

Dick: Yeah! (grinning)

Maddox: In a blizzard, yeah.

Dick: "Where this is, like, I'm gonna...this is the goal: I'm gonna live like...I'm gonna walk a mile in Socrates' jacketless shoes."

Maddox: Yeah, it's smart! I did it for 4 years, fuck you.

Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. (Maddox laughs) Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save 5 dollars off of your first purchase. Do you use...so Maddox and I were sent Harry's shave kits to use.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I still use mine.

Maddox: I still use mine too!

Dick: Yeah, it...I'm saying this honestly. It did have a significant impact in my life because I shave now all the time, 'cause I don't wanna look like a bearded fuck.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, that's what's in style now, to look sloppy.

Maddox: Beards are pretty cool. They don't always look sloppy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I do use it all the time.

Maddox: Yeah, no, I use mine...I use mine to trim my beard. Those blades, I don't know what they make them with, like titanium or something, but my whiskers are pretty fuckin' tough and normal blades only last like 2 or 3 shaves before I have to throw them out. These Harry's ones have lasted me weeks and weeks.

Dick: By cutting out the middleman, they can offer an amazing shave at a fraction of the price of drugstore brands. Give Harry's a shot. How 'bout that?

Maddox: Is that -

Dick: (interjects) Harry's is...wait. Go to http://harrys.com. They'll give you 5 bucks off your order if you put in "BIGGESTPROBLEM".

Maddox: "BIGGESTPROBLEM" is the promo code for 5 bucks off. Thank you, Dick.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: What's your problem?

Dick: My problem is, um...this is a very personal problem. It opened up to me, like, a can of worms.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I thought it was just gonna be a very simple kind of throwaway problem...

Maddox: Yeah,

Dick: ...but as I dug and dug, it got a lot deeper and it got a lot more interesting.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Sounds like a problem with deep roots!

Dick: (chuckles) What?

Maddox: It sounds like it's a problem with some...that has some roots! Some deep roots, yeah.

Dick: Yeah! Oh, yeah! Yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay, so first I have to address something, and I don't know if this is gonna upset anyone. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I wish you guys could hear eye rolls, 'cause there was one definitely in this studio. (laughs more)

Dick: Sean, I don't bring this up...I'm not trying to bust balls. It's interesting to me to talk about. I like talking about everything that goes on on this show. I like talking about the behind-the-scenes stuff, because I think it gives people an insight into, you know, into the dynamic here.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And that's interesting.

Maddox: Sometimes, yeah.

Dick: Sometimes it's interesting. I think this time it is interesting.

Sean: Mhm. (sarcastic) (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Sean!

Maddox: Sean looks like the expression Lurch from the Addams Family has on his face permanently. That's the expression on Sean's face right now. (cracks up)

Dick: Also a little bit of Hannibal Lecter.

Maddox: Yeah, a little bit.

Dick: There was talk before our year anniversary show (Sean exhales irritatedly) of you bringing in a problem. (Maddox giggles) Right? That's...that's a true statement. (laughing)

Sean: I remember somebody saying, "You should bring one in for the 52nd!" and I said, "Alright."

Dick: Everybody!! Everybody.

Maddox: How did...no, who...how did they ask you to do that, Sean?

Sean: Who's "they"? It was you guys!

Maddox: Well, who's this person? Who's... (laughs) Who's this person? How did you get that request?

Dick: Alright, we'll get there.

Sean: I don't remember!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: We'll get there.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Okay. Everybody wanted you to bring in a problem though, right?

Maddox: Well, people have been asking for a long time 'cause they like Sean. Sean's the star of the show. Everybody...they shit on me and Dick, and for some reason you are the show's darling and you are untouchable. Everybody loves you, Sean.

Dick: Untouchable. Even with the fuckin' deleting thing!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People were immediately jumping to your defense!

Sean: Yeah, that's weird.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: Not that I don't appreciate it, but that's weird.

Dick: They sense something. They sense something, and they knew that if you brought in a problem, you would probably be the most rational...either you would be the most rational person or you would completely surprise everybody and be just as big of a maniac as us. Right? That was the tease.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what everybody was waiting for.

Maddox: That was the hope, yeah. (Sean exhales again)

Dick: That was the hope. That was the question that needed to be answered. So... (Maddox chuckles) So you brought in a problem. I thought it was a great problem! I don't wanna go over the line either. Tell me if I'm...if this is not funny.

Sean: No, you're fine.

Dick: Okay. You brought in a problem, and then...then you guys broke my heart. (Maddox laughs) Didn't you?

Maddox: Dick, I didn't know you had a heart.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a surprise to me.

Dick: What happened to that problem?

Maddox: Well, uh...

Dick: It didn't show up, did it?

Maddox: No. The problem...the problem didn't show up.

Dick: What happened?

Maddox: And I don't think that a single person who was listening to that episode could tell.

Dick: No!

Maddox: It was masterfully edited.

Dick: Yeah! It was erased from history, like Marty McFly's family.

Maddox: Deleted! Let's say "deleted." (cracks up)

Dick: Deleted. (amused)

Maddox: Sean, do you wanna...do you wanna talk about this or nah?

Sean: Yeah! What the hell.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Sean actually DID bring in a problem for our big 1-year anniversary.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And why specifically? Do you remember what...at whose behest, Sean? 'Cause I can tell you.

Sean: No.

Maddox: You received an email, I think, in all caps right before... (laughs) ...right before the show. Dick, do you know anything about this email?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I know.

Maddox: What did the email say?

Dick: I said, "Bring in a fuckin' problem."

Sean: It was more like a reminder.

Maddox: Oh, a reminder. Okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So it wasn't an outright demand that you bring in a problem. So Sean did bring in a problem, and we recorded it and it was a great problem!

Dick: I thought it was great.

Maddox: Yeah! It was -

Dick: (interjects) Honestly, I thought it was great.

Maddox: It added to -

Dick: (interjects) I've listened to it a dozen times.

Maddox: I still haven't heard it, but it added to our...the length of that episode, which was already long.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It came in...the final episode came in, I think, around an hour and 45 minutes.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Somethin' like that, with Sean's problem in it.

Sean: No, I think it was like 2 hours.

Dick: Yeah, it was like...it was closer to 2 hours.

Maddox: 2 hours, yeah! It was a huge, huge episode. Still a huge episode even without Sean's problem...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...because of my brilliant takedown of the economic fallacy.

Dick: ANYWAY. (Maddox laughs) So, the next day -

Sean: (interjects) Can we talk about dog food?

Dick: No! (giggles)

Maddox: Yeeeah! (smiling)

Dick: So the day before the problem goes up, who gets a text? Maddox gets a text first from Sean.

Maddox: I get a text, and Sean said he wasn't too happy with how he defended the problem. He said he wasn't prepared enough, and he asked if he could cut it from the episode. Right?

Sean: True.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: True.

Sean: Well, I thought of it just about midnight the night before.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And it was a lame problem in my opinion. I didn't prepare at all, and I just came in and it was like audio cancer to me. (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: Well, that's what you said to me: "Objectively, it was bad," and I said, "Absolutely not."

Sean: Well, here's the thing.

Dick: (interjects) "Absolutely not objectively."

Sean: Yeah, not at the time. Turned out I was right though.

Dick: What do you mean??

Maddox: (chuckles) What do you mean?

Sean: Because I listened to it the next day! You know, we've talked about this, uh, this statement somebody told me one time. They said, "When you're performing in anything, it's very rarely as good or as bad as you think it is."

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: It's usually somewhere in the middle. And I've played guitar live a million times, and there's been shows where I thought I was dying up there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And you know, people would tape the shows and stuff like that, and I'd get a copy of it and it was never as bad as I thought.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: You know? I'm my own worst critic. But this was actually as bad or worse than I thought it was when I went back and listened to it.

Maddox: Yeah, but Sean, that's not how you -

Sean: (interjects) And I think...I think that the show deserves better!

Maddox: Oh, that is a very diplomatic way of gettin' out of this, buddy. (smiles)

Dick: He's tryin' to butter you up.

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: No! It's -

Dick: (interjects) He's tryin' to sneak that...

Maddox: I agree.

Sean: I honestly do! If I'm gonna bring in a problem, I'm going to bring in a problem. One that I actually give a shit about.

Maddox: Sean, it was a great problem, objectively speaking. I was, uh, I was so glad you brought it in, and also I had a few interesting takedowns of Dick that may never -

Dick: (interjects) That's what...and that's why...that's what broke my heart.

Maddox: Ah.

Dick: 'Cause I listened back to it and I'm like, "Oh man, Maddox is really makin'...sayin' a lot of stupid stuff here."

Maddox: Ahh ha ha. (dryly)

Dick: This has gotta... (laughing) This has gotta -

Maddox: (interjects) Ass.

Dick: No!! (stammers) It brought up interesting points that I thought should see the light of day.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: So yeah, so um...so Sean said, "Hey man, it felt premature. Can we cut it? I'll bring in a problem some other time. I wasn't too happy with the performance," and I said, "You know what, buddy? Yeah, I don't wanna stress you out. Let's, uh, let's get rid of it. We're gonna cut it."

Dick: And I don't. I don't, 'cause I know you're...you don't wanna be, like, a jerkoff performer like us, so it's fine. Cut it.

Maddox: Sean is the only person who actually gives a real shit about... (cracks up) ...about, uh -

Dick: (interjects) Reputation in real life and stuff like that.

Maddox: Yeah, and he cares about how he comes across, whereas I...the more I'm hated, it makes me stronger.

Dick: Yeah! (laughing) Okay. I think you're being too hard on yourself, so I came up with a fun experiment...

Maddox: Uh-oh.

Dick: ...to see if you think it's really as bad as you're...if you think your problem is really as bad as you're saying it was. Alright? And I also think this is the funniest thing I might have ever done.

Maddox: Ohoho, wow! (Dick laughs) You're, uh, you're real proud of yourself, Dick!

Dick: I went through so much...because it kills me that it was lost!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I have to fix it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I have to fix it.

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: I have to fix it. So I've brought in...and don't react to it yet. (Maddox chuckles) I've brought in a clip...I've brought in a clip of what I've done with that dialogue, except I replaced your lines with a voice actor. (Maddox laughs) Just so you can be completely objective. I'm only gonna play a little bit of it, alright?

Maddox: Alright. (grinning)

Dick: And you...he sounds a lot like you, but it's not you, 'cause I think that will make it objective.

Maddox: Oh, I don't know, Dick. Sean has a pretty distinctive voice, except for Bald Bryan from the Adam Carolla show. (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah. Alright, here. I'm gonna play it now. 'Kay?

Sean: The voice is not what's going to make it objective.

Maddox: We'll see. (smiling)

Dick: Well, but I...you know, it's a mind thing!

Maddox: We'll see!

Dick: It's a mind thing!

Sean: No, it's...

Maddox: It might help. It might help, yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I don't like listening to myself either! It's like, it takes something.

Sean: Nonononono, I've heard myself recorded a million times!

Dick: Alright. But see, you tell me -

Sean: (interjects) I've no problem with the sound of my own voice.

Dick: You tell me after -

Sean: (interjects) Nobody knows what their own voice sounds like until they hear it recorded.

Maddox: Let's see what this sounds like.

Dick: Okay, let's see.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Let's see, let's see. [**plays altered clip of Sean's problem**]

Maddox: So Sean, people have been asking you to bring in a problem all year long, basically since the first time they heard you laughin' in the background. (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they said, "Who's that guy?"

Voice Actor as Sean: (really deep voice; sounds like Barry White) I should've never done that. (Maddox and Dick giggle)

Dick: Big mistake.

Maddox: Nah, we love it.

Voice Actor as Sean: I should've kept my mouth shut the entire time.

Dick: Sounds just like you!

Maddox: Well, it's too late, 'cause now you have to open your mouth and tell us what your problem is.

Voice Actor as Sean: I wasn't even gonna do a problem because last week was fuckin' insane. (Maddox and Dick still giggling)

Dick: Hm.

Voice Actor as Sean: I am lucky I even know my own name right now.

Sean: Who is this guy?

Voice Actor as Sean: Except I got an email from Dick in all caps, yelling at me that I better bring in a fuckin' problem. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, short email.

Voice Actor as Sean: Exactly.

Maddox: Was that entirely in the subject line?

Voice Actor as Sean: No, it was in the body. (everyone laughs loudly) **It was like, "When are we recording? You better bring in a fuckin' problem."**

[clip ends]

(Maddox and Dick still laughing)

Dick: See?! Now you can be objective! Now you can objectively say whether or not that was good.

Sean: I wanna meet that guy. (Maddox and Dick crack up again) Was that one of those 5-dollar things that you do?

Dick: No, no. I had to pay a lot more for that.

Sean: Jesus.

Dick: I transcribed your ENTIRE problem...

Maddox: Oh my gosh, Dick.

Dick: ...like that. That was just the first bit! That was the first bit! If you hate it, I'm not gonna play it.

Maddox: Dick, that's...I couldn't tell where that guy began and Sean stopped talking. (Dick and Sean laugh) That's the trouble. He really nailed it.

Dick: Yeah. So here's my...here's my problem. Here's what I'm bringing in: it's perfectionism. And at first I brought it in flippantly 'cause I was like, I do think you're a p-...in some ways, a perfectionist.

Sean: Oh, I think in more than some ways.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: I've gotten better, too.

Dick: Well, good, but I think this is a great example of that. And I don't mean to bust your balls too much, 'cause I...you know, it's not a big deal. I think that the bit's funny, but what I thought at first was perfectionism just keeps talented people from making amazing stuff.

Sean: It does!

Dick: Yeah. You're guilty of this...

Sean: For sure!

Dick: ...in this instance, 'cause I thought it was a great problem, and in music. And you, Maddox, I think are also guilty of this.

Maddox: Oh, totally. I have articles I haven't published that I've fully written, with images. In fact, the lucid dreaming one that I kind of teased at at the end of one of our episodes? That was a fully written article, and I posted it, I thought it wasn't up to snuff and I never posted it on my website.

Dick: I mean, forget articles! Just...how about books??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's been...you're working on book #3.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And it's been 10 years? Man, people who are not perfectionists just crank this shit out! Right?

Maddox: Yeah, of course. They're hacks, right.

Dick: Well, I don't even know if they're hacks or not.

Maddox: Not that...you know, there is virtue to being a hack. Sometimes. But this book...uh, yeah, some of my books...it does become a crippling thing, perfectionism, because sometimes your inner critics are so loud, your inner demons are so loud that they shut you up before you even get to the page. And that's why I'm able to put up with so much bullshit from my fans, because I think, "That's all you got, you idiots? Why don't you get inside my fuckin' head and deal with my demons for 5 fuckin' minutes? Your criticism isn't even as loud as my own criticism inside my head!"

Dick: Yeah, it's not even as clever!

Maddox: No!

Dick: Like, that maybe would've made...maybe would've hurt my feelings if you just added this little part to it.

Maddox: Right. (chuckling)

Dick: You should've sat down and thought about it for a second.

Maddox: Oh man, I can rip myself apart so much better than my fans.

Sean: Well, you've had a lot more practice.

Maddox: Of ripping myself up?

Sean: Sure!

Maddox: Of course, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you bring in things like Guardians of the Galaxy...

Maddox: Good problem.

Dick: ...which you thought was shit...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...which you thought was a shit movie...

Maddox: Shit movie.

Dick: ...and, uh -

Maddox: (interjects) No, it was okay.

Dick: (stammers) It's a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you posed your case of why it's a problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: However, I think this sense of perfectionism is preventing people who are brilliant from creating better art!

Maddox: Ohhh, Dick, that's a very clever argument.

Dick: Well, so at first -

Maddox: (interjects) Wooow. Hm.

Dick: At first I thought what you might be thinking now, which is like, "Yeah, but it goes both ways." 'Cause it's also maybe people aren't being too hard on themselves, and we're also saving the world from a lot of shit. Right?

Maddox: Which is my philosophy! I think that parents are not hard enough on their kids, for example.

Dick: So I started digging into this perfectionism thing. Like, I typed in "perfectionism stats" like I usually do for this show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And what I found was this tremendous amount of, like, psychological studies and psychological research that ties perfectionism in with some of the worst psychological hangups that we have!

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Like narcissism...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...uh, depression...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...suicide? Lemme read through some of these, 'cause I'm getting ahead of myself. Uh, it's a personality trait characterized by a person's striving for flawlessness and setting excessively high performance standards...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...accompanied by overly critical self-evaluations and concern regarding blah blah blah blah blah. So they, um...they split it up into dimensions: concern over making mistakes, high personal standards, perception of high parental expectations...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...the perception of high parental criticism, which...I mean, your mom is vicious with your work!

Maddox: Right. Absolutely.

Dick: Never approves!

Maddox: No, never satisfied with anything. Even cash. I could just give her a wad of money... (Dick laughs) ...and she'd say, "What, just this much? Is this what I'm worth to you?"

Dick: Yeah. Uh, lemme see, lemme see, lemme see...

Maddox: True story, by the way. (laughing)

Sean: You have the worst mom stories. (Dick and Maddox laugh) You really do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Perfectionism is a trait many of us cop to coyly, maybe even proudly, 'I'm a perfectionist' being the classic response you see in a job interview when asked to name your biggest flaw -- one that you think isn't a flaw, really." But it is, because "it can be devastatingly destructive, leading to crippling anxiety and depression, and it may even be an overlooked risk factor for suicide." [http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2014/09/alarming-new-research-on-perfectionism.html]

Maddox: Yeah! I read someplace on...I think there was a study that talked about how perfectionism can be so crippling, especially when it comes to work, and at some point there is that, uh, that tradeoff where it no longer becomes about the work necessarily but about...it does have to do with narcissism, and I think it's the way that the parents have placed expectations on the kid growing up, which causes them to, uh...to fall into this crippling cycle where they don't produce anything. They become unproductive.

Dick: Procrastination is one of the biggest symptoms of this.

Maddox: Welp! There you go, that's me!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's me to a T.

Dick: So this is...here's the meat of this. This is the actual study I found, 'cause a lot of it was, like, self-actualization shit, but this is the actual study I found. "Examining levels of perfectionism, conscientiousness, and academic productivity in psychological professors, they found that conscientiousness was associated positively with total publications, but perfectionism..." -- like, people who said they were perfectionists -- "...was associated negatively with the number and impact of publications." [http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/publications/observer/2012/march-12/the-price-of-perfe...]

Maddox: Interesting!

Dick: So people who consider themselves perfectionists...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...produced less, and, uh...less meaningful work.

Maddox: You know what's fascinating, Dick, is that this applies to me so much, because for the first...I would say 10 to 15 years of my writing of my website, I had this style of writing that my friend Michael Malice...you know we have a mutual friend, Michael Malice?

Dick: Yeah, I know him, yeah!

Maddox: Michael Malice, author. He wrote a book called "Dear Reader." He saw the way I wrote one day, and it...he was at a loss for words, because he said, "I can't believe this is the way you write." The way I write -

Dick: (interjects) What'd he mean?

Maddox: Well, he saw the way I write, and I sit down and I write one sentence or sometimes even just three words, and I'll sit there and stew over those words. And I'll read them back and forth over and over again in my head to see how they sound, and sometimes I'll read it out loud to see how it sounds, and I won't move on until I have perfected that sentence. Once that sentence is perfectly crafted then I'll move on to the next sentence, and so by the time I'm done with the article, little by little I've constructed each sentence so it's the perfect immaculate sentence. Then the article is done and I don't touch it again. I don't even...I don't even look for spelling errors or grammatical errors, because usually I've stewed over it so much that it's...there is none. There are none.

Sean: You know what? I can tell you write that way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's really obvious.

Maddox: How's that?

Sean: I guess I relate to it.

Maddox: Ohh.

Sean: I can tell that each sentence is crafted. That was exactly the word that I was going to use...

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: ...was "crafted." It doesn't even have to be much, you know, or...you know, your writing doesn't even have to be long to notice that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: There's certain updates you've done and I said, "That's the perfect way to say that."

Maddox: Oh, thank you. That's a really nice compliment.

Dick: Why don't you correct your spelling though?

Maddox: Because -

Dick: (interjects) A bunch of people called you out on Twitter for having typos, and you said, "I don't correct typos."

Maddox: I don't correct typos in archived material because I think it's more honest that way. My spelling on my website, guys? By the way, I have never done a spell check on any of the articles I've ever written, EVER. And my spelling is about 99.9 percent accurate, because I check everything already when I'm writing, you know?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And sometimes occasionally if I'm writing until 3 in the morning and I get delirious, I might make a mistake or a typo, and I leave those in after the first week. Generally I correct typos the first week, and the only other exception is if it's something for clarity. If I wrote something that sounds clunky and isn't getting my point across, I will correct that. But generally typos in archived articles, I leave those there for...to be more honest.

Dick: Uh, a study of Canadians over 7 years...6.5 years showed that the trait "perfectionism" predicted earlier mortality. (plinking sound from Maddox's mic) What the hell's goin' on over there? You gotta perfect your beer drinking. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: I tipped all the way back and my headphones fell off when I was drinkin' beer. (laughs)

Dick: "This finding held even after controlling for other..."

Maddox: (interjects) How's that for perfection? (laughs more)

Dick: (cracks up) "...health risk factors. A subsequent study yielded an anomalous patterns of resu-..." (trails off) Uh, let's see. "A link between perfectionism and serious illness..." Um...

Maddox: What illnesses? Do you know?

Dick: 'Cause of chronic stress.

Sean: Yeah! Stress creates cortisol, right? And that's...

Dick: Yeah! Yes.

Maddox: Makes you go bald, and I'm the baldest person in this fuckin' room!

Dick: That's true, man. Uh...so I guess what I'm saying is, uh, don't be a perfectionist. And I don't mean to...like, this research started because I thought it would be funny to bring in perfectionism 'cause you pulled the problem, and it, like...I found that this is a major cause of, uh, depression and illness and heart disease, cardiac rehabilitation... (trails off)

Sean: Oh, yeah. I'm glad you don't really relate to it. It's not... (chuckles) It's not a whole lot of fun.

Dick: No!

Maddox: It's awful.

Sean: But it really isn't, but...you know, I've gotten a lot better about it, but obviously that episode or that problem set something off where I was like, "This is garbage. This is crap, and it's not going to be the problem that I bring in."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I know exactly how you feel. When something...like when I feel like I really made a jackass of myself on this show, 'cause the next day I'm like, "Oh Christ, this is gonna be a hell of a week."

Maddox: You know, Dick, you have brought in probably one of the best-crafted arguments that you just totally glossed over. It's the best thing I've heard you say, I think, on this show.

Dick: Always...always insults. (Maddox laughs loudly) What?

Maddox: It's a compliment!! I haven't even gotten to the backhanded insult yet!

Dick: Oho, great.

Maddox: Uh, but... (cracks up) It was the part where you said... you mentioned Guardians of the Galaxy and you said that I thought it was a shitty movie and I said "yes," and it's probably due to perfectionism that we don't see better movies, and I totally buy that. That's a totally solid argument.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I...that's one of the best things you've said on this show, 'cause I think that that does actually explain real-world phenomena and why we don't see better artists. Perfectionism...this...you have no idea how fundamental -

Dick: (interjects) And it goes way beyond art!

Maddox: Right. Uh, this is a...this is a potential fundamental shift in my thinking, what you said, and I have to think about it more. I'm not ready to talk about it.

Dick: Woooo! (laughs)

Maddox: Dick, you don't...don't gloat!! (Dick cackles tauntingly) Don't celebrate! 'Cause you're just a simple fucking... (stammers) You're just like a simple factory worker who stumbles upon a gold nugget and doesn't even know what the fuck to do with it. Don't know its worth, don't know its value... (yelling)

Dick: I play air guitar with it! (mimics guitar sounds) (Maddox laughs) That's what I do with it. (grinning)

Maddox: Jackass! You're just sittin' there on a gold mine, don't even know what it's worth. (Dick laughs) I'm just gonna come over and just fuckin' steal it from you.

Dick: I brought in a quiz, but we're probably running out of time. Well, I found a real quiz, like a real "are you a perfectionist?" quiz, but it said it took like 40 minutes, so then I just found one on The Huffington Post. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Well, you're clearly NOT a perfectionist. (Dick laughs) And we're not linking to The Huffington Post, so you might as well read the title of the website 'cause I'm not gonna link to it.

Dick: What do you mean, "the title of the website"?

Maddox: So people can look for it as your source, 'cause I'm not gonna link to Huffington Post.

Dick: Oh, I don't know. Search "are you a perfectionist quiz" on Google.

Maddox: Well, there you go.

Dick: There you go! (laughing) But it's all...I think it's all stuff we've already covered.

Maddox: Yeah man, the perfectionism thing is really crippling. I've gotten a lot better, actually in part...due in part to my friend Michael Malice's criticism. He said that "the way you write is insane."

Dick: Oh, you're a nightmare to work with on writing.

Maddox: Get outta here!!

Dick: Because you focus so intensely on every sentence that goes into a pitch when it's totally unnecessary.

Maddox: I'll tell you when it is necessary: when you're communicating with someone and your writing efficiency counts. You have to communicate a really powerful and very precise message in just a few sentences or paragraphs. That's really important to do.

Dick: Here's what I think. You spend...you spend 90 percent of your effort covering the last 10 percent of quality.

Maddox: I, uh...mm... (skeptical)

Dick: This is...like, if you wanna obsess, if you wanna get a job done, you do...10 percent of the work will get you 90 percent of the way there. That's an 'A'.

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: You wanna obsess over it and spend another 9 times what you spent for that last little 10 percent? Waste of time.

Maddox: I -

Dick: (interjects) That's my philosophy!

Sean: Some people think it's worth it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: I am sorry I gave you that compliment earlier. (cracks up)

Dick: You don't think there's any wisdom in that?!

Maddox: Uh, no. I don't think it's applicable to me, no.

Sean: I think it's true.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It is true for some people.

Sean: You do spend a ton of, uh...you spend the most effort to get that last 10 percent.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: So instead of making one song perfect to you...which doesn't mean it's perfect!

Sean: No!

Dick: Which doesn't...according to the study, it doesn't mean it's gonna be any better.

Maddox: No, Dick. That's -

Sean: (interjects) Well, here's the thing: I think perfectionists, at least in my own experience...you'll try a lot of different things, and as soon as you show aptitude to it, you gain expectations immediately.

Maddox: Ah, that's true.

Sean: And then it becomes...in my world, it was always there were two possibilities that could exist. If it was done really well, that was acceptable; if it wasn't, it was complete and utter failure.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That's a tough way to think, because there's... (laughs) It's not A or B. I was always an "A or B"...you know, thinker. Pass/fail.

Dick: It's alphabet soup, man!

Sean: No, you're right!

Dick: You gotta...it's a lifetime of letters.

Sean: No, it's a -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they all add up.

Sean: That's true!

Maddox: Dick, the problem is that this doesn't apply to a lot of people and industries. For example, the video game industry? They spend the majority of their time, the 90 percent of their effort, in the first 10 percent of the game because they know that the majority of game players aren't going to play all the way through it. That's why a lot of times you'll play a game like Fallout 3 and you'll play this huge, epic game and...by the way, "epic" used correctly. You'll play this giant game and you'll get to the end of it and the story...the ending is wrapped up in like 30 seconds and it's garbage, because they know that they're not gonna spend a lot of time on this ending that 90 percent of their fans aren't gonna see. So they...that actually does not apply to a lot of industries and people. And same with me, for example. When I write articles I spend a lot of time thinking about the thesis, and the thesis is usually the title to my article, and I want that to be very strong, very powerful and very clear, because that's the hook! People need to know exactly what you're saying up front, as quickly as possible. So I think that doesn't always apply, but there is some...there is some truth to it.

Dick: I'm not sure what you're talking about.

Maddox: You said that 90 percent of the effort is put into the last 10 percent of the work, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I disagree, and I think the video game industry and myself are counter to that.

Dick: Well, I'm saying that perfecting it, like sitting there obsessing over things that ultimately don't matter, that's where you're...that's where you're turning your wheels and wasting time.

Maddox: I obsess over almost everything in my writing, and...however, the criticism I received from my friend Michael Malice did change the way I write. I have experimented...it's tough, but I experiment with writing things that are stream-of-consciousness, and I get it out on the paper, I get it out on the page and then I go back and I edit and I add to it. The problem is sometimes I do that approach towards email, and since I'm so used to writing perfect emails -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, interesting!

Maddox: What happens is -

Dick: (interjects) That's why your email queue is so fucked?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ohh, wow.

Maddox: Sometimes what happens is I will send off emails prematurely because I have trusted myself in the past...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...to have crafted the perfect email, so I'll just send it off knowing that I can trust myself. Now, because I've kind of changed the way I write, occasionally I'll send off an email prematurely. And I can't recommend this enough: there's a Google Labs setting that you can add to your email that will allow you to undo the email that you sent up to 60 seconds, so I have used that SO many...I use that "undo" almost every single time I send an email, and it has saved my ass because I will send incorrect information or incomplete information, because I've kind of changed the way I write now.

Dick: Oh, bro. (Maddox laughs) Fascinating to me. I have never...I knew of that Labs feature you're talking about; never needed it, never wanted it.

Maddox: Oho, well...you need it, buddy.

Dick: I wake up and read emails in my "sent" box that I don't remember sending.

Maddox: Great! (sighs)

Sean: Wait wait, what's the name of it again?

Maddox: It's...

Dick: NO!!

Sean: I think I need that.

Dick: This is BAD! (Sean laughs) You don't need it! (laughs)

Sean: No, no.

Maddox: No, it's really good.

Sean: I don't obsess over email like that. (Dick laughs more)

Maddox: It's "email undo." You need some help with your email, Mr. Carbon...

Dick: Why?!

Maddox: Captain Carbon Copy Dickhead.

Dick: Why do I need help with my email?

Maddox: 'Cause you fucking suck at carbon copying people! Alright.

Dick: Ohh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I...I try to-

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, we'll bring that in sometime.

Dick: No, I try to cut people off the chain, 'cause it's just, "Oh, why do I wanna give this guy another email?"

Maddox: You put it in their inbox so it's there in case you do a search for it and you need to find it. Anyway, we done with perfectionism?

Dick: Uh, yeah! Sean, I got...that dude, that guy read your entire thing.

Sean: Poor bastard. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Your...like, it's...the whole thing sounds like that. I will bring in more if you're okay with that, 'cause it's very funny.

Maddox: For the bonus episode! We should bring that in for the entire bonus episode, right?

Dick: We could bring it in for the bonus episode.

Maddox: That'd be hilarious!

Dick: But it's up to you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: We'll see. I may cut it. (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly)

Maddox: You know what's funny, Sean, is I was with a friend that night -

Sean: (interjects) It's the only time I have ever edited for content. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Oh yeah?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That's the only time.

Maddox: No, well...

Dick: Edited pretty heavily! (laughing)

Maddox: That's a pretty big edit.

Sean: I cut it right out! (Dick laughs more)

Maddox: You know, Sean...Sean -

Sean: (interjects) I cut it out like the audio cancer that it was. It was...

Dick: Oh, it's so not!

Maddox: Oh Sean, you fuckin'...

Dick: It's SO not.

Sean: Had to be eradicated.

Maddox: Sean, you're so hard on yourself.

Dick: It's so not. (grinning)

Maddox: I was with a friend that night and I said, "Well, Sean's deleting the segment," and then she said...she said, "Sean has deleted himself!" (Dick giggling) "The ultimate deletion!" He deleted him-... (cracks up)

Dick: The ultimate deletion. You're like the looper.

Sean: Mhm. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: You're like a self-looper, that's funny. Alright.

Dick: You at least have to hear more!

Sean: I will see.

Dick: Okay. Okay, okay. (smiles)

Maddox: Alright, we're runnin' out of time.

Dick: I got a "maybe"!

Maddox: We're runnin' out of time.

Dick: Maybe it's tonight.

Maddox: Yeah, we got alotta "maybes." Uh, we're runnin' out of time, Dick. I got the real biggest problem this week. Not really, I actually agree with your problem of perfectionism. (Dick laughs) I may actually even give it an upvote. We'll see.

Dick: I don't need your votes. Fuck you.

Maddox: Good! (Dick giggles) Go vote up monkeys!! (**monkeys whooping sound effect**) Assholes. Okay, listen man. The real biggest problem this week -- fuck perfectionism -- is forest fires! Huh??

Dick: Oh, forest fires? Alright, Smokey Bear. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeeeah! (**clapping sound effect**) (**'ding!' sound effect**) That's a real... (cracks up) I was waitin' for the Smokey the Bear comment and it came right up top! Awesome. By the way, people who complain about being cold all the time? Forest fires might be a solution, I dunno.

Dick: Oh, I get it. (Maddox laughs) I get what you did today. (smiles)

Maddox: Whatever. Dick, forest fires are a huge problem. Did you know that since 2002, they've cost us 133.4 billion dollars??

Dick: Billion? (incredulous)

Maddox: Billion!

Dick: In the US?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Just in the US alone! 133.4 billion. 175,000 people injured due to forest fires since -

Dick: (interjects) Like hangnails and stuff? (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: No...no! (Dick giggles) It's not funny, stop laughing! (yelling) These are people dying, dickhead!

Dick: Injured, not dying.

Maddox: (**sound clip of Dick saying, "Three little words..."**) Insensitive. (Sean cackles in the background) Alright? 34,000 people dead. DEAD. That's...that's an entire city!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: A city the size of 34,000. That's... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah, it's a football stadium. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, a football stadium full of bodies because of a forest fire.

Dick: Ulgh.

Maddox: I hope you're happy. Keep laughin' it up, dickhead! Deaths per year? That's 3,778 deaths on average per year since 2002.

Dick: That's as many as in...9/11!

Maddox: Yeah! We're havin' a 9/11 every year in forest fires!

Sean: But aren't they always really stubborn people who won't...you know, they've got a garden hose and they won't leave their house? (Dick cackles)

Dick: Yeah, that's what I heard.

Maddox: Sean, some people would say...some people would say they're brave. Some people would say they're principled.

Dick: Oh. (amused)

Maddox: Who knows, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway man, here's the problem. Here's one of the big problems: federal wildland firefighters have dropped. In 2011 there were 16,000. In 2015? 13,200. They're losing funding, they're getting their budget slashed. There's a website called Wildfiretoday.com. "The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee distributed this very interesting graphic on May 5th showing that the exponential increase in the number of fires larger than 100,000 acres -- what we call megafires."

Dick: Hm. Cool!

Maddox: "At first glance..." (chuckles) Yeah.

Dick: Cool name!

Maddox: Yeah, they're megafires. It is a cool name. It sounds like a Mega Man villain.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "Megafire."

Sean: It's like "supervolcanoes."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Sean: Like Yellowstone.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "At first glance it appears to indicate that between 1983 and 1996 there were one or fewer megafires per year, but in the last 10 years there have been more than 30 each year."

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: "While the number of megafires has increased by a factor of almost 10, the number of wildland firefighters working for the five federal land management agencies has decreased by 17.5 percent in the last four years." Big problem!

Dick: So what, less...less firemen, more fires? That's what we got?

Maddox: Less firemen, more fires. There's actually a big graph on this website. (Dick snorts) I think...I don't think this is, like, some official government website because it has some...some little jabs at, uh, at the political policies...

Dick: Oh, god. Yeah.

Maddox: ...of, I think, the Bush administration?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Because it hasn't been updated in a while. (chuckling) And they talk...although they have stats here from 2015, I don't know. But they said, "Well, we keep slashin' our budgets for firefighters, yet we're takin' our funding and fighting wars all the way across the, uh...other countries!"

Dick: Well...

Maddox: "Other..." Yeah.

Dick: That was one 9/11.

Maddox: Yeah, man! We're havin' a 9/11 every year in the forest, and nobody gives a FUCK!

Dick: Who's dying? What kind of people die in a forest fire?

Maddox: Good people. The best people.

Dick: Hikers?

Maddox: Salt of the earth people.

Dick: For real though, who dies? (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Do you know?

Maddox: Yeah, well, there's residents who die. Uh, people who are trapped in their houses.

Dick: In the forest?

Maddox: In the forest, yeah.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: There's...there are people, um...bears die! I'm sure bears die. Trout?

Dick: I stopped a forest fire one time!

Maddox: Okay. (scoffing)

Dick: I was driving...so there's LA, there's like the city of LA that's like a...a hideous urban sprawl.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And then there's the -

Maddox: (interjects) Accurate.

Dick: Yeah. Everywhere outside of LA is just the desert.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause there's no water here.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was driving back into LA with this girl, and there was a...there was a fire in a, in a...on the side of the freeway.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In an area that was covered with dry brush. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, every...every year, every other year, all of outside of LA burns down.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And this was around that time, and there was a fire there. I was like, "Holy shit! This is a...that's...this is how it starts! Like, this little fire becomes the megafire."

Maddox: Augh.

Dick: So I call...what?

Maddox: It may have been an intentional fire! You know they do intentional fires?

Dick: Next to the freeway?! Next to the freeway with no firemen or cops or anything?

Maddox: Eh.

Dick: What, just a guy pulls up...an undercover fireman pulls up and lights a fire? I was like, "Eh, well, I got it. I'll stamp it out."

Maddox: Well, armchair firefighter over here. (Dick laughs) Let's... (cracks up)

Dick: Maddox!! It was a f-...somebody probably threw a cigarette out at the side of the road.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah, probably.

Dick: Started a fire. So I call it in. I'm like, "Hey, I'm gonna stop...I'm gonna stop LA from burning!"

Maddox: Great. (chuckling)

Dick: So I call it in and I'm like, "Hey hey hey, there's a fire, like mile marker this." Probably the best call they'd ever gotten.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, very specific. "Mile marker...uh, south on the 14. There you go." And they're like, "Alright sir, thank you," and I was like, "Hey hey hey, did anyone else call this in yet? Am I the first one?" They're like, "Uh, sir, we've...we've really gotta go." (Maddox laughs) Like, that's... "If you have any more information then please tell it, but otherwise I gotta go," and I was like, "I know, but just can you...can you ask around if anybody else called it in?" (cracking up) (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: What an asshole! Great altruism, Dick.

Dick: So I'm pretty sure I did call it in.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Otherwise they would've known.

Maddox: You stopped a big problem! You agree they're big problems, right?

Dick: Fire...uh, firefighters?

Maddox: Forest fires!

Dick: Forest fires?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, sure. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, big problem.

Dick: Yeah, it's a big problem.

Maddox: Cause lots of damage! Biggest problem in the universe!

Dick: Yeah, it fucks up LA.

Maddox: Fucks up LA, fucks up...

Dick: Every other year.

Maddox: ...fucks up lives. Again, you have another 9/11 every year. Fucks up the forest...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ruins the forest.

Dick: You do need 'em, though. No, it doesn't ruin the forest. It lets it grow again. It turns everything into, like...into nutrients.

Maddox: What are you talkin' about?

Dick: Yeah, the green...new forest grows out of forest fires. It's like a cycle, I think. I think that's true.

Sean: No, it is true.

Dick: Yeah, nature needs forest fires.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, there's certain trees that can only reproduce...I think the fire, like, either opens up the fruit, the nut, the whatever. The cone?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What? You're sayin' forest fires are good for nature?

Dick: For nature, yeah.

Sean: Yeah! I mean, not entirely.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: They're not good for humans, but they're good for nature.

Maddox: (yells) So you're saying that sometimes destruction... (Sean laughs) ...of the forest is good because in the future generations, it's better for the forest, isn't it dickhead??

Dick: No, it's a cycle. (chuckling)

Maddox: FUCKIN' BROKEN WINDOW FALLACY SHAT ON AGAIN! BOOM!! (laughs maniacally)

Sean: You really baited us right into that.

Dick: Well done. So stupid, ugh.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) What a winner!! (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: What a fuckin' champion! (**'ding!' sound effect**) Ohh man, I'm the...I'm the smartest person ever! Ahhh! (still yelling) This was planned for WEEKS, dickhead! Another fuckin' shit all over the broken window fallacy! Fuck you!!

Dick: You know what? I was gonna bring that up, but I thought... (Maddox laughs gloatingly) I thought it would be, like, too boring and snippy...

Maddox: Yaahhh!

Dick: ...to bring up the similarities. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: Ohh, such a genius! I'm the most brilliant...

Dick: Alright. Can we be done? (Sean guffaws in the background)

Maddox: Uh... (breaks down laughing) My problems this week were People Who Complain About Being Cold All The Time and Forest Fires.

Dick: My problem is Perfectionism.

Maddox: Great! Um, don't forget to vote on these problems, and we may be bringing in, I guess, the Sean transcripts in the next bonus episode. (**closing riff starts**)

Dick: Maybe! I don't know, maybe!

Maddox: Yeah, and thanks for listening to the bonus episodes for the show! Thanks, guys.

(theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Hey idiots, how come you guys shit on your fans all the time but still rely on them for the most critical aspect of your show: deciding what the biggest problem in the universe is? If you assholes are so smart, how about you just argue every episode and Sean allocates the upvotes as he sees fit? And Dick...

[message cuts off]

Maddox: Mhm?

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Nothin'?

Dick: That was it.

Maddox: That was it??

Dick: Oh. Just a big cocktease, I guess.

Maddox: Ohh, I got the biggest blue balls to hear "go fuck yourself."

Dick: I don't shit on the fans. I think our fans are hilarious.

Maddox: I shit on the fans 'cause I think they're IDIOTS. (Dick laughs) I think they're big dumb idiots, and here's the thing: it's like a father who loves his child and wants him to do better, and you do that by hitting him over the head and saying "You're a fucking idiot. Try harder."

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: That's like me, guys. It's love. It's...it is my way of expressing love.

Dick: I forgot to bring that in as part of perfectionism. It's on the rise, 'cause kids are being parented in the way you just described.

Maddox: What is? Kids gettin' hit up?

Dick: Perfectionism is being, uh...is on the rise in kids 'cause they're being...they're feeling so much tremendous pressure.

Maddox: Good.

Sean: Are they? I thought parents were being really, like, kind and soft and gentle.

Dick: No, no, no, no. Nooo.

Maddox: Buncha PUSSIES.

Dick: It's...it's parents now who got, like, C's and B's in high school and college. Now they expect A's of their kids. Like, kids are throwing up during standardized testing. It's, uh, it's out of control.

Sean: Wow!

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Yeah, so it's gettin' worse! So get ready for more shitty movies. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Dick... (annoyed) Your fuckin' argument, that was pretty good though. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, it's Rayne from Austin calling here. Uh, Maddox, so at the end of the last show...

Maddox: Yes?

Voicemail: ...uh, you were talkin' about... (coughs) ...how sex in high school is lame...

Maddox: Sucks.

Voicemail: ...and that you like experienced chicks...

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: ...and all this stuff.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: It's the way he says it.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Voicemail: And uh, the only reason you're saying that is 'cause you never did have sex in high school!

Maddox: "Uh huh huh huh!" (dumb voice) (Dick cackles)

Voicemail: You fuck! You don't know what's up because you never partook in it. I'm pretty sure Dick can get behind me when I say that there's nothing hotter than, like, a 17-year-old virgin. (coughs)

Maddox: Gross! No!! (Dick laughs) Ya moron!

Voicemail: So fuck you, and have fun having sex with your experienced, uh...

[message cuts off]

Dick: Oh, that's it. (amused)

Maddox: Talk about a "bags of sand" comment, this dipshit. You think it's real hot to have sex with a virgin, boo. Pass. I have turned down more virgins in my life than fuckin' virgins exist. I have... (cracks up) (Dick scoffs) I make... (laughs)

Sean: But now he's staying away from elementary schools, so. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Sean! (annoyed) Why do you have to take my creepy comment and make it creepier? Here's...here's the thing.

Dick: What?

Maddox: Here's the thing. Um...uh, Dick, a couple episodes ago you were shitting on...you were saying that bad blowjobs were a big problem!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Guess who gives bad blowjobs the most? High schoolers! And guess who gives -

Dick: (interjects) Oho, you're...no, you're wrong about that.

Maddox: Or YOU'RE fuckin' wrong about that! High schoolers, they're all fuckin' teeth, man! It's like puttin' your dick in a shredder. (Dick laughs) Anyway. That's it.

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 55</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey!! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back! We have just recorded Episode...our bonus episode!

Dick: Bonus Episode 8!

Maddox: Yeah, Bonus Episode 8 just came out.

Dick: Yesss!

Maddox: That was a fun one!

Dick: That was!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: All solutions this time. Let's say that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Last time we fucked up. We brought in a bunch of problems, it seems.

Maddox: Hey, speak for yourself. I think our listeners fucked up by voting wrong. (Dick laughs) IDIOTS.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: They don't have...they don't have the intellectual capacity that I have, or my ability... (stumbled over "intellectual"; cracks up)

Dick: They probably can't even say it. (both laugh)

Maddox: I was gonna... (laughs more) I was waitin' for it. Or the ability to enunciate "intellectual." There it is.

Dick: Go check out the bonus episode. Oh, I have a...I have a review, 'cause our bonus episodes are on iTunes as well. They're supposed to be $1.99 but it takes a couple days for iTunes to fix the price, 'cause it's so long they automatically put 10 bucks on it. But -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, people send me emails and they say it's like 10 dollars, and I get pissed off because it's too low! I think it should be 100 dollars!

Dick: Here's a review on one of the episodes, one of the bonus episodes, by Uli Troyo. "Don't you want to know what the solution to all the world's problems is? DON'T YOU??" (Maddox laughs) "From eschewing your useless meat body to paying more for things, Dick and Maddox are here to find a way to fix your petty existence." (Maddox laughs more) "With luck, they'll even fix your ugly face. Download or die."

Maddox: Ahaha, I love that review!

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: That better be 5 stars.

Dick: I imagine it is. I didn't check.

Maddox: OR, or 100 stars out of 5, like I gave the Mad Max movie that just came out recently.

Dick: Oh yeah, you really liked that one.

Maddox: Yeah, it was a good movie! Have you seen it yet, Dick?

Dick: No, no.

Maddox: Oh, man. Sean, did you see it?

Sean: Yeah, I did.

Maddox: Oh my gosh, I gotta go see it again.

Dick: Did you like it as much as these guys?

Sean: In some ways it's one of the most impressive movies I've ever seen, because they used almost no CGI.

Dick: Oo, I like that!

Sean: Like, the stunts are incredible, but you have to be okay with having no characters and no story whatsoever.

Dick: Absolutely hate that.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Sean: No, I know.

Maddox: What do you hate, Dick?

Dick: I hate having no characters and no story.

Maddox: You hate that??

Dick: Yeah, I need characters and story.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: That's why I go see a movie.

Maddox: STUPID. (Dick laughs) Dumb. That's the dumbest thing.

Dick: I knew there was a problem when you gave it 100 stars.

Maddox: 100... (cracks up)

Dick: I knew there...I knew that it was something like this.

Maddox: Yeah, the problem is I didn't give it a 1,000. That fuckin' movie's awesome!

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Everyone's an idiot except for me. That movie was great. I'm gonna go see it again! I'm gonna see it every single...for every person who doesn't see it, I'm gonna see it 3 times.

Dick: Well, you know what you're gonna see today is 30 seconds of Titanic. (smiles)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick!!

Dick: 'Cause you fuckin' lost last...

Maddox: This is BULLSHIT!

Dick: ...last week.

Maddox: I didn't lose! It's not...it's not a fuckin' competition! It doesn't even make sense. You know why, dickhead? Here's why the show's not a competition. First of all, because I don't wanna always argue with you. (Dick laughs) And second, I voted up Perfectionism! I did! I thought it was a bigger problem. Of...so last week, between -

Dick: (interjects) Really? I can check the database to see if that's true.

Maddox: Do it!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I'll give you my IP address. It's 79.fuckyou. Anyway, um... (everyone laughs) Uh, I do...I do have most of my IP address memorized. Anyway, Perfectionism came in #1...

Dick: Yesss!

Maddox: ...of the problems last week, followed by People Who Complain About Being Cold All The Time and Forest Fires. You guys all thought that all three of those were problems. I do have a correction to make though, Dick. Last week, I talked about how forest fires kill around 3,000 people a year. That is incorrect. The stats that I looked at from FEMA.org, I believe, were including all fatalities due to all fires, including residential. The forest fire deaths -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: The forest fire deaths I cited last episode included fatalities due to fire, not just forest fires. Non-residential building fire fatalities are much lower, around 30 to 60 per year.

Dick: And you STILL lost, even with a...a stable full of lies at your disposal.

Maddox: You don't lose, dickhead. We have to consider all the problems in the universe to find the biggest.

Dick: Uh, this one...I got a lot of feedback on the Perfectionism problem, which was surprising to me.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 'Cause I didn't know it was so...I didn't know it was such a big problem when I brought it in.

Maddox: I know. (chuckling)

Dick: I just brought it in to be a dickhead.

Maddox: I know! That's what everyone... (Dick laughs) Everyone noticed in the comments, too. They're like, "Dick doesn't even know what he brought in," and then it turned out to be a really good, rich problem.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause I can't...I can't identify with it at all!

Maddox: I know. Oh. (chuckling)

Dick: But people are...a lot of people are sending me emails, like heartfelt emails about how it's kind of ruined their lives.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, perfectionism has ruined their...they've sat on projects for years and never done them, um...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: One...I wanna read one specifically from Andrew Glover. "Hey Dick, I love your podcast. I've been a big fan of you and Maddox for years. I hope you both can continue to create great things. The problem that you brought in on Tuesday resonated pretty strongly with me. A longtime friend of mine took his own life last Wednesday. He was an absolute perfectionist and in constant mental pain. Thank you for bringing this problem that most people, including myself, are completely unaware of." Including me! Uh, "I feel that the best way to honor his memory is share what he has done. Here's a listing of some of his amazing work," and he sent a link to, uh... "Thanks for everything you do." He sent a link to this kid's art, and it's pretty cool!

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah! It's really...I brought some of it in. You tell me. I don't wanna put you on the spot to judge a deceased person's artwork, but I think you would like it.

Maddox: Whoooa! That is really cool!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Like, legitimately. I was ready to shit on it.

Dick: Right! Yeah, I know, me too!

Maddox: That is actually really cool! Sean, we're lookin' at a picture of this guy. It looks like an elephant man...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...done in a really cool style. It's almost like Earthworm Jim style.

Dick: Yes, it is!

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah. Elephant with a top hat, no eyes in his eye sockets, he's full of holes...

Maddox: Do you have any more of his art? Let's take...

Dick: Yeah, I do. I got a couple. There's, like, an evil Ernie.

Maddox: Oh man, that's super cool!

Dick: I know! Isn't that cool?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Perfectionist, huh.

Maddox: Wow! He's gone now, that sucks.

Dick: This one's really cool. I like this one.

Maddox: Nope.

Dick: Nope?

Maddox: This one... (laughs)

Dick: The rainbow!

Maddox: It's a rainbow.

Dick: Immediately the rainbow threw you off.

Maddox: Not a fan. It looks...although there are skulls at the bottom, which is pretty cool.

Dick: Yeah, that is pretty cool.

Maddox: I like that guy's art! I like that guy's art. Pretty cool dude, sorry for your loss. Sorry for OUR loss. You know, I just watched the documentary "Some Kind of Heck," whatever? Oh no, "Montage of Heck," the Kurt Cobain documentary?

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Uh, here's my review of it. (**buzzer sound effect**) Thumbs down. (both laugh) Speaking of perfectionists. That -

Dick: (interjects) That's kind of weird, a daughter makin' a movie about her dead dad, right?

Maddox: Was it though? I think she was just...

Dick: It's his daughter?

Maddox: I think her name was just attached to it as a producer.

Dick: No, I read an interview from her about it. It was...I mean -

Maddox: (interjects) I did too. In Rolling Stone, right?

Dick: Yeah, I thought she was...I thought she put some effort into it. Did it...did you think it was just attached?

Maddox: Barely!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I think that movie was more about the director than it was about, uh, Kurt Cobain, because they kept -

Dick: (interjects) That's a shame.

Maddox: I mean, they...the word "montage" is not underplayed in the title. It is a lot of montages, and the montages have nothing to do with anything. It's just the director kinda, like, showing off his college art project, his college...you know, film school project.

Dick: Wow, I really hate that!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, it's just...it's a bunch of, like, stupid animation and sketches and stylistic bullshit.

Dick: Set to, like, Nirvana soundtrack?

Maddox: Yeah, and they did a couple interesting things, like they told you a few things in his upbringing, his first girlfriend, where he grew up...kind of interesting. And then they played some versions of Nirvana songs done really stylistically, like an acoustic and a piano version. Um...

Dick: Sounds kinda shitty.

Maddox: Yeah! It was pretty disappointing, and then the movie ends with "Oh, uh, Kurt Cobain killed himself," and then credits. Nothin'!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's where the movie ends?! Are you ki-...that's where the story begins! What are you talkin' about?

Dick: Yeah, you're right!

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everything interesting -

Dick: (interjects) That's the beginning of the story.

Maddox: Yeah! I mean, he only lived to 27 years old. Everything interesting happened after his death.

Dick: Yeah! Huh.

Maddox: Whatever. (muttering)

Dick: Do you remember where you were when, uh, they announced that he was dead?

Maddox: Yeah, I was at home watchin' MTV. (laughs) It was just like...

Dick: Me too!

Maddox: MTV News. Yeah, MTV News came on.

Dick: I can remember it exactly, and I wasn't a huge Nirvana fan. I wonder if that's gonna be like the moment for our generation that everyone remembers where they...

Maddox: No, that moment is 9/11, dickhead. It's not when... (chuckles) ...when Kurt Cobain died.

Dick: I don't know! (both laugh) They don't have to keep reminding you to remember that Kurt Cobain killed himself. They gotta keep reminding you about 9/11.

Maddox: "Never forget!"

Dick: "Don't forget! Don't forget!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're like, "Uhh, why?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. I got a voicemail for ya.

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (dopey voice) Hey Maddox, this is #DancingMan. (Maddox laughs) **Just calling in to say that I actually loved my party Saturday night. Never in my life have I been in the company of such illustrious and beautiful women.**

Dick: Of course!

Voicemail: All within a 20-foot vicinity of myself. (Maddox and Dick laugh)**Your unjustified complaints about my party have been completely rendered obsolete. The party had a DJ and even lights.** (more giggling) **Wish you could've been there, but it seems like you never responded to your Tumblr invitation. Oh well, your loss!**

Dick: Is that true? (Maddox laughs more)

Voicemail: Maybe you can make it out to next year's party. Here's the part where I would normally tell Dick to go fuck himself, but we raised $30,000 for the National Bullying Prevention Center in an effort to discourage that kind of behavior. Have a nice day!

[**message ends]**

(Dick and Maddox still giggling)

Dick: I bet you feel pretty stupid now!

Maddox: Ahhhh. (smiling)

Sean: He threw out the first pitch at a Dodgers game the other day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That guy did?!

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Did he have a heart attack after?

Sean: No, the grounds crew had to come out and build the mound back up though. (Dick and Maddox laugh hysterically)

Maddox: Oh, man. Yeah, I saw that pitch. I saw the, uh, the dance party too. Which, by the way, I saw the...it is the most uncomfortable, awkward thing I've ever seen, seeing that guy dance on Good Morning America or whatever that show was, where he's standing onstage with the girl who sings the, um, "All About the Bass" song?

Dick: I don't know who that is.

Maddox: I don't know her name.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know that "All About the Bass"...?

Dick: I know "All About the Bass," sure.

Maddox: Yeah. She's on there and then there's some other girl, and they're...it's the three of them standing on a stage, dancing in front of thousands of people and in front of MILLIONS of people.

Dick: It's disgusting!

Maddox: Uh... (cracks up) I won't go so far as to call it disgusting.

Dick: The spectacle of it is disgusting to me.

Maddox: Oh, the spectacle. Yeah.

Dick: Like, these people throwing this, like... (stammers) I don't know what to call it. This, um...

Maddox: Pity party! A literal pity party, yeah!

Dick: It's a pity party, but they're pretending it's not. It's like a ge-...it's like a very disingenuous celebration of...nothing! Of, like...it has nothing to do with him as a person.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's...I don't know why it's disgusting to me, but it really is. The whole spectacle is.

Maddox: I'll tell you what, Dick. A lot of people have been sending me emails and saying, "Hey man, they threw this party for the guy." Not necessarily throwing it in my face, but just pointing out that it happened, and...it's irrelevant! I don't...it doesn't matter whether or not they throw the party. What the problem is, the damage is already done. You went on this national manhunt, this international manhunt to find a guy against his own will and consent and pressured him into doing what he did!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's what happened! That's the pro-...that's the damning part here. You know, Dick, everyone -

Dick: (interjects) Even though he had fun?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Even though he had fun, doesn't matter? Doesn't matter.

Maddox: The outcome is irrelevant!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It could've turned out completely differently. You couldn't have known that that would've been the outcome, so you're not justified in doing what you did!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There was that guy who...in Idaho, this car went off a cliff. It was teetering off a ravine, just like in movies, and like outta nowhere this reserve firefighter, whatever, shows up. He just happened to either be driving by or he saw it happen. He rescued this person, and then didn't stick around to talk to media, didn't stick around to take a...talk to reporters.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He said specifically, "I don't wanna be found. I don't want any attention."

Dick: I do that all the time!

Maddox: "Leave me alone." (scoffs) (Dick laughs) What, Dick? You do what?

Dick: Save people on the side of the road -

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: - and I don't wanna be thanked for it, so I go...I go home.

Maddox: Armchair hero.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: GREAT.

Dick: All the time!

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway man, yeah, it's irrelevant. What happened after the fact is irrelevant. My...that's why I said in my story it's irrelevant whether or not he wanted to be found; you didn't know that before the fact. And by the way Dick, when this happened, I looked up where the party was happening in Hollywood...

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: ...and I found the location, and then I was going to crash this party!

Dick: Oh, that would've been funny.

Maddox: I was going to wear a disguise... (cracks up) Yeah! (Dick laughs) I was gonna wear a disguise and crash this party.

Dick: What, an additional beard over your beard? What kind of disguise were you gonna wear? (laughing)

Maddox: A clever one. Uh, you know, I can wear a disguise. I'm not gonna give it up.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Because I... (stammers) You know, then people will know what my disguise is.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But I was gonna wear my disguise and sneak into this party, and I'm...which you know I'm really good at doing!

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: I sneak into parties all the time. Um, then I started looking at photos and videos and pictures from Instagram. All these fucking...these fucking girls who were just going there and turning this into, uh, vanity! They were...it's just narcissism! They were showing up at this party not because of this fat guy dancing; they were showing up to this party to promote THEMSELVES.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's what was so disgusting about it to me, is that all of this was narcissism and vanity. They weren't doing anything good for anyone! They happened to raise $30,000 and they were pressured into giving it to a charity, not because they necessarily wanted to, but because they felt that, "Well, now we're gonna look like assholes if we raised $30,000 and just piss it away on this giant party." Which, by the way, they didn't hold in the LA Coliseum. That, uh, whatever that place -

Dick: (interjects) The ghetto Coliseum? Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, the one that they were supposedly donated. AND, Pharrell didn't show up like he said he was going to. He had a -

Dick: (interjects) That motherfucker.

Maddox: Yeah! He had a pre-recorded video that they played at the event.

Dick: Ohhh, god. There's something very...there's something, like, um...it reminds me of a very debauched, like, aristocratic orgy when I think about it and when I see the kind of people who are participating in it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like society is a glass of Guinness; it's the foam at the top that I could just lop off.

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: Like, that's...that's who's at that party.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. Seriously -

Dick: (interjects) You know?

Maddox: I was ready to walk out the door to crash this party, and I got so disgusted at the people who were there...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Seriously! I never feel that viscerally...I rarely feel that viscerally.

Dick: No, I totally...I totally agree with you.

Maddox: Yeah! I saw...I was disgusted with the vanity and narcissism I saw of these dickheads, and I decided, "You know what? I don't even wanna be there for a few minutes, even to goof on them." I was gonna show up... (chuckles) I was gonna show up and take a picture of myself with the, uh...Sean O'Brien, the dancing man?

Dick: Yeah. Oh, that's his name?

Maddox: That's his name, yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Sean O'Brien, I believe. I was gonna show up and take a picture with him and maybe even, like, goof on him a little bit, but I thought, "Man, I don't even wanna be there for a few minutes. I can't stand it." Everyone looked like such a fucking huge asshole.

Dick: His appreciation of it makes me think of, like, a...like a mail-order bride. Like, a bride who's been bought and paid for, and then she's like, "Oh, I love my life here!" and I'm like, "You...you don't really."

Maddox: No.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, you can't! You CAN'T, 'cause this is sick and unnatural.

Maddox: And it's so condescending how they said that "you're going to get all this attention from women," which is just...condescending!

Dick: Totally not true!! The women looked disgusted dancing with him! Like, did you see the videos and the still shots?

Maddox: Some of them, some of them. Uh, but that -

Dick: (interjects) It made me uncomfortable.

Maddox: That's irrelevant, 'cause the guy...I think the guy's engaged! He has either a fiancée or a wife. He's either engaged or married, which is VERY condescending. You're saying essentially to this guy who's engaged, "Oh, we're gonna give you attention from women," like you're assuming he doesn't already get it, you fuckin' idiots.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then they had this choreographed dance sequence with a bunch of, um...you know, a bunch of, uh, a bunch of people who showed up to this thing. It was a really disgusting spectacle. Very vain, very narcissistic. And that's coming from a me, a guy who has a website called "The Best Page in the Universe."

Dick: You are vain. (Maddox chuckles) And narcissistic, that's true. Alright, we're getting...we're getting outta control.

Maddox: Hey, hey!

Dick: 'Cause we already have a...

Maddox: Wait, I have a...

Dick: ...full show.

Maddox: Before we move on -- speaking of vain and narcissistic -- Dick, you know a long time ago I brought in Female Genital Mutilation as a problem.

Dick: Yeah, it was gross.

Maddox: Episode #13, and it is currently #2 on the biggest problem in the universe list. And just this last week, they banned female genital mutilation in Nigeria!

Dick: Oh, good!

Maddox: Yeah!! (**'ding!' sound effect**) (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: You did it!

Maddox: That's right, I did it! It's all me. In fact, I have a little song I...I wanna play as a commemoration.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: For me, in honor of me. [**plays victory song**]

(mumbling "Maddox is" over Queen's "We Are the Champions")

Maddox...is...the chaaaampion

Maddox...is...the chaaaampion

(Maddox giggles to himself)

Dick: Did you make this shit?

Maddox: Yeeeeah!

Noooo time for looooosers...

[song fades out]

Maddox: Oh, man. (smiling) What a winner.

Dick: Did you clear the rights for that?

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) I don't need to!

Dick: No? Hey, remember when you said you would argue any economist?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay. Somebody called in.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: And I think they're very serious about this.

Maddox: Oho? Alright. (amused)

Dick: Here you go. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (yelling in macho voice) Hello brother, this is Hulk Hogan! (Maddox laughs) **And lemme see if I got you right, Jack! Maddox wants to have a debate about economics? Well, look no further, because Hulkamania accepts your challenge! Next Sunday, live on pay-per-view from the Silverdome, where not too long ago I body-slammed the 800-pound Andre the Giant in front of 90,000 screaming Hulkamaniacs. We'll debate about interest and hopefully the inflation there won't be from all the hot air comin' outta your pie hole, brother!** (Maddox laughs) **What are my credentials? I got these two 28-inch bachelor's degrees in finance!** (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: 24-inch.

Voicemail: Now in the meantime, all the screaming Hulkamaniacs and all your Maddox maggots can say their prayers and eat their vitamins because Sunday, brother, whatcha gonna do when Hulk Hogan's investment portfolio runs wild on YOU?? (Dick and Maddox giggling) **And that's a fact, Jack!!**

[message ends]

(Maddox still laughing)

Dick: You got any response for that?

Maddox: Uh... (chuckles) Uh, yeah. Bring it, Hulk!!

Dick: Okay! (laughing)

Maddox: Fuckin' nerdiest Hulk Hogan I've ever heard.

Dick: Amazingly, I'm gonna play you another voicemail. This is...this happened; totally different guy.

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (yelling in macho voice) Maddox, I'm callin' you out! This is Macho Man Randy Savage. (Dick and Maddox laugh hysterically) **And if you thought armchair economists were bad, wait until you get in the ring with a ringside economist!!** (more laughing) **There's a reason that the WWE, the Worldwide Wrestling Economist championship belt is made out of GOOOLD! We're gonna get into the ring and I'm gonna debate you into oblivion! I'll snap you like a Slim Jim with a flying elbow drop over our breakaway podium! I would love to hear your comment about that, BITCH!** (Maddox and Dick laugh more)

[message ends]

Maddox: "BITCH!!" (gruffly)

Dick: You have that whole tag team on you now.

Maddox: Yeah, bring it!

Dick: What were they called, the Super Powers?

Maddox: The, uh, the Worldwi-...World Wrestling Economists.

Dick: No, what were they...what were they called when they were a tag team? Macho Man and Hulk Hogan?

Maddox: Oh, I don't remember.

Dick: Oh, they were called something big.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The Mega Powers, I think it was!

Maddox: The Mega Powers, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Well, there you go.

Maddox: Well, I'll body slam you right through a broken PODIUM fallacy, dickhead!!

Dick: Oho, 'kay. Um, somebody sent in...oh, somebody sent in...Alex Petrushevski said, "Hey Dick, if you're having a problem with bad blowjobs, this gal's got you covered." And it's a woman giving an instructional video.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: Do you have any interest in hearing that?

Maddox: Uh...not really! But let's, uh, let's...I know you're gonna play it! [**Dick plays grapefruit video**]

(intro muzak)

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: This is for real.

Maddox: Oh my god. (laughing) This is a video?

Dick: Yeah.

Female Instructor: Now this is my bonus technique, the grapefruit. Normally you can only get this technique in one of my classes...

Maddox: Oh, I've seen this!

Dick: Oh, you have seen it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, I don't... [**pauses video**] I don't wanna...I don't wanna bore you with the details if you've already seen it.

Maddox: Did you listen to that whole video, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, I...do you want me to get to the good part at the end?

Maddox: Yeah, it's pretty gross.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You'll wanna hear...yeah.

Dick: Here, here.

Maddox: For our listeners!

Dick: Yeah, she cuts a hole in a grapefruit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is her advice.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Cut a grapefruit into a section and cut a hole in the middle of it...

Maddox: Uh-huh, and then -

Dick: ...and use that like a sex toy.

Maddox: Put that through...put the dick through the hole, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, here we go. [**skips ahead, resumes video**]

Female Instructor: So what you're gonna do is just...suck his dick, just like you said you were gonna do.

(awful-sounding slurping and gagging noises)

(Dick and Maddox giggle loudly)

Female Instructor: Once he's nice and erect -

Dick: [**cuts off video**] That's it!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's...she goes immediately back into talking!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. There you go. (Maddox laughs again)

Maddox: That's a real video, Sean. And watching the video is just as disgusting as it sounds. Dick, I got a voicemail. This guy had a problem with what you had to say about cyclists, or as you call them, "bicyclers."

Dick: Bicyclers. [**Maddox plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (English accent) Evening gents, I'm the co-host of the BBC's "The Largest Piss-Take in the Kingdom," Cock Wankerson.

Dick: Hm. (Maddox chuckles)

Voicemail: I loved how on point Dick was with his whole "the law's the law" thing. 26 cyclists should all stop one by one at stop signs. It slows everything down to all bloody hell, which I guess Dick has a problem with.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: For 51 episodes now, my Yankee counterpart has been going off at the seams about drug laws being stupid. Something about "victimless crimes" or whatever.

Maddox: Mhm!

Voicemail: I now realize he's been acting like a fuckin' idiot on purpose all this time and is really one of the good guys. Anyways Dick, love your self-satire, especially how smugly you impugn cyclists for being smug. (Maddox snickers) **'Til next time: Dick, go fuck yourself.**

[message ends]

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That was John Costanzo. Yeah man, uh, so Mr. "The Law's the Law, You Should Follow the Law," Mr. Burning Man Drug User over here.

Dick: Yeah, change the law. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I don't know what...what do you want me to say about it?

Maddox: So simple. You impugned cyclists for...rolling through stop signs, God forbid.

Dick: Well, do they...do they follow the law or not? Are they a bike or a car?

Maddox: They're...they're a bike.

Dick: Are they a person or a car?

Maddox: They're a bike.

Dick: 'Cause I had to dodge one of these pricks on the sidewalk like 2 days ago.

Maddox: Mhm. Meanwhile -

Dick: (interjects) Barreling down the sidewalk on his goddamn bicycle!

Maddox: Wow. You know what, Dick? Um, cry me a river. When cyclists are responsible for 32,000 deaths a year, then come crying to me about us rolling through stop signs, dickhead. Then I'll listen to your grievances about how bad cyclists are. And by the way, again, kiss our asses, because every time you're drivin' someplace, every single cyclist you see? Count that...imagine that being another car that you're stuck behind. You're welcome.

Dick: Yeah. (irritated) Um, here's...I got one more voicemail. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, uh, nice job actually getting a guest who doesn't fucking suck dick and try to talk over you guys and act like he's fuckin' hilarious. "Uh guh wuh guh buh guh jibber jibber!" (goofy voice) like he's on some fuckin'... (Dick and Maddox laughing hysterically) **...7 A.M. radio show that a buncha fuckin' sad people listen to on their way to work. Nice job! I'm being...you know? I pay for your bonus episodes...**

Dick: Oh!

Voicemail: ...so I'm...you know? I'm a consumer, and I appreciate that you guys...uh, you guys should bring this dude on more often, and uh, you know? Maybe...maybe,

you know, pump the brakes a little bit on, uh, our good friend, uh...Mysterious Coconuts. (Maddox spits out laughing)

Dick: Ohhhh. (dismayed)

Voicemail: Uh, he's kinda funny, but, you know...um, I think he's...he's a little bit obnoxious, so, you know? Keep doin' what you're doin', and yeah -

Maddox: (talks over voicemail) Yeah. Unlike our callers. (annoyed)

[message ends]

Dick: Throwin' down the gauntlet!

Maddox: Yeah. Unlike our callers, who are never obnoxious. I got a comm-

Dick: (interjects) Asterios did send in a bit. Do you wanna hear it?

Maddox: Yes!!

Dick: Or do we have time for that?

Maddox: No! Let's hear...uh, yeah! Let's hear it, actually, after the first, uh...after the first problem. We'll tease that.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I got a comment from Daniel E. Warren. (cracks up) 'Cause I mentioned Socrates last, uh, last episode and how I walked around without a jacket 'cause...'cause I heard -

Dick: (interjects) Like an asshole.

Maddox: (chuckles) Like a cool guy. He says, "If Socrates did it, Maddox is gonna do it. Better watch out, teenage boys." (laughs loudly with Sean) Fuck you, Darren, Daniel...Daniel E. Warren.

Dick: Alright, I got enough of these comments.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Oh!! No, somebody sent in something about FightCade! Did you know about this?

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: I'm tryin' to put together this Street Fighter fight between you and this Matt Barr guy.

Maddox: Yeah, I looked into it. It's not an online streaming thing. You have to download a client, which means it's easy to hack. I'm not going to -

Dick: (interjects) Easy to hack?! (disdainful)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What...you think this guy's gonna hack a FightCade Street Fighter client??

Maddox: Well, there's a lot at stake!

Dick: Who do you think you're dealin' with here, Neo from The Matrix? (Maddox laughs) Come on!! Don't puss out, Maddox!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is this just...?

Maddox: No, man! I said, "Let's do it in a real arcade!" I'll play it against a...play against an arcade machine that hasn't been tinkered.

Dick: Alright, the promotion continues. Now I know what it's like to try to put a big fight together.

Maddox: Dick, uh, can I get to the problems?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah? My first problem this week, possibly the biggest problem in the universe, is voice recognition! Or speech recognition!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: It's awful.

Maddox: Huge problem. (**clapping sound effect**) Yeah! It's a -

Dick: (interjects) It is awful.

Maddox: It's AWFUL, man. Did you know the earliest form of speech recognition was from 1932, by Bell Labs?

Dick: And it hasn't gotten any better.

Maddox: No!

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's still just as shitty. They built a single-speaker digit recognition system by locating peaks in the power spectrum of each utterance. Then in the 1950s, the system had a vocabulary recognition of around 10 words. So -

Dick: (interjects) Uh, first of all, I call bullshit on that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I bet it had a recognition of, uh, maybe one word. Half the time.

Maddox: Or zero, like it still does. And then in 1969, an influential engineer named John Robinson Pierce wrote an open letter that was critical of speech recognition research. In 1969, this guy! He was way ahead of his time! (Dick chuckles) He compared speech recognition to schemes for turning water into gasoline, extracting gold from the sea, curing cancer, or going to the moon. (laughs)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I guess... (chuckles) Yeah, he knew...yeah, I guess he was wrong about most of those.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: Uh, curing cancer? We've since cured some forms of cancer, we've since gone to the moon, and we can definitely extract gold from the sea. Um... (cracks up) He defunded speech recognition at Bell Labs. I guess he was wrong about the other stuff though. Then, uh...you know what though? I was lookin' into this, and as a math guy -- I was a math major in college -- the mathematics behind speech recognition is truly fascinating. They use this thing called a hidden Markov model. Have you ever heard of this, Dick? The hidden Markov model, HMM?

Dick: No.

Maddox: It takes a small interval signal, like a 10-millisecond signal, and then they approximate that to a stationary process, so it means it's not changing over time, right? It's constant with regard to time. Then they output a small 10-dimensional vector every 10 milliseconds, which does a Fourier transform on this short-frame speech, decorrelating the spectrum using a cosine transform. I know that sounds like a whole bunch of math jargon, but essentially what they're doing is -

Dick: (interjects) It sounds just as good as the translations that come out of it. Like total bullshit.

Maddox: No, it's not total bullshit. (cracks up) The -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but it doesn't work!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what I'm saying! All of this "blah blah blah" sounds exactly like the transcribed voice-...uh, the transcribed voicemails that we get every week.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Log in and read some of them.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, basically what it means is they're trying to fit the waveform of your speech pattern to a recognized waveform.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And so for those who don't know, which is the majority of people 'cause you're not math people, a Fourier transform comes from the simple sum of waves represented as sines and cosines. So you know when you take a precalculus class, you see waves that come in sines and cosines. Everything can be represented...every wave can be represented as a sum of sines and cosines. Every peak and valley can be represented as a sine and cosine, right? Right??

Dick: I don't know, you're the math guy. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Dick: You tell us!

Maddox: It is! It is. And then, like, different amplitudes, you're just multiplying by different coefficients. Since every wave can be represented as a piecemeal sum of sines and cosines, you could theoretically represent every sound utterance mathematically. The problem is, the more accurate you want that sound to be represented, the more data points you need, which means that the more complex mathematics need to be used to solve that problem. That's why voice recognition is so shitty today! We're using our phone processors to do complex voice recognition when they're overburdened with free apps that sit there downloading shitty ads on your cell phones all fucking day. While your stupid iPhone is sitting there spending precious CPU cycles rendering window animations and glossy-looking buttons, your speech recognition software is choking!

Dick: Yeah, but I don't think it...I don't think that's true.

Maddox: It's true!

Dick: It sends...no, it sends it off to the server.

Maddox: Well, sometimes -

Dick: (interjects) The iPhone doesn't do the...Siri doesn't do the voice recognition itself. It sends it off to the...the mainframe.

Maddox: Sometimes.

Dick: "Beep boop beep."

Maddox: You're right. Sometimes hardware will use cloud computing to do speech recognition...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...which does a better job, but the tradeoff is that you have to transport lots of data back and forth between servers. You're essentially sending as much data as an MP3 file if you want voice recognition to convert a 2- to 3-minute conversation. And the -

Dick: (interjects) So why does it never work then?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's just always shit. I'm serious, log into our voicemail and read some of the...read some of the transcriptions that we got.

Maddox: It's awful.

Dick: 'Cause they're hilarious!

Maddox: Yeah. Adobe used to have this thing in Adobe Premiere, the editing suite for video, that would do a transcription of your, uh, your audio track. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They removed it after years of supporting it because they found that no matter how good it got, it just never got good enough.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And same thing with, like, YouTube transcriptions. That's why we pay Laurie and Megan to do our transcriptions for our episodes, because there's just no solution out of the box that does a good job of it.

Dick: So every time you hear anything about science, like about something amazing science is gonna do...uh, like a driverless car...

Maddox: No. (annoyed)

Dick: ...or drones flying shit, just ask yourself the question: does the voice transcription work, and do the bathroom sensors work? Neither of them work, so whatever you're telling me that you've invented is probably horseshit.

Maddox: Yeah. I agree, Dick. Throw the baby out with the bath water.

Dick: They're just...they can never make it work!! They can never ma-...they can never get it that final, uh, that final yard. They can make something that does something kinda cool sometimes, but it never works.

Maddox: I believe automated cars are going to work. That technology has come so far in such a small period of time. And by the way, automated cars rely on a very small set of rules. The driving rules that we have, they can be reduced down to a couple of pages. 2-3 pages.

Dick: No, I'll bring in the driving...the Google self-driving car like next week or the week after.

Maddox: Yeah, great.

Dick: 'Cause it's a...it's so fuckin' horrible.

Maddox: No, it's not. I think it's gonna be the future. Um, I -

Dick: (interjects) You like that, but looking at how they did it, it's like, "Well, yeah, of course this isn't gonna work."

Maddox: Of course it's gonna work! It's simply scanning the environment for hazards and then trying to predict those hazards and trying to stop the car when it's supposed to, and...it's good technology, man!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, computers...computers is also science! That works! Um, the problem with voice recognition is that no matter how good it gets, nothing will ever trump the convenience and privacy of touch-tones. 'Cause fuckin' Steve Jobs has ruined this, by the way. We used to have buttons on our phones. Voice recognition is the aural analog to touchscreens. Touchscreens look good and sound awesome IN THEORY, but in practice they're inaccurate, smudgy pieces of shit that get what you're typing wrong 50% of the time, so your CPU has to constantly be checking every key you type against a dictionary hash trying to guess what inane comment you were trying to text. Ever been on a crowded bus or in public while you're trying to call your bank or phone company? You stand there like an idiot yelling "speech access" or "checking" over and over into your phone, and then they expect you to yell your bank account number or credit card information into your

phone over and over again until their stupid fucking system gets it. And even when it does get it right, it has to repeat it back to you to make sure that you got every single digit correctly, and then you have to listen to the slow-ass computer read back a 16-digit code just so you can press '1' or say "yes" to continue. It's fucking awful. And the worst is when you call into an airline, because they require you to say your confirmation code out loud, which is an alpha-numeric code which makes it nearly impossible for the computer to distinguish from the letter 'C' and 'Z', or the letter 'T' and 'D' or the number '3'. It's fucking AWFUL. After spending 5 minutes yelling into the stupid voice recognition it finally just puts you through to a person, which is what it should've done to begin with, which is what it has to do every time anyway, so now every phone call takes 5 minutes longer than it should have.

Dick: Yeah, just hammer '0's. Just like "0-0-0." Every time I call anywhere, as soon as the robot starts to talk I go "0-0-0-0-0."

Sean: That's true, but that used to work more than it does now.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. They've changed it specifically for that reason.

Sean: I totally agree with your problem. I cannot stand that.

Maddox: They're awful.

Sean: When you're sitting there...yeah! "I'm sorry, I didn't get that." (robotically)

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And it makes you repeat it!

Dick: And why do they talk so slow?? Like, why does the stupid computer lady have to talk so fucking slow?

Maddox: I think they've done studies and they found that if they talk slower it'll calm you down, which it doesn't! It pisses me off even more.

Dick: They should have a button where, like, if you want the fast version...no, press the number of speed you want.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, like, '1' is the default, and when you call in you press '9'.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And she's like, "Press '0' to get connected to a customer service operator."

Maddox: You know what I like? The innovation that is, uh, that should be the future of customer support is online chat. I love online chat because I can do other things while I'm waiting on hold, right?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Or I like the service where you call in, and very few companies do this, but you can call in and when you're put in queue, you put in your phone number and they will call you back as soon as it's your turn to talk to a representative.

Dick: Whoooa, that's cool.

Maddox: Yeah! Some power companies do that.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Uh, that's technology that I actually like. What I hate is when I do online customer support and I talk to the representative, they say, "Well, you have to call in and get this taken care of over the phone." I'm like, "Why?! I have you on the line!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Why can't you take care of it?" It's even...it's more clear, because when I'm typing it there's a paper trail of it. They don't want that. (Dick chuckles) Speech recognition doesn't recognize names, unless they're very common. That's another huge problem with it. They don't do well with accents or regional dialects, they don't understand tone, nuance or sarcasm, they can't get punctuation and grammar right; speech recognition is awful. It's worse than spending a weekend with ISIS. I FUCKING hate it. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: I don't get why it doesn't even try to punctuate.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I'll do a whole thing in Siri...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and half of it will be correct, but there will be no periods. Like, no matter how long you wait, not a s-...not even a comma.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Not even a...not even an ellipsis.

Maddox: I've said -

Dick: (interjects) Where's this technology?

Maddox: I've experimented with saying the word "really" every different way I can, like "REALLY?" "Really." "Really?!" and it never adds a question mark to it!

Dick: Yeah. Do you think it's ever gonna get fixed? I don't think so.

Maddox: I mean, I think they'll try and I think they'll add little things, but it's only going to get probably 80% there. It's never -

Dick: (interjects) Like 100 years from now, do you think we'll have speech recognition? Like where you can talk into your phone and have it...or your watch, if you're Dick Tracy? (Maddox scoffs) And uh, it'll...it'll actually transcribe what you said?

Maddox: Fuckin' Apple Watch. Yes, I think so. I think in about 100 years, I think the technology probably will be...will get to a point where it's better.

Dick: I'm bettin' against us. I'm one of these guys that doesn't believe in the singularity. You know?

Maddox: Oh yeah? Well, that's 'cause you haven't tried the Oculus Rift, buddy. (Dick chuckles) Virtual reality, it's comin'!

Dick: Yeah, but wait a minute. Virtual reality is like several orders of magnitude harder than being able to transcribe the spoken word! And we're...we can't even touch that!

Maddox: No, virtual reality has come a long way already. It's -

Dick: (interjects) But so has voice recognition! Like, getting half the words right is...is okay.

Maddox: Voice recognition in almost a century is still garbage! Voice recognition...I feel like the rate at which voice recognition is improving is probably incremental, every 10 years or so. Every decade or so, voice recognition gets a percentage better, MAYBE.

Dick: Hmm. I don't -

Maddox: (interjects) So that's why I do think in 100 years it probably will be good enough, because like I said earlier, that Fourier transform where they're just trying to approximate every single utterance and every single waveform...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...to within sines and cosines, the only problem...the reason we don't have it as good right now is because we are limited by our technology and capacity for computation.

Dick: See, I disagree. This is what I think the problem is. 'Cause ev-...I think everyone talks...like, everyone talks differently and weird. Like, have you ever seen what the eyeball takes in as an image before your mind processes it into what you see as the world around you?

Maddox: Like a heat map?

Dick: Nononono, just like the actual data that your eyeball gets.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's GARBAGE. It's like a mess.

Maddox: What...how do they know that?

Dick: I don't know. I just...I saw it online. I don't know.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And I believed it. Just, like, let's believe that for the sake of this...of what I'm about to say.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: When you hear people, I think you're hearing a bunch of weird garbage too and most of the words you get are based on, like, the context.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If that's true, computers are fucked. There's no mathematical formula that's gonna pull the words that they're saying out of the...out of the noise.

Maddox: Well, that's true, Dick, but there is another possibility which I'm afraid of -- and I think that this is actually gonna happen -- is that our language is going to change and evolve over time so that it does become more computationally easy to recognize. We've already changed our language! Have you ever...like when you talk...the first time I ever talked to speech recognition, I realized, "Oh, this is not a human. This is a fucking machine and it needs me to enunciate properly."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I start say-...I start speaking more slowly, I start speaking more loudly and I start putting pauses in between my words so the computer recognizes where one word ends and another word begins.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I think that over time, maybe our language will evolve to be more friendly to computers, so that maybe down the line...like, already it has! Already our language has evolved. Even a generation or two ago, the amount of text abbreviations and emojis that we used were not around. For a speech pathologist, this is, like, a gold mine. You're seeing evolution in progress right now.

Dick: Ohoho, uh-oh.

Maddox: What?

Dick: I got a real good source to run this theory by. (grins)

Maddox: Okay... (Dick laughs)

Dick: My mom! My mom's a speech pathologist.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Yeah! It's an exciting time for speech pathology right now.

Dick: Okay, yeah. That's pretty safe.

Maddox: 'Cause they're seeing...or in linguistics, yeah. They're seeing, uh, they're seeing the evolution of our language. So it's possible, I think...you know, again, an argument for the digital singularity, Dick? I think that our language will become more similar to computationally-understood language and less like it is today.

Dick: Oh man, I...I don't know. That sounds weird.

Maddox: I mean, just look at the language in the 1800s. "Thee" and "thy" and "they" and all these...all these archaic words that we're no longer using. Our language has evolved! Or devolved, as the case may be.

Dick: I don't know if...that just seems like it...I don't know if it's, like, approaching a certain point though. Like, evolving just seems like it's kind of going randomly in weird directions. Language.

Maddox: That's not evolution, no.

Dick: That's...yeah it is. That's evolution.

Maddox: Random?

Dick: Yeah! That's the definition of evolution, jackass.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Random...yes, it is! Random mutations that through survival of the fittest, the good ones are weeded out.

Maddox: It's not...survival of the fffff-....

Dick: Evolution is random mutations.

Maddox: Survival of the fittest is the mechanism. It's not evolution.

Dick: Evolution...

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: ...is where random mutations...

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: ...through the mechanism of survival of the fittest, turn into organisms that are more appropriately suited to their environment.

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: That's evolution. It's random. It's not specific; it's random.

Maddox: (hesitates) Uh... (exhales) Not always, I don't think so. I don't think that's always the case.

Dick: Yes, it's necessarily scientifically random!

Maddox: No.

Dick: You can't, like, evolve a thumb. You evolve weird shit that sprouts out and then the thumb people happen to survive.

Maddox: Well, I'm not sure...I'm not sure that it is random, because you have those moths in, uh, in forests that evolve to look like their surroundings. They didn't evolve bright fluorescent colors and then die off because their surroundings weren't bright fluorescent. There was a...there is...

Dick: They evolved randomly in little bits, and they gradually grew darker and darker. That's why those, like, weird poison frogs are so bright!

Maddox: (stammers) They adapt to their environment. Their environment is a variable, so I don't think it's random.

Dick: Are you saying that the environment dictates the random mutations of their genes?!

Maddox: It's not random.

Dick: That's oppos-...oh, see...

Maddox: Yeah. It's not entirely random.

Dick: I think you're gonna have an apology to make next episode.

Maddox: No, because the environment does have...does factor into evolution. Evolution...the survival of the fittest, uh, thing comes from this other guy, Wallace or whoever? That's not...that didn't come from, uh, Darwin. That's not like a...that's not Darwin's theory. He started -

Dick: (interjects) I'm not quoting Darwin.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I'm saying evolution is...random mutations.

Maddox: It CAN be, but it's not, uh, it's not entirely random. The environment does play into it, because when you become...when you evolve -- that phrase "survival of the fittest" -- when you evolve, you evolve to be the best suited for...uh, the best suited for that specific environment, not necessarily the best species ever.

Dick: What are you saying?

Maddox: I'm saying that evolution does have to do with the environment.

Dick: Are you sure we're talking about evolution?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are you 100% sure?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Well, I think which species or which mutations that affect the animals are allowed to survive, they survive because of the environment that they're currently in, like a -

Dick: (interjects) Sean...

Sean: Mutations, I think, are random. Right?

Dick: Yeah, absolutely.

Sean: And then the ones that express certain traits, if they're in that environment at the time they tend to do better.

Dick: Alright. Are you done? Is that...do you have anything to respond to that? That's...I totally agree with what you're saying.

Maddox: No, I agree with what Sean said, the way he said it. He said mutations are random, but...the way you said it, Dick, it made it sound like any...any mutation is fair game. Like, any random mutation, like a...there could be a fish that could grow a human foot. That's just not po-...that's just not what we see.

Dick: Well, that's a big jump!

Maddox: Yeah. That's why I'm saying environment matters. Environment is...does factor into it.

Dick: Probably. I guess maybe it COULD.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a pretty big statistical anomaly, though.

Maddox: Well...anyway, man.

Dick: That's like, uh...that's like Heart of Gold, uh, Douglas Adams-level improbability you're talking about.

Maddox: Well, I guess. Anyway, dude. Uh, Speech Recognition, that's my problem. And you have your Asterios bit, right?

Dick: Oh yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Boisterous Coconuts, let's hear. [**Dick plays "Internet Hell" intro**]

(spooky orchestra music)

Asterios: I'm Boisterous Coconuts...AND I'M A DIGITAL CYBER DEMON!!! (reverb effect) Bringing you the biggest problems on the World Wide Web, it's This Week in Internet Hell! (laughs maniacally with reverb) (thunder sound effect)

[intro ends]

Dick: Kind of a long intro on that one.

Maddox: No, I like it. [**Dick plays first "Internet Hell" bit**]

(techno beat in background)

Asterios: (goofy voice) Wanna hear something that'll make you #depressed? (Maddox laughs) **According to a study by Oxford University, the most important word to kids 13 and under...is "hashtag"!!**

Maddox: Ughhh!

Asterios: Here's a list of words it beat: "Mom", "Dad"...

Maddox: Oh my GOSH. (Dick laughs)

Asterios: ..."food", "perspective", "Gremlins"... (Maddox laughing) **..."that blonde chick who played Six on Battlestar Galactica", "Gremlins 2: The New Batch"; all more important words!! Worse off yet, kids under 13 are using the word "hashtag" wrong! They're simply putting hashtags in front of words they think are important! Like, here's an example of a kid's tweet: "I found an #awesome box of porn in the #woods!" THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE! (reverb effect)** (Maddox laughs) **Here's a far more logical tweet: "Found a box of porn in the woods! #blessed." Stupid kids!! Stupid, sexy kids...** (Maddox laughs more)

[bit ends]

Maddox: Oh man, that's a digital cyber demon if I ever heard one. That's fuckin' awesome. (smiling)

Dick: You wanna...you want another one?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. [**plays second "Internet Hell" bit**]

(techno beat in background)

(Dick and Maddox start giggling)

Asterios: (goofy voice) Long-suffering nerds finally have something to celebrate, as Steve Wozniak is getting a wax figure at Madame Tussaud's.

Maddox: Oh, great.

Asterios: In related news, Madame Tussaud's has put in a frantic order for a shitload more wax! (Dick, Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) **The statue of Wozniak, who single-handedly invented the Apple computer, will be placed next to a wax statue of Steve Jobs so the Steve Jobs statue can cheat, scream at, and emasculate the Wozniak statue for all eternity. All I know is foreign tourists love taking photos of wax statues they don't recognize or appreciate, so make some room in the basement for the statue of Steve Wozniak! (laughs maniacally with reverb)** (Maddox laughs)

[bit ends]

Dick: Alright. Wanna hear my problem?

Maddox: That's great! Yeah, thank you, Boisterous.

Dick: I think it's...I think that's bad stuff happening on the Internet this week.

Maddox: What?

Dick: 'Cause he's a cyber demon.

Maddox: Yeah, he's...

Dick: That's cyber hell.

Maddox: ...he's very in-tune!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: My problem is...pregnancy! (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Oh! (**'ding!' sound effect**) Okay!

Dick: Yeah. You ever been pregnant?

Maddox: No!

Dick: It's horrible. (Maddox chuckles) I highly recommend against it.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (smiling)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah? Have you been pregnant, Dick?

Dick: No, never. Thank God. Um...so, you remember the scene in Aliens when that thing rips out of the person's chest?

Maddox: Of course, it's iconic!

Dick: Pregnancy is a lot like that, except it's worse.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it takes 9 months to get there.

Maddox: Go on, Dick Masterson. (Dick cackles) Tell me all about pregnancy.

Dick: Um, it really...it really fucks you up!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I can't...after having seen it...I just got back from Indiana. I saw my sister...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...who just had a kid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Second kid. Uh, for the life of me -

Maddox: (interjects) She just had another kid?

Dick: She had another kid.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, congrats, Uncle Masterson!

Dick: Eh, whatever. (Maddox snickers) Uh... (laughs) So the first time, I chalk it up to inexperience. Right? Like, "Ah, you didn't know how bad it was gonna be."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "You didn't know about the bedrest. You got excited, you watched too many movies and you thought having a kid would be a good idea."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Second kid? What in the f-...what in the FUCK. What is going on?? It is the -

Maddox: (interjects) It's supposed to be easier, right? You've been...it's not your first rodeo, you get it, you understand. Ahh, yadda badda bing.

Dick: Maddox, it is a fuckin' nightmare!

Maddox: Yeeeah.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: It takes a lot outta ya.

Dick: Imagine having, like, a medicine ball in your body!

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: It takes, like...it takes...experts are saying a year or two for your body to go back to normal after that. I'm saying never.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's my position on it.

Maddox: It mutilates your vagina! Makes it look like Hamburger Helper!

Dick: Have you ever taken a shit that required stitches afterwards? (Sean laughs uncomfortably in the background) 'Cause that's what we're talking about here with pregnancy.

Maddox: I mean, yes, but I never got the stitches. (Sean guffaws) Hahahaaah. You're welcome, ladies. (giggles)

Dick: The pregnancy rate for US women in, uh, in 2009 was 102 per 1,000 women. So what is that, 10%?

Maddox: It's an epidemic!!

Dick: 10%! Here's...lemme compare that to other sexually transmitted diseases. HPV, new cases every year: only 4%.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: So pregnancy is by far and away...chlamydia: 0.6%. Anybody can get chlamydia. (Maddox snickers) You have NO idea who has it. (cracking up)

Maddox: I'd say 30% of the people in this room do. (Dick laughs)

Dick: 0.01% of people get AIDS, uh, every...that can't possibly be right.

Maddox: No, that's not right.

Dick: 0.01%? What is that?

Maddox: Is that in America or worldwide?

Dick: In America.

Maddox: In America, maybe, yeah. America's pretty low. The prevalence of AIDS in America -

Dick: (interjects) That's low?! That seems insanely high.

Sean: It's 1/100th of a percent, right?

Maddox: 0.01?

Dick: Yeah, so what is that, 1 in every 10,000 people?

Maddox: No, more than that. 1 in every 100,000, I think.

Dick: 1 in every 100,000?

Maddox: It's a per capita...yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Um, whatever. Pregnancy is by far and away the biggest...the most out-of-control STD.

Maddox: It is the worst STD. I've always said that kids are the worst sexually transmitted disease.

Dick: How do you get kids?

Maddox: Sex.

Dick: Pregnancy!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Pregnan-...you can have sex and not get kids, but pregnancy, oh man...

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: ...most of the time turns into kids.

Maddox: Yep, that's true.

Dick: The US spends 7 billion dollars every year due to the cost of teen pregnancy. Here's some of the cons of pregnancy: you got a bunch of semen in you, first of all.

Maddox: That's gross.

Dick: Gross.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Probably...*probably* some dicks, at least one. Probably, not always. No drinking, you can't have caffeine, you can't have CIGARETTES...

Maddox: Oh, no. (chuckling)

Dick: ...you gotta limit your sug-...what's goin' on? You're not into this problem?

Maddox: No no, I'm into it! It's just, uh, cigarettes. That sounds like, um...of course you can't have cigarettes, you're gonna have a kid! You don't want that kid b-...bein' born stillborn or whatever. But it's just interesting, Dick, that you bring in pregnancy as a problem, because, uh...oh boy, what was it, uh... [**plays "Dick Versus Dick" intro**]

(ritzy game show theme music)

Deep Voice (reverb): Dick...Versus...Diiiiiick!

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: You prepared this...

Maddox: Ahhhhh. [**intro fades out**]

Dick: ...when you heard my problem?

Maddox: I got an impromptu Dick Versus Dick! Way back when, Dick, I don't know if you remember Episode 1...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...I brought in families as a problem.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And you can't have a family without pregnancy!

Dick: Yeah, unfortunately.

Maddox: So what say you, dickhead?

Dick: I'm saying that's a big problem! Are you not listening? Do you have shit in your ears? What are you -

Maddox: (interjects) You're saying families are a problem now? (yelling)

Dick: No, I'm saying pregnancy is a big problem!

Maddox: Okay, so why were you arguing that families WEREN'T a problem? Because without pregnancy, there would be no families! So -

Dick: (interjects) Well, let's...let's fix it. Let's do something about that. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Let's grow some babies in the lab, like in The Matrix.

Maddox: I'm okay with that!

Dick: 'Cause THIS shit, this shit wre-...putting a medicine ball through your body?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uhh, getting...having bedrest from, like...for, like, months? Months of your life? And 20% of pregnant women are prescribed bedrest every year that goes from, like, some weeks to a couple months?? That's gotta stop!

Maddox: Yeah, it's pretty awful, and -

Dick: (interjects) We gotta find a better way!

Maddox: Pregnant women ALWAYS feel nauseous. You know there's this, uh, stereotype that pregnant women feel...they have morning sickness or whatever. It's not just morning sickness; they're nauseous all the time.

Dick: All the time!

Maddox: And it takes a lot out of them. They're weak, and they don't wanna do anything, and they just wanna sit down, and you gotta carry watermelons for them next thing, you know?

Dick: During pregnancy, the enlarged uterus can cause pressure on your bladder too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you could piss yourself...

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: ...at any moment, I guess.

Maddox: Yeah. And you always think as a kid that havin' sex with a preggo would be awesome, 'cause like -

Dick: (interjects) Sorry, what? (both crack up)

Maddox: Like, 'cause...'cause then you got the baby in there and you're like, "Ahh!" You're pokin' the baby too, right?

Dick: When you say "you," you mean "I"...er, YOU...

Maddox: You.

Dick: ...Maddox.

Maddox: You, Dick.

Dick: You thought...

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: No, I definitely never thought having sex with a "preggo" would be awesome. (Maddox laughs more) When was this?

Maddox: I dunno, just as a...you know, when you're still a dumbass high school kid and never had sex before, and you're thinkin', "Um, yeah man, I can't wait to grow up and I'm gonna bang a chick...you know, you're bangin' both! That's...that's two for one!"

Dick: Maddox, that's horrifying!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Are you high?

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's disgusting!! (cracking up)

Maddox: I know! It's gross, man! I'm not sayin' I'm into it! (both laugh)

Dick: You... (Maddox and Sean laughing) But you were at one point.

Maddox: No man, it's like that stupid high school thing where you haven't had...like, if you're still inexperienced in high school. Which, by the way, Dick, a lot of people called you out on...

Dick: What?

Maddox: ...in the last episode.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: You keep bustin' my ass about "bags of sand" comments, yet I never hear specifics when you're talkin' about sex.

Dick: What do you want me to talk about?

Maddox: You are the ultimate bag of sand, buddy.

Dick: I described three horrible blowjobs, uh, two ep-...two episodes ago. What do you want me to talk about? Go ahead!

Maddox: No, you d-...no, uh-uh. Uh-uh, no. Eh, you just...you're just never very specific.

Dick: You are bein' real spacey right now. What's up?

Maddox: No, I'm -

Dick: (interjects) What's goin' on?

Maddox: I'm not spacey!!

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. You're being very, like, spacey and weird. What's goin' on?

Maddox: This is the most in-tune I've ever been in my life!

Dick: Okay, what would you like me to describe about sex?

Maddox: Nothing. I mean, *I* don't wanna hear it. It's just, people have been noticing, Dick, that a general...

Dick: (stammers) You're gonna have to be more specific!

Maddox: ...a general sandy...YOU have to be more specific, 'cause a general sandiness is coming from that side of the room.

Dick: I don't know, I don't...like, I wish you would elaborate more on what you're talking about. It's very, like, wishy-washy.

Maddox: Eh, it's...the moment is lost. I don't know sp-...I would have to find a specific comment from the last episode, but people in the comments section, I'm sure, are gonna fill it in.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: But anyway, yeah, go on.

Dick: Uh, he-

Maddox: (interjects) Go on with your pregnancy problem.

Dick: Hemorrhoids? (Maddox spits out laughing) You can get when you're pregnant.

Maddox: Hemorrhoids are pretty awful, I've heard.

Dick: Postpartum depression?

Maddox: Yeeeah.

Dick: Feeling restless or irritable?

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Oh my god, every girl I've ever dated has been pregnant.

Maddox: AND... (laughs loudly) And -

Dick: (interjects) Sad, depressed, and crying a lot? Same.

Maddox: Yeah, the postpartum depression is a real thing. Like, that's what makes moms go fucking crazy sometimes. They just drown their babies!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a thing that happens!

Dick: You learned that on this show.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: Yeah. Having no energy? Also every girl I've dated.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Headaches, che-...oh my god! And what about the fathers? These poor guys have to put up with this.

Maddox: Yeah, and you know the f-...as a father, you're not gettin' laid for at least 8 months!

Dick: Yeah, and not because you can't! I also found that that "no sex during pregnancy" is a myth.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So...

Maddox: Yeah! Again, like, when you're -

Sean: (interjects) That IS a myth.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: My buddy...a doctor told my buddy and his wife that they *should* have sex. Like, "You guys need to have sex."

Dick: He got a doctor to tell his wife that?? (laughing)

Sean: Tell both of them that!

Dick: Oh, wow! (laughs more)

Maddox: Was it Doctor Friend?

Sean: It's a true story!

Maddox: "Hey man, would you pull my wife aside?"

Dick: Yeah! (giggling)

Maddox: "Just tell her we need to bang." (Sean snickers)

Dick: "Keep it fair, Doc. Keep it fair."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Here's 100 bucks."

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, big problem, Dick. I agree, pregnancy is a big problem. Guys, don't do it!

Dick: You got every asshole in the world telling you what to do when the baby comes.

Maddox: Yep, that's awful.

Dick: That's unsolicited advice. Save -

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, I...I just -

Dick: Save the placenta? That's a...

Maddox: Oh, that shit's awful.

Dick: Yeah, well, you're bein' real weird about this! What's the deal?

Maddox: No, I'm n-... (cracks up) I'm not bein' weird.

Dick: Do you not like talking about, like, pregnancy?

Maddox: No, man! It's...I mean, yeah! What...I mean, it's gross and weird, but uh... (Dick scoffs, confused) You know, Dick? I just can't help but, uh, but think like way back when, uh... [**plays "Dick Versus Dick" intro again**] (giggles)

(ritzy game show theme music)

Deep Voice (reverb): Dick...Versus...Diiiiiick!

Maddox: It's a twofer! You gotta do double, to both.

Dick: Yeah? Alright.

Maddox: Um... [**intro fades out**] Remember, you were the one who brought in condoms as a problem, Dick!! I don't understand, how is this even a problem in your universe when you also think that condoms are a problem?

Dick: I'm really good at pulling out. I have incredible control...

Maddox: Oho, yeah?

Dick: ...over my body.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Doing leg day will...will do that for you.

Maddox: Yeah, I bet. (sarcastic) Ohh, okay. Yeah, like you know about leg day OR pulling out. (**fart sound effect**) (giggles)

Dick: Do you think I...do you think I don't like condoms because I want to knock girls up??

Maddox: Well, I think that it definitely is a risk! Because even if you pull out, there are things that can happen. There's pre-cum and things that get -

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, you can absolutely get a girl pregnant pulling out.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Not me!

Maddox: (scoffs) Oh.

Dick: A ran-...a normal man, maybe, but not me.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling) (Dick and Sean laugh) Mr. Dick Masterson, quickest draw in the West. (grins)

Dick: So was that...was that the entire Dick Versus Dick? Usually you have clips to put on that.

Maddox: No, nonono. No clips, because what am I...what am I, gonna bring in the entire fucking episode where you talked about condoms? Or the entire fucking episode where you talked about families? You think that families aren't a problem, yet you DO think that condoms are a problem AND you think that pregnancy's a problem! Pick your poison, Dick! WHICH IS IT??

Dick: (bursts out laughing) I don't know how to explain this to you! First of all, you can have a family without being pregnant.

Maddox: Okay, adopt...you weren't talking about adoption.

Dick: When? When was I not talking about adoption?

Maddox: The first episode.

Dick: No! I...

Maddox: You were talking...you were defending families.

Dick: Yes, I...I will still defend families.

Maddox: Families are garbage. (both laugh)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Families are strangers that you didn't pick who have decided to raise you. Your dad -

Dick: (interjects) Who you're exactly like.

Maddox: No, you're not!

Dick: You are EXACTLY like your parents.

Maddox: I am nothing like my parents!

Dick: Yeah. (scoffing) Name one thing that they do, and I guarantee there's an analog in your life that you do do.

Maddox: Uh, I don't do...I'm not a gambler! There you go! My parents are huge fuckin' gamblers, I don't fuckin' gamble! I think that shit's boring, first of all.

Dick: You don't suffer from the gambler's fallacy at all?

Maddox: The gambler's fallacy? No!

Dick: Yeah, 'cause that's what makes people gamblers, right?

Maddox: Uh, no, not...it's not just that. It's complicated.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It's depression, usually. It's... (cracks up) Its environment is depression. This shit's about to go to Depression Town. Uh, but yeah, man!

Dick: That's also a symptom of pregnancy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, when you're pregnant, you gotta have conversations about whether or not you're gonna abort a retarded kid.

Maddox: Oooo.

Dick: No one wants to have THAT conversation.

Maddox: Heh, I'll do it. (laughs) I'll have that conversation day and night, buddy! I've talked...I've had that conversation in bars and restaurants. Like, if I... (cracks up) ...was sitting around. It's an interesting thing!

Sean: "But seriously, Ma'am, I'll let you get back to your dinner."

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs hysterically)

Maddox: Shut up, Sean! (giggling) No, but it's something that you have to consider, that you shouldn't wait to have that conversation when you're pregnant.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because then it's too late! 'Cause then what if you find the love of your life, this woman or man that you wanna have a child with, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You could do adoption...I guess adoption's not really a consideration. But let's say you find a woman -

Dick: (interjects) You can't abort a retarded adopted kid. You're right.

Maddox: No, um...no, you can't, but... (cracks up) But I guess two, uh...a lesbian couple could still have an in vitro child, or a surrogate child. They could have in vitro fertilization, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they do have to have that consideration. What if that child shows signs of autism in the womb, or Down Syndrome, or some severe psychological disorder, or a physical disorder?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Would you then have that...I mean, when you're pregnant it's too late to have that conversation. You need to be talkin' about that at bars and restaurants! You're welcome, Sean.

Dick: Not for the woman who's pregnant!

Maddox: What?

Dick: It's never too late to have that conversation.

Maddox: I guess.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause they can do whatever they want!

Maddox: Get it outta your system early, man. Then you don't have to talk about it when it's in the womb.

Dick: Yeah, but you...you still might, no matter what you decided before in, uh, your intellectual wonderland of "what if"! (Maddox laughs) When there's a fucking BABY in your body, it's a new conversation.

Maddox: Uhh, I don't know, man. Sounds awful.

Dick: So don't kid yourself, thinking that you can just say, "Oh! Well darling, we actually had this conversation -- I don't know if you remember -- and we already agreed, so why don't you go ahead and take this to relationship court and flush that baby out of the system."

Maddox: Oh, Dick. It sounds like you know a lot about... (cracks up) ...pregnancies and being a woman and having a child in you and...first-time child expert, that's you! Go vote it up, people!

Dick: How is that a first-time child expert?

Maddox: You sound like you have ovaries. You sound like you know what it's like, and I think that that's because you are so close to your family and your sister.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Which, you know, I'm not gonna impugn you for that. Your family's awesome and your sister's cool, but you...I think you're...you are so clo-

Dick: (interjects) You don't know her, first of all.

Maddox: I met her!

Dick: Alright. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah! No, she's cool. I mean... (laughs) Is she not cool?

Dick: Well, I'm just saying. (Maddox laughs more) I don't know if she'd take that as a compliment. (laughs)

Maddox: Coming from me or at all?

Dick: Coming from you.

Maddox: OH, GREAT! (Dick cackles) (**buzzer sound effect**) You know what? I take everything back.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, man.

Dick: Anyway what?

Maddox: Yeah, you just...you sound like...you sound like someone who has ovaries.

Dick: You don't think this is a big problem?

Maddox: I do!

Dick: I never even thought about it. Like, I just thought about it as a function of life until I dated this girl who said...and she was very matter-of-fact about this. She probably, uh...she's probably a lunatic. She said if she ever wanted to get pregnant, she would just pay a surrogate to do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I was like, "Uh, I can't tell if that's the smartest thing I've ever heard or if I should just immediately break up with you. 'Cause I totally...I can't see any problems with that, and I think it's amazing that you thought that through..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "...but there's gotta be something unnatural about that that I'm not seeing."

Maddox: It's good that she came to that conclusion, but it's bad that she was able to come to that conclusion.

Dick: Right!!

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Right, 'cause that should be the only conclusion!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, if I can afford it, of course I'm gonna pay somebody else to get pregnant. Why do I wanna deal with having my body stitched back together for two years?

Maddox: But why are you thinking about this?

Dick: Ri-...yeah!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know, maybe it's just an idle thought!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's gotta be on chicks' minds, right?

Maddox: That's a problem. Dick, I...look, I'm saying without a shred of snark or insincerity, I think it's a huge problem and I'm gonna vote up Pregnancy. There you go.

Dick: Alright, great.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, then you gotta pick a name! (Maddox chuckles) How 'bout that? That's a big fight waiting to happen.

Maddox: Nope! "Maddox." Every time. (both laugh) Anyway Dick, you done? You got anything else?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Ohokay! What else you got?

Dick: Nonononononono, I'm...I'm done. I'm done. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah? That's it?

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: That's my problem. Go ahead with your... (laughing)

Maddox: Eh, yeah. Speakin' of, uh, speakin' -

Dick: (interjects) You're in a real weird mood today. I don't know what it is.

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno. I dunno! Dick, have you ever knocked anyone up?

Dick: Um...no, I've gotten Plan B a couple times.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Plan B is my plan A. (giggles) Speakin' of no condoms. (laughs more) Yeah, that's all I got.

Dick: So you don't use condoms either?

Maddox: I mean, not if I have to! (laughs more) Not unless I have to!

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah, I...no, I'm with you, Dick. I mean, condoms suck, but uh...you know, they have a purpose and I don't think that...I think the majority of people should use them.

Dick: The purpose is ruining erections. (Maddox laughs) That's their purpose.

Maddox: Yeah. Plan...Plan B is my plan A, and my plan...my actual plan B is prayer. Uh, that's all I got.

Dick: Ah.

Maddox: But Dick, um...good problem, but speaking of things in the oven, MY second problem this week is pizza snobs!!

Dick: Pizza snobs. (amused)

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yeah, smart. (smiling) Genius. Clever. That's me. (giggles) Pizza snobs. Pizza snobs! So you were talkin' about condoms ruining the fun; how about this for ruining the fun? A fuckin' pizza snob who won't shut the fuck up and let you eat your meal. They -

Dick: (interjects) Are we about to hear someone who's an extreme pizza snob?

Maddox: No! (laughs)

Dick: Okay. I was just wondering. (cracking up)

Maddox: You know, I just have a question to all pizza snobs out there, and you know who you are. You know! You think you're not one, but you are.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Can you just shut up? PLEASE? Just take 10 slices of pizza, shove it down your throat as far as possible so you can't breathe, then throw yourself off a cliff. I'm so fucking tired of pizza snobs, man.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Just hang yourselves with barbed wire. You're making life a little grayer for everyone else every time you bitch about pizza. Nothing will ever make these dildos happy. (Dick laughs) They think they know the best pizza, like there's some universally agreed-upon standard. The closest thing to a universal standard of pizza comes from Rome or Naples, Italy, where pizza was invented. Supposedly, by the way. Ancient Greeks had a flatbread called "plakous"? ('pla-koos') Plakous? ('pla-kose') Somethin' like that. Anyway, it had herbs, onions and garlic as toppings. It's not exactly a huge innovation to take bread and put stuff on top of it!

Dick: Yeah, I don't think so either.

Maddox: Fucking idiots. Everyone acts like they are such a fucking expert when it comes to pizza, like they know -

Dick: (interjects) What the...wait, what is a pizza snob? What the hell are you talkin' about?

Maddox: Well, first of all, the majority...I looked this up. This is an actual true statistic in, uh, the Encyclopedia Britannica: 90% of pizza snobs come from New York. Did you know that? Yeah! They all come from New York. They think they know-a good-a pizza, these fuckin' assholes! And every time you take them anywhere, anywhere that's not New York...a New Yorker is the worst person to get pizza with, because they won't shut the fuck up about it and eat it and just DIE.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: What? (snapping)

Dick: Who did you hang out with recently from New York that did this to you?

Maddox: Oh, it's not recent, it's all my life! Anyone from the East Coast...it's not even New York; it's from the East Coast, period. Boston? Close enough! I guess you guys know pizza!

Dick: So they shit on *your* pizza?

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Is that the problem?

Maddox: Everyone!

Dick: I just haven't experienced people shitting on my pizza.

Sean: Oh no, it happens.

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: East Coast is always...is exactly like that. And they've been out here for more than half their lives, and all they do is bitch about the food.

Maddox: Yup!

Sean: Especially pizza.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Hey, go back! Or fucking make it yourself, you fucking idiots! And it doesn't matter...I did a video about this, about pepperoni pizzas a while back. No, specifically about people from New York, "The Things I Hate About New York." The #1 thing I hate is that New York pizza snobs, no matter what you do to the pizza, they will complain. If you import the water from New York -- which some places out here do.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: There are places in California that import water from New York, they import the dough from New York, they import, like, the ingredients; anything you import from New York. "Sorry, not the same! Oh, it's the oven!" And then they make up some bullshit scientific-sounding explanation for why it's infinitely better from New York! "Because the oven has little molecules of charcoal that land on your pizza and make it different, and you have little minerals in the water, and blah blah blah blah blah - " SHUT UP! It's just fucking dough with tomatoes on it, idiot!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's not gourmet ingredients! You can't control...first of all, from one batch of tomato sauce to another, the acidity changes, the sugar content changes depending on the harvest that year. You think grapes are the only thing that weather affects? No, man! Tomatoes! Cherry tomatoes, Roma tomatoes; they're all different! Every time you have a harvest of any kind of fruit or vegetable, it's affected by the environment! You can't control a pizza any more than you can control a vineyard!

Dick: Well, yeah!

Maddox: What?? (snapping)

Dick: (scoffs) I don't know, I don't run into all these pizza snobs. You gotta get better friends!

Maddox: (groans) Aw man, they're everywhere! And it's mostly -

Dick: (interjects) Do people you not know strike you as pizza snobs, or is it just people you know? Like, is it just acquaintances of yours that act like this? And this could be for you too, 'cause I have not encountered any of these, uh -

Sean: (interjects) I know A LOT of people from the East Coast.

Dick: Are they friends of yours who talk like this?

Sean: Uh, acquaintances and friends.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: The people I know the least are the loudest and most obnoxious about it too. I will run into just strangers who come to your land and they're just BITCHING about the pizza!

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Like they fucking know any...and by the way, the pizza that they like, the "best pizza"? You know? You go to New York, you're finally there; you're like, "Okay, shut the fuck up."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Take me to your mecca, your pizza mecca. Show me...show me what a real slice is like." They'll take you to some dog shit little hole in the wall place. (switches to stupid voice) "Oh, you gotta check out Di Forno's! You gotta check out Di Giorno's, or Di Dor-...John's, or Joe's," or whatever the fuck! They'll take you someplace, and they'll get you a plain slice of cheese pizza with no toppings on it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which, by the way, is not how fucking pizza is supposed to be eaten! In Rome...you go to Rome, pizza has toppings. All kinds of toppings. They have scallops on there, they have artichokes -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's what it's for!

Maddox: Yeah!!

Sean: Rome's its own thing, too. It's -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, yeah! Roman-style's different.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Roman pizza is, like, its own thing.

Maddox: But so is Ne-...

Sean: It's way different than Naples.

Maddox: Well yeah, but Neapolitan-style too is nothing like New York pizza. New York pizza, they give you this flat, soggy, sad-looking triangle...

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: ...that you pick up and it's so floppy, it can't even hold its structure.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It has less structural integrity than a piece of cardboard.

Dick: Lotta grease, too.

Maddox: Very greasy! And you fold it like a calzone...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...and you shove it in your mouth like this sad, folded dollar slice of ingredients. And by the way, you're paying a dollar for a slice. What...

Dick: Is that a lot?

Maddox: ...quality -- no, it's not!

Dick: Oh yeah, okay.

Maddox: That's my point! What...how high-quality do you think the ingredients are for a dollar, idiot?

Dick: Are they...are they snobs because they have some kind of attachment to their home pizza? Like, are they treating it like a sports team?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: That's exactly what it is, Dick.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: They are treating...they are saying that "we are better than you." It's just something to be smug about.

Dick: Oh, I know you hate that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Anyone saying they're better than you, I know you hate.

Maddox: Well, 'cause they're...it's not true. I'm the best.

Dick: So you got pizza snobs, wine snobs...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...all food sn-

Maddox: (interjects) Steak snobs.

Dick: All, uh, all food snobs probably.

Maddox: And by the way, I know it sounds like a contradiction that I was saying that it only costs a dollar so how high-quality could those ingredients be, but there is a lower limit on how much you should spend on ingredients. But if you're spending a dollar for the finished product, even if it's a slice of pizza, if you multiply that...what's that, like 10 dollars for a large...an extra large pizza? 'Cause those New York slices are big. They're hu-

Dick: (interjects) It doesn't matter, 'cause no one agrees with you on that steak shit anyway. Everyone knows that more expensive ingredients means a better product. (Maddox guffaws derisively

Maddox: WRONG.

Dick: Even butchers wrote in.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: Like, chefs wrote in to say how stupid you are on that.

Maddox: I had butchers...wrong! I had butchers write in, and by the way, I just...I keep posting video after study after video after study of people saying that the wine tasters are fulla shit, that higher quality wine doesn't necessarily correlate with price.

Dick: Wine, yeah, but not meat.

Maddox: Meat?!

Dick: Not steak. No, a 50-dollar steak's gonna blow your mind. (Maddox chuckles derisively) 30-, 20-dollar steak? Nah.

Maddox: Not necessarily, man! It depends on the, uh, the skill of the chef, it depends on -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, and by and large those chefs are not working at restaurants that charge 20 dollars for a steak, 'cause they are cashing in on their skills. Like, that's how the world works.

Maddox: It's...it's possible! It's possible, but I'm saying you're not necessarily gonna...and by the way, you don't...you go to a high-end steak shop, you're not necessarily gonna get a better steak. You're gonna PAY more for it!

Dick: Alright. Well, pizza snobs?

Maddox: Pizza snobs! That's my problem, man.

Dick: I wanna know, who are these pizza snobs in your life?

Maddox: Everybody. Everybody's a pizza snob and an idiot. Um, except...except, like, people who...you know? Blue-collar worker, the salt-of-the-earth workers...good people who just eat pizza and shut the fuck up. They're my friends. Those are the people I like.

Dick: Yeah. Are those the people you brought in as, quote, "dumb people" on the Solutions episode a month ago?

Maddox: Some of 'em, yeah!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Some of 'em are dumb people. Some of 'em are people who I don't hold in very high regard for their intelligence...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...but I do appreciate them for their contributions toward society, because they're doing jobs that I wouldn't. I think that those are people who are cogs in the machine, working boring...boring jobs, eating their simple pizza.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: I'm okay with those guys. But then there's the people who like...they like good pizza too. There is such thing as good pizza, right? I mean, objectively.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Is there?

Dick: Sure! It's pizza!

Maddox: I mean, I don't know. And then there's no...there's no standard definition of pizza! Every culture has their own version of it. Have you ever had Weehawken pizza? It's a totally different animal than Italian pizza.

Dick: Is it flat bread with stuff on it?

Maddox: Basically!

Dick: That's a pizza.

Maddox: That's a pizza!

Dick: (chuckles) Yeah, what is -

Maddox: (interjects) There's Armenian...there's Armenian pizzas. They put this little thin meat paste on it. There's Greek pizzas, there's Mexican pizzas, there's -

Dick: (interjects) Who's got all this time to have opinions about pizza? Like, what the hell is wrong with you?

Maddox: The second -

Dick: (interjects) What are...not you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's wrong with these people?

Maddox: No, I know what you're sayin'. The second-worst people, the second-worst offenders are Chicagoans. They're not as bad as New Yorkers because they know that not all pizza is tryin' to be Chicago-style pizza. The crust is more similar to a pie crust than it is what you would think of as a pizza crust. But it's a different...it's a different food product and I think Chicagoans know that not all pizza is tryin' to be Chicago-style pizza, so when you take 'em out to eat pizza they shut the fuck up and enjoy it, and...you move on with the night and go have dinner or go to a bar and talk about aborting an autistic child. (Dick laughs) Like, you can enjoy the rest of the night.

Dick: That's how they are in Chicago. They like bonding over, like, positivity. New York seems to like bonding over negativity. I guess we do that in LA too.

Maddox: They're just never happy, man.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, pizza snobs. My...you got another problem?

Dick: I got one more problem, yeah.

Maddox: Let's hear it, yeah.

Dick: I, um...I only brought it in because I went to the Indy 500 last weekend and my cousin was there, and he's a listener of the show.

Maddox: Oh, cool!

Dick: Uh, he drives. He drives all day. That's all he does is drive, so I'm bringin' it in as a problem.

Maddox: He was in studio once for a live episode, right?

Dick: No, no.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: This guy...this guy lives in Nebraska.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Drives around, uh...drives around Nebraska. You know, the most fun place in the world to drive.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, opposite. Opposite of that is true. Trac-...and I think even you can get behind this problem: tractors pulling out in front of you.

Maddox: Oho, alright!

Dick: On the highway.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Legally allowed to drive 20 miles an hour, gigantic tractor takes up the whole lane; there you go. That's the problem. (both laugh)

Maddox: Big problem, Dick. You know, I failed my driving...my written driving test. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Like 5 times. (Dick laughs again) Because every time I took the test, they would throw some screwball problems on there about tractors and military vehicles and tanks and shit. I'm like, "I don't know any of this! What are you...are you kidding me?"

Dick: What, the whole test was that?? How did you fail it?

Maddox: Because I could only miss 2 questions, and every time I took the test the randomized set of questions that would come up had a tractor question on there, to the point where I overheard the test giver tell my...pull my mom aside and ask if she thought that I needed, uh, reading comprehension. (Dick cackles) So my... (laughs)

Dick: And then college found out that you did!

Maddox: Ah, fuck you, Dick! (Dick and Sean laughing)

Dick: Right?! You got put in remedial reading, and...

Maddox: That's WRITING, asshole.

Dick: Eh, same thing! (giggles)

Maddox: Fuckin' dicks! (angrily) I passed the test perfectly when there were no stupid tractor questions on it.

Dick: What did they, make a special...did you argue with them? About the...

Maddox: I told them, yeah! I said, "Guys..." and they're like, "It's just randomized, sorry," and I'm like, "Every time, it's randomized? I keep gettin' these tractor questions?" (Dick laughs) They kept askin' me, like, what the optimal speed was to pass a tractor, and when a tra-...what roads, rural roads or side roads tractors could go on, and tractor this and tractor that! Or a tractor with a tow, a tractor with a till, tractor lights, reflectors on a tractor; it just kept asking me these tractor questions!! I don't fuckin' know, man! I know it's Utah, I know it's fuckin' backwoods Utah, but I don't know these tractor questions! It wasn't on the...in the booklet. (yelling)

Dick: That's a big problem!

Maddox: Yeah! Vote it up!

Dick: I failed...I failed the same, the written test, one time. I passed it the first time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of course, 'cause it's an easy test. It's like... (Sean laughs in the background) (cracks up)

Maddox: Great. (Dick guffaws) Rub it in...rub it in your face! Your friend. Make me feel small. (Dick laughs more)

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) I passed that, and then at some point years...YEARS later, like when I was an adult, my, um...my license expired. I was in a situation where my license, my registration and my insurance had all lapsed.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, one lapsed and then the other lapsed, and I couldn't get the first one back until I got the second one back, and they just...it, like, compounded until had lost all three.

Maddox: Great! (chuckling)

Dick: So I was just driving around basically...

Maddox: Nothin'.

Dick: ...uh, like an illegal immigrant for 9 months.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I finally got my shit together and -

Sean: (interjects) A Persian illegal immigrant. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: God dammit. I finally got...I finally got my shit...no, I had my, um...I had my Fiso truck at that point, so I I-...I had an F150...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...then, which you may...which... (cracks up) You might hear a -

Maddox: (interjects) Fiso, F150, I get it. I get it.

Dick: Yes, you might hear it referred to as a "Fiso" by an illegal immigrant. Uh, I got to the DMV to get my license and I failed the test, and the girl just said, like, "Eh, you got most of 'em right though."

Maddox: What?!

Dick: She was a young cute girl and I was flirting with her, and she's like, "Eh, okay. You passed." And that was it!

Sean: Whoa! (from background)

Dick: (laughs) And I got...I got it all back, or else I woulda had to wait like 6 weeks to take it again or something crazy.

Maddox: Huh. Well, it's a good thing that that wasn't a, uh, a hazard for your driving later on, years later. Rain Slick Dick.

Dick: (chuckles) Well, that wasn't on the...oh, it might've been, I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Maybe that was the one I missed.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm sure. (amused) Well, I'm glad...yeah, I'm glad you, uh, you passed that test, and yet CYCLISTS... [**plays "Dick Versus Dick" intro again**]

(ritzy game show theme music)

Deep Voice (reverb): Dick...Versus...

Maddox: (giggles) Yet cyclists -

Dick: (interjects) What is this now?

Deep Voice (reverb): ...Diiiiiiick!

[intro fades out]

Maddox: Cyclists are your problem for not obeying traffic laws, yet you're okay with passing a test you didn't actually earn, that you didn't actually pass! (yelling)

Dick: Well yeah, I'm okay with me doing anything wrong.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles loudly)

Dick: Maddox, the...the amount that I care about...like, I know you think that you are, like, part of society and everybody's equal and they should all be obeying the same laws...

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: ...and, like, contributing the same amount, 'cause you're a fuckin' communist.

Maddox: Right, 'cause that's normal.

Dick: This is a...yes!! Thank God it is. This is how I think: imagine, like, a hockey stick. Like that...the exponential graph?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm at the very top...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...then a geometric factor down from me is my family...

Maddox: Uh-huh. (cracking up)

Dick: ...then the next one down is my friends.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Near the bottom, probably in the bottom 33%. And then the next spot on that curve, which is way out to hell, is everybody else.

Maddox: H'okay.

Dick: FUCK 'EM.

Maddox: Where would you put me on that curve?

Dick: Uhh, right now?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Eh, you're...you're workin' your way back up to the "friend" zone. (Maddox laughs loudly) Right now. (laughs)

Maddox: What an asshole. What an asshole! This is the abuse I get every week.

Dick: Alright, anyway.

Maddox: Fuckin' bullshit. Um...

Dick: My problems are...my problems are Pregnancy and Tractors Pulling Out In Front Of You.

Maddox: And my problems are Speech Recognition and Pizza Snobs. (**closing riff starts**) Worst problems in the universe, I would say. Right after Monkeys and Female Genital Mutilation. (cracking up) Vote it up, people. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: See you next Tuesday. (Maddox laughs)

(theme riff)

(techno beat in background)

Asterios: (goofy voice) Upper middle class whites have something NEW to complain about, as hackers have discovered a way to crash iPhones with a text message! The bug is caused by a glitch in the way iOS renders the Arabic language. What's next, text messages filled with sharia law?? (Maddox and Dick laugh) **No thanks, Obama! I am now going to read the text message that crashes iPhones, so if you're listening on an iPhone, watch out!!**

Dick: Uh-oh.

(techno beat fades out; Asterios starts singing over Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire")

Asterios: Apple sucks, Apple sucks

Apple's stupid, Apple sucks

Steve Jobs was a loser and I bet he's dead! (Maddox laughs hysterically)

This text will crash your iPhone

You were just on Tinder

Now your phone's a cinder

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yeeeah. (smiling)

Asterios: It's time to say goodbye, phone

You were Facebook stalking

Now you're phone's as crippled as Stephen Hawking! (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly)

[bit ends]

Dick: I didn't know that guy could sing!

Maddox: Yeeeah, that's...that's brilliant. (**audience laugh sound effect**) Good job, Asterios. (**clapping sound effect**) [**Dick plays Asterios' next "Internet Hell" bit**]

(spooky orchestra music in background)

Asterios: And in closing news, the Internet this year will have over 3.2 BILLION users, and yet you, the listener, still have 0 friends! (laughs tauntingly) (Maddox laughs) **What a world.**

Maddox: Ain't that the truth.

Asterios: That's all for this week! This is Boisterous Coconuts reminding you: THE INTERNET CAN GO...FUUUUUUCK ITSEEEEEEEEEEEELF! (reverb) (Maddox laughs again)

[bit ends]

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) (**audience laugh sound effect**) Bravo, Asterios! That was...that's probably my favorite of those bits I think he's ever done. That was really good.

Dick: Uh...oh, here's a voicemail that I think you'll like!

Maddox: Oh, I won't. [**Dick plays next voicemail**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Dick, I was just wonderin' when you're gonna talk about YOUR next book, the sequel to "Men Are Better Than Women": "Men Turning Into Women." (Maddox chuckles) **'Cause I mean, I'm just guessing you're just going from experience now.** (Maddox laughs more) **Go fuck yourself.**

[message ends]

Dick: I told you you would like that one. (smiles)

Maddox: What a... (cracks up) What a perfect episode to bring that into.

Dick: How's your new book goin', by the way?

Maddox: Yeah, let's not talk about that. (Dick cackles) It's goin'...it's goin' fine! It's goin' GREAT.

Dick: How many pages? What did I guess last time, 10? (laughs more)

Maddox: Ah...you know, page count, word count? Those are all just numbers.

Dick: Doesn't matter. All you need is the title, really.

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: To sell a book.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what, Dick? Uh, go fuck yourself. (Dick cackles) You got anything else? I g-... [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Maddox puts the "meanie" in "Armenian." (Dick, Maddox and Sean laugh)

[message ends]

Dick: That's pretty funny!! (laughs more)

Maddox: Is that all he's got?

Dick: Yeah, I got one more. Another president called in.

Maddox: Oh, great. (smiles) [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hi guys! This is, uh, former president Jimmy Carter. Uh, I'm still alive, and I wanted to, uh... (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Is he?

Maddox: No. (laughs more) Is he?

Sean: Yeah! (from background)

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah!

Voicemail: ...join the ranks of the presidents who told Dick to go fuck himself, so uh...Dick, go fuck yourself! (Dick sighs) (Maddox laughs) **That's me, Jimmy Carter. That's all I've got.**

[message ends]

(Maddox laughs more)

Dick: Why do they always... (cracks up) Why do they all say that? They're all different people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They always say, "This is how I talk."

Maddox: Well, 'cause that's...you wanna know that that's how they talk.

Dick: That's... (laughs) That's how I leave voicemails.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Hey, it's Dick. Uh, this is how I talk. Uh, Maddox, are we still gettin' lunch tomorrow?" (both laugh)

Maddox: Otherwise I don't know who it is!

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: It could be Sean, could be my mom, I have no fuckin' idea!

Dick: Well, I said my name, but then I also add...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ..."This is how I talk." (laughs again)

Maddox: But it could be...it could be my mom doin' a little joke.

Dick: You don't know!! You don't know until... (giggling)

Maddox: "Hey Maddox! Maddox, do you wanna get lunch?" I'm like, "Who is this?" "Oh, it's Dick! This is how I talk!" "Ohhh."

Dick: "Oh, okay."

Maddox: I have, uh, I have one. I...

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: This one was sent in by David Ellerie. It's, uh, it's a little song he found.

Dick: Oh, good!

Maddox: This is a...he sent this in for our anniversary episode, we ran out of time, but here it is. [**plays remix**]

("If You Could Read My Mind" by Gordon Lightfoot starts in background)

Gordon Lightfoot (singing): If you could read my mind, love

What a tale my thoughts could tell...

[clip from Episode 1 starts]

Dick: This is not a problem for *me.* Like, we're not just...this is not a show of personal gripes. Right?

Maddox: Of course not.

Dick: This is like, a problem...this is a real problem for the UNIVERSE.

[clip ends]

(Gordon Lightfoot still singing)

Maddox: Remember sayin' that, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, I still, uh...I still believe that.

Maddox: You still believe that? (about to laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay! (cracks up)

Dick: Pregnancy?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Every life form in the universe gets pregnant.

Maddox: Well, listen to this.

Gordon Lightfoot (singing): ...but the feeling's gone and I just can't get it back...

[clip from Episode 11 plays]

Dick: I got a real measly annoyance for ya. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Like usual. What is it?

(goes into montage of Dick announcing his problems in past episodes, set to Benny Hill's "Yakety Sax)

Dick: "Guys asking other guys about their dog." "Everyone needs to lose 20 pounds."

Dick: That's true!

Dick: "Table Nazis." "The US soccer team sucks." "The movie 'Frozen.'" (Maddox starts giggling hysterically) **"Not enough bartenders." "Leaving your fly open." "Know-it-all masseuses." "Missing your Fantasy Football draft." "Fireball Cinnamon 'Whiskey,' quote-unquote."** (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly) **"Nut-hugging Android fanboy cheerleaders like YOU who would rather jerk each other off with statistics and features in a fuckin' basement building their PCs than talk to a person on the phone like a human!"**

Dick: Yeah. (both still laughing)

Dick: "Snapchats of not tits." "Chatty Uber drivers." "Cop motorcycle fairings." "Undercooked rice." (Sean laughs in the background) **"Goofy lightsabers." "Changing your sheets." "The No Fun League." "'Wash Me.'"**

[remix ends]

Maddox: Oh, man! (still giggling) (**clapping sound effect**) That's, like, every single problem you've ever brought in! (**'ding!' sound effect**) Measly annoyances. Good job, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, eh...

Maddox: Glad you...

Dick: ...fuck you.

Maddox: ...glad you care... (breaks down laughing)

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 56

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back, Episode 56! Guys, last week, I learned something about our fans. I learned that many of them live in the Dust Bowl. Where do you guys live that you're encountering so many tractors all the time?

Dick: Maddox, in the little place between LA and New York, that's called America! What do you mean?

Maddox: The Depression-era Midwest?? How many...I've BEEN to...I've been there! I grew up in Utah! I didn't even encounter that many tractors and I had it 5 times on my fuckin' written test!

Dick: Did they farm anything in Utah though?

Maddox: Yeah, ass!

Dick: (cracks up) Sean, is that true? (Maddox laughs) Do they farm any ass in Utah at all?

Sean: I looked high and low, and there was no ass to be found in Utah. (Dick laughs)

Dick: I bet you looked HIGH. (cackles)

Maddox: Did you check every...did you check every crack? (giggles)

Dick: Ah, good one! Here's the thing why. Here's why that was supported: because all you have to do is encounter one or two. Like, these guys driving in small dirt roads from one place to another in the middle of America, they just encounter one tractor a year, man. And, AND, they were extra passionate because that motherfucker can drive on the side of the road. That tractor can drive in the grass. DRIVE OVER YOUR CROPS!! Stay off the road!

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: That's why.

Maddox: Nail you to a cross. (Dick laughs) What a crybaby. It's like these minor inconveniences while you're driving, tractors and cyclists.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which, by the way, I take real umbrage with.

Dick: What?

Maddox: 'Cause... (stammers) Your attitude toward cyclists, uh...which, by the way, thank God the ent-...everybody disagreed with you. Your problem was voted all to SHIT. But um, your attitude -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, was it? To shit?

Maddox: Your vo-...your attitude about cyclists is potentially lethal toward cyclists. Like, if cars start -

Dick: (interjects) Oooo.

Maddox: If cars start acting hostile toward cyclists, it could mean our lives, you know?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Whereas...whereas a fender bender for a car might not mean anything.

Dick: Yeah. True.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's your point?

Maddox: But when cars start driving aggressively with cyclists, you're gonna see higher fatalities. When cyc-...my point is, these are minor inconveniences. Go around them.

Dick: Tractors??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't though, 'cause they take up the entire road!

Maddox: Well, s-...what kind of tractors...what are you, following a wheat harvester? What are -

Dick: (interjects) Big tractors, man! These big tractors gotta get around! (Maddox laughs) They gotta get from one farm to the other!

Maddox: Where are you driving?

Dick: They got a big fat ass that they gotta truck down the road!

Maddox: I'm sorry Dick, where are you driving that you need to be in such a hurry that you're driving through farmland?

Dick: (cracking up) I...I don't know. (Maddox laughs) It never...like I said, it's never even happened to me.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Just my cousin's a big listener, brought it in.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (amused)

Dick: And it got alotta support!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Some people even sent pictures. I don't have any on me right now.

Maddox: Well, the top problem from last week was Pregnancy, followed by Tractors Pulling Out In Front Of You, 'cause I guess you guys all live in the Dust Bowl. (Dick giggles) And then Speech Recognition, and then Pizza Snobs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. I got a message, Dick. I got a message AND an email. The guy commented in the message area, and then he thought that wasn't enough and he emailed me too, right before we started this show.

Dick: I do like when they do that.

Maddox: Yeah! Josh Gorman. He says, "Being from New York, I was a pizza snob until I moved to Italy." 'Kay? He WAS a pizza snob.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Then he moved to Italy and stopped being one. "Been here for 2 years and I can confidently call Maddox an idiot." (Sean laughs in the background) Sounds like someone who's no longer a pizza snob. "If you go into any mom and pop's Italian restaurant, both in large cities and small communities, the first thing on every menu is a Margherita pizza. Do you know what that is? IT'S... " -- and this is all in caps -- "...A PLAIN CHEESE PIZZA. The second thing? Quattro formaggi, a 4-cheese pizza." And then again in caps, "PIZZA DOES NOT HAVE TO CONTAIN MORE INGREDIENTS THAN JUST CHEESE!!" (stupid voice) and two exclamation marks. "Just because you have been somewhere for a few days does not make you an expert on other cultures. My opinion for the best pizza is Granada pizza: salami and Philadelphia cream cheese." Barf, that sounds gross.

Dick: Uh, cream cheese?

Maddox: Cream cheese on a pizza?

Dick: And salami? That sounds pretty good!

Maddox: I'll take the salami, but cream cheese -

Dick: (interjects) But not bread?

Maddox: Cream cheese seems like it would melt and it would be, uh...it's almost, like, sweet. Cream cheese.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So I replied to him. I said, "Oh, a New Yorker has a strong opinion about which pizza is good? Quattro Formaggi = 4 cheese, not just one or two, dickhead, and I'm pretty sure that American and Cheddar cheese don't make the cut on that list."

Dick: So what are you...is this a pizza snob war that you're having with this guy online?

Maddox: No, it's just, this is it! You asked last episode where are all these pizza snobs, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everywhere.

Dick: I'm lookin' at one.

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: Well, Maddox, I...so when you brought this in, I asked you if you were gonna proceed to be a pizza snob on the...on the episode, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you do that.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You do tend to do that. Audiophiles...

Maddox: You SAY that.

Dick: ...you brought in...you brought in audiophiles, and then you proceeded to be an audiophile...

Maddox: Did not!

Dick: ...by saying vinyl is shit compared to *your* favorite.

Maddox: That...it is objectively shit.

Dick: Okay. (sighing)

Maddox: There is no argument there!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Absolutely! Like, science...there is science to back up what I'm saying.

Dick: (chuckles) Okay. Then you brought in... (Maddox laughs) Then you brought in something about know-it-all parents...or first-time parents.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then you proceeded to tell everyone how to parent their kids.

Maddox: No I didn't! When did I say that?

Dick: Then you brought in armchair economists... (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and you proceeded to, for 4 episodes, economize. (Maddox laughs) From, uh, from a folding chair.

Maddox: Ohh, I hate economists so much, man. (Dick laughs) They're so fulla shit.

Dick: So I asked you if you were gonna be a pizza snob and you said "no"...

Maddox: No.

Dick: ...and then I listened very intently, 'cause I figured you would be.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But you weren't!

Maddox: No!

Dick: In my estimation.

Maddox: Thank you!

Dick: However, somebody sent in some...Sean, can you crank the volume down for this? Like, cut it in half. I'm gonna play a theme song. [**plays "Maddox Versus Maddox" intro**]

(upbeat 8-bit theme music)

Male singer (pitched down): Consistency is difficult and so are math degrees

Dick: You know this song, right?

Maddox: YES. (annoyed)

Male singer (pitched down): He makes love to his principles with randomosity

Maddox: It's SHIT.

Dick: It's a good song!

Maddox: No! I didn't even get it the first time! (Dick laughs)

Male singer (pitched down): Everyone's seen Dick at work fighting man-to-man

Dick: You gotta listen to the lyrics. That's why.

Maddox: Sounds like Pac-Man.

Dick: Yeah! (smiling)

Male singer (pitched down): But self-defeat can be such a treat

No excuses for the one who can't take the heat

Do some research on yourself before you speak to me

It's Maddox versus Maddox!

[intro ends]

Dick: Did you hear that part?

Maddox: Yeah, I heard that. (sullen)

Dick: 'Kay. People are sending these in. I just want you...I wanna give you the chance to respond to these.

Maddox: Thank you.

Dick: So this was a quote...this was a quote from you.

Maddox: 'Kay. [**Dick plays clip from Episode 55**]

Maddox: How about this for ruining the fun? A fuckin' pizza snob who won't shut the fuck up and let you eat your meal.

[clip ends]

Dick: Okay, then this is a quote from your, uh, YouTube video...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...about pizza.

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays first Maddox YouTube clip**]

Maddox: Pepperoni is a topping for assholes and idiots.

[clip ends]

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs more)

Dick: So the first one is, "...that won't shut the fuck up and let you eat your pizza," and then "Pepperoni is for assholes..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So are you an asshole and an idiot for wanting pepperoni on your pizza?

Maddox: You are for wanting pepperoni on your pizza.

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: Pepperoni is for assholes...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ...and idiots. Okay? First of all, assholes, because they will... (stammers) People who eat pepperoni ONLY eat pepperoni.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: And they will cry and bitch and moan if they don't get their precious fuckin' pepperoni-only pizza!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: They're a separate, distinct category from plain cheese dipshits. The pepperoni people love their pepperoni so much and they insist on shoving it down everyone's throat, and then they're IDIOTS (Dick and Sean laugh) because it's a shitty ingredient and they know it and they can't even fuckin'...there's so much cognitive dissonance going on that they don't even realize what a shitty ingredient it is when they have to take the paper towels and blot entire standing pools of grease!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Sean: What if they just fucking like pepperoni?

Dick: Yeah, what about that?

Maddox: I...I don't believe they do! I don't -

Sean: (interjects) It tastes good! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: I -

Dick: (interjects) It tastes very good! Pepperoni's great! (smiling)

Maddox: There are co-

Sean: (interjects) It gets all crispy at the edges.

Maddox: (hesitates) Pepperoni is a made-up, bullshit ingredient. (Dick scoffs and laughs) It's not a real...it's not a real thing.

Dick: Alright, alright. (chuckles) Alright.

Maddox: Was that snobby, what I just said?

Dick: Yes!!

Maddox: I don't give a SHIT!

Dick: Very snobby! Here's #2.

Maddox: Great. [**Dick plays second Maddox YouTube clip**]

Maddox: If you're going to a pizza party where there will be more than 4 people, you're guaranteed to have shitty pizza because some crybaby always has to order plain cheese or plain pepperoni.

[clip ends]

Dick: Okay, that's from your video.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And then we get...that was about you complaining about what is at a...a party, right?

Maddox: People who order pepperoni at parties, yeah.

Dick: Okay, here we go. (laughing) [**plays next clip from Episode 55**]

Maddox: I will run into just strangers who come to your land and they're just BITCHING about the pizza!

[clip ends]

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's you!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's you, you're bitching about what pizza is available at a party!

Maddox: No! I just won't eat it! I don't care. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Order your pizza! Have your fun fuckin' pizza party! Why don't you shove it up your ass?

Sean: I'll just post about it. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: No, you know what, man?

Dick: Oh, what, what, what?

Maddox: Here's the thing.

Dick: Here's the thing. (amused)

Maddox: I went to a pizza party last night, no joke, and my friend asked me what -

Dick: (interjects) At an elementary school? (cracking up)

Maddox: NO.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: My friend asked me what I wanted on my pizza, and I told her, "I'll eat anything but pepperoni," and then I followed up with a text message 'cause I thought, "That's kind of a bitchy...bitchy, uh, text."

Dick: It's a VERY bitchy -

Maddox: (interjects) So then I said...then I said, "You know what? Fuck it. I'll even eat pepperoni. I don't care."

Dick: Eh, I think you poisoned the well already though.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: With the first comment.

Maddox: Well, they still had pepperoni on the pizza, 'cause everyone's fuckin' addicted to it.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause everyone lo-... (sighs) Alright. Next.

Maddox: Shhhhit. (Sean snickering in the background) [**Dick plays next clip from Episode 55**]

Maddox: You know, I just have a question to all pizza snobs out there, and you know who you are. You know! You think you're not one, but you are.

(Dick skips ahead)

Maddox: I'm so fucking tired of pizza snobs, man.

Dick: Yeah.

[clip ends]

Dick: Alright, one more. [**plays third Maddox YouTube clip**]

Maddox: Pepperoni is the shittiest topping you can put on pizza next to no topping.

[clip ends]

Dick: I think you already said that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you're...yeah. You're -

Maddox: (interjects) It's the shittiest topping.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Um, it...look man, the meat is cured. It's the cheapest, shittiest meat that could possibly be put on there. The oil to meat ratio in pepperoni is 3 to 0. It's all oil.

Dick: What?? Who the fuck cares about math with the pepperonis? It's either good or it's not!

Maddox: It's not!

Dick: It...alright.

Maddox: It's all oily, man! Look, the pe-...the only thing that flavors pepperoni is a little bit of pepper. If you want pepper, add fuckin' pepper to your pizza!

Dick: Alright. Alright, alright, alright. Uh, let's -

Maddox: (interjects) How about spicy salami? There's an ingredient.

Dick: I don't wanna talk about this for 4 episodes.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: You want another voicemail?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: This one's about the winning topic from last week, pregnancy.

Maddox: Didn't have one. (quietly) [**Dick plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (female caller): Hi, Maddox and Dick. I would really like to thank you guys, uh, especially Dick, for bringing in the problem of pregnancy in Episode 55, and I'd like to thank Maddox for bringing, um... (Dick chuckles) **...in Bonus Episode Solution 4, uh, bringing in...**

Maddox: Abortion.

Dick: Yeah.

Voicemail: ...abortion as a solution, because I was pregnant earlier this year...

Maddox: C'mon, baby! (smiling) (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: ...and I was very sick most of the time.

Maddox: Abort!

Dick: Don't root for it!

Maddox: Abort! (grinning)

Dick: That's horrible. (laughing)

Voicemail: I was in bed 20 hours a day and I spent most of the time lying around catching up on the podcast, and you guys were the only thing that made me smile. ..

Maddox: Aw.

Dick: Aww.

Voicemail: ...when I was lying there mostly wanting to die. (Maddox snickers) **And I ended up having an abortion.**

Maddox: YEHEHEHEEEAH! Woo!! (giggling) (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Awful.

Maddox: Yeeeah. (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: AWFUL.

Voicemail: Uh, you guys also helped me through that by making me smile through the pain and...uh, you know, get relaxed before I went in for the procedure and whatnot.

Dick: The last thing she heard before that abortion was your voice. (Maddox laughs)

Voicemail: So I really wanna thank you guys because you two were there for me during a very hard time, and it was nice to see Dick open up, uh, about...I thought this was gonna be some misogynistic problem about how pregnancy makes a woman less fuckable or something, but I was really...

Dick: Apparently we learned it does the opposite, with THIS guy. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Voicemail: ...I was really proud of you, Dick, for being a very empathetic person about this, and um...yeah, that's about it! I may send you guys, like, a care package or something sometime in the future...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Send us... (cracks up) Send us the abortion! (laughs loudly)

Voicemail: ...uh, 'cause I appreciate it so much. You guys, uh, were the only thing that made me smile during the hardest time in my life.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) (Dick chuckles) Smart.

Voicemail: So thanks, and uh, congratulations on a year plus of your show! Goodbye.

[message ends]

Dick: Thank you!

Maddox: Ah! (sighing) So...

Dick: Why don't...instead of a care package, why don't you come out and care for our package? (slyly) You know what... (breaks down laughing)

Maddox: Oh my god. (exasperated) And there it is! You can't take -

Dick: (interjects) Me?! You're cheering for her ABORTION!

Maddox: Yeah, she had it! That was her decision, and I'm supporting it.

Dick: Alright. (scoffing)

Maddox: You think it...you think it was -

Dick: (interjects) I think there might be something more to it. I think there might've been complications involved.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: That led to it, 'cause she said she was very sick for several weeks.

Maddox: Now who's the pessimist? Yeah, you get sick when you have a baby, 'cause those things fuck up your...your digestion and everything, man! For MONTHS you get nausea.

Dick: Well, it's a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a big problem! I'm glad...look man, you get...look, I want every listener who gets an abortion to go vote up Abortions on the Solutions page.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We need to make sure that the history books reflect that it is a solution.

Dick: Okay. Uh, I got some...do you have comments you wanna read?

Maddox: Yeah, I got a comment from Lauren A.J. Kirby. She says, "Re: voicemail about high school sex at the end of the episode, if you guys want to settle the debate about whether or not high school sex sucks, you should just poll women and ask how many were having orgasms in high school. It gets better with age for the fairer sex." That's what she says.

Dick: Yeah, but a lot of women don't have orgasms 'cause it's in their head.

Maddox: Yeah, because they have had a lot of shitty sex in high school and they're kind of set up. They set themselves up for failure later on in life.

Dick: By having sex in high school?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you're advising high-school-aged women to not have sex? (cracking up)

Maddox: Abstain. Yeah, abstain. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Thank you, Starlord! (Maddox giggles) The killer of fun! "Attention high school girls: do not put out!" That's...put it on your tombstone! (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: Man, whatever. It's gonna be sloppy, shitty sex anyway. Who cares? Go ahead and have your...your...you know, they just sit there quivering like chihuahuas, high schoolers! They're the worst!

Dick: That's what high school sex is?

Maddox: Yeah!! Just a buncha, "Oh, what do I do? Is this okay? Am I...am I alright? Do you like too much teeth?" (nervous voice) I'm like, "Yeah man, it's always too much teeth!"

Dick: (chuckles) Alright.

Maddox: "Lady!" (laughs)

Dick: Did you say "alright, man"?

Maddox: Yeah. (giggling)

Dick: It's always too much teeth? (amused) (Maddox laughing really hard) Oh, wow. You are in a silly mood again today!

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: I got another one from, uh, Prince McGhee. This is about the Street Fighter fight, which you are chickening out of.

Maddox: Ugh. Oh my gosh.

Dick: "Maddox, I can assure you FightCade can't be hacked." An online service that lets you fight people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? On Street Fighter.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "That has never happened. Just accept the FightCade challenge." (Maddox chuckles) Um, and then Chris Pucknell has this to say: "Bawk bawk bawk."

Maddox: Mm.

Dick: I think he's onto something with that.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, Fight-

Dick: (interjects) Oh, but before you respond...

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: ...I have a letter from the challenger.

Maddox: Ohokay.

Dick: Do you want me to read it?

Maddox: I...no.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: No, I...

Dick: "Dick, from what I gathered in Episode 54 of the podcast, Maddox wants to play Street Fighter 2 Alpha Gold Edition in an arcade. There are a couple problems with that. First off, I severely doubt Maddox will be able to find an arcade cabinet of Alpha 2 Gold as it was a limited release in Japanese arcades."

Maddox: There was an American release too, dipshit.

Dick: Okay! Point-counterpoint.

Maddox: Mhm. (laughs)

Dick: "Second, we wouldn't be able to live stream on Twitch using a cabinet. I figure Maddox to be the type who wants to show off his supposed Street Fighter prowess to the world and make an example of me...or at least try."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He shoulda said "or die trying" there. That would've been funnier. (Maddox laughs) "Here's what I'm thinking as a counter-counter-proposal: Classic Street Fighter Alpha 2 using MAME locally." Would you be amenable to that?

Maddox: Why MAME?! Why are we using MAME? I don't want...I don't like to play on emulators.

Dick: So cabinet only for you?

Maddox: Why...yeah! Why not...why is it such a weird universe we live in where we don't wanna play on a cabinet? That's the way it was intended! So when you go to Twin Galaxies and you wanna watch a Donkey Kong tournament championship, they're not playing on emulators, dickhead! They're playing on verified, certified boards of Donkey Kong because people manipulate and tinker with these things. They found that even if you put a little dab of gum on the circuit board, it can slow down the processor a little bit and give you an advantage! That's what people were doing! That's why it's important to have this thing be legitimate.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: We should do it at Twin Galaxies!

Dick: Oh, that's a...that's a long way for everybody, and uh, I don't wanna go there at all. (Maddox and Sean laugh) "Now for Maddox's question 'what's the purse?'" You were asking what the purse was. "I can't go into specifics right now. All I can say is that I'm working on procuring a prize that any Street Fighter fan would cherish. I'll send an update on that within the next few weeks."

Maddox: You know, Dick? If it comes down to it, I will practice night and day, and I will make sure that I am the best player of Street Fighter Alpha in the world.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I will forgo my book deadline.

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: I will neglect my family, my friends, my responsibilities, my BILLS out of spite to prove I am the best Street Fighter Alpha champion in the world.

Dick: Well, I wanna see that. I believe in you.

Maddox: Well...I mean, we'll see!

Dick: Well, he says he'll update us, "...that is assuming Maddox didn't bring in horses as a problem this week, as we're past due for another Noah's Ark problem."

Maddox: Shut up. (Dick chuckles)

Dick: Ah, there you go.

Maddox: Think you're so clever! (yelling)

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Tired of that guy.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Um, I got a comment from Deus X. Machina. He says, "Joke's on you guys. Second trimester sex is the best. She's past most of the sickness and she's not too huge to be uncomfortable...and she's incredibly horny." (**fart sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: I got a voicemail like that. You wanna hear it?

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddox, Dick. This is Sam. Uh, as somebody who has had sex with a pregnant woman on several occasions, I can tell you it's pretty awesome...

Maddox: Yeah. (sounds irritated)

Voicemail: ...because pregnant women, their hormone levels are way up, which means they're horny all the time. Plus their tits shoot out milk, and that's pretty cool too! (Maddox snorts and laughs) (Dick giggles) **WAY cooler than havin' sex with a high schooler. And Dick, go fuck yourself.** (Maddox laughs)

[message ends]

Maddox: He said that so tenderly.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning) I like that he says it's "cooler."

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Not like "it's hot," but "it's cool."

Maddox: It's cool! (Dick guffaws) I mean, that's another thing that squirts. Why not? I want all the things squirting during sex. That'd be fun. (Sean giggling in the background) Um, you know Dick, a lot of people called me out in the comments. They said that my...I said...I don't know, I made some off-color remark about having sex with pregnant women last episode and they said it was kinda creepy. I'm not -

Dick: (interjects) Off-color, 'cause you wanted to have sex with the fetus as well.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs) I didn't say...that was a joke. That was an ongoing joke in high school that my friends had. But, um -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, what...okay.

Maddox: What?

Dick: So you didn't actually wanna do that?

Maddox: No, of course not, man!

Dick: It was just a joke? Alright.

Maddox: I've never been into pregnant chicks. Um, but it is a genre of porn. I don't know why everyone's freaked out about it, because there is a very popular genre of porn; it's preggo porn. There's a ton of it on there.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: It's a...there's a ton online. It's not even up for debate whether or not pregnant women have sex or like to have sex. They do, clearly. There's the genre.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Did you bring it in? Or are you just -

Maddox: (interjects) No, I'm not playing a clip of preggo porn, Dick! (cracking up) I got a comment from Michael Fuji. He says, "Sean's burns are getting better every week." And Chris Pucknell says, "lol both of Dick's problems involved pulling out." (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (Sean chuckles in the background) Either I...I think I might've stolen that from him and put it on Twitter.

Maddox: One last comment from Konor Jonasson. He says, "I really wish Maddox and Dick would shut the hell up for the fan-made sections where they have clips of their own voice, that way I could figure out which Dick I'm telling to go fuck himself!"

Dick: Oh. Alright.

Maddox: That's all I got. Wanna get to the problems?

Dick: Yeah. Um, why don't you go first? I have a feeling mine's gonna take way too long.

Maddox: Great! I have some serious problems this week, Dick, starting off with high heels!

Dick: Oh...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...boy.

Maddox: High heels! Sean looks surprised. You look really surprised, Sean.

Sean: I like high heels.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay! (laughs)

Dick: Who doesn't?

Maddox: What do you like -

Sean: (interjects) Not to WEAR.

Maddox: What do you like the most about wearing them? (laughing) (Sean smirks)

Sean: Very good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I think they're sexy as hell!

Maddox: Ohh!

Dick: Of course they are.

Maddox: Wow!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They've done studies. They found that, uh, that men are turned on by women who wear high heels. Um...

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: Because it kind of...

Dick: Accentuates their calf.

Maddox: Is that...is that what it is?

Dick: Yeah, that's why. Yeah, because they have to walk with that muscle tight. It'd be like a dude walking around just always flexing, you know?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, in theory they're great. In practice, however, 1 in 10 women wear high heels at least 3 days a week and a third have fallen while wearing them. (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is according to Osteopathic.org. It's an osteo-...pathic website.

Dick: Uh-huh. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Uh... (cracks up) "Statistics show that high heels are one of the biggest factors leading to foot problems in women, with up to a third suffering permanent problems as a result of prolonged wear."

Dick: It's hard bein' a chick, man. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Gotta suffer for that beauty.

Maddox: These poor ladies. High heels are considered any shoe with a heel 2 inches or higher. It causes your foot to slide forward into the unnatural shape of the shoe, so you lean back to compensate for weird forward tilting of your feet, which can strain your knees, hips and lower back. And here are some of the problems that high heels can cause: ingrown toenails, irreversible damage to leg tendons, nerve damage in your toes and feet by cramming them into a tight space, bunions, overworked leg muscles, osteoarthritis of the knee, plantar fasciitis...that's jogger's heel -

Dick: (interjects) Plantar fasciitis.

Maddox: "Fasciitis"? Is that what it is?

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Alright. Jogger's heel, which results in pain in the heel. And here's the biggest problem, I think, with, uh...with high heels. Other than, you know, the irreversible damage. Um, chicks take them off at the end of the night and walk around barefoot.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's disgusting.

Dick: No class at all.

Maddox: No class!

Dick: No class at all. (smiles)

Maddox: You know what, man? I've dated girls and I've known girls who wear high heels all the time, and they can rock it.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They are comfortable in it. I asked them all the time; I said, "Are your feet hurting?" because that's the...that's the #1 thing women say when they're wearing high heels. "Oh, I can't believe how much my feet hurt! Oh, my feet, my feet, my feet!" (nasal voice) Well, then take off the fuckin' heels and don't wear them!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But the women who can wear them rock them, right? But that's a very small minority of women. The majority wear 'em out to the dance club, get tired and their feet start to ache, and so they take 'em off and carry 'em around like a second purse while they're walkin' around barefoot on the filthy, disgusting floors, dragging their disgusting, gnarled toes through loogies... (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Oh my goodness! (cringing)

Maddox: ...and heroin needles.

Dick: Heroin needles?! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, and dog feces!

Dick: Where is this??

Maddox: Hollywood, man! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Heroin needles. (Sean laughing in the background)

Maddox: I've... (cracks up) I've -

Dick: (interjects) I've never seen a heroin needle. I live there.

Maddox: I have pictures of two heroin needles on my phone right now that I saw in the streets.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. This is disgusting, and by the end of the night their foot has accrued this...this, uh, nasty -

Dick: (interjects) Human filth and grime.

Maddox: It's like this gray...foot butter.

Dick: Oh... (repulsed)

Maddox: (cracks up) That they get from walkin' around barefoot like disgusting cave women. It's the gr...it's the worst, man. Look, you know what looks sexier -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but you don't have to worry about that!

Maddox: Of course I do, if it's my date! (Dick guffaws) I don't want her draggin' her disgusting, like, gr-...

Dick: Maddox, please.

Maddox: ...gray feet into my car!

Dick: Is that...did that happen to you recently?

Maddox: Or on my bike handles! Um...what?

Dick: Did this happen to you recently, that you took some girl out and she walked home with her high heels off after the club?

Maddox: Oh no, man. I don't...I don't date girls like that.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But I've seen it -

Dick: (interjects) So it's not a problem for you, but it's a problem for a lot of guys then, maybe.

Maddox: Well, yeah! I've also brought in AIDS. That's not a problem for me, but it is a PROBLEM, yeah.

Dick: I'm just asking! I'm... (chuckles)

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: I asked why it was a problem for you and you said you had to bring 'em home, so I said, "When did that happen?"

Maddox: No. Um...

Dick: And you said "never."

Maddox: No, it ha-...it has happened once, I think, in Mexico. Uh, Sean, you mentioned at the top of this problem that you thought that women who wear high heels are sexy. You know what's sexier than women who wear high heels, is women who don't have gray feet. I think...right?? Am I crazy in saying that women who don't have gray feet -

Dick: (interjects) I think you have a thing with dirt though, because you're also disgusted by my flip flop sandals, which I wear...all the time. You've made comments to me; in wearing those shoes, my feet must inherently be covered with filth.

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: Like, from walking around town wearing sandals.

Maddox: I don't remember sayin' that. Have I said that?

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: Are you sure it's me?

Dick: Yes, yes, you have. Do you think it's disgusting, my flip flop sandals?

Maddox: Nah, I don't...

Dick: Like, do you think flip flop sandals are gross?

Maddox: I don't...no, I don't particularly have a problem with flip flops.

Dick: Okay, okay.

Maddox: There is a time and a place for 'em.

Dick: I could be wrong.

Maddox: Yeah. No, no, I don't...I wear flip flops sometimes. Um, you do wear goofy footwear though, Dick.

Dick: How's this?

Maddox: Last week when we were recording, I couldn't...I kept staring at your feet! You were wearing some kind of, like, house slipper.

Dick: Yes, they were house slippers. (Maddox spits out laughing)

Maddox: Okay! (laughs more)

Dick: Is there a problem with wearing Ugg house slippers?

Maddox: They were Ugg house slippers?

Dick: Yes, they were!

Maddox: Great. You know what the problem is, is you're covering your feet in sheep's wool, and -

Dick: (interjects) That's not a PROBLEM, that's a...it's great! Feels great! Comfortable.

Maddox: It's like the sweat of human feet mixed with sheep wool. That can't...smell good.

Dick: (cracks up) I don't...do you wanna smell 'em?

Maddox: No! (laughs)

Dick: Is that what you're asking?

Maddox: No.

Dick: So women have gross feet? High heels make gross feet?

Maddox: High heels make gross feet, they cause damage...they're a big problem.

Dick: Yeah, I'm...I'm into that damage thing. Um...

Maddox: Oho, of course.

Dick: The last...nonono, I mean the last girl I dated wore them almost exclusively. Like, she wore those gigantic platforms around.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: She could rock 'em!

Dick: Well... (sighs) Um...

Maddox: No? (chuckling)

Dick: I mean, she coulda done a couple squats.

Maddox: Okay. (smiling)

Dick: That would've rocked too. (Maddox laughs) That would've...that would've compensated for whatever the high heels were meant to do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I...my hunch is that you're supposed to wear them for a short period of time in your life...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...and then probably not again? Like, maybe you wear 'em once a month after that.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: So this poor girl's like...she was 32, still rockin' high heels? That's gotta be rough. Like, your f-...her feet were definitely getting formed to the shape of a heel.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: At that point.

Maddox: My -

Dick: (interjects) Which seems like too much.

Maddox: My aunt on my mom's side is one of these women who has always worn high heels. It doesn't bother her, and she's very comfortable in them and she walks very confidently in them. She's...I've never seen her NOT wear high heels. And I've dated girls who've exclusively worn high heels, and they are okay with it. They're fine with it. However, the girls who don't and they try to? Up to a third of them fall while wearing high heels!

Dick: What does that mean, a third of girls fall while wearing high heels?

Maddox: Oh man, just look on YouTube. Go check YouTube right now for "girl wearing high heels can't walk" or "girl wearing high heels falls," and there's so many videos where they keep trying to recover.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can see that the trajectory's off and they're wobbling, they're goin' back and forth and they're tryin' to correct themselves, and each time they try to correct they go too far in the other direction 'til finally they eat shit. But it is so long and drawn out, it's like it takes an eternity for them to finally fall and it's so satisfying when they do. (Dick laughs) I'm right there laughing.

Dick: Yeah, I get too nervous watchin' those. I feel like they're gonna break their...they're like little deers.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And they're walkin' wrong like Bambi on the frozen ice. I think they're gonna snap their legs in half.

Maddox: It's like a stilt with a training wheel on it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Good analogy.

Dick: So what's the solution, sneakers? Sneakers for all?

Maddox: No, uh...you know, wear wedges. Wedges might work.

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: They have wider...wedges are like heels, um...they are similar to heels, but the back part of it is a little bit longer and thicker. Right?

Dick: Oh, I have no idea what that is.

Maddox: I don't know, man! I'm not a women's footwear guy. I don't know.

Dick: I don't know. (laughing)

Maddox: And I'm not into feet, by the way. I'm not gonna be suckin' your toes at the end of the night.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You, Dick Masterson. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah. Um, yeah, I'm not one of those guys. Anyway man, high heels. That's my problem.

Dick: Oh! (belches) (Maddox laughs) Pretty big problem. Here's MY problem.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Speakin' of wom-...speakin' of dates, you ever hear this phrase? "Everything happens for a reason."

Maddox: I HATE that phrase.

Dick: Hate it. Hate it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's my...it's a trigger for me.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles) Oho. Oh yeah?

Dick: Right?

Maddox: It's a trigger? You need to, um...you need to talk to a counselor?

Dick: I need to stamp it on every chick's forehead. "Trigger warning, trigger warning, trigger warning: 'everything happens for a reason.'" I know that sounds sexist, but I'm gonna address that later. Uh, "everything happens for a reason." It's always driven me insane. Like, even when I was a little kid, it always used to bug me.

Maddox: It bugs me too.

Dick: Always has.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And.....I don't wanna say...like, I'm not the kinda guy who just gets irate at people's coping mechanisms.

Maddox: Oh, I do.

Dick: You understand what I'm saying?

Maddox: No, I d-...I always get irate.

Dick: I know you do, and I don't. Like, if somebody seems a little pretentious with their hobby, it doesn't bother me.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Bothers you!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it doesn-...I don't think it really bothers me.

Maddox: Bothers me.

Dick: Like, what people need to cope with life doesn't ever really bother me. If somebody's being an asshole at a sporting event I'm just like, "Eh, you know, you're charged up. Whatever. You'll calm down. It's not a big deal." But this one phrase, "everything happens for a reason," has always driven me insane and I've never grown out of it. Like, you know how when you're a lot younger things will make you crazy, and you'll speak out against

them and get really passionate? And as soon as you grow up you're kinda like, "Oh, who cares about...that thing?"

Maddox: Mm. (skeptical)

Dick: "It's just people tryin' to live their lives."

Maddox: I guess.

Dick: Yeah. Like, who cares that they're so into, like, whatever activist thing that they're into?

Maddox: No!!

Dick: Doesn't matter.

Maddox: I care!

Dick: You care, but I don't!

Maddox: I know.

Dick: And I can't shake this one. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was gonna bring it in as a throwaway, 'cause again, this girl says it to me. She gets screwed over by, uh, by her roommate.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: This girl I was dating.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Screwed over by her roommate, um... (cell phone vibrates in background) Then she goes, "Everything..." Uh-oh. (cell phone vibrates again) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Tremors! (laughs more)

Dick: I don't know why my dad always calls during this show.

Maddox: I don't know why your phone's not silenced during this show! (laughs more)

Dick: Well, I can't...yeah. It IS...it is on "do not disturb," but there's that thing where the screen is lit up, the "do not disturb" doesn't work.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, man!

Dick: I don't know how to turn it off.

Maddox: Get a new fuckin' phone!

Dick: I'm using this to be a stopwatch for the show!

Maddox: Wha-...I got a stopwatch!!

Dick: That's the only reason...so use your stopwatch! (yelling)

Maddox: I got a kitchen timer, it's 5 dollars! FINE, I'll bring in my stop-...my timer! 5 dollars! It's a 5-dollar kitchen timer, and it doesn't buzz.

Dick: And it counts up?

Maddox: It counts up, counts down, whatever you want.

Dick: For God's sakes Maddox, bring that in!

Maddox: Great!

Dick: I don't care. So this girl gets screwed over by her roommate... (Maddox laughs) ...and uh, she goes, "Well, everything happens for a reason." I'm like, "Ohh god, I really...I was havin' a great time here. I wish you hadn't said that."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? "'Cause it's ruined."

Maddox: M'kay. (chuckling)

Dick: You know what I mean?

Maddox: That ruins your day!

Dick: (excited) Well, it ruins everything, because my first thought is, "Whatever you th-..." (stammers angrily) "Really, whatever you think is running the universe, like God or fate or Midichlorians or whatever? You think that they care so much about YOU and so little about EVERYBODY ELSE ON EARTH that they set up this elaborate system for you to, like, meet a cute guy on the way to work 'cause your car broke down?! Everything happens for a reason, or ya...you know what I mean?? Like, or you found a new place to live? Everything happens for a fuckin' reason, but...oh, but don't worry, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE STARVE TO DEATH!!" (screaming)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Where does that fit in in your grand plan of 'everything happens for a reason'? Are you so myopic that, like, you think the ENTIRE WORLD is made for YOU? The entire universe?! All these quadrillions of interactions every day is built so that you could get a new fucking phone?!?" (Maddox laughs) You know what I mean? And that's my rea-...that's the gut reaction that I try to kill, because that's the insane reaction. And the same part of me, the rational part of me says, "It's just a coping mechanism. Don't worry about it," but I STILL can't get over it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, everything happens for a reason.

Dick: Yeah! (laughing)

Maddox: I don't know... (cracks up)

Dick: "Everything happens for a reason."

Maddox: I don't know, man. You got really worked up there about this and I don't know why, because there are entire branches of philosophy, Dick, that suggest that nothing outside the self exists. So -

Dick: (interjects) What, like solipsists?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: So to...I think, I'm not sure.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, but...so to answer your question, does the universe exist for you? Well, they would argue that it does! Uh, you know man, here's a...this is another -

Dick: (interjects) It doesn't bother me. It's this phrase specifically. And believe it or not, I said this problem was gonna take a long time today 'cause I brought in a shitload of actual studies on it.

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: But go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: What are you gonna say?

Maddox: I forgot. (everyone laughs)

Dick: You said philosophy, and this whole idea that everything happens...like your Oculus Rift philosophy.

Maddox: No -

Dick: (interjects) That the world is all a construct in your imagination.

Maddox: Okay, so this is another one of those classic Dick problems...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...where you bring it in and I agree with you at the outset, but your reasoning is so far off and so far out of left field. Now, I'm not saying that it's WRONG, it's just not complete. It's not the reason that I would say that phrase is a problem. I would say that that phr-...well, I mean, I don't wanna shit all over -

Dick: (interjects) Go ahead, go ahead!

Maddox: Maybe you brought something in similar to this.

Dick: Nonono, go ahead. What, what, what, what?

Maddox: Well, I would say "everything happens for a reason" does imply some kind of universal New-Age mystical being or energy or cause, be it, uh...

Dick: Purpose.

Maddox: Yeah. Some purpose, right? Some higher purpose. Well, then you're injecting religion into everyday conversations.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And it's a little annoying. I -

Dick: (interjects) It's annoying!

Maddox: I think it's annoying when religious people preach...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and non-religious people preach.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I think BOTH are equally annoying.

Dick: Both are equally annoying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I totally agree with you.

Maddox: So that's the reason I have a problem with it, is that it's annoying when people say "everything happens for a reason." Um, and I'm not sure that's true. I'm not sure everything does happen for a reason. However, Dick, like the examples you gave about people...you know, thousands of people dying from starvation or disease or bad things -

Dick: (interjects) HUNDREDS of thousands.

Maddox: There's...it's trivial to demonstrate that some good could have come from those tragedies. Like...

Dick: What are you talkin' about?

Maddox: Well, any kind of tragedy. Pick one.

Sean: He's tryin' to steer to the broken window fallacy.

Dick: Yeah, it sounds like it again. (Maddox snickers) Is that what you're doin'?

Maddox: This is ulti-...I mean, it's bigger than the broken window fallacy. This is a fundamental philosophical argument that...say something bad happens. Well, in order for you to truly say that that was bad, you have to weigh allll the consequences down the line, and then look at the aggregate positive consequences and the aggregate negative consequences, and then weigh the two and then see which one there were more of. If there were more negative consequences then that was a bad thing, and if there were more good consequences then that was a good thing.

Dick: So what are you saying? All the starving people are...it's worth, um...there is a plan 'cause your car, uh, your car ran out of gas or something and you met a cute guy? That everything happens for a reason?

Maddox: See, I don't -

Dick: (interjects) It's not because you were watching a...binge-watching Orange Is the New Black all week that you didn't get your tire fixed and it blew out? That was not the reason?

Maddox: See, you're looking at a negative.

Dick: It's God's plan?

Maddox: No, you're looking at a negative. But for example, had the people...like, I gave the example of riots during the solutions episode, I think #6. Solutions #6 I brought in riots, and I made the case that sometimes riots can have good net outcomes, like for example

the...I think it's called Stonewall riots, in the '60s? That was where the gay and transgendered people were, uh, were tired of the police harassing them and they rioted against them.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And that sparked the civil rights movement for gay and bi and lesbian people to fight for their rights. I would say that that riot, even though riots inherently are bad because of the violence and because of the destruction...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...some good came of it.

Dick: Sure, no one's debating that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No one would debate that some good can come out of something horrific.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. But the f-

Maddox: (interjects) Well, so that's what I'm saying, is someone could make that argument that...and I'm not makin' that argument, but I believe it.

Dick: When someone says "everything happens for reason," that's what they're trying to say?

Maddox: I...

Dick: Is that what you're saying?

Maddox: Possibly.

Dick: Okay, and I'll give them that. That's why...that huge, insane outburst I just had? That's why I don't grab them by the shirt and say that to them.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: 'Cause I'm like, "Okay, maybe they're trying to say something else and they can't phrase it correctly." You ever heard of this one? Teleology?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's called...it's the explanation of phenomena...it's the explanation of phenomena by the purpose they serve rather than the postulated causes. That's what this is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that's what I found when I started looking it up, this phrase "everything happens for a reason." Uh, there was a study done testing this, uh, this teleological phenomenon, and they found that a SHITload of people, both atheists and theists, describe things that happen to them and external events based on their outcome. That whole "everything happened for a reason," they answer things that happen to them in their lives by that!

That...showing that it's a function of, like, PEOPLE. This is a characteristic of humans more than a belief system, 'cause both of them felt that way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: AND, the more...the faster they had to make decisions and give their opinion on things -- even people who DIDN'T admit it, even people who said, "No, things don't happen for a reason. It's just random chaos happening all the time." When they forced them to give an opinion on things with less time, they would trend towards this, uh...teleology, this teleological thinking.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which means that it's the fallback! Like, the fallback is to say, "Yep, everything happened for a reason!"

Maddox: You know, Dick, I believe one of the first or one of the most...I would say influential thinkers in teleology was probably Aesop, with Aesop's Fables. Aesop observed animals doing things, and then kind of made fables about why they did them and so on and so forth. But a lot of...I feel like a lot of Aesop fable type of observations have persisted today in not just our common vernacular, but in science! In biology, specifically. I was lookin' this up after you sent me your problem this week, teleology, I looked it up and I found...I knew this concept but I didn't know the word for it, and I looked it up because there was something that always bothered me in biology textbooks, and biology at large still does this. They say, like, a biological function...this is from Plato.stanford.edu. It says, "A (biological) function of stotting by antelopes is to communicate to predators that they have been detected," and another one is...they say, "Eagles' wings are (naturally) designed for soaring." Well, when you say that eagles' wings are designed for soaring, or antelopes have this behavior to prevent detection, or ants secrete this hormone to warn others, et cetera, et cetera, you are implying that there is that higher purpose.

Dick: Right!

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Right, which you would think maybe they're teaching kids this! So here's something interesting that that study found: up until the age of 10, kids will describe things teleologically. Like, they'll say, "Lions are in the zoo 'cause that's where they wanna be."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's why the lions are in the zoo, or "the ball's flying through the air 'cause that's what the ball wants to do."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it's really interesting! What kinda dumbfounded me is how often it is found in biological texts and scientific texts, and then I read on this, uh, Stan-

Dick: (interjects) Well, that could be 'cause they're designed for kids, right? That's why I'm sayin' the kids thing, 'cause that's how kids think!

Maddox: No, it's not just kids, Dick! Watch any nature documentary. They say "such-and-such animal does this thing because they evolved to do this thing to protect them, blah

blah blah." When you say that they evolved a certain way to protect themselves or whatever...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...even though that may not necessarily be the case, that may not be the cause of their evolution, it implies that there is a higher being or higher purpose...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...for them. There's...like for example, ants and aphids have a symbiotic relationship, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they would say...the incorrect phrasing would be to say that they evolved that way because it's mutually beneficial. You're saying the outcome exists, but you're conflating the outcome with the cause. You're sayin' the cause is because it's mutually beneficial. Well, it could also be happenstance, and it could also be...I mean yeah, sure, it does benefit them! That selection does benefit them.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: That process, right?

Dick: But they're not designed for it. Like, you can't just say they're designed. It... (stammers) It's wrong.

Maddox: That's why I kinda have a problem with that aspect of, uh, of science. And biolo-...I was lookin' at this Stanford website, or I think it was this, uh, this evolution website on Blogspot. They said that they go to great lengths to teach biologists not to use phrasing like this, not to use language like this.

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. It's easier to teach like that, but it's...it's, like, subtly harmful.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You would say. So here's why it's a problem, and here's why I thought it was interesting enough to bring in. And especially interesting that, uh, every single girl I've dated except for one has said this phrase at one point or another. People who, um, have a tendency to reason about events teleologically ALSO have a tendency to interpret behaviors in ways that weren't meant.

Maddox: Ohh, interesting.

Dick: Because the symptom of teleological thinking comes from being able to understand people's states of mind. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And when you understand people's states of mind, you really want there to be a state of mind.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you start taking random events and ascribing a motive behind it.

Maddox: Ohh, that's interesting!

Dick: So if a girl ever...or if a guy, because this research ALSO showed, remarkably -- the scientists must be wrong on this -- that there's no difference between men and women in gender or race when it comes to teleological thinking! So that idea of "everything happens for a reason" is ubiquitous!

Maddox: You know, Dick? I think that this is something...you said at the top of your problem that this was something that could be an inherent quality of humanity, right? Of human commu-

Dick: Yeah, and I'll tell you why after you're done.

Maddox: Well, I have a theory.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: 'Cause I've been thinkin' about this for a long time. People kind of laugh at the ancients for having silly beliefs, like "rain dances cause rain."

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But I think that our minds, being rational, we try to ascribe reasons for why things happen because if we...that's how we learn! We want to learn...it is fundamentally scientific to want to find a reason for why something happens.

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: So I think a long time ago...um, this may have happened when the first rain shower occurred right after a big dance in some tribal culture somewhere, and they forever associated their dance with the rain because they did the dance and then the rain happened. Dogs learn this way too! If a dog pees outside every day and you give it a treat right after it pees, the dog starts to associate that behavior with that reward!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: That's how our minds learn and think, so it's not necessarily a flaw in humanity. It is annoying when it's wrong and when we don't look at it critically to determine whether or not that is the actual cause, but I think that fundamentally it's a useful process.

Dick: Well, here's why...this is saying, um...and I get what you're saying, but this has a slightly different take on it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because when you talk about the dogs and the training, that simple example, it's...they are definitely getting a positive feedback. This is saying that the early humans who WERE the rational ones, who...let's say, uh, they're sitting around a campfire and the bushes rustle, and a bunch of the early people say, "Welp, uh, it's a bear or it's God! He's pissed! I gotta get outta here!" They run. The curious ones, the rational ones, go, "Well,

that's not necessarily true. Lemme just see if it is a bear." One time outta ten that it is a bear, they're killed.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it weeded out all of these rational thinkers, and we're left with the panicky idiots who desc-...who ascribe motives to things that aren't real and who look for an immediate self-serving purpose to all the bad shit that's happened to them, or the good shit! You know how...um, I'm sure you're familiar with this, that people who are successful will attribute their success to the things they've done, when a lot of times...even when it doesn't matter! Like, in random groups in studies they'll give people an advantage, and then at the end of the experiment the people with the natural advantage will assume they did something in the experiment, even knowing that they started higher -- that they started with more assets or whatever, that they started with an advantage -- they will ascribe their success to their own actions.

Maddox: Do you -

Dick: (interjects) That's how deep I'm saying this teleological thinking goes.

Maddox: Do you think that's a problem?

Dick: Absolutely!

Maddox: You think it's bad when people who...say, like in a test or a study, they are given an advantage and then they ascribe a reason that justifies their advantage?

Dick: Well, I'm saying this is bad in society, because people who start successful and end up successful can necessarily look down on everybody who wasn't as successful as them and say, "I got here because of me!"

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: "Because of me," instead of saying, "You know, I...maybe that had something to do with it, but maybe it was also in large part that I started, like, leagues ahead of all you guys, with a shitload of money."

Sean: Yeah, there's people who were born on third base and think they hit triples.

Dick: EXACTLY right, Sean.

Maddox: Yeah. Interesting, Dick!

Dick: And that's because of this type of thinking!

Maddox: Well, this is super interesting coming from YOU!

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Because I totally agree with it, and it seems like something that you wouldn't argue for because it sounds like...well, this is going to be...this is gonna be a topic for another show.

Dick: What?

Maddox: But it sounds like it's contrary to your thinking. It doesn't sound like a very libertarian thought. It sounds like -

Dick: (interjects) What is that?

Maddox: It sounds like something that could come out of Obama's mouth.

Dick: Welp, guys, I gotta go kill myself. (Maddox laughs) Wait, why? The idea that some people had an advantage, and...?

Maddox: Yes, because fundamentally, Dick, what you're saying is that...that, uh, rich people aren't always necessarily there because they earned it.

Dick: Oh, well, of c-...of course!

Sean: The vast majority of wealth in this country is inherited.

Maddox: Is inherited!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: There's no questioning that, though.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they have an unfair advantage over everyone else.

Dick: Yeah! Now however, if you're talking about taking away that advantage, I'll kill ya.

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: That's where my...that's where this thinking might end. You know what I mean?

Maddox: So you're okay with people having unfair advantages and then lording it over other people? You're okay with a dynasty, right?

Dick: Um...if it's a Dick dynasty, yes, of course!

Maddox: M'kay. (chuckling)

Dick: Well, I...I don't understand "be okay with." Like, there's natural advantages in the world and there's...there's not, and that's what started me hating this phrase "everything happens for a reason."

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Because I look at people who say that and I say, "Yeah, the reason that you're even saying that is because you're born with this enormous advantage of being in a soci-...like a genetic lottery of being born in a society where you can pause for a SECOND and think about that, rather than running to get water every day and trying to not get assaulted. Right?

Maddox: Dick, I am so excited right now. Like, I...I wanna do a little jig, I wanna dance, because you have set a trap for yourself.

Dick: How is it a trap?

Maddox: You opened up the bear trap and you set the snare. And I'm just waiting 'cause you haven't said anything yet to step in that bear trap, but you will, 'cause I know you! I've known you for a long time...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...and I know the way you think!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: You are...we're gonna come back to this. You mark this, Episode 56. We're gonna come back to this at some point in the future, 'cause I know, I KNOW there's a Dick Versus Dick brewing. It's comin'! (smiling)

Dick: Oh yeah?

Maddox: I can feel...it's like you can hear the rumbling in the distance.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The horses rumbling, like, "Oh, this is a MASSIVE Dick Versus Dick comin', buddy." (Dick laughs) I'm excited! Anyway dude, I think that's an interesting problem and a well-researched one, and, uh, this is...

Dick: It's all one study. I mean, it's one URL. Don't give me too much credit.

Maddox: Well no, I looked into it! I... (both laugh) I looked into it. There is a lot written about teleology and its implications in theology and sciences.

Dick: Well, what's interesting is that all these seemingly unrelated problems, like this, um...or if you wanna reference the last one, like this idea of, um...this disdain for like, "I got here because I deserved it and not because of luck."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: All these problems, which you could never solve by looking at them on the surface, right? Like, the solution isn't, "Fuck you, we're taking your money." If you don't understand the root of it, which is, I think, this type of thinking, then you can't fix it and this type of thinking is inherent to EVERYBODY.

Maddox: I think that type of thinking though, Dick -- and this is ultimately where I think I lean towards voting this down as a problem -- is that it is fundamentally the same type of thinking that causes us to want to be scientists and causes us to want to learn. It causes us to want to deci-...uh, determine why things happen. And the people who are dumb, the people who are lazy thinkers and the people who are lesser minds will associate two unrelated events and say, "Well, 'A' happened and 'B' happened. Therefore, 'A' caused 'B,'" which is a logical fallacy unless there's some evidence for it, right?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Those are the dumb people, but the smart people will use the scientific method and say, "Well, this happened. It must have happened for a reason." That's teleology, right? Essentially, everything has a purpose.

Dick: NO, teleology is the opposite. It's not...and I think...I know what you're saying. I know that you think this is, like, the impetus for smart people to look for things to understand, but I think this is separate from that need to understand. Like -

Maddox: (interjects) How is it different?

Dick: I...this is just me saying it.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: I think it's a separate drive. I think this is a -

Maddox: (interjects) I disagree.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: I think it's the same thought mentality that, uh...I think this is fundamental to human nature and helpful for our society, for us as humans, to be able to answer questions because if we were...if we didn't do this, we would be fish. We would be donkeys. We'd be dumbass ostriches...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...stickin' our heads in the sand, not doing anything, not asking why, not trying to learn! But the people who stop at the first theory that they have without testing that theory? They're teleologists who sit there and say, "Well, uh, it rained right after I did a dance yesterday, therefore my dance caused the rain." They don't test that theory.

Dick: I think it's -

Maddox: (interjects) Scientists do!

Dick: I think it's a little...I think it's different than what you're saying, and the only thing I base that on is that these scientists and smart people have to repress the urge to just say something is the cause, um...say something happened because of the cause. Like, I think that's the knee-jerk reaction. I think totally ob-...totally rejecting that line of thought is what leads someone down the path of critical reason, critical reasoning. The opposite of this teleological thinking. That's what I think. I totally understand what you're saying; that's just my opinion.

Maddox: Well, vote it down.

Dick: I'll tell you what you SHOULDN'T vote down, is Audible! (Maddox snickers) Today's show is brought to you by Audible. Please visit http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest for your free audiobook download. Audible has over 180,000 titles to choose from. Every genre, Audible has it covered. Get a free audiobook download when you sign up today. Use http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest. They've got 1,000 science and technology books. How 'bout that?

Maddox: Mm, they're probably all teleological. (Dick chuckles) I'm out.

Dick: Here's our reading list as assembled by this show. Uh, "Milked At Her Uncle's Farm"... (Maddox laughs) So if you wanna listen along to this show. Uh, "How Smart Is God?" You remember that one?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Poorly Made In China," (Maddox chuckles) an insider's account of the tactics behind China's production game.

Maddox: Agenda.

Dick: Uh, "Why Does The Penis Look Like That?"

Maddox: Yeah, good question!

Dick: I wanna add a new book to this list.

Maddox: Yeah, mhm.

Dick: "The Journeys of Socrates."

Maddox: Ohhh!

Dick: It's about a jacketless man... (smiles) (Maddox and Sean laugh) ...wandering around ancient Greece embarrassing himself at fancy dinners, I guess is probably what it's about. I don't know!

Maddox: I've been to Greece! I've been to Athens, and I didn't have a jacket on!

Dick: Good for you. (laughing)

Maddox: I did wear shoes though. Anyway, man. Is that all you got?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, I got the real biggest problem in the universe, at least this week...is honor killings!

Dick: Oh, Jeeesus Christ.

Maddox: Yeheheah! (**clapping sound effect**) Bravo, Maddox. (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Oh, brav-...thank you for bringing in a problem with such weight. (Sean laughs in the background) Honor killings, Dick. (Dick laughs) You know, an honor killing is any time a killing occurs when someone has brought shame upon the family. Now, usually this is done by another family member, and it sounds awesome, right? In theory...

Dick: Oh my god. (chuckling)

Maddox: ...it sounds like the biggest SOLUTION in the universe, but in practice...

Dick: I guess!

Maddox: ...it's for stupid shit like not entering into an arranged marriage, committing adultery or being in a relationship with someone your family doesn't approve of.

Dick: Is this always for women? Are they the only ones who get honor killed?

Maddox: Good question, Dick! No, it's not only for women.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: Uh, men get honor killed too. In 2012 in Iraq, there were a string of murders committed called the Emo killings, and the... (cracks up) "Emo" is exactly what you think it is. They rounded up kids and teenagers who looked emo or listened to any emo music and killed them because they associated it with Satanism and homosexuality.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: The Baghdad Morality Police issued a statement criticizing teens for wearing strange, tight-fitting clothes with pictures of skulls on them and rings in their noses or tongues. Anyone listening to metal, emo, or rap was targeted. That was in Iraq!

Dick: Wow. When we were running it, or when it was on its own? When did that happen?

Maddox: That's in 2012. That's -

Dick: (interjects) H'okay, so we're running it. (both laugh)

Maddox: That's the country that we liberated. (Dick guffaws) This is the country that we brought freedom to. (cynical)

Dick: Well...

Maddox: You're welcome America, and you're welcome Iraq. There you go. You can't...you can't just come in and impose your political will on people and expect them to just become America. You can't say, "Here you go, here's democracy! Wooo!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause with that democracy, they might vote in the Palestinian Authority. Right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's what happened in Palestine when they had clear and open democracy. Anyway, I'm gettin' off track.

Dick: No, you're right.

Maddox: Anyway man, honor killings are believed...this is from the BBC. They said honor killings are believed to have originated in tribal customs where even an allegation against a woman is enough to dishonor a family, thus resulting in the death of the woman. In some cultures, if the woman is raped, she may be honor killed. (Dick scoffs) Especially if she becomes pregnant!

Dick: Ahhhhh, man. (uneasily)

Maddox: Yeah! How's that? "Oh, you got raped? Well, we gotta kill you now because you've dishonored our family by getting raped."

Dick: Ugh, thank God women don't unionize. (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) Right? And they're just like...you know? 'Cause they coulda done it at any time. "Hey guys, we're not putting out until you knock this shit off."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "Welp, I got a plane ticket to Baghdad! I'm gonna go kill all these guys!" (laughing)

Maddox: Great. So Dick, you're telling -

Dick: (interjects) Right??

Maddox: You're telling a bu-...you're telling women that they're gonna...they're gonna cut off rapists. Men who are... (cracks up) ...forcibly taking sex from them, they're gonna cut them off unless they, uh, they shape up?

Dick: Well, thank God this isn't a solutions episode, 'cause that... (Maddox laughs) That got shot down pretty fast.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah man, it's -

Dick: (interjects) Well, what about the ones over here, if they said that?

Maddox: What?

Dick: If women in America said, "Hey, we're not putting out anymore until you guys fix that problem over there."

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: You know? Like a little sisterhood... (Maddox groans) ...uh, intercontinental, cross-Atlantic sisterhood action goin' on.

Maddox: Dick, it becomes this thing where you...where sex becomes a barter system. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah, it is!

Maddox: Well, for you!

Dick: Of course it is!!

Maddox: It's ugly! I don't like it.

Dick: That's ugly?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I don't like it. Um, in 2008 in Turkey, a father killed his son for being gay.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: The son's name was Ahmet Yildiz, a 26-year-old physics student who was gunned down in Istanbul.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: It was considered Turkey's first gay honor killing, and they made a movie about him called "Zenne," I think? "Zenne," whatever.

Dick: Was the movie positive like that Nazi sniper that killed everybody, or was it negative about the dad who killed his son?

Maddox: They made a positive movie about a Nazi sniper?

Dick: Well, the Third Reich had incredible propaganda!

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: They would make positive...you know what I'm saying? Like, did...was the movie that was made about this guy positive or negative towards honor killings? Was he a hero or a villain?

Maddox: The gay kid was a hero...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ...and the father was a villain, yeah. And the father remained a fugitive for 3 years afterwards.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: Um, it's believed the number of honor killings that occur every year is in the thousands. Honor killings in the UK...in 2006 -- this happened in the UK -- a woman named Banaz Mahmod from Surrey left an unhappy arranged marriage and started a relationship with another man. The 20-year-old was strangled and hidden in a suitcase, which was then buried underneath a Birmingham property.

Dick: Yeah. (uneasily)

Maddox: Yeah man, honor killings, real shitty. Big problem.

Dick: Does that count as many, uh...does that count all the women who are disfigured or maimed or otherwise injured?

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: 'Cause there's...that should be a tremendous amount more. It's a lot harder to kill someone than it is to throw acid at them like a pussy.

Maddox: Yeah. About 211 honor-related offenses were reported in 2009 in the UK, 129 of which were criminal offenses. In Turkey, there has been a drop in honor killings. Now get this: this should be positive news, right? And this is why, again, I say critical thinking's important, 'cause if you read that headline? "Oh, there's a drop in honor killings in Turkey. Hooray, let's celebrate!"

Dick: More people gettin' maimed?

Maddox: Nope. The reason is because they passed tougher laws against it in 2005, which has caused an increase in honor suicides (Dick scoffs) at the behest of men encouraging women to kill themselves for dishonoring their family. It's a way to skirt the honor killings laws.

Dick: Ohh. Huh!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who checks on that?

Maddox: They're...you know, it's really hard to find statistics about this.

Sean: "She shot herself 5 times!" (Dick and Maddox laugh) "Suicide!"

Dick: Yeah, classic!!

Maddox: Ahhh, that's rough.

Dick: "Right in the back of the head!"

Maddox: Yeah, and you know what else? It's not specific to a religion. Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, and any culture that has families with rigid expectations can result in honor killings.

Dick: Well, I was gonna ask that next. Isn't it part of Sharia law? Aren't honor killings, like, allowed by Sharia law?

Maddox: Well, certain denomina-...certain sects of people who are Shari-...who practice Sharia law. It's like, does Christianity condone protesting the funerals of dead soldiers? Well, no, but SOME Christians do it.

Dick: What, the Westboro Baptist people?

Maddox: The Westboro Baptist...by name they're Christians, right? These are the ones who protest...like yeah, it's hard to...again, you like to paint with a wide brush here, but -

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, me?? I just asked you a question!

Maddox: Oh, well, I -

Dick: (interjects) Of if it's allowed by Sharia law!

Maddox: Well...I mean, yes and no.

Dick: I thought it was part of that system.

Maddox: It is, but not everybody practices it. You know? It's like, uh...in Catholicism for example, condoms are outlawed. You're not supposed to use condoms.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But a lot of people use condoms or pull out. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Yeah, pull out. Condoms should be...they are an affront to God. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're an affront to my god as well.

Maddox: You... (both laugh) You align with the Vatican in that position?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway. Yeah man, uh, big problem, honor killings.

Dick: Well, lemme get back to that Sharia law thing. 'Cause what I'm ask-...you bring up...I don't wanna paint with a wide brush.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I guess what I'm asking is do you have any stats on, like, who's supporting honor killings around the world?

Maddox: No, I don't...I don't have it specific to each culture or religion, but uh, the BBC said that it's really difficult. They're trying to estimate how many honor killings happen every year, and it's really difficult because a lot of times they'll say that the reason is something else and they don't report these honor killings. Sometimes they just kind of do it.

Dick: Of course not!

Maddox: Yeah, and it's kinda skirted underneath -

Dick: (interjects) They don't even have Internet some places it's happening.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How are they gonna report it?

Maddox: This isn't...this generally isn't occurring in really advanced societies. It's not...it's occurring in south Asia, in Iraq, in Afghanistan it happens...uh, Saudi Arabia, it happens. Saudi Arabia is one of the big offenders of honor killings, because there's a lot of arranged marriage in that culture...

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: ...and you'll see that a lot of honor killings take place in cultures that have arranged marriage. That's why Hindus and Sikhs were also on this list.

Dick: 'Cause they don't wanna get married?

Maddox: 'Ca-... (cracks up) No, because they -

Dick: (interjects) No, 'cause the...like, the girl doesn't wanna marry that guy -

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: - and it's like, "Well, fuck this."

Maddox: Yeah yeah yeah, and the girl...the girl backs out of it, and a lot of times it's complicated. There are politics involved, because the family of the husband has given a dowry to the family of the bride.

Dick: You know what? This is the plot of Spaceballs. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Is it?

Dick: The princess, the Druish princess doesn't wanna marry Prince Valium so she runs away.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: And her dad kinda makes a deal with Dark Helmet.

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To kill her.

Maddox: Well, um, I guess...I guess I need to watch that movie.

Dick: Who's doin' this? I wanna know who's doin' it. You mentioned a couple groups.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who is doing...? I know in America we're not doing it. We're not honor killing women, 'cause then who would we keep outta STEM fields? (Maddox laughs) Each other? Right? It doesn't make any sense. But who's doin' this around the world?

Maddox: Honor killing, it is...it is, uh...

Dick: Saudi Arabia?

Maddox: A lot of the ones you hear in the news are Muslims and occasionally Hindus.

Dick: (chuckles) That's what I'm thinkin'!

Maddox: Yeah. But in Japan it kind of happens in a different way. It is more, um...you do have more honor suicides in Japan, which happens because they have such high pressure and expectations from their families to produce and perform in academia. So even one bad semester can send a person spiraling out of control because they see that everything kind of is linked to each other and the chain is broken, and if the chain is broken they can never fix it. They can never catch up, and the only alternative is an honor killing. An honor suicide, rather.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: So it happens in different cultures for different reasons, and in America you might be able to...I mean, we don't consider it as an honor suicide when people kill themselves. It's just...we just call it suicide. We just lump it in one big category: they killed themselves. Um, except for euthanasia. So if we looked into the cause that suicides happen, especially for men because I believe, what, like 84...80 to 90 percent of suicides are male.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, it's 4 times.

Maddox: Because a lot of times there are pressures that are unique to men, that we have expectations in society, and also men fight the majority of wars and they come home with post-traumatic stress, which is, uh, int-...REALLY intense.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Because if you've ever had to kill somebody, which very few people have, we're not equipped psychologically to be able to do that. Humans aren't evolutionary...don't have an evolutionary advantage to kill each other off.

Dick: Some of us.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Very small...no, the army has done studies on this.

Maddox: What?

Dick: It's called the killer instinct.

Maddox: Oh, some people have a...?

Dick: Like 2%. Yeah, it's like a...it correlates with, uh, psychopathy.

Maddox: Oh, that's right! I think, um -

Dick: (interjects) A very small amount of people...don't care.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Dick: And they're built for it, and it's like an evolutionary safeguard.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Yeah! Against bad stuff happening, like, "Well, we got those guys over there. They're not allowed to do what they wanna do NOW..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "...but, uh, careful. If there's zombies or something, we're gonna let 'em out of the cage."

Maddox: Patton may have been one of those guys. I think Nintendo made a game about that.

Dick: Killer instinct?

Maddox: Killer instinct. (laughs)

Dick: Ultra did, you asshole. Not Nintendo.

Maddox: Oh, that's right. It was, uh, it was licensed.

Dick: Nintendo bought them.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Ultra.

Sean: Hey, it's...just goin' back to that stat, it's true that, uh, that men complete it more often. Women, I think...

Dick: Attempt it, yeah.

Sean: ...the last I heard attempt it more often, but men use more lethal means. You know, 'cause they shoot themselves in the head instead of takin' a bunch of pills.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Women try to shout themselves to death. (Sean cracks up) That's what I read somewhere. (laughs)

Maddox: No, but I looked into the attempt statistic, and...you know, because that's what I keep hearing is women attempt it more, but an attempt registers as anything from taking too much Tylenol, like not even close to enough. It's...a lot of times I've talked to suicide prevention counselors, and they say that 90% of the women who call in who've taken...who've, like, overdosed on Tylenol pills, they said they don't even call the

paramedics. They just tell them to drink a lot of water and they'll be fine, and that's what women...women are more likely to call for help and to use less lethal methods.

Sean: It's hard to figure out where the line is between, like, a serious attempt and...you know. I don't know the...

Maddox: Well, here's a real clear line: when they're dead. That's a serious attempt. Um... (chuckles) I -

Sean: (interjects) That's success! There's no attempt there. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Um, here's -

Dick: (interjects) Could be both!

Maddox: So I...I -

Dick: (interjects) It's a two-for-one. It's a twofer. (smiles)

Sean: Yeah, it's a twofer.

Maddox: (cracks up) It's a twofer. I just looked it up, Dick, and I looked at the regions. This happens...uh, honor killings are detected in Europe, in Albania, in Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece...in Greece, well into the 20th century honor was a very important concept, and as recently as the 1960s shepherds in Greece conducted honor killings. So yeah, I guess it still happened in, uh...in Greece and the UK it happens, in Sweden. It says in Sweden -

Dick: (interjects) Sweden? (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah! In -

Dick: (interjects) I wanna see these numbers. What cultures are voting "yeah, I sup-...yeah, I think it's a good idea"? Not even the ones doing it. I wanna see the poll. I wanna see the Gallup poll.

Maddox: This is not the country condoning this, Dick. Most countries have outlawed honor killings. In Sweden in 2002, a 26-year-old Kurdish woman named Fadime Sahindal, I guess, was killed by her father, but she was Kurdish.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: They were a Kurdish family living in Sweden, so it's not...it's not like this is specific to one specific culture, religion, or region. It happens in Denmark too! Ghazala Khan was shot and killed in Denmark in September 2005 by her brother.

Sean: Yeah, these are transplants though!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I would say if you ask, like...if you took a poll in America, "do you ever think honor killing is a good idea?", you're gonna get an infinitesimally small "yes" to that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And if you...as you go around the world like Santa Claus and pose this poll to everybody, I think there's gonna be some standouts of groups of people who say, "You

know what? Uh, yeah! Yeah, I think it is okay sometimes," and I think when you find those concentrated pockets of "yes," you've found a problem.

Maddox: The largest regions I'm seeing, uh, just in doing some cursory research on this, is in Jordan, in Kuwait, in the Palestinian Authority, in Saudi Arabia, in Syria, in Yemen...these are all Arabic countries. In Pakistan and India -- India's a huge country with a lot of honor killings -- Saudi Arabia...um, in Canada it's occurred, but yeah, I guess if you don't count the transplants then probably not a lot of Canadians.

Dick: Not alotta Canadians are...you know, you fuck up at hockey, they don't make you kill yourself or throw acid on your face.

Maddox: Yeah. No, I've...yeah, of course not. I mean, not... (chuckles) It's not condoned by, uh, by our government or culture. But yeah man, a lot of these places...I'm lookin', like in Brazil, anyplace it's happened in Brazil it's, uh, it's usually transplants. So if you don't count transplants, then it's mostly these cultures.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Anyway man, Honor Killings and High Heels, those are my big problems. The two big 'H's this time.

Dick: Big...big feminist. (Maddox laughs) This episode. Aren't ya?

Maddox: Um, yeah, I'm not saying that women shouldn't wear high heels.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, uh, if you can't, then don't. That's what I'm saying.

Dick: If you can't...you mean if you trip all over yourself?

Maddox: If you trip all over yourself, if you're goofy, if your feet hurt, if you're gonna bitch about it, if you're gonna ache and moan, it's like, "Hey man, then don't fucking do it." Like, people who get piercings live with it and they're okay with it. They don't constantly complain about their piercings or whatever it is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Just don't do it if it's gonna bother you! It's real...there's a real simple solution to not doing things that bother you. What's your last problem, Dick?

Dick: Hey man, everything happens for a reason. (Maddox laughs) Do we have time...do we have time for a last problem?

Maddox: Yeah, real quick.

Dick: 'Cause my last problem is a doozy.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (amused)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: I got so upset I threw it on the floor. (sound of papers moving around) Here we go. My last problem. We've been going...we've been escalating throughout this episode.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The biggest problem is...the "Are you still watching?" button on Netflix.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: Okay??

Maddox: Man...

Dick: (yells) You condescending, presumptuous fuck, Netflix! OF COURSE I'M STILL WATCHING! Of course!! Assume that I am! Don't bother me with this...the waiters don't come up to you in the middle of a meal and go, "Uh, sir, sir, are you still eating that? Are you still eating that entirely full steak that you have in front of you? Sir, are you done drinking this soup that you've had one bite out of?"

Maddox: It's not one bite, dickhead! They come by when you've eaten most of your meal and they ask you if you're still working on it! They do that -

Dick: (interjects) And I give them a look! How dare they!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They will know when I'm done 'cause it will be completely empty!! When -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, you can solve this problem with something that's almost as easy as a glance: pressing the 'X' button on your fuckin' PlayStation!

Dick: Oh, Maddox. Where is the remote? What am I...what am I supposed to do? First of all, I'm probably drunk or high. (Maddox chuckles) Where am I supposed to get this magical device that you're referring to? Euh, if... (excitedly; Maddox giggles) You know what? If you've got the technology to put the prompt on the screen, make the remote start blinking or beeping or some shit so I know where to...here's a better one: uh, put a microphone in the Apple TV and say, "Hey, if you're still watching, make some kind of a sound. Make a grunting sound like a caveman! Clap your hands! Do something and we'll keep going! Don't look for a BUTTON! This isn't a nuclear launch code!"

Maddox: Ohoho, you're equating pressing one button on your remote with a nuclear launch code, you fucking idiot? This is the easiest non-problem EVER. First of all, dickhead, if they didn't have that feature in Netflix, which I fully support, every fat dipshit slovenly watching a TV show or movie on Netflix at night as they fall asleep and Netflix plays the auto cue would just rack up huge bandwidth fees...

Dick: Fees?!

Maddox: ...and Netflix is tryin' to cut it d-...no, they're try-...they're racking up huge bandwidth usage.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: And Netflix is tryin' to cut down bandwidth usage so that the ISPs don't raise our rates!

Dick: You know what? Fuck you, fuck your bandwidth, fuck your ISP! If it entertains me, if it amuses me for a little bit, beam Trailer Park Boys into space 24 hours a day where NO

ONE'S gonna watch it! I don't care! I'm the customer! Fuck you!! (Maddox laughs) Do you know what else saves money? Having automated help phone lines and doing those...those thin, shitty plastic water bottles that spill all over you! All this shit hurts the customer! Fuck your bandwidth!! FUCK YOUR BANDWIDTH! Beam me shows all day every day! Beam them all the time like I'm in an entertainment singularity just in case I get home and wanna watch something!

Maddox: (**sound clip of man saying, "Well, that's unfortunate."**)

Dick: Yeah!! (Maddox and Sean laugh) I'M RIGHT! I am the customer; I am right, Netflix, and maybe one day I'll pay for my own subscription instead of just using my brother-in-law's subscription like everybody else in my family. (cracking up) (Maddox and Sean laugh more)

Maddox: Ah.

Dick: Fuck you!!

Maddox: (**plays sound of a baby crying**)

Dick: Oho, fuck. (Maddox giggling) You f-...you, you... (**baby crying sound continues**)

Maddox: Go on, Dick!

Dick: You bootlicking fuck. (Maddox keeps laughing) Don't even...don't even start with your "Internet is a series of tubes" shit. (yells) I know how the Internet works! Gimme my shows!! Fuck off with your button! You wanna save bandwidth? Build a satellite that checks for when I'm sleeping or not! (**crying sound still playing**) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Wait, did Dick stop talking? I can't tell! (giggling) What a fuckin' crybaby. (**crying sound stops**)

Dick: God, I hate that button! I hate it so much! Right when I get into the groove, man. Right when I'm chilled out on Episode 3 or Episode 4, that motherfuckin' button comes out. I'm AFRAID of it coming up. As soon as the credits start rolling I'm like, "Oh, are they gonna gimme that button?" (**baby crying sound starts again**) "Are they gimme that button? Noooo, no, no!!" (gritting his teeth) "'Cause I have NO idea where the remote is. I threw it when I came in with all my keys, and I'm gonna be watching the blue screen for the rest of the night!" (**crying still going**) (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Fuckin' crybaby! (**crying sound stops**) Dick...

Dick: FUCK Netflix.

Maddox: ...how much of a slovenly sloth are you that you are sitting there for 2 or 3 episodes? You don't move, you don't get up off the couch, you don't get up to pee, you don't get up to get a...another drink? Do you also complain that drinks aren't magically teleported into your throat and out your colon, asshole??

Dick: Yeah! (chuckling)

Maddox: (stammers angrily) You're so inconvenienced with having to find your remote, not having to be such a dumbass that you misplace it every fuckin' 5 minutes? Just remember,

use...get a system, Dick! Put the remote right next to where you're sitting and then press it! You just roll over!

Dick: Get a system. (disdainful)

Maddox: You don't even have to move!!

Dick: This guy with his remote magic over here. (Maddox laughs) Nobody even believes that for a second, asshole, that you could never lose your remote! Fuck you! (**crying sound briefly plays again**) Sittin' down...you're sittin' down with a girl, firin' up a couple episodes of a documentary, you know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Real classy broad that I'm talkin' about right here. Firin' up a couple episodes of some shitty show she wants to watch? Right when you're ready to make your move, man? Right when it's getting hot, right when you got that...your fingers around that button?

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: That fly button? Poppin' her buttons open?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Here comes the button! It's distracting! "Hey! Hey, hi, I'm a button! I would like to fuck up your life!"

Maddox: Dick, if the TV going into a pause state is enough to throw off your game, your game SUCKS.

Dick: Oh, you're such...you're such a liar.

Maddox: Uh-huh! (taunting)

Dick: You're such an asshole. (Maddox laughs) Anything can throw off your game at any moment, Maddox. That's what happens when you're riding the edge of game! (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) Alright? You're like a high-performance motorcycle racer, man. Any slight perturbation in your game can throw you into a death spin from which you'll never recover!!

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: 'Cause then you get angry! (cracks up) You get the angry sweats and she can smell it! (Maddox and Sean laugh again)

Maddox: Oh man, not...it's the opposite with me, man. The chick is revved up. SHE'S the car. She's the engine. She's tryin' to get ME warmed up! She's tryin' to get me to go!

Dick: Yeah. (scoffing)

Maddox: She's like, "Hey, how 'bout now?" I'm like, "I don't know, baby."

Dick: Yeah, that's my problem. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ah, I really hate that button SO much, man. (**baby crying sound starts up again**) (Maddox giggles) Fuckin' button, dude.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick.

Dick: Coming from Mr. "No More Self-Checkout Lines, 'Cause It Saves Them Money."

Maddox: No!

Dick: You didn't like self-checkout lines 'cause the stores tried to save themselves money...

Maddox: For so many reasons.

Dick: ...but you're supporting this stupid button?

Maddox: They're slower, they never work, they are...you're always standing behind some incompetent boob who doesn't know how to operate it, and the machines that...the rest of the machines, half of 'em are broken, and then even when you do use them properly you still have to get the stupid attendant to come by and check something every few fuckin' minutes, and then the machine thinks there's somethin' on the scale that isn't, and then you have to put it in the bags, and then you have to go through another step to get cash back...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and then you can't buy alcohol at them. It's just a huge series of fuck-ups.

Dick: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Just like this problem was. Vote it down. Dick, I believe that in...for bringing in such a stupid, horseshit, unresearched...another one of your horseshit problems where I feel like, "Uh, I don't know, I guess I'll bring this in. I don't have anything." On the drive in you thought about Netflix buggin' you.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Another one of these problems! I want you guys to punish Dick by voting down both problems this week, and voting down the original because... **(Dick starts playing "My Heart Will Go On" parody)** Oho, you motherf-... (both laugh)

Dick: What was that? (Maddox keeps laughing) I wasn't gonna play this song this time. (smiles)

Maddox: Great. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: 'Cause it goes on so long.

Maddox: Of course you were gonna play it!

Dick: I wasn't!! I really wasn't!

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: I wasn't gonna play the song, 'cause you're right, it is two things for one. But people were commenting this week that I didn't play Titanic last week.

Maddox: GOOD.

(Male singer: Maddox is an asshole...)

Dick: No, they missed it!

Maddox: Fuckin' hate this song.

Dick: They wanted... (giggles)

(Male singer: ...and he can go fuck himself...)

Maddox: I gotta take a shit. I gotta take a shit!

Dick: No, you can't take a shit!

Maddox: (stammers) I'm puttin' my cans down. I'm goin' to the can.

(**Male singer: ...his problems all suck and he deseeeeeerves this.)**

Dick: Alright, well, I'm not playing Titanic until you get back!

Maddox: I... (chuckling)

Dick: You can shit during this song!

Maddox: Then see ya! I'm not gettin' ba-...I'm not comin' back.

Dick: We got a whole...

Maddox: I'm gonna lock up the studio.

Dick: ...wrap-up to do.

Maddox: Nope!

Dick: We gotta thank Audible. (Maddox laughs)

(Male singer: Keeeeep playing these Titanic clips...)

Maddox: I'll thank 'em right now. I'm done.

Dick: No, no, no, no.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's not correct. That's poor procedure.

Maddox: Lock up the studio. I'm turning off the lights, I'm lockin' up the studio. See ya, guys! See you, Sean!

(Male singer: ...and Dick, you can go on and go on and go fuuuuuuuuck yourself.)

Maddox: Yeah, go fuck YOURselves. **(song fades out)**

Dick: Grant Mooney, I think, did that.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, I know.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Great. (muttering)

Dick: Just siddown and shut up and watch your Titanic. (Maddox laughs) That's what you get. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: (**crickets sound effect**) (chuckles)

Dick: If I can find it! I don't know, did I forget to bring it in again?

Maddox: Ohhh, good!

Dick: No, here it is. [**plays next 30 seconds of Titanic**]

Sean: You need the Jeopardy theme song. (Maddox chuckles)

(dreamy music from movie in background)

Dick: It's exciting shit happening on this episode of Titanic. They just saw a picture of a naked lady.

Asterios: Haha, yeeeah! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah! Asterios knows what I'm talking about. (smiling)

Asterios: Look at his face!

(Bill Paxton: God damn.)

Maddox: Did you license this from Asterios?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm gonna have him sue us.

Dick: I already paid him.

Asterios: He looks like a bottle of hot sauce!

Dick: Oo look, there's a hot chick! There's a hot chick, man!

Maddox: No.

Asterios: Yeah, he's got that bulging vein thing going on!

Dick: That is...that chick's hot!

Maddox: Not.

Dick: You don't think that chick's hot?

Maddox: I'm not looking! I don't know!

Asterios: Oho my god, is he gonna die?

Dick: It's like a hot '90s Megan Fox.

Maddox: Who cares? (grumpy)

(fake news playing on TV in movie's background)

Dick: Now there's an old lady doin' pottery. (Maddox groans)

Maddox: Is this 30...? This feels like it's been a minute.

Dick: No. (scoffing)

Asterios: Great joke, Dick!

Maddox: Is this longer than 30 seconds?

[Titanic clip ends]

Dick: It's 30 seconds, calm down. (**closing riff starts**)

Maddox: Anyway guys, vote up High Heels and Honor Killings this week. Vote down Dick's horseshit.

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

(theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller): (NY accent) Hey Maddox, this is, uh, Freddy from New York. I just don't really listen to your piece-of-garbage, uh, radio show because I have a life. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Voicemail: But uh, my friend turned me on to this one topic you had recently, pizza snobs? Well, you didn't mention one pizzeria that you had experienced in New York with their shitty dollar slices, but I can tell you from experience a dollar slice doesn't exist in New York anymore.

Maddox: Oh!

Voicemail: Maybe if you took a time machine to the '80s they existed, but not anymore.

Maddox: Oho, '80s! (sarcastic) (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: That's A. B, we're not snobs because our pizza's better. We might be snobs because your pizza's garbage, though. I've been to Zito's in California. See, that's an example, Zito's. Have you been there?

Maddox: Yeah, it sucks.

Voicemail: I don't know if it's in your LA area or not.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: But it is fucking abysmal, and you should be ashamed of yourself if you like it. And if you like that better than any New York place that I've ever been in, kill yourself in front of your parents. (Maddox and Dick laugh) **Now, uh, I'm supposed to say something now. Oh, uh, Dick, go fuck yourself. (someone else laughs in the background) Oh, and uh, Maddox, get raped. Right? Okay. Uh, get a new career. You stink.** (Maddox laughs loudly)

[message ends]

Maddox: Oh, what a dumb shit. What a dumb, dumb, dumb shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what that guy likes on his pizzas, Dick?

Dick: Dicks?

Maddox: Yeah. Dicks AND cherries, because he used so much of the cherry-picking fallacy. That dumb shit! (Dick laughs) There is a place in New York...it's just, it's trivial to find a 99-cent slice in New York. There's a place called 99 Cents Fresh Pizza in New York, you FUCKING idiot. Their sign says "99 Cents Fresh Pizza." What about 2 Bros. Pizza? Another dollar place. Percy's Pizza, another dollar place. Get fucked! [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller with deep voice): Hey Dick, it's your mom.

Dick: Hm. (Sean snickers in the background) (Maddox giggles)

Voicemail: I agree, pregnancy is the biggest problem in the universe. Regrettin' it to this day.

[message ends]

Dick: Oh, he's talkin' about me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: My mom would call me directly with that. (Sean laughs in the background) Burn.

Maddox: She'd call me to tell you. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (old-timey voice) Hello, gentlemen. It's President James Garfield (Maddox giggles) **calling to join the ranks of presidents who have told Dick to go fuck himself. Go fuck yourself, Dick!**

[message ends]

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Great.

Maddox: James Garfield! (laughs more)

Dick: Is somebody keeping track? James Garfield called in and told me to go fuck myself.

Sean: He gets his in the end, though.

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: Why? What happened to him?

Maddox: He was assassinated, right?

Sean: He was, he was assassinated.

Maddox: What, one of like 3 presidents who've been assassinated? Lincoln, JFK and Garfield, right?

Sean: Uh, McKinley.

Maddox: Oh, McKinley!

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Hey guys, Chester A. Arthur from Die Hard 3, right? We all know something about presidents.

(brief silence) (Maddox snickers)

Dick: No? (chuckling)

Maddox: I guess! (both laugh) Go for it.

Sean: I got nothin'.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't...I don't know what the reference was.

Dick: Die Hard 3!

Maddox: I don't remember.

Dick: Oh, god. Alright. Uh, here's...maybe I'll end on...no, I got 2 more. Uh, we had a...there was some debate about evolution last week.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So someone called in to clear it up.

Maddox: Oh, great. (heavily sarcastic)

Voicemail (male caller): What's up, guys? This is Charles Xavier. (Maddox laughs) **I'm a professor of evolution and I specialize in genetic mutation, and this is how I talk.** (everyone laughs loudly) **Anyway, I'm just calling because I wanted to clear up a few misconceptions about how evolution actually works.**

Dick: Thank God.

Voicemail: Alright, so let's start with some of our terminology. Mutation is the same thing as being born with a superpower. (Maddox laughs) **That's right. Um, it is random like you were saying. The random part is that just because someone's born with a mutant gene, it's totally random what superpower they're actually gonna get. They might get retractable claws, they might get eye lasers...** (Dick and Maddox laugh) **If they're really lucky like me, they'll be a mind reader.**

Dick: Eye lasers! (laughing)

Voicemail: Now, survival of the fittest. Survival of the fittest comes in when there's gonna be an epic superhero battle. You know, that's the only way we can settle out which random mutation is actually gonna help you succeed in your environment. So is it gonna be better to have super speed or super strength? Is it better to control fire or is it better to control ice? So you have to have these epic battles, uh, preferably ones that destroy half of New York City in order to figure that out. Alright? So there is a place in evolution for both random selection and survival of the fittest. I just thought I would call and clear that up.

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: Yeah.

Voicemail: Uh, if you have any more questions about evolution, feel free to stop by my school. And Dick, you can go tell Magneto to go fuck himself.

[message ends]

Maddox: So was that...that guy was from Cornell?

Dick: Charles Xavier?

Maddox: Charles Xavier.

Dick: I think he was British. The real professor? I mean the fake...the real fake Professor X?

Maddox: The guy...the caller. I'm not sure that...I'm gonna have to do some fact checking for that call. (cracks up)

Dick: Oh, yeah. No, I believe he went to school in England.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, alright, one more.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: One more. [**plays final message, a remix**]

(series of clips from Episode 55 mixed together)

Maddox: Um, yeah man, I can't wait to grow up and I'm gonna bang a chick...you know, you're bangin' both! That's...that's two for one! (Maddox starts giggling)

Dick: Maddox, that's horrifying!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Are you high?

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean and Maddox laugh)

("I Wanna Get High" by Cypress Hill starts playing)

Maddox: Who sent this in? What is this? More bags of sand?? (yelling)

Dick: I forget.

Maddox: That's great! (Maddox laughs) **That's great! You don't want that kid b-...I dunno, just as a...hahahaaah. You're welcome, ladies.**

(Male singer: I want to get hiiiiiiigh, soooo hiiiiiiigh...) (Maddox laughs loudly)

Dick: Jackie Treehorn sent this in.

Maddox: Like, if I... (cracks up) ...was sitting around, I will run into just strangers who come to your land and they're just BITCHING about the pizza!

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: "Oh, you gotta check out Di Forno's! You gotta check out Di Giorno's, or Di Dor-...John's, or Joe's," or whatever the fuck! It mutilates your vagina!

Dick: Um... (everyone giggles)

Maddox: H ow about this for ruining the fun? A fuckin' pizza snob who won't shut the fuck up and let you eat your meal. You gotta carry watermelons for them next thing, you know?

Maddox: I love Cypress Hill, I don't give a shit.

Maddox: Clever. That's me. (giggles)

Maddox: Good song!

Maddox: You think grapes are the only thing that weather affects? No, man!

Dick: What the hell are you talkin' about? (Maddox and Dick laugh loudly)

Maddox: Well, first of all, if you're still inexperienced in high school. But I guess two...two...

Dick: What is going on??

Maddox: What?

Dick: Go ahead!

Maddox: No, you d-...no, uh-uh. Uh-uh, no. Eh, you just...you're just never very specific.

Dick: You are bein' real spacey right now. What's up?

Maddox: No, I'm -

Dick: (interjects) What's goin' on?

Maddox: I'm not spacey!!

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. You're being very, like, spacey and weird. What's goin' on?

Maddox: This is the most in-tune I've ever been in my life!

(Male singer: I want to get hiiiiiiiiigh...)

Maddox: Flat, soggy, sad... so floppy, it can't even hold its structure. Sad, folded... no, man! It's...I mean, yeah! What...I mean, it's gross and weird, but uh...

Dick: Um...

Maddox: Everybody's a pizza snob and an idiot. Um, except...except, like, people who...you know? Blue-collar worker, the salt-of-the-earth workers, but then there's the people who like...they like good pizza too. There is such thing as good pizza, right? I mean, objectively.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Is there?

Dick: Sure! It's pizza! (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: (laughs) Uh-huh! Yeeeah. Ohh! Uh-huh! Yeeeah. Ohh! (Maddox laughs)

(record scratch sound effect; Cypress Hill song stops)

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect) You know what? I take everything back. (Sean chuckles in the background)

[remix ends]

Maddox: Good! Good song.

Problem: **Social Justice Warriors (SJW)** [00:12:16]

Problem: **Soy** [00:45:33]

Problem: **Shitty Dads** [01:04:53]

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 57

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Casper! Get $50 toward any mattress purchase by visiting http://casper.com/biggest and using promo code "BIGGEST".

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe from ants to AIDS, with over 3.2 million downloads! This is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey!! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back.

Dick: New intro!

Maddox: New intro.

Dick: I like that intro!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You got alotta power behind it too.

Maddox: We get it out there, you know what the show is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because Dick, I talked to someone over the weekend who said...

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: ...who listened to the show, and they didn't understand. It wasn't clear to them what this show was based on the title "The Biggest Problem in the Universe."

Dick: Well, it's two 30-something white-ish guys complaining.

Maddox: White-ish. (laughs)

Dick: That's...to explain it to you if you're so stupid you can't understand what two guys shouting into microphones on the Internet is about, that's what it's about.

Maddox: Yeah! Uh, Dick... (**sound clip of Dick saying, "You know what? Maybe I AM a fuckin' idiot."**) (laughs) (Dick cackles)

Dick: What was that? What did you wanna play? You know what I love about that intro, is the "ants to AIDS."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It always cracks me up, 'cause you know it's supposed to be A to Z. It would be like, "from ants to zebras."

Maddox: Nonono, but you can also draw a comparison in scale, in scope of problems too. So -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but it...the 'A', it necessarily, like, lends itself from A to Z.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You don't go, like, "We got all the cars down here at Dick Masterson's car lot. We got all the way from Audis to Alfa Romeos."

Maddox: Yeah, that's a good example! Well, you could even s-...you could even do a cheaper car than Audis. You could also draw a comparison between price, you could draw a comparison between color, you could draw a comparison between size; there are lots of different comparisons, not just alphabetical.

Dick: I'm just saying.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright. (smiles)

Maddox: No, I get it.

Dick: Yeah, you get it.

Maddox: I know, it sounds weird. Um, anyway. Dick...

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: (**drumroll sound effect**) ...last week's biggest problems: Teleology came in #1.

Dick: Oh, good!

Maddox: And I guess that's how it's pronounced, right? 'Tee-lee-ology'?

Dick: I don't know. Everybody called in and said I was stupid, but Google says it the way I was saying it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Teh-leh-ology.' But then they said it was 'tee-lee-ology'...

Maddox: It's 'tee-lee-ology.'

Dick: ...and then some...uh, Merriam-Webster's dictionary said it was, like, 'teh-lee-ology.' So I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah, I even heard...I think the British pronunciation is 'too-lee-ology' or some bullshit like that. Anyway man, Teleology came in a higher problem, a bigger problem, than Honor Killings. Good job, idiots. (Dick chuckles) And then...uh, and then The Netflix "Are you still watching?" Button, and then you guys downvoted High Heels.

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, but you did ultimately win because Barbie stopped wearing high heels this week.

Maddox: Uh, I didn't "win," Dick. No one wins on this show.

Dick: Yeah, but you said it was a problem!

Maddox: It was a problem!

Dick: So Mattel and I guess little girls all fixed your problem.

Maddox: Yeah... (skeptical)

Dick: Barbie's now...small, small...a small bit! You know?

Maddox: But that's...I feel like that came from some social pressures. (laughs)

Dick: Okay, so you're anti-that! So you like high heels on Barbie, but not on real women.

Maddox: Well, because Barbie's a toy! (Dick giggles) I like my toys to have machine guns. I don't like children to have machine guns, of course!

Dick: Okay. (laughs more)

Maddox: Well, on that note, Pamela Yach-...Yachouh? Ya-...Yachouh...come on!

Dick: Skip it. Just blow through it.

Maddox: Whatever, man.

Dick: One and done!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the rule with name pronunciations from now on. Just whatever it sounds like, go with it.

Maddox: Pamela says, "Fucking thank you, Maddox. So many women around me have made me feel like I was nuts for being grossed out and confused by other women who take their high heels off and walk around the grimy floor or filthy street or whatever without shoes on. I see tons of them who take their shoes off less than thirty minutes into the night."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Pamela! She agreed with me.

Dick: Class it up, ladies! Keep 'em on!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Keep 'em on.

Maddox: No one likes that grimy, gray foot butter. (chuckles)

Dick: I'll tell you what: when I loosen my tie, my necktie...

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: ...that's when you can take the high heels off. Right?

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Do you hate wearing neckties too? I hate...I've always hated tight collars.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ever since I was a kid, like, it feels like I'm getting strangled. So I'm just counting down -- no matter what I'm at, wedding, bar mitzvah, whatever -- I'm counting down the seconds until I can loosen that necktie and pop off the top button.

Maddox: Yeah, I loosen it a little bit right from the get-go because it makes you look a little disheveled in a good way.

Dick: Yeah. Cool.

Maddox: Yeah, cool, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Oh man, that guy's had a long day. He had a long day at the office."

Dick: Long day of playin' video games online on his Twitch account. (grins)

Maddox: (sighs) Dick...Dick's been givin' me shit because I told him...starting last week I started experimenting with a Twitch account, and for those who don't know, which is apparently a lot of people, Twitch is an online streaming platform for video games.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: So specifically made for video game players, which I am! I'm a gamer.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I realized a while back that I've been playing video games; why shouldn't people watch and learn from me?

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: A pro-gamer.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: How do I watch this? Seriously, I wanna watch you do it. How do I do it?

Maddox: I linked to it on my Twitter. It's http://twitch.tv/realmaddox.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. I think that's my handle, "realmaddox," and I've been experimenting with it. I'm not sure if I wanna continue doing it, because here's what I didn't understand about Twitch: at the outset, it seems like you're just watching people play video games. What a lazy fucking thing, right?

Dick: Yeah! It is. (Maddox cracks up) It's definitely that.

Maddox: No, it's not! You don't understand, because from the perspective of a streamer, it is a tremendous amount of work. You really have to take into consideration lots of things. It's like doing a cooking show that lasts for 2 hours and it's live! It is a lot of work.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It really is, yeah.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: People take for granted how hard it is to do podcasts -

Dick: (interjects) To play video games?

Maddox: No, dickhead! (Dick giggles) Just like the amount of work that we put into this podcast every week.

Dick: Yeah, yeah yeah yeah.

Maddox: It's substantial, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: We got our audio engineer, we do editing, we do research, we have sound clips and music clips and voicemail and email and comments. It just never ends, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: There's so much work that goes into it behind the scenes. Same thing with Twitch. Check it out! Uh, http://twitch.tv/realmaddox. I don't know if I'll continue doing it. I think I'm going to, because it's a challenge.

Dick: So you'd better watch now while the watchin's good!

Maddox: Yeah! Dick, I got a comment from James Fraser. He says, "You know your life is pretty good when your problems consist of having to press one button on a remote."

Dick: Uh, yeah, that's a fair cop.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs)

Dick: I'm not gonna complain about...you know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's...it's the principle!

Maddox: Oh. (sarcastic)

Dick: It's the principle of it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's that Netflix is making me save them money. It's like all...it's bigger than that! It's just...it's the same as the plastic bag ban. They're making me pay for their bags. YOU pay the 10 cents, jerkoff! YOU press the button, Netflix! Like -

Maddox: (interjects) And yet, Dick Masterson loves self-checkout lanes. Which, by the way, you fuck, I spent 3 minutes in a self-checkout lane trying to check out this weekend, and it was so infuriating I started recording it! I have a 2 1/2-minute video.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: It was...I missed an entire minute of them fucking around, one person goin' after and gettin' an attendant. I had to get a supervisor to come by and someone had to log in and override the machine before I was able to check out with that bullshit that never fuckin' works.

Dick: Look... (sighs)

Maddox: I'm gonna send that video to you.

Dick: Uh, awesome. I can't wait to not watch it. (Maddox laughs) This is one little step on the march of progress.

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: Someday we'll be able to just walk into the store and walk out of the store with your goods!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? This is...the self-checkout lane is one step towards that. Uh, I got a voicemail. You talked about speech recognition.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Was it last episode or two episodes ago?

Maddox: About two episodes...

Dick: I think it was two episodes ago.

Maddox: Yeah, two episodes ago.

Dick: So somebody...here, somebody sent this in. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Yet again Maddox, you prove yourself to be nothing but a sheltered, jacketless, (Maddox laughs) **sandal-wearing, Greek-loving...you know, uh, nerd. This...you don't even know how voice-to-text actually does work. Well, you were wrong! Take your phone, Maddox, your Android phone that you love so fucking much, turn on text-to-speech...or speech-to-text...**

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Mhm. (amused)

Voicemail: ...and send a text message. Start talking into it.

Dick: Mhm.

Voicemail: Google's technology works fucking great! Jesus, you're stupid. (everyone laughs) **Love you, Dick. Bye.**

[message ends]

Dick: Okay. (Sean laughs in the background) So I'm gonna...Google works great. I'm gonna read you what Google Voice thinks that guy just said.

Maddox: Okay! (about to laugh)

Dick: Okay? "Yet again next year, prove yourself to be nothing. But I shelters jacket list sandal-wearing regarding you know it, nerd. In this you don't even know I'll voice-to-text actually does work..." It got that part. "...when you were wrong. Hey, just calling back through Android phone that you're also much sort of text to stay, she spacial text and send a text message. Start walking into it. Google technology works great." It got that part. (both laugh) "Gene, this you're stupid love you Jeff. Bye."

Maddox: (laughs loudly) (**audience laugh sound effect**)

Dick: So, thanks for... (cracks up)

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) You fucking idiot! (**clapping sound effect**) What a slam dunk, Dick Masterson. Oh man, that's my favorite. (grinning)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fuck you, idiot!

Dick: I thought you would like that. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Moron. (Dick laughs) Yeah, Google te-...Google voice recognition works great. That's why half these voicemails you guys send us get translated to garbage like that.

Dick: They're just garbage.

Maddox: It's just garbage.

Dick: I got some fan art. This one's from Gorepump. Did you see this one?

Maddox: I did! Yeah, Gorepump.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I ki-... (cracks up)

Dick: Pretty good!

Maddox: He did a pretty good job. I think you look better than I do, even though your forehead looks like it's about to -

Dick: (interjects) I look better in this picture than I do in real life!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Look at that, Sean.

Maddox: Even though your forehead's about to burst. Your forehead looks like there's, like, a huge bump on it, and then me, my eyes are so far wide apart... (Dick cackles) I look like an alien gray.

Dick: Yeah, you do. (laughing) You're like a frog man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Still better than, uh...I gave that an F+. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: It's pretty good.

Maddox: Better than most fan mail. Someone else sent some -

Dick: (interjects) Rob Hyde. That was Gorepump; this is Rob Hyde's. I dunno about...I don't like this one. I got a tiny face again.

Maddox: Oh yeah, this one's great! This one's very accurate. It says "The Biggest Problem in the Universe." I'm drawn like a pirate and I'm really angry, and I have what on my shirt? A "Street Fighter Alpha 2" shirt?

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: And then you have this tiny little face. I think it's pretty accurate.

Dick: Yeah. (irritated) (Maddox laughs) Well, they fucked up the mics. Everybody always fucks up the mics.

Maddox: Yeah, this is pretty great.

Dick: Alright. You got anything else? Oh, I have a song! You always wanna hear the songs up at the top of the show.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So you wanna hear the song before the end of the show?

Maddox: Yes! Who sent this in?

Dick: It was...Jacob Sigren. He was struck...he says, "Hey Dick, I was struck with a moment of inspiration when Maddox was shitting on listeners for not possessing his intellectual capacity."

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: So he made a song about it.

Maddox: So he made a song about this? Let's hear this. [**Dick plays "Intoolectual" song**]

(dramatic guitar chords)

Maddox: Speak for yourself. I think our listeners fucked up by voting wrong. (Dick laughs) IDIOTS.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: They don't have...they don't have the intellectual ('intoolectual') capacity that I have. (Maddox laughs loudly) **Intoolectual capacity that I have...intoolectual capacity that I have...**

Maddox (pitched way down): "INTOOLECTUAL." (Maddox and Dick giggling)

(drums and electric guitar behind mix of clips from Episode 55)

Maddox: As a math guy -- I was a math major in college...

Dick: 0.01% of people get AIDS, uh, every...that can't possibly be right.

Maddox: No, that's not right.

Dick: 0.01%?

Sean: It's 1/100th of a percent, right?

Maddox: 0.01?

Dick: Yeah, so what is that, 1 in every 10,000 people?

Maddox: No, more than that. 1 in every 100,000.

Maddox (pitched way down): "INTOOLECTUAL."

(more drums and guitar)

Maddox: And you always think as a kid that havin' sex with a preggo would be awesome...

Maddox: Okay. (uneasily)

Maddox: ...'cause then you got the baby in there and you're like, "Ahh!" You're pokin' the baby too, right? (Dick giggles) **Yeah man, I can't wait to grow up and I'm gonna bang a chick...you know, you're bangin' both! That's...that's two for one!**

(background music stops)

Maddox: REALLY? Really. Really?!

(music kicks back in)

Maddox: Um, I failed my driving...my written driving test. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Like 5 times.

(background music stops)

Maddox: Um...um...um...um...um... (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox (pitched way down): "INTOOLECTUAL."

[song ends]

Dick: Ah, there you go. That's a -

Maddox: (interjects) What an asshole!!

Dick: What an asshole indeed. Okay, you wanna get to the problems?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. (sighs)

Dick: This week? If you're just tuning in, each of us brings in a problem, or two sometimes if we have enough time for it.

Maddox: Yeah. Decide which problem is bigger so that we can find the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: Alright, here's my...here's my biggest problem in the universe: Social Justice Warriors.

Maddox: Ooo, Social Justice Warriors!

Dick: It's a mouthful.

Maddox: It is a mouthful.

Dick: It's a big topic.

Maddox: What does it mean, Dick?

Dick: Well, it means a couple things. Here's what you'd like it to mean. Here's what THEY would like it to mean: young people who advocate for social issues like equal rights, LGBTQ whatever, racial diversity...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...and using their voice online as a form of social advocacy...

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: ...for these groups. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So this is what it actually is.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: In my opinion.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: It's a group of spoiled kids who use social advocacy as a crutch to vent their rage.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: That's what it is to me. Have you ever heard the phrase "your rights end where my feelings begin"?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You've heard that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I always thought that was a little much. Like, I thought, "That's funny that they would say that, but surely that's, uh, that's an exaggeration."

Maddox: I thought it was tongue-in-cheek! It sounds tongue-in-cheek.

Dick: Right! But what I'm bringing in today is saying that that's...that kind of thinking has breached the Internet and is starting to infect real life.

Maddox: It's breached the hull of the Internet and it's going on to real life. It's having real-life...

Dick: That's the new normal!

Maddox: ...repercussions. It is, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that's the new normal.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I would...it's been on my list for a long time and it's probably been on your list for a long time. I've gotten dozens of emails about bringing in Social Justice Warriors, which would seem like an easy call because, like, they've basically ruined my opportunities to be funny on the Internet. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Like, ever since I started writing my stupid website, it gets sh-...it's been shut down, it's been kicked off of every web host online, my Facebook account gets banned, my YouTube videos get deleted, which...and some of them are just me posting voicemails from upset Social Justice Warriors who think that the way to reason me out of my insane ideas is to KILL me. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not even me saying anything! It's like, "Hey, this is a bunch of voicemails that I was sent this week. Aren't they funny?"

Maddox: Right.

Dick: THAT shit gets removed, because people complain about it. These Social Justice Warriors complain about it.

Maddox: Yeah, it's...the death threats go both ways, and I've seen the death threats come from the Social Justice Warrior camp. Now, when I first came across this phrase, Dick...uh, I saw the acronym "SJW," and I kept seeing it bandied about, "SJW, SJW, SJW." And I saw it used so much, it's so ubiquitous now, that I think that some of it has lost some meaning. When I first looked it up it said "Social Justice Warrior," and I kinda chuckled. I thought, "That's a perfect name for these social activists, who..." Dick, you said they use that to, um...they push their social advocacy as a way to what?

Dick: They use that as a guise. They say they're doing that, but what I really think they're doing is venting rage and bullying people.

Maddox: Venting rage. So I think it's more to bludgeon you...

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: ...with guilt.

Dick: Yes!! Yes, exactly.

Maddox: That's what it is.

Dick: Yeah, exactly. So as I said, it's been on the list for a long time, and I've dealt with it for...you know, since 2005.

Maddox: As have I, right!

Dick: Absolutely.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Thankfully there are a few web hosts who don't care about getting complaint emails and abuse emails.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause they'll email your web host and just say, "You're doing...you're promoting violence against women," or whatever...whatever they can say to get you kicked off the Internet.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Right? You've dealt with it too, I've dealt with it too.

Maddox: Oh, I've dealt with it in very real ways that hurt my bottom line! Right now my website is blocked on countless web filters due to "hate speech." (yells) Dick, hate speech has a very precise legal definition and is illegal in this country. If you're accusing me of a crime, then fucking take me to court! Because what I have on my website isn't hate speech, you fucking IDIOTS. Just because I say I hate something is different from hate speech! Hate speech is inciting hate or some kind of discrimination against a minority group. I don't do that. To -

Dick: (interjects) Or violence!

Maddox: Or violence, and I'm not advocating violence against any group! That's fucking bullshit! Just because I say I hate something -- if I hate goths, I hate some subculture, I hate Snapchat, I hate Facebook -- is not the same as hate speech, you morons!

Dick: He hates French fries too.

Maddox: I hate...well, no. (Dick laughs) I mean, if I...I'm tired of eating them!

Dick: Yeah. So here's...and here's core to the point of why I'm bringing them in: the only thing they want you to do is stop talking.

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: They don't care how they accomplish it...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...these Social Justice Warriors; they just want you to stop, whether that means frightening you into stopping, whether it means revoking your ability to speak online or in the real world, whether it means cutting you off at the heel, whether it means getting you fired? They don't care what it takes. As long as you stop talking, they consider their mission a success.

Maddox: Right. They want you to shut up unless your opinion is exactly aligned with theirs.

Dick: Yeah. So the reason I brought it in this week is because it happened in threes this week, and in three very different ways, which I thought was interesting and it made me worried for the first time that this phenomenon of a Social Justice Warrior, these young

people aren't growing out of it; society's growing INTO it. Like, the future is not gonna be a bunch of kids who said, like, "When I was a kid online I was a Social Justice Warrior and now I'm embarrassed about it, 'cause I see how violent it is." It's gonna be a society OF Social Justice Warriors.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Does that make sense, why I'm bringing it in?

Maddox: Well, okay, but I wanna hear the examples you have from this week.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Reddit. You know what happened on Reddit this week?

Maddox: Hah, I DO know what happened. I'm so glad you're talkin' about this.

Dick: You do know what happened?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. So I get a text from my friend saying, "Hey, check out Reddit. Your, uh, your book's about to hit the front page." So I was like, "No way, really? Awesome!" I go on Reddit. I've posted maybe once or twice 7 years ago.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I have the account, so I log in and somebody had found a copy of my book at a book store and they said, "Manliest name ever: Dick Masterson." Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Which of course it is, 'cause...it was made to be. Uh... (both laugh) So I jump in on the comment thread and pitch the podcast, like "Hey, yeah, you're goddamn right it is. By the way, I'm doin' a podcast with Maddox. Check it out. Here's the link."

Maddox: Cool!!

Dick: Yeah! I got, like, some gold or whatever that is?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A bunch of comments, people were really excited about it, and it made me think, "Maybe this is a fun community," 'cause all the comments were, like, funny to me.

Maddox: What was the post? The post was a picture of your book?

Dick: Of my book, and then comments about the name and comments about the site, and people...there were fans of the podcast in the thread!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Talkin' about that they enjoy the podcast and they -

Maddox: (interjects) And 4-...was this 4chan promoting it to the front page?

Dick: No, it was Reddit. What do you mean, it was...?

Maddox: Well, who specifically in Reddit? Who sent you this email? Why...why email?

Dick: Oh, my friend. Just a friend of mine from high school sent it to me, 'cause he was a Reddit...he is on Reddit.

Maddox: Yeah, but at whose behest? Like, usually on Reddit, people...the entire community has to upvote something for some specific reason. Was this just a happenstance?

Dick: No, it was...oh, it was r/funny.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It was just somebody submitted it for the name alone.

Maddox: Just happenstance. Okay!

Dick: Yeah, happenstance.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So then when I got on there, it got voted up a lot.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So I was checking out the little subreddits, seeing if we could do, like, a podcast subreddit or something.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: See, like...see how to engage this community.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I stumbled upon what I would describe as a Garden of Eden for me.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Like, the green land that Furiosa is talking about going to in the Mad Max movie?

Maddox: Utopia, yeah!

Dick: Yeah, uto-...my utopia!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it was called "FatPeopleHate." (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: And it was...that's it, right? (Maddox stammers) Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: When I brought in...I first came across that subreddit when I was doing research for my fit shaming problem that I brought in a long time ago, because fit shaming's a thing that people are doing now. And then I came across...one of the top Google results was FatPeopleHate.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And I clicked on it and I thought, "Oh, this is..." (Dick guffaws) "This is cheeky. What's goin' on here?"

Dick: Yeah! Right?? It's cheeky!

Maddox: Yeah, it's cheeky. It's very...and it's just, you know, a bunch of assholes being assholes to fat people. They were posting pictures -

Dick: (interjects) About fat people, not to...I mean, not *to* them.

Maddox: About...yeah, I mean...

Dick: About them.

Maddox: Yeah, none of it was...I mean, they were picking certain pictures of fat people...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...but they weren't targeting anyone necessarily. They weren't...uh, except for celebrities, of course, which are always fair game. But -

Dick: (interjects) So I said, "Oh, baby."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I wanna get with ya." Right? (Sean laughs in the background) "I'm gonna bookmark this subreddit..."

Maddox: M'kay. (smiles)

Dick: "...and I'm gonna be back, guys. I'm gonna make my home here." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I've found...this is the end of my Oregon Trail. I'm in the Willamette Valley right here. I'm settin' up shop. I'll be back. I'll be back." I show up on Wednesday; subreddit banned.

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: 150,000 people appar-...150,000 people need to be policed. Subreddit banned.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Well, did you happen to go to Reddit, or did you hear that the subreddit was banned and that...?

Dick: No, I happened to go there looking for it...

Maddox: Okay. Uh-huh.

Dick: ...and found that it was banned.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So why was it banned? For, you know, the nebulous cause of "harassment."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because they wanna make Reddit a "safe space" for people online. They don't want people to feel unsafe...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...when they go to their stupid website.

Maddox: Yeah, because apparently your sense of safety can be breached by what people say on the Internet, right? And even if it's not a specific threat towards you -- which, by the way, is not actionable. Unless someone is making a specific threat towards you, there is jack shit you can do and you're not even justified in claiming that you feel threatened, because you're not! Unless you are specifically threatened. Unless you have a specific, actionable threat, and if you do, go to the fucking police!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Because if you see mean words on the Internet, guess what? Click away, dipshit!! No one's forcing you to watch, read, or hear anything! You don't like the words I'm saying? Turn off the fuckin' podcast. I don't give a SHIT. Same thing with Howard Stern! People tried to censor him for years because they didn't like what he was saying. Guys, change the dial! Watch something else! Read something else! You don't have to be subject to these cruel words that you are CHOOSING to ingest!

Dick: And this is what...and this is why it's a Social Justice Warrior thing: because they expose themselves to these ideas on purpose. It's like, it's the height of martyrdom. They will look for pleasure...like, they will seek out that rush of getting insulted, offended, and outraged by something like this FatPeopleHate subreddit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I get to thinkin', "Okay, you know, it's a company, right? Whatever, they can do whatever they want. You know, however they're running their bottom line. I don't know. Take it up with the CEO." Uh, do you wanna hear about the subreddits that made the cut? That *weren't* offensive?

Maddox: Oho, I know some of these. I would like you to read them for the viewer. For the listener.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: This is AMAZING.

Dick: r/CoonTown.

Maddox: CoonTown?

Dick: CoonTown!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yes, from the...the etymology is from the pejorative "coon" to refer to an African-American.

Maddox: Ohh, this...so this isn't a subreddit for raccoons...like a raccoon family that comes from...? (cynical)

Dick: No, no. It's, uh...

Maddox: Oh, it's black people.

Dick: ...it's horrifying racism.

Maddox: Ohh, okay.

Dick: Racist jokes, you know, that sort of thing.

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: That's fine.

Maddox: Well surely, Dick Masterson, they thought that it was a town about raccoons and they let that one slip, right?

Dick: That may be so. That may be so.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So this one is...this one is less ambiguous, perhaps.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Uh, r/PicsOfDeadKids.

Maddox: Okay, well... (laughing) (Sean whistles in the background) Hold on, hold on. (Dick laughing uncomfortably) PicsOfDeadKids?

Dick: PicsOfDeadKids.

Maddox: Now are they, like, dead tired? That...of course. Like, if I read that, I think they're dead tired!

Dick: Oh, you think they're...? 'Cause no one would possibly post pictures of deceased children, so you're saying they must be saying that they're dead tired.

Maddox: Yeah! I understand why they let that one slip. I mean, surely this is just a bunch of oversights.

Dick: Okay. (cracks up)

Maddox: What else are they... (laughs)

Dick: Alright, here's the last one I'll bring in, and I love that we didn't set this up beforehand.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs more)

Dick: Because the...here's the final one that made the cut over at Reddit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, r/CuteFemaleCorpses.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing) Okay!

Dick: Talk your way outta that one.

Maddox: Dick... (chuckles) Now, "cute" is subjective. Right? (Dick guffaws)

Dick: There you...that's about the only part of that that's subjective! (Maddox giggling) So their suggestion is that some fat woman who sees herse-...or man who sees themselves on this FatPeopleHate subreddit feels more harassed in real life than someone whose family member or loved one is DEAD and put up under the context of necrophilia.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the suggestion here. It's purely driven by complaints.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: All of this. That's their power. They drag you down, the Social Justice Warrior. They drag everybody down until everybody says exactly what they want them to say.

Maddox: You know, Dick? This whole phenomenon of Social Justice Warrior kind of hit tipping point for me when the entire GamerGate scandal happened. You remember GamerGate?

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: To refresh everyone's memory if you're not familiar with GamerGate, it was this huge kerfuffle that happened on the Internet (Dick laughs) in the gamer... (cracks up) Right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's a good word for it.

Dick: That is. That's what it was. (smiling)

Maddox: In the gamer community, because they found out that there was this guy whose, uh...who accused his ex-girlfriend of cheating on him with some gaming journalists, and she happened to be a video game developer, and he accused the gaming journalists of giving her soft reviews or a little bit of extra publicity for her games...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...in exchange for sleeping with this, you know, said journalist. Allegedly, right? So that exploded on the Internet. Everyone started attacking her and everyone started attacking these journalists' websites and so on and so forth, and the opponents, the opposition to the GamerGate scandal, the people who were telling these people who were outraged to pipe down, were dubbed "Social Justice Warriors." Right? The people who were criticizing...they would fall in the camp of Anita Sarkeesian and Feminist Frequency and people who were defending the ex-girlfriend of...

Dick: Okay, I'm a little confused.

Maddox: What...okay, what aren't you following?

Dick: So who...Anita Sarkeesian and the Feminist Frequency, they were telling who to be quiet?

Maddox: The people outraged about this GamerGate scandal.

Dick: Okay, 'cause there was impropriety over the ranking, so they were like, "Shut up, don't bully this girl."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Essentially. They said...they were trying to defend...they were saying that these are just trolls and they're vicious and they're misogynist, and they're just trying to attack, uh, attack women, et cetera, et cetera.

Dick: Oookay.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So these are...these people were dubbed as Social Justice Warriors, and one of the loudest supporters of the Social Justice Warriors, specifically in this instance, in this era, was Joss...Josh Whedon? Is it -

Dick: (interjects) Joss Whedon.

Maddox: Joss Whedon.

Dick: J-O-S-S.

Maddox: J-O-S-S.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Joss Whedon. He is the director of the new Iron...er, what is it, Age of Ultron.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The Avengers 2 movie.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: And Buffy and Serenity and shit.

Maddox: And Buffy and Serenity and a bunch of stuff. He is an outspoken supporter of online feminist activism.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Essentially, that's what it is. It's online feminist activism.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They call them "Facebook Feminists."

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So Joss Whedon was criticized very heavily when the new Avengers movie came out, Dick, but not by the people you would expect; he was criticized by Social Justice Warriors.

Dick: Oh, 'cause it didn't have enough chicks in it or something like that?

Maddox: Yeah, because he didn't ha-...he didn't give the women in the movie enough of a role.

Dick: Yeah, and the Black Widow's biggest secret was that she couldn't have babies.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's pretty... (guffaws) Like, alright!

Maddox: Welp, yeah.

Dick: I guess if you're gonna...if you wanna be friends with feminists you can't say that shit, man.

Maddox: So Joss Whedon was sent a torrent of mean, hurtful, hateful comments from these people...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...who are supposedly in his camp!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Here's some of the tweets, Dick. This is from Callout Vulture. He said, "I will fuck a Joss Whedon-shaped dildo. I don't give a fuck anymore." This one's from Jenny Moeller -

Dick: (interjects) What does that mean?

Maddox: I don't know. He's trying to literally objectify Joss Whedon.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: This one says...uh, Jenny Moeller, she says, "We can't even learn her story without it being tied to a man. Fuck you, Joss Whedon."

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Another one: "Let's throw a shoutout to Joss Whedon for being racist, sexist, and misogynist." So now he's racist...

Dick: Racist?

Maddox: ...sexist, and he hates women, a self-declared feminist in your camp! And then another woman says, "Block me, ugly." (Dick cackles) This one says...Alexis, she says, "Fuck you for screwing Natasha and Steve's characterization, and don't start me on Bruce/Natasha. Where the fuck did that come from? Fuck you."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Another one says, "You're an asshole. Fuck you." That's Vicki, uh, @boyprincesss on Twitter. This one's from Mari on Twitter: "Fuck you, Joss Whedon. You fucked up the only female superhero that Marvel has allowed us to have. The Black Widow isn't a fucking damsel." Another one: "No, but did you guys notice the rape joke in AOU? I'll fucking kill Joss Whedon." I don't even...

Dick: Oh, I...I get it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're awful.

Maddox: On and on and on.

Dick: But this is the thing. It's the...it's the rage. That's the only thing they're expressing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the only thing they're ever expressing. They look for anybody who has any kind of advantage or privilege and they just take the rage out on them.

Maddox: Well, PERCEIVED privilege. I mean, let's be -

Dick: (interjects) Of course, of course, of course.

Maddox: And that's the tool they use to bludgeon you with guilt, and you know what Patton Oswalt said about this, Dick? This is a...this is pretty insightful. Patton Oswalt, when this whole thing happened...Joss Whedon left Twitter, and he claims after the fact, like, "Oh, it wasn't because of the rage and hatred that I was enduring."

Dick: Yeah, it was.

Maddox: "I just happened to..."

Dick: Sack up, you pussy.

Maddox: Of course it was, you fucking pussy! (Dick cackles)

Dick: Welcome to the Internet, bitch!

Maddox: You fucking coward! So Patton Oswalt said, "Yep. There is a 'Tea Party' equivalent of progressivism/liberalism. And they just chased Joss Whedon off Twitter. Good job, guys."

Dick: Yeah, that's pretty funny.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That is the Tea Party equivalent.

Maddox: And I think that's a very apt analysis.

Dick: Well, here's who I blame for this whole...again, I brought in a couple examples. I did some research into the CEO of Reddit, who's obviously allowed this to happen.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Because that's who's responsible for what's going on at your company, is the CEO.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: This chick's name is Ellen Pao.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You wanna know what just happened to her?

Maddox: What happened?

Dick: She filed this big old gender discrimination lawsuit against one of the big VC firms.

Maddox: Yeah, her ex-

Dick: (interjects) Up in San Jose.

Maddox: Her ex-company, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So she got brought in as a junior executive, and she didn't make the cut and got fired.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And her lawsuit was saying that she got fired because of her gender and there aren't a lot of women in the company and there aren't a lot of women in venture capitalism as a whole. What's up?

Maddox: Yeah, and she was passed...she alleged that she was passed on for raises and promotions.

Dick: Yeah. So here's a quote from a female journalist about what her opinions of this...this bitch Ellen Pao. Uh, Patricia Sellers wrote, "I don’t know Pao that well, but in 2011 she was on a panel that I moderated. I recall wondering to myself at the time how a woman so reticent and obviously insecure could have advanced so far in fiercely competitive Silicon Valley."

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: I don't know, you think that might have somethin' to do with it?

Maddox: That she was insecure and reticent?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, maybe.

Dick: In a world of, like, wolves?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you're...where viciousness and aggression is tied to achievement?

Maddox: But Dick, I feel like Silicon Valley should be a safe area (Dick cackles) for everyone to have authentic discussions, don't you?

Dick: And you see, this is why I bring this lawsuit of hers in, because what I see in Social Justice Warriors is that they will lash out at people and when they don't get what they want, they lower their sights. So they're...first they attack you; they get nowhere, so then they attack some kid on Twitter who can't defend himself. Like, they go after the more vulnerable people, the lower-hanging fruit...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...until they get that satisfaction of having destroyed someone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So she couldn't do shit. She got...her case got dismissed.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: On all 4 counts, by the way.

Maddox: Of course! Yeah.

Dick: So what does she do? Goes into Reddit, immediately starts policing people on Reddit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Immediately starts policing the kind of, uh...whatever, oppression that she couldn't take care of in real life.

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: Interesting.

Maddox: She starts throwing her weight around on Reddit.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: She starts bullying people on Reddit. And by the way, Dick, do you wanna talk about what's happened to Reddit since this, uh, these subreddits got banned?

Dick: Oh, yeah! Now it's full of 150,000 people who are pissed off!

Maddox: Well, specifically -

Dick: (interjects) Scattered like the wind!

Maddox: Specifically what has happened is the entire front page of Reddit has been taken over by FatPeopleHate.

Dick: Yeah! (laughs)

Maddox: It is entirely just memes shitting on fat people, assholes constantly shitting on fat people and posting awful things about not just fat people, but Ellen Pao herself.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But Dick, to play a small...and, you know, I'm with you on this problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But to play a small devil's advocacy here, some of the subreddits they banned were transphobic and they had one that was, uh, that had the N-word in the title.

Dick: Yeah, but they had -

Maddox: (interjects) What would you say about those bans?

Dick: Well, I'm against anything that limits speech.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: And here's...okay, I'm sorry. What do I think about it morally or what do I think about it from a company standpoint?

Maddox: From their standpoint. Should they have banned those subreddits?

Dick: No. I'll tell you why they shouldn't have done it as a company: because when, as a company, you suddenly decide that you're policing your boards, now you're responsible to police them all the time. In my opinion, if you just let it run rampant and you say, "We have a zero-tolerance policy against harassment and threats," that's one thing and you police that, but when you say you're just knocking out a whole board based on, like...based on the vibe that you get from it, then you're assuming responsibility for policing the entire site.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true. That's a good point.

Dick: And you're encouraging those complaints. Like if 20 complaints got a board shut down, you just increased the number of complaints you're gonna get by several orders of magnitude.

Maddox: You open the floodgates, and that's what people are doing right now. They're saying, "Well, why the double standard? Why aren't you banning this forum? Why aren't you banning that forum?" But it's also interesting, Dick, that you don't have such a problem with Facebook, which is far more egregious in their censorship.

Dick: Well, I...

Maddox: Because you defended Facebook a while back.

Dick: What do you mean, "they're far more egregious in their cen-..."? I think Facebook censorship is a problem.

Maddox: It's way worse than Reddit. Facebook, first of all, tolerates no nudity. They don't tolerate any...any outrageous opinions. They -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I...I don't like that!

Maddox: I mean, they've banned you on Facebook!

Dick: Yeah, I'm totally banned.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But, you know, it didn't just happen.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, this isn't like a...

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Facebook is a...I think it's kind of a different animal, 'cause it's not a public bulletin board.

Maddox: Right. So -

Dick: (interjects) Facebook, like, encourages your private spaces. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. No, I mean, neither is Reddit. It's still a private company. So I would encourage you all to vote up Facebook as a problem.

Dick: Ah, okay. (exasperated)

Maddox: This is actually what I'm getting at here. (smiles)

Dick: Alright. (Maddox laughs) So I got another one. I wanna get...oh, so this chick Ellen Pao?

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: She also instituted a policy of forbidding employee negotiations.

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, and you know why she did that, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, 'cause men are better at negotiating their starting salary.

Maddox: Well, it's not that men are better; it's that men do it more often. Women, for a number of reasons, don't negotiate for their salaries.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And there's a study...I talked about this in my wage gap video.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: The reason women don't negotiate for their salary is pretty complex, but they found in one study in Sweden that when they told women that they could ASK for a raise -- and they used that specific word "ask" as opposed to "negotiate" for a raise -- the wage gap discrepancy disappeared entirely. They -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's interesting.

Maddox: Yeah, because women for some reason are more privy to the word "ask" than "negotiate."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Men -

Dick: (interjects) They're more receptive?

Maddox: Yeah, they're more receptive to the word "ask" than the word "negotiate."

Dick: That makes sense! That's why I phrased it "Ask For A Raise" in the solutions episode. (Maddox scoffs) It doesn't always have to be a conflict. You could just ask.

Maddox: That's not why, Dick! Don't, don't... (both crack up) Don't fuckin' take credit for -

Dick: (interjects) That is!

Maddox: No!

Dick: That is why.

Maddox: No.

Dick: That is definitely why.

Maddox: You didn't know about that study, dickhead. (laughs)

Dick: Um...okay, I got another example of this spilling over into the real world.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This phenomenon. Remember...did you hear what Seinfeld said? He doesn't play colleges 'cause they're too PC?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: They just throw around terms like "racism" and "sexism" to...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...essentially to attack you. I mean, that's not what he said, but...

Maddox: Right, and people called him racist and sexist and misogynist.

Dick: This jackass kid posts an open letter to Seinfeld on The Huffington Post...

Maddox: Huffington Post, mhm.

Dick: ...where he describes comedy to Jerry Seinfeld. (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I can't imagine... (stammers) ...how horrifying, how mortifying that must be! And he's sitting there congratulating himself like he did a good thing! He's explaining to Jerry Seinfeld the brilliant comedy of Amy Schumer.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (laughs) Like...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Where do you get off?! This is a Social Justice Warrior par excellence. Like, this thinking grown out of...once he's out of college is exactly what has become of this, uh, stupid bitch that ruined Reddit.

Maddox: Ellen Pao, they're calling her "General Pao." (Sean chuckles in the background)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, this...so this guy... (stammers) Jerry Seinfeld comes out and says that he's not going to do college circuits anymore because it's too PC and he gets in trouble too much for just try-...like, workshopping jokes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is what comedians do all the time.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And then this guy comes out and does exactly what Jerry Seinfeld...

Dick: Offended! Immediately offended.

Maddox: ...is accusing colleges of doing! (Dick laughs) Which is being offended!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You guys are fucking obsessed with being offended! You get this, like, righteous indignation. It FEELS good to feel offended. You want to point your finger to somebody and blame them for something! "Oh god, please let me just blame somebody for my anger! That's what I want! I want to feel righteous indignation." That's exactly what this comes down to, and fuck you for feeling it.

Dick: You know what I think it is partly?

Maddox: As I... (both crack up) As I go on as righteously... (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. But you know what I think it is, seriously? It feels good to point out when something is broken, like when there's some kind of injustice happening.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, a legitimate one.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: It feels good to point that out, and I think that these kids just want that rush of having pointed it out. Like, everybody wants to be the one to point it out, so now it's like a dog pile. And I don't think you can fix that behavior, 'cause they've got nothin' else to do!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: They don't have jobs, they don't have to study anything because their degree's a JOKE.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: This is a much, much bigger discussion, Dick, and I think the root cause of this problem here is another problem which I'll bring in at some point, but it is essentially...I'll just summarize it here. I think it's a lack of a cause, and in times of war we have a cause. We have a common enemy, and we know who that is and we are all united in defeating that enemy. But today life is good, so good that we don't have enough problems to bitch about.

Dick: Yeah, that's...

Maddox: So we try to find -

Dick: (interjects) So we got ants as one of them. (both laugh)

Maddox: No, we got the Netflix button, dickhead! We've got the -

Dick: (interjects) That is a big problem.

Maddox: The Netflix...your problem essentially boils down to pressing a fucking button!

Dick: Maddox...

Maddox: Ass!

Dick: ...it's more than that. It's the principle.

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: It's the principle of the button. I think you're absolutely right. Um, I brought in one more. I'll go...oh... (cracks up) Oh god, maybe...it's kind of a rough topic, so maybe I'll skip it. Remember the mattress girl? I think you brought her in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That woman that...er, that college girl that accused that guy of raping her, and then he didn't and he had like 300 text messages from her after their sex act?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of her, like, falling in love with him and shit?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Um, she made a porno! Did you know that?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: She made a porno of her, uh...of the alleged abusive act, of the alleged, uh...I don't know, would you call it a rape? Is that what...?

Maddox: She alleges rape, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, and it was really bizarre to watch. It was called, like, "N'est...Ne...Ne Ci Pas Un Viol"? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Oh boy.

Dick: Whatever that "this is not a pipe"...?

Maddox: Ohh boy.

Dick: Sean, what's that "this is not a pipe" painting called?

Sean: It's called "This Is Not A Pipe."

Dick: Yeah, but what's the French...do you know how to say it in French?

Sean: No.

Dick: Oh, me either. Alright, so "This Is Not a Violation."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's, like, a really bizarre meta-art project in Social Justice...Warrioring.

Maddox: Warrioring, yeah.

Dick: Warrioring.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Um, her mom is promoting it on Facebook.

Maddox: Great. (cringing)

Dick: Her mom's promoting her daughter bangin' a big fat guy.

Maddox: Yeah, and by the way, this video...so, you know, I watched it. Of course. Everyone...

Dick: Of course I did.

Maddox: A lot of people watched it, yeah. "Okay, what's goin' on here? Just a...it's a porn." Because -

Dick: (interjects) Couldn't even get half a chub to it.

Maddox: Because... (cracks up) Because she said that this was not rape; this video was consensual and that it was an art piece, so I watched it as she intended her viewer to watch it. And then she asked a whole bunch of, like, level-1 college...college-grade questions.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like critical thinking thought piece questions?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Asking like, "How did this make you feel? Do you feel like you participated in my rape?" I was like, "No."

Dick: No.

Maddox: Absolutely not.

Dick: I feel like I watched an amateur porno. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, there is -

Dick: (interjects) With two ugly people.

Maddox: There is... (cracks up) There is much more convincing rape fantasy porn out there. (Dick cackles) This isn't even...this is like amateur...this doesn't even...this is too amateur for amateur porn.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the guy...nothing about it is believable! The guy takes his condom off...first of all, it's somebody...it's this guy that she trusts enough to bring back to her apartment. This guy comes in, she blows him, and then this guy, uh -

Dick: (interjects) And that's where it goes downhill.

Maddox: Yeah, this guy starts to get a little bit rough with her and she says, "No, stop," and I believe during the video at some point she says, uh, "Choke me again" or "Hit me again" or somethin' like that, which is really confusing...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...because why would you say that? (stammers) Basically, the bottom line is this video pisses me off because it trivializes rape.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It trivializes it and mischaracterizes rape.

Dick: It's not an art piece.

Maddox: No, it's not an art piece.

Dick: It shouldn't be.

Maddox: It shouldn't be an art piece.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Don't fucking trivialize this crime that traumatizes men and women...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...into this art piece that is bullshit and done for no other purpose than self-promotion.

Dick: Yeah, and that's the mentality of these people. It's self-promotion for the sake of, like, uh...self-immolation. Self-abuse.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they're proud of it. They're all martyrs. Speakin' of mattresses... (everyone laughs loudly) This episode is brought to you by Casper! (grinning)

Maddox: Oh, Jesus. (laughing)

Dick: (guffaws) Get $50 toward any mattress purchased by visiting http://casper.com/biggest and using promo code "BIGGEST". I think we have the best ads. (Maddox laughs more) Like, have you ever heard ads that are as good as ours? Casper's an online retailer of premium mattresses for a fraction of the price. The mattress industry has inherently forced customers into paying notoriously high markups. Fuck them. Casper is revolutionizing the mattress industry by cutting the cost of dealing with resellers and showrooms and passing those savings directly to the consumer. How's your bed?

Maddox: Great! I still have that coma sleep that I was talkin' about, Dick.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: (chuckles) When I go to sleep on this thing, it's like one solid piece. It's continuous, I don't stir at all...

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: ...to the point where I might wet my pants. (Dick cackles)

Dick: 'Cause you don't wanna get up, or 'cause it's so comfortable?

Maddox: Both. I don't wanna get up and I can't. I think it immobilizes my body.

Dick: Ah, well, it's got just the right sink and just the right bounce.

Maddox: It really does! That's a good way of putting it!

Dick: I wish I had one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't have one. Uh, two technologies come together for better nights and brighter days: latex foam and memory foam. Have you banged any chicks in that bed?

Maddox: (smirks) Dick, ALL the chicks. (both laugh) All the chicks have been banged on my Casper mattress.

Dick: Oh, and if you wanna see a mattress come out of a box... (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Ohoho baby, yeah! (smiling)

Dick: Oh BABY, you gotta see this Casper mattress come out of a box. I've seen mattresses come out of a box before, but nothing like this Casper mattress.

Maddox: Yeah. We did a whole episode about it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which people complained about! "Hey Maddox, why don't you talk about the ma-...?" (stupid voice) 'Cause, dickhead, we just got it! Okay? (irritated)

Dick: They cost between $500 for a twin-size mattress, $750 for a full-size, $850 for a queen-size, and $950 for a king-size. There you go. Go to http://casper.com/biggest, enter promo code "BIGGEST".

Maddox: And what do we get, $50 off...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...the mattress, right?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: So $950 for a king-size; if you put in the promo code, that's 900 bucks for a king-size mattress.

Dick: That's pretty good!

Maddox: Which is an AMAZING deal. I remember the last king-size mattress I got was the, uh...was from a mattress store, and the guy tried to upsell me to the most expensive mattresses, $2400, $1800, $1600. Finally I'm like, "Well, what's that mattress leaning against the wall?" He goes, "No, you don't want that." (both laugh) I said, "Well, what's wrong with it?" He goes, "Well, you know, a mattress is like a...you know, like car tires. You get a crappy mattress, you gotta replace it in 3 years." Yeah. Bullshit.

Dick: Yeah, that is bullshit.

Maddox: I slept on that mattress. It was a spring mattress though, man, and it did wear down pretty quickly, but I slept on it out of spite. (Sean laughs in the background) I had springs pokin' my back and I was like, "Fuck you, man!" (Dick giggles) "Take that!"

Dick: This is why we have the best ads. Absolutely nothing to do with Casper. (laughs more)

Maddox: (stammers) What I'm saying is, though, Casper doesn't have those problems, and it's cheaper than that mattress I paid...it was like 900 bucks for a shit mattress! You're gonna get one way better from Casper.

Dick: Yeah. Cool.

Maddox: Dick, let's get to the real biggest problem.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Soy! (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Soy?

Maddox: Soy, yeah. (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Stupid.

Maddox: Soy. (smiling) Soy, soy, soy. Ever notice how men who eat soy seem like they have less testosterone and higher estrogen levels, Dick?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's because men who eat soy have less testosterone and higher estrogen levels. (both laugh) That's a fuckin' fact. A study in the Oxford Journal of Medicine and Health found that out of 99 men in a study, the ones who had the highest intake of soy-based foods had a lower sperm concentration. The sperm count remained significant even after accounting for age, abstinence time, body mass index, caffeine and alcohol intake, and even smoking.

Dick: Why are they...how'd they get all that soy?

Maddox: They were just eating it.

Dick: They were just eating soy?

Maddox: A lot of 'em were...I mean, not just soy products. I mean...they were drinking soy milk.

Dick: Well, I'll tell you, I cut out soy protein when I heard about this estrogen thing that you're talkin' about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I used to drink a lot of, you know, protein shakes for weightlifting and I, uh...I don't want tits.

Maddox: Right! Yeah, well, it's interesting Dick, because muscle builders who use soy protein have a significant amount more of the protein wasted, and it contributes to less protein synthesis in the body.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Soy protein is cheaper than whey or, what's the other one, casein? Ca-...

Dick: I don't know. I only know whey.

Maddox: Well, anyway, it's cheaper, so that's why some people, especially ve-...here's the thing: if you wanna be a vegetarian or vegan, you're never going to be a muscle builder. And they keep tryin' to...every now and then, every, like...once every 10 years, like clockwork, there'll be some vegan or vegetarian muscle builder who comes out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He's just like, "Oh yeah, I'm a strict vegan! Look at my muscles!" And first of all, he looks nothing like professional bodybuilders.

Dick: No.

Maddox: He's...yeah, he's more muscle-y than average...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...but he looks nothing like these other guys. He goes, "Well, it's totally possible." Well yeah, of course it's possible, but I don't want my dick to shrivel, asshole.

Dick: Yeah, I also think you're on steroids. (Maddox laughs) Like, let's cut to the chase here. I think you're a liar.

Maddox: Yeah, okay! Well, there's...this is from Men's Health. There's a retired helicopter pilot who flew in Vietnam named James Price. Real manly guy, right? He told Men's Health that he's grown breasts, and that they've become painful and swollen as if gumballs were implanted underneath each nipple!

Dick: Awww.

Maddox: Yeah, it's awful! He says it's to the point now where he can't even wear t-shirts because it's so painful and embarrassing.

Dick: Mad Dog Murdock's grown tits.

Maddox: Yeah. It's real... (cracks up) It's a real shame. Wait, is that from, uh...

Dick: You know? Mad Dog, the helicopter pilot from the A-Team?

Maddox: Oh, okay. From the A-Team, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. He's got tits.

Maddox: Well, he said, "Men aren't supposed to have breasts. It was like my body was feminizing." His beard growth slowed, his sexual desire disappeared, and he stopped getting morning erections! This -

Dick: (interjects) Ooo.

Maddox: Yeah, stopped getting morning wood! He said, "My penis was so flaccid that it looked very small in comparison with the way it used to be. Even my emotions have changed." He said he was becoming much more sentimental after drinking soy. He'd break down and cry during sad movies.

Dick: Oh my god!!

Maddox: Uh-huh! And he said he started to enjoy the company of women like he hadn't before.

Dick: Oohoohoo, that's a...that's a big red flag! (both laugh) I'd go straight to a hospital if I ever enjoyed the company of a woman.

Maddox: Yeah, well, I'd be surprised. I'd be surprised, Dick. Um, he said he was diagnosed with gynocema-...gynecomastia.

Dick: Enlargement of the breasts?

Maddox: Gyne-...gynoc-...?

Dick: Yeah, it's "gynecomastia."

Maddox: Yeah, gynecomastia. Yeah, the abnormal enlargement of the mammary glands in men. His estrogen levels were 8 times higher than normal in a typically healthy man, and even higher than levels in a typically healthy woman. So he talked to his doctor and they were racking their minds, their brains, trying to figure out what was going on with this guy, and finally they started lookin' at his diet when they were at a loss for explanation. So they found that he grew up drinking soy milk and put soy on his cereal, and he was lactose intolerant so he switched to soy milk and it had become his favorite drink after his wife passed away.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He drank about 3 quarts of soy every day...

Dick: Ohoho, wow.

Maddox: ...and then started developing these symptoms! And did you know that 85% of people, according to a survey in 2008, thought that soy was healthy but many couldn't explain why? When you tell...when you talk about soy to people, everyone says, "Oh yeah, soy's healthy. Soy's healthy. It's...oh, soy, it's natural! Comes from the earth, must be good for you!" Right?

Dick: So... (sighs) Wait a minute, wait a minute, wait. Lemme ask you this.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: This is an important question. Synthesizing this data that I've just learned.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you trick your wife into drinking soy milk every day, will she get bigger tits? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Um, it's possible, Dick.

Dick: Or convince her? Like whatever, your girlfriend?

Maddox: I don't know, man.

Dick: If a GUY can grow tits, imagine...

Maddox: Well, it increases her levels of estrogen, and that's not necessarily a good thing.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Because estrogen is a hormone that...with it comes a big bundle of baggage.

Dick: Oh yeah, the crying and the movies and stuff. Okay.

Maddox: The crying and the movies, right. Uh, which...if there was something that you could give people to not cry during movies, you'd be a millionaire.

Dick: That's five across the eyes. (both laugh)

Maddox: Package it, buddy! "You want some popcorn?"

Dick: "Dick Masterson's Five Across The Eyes." Just a can that you open and a hand comes outta nowhere and slaps. (laughing)

Maddox: "Oh, let's see, let's see. I'll have the small popcorn, I'll get a large Mr. Pibb, and uh, gimme a Five Across The Eyes."

Dick: "Five Across The Eyes for the lady, sir."

Maddox: Yeah. For the... (cracks up) For the lady. And one for the kid across his mouth. Um... (laughs) So this is the foundation of most vegetarian and vegan diets, soy. Right?

Dick: Soy, yeah.

Maddox: And supposedly it can reduce the risk of heart disease, according to an FDA study from 1999, but unfortunately soy also has side effects. In large doses, soy can increase the risk of cystic fibrosis. Soy milk can interfere with the way children with cystic fibrosis process protein, which is really dangerous.

Dick: What is that? What organ is that? The heart, the butt...? (Sean laughs in the background) What's cystic fibrosis? (cracking up) That's a real question! I don't know what it is.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, man.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's a...it's one of those things that's like -

Dick: (interjects) It will fiber your cysts.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So if you like your cysts, don't drink soy.

Maddox: Well, it's terrible. I know that people who have it aren't happy with it, so I don't want it.

Dick: Okay. Fair enough.

Maddox: Yeah. It's one of those things I always hear about and say, "Oh, okay, I don't want it. I don't want it." It's like Tay-Sachs disease. It's just terrible. Um, which I think it may be related, because it inhibits the way that proteins are supposed to function in your body. Like, in Tay-Sachs...I think Tay-Sachs disease is the one where fatty tissue inside your brain keeps growing as a child, and...well, it stays in your brain and the proteins that are supposed to dissolve it never accumulate properly because of a genetic disorder.

Dick: How come there's no good diseases? Like, "Oh, I got that disease that just makes your dick grow like an inch every year." Like, "Huh, pretty cool."

Maddox: Well... (chuckles)

Dick: They're all, like, your brain shuts down or your heart explodes or your emotions go outta control.

Maddox: Yeah. I think that's probably why they call them "diseases."

Dick: Yeah, just nothin' good.

Maddox: By definition. (laughing)

Dick: Nothin' good. What a shitty design.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, you could argue that mutations that, uh, that favor us genetically, like strength...extra strength or extra intelligence might be good diseases, maybe.

Dick: Yeah, I want that disease.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused) Well, it also increases the risk of certain types of breast cancer. While some studies have found that soy can protect against breast cancer, other studies have found that soy feeds certain types of breast cancer. It also increases the risk of endometrial cancer. Long-term use of soy might increase the occurrence of pre-cancerous changes in the uterus. "Endometrial" means the outside of the uterus.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It increases the risk of kidney failure! Soy contains a large amount of the chemicals called oxalates. Oxalates are the main ingredient in kidney stones.

Dick: But are you s-...how bad is it? Is this for real? Soy is really this bad?

Maddox: Oh yeah, it's -

Dick: (interjects) I didn't know that.

Maddox: It's pretty bad s-...I mean, here's the thing: if you eat it in small amounts, just about anything is okay, but the people who eat soy are generally vegetarians and vegans. They eat it in huge amounts, and it can be...it can cause some serious problems.

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: Even in Asian countries. When I went to China, people ate soy but it wasn't the staple of their meal. It was one component of a 5-course meal, maybe.

Dick: Yeah, and...well, is...tofu is soy, right?

Maddox: Tofu is soy, yeah.

Dick: So these idiots are eating entire meals of this shit?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: (scoffs) Well...

Maddox: That's their -

Dick: (interjects) Way to go!

Maddox: Yeah, that's their primary source of protein.

Dick: Way to stick it to dad!

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up) (Sean chuckles in the background) Good job. Why don't you dye your hair pink some more, idiot? While you're dealing with your urinary bladder cancer! (Sean grimaces) Soy might increase the chance of getting bladder cancer.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Hypothyroidism! There's some concern that taking soy may make things worse. It's...basically, hypothyroidism means...

Dick: You get fatter.

Maddox: ...you get an underactive thyroid. Yeah, I think so.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, which kind of might explain why there are so many vegetarians I know who aren't fit.

Dick: They look gross, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, they're not...they don't look toned, they don't look healthy; they look gaunt, they look sickly...

Dick: They look doughy.

Maddox: ...they're weak. Yeah, they're doughy, they're weak.

Dick: Sacks of shit.

Maddox: It increases the risk of asthma. People with asthma are more likely to be allergic to soy hulls. Now, this is...this may touch on something I mentioned a while ago, I think the episode with Whitney when you were talking about allergies.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I said, "Eat more honey," and I've read various studies that say some...some studies say that it can help, some studies say that it can't, but I found that there is a specific type of honey called Manuka honey -- it comes from New Zealand -- that, uh, that definitely has some correlation with reducing allergy symptoms. So if it works -

Dick: (interjects) And lemme guess, you're sellin' it at your online store? I can get a Maddox t-shirt and some special honey?

Maddox: Go to maddoxrules.com and buy my Manuka honey! Uh... (laughs) No, but uh...you know, it can work in both ways. So if you eat too much soy, the soy hulls could inflame your allergies, and if you eat honey it could try to...it could potentially diminish it, I guess.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Hay fever! People with hay fever are more likely to be allergic to soy, and diabetes -- this is all from WebMD, by the way, which...you know, WebMD's kinda dubious as a source sometimes, so you might wanna double check some of these claims.

Dick: So are doctors!

Maddox: Well, yeah, but doctors are TRYING. They're not intentionally trying to mislead you, usually.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right. So soy might also increase the risk of diabetes because it lowers your blood sugar, supposedly. You have a risk of having your blood sugar lowered too much.

Dick: So it's just...the lesson is, don't be weird.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Just do what everyone else does. Don't cram a bunch of...don't be a trailblazer. (Maddox groans) We don't need to fuck with your diet. Just eat normal stuff.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: Don't eat too...that's -

Maddox: (interjects) Dick... (laughs)

Dick: You're buzzing that?! Just be normal! Eat a little bit of this, eat a little bit of that, don't eat weird beans!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Don't eat 100% weird beans every day!

Maddox: Okay, there you go. Specific to diet, I agree with that. Absolutely.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Again...this is from Men's Health again. There was this doctor they quoted, Dr. Paul Cooke. He found that blood levels of soy that are comparable to those of human infants fed soy formula in mice have a shrunken thymus gland, which is a key part of the immune system, so it can inhibit your immune system. And another study in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that in a survey of over 800 adults, those who were fed soy regularly used more asthma and allergy medications in adulthood.

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: So there may be some correlation between soy ingestion...but here's the thing that's really annoying about soy, Dick...

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: ...is when people take soy and they sculpt it and shape it and form it into other foods that it's not.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Don't -

Dick: (interjects) Like meat. It's not meat.

Maddox: Yeah, don't call it...don't call it a fucking burger, because it's NOT.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: It's not a tofu burger, it's not a to-...it's not a tofurkey. To-fuck you! (Sean laughs in the background) Okay?

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: I'm tired of this shit! Don't call it "vegetarian-grade meat," because butchers don't grade their meat in terms of vegetarian standards!

Dick: No.

Maddox: Because there is no such thing! It's not!!

Dick: Why are they allowed to do that? Like, if I go get a car, they can't say like, "Oh, it's a...it's a sports car-esque van."

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Like, they ca-...you're not allowed to do that with anything else!

Maddox: No!

Dick: How come they can usurp all the meat terms...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...for their stupid soy shit?

Maddox: They don't sell you plant-based cows!

Dick: No.

Maddox: They don't sell you plant-based steaks! "This steak is vegetarian-grade steak."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because that's misleading, isn't it, fuckhole?

Dick: "This apartment feels like it has a view of the park." (Maddox laughs) "But does it?" "No."

Maddox: No! (both laugh)

Dick: That's illegal!!

Maddox: It's absolutely not what you're claiming it is.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Stop doing that! And it's awful!

Dick: You can't hint at it either!

Maddox: No! And soy, Dick, when they...have you had any soy products? Like, um...

Dick: Yeah, I've dated stupid chicks!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they all wanna eat vegetarian...like, it all tastes like weird peanuts and oranges to me.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles) That's...

Dick: I gotta sit there and eat it and say like, "I mean, this isn't that bad, but I just feel like I ate a buncha air."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I feel like I ate a sponge soaked in honey."

Maddox: Yeah, I feel like I ate a buncha lies, essentially. (Dick laughs) Every time I eat soy, it's like, "What have I eaten? What have I...am I proud of myself as a man? As a human? Is this what I've evolved to...is this why I fought...my species has fought to the top of the food chain, so I can eat this fucking BEAN PASTE?!? Squares of bean paste?!"

Dick: Hey, you know what else? Massive subsidies for soy.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 70% of the value of a soy bean is paid for by the US government.

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Dick: There you go! So you're payin' for it either way! Either way, you pay taxes, you are paying for soybeans!

Maddox: Yeah, it's to...it's because we have a huge industry selling soy to Asia. To China and Japan. They buy a lot of our soy. In fact, to the point where we use it as a weapon. We use it as a tool in negotiations and bargaining. If we ever threaten them with embargoes on soy, they come around. (chuckles)

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah! For a long time, Japan was not...was trying not to import US beef, for some...I don't know, some reason. They didn't like -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause if we want to, we'll starve your people if you don't...? (cracking up)

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, so the US -

Dick: (interjects) That's what we're doin'. (laughs)

Maddox: The US levied some taxes against soy, and I think they finally came around because it got to be too expensive. We kind of have a monopoly on soy in terms of, uh, in terms of distribution, I believe.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause we're payin' people to make it!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it's tough to compete with the US government when we're -

Dick: (interjects) With free soy.

Maddox: With free soy, yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, um...oh, and one more thing. I wanna mention this about soy. You know, a lot of vegetarians and vegans have switched to that lifestyle to avoid killing animals, but studies have found when they harvest soy, it kills billions of animals because there are lots of little rodents and critters and snakes and beavers and creatures that build their homes inside these soy fields.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And when they get harvested, they get killed.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: This is...so billions of animals are still dying because of your diet, and the only defense I've heard of this from vegetarians? They say, "Well..."

Dick: Less.

Maddox: "...it's unintentional."

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah, they also say it's less. It's like, "Well, okay."

Dick: Oh, it's unintentional?

Maddox: Yeah! Less, really? It's less?? First of all, it's not unintentional! When I bring it to your attention, guess what? You can no longer claim innocence!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You can't claim ignorance because I just told you it's happening, so don't tell me it's unintentional because from this day on, it IS. And second, less? Well, by whose standards?! If I eat one less burger a year, is that enough? Who decides how few animals you can kill in order to be morally righteous, you fuck? Speaking of Social Justice Warriors, these -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it is...the level of abstraction that people will let themselves be duped by?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the real-life suspension of, um...I don't know, moral obligation?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's always...it will always be fascinating to me, 'cause it's like you press a button to do a bad thing, right?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: But if you tell the person, like, "Well, if you press the button, someone else in another room may or may not press a button," and they're like, "Oh, I'm fine with pressin' it then!"

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: It's like, "Well, you're st-...you're doin' it...you're still doing the bad thing! Like, why does being one more step removed make you fine with this?"

Maddox: It is a -

Dick: (interjects) How is that possible?!

Maddox: It is a very well-documented cognitive bias. There's a study by the professors...one of his names is Sun, and he wrote this about...it's called probability neglect, and it basically talks about how when a problem is abstracted enough, we don't consider it or think about it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So kind of like...kind of like 9/11 was on the forefront and everybody wanted to bend over backwards to stop terrorism, which is statistically...probabilistically zero.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: You have a zero chance -

Dick: (interjects) Of getting killed by a terrorist.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Absolutely.

Maddox: Zero chance of dying by a terrorist, but a pretty significant chance of getting in a car wreck.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We are not scrambling to make cars safer, but we are scrambling to make air travel safer because it was so visual, it was right in front of our eyes. When you don't see the problem, it's out of your mind. People worry about things they can see and feel more. They're not worried about the animals they're killing that they can't see; they're worried about their steak because they see that it's red meat, and that symbolizes that animal. It's just myopic. It's just...it's intentional delusion.

Dick: You know what? Has anybody ever done a book where they try to live...like, they try live a normal life with causing the least amount of harm possible? 'Cause you can go be a Buddhist monk.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're not harming anybody.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? But is it possible to live in society? Like, what steps do you have to take to limit the amount of damage you're doing to third-world countries? You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Well, yes.

Dick: I think that would be interesting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, what you can eat? Like, "Well, I'm killin' this, I'm killin' this here, I'm killin' this here..."

Maddox: Well, it is interesting, Dick. That's...first of all, there's a branch in philosophy called the least harm principle.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And based on the least harm principle, a professor in Oregon did a study a while back and he found that with considering the least harm principle, it is...it makes more sense to eat beef than to eat a vegetarian diet if you consider the total amount of animals that are harmed...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...during a vegetarian harvest, and -

Dick: (interjects) By count versus by pound.

Maddox: Yeah, by count versus pound!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's the more number of lives that are destroyed, that are demolished.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: And I had farm hands email me, and they say that's absolutely true. When they pull up a critter inside their harvesters, they're not taking those out of the wheat because they sell wheat by the pound. They let the, uh, the processor worry about that. They let the processor -

Dick: (interjects) Those scumbags.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They said they've even caught deer in their threshers and they don't take it out of the wheat because they're just selling pounds of wheat, and however they sell it doesn't matter. They're just selling volume, and in fact, there's a strategy. Sometimes they try to harvest early in the morning when the wheat is a little bit dewy, and that dew can significantly increase the amount of pounds they sell to the manufacturer, so they try to process it quickly. And then there's also a movement called the fruitarian movement, Dick.

Dick: I've heard about that.

Maddox: Now fruitarians, a lot of...first of all, I...people have been pointing it out to me for a long time, fruitarians are people who only eat fruit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the extreme fruitarians only eat fruit that has dropped off of the tree, so that they don't -

Dick: (interjects) Oh my god!

Maddox: They don't even harm the tree, right? These are -

Dick: (interjects) Harm a tree??

Maddox: Yeah. These are hardcore fruitarians, (Dick sighs) and Jainists, I believe, Jainists are also like this. They believe that you shouldn't walk on grass because you might harm an innocent insect.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So there are people who believe that, and yes, it's annoying, but I can't really impugn them for hypocrisy because they're not hypocrites. They're the one type of vegetarian or vegan or moral absolutist who is not a hypocrite. If -

Dick: (interjects) Do they wash their hands? What about the bacteria on their hands?

Maddox: Well, that's a good question, Dick.

Dick: Does it have to be an animal? Oh, I don't care!

Maddox: Again, yeah!

Dick: I don't care what they're doing!!

Maddox: They don't care about animals they kill that they can't see.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's essentially what it comes down to.

Dick: That's what it is. If you can't see it, it's fine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: One more problem?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Because I'm gonna speed through this.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: You wanna end it here?

Maddox: Yeah, that's a -

Dick: (interjects) I got...you know what? Let's...I'm not gonna take credit for this one, but I wanna bring it in.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: This'll be a joint problem.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: 'Cause it's Father's Day!

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling) Yeah!

Dick: This weekend! Did you know that?

Maddox: No! Shit! (laughs)

Dick: It's Father's Day. Shitty dads. Shitty dads is my...is our problem for Father's Day.

Maddox: Shitty dads, alright!

Dick: Because...and this is why: because it's real easy to...I think, not being a dad, I think it would be real easy to be a shitty dad.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you bust your ass all day to make money for these fuckin' little kid monsters that you got...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...and they NEVER appreciate it.

Maddox: No!

Dick: Like, I remember being a kid and having no conception of having to trade half of your life to support these ungrateful little spawns that you got basically fuckin' around all day, watching cartoons and doing nothing.

Maddox: Wait Dick, that sounds like a shitty KID problem, not a shitty dad problem.

Dick: No, but...no, all kids are shitty!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They don't know anything! They don't...they know nothing, they contribute NOTHING to society, they don't help you at all, they don't even say "thank you"! They're just petulant little assholes!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's what kids are! I think it would be so easy for a dad to...like, using myself as an example, if I cover a bar tab, I'll slap my credit card down and go, "Alright, now I better get some respect outta you motherfuckers for the whole evening."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "'Cause you see the card there, you know? I want everyone to have a good time, but I also want some respect." You can't do that as a dad!

Maddox: No.

Dick: You never get that luxury as a dad! Everybody is a fuckin' asshole all the time!!

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, why did you shit on my problem of babies, the germ of kids?!

Dick: (chuckles) Maddox, can you concentrate on the dad thing?

Maddox: No! I can't get over the fact that I have been ranting about kids and babies specifically for years, and you've been ranting about kids now for, what, MINUTES! Minutes now!

Dick: Yep! Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's the nature of being a father.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't just say kids are...you can't say babies are the problem.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: They're not a problem, 'cause they get somethin' out of it. I don't know what dads get out of it, but I hope it's worth it.

Maddox: What dads get out of what, children? Fuck if I know, man.

Dick: The whole thing. The whole thing.

Maddox: I don't know, man. I think -

Dick: (interjects) And it would be so easy to just say, "Ah, fuck you guys. I'm gonna go...I'm gonna go do my own thing. You find...get a lawyer! Hunt me down."

Maddox: You know...

Dick: But they don't!

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: That's why I'm saying they don't, and I...God bless 'em for that, 'cause the whole world would be fucked if it was full of shitty dads.

Maddox: Well, there are a lot of shitty dads.

Dick: If there was more, we would be even more fucked.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I totally agree with you.

Maddox: No, yeah, I agree. I agree with that. I think dads probably have kids because they just at some point...and you know, some of the dads actually want kids. I don't know why. I don't know why you would want kids. I don't understand why you'd want to bring this little MONSTER into your life. Maybe to bring an heir for your fortune.

Dick: Could be!

Maddox: Like Rupert Murdoch -

Dick: (interjects) Mortality?

Maddox: Yeah. Rupert Murdoch...like, to live vicariously through your child?

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Rupert Murdoch is stepping down as the head of News Corp...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and his son is taking his sh-...is filling his shoes.

Dick: Oh. (scoffing) Congratulations. Yeah, there you go.

Maddox: He's just creating a dynasty. There you go, inherited wealth! More, uh...this kid who didn't build this empire, who just inherits it, doesn't know shit except his dad, who has such an ego he wants his spawn to continue down this legacy.

Dick: Well, I think maybe that's core to all of it. Like, all you're passing...you're passing something along when you have a kid. Right? Even if it's your teachings or something that's core to you.

Maddox: You would hope so, but look at Tom Hanks' kid!

Dick: What's wrong with him?

Maddox: You know... (cracks up) Have you heard that video that the, uh, Tom Hanks' kid...I believe it's Tom Hanks.

Dick: Colin Hanks?

Maddox: Yeah, Co-...no, not Colin Hanks. He has another kid that you don't hear about.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Satan Hanks? (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Colin Hanks is a cool -

Dick: (interjects) His brother? (giggling)

Maddox: I've met Colin Hanks! He's a cool dude!

Dick: Yeah! That's why I thought you were shitting on that guy. He's cool.

Maddox: No, not Colin Hanks. Colin Hanks is a cool dude, but he has another kid...uh, Colin Hanks' brother, who is, like, a white rapper?

Dick: No-...Noloc.

Maddox: A wannabe... (laughs)

Dick: Backwards. (giggles) Noloc Hanks!

Maddox: No, he's a -

Dick: (interjects) He's a rapp-...? Oh, god.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The most spoiled upbringing. You're the son of Tom Hanks, right?

Maddox: Yeah, he's -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, you would hope so. Like, the nicest movie star there is.

Maddox: Chester Hanks is the guy's name, yeah.

Dick: Chester Hanks. (smiles)

Maddox: Oh, you got...I gotta play this. (brief silence) Yeah, I can't find it. Um, anyway, Chet -

Dick: (interjects) What was it?

Maddox: Chet...well, here. It's a song Tom Hanks' son has where he drops the N-word liberally -

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: - and he talks about... (both laugh) Yeah.

Dick: Ah, good for you, kid!

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: Oh my god!

Maddox: And he talks about how he's allowed to use it. (Dick laughs more) As a white guy, as Tom Hanks'...

Dick: As Tom Hanks' kid.

Maddox: As Tom Hanks' kid. (laughing)

Dick: Do you have it? Do you have a clip?

Sean: Why, because it's hip-hop culture?

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: Is that his reason?

Maddox: I guess, I guess. You know, I don't understand -

Dick: (interjects) It is! I'll say it. I don't care.

Maddox: No, you won't. No, you will not. (both crack up) You will not be saying it, Dick. You will not...you will not be sayin' that on this show. (laughing) Um, yeah, he has some quotes. I'm tryin' to find these quotes...okay, I found a quote by Chet Hanks.

Dick: Oh, "Chet."

Maddox: Yeah, Chet.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: It's Chester. Chester, Chet. He calls himself Chet Hanks.

Dick: Chaz Hanks.

Maddox: Chaz... (cracks up) Yeah, Chaz Hanks.

Dick: What does he got to say about hip-hop?

Maddox: Yeah, he says, "Two types of people in this world..." (Dick laughs loudly)

Dick: I love...whenever anybody starts a sentence with that, it's like, "Yeah, it's assholes who say that and everybody else."

Maddox: Yeah. Well, he says, "...those who know exactly what it is they want and are doing everything they can to get it, and those who just wander aimlessly through life because they are scared to death of failure. I've lost a lot of so-called friends 'cuz..." -- C-U-Z -- "...they turned out to be the second. Fuck y'all hating-ass [N-words]." (Dick giggles) "I'll never stop chasing my dreams."

Dick: This is Chaz Hanks?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Tom Hanks' son said that?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are you sure?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, you know what a shitty dad would do? Just abandon that kid. Right?

Maddox: Uh-huh. (chuckling)

Dick: I mean, you look at him, you're like, "Oh, dude. How...?" You can't just fix that overnight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's gotta just say, "Alright, you're doin' your thing, you're finding your own way. I pray to God that you'll get over this phase of acting like a complete jackass."

Maddox: Oh, oh...hang on, hold on. I forgot to add, "#OneLifeOneGodOneLove."

Dick: Great.

Maddox: (laughs) "#OneLifeOneGodOneLove." Yeah, uh, very inspirational.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You could put that on a t-shirt. I could almost see, like, one of those memes floating around on the Internet with Martin Luther King where he says, "Fuck y'all hating-ass [N-words], I'll never stop chasing my dream."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's like Jaden Smith.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So would you say Tom Hanks is a shitty dad? I mean, look at...here's the thing, Dick: how do you define a shitty dad? Because Tom Hanks has raised two sons. He may have other children, I don't know, but he has two sons. He has, uh, Chet Hanks...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and Colin Hanks. Colin Hanks? Great dude!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Super nice, he has his own acting career and he's ambitious. Right?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Chet Hanks, on the other hand, is this wannabe -

Dick: (interjects) Sounds like kind of a jackass.

Maddox: Kind of a... (Dick laughs) Kind of a little ja-...a little...yeah.

Dick: What if it works out for him though?

Maddox: Little bit of a thug. It may!

Dick: You don't know!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: You don't know!!

Maddox: I mean, his albums aren't doin' too hot.

Dick: Eh, well...

Maddox: People aren't crazy about 'em.

Dick: Maybe he's gotta find his voice still.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? It took George Carlin a while to find his voice.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, he made a music video where he drove around LA just recording himself on the street with his friends. Uh, while he's singing his song, his rap songs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No clearance, no, uh...you know, no production quality, no staff or anything like that. Just his buddy holding a GoPro, essentially.

Dick: I don't think, uh...I don't think that's the worst you could do.

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: As a dad.

Maddox: Well, I -

Dick: (interjects) Is Chaz Hanks.

Maddox: No, Chaz Hanks, he's not...you know, he's not so...I kinda get...everyone's kinda jumping down his throat, but I kinda get it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It is hip-hop culture.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He's basically like Eminem.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. But it's funny, uh -

Dick: (interjects) Just funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because it's like, "Dude, your dad's Tom Hanks. You can't...what are you thinkin'?"

Maddox: But there are other examples, Dick, where parents can do everything right and raise two kids; one of 'em turns out to be great, the other one turns out to be a fuck-up. So how...at what point do you then turn and say, "Okay, the culpability is on this father for doing a poor job"?

Dick: What do you mean, "at what point"? I blame it on them the whole time.

Maddox: It's always their fault?

Dick: Well, they did somethin'.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: I know what happened, that kid had different needs! I've said it before on this show.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: You can't...like, saying that you...saying that they raised them both the same way is impossible, 'cause there's no control. The kids take up an amount of your time which is finite in and of itself.

Maddox: Dick, I feel like there's an air of disingenuousness with this problem that you brought in because you don't have shitty dad. You can't...how can you possibly relate?

Dick: Huge advantage for me. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Not having a shitty dad.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Leg up. You got the leap in life.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Great!

Dick: How can I relate to this problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh...well, gosh, I don't know!

Maddox: Well, I guess that's unfair, because there are a lot of problems we bring into this show that we can't necessarily relate to directly, but indirectly we can empathize. I get it.

Dick: Seems like it'd be a big positive force that would be missing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Seems like a lot of these people are pissed off at their dads that are acting out.

Maddox: Yeah. I can't relate necessarily to this problem either. Uh, my dad...my dad's great!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My dad's not a shitty dad, although not a big talker. Doesn't like to talk much.

Dick: Even better.

Maddox: Yeah. He's great!

Dick: Alright, that's it.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright Dick, my problems this week...well, my *problem* this week was Soy. (**closing riff starts**) And that's it. (chuckles)

Dick: My problems are Social Justice Warriors and Shitty Dads.

(theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, Rayne from Austin callin' in again. Uh, Maddox, your problems from Episode 56...um, Honor Killings: great problem. High Heels: bullshit.

Maddox: Augh.

Voicemail: What is that? That's not even a problem. I'm with Sean. I think they're sexy. (Dick and Maddox laugh) **They're like a magic potion that turns a 7 into an 8.** (Maddox laughs more) **I don't even know what your problem is. I think you're just all fucked up 'cause you didn't have sex in high school.**

Maddox: Hah, great.

Voicemail: Seriously buddy, you really missed out on that. That, uh...that's a bummer. Missed out on that sweet, sweet fruit (everyone cracks up) **that is high school pussy. Anyway, get raped.**

[message ends]

(Maddox still laughing)

Dick: Who started that?

Maddox: What an asshole. That guy doesn't know shit about anything! First of all, you think high heels are so sexy, why are you wearing 'em all the time? Hm?

Dick: Why is that guy wearing 'em all the time?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: They're not like a magic potion that turns a 7 into an 8, dude. Trust me. Like...

Dick: But that's why they wear them.

Maddox: They turn, like, a 7 into a 7.1.

Dick: That's still...the scale is logarithmic, so that's a big jump!

Maddox: Well... (chuckling) I don't know, man. (stammers) A 7 and a 7.1 to me is a toss-up.

Dick: Ohoho.

Maddox: You got this, uh...7's not too bad. We're talkin' about, like, 5's. And by the way, the ones who are wearing them who can't ARE the 5's. They're the ones who put the high heels on, their feet start to ache and they take them off early during the night.

Dick: Ah, I don't know about that. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey, what's up guys? This is, uh, Pope Francis calling from Vatican City. I'm just responding to Dick's claim a couple episodes ago that sex in high school is the best sex you'll ever have. Um, well, according to the Kinsey Institute, which studies sexual...sexual research, your...a woman is least likely to orgasm the younger she is, and the least likely time is under 20.

Dick: Huh!

Voicemail: And simultaneously, a guy is most likely to experience premature ejaculation when he's -- guess what -- under 20.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Voicemail: So Dick's idea of amazing sex is when a girl doesn't cum at all and he cums quickly, so um...you know, I'm gonna read a chapter of the Bible, John 5:18: "And Jesus spoke unto the people, 'Dick, go fuck yourself.'"

[message ends]

Maddox: (laughs tauntingly) It's in the Bible.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Read it and weep, sucker! Yeah, that's right. Chicks in high school, chicks under age 20, generally don't have orgasms. They don't understand...they haven't had enough experience. They don't know their bodies well enough, and they've just had sex with a bunch of bozos like you, Dick, in high school who don't know what the fuck they're doing!!

Dick: Well, alright. If it's...if that's what the research says.

Maddox: That's... (cracks up) SCIENCE says that.

Dick: That's what science says. (smiles) [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): I'm sending a third voicemail because I just realized that Maddox will never find pregnancy as a problem because you cannot get a bag of sand pregnant. (Dick and Maddox giggle) **Way to go, buddy. Uhhh, fuck off!!**

[message ends]

Dick: There's a follow-up to that one.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Somebody else, though. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, this is a bag of sand. (everyone laughs) **I just wanted to call and apologize to Maddox...**

Maddox: "This is how I talk."

Voicemail: ...for getting my contents stuck all over up inside his vagina.

Dick: Ohhh. (smiling) (Maddox still laughing)

Voicemail: It's clear from listening to him bitch about tiny little non-problems...

Maddox: Oh yeah, ME.

Voicemail: ...that it has aggravated and irritated his tender, tender lady skin, and I'm sorry.

[message ends]

Dick: Oh, soy was a big problem!

Maddox: What?

Dick: Soy. I thought soy was a big problem.

Maddox: Soy was a big problem, asshole! This piece of shit, callin' me...I'm tired of the "bag of sand" comments! (Dick laughs loudly) And by the way, I forgot what the Starlord thing came from! Why are you guys callin' me Starlord? I forgot why. (grins)

Dick: Uh...oh, somebody called in and said that you sounded like the kid Quill at the beginning of the movie...

Maddox: Alright. (laughing) Okay.

Dick: ...who was, like, immersed in this virtual world and he didn't understand what was goin' on with his mom.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And so he said, "That's you, Maddox. You're the Starlord."

Maddox: Oh, I'll... (laughs) I'll wear that with honor, my friends! And I grew up to be an intergalactic space pirate. Fuck you, that's cool!

Dick: Who goes on cool adventures that are fun to watch, right?

Maddox: Eh, they're not fun. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Alllright. (giggling)

Maddox: They're not fun!

Dick: Fuck you. (Maddox laughs) Oh, this one...I give this kid an 'A' for effort, but he has to work on his material. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, how's it goin'? This is Dick's nephew. (Maddox chuckles) **Although I'm only like a week old, I just wanted to chime in on Episode 56 and agree that pregnancy does fuckin' suck, man. I was in there for 9 months. Shit BLOWS. You know? Constantly poked in the head every Wednesday and Friday night.** (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly) **Really hurts. Yeah, so, uh...so fuck condoms, and vote up Abortion.**

Maddox: Yeheheheeeah!

Dick: Ohoho, my WORD.

Voicemail: (inaudible) ...Uncle Dick.

[message ends]

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Cool! (laughs more) Smart.

Problem: **Anti-Intellectualism** [00:22:12]

Problem: **Free Water Cups** [01:07:33]

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 58

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "biggestproblem" to save $5 off your first purchase.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe from ants to AIDS, with over 3.2 million downloads. This is the only show where YOU decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey!! What's up, buddy? (grinning)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back.

Dick: That was perfect!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You timed it right along with the music and everything.

Maddox: Uh, I think we got it down after 58 episodes.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing) It's about time.

Maddox: Yeah, guys. (sighs) Um, let's just get this out of the way. Last week, the problems, the ranking of the problems...coming in first was Social Justice Warriors.

Dick: Ohh, yes. (smug)

Maddox: Dick climbed the ranks so high...

Dick: So fast and so hard, man. I'm like the Chuck Yeager of this show. That problem just shot straight into outer space, man.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: What are you typing at? What are you doin'?

Maddox: I'm just looking at the master list of problems here.

Dick: 4,000 votes in a couple days! People hate Social Justice Warriors.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hate 'em!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For good reason!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: For good reason. They're like the anti-slacktivists, somebody said.

Maddox: No!

Dick: Because they're... (stammers) What do you mean, "no"?

Maddox: Well, some people...I read in the comments the opposite. I read that it was an extension of slacktivists.

Dick: No, nonono. I disagree, because slacktivists feel that, uh, they feel that...that positive feedback? They feel it when they just click 'like' and then they're done and they don't hurt anybody. (Maddox scoffs) They're not hurting anybody; they're just getting themselves off. They click a 'like' button to get off, that's fine. I go look at porno, it's the same thing. Social Justice Warriors are HURTING people. They're costing people their lives, their jobs. Their lives, man!

Maddox: Mmm, I don't know.

Dick: And they're infecting others! It's a race to the bottom with them.

Maddox: I don't know that they're affecting people's lives, Dick.

Dick: You want an example? I brought an example somebody sent me.

Maddox: Sure! Let's hear it.

Dick: We can get to it later if you want.

Maddox: Yeah, no! No, let's hear it, since we're talkin' about it.

Dick: Here we go. "Hey Dick, I just wanted to share with you a story I just heard about yesterday. I live in Iowa, far away from the liberal bastions of LA and New York." Right? You wouldn't think, um, Social Justice Warrioring was out in Iowa.

Maddox: Oh, Iowa's pretty liberal, surprisingly. You would think they are not, but they're one of the first states that passed gay marriage laws.

Dick: Well, here we go. "I'm a few years out of college, but I still keep in contact and live near a professor, a mentor of mine." I think I was supposed to keep this guy's name anonymous, so we'll bleep that out. (Maddox laughs) Uh, "He's been telling me of a particular student in his Law & Politics course who has been taken under the wing of radical feminists on campus. She's often spoken of 'microaggressions' coming from the professor and has also taken up spelling 'women' like W-O-M-Y-N."

Maddox: And is that so that they don't have the word "men" in there?

Dick: No, I think it's actually 'cause they're retarded.

Maddox: Okay. (Sean guffaws in the background)

Dick: I think they think that's the correct...no, you're right. Yeah. (Maddox laughs) It's to take "men" out. Anyway, "This professor may face disciplinary action from a complaint from her..." -- from this "womyn" chick -- "...on behalf of some women's group on campus based

on what he thinks stems from classes about rape cases," in a law and politics course. Uh, "She claimed that he was incredibly insensitive regarding rape."

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: "He would go on..." Uh, "He would in no way be terminated, but he may be forced to sanitize his class if he were to be ruled against." How 'bout that?

Maddox: What does that mean, to sanitize a class?

Dick: Not discuss issues.

Maddox: Oh, yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: Not discuss rape cases in a class about law and politics.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know. I mean, that does sound like the effects of Social Justice Warrioring, but I don't see how it's taking people's lives. Their livelihoods maybe, but not their lives.

Dick: What's the difference?

Maddox: Well, the difference is pretty big, Dick. If you lose your job it's not like losing your life.

Dick: It's a, uh...it's on the way to losing your life.

Maddox: It's on the way, yeah!

Dick: Well, 'cause they're -

Maddox: (interjects) It's awful.

Dick: They can't kill you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They can't...like, they would love to just kill you. They would love to have a vote where the government comes and kills you for saying something they don't like.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But the best they can do is take away your money, which is the same thing to me.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like morally, I think going after someone's job and their money, and the way that they support themselves and the way they feed themselves, morally to me is exactly the same as attacking them physically.

Maddox: It's in the same...it has the same flavor, but it's not quite the same. I think the distinction is important. So I wanted to mention, Dick, I was pulling up the website to see the biggest problems, the big list of problems. Social Justice Warriors is #11 on the big list of problems. Guys, it beat out Hunger. Oh no, it's ABOUT to beat out Hunger. It beat out Obesity, which is a bigger problem than Hunger!

Dick: Nah.

Maddox: It's a big problem, obesity.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox chuckles) I get it. Very good. Alright. (smiles)

Maddox: Then, uh, followed by Shitty Dads last week.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, your, uh... (cracks up) Your...

Dick: Shitty problem?

Maddox: Your sentence that you brought in about Shitty Dads.

Dick: It was Father's Day!!

Maddox: Yeah. I got a comment here from Kirsty Chapman. She says, "Shitty dads are a huge problem, but I'm not sure you've thought this through. Since it's your opening line to broads, surely less shitty dads = less broken women = less sex for Dick?" Dick, didn't you say that shitty dads were great...it's a great pickup line, opening line to talk to a chick and ask her how her father is.

Dick: That doesn't mean he was shitty!

Maddox: Well, you're saying -

Dick: (interjects) It's not dependent on him being shitty.

Maddox: You're saying that the ones who have the shitty dads...I said it's a problem to open up with that line because if they had a shitty father, then they're suddenly thinking about all these bad emotions and bad feelings, blah blah blah...

Dick: Yeah, but he-

Maddox: ...and you said that you like that because you use that...their broken father, their shitty father, to your advantage.

Dick: I didn't say that last part. But here's the thing... (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: People with shitty dads, a lot of times -- I would say most of the time -- don't think they're shitty. Like, they look at their upbringing and say, "Oh yeah, that's totally normal" or "He was doing his best," and as an outsider you can say, "No, that was...that was very much a shitty dad move."

Maddox: What are you basing that on, Dick?

Dick: Like, stealing...what do you mean?

Maddox: I think people who have shitty dads know their dads are shitty. You look on TV and you see sitcom dads and how cool they are and then you look at your abusive, shithole dad who's never around. I think people know their dads are shitty.

Dick: Yeah, but you're picking, like...you're picking, like, a trailer trash abusive dad. There's a big gray area where some dads are just shitty without being so overtly abusive about it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Surely you can say that exists. Like, it's not a cartoon out there.

Maddox: Okay. Alright! Well, then I wouldn't describe those dads in those absolute terms as shitty. I would say my dad's "meh." Mediocre. In fact, I have a comment here, Dick. This one's from.....Sasha Woods. (Sean giggles in the background) No, whoops. (chuckles) Wrong one.

Dick: Whoa, why are you laughing?

Sean: I was gonna say, why did it take you so long to pronounce that? (everyone laughs)

Dick: "Woods"?

Maddox: No, I was lookin' for the comment.

Sean: "Sasha...Wwwoods."

Maddox: No no, she brought in another comment I'll read in a second, but no, I read a comment on the, uh, the forum. I didn't bring this comment in, but someone commented and said that, uh...that perhaps a bigger problem than shitty dads are dads who are just mediocre. I think that's what you're talking about, Dick.

Dick: I don't know, man.

Maddox: The middle ground.

Dick: What are you, mincing wor-...like, the word of "shitty dad"? Are you tryin' to bust me that, like, a...one is a shitty dad and one is not quite shitty? I don't understand what you're tryin' to say.

Maddox: Can we...let's just agree that it was a shitty problem. (Sean chuckles in the background) And then speaking of shitty problems, Soy got, uh, got trounced in the voting. You guys didn't think soy was a big problem. 'Cause a lot of you said that, "Hey Maddox, I like to put soy sauce on my fried rice," and I replied to these idiots and I said, "Guys, it's fine for occasional use. If you eat soy a bite or two here or there it's not gonna kill you, but if it's a staple of your diet like most vegans and vegetarians make it, then it can start to cause problems."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Makes you grow tits!

Dick: Yeah. Here, I got a voicemail about vegans. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): I've got a riddle for you. If somebody is a vegan and they're into CrossFit, what do they talk about first?? Ha ha! Ohh, that is rich. (Maddox and Sean laugh) **Go fuck yourself, Dick.** (more laughing)

[message ends]

Dick: Get it?

Maddox: Ah, I kinda like that joke!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He, uh, he undersold his own joke.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: By overselling it.

Dick: Yeah. We got some fan art. You wanna talk about this?

Maddox: Yeah! We got some -

Dick: (interjects) This rad comic that got sent in? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: We got this comic sent in by a fan. His name is James Callan, and I posted it on my Twitter page. It's @maddoxrules, I think is my Twitter. I don't even know my own fuckin' Twitter. Anyway, he made a comic about...it's called "Mad Maddox: A Road Rage."

Dick: Yeah. (Sean cracks up) I'm not gonna read the whole thing, but uh...it's pretty great.

Maddox: Yeah, it's pretty hilarious. I look like a samurai.

Dick: Here you go. Here's you driving down the street flipping everybody off, screaming obscenities and honking constantly. That's...that looks about right. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, it's pretty accurate.

Dick: It's pretty accurate, I would say.

Maddox: Did you read the panel about, uh, about the samurai ethos?

Dick: Here we go. Here's...no, THIS is way more accurate. Sean, wouldn't you say that's a more accurate representation of Maddox, with that smug-ass look on his face? (Sean laughs)

Sean: Yeah. (from background)

Maddox: What smug look?

Dick: That. (smiling)

Maddox: Oh yeah, that smug look. (everyone laughs) Read the -

Dick: (interjects) You're saying, "Actually, I drive like a samurai, the aristocratic warrior class of feudal Japan. We follow Bushido, a code of honor, discipline, and aggressive driving."

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: "Actually, they're more mediocre than shitty." (smug voice)

Maddox: Shut up, Sean! (Dick and Sean laugh) Gettin' shit already!

Dick: Yeah, I don't know why people picked on that shitty dad problem. It's about establishing intimacy. It's not about taking advantage of a bad dad.

Maddox: Oh, jeeeez. I also -

Dick: (interjects) You brought it up!!

Maddox: Okay! (laughing) I also got a tweet from...some more fan art. Someone corrected this, uh, this picture, Dick. He sent a screenshot of the live show of you holding a mug, and he said he enlarged your face!

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: It still looks really tiny. (cracks up) He said he made it bigger. His name is Mr. Gobun. I linked to it on Twitter. We'll put it on the, uh, the page for http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. Go to the website, vote on these problems, guys. Don't forget to vote on these problems.

Dick: I don't have a small face. (Maddox laughs) I hate that stupid picture. I don't have a too small of a face for my head.

Maddox: I know, that's what he's sayin'!! He's sayin' he enlarged it for you!

Dick: No, I don't ha-...I get the joke. He made it extra small...

Maddox: What? (still laughing)

Dick: ...like the size of a mouth on my head, on my actual head. (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) I don't have a too small of a face. And I really don't like that the way I find out about this shit is ex-girlfriends texting me that picture in the middle of the night and me saying, "Where the fuck did this come from? You don't know how to use Photoshop."

Maddox: Yeah. Oh man, it's so good. I said that -

Dick: (interjects) She's like, "Oh, Maddox just tweeted it." I'm like, "Oh, GREAT. Great."

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. (grinning)

Dick: "20,000 people are laughing about this right now? Super."

Maddox: Pretty fuckin' funny! Um...

Dick: I don't have a too small a face. (irritated)

Maddox: Dick, what is your problem with definite articles? (laughs)

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: You have a serious problem with definite articles. It's not "a road rage." (Dick laughs) It's not "a too small of a face." (giggles) Anyway. Dick, I...last episode I also mentioned that I started a Twitch stream.

Dick: Oh, god.

Maddox: Which, uh, which has... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which has really taken off. I got a comment from Pamela Yachouh. She said, "Keep streaming, Maddox. I actually enjoyed your Alpha 2 stream last night." I've been playing Street Fighter Alpha 2 on my stream.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: To practice?

Maddox: No, not...I don't need practice.

Dick: So...before Matt Bahr kicks your ass?

Maddox: I don't need practice. Dick, I've been using an emulator, an online emulator, 'cause you pretty much have to. I don't have an arcade cabinet. And the controls I'm using is a keyboard, and a lot of people say, "Maddox, uh, why are you...why don't you play online? Why are you so afraid of cheating?" (stupid voice) And the problem is with an emulator, when you play online you can use a keyboard mapper, which is what I use...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...to map my keyboard inputs to a controller. You can define macros, and you can define shortcuts and all sorts of scripting and programs and things so that you can press one key and it'll do a special move.

Dick: Can you define "chicken"?

Maddox: Yeah. (annoyed)

Dick: 'Cause this is the definition of chicken. You're talkin' and all I hear is, "Bawk bawk bawk bawk baaaawk!"

Maddox: Yeah. I think you're thinkin' of swingin' from my chicken. That's what's goin' on.

Dick: (smiles) Go ahead! What? And you can define keystrokes that what?

Maddox: You can define a macro that's a special move!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you press one button, and it's going to do a hurricane kick or a fireball or whatever! It's cheating!!

Dick: Oh. Alright!

Maddox: It's super easy to cheat! And I told you this last night, and do you remember what your answer was, Dick? Your response?

Dick: So cheat! Do it, yeah!

Maddox: You say... (laughs)

Dick: So out-cheat him then!

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Great. It'll be a Street Fighter 2/cheating contest.

Dick: Alright, so Maddox is practicing for the big fight, the big Street Fighter fight.

Maddox: Not practicing.

Dick: What is your Twitter...er, your Twitch stream called? Is it Twitter, or...

Maddox: Twitch.tv.

Dick: Twitch/ImNotWritingMyBook.com? (laughs)

Maddox: Okay. Speaking of, Bryan Jacques says...Jacques? Says, "Wow, Maddox wants to avoid writing his book so badly he started a Twitch stream that nobody wants to watch." (Dick and Sean laugh) Not funny.

Dick: Uh, well, E3 happened this week.

Maddox: E3 did happen! I just got back from E3, and I posted my E3 roundup.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah! I do a wrap-up every time I go to E3. Actually, except last year I didn't because there was...it was SO disappointing. There wasn't even enough footage to talk about. But yeah, this year I did my E3 wrap-up, and it's already got like 80-90,000 views...

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: ...since yesterday.

Dick: What's the point of goin' to E3? Like, don't you just hear all that shit online?

Maddox: Yeah, but you get to play...you get to play alphas and pre-builds. You get to play the game early, you get to see where the game's coming from, and other times too you get to see games that then get canceled later on down the line.

Dick: Oh! Alright.

Maddox: So that's your only opportunity to play that game, like The Last Guardian? A long time ago, it was announced at E3 4 or 5 years ago.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Then the game was canceled. Now they're bringing it back, so people who got to see it and play it way back in the day are the only people in the world who ever were able to.

Dick: Seems like a huge cocktease.

Maddox: It is.

Dick: Like, it seems like you're paying to go get advertised to.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, if you pay to go to E3, it's kind of a ripoff becau-...I mean, it's not kind of; it's a HUGE ripoff.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I met Anita Sarkeesian there! You know who she is?

Dick: Ohh, yes! Did you spit in her mouth?

Maddox: No... (laughs) No.

Dick: Oh. (smiling)

Maddox: No, no, no, Dick.

Dick: I'd Kickstart that.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Yeah! (giggling) (Sean laughs) Kickstarter for Maddox to spit in A-...go ahead.

Maddox: You know what's interesting, is a lot of people who are outside of the gamer world have no idea who she is. She's this much-reviled feminist blogger.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Feminist...she makes a bunch of videos. Whatever! I don't...I think what -

Dick: (interjects) She's a non-gamer that picks on gaming. Like, she ju-...and I'm gonna give this example specifically 'cause I saw it recently.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She was talking about the new Tomb Raider game...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and her comment was a very snide, snarky comment about Lara Croft wearing a snow jacket in the snow, and she's like, "Oh, it's about time that this buxom heroine of this video game was wearing the appropriate clothing for her environment."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And it was just hundreds of people posting pictures of all the previous games, how all of her clothing was accurate. Like, she's ALWAYS had a jacket.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She's always had a...pants.

Maddox: So here's the thing about Anita Sarkeesian, and this is probably the only time I'll ever talk about her specifically because I don't want to give her the spotlight. She is not the voice of gamers, she doesn't represent anyone except herself, and I believe what she is doing...if you look at her Twitter stream, most of the comments are negative. Negative about video games, complaining about the violence in Doom...

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: ...complaining about Tomb Raider. She even complained about her badge at E3! (Dick chuckles) The E3 badge came with a little paper foldout thing for Persona 4 of this...

Dick: Sexist.

Maddox: ...cute...of this cute little girl wearing a skirt or whatever. Like, obviously too young to be sexualized, even...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And she wasn't sexualized! It was just a girl in a skirt, and she said, "Well, this is the picture they chose. Of all the pictures they could've used, they chose this one." Like, she's LOOKING for reasons to be offended. She is this outrage porn that we talked about, that Ryan Holiday talked about.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She is this person who is looking for reasons and excuses to complain, and that's why I don't want to give her the spotlight and the focus, because I think she's disingenuous. She has to do this to continue...her outrage -

Dick: (interjects) To live!

Maddox: To live!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Her outrage is lucrative, and if she doesn't continually feed that beast then people will forget about her. She has to find something to complain about, which is like...I know it's really a fine line that I'm treading here -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause we do that too.

Maddox: You would think!

Dick: You do that too...

Maddox: You would think.

Dick: ...but you don't!

Maddox: Well, you would think, but I don't look for reasons to complain. These are things that just genuinely annoy me.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I'm not looking to be annoyed.

Dick: You liked Mad Max!

Maddox: Loved it!

Dick: You wrote a glowing review of that.

Maddox: Yeah, great movie!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! I don't need to find things to annoy me because things naturally annoy me so much, but I don't believe that anyone in this world could be that annoyed by so little! So little! These things...video game -

Dick: (interjects) By a little girl on a badge.

Maddox: Yeah, a little girl on a badge? Man...

Dick: Well, it also speaks to how she thinks. Like, if she really thinks that's sexist and offensive, then she must assume men see that image and are sexually stimulated by it.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I mean, if she's, like...if she's putting herself in all these imaginary guys that she's blaming for whatever... (stammers) I don't even know what the reason is that there's not

more women in video games, then she's putting that on us! Like, "You see this picture? You guys are sexualizing this little girl in a skirt," and I'm like, "Uh, bitch, I'm not doin' that."

Maddox: We're not.

Dick: We're not.

Maddox: It's a fucking...

Dick: It's just a little girl in a skirt.

Maddox: It's a badge from a video game, and it's not even an actual little girl. It's a -

Dick: (interjects) And it's...

Maddox: It's a depiction. It's a drawing.

Dick: And it's an interesting ad because when I think video games, I think of some stupid swo-...like, a big giant hulking sword fight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And now I'm thinking like, "Oh, what's this little girl doin' here?"

Maddox: Well, and they were promoting a dancing game. It was for Persona 4 dancing something or other, which was, uh...man, just so lame. I saw people dancing to that game. But also, one other...one final point I wanna mention, and this'll be the last I'll ever talk about her, but she raised over $100,000 to create a series of videos about, uh, about sexism in gaming, and I watched all of them as part of my research. I've seen almost every single one of her videos. It's part of my...

Dick: Wooow.

Maddox: ...part of the research I do, right?

Dick: Dedicated.

Maddox: She -

Dick: (interjects) Dedicated man.

Maddox: (chuckles) Right! She complained about not enough women in video games. You know what would help introduce more women to video games, is taking a $100,000-budget and then putting that towards developing a video game.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How about that? Would that introduce more women to video games? Yeah. I think so!

Dick: I don't even understand that complaint. There's tons of women in video games.

Maddox: Of course! Of course.

Dick: I mean, that's...it's like, it's so ubiquitous that it's not even weird to see a female heroine.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Is...is it?

Maddox: No, and I pick them in my video games. I don't think of my video game character's gender when I'm playing. I don't CARE.

Dick: And they're all beautiful. Like, they're all physical specimens. The men are, the women are; that's the whole point of a fantasy.

Maddox: Well, can you imagine if Mario...like for example, one of the big criticisms is Mario is the power player in his games and the princess is the damsel in distress. Well, can you imagine if the situation were reversed and you played the female heroine like you do in Metroid, which nobody cared about the gender.

Dick: No!

Maddox: It's not about the gender. For all intents and purposes, I thought Metroid was a robot the first time I played it. You don't even learn the character's gender until after you beat the game!

Dick: Until the very end!

Maddox: And then -

Dick: (interjects) And then it's like, "Oh, huh! How 'bout that?"

Maddox: Yeah, "Huh! How about that?"

Dick: That's what I thought as a kid. I was like, "Oh hey, it's a chick. How 'bout that?"

Maddox: But here's how people like, uh...people who look for reasons to be offended can turn it around. If the situation were reversed and the princess was trying to save Mario, then people could simply say, "Oh, well, you are controlling a female character in a video game, taking away her agency..."

Dick: Oh, god.

Maddox: "...and you're in control, and it's a man's control. It's a man's industry, and blah blah blah blah blah." Just...there's always some angle to complain about!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Man! Anyway. Yeah, so E3.

Dick: Well, speakin' of E3, we sent a correspondent there.

Maddox: Yeah Dick, I partnered up with a blogger, Tom Phillips, over at http://gameobliterator.biz! Have you heard of that site?

Dick: No. It sounds like a fake site, in fact.

Maddox: No, it's... (cracks up) Dick, it's not a fake site! (Dick laughs) http://gameobliterator.biz!

Dick: It doesn't sound like a fake...it doesn't sound that crazy, it just sounds like a piece of shit. Dot biz? (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Maddox: No. (Dick laughs) It's a good site! My buddy Tom Phillips went to E3!

Dick: Alright, let's hear some from Tom Phillips at E3.

Maddox: Alright! [**Dick plays Tom Phillips E3 intro**]

(techno beat in background)

"Tom Phillips": Thanks Dick & Maddox. I'm Tom Phillips, junior editor at GameObliterator.biz, and here's the latest video game scoops on E3's hottest indie titles. (Dick and Maddox giggling)

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

[intro ends]

Dick: Oh, there's the shouting. (both crack up) Alright, let's hear something from Tom Phillips.

Maddox: Yeah. [**Dick plays first Tom Phillips E3 bit**]

(techno beat in background)

"Tom Phillips": The Nintendo eShop gets a great new RPG with "Chrono Trigger Warning." Now, a trigger warning for this review: it will contain trigger warnings, so if you're triggered by trigger warnings, you may want to stop listening. (Maddox laughs) **Also, if trigger warnings ABOUT trigger warnings are a trigger for you, we completely respect that, unless respecting your feelings is a trigger, in which case, we don't.** (everyone laughs) **Anyway, this game sucks, don't play it.**

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

[bit ends]

Dick: Ohh. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah! No, Tom does some really good journalism here.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, one more?

Maddox: Yeah! [**Dick plays next Tom Phillips E3 bit**]

(techno beat in background)

"Tom Phillips": Put the pedal to the metal in the all-new kart racing game, Speed Racist. (everyone laughs) **You play the world's fastest racist, battling against legends like Racer Malcolm X, and the Affirmative Action, Action, Action! team. Get behind the wheel of the Mach Things Were Better In 1955, and race your way up to grand wizard. Sounds like a great game!**

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

[bit ends]

(Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Great!

Dick: One more. [**plays next Tom Phillips E3 bit**]

"Tom Phillips": Maxis Milwaukee pulled the curtain off SimGentrifier, the new city-building game where you get to push the poors out of town as fast as possible. Build a Food Truck Festival, an organic cookie bakery, a Starbucks across the street from another Starbucks, or a mixology academy called "Stirrin' Up Trouble." Whatever you can dream, you can do...to these poor blacks and Mexicans. (more giggling) **Win the game, and you'll get to build a three-story Whole Foods! A dream come true for whites.** (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly)

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

Dick: That is a dream come true! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeeeah! Oh man, can you imagine all the, uh, the tempeh they sell there? That four-story Whole Foods? (cracking up)

Dick: What's that? What's tempeh?

Maddox: Tempeh? It's another fuckin', uh, thing. It's just a bunch of beans.

Dick: Like quinoa?

Maddox: Eh, it's just a buncha compressed beans and shit. Yeah, it's grains and shit.

Dick: You better watch it, man! (grins)

Maddox: What?

Dick: You might get on a list sayin' words like "tempeh." (Maddox laughs) You're one of them now. Alright, let's do some problems.

Maddox: Alright, let's get to the problems.

Dick: I'll bring some more of those later.

Maddox: Dick, my first problem this week is anti-intellectualism.

Dick: Well, you're right. I'm already very upset...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...by your problem.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: I'm already in a very foul mood.

Maddox: I knew you would be, Dick!

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Anti-intellectualism, ('an-tee') or anti-intellectualism. ('an-tai') However they like to pronounce it.

Dick: Anti-intellectualites. Is that what you would call us?

Maddox: I guess.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or 'intoolectualism.' What did...how did I mispronounce it a couple episodes ago? You guys had such a good time makin' fun of me 'cause I misspoke! (angrily) (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah. Uh, I don't know. You wanna recreate it, just dump a bunch of marbles in your mouth and try to say it again. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: 'Intooalectual,' I think is how I pronounced it. Anyway -

Dick: (interjects) Go ahead.

Maddox: Anyway Dick, it's, uh...anti-intellectualism is the embrace and celebration of ignorance. It's putting stupidity and ignorance -- which aren't the same thing, by the way -- on a pedestal. Right? It's cool to be dumb in this country. Dick, I...we talked about this yesterday. You know that, uh...there's a thing going around on the Internet. I saw this on the front page of Reddit. There's the "80 miles per hour" question.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah, if you wanna have a fight with your girlfriend or wife, go ask her this question.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a great way to have a fight. Sean, do you know what this is?

Sean: No, I haven't heard of it.

Maddox: Okay Sean, if a car is traveling 80 miles per hour, how long will it take that car to travel 80 miles?

Sean: 80 minutes?

Dick: Ohh...

Maddox: Nooo. (smiling)

Dick: Oh nohohohoho! (laughing)

Maddox: Okay. So -

Sean: (interjects) If it's 80 mi-...wait! Oh, to travel 80 mi-...oh, what?

Dick: Ohh, no!

Sean: I'm sorry, one hour.

Maddox: One hour, yeah!

Dick: Okay, yes.

Sean: Jesus Christ, yeah!

Maddox: Okay -

Dick: (interjects) Jeheeheesus Christ, is right! (grinning)

Sean: Hey, I've been up 'til like 4 in the morning. Like...

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Sean, you could be dead and you should still get that right immediately.

Sean: Yeah, if you're...

Maddox: Well, okay, so here's the thing, Dick. I have -

Sean: (interjects) Jesus.

Maddox: I have a suspicion that that question itself is a little bit of a trick question.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because it seems so simple that people overthink it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: But I do genuinely also believe that the other side of it is a lot of people are really just fuckin' dumb, and they...

Dick: Don't understand.

Maddox: They don't understand, and they also...they think that it's uncool to know and be versed in math. To even be able to answer that question correctly right off the bat is uncool.

Dick: Well, that part's a bit of a leap for me. What, Sean?

Sean: Can you have acute stupidity? That's what I'm blaming it on.

Maddox: Acute stupidity?

Dick: Acute stupidity.

Sean: Acute stupidity, yeah.

Dick: Like momentary flashes of stupidity?

Sean: Yeah, what I just did.

Dick: Sure! Yeah.

Maddox: Sean, you're not a stupid person. You had -

Sean: (interjects) I didn't THINK so, until now. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: No. No Sean, I think that you are in the latter camp where you over-...overthunk it and tried to, uh...I don't know. (stammers) You have hiccups, sure.

Dick: People ask you a question and you think they want more thought than is required.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: If somebody asks you something that's obvious, you think, "Well, why are they asking me? It must be trickier, especially 'cause they got this stupid smug grin on their face that I wanna knock through the back of their head."

Maddox: Right. So Dick, I wanna talk about specifically, though, the people who embrace dumbness, and this is one of the clips. This is one of the videos that's floating around on the Internet. I saw this on the front page of Reddit, and it's one of these videos where people record their friends trying to answer this question.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Listen to this. [**plays clip from "80 mph" video**]

Girl asking: ...80 miles per hour, how long will it take you to go 80 miles?

(brief silence)

Girl answering: Whaaaat? (other girl giggles)

Dick: "Whuuuuiiit?" (ditzy voice)

Maddox: "Mlehhh?"

Girl answering: Okay, if you're going 80 miles per hour...

Girl asking: Mhm.

Girl answering: ...how long will it take you to go 80 miles?

Girl asking: Yeah. (laughing)

Girl answering: I don't understaaand! (both girls giggle)

Dick: No?

Maddox: "Euhhh!" (whiny voice)

Girl answering: Okay, 80 m-...so do I, like, divide something?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Euhhleh!"

Girl asking: No. (giggles)

[clip ends]

Dick: Well, that's misleading. You definitely divide.

Maddox: (ditzy voice) "Mehh, I don't understaaand! Ehehehehehh!" IDIOT. These fuckin' morons think it's cute to be dumb. They embrace it! They love it. Newsweek did a poll, Dick, of 1,000 US citizens and found that 44% couldn't define the Bill of Rights! 73% couldn't say why we fought the Cold War.

Dick: The entire Bill of Rights, or they couldn't...they couldn't say what it is?

Maddox: No, they didn't know what it is. Yeah.

Dick: Well... (scoffs) I don't know. Is that anti-intellectualism's fault?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I don't know that I could list all 10 of them.

Maddox: Well, but you know what the Bill of Rights are, right?

Dick: First 10 amendments of the Constitution, right? That guarantee personal freedoms...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...that get chiseled away at every year. Right?

Maddox: (laughs) Okay. You gotta wedge in your little, uh...

Dick: By a Nobel Prize-winning, uh, peacemonger.

Sean: Say it! (Dick laughs) Say it, Maddox.

Maddox: Libertarian agenda!!

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Sean: There it is! (laughing)

Maddox: You were waiting for it. I'm givin' you blue balls, Sean.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, Representative Paul Broun... ('broon') Broun? ('brown') Whatever, from Georgia says evolution and the Big Bang theory are lies. Listen to this. This is a clip from a congressman!

Dick: Okay. [**Maddox plays Paul Broun clip**]

Broun: (thick Southern accent) All this stuff I was taught about evolution and...embryology and the Big Bang theory, all that is lies (Dick laughs) **straight from the pit o'hell.**

[clip ends]

Dick: I'm so glad he has that accent!

Maddox: Yeah. "Liiiies straight from the pit o'hell."

Dick: Yeah. Fuckin' magnets, man. How do they work? (smiling)

Maddox: Well, apparently they don't! They're lies, Dick!

Dick: Lies?

Maddox: They're lies from the pit of hell.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: The pit of hell! The very d-...the very bottom of hell. So clearly, not only are these lies straight from hell, but they're from the WORST part of hell, supposedly.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, if hell's a bad place, the pit of it must be even worse!

Dick: The traitors. That's where the traitors go.

Maddox: You wanna be -

Dick: (interjects) Judas, Cassius. (Maddox chuckles) The ci-...I'm serious!

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The pit of hell?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You wanna be at the top of hell. If you go to hell, you wanna be, like, in the clouds.

Dick: Limbo.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The very top, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The unbaptized children.

Maddox: Well, that was a congressman. Here is a senator, Senator James Inhofe. He brought a snowball to the Senate floor. (Sean chuckles in the background) To disprove global warming. Listen to this. [**plays James Inhofe clip**]

Inhofe: You know what this is? It's a snowball, and that...just from outside here, so it's very, very cold out. Very unseasonal. So here Mr. President, catch this. Mhm! Um...

[clip ends]

Maddox: He threw a snowball... (Dick guffaws)

Dick: What a jackass. (laughing)

Maddox: ...on the Senate floor, to disprove global climate change. (incredulous) Meanwhile, by the way, last year was the hottest on record, directly in line with predictions of climatologist models.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, so -

Dick: (interjects) So this...wait, wait, wait a minute. You got a buncha stuff going on here already.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You got a little girl who's too stupid to do basic math...or who doesn't understand the question. Right? (Maddox starts to protest) She's either stupid or she got duped into saying the wrong thing, let's say.

Maddox: Yeah, but it's not just her, Dick. There are so many countless examples of people online who think it's cool to be dumb.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They really...they think it's...they think that, uh, that learning math is uncool, that learning...anything, science is uncool, they think that, um...and that's kind of why I think there's a backlash to it. That stupid "I Fucking Love Science" Facebook meme?

Dick: I hate that thing.

Maddox: I do too!

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause it's NOT science.

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: It's just pictures.

Maddox: It's science tourism, and it's not helping this problem at all. It is anti-intellectualism, because it's, um...it's almost like the slacktivist version of interest in science, because you're not doing the work. You're not doing the research, you're not reading the studies; you're just looking at pictures. You're lookin' at pretty pictures of things.

Dick: Yeah. Well, when you say "intellectuals," when you say "anti-intellectualism," what I picture in my head is some tweed-jacket-wearing, mustachioed snob that called themselves an intellectual so they could feel superior to everyone else and to manufacture authority for their stupid opinions. When I hear "intellectual," that's what I think. I don't think about a reverend trying to sell the Bible to his constituents. You know? Like that guy who said the Big Bang is a lie. Like, of course you're gonna say that! You're selling to a bunch of die-hard Bible-thumping Christians. That's the line! You know what I'm saying? I don't know if that's, like, if that's intellectualis-...if that's anti-intellectualism rather than slavish religious devotion.

Maddox: Well Dick, that, uh, that slavish religious devotion...look man, there's nothing inherently wrong with, uh, with...my philosophy on religion versus say, science, for example. There's nothing inherently contradictory between the two because science is equipped to answer the questions "what," "how," "when," and sometimes "where." Those are the questions that science can answer.

Dick: And "why."

Maddox: No! Science can't answer "why."

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: "Why"...

Dick: Energy.

Maddox: Hold on, lemme explain.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: "Why" is a philosophical question, Dick. "Why" is in the realm of philosophy. And when I was 7 years old, I was kinda curious about religion and I looked up in the dictionary the definition of "religion," and it said...very simple definition. It said it's a group of people who share a common philosophy, and I thought, "Okay, well, then a lot of different groups of people who have a common philosophy can be defined as religious," right? And I believe that modern secularism, like say on Reddit, r/AtheismPlus or whatever? It's almost become its own secular type of religion because they share a common philosophy, and religion is trying to answer that question "why." Like, science isn't gonna say WHY the Big Bang happened.

Dick: Well, but it's gonna say why did the ball fall out of the sky? Gravity.

Maddox: That's HOW. That's not why.

Dick: Ah, okay.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Well, whatever you're...I don't know. If it's a saying you're trying to make, then fine. I'm -

Maddox: (interjects) No no, it's a really important distinction, Dick! "How" and "why" are s-...HUGE, hugely different questions. There's a huge chasm of knowledge in between the two. You cannot...science can never answer "why"! Science is not equipped to answer "why," because that is in the realm of philosophy.

Dick: Eh, alright.

Maddox: And that's why I don't have an inherent problem with people who have a philosophy, be it religion or something else, as long as you're not being anti-intellectual about it like this dipshit senator...this congressman was.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, back to that Newsweek article. "Poll after poll shows that voters have no clue what the budget actually looks like. In 2010, a World Public Opinion survey found that Americans want to tackle deficits by cutting foreign aid from what they believe is the current level, at 23% of the budget, to a more prudent 13%." What do you think about that?

Dick: Cutting foreign aid?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I'm for it.

Maddox: You're for it?

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: 'Cause it's...I don't wanna give them my money.

Maddox: Wh-...well, do you think that it's too much? We're giving them too much foreign aid?

Dick: Of my money? Yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Anything more than zero is too much.

Maddox: Anything more than zero?

Dick: Of my money, yes.

Maddox: Okay Dick, what do you think the actual percentage is of foreign aid that we give to, uh, to other countries?

Dick: As a percentage of what? Taxes?

Maddox: As a percentage of our...let's see...

Dick: GDP?

Maddox: Yeah, of our budget. Of our national budget.

Dick: Probably extremely small.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So -

Dick: (interjects) What, is it in the...is it in the billions, that we give in foreign aid?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Is it in the tens of billions?

Maddox: Well, that's, uh...that's not a very helpful number, because it's...we're talking relative budgets. Like, $16 million is nothing to a government budget, right?

Dick: Well, but -

Maddox: (interjects) That's a drop in the bucket, but it's -

Dick: (interjects) If trillions is the amount that we're getting in taxes, then tens of billions means something.

Maddox: Well, it's -

Dick: (interjects) It's a fraction of a percent.

Maddox: Exactly, so we're talkin' about percentages. It's less than 1%.

Dick: Fraction of a percent, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what I thought.

Maddox: Less than 1%. So it's kind of like trying to say, "Well, I'm gonna save money, so I'm gonna stop buying toothpicks," where the majority of your spending is going towards gambling or alcohol or some other wasteful spending. Right?

Dick: Wait a minute, wait a minute.

Maddox: It's kind of like -

Dick: (interjects) Do you have a problem with what I just said? That I don't...that my estimates of how much we were giving...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...were exactly right, AND I had a problem with giving it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you have a problem with any of that?

Maddox: (chuckles) No. No, you bully. (both laugh)

Dick: I'm just curious, 'cause you asked me those questions and they were in line with what your research says, so I thought the point would be that I didn't know what I was talking about.

Maddox: I thought -

Dick: (interjects) Or these people didn't.

Maddox: I thought you might be, in this specific case, one of these people, Dick. Because you...I hear a lot of libertarians say, "Well, we should cut foreign aid. We should cut foreign aid, it's wasteful spending, blah blah blah," but it's not. It's less than a drop in the bucket, where the majority of the spending, Dick...this is, um...here, I'll continue reading this article.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: It says here, "A January 25th CNN poll, meanwhile, discovered that even though 71% of voters want smaller government..." Did you know that, Dick? 71% of voters say they want smaller government.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "But the vast majority of them oppose cuts to Medicare (81%), Social Security (78%), and Medicaid (70%). Instead they prefer to slash waste, a category..." (Dick laughs loudly) Yeah! "...a category that, in their - "

Dick: (interjects) Ahhh. Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: "...in their fantasy world, accounts for 50% of the spending, according to a 2009 Gallup poll." So people think that the majority of our money is being wasted on foreign aid when it's not!

Dick: Wait a minute, I agree with those numbers though! I'm one of those -

Maddox: (interjects) Okay, here we go! (chuckling)

Dick: Well yeah, because I think that the, um...with the government supporting health care, it artificially inflates the cost of health care. I wouldn't be surprised if that artificial inflation was 50%, if 70% of the value of soy comes from subsidies. That's a 70% percent waste! If you wanna knock that down to 50 for health care, I wouldn't be surprised by that.

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: I don't think that's...I mean, I don't think that's outta line.

Maddox: Dick, wasteful spending is defined more like pork barrel spending. Spending on projects that don't go anywhere, dead-end projects. Like say China, for example, and it's...and you can make the case that this is something that they do to stimulate their construction sector, but they build buildings and then destroy them, and then build buildings and then destroy them. They just keep doing this over and over again to keep these, uh, keep these people employed. That's...I think you could make the case that that's wasteful spending.

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: But wasteful spending, Dick...but -

Dick: (interjects) Obvious wasteful spending!

Maddox: Right, right, right, but that...it doesn't account for 50%.

Dick: Well, but this is a poll. This is people...this is asking people how much of the money do you think the government wastes?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 50%. I would say...yeah, I'd say you could do everything you're doin' for half.

Maddox: Okay. Well, that's you, Dick, not based on any qualifications or...

Dick: But that's the...that's the poll you brought in. Isn't it?

Maddox: Yeah, most people think that it's around 50%, but it's kind of like people who cry and scream and bitch about welfare when it's less than a percent...what is it? Like less than 2% of the budget, somethin' like that, where the majority of the spending is going towards military, and we have...uh, we have TONS of antiquated and deprecated military equipment that we just sit on and stockpile year after year after year, and we keep planes in budget...we keep these extremely expensive planes manufactured because the manufacturing comes from every different state in the Union, right?

Dick: Sure, yeah.

Maddox: So canceling that project would be extremely unpopular for the constituents. That's where the waste is coming from, when we are funding these deprecated technologies...

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: ...when we don't need to.

Dick: That's wasteful as well!

Maddox: Well, that is the majority of the waste. If you're talkin' about waste, Dick, buying toothpicks isn't your problem; you need to stop gambling.

Dick: So do you have a problem with me not wanting to buy...like, I have a problem with toothpicks AND the gambling. Stop both of it! And -

Maddox: (interjects) Oho, sure! (sarcastic) Stop both of it! No, the problem with that, Dick, is if you put the equal amount of attention toward stopping both, you're neglecting the more important problem. Right? Right now I have my taxes due, but also my house is on fire. Well, I'm gonna pay my taxes and put my house on...put my house out, right? No! You put the house out first because that's the important one. You take care of the big problems first! You tackle the big problems and then you look for what's left after the details.

Dick: I don't think you're gonna get buy-in on tackling the big problems though. Like, I think a lot of America supports that enormous military-industrial complex.

Maddox: A lot of Americans are ignorant and they don't even realize that it exists, according to these polls.

Dick: Uh, could be. I don't know. That -

Maddox: (interjects) I mean, how else can you -

Dick: (interjects) People are very fearful.

Maddox: Well, sure!

Dick: Like, having a big military makes 'em feel safe, I think.

Maddox: Yeah, I guess. Dick, I want to, uh...I want to read a little bit more from this Newsweek article.

Dick: Sure, go ahead.

Maddox: So in their fantasy world, these people think that 50% of our spending is wasteful, right? And these are the same people who want smaller government and yet don't want to cut Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, et cetera. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, "...politicians pander to them anyway and even encourage their misapprehensions. As a result, we're now arguing over short-term spending cuts that would cost up to 700,000 government jobs, imperiling the shaky recovery and impairing our ability to compete globally while doing nothing to tackle the long-term fiscal challenges that threaten our ability compete globally." That's the problem with worrying about this 1% of our budget that's going towards foreign aid.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because that's what they cry the loudest about, and the politicians pander to these...to their constituents! They say, "Okay, well, you guys, uh, you guys don't want us to give foreign aid. Let's cut foreign aid, let's cut these..." uh, welfare and all these other social programs that are drops in the bucket compared to the majority of the spending that we are wasting on...on excessive military surplus and deprecated technologies.

Dick: Yeah, I, um...I don't know if this anti-intellectual though, 'cause a lot of it's political. This is...a lot of these examples are very political, and when you talk about politics, when you bring up anything political you're talking about, like, people's basest fears and beliefs that are going into a lot of these decisions.

Maddox: Well, I'm glad you brought that up, Dick, because anti-intellectualism is essentially ignorance, and ignorance leads to racism, and there's a very popular story in the news right now about a guy who shot up a church, a black church in South Carolina. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So anti-intellectualism can lead to racism, which can sometimes result in tragedies that happen like in Charleston. 9 people were killed because this dipshit read some right-wing conspiracy websites about how blacks and Jews were a huge problem, so he took it upon himself to start a new race war. And he failed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The response from the blacks that he killed was forgiveness.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: His goal was to start a race war! You know what inspired this guy, this gunman, to, uh, to kill these black people?

Dick: What?

Maddox: He started Googling -

Dick: (interjects) Dukes of Hazzard?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Not Dukes of Hazzard. (Dick cracks up) Are you talking about the Confederate flag on their car?

Dick: Uh, the TV show.

Maddox: Yeah, no, I know, but because they have a Confederate flag on the car?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: What's that car called?

Dick: Um...General Lee.

Maddox: General Lee, that's right. No, it wasn't the Dukes of Hazzard, Dick. Thank you for guessing.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Um, it was... (cracks up) It was, though, the Trayvon Martin case. Trayvon Martin, for those who are not in America, was this kid walking through a neighborhood with a hoodie on, and he was followed by a neighborhood watch.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, this guy who was a self-appointed neighborhood guard, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the guy started following this dude, this kid walking through the neighborhood wearing a hoodie 'cause he's this black kid...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...walkin' through kind of an affluent neighborhood, and so he thought, "Well, I'm gonna see what this guy's up to," so he called the police and he said, "Hey, I'm following this guy."

Dick: All legal. So far.

Maddox: Well, the police told him...the police told him that, uh, to stop following him.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because...well...

Dick: Just a suggestion.

Maddox: ...as history plays out, it's a bad idea to confront people because you're not a police officer. This kid...so he went up and tried to confront this kid and the kid's like, "Back the fuck away from me."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? As he should, because you're not a fucking police officer. You can't stop people, you can't detain them, you can't interrogate them, you can't ask for anything, and no fucking crime has been committed. Fuck off!! People have a right to walk wherever the fuck they want, and it doesn't matter if they're black or wearing a hoodie and they look sinister to YOU, dickhead, but you can't stop them because you're not a fucking cop. Fuck off!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What happened after that is that the kid got in a confrontation with this guy...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...because the kid said "fuck off" and doesn't wanna be hassled, because he's a black kid and probably, you know, it may have happened a lot to him.

Dick: I'm sure it did!

Maddox: So he didn't wanna be...he wanted to be left alone. The guy wouldn't let up so they got in a confrontation, and George Zimmerman...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...the guy, the neighborhood watch, pulled a gun on the kid and shot the kid. Shot him dead. Didn't have to happen! Cops told him -

Dick: (interjects) Didn't they get into a fight too?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Cops told him to l-...to back off and stop following the guy. He wouldn't! Dick, I've seen cars driving drunk and I've called the police to report them, and the police tell me...the first thing they say is "don't follow them," 'cause they know -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, you can get hurt.

Maddox: Yeah. And also, Dick, I sincerely do have a problem with neighborhood watches because I used to live in an apartment complex that was ruled by a homeowners association, and we had a huge uptick in crime and their response was not to hire a security guard and not to put up cameras, but to instill a neighborhood watch. (Dick laughs) Great fucking policy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, guess what? This neighborhood watch policy of theirs was instilled one month before the Trayvon Martin case, and I laughed so hard at their fucking stupid policy because I saw somebody walking out of my apartment complex with a bike, and he looked suspicious. He may have been stealing the bike! And I thought for a second, "Well, this neighborhood watch is in effect. Maybe I should go confront this guy," and then I realized, "I'm not going to put my life on the line to confront somebody because I don't have a gun on me, I don't have a weapon on me, and I'm going to put myself in harm's way for what?"

Dick: A bike?

Maddox: "To save them money??"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "And besides, it might actually be his bike! I might just be goin' up to an innocent person and interrogating them for what reason?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "It's a lose-lose situation. If he's stealing it I might get attacked, and if he's not stealing it I look like an asshole." Neighborhood watches don't fucking work! You call the police, end of fucking story! Or you hire private security that know what the fuck they're doing, not this dipshit George Zimmerman. So this George Zimmerman case happened, right? This kid, this Roof kid who shot up this black church, was inspired by that guy.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: He started Googling black-on-white crime, because he thought, "Well, what's the big deal?" So this kid who shot up this black church started Googling this and he thought, "Well, I don't see what the problem is. I don't see what the big deal is. They got in a confrontation, the kid got killed. Well, what about black-on-white crime?" And he started Googling, and he went to this conservative...this far-right website that was, uh, that was talking...that showed a whole bunch of cherry-picked instances of black-on-white crime and he said, "Well, blacks are the problem," and then he started looking at some white nationalist websites and he found that...he started looking at websites about Jews and

about Mexicans, and for some reason left Asians out of this equation, but he was...he read these bullshit websites, these shitty news sources. They're not news sources, by the way. They're alternate news websites. They call them "alternate news," and they create a fear of the mainstream media by just castigating the mainstream media as being corrupt and being a shill of the government and being lies and being corporate interests and et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. Right? They create this fear, and then they post this unresearched, unsourced bullshit and then these kids...people like this kid read this website and then got inspired and tried to foment a race war.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what happened. It's ignorance! The root of this is ignorance. This is from Psychology Today; they wrote an article about anti-intellectualism recently. They said, "America is killing itself through its embrace and exaltation of ignorance, and the evidence is all around us. Dylann Roof, the Charleston shooter who used race as a basis for hate and mass murder, is just the latest horrific example. Many will correctly blame Roof's actions on America's culture of racism and gun violence, but it's time to realize that such phenomena are directly tied to the nation's culture of ignorance. [...] An anti-intellectual society, however, will have large swaths of people who are motivated by fear, susceptible to tribalism and simplistic explanations, incapable of emotional maturity, and prone to violent solutions. Sound familiar?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's people.

Maddox: That's ant-...that's what anti-intellectualism causes.

Dick: How does intellectualism fix that? Like, so this guy who wants to start a race war, that screams that he wants to be, like...he's so narcissistic and megalomaniacal, he wants to be the cause of a momentous race war. Like, I don't think learning things and reading books is gonna fix that. That's INSANE. To think you're so important that you need to be the cause of a race war? That's insanity!

Maddox: That's a good point, Dick. It is insanity, and that's a larger argument that I'd be making about gun massacres. Large mass shootings?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: If you want to blame mass shootings on guns or culture or video games or violent movies or anything, what you're essentially doing is trying to find a rational reason, a rational explanation, for an irrational act.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can't.

Dick: No!

Maddox: It's an irrational act. If you are trying to say that "because of blah blah blah, 'X', 'Y', and 'Z', this irrational act happened," you're wrong! There is no rational explanation for doing a mass shooting, killing innocent people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's no rational explanation for that.

Dick: Yeah, and I think it's gonna get worse, to be honest. Like as our lives and technology become more interwoven, random acts of sporadic, desperate acts of violence will fade away, but I think these psychopaths, like these lunatics, have easier access to kill people. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause technology makes it easier to kill lots of people, but it also...it lessens certain violence, but it opens the door for stuff like this. I think that's just the way it is.

Maddox: Well, it's not...it doesn't have to be. I think that the solution here is a greater...a greater focus on mental health, not just in this country but around the world.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If we started focusing a little bit more on mental health, remove the stigma of talking to a psychiatrist or getting therapy when you need it, then maybe we can start to see a drop in these type of violent incidents.

Dick: I think you're right about that, the stigma especially. Lemme take it back to that George Zimmerman thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because last...two Christmases ago, we had a ton of shit get stolen. We had Amazon deliveries get stolen off of people's doorsteps. Right? That's a -

Maddox: (interjects) At your apartment complex?

Dick: Yeah, at my apartment complex.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's a play that, uh, that burglars make around Christmas time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause everybody's getting a ton of stuff shipped to their apartment...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and, um, they just walk by. People think nothing of it, they walk by, grab it, leave, fence it; I don't know what they do. So after that, somebody got a bicycle stolen off of my apartment floor, which is very, VERY difficult to get into.

Maddox: And it's a bike. Was it assembled, or, uh...?

Dick: Oh, it was a full-on bike!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So they...this person got into my apartment complex through our moats and our gates and whatever...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...went up to my floor, grabbed a bike and just left!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, this...if there's an altercation in that case, if somebody tries to stop them from stealing their bike?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That could end in a murder!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That could end in an assault; it could end in anything.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's like an element of danger and chaos. Ever since then, ever since that happened and probably for the rest of my life, when I see people who are in my area who I don't know, I make a point to say "hi" at least and "Where are you...where are you in the building? Who are you here to see?" In a friendly way!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In a friendly way. "Hey, how's it goin'? Oh, what floor are you goin' to? What floor are you..." and if they start stammering and getting weird, then I think, "Ahh, I gotta look for security."

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: "At least I know this guy's face." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Now, I don't have a gun. I'm not looking to cause a fight.

Maddox: Of course, yeah.

Dick: If I see people skulking around, I wanna know what they're doing.

Maddox: That's fair, and the way you approach it, Dick, is a very, uh...it's a very good way of doing it because you're friendly and non-hostile, unlike George Zimmerman who was...he was looking for a fight.

Dick: EXACTLY, and that's the...his insanity is that he wanted to be the hero. I don't wanna be a hero.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I just wanna know who this is so when there's a...now keep in mind, the same guy who was going around all the apartment buildings close to me got into a fight with somebody 'cause he jumped over...he jumped into this chick's apartment. Like, he jumped over their balcony?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And there was a fight! There was an assault, he knocked a couple girls over, he broke up their apartment. He got arrested after that, but the point is there's a gray area between minding your own business and walking around your town like you're Wyatt Earp.

Maddox: I agree.

Dick: Right? Alright.

Maddox: I agree, and the way you're doing it is correct. If people deescalated situations...first of all, that's a skill that not a lot of people have. If you see someone who's agitated or upset or becoming agitated by what you're doing or saying, there is quite a skill to have to be able to deescalate that situation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the way you're approaching it, Dick, is non-hostile and it's non-threatening. You're doing it just the right way, and your approach afterwards is to contact security. Great!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a model...that's a model citizen. That's exactly what you should -

Dick: (interjects) I'm...I am America. (both laugh)

Maddox: Dick, I just wanna end on this one last point.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: And I know this has been a long problem, but -

Dick: (interjects) Well, it got big!

Maddox: Yeah, it is.

Dick: I thought it was just gonna be about you feeling smarter than everyone else again.

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: Your intellectual shit, 'cause I think...I don't like intellectuals.

Maddox: Oh. (amused)

Dick: I don't like Neil deGrasse Tyson. I think it's a name that they call themselves so their opinion is inherently worth more than everybody else's.

Maddox: Dick, what is -

Dick: (interjects) You know?

Maddox: What is in-...what is an intellectual?

Dick: An intellectual to me is somebody whose hobby is consuming what they consider smart materials. Like, enriching their mind, so to speak. But it's the same as, like, a CrossFit person. An intellectual to me is like a CrossFit guy but with books.

Maddox: Yeah, no...okay, that's your definition of it, and I... (chuckles) I regret asking. Uh... (both laugh)

Sean: That term, the term "intellectual," is usually applied...by the person s-

Dick: (interjects) As a pejorative!

Sean: Well, no...well, but...

Maddox: No, it's not. (disdainful)

Sean: It's usually given to the person by that person.

Dick: Yeah, exactly!!

Maddox: No, it's not.

Sean: Isn't it?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Who describes somebody like, "Oh, they're a real intellectual"? You say like, "Oh, they're very smart," or "they're very wise," or "they're very well-cultured," or "they're well-learned."

Maddox: Because, Dick, the concept of intellectual...if somebody's truly intellectual, they're usually pretty smart, right? And part of being smart is also having an element of self-cognizance and self-awareness and realizing how coming across as an immodest douchebag can make people like you less. And by the way, I don't fit in that category, 'cause my Twitter account right now, my profile says...here, I'll read the actual quote.

Dick: "Visionary"? Something like that?

Maddox: Yeah, it says... (cracks up) It says here, "Intellectual heavyweight." (laughs) "Thought leader. Genius."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's me.

Dick: Prick.

Maddox: Yeah, but that's me!

Dick: Smug prick. (both laugh) That's what an intellectual is! An intellectual to me is, like, someone who was born beautiful and is always lording it over everyone else. It's like, "Yeah, congratu-...like, you like this shit."

Maddox: Nooo.

Dick: "You like reading stupid books the same as every other intellectual, every brainiac who likes to pretend that their mind was opened by reading about how big the universe is. Why don't you shut up and come help us dig some holes out here?"

Maddox: No, Dick. An intellectual is just somebody who rea-...you don't have to just read "smart" books. You don't have to read Top 100 books, or you don't have to read Dickens all fucking day to be an intellectual. You can read whatever you want to be an intellectual, but part of the element that makes you an intellectual is critical thinking.

Dick: Oh, god. (under his breath)

Maddox: Alright? Yeah. Yeah! I'm tying this in with that solution! Go vote it up, people!!

Dick: I thought it would be more about these...like, this culture of embracing ignorance, like what these little girls are doin'.

Maddox: Oh, it is! This all has to do...I mean, this is a big problem, Dick. I know we, um...there's a lot to cover here. I just wanna end on this one last point from Psychology Today. They said, "Some will point out, correctly, that even educated people can still be racists..." That's true!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: "...but this shouldn't remove the spotlight from anti-intellectualism. Yes, even intelligent and educated individuals, often due to cultural and institutional influences, can sometimes carry racist biases. But critically thinking individuals recognize racism as wrong and undesirable." And this article goes on. I didn't bring in the rest of the quote. Uh... (chuckles) There's one page left on my printer at home, but... (both laugh) But I did leave it off there intentionally because that last sentence is really important. You know I talked about critical thinking as a solution...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...in the solutions episode, right? They said here, "critically thinking individuals recognize racism as wrong and undesirable." Why? Why is racism wrong and undesirable? You ever think about that, Dick?

Dick: Like, to me personally or in society as a whole?

Maddox: In society as a whole.

Dick: Well, it breeds discontent.

Maddox: Yeah! It breeds discontent.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's exactly right. So I talked to this friend of mine one time who had this professor in college who taught a course, and he was making a case for blacks being intellectually inferior. He said that genetically...and he, like, cited a whole bunch of really dubious sources.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But he said intellectually, blacks are genetically inferior, and I said, "Okay. First of all, you sound like a racist douchebag." This professor does, right? And he said, "Well, but look at the research and blah blah blah blah blah," and I thought, "Okay, well, what I'm doing now is an ad hominem attack."

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: "If I don't consider the ideas of the person saying it, then I'm just being an ad hominem douchebag." Right? So I thought, "Okay, let's assume that everything this person is saying is correct about blacks being..." Uh, let's say in this fantasy world that you can make the case for blacks being intellectually inferior.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, how is that information useful?

Dick: Yeah, doesn't matter.

Maddox: For public policy? Say you wanted to create some public policy based on that knowledge. Do you think that blacks are just gonna sit back and say, "Okay! Well, I guess the fuckin' research is there, so let's go ahead and discriminate against us." It's going to foment racial discontent, and it's going to cause MORE problems, not less. It's not solving ANY problems.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Even if it were true, it's not even useful! And it's not true, by the way. But it's not even useful!

Dick: I still think that racism is more culture-based than anti-intellectual-based, 'cause, like...does it happen as often where people are spontaneously racist in environments where they're not raised that way? I feel like it's passed on from generation to generation. You slowly have to quell it out of the mindset, you know? I don't think it's about being educated.

Maddox: It could be part of the human condition to relate to...'like' likes 'like', right?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: We identify with people who look like us, and therefore give them benefits and...it may come back to some basic instinct of tribalism. Who knows?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: There may be...you know. Who knows? It could be somethin' like that, but I think that ignorance is at the heart of this and I think anti-intellectualism is at the heart of it. I think people who read more are smarter, I think people who do math more are smarter.

Dick: Mmm. Yeah.

Maddox: The neural pathways in their minds get built and reinforced the more they use it, and the less they use it the more likely they are to read these Infowars and stupid bullshit conspiracy websites and alternate news websites without thinking critically, without questioning their sources, without looking into anything that they're ingesting into their minds. That's why these dipshits, this anti-intellectualism is a huge problem. Vote it up.

Dick: Well, if you're so smart, why aren't you rich? To everyb-...all these intellectuals. Right? They -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, because not everyone values money, Dick.

Dick: Well, okay. (sneering) Uh, whenever I think of intellectuals, I think...who was that asshole that posted a video of his Lamborghini in his garage and then he was like, "But that's not what I really value in this garage." (Maddox chuckles) "I value all these BOOKS, 'cause I'm sooo smart."

Maddox: Ohh, alright. Sure. (groaning)

Dick: That's an intellectual! Somebody who...

Maddox: (interjects) That's a smug prick! No, he's not.

Dick: ...brags and prides themselves on their ability to fuck books. I mean, read books.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: That's an intellectual.

Maddox: No, that's not an intellectual.

Dick: It's not...you're not saying a lack of education...like, racism is this problem you're bringing in. I don't think it's based on anti-intellectualism though.

Maddox: Of course it is!! It's ignorance! It's the embrace of ignorance, and the dumber we are as a society, the more likely it is for racism to exist.

Dick: Well, you know what ignorance I do wanna solve?

Maddox: What's that? (smiles)

Dick: Uh, the ignorance of not getting a great shave. (Maddox spits out laughing) Because this episode is brought to you by Harry's! Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "biggestproblem" to save $5 off your first purchase. I use my Harry's razor all the time. I don't know how they're making any money because I've been using the same set that they sent us months ago without needing a new one, so it'll last you forever. Uh, if -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, if you were to buy a new set, Dick, is there some discount or...?

Dick: It's only 15 bucks.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: And you get $5 off when you put in our first...our promo code "biggestproblem". With that $15, you get the razor, 3 blades and your choice of Harry's shave cream or foaming shave gel. Look, if you didn't get your dad a Harry's razor for Father's Day, you fucked up.

Maddox: Oh man, did you ever.

Dick: But there's still time! Dads will take late gifts.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're not like...you know, they're not like a wife or a girlfriend with their anniversary. You could miss Father's Day, get him the present a week later...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...he's still gonna appreciate it.

Maddox: Yeah, that's right. He'll especially appreciate it when he sees the quality of these blades, man. Like you said, Dick, my blades still...I still haven't thrown them out. They still work great!

Dick: Yeah, plus they look cool.

Maddox: Yeah, they look really cool.

Dick: You got a girl over, she's gonna go snooping through your medicine cabinet. They all do!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's she gonna find? A boss-ass razor sittin' there.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And she's gonna get horny as shit. (both laugh)

Maddox: She's gonna wanna shave her legs!

Dick: Yes. (grinning) Um... (both laugh again)

Maddox: By the way, Dick, this isn't just for guys! Get Harry's for your legs, ladies!

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Oh, I...they don't need different ra-...? No, you're right!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Women use shitty razors for their legs!

Maddox: They're shitty ra-...yeah! And I remember one time I was dating this girl, and she saw my razor in the shower, whatever. She's like, "Well, can I use that?" I'm like, "Uh, you better! It'd be better if you used that," and so she tried it and she said, "This is the best...the smoothest shave I've ever had." I'm like, "Yeah!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Guys know a thing or two about shaving!"

Sean: There was an article about that where they say women should be using men's razors...

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: ...because they're superior.

Maddox: Oh, absolutely.

Dick: Oh, that's sexist. (Maddox laughs loudly) Don't let Anita Sarkeesian hear you say that.

Sean: No, because guys shave every day!

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright, go to http://harrys.com, promo code "biggestproblem". Save 5 bucks off your first purchase.

Maddox: Hey man, if I was gonna use a tampon, I'd buy a chick brand. Chicks know a thing or two about tampons, probably. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Uh, you wanna hear more of -

Sean: (interjects) "You offer the Buster's brand?"

Maddox: Bust-...?

Sean: You have, like, Buster's? You know...

Maddox: Buster's tampons?

Sean: Homegrown tampons?

Maddox: Garbage!

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: I don't want Chuck's or Larry's tampons either.

Sean: Okay.

Maddox: What's that, Dick?

Dick: You wanna hear more of...who...what was the name of our stupid correspondent for E3 that's not Asterios Kokkinos?

Maddox: It's my buddy Tom Phillips!!

Dick: Tom Phillips, right.

Maddox: From http://gameobliterator.biz! Come on, Dick. [**Dick plays next Tom Phillips E3 bit**]

(techno beat in background)

"Tom Phillips": Thanks Dick & Maddox. I'm Tom Phillips, junior editor at GameObliterator.biz, and here's the latest video game scoops on E3's hottest indie titles.

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

"Tom Phillips": Capcom North-North-SouthEast announces "Street Mediator II." Sit down around the community garden and just hash out all this street fighting already. C'mon, M. Bison, wouldn't you rather launch a flaming human torpedo...of mutual respect? (Maddox laughs) **E. Honda, trade that hundred hand slap...for a hundred high fives! Help Ryu turn that haaduken into a haadu-i-can...forgive my enemies and myself.** (Maddox laughs more) **Coming soon to the Playstation 4 -- oh no, no it's canceled. It's already canceled.**

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

[bit ends]

Maddox: (still laughing) Tom Phillips!

Dick: Maybe you should play Matt Bahr at that. Street Mediator. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Street Mediator?

Dick: Instead of Street Fighter.

Maddox: Yeah, he'll probably cheat at that too. (Dick laughs) [**Dick plays next Tom Phillips E3 bit**]

(techno beat in background)

"Tom Phillips": CD Projekt Red delivers again with "The Witcher 4: It's Just Sex Scenes This Time." (Dick and Maddox laugh) **The controls are simple: every time you press B, Geralt has sex with another hot elf, princess, centaur, or manticore. It's not out 'till next year, but it's somehow already sold over 600 million copies. Could a sequel be far behind? No, it's not: stay tuned for "The Witcher 5," the first game ever to come with lube.**

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

[bit ends]

Dick: Is that game really that full of sex? The Witcher?

Maddox: The Witcher? Uh, there's a bunch of sex scenes in it, yeah.

Dick: Should I get it?

Maddox: I mean, you can do it to a prostitute. Hm?

Dick: You go to a prostitute in the game?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: There are a lot of really funny Witcher 3 clips online of the game glitching during the sex scenes, (Dick cackles) so the processor -

Dick: (interjects) Why would they put sex scenes in a game??

Maddox: It's stupid.

Dick: Stupid. (laughing)

Maddox: Just a bunch of...'cause the kids who are buying...the people who are buying this are in their, like, late 30s. That's the demographic for these video games, and they're not sitting there jerking off to video games like we would when we were 16 maybe.

Dick: Yeah, and like, I don't wanna see a bunch of Legos having sex. Like, it doesn't look real.

Maddox: I mean, eh...it's better than your imagination. (laughs)

Dick: It's definitely not. I would rather just read, like, a box that popped up and says like, "And then they banged."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Instead of seeing a bunch of polygons rubbing -

Sean: (interjects) What if the Lego woman was pregnant? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Sean! (annoyed) More... (**buzzer sound effect**) (Sean laughs) Fuck you, Sean. (quietly) (Sean still laughing)

Dick: Let's see here... (smiling) Here's the last one. [**plays next Tom Phillips E3 bit**]

(techno beat in background)

"Tom Phillips": Fans at E3 thrilled to the all new Steam exclusive, "Turns Out, YOU'RE The Nazis!" (Maddox and Sean laugh) **The whole time you're playing the game you think you're the good guys, but it turns out you're the Nazis. You hear that small explosion? That's your mind being blown. See Dad, video games can be art. The game makes great use of the Wii-mote for the stage where you break down crying in the shower. Four stars, out of like a hundred stars.**

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

[bit ends]

Dick: Ha! There you go.

Maddox: I love that guy, uh, Cocon-...I mean, Tom.

Dick: Tom Phillips is his name?

Maddox: Tom Phillips, yeah. Mhm.

Dick: I do like the sound...I do like it when he's not shouting.

Maddox: Yeah, not Coconuts.

Dick: Alright. We got time for my problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Jeeesus Christ. (Sean laughs in the background) We're already at a minute-10?

Maddox: An hour-10.

Dick: An hour-10, excuse me.

Sean: (interjects) Well, Maddox had to pontificate for a while on his...

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: You did go on.

Maddox: Oh, I'm sorry. (sarcastic)

Dick: That was a long problem.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: I just wanna hear more about what you specifically think about kids who are anti-intellectuals. Like, the racism thing was a big leap for me. I know there is a trend of anti-intellectualism...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and I'm on board with it, because I see intellectuals as that asshole with the Lamborghini who's also saying "look at all these books that I have."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I wanted to hear what you think about, like, KIDS being anti-intellectual, 'cause I'll tell you another type of anti-intellectualism...

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: ...that's rampant: people being proud of their ignorance about sports.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, every time you hear "sportsball," it's like, "Oh, congratulations, you smug asshole. You're so learned and smart. You're so busy thinking about how to solve all the world's problems on the Internet that you can't even learn how to say 'football.'"

Maddox: Yeah, I'm -

Dick: (interjects) "Good for you. You're SO fuckin' smart."

Maddox: I'll give you that. I'll give you that, Dick. That is annoying. I used to be one of those guys! I used to, uh, I used to shit on football a lot. I'd call it "sportsball" and joke around. You know, I don't respect it, but I do respect certain aspects of sports, which is the amount of thought that goes into the strategy that they employ...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...for different plays, and also the business of it. The business model is brilliant! They are making...it is the most lucrative pastime, I think, in this country, right? Sports. Or in the world!

Dick: I mean, I...I don't know. How do you define "pastime"? Probably aviation might be a bigger lucrative pastime.

Maddox: Well, something that people just do recreationally. Sports, right.

Dick: Mhm, yeah.

Maddox: There is no...

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: I mean, other than the players who are doing it for their jobs.

Dick: What about the training? You don't respect that at all? The amount of training that these athletes put themselves through?

Maddox: Uh, to an extent, because they do select people who are genetically predisposed. Like in basketball, they select the tallest people in the world. By the way, I heard this, I think, on either This American Life or Radiolab. They talked about how people who are above 6' 5" in society -- 6 foot 5 inches...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...are so rare, and 17% of them in the WORLD are in the NBA.

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's interesting.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So if you're born over 6' 5", you've got a 1 in 5 chance of being a professional basketball player?

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, basically.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, but see, you say that they're genetically predisposed to sports, but people who are intellectual are genetically predisposed to reading books and...

Maddox: Well...

Dick: ...soaking in information. Like that broad in the video you played, she doesn't get anything out of a book when she reads it. It's just words that are bouncing off of her stupid brain. You know?

Maddox: I disagree. I think -

Dick: (interjects) She'd have to work INCREDIBLY hard to understand how stupid she is to not know immediately that the answer of "If you're going 80 miles per hour, how long does it take you to go 80 miles? An hour." She'd have to work very hard to understand that, whereas you wouldn't. Genetically.

Maddox: I don't know that genetics have to do with it, Dick. I remember in 3rd grade I hated reading books, and that was the turning point for me, when...in 3rd grade my teacher instilled a love of reading in me because she forced us to read so many books, and eventually I read one or two that I liked and I thought, "Okay, this is...I get it."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "This is kinda cool." So maybe it's a matter of parents not really tamping down on their kids and ask-...and forcing them to do what they need to do in school.

Dick: Alright. I'm gonna save my problem for next week, 'cause it's huge.

Maddox: Hoooh, boy! One problem... (laughs)

Dick: I'll bring in another problem. Um, the free water glasses! You know? You go to a fast food place...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...and you ask for water...

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: ...and they say, "Oh, do you want bottled water?" and you say, "Yeah, but I don't wanna pay for the bottle of water. I want you to shove it up your ass."

Maddox: H'okay. (chuckling)

Dick: "Because it's just overcharged tap water."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Er, it's overpriced tap water..."

Maddox: It is.

Dick: "...so give me a glass so, like a human, I can go drink some free water because you get it for free."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? To the re-...and they give you this shitty little clear plastic glass.

Maddox: Yeah. Mhm. The cup of shame!

Dick: It's a shame cup.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they say, "Here you go, sir. Here's your thimble. Here's your plastic thimble that will disintegrate if you use...if you touch it wrong."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "If you have a tighter grasp than, like, a baby infant, than a baby child, it will destroy itself. Here. To your heart's content, go get 2 ounces of water..."

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: "...with this glass, because you wouldn't pay $1.50 for a grown-up glass."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: It's almost as if they are annoyed by your request, so they're going to annoy YOU with their cup.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And you know what the -

Dick: (interjects) And...go ahead.

Maddox: You know what another problem is with those cups? They dissolve! I like to put lemon in my water, and if I...sometimes I'll squeeze the lemon and I'll notice there'll be some lemon juice on my hands.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So I'm carrying the cup from my...from the time it takes to take it from the drink fountain to my seat, and I put it down and it sticks to my hand! The cup is sticking because the acid in the lemon -

Dick: (interjects) I didn't know that. It leaks through?

Maddox: Yeah, the acid in the lemon dissolves it! So I'm drinking the fuckin' plastic or whatever the shit is.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: These toxic chemicals I'm ingesting because I put -

Dick: (interjects) Which are also feminizing chemicals!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Anything that's hard plastic. Is it hard plastic or soft plastic?

Maddox: I think it's soft plastic.

Dick: Yeah. It's got chemicals in it that fuck up your DNA so you're more, uh, chick-like.

Maddox: Yeah! They talked about that...I think that was the premise of the movie Children of Men.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah! So in Children of Men, they didn't really talk about the explanation of why people stopped having kids. It's a great movie, by the way. Go watch it if you haven't, this movie called "Children of Men." Suddenly all the people...all the women in the world stopped having kids because men started becoming sterile and they couldn't figure out why, but the genesis of that explanation, the science behind it, is that over time the more estrogen and things that we don't filter out of our water supplies -- because there are so many pharmaceuticals in our water supplies that we're not filtering -- they have a cumulative effect on men, and then it hits a tipping point where men become sterile, so that was the premise of that movie.

Dick: BPAs, man.

Maddox: BPA, yeah.

Dick: So you get this melting glass, 'cause God forbid you should take a lemon.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Over to your table, and you swig it down in about 2 bites and then you gotta walk over and get more wa-...just give me a regular glass. What is the purpose of the clear glass? Don't say it's about cost, because you have to make an entirely separate type of

glass just for water. Just give me the ones that you have. There's no way you could save money by making a separate shitty glass. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just use the ones you already have! Is it clear because you think I'm gonna steal some of your precious Coke?

Maddox: Ohh, that's what it is!

Dick: And you wanna see and make sure I'm not...?

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: If you see me filling this up with Coke, there's gonna be two options. Option A: I'm sober, in which case you're gonna have a big fucking problem on your hand, 'cause I like to argue when I'm sober.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: And I'm not gonna be told I can't drink soda out of a soda fountain just because the glass is clear.

Maddox: I can tell you were sober during my problem today. (both laugh)

Dick: What, you think I argued too much about that one??

Maddox: No no, I'm just bustin' your balls.

Dick: Option 2: I'm drunk!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I got a glass and decided I wanted some soda and put it in there. There's gonna be...if that's a problem, you've got a way b-...if there's gonna be a confrontation over getting 2 ounces of soda, you've got a WAY bigger problem on your hand. You've suddenly got a way bigger problem on your hand.

Maddox: And then some restaurants put up those threatening signs around everywhere too where they threaten you with a fee, a penalty, if they catch you putting soda in your water cup. Guys, it's less than a penny worth of fucking syrup!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Shut up! Like, some people...if one person buys a drink -- the person behind me in line buys a drink or the person in front of me -- he's paid for the next 10 people. Shut up!! Who cares?! It's fucking syrup! It's sugar! I'll bring a fuckin' packet of sugar and throw it in your face. There you go!

Dick: Just give me a real glass.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't want this...you get this little glass, you put it in your car...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...you put it...you TRY to put it in the cupholder; immediately spills everywhere.

Maddox: No lids! No lids for those.

Dick: So that's my problem this week.

Maddox: I think you touched on it, Dick. (Dick laughs) I think it's so they don't... (cracks up) So they don't -

Dick: (interjects) It's so they can see what you're doing, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like bus windows, how people say that bus windows are gigantic so cops can spy on minorities, which sounds...which is stupid to me, but...

Maddox: What?! Who said that?

Dick: Idiots. Like, activist idiots.

Maddox: Dylann Roof? (laughs)

Dick: No, they say...you've never heard this?

Maddox: No.

Dick: People say that the windows on buses are so big so, like, poor people aren't...people who have to ride buses who are, you know, more...usually lower-income.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So cops can see what they're doing.

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: That's like... (chuckling) Maybe it's just because it's a nicer environment to let the sunlight in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it doesn't feel like an apocalypse bus.

Maddox: And maybe it's because sometimes you spend up to 2 or 3 hours on a bus and you get depressed if you don't sit next to a giant window.

Dick: Yeah, or maybe if there's a bus crash it's easier to get people out of gigantic fucking windows that can be popped out easily than, like, cutting through steel.

Maddox: Or maybe it's because those giant windows let more air in when you open them. Maybe there's a bunch of different rational explanations other than your stupid racist theory, you non-bus-riding fuck.

Dick: Yeah, it's crazy.

Sean: Yeah, there's some newer buses with really dark tinted windows. They're really hard to see in from the outside.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But it's probably cooler inside, so it is about the passengers' comfort.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those are safer -

Sean: (interjects) Not necessarily the...

Maddox: Those are those new, uh, safe minority buses, Sean. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Oh, minorities aren't allowed on them?

Sean: Minority-friendly buses? (smiling)

Maddox: No, they're minority-friendly.

Sean: No, so the cops can't see 'em.

Maddox: There's...yeah, so the cops can't see 'em. Uh-huh.

Dick: Oh, they're crime buses.

Maddox: They're crime... (cracks up) They're crime buses.

Dick: A lot of gambling...illegal gambling's going on, and...

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (smiling)

Dick: ...cockfighting.

Maddox: (chuckles) Illegal horse bets. (both laugh) Well, good problem, Dick! (laughs more)

Dick: Yeah, there you go. Hour-20 already, man.

Maddox: Dude, did we get any, uh...? We didn't even do any voicemail or anything this time.

Dick: I'll play you some voicemails.

Maddox: So Dick, my problem this week (Dick giggles) was Anti-Intellectualism. (**closing riff starts**)

Dick: My problem's Free Water Cups.

Maddox: Free Water... (laughs) Free Water Cups. Thanks for listening, guys.

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

(theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Hi Maddox, hi Dick. This is Conor calling in from Germany. Just lettin' you know, love the show and think that this podcast should definitely be on (inaudible) list. And also, along with spicy food and attractive women, keepin' a well-kempt beard is very important to me. So the fact that I'm so fucking close I could fuckin' hop the fence and steal the razor blades makes it that much more annoying that Harry's doesn't ship to Germany. Just fuckin' hand it out the back door to me!

Maddox: Wooow.

Voicemail: So for once, Harry's, not Dick, go fuck yourself. Bye guys.

Dick: Ohhh, no way.

Maddox: Ohhhh, Harry's doesn't ship to Germany!

Voicemail: Please tell Sean not to delete this.

[message ends]

Maddox: That's 'cause they don't even need to ship! You could probably just walk into the factory!

Dick: Yeah, that's on you, idiot. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Did he just say "Sean, don't delete this"?

Dick: Yeah, he did.

Sean: Oh, fuck. (irritated)

Dick: Uh, let's see. I got a bunch of presidents.

Maddox: Alright, let's hear. (laughing)

Dick: Hilarious. (sarcastic) (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Let's hear a new president. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (loud, droning voice) Hello Dick, this is former -

Dick: [**pauses message**] Oh wait, guess who that is first. Let's see how good these impressions are.

Maddox: Alright! Alright.

Sean: It's Kennedy.

Maddox: Uh, I'm gonna guess it's a Bush.

Dick: No. (laughing)

Maddox: So who is it? [**Dick resumes message**]

Voicemail: - president John F. Kennedy.

Maddox: Oh! (laughs)

Voicemail: I currently am in the grave, but I'm calling you from beyond it to let you know that I might have a hole in my head, but you can go fuck yourself. (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: Yeah. Great. (annoyed)

Voicemail: I am John F. Kennedy, and this is how I talk. (Maddox laughs)

[message ends]

Dick: Perfect.

Maddox: Sounds like it! Well, from, uh, from beyond. [**Dick plays next message, a clean-sounding recording**]

Male voice: Hello gents. This is former US president Theodore Roosevelt.

Maddox: Okay. (amused)

Male voice: Known for speaking softly and carrying a... (zipper sound effect) ...big stick.

Maddox: Ohh, boy. (uneasily)

Dick: That's... (laughing)

Male voice: I'd like to take this opportunity to talk with you...

Dick: Very scatological, these presidents. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Male voice: ...about a problem from the last episode. You see, boys, it's in the opinion of this Rough Rider that if you're going to center a problem around one word, you should learn to correctly pronounce that word.

Dick: [**cuts off message**] Oh, fuck OFF!

Maddox: Ohh, boy.

Dick: No, I don't care. I don't care. (angrily)

Maddox: Well, what word was it? What was he talkin' about? (Dick sighs and groans)

Dick: Ughhh! Here. [**resumes message**]

Maddox: Oh, the...teleology.

Male voice: So it's without further ado that I present to you the word "teleology."

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: Yeah. (sullen) Google fucked me!

Male voice: "Teleology." (brief pause) "Teleology."

Dick: [**cuts off message**] Okay, three's enough. (Maddox laughs) Three strikes and you're out, asshole.

Maddox: Ahhh. (smiling) Which president was that? Teddy Roosevelt, huh?

Dick: That was Teddy Roosevelt.

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: This guy's pickin' on the way you talk.

Maddox: Okay. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddox, do you know, you say "man" more than anyone I know, I guess...or, uh, can name. And what's interesting is that I'm a musician. Do you understand? Like, the people I know say "man" like a lot, and most of them are stoned as shit half the time. You say "man" more than ALL of those people.

Dick: Is that true?

Voicemail: So, uh...

Maddox: Yeah. (shrugging)

Voicemail: ...(unintelligible)...or some...I dunno. Anyway, fuck off.

[message ends]

Maddox: That's my favorite word, favorite gender, baby! (Dick laughs) Never gonna stop sayin' "man"!

Dick: Oh, I got a Street Fighter callout too.

Maddox: Oh great, more fuckin' Street Fighter rookies! (annoyed) Don't know shit about Street Fighter. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Man, I fucked up that last voicemail.

Dick: He did.

Voicemail: What I'm proposing is that Maddox, if you lose at Street Fighter, that you watch Titanic and give everybody proof that you watched it, and also let that guy on the, uh, show to propose a problem. And then if you win, I'm interested as a listener to hear what the stakes are. Like, what do you want to win? Um... (Maddox belches) **So...yeah, talk about that.**

[message ends]

Dick: What do you wanna win if you beat this guy? That's a good point! There's gotta be some stakes.

Maddox: Hmm. You mean actual stakes?

Dick: Yeah, of course. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Uh, I don't know. I'd have to think about what I want to win. Maybe...maybe nothing. Maybe the satisfaction of winning is all I need.

Dick: Oh, like Ryu?

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: You're no Ryu. What do you really want to win? You... (cracks up)

Maddox: You know what? Uh, I get a night with the, uh, the loser's girlfriend. (both laugh loudly)

Dick: Ohohohoooo!

Maddox: Yeeeah!

Dick: Ohohoho, that's a good prize! (grinning)

Maddox: How's that for stakes?

Sean: What if he's gay?

Maddox: Well, I get a night with his boyfriend. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah! Same...same thing! Uh, that guy did remind me though, I forgot to play Titanic last week and I almost forgot it again, so here you go, Maddox! Enjoy. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Oh, fuck!! This is BULLSHIT! (Dick laughs) [**Dick plays next 30 seconds of Titanic**]

(Bill Paxton talking on TV in movie's background)

Dick: Remember this old lady?

Maddox: No! (annoyed)

(Bill Paxton: ...the secrets locked deep inside the hull of Titanic.)

Maddox: I've never seen that old lady! I don't know what this...

(Bill Paxton: We're out here using robot technology...)

Maddox: ...what you're referring to.

(Bill Paxton: ...to go further into the wreck than anybody has ever done before.)

Maddox: James Cameron's such a tool.

(Fake female reporter: Your organization is at the center of a storm of...)

Maddox: Terminator -

Dick: (interjects) She's about to fall down!

Maddox: The Terminator movies are...weak.

Dick: You know, watching Titanic in 30-second increments has...uh, taught me a lot about how he makes these films, too.

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly)

Dick: Like, there is a hot...this hot chick leads every scene with this old lady. Like, every 30 seconds, they cram this hot chick with her in.

(Bill Paxton: ...a piece of paper that's been underwater for 84 years...)

Maddox: Well, he has to, man!

(Bill Paxton: ...and my team were able to preserve it intact.)

(dreamy-sounding music)

Dick: See that?

Maddox: Such bullshit.

Dick: Look, she's about to see tits! THERE'S TITS RIGHT THERE! Look at that!! Look at that.

Maddox: I'm not!!

Dick: There is for-real tits!

Maddox: NO.

(Old lady: I'll be god damned!)

Maddox: They're not real ti-... [**Titanic clip ends**] This is bullshit!

Dick: You got a swearing old lady! You never -

Maddox: (interjects) I glance at the screen...you tricked me into glancing at the screen and it was a SKETCH of tits. (angrily)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It doesn't count. (Dick cackles)

Dick: Ha-haaah, you watched it! You can't un-watch it.

Maddox: I got better tits on my notes right here. I drew...oh man, I drew such a good tit right now.

Dick: Alright, let's end on some more of Tom Phillips' bits.

Maddox: Yeah, my buddy Tom! [**Dick plays next few Tom Phillips E3 bits**]

(techno beat in background)

"Tom Phillips": Coming to Steam, we've got Religious Argument Simulator II. All the fun of Thanksgiving with your family in a mobile game. (Maddox and Sean laugh) **It's got five new playable characters, including your cousin who won't shut up about atheism, your weird aunt who says she's always praying for you, and your dad who just wants to eat some goddamn turkey, can we please say the stupid prayers? It's not fun, don't play it.** (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly)

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

(techno beat comes back in)

"Tom Phillips": Tablets gets a new sim with Rollercoaster Maintenance & Safety Inspection Tycoon. Visit real rollercoasters from across the US and make sure that the employees who service them are accredited. You don't get to build or ride rollercoasters, but you do get to ensure that their restraining bars are up to code. (Maddox chuckles) **No matter how well you do your theme park goes out of business, because people really can’t afford theme parks anymore. It's sad.**

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

(techno beat comes back in)

"Tom Phillips": E3 was buzzing about the upcoming PS4 action title, Escape From The Friend Zone. (Maddox laughs) **Nice Guy Terry's always there for his female friends. From picking them up at the airport to listening to them complain about their boyfriends, there's no inconvenience Terry won't endure for all these girls who see him as a weird fat doormat.** (everyone laughs) **Can you send enough drunk texts**

to escape the friend zone? Probably not. (Dick cackles loudly) **Find out December 13th.**

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

[bits end]

Dick: "Can you send enough drunk texts?" (laughing)

Maddox: Oh man, I remember those games at E3!

Dick: All the...oh yeah?

Maddox: All those games, yeah! They're awful. [**Dick plays Tom Phillips E3 roundup outro**]

(techno beat in background)

"Tom Phillips": Well, that's it for my E3 roundup. This is Tom Phillips saying video games can go...and you can buy them, because they're great! (Maddox laughs) **They're great. And Dick, you can go fuck yourself.**

(explosion sound effect)

(Deep voice with reverb: Indie Game Roundup!)

[outro ends]

Maddox: Ohh man, I love Asterios...I mean Tom.

Problem: “**No Fumar”** [00:29:27]

Problem: **Selfie Stick** [00:47:45]

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 59</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe from ants to AIDS, with over 3.2 million downloads. This is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I am Maddox, with me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: Welcome back. Did you notice that intro? I left off "Sean, our audio engineer."

Dick: He's not here.

Maddox: He's not here today.

Dick: No. He sent me a weird text right before...last night when we were setting up the time to record, and he said he had to, uh...he had to go be in a penis contest.

Maddox: Yeah! A penis contest at the penis fair.

Dick: At the penis fair, exactly. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. He's at the penis fair right now. We have no idea where this is taking place (Dick laughs) or what happens at the penis fair, but Sean is there right now.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's also not editing this episode.

Maddox: No. (laughs) You know 'cause you can hear that last sentence.

Dick: So I don't know if he's competing in it, if he's judging it, or if he's just cooking up a penis-related dish at the penis fair. (Maddox chuckles) But he's there! If you're at the penis fair, go ahead and say "hi" to him.

Maddox: Yeah, they need a lot of judges. They have a lot of things that need to be tasted. (cracks up) At the penis fair.

Dick: Oh, is that what you think he's doing?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: A gay...gay joke?

Maddox: No, that's not necessarily gay!

Dick: Hm! That's true.

Maddox: I mean, Sean is straight. You can still taste penises...

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: ...and be straight, yeah!

Dick: It's true. That's true.

Maddox: The only difference between a straight guy and a gay guy if you taste a penis pie is that you enjoy it. One of 'em enjoys it.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Let's see what the Supreme Court has to say about it. (Maddox laughs loudly) I don't even wanna weigh in! I don't even wanna weigh in. It doesn't matter. Whatever the Supreme Court says.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the law. (smiling)

Maddox: Well, it's done! (Dick laughs) It's done. Big week this week!

Dick: Big week this week. Alright, what...uh, speakin' of big weeks, what happened last week? Did Free Water Cups beat out Anti-Intellectualism?

Maddox: No.

Dick: I think it should have.

Maddox: No, Free -

Dick: (interjects) It's a pretty big problem. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Free Water Cups did not beat out Anti-Intellectualism. Anti-Intellectualism was the #1 problem from last week. Did, uh, did pretty well. I was bringing it in...I didn't even have time in the episode last time because the conversation got derailed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I was trying to at some point make a case for our listeners being anti-intellectual for voting up Social Justice Warriors higher than real problems, actual real problems on the list like Hunger and Obesity.

Dick: Yeah, but that's the beauty of this show, isn't it?

Maddox: (chuckles) Is it?

Dick: Like, you get to see...you get to see what everybody's private priorities are. You know? Like, let's be honest. Problems that are thousands of miles away from us are just not as important as the problems that are at our front door.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the way we're built, and I'm not saying there's anything wrong with that. Like, I'm not -

Maddox: (interjects) I am!

Dick: You are?

Maddox: That's absolutely...there is something absolutely wrong with that.

Dick: Well, I don't know, Maddox!

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Do you live by that as well?

Maddox: (raises voice) Dick, that is the problem...that is why Social Justice Warriors are so infuriating, is because they're sitting here complaining about this minutia when they could be tackling actual things that are affecting millions and millions of women in HORRIFIC ways, like female genital mutilation. I see zero articles on Facebook about that every week, but I see hundreds of articles every month about manspreading and gawking and catcalling and all this shit!

Dick: Okay. I see what you're saying and I agree with you, but I will say this: as the problems get larger in scope, like when you're talking about female genital mutilation versus something like, I don't know, free water cups...

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: ...the solutions also get incredibly complicated. Like, if you were to say, "Alright everybody, we all have decided that female genit-...FGM is a big problem."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "What are we gonna do about it?" Half of those people are gonna say, "It's because of Islam!" and then you're gonna go, "WHOA, whoa, whoa, whoa! Okay, let's solve something else. I just bit off a big ol' matzo ball." You see what I'm saying? It's not as easy as saying "let's fix it" when the solution is so complicated.

Maddox: It's not, Dick! The solution is ban it! That's what Nigeria just did because of ME!

Dick: Yeah... (unsure)

Maddox: You're welcome, everyone! *I* did it. (yelling)

Dick: Well...

Maddox: I banned female genital mutilation in Nigeria because of my podcast episode. (Dick laughing) I brought it in as a problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The president of Nigeria -- big fan! He calls into the show -

Dick: (interjects) I'm surprised he hasn't called in yet. (Maddox laughs) Speaking of... (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, he hasn't called in YET.

Dick: Speaking of calls! Oh, boy. (laughing)

Maddox: We are expecting a call from the president of Nigeria any day.

Dick: Warm up those accents, boys and girls!

Maddox: Yeah. No, you just ban it, and it's not just Islam. It's the...the majority of Islam does not practice female genital mutilation. It is a cultural...

Dick: Well...

Maddox: It is a cultural thing.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you ban it like you ban marijuana and, like, all other crimes? (stammers) Like...you know what I'm saying?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Just 'cause you ban it, doesn't mean people stop doing it.

Maddox: Well, y-...okay, hold on. That's not true. If you ban it...first of all, marijuana is nothing like female genital mutilation. That's a bad analogy. But when you ban -

Dick: (interjects) It's almost the opposite!

Maddox: It's not... (laughs)

Dick: It's almost the exact opposite.

Maddox: It's not always... (unintelligible through giggles) (Dick laughs) You don't put a joint in a wo-...in a child's vagina and call it a day.

Dick: Mm! (anxiously)

Maddox: It doesn't fix things.

Dick: Child? Please. (hushed) (Maddox laughs loudly) It's gross when you say it like that.

Maddox: Okay, yeah. Um...no Dick, it is a problem that can be solved simply by banning it, and that's not going to make it ENTIRELY go away, sure!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But it will start the cultural trend against it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: No, I agree with you! I'm just saying, it's not as easy as "attack the biggest problem," 'cause the big problems have very complicated solutions that people will defend to the death.

Maddox: Yeah. Speaking of cultural trends, Dick, this week the Supreme Court turned over the gay marriage ban.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I saw -

Dick: (interjects) Congratulations, gays. Welcome to hell.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Welcome to trying to dodge this question for the rest of your lives: "When are we gettin' married?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ulllghhh! (cringing)

Maddox: That was the big joke I saw. On Comedy Central, Key & Peele had a skit about that.

Dick: Oh, did they?

Maddox: Yeah, where they were interviewing Key & Peele, and I think Peele was, like, over-the-top excited (Dick laughs) and he's like, "Yeah, I can't wait to get married," and his partner was like, "Well, uh...we didn't expect it to happen so fast."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then he goes, "Yeah, but we were already planning on places," (Dick laughs) and he goes, "Well, we're gonna talk about it for sure. We're gonna talk about this."

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah, and then Stephen Colbert made a joke about that too, about how it's now a huge problem for gay guys with commitment issues.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Now that's the biggest problem on the docket. Now here's the thing, Dick: I saw this meme floating around where people were saying, "My post on Facebook contributed to this. #slacktivism." Right? I think that when you post things on Facebook specifically to change cultural trends...because essentially whether or not we as a culture decide gay marriage is okay is entirely our opinion.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: There is no natural law forbidding gay guys from getting married. Right? Or women from getting married.

Dick: No, the natural law is for...is against marriage. Like, marriage itself is a perversion of the natural law, you might say.

Maddox: Sure! I mean, it's against my beliefs!

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: All marriage is against my beliefs!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I think that we should push to the Supreme Court to get ALL marriage banned.

Dick: Well, I...yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would support that.

Maddox: Anyway, but when it comes to something that just comes down to changing people's minds and perceptions, I don't think that's slacktivism because there is no other way to do it. Essentially, you could buy a billboard on a very busy intersection and hope that enough people see it and have their minds changed, or you could do that for free on Facebook. There is no difference. Essentially you're just trying to change people's minds.

Dick: Yeah, the gay marriage... (exhales) It's interesting, because there was a sudden public reversal.

Maddox: Sudden?

Dick: On opinion. Or, well, I would say...

Maddox: It's gradual.

Dick: In 10 years? Like, have you seen...I would call 10 years in a population of 300 million people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The swing from a lot of people were against it to, like, SO many people are suddenly for it? I would say that that happened in about 10 years...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and that it was extremely fast.

Maddox: You think 10 years is fast? Well...

Dick: For something like that, yeah.

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe you're right. Uh, we -

Dick: (interjects) Well, we went from a past where like every politician -- Obama included, Clinton included, Schwarzenegger included -- all ran on tickets opposing gay marriage!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And now all of a sudden you have the White House bathed in a rainbow like it's Rainbow Brite's headquarters.

Maddox: Right. (chuckling)

Dick: And they're like, "Uh, you guys...hey, nobody remembers when we were all against this, right? 'Cause we're all for it now."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I painted the fuckin' White House." Like, that is a huge cultural shift!

Maddox: It is. It is a huge cultural shift. Yeah, I think that happened relatively fast if you compare that cultural shift to other ones, like the Civil Rights movement, or...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. I'll give you that.

Dick: And I would've liked...this is just me speaking. I would've liked to see it play out more in public. It's cool that it's decided. That it's, you know, over and everybody can celebrate that it's legal. Personally, I would've liked to have seen more people convinced the traditional way. You know what I'm saying? Like, I don't know how public opinion swayed so extremely quickly.

Maddox: Well, the only difference we have between the way that this happened today, now, and in the past cultural shifts that happened is we have the Internet.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: We have social networks, and we have greater mobility in communication. You are able to hear from the smallest voices with no platform. Some dude sitting in his basement in Utah, for example...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...can post a comment or an opinion on the Internet.

Dick: In between his soups. (Maddox laughs) And his correspondence. In between writing correspondence to his pen pals. (smiling)

Maddox: You know, you fucker... (Dick giggles) The first time I ever did a Twitch stream, all people could talk about was soup. It took over the conversation. People were just talkin' about "what's your favorite soup?" (Dick laughs harder) And then they started talkin' about clam chowder and chicken noodle. (irritated)

Dick: How do you feel about clam chowder?

Maddox: GOOD.

Dick: That's good, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. I like to put Tabasco, lots of Tabasco in it.

Dick: Yeah, good. Good, good, good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. (amused)

Maddox: Alright Dick, I'm sorry to change the topic from this spicy conversation of delicious clam chowder... (Dick laughs) ...but, uh, I have some sad news to share.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: One of the reasons I like to do this podcast and I respect the medium of broadcasting...I've always been a fan of talk radio, ever since I was a kid. When I was 12 years old I would call in to talk radio stations every morning. I'd wake u-...I'd set my alarm, wake up, and I have a tape at home -- I gotta find that tape -- of me -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Of me in 6th grade calling in to this radio station in Utah called "The Imagination Station."

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And as a child I would call in and talk to the host. He got to know me by first name.

Dick: Is he still alive?

Maddox: I have no idea.

Dick: Would he know you? Like, would he remember those days?

Maddox: I mean, probably not.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My voice was different back then. So, I called in all the time. I started listening to talk radio from a very young age. I listened to Leykis and Stern and Phil Hendrie and all the local talk stations. One of the things that I like about talk radio is when there is that honesty and you...it affords you the ability to speak about whatever you want, and it's a really interesting medium. And part of that honesty is just sharing, uh, sharing the hosts' lives with you guys, right? So something sad happened to me this last week. My sister killed herself. It's really tragic. It's really sad, and...I talked to my family, and everyone was affected in a different way. This was my half sister from my dad's side of the family, if you wanna be technical, but...yes, it's really sad. It was a case of depression, and...you know, without going into too much detail, I'll just say that she was depressed because it was the anniversary of her partner's passing, who died I think a year prior, and she just really felt depressed about that. And I just wanna say, guys, if you are feeing that way, if you have those thoughts, if you have those considerations...uh, I read this somewhere and I'm not sure it'll help, but why not book a last ticket somewhere? Right? Travel.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: If you're gonna kill yourself, kill yourself in another country.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause when you get there, you might change your mind. You might say "Okay, this country's awesome. I'm gonna hang on for a little bit longer," or you might get there and say "This country sucks," and... (cracks up) And it might exacerbate the situation, I don't know, but...

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Travel! Don't die with funds in your bank account. Go someplace.

Dick: That's a good point, 'cause that's gonna get wasted.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: By some shithead.

Maddox: Yeah, on your fu-...on your casket, guys.

Dick: On your heirs.

Maddox: Come on. Yeah, don't waste it on your heirs. That's garbage. There was that guy who tried...who was, uh, who was suicidal -

Dick: (interjects) At least bury it with you. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Take it with you!!

Dick: You know? Buy some collectibles, buy a lot of rare Pokemon cards and say, "Throw it in the casket."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "It's all fuckin' mine."

Maddox: Buy a one-of-a-kind thing and bury it with you as a "fuck you" to everyone else. No -

Dick: (interjects) Like our limited-edition Ash from Army of Darkness sculpture that Butt Sanchez sent us and Randy Kiyan, our producer, repaired that's sitting right there.

Maddox: Randy repaired the...we're gonna post this on the website. Ash is completely repaired. We're gonna post that on the website.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: But one last thing I just wanna mention about the suicide thing. There was a guy a while back who was suicidal, and he decided to book one last ticket to Mexico, to just go have a weekend in Mexico. He went down and had a threesome with hookers and did a whole... (cracks up)

Dick: Oohoohoo, alriiight!

Maddox: ...did a whole bunch of blow. And he decided, "You know what? My life's pretty awesome," and he changed his mind! He got an STD, but he changed his mind. Still alive today. Guys, um, talk to somebody. Do something. Book a ticket somewhere, you know? Suicide affects a lot of people in ways that you don't even understand or realize.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a cloud that clouds your judgment, and it's temporary. Give it another day, give it another night, wait 'til the morning; think clearly. Don't think...don't make decisions emotionally. Anyway, that's all I wanna say on that.

Dick: Well, at the very least, buy 10,000 copies of our bonus episode, (Maddox laughs loudly) which is now available on iTunes! Our most recent bonus episode is finally available on iTunes.

Maddox: Yeah, and Dick, we need to emphasize. (Dick giggles) I keep getting emails from people saying, "Hey, it's like 10 bucks on iTunes," or 7 -

Dick: (interjecst) That's not our fault!! (Maddox scoffs) It's not our fault that it does that! iTunes makes you go through this whole stupid thing. Because it's so long, they default to

$9.99 when we publish it, and they make you submit a price change request form over and over...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...until it gets reset, and then I have to go through CD Baby to do it and they are taking fuckin' forever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For some reason.

Maddox: You know, Dick? I will say it is your fault in some way, because you are an Apple supporter (Dick laughs) and this is a shit company with a shit product. They make everything fucking difficult! They make it a pain in the ass to use everything, change anything, to tinker with anything.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: They hate it! They hate it when their customers are happy!

Dick: Okay. I got some voicemails for ya. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddox, now you can get married (Maddox laughs) **since the Supreme Court ruled that gay marriage is, um, in every state now!**

Maddox: Great.

Voicemail: And Dick, you can go fuck yourself to gay porn.

[message ends]

Dick: Oh. (smiles) (Maddox laughs more)

Maddox: To GAY porn!

Dick: Legally now.

Maddox: It's a celebration, guys! (Dick cackles) It's a celebration. Maybe Dick and I will get married, fuck it!

Dick: Somebody said that. No, you would... (Maddox laughs) Man, I got the most amazing health insurance. What would I get outta this relationship?

Maddox: You'd get a great husband! (Dick snickers)

Dick: Really? (skeptical) (both laugh more) He's cookin' me spicy foods every night?

Maddox: Yeah, spicy chi-

Dick: (interjects) I'm shitting my brains out?

Maddox: Spicy buffalo chili, buddy!

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Alright, well, we're gonna have to talk after the show. This sounds like a good deal. (chuckling)

Maddox: Put THAT in your crow.

Dick: Alright. Here's... (stammers) I've got a voicemail from a woman! I always play those. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (female caller): (thick Boston accent) Hey guys, this is Debra from Boston. Maddox, I was listening to the episode with the anti-intellllluh-...whatevah. (Maddox spits out laughing) **The not bein' smaht thing. Oh my gawd, who CARES?**

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Voicemail: This is the one saying you can't fuck books? "Oh, I'm so smaht." Go fuck yahself. (both laugh more) **Dick, you were wicked right with the thing about the water. It's, like, so funny.**

Dick: Yeah!

Voicemail: I love you and I'll come over and sit on your tiny face anytime. (both laugh loudly) **I'll fuck you so hahd, we'll get chili everywhere and I'll even change your sheets aftah.**

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Oh. (grossed out)

Voicemail: We don't gotta use a condom. If we get a baby, we'll just give it to Maddox since he's so fuckin' smaht and knows how to raise a free baby. Right Maddox? Get raped.

[message ends]

(both still laughing hysterically)

Dick: Right??

Maddox: That's right, I am smaht! (laughs more)

Dick: First of all, I was wicked smart with the water problem. Or wicked funny, whatever one it was.

Maddox: Wicked smart, wicked funny? She wants to sit on your tiny face!

Dick: It's not...tiny. (Maddox laughs loudly) I do not have a tiny face. (irritated)

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, it's about the size of a thumbprint. A normal adult thumbprint.

Dick: Alright, calm down. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, why would she wanna give me the baby? I'd just throw it away!

Dick: I don't know. She didn't think that one through.

Maddox: I guess we're not gettin' married after all! (Dick laughs) You got your new chick from Bawston. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (shouting) Maddox, you fuck!! "Metroid"?!? (Maddox starts giggling) **METROID?? "Metroid" is a girl?!**

Maddox: Yeah, shut up! (annoyed)

Voicemail: Are you FUCKING kidding me?

Maddox: I know, you fuck! (Dick cackles)

Voicemail: Talk about anti-intooallectualism, you son of a bitch! SAMUS! Samus Aran!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: Is her fucking name!

Dick: Samus.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: Get it right! I don't even wanna imagine what you're like at fuckin' Street Fighter!

Dick: He's got about a million of these.

Maddox: Oh, great. I wanna hear 'em all. (smiles)

Voicemail: Fuck you!! (Maddox giggles) **FUCK you! Ahh! AHHHHH!!! So mad right now, I'm sweating!!**

[message ends]

Maddox: (laughs more) What a fuckin' idiot!

Dick: You fucked up.

Maddox: I got a comment from Matt Bahr.

Dick: Oh, he's back?!

Maddox: I don't know.

Dick: That's the Street Fighter challenger!

Maddox: Oh, is that...oh, is that the guy?

Dick: That's him!

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Is he trash-talking you??

Maddox: A little b-...no, well, he t-

Dick: (interjects) Bring it on.

Maddox: You know, at the end of the last episode I said that whoever...so, we were trying to decide what the winner should get.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I said, "Well, a night with the, uh, the loser's girlfriend."

Dick: Yeah, that's a good prize!

Maddox: "Or boyfriend, if they're gay." Right?

Dick: Whatever! It's legal now.

Maddox: So Matt Bahr... (cracks up) It's legal now. Matt Bahr commented. He said -

Dick: (interjects) It's legal now to make those jokes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. Matt Bahr commented. He said, "I mean, if Maddox really wants to spend a night with my right hand..." (Dick laughs) Matt Bahr; no girlfriend!

Dick: No other girlfriend. Speaking of Street Fighter, Kevin Ward said he tuned into your Twitch channel to take notes on how to play Street Fighter 2.

Maddox: Oh. Yeah?

Dick: Uh, "...Street Fighter Alpha 2 like a badass."

Maddox: This better be good!

Dick: "So far, this has been his most successful strategy: 'Hadouken! Hadouken! Hadouken! Hadouken! Hadouken! Hadouken! Hadouken! Hadou-...'" (Maddox laughing) This...he's got about 50 "hadoukens" there.

Maddox: Yeah. (yells) You know what, dickhead? I was fighting Sagat! Okay?? That's how you fight Sagat, 'cause all he does is spam you with fireballs and you have to hit fireball with fireball! Either that or alpha counter, but if he's across the...if he's across the room and you do an alpha counter, you're gonna shoot an uppercut in the air and it leaves you open!!

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: This guy's an idiot! He doesn't understand the mind of a pro player! Okay?

Dick: Yeah. I -

Maddox: (interjects) "Professor Maddox" is my name on Twitch! PROFESSOR Maddox. I mean, it's "realmaddox" is my Twitch account...

Dick: Right, but your...

Maddox: ...but I call myself "Professor Maddox."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You know what the first...what the prefix of "professor" is? "PRO." I'm a PROfessor. (Dick giggles) Not an amateurfessor.

Dick: Not an amateurfessor? (laughing)

Maddox: No!

Dick: Well, I did tune into your Twitch.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: I saw a couple Street Fighter videos and I was very impressed, but then, um, it...then it was "you lose" at the end. I was like, "Oh." I thought you were doing great.

Maddox: That was the computer playing. If it said "you lose," the computer must've been playing itself.

Dick: And recording it and then posing as you? (incredulous)

Maddox: I guess!

Dick: A computer imposter? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: We got some artificial intelligence!!

Dick: I don't...I don't know. (Maddox laughs) I got another voicemail about the whole Street Fighter thing.

Maddox: Great. [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (goofy voice) Hey Maddox, it's (unintelligible name) again. I have one quick question for you: why are you challenging somebody at the most casual of street fighters?

Maddox: Oh. (scoffing)

Voicemail: Is it because you suck at combos? Is it because all you can do is fucking parry like a noob? Why don't you go play a real man's game? A real man's sport? You know what that fucking sport is called? It's called Marvel vs. Capcom 2! (Maddox laughs loudly) **Ya fucking casual!**

[message ends]

Maddox: Fuckin' idiot!

Dick: Now, what -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, this fucking douche!

Dick: I know that game.

Maddox: This...yeah.

Dick: I know Marvel vs. Capcom 2, and I know the secret to playing that game is to mash the controller -

Maddox: Mash buttons.

Dick: - with your entire fist.

Maddox: This fuckin' douchenozzle has the audacity to call in to this show and tell me to play a non-casual street fighter! And then the first thing I thought...when I thought "casual street fighter," I'm like, "Well, there's Marvel vs. Capcom." (Dick laughs) That's the most casual of casual fighting games. Uh, next to Smash Bros., which isn't even a fighting game. Smash Bros. is an experiment in frustration and random button-mashing.

Dick: That's true! I agree with you.

Maddox: It's GARBAGE.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And everyone on my for-...on my chat...uh, Twitch stream says, "Oh, why don't you play Smash Bros.?" (stupid voice) 'Cause it's a garbage game, and you're a garbage player for liking it. (angrily) (Dick giggles) So this idiot has the balls to call in to this show and suggest I play a "non-casual" -- and I'm doin' air quotes right now, you got me so fucking mad.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I never do this. I look like NIXON now.

Dick: I can hear the air quotes in your voice.

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Somehow when anybody ever does air quotes, you can hear it in their voice.

Maddox: Yeah! Well, I'm doing it with my voice and my fingers right now! (yelling)

Dick: Yeah. Yeah! (smiling)

Maddox: And this guy's tellin' me to play a non-casual game and to play Capcom vs. Street Fighter? Guys, that is the most casual...that's fighting game tourism. That's what that is! These PUSSIES. (stammers angrily) Why don't you just suggest I play Street Fighter EX, you dipshit?

Dick: Oh, I wish I knew what that was. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: It's garbage.

Dick: I got one for me. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Yeah, hi. This is, uh, President William Taft. Uh, this is how I talk. (both laugh) **I'm just calling to make a few points here. #1, obesity: not a problem.**

Maddox: Oh, okay. (sarcastic)

Voicemail: Uh, second...

Maddox: Thanks, Taft. (Dick guffaws) Fattest president.

Voicemail: ...her name is "Samus," you STUPID motherfucker.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Voicemail: And Dick...go fuck yourself.

[message ends]

Dick: Yeah. Alright, is somebody keeping track of these presidents?

Maddox: Dick...Dick, my favorite female video game character still remains Metroid. (both laugh loudly)

Dick: Uh, one more. One more.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: We got...how much of that George Zimmerman conversation did we get into the last podcast?

Maddox: Oh my gosh. (exasperated)

Dick: Too much, I would say.

Maddox: Too much, because it got derailed, Dick! When I mentioned that shit...

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: ...I just mentioned it as tapestry to illustrate the motivation for Dylann Roof. He himself, in his own words, said that it was the Zimmerman trial...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...that motivated him.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So...and then, when you were -

Dick: (interjects) Which I don't understand why, 'cause Zimmerman got off!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah, so how is that...how did that motivate him?

Maddox: I mean, he's a racist dipshit.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: He's ignorant, right?

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: He's ignorant, he's a moron. And that's why I was building the case for anti-intellectualism, is that anti-intellectualism leads to ignorance and racism.

Dick: Oh, here we go again. Buckle your seat belts! (chuckling)

Maddox: Okay? So Dick, when you mention...so here's something that really pissed me off the last episode.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: 'Kay? 'Cause it sounded like you were defending Zimmerman.

Dick: Well, in a way I was.

Maddox: Okay. Well, I'm not saying you're racist, but your opinions align with people who are racist. People -

Dick: (interjects) Well, you know, I like diet soda too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That doesn't make...there's a lot of racists that like diet...

Maddox: No, true!

Dick: I just -

Maddox: (interjects) You are not racist, for sure.

Dick: I didn't follow the trial with a magnifying glass like everybody does, 'cause I just don't follow that shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it's a...it's like our version of the gladiator games to me.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: When those big cases hit, like when the Casey Anthony case hits, when the Zimmerman case hits, I'm like, "You're not gonna know what happened until several months after the trial, and even then it's still gonna be, 'Well, there's some doubt as to what happened.'"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And the George Zimmerman case specifically, people sent versions of events that I found to be more believable than the media story that was at the time.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: I brought some of them in but I don't wanna rehash it, 'cause if...I feel like if you really wanna know what the testimony led to in the George Zimmerman trial, you can just go look it up.

Maddox: Yeah Dick, I did look it up around that time...

Dick: Alright, yeah.

Maddox: ...and here's the nuance that you dipshits were completely missing from that last episode.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Did I ever at once say that I disagreed with the verdict?

Dick: No!

Maddox: No, 'cause I don't.

Dick: No.

Maddox: I think based on the evidence that they had, they ruled correctly.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Because there wasn't enough evidence to convict George Zimmerman. However, the distinction -- and this is an important one -- is that just because it's legal, doesn't mean it's right or just or ethical.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's the distinction that everybody fucking missed, because people automatically try to frame this debate into a political one...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...where it's liberal versus conservative, and the liberals "wanna take away our guns" and they want to frame this as racism. I don't think that there is enough evidence to prove that Zimmerman was racist. However, there is plenty of evidence to prove that Zimmerman was a hothead lookin' for a fight, because he's been arrested 5 times and SINCE then he was arrested for brandishing a shotgun in his apartment, and then...it was a domestic dispute, and the cops showed up and he barricaded himself in his apartment with a shotgun.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: He had to take anger management classes for assaulting a cop!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is the guy you guys are defending? You're giving this dipshit the benefit of the doubt? It brought out all the closet racists in the comments. Oh man, I had a heyday arguing with these morons.

Dick: Oho, no.

Maddox: Anyway Dick, I just got a comment from Thomas Kolman. He says, "Dick, the image in your head of an intellectual is exactly the problem. That is how most people with a negative view of intelligence see it. A person who calls themselves an intellectual generally is not, Maddox being the obvious exception." (both laugh) "The people - "

Dick: (interjects) Maddox, who can write off the entire libertarian philosophy with one backhanded remark.

Maddox: What, that -

Dick: (interjects) Very intellectual.

Maddox: (stammers) It's not even a remark, Dick. It's one word: it's a *theory.*

Dick: Oh, yeah. (smiles)

Maddox: There you go. (both laugh) "The people..." (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah, very intellectual of you. What's more about this new idea called "libertarianism"? "Nope, hate it. Stupid libertarians." (angry voice)

Maddox: Uh-huh. Uh-huh!

Dick: "Go tip your fedora somewhere else, you nerd." (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: I said it's a theory.

Dick: Very intellectual!

Maddox: It's a theory, buddy. It's an untested theory, by the way.

Dick: What's the theory??

Maddox: (chuckles) Well, I'll let you...

Dick: Libertarian-*ism*?

Maddox: I'll let you explain it someday. (Dick cackles loudly) I wanna continue this comment. He says...Thomas Kolman. He says, "The people who you and many others hate and afterwards extend their hate to actual intellectuals are simply not. I know this is borderline 'no true Scotsman' territory..."

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: "...but to ascribe such a positive attribute to yourself like that is simply narcissistic and shows that you don't deserve that label." He's talking specifically about the example you gave, where you said there was a guy with a Ferrari and all these books in his car...in his garage.

Dick: Jackass.

Maddox: He continues...yeah! That's a pseudo-intellectual, not an anti-intellectual.

Dick: Yeah. (shrugging)

Maddox: "Anti-intellectualism may be the biggest problem in the universe because it perpetuates ignorance." That was the point. Thank you, Thomas, for picking that up.

Dick: Yeah...eh. (skeptical)

Maddox: "A short list of problems exacerbated by this are: Anti-Vaxxers, Female Genital Mutilation, Slacktivism, Militarized Police, Conspiracy Dipshits, Engineering Sexism, Armchair Psychologists, Social Justice Warriors, and Other N-words." These are all philosophies that spawn from ignorance, Dick. Right?

Dick: Well, see, that's where I kinda disagree. I think the "Engineering Sexism" philosophy is, um...part of it's based on business. It's like a business in this country to, uh, to be outraged.

Maddox: Oh, I'll give you that!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Part of it probably is, but what percentage? You can't deny that some percentage of it is ignorance.

Dick: Well, the wage gap one is certainly ignorance.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I bet if you sat more people down and said, "Look, this is the actual number. If you have a problem with that, it's..."

Maddox: William McCormick says, "I remember when the 80 mph question was 'What's heavier, a ton of bricks or a ton of feathers?'"

Dick: I saw that. That was funny.

Maddox: Yeah, pretty funny.

Dick: Oh, I brought...I, uh...you remember how you said science can't answer "why" but it can answer everything else?

Maddox: Oho boy, did you bring in that professor?

Dick: No no, I didn't. I brought in some "why" questions that science can't answer.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Uh, "Why is the sky blue?"

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Maybe you could ask the Bible that?

Maddox: M'k-...okay. That's a... (cracks up) Dick -

Dick: (interjects) Why is water wet?

Maddox: That's a fucking red herring, Dick.

Dick: Why do you go bald?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a good one.

Maddox: No, it's not that good.

Dick: But here's a "what" question that science CAN answer.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "What is the meaning of life?" (Maddox chuckles) Right?

Maddox: Cannot.

Dick: Well, you said science answers "what," "when," "where," "how," but not "why."

Maddox: Science...okay. (chuckling) What is the meaning of life?

Dick: So what is the meaning of life?

Maddox: Sure, sure.

Dick: That's... (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I just...I don't know.

Maddox: Great, Dick.

Dick: I get what you're saying now!

Maddox: There were so many... (Dick giggles) There were so many armchair linguists in the comments section this time.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: It was so funny. There was a guy who was arguing that he was...he had a philosophy degree and a physics degree.

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: And he was saying, "Well..."

Dick: He's a double threat!

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) Oh, double threat. Double threat of the "appeal to authority" fallacy, for sure.

Dick: Oh, god.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Don't start with me on those fallacies. I HATE those fallacies.

Maddox: Anti-intellectual! ANTI-INTELLECTUAL! Vote it up!!

Dick: No, it's because...you wanna know why, seriously? Here's why: I think anti-intellectualism at its core means objectifying a set of ideas and a philosophy into a package that can be discounted. And that, I think is a big problem.

Maddox: No, it's not that.

Dick: Oh. (both laugh)

Maddox: It's not that at all! Here, Dick. (**buzzer sound effect**) No. It's...it is specifically...anti-intellectualism is specifically the embrace and celebration of ignorance, and sometimes it is the absence of critical thinking. That is anti-intellectualism.

Dick: Alright. I think mine sounded better.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: Are we ready to get to some problems?

Maddox: Let's do it. You go first this time! I don't wanna be accused of filibustering you...

Dick: (laughs) Well...

Maddox: ...from your important problems!

Dick: Maddox, you took like...your problems somehow start in a ground...like, they start on the paper, and then they go around to, like, racism. They make these huge sweeping arcs like a Halley's Comet goin' around the universe.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like it's the cause of everything.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, it's my fault that the conversation got derailed last time, right?

Dick: It...

Maddox: Not the straw man argument, that Zimmerman trial, right? (Dick laughs) Okay.

Dick: Fuckin' George Zimmerman!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: From beyond the grave. My problem is "No smoki-...no fumar."

Maddox: "No..." (laughs)

Dick: That's my problem. "No fumar."

Maddox: "No fumar"? What an ass.

Dick: I brought -

Maddox: (interjects) This was...that was the problem, by the way, Dick, that you were gonna bring in last time that we ran out of time for.

Dick: Right, yeah.

Maddox: Okay. I... (stammers)

Dick: What??

Maddox: (laughs) We got a comment -

Dick: (interjects) Already?! (Maddox laughs harder) Now who's derailing what?

Maddox: I just wanna mention -

Dick: (interjects) Go ahead! Go ahead.

Maddox: Someone said, "In Dick's defense, his original problem was supposed to be of greater significance," from last episode. That was, uh...that was Nachiket Sfw. He commented that. That was the problem that we didn't get to!

Dick: Yeah, that was the problem I was gonna bring in.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: 'Cause it's a big problem, I think.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And it stems from the fact that Hawaii has raised...last week, Hawaii raised the legal smoking age from 18 to 21.

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: What is...now, my...when I hear that, I'm horrified.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Instantly horrified.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What is your initial impression of that? Did you know that, first of all?

Maddox: I knew that only because you mentioned it to me and I don't care. Um... (both laugh) The...when -

Dick: (interjects) I sent it out of my libertarian newsletter. "Attention libertarinos..."

Maddox: Yeah. It's just called every email I get from you. (both laugh) Dick's always putting some libertarian philosophy in his signature. That's, uh...anyway, no, when I -

Dick: (interjects) Subtle like brainwashing. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll sneak it in there.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm like, "Oh, maybe deregulation IS a solution."

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: No, when I heard that, Dick, I just thought, "Huh, okay. Don't give a shit." I'm...I -

Dick: (interjects) Don't give a shit?!

Maddox: I am well...I'm happy that we are well on the way towards illegalizing cigarettes. (Dick gasps loudly)

Dick: Why?!?

Maddox: Because it has a net effect on public health, and since we are moving towards universal health care... (Dick giggles) You shouldn't -

Dick: (interjects) Maddox, you're killin' me!!

Maddox: You shouldn't...

Dick: Buddy, you're killing me.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Are you serious? Do you really think that?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So you really think that, um...I mean, you're protecting people from themselves, and now you've made it...you've made it a financial decision.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you don't wanna financially support them when they've got lung cancer and emphysema and stuff, now you're...now it's your pocketbook that they're affecting.

Maddox: Right. Hey, you wanna smoke? God bless, man. Go fuckin' smoke, do whatever you want. You wanna be a fatass? Eat whatever you want. Live your life how you want. The government shouldn't get involved, right? I'm all for that until it comes to my pocketbook, dickhead. If it comes to my pocketbook and I have to subsidize your shitty habit with health care fees...with higher health care rates because of lung cancers going up, because you're smoking this cancerous piece of shit cigarette. Which, by the way, Bill...uh, you know the comedian Bill Hicks?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He had a famous routine talkin' about how he's gonna smoke and smoke and smoke, and he doesn't give a fuck and he doesn't give a shit. He died from lung cancer like a year after he was makin' that bit.

Dick: Wait! Wha-...you're, like, grinning like you're happy about this, like you got one over on him!

Maddox: Nahh, just, uh...

Dick: You do feel superior to him in some way, don't you?

Maddox: In every way. (laughs)

Dick: Oh man, I... (chuckles) I really hate everything you just said. (Maddox laughs harder) Like, I really do. 'Cause where does it end? Seriously, where does it end? You shouldn't be letting children drink Coke then. That's a way...that's just as...um, I brought some numbers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 443,000 people die of smoking every year. 598-...600,000 people die of obesity.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: So if you're talking about saving people's lives and protecting your pocketbook...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...knocking out smoking is less of a problem...is less important than knocking out, you know, soda!

Maddox: Dick, I follow your logic.

Dick: And you SUPPORT it?

Maddox: I am totally on board with this. (Dick laughs loudly) 100%, yeah! (smiles)

Dick: You are a sick bastard.

Maddox: Yeah, I get it! I understand the logical leap that you're making here, and I am totally on board. I bought my ticket, I've checked it in, I got my luggage in hand! I'm ready to hop on your yacht, buddy!

Dick: You have your bayonet and your Free-Vee in hand. You have your 1984 book (Maddox giggles) in hand, which you didn't take as a satirical take of the state. You took it as an instruction booklet.

Maddox: It's an instruction booklet! (laughs more)

Dick: Yeah, you...when you read 1984 in high school or college or whenever you read it -- whatever weird shirtless, shoeless professor made you read that for the first time -- you said, "Oh, I get it! So this is what we're supposed to do?" And he said, "Oh god, no! Absolutely not! That's a description of the most horrifying society there could ever be."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you went, "Oh, I see. So we should do this, but worse."

Maddox: Yeah, okay. That's...because banning... (stammers) Taking away your cigarettes takes us towards 1984, right?

Dick: Well, that's -

Maddox: (interjects) That's like thought control and government...

Dick: No, it's not!

Maddox: ...override of the media. What's next?

Dick: Oh buddy, when they come after your video games, you're gonna be singin' a different tune.

Maddox: Oho. They already have, buddy! (Dick laughs) They tried to make video games the big devil after the Columbine shooting.

Dick: Okay, so this is what bugged me about the no smoking announcement, "no fumar" announcement: the quote from the governor...er, uh, the quote from...I don't know. The quote from some bitch at the Department of Health who worked on this. (Maddox spits out laughing)

Maddox: Quote, Dick Masterson: "The quote from some bitch at the health department." (Dick laughing)

Dick: Fuck her, man! They're takin' away my cigarettes. (Maddox laughs more) Uh, "Most people who begin smoking..." This is to justify the ban. "Most people who begin smoking, about 99%, start before the age of 21, so this will help our young people delay starting tobacco use," said Lola Irvin, the administrator of, uh...horseshit. So I said, "Huh. What did she say there? 'Most people start before the age of 21.'" So I looked it up on the, uh, the cancer...on Cancer.org. 9 out of 10 adult smokers -- that's 90% of smokers -- start by the age of 18.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it was already illegal. (chuckling)

Maddox: It was already...more than 90% had started even before age 18?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So this reasoning for the law...first of all, that's a huge disingenuous lie.

Maddox: I agree.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you have...do you take offense to that?

Maddox: No!

Dick: At least?

Maddox: What, that she lied?

Dick: Yes, and that THAT'S bad.

Maddox: It's dishonest. Yeah, of course, that's dishonest. It's misleading.

Dick: Okay. It is very misleading. Okay, here's my point: so, this is a law built to protect people from themselves. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, that's basically what you're saying.

Maddox: I mean, that is your libertarian twist on it, right? That's your interpretation.

Dick: Well, it's just like seat belts and motorcycle helmets. Like, everybody wraps this stupid financial...they wrap this, uh, this facade around it like, "Well, it's affecting the economy, so that's why we have to protect these people from themselves," but I really think it's *just* about protecting people from themselves. Like, I really think these governors and pretty much everyone in society who is not a smoker thinks that they have to stop these people from doing something harmful.

Maddox: I know that you really think that, Dick, and you do this a lot.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You say something with a lot of conviction, which makes it sound like you've justified it, but...I know what you think, but you're not telling me why you think that.

Dick: Oh, you want, like, a...like, a thought process or do you want a study behind why I think that?

Maddox: Yeah, tell me...well, either one. I want to know, give me some rationale for why you think that we shouldn't legislate things that affect the economy at large and other people at large when, say for example, somebody who doesn't wear a seat belt goes through the window of their car.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They have much more severe injuries and trauma, and that in turn causes higher health care costs, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And everybody foots the bill for that in terms of...even without universal health care. If that person is insured, which they have to be by law...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...then it causes insurance premiums to go up, and everybody collectively has to pay more because you are going through that windshield because you stubbornly refused to wear your seat belt.

Dick: I'll tell you why I think it: 'cause it's a story. It doesn't have any data or statistics behind it. They don't say exactly how much it increases health care, 'cause they have no idea. There's no studies that are presented along with that that say it costs everybody exactly .0002 cents to go along with that. It's a story that your emotional...that the emotional part of your brain buys into while the real reason gets to slide on right under the surface, which is, "Oh, fuck them. We got...I gotta protect these people from themselves." (Maddox snickers) "I'm Jesus."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Everything leads back to "I'm Jesus." I'm just saying that's how I think people work.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: If you give them a little story that they can buy into, they're capable of doing something much worse.

Maddox: You think that just because we don't have that precise number...which I disagree, I think that if you looked into it, people have probably done this research and found that...

Dick: I did.

Maddox: ...there is a precise -- okay.

Dick: I looked into this.

Maddox: There is a precise...?

Dick: The outdoor smoking thing.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. You think that it's because people have a Jesus complex.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's the more rational explanation, right? For why we are legislating things that, uh...you know, banning cigarettes or forcing people to wear seat belts. It's a Jesus complex.

Dick: And forcing people to wear motorcycle helmets, yeah.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Absolutely.

Maddox: Well, I mean, that's...that's insane.

Dick: So the point I was gonna make...you think that's insane?

Maddox: Yeah! (smiles)

Dick: The first novel everybody always writes is either...they're either Jesus in their novel or they're Faust. You ever heard that?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Yeah. It's, uh, I think it's an Oscar Wilde quote. It's either Oscar Wilde or Mark Twain.

Maddox: Explain that. I don't understand.

Dick: The story that everybody writes -- every writer writes their first novel -- they are the character of either Jesus, where they're going through this novel doing no wrong and then sacrificing themselves for a huge gain...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...or they're Faust, where they're making a deal with the devil.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: Like, that's what people are.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: That's what appeals to them.

Maddox: I'm trying to think back to The Alphabet of Manliness. Which one was I, and did I introduce a Jesus narrative or a Faust narrative in my book?

Dick: It's definitely Jesus. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I'll help you out with that. (smiles)

Maddox: Thanks. (laughs more)

Dick: And if anybody can pull passages where Maddox is crediting himself with miracles, please post them. Anyway. So, they're protecting kids who are 18 to 21 from harming themselves. Right? Would you say that's accurate with this law?

Maddox: No, that's a spin on it. (stammers)

Dick: But that's directly what she said!

Maddox: Okay, that's fine.

Dick: She said...

Maddox: That's fine that she said that, but another interpretation is that they are protecting the rest of society from un-...from having out-of-control health care costs.

Dick: Eh, I don't...I don't think that's what they're saying in this press release shit.

Maddox: Well, she sounds like an idiot. She sounds disingenuous. She sounds like a liar. Okay, but go on with your point. You said that that's...that y-

Dick: (interjects) My point is, these kids are...they're old enough at 18 to decide whether or not they can join the military...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...and get killed, or kill other people, but they're not old enough to decide whether or not they can smoke.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Something about that doesn't ring true to me. I don't know, if I was 18 to 21, I would pretty fuckin' pissed that I'm not allowed to do any of these quote-unquote "self-harmful" things, but I am allowed to march around in the dirt on the other side of the world with an M16 or whatever they're using and, um...I don't know, spray bullets into quote-unquote "bad guys."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I would be pretty pissed about that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But they don't have...kids, they can't fight back! 18 to 21? Who cares, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who cares that they're chippin' it away?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Who cares that they're not allowed to smoke?

Maddox: Yeah...I mean, if you are old enough to make those types of decisions, to join the army...which, by the way, you have to. There's still selective service in this country. You have to enlist. Right?

Dick: No, you don't have to enlist. You have to register for the draft.

Maddox: Right. Yeah, you have to register for the draft.

Dick: Yeah, but there isn't one.

Maddox: That's selective service.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I mean, they could bring it back at any time.

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: It's something that still happens.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So your argument is that if you're old enough to do that, if you're old enough to fight our wars, you should be old enough to smoke. Is that your argument?

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: If you're old enough to decide whether or not your life means joining the army, you're old enough to decide whether or not you can smoke and drink.

Maddox: I agree with that. So would you be suggesting that they raise the minimum age for the selective service to 21?

Dick: Um...no.

Maddox: You would not be in favor of that?

Dick: No, because I think you need kids in the army 'cause they have a poor conception of mortality.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Especially their own.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think you can have an army of 21-plus-year-olds. I think you need immature people who aren't...who don't understand the choice they're making.

Maddox: Ohhh, wait a minute. So you need immature people who don't understand the choice they're making, but you're okay with having these immature people make decisions that'll affect their lives...their personal health for the rest of their lives?

Dick: Yeah, one way or the other. Pick.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You can't have the army one be out of sync with the smoking one.

Maddox: Well, the legal limit for...the legal age limit for alcohol is also 21. Are you also opposed to that?

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah! It didn't -

Maddox: (interjects) You think it should be lowered?

Dick: When our parents were around, it was 18!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They turned out fine.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: What happened?

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, Dick. I've heard an argument made that they should lower the alcohol limit because when alcohol becomes a thing that you're legally allowed to do, everyone goes NUTS at the age 21.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: They overdrink, they overdo it, and there's even...I've even read articles that make a case for lowering the alcohol age limit to potentially even reduce sexual assaults on college campuses, because these happen when people get really drunk at parties.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's the majority...it's an acquaintance, it's somebody you know. It happens at parties. So if they lowered the limit and then had it chaperoned with adults that were trying to keep the kids in line, let them drink but just make sure that it doesn't get out of hand, and let them drink at a younger age so it's not such a novelty, it's not so exciting when they turn older, then it could potentially have a better positive net effect. Because I've been to Europe. I've been to Italy, where the drinking age I think is 16, and I remember going to a bar with a buncha kids around me. I'm like, "This is...what are these...?"

Dick: Yeah, it's awesome. (Maddox laughs) It's weird!

Maddox: It's weird!

Dick: Weird.

Maddox: It's really weird!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But then they have a different philosophy. They approach alcohol in a different way. They don't freak out about it. They don't give a shit. By the time they're adults, they've had alcohol for a good chunk...like a quarter of their lives, and they're not gonna overdo it. They're not gonna go nuts with it. They have a glass of wine with dinner and they call it a night, unlike Americans, who go BONKERS.

Dick: Binge drinking.

Maddox: Binge drinking!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's not, like...it doesn't mean you're an adult over there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It means you're an adult here, which means you go fuckin' crazy with it 'cause they have this weird psychic attachment to it. Alright. Um, continuing with the smoking thing. So I found a guy, Ronald Bayer, who's a professor at Columbia University...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...who says that all the evidence they have about harm to non-smokers when you're out in public...you know how they're banning smoking in public now?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you're walking down the street in Burbank, you can't smoke.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You can BUY a cigar; you can't walk outside and smoke it.

Maddox: M'kay. And Burbank's a city in, uh, in California, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Again, this is under the guise of helping the economy. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you guys are paying for health care now. So you'd think that you'd need some evidence to back that up, right?

Maddox: Sure, sure.

Dick: He says it doesn't exist.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: This guy who's a professor. Right -

Maddox: (interjects) It doesn't exist or it hasn't been found, Dick? That's an important -

Dick: (interjects) Extremely weak. *Extremely* weak.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So I brought it in! I brought it in. Uh, a typical cigarette -- this study from Stanford -- lasts about 10 minutes. They found that if you're within 2 feet downwind of a smoker, you may be exposed to pollutant concentrations that exceed 500 milligrams of, uh...of

particulate matter 2.5 and over. If you're exposed multiple times to multiple cigarettes over several hours in an outdoor pub...so you're at an outdoor pub drinking for several hours.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Directly downwind, 2 feet away from a smoker.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Does that sound reasonable to you, first of all?

Maddox: Reasonable in what capacity? Are you saying that that number...that's a likely scenario?

Dick: Yeah. That's closer than we are right now, where the wind is blowing directly from you to me.

Maddox: Dick, when I'm ta-...when I'm standing around smokers, it's closer than that. It's even closer than we are right now! It's usually when I'm standing around in a circle at a bar because I'm talkin' to someone and they need to step outside to smoke because they have this addiction.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's why.

Dick: Even then, you get 35 micrograms or more of particulate smoking matter, or whatever. Bad stuff.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: 35...clean air has less than 20 micrograms.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So it's only 15 more!

Maddox: 15 more, yeah.

Dick: That's not that much! (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Dick, it's almost -

Dick: (interjects) Even for the crazy scenario they're describing where you're 2 feet away and someone's blowing smoke right into your mouth.

Maddox: It's almost 50% more, Dick! That's quite a bit.

Dick: That doesn't seem like a lot to me.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: Clean air??

Maddox: Less than 20. Clean air has less than 20?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So it'd be...I mean, less than 20. What is that, 18? Is it 15? Is it 10?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Because if it's 15...

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: ...and it's 30, that's double!

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: That's 100% more!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a lot!!

Dick: Alright. Well, that doesn't seem like a lot to me, and this professor agreed with me.

Maddox: (yells) Well, apparently the cancer rates -

Dick: (interjects) Hey, that's what the guy said!

Maddox: Okay, I get it, but apparently the cancer rates disagree with you. The people who smoke get proportionally more cancer. Uh, lung cancer.

Dick: No one's saying cigarettes aren't bad.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're just saying, do they really have to be banned outside?

Maddox: Dick, that's...

Dick: At the beach?

Maddox: That -

Dick: (interjects) Is there any real evidence for it or are we just protecting everybody from themselves?

Maddox: Okay, that guy's talkin' about secondhand smoke. We're talking specifically about smoking as a habit in general, because you can't argue that it's not unhealthy.

Dick: No. Who would?

Maddox: You can't argue that it doesn't increase cancer rates, and then you can argue that that has a net effect on the economy because those people are more of a drain. They have to have chemo, they have to sit there in the hospital, they get tracheotomies; they get all sorts of nasty shit that happens to them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then we have to pay for it. Fuck you. (Dick laughs) And the natural extension of this, Dick? Your, uh, your little alarmism at the top of this problem? "Well, are you talkin' about...well, what about obesity and fat people?"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: YES! Tax them! Here's the thing: you wanna be fat, be fat, but you have to pay a transportation tax, buddy. You fly on a flight, you weigh twice as much as another passenger? Guess what? You should pay 20% more. You get a fat tax.

Dick: Eh...

Maddox: You should pay more at the pumps too, because when you're driving your car around and you're carrying around an extra 100 or 200 pounds of fat with you? Well, that's a drag on your car, isn't it, dickhead?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That means you have to...you have less fuel efficiency. That means you're using more at the pump, you're using more at the grocery store. You should pay for it. And I'm okay with that! Live your life how you want, but don't make me subsidize your shitty lifestyle.

Dick: Alright! That's my problem. (Maddox laughs) "No fumar."

Maddox: "No fumar"? Dick, doesn't that mean... (**fart sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, it means "no farting."

Maddox: "No farting." (giggling) Dick, I got a real...I got a real problem.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Let's get to a real problem this week, huh?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Biggest problem in the universe is selfie sticks!!

Dick: Ohh, boy.

Maddox: Yeheheah! Yeah. Here. (**clapping sound effect**) There we go. Smart. (**'ding!' sound effect**) (laughs more) Selfie sticks.

Dick: Something less, uh...less obtrusive than bicycles.

Maddox: Dick... (sighing) Why are you such an asshole? (Dick laughs) Already!

Dick: Go ahead! Go ahead.

Maddox: I know this is gonna...I'm just...I'm bracing for a defense of selfie sticks. 'Kay? First of all, they're not new. Did you know that selfie sticks...the first instance of a selfie stick was made in 1983? Yeah, Minolta! Minolta Corporation had a camera called a Disc-7 with a built-in selfie stick.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: The telescopic extender for cameras was patented in 1983, and then there was a book that came out in 1995 called "101 Unuseless Japanese Inventions." Have you ever seen this book, Dick?

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's hilarious. I remember going to bookstores and reading this book over and over again. They had all these crazy Japanese inventions that they market in Japan that are totally "unuseless," as they call it. You know, they play on Japenglish.

Dick: What does that mean?

Maddox: They're use-...they're useless.

Dick: They're useless but they do something?

Maddox: Uh, kinda. Like for example, here's one of the classic inventions from this book.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: It's a hat that you wear that is also an umbrella.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: It's...it's stupid.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: It's a silly little...another one is they have grapefruit goggles, I think was something they marketed in this. Some, like, weird pair of glasses you put on that have these pinholes that protect your eyes in case a grapefruit squirts you in the eyes or something.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Just silly, stupid inventions.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know?

Dick: Gags.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm not sure they're even gags. They're just novelty. Well, one of 'em in this book was a selfie stick, in 1995. It was included in this book of stupid shit. Then TIME Magazine in 2014 listed the selfie stick as one of the 25 best inventions of 2014. (Dick laughs)

Dick: I don't understand what they do. Like, I've been using my arm since before there was LCDs on screens.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was my thing. I was really good at taking selfies. Remember when you couldn't see what you were taking pictures of?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You just hold it out and, like, kinda angle it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was pretty good at that, and then they got the screens to come along.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: What does a selfie stick do?

Maddox: A selfie stick is just an extender. You know what, Dick? Here's what a selfie stick is: it's a megaphone for narcissism.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It's a sidekick to self-absorption. That's what a selfie stick is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's just...it's like your briefcase full of tools for narcissism. You might as well carry around makeup, a lighting kit; you might as well carry around some reflectors.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: A crew following you around to document your life because it's so fucking important to get a really good shot of you.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: You need that selfie stick extender so you can get more of you in the picture, don't you, dipshit? You could...and you know what it is, Dick? Selfie sticks wall us off from communication with other people.

Dick: 'Cause you don't have to ask somebody else to take a picture?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't have to be social! It protects your delicate sensibilities from having to go up to somebody and say, "Hey man, you mind takin' a photo of me?"

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, I agree with you there.

Maddox: You might MEET somebody, dickheads. You might talk to another fucking human being, and who knows, maybe meet your partner in life. Maybe network with somebody, get to know a stranger, find out what they're doing! (irritated)

Dick: Oh, I got a good Dick tip for ya.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: I was...I met...I started talking to these girls a couple weeks ago walking down Hollywood. It was nighttime, so I was out drinking with my life coach.

Maddox: H'okay, of course.

Dick: And she wanted me to take a picture of her and her friend. They were all dressed up to go to the club.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Whatever. They hadn't yet taken off their heels and started crying yet 'cause some guy wasn't paying attention to 'em.

Maddox: Great. (amused)

Dick: So I'm like, "Yeah, yeah yeah yeah, sure. Lemme get the phone." So I took a picture of 'em, and it was dark. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's the f-...the flash doesn't work very well.

Maddox: And it's nighttime.

Dick: It's nighttime.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I give it back to her. I'm like, "Eh, lemme...gimme that back. Lemme see that again." So I take the phone; I took out MY phone -- here comes the tip -- and I turned the flashlight on on my phone...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and held it out to light them up when I took the picture. That's a pretty good move!

Maddox: Yeah. (shrugging)

Dick: Next picture turned out great!

Maddox: Yeah. I see other people doing that. Specifically, the first time I saw that was a group of Asians doing it.

Dick: Oh. (chuckling)

Maddox: In a restaurant.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it was this...I remember I was at this Italian restaurant, and they were...that's the first time I ever saw a selfie stick. There were these, uh, these...I think they were Korean. There were these Korean girls sitting at a table that were allll...there was like 20 of 'em and they were all Korean. I'm like, "This is...some congregation going on here. I dunno."

Dick: What, a flock of Korean girls? Is that what you're...? (smiles)

Maddox: A flock of Korean...I don't know. (laughing) But they were all sittin' there -

Dick: (interjects) If you get too many Korean girls in the same place, a Korean spa forms out of it. (Maddox giggles) Did you know that? That's true.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I shoulda stuck around.

Dick: Like, it forms out of the earth.

Maddox: Well, they were too busy with their selfie sticks and doing their flash tricks to do that. Dick, The New York Times, you know what they...? This is really clever. They

call...they dubbed it the "Narcissistick." (Dick laughs) I love that. It's also been called "the wand of narcissists."

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: 'Kay? This is from The New York Times. It says, "There are now vast, automated networks to harvest all that narcissism, along with lots of personal data, creating extensive troves of user-generated content. The tendency to listen to the holy music of the self is reflected in the abundance of messaging and self-publishing services -- Vine, WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram, Apple's new voice messaging and the rest," and they go on. They say, "'The majority of time that people are spending online is on Facebook,' said Anthony De Rosa, editor in chief of Circa, a mobile news start-up. 'You have to find a way to break through or tap into all that narcissism.'" (Dick giggles) "'We are way too into ourselves.'" And they said that "Facebook may be dominant, but Snapchat is growing much faster, over 55% in the last six months, whose younger-skewing audience tells you where things might be headed. Selfies are the dominant métier of Snapchat, an art form so addictive that New York State passed a law, to take effect in February, that outlaws self-portraits with tigers and lions."

Dick: Wait a minute, wait a minute. What??

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What's illegal about self-portraits with tigers and lions?

Maddox: They've passed a law that you can't take a self-portrait -

Dick: Who?

Maddox: - with tigers and lions. In New York! It says here...

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Because -

Dick: (interjects) Because it's annoying?

Maddox: No, it's not only annoying; it's dangerous. Oh, I'm sorry, Dick. Are we protecting us from ourselves?

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Yeah. (irritated)

Dick: You're not allowed to take a PICTURE?!

Maddox: A selfie.

Dick: With a lion??

Maddox: Well, because it -

Dick: (interjects) (yells) You don't see a problem with outlawing a picture, which is art by definition? That can't be right, what you just said.

Maddox: That's what it says in The New York Times! (Dick scoffs and laughs)

Dick: Well...

Maddox: "New York State passed a law, to take effect in February, that outlaws self-portraits..." Dick, you were on Snapchat...er, excuse me, Tinder for a while. Right?

Dick: Yeah, of course!

Maddox: On Tinder, one of the top profile pictures I saw on there was someone taking a selfie with a tiger or a li-...well, it was mostly just tigers.

Dick: Yeah, it's a tiger and then it's...the second one is a shot of Machu Picchu.

Maddox: Yeah, that...those are the two big photos.

Dick: It's true, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The two big photos. Or the picture of where they went to an African village and it's just, like, a bunch of black kids.

Dick: And then the next picture is a closeup of her face, 'cause she's an enormous blimp. (Maddox laughs) That's the third most popular picture on Tinder. You only have one of those three.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) And... (**sound clip of man saying "Well, that's unfortunate."**) (laughs more)

Dick: It is unfortunate.

Maddox: It is unfortunate. Um...

Dick: Such a lie.

Maddox: Yeah, it's...

Dick: Such a lie!!

Maddox: It is misleading.

Dick: Liar! Just be fat! Don't be fat and a liar.

Maddox: Dick, do you want a bunch of dipshits...again, they're taking pictures with tigers. So this...I remember reading a while back where a guy was trying to take a picture with a tiger, fell into the pit and got mauled by the tiger. Right?

Dick: Yeah, great.

Maddox: So that's what they're...that's what they're trying to prevent. (Dick laughs)

Dick: At the zoo?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: He fe-... (cracks up) He fell into the tiger enclosure?

Maddox: Yeah, man.

Dick: Huh. (amused)

Maddox: 'Cause they're trying to take selfies with tigers, or they'll...also what this does, Dick, is it creates a black market for tigers. (Dick laughs loudly) If you go to Mexico...

Dick: Shut up! (giggles more)

Maddox: No, it does!!

Dick: Shut the fuck up! (cackling)

Maddox: This selfie fuckin' narcissism has created a black market for tigers! (yelling) (Dick still laughing)

Dick: Oh, stop it.

Maddox: It has!

Dick: What, they're...a guy will drive over to your house with a van of a doped-up tiger? (Maddox laughs) Like, a bunch of lights? It'll open up like baseball stadium lighting -

Maddox: Yeah! Dick...

Dick: - and then you'll pose for your Tinder picture?

Maddox: Dick, you joke... (Dick laughs more) You joke, but they do dope up these tigers!

Dick: Ohh. (grinning)

Maddox: Have you ever been to Ensenada? Ensenada, Mexico.

Dick: I don't think so, no.

Maddox: They have these little tents where they have baby tigers in them, and then these tigers, uh...you go in this tent, you pay 'em like 20 pesos or whatever, and you pose with these tigers! And the tigers are really docile and really cute and really fun...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...and you pet 'em, and blah blah blah.

Dick: They're on Xanax.

Maddox: 'Cause they're doped!

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: They're doped up! They dope up these tigers, and then you go to Mexico to take your fuckin' narcissistic selfie with this tiger so you can put it on your Tinder profile so you can get laid, you fucking loser. (Dick laughing) This is what it's creating!! It's creating a black market for this shit!

Dick: And that's why it's a big problem?

Maddox: That's not why.

Dick: 'Cause tigers are getting high?

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Uh-oh. All these tigers gotta go to college! (Maddox laughs more) They can't be wasting their day getting high with a bunch of dumb tourist broads with cornrows in their hair.

Maddox: Look man, it's a gateway drug. Next thing you know tigers are takin' heroin, they're shootin' up everywhere...

Dick: And who makes heroin? ISIS. (Maddox giggles) We don't want a bunch of terrorist tigers. They're not grrrreat. (Maddox laughs harder)

Maddox: Dick, these tigers get desperate! They're suckin' dick for blow! (Dick laughs) These tigers, man, all over the street!

Dick: I gotta tell you, I have not...I hate selfie sticks too, obviously.

Maddox: I thought you were gonna say you hate blowjobs from tigers. (laughs)

Dick: I probably do. Uh...

Maddox: They're not grrrreat.

Dick: But I don't encounter selfie...I haven't encountered one, walkin' around.

Maddox: Oho, well, open your eyes!

Dick: And I think it's because I don't go to tourist spots.

Maddox: (yells) Dick, you LIVE in a tourist spot!

Dick: I know, but, uh... (exhales) Nobody's like -

Maddox: (interjects) You live in Hollywood! It is, like, one of the biggest tourist destinations in the world!

Dick: That's why I'm so surprised! I don't see them walking around! Nobody wants to take a self-portrait of themselves in the men's room at the Frolic Room. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Heh, well, no one wants to go to the Frolic Room. (Dick laughs) Dick -

Dick: (interjects) That's why I go there! It's great!

Maddox: Awf-...it's awful, man. That ruined a date, by the way, one time.

Dick: The Frolic Room? Did I tell you to go there?

Maddox: There's this bar, guys. (Dick giggles) It's called the Frolic Room in Hollywood, and it's like...

Dick: Great spot.

Maddox: Everything... (stammers) On paper it's everything you want in a dive bar, but in reality it's...a dive bar, and not in a great way either. Not in a great way. It's just, like, the people who...it skews older. The people who drink there are 60-plus. So I took...based on your advice one time, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: I was in Hollywood desperately lookin' for a bar 'cause I was on this hot date, right?

Dick: I got your back.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah! (smiles) (Dick laughs) I remembered Dick in my mind one time saying, "Yeah, Frolic Room's a great place!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Go check out Fro-..." So I said, "Okay, I heard...my buddy said this place is cool."

Dick: Ooo. (cringing)

Maddox: I walk in; it was like a cemetery. I walked in, I'm like...I turned to my date and I said, "I'm so sorry." (Dick cackles) "Let's get outta here," and I scrambled to find someplace else.

Dick: You get free popcorn there, though.

Maddox: Oh, gre-... (cracks up) "Hey baby, you wanna go to this bar? I know this great bar - "

Dick: (interjects) "All the popcorn you can eat, bitch."

Maddox: Yeah! (both laugh) Shove my hand full of popcorn in her mouth. "There you go! Cheap date!"

Dick: "You know how much this fuckin' popcorn would cost in a movie theater?"

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: "20 grand." (Maddox laughs) Uh, so I don't encounter them that often. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Well, open your fucking eyes and stop drinking maybe!

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: You won't be in such a dazed stupor, stumbling around Hollywood. How do you not see...?! I see 'em everywhere, man!

Dick: I don't know!! I'm genuinely surpri-...I'm as surprised as you are.

Maddox: You have never seen people use a selfie stick?

Dick: No!

Maddox: There's a fucking -

Dick: (interjects) In real life, no. Like, I've seen it on the computer.

Maddox: There's a commercial on air on TV right now that has people using selfie sticks in it.

Dick: I've seen them on the computer and on TV, I've never seen one in real life! Like, I've never even SEEN one.

Maddox: Dick...and you know, I wrote that article a long time ago, "Don't be a padhole." It's about people who bring their tablets to events and they hold their giant fucking tablets up taking selfies with them at the Mona Lisa, where I was standing behind this dipshit, this oblivious fucktard, who's sitting there taking selfies of himself with...or his wife with his giant fucking tablet! You need more screen real estate for your low-resolution, shitty, low-quality censor on your iPad 2. (yelling)

Dick: You know what's the worst part about that too, is usually they're not even taking selfies. They're taking a picture of a thing that you can Google and get 20 million images of that are all better than yours.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, what are you doing? What is this digital piss you're taking on this spot to prove you've been here?

Maddox: Well, you know -

Dick: (interjects) That is...that annoys me.

Maddox: You know, Dick? I came to that realization one time when I was actually in the Musée d'Orsay in France.

Dick: Oh, okay. Fancyyyy. (under his breath) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Shut up. (grinning) I was in this -

Dick: (interjects) Is that some kind of a cock museum, or...?

Maddox: Nooo.

Dick: What's there?

Maddox: NO. Sean was...Sean would be visiting that for sure. (Dick giggles to himself) This was a museum in France. It's by the Louvre. If you... (cracks up) If you go to France and you're gonna go see a museum, go to the Musée d'Orsay. It's way better than the Louvre. The Louvre is garbage. Uh...there, THERE, I said it!! It's garbage! (shouting)

Dick: Oh, you're wrong.

Maddox: Sue me, art world!

Dick: Louvre is...'Louv-ruh' is not garbage. (both laugh)

Maddox: NOW who's fancy, Mr. Fancypants? Uh, yeah, so at the Louvre you make a beeline to the Mona Lisa, you see the crowds, you leave. Alright. That's what you do.

Dick: There we go. Mr. Sophisticated. (smiles)

Maddox: Oookay. (annoyed)

Dick: That's the tour of the Louvre. Go...beeline to the Mona Lisa.

Maddox: Yeah, and I checked the, uh -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, it's only famous 'cause it was stolen.

Maddox: I checked the Venus...Venus de Milo? ('my-lo') Milo? ('mee-lo') Milo?

Dick: 'My-lo.'

Maddox: Whatever. I checked that statue. Okay, cool. I get it. It's cool as shit! (sounds irritated)

Dick: Did you see The Last Supper?

Maddox: Yeah, I've seen The Last Supper there.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: There's a...actually, there are some really cool paintings in the Louvre. I take that back. Anyway, go to Musée d'Orsay. Right? I go up there...I think square foot for square foot, you see more impressive art at the Musée d'Orsay.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's why I mention it. Okay?

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I was upstairs and I saw the...uh, it's the...was it Picasso who had the...no, it was Van Gogh!

Dick: There's a lot of Van Gogh there.

Maddox: No no, Van Gogh. It was Van Gogh.

Dick: Self-portrait?

Maddox: The Van Gogh self-portrait, where he had his ear bandaged and he had the red beard or whatever, right?

Dick: Yeah, and he's flipping off the...the viewer.

Maddox: That's, that's...

Dick: Is that the one you're talking about?

Maddox: You're thinking of me. (Dick laughs) You're thinking of my -

Dick: (interjects) Ohh! (sarcastic)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, that's not Van Gogh.

Maddox: Yeah, that's...no, that's me.

Dick: Alright. That's a different artist.

Maddox: Yeah. It's...I get confused for Van Gogh all the time. (grins) (Dick laughs) Is that a Jesus complex? Anyway. So I was taking a picture of this Van Gogh...and by the way, they said "no photography, no photography." Right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Whatever. I'm takin' a picture.

Dick: No *flash* photography.

Maddox: Uh, they were...they were actually -

Dick: (interjects) No photography?!?

Maddox: I think, yeah. I think there were...there was either no photography or no flash pho-...no, it was "no photography."

Dick: Maybe it said "no smoking" in French.

Maddox: No. (chuckling) No, it said "no farting" in French. (both laugh) Yeah it was "no fumar." Ahh, whatever. I don't know, man. Uh, it said...oh, it's "le fumar." That's what it...that's what it'd be. So anyway, I'm taking a picture of the Van Gogh portrait, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm like, "Fuck your rules."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: "Here's what I think. I'm gonna take a picture!"

Dick: "Take that, Van Gogh."

Maddox: So I take a picture, and then I was sittin' there looking at the picture, looking at the frame. Before I even pressed the shutter button I thought, "Why am I doing this?"

Dick: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: "Why am I taking a picture of this thing? I know it's famous. I've seen it in history books and art books. It's a famous painting, but I can't justify ever having a use for this photo."

Dick: No.

Maddox: "Because - "

Dick: (interjects) No one even wants to see it!

Maddox: "Because..." Yeah! I thought, "Well, could I show it to friends? That's the argument you could make." (Dick guffaws) "I mean, look, I went to this place and I saw this thing."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "I'm gonna show it to friends." Well, first of all, there's no evidence that *I* took that picture, because I'm not in it!

Dick: Well, that's the least of your problems.

Maddox: Yeah. But then if I took a picture like that and I showed it to my friends and family and they said, "Well, you're not in it. How do we know it's yours?", then I got dickhead friends and family. They don't believe me. They don't believe that I even went to Paris? Okay, then I need new friends! Essentially, the bottom line is this: if you take a photo of something famous and you're afraid that your friends aren't gonna believe that you actually saw it, you need new friends.

Dick: Okay. (giggling)

Maddox: And then if you have to have that photo to prove that you were there, which you never do...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...then you're...again, you're surrounded by assholes, and it's a picture of something that you could get on the Internet.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't need...and it's way better.

Dick: YOU don't even wanna see it.

Maddox: No, man!

Dick: No, my dad told me that before I went to Europe for the first time. "Don't take pictures of things that you're not in, that people aren't in."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He said, "Never take a picture of something that a person isn't in." I didn't get it at the time. I did it, but since then I've been passin' that advice forward.

Maddox: I did take...well, here's...so, I'm kind of a hypocrite here, but I do use photos I've taken in museums for articles that I write on my website.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: So there is that. I did actually... (chuckles) You know what's ironic, is I did actually use that picture of Van Gogh on my website.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But to illustrate the point that I was just making.

Dick: And didn't you take a picture of all the padholes taking a picture of the Mona Lisa?

Maddox: Oh, yeah! Yeah.

Dick: So you were doing it.

Maddox: I was taking a picture of a padhole!

Dick: But weren't you also holding up the pic-...the camera?

Maddox: No no, I wasn't...

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: I didn't have to hold it up. You don't have to get in a good arrangement to see these padholes. They're already...they're taking up most of the landscape for you.

Dick: You can't escape it. Here's my thinking on selfie sticks: I get it. I get why people want a good picture of themselves, 'cause they're fat as fuck and they wanna space the camera away from them so they don't get that, like, gobbling...you know, Pizza the Hutt chin?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what I'm talkin' about?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When you're takin' a selfie you hold your head back like I'm doing right now, and you look like you got about 6 chins.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So they get a selfie stick, they hold it out, they maybe look more natural, but it is just kind of fucking everyone else's convenience for a moment.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: It's not...

Maddox: Sure, for your narcissism. So the reason I mentioned the padholes, Dick...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...is because now they have selfie sticks for pad...for tablets.

Dick: Oh, god.

Maddox: So people are -

Dick: (interjects) That sounds like a lot of broken tablets. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling) Well, people are carrying around these giant fucking tablets, and then they're holding...they're extending them out so that they take up more of the landscape, more of your view space. You can't even...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, did you see that Obama press conference where he got heckled recently?

Dick: No! Huh.

Maddox: There was an Obama press conference, and Obama's usually pretty cool at these...when he gets heckled, he handles it with aplomb. But what happened at this one, uh...the guy wouldn't pipe down and eventually Obama had to get him kicked out, right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But you couldn't even see fucking Obama because so many people had their cell phones held up! Guys, there's a news crew behind you trying to get a shot of the fucking president talking, and you can watch it on the news! Your little grainy, shitty, cell phone footage isn't gonna do anything.

Dick: You'll watch the first steps of your kid maybe 10 times if you get it on video. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe...maybe in your life.

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: Maybe once a year.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe the year they go to college you'll load that file up out of some forgotten dropbox and take a look at it. You will never look at the video you took of Obama coming to LA.

Maddox: Yeah. I agree, man! So it's starting to get banned, Dick. The Australian festival Soundwave banned selfie sticks in 2015, as has the National Gallery of Australia, the National Portrait Gallery...

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: ...the Smithsonian Institute, National Gallery in London, the Palace of Versailles in France, and the Coliseum in Rome have all banned selfie sticks.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: You know why the Coliseum? Because people were using their selfie sticks to carve their initials into things.

Dick: What??

Maddox: It's essentially just a pole. You're just carrying a pole around with you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sporting stadiums are also starting to ban the stick, along with theme parks like Disneyworld...

Dick: Disneyland.

Maddox: ...and Disneyland. Thank God. These things...you guys, you don't need tools to be more narcissistic. We...you're so fucking full of yourself! When I pull up someone's Facebook profile and there's somethin' like 2 or 3 thousand images of them? (Dick chuckles) I wanna unfriend that person! Fuck off!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're not that important!! There are more important people who haven't been documented. Fuckin'...there's like zero pictures of Alexander the Great!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ZERO!

Dick: And you know what? Unless it's a magic wand, you're still gonna be ugly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With the selfie stick.

Maddox: Oh, but they cheat.

Dick: You can get that camera 100 yards away. It's still you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just use your hand.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what you look like. Sorry!

Maddox: Or maybe cut down on the selfies, man. We get it, your life is...magical. (Dick laughs) It's fantastic. It's amazing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Use Snapchat so it disappears after 24 hours. Or 10 seconds. Whatever. By the way, Dick, I have some friends now...and they do skew younger. I don't know why they do this, but they have exclusively moved to Snapchat for their form of media propagation.

Dick: Well, do you use it? Snapchat?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll tell you why it is.

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause I get fuckin' pictures of horses all the time.

Dick: Ah, yeah. (amused)

Maddox: That's what I get on Snapchat.

Dick: It's a lot easier to share pictures of what you're doing with people on Snapchat. It's like -

Maddox: (interjects) No...why?

Dick: No, it is, because if you send them via text, they sit on your phone forever and clog up your phone and derail the conversation you were having. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: YOUR phone, iPhone user.

Dick: Well, most people are iPhone. I mean, most -

Maddox: (interjects) No, that's not true. (Dick scoffs) Most people are Android.

Dick: Jesus Christ. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Go on!

Dick: Please cram a selfie stick up your ass, you contrarian fuck! (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: I'm not bein' a contrarian!! You're just fucking full of shit, Dick!

Dick: Most people's phones work like that, where the photo sits on their phone and it's kind of annoying to have on the stream of texts, but on Snapchat it's not. It's a lot easier.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (skeptical)

Dick: That's all. It's easier to have a...to share pictures on Snapchat. That's...I've started using it. It is. Give it a shot.

Maddox: Share pictures for 10 seconds at a time.

Dick: Well, how long do you wanna look at it?

Maddox: I don't know, man! If it's a picture of my friend and it's a good picture, I wanna keep it!

Dick: What if it's, like, a picture of a snake? Like "Hey, check this snake out. *bloop* There you go, Maddox."

Maddox: Then I wanna see it! Yeah, I get, like, funny jokes and stuff on Snapchat every now and then, and I can't say...I have to take a screenshot. Then I look like a creep, 'cause it notifies the other person I took a screenshot.

Dick: What do you get...what's a joke that you get on Snapchat?

Maddox: I have some friends who are pretty funny on Snapchat, and they'll send me something...they'll send me something pretty funny.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. I wanna save that sometimes! Snapchat is just so ephemeral. You know what? Fuck it. I'm okay with that though, Dick. I'm making an argument FOR Snapchat. Great! Because it disappears. We don't need it clogging up server space on Facebook or wherever.

Dick: Yeah. Um, so what's gonna happen with these selfie sticks? People just gotta start taking 'em. Right?

Maddox: Just...they should take -

Dick: (interjects) Throw it in the street. (chuckling)

Maddox: Just start takin' 'em and beating them over the head with it. "Here you go, you fucking narcissistic fuck. Here you go! Shove it up your ass."

Dick: That's not gonna happen. What's the next step? Like, how big can it get?

Maddox: Ban them!

Dick: No, drones!! That's what's gonna happen.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People are gonna have drones -

Maddox: (interjects) Personal drones.

Dick: This is the future.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's gonna be 6 drones following everybody around at all times, storing video in their DNA.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: So you can record everything you're ever doing all the time.

Maddox: Yeah! It'll beam it right to your Google Glass so you can control your drone -

Dick: (interjects) Right to your eyeball.

Maddox: Yeah, right to your eyeball, so you can control the drone with your...with your narcissism. You know what though, Dick? That's only temporary, until we all transport ourselves into virtual reality (Dick scoffs) and we don't have to worry about this anymore where you can be anyone you want. (smiling) Everyone's gonna be super hot! It's gonna be GREAT. Yeah, anyway Dick, that's my problem, Selfie Sticks this week. (**closing riff starts**) Bigger problem than "no farting." (Dick laughs loudly) Or what was yours?

Dick: "No Fumar."

Maddox: "No Fu-..." Yeah, same thing. Guys, go to the website.

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

(theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Hey, this is Pete in Maine. I'm just listening to Episode 56, and Maddox is pitching a fit about pepperoni. ..

Maddox: Great. (flatly)

Voicemail: ...when not 5 minutes ago he said he would take salami on his pizza.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: If you look up "pepperoni," it actually is literally just spicy salami.

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: It's not?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It's different.

Voicemail: So I guess that would make Maddox someone who can't eat spicy food.

[message ends]

Maddox: Ohokay. (dumb voice)

Dick: So that guy doesn't know what salami is?

Maddox: Chump. There's a difference in the curing process between salami and pepperoni.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Pepperoni is much lower-quality meat than salami. Salami...by the way guys, salami is a broad range of meats, of curing processes and meats, and what he's specifically talking about is soppressata. Soppressata salami is spicy salami, fuckhead! You want spicy things on your pizza, then add fucking pepper or soppressata salami. That's what it is. Pepperoni is just pig lips and assholes! (Dick guffaws) It's ground up. And by the way, you like pepperoni so much? Why don't you take a couple slices, throw it on a

pan and fry it? See how much fucking oil there is. It's garbage! It's shit meat!! It's low quality, just like that voicemail was.

Dick: Alright, well, I wanted to know. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Speaking of broad. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (female caller): Hi, I like the calafunga.

Maddox: The what?!

Dick: Calabunga?

Voicemail: I call myself "Super Blackout Melissa" (Dick laughs quietly) **and I'd just like to say this: you two are actually some of the nicest guys I've ever heard.**..

Maddox: That's...libel. (Dick giggles) Slander.

Voicemail: ...and women, or just everyone, needs to get their head out of their asses. Like, you're actually not bad people at all, and I love you guys and I hope to keep hearing more of you. Goodbye.

[message ends]

Maddox: 'Kay, I'm gonna sue her. (Dick laughs) You're gonna be hearing from my lawyer. That's slander.

Dick: Ah, take that. (amused) [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): More...Asterios...Kokkinos.

Maddox: Hey!

Voicemail: More...screaming. (Maddox laughs) **Not less.**

[message ends]

Maddox: I agree! I like the screaming.

Dick: I got some leftover bits from him that I brought in. You wanna hear 'em?

Maddox: Oh my gosh, Dick!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: What are we doin'?! We gotta play those!

Dick: We'll end on those. [**plays "Internet Hell" intro + first bit**]

(spooky orchestra music)

Asterios: I'm Boisterous Coconuts...AND I'M A DIGITAL CYBER DEMON!!! (reverb effect) (Maddox laughs) **Bringing you the biggest problems on the World Wide Web, it's This Week in Internet Hell! (laughs maniacally with reverb) (thunder sound effect)**

(techno beat in background)

Asterios: (goofy voice) Have you seen this hot list of 29 mind-blowing stocks to lose all your money on? Well, they're all the same company, because BuzzFeed is planning an IPO. At last Wednesday's Code Conference, CEO Jonah Peretti announced plans for a BuzzFeed public offering made up of aggregated bits from other, more successful public offerings.

Maddox: HA!

Asterios: Is Wall Street dumb enough to invest in a company that only makes .gifs of '90s TV shows? You'd better believe it! Don't have a cow, man! Did I do that?? (Maddox laughs) **Got any cheese?? Oh, excuse me stockbroker, one BuzzFeed please!**

[bit ends]

Maddox: That appeals to me as a 20-something. Well, 30-something, yeah.

Dick: Can I tell you something about BuzzFeed?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I, uh...I read their coverage of the Trayvon Martin case. (giggling) (Maddox laughs loudly) It seemed to agree with every email I got about it.

Maddox: Yeah, these -

Dick: (interjects) So that's where I got my news on Trayvon Martin. BuzzFeed. (laughs more)

Maddox: These morons, these unnuanced fucks who thought that I was somehow making the case that the verdict was wrong rather than an ethical look at the case. Yeah.

Dick: Uh-oh. What was the ethical look?

Maddox: Well, that it was wrong. (chuckling)

Dick: He's a hothead?

Maddox: He's a hothead dip-...like, I don't think it's a stretch of the imagination to think this guy was lookin' for a fight.

Dick: Well... [**plays next "Internet Hell" bit**]

(techno beat in background)

Asterios: (goofy voice) A double dose of cyber crime this week, as the IRS and Adult Friend Finder were both hit by massive thefts of personal data! So now Russian hackers have your Social Security number AND your dick size. (Maddox and Dick laugh) **The IRS claims hackers made off with over 100,000 tax transcripts, but cyber demons don't pay taxes so I don't give a shit!!!** (Maddox laughs) **Far more importantly, 3.9 million Adult Friend Finder accounts were hacked, leaking details of users' specific sexual preferences.**

Maddox: Oooooh.

Dick: Oohoohoo. (uneasily)

Asterios: Now everyone's gonna know that I can only achieve an orgasm while watching a Japanese girl hitting a man in the dick with a pillow while screaming about Santa Claus!

Dick: Hmm. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Wait, what's that? My information wasn't leaked?? Uhh...please ignore my previous comment re: my favorite film, "Japanese Dong Destroyers Meet Old Saint Prick." (Dick and Maddox giggle)

[bit ends]

Dick: Old Saint Prick! (squeaking)

Maddox: Old Saint Prick. (laughs loudly)

Dick: That's a tough joke to make!

Maddox: Hey, "Old Saint Prick Cumming Down the Chimney." (both laugh more)

Dick: "White Christmas," starring Old Saint Prick.

Maddox: Yeah. Ahh, he needs to get that chimney bleached. (more giggling) Follow that analogy, idiots. Assholes. (muttering and laughing) [**Dick plays next "Internet Hell" bit**]

(techno beat in background)

Asterios: (goofy voice) It's the battle of the bullshit fitness trackers! Jawbone is suing Fitbit, claiming that they came up with the idea of tricking fat people first. (Maddox chuckles) **In a lawsuit filed last Wednesday, Jawbone alleges that Fitbit engaged in a secret effort to steal Jawbone's trade secrets through smuggled USB drives. Wow, I wonder what kind of juicy trade secrets Jawbone has. I'm sure it took thousands of hours to come up with the idea of a watch that tells you not to be a lardass. Well, I'm wearing my Jawbone right now! Oh, what's that, Jawbone? If I wanna lose weight I should sit less and walk more? That's offensive!! How dare you flaunt your Jawbone privilege?! I'm gonna go buy a Fitbit! Oh, I'm sorry, I used the wrong word. I'm gonna go buy a Kit Kat!** (Maddox laughs)

[goes into "Internet Hell" outro]

(spooky orchestra music in background)

Asterios: And in closing news, the Internet this year will have over 3.2 BILLION users, and yet you, the listener, still have 0 friends! (laughs tauntingly) What a world. (Maddox laughs) **That's all for this week! This is Boisterous Coconuts reminding you: THE INTERNET CAN GO...FUUUUUUCK ITSEEEEEEEEEEEELF! (reverb)**

[outro ends]

Maddox: Amen to that, buddy. The Internet should go fuck itself. Me included.

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 60

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Today's show is brought to you by our own bonus episode!

(Biggest Solution theme riff plays)

(Bonus episode clips play)

"**Dick:** Same as guys!!

Maddox: Dick, you have…you have been slapped by more women than any other guy I know in life.

Dick: Yeah, (snickers), and each one was a learning experience…

Maddox: For them or you?

Dick: For them, not me.

Maddox: (cracks up) Okay.

Dick: For them. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. They learned what your face felt like."

"**Dick:** What is one bigger solution than GPS?

Maddox: Computers. Internet. Cell phones. Radio waves.

Dick: Cell phones? (skeptical)

Maddox: Electricity.

Dick: But GPS is only good. There's no down sides to GPS.

Maddox: Yes, there are.

Dick: It's a…what's a downside to GPS?

Maddox: You can be tracked and stalked. You can be harassed. You can be spied on. And they can find out where you are at all times at all locations…anywhere on Earth!

Dick: Hmm. Alright, that's a good point. But do you know who we have to thank for GPS? Ronald Reagan. That's like the guy who discovered that round rocks roll down hills.

Maddox: Ugh, okay. (annoyed)

Dick: The man who turned that into the wheel.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ronald Reagan. (Maddox laughs)"

"**Maddox:** Anything else? What else you got for GPS?

Dick: I brought in mostly things about Reagan.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: To be honest. (Sean laughs) Tax reform."

"**Maddox:** I wouldn't say that that's what spawned my first book. It wasn't vanity. That was philanthropy. (Dick cracks up)"

(Clips end)

Dick: Now available at http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.

(Actual episode theme riff plays)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from "Ants" to "AIDS", with over 3.5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems! I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Heyyy! What's up, buddy?! (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back.

Dick: Sean, welcome back from the Penis Contest!!!!

Sean: Thank you. Thank you very much.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How was it? Did you win?

Sean: Man, do you know how many questions from my family I have to answer because of you two fuckers? (Dick giggles) (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Does your family listen to this? (grins)

Sean: Like "Ehhh, I woulda gone. Why didn't you invite me?" (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Big, uh…penis aficionados in the…

Dick: (interjects) Proud of their penises. They've been penising for years!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For generations. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Guys, I wanna talk a little bit before we begin the show about the show itself, and…we are at 3.5 million downloads.

Dick: Ooh.

Maddox: If you heard that…if you were paying attention. Which is huge! But not big enough. Not big enough for THIS ego.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Right?!

Dick: I don't think it is big enough.

Maddox: We need to grow this audience, guys. So I wanna make a push. I'm curious. I want to see what you guys have to say in the comments about ideas of growing the show. (grins) Here's the thing. I don't want to grow the show to people who don't deserve to listen to it.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Here's what I want you guys to do. Here's a little homework assignment. I want you to go look at the top 10 comedy podcasts on iTunes or Stitcher, or any website.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Just take…just listen to a minute or two of the top 10 comedy web…uh, podcasts. And compare the quality of their podcast to ours. Compare the audio quality. Compare the pacing. Compare the…dialogue. The conversation. And just see the caliber of show we are delivering to you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because someone recently criticized the Marc Maron show…

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I don't wanna be shitting on the Marc Maron show, like, what…you know, whatever. He's got a very successful show. But he did a show with Obama and people couldn't believe how bad it sounded.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The audio sounded awful.

Dick: They didn't have Sean.

Maddox: No Sean.

Dick: Not even Obama has access to Sean.

Maddox: No. Obama doesn't have enough money or power!! He sends me emails every day!!! (laughs) "Hey Maddox, lemme have Sean for a few minutes." Anyway, yeah. I just wanted to mention that, guys. Uh, Dick…Dick and I just finished recording our bonus episode.

Dick: Yeah, and if your problem…if the reason you didn't buy a bonus episode thus far is because there wasn't enough rancorous fighting on the bonus episodes…(giggles) we solved that for you this episode!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. We solved that problem. (Dick guffaws) And we had a mid-stream Solutions switch.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: By a shifty fuck!

Dick: 'Cause you fucked me!

Maddox: Ohhhohoho!!! (laughing)

Dick: You're the shifty fuck!

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause I fucked you on a show where there is no contest!

Dick: Yeah. We also played a…a game. A fun board game brought in by CallDaCopsIDGAF. Right? Should I mention that? Anthony Meleen…uh, Mollison (poorly pronounced)? Yep. That's what I'm going with.

Maddox: Anthony Mollison.

Dick: Mollison.

Maddox: Anthony Mollison. He also sent us, Dick, um…

Dick: (interjects) Lemme read you what he said on the back of this game board.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Dear Dick and Maddox, thank you for such a kick-ass podcast. It's way better than Marc Maron's." He didn't say that, I added that. "You guys never fail to make me laugh. This is my gift of appreciation to the crew for giving me something so enjoyable. As long as you continue to release new material, I'll keep consuming."

Maddox: Right. He sent us an entire board game that he made. But, uh…Dick, before we go on…

Dick: (interjects) Which you won! Because at the end of the game, you were the closest to the start.

Maddox: Whoa, well, well, yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what we determined at the end of that episode?! (giggles)

Maddox: Yes!!

Dick: You shifty fuck!

Maddox: That's how you win!! Guys.

(Drum roll sound effect)

Maddox: The problems from last week…ranking number one was Selfie Sticks!!

Dick: Hmm. (unimpressed)

Maddox: Biggest problem in the universe, selfie sticks. Followed by No Fumar.

Dick: Oh, man. (annoyed)

Maddox: The No Farting problem.

Dick: You know what, everybody?! Fine! (angry) Let 'em take everything away from us!

Maddox: Ohh. (scoffs)

Dick: Let 'em take the cigarettes! Let 'em take the drinking! You know, push the…push the smoking age up to 47! That's when we're adults, right? Right? Right before you hit 50.

That's when you're ready to make choices about your life, right?! (yells) Not 18, not 21?!? Oh, fuck, not even 25!!

Maddox: Yeah. I…it looks like they haven't taken away your soapbox. (giggles) Crybaby.

Dick: You know what? You know what, Maddox? You know what you're doing?

Maddox: What?

Dick: You know what you and all your cronies are doing?

Maddox: What are me and my cronies doing?

Dick: Who hate…who hate cigarettes so much?

Maddox: Yeah. What?

Dick: Who hate the smell of cigarettes, by the way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not…it's not the smoking. They don't care about the science or the health behind it, it's just the smell. It's just the smell.

Maddox: It's not. But go on.

Dick: It's just the smell. You guys? You're loading a gun. You're loading… a gun.

Maddox: Yeah. (unimpressed)

Dick: That in 50 years, the government is gonna turn on meat.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're gonna take that gun that you guys loaded, and they're gonna point it at meat. And they're gonna say "You know what? Meat is bad for you. You're not allowed to eat as much meat as you want."

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: That's what's gonna happen, 'cause it's the same thing.

Maddox: Yeah, it's really dangerous, too, because when I'm in a restaurant eating a steak, someone sitting next to me who's a vegetarian might get some of that residual secondhand steak in their stomachs, right, Dick?

Dick: You mother…hey. You don't get any (Maddox laughs) secondhand smoke when you're outside!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's banned outside.

Maddox: Well, you do. (grins)

Dick: You're not allowed to smoke in your fucking APARTMENT in some cities!

Maddox: Smell my t-shirt, dickhead! (yells) I was in a bar last night just standing next to someone who was smoking, not even that close! Like, four feet away, and I smell like a fucking chimney!

Dick: You smell cool.

Sean: I like that he's wearing the same t-shirt from last night. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Shut up, Sean. (laughs)

Dick: Sean, we're so glad to have you back from your penis contest.

Sean: Thank you.

Dick: Tim Johns says **, "Tell Sean he's never allowed to take off from another podcast ever again. It just wasn't the same without his minutes' worth of chime-ins and laughter. If Sean wants to spend his Saturdays measuring penises, then you and Maddox bring the penises to the studio. (background laughter) If he wants to farm that ass, then you and Maddox find some asses and a ho for his contentment. You do whatever you have to do to keep this well-oiled machine moving."**

Maddox: Well, speaking of keeping the well-oiled machine moving, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, wait a minute! I got more about smoking! (angry)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I got some more stats about smoking. You…you guys also said that if smoking is costing you money in healthcare, then it should be banned, right?!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I said "There's no numbers for that."

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: If there was a number of how much a smoker is costing healthcare…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We would all know it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because that's all…that's all that would be required of these antismoking bills.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: It would be "here's the number". Guess what? There is a number. You know what the numbers say?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Smokers save the healthcare system money.

Maddox: Yeah, because smoking is now taxed to the point where it's actually feeding into the healthcare system.

Dick: That's part of it! The other part is, smokers die early.

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: So that last 10 years of your life when you, Maddox, because you still wanna ride your bicycle around time, are getting bionic hip replacements and ankle bracelets and knee bracers to keep you moving…

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Smokers are dead!

Maddox: Yeah, because they're…

Dick: (interjects) Or they're sitting in their homes, smoking!

Maddox: Because that's what happened to people who have a temperate amount of exercise in their lives. Who exercise moderately and stay healthy! They need bionic hip replacements, right, dickhead? That's not a genetic condition.

Dick: Smokers aren't costing anybody money. (scoffs, laughing) They just wanna smoke. They're not costing you any money. I brought in a bunch of stats, but I don't care, 'cause I'm bored talking about smoking already!

Maddox: Great, because, fuckhead, they're taxed heavily in America, but the…the smoking operations, the smoking outfits have moved over to the Middle East, and to the Philippines, and to countries where it's not heavily regulated. And to countries where the government is corrupt and can be bribed easily. And so then you have them advertising for kids! I've been to Syria. I've been to the Middle East! And guess who the number one smok…uh, smoking demographic is!

Dick: Kids.

Maddox: 14-year-olds!

Dick: Yeah! That's…that's all over the world! That's the same…that's true in America as well!

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: That's when kids start! That's when kids start. They start before they're 18!

Maddox: Well. That's fine, but that's not…

Dick: (interjects) 90% of smokers start before they're 18.

Maddox: But they are not targeted!

Dick: Fuck you! (laughs)

Maddox: They're not targeted and marketed towards like they are as heavily in Middle Eastern and corrupt countries. The smoking operations, yeah, they might be paying into our healthcare system through taxes, but not abroad.

Dick: You know what, kids? It's cool.

Maddox: Cool. Alright.

Dick: Alright? Be like me. I'm not even getting paid for that.

Maddox: Great. (Sean laughs) Dick, uh, before we get onto the comments…

Dick: You're not gonna hear that on Marc Maron!

Maddox: No. (Dick cracks up, Sean laughs)

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Um, before we get on with the comments. I…we received some fan mail from… some physical fan mail.

Dick: Oh…

Maddox: And…I don't check my P.O box that much. Uh…(laughs) but I finally did, and I got this comment…

Dick: Because…can I say because sometimes when you check it, it's full of loose barbecue sauce…(Maddox giggles) and nobody wants that surprise twice!

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, actually. Oh. (Dick laughs) Actually, Dick, I did get a package, uh, this last weekend. So when I checked my P.O Box…

Dick: Oh, no.

Maddox: Um, I do have a new package I wanna discuss on the show. But first, I got a card. This was sent to us way back at episode number 52. (laughs)

Dick: Oh. So it has been a while.

Maddox: Yeah. It's only been, uh, two months. **"Maddox and Dick. Congrats on Episode 52.** (Dick guffawing) **aka, "Only One Year"** in quotes.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: "With Dick's easy calculation, thanks for everything you provide us with. Happy Birthday to the Biggest Problem. Now, go vote up monkeys." And he sent a card that shows a monkey picking his nose.

Dick: Yes! Vote up the solution of Monkeys!

Maddox: The…the problem, dickhead! He's talking about the problem! He says…the card says he **"couldn't have picked a better dad than you"**, and he crossed out "better dad", and says "bigger problem" than you.

Dick: So this is a dad…a Happy Father's Day card that he sent?

Maddox: I…I guess. (Dick laughs) Well, it's for Episode 52, whichever that way. And this was sent by Anthony Mollison.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: The same guy who sent us the board game. CallDaCopsIDGAF on Twitter. "I don't give a fuck". On Twitter. Yeah. Thank you, Anthony! He sent us the card AND the board game. That's fuckin' cool.

Dick: That's cool.

Maddox: Then, I also got, Dick. This is a very special gift.

Dick: Oh. (surprised)

Maddox: From one of our fans. One of our listeners. Her name is **Christine Foulton.** She sent me an email awhile back and said that she does these art pieces on dollar bills. On different US currency.

Dick: Oooh. Cool!

Maddox: So she sent us some. She asked me if we'd like some for the show.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And she made us custom artwork for each of us.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah, here. I'll present to you first, Sean's. This is Sean's.

Dick: Well, Sean's. Sean's.

Maddox: Okay, yeah. Here you go, Sean. Why don't you…why don't you tell us what it is? There you go.

Dick: "Welcome back from the penis contest".

Maddox: Yeah, welcome back…it's on a dollar bill, and she painted what?

Sean: Oh, my god. She painted two giant dicks and balls with cum dripping out of it… (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: Hey, wait a minute. Wait a minute. This is it.

Sean: Wait, wait, wait. Hang on, now, I can't see.

Dick: This is a gift, or this is a gag?

Maddox: It looks really good.

Sean: I don't know.

Maddox: It's a really well done…

Sean: And the cum is dripping onto a hot dog.

Dick: Alllright. (disgusted)

Maddox: Yeah. There you go.

Sean: And it says "stat"…

Dick: As a penis judge, what would this pass as at the penis contest? What would you grade this as?

Maddox: And show Dick. Pass the…pass the dollar around. Yeah.

Sean: They're kinda short dicks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll be the judge of that!

Sean: They're not…they're not contest winners.

Maddox: Sean, they're growers, not showers.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Sean, first of all. This one's uncircumcised, on the right. These are really high-quality penises.

Sean: No, they look great!

Maddox: They're high-quality penises, right?!

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: They're shaded well.

Maddox: They look good! Good penises. Next, I would like to present you Dick's. Dick's was drawn on a 20. She spent….this is an actual 20 dollar bill, guys. This is a 20-dollar bill. It even has the marker thing in the corner where they test for counterfeits?

Dick: Alright, let's go. I know what a twenty looks like.

Maddox: There's…there's Dick's. Turn it to the side.

Dick: This is…what do you mean, turn it to the side?

Maddox: It's a portrait. Yeah, there you go.

Dick: Oh, it's a…it's a glass of whiskey!

Maddox: Glass of whiskey.

Dick: Allriiight!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Two ice cubes, that's just how I like it.

Maddox: And, notice…

Dick: (interjects) Two straws, I'll flick those straws right outta there.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: "Top shelf" on the bottom. There's a rainbow on the bottom.

Maddox: And I believe there's a "52" written somewhere there, too. For the proof?

Dick: Lemme see. Uhh…

Maddox: You see it in the glass?

Dick: Oh, yeah! Probably 52 episodes, though.

Maddox: Oh, 52 episodes, that's right.

Dick: 52 proof would be sake, there…

Maddox: Yeah. So she sent me…good one. Good one.

Dick: Drinko McGee.

Maddox: I don't give a shit. (Dick laughs) She sent a note. She said "Maddox, thanks…"

Dick: Oh, this is great!

Maddox: And this is, like, typed, too. This is hand-typed. Well, I guess machine-typed. Um…(laughs) She says, **"Maddox, thanks for the laughs x 50 and for accepting your "tip" without hesitation. Good job on being right about most everything. Guardians of Zandar was fucking terrible. Christine."** Thank you, Christine! And then there's a little PS here. It says, **"PS, sprayed bills with a fixative so they can be handled or recirculated if times get hard."** (Dick laughs) That's interesting. So, then, comes mine. Mine's the final one. She spent a 50 on this, guys. This is an actual fifty-dollar US bill.

Dick: Oh, my God!

Maddox: Look at this one. Dick, you…you describe it.

Dick: Oooh!! It's a naked lady!

Maddox: Naked lady!

Dick: It's a naked…uh…it's a naked half-unicorn lady, but she's got a dick instead of a horn.

Maddox: By the way, did you see Colin perk up here? (laughs)

Dick: My brother-in-law is in the studio today.

Maddox: We got…yeah. We got a studio guest. He perked up when you said "naked lady". (grins_

Dick: Naked lady. You like this?!

Colin: Yeah.

Dick: You like this naked lady, Colin? Take a good look at that naked lady.

Maddox: Yeah. Pass it around. She's got a….

Dick: Do you want me to make her dance for you?! Do dooo dooooo, dooo. I'm shimmying the bill from side to side for those of you who can't see.

Maddox: That's everyone.

Dick: Nice…nice rack, first of all.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Those are some big Bs.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Uh, she's also got a sock…she's also got a sock puppet on her hand where it's got devil horns, and there's a very intricate, tiny drawing of your face on her inner thigh.

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeeah. That's usually where you find my face! Inner thigh of women!

Dick: Hmmm. Wow, not me. (Maddox laughs) I make them work.

Maddox: Ahhh. It's no work, my friend.

Dick: What, going down on women is no work? (grins)

Maddox: Not for me, man!

Dick: What do you do, you just…

Maddox: I do that shit in my sleep! (laughing)

Dick: Oh, man! That would be…ohh, I would make that deal.

Maddox: Hey, the snoring's a stimulant! It's like a little vibrator down there! Like a chainsaw. (laughing) Ahh. And finally. I got…I got a package.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Uh…from Justin Deering, I believe. It says, "Maddox…" so you mentioned barbecue sauce? He says **"Maddox, I offer you this barbecue sauce in tribute. It has been packaged in a superior manner than previous attempts by persons or butts unknown. I am sending two copies of my book."** He's a publisher…errr, a published author.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: "One for you and one for Dick. Please contact me if it would be feasible for me to discuss with both of you guys what I consider to be the biggest problem in the universe, doomsayers, or should that read "end of the world dipshits"?"

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: "I defer to you on the correct phrasing of that and I can be reached at…" bla, bla, bla, and he gave me his email.

Dick: That sounds like a private message.

Maddox: Then he said…then he said here, **"If the barbecue sauce does leak, I guess it's not the end of the world."** And he sent us this package, guys, I'm pulling out here, (Sean cracks up) a ziplock bag…(laughs) of McDonald's barbecue sauce.

Dick: Yeah. It's leakin'.

Maddox: Tangy barbecue…and it has leaked. (grins)

Dick: It is leaking. So you fucked that up.

Maddox: Yeah. You fucked that up.

Dick: You should have prepped for that doomsday a little better.

Maddox: Although, I will say this, um, it is better packaged than Butt Sanchez's package.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: Because none of the barbecue sauce has left the ziplock bag, thankfully.

Dick: Well, what else is in there?

Maddox: And he sent us two copies of his book, one for me and one for Dick. And here are the books. The book is called "The End of the World Delusion", and it has a big asteroid on it.

Dick: 2012.

Maddox: With "2012" on it.

Dick: Did he miss the boat on this 2012 thing?

Maddox: Maybe. It says here, the subtitle is, "How Doomsayers Endanger Society", by Justin Deering. Justin, it sounds like you have…(laughs) you have a horse in this race.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah!

Maddox: By bringing in Doomsayers.

Dick: So, wait a minute! Wait a minute! He just got an ad on this show for the cost of four McDonald's tangy barbecue sauce packets?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Sounds like it.

Dick: Did you just get duped into an ad?

Maddox: No! He sent us his book!

Sean: He's a fuckin' genius. (grins)

Dick: Yeah! He's a genius! He sent us his self-published book on the 2012 End of the World Delusion!?!?

Maddox: No, Dick. This isn't…I don't think this is self-published, is it? It's by, umm….Iuniverse.com Press. (laughs)

Dick: Uh-oh. (They all crack up) Speaking of fans…I got some awesome fanart I gotta show you.

Sean: Wait, wait, wait. You guys know there's messages written to you in there?

Maddox: Oh, yeah!!!

Dick: Oh, really?

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. He signed this. Mine says, **"To Maddox. The least worst problem in the universe. Congratulations on your latest book. Wishing you a long and healthy career as you make people happy by making other people miserable."** Thank you, Justin.

Dick: Uh, **"To Dick. Maddox's right-hand man. I'm sure there's a joke in there somewhere."** Yeah, it's me. **"One year. That's a "titanic" achievement. Congratulations on the 52nd anniversary. I hope you have as much fun tormenting Maddox as we do listening."** I do.

Maddox: Good pun. Thanks.

Dick: Yeah. Okay. Speaking of fanart. Did you see the giant head fanart that somebody made of me?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This week?

Maddox: Pretty well done.

Dick: Pretty well done.

Maddox: It's black and white. Very stylish.

Dick: Pretty awesome, man.

Maddox: It's not…I think that's accurate. It's not.

Dick: Did you see that, Sean? That's the coolest picture of me that I've ever seen. Alright? I got that printed on a t-shirt.

Maddox: Did you really? (giggles)

Dick: Yeah. I got him to send me a high-res version and I got it printed.

Maddox: You can put it on my Spreadshirt shop.

Dick: Uh…

Maddox: Get that up.

Dick: Yeah. I'm wearing a Power Gem, a Titanic heart of the…first of all, did you know… did you know this heart reference, this diamond heart pendant that I'm wearing in the picture?

Maddox: Ugh, I just assume everything is Game of Thrones. Oh, that's Titanic?!

Dick: That's from Titanic, buddy.

Maddox: The gem in Titanic, yeah.

Dick: You're gonna learn all about it in a couple episodes.

Maddox: I will not. (grins) I will not. Alright.

Dick: It's pretty awesome.

Maddox: Garbage.

Dick: Pretty awesome. (smug)

Maddox: Alright. I got a comment from **Jordan Scott Ling.** He says, **"It was panc…"** First of all, I want to mention, um, the last episode I mentioned my sister passed away, and a lot of you…there was a huge outpouring of support. Thank you all for your kind wishes and messages to me. Everybody said condolences and their heart went out to me. Everyone was really nice to me in the comments, for the most part. Then, uh, **Jordan Scott Ling** says, **"It was pancreatic cancer, dickhead!"** in response to, uh, Bill Hicks dying from cancer. I said it was lung cancer and it was actually pancreatic cancer.

Dick: Bill Hicks actually called in.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. To correct you.

Maddox: Well. Let's hear what he says.

(Voice mail, male voice)

"Hey, Maddox, Dick. How's it going? Bill Hicks here, from beyond the grave, and uh…this is how I talk. (Maddox scoffs: Of course.) **Well, I just wanted to let you guys know that I know Maddox said in the last episode that I died from lung cancer, but that's a load of horseshit. I died from pancreatic cancer, you fucking retard!** (Maddox and Dick laugh) **Jesus Christ. What's wrong, you can't handle a little bit of cigarette smoke? Figures from a guy with fucking whiskey as a sorority girl drink. Cinnamon Fireball bullshit."** (**Dick:** "It's a good point.") **Anyways, uh, Maddox, go fuck yourself. Dick, keep being awesome."**

Maddox: Wow!!! Wow.

Dick: Yeah. Bill Hicks, man.

Maddox: Here you go, Bill Hicks.

(Sound effect, "wrong" buzzer")

Maddox: Pfff. Pancreatic cancer. Gone.

Dick: I forgot to mention that Daggers for Teeth is the one who did that amazing art of me that I'll be posting later.

Maddox: Cool. Daggers…the Twitter account?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Daggers for Teeth. Cool. Umm…

Dick: We also didn't mention gameobliterator.biz.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Made by Denzel Walks.

Maddox: Denzel Walks made that website, gameobliterator.biz. Tom Phillips' website. He's the…designer that Tom Phillips hired to create his website for him.

Dick: Oh, right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He was…if you remember, Denzel was at our live show.

Maddox: Oh, that's right! That Denzel!!

Dick: Yes, that Denzel.

Maddox: Oh, that Denzel.

Dick: He was wearing a Shovel Knight shirt.

Maddox: That guy's cool. I remember. Yeah, so…one of our fans showed up to our live show, Denzel.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And he created the gameobliterator.biz website on behalf of Tom Phillips, who is a real person and not Asterios Kokkinos.

Dick: Right. Right.

Maddox: Yeah. I got a comment from **Matt Barr.** He's the Street Fighter guy.

Dick: Ohhhhhhh. (suspicious)

Maddox: He says…oh, and by the way, there was so much acrimony and crying in the comments last time. From people who were defending Super Smash Brothers. You garbage game.

Dick: Hold on. Here you go. I got one who called in.

(Voice mail, male voice)

"Hey Maddox, you stupid-ass piece of shit. (Maddox cracks up)**Listen here, you fucker. Smash Brothers is one of the most highly technical fighting games this side of the fucking universe.** (**Maddox:** "Highly technical" (nerdy voice)) **So if you wanna talk shit about my game, fucking fight me!** (Maddox laughs) **I don't care what you want…Marvel versus Capcom, Street Fighter…" (cuts off)**

Dick: I think you might lose that one, too. That was good.

Maddox: Did…did my voice just cut out his fucking call?!?! You pussy! Come back here!!!!

Dick: I think he…

Maddox: (interjects) That's it!?!?

Dick: Well, yeah, technology isn't capable when hanging up the phone.

Maddox: Ohhhhh!! Oh well, well, well! You rage quit your own fucking phone call into the show, you pussy!!! (Dick laughs) I'll fight you in real fucking life! How about that?! Is that a technical fight!?!? Punch to the face! Idiot!!

Dick: You wanna fight that guy in real life!?

Maddox: I'll fight that guy in real life! (breaks down laughing) Over Super Smash Brothers!? I'd rather have a real life fight than Super Smash Brothers! I'll go to jail. I don't give a SHIT!

Dick: Okay Maddox. I've got a two-page treatise on why Super Smash Brothers is the greatest fighting game and most technically challenging fighting game…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, my gosh, man!!!

Dick: …ever made.

Maddox: These fucking crybaby morons!!

Dick: I think they're right, though!

Maddox: No, they're not!

Dick: I watched a slow-motion breakdown…

Maddox: (interjects) So did I.

Dick: Of the Smash Brothers...of a Melee fight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And there are…there's an incredible amount of moves and countermoves going on.

Maddox: Ooooh. Oooh. Whoa, moves, and countermoves! (dorky voice) You know, Matt Barr sent that video in. He said, **"Say what you will about other iterations, Maddox, but Super Smash Brothers Melee is insanely complex and competitive at high levels of play and is totally a fighting game (based off sumo wrestling)…"**

Dick: Yes, yes.

Maddox: "And is totally a fighting game…" He's defending that it's even a fighting game. I won't do any angry rant or anything.

Dick: (interjects) It's almost a ballet, it's so complex, right?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. It's a ballet, all right. He says, **"I'd just suggest you…"** (giggles)

Dick: (interjects) A ballet of carnage.

Maddox: He says, **"I suggest you watch this 2-minute video."** And then he linked to this stupid YouTube video that half the fucking dipshits in the Comments section last time linked to. It's a video where it shows, "Oh, is Super Smash Brothers not complex? Well, watch this!" and then it's…it shows a sequence that happens over the span of, like, 10 or 15 seconds…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Where some guy knocks the other guy off a cliff. And then, they play it back in slow motion.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And then they show each button sequence that the person presses. And I counted them. It's 36, guys. That's not that fucking complex.

Dick: It happens in, like, two seconds.

Maddox: But you throw two fireballs. Dick, so does fucking two or three fireballs. Why don't you watch Daigo's Street Fighter parry where he won the World Championship. That's fucking complex. Street Fighter is like chess. Super Smash Brothers, you have characters that teleport, you have characters that clone themselves. You have characters that shoot projectiles, you have characters that fall through platforms. You have characters that are big, and it's unbalanced. It's garbage. It's diarrhea. And it's fucking stupid. It's fighting tourism! You guys wanna play a real fighting game? See me on the Street Fighter court, buddy!

Dick: (giggles) I thought you were gonna say "see me in the real world" for a second. (Maddox cracks up) Then I remembered who was talking. Well, I don't know if there's anything in this email that Jacob sent in that will…will counter that. He says, "Melee's AP (actions per minute)… **(Maddox groans)** rivals that of Starcraft."

Maddox: Whoa!!

Dick: Which means every minute, there are about 300 inputs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maddox, what does that mean? I'm genuinely asking you what the hell that means.

Maddox: (giggles) It means…okay, what they're talking about is Actions Per Minute. APM, or APS, Actions Per Second, whatever. It's a big pissing contest…

Dick: (interjects) Ooh, alright.

Maddox: Uh…metric. It's a big pissing contest metric that people use to defend their shitty video game when it comes under attack. So, Starcraft users say, "Well a really complex Starcraft fighter does a lot of actions per minute." Guys, you don't have to necessarily do a lot of actions per minute in order for the game to be complex or difficult. And by the way, if you have to press so many fucking buttons all the time…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That doesn't suggest that the game is balanced, does it? You can play a game that you don't press a lot of actions per minute.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like, for example…uh….what's the…what's the fighter game where you knock each other…

Dick: (interjects) Angry Birds.

Maddox: No. (background laughter, Dick cracks up) Look at all these fucking non-gamer rookies laughing at that joke. That's the dumbest joke I've ever heard in my life. (they all laugh)

Sean: I don't know anything about games. I admit it. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: So funny.

Dick: Keep going. What game?

Maddox: Zero.

Dick: Tekken?

Maddox: That's a 0 out of 5 stars, that joke. (Dick guffaws)

Sean: It's just funny because it was so wrong. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Alright, Sean. At least you know that. Alright. So, anyway. No. The Dead or Alive. Dead or Alive games.

Dick: Oh, that's a hot game.

Maddox: It's a hot game, right?

Dick: With the boobs?

Maddox: Yeah. But that game…

Dick: (interjects) How about the volleyball version of that game?

Maddox: That game…that game…

Dick: Where you can buy them outfits? Slutty outfits?

Maddox: Not a fighting game. Not a fighting game.

Dick: Mhmm. Depen…

Maddox: (interjects) That game is…is pretty…

Dick: (interjects) I'll wrestle my weasel to that game. (giggles) How's that for a fighting game?

Maddox: Right, Dick. (exasperated) Alright. I'm done talking about this. (Dick cracks up) You guys have RUINED my mood. I'm in a foul mood already. This is gonna be a shitshow.

Sean: "Wrestle my weasel". (trying not to laugh) I've never heard that! (Dick laughs) My favorite was "roughin' up the suspect".

Dick: I'll rough up that suspect! Okay. Okay. Let's put the…let's put the Street Fighter contest to the next level, alright?

Maddox: (interjects) Well hold on. Before we go on.

Dick: Go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: I just wanna say. If you…if your fighting game is so fucking complex and cool, why don't you compare it to other fighting games instead of a real time strategy game? You're comparing the number of moves per minute to a strategy game? That's like comparing the number of moves in Street Fighter to chess, you fucking idiot!

Dick: I got another voice mail for you.

(Voice mail, male voice)

"Hey, yo, Maddox, what's going on? This is Vlad. I'm an editor over at Polygon.com. How's it going, bro? (Maddox giggles) **I heard about your Street Fighter feed on Twitch, and I tell you what, I was blown away** (Maddox cracks up) **when I saw your amazing skills at Street Fighter, consisting of Hadokens and more Hadokens…and nothing else.** (Dick and Maddox crack up) **A truly groundbreaking strategy.** (everyone cracking up)**I would like to reference you in my "2D Fighting Games for Noobs" article.** (all dying from laughter) **Feel free to reach me at 866-DICK-GO-FUCK…a nice woman, because Maddox obviously hasn't done that yet."**

Maddox: Oooohhhh, boy! (Dick laughing)

Dick: I wonder if that's the same…I wonder if that guy knows the bodybuilding guy who wanted to use your leg day routine.

Maddox: (giggles) Sounds like it!

Dick: Of squats and more squats.

Maddox: Yeah. Menshealth.com. And then, what was the other one? The fitness magazine.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Or…Reader's Dige…I dunno. There's so many of 'em.

Dick: What was that weird speech impediment that he had, though.

Maddox: He…he was a vampire. Um…(laughing)…

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Vlad, here's what I have to say….(Dick cracks up) to you…go fuck yourself. And fuck Polygon! And fuck your bullshit little contest!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You don't even understand the strategies of a pro gamer, alright? Why don't you tune into Twitch and watch me, and learn. Because I was on there the other night, Dick. Did you see what I was doing?

Dick: Well, somebody…sent in some stuff that you were doing.

Maddox: Oh, great!

Dick: And it's not…I would call it unholy.

Maddox: What'd they send in?

Dick: Uh…Clay, you know, one of the artists for our show who draws the thumbnails.

Maddox: Yeah! He does the thumbnails, yeah.

Dick: He sent me some things you were making on your Twitch. That you were teaching people how to make in 3D?

Maddox: Okay. Yeah.

Dick: And I…I was…I gotta ask you what this is, 'cause it looks like some kind of aborted fetus that you're showing people how to make. What is that?!

Maddox: Oh, that's Mario! That's Super Mario.

Dick: Oh, my. (appalled)

Maddox: Look…(giggles) It looks like Super Mario! Sean's making a face of approval! Colin thinks it's cool. He's shaking his head no, like, no way that's so good!

Dick: No way a person made that! (laughs)

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah!

Dick: It looks so good! Maddox. This…really. It looks like a pile of shit that someone spray painted to look like Mario.

Maddox: How dare…(upset)…look!! That looks like a pile…**(Dick's intense gasping sound effect)** That looks like a pile of shit?!!?!? **(Dick's intense gasping sound effect)**

Sean: It looks like a Harlequin baby.

Dick: Is that my gasp?

Maddox: Yeah, that's your gasp. (grins)

(Dick's intense gasping sound effect)

(Dick tries to imitate it at the same time)

(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: How dare you!?!? How dare all of you!?!?

("Wrong" buzzer sound effect)

Maddox: I'm gonna sue you! I'm gonna sue everyone related to this show!!!

Dick: Well, this is a better angle. You guys tell me. Does that look like Mario? (background laughter), or does that not look…

Maddox: Yeah!

("Ding!" buzzer sound effect)

Dick: So this is…you're making these on your Twitch stream and teaching people how to make this, right?

Maddox: Yeah. That's pretty good.

Dick: Okay.

("Ding!" buzzer sound effect as Maddox tries to reassure himself that it is, in fact, pretty good)

Dick: Um…

Maddox: Looks pretty good to me.

Dick: It looked like…it looks like a baby that someone would have if they, like jizzed it sideways.

(Dick's intense gasping sound effect)

(Maddox cracks up)

Dick: And then there's…I don't…I sent this to Jim Carrey, because I think this next one is the actual cause of autism.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: It's…you making Sonic the Hedgehog.

Maddox: This is gonna be a good joke. (sarcasm) Let's see this.

Dick: 'Cause that was…that was the joke. (giggles)

Maddox: That was the joke?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (laughing) Great.

(Drum roll)

Dick: Yeah, go ahead, I gotta bring it up here. Where are you, Sonic? Oh, here we go. Okay. This is…this is an animated GIF of you making it. So it should be playing here.

Maddox: Someone made an animated GIF of me making Sonic?

Dick: Yeah. Of your Twitch stream.

Maddox: Cool. That's a tutorial that's…that's a meme! Spread that shit, guys! Learn something for a change.

Dick: But they look…they look awful.

Maddox: Dick…how…

Dick: (interjects) I mean…these look…these look awful.

Maddox: Okay. That was not done. That was a screenshot of it not done yet.

Dick: (inhales) Yeah, but, like, midway through the World Trade Center construction, it didn't look like God had just shit in the middle of Manhattan. And that's what this looks like. It should look like it's shaping into something.

Maddox: Dick, are you a 3D modeler?

Dick: Uh, if you call this 3D modeling, then yes.

Maddox: No.

Dick: 'Cause I've taken shits that look like this before.

Maddox: You're not. Dick. (laughing) You're not a 3D modeler. You don't understand the complexities…

Dick: Alloys…(laughs)

Maddox: (laughs) Alloys and things with molecular structures.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: You don't understand the complexity.

Dick: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Maddox: You don't understand the mind it takes and the approach it takes to do 3D modeling. So you see that, and you think, (dorky voice) "Uhhh, de de de, I'm dumb. And I don't understand 3D modeling", just like everyone else who was watching that Twitch stream. And you'll take a screenshot of it not being finished and sending that in. You see a house..you see a house being constructed, you don't take a picture of the skeleton…of the…frame of the house, and say, "Look at this piece of shit house." You wait until it's finished. Have the courtesy and respect to let a great master finish his masterpiece before you criticize it. (angry)

Dick: I think we're gonna have to put it up to the fans. You guys can go to the website, http://www.biggestproblemintheuniverse.com, and check out these abortions for yourselves.

Maddox: Please do. And they're not abortions. They're masterpieces.

Dick: Alright. Shall we get on to the problems?

Maddox: Let's do it, Dick.

Dick: We are eatin' up time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. You ready? My problem. Sharks.

Maddox: Sharks. (giggles)

Dick: Sharks. The animal…the shark.

Maddox: Oh. Well, well, well.

Dick: First of all, guys. Sharks are an apex predator.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: That's the same as us. We are apex predators.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they control more land than us.

Maddox: They don't control land.

Dick: Volumetrically. Sure they do. The bottom of the sea?

Maddox: Ehhh…

Dick: You walk into the ocean, who you have to answer to? A shark!!

Maddox: Sharks…

Dick: A shark will come out of nowhere and bite you right in your dick!

Maddox: (laughing) They do…they don't…

Dick: They don't care. They don't even care what they're biting for!

Maddox: They don't bite your dick, Dick.

Dick: Sure…you've…are you promising me that I won't get my dick bitten by a shark if I'm in shark-infested waters?! You can't make that promise, Maddox!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: I don't care how bad you are at 3D rendering, you can't make that promise!

Maddox: I mean, sharks' eyesight isn't that good. Wouldn't be able to find it.

Dick: They go right f…ohhhh. (Maddox laughs) Fuck you!!!

Maddox: It's a one-biter.

Dick: It's a species war, okay? (Maddox guffaws) Between us and the sharks. This is the definition of a race war!

Maddox: (still laughing) It's not!

Dick: Between us and sharks.

Maddox: No, it's not! (laughing)

Dick: This is the definition of a race war that's starting. It's ramping up. (Maddox still laughing)

Maddox: Dumb!

Dick: Sharks have attacked 10 people off the coast of North and South Carolina this year!

Maddox: Whoa! (unimpressed)

Dick: This year! How many sharks have we attacked?! Not enough.

Maddox: Countless.

Dick: That's not enough. That's what I say.

Maddox: We've attacked countless sharks. Chinese people hunt sharks for their fins. For shark fin soup. Makes your boners last long.

Dick: They should hunt them for pride.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We shouldn't even be using those fins.

Maddox: You hate sharks?! (surprised)

Dick: I hate sharks. And I hate everything that has to do with sharks.

Maddox: Oh, I think sharks are cool!

Dick: I hate Shark Week as well.

Maddox: You hate Shark Week?!?!

Dick: I…it's…it jumped the shark.

Maddox: Oh. (laughs)

(Sound effect: Ba-dum-ching cymbals)

Sean: It did. It's nothing but regurgitated footage. There's almost no new footage every year.

Dick: And you know what it is, Sean? It's people telling me how sharks are just being sharks. And they're…it's…it's…it's an entire company devoted to telling me about how sharks are not bad guys. When they are. Every fucking shark-loving piece of shit outta…I went to the zoo with my sister and her kid. And what's the first thing I see when I go into the aquatic area? Is "You know what? Sharks have a bad reputation, but really, they're just being themselves in their own habitats." Fuck that! Them being themselves…us being ourselves is also killing sharks!!! (yells) I'm sick of shark apologists!!! (Maddox laughs) It's like, people…shark apologists are like women who write to prisoners. It's like women who marry prisoners. You know that mindset?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I'm writing to this guy in jail and I wanna get married. To this dangerous, murderous psychopath.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's…if you're a shark apologist, that's you. 'Cause sharks are murdering machines. (background laughter)

Maddox: They..okay.

Dick: (interjects) That outlived the dinosaurs!

Maddox: First of all, Dick, they're not murdering machines. How often does a human die from a shark attack? Almost…

Dick: I got stats. Hold on!!!

Maddox: Great!

Dick: Don't guess and embarrass yourself.

Maddox: Oh, I know it's almost…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I have the real stats.

Maddox: I'll say it right now! I'm wagering that it's almost never! It's less than…less than 1000 people a year. What is it?

Sean: Oh no, they think there's only about 100 or so worldwide attacks reported every year.

Dick: Alright.

Sean: It's probably more because some of the…

Dick: Probably a lot more. 'Cause no one reports…the attacks where the guy just got eaten whole, right Sean?! True or false?!

Sean: Well, there's…there's usually a witness.

Dick: Here's the…here's the number of shark attacks since 1580. (laughing) 1100. (Maddox cracks up) In the US…in the US, though. Australia, 650.

Maddox: Well, Australians are juicy.

Dick: That's a lot!

Maddox: Australians are delicious people!

Dick: Those are attacks of spite, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's my point. These sharks have to be stopped.

Maddox: They're…(trails off laughing)

Dick: They're invading…they're invading. You know what happens when sharks invade our waters? We do nothing about it!

Maddox: Yeah, well, no. We do, we put up signs and tell people, "Hey, stay out of the water."

Dick: What the FUCK!?!? (upset, voice cracking) Put up a sign that says "You're not allowed to swim here?!?!" FUCK YOU!! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I swim wherever I wanna swim!! (yells)

Maddox: Oh, yeah? (grins)

Dick: Maybe I polluted this water too much and I can't swim there, but some fuckin' shark isn't gonna tell ME where to swim!!

Maddox: Then fucking swim there, you big fuckin' pussy!

Dick: Then I'm gonna get…

Maddox: (interjects) Get in the water! Get bit!

Dick: Then I'm gonna get my ass bitten off!

Maddox: Oh, waaaaaaah. Not me! I'm not afraid to swim with sharks! I'll punch them! (excited) I've been in a shark cage, buddy! I've barfed on a shark! That's a fact.

Dick: A cage. A cage. What a pussy. Are you gonna fight Matt Barr in Street Fighter in a cage, too, so you don't get hurt?

Maddox: Heh. Real funny. Real funny joke. Uh, this is true, Dick. I have been in a shark cage before. Have you? Have you ever been in a shark cage? Sean?

Dick: No.

Maddox: No. Neither of you.

Sean: No.

Maddox: Bunch of pussies. I've been in a shark cage.

Sean: With Great Whites?

Maddox: Not Great Whites. I'm…I'm working on it!

Dick: No, with tiger sharks!

Maddox: Tiger sharks.

Sean: Oh, well that's pretty dangerous.

Dick: Were they really tiger sharks?

Maddox: They were tiger sharks, yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. They were. I…'cause I just wanted a picture of me flipping off a tiger shark. (giggles) And I got it. It's amazing.

Dick: Was your hand outside of the cage or inside?

Maddox: It was outside of the cage.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It was definitely outside of the cage. (excited)

Dick: Might need to see that. (skeptical)

Maddox: And, by the way, this was the first time I ever went snorkeling, too. So someone handed me a snorkel and said "Here you go!" So I had to figure out how to snorkel and get in a shark cage, and take my underwater camera out, and flip off a shark one-handed while taking a photo. I got it. I got the shot. It's amazing.

Sean: So, wait. You're floating at the top of the cage? Because you have to snorkel, so you have to…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah, this was.

Dick: Ready to jump back in the boat at any moment.

Maddox: Hey, well, you're already in a cage, Dick. You're not making a statement about bravery. Which, by the way, a lot of people are too pussy to get into a shark, cage, too. (disdainful) And by the way, sometimes those break. Those shark cages aren't entirely invincible. So anyway. I got in this shark cage. And the water was really choppy. And I got out. We went down in two different groups, right? This was…I believe in Hawaii, and I got out, and my friend was really nauseous and he barfed overboard. And the captain said, "Go ahead and aim for his buoy". Right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And…and he hit it. He hit the buoy. But as soon as I see someone barf, I gotta barf.

Dick: It's cool.

Maddox: So the captain said…yeah.

Dick: Do what other people are doing.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: That's cool.

Maddox: When it comes to nausea, you know, if I see someone barf, I gotta barf. So, the captain…I mean, not always, but this…this happened to be…I'll tell you why in a minute. He said "go over to the side and aim for the buoy." And I said "Okay". They were feeding the shark. As the shark came up, I threw up on the shark.

Dick: Good!

Maddox: I threw up three times, and two of them landed on the shark.

Dick: Good, good.

Maddox: I barfed on a shark. Twice. The same shark.

Dick: Fuck sharks!

Maddox: Well. I dunno, man! I think sharks are fucking cool!

Dick: Why are sharks cool!?

Maddox: Although…fuck sharks, yeah. I…I mean, I flipped one off. That's fucking cool shit. I'm fucking cool shit! Sharks are cool because they have big teeth! And they eat things. And they kill things! That's fucking cool! That's why I like lions! Lions are cool.

Dick: You like lions?

Maddox: Lions are cool!

Dick: Alright. (unconvinced)

Maddox: Sean, do you like lions, sharks?

Sean: (in the background) Yeah!

Maddox: Nodding his head. He likes all that shit! It's cool, Dick!

Dick: You know what? Why don't you guys just go fuck a shark, then?

Maddox: Good!

Dick: Fuck both of you!

Maddox: Maybe I will.

Dick: They're taking our beaches, man.

Maddox: They're not taking our beaches, you big pussy! Sharks aren't a problem.

Dick: Uh…Recife in Brazil. One of the most beautiful beaches in the world, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…a little bit up the coast, they build a port. And they have to dig an estuary for the ships, so the ships can come in and dock at the port, right?

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: What happened? They created a migration channel for sharks. So now, this beautiful beach is infested with sharks.

Sean: Do you know why?

Dick: Because they're going there to rook.

Sean: There was a huge increase in attacks, and it's because they had a slaughterhouse there, and all the stuff they weren't using, they were sending down that channel and attracting sharks from miles away, and they were attacking people.

Dick: Sharks are a big problem. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: There you go. While they were interviewing a lifeguard about this beach, a shark bit a woman's butt off.

Maddox: Yeah. (background cackling) Great.

Dick: Maddox.

Maddox: Yeah. Garbage. Garbage problem.

Dick: A dog would never bite a woman's butt completely off.

Maddox: Dogs…have eaten people's faces off, dickhead. And people get bit by dogs way more often than sharks. Dogs give you rabies. Dogs give you all sorts of problems. Dogs ruin friendships. Dogs…I…tell you what, Dick. I have never stepped on shark shit walking around on the sidewalk. (Sean cracks up in the background) Never! Not once have I stepped on shark shit. Not once has a shark ruined my life, or ruined my week, except for on TV. I always walk around and I'm always fucking stepping on dog shit, and you…your defense…you think…what if the sharks, Dick…what if the sharks are just raised by…what if they're raised poorly? What if they're raised by crazy people?

Dick: Sharks?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're all raised by crazy people.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: They're raised by sharks!

Maddox: So…okay. (laughs) Sharks…sharks are doing what they know, best, Dick. Which is to bite the shit off of things.

Dick: You fucking shark apologist!!! This is what you idiots sound like!!

Maddox: Yeah. That said, I'll eat a shark. I don't give a shit. Anyway.

Dick: Wildlife experts say there are now fewer than 3,500 Great White sharks left in the ocean. That's…that makes now the perfect time to strike and wipe them all out. (Maddox laughs) Okay?

Maddox: Great, Dick.

Dick: We do not need these apex predators floating around breeding more Great White sharks.

Maddox: Hah. You sound like a big crybaby. Why don't you go vote up babies? And by babies, I mean Dick Masterson.

Dick: Why do you love sharks so much?

Maddox: They're just cool.

Dick: (scoffs) They're just cool.

Maddox: They're cool. They're the ocean's…they're the ocean's…um, uh, what is it? Well, I want to say whales are the ocean's garbage disposal. They'll eat anything. Whales… they'll eat…

Dick: (interjects) As long as it's plankton. (Maddox guffaws) Yeah.

Maddox: They'll eat anything as long as it's plankton and algae. Yeah. What? What, Sean?

Sean: I was gonna say tiger sharks, they call those things swimming garbage cans.

Maddox: Yeah?

Sean: They will eat anything.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…they couldn't eat my middle finger. Too tough.

Dick: 100 million sharks are killed every year. Not enough. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Not enough. Wow.

Dick: Happy Shark Week. That's what I think about sharks.

Maddox: Yeah. Shark genocide. That's Dick Masterson. Shark genocide activist.

Dick: We're…we're already in the war!

Maddox: Why don't you just round 'em up and put 'em on a train, Dick? Send 'em to Sharkwitz.

Dick: Sharkwitz? (grins)

Maddox: Sharkwitz. Yeah.

Sean: Finocide.

Maddox: Finocide. There you go. Sharks don't bother anyone. Sharks are fucking bored in the sea. They're bored by our boats. By our swimming. By our technology. Sharks are more interested in catching other sharks. Did you hear about that? That big shark that's been catching Great Whites?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. There's this giant shark. It's a relative of…I think its ancestor was Megalodon.

Dick: I think it's a relative of Angelo's mom, isn't it? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: No, no, no, no. It's a bigger Great White.

Dick: Sean, right in the middle of my fucking mom joke, you son of a bitch. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Go ahead, sorry. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Um, yeah, no. Yeah, it's a giant Great White that's been eating other Great Whites.

Dick: Okay, good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe it's some kind of a robot.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay. Anyway, Dick. Is that…is that all you got?

Dick: Yeah, that's my problem.

Maddox: (sighs) Well, I got a real problem. I got the real biggest problem in the universe this week. French bread! (Sean giggles)

Dick: Oh, g- you're leading with French bread?

(Voice clip: Julia Child…"Water! Salt! Yeast! And a flit gun! That's all you need to make your own French bread! Today, on the French Chef! (theme song))

Maddox: Haha! French bread.

(Sound effect: "Ding!")

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Real problem. Yeah. I'm leading with French bread, Dick! Against sharks? I feel pretty confident about this. (sneers)

Dick: Well…(giggles) 'Kay.

Maddox: Here's what I got. French bread. The crust is awful. The bread dries out immediately and cuts the roof of your mouth. Right? You…do you like French…does anyone like French bread?

Dick: I don't really know what it is. I know what a baguette is.

Maddox: It's a big…it's essentially a baguette, but the one…the stuff that you buy, especially in America. Like I've had baguettes in French..

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: In France, rather. And when they come out of the oven, they're fresh, they're chewy. You get those bubbles inside 'em.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: The crust is…has just enough of that malleability where it's a little bit elastic.

Dick: That was a mouthful. (giggles)

Maddox: Malleability?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It's not like in"tu"lectuallism.

Dick: Yeah, okay. (laughs)

Maddox: It has the right amount of malleability. It has air bubbles in it. It's delicious. Right? But only when…like, the shelf life of French bread is 2 to 5 minutes. 2 to 5 minutes after, throw it away.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It's not even worth…like, just put your food in it and walk around with a shoe, because it's that tough. French bread is disgusting and it's awful.

Dick: Do you have a picture of it? I really don't know what French bread is exactly.

Maddox: Yeah. Here you go! Here's some French bread for you.

Dick: Oh, okay. It's a baguette. That's what I thought it was.

Maddox: It's essentially…it's essentially a baguette.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But the stuff that they sell in grocery stores, especially, is awful. They make hoagies with it. They make sandwiches with it. The amount of bread that you get in these loaves versus the crust…the…it's something like 70% of your sandwich is fucking bread. When you make a sandwich on French bread.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's like…it's kind of like a VW Bug, where they have…the ceilings are rounded.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you have all that wasted space at the…

Dick: (interjects) I know what a sandwich looks like, you son of a bitch! (laughs)

Maddox: (laughing) Well, I don't want you to confuse it for a square tube or anything like that.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Oh, you're talking about the box?

Maddox: The bonus episode, when you called a box with no lid on it a square tube. (laughing)

Dick: So you have a problem with too much bread on your sandwiches, Maddox?

Maddox: Too much bread, and also, it cuts the roof of your mouth. It's flavorless, awful bread! It's brittle garbage. That's what French…it's powdery, shitty, bread. It's the shittiest bread. And it's the most common bread. French bread. Why? It's like French fries!

Dick: Does it last a long time?

Maddox: French bread?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No. (scoffs)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: 2 to 5 minutes. I told you.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why is it so common, then?

Maddox: I go to restaurants…I don't fucking know, man. It's just…the bread…it's the…it's kinda like the iPhone. It's a shitty phone…

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Everybody objectively thinks the iPhone is a piece of shit! Everybody voted it down…voted down the Android fuckheads problem that you brought in and voted up iPhones, and yet, people still use it!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't know why!!! The touch screen is garbage. By the way, you fucking assholes! (angry, yelling) You won! You idiots won! I have a touch phone now! A touch screen phone! I fucking hate it. I'm always using voice-to-text. It doesn't fucking work. It's inaccurate! It's garbage. I don't have a physical keyboard! My messages are garbled pieces of shit! My noted are garbage!! Everything's garbage on this phone! I can't look anything up! Oh, great, I just missed a call! Fucking garbage. I hate this phone. You won.

Dick: Is it an iPhone?

Maddox: No.

Dick: You should try an iPhone. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: I have, dickhead! Hey! By the way, every time I use an iPhone, I realize another fucking feature that I'd just taken for granted on Android, because it's so FUCKING obvious that it doesn't have to be released in a keynote in the next revision of the iPhone. Which is, by the way, just the same as the last revision! (angry)

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But every time they have a new innovation that they steal from Android, they say, "Oh, well now you can do this new fuckin' thing!" And every iPhone user gets on Facebook and Twitter and just heralds how genius Steve Jobs is. (whines) "Oh, suck your dick, Steve Jobs." "Uuuuh, blab la bla!! Dicks, dicks, dicks!" All over their face. Jizz all over their face! They love Apple products. And here's the innovation…here's the thing you can't do with iPhones.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Is there a single button that just clears out all the windows that you have open? No!

Dick: The Home button.

Maddox: No, there isn't. No, that doesn't…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean?

Maddox: That doesn't…when you have the Apps listed, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You have to slide off each app individually. To get rid of them.

Dick: Oh, you wanna, like, shut them down?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you really…why would you want to do that, though?

Maddox: Oh, exactly! That is the number one argument I get from a dipshit Apple user! (Dick guffaws) As soon as you point out a deficiency, they say, "Well, why would you want to do that?" And you know what they said when I first pointed out that iPhones can't send MMS messages?

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: That's a picture message, for you fucking idiot Luddite dullards who don't understand because you're using iPhones. By the way. They said, "Well, we wouldn't use that anyway!" and then when I pointed out that you can't install apps. The original iPhone..

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Didn't allow people to install apps. And you know what the number one fucking rebuttal was?!?! (whiny voice) "Well, we wouldn't use that anyway, because we can use web apps! Buuuuh!!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Idiots!

Dick: So why would you want to clear the apps that you have?

Maddox: No reason, Dick. Because for somebody to argue that the Apple iPhone is timesaving because it saves the few seconds of you reaching into your pocket and checking your cell phone? Your time is so precious, and yet, you have alllll the time in the world when it comes to turning off apps and shutting them down! (angry, yelling) You don't see any value in pressing one button and getting rid of all of your apps at once.

Dick: I don't shut my apps down. Why would I do that?

Maddox: No shit! Yeah, why would you…why would you want your phone to run more efficiently and be more battery effective, right?

Dick: Aren't they just, like, in RAM, suspended somewhere?

Maddox: (giggles) Eh, well, you think. No, they're running.

Dick: Well they're not running.

Maddox: They're running in the background. They're taking up RAM. And by the way, that RAM is a precious resource.

Dick: Well….

Maddox: When you get phone calls?

Dick: I don't think they're doing that, though.

Maddox: Well…doesn't matter what you think. (Dick laughs) The fact is, they are.

Dick: It kinda does.

Maddox: No, it doesn't. Because it wasn't even until the latest version of the iPhone that they released a task manager that showed you specifically which apps were using battery.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: So, now that they do, you can see all these apps running in the background on your phone, sucking up your precious battery resources. And your bandwidth. And your data. All this shit that's just running the background on your iPhones. You fucking dullards don't even understand what your phone is doing. Garbage. Anyway, French bread. Vote it up.

Dick: So can you not shut down your apps on French bread, either? (background giggles) (Dick laughs) What's the problem with French bread?!

Maddox: I told you. It's dry and disgusting.

Dick: So it's stale bread.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What kind of bread do you like?

Maddox: Well, I…

Dick: (interjects) Cause I think French bread's pretty convenient. You just chop off the tip.

Maddox: Oh, great. (giggles) You chop off the tip.

Dick: Chop of the tip, you make yourself a sandwich. You can't make a Reuben out of it. You need some rye for that. But if you just want a little cheese and bologna sandwich… (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: Ah, I guess I got nothing, Dick. You want a cheese and bologna sandwich, guys…(giggles) Go ahead and vote down French bread.

Dick: Alright. (laughs)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Are you done with that?

Maddox: French bread.

Dick: Or do you have more on French bread?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Or more on Apple, God forbid.

Maddox: That…the entire problem was about French bread. There you go.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So…yeah, that's all I got.

Dick: My turn?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hiccups.

Maddox: Hiccups? (grins)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's not what you told me!

Dick: What'd I tell you?

Maddox: You didn't say hiccups were your problem this week!

Dick: What'd I say it was?

Maddox: You said, here, I'll pull it up. I have the text message. Hold on. Lemme fumble around with this touch screen. It's fucking awful, shitty technology.

Dick: Oh, I said computer graphics, didn't I?

Maddox: No. You said…oh, you just said sharks. I didn't even know…you didn't say that you had a second problem.

Dick: You got me.

Maddox: Hiccups.

Dick: Hiccups.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Every time I get the hiccups, I am afraid that I will have them for the rest of my life.

Maddox: (groans) Ugh.

Dick: It is…I am more afraid of hiccups than I am of getting pulled over by a cop while I'm drunk. Do you understand how frightening that is? There is nothing more frightening than getting the hiccups.

Maddox: It's frightening that you drive drunk…you shouldn't be afraid that you're gonna get pulled over that you're driving drunk. You should be afraid that you're driving drunk.

Dick: I am afraid of that, too.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: But not as afraid as getting pulled over.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Have you ever had the hiccups, Maddox? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Terrifying. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay. Tell me…

Dick: (interjects) Charles Osborne.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Charles Osborne hiccuped for 68 years.

Maddox: Dick, you realize that that's an extreme outlier in the statistics, right? That's really unlikely.

Dick: But it could happen. Anybody could be Charles Osborne.

Maddox: No. That's not true.

Dick: What do you mean, it's not true?!

Maddox: Charles Osborne had some specific condition that obviously is really uncommon, otherwise you'd hear about more Charles Osbornes.

Dick: Jennifer Mee of Florida hiccuped for 35 days.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Can you imagine that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What w…you couldn't even function.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Hiccuping for 35…it could happen to anybody. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Dick, I function all the time when I hiccup. It's just kind of annoying. You know this show, where it's not about our minor grievances and annoyances? (grins)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a minor grievance and annoyance.

Dick: Bob Taylor. 27 years hiccuping.

Maddox: Yeah. Well. Big problem, Dick. Are you also, like, one of these people…let's call them kids. Who, when the lights go off, they're afraid that it will be dark forever?

Dick: No, I don't care about that.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay.

Dick: But hiccups I'm terrified of.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're afr…you're…Dick. I don't believe this. I don't believe that you are genuinely that stupid to believe that you might never stop hiccuping when you hiccup (cough)

Dick: What, do you just get them and then you just know that they're going away, so you're fine about it?

Maddox: Yes. Because basic human physiology is the same. And most people experience the same calamities the same way. Most people experience pain the same way. Most

people orgasm the same way. Most people sneeze the same way. So when I get a hiccup, I know that it's going to stop eventually, because it stops in most people.

Dick: But you don't know. You don't know for sure. (Maddox stammers) Chris McKernon starting hiccuping at 19. And he hiccuped for 60 days. 1.4 million hiccups.

Maddox: They…they calculated the number of hiccups.

Dick: He did. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. That's a real useless number.

Dick: Yeah. Well, it's a bigger problem than fuckin' bread!

Maddox: French bread.

Dick: French bread.

Maddox: No, you know what? Let's call it fuckin' bread. 'Cause that's what it is, is fuckin' French bread. It's fucking awful. And by…I looked high and low for this documentary, or, it was a video, not a video, an article I read a long time ago. I think it was on BBC.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It talked about how all these chefs were going to be calling a boycott on French bread, because they said it was universally the worst bread. Everybody hated it. All the chefs hated it. It never adds to the food. It only takes away.

Dick: Yeah, but it's convenient.

Maddox: It fills your gut. Might as well eat a sponge.

Dick: It's convenient and it's fun, like a sword. Like, you can brandish it.

Maddox: The only reason it's convenient, Dick, is because it's around everywhere. If they replaced that bread with something better, then that bread that's better would be convenient, wouldn't it?

Dick: Like a bunch of rye? Like you're gonna take a bunch of handfuls of rye bread camping with you?

Maddox: No. I'll tell you what's good. Naan bread. Huh? There's a real fuckin' slice of bread, buddy!

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Naan bread. Carry that shit around. I'll eat that shit for days.

Dick: Oh, Naan, the Indian bread?

Maddox: Naan. The Indian bread? Yeah, it's delicious.

Dick: Lil…lil thick and heavy.

Maddox: No it's not, man! Naan bread is thinner than French bread.

Dick: It's like a tortilla.

Maddox: It's denser than French bread, but it's not thicker.

Dick: Okay, denser.

Sean: You ever have that Ethiopian bread?

Maddox: It's awful.

Sean: It's kinda spongey?

Maddox: I hate it.

Sean: That thing is fucking great! It's like sourdough, but it's really…

Dick: It's great.

Maddox: Noooo. No.

Sean: Yeah, it's like, injer, or something like that?

Maddox: It's sour and it dissolves in your mouth. Ethiopians are not known for food, buddy.

Sean: (stammers)

Maddox: Alright? I'm gonna say it. I'm gonna say it.

Sean: Their food is good, man!

Maddox: It's good to avoid. (Sean groans) Here's the thing with Ethiopian food. I finally have had good Ethiopian cuisine, where I would still place it…the best I've ever had was pretty good. Still only an 8 on the scale compared to average Indian food.

Sean: I agree, Indian food is better.

Maddox: Yeah. Indian food is way better. Ethiopian food often gets compared to Indian food, because it's saucy and you eat it with that big thing. With a big piece of bread.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But that bread…first of all, let's not call it bread. Let's not insult bread by calling Ethiopian bread "bread". It's not.

Dick: What kind of bread do you like?

Maddox: I told you. Naan bread.

Dick: That's your favorite kind of bread?

Maddox: Naan is great! I like…I like wheat. I like wheat bread.

Dick: Ugh, that's the worst kind of bread. (disgusted)

Maddox: No, man!

Dick: Wheat bread? The brown stuff?

Maddox: Some honey wheat?! You know what? You want some good bread, buddy? I'll make you some bread. I'm a breadmaker.

Dick: Yeah. (not convinced)

Maddox: I make really good bread.

Dick: Like you make 3D renders? (Sean cracks up) Is your bread gonna come out looking like I just shit it?!

Maddox: No, fuckface!! (background laughter) (Dick cracks up) If you just…if you walk into the kitchen and you just drink my…my yeast while it's leavening.

Dick: Oh, God! That sounds disgusting!

Maddox: That's essentially what you're doing with my beautiful works of art. My 3D art. That you're judging before it's finished.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Sean, you've had my bread. I…I make cinnamon raisin bread. Sean, you've had my bread. I want you to tell…tell the world. The audience that we're broadcasting to. The entire world. What you think of my bread.

Sean: It was good, but I was REAAAAAALLY hungry.

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean!! (Dick cracks up) Why do you have to qualify it?!!? That's the dick qualification. Fucking bullshit. I get shit on all over. Dick, I wanna get to my last problem here.

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah, okay.

Maddox: My last problem….

Dick: Are we comparing this episode to the top ten comedy podcasts?! (grins)

Maddox: (laughing) Yes! Because I'm gonna save it right here.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Alright? Biggest problem in the universe is horses.

(Sound effect: Horse neighing)

Maddox: Yeah! Horses. Horses are the biggest problem, Dick. Way bigger problem than sharks. 'Kay? You know what I hate, Dick? Horses. You know what I love? Horse meat and glue. Two of my favorite things. Horse meat and glue. While animal-based glue has fallen out of style in the last 60 years or so, some companies still make animal-based glues, which is awesome for book setters, because it takes longer to set, which gives book setters more time to work on their books. That's a fact.

Dick: Oh. I didn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah. They still use animal-based glues in a lot of books. Horses are stupid. That's a fact. I looked it up. There's a website called Quora, where people ask questions and get them answered. Someone asked "are dogs smarter than horses?" and it's kinda like Yahoo Answers, but the people who answer are supposedly experts.

Dick: (guffaws) So it's exactly the same as Yahoo Answers?!? (laughs)

Maddox: Well, Yahoo Answers lets anyone answer, but…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, okay. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. This has supposedly experts answering, right.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The first sentence of the answer to the question "are dogs smarter than horses?" says, "Dogs and horses have very different kinds of intelligence."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Already, that first sentence in and of itself is bullshit. The article goes on, "Horses never make the same mistake that dogs do. They never think that you're another horse." Wel, that's good, because I'd hate to be mistaken for a big, dumb animal with goofy teeth and giant, dopey eyes on the side of my head like a fish!! Horses are like land fish with giant legs and they shit everywhere! They're…they're worse than sharks! They're like the sharks of the land, buddy! You don't like sharks, then vote up horses, 'cause horses…

Dick: (interjects) How many horse attacks have there ever been?

Maddox: Horses attack people all the fucking time! Just YouTube it! There's tons of horses kicking people and gnawing at people and neighing! (neighs like a horse)

Dick: Hmm.

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Maddox: Stupid. Listen to that stupid laugh.

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Dick: That's not a laugh. (giggles) That's the sound they make.

Maddox: Sounds like they're laughing.

Dick: They're not laughing at you. Is that why you hate them?

Sean: He feels really paranoid 'cause one time he was at a farm and he thought a horse laughed at him.

Dick: Yeah. He was pissing and the horse came by and he's like, "are you laughing at my dick?!" (laughs)

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Maddox: Fucking hate horses, man.

Dick: Why?!? (incredulous)

Maddox: I'm getting to that. Here's a fact. Did you know that the smell of horse manure is the number one reason people have a bad time at state fairs? Yeah.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's a fact. As if corn dogs and shitty friend food needed the aid of horse shit to taste awful.

Dick: You don't like state fairs, either?

Maddox: No, they're fine.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: I just don't like the constant whiff of horse manure.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Being shoveled into my nose.

Dick: Alright, city boy. (grins)

Maddox: Wafted into my…ohohoo, wow!!! (Dick laughs) Dick Mas…Slick Dick Masterson.

Dick: You don't just get used to it? That's what it smells like.

Maddox: Yeah. You can get used to the smell of shit, Dick. That's also called not showering. It's awful. Here's some more from Quora. That article. It says, "Like elephants, horses display an almost obsessive love of learning." Yeah, that's how I would describe a horse.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: As displaying an obsessive love of learning. Horses just love to read.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Those fucking animals. Street sharks.

Dick: You really value intelligence in animals, don't you? That was your…I think that was your big problem with dogs, too, that they're not smart enough.

Maddox: Dogs…people always say dogs are so smart. Well, if they're so fucking smart, why don't they build an oil platform?

Dick: Yeah. (laughs) 'Cause they're dogs.

Maddox: Yeah. Exactly.

Dick: What if it was, like, Mr. Ed was a horse? Where he could talk to you.

Maddox: He is.

Dick: And, like, be a human.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then would you like horses?

Maddox: I would respect them a little bit more, but it depends on what they have to say.

Dick: All-Libertarian agenda. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Fuck that horse!! Turn it into glue, man! I fucking love glue.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: This is why…so the article goes on. "This is why they're so amenable to human taming. We teach them what to do and they love us for it." Yeah. Way to interpret a horse's emotions, you fucking ape! (silly voice) "As far as the horse is concerned, by learning what to do, they gain the kind of control for their world that they can appreciate. Horses aren't terribly interested in "why?" The question why. (silly voice) "If a horse displays curiosity, it

is usually because he or she wants to know what will happen in a given situation and learn what he or she should do about it." Yeah. 'Cause that's what horses are doing. They're sitting there, observing other horses and other people and trying to decide…

Sean: This is…this is really anthropo…(sighs) anthropomor…I can't even say it.

Maddox: Anthropomorphic!

Dick: You can do it. No, let him do it! Let him do it.

Sean: Anthropo…bleh. (they all crack up) I can't do it. This is all getting cut.

Maddox: No!

Dick: No!! No!!

Maddox: No. No. (grins)

Dick: Nope!

Maddox: Sean, it's anthropomorphic, and what they're doing…

Sean: (interjects) Anthropomorphic, thank you.

Maddox: It is also teleological, Dick.

Dick: No, it's not! It's just you bitching about horses not being smart enough!

Maddox: Yes, it is.

Dick: It's…it's, like, you're comparing them to a human for some weird reason.

Maddox: No, I'm not. This is the article, Dick. That's what they're saying.

Dick: It's not an article. It's a Q&A on Quora.

Maddox: Well, whatever. He says, (silly voice) "They convey their emotions to one another by moving in an emotive way so that any horse seeing it automatically experiences some of the same emotional state, a condition akin to the one in which humans respond to in a song." (scoffs) Yeah.

Dick: Well, that sounds true, if stupidly said.

Maddox: Well, there you go, Dick! I guess it fucking sounds true! Must be true! (angry) (stammers) If this Quora article comparing horses' intelligence to dogs and elephants sounds convincing enough, fine! Go ahead and fucking marry your fucking…street fish! Your street shark! Horses.

Dick: Horses have done more for the human race than probably any other animal.

Maddox: Garbage. What have they done?

Dick: Well, they were cars for thousands of years.

Maddox: Okay. Horses are not cars. Go on.

Dick: They were transportation before cars.

Maddox: We…we used them for transportation . And by the way, Dick. I love riding horses. 'Kay?

Dick: What are you, a 14 year old girl? (grins) You get off your bicycle and jump on a horse?!!? (cracks up)

(Sound effect: "wrong" buzzer)

(Sound effect: booing)

Maddox: So fucking tired of this. (Dick laughing) Dick, I have some good news. (Dick still laughing) I've been railing about horses for a while now.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But I have some good…good horse news. Some actual good horse news.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Here it is. In 2011, 2011. President Barack Obama quietly signed into law a spending bill that restores horse slaughtering in America.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The reason, well, it turns out that they banned horse slaughtering for meat in America.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And the ban backfired, because the horse slaughtering industry went to Canada and Mexico. This is from the Washington Times.

Dick: That'll happen. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Without FDA oversight. So they just started slaughtering horses in Canada and Mexico.

Dick: And Mexico.

Maddox: Without FDA oversight.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then sending that tainted meat, often times, to the US.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And people were getting sick from eating horse meat. The ban was in place in 2006 when the US funded inspectors checking on horse butchering plants were simply defunded.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That essentially ended the industry. So Barack Obama, in 2011, quietly signed into law allowing horse slaughtering again. That's one of my favorite things that he's ever done. The horse slaughtering bill.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: That's cool. And this is from the Washington Times. "A June report by the Government Accountability Office, Congress' chief investigation branch said that the ban

depressed prices for horses in the US and led to a surge in the reports of neglect or abuse as owners of older horses had no way of disposing of them, short of selling them to foreign slaughtering facilities were US Humane Slaughtering Protections do not apply. So there you go.

Dick: Did you know that the Mongols, in addition to riding their horses, when they ran low on supplies and water, would drink the horses' blood?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. How about that? Pretty useful.

Maddox: Makes sense.

Dick: Pretty useful.

Maddox: Yeah. Pretty useful.

Dick: Pretty useful animal.

Maddox: Eating horses is definitely a solution, but horses by themselves…

Dick: They ate them…

Maddox: They have those beady fucking eyes that are always staring at you from the side of their head, like a fucking fish. You know, what's the difference between a flounder… what's the difference between a guppy, or a goldfish, and a horse? Pretty much just legs. They're no fucking different. They're both stupid animals.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Buh, buh, buh. With their stupid mouths open, agape.

Dick: So you…what are you, like, a cat guy? 'Cause cats are more intelligent than that. Are you, like, big into cats?

Maddox: I'm a parrot guy. Cats are okay.

Dick: (laughs) 'Cause it'll just repeat whatever you say? That makes sense.

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeeeeah. (grins) That's…now that's a smart fuckin' bird.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Birds are way smarter than horses. And by the way, I've never had to worry about stepping on bird shit. Yeah, birds'll shit on you sometimes.

Dick: They'll shit all over your car.

Maddox: But so will horses! You ever seen a horse with diarrhea?!

Dick: Nope.

Maddox: Sprays fuckin' everywhere. There was a horse one time.

Dick: Pony Express. You heard of that?

Maddox: Yeah. Where are they? Are they still in business, Dick?

Dick: Yeah. They're called USPS.

Maddox: But they're not delivering their mail by ponies, are they?

Dick: No. (giggles)

Maddox: No, they're not.

Dick: Because we've got cars.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause cars are better than horses. You know what else is better than horses? Humans. Technology.

Dick: Yeah…

Maddox: Horses are yesterday, man. Horses are the past. Cars and rocket ships are the future.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Humans are the solution. Humans are the final solution to horses. (cracks up)

Dick: I think you're gonna get some pretty big downvotes on this one.

Maddox: I don't think so, man. I…I believe in our fans.

Dick: They're very useful, horses. You couldn't have a cowboy without a horse.

Maddox: I'm not denying they're useful, Dick. I'm saying they're annoying animals with their beady mouth…their beady eyes and their big, fucking buck teeth.

Dick: I don't think they're…(Maddox neighs) I don't think they're a big problem, though.

Maddox: They're a BIG problem.

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Dick: Alright. (exhausted)

Maddox: Listen to that stupid laugh.

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

(Maddox imitates the horse)

Dick: It's not a laugh.

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Maddox: (neighs) What do you think's so funny, dickhead?!

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Maddox: (goofy voice) "I unno!" (Dick laughs) What are you laughing at?

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Maddox: I unno!!! (goofy voice) (background laughter) What do you think's smarter, you or an elephant?

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Maddox: (neighs) Stupid fucking dumb animals. (laughing) What are you…what are you gonna vote on this week?

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Maddox: That's right. Vote for yourself, you fucking dumb horse. Stupid. A horse.

Dick: Why do you hate ho…is it 'cause girls like horses?

Maddox: No, man.

Dick: Are you jealous?

Maddox: This has nothing to do with girls. This has nothing to do with girls.

Dick: Oh. They do.

Maddox: It's just…they…they look stupid. They're greedy animals. They're greedy. And their hair…their mane…oh, they think they're so pretty walking around with that mane.

Dick: I don't think they think that. (laughing)

Maddox: They think that! (Dick cracks up) Ohhhh. Didn't you read that Quora article, Dick!?! They're…

Dick: Was it written by a horse?

Maddox: They express themselves…yeah!! Sounds like it. Oh, that's what it was!! (revelation) It was written by a fucking horse!

Dick: Alright. You're…you…(grins)

Maddox: Clomping about.

Dick: You're crazy.

Maddox: Horses. Horses can't even walk around on our modern pavement without horseshoes. Did you know that?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They have to have horseshoes on. Otherwise their stupid hoves get splintered. Idiots.

Dick: We got shoes.

Maddox: Dumb.

Dick: Maybe you don't. Socrates, did he have shoes?

Maddox: Socrates? Yeah. I mean, he didn't always wear 'em.

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Thanks. Thanks, horse. That was a good joke. (laughs) Anyway, Dick. Um, my problems this week were French bread, which I would gladly eat as long as it had horse meat in between.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And horses.

(Closing theme riff starts)

Dick: My problems are sharks and hiccups.

Maddox: Ahhh, great. Because you're afraid the hiccups might never end.

Dick: They might not.

(Voice mail: Male voice: "Hey, this is President William Henry Harrison and I have got to say. Maddox, you are the smartest motherfucker I know. Dick, how the fuck can you support the Washington Redskins nickname? Do you think I heedlessly slaughtered those savages at the battle of… (Dick and Maddox laugh) **Tippecanoe to have them commemorated by this great nation's capital?!** (**Dick:** "That's true". (laughs) **Fuck that shit! And Maddox, I totally agree with your initiative of not wearing jackets. In fact, I'm planning to go jacketless during my inauguration because I'm a rugged son of a bitch.** (Dick cracks up) (**Maddox:** "Cool.") **Anyway, Dick, go fuck theyself.")**

Dick: That's how he died.

(Sound effect: horse neighing)

Maddox: Good joke. Good!

(Voice mail: Male voice: "Hey, what's…Dick, Maddox. This is the President of Nigeria calling long distance. (Maddox laughs) **This is how I talk.** (**Maddox:** "There he is.")**I heard that Maddox is taking credit for my ban on female mutilation.** (**Maddox:** "Yeah.") **Is it true?** (**Dick:** "Yes.") **Before today, I haven't laid eyes on this podcast, so I do not want you to say it is because of you, but I thank you for spreading the good word. Also, Dick, go fuck yourself.")**

(Sound effect: "Ding!")

Maddox: That's right. The President of Nigeria called in to CONFIRM that I, yours truly, your magnanimous host, ended Female Genital Mutilation in Africa…well, Nigeria!

(Sound effect: "Ding!")

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Smart.

Dick: I got one for Sean.

(Voice mail: Male voice: "Uh, hello. This is Dr. Richard Handler from the California State Genitalia Competition Association. (Maddox laughs) **I'm calling for Sean, the audio engineer? Uh, just wanted to inform him that the judging has been completed and he won several awards last week at the 2015 California State Penis Contest and Cook-Off.** (**Dick:** "Oh!!") (**Sean:** "And here's the left turn!")**And Mr. Sean the Audio Engineer, you can stop by our LA office anytime this week to collect the ribbons for the following awards.** (**Sean:** "Mhmm.") (Dick laughs) **Um, first prize you won, this**

would be several awards, the first being "Largest Peehole Circumference". Um, congratulations there. (they all laugh) **Also, you took home first prize for "Best Smell". So again, congratulations.** (Dick groans) **We'll move on now. You also took home second prize in the "Best Tattoo" category.** (**Dick:** "Oh!" **Maddox:** "Yeah. Tramp stamp.") **And I must say, I really enjoyed your depiction of Urkel riding Snuffalufagus. That was very, very creative and I enjoyed that very much.** (**Maddox:** "Tasteful." **Dick:** "That's a big tattoo.") **Uh, you also won third prize here for "Sharpest Angle". And I've gotta tell you, that 78 degree bend you have going on there probably would have won first prize almost any other year, but…** (they laugh) (**Sean:** "I can fuck around corners.") (Maddox and Dick laugh) **unfortunately, those are the breaks. Um, oh, I'm sorry, I missed one, actually. You also won first prize for "Most Unique Taste".** (Maddox giggles) (**Dick:** "Probably something to do with the smell.") **and then finally, you win Overall Best in Show. So, congratulations.** (**Dick:** "Oh!") (**Maddox:** "Heyyyy!! Best in Show.") **Please stop by our office anytime to pick that up.** (**Sean:** "Where's the applause?")

(Sound effect: clapping)

"Um, I'd also like to just address something to Dick and Maddox here, because, um, here's the thing, guys, if you want to enter the contest, you need to actually show up. Just sending me picture after picture of your erect penises isn't gonna cut it. (**Dick:** "Allllright, buddy.) (**Maddox:** "Oh, I thought that would do it.) **)**

Dick: Yeah. No. (grins)

Maddox: You mean… we have to…arrive? (background laughter)

Dick: Is that a horse joke?

(Sound effect: Ba-dum-ching drum and cymbal)

(Sound effect: Horse neighing)

Maddox: You liked it.

Dick: Did you mean come?

Maddox: Yeah. That's what that means.

Dick: Ohhhhhh!!!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Awesome.

(Sound effect: Baby laugh)

Dick: (laughing) Lemme find one more here.

Maddox: Horses throwing off my game, all these fucking horse neighs.

Dick: Yeah, you really hate horses, dude. I dunno why.

Maddox: Yeah. I told you. They…they look like big cows with turkey legs and then they have a stupid fish head.

Dick: Okay. So they're just on their looks?

Maddox: Their looks. Their arrogance.

Dick: Oh, their arrogance. (grins)

Maddox: Their vanity.

Dick: That's…that's where you lose me.

Maddox: Horses are very arrogant creatures. Oh, they think they're so pretty. Oh, they… oh, fucking horse mane. Ohhhhhhh, ooooooooooh! (horse sounds)

(Voice mail: (Male voice): "Yo, Maddox, you fucking bitch. (Maddox laughs) **How dare you fucking say Smash is just a casual game.** (**Maddox:** "It is. It's the most casual." (grins)) **Dude, like, you're officially confirmed for troll status now.** (**Maddox:** "Okay." (grins)) **Cause, I mean, it's obvious to anyone who is even remotely decent at Smash Brothers that it's actually…**(**Maddox:** "Heh. It's obvious." (whiny nerd voice)**a ridiculously deep and complex fighting game. But, I thought you would know about that sort of thing, but apparently…**(**Maddox:** "Apparently I was mistaken." (whiny)) **You're just a whiny little vagina.** (**Maddox:** "Mhmm. Yeah.")**There's nothing wrong with that, but you have to be really honest with yourself about what you are and, umm…**(Dick laughs) **You know, I hate to say it like that. Not really. I actually love to say it like that.** (**Maddox:** "Sounds like you hate to say it like that, yeah.") **Anyway. Go fuck yourself, and…**(**Maddox:** "Yeah, sounds like you really needed saying…oh, fuck.") **Yeah, keep it real.** (Dick laughs) **)**

Maddox: Does this voice mail ever end?

Dick: I don't know. (laughs)

Maddox: Like the Smash Brothers series?! Can that series just fucking end?!? And lemme go on the record to state this, Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I don't want…I don't want my words to be misconstrued. Let me be completely clear. That Smash Brothers is a garbage, casual game for garbage, casual players.

Dick: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Maddox: It is the most casual of fighting games.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Um, there's two buttons in the game. And they both do the s…well, they both do random things every time you push it.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Sometimes you jump. Sometimes you kick. Sometimes you shoot rockets. Nobody knows! Press a button in Smash Brothers. Nobody knows what it's gonna do.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's…it's like fighting roulette. (goofy voice) "oooh, 36 moves." 36 moves! They're proud of 36 moves. You know what? I will show you. I will show you the move list. I'll play Street Fighter 5 and enable the moves on screen so it shows the inputs.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I will guarantee in three seconds, I'll put in over 36 inputs. If you guys think that that's what defines a good fighting game, I do that regularly, buddy. I did…more than 36 inputs while I saying that last sentence! On my fucking keyboard over here.

Dick: Sounds like a good night. 36 inputs? (grins) (Maddox laughs) Aaah, then I'm done. Bleeeh.

Maddox: You're done after two, buddy. (Dick scoffs) (Maddox guffaws)

Dick: Why…why would you want to know that or be happy about it?

Maddox: Well, that's what one of the comments said in our bonus episode. Buy this week's bonus…this month's bonus episode. (giggles)

Dick: Mmm.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey, MadCocks. This is Chuck from Fairfax, Virginia. I get that you're the ultimate paternalist. It comes through loud and clear in all of your writing and your podcasts. You think you know better than everyone else. I get that."

Dick: That's true, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

"And part of that stems from your utter conviction that everyone else is a moron.

Maddox: Right.

"Also acceptable. Now, what confuses me is your support for paternalistic statism. What I mean, is the government thinking that they know better than everything else. That's so confusing to me, because if you think everyone else is a dumbass, why would you trust them to enact laws that controls your life and the lives of everyone else?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I do wanna know that about you.

"Paternalism and statism should be antithetical to what you believe. And yet, time and time again, like with the smoking in the most recent episode, you support statist, paternalistic laws.")

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. So go ahead. Why is that?

Maddox: Flawed reasoning. Flawed caller. So, he assumed something about me, which is that I think everyone else is a dumbass. That's not true.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: There are varying degrees of stupidity. There are varying degrees of intelligence.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I just happen to be at the top of that list. But here's the thing.

Dick: I see.

Maddox: People…people who are dumb fall under a spectrum. It's not an absolute. I'm not an absolutist. In most…in most regards.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Right? So when it comes to…statism or paternalism, I'm not even sure what he was talking about there.

Dick: I know that you're not sure what he's talking about.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…

Dick: It's very clear.

Maddox: What's clear, Dick!?

Dick: Which part, that you're paternalistic, or that you want the government to control everyone's lives?

Maddox: Well, that I'm paternalistic.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause you tell everybody what they're doing wrong and how they should live.

Maddox: No I don't.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I don't tell…I don't tell…look, I'll sometimes correct people. I will sometimes do that.

Dick: You see the way you're wagging your pen at us? (Maddox laughs) Like a dad? (background laughter) That's…that's where it comes from. That's why we're under the mistaken impression that you're paternalistic.

Maddox: Dick, you're mistake in that sentence…in that observation of me…

Dick: Here it comes. (laughs) I don't even think you can say this without shaking your finger at us.

Maddox: Is…is that...(laughs) I'm shaking my pen.

Dick: Try your finger. Just go all the way! (grins)

Maddox: I do my finger all the fucking time, Dick! (yells) I wag my finger…

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Problem: **People Texting In Public Walkways** [01:08:27]

<u>The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 61</u>

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(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe from horses to hiccups! (Dick cackles) With over 3.5 million downloads. This is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I am Maddox, and with me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. (Dick still laughing)

Sean: Hello!

Dick: Oh man, really rub it in.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Everybody hated horses, they hated sharks...

Maddox: No, they loved horses and sharks, apparently! Downvoted to oblivion.

Dick: Augh.

Maddox: Let's just get this out of the way, man.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: (**drumroll sound effect**) Last week, the biggest problem in the universe was...Hiccups. (Dick and Sean laugh) Hiccups...hic-

Dick: (interjects) Oh, MAN.

Maddox: Hiccups. (**crickets sound effect**)

Dick: You gotta listen to the episode to believe it! (Maddox laughs) That's what I say.

Maddox: Hiccups, followed by -- and then these were all downvoted...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...Sharks, Horses, and French Bread. French Bread, the lowest of the three. NOBODY thought French Bread was a problem. Good! Enjoy your shitty bread, idiots!

Dick: I don't even really know what kind of bread you were talkin' about, still.

Maddox: Dick, have you... (laughing)

Dick: Not baguettes, right? (grins)

Maddox: They're -

Dick: (interjects) French bread is not baguettes. Is that wro-...is that right?

Maddox: Well, a baguette I think is something specific, but I think a baguette's another word for French bread.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: How many different types of French bread are there? There's basically one. It's a baguette. It's the same thing.

Dick: I don't know. What was that chick's name in Amélie? That's a French bread I can get on board with, you know what I'm talkin' about? (slyly)

Maddox: Oh man, you're...no Dick, you're thinkin' "French broad." (laughs)

Dick: Oh. Oh, well, you're right. You're right, you're right.

Sean: Wasn't her name Amélie?

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs loudly)

Dick: I... (cracks up)

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: I meant the actress. (Maddox still giggling) I meant the actress, Sean.

Maddox: Oh, okay! Uh-huh! (skeptical) Nice save.

Dick: I like to get to know BEHIND the character, you know? (Maddox and Sean laughing) I like to get to know the woman portraying the character.

Maddox: That's your secondary -

Dick: (interjects) That's just me.

Maddox: That's your secondary chute.

Dick: And how big her...her bra is. You know?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: What?

Maddox: That's the...that's the emergency parachute you pulled right there. (Dick laughs) Whew! Saved. Not really, though.

Dick: Well, I got a new song to celebrate me winning.

Maddox: Oh, you g-...?

Dick: 'Cause it's been a while. (background laughter)

Maddox: Oh, you got a song?

Dick: You wanna hear it? Yeah. [**plays a cappella "Maddox Lost" song**]

Maddox: I mean, it's not...you don't win in the show, but...

(fingers snapping)

Dick: Here it comes. (grinning)

Maddox: Great.

Male a cappella singers: Maddox...lost! Maddox...lost! Maddox...lost! Maddox...how'd he lose?? (Dick giggles) **Maddox...lost! Maddox...lost! 'Cause his problems fucking suck!**

Dick: They did. (Maddox laughing)

Male a cappella singers: Maddox...lost! Maddox...he lost! Maddox...how'd he lose to Dick? Maddox...

Maddox: Great.

Male a cappella singers: Maddox...lost! Maddox...lost!

Maddox: Quit snapping your fingers, Sean!

Maddox: Diiiiiiiiiiiiick is the winnerrrr! Oh, yeeeah.

[song ends]

Dick: Ahhhhh! (singing) Thank you. Thank you very much. (chuckling)

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) What a DICK.

Dick: Zach Peterson.

Maddox: What a fuckin' asshole. That's a shit so-

Dick: (interjects) Zach Peterson made that.

Maddox: Zach Peterson? Garbage song, garbage...co-host. (laughs)

Dick: For those of you who don't know, that was an a cappella rendition of this song, which I used to play... [**plays original "Maddox Lost" song**] (laughs with Sean)

Maddox: Okay. (annoyed) Fuckin' asshole.

(drums and electric guitar)

Dick (singing): Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! 'CAUSE HIS PROBLEMS FUCKIN' SUCK!

Maddox: Augh! (Dick cackling) Ahh, what an asshole.

Dick (singing): Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST!

Maddox: Cock sucker. Don't...don't nod your head!! Sean!

Dick (singing): Maddox LOST! Maddox LOST! Diiiiiiiiiiick is the winnerrrrrrrr!

(song plays out with more drums and guitar)

Dick: Badass!

Maddox: Garbage.

Dick: Badass song.

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: Written by me, to celebrate my winning.

Maddox: Mhm. [**song finally ends**]

Dick: Lemme tell you why winning is important on this show.

Maddox: Ohokay.

Dick: Because if you didn't have the cost of a loss to dread, if you didn't have a victory to look forward to, we would get too many episodes full of sharks and horses and hiccups and horseshit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why having a winner is important.

Maddox: Yeah, because when we...when the show's a contest, we don't risk bringing in, quote, "vote grab" problems, (Dick and Sean laugh) and then having the audience vote on whichever gimmick they wanna hear every week. That's stupid.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Dick, uh, good songs, good songs.

Dick: Thanks!

Maddox: I also brought in a song today.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I think you'll like this. This is by...Christoffer Strand.

Dick: I like that guy.

Maddox: Yeah. [**plays "Small Face Dick" song**]

Dick: He emailed me this. "Your face, Dick, is somewhat small for your head and chin. Looks too bulky." (Maddox and Sean laugh) So I g-...I gotta work on that. (laughs)

Maddox: Work on making your...work on your proportions, Dick. (giggling)

Dick: Work on the size of my face.

(slightly sad bassline, drums and piano)

Male singer: No one caaaaaaares

When your face is way too small

Drown my teeeeears

Dick: Oh, man. (Maddox laughing)

Male singer: In a world of alcohol

Spendin' money left and right

Dick: Yeah, bein' cool. (smiling)

Male singer: To forget just for one niiiiight

I'm Small Face Dick

Dick: So it's Charlie Brown's head, which is about the size of a half dollar, a silver dollar, and then my face is about the size of a dime.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In the middle of your pinkie fingernail.

Maddox: A tiny...a tiny little one. (laughing)

Dick: I don't know about...I don't like this one. I got a tiny face again.

Maddox: And then you have this tiny little face. I think it's pretty accurate.

Dick: Yeah. (annoyed) (Maddox and Sean laugh) It's not accurate.

Maddox: You know, Dick? I feel bad for you sometimes.

Dick: Thanks.

Maddox: Because you bring in these... (both crack up)

Dick: Why? 'Cause my face is too small for my head? (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) It's a threesome of me.

Maddox: It's three dudes. (giggles)

Dick: And the god damn faces are SO small, you son of a bitch.

Dick: Ahhh. How long is this shit?

Maddox: Got another minute.

Dick: Yeah, I wish I could be happier that I won, but just hearing about my face again just pisses me off. It INSTANTLY pisses me off. I don't have a small face.

Dick: I DON'T HAVE A SMALL FACE.

Dick: I hate that stupid picture. I don't have a too small of a face for my head.

Dick: I don't have a small face! It's...

Maddox: I know, that's what he's saying!! He's saying he enlarged it for you.

Dick: No, I don't ha-...I get the joke. He made it extra small.

Maddox: What? (laughing)

Dick: Like the size of a mouth on my head, on my actual head. (Maddox laughs loudly) I don't have a too small of a face. At least I know this guy's face. Right?

Maddox: You know, Dick? With you, it's poker. You gotta put on your best bluffing tiny little face.

Dick: Um...

Dick: What the hell did...what did that mean?

Maddox: I don't know.

Maddox: Why don't you just wear a face mask and call it a day?

Dick: That doesn't work. No! 'Cause my face is little! It's on everything!

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Dick: It's everywhere!

Maddox: You wear a gas mask.

Dick: You breathe it through the mask!

Maddox: Wear a gas mask like a fuckin' raver.

Dick: Wear a hazmat suit. That's the solution?

Maddox: Yeah. If it's a problem, you should wear a hazmat suit.

Dick: I'm an idiot, I sound like an idiot. You know how hard it is talking to a woman in bed...

Dick: Alright! (exasperated) (everyone laughs)

Dick: ...when your voice is all fucked up with too small of a face? The thing that bothers me most about it is that...

Dick: Why would I say that?!

Maddox: I...I don't know, man!

Dick: ...people are fixated on this standard of beauty. These people are obviously beautiful. I'm...I'm not!! I got a too small of a face! (Dick and Maddox laugh) **I feel bad about that, you know? Like, oh, I got a hundred emails: "Dick, you're too ugly to live."** (more laughing) **Like, I really care! It's something that I value as a person.**

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I want it! I wanna see it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But not having it is the end of the world. (Dick and Maddox laugh more) **I can't even say that with a straight face.**

[song ends]

Maddox: Ahh, that's it!

Dick: FUCK you.

Maddox: Ohoho, really?

Dick: 'Cause...fuck you, yeah. The "bags of sand" stuff is funny. The small face stuff is not funny.

Maddox: Uh-huh?

Dick: It's too personal. (cracking up)

Maddox: Oh, it's t-... (giggles) Okay!

Dick: Look! Look.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Look, I don't have a small face.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: #1.

Maddox: For the record.

Dick: For the record, I don't have a small face, and I'm gonna prove it. We're gonna get... (Maddox laughs) We're gonna get some kind of forensic artist. I just thought of this. We're gonna get some kind of forensic policeman artist in here to draw my face and see with science and calipers and rulers and ratios if it's actually a small face.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: And it's fuckin' not. (angrily)

Maddox: Alright, Dick! That...I agree to this challenge. We're going to have a forensic artist in one of these episodes, and during the show they're gonna ha-...you're gonna be drawn, and we'll see if it's a normal-size face.

Dick: It's...right? That's a good way to prove it.

Maddox: That's fair. That's to-... (cracks up)

Dick: How else can you prove it?

Maddox: That's to-... (laughs more)

Dick: You can't use those stupid apps that you download to tell you if you're ugly or not, 'cause none of them work right.

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: I want a real human to judge me.

Maddox: That's fair. That's fair, Dick.

Dick: Whose job it is to note facial proportions!

Maddox: You know what's funny about that song, Dick, is -

Dick: (interjects) Nothing is funny! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Yeah! Enjoy, dickhead! I had to listen to your horseshit "Dick Won" songs for weeks and weeks and weeks.

Dick: Oh, thanks for reminding me. You've gotta watch Titanic later.

Maddox: Aw, fuckin' asshole. Um, I got a comment from Rauno Kyngäs. He says he "went to an Indian restaurant the other day and asked for french bread, turns out they had naan." (laughs)

Dick: Oh, god. (chuckles) I got some...somebody drew this, um...somebody 3D modeled a Sonic. Do you remember last week when we brought in those abortions that you were 3D modeling?

Maddox: They were masterpieces that I hadn't finished that you guys rudely criticized before it was finished!

Dick: How long did it take you, first of all, then?

Maddox: About an hour?

Dick: Okay, so where's...do you have the finished products yet?

Maddox: No, I'm still working on it.

Dick: Oh, okay. (laughing)

Maddox: It's a work in progress. Rome wasn't built in a day, buddy!

Dick: Well, it would've been if it looked like that. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Here is... (cracks up) Olomerol made this Sonic.

Maddox: Hey!

Dick: How 'bout that? You see that?

Maddox: Yeah, I give that -

Dick: (interjects) Looks pretty great, right?

Maddox: I give that an F!

Dick: You give that an F? What's wrong with it?

Maddox: Uh, that's...that's average.

Dick: Oh, this is average?

Maddox: That's average, yeah. I give it an F.

Dick: Okay. Is it average because it looks exactly like Sonic, or is it average because it doesn't have, like, a bunch of weird spines coming out the back like a retarded porcupine like yours was?

Maddox: Dick, mine had hair! It was realistic fur like an animal has! That's what Sonic is, a realistic animal. That looks like...first of all, Dick, are you seriously bringing that in as a good Sonic? That looks like garbage.

Dick: That's a great Sonic! That guy made it in 40 minutes!

Maddox: 40 minutes? Okay!

Dick: He started when we started talking about it.

Maddox: Alright dickhead, you're on! Who...what's that guy's name?

Dick: Uh, Olomerol.

Maddox: Ol-...what?!? What are you...what...??

Dick: He's @olomerol on Twitter.

Maddox: What is that, a fuckin' headache medicine? That's...

Dick: It's... (chuckles) I don't know. It's a Twitter handle.

Maddox: You know what, dickhead? You're on! You're on. I'm gonna make a speed run, alright? A speed run of 3D Sonic modeling, and I'll make it look better than that in under 40 minutes, guaranteed. Guaranteed.

Dick: Is this just a ploy to get people to subscribe to your Twitch channel?

Maddox: I don't give a shit!

Dick: So they can watch shitty 3D modeling?

Maddox: You know what? You know what? Unsubscribe. I don't give a FUCK. Here's the thing: I don't make any fuckin' money from Twitch. (cracking up) (Dick laughs) It doesn't fuckin' matter. Whatever. But tune in and watch, don't subscribe! I don't give a shit if you do or you don't.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's your loss if you don't!

Dick: Alright. Carl Lindberg says, "A group of preschoolers just wrote a book on 3D modeling called 'I Am Better Than Maddox.'"

Maddox: Yeah, real funny. Real funny joke. That's -

Dick: (interjects) Daniel Scutt says, "I'm liking the Blender. I didn't realize that was a render. Looks like a bulbous, tumorous balloon." You're right in making that mistake, Daniel. (Maddox belches)

Maddox: I got a comment from Raymond Christopher Lombardy. 3 names, fancy pants. (Dick chuckles) He says...he's from the Netherlands. He says, "It's impressive how fast Maddox moved from the shittiest non-problem French bread to yet another iPhone rant. 2.5 seconds?" And then he quotes me. He says, "'Horses are more dangerous than sharks,'" and then he called me a moron. He says, "What a moron." You know what, dickhead? Horses are more dangerous than sharks!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know how many people die from sharks every year? Under 6, worldwide!

Dick: Is that it?

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: You know how many die from horses? About 20. Over 3 times!

Dick: They've never bitten any ladies' butts off though. Horses never have bit off an entire woman's butt. You know that's true.

Maddox: You don't...no, you don't know that.

Dick: Um, it's -

Maddox: (interjects) Horses eat ass all the time. They're voracious ass eaters. (Dick chuckles) I got a comment from Caleb Michael Gill. He says, "Did you guys seriously spend 30 minutes talking about whatever shit fans sent in and then spend what little time there was for discussing problems on the most pointless non-problems to date? Get your shit together."

Dick: Yeah, well, they put a lot of work into it, and it's interesting. It's the fan artworks.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Right? That's...I like talking about it.

Maddox: No, it was great! I mean, there were some naysayers. NAYsayers in the audience. (**horse neighing sound effect**)

Dick: Oho, my god.

Maddox: And they... (laughs) They were shitting on the episode, but I think a lot of people liked that episode. It was a fun episode.

Dick: By the way, you glazed...you glossed over that iPhone comment that you had a second ago. You got your ass tore up...

Maddox: No, I didn't!

Dick: ...on the comments and on Twitter.

Maddox: Oh no I didn't, dipshit!

Dick: Oh, Maddox.

Maddox: Did you even read that thread??

Dick: I read the whole thing and then I printed it out and jerked off on it, and then filmed that and put it on YouPorn and then jerked off to me jerking off on the argument.

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: That's how bad you got beaten up.

Maddox: First of all, that's the jizziest disgusting thing I've ever heard. (Dick giggles) And second, these fucking morons hit me up on Twitter. They said...first of all, they were trying to correct me on some technical jargon, which they know nothing about 'cause they've never developed shit in their fucking lives! (Dick laughs) So they...this guy was saying...this guy -

Dick: (interjects) Ohoho yeah, wait a minute. What have you developed? (grinning)

Maddox: I've developed tons of shit, dickhead!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I wrote over 2,000 lines of code for my book! A fucking BOOK.

Dick: 2,000? Well, how much is in the iPhone? Like, what, 10,000?

Maddox: Well, considering...

Dick: 20,000?

Maddox: Considering the iPhone is an engineered product, I would hope more than that!

Dick: Okay. (about to laugh)

Maddox: But for a book you should write around...oh, I don't know, zero. But I wrote over 2,000 for a fucking book. But these dickheads...so they were trying to correct me on a technicality. They said that background applications don't run any code. Bullshit! Incorrect. I looked it up on the Apple website. (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: On the Apple developer website.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That was a delayed... (cracks up) That was a delayed buzzer. It sounded like I buzzed myself. I looked it up on the Apple website, and of course it says it runs in the backg-...it runs instructions in the background, because it has to ping the servers to download new updates from Facebook and ads and Gmail ads and server ads.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I read the argument!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think you got beaten up pretty good on it. I mean, I don't wanna get into it now...

Maddox: No rebuttal!

Dick: ...'cause I know you could talk...

Maddox: No rebuttal! No rebuttal.

Dick: ...for hours. Well, I -

Maddox: (interjects) Uh, speak-... (stammers)

Dick: Go ahead, go ahead.

Maddox: Speaking of talking for hours, Dick, I got a comment from Joel Bailey. This is about Smash Brothers.

Dick: Ugh, god.

Maddox: He sent me an email. He said, "Hey Maddox, as a former competitive player of Melee, winning several local tournaments at a large university, I know what I'm talking about when I say that Smash Brothers is not garbage. Garbage is too good for what Smash Brothers is."

Dick: Oh no.

Maddox: "Instead, Smash is moist garbage from a prison. The game doesn't punish whiffs. L-canceling is a bad mechanic since there is almost no situation you do not want to do it in. Watch a match and see how many strikes miss and don't get immediately punished." You know what he's talkin' about, Dick?

Dick: (scoffs) N-...video games?

Maddox: Counterattacks. "There's no high or low cross-up/mixup...there are only 4 buttons: Special, Normal, Jump, and Shield."

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: "Jump doesn't even count, 'cause you press Up in most games to jump. Everything is based off of those, and the technical aspects of the games are a pain in the ass to incorporate and indicative of poor game design that causes most players to concentrate on learning tech skills instead of actually learning how to fight. On that last note, I wouldn't be so hard on Smash players if they didn't suck dick at their own game. They don't learn how to fight; they learn how to hit buttons." And on that note, Dick, I had a bunch of fans...fanboys!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I'm not gonna call them fans. Fanboys...

Dick: Of Smash Brothers?

Maddox: ...of Smash Brothers coming up to me at Comic-Con.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I was just...I just came back from Comic-Con, and they all came to me trying to defend Smash Brothers, and I came up with the best name for it. It's not Smash Brothers; it's Mash Brothers.

Dick: Mash Brothers. Great.

Maddox: 'Cause that's all you fuckin' do, is mash the controller in that fucking game. It's such garbage. So all these fanboys came over, and then they brought me their games to sign. (laughs)

Dick: Their Smash Brothers games to sign?

Maddox: Yeah, and I graded them all F-minuses. Garbage game, garbage players. This guy ends the email with this last thing. He says, "Smash players are all adults who act like children. The vehemently negative and childish response to calling Smash not a fighting a game is enough evidence of that." So yeah, there you go. He said, "There are some good players but the vast majority of players, i.e., your fans, are terrible." There you go!

Dick: So you're s-...so Smash Brothers is not a challenging game? Is that what the conclusion we're ending on is?

Maddox: It's not a f-...it's not a fighting game.

Dick: It's not up to your standard of fighting game?

Maddox: It's not a fighting game.

Dick: Oh, it's not a fighting game at all?

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: Okay. It's a button-mashing game.

Maddox: It's an experiment. It's an experiment. The president of Nintendo recently died. I believe the cause was of shame for releasing Smash Brothers.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I didn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah, very tragic. Very tragic.

Dick: Okay, so...so we'll get back to the Street Fighter challenge then?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I brought in...

Maddox: Great. (chuckling)

Dick: ...a video...

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: ...of Matt Bahr.

Maddox: Uh-huh? (smiles)

Dick: He played Street Fighter and recorded it.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing) Oho, alright!

Dick: And sent it in.

Maddox: Oh, let's see this!

Dick: Are you interested? See, now here's why I brought it in: because I think that the fans deserve to decide whether or not he's good enough to challenge you. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Like, not anybody can just come in and challenge you to a Street Fighter fight.

Maddox: They can try.

Dick: Well, they can try, but is this...is this something -

Maddox: (interjects) They're not worthy! They're not worthy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We need to know if he's worthy or not.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Before we continue with this, uh, farce of setting up this stupid fight.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Between Street Fighter.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So I'm gonna let you watch a little bit of it.

Maddox: Hm'kay.

Dick: And then I'm gonna post it on the post... (Maddox laughs) ...or wherever, and let people comment on -

Maddox: (interjects) I know where this is goin', you fuck.

Dick: It's not! I'm not playing Titanic!

Maddox: Okay, alright!

Dick: I'm not playing Titanic.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: I'm actually playing you...clips of Matt Bahr.

Maddox: Eh, that's not what I thought, but let's see it.

Dick: No, it is!! Look! (Maddox sighs wearily) [**plays Matt Bahr's Street Fighter video**]

(synth music from Street Fighter selection screen)

Dick: That's...that's Street Fighter.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: 'Kay? (Maddox laughs) [**pauses video**] I'm gonna skip...I'm gonna skip in a little bit.

Maddox: I know exactly what this is, you fucker. I know what this is.

Dick: [**resumes video**] It's not...it's nothing stupid!

Maddox: (grins) I know...I know when it's myself playing the fuckin' game!

Dick: It's not you playing the game!!

Maddox: (yells over Dick) It's just a recording of Twitch, you fuckin' asshole! This is me playing! (laughing)

Dick: Maddox, it's not! It's... (breaks down laughing) You paranoid fuck! This is literally Matt Bahr playing the game!

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

(Street Fighter music and fighting sounds)

Dick: What do you think so far?

Maddox: I mean, I'm winning! I/he is winning.

Dick: Maddox...hold on. Hold on, hold on. [**pauses video**]

Maddox: That's not...this is...is this...?

Dick: This is...stop shouting for a second. This is Matt Bahr playing!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: This is not you!

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: Not everything is a con! (Maddox shrugs) This is a legitimate, like, prize fight to me. [**resumes video**]

(more game music and fighting sounds)

Voice-over: You win! Round 2! FIGHT!

Maddox: So he's playing Street Fighter Alpha. He's Ryu. He's cheaping.

Dick: Oh, he's cheaping? (Maddox laughs smugly at the fight) It's not you!! It's not you! I swear to God, it's not you.

Maddox: Yeah. Well okay, when do they -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, I swear to Ron Paul that it's not you. (Maddox laughs) I swear to the, uh, block chain that it isn't you.

Maddox: Yeah. **(fighting sounds continue)** Okay, this -

Dick: (interjects) Any impressions at all?

Maddox: I can tell whether or not it's me playing in just a minute.

Dick: Jesus Christ! (laughing)

Maddox: Well -

Dick: (interjects) This is...

Maddox: I mean, look, there's nothing impressive going on here. This looks like...

Voice-over: K.O.!!

Maddox: This looks...okay. Here's the thing.

Dick: That was a pretty good leg sweep.

Maddox: He did...

Voice-over: You win!

Maddox: Whoever's playing here, he did 3 leg sweeps in a row.

Dick: That's a cheap.

Maddox: And when I was playing on my computer, not all the buttons were working.

Dick: [**stops Street Fighter video**] Okay.

Maddox: So that MIGHT be me playing. (Dick giggles) I think it's me!

Dick: God dammit.

Maddox: I think you were trying to trick me.

Dick: No, I'm not tryin' to trick you!

Maddox: Okay, well...okay. Bottom line is, whatever that little demo, that little blurb?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That you showed me?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Not impressive.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's him!

Maddox: Yeah. It...

Dick: It's not a joke. Go -

Maddox: (interjects) That's for real him?

Dick: That's for real him, yes!!

Maddox: Alright. Alright! Not impre-...really not impressive.

Dick: Alright, you fuckin' weirdo. (laughing)

Maddox: 3 leg sweeps in a row. Garbage.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Shit. (muttering)

Dick: You wanna do a...do you wanna do a problem or do you have more stuff to read?

Maddox: Yeah Dick, I got a problem.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: My first problem this week, and possibly the biggest problem in the universe, is stoner marketing.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Stoner marketing. You know what that is, Dick?

Dick: Nope.

Maddox: Sean? You probably...yeah? Of course Sean knows. I hate st-

Sean: (interjects) God dammit.

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling) You...that's what you get!

Sean: I walked right into that one.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Sean: It's like the late-night Jack In The Box commercials.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Oh, it is?

Maddox: Yeah, basically. So I...guys, I hate stoner marketing. It's about as insincere as a gesture gets. Corporations are diametrically opposed to stoners and stoner culture, right? Yet they have no problem co-opting stoner culture like a dad turning on a hip-hop station while he drops off his daughter at a school dance.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: These companies aren't cool. (Dick giggles) They're cool adjacent. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right? You know, like, how some people...people who don't live in California might not know this, but anyone who lives in a province or a city next to Beverly Hills tends to call their city "Beverly Hills adjacent."

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Which is the douchiest try-hard, wannabe, loser name you can call a city, is adjacent to something else.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Adjacent" means "loser."

Dick: Well, it tells you where it is though.

Maddox: Well, you know where it is because of the name of the city, Dick.

Dick: What do you mean? You can't say...

Maddox: Augh.

Dick: ..."Malibu adjacent"? How would you say it?

Maddox: I wouldn't say "Malibu adjacent," 'cause that would... (stammers)

Dick: What would you say?

Maddox: (yells) "Malibu adjacent" tells me nothing! It could be north, south, east...well, not west, 'cause it's on the coast, but if you say "Beverly Hills adjacent" it tells you literally nothing about which city you're in, dickhead.

Dick: It tells you that you're right next to the city!

Maddox: Which? North, south, east, west? Which one?! Which city, dickhead??

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: There's like 5 cities that are Beverly Hills adjacent, it's garbage! That's what stoner...that's what stoner marketing does. It's not cool; it's cool adjacent. (Dick laughs to himself) It's a common marketing strategy. What?

Dick: So you use the term to describe "cool adjacent."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's obviously of some use.

Maddox: No, no, no. It's not of use, Dick.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I'm telling you specifically that the companies use it to try to look cool.

Dick: Right, okay.

Maddox: Right? It's a common marketing strategy to take a lame brand and put it adjacent to a hip brand in hopes that the hip brand's coolness will rub off on the lame brand. That's why you get NFL stars appearing in Campbell's Soup commercials. Nobody thinks cream of mushroom soup is cool, but take a winning NFL player and shovel a spoonful of soup into his airplane hanger like a toddler and suddenly Campbell's stock prices go up. The worst part of this though, Dick, is the insincerity. I can't stand the insincerity here. It's that these corporations have these strict anti-drug policies in their companies, and they wouldn't hesitate to fire any one of their employees in a heartbeat for doing drugs, yet they have no problem pandering to the stoner crowd. Did you know Taco Bell -

Dick: (interjects) Well, wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who is the stoner...what's an example of one of these stoner ads?

Maddox: Oh, thank you for asking, Dick!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I was about to tell you. You know Taco Bell has a 420-calorie cheesy bean and rice burrito on their menu?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: In addition to their blatant "fourth meal" commercials. You know those "fourth meal" commercials?

Dick: Oh, I do know them. I guess I didn't necessarily think they were for stoners.

Maddox: Oh yeah, they're for stoners, Dick. In fact, um...

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Here, I'm gonna play a commercial for you, and there's supposedly some subliminal messaging in, uh, in these commercials, some people think 5 seconds into this. Listen to this...uh, this ad. 5 seconds into this.

Dick: Oh, is there a bong rip in it?

Maddox: Sounds like there's a bong rip!

Dick: Okay, alright.

Maddox: And also, people even go so far as to suggest that the 'bong' at the end of, uh...you know, that bell?

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: That rings at the end of the commercials? Is them trying to say "bong" at the end of the commercials. Here, listen to this. [**plays Taco Bell commercial**]

Singer: I got the late-night munchieeeees...

(music with reggae vibe plays, along with a short noise that sounds vaguely like someone inhaling)

Dick: Ohhhohohohoho! (giggling)

Maddox: You hear that?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: That sounds like a doob.

Maddox: Sounds like it!

Singer: ...late night munchieeees. 'Bong!'

[commercial ends]

Maddox: But it's innocuous enough that you could kinda skirt by it without sayin' that it's definitely a bong rip.

Dick: Yeah, huh.

Maddox: Those motherfuckers. Subliminal messa-...and then at the...they have that bell at the end that sounds like "bong." Um...and their 420-calorie cheesy bean and rice burrito, which is just garbage. It's reconstituted powder shit.

Dick: Yeah, I don't eat Taco Bell.

Maddox: Oho. (chuckling) Yeah, far be it for you, as you're sittin' here with an empty bag of McDonald's in front of you. (smiles)

Dick: Chicken nuggets I'll eat. I like a good nugget.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, there you go. That's reconstituted chicken.

Dick: Yeah. (shrugging)

Maddox: So...

Dick: Still good. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, it's NOT good. It's garbage.

Dick: Tastes good. (smiles)

Maddox: Okay. (about to laugh) Well, that'll be another problem some other time. (Dick laughs) Dick, this is from TheFix.com. "General Mills, which revived Cheech and Chong for a Fiber One web campaign, deemed the ad so successful it plans to do more just like it."

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: And here's what that web campaign sounds like. [**plays Cheech and Chong Fiber One ad**]

(electric guitars in background)

Voice-over (movie trailer style): Cheech and Chong's Magic Brownie Adventure. (Dick cackles loudly) **Join them in their quest to deliver thousands of magic brownies to Flaming Pole.**

Tommy Chong: Flaming Pole is wild, man!

[commercial stops]

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Idiots. Idiots, idiots, idiots. And yet, they have a legal team the size of a small nation to enforce laws and their rights, U.S. laws. Are anti-drug laws part of the laws their lawyers enforce? No, of course not!! Are they going to bat for you if you get busted for drug use that their own commercials encourage? No! Of course not! The same company that markets oatmeal, organic crackers and low-fat yogurt is pandering to people who use lysergic acid. These guys are the ones? It's as insincere a gesture as it gets, and I don't even give a shit about stoners. I'm not a stoner, I don't do drugs, but this is just an insincere cash grab. These fuckers don't give a shit about anyone or anything except for their bottom line.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: They're selling organic crackers and low-fat yogurt, and also pandering to drug users. And yet, if any of their employees so much as fail a piss test, out the fuckin' door. These guys!

Dick: Is that your problem with it? That they don't...that they're capitalizing on drug use but they don't tolerate it in their company?

Maddox: It's insincere. My biggest problem with it is that it's insincere, AND by promoting stoner culture, it is promoting anti-intellectualism. That's what that is.

Dick: You know, a lot of drug users have been some of the biggest intellectuals of our time.

Maddox: Right. Not -

Dick: (interjects) Alotta scientists are pretty heavy drug users.

Maddox: Yeah, but not...not most of the drug users you and I know. Not -

Dick: (interjects) Well, most PEOPLE aren't.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it's not...drug users are not necessarily anti-intellectual.

Maddox: Well, that's true. That's not necessarily the case, but it's not... (stammers) It's probably the exception, not the rule. I think that smart people...uh, people are smart in spite of drugs, not because of drugs.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I mean, obviously I don't agree with that, but, uh...

Maddox: Oho, obviously. (sneering)

Dick: Well, it's just a hell of a claim to make, that...that it's a deficiency, doing drugs is somehow a deficiency on these guys' part.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Like they're less intellectual.

Maddox: Yeah, they're not necessarily less intellectual, Dick. BUT, more likely than not, the people who do a lot of drugs, the ones that I know in real life...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...are a little bit slow. They don't have...they're not too interested in anything...any intellectual pursuits. They don't have...they're not very motivated to go to college. They're not very motivated to...you know. They're not go-getters.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: Like, nobody I know who has really hustled to get a job at, say, Goldman Sachs, smokes more than once a day. Right?

Dick: Smokes weed?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, yeah, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, generally. And there have been studies that show that smoking a lot of weed reduces your ambition, your motivation to do things.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why Taco Bell recently...more of this fuckin' stoner marketing! They recently announced that they're starting a delivery service to bring the munchies right to your fuckin' door. "Munchies," I fucking hate that word! By the way, guys...you know what you're eating, Sean? I bring in snacks to the show all the time. Before the show starts, snacks and drinks, 'cause I'm very generous.

Dick: 'Cause you like to ruin the audio quality of our voices.

Maddox: Hah, yeah. Great. (shouts) Way to shit on a nice ge-... (Dick giggles) You know what? Fuck you, Dick! You're not gettin' any more snacks and drinks! (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: Oh, good! (laughing)

Maddox: GOOD. 'Cause you never fuckin' offer me any anyway, dickhead. (stammers angrily) These guys both come in sometimes, Starbucks -

Dick: (interjects) To set up.

Maddox: Starbucks in hand, Coca-Colas and snacks and drinks, and I'm like...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ..."Hey guys, how 'bout me? Anything for me?" Nope, nothing! (**buzzer sound effect**) Assholes. Sean, you're eating...Munchies, right now. I got Flamin' Hot Munchies that are a combination of Rold Gold, Doritos, Cheetos, and Sun Chips. Munchies!

Dick: Yeah, I guess my problem with this, or why I don't think it's as big of a problem as you do, is that...it's just a weed, man.

Maddox: Ugh...

Dick: And, like, so what if they're marketing to people who like smokin' weed?

Maddox: Because it's insincere, Dick. Did you ignore the entire first half of this problem where I said that they would fire their employees and wouldn't hesitate to enforce all the other laws of this land??

Dick: Yeah, but that's changing. Like, the weed...weed is changing as slowly as gay marriage is. It's getting legalized, it's getting decriminalized. In the near future, it will be...it'll be totally legal, I think.

Maddox: Oh, oh. (sarcastic)

Dick: And it's gonna take the law to catch up to that. So at that point is it okay? 'Cause then they...you know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah, um...yeah, I know what you're saying, Dick, but I'm not sure YOU know what you're saying. [**plays "Dick Versus Dick" intro**]

(ritzy game show theme music)

Dick: Oh, boy. (Maddox laughs smugly)

Deep Voice (reverb): Dick...Versus...Diiiiiick!

[intro fades out]

Maddox: Dick, you remember way back when in the, quote, "bicyclers" episode?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You said, uh, you're pissed off at cyclists because they don't respect the laws, man! (dumb voice)

Dick: Yeah, they don't.

Maddox: They don't stop at red lights, they don't stop at stop signs.

Dick: They ride on the sidewalk.

Maddox: And yet here you are, totally okay -

Dick: (interjects) They go across crosswalks.

Maddox: Totally okay with people doing illegal drugs. Which is it?

Dick: Well, I don't think that weed should be illegal!

Maddox: Okay. There you go!

Dick: So what's the...what's the difference? I think that, um -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, cyclists don't think that they should have to stop at 4-way stops when they...

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: ...when there are no cars around.

Dick: Well, when there are no cars around. I mean, then...that's different, but as a general rule they should have to obey traffic laws, and they don't.

Maddox: Oh, I agree! (stammers) No, they do!

Dick: No they don't!

Maddox: They do!

Dick: They totally don't.

Maddox: They do!!

Dick: They bike right through intersections all the time.

Maddox: Yeah, bullshit! Then how come they're not killing 30,000 people a year like cars are, dickhead? There's a vid-...you just...I sent you several YouTube videos -

Dick: (interjects) It's hard to kill a guy on a bicycle.

Maddox: No shit! Exactly! That's why it's not a fuckin' problem. And that's the exact same argument people use for marijuana legalization!! They say it's not killing anyone! (yelling)

Dick: It's not!

Maddox: Yet when it comes to cyclists: "Oh, it's a big fuckin' problem." 'Cause Fancy Pants in his car...

Dick: But it's causing accidents!

Maddox: ...in his air-conditioned car...it's not causing accidents!

Dick: It's causing injuries and accidents.

Maddox: It's NOT causing accidents.

Dick: Yes, it is!

Maddox: No, it's not!! Less than 5%...I would say less than 3% -- I don't know if it's 5% or 3% -- of accidents are caused with a pedestrian...excuse me, a motorist hitting a cyclist.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's non-existent.

Dick: That's a lot!

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's a lot. 3% of accidents?? That's a lot of accidents!

Maddox: You know what's actually a lot, Dick? 97%, which is not caused by cyclists.

Dick: Yeah, alri-... (stammers)

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: I know you got a hard-on for bicyclers, but I think that they should obey the law.

Maddox: You're skirting...

Dick: And that's...

Maddox: You're skir-

Dick: (interjects) What do you think the issue is?

Maddox: The issue is -

Dick: (interjects) What issue am I skirting?

Maddox: You're saying that you're o-...you want...you're selectively choosing which laws you're okay with. So this is like Dick Masterson's world.

Dick: (yells) Yeah, welcome to democracy, shithead!

Maddox: Ye-...ohh! (sneering)

Dick: I'm absolutely choosing which laws I think are just and unjust.

Maddox: Ohhh! Oh, okay. So when you're complaining about cyclists, you don't think that they should have a choice on which laws they decide to observe, right?

Dick: Of course not!!

Maddox: Just what...okay, just Dick's.

Dick: They should have to follow the traffic laws!

Maddox: Yeah. They mostly do, Dick.

Dick: But they don't a lot.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: That's why I brought it in as a problem.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, when cyclists -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they ride their bikes down the street and f-...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and hurt people.

Maddox: Yeah. When cycli-

Dick: (interjects) And hurt themselves!

Maddox: Nah, they don't hurt themselves and they don't hurt people.

Dick: And cause accidents!

Maddox: They don't. Yeah, there's a -

Dick: (interjects) Yes, they do!

Maddox: There's a non-stop...there are so many videos on YouTube of cars running red lights and killing people. There's THOUSANDS of them.

Dick: Maddox, no one is debating that cars are dangerous.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: No one here.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're bringing that up like it proves a point, but it doesn't!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Obviously, cars are dangerous. It's a controlled explosion used by someone who's Tindering!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a huge problem!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Very dangerous!

Maddox: Okay! (cynical)

Dick: All bicyclers have to do is not bicycle on the sidewalk. That's all we're asking!

Maddox: Yeah. I'm... (stammers) You know, maybe after this episode you can make a list of which laws we should and shouldn't obey.

Dick: All of them!! You sh-...on your bicycle, you should obey all of the laws! (shouting)

Maddox: Oh, okay. Yeah.

Dick: Just like in a car you should obey all of the laws, except for the posted speed limits because that's not the actual law!

Maddox: And you know what's ironic, is, uh...you're totally okay with breaking all the laws on a cycle while doing drugs at Burning Man.

Dick: I'm okay with... (Maddox laughs) ...breaking all the laws on a bicycle?

Maddox: That's what everyone does at Burning Man, just drugs and rides around on bikes.

Dick: Well, I don't know how...what to say to that. What are you saying? That we're breaking bicycle laws by driving around while intoxicated?

Maddox: You're breaking a lot of laws at Burning Man.

Dick: On a bicycle?!

Maddox: Yeah! On a bicycle or otherwise.

Dick: There's no roads at Burning Man!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, is it okay to do drugs while you're riding around?

Dick: It's illegal!

Maddox: Yeah, it's illegal. Alright.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So...and by the way -

Dick: (interjects) Oh wait, what did you prove there?? It's illegal! Don't do it!

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, so are you talkin' about drugs, or...or what?

Dick: I'm talking about...driving a bicycle while intoxicated.

Maddox: Oho!

Dick: It's very dangerous...

Maddox: Ohhh. (sarcastic)

Dick: ...and it's illegal!

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Don't do it!

Maddox: How many...you know how m-

Dick: (interjects) Doing drugs in your own home? No big fuckin' deal, man!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Do it!

Maddox: But we're getting way off topic here. But you know -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah!

Maddox: There's, uh..."There's Sonic and its hallucinating twenty-someth-..." This...again from TheFix.com. "There's Sonic and its hallucinating twenty-something dreaming of man-sized cheesy tots. Carl's Jr. is touting its 'wake and bake' habit." (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Again, another company that has strict anti-drug policy. Denny's is promoting a reggae-loving unicorn, and Jack In The Box has a Munchie Box that they sell with a commercial suggesting that "things get weird at night," which is basically their attempt at sending subtle messages to stoners, like "We get you!" NO! You don't get stoners. Corporations are about as stiff and anti-drug as it gets. And here's that commercial, by the way, Dick. [**plays Jack In The Box Munchie Meal commercial**]

(upbeat dance music in background)

Jack In The Box mascot: Why is there a grilled cheese riding piggyback on a cheeseburger?

Dick: Hm?

Jack In The Box mascot: Why? 'Cause things get weird late at night. That's why I make the Munchie Meal! It's a box fulla crazy craveables like the Stacked Grilled Cheese Burger or Chick-n-Tater Melt, plus Halfsie fries, 2 tacos and a drink, all for just 6 bucks. So get one tonight, and get weird.

('whoosh' sound effect from closing logo)

[commercial ends]

Dick: They pay for that ad?

Maddox: Did you hear that bong rip at the end too?

Dick: No. No, play it again.

Maddox: Yeah, listen to this. This is right at...

Dick: Just the end.

Maddox: ...right at the end. Right here. [**replays end of commercial**]

Jack In The Box mascot: ...plus Halfsie fries, 2 tacos and a drink, all for just 6 bucks. So get one tonight, and get weird.

('whoosh' sound effect from closing logo)

[commercial ends]

Dick: Oh, you thought that was a bong rip? (incredulous)

Maddox: That sound like it?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Eh?

Dick: That just sounds like a whoosh.

Maddox: Okay! (Dick imitates 'whoosh' sound) Maybe it's a whoosh, maybe it's a...well, who knows? Subtle.

Dick: Well... (shrugs)

Maddox: Subtle. Could be. (Dick laughs) Dick, uh, my big problem with this is the insincerity of these corporations. They don't give a shit about stoners or any...or ANYONE.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They JUST care about their bottom line, and that's...I think why your Corporation solution was voted down. And this is continued from The Fix. They said, "'If you're targeting...'" This is a quote from a brand consultant. He says, "'If you're targeting that heavy fast food user you need to speak their language,' says Denise Yohn, a brand consultant who's worked with restaurants for 25 years. 'One way to do that is to talk about partying and munchies.'" They...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They are...they're pandering! That's all this is. "'To the mainstream audience it may just sound like late nights and drinking, but to a certain audience they're talking about getting stoned."

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: It's insincere, Dick.

Dick: Well, what kinda ad would you like? Lemme ask that. Like, what kinda ads...? 'Cause I know you hate...you hate ads where companies do charity and then say that they did it.

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause it's insincere.

Dick: Okay...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why? So if...what if they said "we only did that so you guys would feel good and associate our name with that good feeling"?

Maddox: That'd be ho-

Dick: (interjects) Would that be an okay ad?

Maddox: That would be honest, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So if these guys said...what would these guys have to say to market to stoners? Or do you think that they just shouldn't market to stoners?

Maddox: Here's who I think should be marketing to stoners.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: People who sell stoner paraphernalia...

Dick: Bongs?

Maddox: ...people who se-...bongs.

Dick: Bongs or, like, blacklight posters? Do you mean paraphernalia like bongs and pipes, or do you mean, like...

Maddox: Bongs, pipes...

Dick: ...socks with weed leaves on 'em?

Maddox: Weed leaves on posters, that sort of thing. People who are selling those products?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those...their interests align with the stoners' interests. They are actually selling stoners their products, that the stoners actually wanna buy. An honest ad is this: basically, you sell a customer a product that they want for a reasonable price. (Dick smirks) And you don't mislead them.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: And you don't pander to them, and you don't dumb...you don't talk down to them, which is exactly what these ads are doing to stoners. Munchies is so...there are so many products out there, it's just kind of subtly taken over the market, Dick. There used to be extreme marketing. Extreme -

Dick: (interjects) I remember that!

Maddox: Yeah. Extreme, I think, was the original stoner marketing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because people who are really into extreme sports and extreme whatever...

Dick: That was definitely cool adjacent.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling) Very cool adjacent. They were... (stammers) And I wrote an article about it on my website a long time ago, the...

Dick: Yeah, it was funny.

Maddox: ...the Corn Nuts.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Extreme Corn Nuts? Go into a grocery store or convenience store or liquor store and look at the snacks they're selling. Almost all of 'em have some kind of munchie, or some kind of, like, stoner all-...it's coded! It's coded messages that they have that they're sending to stoners, and they don't...they don't give a shit about stoners, and they don't understand stoners. These people are corporate suits. They don't under-...they couldn't be more removed from stoners or stoner culture.

Dick: But some of them ARE stoners.

Maddox: I don't think so.

Dick: But they're people!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Like, most people...most people smoke weed.

Maddox: I would define...I wouldn't define them as stoners. Like, my friend's mom smokes weed because she has, um...she's actually had some eye sur-...some back problem or eye surgery or something. She smokes weed to help alleviate her chronic pain condition, and it's actually helped. But she doesn't smoke weed recreationally, and I wouldn't classify somebody who smokes occasionally as a stoner either.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I'm talkin' about specifically someone who considers drugs and partying with drugs as a lifestyle.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those are stoners.

Dick: Yeah. I got...I'll say two things about this stoner marketing thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, I don't think that's entirely a stoner ad. I think they might've co-opted some of the messaging, like from the late-night culture?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause there was a...what was the thing, a cheeseburger riding a unicorn or something? Or a cheese sandwich riding a unicorn? I don't know if that's stoner necessarily or just like, "I'm so random."

Maddox: Yeah, well, if you watch the commercial it's very, um...it's very psychedelic.

Dick: It's very stoner-y. Okay.

Maddox: It's very stoner-y. They have a lot of, um...you've seen Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, right? One of your favorite movies?

Dick: Uh, yeah! I get really fucked up and watch that all the time. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Well, there you go.

Dick: It's awesome and cool.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: And you know the surreal imagery that's...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...that you find in that movie?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They use some of that in these commercials.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Surreal imagery.

Dick: Oh, so that's...that's definitely playing to drug usage.

Maddox: Yeah. It's very...it's very much so.

Dick: Well, then I would say I'm in big support of it, because the more, um...

Maddox: Great.

Dick: ...the more commonplace that drug usage is, the more likely it is to be legalized. The more common...the more commonly that, like, TV shows talk about smoking pot and the more you see it in ads, the more you see marijuana just used in...in, uh, pop culture, the easier it is for it to be legalized.

Maddox: Do you -

Dick: (interjects) And I think that'd be a huge win.

Maddox: Do you have a problem with these companies hypocritically enforcing drug laws and then still marketing to drug users?

Dick: Well... (exhales) No. For, like, fast food...for fast food restaurants to be enforcing drug laws? I don't have a problem with that.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Because it's the nature of their employment that, uh...like, 'cause they're all...they're minimum-wage...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...people? I think that, um...it's...once you see...like if you see habitual drug use on minimum-wage employees?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Um...it makes sense for them in the long run to either warn 'em or terminate 'em.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: Right? 'Cause turnover is incredibly high in those businesses. They're worked...they're worked very hard. It's different than, like, a design shop where s-...or, like, a white-collar job or whatever the other collars are?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: These days?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Where people can...people can get high...like, some... (brief pause) You don't want at a Taco Bell somebody getting high on their break and then coming back to work, and then costing you a shitload of money 'cause they either get hurt or they f-...they, like, fuck up somebody's order really badly. Like...I don't know, it's just manual labor.

Maddox: It's bad. It's bad to have...

Dick: Yeah, it's bad for business.

Maddox: ...stoners working for you, right? Okay.

Dick: Who's somebody who's getting stoned at work, or... (sighs) Eh, you know. I don't know, are they testing for people who are getting stoned on their own time?

Maddox: Well, if you have smoked a joint and it shows up in your blood, in your urine test, it doesn't matter when you smoked it. It's still going to test positive, and you're still going to lose your job.

Dick: I think there's different types of tests. Like, they can test you for what you've done for the last couple months. Um...I don't like drug testing in terms of employment, but I can see wh-...I can see how it works sometimes. Like, I don't know, I'm not running that kind of business, so.

Maddox: So you're...you think they should be fired though?

Dick: Well, I think that they can do whatever they want. Like, it's not -

Maddox: (interjects) What do you think, Dick? Do you think they should be fired or not?

Dick: I'm not running a Taco Bell! It's hard for me to say.

Maddox: Well, you have an opinion!

Dick: That they fired them? They probably had a good reason to do it.

Maddox: You think it's good that they fired them?

Dick: I think that they probably had a good reason to do it. I don't know how to say it's good or bad.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they made the decision. If it's...I'll put it this way: if it's not good for business and a competitor like Del Taco DOESN'T fire people...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...who test positive for drugs, then Del Taco's gonna get cheaper employees.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And it's...and they'll win in the long run.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So I...I don't know.

Maddox: You don't have a problem with companies that enforce drug laws on their employees and make sure that their employees don't do drugs...

Dick: Well, let's see.

Maddox: ...and yet you're okay with them also pandering to stoners who do lots of drugs and then get fired from these very same jobs. What kind of jobs do stoners get?

Dick: I don't think I said the first part that you're saying I said. I don't like drug testing. Like, that's...that's the first thing I said.

Maddox: So how are they supposed to know if their employ-...? Dick, you just said two different things! You said on one hand, you're okay with them getting fired and doing drug testing because you need to know if their employees are gonna be going out smokin' a joint on their breaks or whatever and then potentially being a liability to the company.

Dick: Well, yeah, but -

Maddox: (interjects) And then on the other hand you said, "Well, I don't like drug testing." So which is it?

Dick: Well, I don't like drug testing, but that's the law, so you can't make 'em stop doing it. Like, you can't -

Maddox: (interjects) You gotta enforce the law!

Dick: They can't...well, it's not about enforcing the law, but they can't fire somebody because they were drinking last night, 'cause it's legal to do that.

Maddox: It...

Dick: Like, if it was legal to smoke weed last night, they can't fire you for doing it.

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, it's not...

Dick: That's...

Maddox: ...it's not that they're firing people because it's illegal. They can choose whether or not they want to have this drug law enforced in their employment.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: They can CHOOSE that.

Dick: I think maybe you don't understand that. They can't. If you're doing something that's legal, they cannot fire you because you did it on your time.

Maddox: Well, that's true, they can't fire you for that reason. However, they can fire you if it affects your functioning at work. So if you come into work...

Dick: Well, of course.

Maddox: ...and you're totally hung over...right?

Dick: Yeah, then you can get fired, sure.

Maddox: So shouldn't that be the standard rather than some arbitrary drug testing?

Dick: Well, r-...right!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's why I don't like drug testing.

Maddox: Okay. Yet you still encourage these companies hypocritically...

Dick: I don't encourage them, though.

Maddox: ...pandering! You're okay -

Dick: (interjects) Like, I know you're getting on your soapbox...

Maddox: You're okay... (cracks up)

Dick: ...but that's like...that's the -

Maddox: (interjects) You're okay with these companies pandering to stoners and yet still firing stoners. That's the problem I have with it.

Dick: Yeah. (unsure)

Maddox: It's insincere, it's bogus, it's bullshit. They don't give a fuck about anyone. I don't think General Mills cares one damn cent about any...any person they're selling to. I don't think they give a fuck.

Dick: Why do you think th-...did you ever think that they did? Like, there's no Santa Claus either!

Maddox: They give...they give that im-

Dick: (interjects) These companies don't give a shit about people.

Maddox: They give that impression. Dick, that's exactly the problem I have with Honda! Those Honda commercials pretending like they're doing some altruism. They don't care! They just don't care. They are trying to make themselves altruistic adjacent.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're trying to make themselves hip adjacent. "Hey guys, we're cool too! Buy our product. We get it. We get drugs." No, you don't! No you fucking don't, and you have hurt people's lives by firing them and doing drug testing and...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...coming down...these guys are the problem! They're the problem, and I really have a problem with them then suddenly turning around and trying to make a buck off the same people they're persecuting. Fuck that. That's my problem.

Dick: Well, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I agr-...that drug testing is a problem, I'll give you that.

Maddox: Yeah. Stoner, uh, st-

Dick: (interjects) I would rather it go this way than the other way though, where this didn't exist.

Maddox: What, the stoner marketing?

Dick: I would rather this exist and slowly weed out the drug testing. Like, you can't drop it overnight, but...I think it's going in the right way. Like, I think that stoner marketing is an indication that we're moving in the right way.

Maddox: That the...in illegalizing drugs?

Dick: Legalizing drugs.

Maddox: Er, excuse me. Yeah, legalizing drugs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, well...that's, uh, that's a different debate, but that's my problem. Stoner marketing.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Hell of a problem.

Maddox: What you, uh, what you got?

Dick: I got wage theft. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Okay. What do you, uh, what do you mean by "wage theft," Dick?

Dick: What's the over-under for libertarian comments on this one, Sean?

Sean: Mmm...

Dick: I got called a libertarian before the show. Full disclosure.

Sean: Well, you can't tell him now.

Dick: No, it'll still come out.

Maddox: It'll come out. (grinning)

Dick: It'll still come out. He doesn't care.

Sean: It probably will, but now it's... (Dick laughs)

Maddox: It's knee-jerk, Sean! I am knee-jerk.

Sean: It's skewed.

Dick: Knee-jerk. (amused) (Maddox laughs) What do you think? What's the minutes?

Sean: SOME jerk. (Maddox giggles more)

Dick: No guess?

Sean: No. No guess.

Dick: No guess, don't care. Alright. So my, um...my life coach's wife is outta town.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Which means that I swoop in like the mistress.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As soon as she's on the plane, I'm in there. And I'm like, "Alright, buddy. Let's get to a bar, let's plan out the weekend." Right? So we roll into this, uh, this bar in San Pedro, which I only say because it's a...it's a port town, and port towns are usually very unionized.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Right? Like, they...they're in support of the unions. Everybody there belongs to a union, they go back generations. Unions.

Maddox: Because they have, uh...shipments. Shipments that come in, right?

Dick: Loadin' docks...

Maddox: Loadin' docks, yeah.

Dick: ...unloading docks, everybody's part of the local UA-whatever.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Or whatever it is. I don't know what it is. So we go into this bar, start drinkin' at about 10 A.M., planning out our day, and in comes some, uh... (chuckles) In comes some real bruisers. And their husbands. Right? (Sean laughs in the background) And we get the idea...I'm like, "Hey, this is what we gotta do today. We got a good buzz on. We gotta go get a pool and set it up on your balcony, or on your patio, and start moving TVs and couches outside so we can really turn this weekend into a debauch." Right?

Maddox: So you're moving the furniture into the pool?

Dick: Outside...we're moving it outside. First we're gonna get a pool and set up a big pool outside on the patio.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Right? Great idea so far, right?

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: We're gonna need to watch TV as we're out there. Right?

Maddox: You're gonna need to. (teasing)

Dick: And we're not gonna go inside and get water all inside...

Maddox: No.

Dick: ...to get more beers.

Maddox: That's stupid.

Dick: We gotta bring a cooler or a refrigerator or something outside.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Right? So where are we gonna get all this stuff on a Saturday morning?

Maddox: CVS.

Dick: Gotta go to Wal Mart.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: To get a pool, like a giant...like, we want a doughboy pool.

Maddox: Wal Mart.

Dick: 4 feet tall. Wal Mart.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And one of these bruisers starts spouting off about how we're bad people, 'cause we're goin' to Wal Mart. Right?

Maddox: Who...? Oh, oh, the, uh...who's the bruiser...

Dick: One of these patrons.

Maddox: The union workers, right?

Dick: One of these union patrons, right at the bar.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah.

Dick: "Oh, they got these labor practices, and blah blah blah blah blah blah blah."

Maddox: Well, they're awful, but go...yeah.

Dick: Well, that's what I looked up!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wage theft!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That is the, um...that is the illegal withholding of wages or the denial of benefits that are rightfully owed to an employee. It can be conducted through various means: failure to pay, overtime, minimum wage violations, employee misclassification -- which is an interesting one -- illegal deductions in pay, working off the clock, or just not being paid at all.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Yeah. You know how much this adds up to for everyone in America?

Maddox: Wage theft?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How much?

Dick: 15%...up to 15% of your annual salary.

Maddox: Hm!

Dick: Is getting docked. Is just...just blatant wage theft. Blatant wage theft.

Maddox: How specifically?

Dick: I'll get to that. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: I know where this is goin'.

Dick: Uh, that 15...what? What? Where do you think it's goin'?

Maddox: Like a fuckin' Mack truck. Anti-union Dick Masterson. That's what this is. (grins)

Dick: Why do you think that's anti-union?

Maddox: Well, I'm curious 'cause that could be what you're talkin' about.

Dick: Why do you think it is?

Maddox: Well, because I know that some unions have mandatory dues that you have to pay and some industries have unions that you have to join to work them, and if you don't join the union they will force you out of the job eventually.

Dick: Oh, like clothes shops? No no no, man. This is way worse. 15% of your annual salary, by the way?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is almost as much as income taxes. So this is a very big problem, 'cause as you know I think that's the biggest problem.

Maddox: (chuckles) Sure.

Dick: Um...low-income workers experience wage theft through unpaid hours, unpaid overtime, and sub-minimum wages on a weekly basis. Lose about 15% of their income, 2,000 a year...look, here's what wage theft is. So you're working at a restaurant or whatever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And you gotta clock out in 6 hours or the boss gets pissed off at you.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Because then you're legally entitled to a break.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a lunch break. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they say "clock out when the clock strikes 6, but then work another half hour because you gotta sweep up."

Maddox: Oh yeah, big problem.

Dick: Oh, yeah! It's a big fuckin' problem.

Maddox: I've...I have experienced this many times in my life. Okay, if this your problem, Dick, I'm -

Dick: (interjects) Here's another example.

Maddox: I'm totally on board with this.

Dick: Oh, now you're on board.

Maddox: No, this is...this is a big problem!

Dick: NOW you think it's a big problem when I phrase it like that.

Maddox: When you phrase it like that, yeah, of course. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah. Um, let me get another one: misclassification of employees. So this is when...take this. Here's an example.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Assistant managers at Wal Mart. They'll be told to do lower-level employee work.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Like greeting at the door, stocking shelves, shit like that, and they're like, "Well, you're the manager. You gotta take care of it."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: However, legally, managers don't get overtime.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Which is time and a half, over 40...so they'll end up working a shitload more hours. They'll just give 'em the title of manager...

Maddox: Right, with no -

Dick: ...so they don't have to pay them.

Maddox: With no increased pay, by the way. A lot of times they'll give you the new title and put you on a salary with...when you work out the hours you're working, it always favors the company.

Dick: Yeah, it's just free...it's just free work.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uh, illegal deductions...did I go through that one yet? 'Cause I don't even understand that one. Full-on wage theft is just blatant wage theft for an employee not being paid for work done. Okay, here's how much this costs every year.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Robbery: costs $340 million a year.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Robbery. Just...just robbery. Like, the crime of robbery.

Maddox: Oh, oh, right. Okay.

Dick: Yeah yeah yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Auto theft: $3.8 billion a year.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Burglary: $4 billion a year.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Larceny: $5 billion. Wage theft: $19 billion.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: Every year, it's costing.

Maddox: $19 billion!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Who, uh, who's responsible for this theft, Dick?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Uh...like, who? Who are these criminals?

Dick: Oh, are you tryin' to make it, like, a corporation thing?

Maddox: Oh wait, did I say...did I say corporations?! Oh, wait a second! But I thought corporations were the solution, dickhead!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I thought corporations were the ones you were lionizing for fuckin' a whole episode...

Dick: Oh, man. (sighing)

Maddox: ...and then my whole fuckin' problem bein' a contrarian dickhead! These same fuckers are stealing $19 billion! These same pandering assholes who don't give a shit about anything but their bottom line. (yelling)

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: These motherfuckers! These are the ones you're defending, and lo and behold, they're the problem. Thank you.

Sean: Look at how happy he is.

Dick: I know, and it's...

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) (laughs)

Dick: It's funny to watch you be so happy, but it is also painful to see you nitpick a problem...

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: ...like, just based on something I said in the past. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: Based on other things I believe! (laughs more)

Dick: Well, hold...hold on. Do you think that I think just corporations are just good guys?

Maddox: I think that you think corporations are more good than bad. You called the corporation the greatest invention of mankind, I believe. (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah, I think that.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay. (laughs more)

Dick: But these are...

Maddox: So which is it?!

Dick: Well, these exist because laws let them do this. Like, tipping is a form of wage theft.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: Because you can...there's minimum-wage laws for a reason, and they can say, "Here..." They're allowed to hire you at less than minimum wage, and you make it up with tips...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...but then you don't. Like, it's a...it sets up a weird...uh, it sets up a weird economy.

Maddox: Yeah, I agree. Tipping...

Dick: For waitresses.

Maddox: Tipping is a problem, but not as a big of a...so laws, laws are the bad guys. Corporations are the good guys, but it's just these damn laws! Golly! If only we could get these laws... (breaks down laughing)

Dick: I get that you're being very sarcastic, but I'm failing to connect the dots that you're making.

Maddox: Oh, I know!

Dick: You just think it's a result of not being, uh...

Maddox: I think it's -

Dick: ...intellectual enough?

Maddox: No, I think it's... (cracks up) No. No, not you. This isn't a statement about you, Dick.

Dick: No, go ahead! Go ahead.

Maddox: I think that the...that...um, the invention of the corporation?

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Because they are a business, and businesses have only one thing...one objective in life, and that is to make as much money as possible. And because of that, you get all these other problems, these umbrella problems, which I won't go into too much here because I'll bring that in as a problem some other day.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But all these umbrella problems -- this wage theft, insincerity in their marketing, pandering, enforcing unruly drug laws -- these are all problems that fall under that umbrella. But wage theft specifically, and what you talked about with tips, I know...one of my neighbors, actually, used to work for a restaurant in my neighborhood.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And I f-...and she quit and she said, "Don't go there, it's horrible," and I found out that, uh...and I heard this through many people who work there. They don't pay out tips to their employees. They just pocket the tips.

Dick: They just pocket 'em?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is literally wage theft. That's exactly what you're talking about, yeah.

Dick: Yeah! That's what...yeah, that's one of the examples. Well, I brought it in. I won't go through it anymore, because the gloating is annoying me. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Uh, but I will -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, the...oh, my gloating is annoying? (laughing)

Dick: Well yeah, because it's-...it's like, I don't even understand what you think about corporations. Like, of course it's...they always obey the law.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Like, they do whatever the law lets them do!

Maddox: Sure, like especially when they hire illegal immigrants. They're obeying the law there. (Dick stammers) (both laugh)

Dick: Yeah. Uh, if they get a Social Security number, it's not their responsibility to track it down.

Maddox: Sure. (cynical)

Dick: You're just -

Maddox: (interjects) This guy doesn't speak English, he came in...you know? He doesn't drive to work every day, he gets dropped off in a pickup truck. You know what he's gotta - (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: (interjects) Oh, so then he's il-...it must be an illegal.

Maddox: No, but let's just...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Let's not, uh...

Dick: Let's call a spade a spade, is what you're saying.

Maddox: Let's not ask any questions, right? But if somebody comes into work, their eyes are a little bloodshot, maybe they had a little too much partying last night. Oh, THEN we're gonna investigate! Let's get a piss test. Let's go down this rabbit hole, huh, dickhead? That's when it's a problem, is when they're enforcing drug laws, but not when they hire illegal immigrants. Corporations always follow the law! These corporations? Okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright. (chuckling)

Dick: Hah. (quietly) (Maddox giggles) Well, I think it's a big problem, and it's not only...it doesn't only affect low wage earners. I brought in a buncha shit about the high-tech wage theft too.

Maddox: Yeah, I wanna hear about this.

Dick: Well, it's...I'm sure you have heard about it. It's just the back-and-forth between Steve Jobs and Eric Schmidt and Sergey Brin and all these people who just, uh, decided that they wouldn't poach each other's employees.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: 'Cause it was bad for the bottom line.

Maddox: No, this is really interesting. Let's talk about this.

Dick: Yeah, and it ends up...they're estimating that it cost these high-tech employees $9 billion over like 4 years. And I'm just like... (stammers) ...imagining how fucked this is for the system as a whole, that these kids will go to school, they'll go to, like, a very expensive school...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and try to...and train for these skills their whole lives, and they're glass-ceilinged like the second they get a job.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they can never get above it because of these, like, illegal practices (Maddox laughs) of wage manipulation.

Sean: Well, it's...it's collusion, isn't it?

Dick: Yeah, it's blatant collusion.

Maddox: It's collusion. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But didn't you say a second ago... (laughs more)

Dick: I can't...I don't know why you think this is...like, I don't know why you think this is -

Maddox: (interjects) You said a second ago corporations always follow laws, dickhead! You said that.

Dick: Well, they're -

Maddox: (interjects) Do you believe it or not?

Dick: Do I believe that they always follow the law??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of course people are doing illegal shit, Maddox!

Maddox: Okay. Alllright. Alright. So I...but back -

Dick: (interjects) What the fuck?! Where do you...where are you pulling this from? Like, honestly?

Maddox: What you...literally your quotes.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Literally things you just said.

Dick: No, go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: But I wanna talk about this. This is really interesting, this collusion.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I want to explain for people who don't know about this high-tech wage theft. This is super interesting. So Apple and Google, very notorious competitors in Silicon Valley.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They uncovered in court records that there was some collusion between the two companies. They had a handshake agreement...you know, kind of a nod, a boys' club, like not to hire...a gentlemen's agreement. That's what I wanna say.

Dick: It was not a gentlemen's agreement. It was a threat.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Well.

Dick: Jobs emailed them saying "Hey, if you guys don't stop doing this, we'll do it to you."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: "And we've got bigger pockets."

Maddox: Well, there you go!

Dick: "So stop doing it."

Maddox: The magnanimous Steve Jobs threatened Google not to hire their -

Dick: (interjects) I think it was HP.

Maddox: Their employees.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, well, whatever it was, they threatened each other not to hire each other's employees.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And there's kind of an unspoken agreement, or in this case literally spoken agreement...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...not to hire each other's employees, and what that does is artificially suppresses competition in the job market.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And artificially...excuse me, artificially lowers the wages of employees.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Does that...so you're saying that falls under wage theft?

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I'm on board...that's a huge problem. And lemme tell you another way I personally have experienced wage theft.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: SO many ways. First of all, I've only had two jobs in my life. My first job was at KFC and I was a cook, and by law, by Utah state law, we had...we were required to take two breaks during an 8-hour shift. We had two 15-minute breaks and a half-hour lunch.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: The half-hour was unpaid, and they told us all these breaks and our lunch were completely optional, so I tested it out. The first time...the first day I got there, I thought, "Well, I'm here. Here I am, I'm doin' training. I'm, uh...you know, I got my...I put in my 4 hours, I'm gonna take my 15-minute break and eat a snack. They said we can eat during our lunch breaks," right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I sat down, and I got the most evil eyes I've ever gotten in my life.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not just from my co-workers, but from the manager, the supervisor, the people working in the front. They came back specifically...they would do double takes when they saw me sitting down for a few minutes, and then I kinda got the message: "We're not supposed to take breaks."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, uh...and then another kid didn't get that message, and he continued to take his breaks. He was fired 2 weeks later.

Dick: Yeah, that's what they're sayin' on some of these Wal Mart articles I'm looking at. Like the, um...the intimidation into not taking what...like, optional breaks?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So there was this...there was some law that was, um, that was pitched up in...I forget where it was, Wisconsin. I didn't bring it in, but the idea was to get rid of the mandatory 5-day week, like that employers could make a deal with somebody to give up their optional weekend day? So it would make the weekends optional.

Maddox: Ohh!

Dick: So to speak.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause I was gonna bring weekends.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because we bought that giant pool only to find...my life coach and I bought that gigantic pool only to find that there was no water-delivering services open on the weekend.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I was like, "Well, fuck weekends."

Maddox: Oh, okay. (laughing)

Dick: Right? Like, why do we have them?

Maddox: Why did you need water-del-...excuse me, a water-delivering service? Couldn't you just turn on the hose?

Dick: No, it was huge, man! It was huge. It would've taken hours to fill up, and we needed it right then.

Maddox: Oh...okay.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause...and it's like everybody taking off on the weekend totally screwed that, and everything's always jammed on the weekends.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But then I was I-...then I found all this wage theft shit, and part of it was, yeah, the unspoken intimidation of people taking their breaks and their time off, and it's like...it's easy to say "Look, just sack up and don't do it," right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it's not realistic. Like, as much as I wish it was, it's just not. 'Cause there's a cost...there's a cost in looking for another job.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: There's a cost in, like, not being taken advantage of in this scale, which is why I think it's such a big problem, because it's...it can't be solved.

Maddox: Hmm. I don't know that it can't be solved, Dick, because there are companies...like for example, I know a lot of Google employees.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And they love it there. They...Google really treats their employees well.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They get their breaks, they get their lunch, it's mostly paid for. They get maternity leave, paternity leave, whatever you want. Google takes care of their employees.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I'm not saying...let's not pretend like this is a problem with no solution here. This is...this really comes down to the magnanimity of your employer and how penny-pinching they are and how important their bottom line is to them, but...

Dick: Yeah, but every company here is part of it.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Google's part of this lawsuit...yeah, they are.

Maddox: Well, okay, but Google...so Google does it in a high-tech way. They do it by suppressing wages by agreeing not to hire competitors' employees.

Dick: Well, yeah, that's even worse!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Fuck, you...it takes away your personal autonomy to, like, sell your time and...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...make...and get more money.

Maddox: Yeah, it's bad, Dick. I'll -

Dick: (interjects) That should be...that's WAY more than tips! That's way worse than somebody who's gotta work like an extra 5 minutes at work 'cause their manager's a prick.

Maddox: I disagree, because when it comes to tips, those are low-earning wage workers, and they need every dollar. They're scrapin' by. But when it comes to Google...I mean, what they're doing is wrong and evil, for sure. "Don't be evil," my ass.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: BUT, it is not worse because the employees that they're talking about suppressing their wages, they're already making north of 6 figures. North of...5, 6 figures.

Dick: That's where every dollar counts.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're already living in really expensive lofts in downtown San Francisco and making good wages and good livings. I mean, I'm not...I'm not as worried about them.

Dick: Ah, I think that's a bad way to look at it.

Maddox: Well, why is it a bad way to look at it, Dick? Because if you're trying to say absolutely which is worse, I think that the wage theft, when it comes from somebody who has shallow pockets, is way worse than wage theft from somebody who has deep pockets.

Dick: Well, you kinda just introduced that though. Like, no one was looking at which one was bad...which one was worse than the other.

Maddox: No, you just said that. You literally just said that a few minutes ago.

Dick: Yeah, in response to yours, (Maddox scoffs) but I didn't make it about that in the first place.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It was just, this is...they're part of this lawsuit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Google is, HP is; I got the whole list here.

Maddox: I had -

Dick: (interjects) But it's the...it's all the big ones. Lucasfilm -- the special effects guys -- Apple, of course...

Maddox: Wow, Lucas is in on this too, huh? So a long time ago -

Dick: (interjects) Oh yeah, you wanna hear his quote from it?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: Uh, George Lucas says...this is when he said that they shouldn't compete against one another for talent. "It's not a normal industrial competitive situation. The rule we had, or the rule that I put down for everybody, was that we cannot get into a bidding war with other companies because we don't have the margins for that kind of thing."

Maddox: Oh. (sneering)

Dick: And they definitely do.

Maddox: Lucas, yeah.

Dick: That's just like...that's like, "Yeah, you're doing something blatantly illegal to make more money. That..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "That's illegal."

Maddox: It's illegal.

Dick: It's illegal.

Maddox: To make more money on top of your already lavish profits.

Dick: Well, again...

Maddox: It's lavish.

Dick: See, but why does it always...why does that have to come into it?

Maddox: It matters!

Dick: Why does it matter? It's already illegal!

Maddox: Because it comes down to greed, Dick. (Dick stammers) How much is enough, Dick? For you, infinite!

Dick: Here's what you...no, this is what you sound like. It's like, you know how Ellen Pao got kicked out recently? She stepped down as the CEO of Reddit?

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) Yes.

Dick: Right! Yeah. Ding-dong, the witch is dead. Fuck her.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Good luck paying for your, uh...your counter-lawsuit, bitch.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: Lasted 5 weeks, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: She managed to fuck everything up in 5 weeks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Interim with a capital, uh, 'M'.

Sean: Piss everybody off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Um...

Maddox: Didn't understand the userbase.

Dick: At all.

Maddox: And its whole...yeah.

Dick: So every once in a while, somebody would list all the things she did wrong.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And they would list all the things she did wrong, but then at the very end they would throw in, "She had sex with a married man..."

Maddox: Well...

Dick: "...at her other firm," and it's like, "Ah, you..."

Maddox: 'Cause that...that's ethical.

Dick: "You fuck up your whole...you fuck up your whole thing by throwin' that in."

Maddox: Why?

Dick: "You fuck up your..." Because it's not, like...it's not a hard, factual piece of evidence.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, the other stuff was good enough.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You didn't need to throw some kind of ethical spin on it.

Maddox: Sure. That's fair.

Dick: Yeah. That's what you're doin' with the "Well, fuck 'em. They're too greedy 'cause they already have enough money."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, couldn't it just be that they're doing something illegal that hurts...wage earners?

Maddox: Oh, I see what you're saying. Okay.

Dick: Yeah. Does it have to be that "oh, they're already so rich" as well?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's totally irrelevant!

Maddox: Because...Dick, I think that people have an averse response and reaction to greed in this culture, in this society. Maybe it's just because of the culture we were raised in, because of...uh, fairy tales, like Scrooge around Christmas, where the lesson there is not to put money over people, right? Not to put money over family, not to put money over tradition and religion, and all these other things that are supposedly values in life.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I think that just this very problem that you brought in is evidence of how that can be a huge problem, when you DO put that money over people. Because this problem that you're talking about right now, Dick?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Arises from greed! That's all this is. It's just greed. Companies are already profitable, and they just want more. Sure, fuck it! Fire someone right before Christmas. They got a family? Fuck their family.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: We're gonna save a few dollars. That's what it comes down to, and I'll tell you how it's personally hurt me and affected me. At my old job at the telemarketing company, I put in multiple 24-hour shifts, Dick. That's...REALLY bad. That's really shitty.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I remember I slept at my desk for like an hour, woke up, trying to finish a deadline. I came in one time on Thanksgiving. I had to leave my family and come to work and work on a project for a company...to do nothing but to pad the profits of the company that I was working for. I got nothing out of it!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They didn't give me a bonus, and I remember every now and then they would corral us into the conference room to make a big announcement that we would all be happy about, right? And the big announcement was they just signed 3 or 4 new clients, and there was kind of a smattering in the conference room and a cough.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Nobody cared, because that just meant more work for us. We saw nothing of it. There was no profit sharing. There was nothing in it for us! It just meant more work! And then I also got fucked over at my old job too, 'cause I would have to clock out -- at KFC -- and then just as I'm about to step out the door: "Oh hey, uh, can you help me with this one thing? Can you clean out that last cooker?" The last cooker.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The one that's the dirtiest. The one that takes 45 minutes to clean. And I ended up stayin' there scrubbing another 2 hours. "Oh hey, and by the way, we just found out that the inspector's comin' by tomorrow, and we have to scrub the entire floor." "Oh really? So I guess this 45-minute job that you wanted me to do unpaid has ballooned into 3-4 hours? Okay."

Dick: Well, that's why I think it's such a big problem, 'cause you can't fix it. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: You CAN.

Dick: Like, that's...it doesn't...that's already illegal. Right? But how are you gonna get compensated for that? You can't!!

Maddox: Dick, if -

Dick: (interjects) If they...you're gonna get fired for not doing it. What recourse do you have, a class-action lawsuit where you see like $5? You already lost the time!

Maddox: No, the class-action lawsuit can potentially be corrective, but...I'm not gonna go into that, 'cause I don't know. I don't have the stats or research in front of me. I think this can be corrected by incentivizing good behavior in corporations. So...and I don't know how that is, I don't know what that is, but I think if they had an incentive...people complain about government, right? Here's my whole thing with the whole libertarian agenda. You didn't see that comin'! Came in way late into the problem, but here's my whole thing with the libertarian agenda. Libertarians generally are opposed to bigger government, because fundamentally they believe that governments are inefficient and they don't do a good job and they are ineffective, and I don't think that it's necessarily the case because the problem with government is lack of accountability. They don't give a shit. They don't have anyone to answer to. You go to the DMV and you wait 45 minutes to an hour in line? Ah, it's all the same to them! They don't give a fuck. You're just another number to them. You just walk right through, you walk in, maybe you get served, maybe not; they don't give a shit. They have no one to answer to.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: But the second you start introducing accountability to these fuckers, then they'll start to play ball. If you suddenly said, "Okay, you got a...you have a quota to reach. If you don't get these customers served at the DMV line in this allotted time, we're gonna cut your funding. And if we cut your funding, that means we're firing your ass."

Dick: You just proved why this is unfixable, 'cause the only way...the only way to do that is by acting like these companies are.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: By hitting these numbers no matter what the cost.

Maddox: But that's specifically government. Now we're talking about corporations. How -

Dick: (interjects) That's how people work, though.

Maddox: But how to fix this corporate problem, right? What if you incentivized good behavior? What if you said, "Okay. Well, if..." (stammers) I'm trying to think of a solution off the top of my head, but if they found that you were doing these shady practices by creating an anonymous network where employees could...in fact, there is that law. There's the whistleblower law.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Employees could alert the government that this company 'X, Y and Z' is doing this...this deplorable behavior, and they find out about it, then not only do they get punished but, um...

Dick: They get double punished?

Maddox: No, maybe...maybe they reward their competitor or somethin' like that. I don't know. I don't know what the solution is.

Dick: I'll tell you how we fix it. We gotta bring back hanging.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Dick: That's...Steve Jobs sends an email like "no hiring each other's employees"? We gotta hang that guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's too rich!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You can't legally...get him!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? That's how you fix it. That's the only way.

Maddox: The eye choke.

Dick: Yeah. No, I don't know, I don't think there is a way to fix it.

Maddox: Well, who knows, Dick, but I think if you incentivize good behavior and had more accountability...well, the accountability problem is the problem with government. But this corporation one, I bet there is a solution, 'cause I don't think that this is a problem with no solution. Because first of all...I mean, I run a company, right? And I like to treat my...the people I work with fairly. I don't like free work. I like to pay people SOMETHING, right? Even if it's not a lot, because I'm not making a lot, but it...I like to pay them something, and at the end of the day, if more people had that attitude...and I don't believe it's all corporations. I think some corporations are run by good people who do try to treat their employees fairly and they aren't about that wage theft.

Dick: Well, it's pretty clear that everybody was hunky-dory until Steve Jobs started firing off these emails.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, of wage-fixing. You know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which says a lot.

Maddox: Well Dick, uh, is that all you got?

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Um...I can just cruise through this last problem.

Dick: I don't think we have time for it.

Maddox: Welp... (both laugh) I have to mention it because of what I was about to say. My segue's totally ruined!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I don't know if you've noticed, but my voice is a little hoarse. It's hoarse because I just got back from Comic-Con, and that's what everyone's voice sounds like at the end of Comic-Con. It's fucking awful. I hate it, and everyone asks me, "Hey, did you have a good time?" No, I fuckin' worked! It's awful. (laughs) For...it's...

Dick: At Comic-Con?

Maddox: It's fun for everyone else, but for the poor exhibiters who are working their asses off, it's awful. And, uh, my problem was related to that. I'll just...I'll just breeze through it real quick, but it's just people texting in public walkways, Dick.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: I'm so fucking tired of it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can't walk anywhere in Comic-Con. It's already a bad situation, exacerbated and made worse because every dickhead is sitting there Instagramming and Latergramming and tweeting and hashtagging all their fucking social networks, sending their friends texts! Hey dickhead, why don't you live in this fucking moment that you're in right now? LOOK UP. These fuckin' assholes, texting constantly. Which, by the way, I have an anecdote about that, a little story. I don't think I've talked about, um...what's his name, uh...Don Cheadle! Did I mention the Don Cheadle story on this episode?

Dick: Nope.

Maddox: I was wa-...I was ridin' my bike down the street the other day and I saw Don Cheadle come out of a building, and right in front of him was a big TMZ tour bus. TMZ, the media channel, right?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah, and not a single person on the bus noticed because they are all busy texting. (Dick laughs) Every single person on the bus was looking down at their cell phones, and Don Cheadle was right in front of them!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That made me so happy.

Dick: That's funny.

Maddox: That's the one time it made me happy, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But texting in public walkways...Sean, before the episode started, you mentioned that you're tired of seeing people text through walkways, right?

Sean: Through crosswalks.

Maddox: Through crosswalks!

Sean: There has to be way more pedestrians getting hit by cars because of that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And bicycles.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, and bicycles.

Maddox: Oh, through the roof when you count bicycles! You know those cyclists riding 12 miles per hour running into you, flesh-on-flesh? Oh my gosh. The massacres. (smiles) The massacres! Can't even imagine. By the way Dick, remember that, uh, that subreddit -- speaking of Ellen Pao earlier -- that got shut down? That, uh, CuteCorpses?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Cute... (cracks up) I was lookin' -

Dick: (interjects) CuteFemaleCorpses.

Maddox: CuteFemaleCorpses, of course. Yeah, we wanna be specific. The CuteMaleCorpses subreddit is still thriving. But the CuteFemaleCorpses, um...I was lookin' through it, and one of 'em was this really cute chick who got hit on her...on her bike. Hit and run, car.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Uh, head blown out all over the sidewalk, so.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: That's what your bicycler hate does.

Sean: Wait wait wait, "really cute chick"?

Maddox: Well, she was -

Sean: (interjects) With her head blown out? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: She WAS cute.

Dick: Yeah Sean, you got a problem with that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What do you look for in a woman? (grins)

Sean: They put a "before" picture with it?

Dick: A head?

Maddox: Yeah, they put a "before" picture.

Sean: Okay. Oh. (Dick chuckles)

Maddox: She was really cute, yeah. Head blown out.

Dick: That sucks.

Maddox: That's what your cyclist hate gets.

Dick: Wait, what?

Maddox: A buncha cars drivin' like dickheads and being aggressive toward cyclists. I'm so glad that problem got voted down.

Dick: Yeah. (quietly)

Maddox: I'm so -

Dick: (interjects) Is that it? Of your selfie problem? Or of your...

Maddox: (sighs) Yeah, no...I mean, I -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, I saw some selfie sticks in the wild, by the way!

Maddox: Oh, great!

Dick: Yeah, they...they weren't that bad!

Maddox: What do you mean, "they're not that bad"?

Dick: Like, there were people...people were sitting on a bench taking them. I think this is a big problem though, people walkin' around with their heads buried in their cell phones.

Maddox: Did you know that someone recently got killed because of a selfie stick?

Dick: Why?

Maddox: They were holding it out...they were hiking and they were taking pictures of themselves, and lightning struck them. (smiles)

Dick: Ah! (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Makes me so happy. (Dick chuckles) (**baby laugh sound effect**) Anyway Dick, that's my problem. (laughing) Um...

Dick: It's a big problem!

Maddox: Ye-...what? People s-...people texting??

Dick: I don't think there's a solution for that one either.

Maddox: Well, sure there is! I think... (stammers) You know what the problem is, that culture...first of all, technology has changed so fast that culture hasn't had time...had a chance...society has not had a chance to adapt to it...

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: ...with etiquette. There used to be manuals in etiquette that came out. There was, uh, Hill's Social Guide to Etiquette or somethin' like that?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: It's a book! People wrote books on etiquette.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Today, we have technology that comes out that didn't exist a year ago, and people don't even know how to adapt. Like for example, Google Glass. Google Glass just popped up, and then all of a sudden people had a problem with it.

Dick: 'Cause it was annoying.

Maddox: No, because they were afraid of their privacy being violated.

Dick: Eh, I think it was 'cause it was annoying. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Nobody really cared about their privacy.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (grinning) Anyway -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but then you also got everyone...like, everybody's so proud of being, uh, rude and obnoxious these days. It's like, "Oh, you got a problem with me? I don't give a fuuuuck! I do what I want!" It's like, that's...that's like the cultural norm, which...

Maddox: (interjects) You know, that's why -

Dick: ...is an additional problem.

Maddox: That's kinda why I like Sonic. He's got so much attitude. (grins)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He's cool. Anyway man, my problems this week are Stoner Marketing and People Who Text In Public Walkways. (**closing riff starts**)

Dick: And my problem's Wage Theft.

Maddox: Big problem, Dick.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I'm actually on board with it.

Dick: Oh. (chuckling)

Maddox: I'm gonna give you an upvote!

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

(theme riff)

Dick: Oh, wait a minute. I forgot this.

Maddox: Oh, dammit. (whispering) [**Dick plays "My Heart Will Go On" parody**] Fuck!

Dick: I'm only playing this song 'cause Jack Horner died.

Maddox: Who's that?

Dick: Remember that?

Maddox: Oh, the uh...

Dick: It was the composer.

Maddox: ...composer? Yeah.

Dick: Oscar-winning...

Maddox: Yeah. (irritated)

Dick: ...composer. Show some respect. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Think there was any wage theft there?

Dick: I don't know. I don't know how James Cameron...rolls.

Male singer: Maddox is an asshole...

Maddox: Probably...he's a...pro-... (yells over song) He's probably a greedy fucker!! I fucking hate this song!

Male singer: ...and he can go fuck himself...

Maddox: He just made...this was a cash grab. This whole fucking movie's a cash grab!

Dick: This movie's a cash grab??

Maddox: Yeah. How much money did he give to the survivors of the Titanic?

Male singer: ...his problems all suck and he deseeeeeerves this.

Dick: I don't know. You read a lot into these, uh, cash grabs.

Maddox: Oh, it's a cash grab?

Dick: You're always on about.

Maddox: Yeah. What if someone made a story about your life and didn't give you a dollar?

Male singer: Keeeeep playing these Tiiiiitanic clips...

Dick: They did! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Oh yeah? What?

Dick: Yeah. It was called, uh... (stammers) "Rocky..."

Maddox: "Magic Mike." (laughs hysterically)

Male singer: ...and Dick, youuuu can go on and...

Dick: "Rocky W-..." Yeah. "Magic Mike XL." No, the first one's not about me. (Maddox still giggling) The first one's about my dad.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: The sequel is about me.

Maddox: Oh, alright. (Dick laughs)

Male singer: ...go on and go fuuuuuuuuck yourself.

[song ends]

Maddox: Fuck yourself. I hate that song. (muttering)

Dick: Alright, here you go. Actually watch this clip this time.

Maddox: Okay. I'll watch it, Dick.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Yeah. Here we go.

Dick: 'Cause you have totally not been watching.

Maddox: I'll watch it.

Dick: And this is a good... [**plays next 30 seconds of Titanic**] It's finally getting good.

Maddox: Oh. Well, I gotta go to the bathroom.

(ship deck noises)

Maddox: (laughs smugly) I'm not looking.

Guy on ship: Satellite call for you!

Maddox: That was a total lie, I'm not lookin'. I'm never gonna watch! I'm NEVER gonna watch.

Dick: I'm just gonna let it play then.

Maddox: Great!

Guy on ship: You wanna take this call.

(more ship noises in background)

Dick: Something interesting is happening.

Maddox: No!

Dick: Something really...

Guy on ship: Now, you gotta speak up. She's kinda old.

Dick: They're...shitting on old people.

Maddox: I... (cracks up)

Dick: You looked!! I saw you look!

Maddox: No I didn't! No I didn't!

Dick: I saw you look down at it.

Maddox: No I didn't! No, I looked down at my KNUCKLES.

Guy on ship: Rose Calvert. (hands phone over)

Bill Paxton: Mrs. Calvert?

Old lady: I was just wondering...

Maddox: Oh, I hate that voice.

Old lady: ...if you had found the Heart of the Ocean yet?

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Heart of the Ocean!

Maddox: Heart of the Ocean? (flatly)

(dreamy movie score)

Dick: What could it be?

Guy on ship: Told you you wanted to take the call.

Maddox: It's a fuckin' jewel! I know it's a fuckin' jewel.

Dick: Ohh, it could be a jewel!

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffing)

Dick: Is it...

Bill Paxton: Alright, you have my attention, Rose.

Maddox: Great.

Bill Paxton: Can you tell us who the woman in the picture is?

Dick: That's the naked woman, Maddox.

Maddox: Not gonna look. No. (muttering)

Old lady: Yes. The woman in the picture is me.

(music swells dramatically)

[clip ends]

Maddox: ('sproing' [boner] sound effect) (both laugh loudly) Oo, baby!

Dick: Yeah. Do you want any voicemails?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (goofy Southern twang) Well, hey there, Maddox! This is the old host of The Imagination Station. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Dick: Is that him?

Maddox: Kinda sounds like him.

Voicemail: I just wanted to call in and tell you that of course I remember you! You were that sad, lonely little boy... (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Lonely, huh?

Voicemail: ...who always called in to my program. Well, now I hear that ya have your own program, and I decided to listen to a few episodes and see whatcha made of yourself.

Dick: Oh, that's cool!

Maddox: Aw.

Voicemail: And all I can say is...what the fuck happened?!? (everyone laughs) **I mean, you used to be so bright and full o'life, and...now you just get into a rage over French bread and people who like pepperoni pizza.** (more laughing)

Dick: That's true.

Voicemail: And your ideal world is where most o'humanity is enslaved so you can play video games all day? Ho-ly SHIT. (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly) **Well, I'm gonna go drink an entire bottle of vodka and cry myself to sleep.** (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That part's accurate. (keeps laughing)

Voicemail: Fuck you, Maddox.

[message ends]

Maddox: I bet that is where that guy is. He snuck into a bottle.

Dick: Here's somebody defending your Soni-...your Mario and your Sonic art.

Maddox: Oh, great! Let's hear this.

Dick: Yeah. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey, this is, uh, Scott, a.k.a. NOT John F. Kennedy. This is not how he sounds.

Dick: Okay.

Voicemail: Um...listen, I have a couple quick things that I wanted to bring up regarding Dick on the last episode. Uh...first of all, Dick, 3D modeling and the pictures that people took of Maddox's models? 3D modeling's a little bit like sculpture, okay?

Dick: Hmm, yes.

Voicemail: It doesn't start out looking perfect.

Dick: We all know that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: But there's like two ways of doing it. One's like sculpture and the other one's like papier mache.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ahh.

Voicemail: As somebody who does 3D modeling, I can tell you that yeah, it does look...start out lookin' like a buncha dog turds, or whatever. ..

Maddox: Yeah. See?!

Voicemail: ...but it's just like with sculpture, man. You sculpt it and you make it look correct.

Maddox: Yeah, man!

Voicemail: You add in the vertexes, and...

Dick: I think you add too many vertexes. That's your problem. (Maddox sneers)

Voicemail: ...the planes and the polygons and everything, and it...that's just how it works, man. (Maddox chuckles) **So yeah, it starts out lookin' all blobby and then you refine it. That's 3D modeling. You don't know what you're talkin' about.**

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: And second: hey, Maddox -

Dick: [**cuts off message**] No, no seconds. We're not doing seconds.

Maddox: Nono, what's the last part of that??

Dick: Oh, it's a whole 'nother minute, dude.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: It's...everybody always tries to cram in multiple things. So he's saying that your 3D modeling's good.

Maddox: Pretty good!

Dick: Well, he says it's shit right now, but it WILL be good.

Maddox: Yeah, that's what I was sa-...I'm saying!! It's a masterpiece! It's not finished yet.

Dick: Well, b-...well, when will it be finished?

Maddox: You know what? I'm going to start new. In under 40 minutes, I'm gonna create a better Sonic than that bozo.

Dick: And it'll be done?

Maddox: (belches) Yeah, it'll be d-...

Dick: Like, it'll be done?

Maddox: It'll be done in under 40 minutes! It has to be, it's a speedrun! It's a world Sonic the Hedgehog speedrun.

Dick: Okay, I can't wait to see it.

Sean: 40 minutes after his book is released. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Okay, SEAN... (annoyed) We don't have until 2025. (cracks up) (Sean laughs in the background)

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The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 62

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe from ants to AIDS, with over 3.5 million downloads. This is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I am Maddox, with me is Dick.

Dick: Hey!! What's up buddy? (grinning)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Dick: PERFECT, man!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you know what they do in radio? This is...I learned this on radio. They are trained to, like, read out with the music until the vocals start with the music. Like, the announcer should stop talking when the vocals of the song kick in.

Maddox: Oh yeah. It's a real talent, uh, when the drop comes in.

Dick: And you have it naturally!

Maddox: Oh, thanks man! I actually learned from one of the best in the business, Mike O'Meara. I've listened to The Don and Mike Show forever, and they...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Now it's just The Mike O'Meara Show. One of my favorite broadcasters of all time. He is a natural. He is a pro, and I've learned from him. I've...I listened to him for years and years. But before we go on, Dick, I need to mention, we have a very special guest with us today: Robin Higgins!

Robin: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome to the show, Robin. So Robin Higgins is a comedian -

Dick: (interjects) Hello Robin. (sexy tone)

Maddox: (cracks up) Okay.

Robin: Hello. (smiling)

Dick: The lovely Robin Higgins.

Maddox: Already...already, Dick. Already. Skeezing out our guest. What's this, what's...this has gotta be a record! 30 seconds into the episode. Robin is a comedian and a writer living in LA. She's the founder of The Higgs Weldon comedy website. It's a literary comedy website, and has written a play about the sex lives of the crew of the Starship Enterprise. (Dick, Sean, and Maddox laugh)

Dick: That's true?!

Robin: It's true. I played Deanna Troi.

Dick: Ohh! She...

Maddox: Whoooooa, mama.

Dick: Man, there were...those were two hot chicks on that show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Oh yeah.

Dick: Like, looking back on it?

Robin: Oh yeah.

Dick: Absolutely nothing. Not even movement down there. But watching it as a kid, it was like, "Oh my god, look at this! We got a fiery redhead over here, and this one that could read your mind? I'm thinkin' dirty stuff for YOU, baby."

Robin: It was in the play.

Maddox: Who was the most amorous in the play?

Robin: Uh, Riker.

Maddox: Rik-...of course, Riker.

Robin: Yeah. And then we had Deanna, you know, bitching that he was having too many gross thoughts...et cetera.

Maddox: Oh that's right, she's a mind reader!

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Mhm.

Maddox: Oh, that's trouble. If you're ever banging a mind reader...'cause like, if another person pops into your mind or porn that you've watched, or some...something.

Dick: She's gonna be like, "Why are you always thinking about bags of sand when you're in bed with me?" (Maddox and Robin laugh)

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: Okay, tell us about the play.

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect) (giggles)

Dick: I wanna hear more about this play. What is...what's the...what made you think of it? What is it about?

Robin: It's about...you know. I mean, the Star Trek universe, great universe, but they never...they way they address sex is so bizarre, right? Like, they'll have like 5 seasons and then you'll give Picard, like, looking...giving one glance and then it's over, and then that's all you get about their entire sex lives.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: So I wrote, uh, in a play -

Dick: (interjects) And you know HE'S bangin'.

Robin: Oh, yeah!

Dick: Right? Sexy Picard?

Robin: I mean, they kinda tell you. He bangs this one archaeologist chick, and uh...then, like, almost bangs Crusher a buncha times?

Dick: Mhm.

Robin: And then they eventually just talk about how he's super guilty 'cause he was the indirect cause of her husband's death.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Robin: Also, fun fact for you guys. In my real life, first person I ever jerked it to: Wesley Crusher. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Dick: The...the boy?!

Maddox: Wil Wheaton??

Robin: Oh, yeah. (grinning)

Dick: The child?

Robin: OH yeah.

Maddox: Oh no, Wil Wheaton! (Dick giggles) First of all, that is surprising on so many levels, that -

Dick: (interjects) With the rainbow lapel?!

Robin: Oh, yeah. (Dick giggles more)

Maddox: Oh, n-... (laughs) Wil Wheaton!

Robin: It was really doin' it for me. (cracks up)

Maddox: Oh my god, are you kidding me? So do you still crush on Wil Wheaton today in real life?

Robin: I mean, it's impossible not to, right?

Maddox: Ohoho, well, I'll...it's very possible, Robin. (Robin chuckles) It's very po-...you're lookin' at a room full of people who've never jerked it to Wesley Crusher. Dick, have you?

Dick: Uh, absolutely not. No, I was thinking that my first jerk was probably to one of the American Gladiators. (Robin laughs) You're bringin' back alotta memories. Either Elektra or Diamond, I think.

Maddox: Mine was, um...a video game character. (Dick snorts) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Luigi?

Maddox: No...no. (giggling) No, dickhead!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Not Luigi!! It's this girl named -

Dick: (interjects) Map Land? (chuckles)

Maddox: No, it's a girl named Mary from a video game called "Quartet" on the Sega Master System. (laughs with Robin)

Dick: Oh my god.

Maddox: She -

Robin: (interjects) You know, those are just as bad as mine!

Maddox: Yeah. She had a spa-...she had a jet pack, and I thought...you know, I...whatever. (muttering) Um...

Robin: What did you think? What was happening with the jet pack?

Maddox: You know. I just thought we'd, you know, we'd do a...we'd go off and... (clears throat) You know, s-...uh...

Dick: She'd take you up on her jet pack like she was Superman and you were Lois Lane? (smiles)

Maddox: Uh...yeah, some...I mean, I had my own jet pack too. I didn't need her jet pack.

Robin: Okay. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, we just kinda flew off and fought aliens together and, like, made ou-...like, made out pretty hard. You know?

Dick: Oh. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You knew this was gonna make a hard left into weird, huh? (Dick and Maddox laugh hysterically)

Dick: I did! (squeaking)

Maddox: Ah!! Okay, let's move on. That's enough of that! Uh... (laughs more)

Dick: Okay, so in your play, how dirty is your play?

Robin: It's really -

Dick: (interjects) Like, are people having full hardcore sex on the stage?

Robin: Well, no, because we did our orgy scene on video. (cracking up)

Dick: (chuckles) Oh, that's...that's real!

Robin: The theme of the play is that Beverly is f-...uh, dating all of the Borg.

Dick: Oho, okay.

Maddox: All of the Borg!

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Well, they're a hivemind!

Robin: Right.

Maddox: That's...

Dick: The Borg.

Robin: Mhm!

Dick: So you have to date them all.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: Would that be a Borg-bang?

Robin: Yeah!

Maddox: A gang-Borg? Gang-Borg.

Robin: Gang...

Dick: A Borg-gy. (Maddox laughs)

Robin: Ooo, I like that one the best.

Maddox: A Borg-gy! You nailed it, that's it.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't think I can improve that.

Dick: Are there sci-fi puns in your play?

Robin: There's alotta sci-fi puns.

Dick: Do you know any off the top of your head?

Robin: No, I forgot all those lines.

Dick: Ah, dammit.

Robin: Months ago. (chuckles)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Hmm, there's gotta be a phaser one in there.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Um...let's -

Dick: (interjects) Set your phasers on "premature." (sexy tone) (Robin and Maddox laugh)

Robin: Please don't do that.

Dick: That's how I do it. (grins)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Sucks to be you!

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is that a holo-DICK you got in your p-...? Okay. (muttering) (Dick and Sean laugh)

Robin: That's pretty good.

Maddox: Alright.

Sean: That's funny. (giggling in background)

Maddox: Alright guys, let's move on. So Robin, as you're familiar with the show, we vote on the problems that we debate every week to see which problem deserves to be on the big list of problems. The biggest list of problems in the universe, right? The #1 problem from last week was Wage Theft!

Dick: Oh, yesssss. (growling)

Maddox: Fol-... (cracks up) Followed by -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, man. Beam me up, Scotty.

Maddox: Followed by People Texting In Public Walkways, my afterthought of a problem everybody agreed with.

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: And then, uh, Stoner Marketing. All of them in the positive territory.

Dick: Oh, it's a win then! Everybody wins. (Maddox starts laughing) Everybody wins if they're all in the positive, right?!

Maddox: Dick, that...no!!

Dick: Do I understand the show yet? (laughs)

Maddox: No, you still don't! No! NO. I got a comment from Nicky Jay. He says, "My favorite part of the show is when Maddox spends a good 10 to 15 minutes explaining his problem using stats, examples, and research." (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: "With Dick's only response being, 'So what's the problem?'" (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, well...fuck it, man. I got a comment here from Terrence Williams. This is a quote. Uh, this is a quote from me from the last episode: "I'm only playing this song because Jack Horner died." (Maddox laughs) He says, "You mean James Horner, Dick.

Way to disrespect the dead. Get raped." (Sean chuckles in the background) Um...and he's absolutely right. So I do wanna say that I meant...I meant JAMES Horner, and to make up for it I'm gonna r-... (Maddox groans quietly) I'm gonna replay the tribute. **[plays "My Heart Will Go On" parody]**

Maddox: DAMMIT! This...I knew... (stammers, flustered)

Dick: 'Cause I did win.

Maddox: You know, a small part of me hoped it was something different. Something different in...insofar as, like, anything.

Dick: Yeah. No, but you have to get a man's tribute right.

Robin: This is the first CD I ever bought, from Ross Dress for Less. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Of course it's in Ross Dress for Less.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: It's a terrible CD. It's this song and then 18 tracks of boat noises. (Maddox and Dick laugh loudly)

Male singer: Maddox is an asshole, and he can go fuck himself...

Maddox: Was it this version too, by Grant Mooney?

Robin: No.

Male singer: ...his problems all suck and he deseeeeeerves this.

Maddox: This piece o' shit song I've heard -

Dick: (interjects) What'd you think of this movie? Titanic?

Robin: I saw it 3 times in theaters.

Dick: Ohohoho!

Maddox: Oh my god.

Dick: You're gonna -

Robin: (interjects) I was, like, a 12-year-old girl. Let's give me some credit. (chuckles)

Dick: You're gonna see 30 more seconds of it tonight. (Maddox laughs)

Male singer: Keeeeep playing these Tiiiiitanic clips...

Maddox: Okay, there's this ongoing bit that's AWFUL, and not funny and fucking terrible and it hurts me! It hurts me personally every time Titanic is played anywhere.

Male singer: ...and Dick, youuuu can go on and...

Dick: This is a tribute though. Don't talk like this about the man's music. This is a guy who died. This is a tribute to James Horner.

Maddox: (yells) I sh-...

Dick: James Horner.

Maddox: I made an off comment about Nintendo's president dying last episode. **[song ends]** I'm not gonna...of COURSE I'm gonna shit on James Horner.

Dick: You wanna hear a voicemail about that, uh, off comment you made?

Maddox: Uh-huh, let's hear it. (laughs) **[Dick plays first voicemail message]**

Voicemail (male caller): Okay, I just called and I was really pissed off, so I kinda fucked up in my voicemail so I'm gonna try it again!

Dick: Just start it again then. (laughs with Maddox)

Voicemail: Fuck you, Maddox! You made a comment about the Nintendo CEO dying, and that was really fucked up considering how soon he died, but that's not even the point. (Dick imitates "Mario dies" theme music) **Dude was a great developer...you know, a great programmer, ported alotta games over, and was a gamer at heart. If you even respect...** (Maddox laughs) **...you know, what he was about...**

Maddox: "If you even respect..." (nasal voice)

Voicemail: ...you wouldn't have been such an asshole, (Maddox laughs more) **and making such a comparison and making fun of his death like that!**

Dick: Yeah. Think about that.

Maddox: I didn't...

Voicemail: Like, if you're a programmer, then you should know how rare good programmers are. I mean, yes, there are a lot of good programmers to an extent, but...

Maddox: There's one in this room. (giggles)

Dick: You're right. (laughs with Maddox)

Voicemail: ...dude was good enough to become CEO of Nintendo. Like, we're ta-...you know, just...I don't even have to fuckin' explain myself!! Like, fuck you! Like, seriously!

[message ends]

Maddox: Wait wait, so the end of that voicemail was: "Like, I don't even have to explain myself. Like, fuck you, seriously." So that was -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, fuck you, man. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That was his argument. So many -

Dick: (interjects) It's what he's sayin'! It's a good argument.

Maddox: So many butthurt fanboys...and you know what? They were butthurt not about my comment about the president of Nintendo passing, but Smash Brothers. Because I said -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, st-...oh, STOP.

Maddox: I said... (cracks up)

Dick: Stop, we have a guest! We're not getting into Smash Brothers shit this week. (Robin and Maddox laughing)

Maddox: We...all I said was that he died of shame...

Dick: Augh.

Maddox: ...at releasing Smash Brothers.

Dick: Ugh, god.

Maddox: Look guys, I didn't make fun of the president of Nintendo dying, you fucking idiots! I'm...I love Nintendo!! I'm a big Nintendo fan! Thank God for Nintendo. I'll go on the record defending Nintendo to my GRAVE. I love that company.

Dick: Yeah, it was your first jerkoff memory, apparently. (Robin laughs) To Nintendo, something!

Maddox: It was Sega. (Dick giggles) It was a System 16 game.

Sean: What about Mario Paint?

Maddox: Oh! Yeah, actually! So that...so the first time I ever drew porn... (Dick and Robin burst out laughing) ...was to Mario Paint, 'cause I didn't have porn. I grew up in Utah, and the first time I ever started jerking it...well, actually the first time...the first time I jerked it, it wasn't to any thought. It was just kinda, like, experimentation. Like, "What is this thing that's happening?"

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But then I didn't have porn, and I drew my own in, uh, in Mario Paint.

Dick: Yeah. (Robin snickers) Okay. Moving on. You got anything else?

Maddox: Yeah, I got one more comment. This -

Robin: (interjects) What was the porn of?

Maddox: It was... (cracks up) So, it was this girl on all fours, like doggy style, right? And then she was like, "Ohh!" You know, and I wanted to use...I got tired of drawing, 'cause everything I had to draw manually, and it looked kinda like an MS Paint drawing. And then... (laughs) And then I got tired of drawing, and I wanted me in there, like on top of her? (Robin chuckles)

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: So I just used the default Mario stamp of him riding Yoshi and, like, erased Yoshi so it looked like he was behind the chick, and I pretended that was me.

Dick: And you wanted you to be in the porn?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You would jerk off to porn of yourself?

Maddox: I prefer...

Dick: Like Patrick Bateman in American Psycho...

Maddox: I... (laughs)

Dick: ...looking at himself in the mirror while he's having sex with himself.

Maddox: Okay, no joke, people go through phases in their porn habits and things like that. The last phase I was on is I was only into porn where the guy looked like me. (Dick giggles in surprise) And...is that weird? Why is everyone...?!

Dick: That is WAY weird.

Maddox: Why??

Dick: That's gotta be weird, man. (grins)

Maddox: It's like, you don't even have to think! It's like, "There I am!"

Dick: Well, f-... (Maddox laughs) First of all, how much lookin' at the GUY are you doing in a porn?

Maddox: Well, you know, you -

Dick: (interjects) Just enough to check that he looks like you, and then you're onto yourself? (Robin laughing)

Maddox: You get a glance, and you're like, "Alright, that's me."

Dick: Do they...do you... (Maddox giggles) Does JibJab need to open a porn site for guys like you? Where you upload a picture and then they just put it, like, Terrance and Phillip-style all over the guy that's getting his...? (Robin laughs)

Maddox: I can tell you right now, there's 5 bucks in their bank if they have that. I got a comment from Chris Griffith. He says, "I'm surprised that Maddox didn't talk about Ben Curtis, the 'Dude, you're getting a Dell!' guy." Remember that kid?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I talked about stoner marketing last time, and he was, like, kind of a classic stoner icon for the Dell company for a long time.

Dick: Sure! Yeah.

Maddox: He's like, "Dude, you're gettin' a Dell."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So he was that kinda stoner character, and then he literally got fired for trying to buy a bag of marijuana!

Dick: Ohhh, that's a shame.

Maddox: That's a perfect example of what I was talking about last time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway.

Dick: That's a shame.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: I don't like it.

Maddox: Should we, uh...should we get this boat, uh...?

Dick: I got, um...well, I got one thing. This was sent in by an employment attorney. I'll read some of it. So this guy's basically saying...Tyler Freiburger. Um...that he does most of his work against small and medium-sized companies, which I thought was interesting. He says he "exclusively sues employers for some of the practices that you mentioned on the show regarding wage theft: denying breaks, retaliation, denying proper payment, as well as workplace discrimination. While I have filed against some big corporations, most of them have legal teams telling them not to do...to follow the laws because they don't want to deal with this shit. The biggest violators of employment laws are small companies: 10 to 30 employees," which I thought was interesting.

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: It kinda pokes a hole in that, like, big corporations are ruining people's lives, when in fact this guy's saying it's the small corpor-...the mom-and-pop shops that are just, like, screwing people over.

Maddox: I could see that.

Dick: Yeah, sucks!

Maddox: I could see that, yeah.

Dick: Sucks.

Maddox: The bigger corporations probably play a little bit more by the, uh, by the rules.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: They also define the rules by horrible lobbying. (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Well, that's true.

Dick: Awesome, that's a good point.

Maddox: Yeah, there you go.

Dick: Alright. I do have...actually, I'll save this. Do we wanna get...let's get started on some problems.

Maddox: Okay. My first problem this week is trans fats!

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Trans fats.

Dick: Like Chaz Bono?

Maddox: No... (cracks up) **(rimshot sound effect)** (Sean chuckles in the background) Dick!

Dick: Hey, that's a big problem.

Robin: Nonono, wait, I'll give you accuracy points. (Dick laughs loudly)

Maddox: We talked about this at the top of the show. We...I thought we all got it out of our system.

Dick: No, no, no. (laughing)

Maddox: You made all the...okay. No.

Dick: No?

Maddox: No, dickhead.

Dick: What are you talkin' about? (grinning)

Maddox: (laughs quietly) You f-...fuckin' asshole. Uh, NO. Trans fats, Dick. You know, the nasty fats that you're not supposed to eat, that... (stammers) The thing you see on labels, food labels, everywhere: "no trans fats."

Dick: Oh, I'll tell you this. I know what they are...I mean, I know the word. I have no fuckin' idea what they are.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I'm gonna get into that. But first of all, do you...Robin, do you know what the leading cause of death in the world is? I bet you do.

Robin: In the world?

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: This is...oh, man.

Dick: Let everybody guess before you give the answer away.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: What do you think? I'll guess first.

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: It's getting hit by a bicycle.

Maddox: Wrong!! (everyone else laughs) Fuck you! You fucking... (Dick giggling hysterically) **(buzzer sound effect)** ...idiot. NO.

Dick: Okay. Robin, you go.

Robin: Oh, man. Okay yeah, I gotta say something, 'cause I really wanna get it right but I can't just sit here for 20 minutes, and I'm -

Maddox: (interjects) What would you -

Dick: (interjects) Well, it's probably people flickin' their bean to death looking at Wil Wheaton. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Wil Wh-...Wil Wheaton. (laughs)

Dick: Looking at Star Trek reruns. Ambulances are getting dispatched all over when Channel 9 plays Star Trek reruns.

Robin: I mean, I'm on 14-plus years and I'm doin' okay. Um, I would say... (stammers) I don't know, car crash.

Maddox: Wrong!

Dick: Car crash?

Robin: I know, I know.

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect)

Robin: What is it?

Maddox: Sean, do you care to guess? (Dick mouths "heart disease")

Sean: I'll go heart disease.

Maddox: Right!

Robin: Oh.

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) Correct!

Dick: Show-off. (grins)

Maddox: Coronary heart disease. 611,000 people die every year from coronary heart disease.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: #1 killer. #1! More than diabetes, Alzheimer's, accidents, suicide, and lower respiratory disease combined. All those combined don't even compare.

Dick: Hm!

Robin: Wow.

Maddox: To coronary heart disease.

Robin: And that's worldwide?

Maddox: Yeah! Worldwide, yeah.

Robin: Wow, okay.

Maddox: And trans fat intake has been shown to consistently be associated with heart disease. And this isn't one of those things where, "Well, it correlates but it doesn't cause it, blah blah blah." There's -

Dick: (interjects) Like using your cell phone causes brain cancer? One of those things?

Maddox: Yeah, it's not one of those things.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: There's a lot of research to show that, uh, that trans fats have been shown to increase coronary heart disease. Um, this -

Dick: (interjects) What is it? Do you know what a trans fat is? I don't wanna just skip around on your problem, but that might help.

Maddox: Yeah, so trans fats came from -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I know what is a cholesterol, but I don't know what is a trans fats. (Robin chuckles)

Maddox: Oh, you know what a cholesterol is?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs) This is from CNN, "The history of trans fat." So back in 1912, there was a guy named Paul Sabatier, I think is his name. He won the Nobel Prize in chemistry for discovering this hydrogenation method so that nickel could be used as a catalyst to create a chemical reaction between hydrogen and other compounds, creating partially hydrogenated oils.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: So basically what they were trying to do is find a way to make oil and butter in kind of, like, a solid a form so that they could transport it more easily.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And more cheaply.

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

Maddox: Yeah, so...'cause there's a lot of logistical problems with trying to keep butter fresh.

Dick: Well, that's like Napoleon invented margarine to supply his troops with a butter alternative.

Maddox: Is that...is that true?

Dick: I learned...that's what they said on Mad Men. That's where I learned that.

Maddox: Oh, well it's gotta be true if it was on Mad Men.

Dick: They do better research than me.

Maddox: Yeah, well... (laughs) Yeah, so does, uh, so does a preschooler. Um...there was a guy named Wilhelm Normann. He discovered a process for hardening fat and was awarded a patent for converting liquid oils into a thicker, firmer substance through the process of hydrogenation. They made this solid for commercial reasons because it was less likely to spoil and cheaper to produce and transport, what I just said. Crisco was the first consumer product introduced to the market by Procter and Gamble that included a trans fat.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: A government ration in 1943 put a freeze on butter sales to help the war effort, resulting in a boost for margarine containing trans fat. I don't know if they're talking about that, uh...I don't know if Napoleon actually invented margarine.

Dick: I'm pretty sure he did.

Maddox: Okay. (cracks up)

Dick: I heard it somewhere.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing) Well, the American Heart Association encouraged people to limit trans fats in 1957, which led to the advocacy groups in 1984 to get fast food companies to replace saturated fat with partially hydrogenated oils containing trans fat.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: So this trans fat is something that comes about as a byproduct of this process of turning liquid oils into solid oils, and they use nickel to do that, the metal nickel.

Dick: Can I ask you somethin'?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Robin, can I ask you somethin'?

Robin: Sure.

Dick: What do you eat? Like, what's your...do you...lemme -

Robin: (interjects) In my life?

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Today I had a delicious sandwich that had avocado...

Dick: Was it organic?

Robin: I don't...well, it all came from Gelson's, because -

Dick: (interjects) That's a pretty fancy store.

Robin: Yeah, 'cause it was the closest grocery store.

Dick: Gelson's is a fancy supermarket.

Maddox: It's a fancy supermarket, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: I begrudgingly go to Gelson's now 'cause it's one block from my new house.

Dick: People will carry little dogs into Gelson's, right?

Robin: Well, that's just everywhere in California now.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, it's the worst.

Dick: So the reason I ask is because I know everybody hates, like, the organic movement and everybody flips out saying like, "Oh, organic doesn't mean anything," and I know that it doesn't, and blah blah blah blah blah. But I feel like putting some time into figuring out what food you're putting into your body vis-a-vis at least starting with organic, like shopping somewhere fancy like Gelson's or Whole Foods, which I know...I hate every single word on the wall of Whole Foods and how they tell you what farm the green beans came from.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they've got a picture of some dopey Mexican farmer like, "Hey, uh, these green beans came from me! Like, I personally hugged all these green beans!" (Sean guffaws in the background)

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Yeah, but if you don't know that stuff then how can you feel better than everybody else? (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Well, what I'm sayin' i-...yeah.

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect) Whoops! I meant this one. **('ding!' sound effect)** (laughs with Robin)

Dick: Yeah. Yes, and the only reason I bring it up is because look, I just...I hope that they're not...that these trans fats are found in, like, shit food, and that I'm paying a little bit more and whatever buying into this marketing hype and not encountering these stupid trans fats that are gonna give me a heart attack.

Robin: I have some boring chemistry knowledge I could throw at you guys about the word "trans."

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: Yes, let's hear it. Yeah.

Robin: Well, it's referring to the orientation of a bond within the fat that's a double bond, and so you can have -

Dick: (interjects) Oo, a double bond. Alright. (sexy voice)

Robin: That's right. (cracking up) Much stronger than a single bond.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: DB. (laughs to himself)

Robin: So you can have kind of a...a 'U'? If it's a cis and both little things are sticking off of the same side?

Dick: What little things? What little things would be sticking out?

Robin: Whatever the carbon is bonded to.

Dick: Okay.

Robin: Or you can have a trans, where one's pointing up and one pointing down, and that one is a lot...it stacks easier.

Maddox: So it doesn't...

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: What I understood in doing my research, Robin, is that these trans fats are harder for your body to absorb and so they thought it was healthier and so, like, it would flush through your system, and what they found is it doesn't. The opposite happens. It just stays inside -

Dick: (interjects) Clogs up.

Maddox: Yeah, it stays inside your system forever, and can clog your arteries and all sorts of...cause all sorts of nasty stuff. Is that...?

Robin: Well, that would be too biological for me to know. I can just tell you what the chemical looks like, and -

Dick: (interjects) What do you...why do you know so much about chemicals? What are you...are you, like, cookin' meth on the side or what's goin' on here?

Maddox: Yeah, you have...you have a chemistry background, right?

Robin: Yeah! Mhm.

Maddox: You're a chemist?

Robin: I was. I quit.

Maddox: Okay, you were.

Robin: To do this!

Maddox: Okay. (cracks up)

Robin: To tell dick jokes. (laughs with Maddox)

Dick: You're a chemist and you like Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Robin: Hmmm...

Dick: And you're tellin' dick jokes. What's goin' on...what's your dad like?

Maddox: Ohhhohohoho. (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Robin: Wow.

Maddox: Robin, this is a trap! Do not answer. (Dick giggles)

Robin: My dad is so honorable, I can...this is a bulletproof argument. My dad is an honorable man.

Dick: Oh my god, me too! Me too. We have that alike. (laughs with Maddox)

Robin: He's a public defender. (grins) He spent his life defending those who can't afford lawyers.

Dick: Ohh, wow. That is honorable.

Maddox: (sound clip of man: "Well, that's unfortunate.") (laughs with Sean)

Dick: Does he have a lot of good stories about that?

Robin: Oh yeah, they're horrible.

Dick: Like, 'cause of the people?

Robin: The whole...just the whole thing is terrible.

Dick: The whole system.

Robin: When you just go into the background of every murderer, it's just so sad.

Dick: Oh my god.

Robin: Yeah. Murderers! Anyway.

Maddox: Yeah. So, uh, on that note. Guys, in... (cracks up)

Dick: What an interesting guest!

Maddox: Yeah! No, really interesting guest. That's what this show brings you, is interesting guests.

Dick: Not like Marc Maron! OBAMA. (disdainful) (Robin laughs) We all know what he's th-...what he says, alright? He's written so many books.

Maddox: He literally can't say anything without someone writing about it.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) Gimme a break, Maron!

Maddox: Yeah. Try gettin' Robin on your show, bozo.

Dick: Yeah. Dye your beard! (Maddox laughs loudly) Get some Rogaine just for beards, you prick. (everyone laughing) And get a real studio. Your garage. (sneering) (Maddox laughs more) Multi-millionaire, #1 on iTunes, he's in a garage.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Gimme a fuckin' break.

Maddox: He's keepin' it real, man. Have we -

Dick: (interjects) What the f-..."WTF" stands for "where's the furniture?" (everyone laughs loudly)

Maddox: Have we inadvertently turned Marc Maron into the show's, uh, the show's nemesis? The show's arch-rival?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I don't even have a beef with the guy. I've never even...I've heard a couple episodes of the show.

Dick: Gimme a couple episodes, I'll give you a beef with the guy. (Maddox chuckles) I'll find somethin'.

Maddox: The American Heart Association encouraged people to limit trans fats in 1957, right? So the '90s showed an increased risk of coronary heart disease associated with the intake of trans fats, and around this time American trans fat intake was 4% to 7% of the calories from fat. So in 2004...it wasn't until 2004 that Denmark made it illegal for any foods containing more than 2% trans fats. The World Health Organization called for eliminating trans fats globally from the food supply, so it wasn't until then...then in 2006, the FDA finally ruled labeling for trans fats on foods. Foods can still contain less than 0.5 grams of trans fats per serving, and checking for partially hydrogenated oils in the ingredients can show this.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: So even though foods say they don't have partially hydrogenated oils, they still can have some trace amounts in it. And there's this big push right now, everybody wants their food along with a little narrative. They want their food with a fortune cookie that tells them that their food was massaged from the cleanest organic hands and this farmer's upright and it's fair trade and it's organic and it's massaged from the teat of Mother Nature.

Dick: yeah.

Maddox: Everybody wants that narrative. Now even donut companies are jumping on board with this. Did you know that if you buy donuts right now from Winchell's, on their box they have that little thing where it doesn't say "non-fat" or it doesn't say "organic"; it says "no trans fats." Hey, that's a good thing, right? Everybody -

Dick: (interjects) It says that, literally?

Maddox: Oh yeah!

Dick: "Hey, that's a good thing, right?"

Maddox: No. (laughs with Robin)

Dick: That would be a hell of a box if it said THAT.

Maddox: I...yeah. No.

Robin: I think the teat of Mother Nature, would that be a volcano?

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Yeah, correct. **('ding!' sound effect)** (everyone laughs) So, uh, I just wanna end on this note, 'cause we're runnin' out of time here, but the Harvard School of Public Health...in 1993 a Harvard study strongly supported the hypothesis that the intake of partially hydrogenated vegetable oils contributed to the risk of having a heart attack. And this is the study that actually kind of blew the lid off of this...the danger of this thing. It also promotes inflammation and overactivity of the immune system, and has been implicated in heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and other chronic conditions. Eating trans fats also reduces the normal healthy responsiveness of the endothelial cells, the cells that line all of our blood vessels. In animal studies, eating trans fats also promotes obesity and resistance to insulin, the precursor to diabetes. And I'll just say this -

Dick: (interjects) So it's like a poison.

Maddox: It's terrible stuff.

Dick: Get rid of it.

Maddox: The Department of Nutrition indicates that eliminating trans fats from the US food supply could prevent up to 1 in 5 heart attacks and related deaths. 20% of heart attacks and related deaths can be reduced simply by eliminating trans fats from your diet.

Dick: If we just stop eating this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What is it in mostly? What's the biggest offender? I would guess, like, chips, Ruffles, snack foods...shit like that.

Maddox: Yeah, it used to be in a lot of snack foods. Crisco, Crisco was a big offender for a long time.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Because anytime you have that solid oil...because that, uh, that process of making it solid so that it can be transported and not have to be refrigerated is what introduces trans fats into it, and they have to -

Dick: (interjects) So you gotta use KY. I mean, you can't use Crisco.

Maddox: Okay. (Sean chuckles in the background) There you g-... (Dick and Robin laughing) Well, that's my pr-...that's my problem, Dick! Good job. Robin, thank you for joining us this week. You have our second problem today.

Robin: Yes, I do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Would you guys mind if I just pause this one second to remind you that today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase. Oh my god, I'm still using my Harry's razor. What about you?

Maddox: Yeah, still!

Dick: I'm so glad that you're here, Robin, 'cause I can ask you, what is it like...like, what... (stammers) Have you ever used a finely crafted razor? 'Cause if you got a lot...you got more surface area than us with our precious faces.

Robin: Right.

Dick: But we have no idea what the woman's perspective is on razors. Whenever I step into a girl's shower, shit disposable razor.

Maddox: Garbage.

Dick: They never are spending money on their razors.

Robin: I semi fall into that. I just have one, uh...I don't...I just got it like 5 years ago, and I just replace it.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: 5 years ago?!

Robin: Not the razor itself. The...apparatus. So I'm gonna upgrade from that, but no.

Dick: Well, Harry's has a starter kit that's only $15.

Robin: For women?

Dick: Uh, it's a...it's a razor! They don't care who buys it.

Maddox: It's unisex. Right. (Robin shrugs)

Dick: You know? You, man, Chaz Bono? Doesn't matter. (Sean guffaws in the background) The starter kit's just $15. That includes a razor, 3 blades, and your choice of

shaving cream or foaming shave gel. Make the smart switch to Harry's. High-quality German-engineered blades.

Maddox: Robin -

Dick: (interjects) Half the price of big-name drugstores.

Maddox: That's right.

Dick: Free shipping straight to your door.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Would you get...would you use a Harry's if we...?

Robin: Yeah!

Dick: If we got you one?

Robin: I'm on my last razor right now. You guys can send me $30. That's how much a stupid pack costs.

Maddox: $30?!

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: You get $5 off with our discount code.

Robin: Hmm!

Dick: I do have...somebody sent in a...this guy Sean, named similarly, sent in an email. "Hey Dick, I imagine someone..." Oh no, wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute, wait. Oh yeah, so this guy Sean. I got the right email. "Love the show you guys put on every week. Proud supporter of the show. I got my girlfriend and I some Harry's razors and they work phenomenally." Here's the best part: "She is Spanish/Italian..."

Maddox: Oh. (uneasily)

Dick: "...and they still last her weeks." (everyone laughs)

Maddox: That's a little...eh, there might be some embellishing goin' on there. (Dick cackles)

Dick: You don't think she's both? (Maddox laughs) She's one or the other?

Maddox: No, I think that it's -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, "weeks"!

Maddox: Yeah, weeks. (laughing)

Dick: Oh, it's probably a typo.

Maddox: Ahh. Maybe "week."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um...okay.

Dick: http://harrys.com , "BIGGESTPROBLEM"; save $5 off your first purchase.

Maddox: "BIGGESTPROBLEM", and thanks for supporting the show, guys. It really makes a difference. Thanks for tweeting these @harrys and copying us on those. Robin, our problem this week, our guest problem...what do you have?

Robin: I'm bringing to you guys people that don't value science.

Maddox: Yeeeeah!

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) Bravo. **(clapping sound effect)** That's a huge problem. People that don't value science!

Robin: That's right, and it's carefully worded. It's not "people that don't understand science," 'cause science is...you know, specific to certain personality types and requires a bunch of time and, you know, effort spent.

Dick: Mhm.

Robin: But it's free and easy and doesn't take any of your time to VALUE science, yet a lot of people do not. I have a quote from an article published in The Atlantic that said 79% of Americans believe science has, quote, "made life easier for most people." Which SOUNDS good.

Dick: Most people?

Robin: Until you realize that 21% of Americans don't believe science has made life easier. Uh... (incredulous)

Dick: I'm sorry, say that...read that again.

Robin: 79% of Americans believe science has made life easier for most people.

Dick: Okay, the next part.

Maddox: Sounds pretty good, yeah.

Dick: I mean, it's still way...

Robin: Which means 21% don't believe that science has improved human life.

Maddox: Yeah. 21% of people think that science has not improved human life?

Robin: Yeah. So 1 of 5 people is just like, "Eh."

Maddox: Were cows part of this study?? (Robin laughs)

Robin: I assume not.

Maddox: Bovines?

Robin: They've...I don't think a cow could take any test. It couldn't even press a little key.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what would tell us? Science.

Maddox: Mm.

Robin: That would tell us.

Dick: Hmm.

Robin: And I think that that's, uh, crazy. 'Cause here are some hits of science I thought of.

Dick: (interjects) 1 out of 5. That means if you're...wait, if you're looking...if you're looking to your left and your right and in front of you and behind you, you think that science hurts the human race. (Robin laughs) Right?

Maddox: 1 out of 5!

Dick: One of those people thinks that science is a hindrance.

Robin: Exactly.

Dick: This fuckin' world...

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: This is...when you're walking around through a crowd, look around; one of those people thinks science is bad for us. That does not help us.

Robin: "Science" is such a general term, so here's a list of things that science has helped us with.

Dick: Mhm.

Robin: Uh, it brought us cars...

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: ...electricity...

Maddox: Mhm!

Robin: ...breast implants...

Maddox: Oh, love 'em.

Dick: Oh well, uhh...

Robin: ...gummy sharks... (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I'm, uh, I'm gonna have to disagree on breast implants, on that one. (smiles)

Maddox: Okay, that's TWO that you're gonna disagree on, 'cause she also said gummy sharks. Did you hear that?

Dick: I like gummy sharks!

Maddox: Dick...well, Di-...I thought you didn't like sharks!!

Dick: I don't like sharks. I get off when I'm pretending to eat them and they're gummies.

Maddox: Okay. Fair enough.

Robin: Automatic staplers...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay, pretty...

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: ...regular staplers...

Maddox: Save seconds at a time, yeah.

Robin: Mhm! And the entire field of medicine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Welp, there you go! If you use any one of those things, then you should appreciate science.

Robin: Exactly. Or value it on some level!

Maddox: Value it, yeah.

Robin: Not just think that it sucks or is boring or is two people pouring chemicals together.

Dick: Nerds. (smiles)

Maddox: Robin, I love... (cracks up) I love that you're so sweet that you don't want to condescend our listeners...(Dick laughs) ...and you qualified this problem when you brought it in as saying, "I don't wanna say that people don't understand science."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "You know what? I'm gonna go one step further and say 'Yeah, fuck you! You don't understand science if you don't appreciate it.'" There's no other reason...what other reason would people not appreciate science?

Robin: 'Cause they think it's boring.

Maddox: Oho. Well, these fuckin' dullards. These are...you know what? This is the s-...if you had a Venn diagram of the people who think science is boring and who think that math isn't important, 100% intersection.

Robin: Yes. 'Cause you gotta learn at least some math to get you to some science classes. So yeah, so I basically...I just think that it's crazy that you don't appreciate it, because another thing that science has brought you is the awesomeness of America, and...

Dick: (interjects) And Ronald Reagan. That's right.

Robin: ...we have... (cracks up)

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: We talked about this in the bonus episode. (smiles) (Robin laughs) I'm sorry, go ahead. America.

Robin: Um...yeah! We won World War II because of science.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: H'oh. (skeptical)

Maddox: Yep!

Robin: And we -

Dick: (interjects) Well, I...alright.

Maddox: Mhm!

Robin: Ye-...oh, what? What is...what's the -

Dick: (interjects) Won World War II because of science?

Robin: Uh-huh. (smiling)

Dick: How do you...? Please expand on that.

Robin: So I would say that it comes down to the bomb, as a big important part of World War II.

Dick: Oho. (dismayed) Robin, Robin, Robin.

Robin: Would you say that's not true?

Maddox: Uh, okay -

Dick: (interjects) I would say it's not...there is an ongoing debate on this show whether or not -

Maddox: (interjects) No. There is no debate, Dick. (annoyed)

Robin: About this? I've... (stammers)

(all talking over each other)

Robin: ...like, touched a minefield?

Maddox: No...yeah.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: There is no debate. It's just Dick has some conspiracy dipshit idea that he -

Dick: (interjects) It's not a dipshit idea!!

Maddox: He thinks... (cracks up) He thinks that the bomb did not end World War II.

Robin: Well, then I'll -

Dick: (interjects) No, we were doing it to show off.

Robin: I'll hit you back with codebreaking, because that wasn't us.

Dick: Okay. Good. (sarcastic)

Robin: We weren't the best people at that, but that was still science/math, and, uh...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: That's true.

Robin: That was the other. Without...those two, that's the end.

Dick: Alright, alright.

Robin: And so we got those on lock, and we were able to make the Cold War basically nothing because of science. Um, and -

Dick: (interjects) How'd we do that?

Robin: You know...

Dick: How, how, how?

Robin: ...space and shit. (laughing)

Dick: Space and shit!

Maddox: Space and shit.

Dick: Agreed. (Sean laughing in the background)

Maddox: Hey, your, uh, your... (Dick cackles)

Dick: Satellites! (laughing)

Maddox: Your homeboy Ronald Reagan, his, uh...his Star Wars missile defense system, that's what ended the Cold War. Remember that? All those fuckin' lasers and shit we put up in space that wasn't totally propaganda? That thing?

Dick: That was PR, though. That wasn't science.

Maddox: Yeah. Propaganda. (sneering) (Dick shrugs)

Robin: And, uh...you know, the Internet. The Internet's great; brought to you by science.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I actually...lemme ask you somethin'. I feel like science means...after knowing this about this play that you put on?

Robin: Mhm.

Dick: That's based in the Star Trek world, but it's also sexy? (Robin laughs) I feel like this problem means more to you than you're letting on.

Robin: That people don't value science?

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Yeah!

Dick: And knowing you have a chemistry background?? Oh my god!

Robin: Yeah! Yeah, no, it's...it's really terrible. I mean, people just should give a shit about it. (chuckling) It's kinda sad that you can just kind of say like, "I dunno, I'm not...I don't really care about that stuff." I'm just like, "If you look around...look at...wherever you are right now, look at everything around you. Science brought you all of it." Every single item, every single thing that you do besides fuck, science was... (stammers) It's the only thing that adds to humanity from generation to generation. Like, we haven't gotten better

behaved. We haven't turned into better types of animals. We've just made things better for ourselves through scientific discovery. Like, we murder less people because science lets us eat and have a warm place so we don't have to murder people constantly. It's just such a rea-...and people just don't give a shit about it, and, uh...you know, to get on my extra level of soapbox, it really does affect everything if you care about it or not because of funding, and people just don't give a shit about cutting basic research funding, and uh...when you do that, it's like everything's on an 80-year delay. Like, people that were doing really groundbreaking work on quantum mechanics 80 to 100 years ago are the reason we have the Internet and cell phones now, and we were really well funded then. And we're not, and all the universities now totally believe...man, I'm getting really soapbox-y. This is not... (cracks up)

Dick: No, that's what this show is about.

Maddox: We wanna hear this. (laughs)

Robin: Yeah! No, I really do care about it. And so we're...if people gave a shit about science -

Dick: (interjects) Do you know how many guys right now...?

Robin: And appreci-... (cracks up)

Dick: You're their Wil Wheaton right now. (Robin and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: You're like, you're like...it's 50,000 guys' Wil Wheaton.

Maddox: You're their Deep Space 9. (Robin laughs loudly)

Robin: But if people cared about it and thought that it was interesting, it would be, like, in the zeitgeist and people...it would just force politicians to fund it or take it more seriously, and it just literally gets ignored. Like, the Internet fucking happened in our lives, and people don't give a shit where it came from or who, like, broke their back discovering math and science to get us the Internet.

Dick: True!

Robin: They're just, like, straight up "where are those dog pics?" though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: And it's...so that's...it's really baffling that there's just such a lack of any caring or acknowledgement.

Maddox: And these pigfuckers...

Dick: Oh, wow! (under his breath)

Maddox: ...have the audacity to get on Twitter and say, "Huhh, here's another day I went by without using algebra! Mleh!" (idiot voice) (Dick giggles) (yells) Hey dipshit, everything you're using to communicate that dipshit message you just said uses mathematics that you can't even fucking comprehend, you moron! GOOD! Don't use math, don't use

science. Eat rocks and die. That's what's gonna happen. You're basically just a monkey. You're regressing our species back into primates.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what's happening.

Dick: Yeah, it's a...second Dark Age, you might say.

Maddox: But Robin, I do have to take issue with something you said.

Robin: Yeah, say it.

Maddox: So I am a -

Dick: (interjects) The sex thing, right? (Maddox and Robin laugh) 'Cause you said science doesn't improve sex, and if syphilis was still around, sex would be a big fuckin' problem.

Robin: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: Now you're talkin'...

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: Now we're in my world. (chuckling) (Robin giggles)

Maddox: Okay. (smiles)

Dick: Syphilis, chlamydia? Get them shits outta here.

Maddox: Ohh, we gotta solve that problem pretty quick, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Okay, what's the issue?

Maddox: But Robin, so I am a huge proponent of science and technology and mathematics, and I come from that world and that universe.

Dick: Oh, you thought YOU had a soapbox? Listen, you can't even see his soapbox. (Robin and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: I'm gonna kick yours out from under you! Um, so I thought about this. I meditated on science and how much it means. (Dick cackles loudly)

Robin: Mhm.

Dick: Okay! (giggling)

Maddox: Yeah. (annoyed)

Dick: I'm sorry, the medi-... (stammers)

Maddox: You know what, Dick?

(talking over each other)

Dick: No, I'm sorry! I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

Maddox: You're right, that was douchey!

Dick: It was... (cracks up)

Maddox: That was really douchey!

Dick: I mean, you said "I meditated on science." (giggling)

Maddox: I immediately regret it. 'Cause I was talkin to this, uh, this poindexter online one time who was arguing with me. (everyone else laughs)

Dick: Okay, you saved it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: And he used that phrase. He called his writing "soliloquies," and he called them "meditations" on certain things.

Dick: Oh, Christ.

Maddox: And I just realized I sounded like that douchebag, so I take back that word. In fact, I may edit that out. (cracks up) (Robin laughs) All of a sudden I feel so embarrassed.

Dick: What? (to Sean)

Sean: Isn't that more adjacent to meditation? (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Ohh, fuck you, Sean! (laughs) **(baby laugh sound effect)** Okay, SO.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I thought about science and its impact...uh, science and technology and its impact to society, right? But there is one other really important thing, I think, and that's art, and science is distinctly not art. And Dick, you just rolled your eyes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But what we are creating in this show, what...everything that we do, right? To advance our technology? Awesome.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: We're more efficient, we're more productive, we have more things, we are less violent, et cetera, et cetera, but what do we do with our spare time? Well, go see movies. Go to museums.

Robin: Totally.

Maddox: Go do...go do artistic things and listen to podcasts and watch people, uh, kick ass at Contra: Hard Corps on Twitch. Like, just...things like that! (Dick smirks)

Robin: Oh yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Art!! (laughs)

Robin: The ultimate -

Dick: (interjects) So what are s-...wait, but what are you saying though? Why'd you bring that up?

Maddox: Because art is distinctly different from science, and I don't want to completely dismiss artistic endeavors because I think that's also an important component of, uh...

Dick: Oh, okay.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: ...of society, yeah.

Robin: No, definitely!

Dick: Man, I think they're gettin' plenty of attention. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Artists?

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Oh, these motherfu-...these fuckin' musicians getting interviewed around the clock! "What did those lyrics mean?" (stammers) The song is, like...it's like you could have a vocabulary of an immigrant who just stepped over the border and wrote...it's got 5 words in it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Yeah, totally. I think that it'd be...it's, uh...

Dick: Ask a scientist what -

Robin: (interjects) Like, if scientists got...if they had one tenth or 1% of the number of, like, attention and interviews that all of...you know, the entertainment industry and just art in general got, that'd be huge. It really would change the culture.

Maddox: That's true!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a good point, that's a good point. So what do you think of the rockstar status of scientists like Neil deGrasse Tyson?

Robin: I...I personally...

Dick: Could we pick a better example, please?

Robin: Well, he's...he's a -

Maddox: (interjects) Who else is there?

Dick: No.

Robin: Yeah, he's the #1 right now. He's on fire.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, Mich-...Michio Kaku.

Robin: Who's that?

Maddox: Okay. Well, he's a string theorist -

Dick: (interjects) He's a guy who makes predictions about the future so people will pay attention to him. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. He's a string theorist and a theoretical physicist.

Robin: Mhm.

Maddox: He's, I would say, right or...right behind Neil deGrasse Tyson in popularity. Or Bill Nye, I guess.

Robin: Mhm.

Maddox: But Bill Nye isn't doing actual theoretical research anymore, right?

Robin: No.

Maddox: He's just kind of like a science celebrity.

Robin: Yeah, spokesperson.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Um, I...I tend to be like "any of that's positive," even though I get the...like, I don't watch Cosmos and I don't have any interest for it, but it's like...even if you're just watching it and you're just like "whatever," never gonna do one piece of math and you don't give a shit about it? If your little kid is watching it and they're like, "Oh, science is a thing," that's also huge 'cause the US is totally declining in how many scientists it produces, and so anything like that I think is useful in general.

Maddox: Okay, fair enough. Robin, I have another question though.

Robin: Mhm.

Maddox: Um, do you...fucking love science?

Dick: I was gonna ask about that. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Were you really?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was trying to think of a way to ask her if she'd seen Cosmos on Netflix though. Like, maybe we could check it out. Yeah. (sexy voice)

Maddox: Oh my gosh, Dick... (Dick and Robin snickering)

Dick: Get a pizza. (smiling)

Maddox: Ohh, BOY. Get some chili! (laughs)

Dick: What do you think about "I Fucking Love Science"?

Robin: Um, I heard that on an earlier episode of this. I was listening to you, and I had never seen it. What is "I Fucking Love Science"? It's pictures? You guys said it was pictures.

Maddox: Yeah, it's pictures. That's exactly it, Robin! It's just pictures.

Robin: Of, like, an iceberg? What's the pictures of?

Maddox: Yeah, icebergs, um...

Dick: Could be an iceberg.

Maddox: ...galaxies...

Dick: Could be a buncha rocks.

Maddox: ...microscopic pictures? You know those electron microscopes that they take those really detailed pictures of pinheads and, uh...

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: ...insects and cells and things like...it's just science photography...

Robin: Right.

Maddox: ...that masquerades itself as being science, and there's -

Dick: (interjects) Like, a children's science fair has more redeeming scientific qualities (Robin laughs) than this Facebook group and all of its fans.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Yeah. I guess I would say that, like...it seems like for whoever is a fan of that, the option is that's your level of engagement with science or you literally don't acknowledge its existence at all, and so I guess it's better if you acknowl-...? Like, it's annoying, sure. I'm not trying to hang out with any of those people or talk to them EVER.

Dick: Mhm.

Robin: Like, "No." But I...I don't know.

Maddox: Well, you know what? Why -

Dick: (interjects) Very reasonable.

Maddox: Why -

Dick: (interjects) Reasonable response.

Maddox: Yeah, totally reasonable.

Dick: We'll trip you up on somethin' else.

Maddox: Okay, here's something unreasonable. How 'bout this? How 'bout science or shotgun? Right? Science or fucking die. (Dick and Robin laugh) We will fucking kill you if you don't at least give some attention to science. (raises voice) I don't want to pander...I'm not gonna settle for them to take a cursory interest in science by, uh...via science

photography. Not good enough! Science or shotgun, fucker. And guess what? It's shotgun roulette. 1 outta 2 shots; boom, your head's gone.

Dick: I mean, I think a version of that's already happening. That we're kinda killing ourselves with the lack of, like, an aggressive...uh, appreciation of science. Like, take stem cells. Why is this not being funded...

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: ...with everything we have? Why isn't everything -

Maddox: (interjects) George Bush. George Bush, that's why.

Dick: Well, but...yeah, but... (stammers) I mean, look at the survey that Robin brought in! 20% of people...that 20% think that it's just science in GENERAL isn't great. The amount of people who are anti-stem cell has gotta be over 50-60%! Like, I have no idea, but it's got-...I would bet that it's huge.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, if you...I bet if you pulled people and you said like, "Look, here's some scientific research we could be doing. What do you think?" Their first thought isn't like, "Well, yeah. You know, science...I should weight the science part of that by like 95% of my brain and the weird Christian morality part by like 5% or less, or maybe even separate that entirely."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what I'm saying? I don't think it's George Bush, 'cause he put half of America in the same position. They're all gonna make the same fuckin' choice!

Robin: Oh no, Bush was terrible.

Maddox: Bush was terrible.

Robin: He really slashed funding.

Maddox: He vetoed funding, right.

Robin: Yeah, it's really bad.

Dick: Yeah, but he was supported! He was supported by PEOPLE.

Robin: Yeah...

Dick: Like, you can't just say it's the guy's fault. It's everybody...so many people in the same position would make the same choice!

Maddox: Well, but...I mean, kind of. He didn't win the popular vote, so was he really supported by people?

Dick: But it's...he...it's half of people supported him.

Maddox: Eh... (skeptical) You know what, though? You can support most of a platform of a candidate and not support some off-...off-the-wall, cockamamie, far-right...uh, fringe thing that he believes, and he was really just pandering and placating to the far right of the group, which were afraid that stem cell research is a slippery slope towards more abortion legislation. They wanted to outlaw abortion, so they said, "Let's defund stem cell research."

Which, you know what? Fuck you! Go ahead, guys! Go ahead and defund stem cell research, 'cause guess who has no moral qualms about doing ANY fucking stem cell research? Uh -

Dick: (interjects) China.

Maddox: China!

Dick: Yeeeah.

Maddox: Thank God for China, because China's going to make the next breakthrough, I think, in genetics, because they're the ones who are fuckin' around with chimeras and stem cell research and human cloning and all sorts of crazy shit. You're gonna see fuckin' dragons come outta China.

Robin: You're also allowed to test monkeys in China.

Dick: (interjects) And three-titted women for men out there. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Hoooh. (quietly)

Dick: Sorry, what'd you say, Robin?

Robin: You're also allowed to do scientific testing on monkeys in China, which, uh...

Dick: Monkeys?

Maddox: Oh! (excited)

Robin: ...they've...PETA has banned here.

Maddox: (monkeys hooting sound effect)

Dick: Big solution! Right?

Maddox: NO! Fuck monkeys!

Dick: Big solu-...scientifically, if you're thinking with your *scientific* mind...

Robin: Oh, yeah.

Dick: ...monkeys are a big solution.

Robin: If you put 'em all in a cage and just do tests on 'em, sure, yeah. Monkeys are the worst.

Maddox: Hehehhh, yeah. (grins) (laughs happily to himself)

Dick: Alright. (dismissively)

Maddox: Oh! That's a good -

Dick: (interjects) I don't think you guys are right on that stem cell thing. I think a more aggressive, like, pro-stem cell...marketing campaign needs to happen. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: You think that's what...? Well, you know what though?

Dick: (stammers) Well, I...yeah! Like, look at what happened with anti-vaxxing. EVERY single late-night host got on TV and said, "If you are an anti-vaxxer, you are fuckin' stupid."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you think that helped??

Maddox: You know, I'll give you that, Dick. I think that, uh, that science needs better PR. Science -

Robin: (interjects) A lady with big boobs! A lady with big boobs.

Maddox: Oh my god!

Dick: Ohh, HELL yeah.

Maddox: You get that Mexican news anchor who's been goin'...

Dick: Yes!!

Maddox: ...who's been linking around? You know who I'm talkin' about?

Dick: Ye-...oh, of c-...come on. (Robin laughs) Do I know who you're talking about. (derisively)

Maddox: Jeez. With the ass? Oh my GOSH. Could eat that ass for days. (cracks up)

Dick: I could balance a quesadilla...I could MAKE a quesadilla on that ass.

Maddox: Oh my gosh. (brief pause) I was just thinkin' of the ass. (grinning) (laughs with Robin) I was gonna say somethin' else, but...I'm just thinkin' of ass. Um -

Dick: (interjects) That ass is warp factor 10! Right?

Robin: That's very unstable. (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: I'd like to see HER event horizon. (giggles more) Leads to a black hole.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Um, okay. (another brief silence) So, uh, that all you got, Robin? Anything else you wanna add?

Robin: Well, I wanted to just, you know, for the 11th or 12th time, bring up Star Trek as a great Venn diagram between art and science, like...and the fact that all these nerds watching Star Trek went out and over the last 50 years fucking invented half of the shit that you see on that TV show. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah, you know what bugs me about that though? Is that Star Trek gets the credit, and who's the guy who created Star Trek? What's the guy?

Dick: Gene Roddenberry.

Robin: Gene Roddenberry?

Maddox: Gene Roddenberry.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: People think he's, like, this revolutionary futurist, but...I mean, the technology was kinda...he borrowed a lot of the technology in Star Trek from actual science fiction and science papers of the time.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, like Kip Thorne was his buddy. Were you gonna say that?

Sean: Yeah, it was all from L. Ron Hubbard, right?

Dick: N-...no. (chuckling) (Robin laughs)

Sean: The great scientist L. Ron Hubbard? (dryly)

Maddox: Sean...well, well, well, Sean finally reveals himself! Closet Scientologist. (laughs)

Dick: God, I would love it if you were a Scientologist.

Maddox: Oh my god. (laughing)

Dick: Like, for real?

Maddox: It would be the best thing for the show ever. (everyone laughs)

Sean: Have you guys had an auditing course? (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect)

Sean: Now I...I'll never work again. (Maddox laughs more) It's Los Angeles, and it...

Dick: Ohhh. Why, 'cause there's so many of them?

Sean: No, 'cause they'll hunt me down.

Dick: Oh, and kill you?

Sean: Probably.

Dick: No, no, no. I, uh...I've caused a lot of disruptions with them. They're pussies. They don't do shit. I threw a beer at one of their auditing stations on Hollywood Boulevard. (Robin and Maddox laugh) That's true! Oh yeah. I was leaving a Mexican restaurant with my life coach -- who I mention from time to time on the podcast -- and I wanted a beer to go, 'cause I had to walk home, and it's like a -

Robin: (interjects) Life coach didn't do a very good job.

Dick: Uh, that's what he's there for. I'm like, "Should I get a beer to go?" He's like, "Eh, as your life coach, I absolutely think you should get a beer to go." (Maddox giggles) So I asked...I was like, "Can I get a...can I grab a beer for the road? I'm paying right now," and they're like, "Well, uhh...what?" I'm like, "Just give me a beer that I can take out of here and keep drinking on the way home." (Robin snickers) "Just give me, like, a bag or something," and she's like, "Alright, but as long as you don't do anything stupid with it." (Maddox and Sean guffaw) Right?

Maddox: Ohokay.

Dick: So I walked...I walked out, and -

Robin: (interjects) "Challenge accepted." (laughs with Dick)

Dick: Right, and I wasn't going to! I was like, "Aw man, this Tecate's delicious." I walked out and the auditing station was right there, and the guy says, "Do you wanna get audited?" and I threw the beer... (Robin chuckles) ...at his auditing station, and then my life coach goes, "You just, like...you literally just did the most trouble you could cau-...like, exactly the opposite of what that poor woman told you to do." And I was like, "Well, fuck 'em! I was minding my own business not getting audited." (everyone else laughs) "These guys are...you know, doin' their thing, fleecing these poor people as they're walking around."

Maddox: You did them a favor, Dick! Now they can audit your beer.

Dick: It's just another auditing can!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Here you go!" (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: "You got a broken one? Plug one of the wires into this can!"

Maddox: Yeah! "You gotta look into that spill on the floor."

Dick: They didn't do shit.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Alright. My turn?

Maddox: Alright Dick, what's your problem?

Dick: Talkin' to girls.

Robin: Hmm. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Dick: Talkin'...and I don't...lemme rephrase this. Because I just realized, not "talking to them," 'cause that is also painful.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: But, like, *approaching* them. Initiating a conversation.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Robin: For flirting purposes.

Dick: With a wom-...for flirting, sexual, banging purposes. (suggestively)

Maddox: Uh-huh. (giggles)

Dick: That's my pr-...isn't that...? Guys, isn't that really the biggest problem there is?

Maddox: For some men. I would say a lot of men don't know how...don't know...don't have the skill, AND a lot of a women don't have the skill. I've been with some of my lesbian friends when we go out to bars and they try to approach women, and -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, spaghetti just starts shooting out of their pockets.

Maddox: It's the worst! It's like every cheeseball cliché line a guy would come up to a girl and say. "So what do you do? What do you, uh...what are you doin' here? What time is it?" (laughs)

Dick: Let me just call this "initiating a conversation" then.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And I think everyone knows what I'm talking about. I don't need to put "for flirting purposes" on there, right? "Initiating a conversation"? 'Cause they do! Like, both sides are bad at it. A woman asked me if I came here often one time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I was like, "Hahah! Are you for r-...did you for real just ask that?!"

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: "Yeah! I do. Let's...let's go." (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah, I g-...I know what's... (cracks up) I know where this, uh, this conv-..."Baby, I was havin' this conversation when I was 8."

Dick: And it's -

Maddox: (interjects) "This is where I started." (Robin laughs)

Dick: It's the worst, because when you get good at it, then...when you finally learn how to do it, then you get outta practice. Right??

Maddox: Huh. And you get a girlfriend! You don't need it anymore.

Dick: Right! (Maddox laughs) You don't need it...it's like, "Agh!" And then that ends, as they always do, because relationships don't work, (Maddox guffaws) and then you gotta start...you gotta start all over again, and now there's...now there's Tinders and new apps, and, uh...and online dating, and holographic dating, and whate-...every time you start over, it's a whole new game!! Like, I don't know what the fuck this game is anymore! I just wanna get to...I just wanna get to home base! We don't have bases anymore. Welp! (stammers) Kill me then.

Maddox: There's bases, buddy. Oh, there are bases still. The bases are still there! Oh wait, wait, you think if wom-...I forget what you said, but a long time ago in an episode you said that there was an extra base in there now. What was the extra base?

Dick: Oh, it's online dating. It's like Tinder...

Maddox: Online dating is the extra base.

Dick: Well, 'cause everybody's stuck online now!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Every...you're ei-...you're on -

Robin: (interjects) Because the...your problem is real! It's really hard to talk...and it's also the th-...I'd say that, as a woman, the people that do talk to you are 99% the most horrible humans that you would never want to talk to you.

Maddox: You mean online?

Robin: Nononononono.

Maddox: Or in real life?

Robin: In real life. Like, it's so...I'll, like...sometimes I'll stare around -

Dick: (interjects) Online it's like 99.99999. (Robin and Maddox laugh) There's like 5 sigmas of awful online.

Robin: I'll, uh...I stand in a bar and stare around and kinda, like, scan at the people that seem like they'd be nice, reasonable guys I'd wanna talk to, but then there's always just, like, this super greased-up, uh...like, gross...you know, ultra bro of some horrible bro variation.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: And they're the ones that are out prowling and talking to people very, very aggressively.

Maddox: From Bro-livia?

Robin: Bro-livia. Mhm!

Maddox: Yeah. So -

Dick: (interjects) Like "Bing-bing-bing-bing-bing-bing-bing-bing," like they're checkin' off, uh...?

Robin: Oh yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Ahh, the salt...that's the salting...real salting-the-earth policy. (Maddox chuckles)

Robin: Right. (laughing)

Dick: Right? So this is...like, this is a real...

Maddox: Dick... (scolding)

Dick: No, this is a thing that...what? What, whatwhatwhat? What do you mean?

Maddox: Noo, you of all people sayin' that?! You're... (Robin laughs) Your philosophy is basically like, go up to a chick and, uh...either she's gonna bang you or she's not.

Dick: Yeah!! (Maddox and Robin giggle) I don't go up...I don't try to make it happen! Like, I'm just like, "Hey, what's goin' on?" Like, "Oh, I can see you don't wanna b-...I can see you know you're better than me, so I'm goin' over THERE." (Maddox and Robin still laughing) "I'm gonna go talk to the girl who's passed out at the bar. I know that's a good sign."

Maddox: Oh, ohokay. (apprehensively) Well...yeah. So Robin, do you have any stories of, uh...?

Dick: What does it take?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like in your example, how do you know they're douchebags when they come up to you already like that?

Robin: Uhh...like -

Dick: (interjects) They shoot alotta lines at you?

Robin: I'm not even talking about anyone that looks like a human that any of us in this room would ever wanna talk to. Like, really just...like, I don't know. What's ten times worse than wearing a fedora every time you're out in public? Like, that level...

Maddox: Toms. Toms shoes in Silver Lake.

Robin: No, that's a...they're in the wrong direction. It's more like...

Dick: Hm. Suspenders!

Maddox: Suspenders. Definitely suspenders!

Robin: You're thinking hipster. I'm thinking, like...

Dick: Oh, like Jersey Shore.

Robin: I'm thinking more like Jersey Shore people. Yeah, that's who's talking to people at bars, mostly.

Maddox: Hmm.

Robin: Um, at like the highest volume over my...but also, I know you guys can't tell from my voice, but I am 6 feet tall, which is much taller than most...ALL women.

Maddox: Yeah, Robin towers over people.

Dick: Mmm, a tall...tall drink o' water. (sexy voice)

Robin: And, uh, people -

Dick: (interjects) Just like those American Gladiators. (Robin giggles) They were like 6 feet tall.

Maddox: Dick... (scolding)

Robin: And, uh, so people...like, I get catcalled 3 times a year, on average? And...

Dick: Really?!

Robin: ...almost never talked to in bars, I think for that reason. Well, 'cause also I have...you can't see this either, but my boobs are actually, uh...their technical size is "Nearly A"? (Maddox snorts and laughs) So I think between... (cracks up)

Maddox: That's the nerdiest description of boobs I've ever heard.

Robin: It is...no! That's literally what the bra -

Maddox: (interjects) "Nearly A"?

Robin: It's "Nearly A," which is so sad.

Maddox: That's a real...?

Robin: So no...it's the worst thing.

Dick: And...so the abbreviation is NA? "Not applicable"? (everyone laughs) Your bra size is NA? Oh my gooood! At least... (cracks up) At least they don't name condoms "small"! Come on!

Robin: "Nearly Penis," yeah. No.

Dick: Fuckin' assholes! (laughing)

Robin: So between those two things, I think that's really, uh, put my catcalling/bar-talking-to at about zero, yeah.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: That's a shame.

Maddox: So how did you meet your...are you...? You're seeing someone now, yeah?

Robin: No.

Maddox: Okay. Oh...okay. Well, then!

Dick: Alriiight! Go over to Higgs Weldon. (sexy voice)

Maddox: Oookay, here we go! Chili sheets! (laughs)

Sean: Ugh, god. (in background)

Robin: Sounds gross!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got...I brought in some, uh, some lines.

Robin: Mhm.

Dick: And some things you can do. I wanna run 'em by you.

Robin: Okay.

Dick: 'Cause usually I just run 'em by him.

Robin: Right.

Dick: And then what are we...then what did we learn? Nothin'. We got a real woman in studio.

Maddox: He learns whether or not I wanna hang out with him, I guess. (Robin chuckles)

Dick: Yeah. He's always gonna say yes.

Maddox: Yeah, he's got my number already.

Dick: He's gonna put his Oculus Rift on, all of a sudden I'm a beautiful woman. (Robin laughs) Hitting on him.

Maddox: Oh my gosh. I wish.

Dick: So Tom Leykis, you know that guy? You remember that guy?

Maddox: Yeah, I remember Tom.

Dick: He said he used to say...to start a conversation with, uh, a girl at a bar, you should sit at a bar and drink a drink and put a stack of money... (Maddox and Robin laugh loudly) ...on the...I don't think I'm...I think I remember hearing this, but a stack of...of money. He didn't specify, like, ones with a twenty on top or a hundred or whatever. Do you think that's a good way to...?

Robin: Wait, where do you put it? You slide it next to them?

Dick: No, on your own table.

Robin: Just out? (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: In the world?

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Stack of money? Like that episode of "3rd Rock from the Sun," where Dick is like, "This is your tip, and I'm gonna remove from it and add to it." You know. Who's not watching "3rd Rock from the Sun" on Netflix right now?

Dick: Ohoho...

Robin: No one?! No one? (laughs)

Maddox: Nooooope, not at all. I don't...

Dick: Nope! Not... (cracks up) This is not a..."30 Rock," this is not a "Orange Is the New Black" kinda crowd.

Robin: Those are the two...those are the two things?? (laughing) Anyway.

Maddox: I... (stammers) I've watched some "Orange Is the New Black." The first couple, uh, couple episodes were okay, and then it just kinda got, uh, full of itself. But...

Dick: Hm.

Robin: I wanna reinforce that I did not bring up that show. (chuckles)

Maddox: Okay. Fair enough. Fair point.

Dick: So do you think that would work, the money on the table?

Robin: For me? No.

Dick: For you, no? Okay. That's a "no." What about you?

Robin: But reflect on what you know about me over the course of this episode versus most women out there. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, I...I don't know.

Robin: Okay.

Dick: That's the...I'm just running these by you.

Robin: Go...okay, next.

Dick: What about negs? Do those...? I don't think I...I really...

Robin: Negs? Oh! I sent a r-...irate messa-...I get messaged by...I'm on online dating. I get messaged by like, you know, crazy people who I always ignore.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Robin: But when someone negs me, I'll do a super psycho message back to you.

Dick: Ooooo!

Maddox: Oh, like for example, uh...so...so let's say, "Oh, you have my mother's eyes." That's kind of a neg, right?

Dick: No no, that's...this is a neg.

Maddox: That's a backhanded...

Dick: I wrote down some negs.

Maddox: Okay, let's hear it! Yeah.

Robin: Okay, yeah.

Dick: Um..."Did it hurt when you fell from heaven? Because your face is pretty fucked up." (everyone else laughs) That's a pretty good...

Maddox: I guess.

Dick: So I got a laugh! That's a good neg!

Robin: That's a joke! That's not a neg.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: The negs are like, "You'd be so pretty if you only smiled."

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, there you go! That's a real creepy...and that sounds like you've heard it before.

Dick: What was your...what was your line? Hold on, lemme write that down. (Maddox laughs) "You'd be so pretty..."

Robin: "...be so pretty if you only smiled."

Dick: "...if you only smiled."

Robin: Yeah, mhm.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Wow, that is a -

Dick: (interjects) So call them out for not smiling?

Robin: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: That's a good line. Alright.

Sean: "You don't sweat much for a fat girl." (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Was that Sean??

Dick: Is that what you use?

Sean: No. I was just tryin' to play. (Maddox and Robin giggle)

Maddox: Okay, you know what though? Um... (stammers) The neg that Robin just said, though, is for real.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: I could see a douchebag guy saying that in a bar.

Robin: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Robin: Mhm.

Maddox: You've actually heard that before?

Robin: Um...I think that's, like, the general neg example.

Maddox: Okay. Good example.

Dick: Okay, how about this one: "Is that a tuna fish factory in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?" (Robin and Sean snicker) Is that a...? That's a pretty good neg.

Sean: Ugh. (in background)

Maddox: Tuna fish fac-...? (confused)

Dick: She gets it. (grinning) Another laugh!! That's a good neg!

Robin: The "factory" is the best part.

Dick: The "factory" is the best part! (giggling)

Robin: "Let's churn them out! Ch-ch-ch-ch..." (snickers)

Dick: So that's a good one. How about this one: "Will you marry me? Because it's now legal for guys to marry other guys dressed in drag." (Robin laughs) (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: Go to...these are all -

Dick: (interjects) That's a good neg! (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: These are all great negs, Dick. (sarcastic)

Dick: So, negs? Would you...they don't work?

Maddox: No.

Dick: They piss you off?

Robin: Those are hilarious jokes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: The negs are so horrible.

Maddox: You know, it sou-...it almost...these almost sound like that line from "Napoleon Dynamite" where he goes up to the girl and he says, "Do you drink 1%? 'Cause you don't have to, 'cause you're not fat." Or what was the...was that the line? Yeah.

Dick: Oh, 'cause you're not fat?

Maddox: "You're not fat," yeah.

Dick: No, that's a compliment.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: That's not a neg.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Negs gotta...you gotta hit 'em as hard as you can. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Ah.

Dick: With all of guns blazing.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Oh wait, you've got a chemistry background, right?

Robin: Mhm.

Maddox: Oh, boy. (quietly)

Dick: Okay, wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute. Clear your mind. I got a good one for ya. Uh, what's your favorite molecular compound?

Robin: Hmm...

Dick: Mine's uranium iodide, 'cause it puts 'U' and 'I' together.

Maddox: Oookay. Yeah. (grumbling)

Robin: That's gonna be really unstable.

Dick: Three...three times. (sexy voice) (Robin snickers)

Maddox: Mhm. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Dick: That's a pretty good one!

Maddox: Yeah. (shrugging)

Robin: That's good.

Dick: That's a good line.

Maddox: At least it wasn't a "cummingtonite" one.

Dick: A what?

Maddox: Cummingtonite?

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: It's...it just says...it spells "cumming tonite."

Dick: There's an element called "cummingtonite?"

Maddox: Yeah. It's not an e-...I don't know if it's an element or a...I think it's a mineral. Right, Robin? Cummingtonite?

Robin: Yeah, I don't recognize it as an element.

Maddox: Yeah. Actually one of the first girls I ever, uh, talked to online, that was her...that was her handle. (Robin chuckles) And I thought it was just a guy fuckin' around and I started talking to her, and she was a chemist. She had, like, a chemistry background, and she explained it to me and I looked it up, and I'm like, "Oh, it's a...it's a real thing." So.

Dick: Cummingtonite.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: The rock.

Maddox: Cummingtonite, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. No, I, um...I brought it in 'cause that's all anybody ever asks. It's "What do I do? What do I do? What do I do?"

Robin: But what do you do in real life?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, and that's where...that's why it's tricky, because there's a lot of shitty advice being given.

Robin: Yeah, sure.

Dick: Like it's some...like there's some kind of secret magic to...

Robin: Right.

Dick: ...initiating conversation.

Robin: Yeah. No, mostly it's based on how good-looking you are, and... (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yes, that's a big...that's a big one.

Maddox: That's...no! No, no.

Dick: That is...what do you mean, "no"?!

Maddox: No.

Robin: No?? (laughing)

Maddox: It makes it EASIER, right? Okay, so here's the thing: I have some friends...I have very few friends, male friends, who are so attractive that women come approach them.

And when they do it's hilarious, because women generally don't approach guys, and when they try to it's awful and it's hilarious. BUT, he's one of the few exceptions, and it makes it easier for him. And by the way, he has to maintain the conversation once he's approached, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, uh...but no, that's not the only way. You don't have to...it doesn't...I mean, that's kind of depressing to think that only attractive people are able to ha-...to maintain and hold conversations. I've talked to lots of attractive people -

Dick: (interjects) Well, start...initiate conversations.

Maddox: There's...there are MANY ways to initiate conversations.

Dick: Being attractive is the best one.

Maddox: No. (cracks up) No, not at all.

Robin: Yeah, that is...yeah. (laughs)

Dick: That's absolutely true!

Robin: Definitely true.

Maddox: I have talked...

Dick: That's absolutely true. (grinning)

Maddox: No way! I've talked to so many dumb, like, boring...just vacant people in bars who were super attractive, and they have nothin' to say. There's noth-...they don't have anything to say!! There's nothing goin' on!

Dick: But they can just stroll right up and say, like, um..."Hey, I put my underwear on backwards. What's goin' on?" (Robin chuckles)

Maddox: That's...that's a good -

Dick: (interjects) Like, you could say anything and be attractive.

Maddox: That's a good pickup, though. That's a good conversation initiation.

Dick: Is that a good conversation initiation, Robin?

Robin: Ummm...

Maddox: Hey Robin, I put my underwear on backwards. (Dick scoffs and laughs)

Robin: Congratulations. Where do you...so you...you don't have a dick hole then? Unless your... (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Already asking questions!

Dick: About your dick!! (squeaking) Yeah, you're right. You're right.

Maddox: (yells) Already...and she's already thinkin' about my dick, and asking questions about my dickhole!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's great! That's like date 3.

Robin: But do you think that translates into having sex, though?

Maddox: YES.

Robin: 'Cause I'll talk to anyone that talks to me at a bar because I feel too rude, and then I try to escape at various points.

Maddox: Well, Robin, here's the thing.

Dick: (interjects) And you've already fucked yourself if you don't get them...if they're not thinkin' sexually immediately.

Maddox: Nooo.

Dick: Like, if they're not flirting right away, you're done.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Abandon ship. (Robin and Sean laugh) Move onto the next target.

Maddox: Nooo.

Dick: I mean, wo-...person. (Robin giggling) Right??

Maddox: You know, guys...

Dick: Right? There's some wisdom in that. 'Cause you don't want...the LAST thing you wanna be is the guy who's hammering away at this door that is not gonna open. You don't want...you don't wanna be that person, and you don't wanna ruin, like, the...let 'em go!! Let somebody else talk to this person, that they're attracted to!

Robin: Some people don't wanna get sexual in the first one minute.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Also, I met all of my boyfriends for the last 10 years in chemistry class over the course of a long semester where we bonded. So... (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Ohhhh. (intrigued)

Maddox: You bonded in a chemistry class! (giggling with Robin)

Dick: So take chemistry classes, is what you're saying.

Robin: Oh yeah. Oh, that's actually...well, if you're a girl. Like, I don't know what you guys would take. (cracks up)

Dick: Um...

Maddox: Yeah, chemistry or physics, or...math, or...

Robin: But there's...then there's just the one girl.

Dick: Like a lingerie class? Does that exist? (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Oh. No -

Dick: (interjects) Could we take that?

Maddox: Seriously, here's a tip. Here's a, uh, here's a Maddox tip for you guys. If you guys want...like, I found so many women in psychology, Psych 101.

Robin: YES. Yes.

Maddox: Psych 101 -

Dick: (interjects) Oho my God, those girls have gotta be fucked up.

Maddox: Oh, they are.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Psych 101, and then art history.

Robin: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Art history, and they're just babes. And then, um, and then in...the other one is teaching. Uh, any kind of teaching.

Robin: Hmm, mm-mm.

Maddox: I took...and I found out all three of those because I accidentally sat in on a class. When I went to the university and I had an hour to kill, I would just open up any old door and sit down in whatever fuckin' class it was. And I walked in on so many classes like psych, and I looked around and it's just, like, 90% women in the class.

Robin: That's the trick. Yeah, I'd say the #1 way to meet people is a hobby that is 90% the gender that you're interested in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like what? What do women do, then?

Robin: Well, art history...now? I mean, yoga's bad.

Dick: (interjects) Like selling each other...?

Robin: 'Cause you guys don't wanna be, like, showing up doing yoga.

Maddox: Yeah, who does yoga?

Dick: Alright, alright. (Maddox giggles) Let's calm down about who does what around here. (Sean laughs in the background) First of all, it's called "pilates." (Robin and Maddox laugh loudly) I gotta get my Burning Man body.

Maddox: Oh, yeah! (grinning)

Dick: You understand. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

(brief silence)

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: You are right about that.

Maddox: Mhm.

Robin: Yeah. Just go to any activity that's what you wanna be interested in.

Dick: So, like, stand-up comedy?

Maddox: Ooo. (apprehensively)

Dick: Like, any kind of comedy? That would be a lot of...there would be a lot of women in that? (Robin snickers)

Maddox: No.

Dick: You would say?

Maddox: No, not stand-up.

Dick: No?

Maddox: Stand-up's the...stand-up, by the way, is, like, a dead end. For dating, and for...

Robin: Happiness, for sure.

Maddox: Happiness, yeah. It's the...it's where happiness goes to die.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: It's where, uh, broken families culmi-...it's like the... (stammers) The seed that is planted by broken families flowers into a stand-up comic. That's... (cracks up) (Robin laughs)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: That's what that is.

Dick: That sounds pretty depressing.

Maddox: Oh, it is! It is.

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: And that's a dead...that's where, like, dreams go to...to die.

Dick: Like, gun stores? (Maddox giggles)

Robin: Gun stores, yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Probably good? (smiles) Where else would you say besides pilates classes? Which, there are ton of hot chicks in pilates classes. Where else? Where else would they be?

Robin: Where do women go?

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: I don't know. A book club? Is that where women go?

Dick: Oh, a book club! That's a good one! (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, but they can sniff out a weasel like a mile away. If you try to bullshit your way in a book club, they'll fuckin' sniff you out a MILE away. 'Cause -

Dick: (interjects) Are you tryin' to protect some kinda racket over there? (Maddox and Robin laugh) Mr. Author?

Maddox: I've thought about...whup! Uhh, I've thought about -

Dick: (interjects) Forget book clubs; put on a book SIGNING. (Maddox giggles) That's how you really bring 'em out.

Maddox: "Hey ladies!" Um...no, the -

Dick: (interjects) "Lemme sign your book. OOPS! That was your tits!" (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: You know what, guys? I used to be really bad at, uh, at conversation starting, initiating conversations, and I was never...I was always a shy person, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I read "The Game."

Robin: Hmmm.

Maddox: I know Neil Strauss, the guy who wrote "The Game," right? That's the book about pickup artists, and what...blah blah blah, yadda yadda.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It got kind of a bad rap because he talked about negging in the book.

Robin: Mhm.

Maddox: He was just kind of...documenting it.

Robin: Mhm.

Maddox: He wasn't suggesting...in fact, he never...he doesn't espouse negging. He doesn't think that that's a good strategy to approach women.

Dick: I have more negs.

Maddox: Oh, I...

Dick: If you wanna hear them. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: I wanna hear them after this.

Dick: Keep going, keep going. Okay.

Maddox: So he basically...later on in an interview, I don't remember where exactly, but he...people were talkin' to him about whether or not it's required reading to read "The Game" to be able to approach people. Not just for men, but for women too. He said, "No, you could read 'The Game' and try to practice your inner workings and go through all these different strategies and stuff, or you could just take an improv class." Because the same skills that you have in improv are the same skills you need to initiate a conversation. Just being able to walk up to anybody and talk about anything at any time. That's all it is!

Robin: Improv is a great way to meet people, I think.

Maddox: There you go. Bingo.

Robin: It's about 50/50 on genders, too.

Dick: 50/50? (incredulous)

Robin: Mhm.

Maddox: I would say so, yeah.

Dick: Ooo!

Robin: That's the best you're gonna get in any kinda comedy situation.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, what are the rules? Like, what's...if you can give one takeaway from an improv class, so people don't have to go pay to take it. You know?

Maddox: Well, the one...first of all, you have to be confident and be interesting. Those are the only two things -

Dick: (interjects) Ohh, come on! That's no...that's no good to any of us!! (Maddox and Robin laugh) Get outta here. "Confident and interesting." (sneering)

Maddox: You know what? The rule, the one thing -

Dick: (interjects) So drink 3 beers...

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: ...and load up random Wikipedia on your phone. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: No, that's...

Dick: That's how you do it. Walk around.

Maddox: That is awful. Hone-

Dick: (interjects) "Lemme tell you about Versailles."

Maddox: Honestly, I'll tell you the one thing that changed my life more than anything, the one tip, and this has just absolutely changed my life. I've told it to other people and it has changed their lives too: make eye contact, and don't break eye contact.

Dick: Ohh, yeah.

Maddox: Don't be the first person to break eye contact, with a woman or a man. If you guys connect in a bar and you make eye contact, don't break away.

Dick: Never break away. (growling)

Maddox: Let the tension build...

Dick: Yesss.

Maddox: ...and then smile. That's it!!

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: That's your conversation opener, because if you're in a loud bar and it's really hard to talk and it's really hard to hear, you're still communicating to that other person that you are bold and confident just by looking at them in the eye. Because you're not shying away.

Dick: And that you wanna bang them. (Robin snickers)

Maddox: That's exactly what it communicates, because it -

Dick: (interjects) But that's wh-...yeah!!

Maddox: It does!

Robin: Yeah, I think that's good.

Maddox: It communicates sexual tension! It does!

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Right away! You've gotta know RIGHT away.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If it's not there right away, pull the cord.

Maddox: Well, that's the other thing. If a girl pulls away too quickly, then she might be shy and insecure, and you...not really the type of person you might wanna talk to.

Dick: Move on.

Maddox: I'm looking for confident women who are interesting and have something to say, and they're bold and they feel...they have high self-esteem.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And they're looking for that in a guy too.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So when you make eye contact with a woman in a bar or a guy in a bar, and they don't break away, you smile. That's your opener. You go over and say hi! You say, "Look, we just made eye contact. I have to introduce myself to you." That's your opener. There you are.

Dick: Robin, lemme ask you somethin'. Who in this room looks the most like Wil Wheaton?

Robin: Mmmmm...

Maddox: Oh boy.

Robin: ...no one? (Maddox sighs heavily)

Dick: Ohhh. (dismayed) Okay.

Robin: Uh, what answer? What am I -

Maddox: (interjects) You got (inaudible) there.

Robin: Yeah. (laughs) Also -

Dick: (interjects) There was no wrong answer to that question except that one. (laughs with Maddox)

Robin: It's the only one I wanted to give. (cracking up)

Dick: Uh, here's another neg for ya.

Robin: Okay.

Dick: "Do you like Jeff Goldblum? Because you look like him, you retarded bitch." (everyone bursts out laughing) Pretty good neg! Right??

Maddox: (audience laugh sound effect) (more giggling)

Dick: *I* think that's a good neg.

Robin: Will you say one of these lines to someone tonight? (Maddox keeps laughing)

Dick: Uh...sure, yeah. What do you w-...? (chuckles)

Robin: I want you to say the tuna fish line to someone that you don't know tonight at a bar.

Dick: Okay!

Sean: But he only brings in things that have been field-tested. (Dick and Robin laugh)

Dick: Yeah! These are all...

Maddox: Yeah. (muttering)

Dick: I know these are quality negs, or your money back. On the show.

Maddox: Robin, a couple episodes ago I said about Dick that he has been slapped by more women than anyone else I know in real life.

Dick: Oh, come on. Please.

Maddox: That's an absolute fact.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's probably because of this horseshit right here. (laughs with Robin)

Dick: That's funny. Yeah, I think, um...I think the whole, like, pickup artist movement...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...has kind of poisoned a lot of guys to be these weird robots.

Maddox: Some of 'em! Yeah.

Dick: That are just hitting on people all the time. And that has, in effect, poisoned the well and driven women away from, like, meeting... (stammers) Like, I think people are afraid to meet in bars now. And out. I think they're actually afraid to just talk to each other.

Maddox: Uh, that...I don't know about that. It has created a new dynamic. Like, since...before and after, there's this new universe we live in with, uh, with pickup artists and weirdos going around and trying weird tricks and things like that. You can usually sniff 'em out a mile away.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: When you internalize...when you change who you are...and people say the best thing to do is be yourself. Fuck that. Don't be yourself; you're boring. Be a better version of yourself. Right? You don't wanna be...like, you know what? If I'm myself, I might be sittin' home with barbecue stains on my shirt. That's not fucking cool! I don't care if that is me; I'm not going to put that version of me out there. I'm going to put the best version of myself out there. Don't be that loser who's like, "Well, I shouldn't have to change! I shouldn't have to do anything!" Fuck you! Yes, you should!!

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: Yes, you fucking should! You go to church, you put on your best clothes. You go to work, you put on your best clothes. Right? You put on the best version of yourself...

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: ...for the situation that you're in. If you're tryin' to meet somebody, put on the best version of yourself. And don't fake it. If you're faking it, if you're being phony and saying that you are into a bunch of hobbies and shit like that? Sure. Then you're fulla shit.

Dick: Hiking?

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: Like hiking? (Sean groans in the background)

Maddox: Yeah! Don't... (chuckles) Don't say you like to hike, 'cause that's a...oh, you're gonna get sucked into that.

Robin: Oh, God. That's the #1 worst one, yeah.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Everyone likes to hike.

Dick: And traveling. "Oh, I love traveling," too.

Robin: Traveliiing.

Maddox: I like to travel, though. That's for real.

Dick: Ohokay. (dismissively) (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: What?!?

Dick: Whatever.

Maddox: Ah, okay! (laughing)

Robin: Also, I'd say that you have to accept that you're gonna get rejected a huge chunk of the time.

Dick: Most of the time.

Robin: I ask a lot of guys out, and I have about a 50/50 rate of getting rejected.

Dick: Okay. (scoffing)

Maddox: Well, that's way better than most guys, Robin.

Dick: Well, good for fuckin' you. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Well, yeah, but I'm saying I ask people out. Most girls don't do that, right? In general? I don't know. Whatever. Yeah, that's still a high r-

Maddox: (interjects) I don't know. I do...I do sometimes, yeah.

Robin: It's a still a proportion. It's not zero, right? Like, you have to just be constantly ready. Like, you're gonna get rejected.

Maddox: Right, right.

Robin: You have to have a thick skin that gets you past that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Absolutely, and -

Robin: (interjects) And...yeah.

Maddox: And God bless you for being able to do that, because it takes a lot of confident to be...confidence, rather, to be able to, uh, approach and ask that guy.

Robin: Well, I just like weak men, so. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You're in luck! (Robin and Sean chuckle)

Maddox: You're in good company.

Dick: 'Cause there's a lot of them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I think just say hi. Don't worry about it.

Maddox: Robin, how do you...how do you approach a man? What do you say to him?

Robin: Um, I say...uhh, what...I never talk to people in real life.

Dick: That'll work!

Maddox: Oh, it's always online, huh?

Robin: It's online, or...yeah, or I'll pussyfoot around. I'll just say, "Come hang out! Come hang out. Don't you wanna hang out with me?"

Dick: Yeeeah.

Maddox: Ohhhh! See, sneak...okay, so I stopped doing the hangout thing, and I started goin' back to the old-fashioned word "date."

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because when I...I have "hung out" with chicks.

Robin: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: On...we've gone on 4 dates. I went out on a d-...with a g-

Dick: (interjects) And there's nothing worse than that.

Maddox: Oh, it's awful!

Dick: Like, there is NOTHING worse than just hanging out with someone you wanna bone. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: I...I -

Dick: (interjects) Is there? No, it's not.

Maddox: No, it sucks!

Dick: There's not.

Maddox: It sucks.

Robin: Nonono, it's when you're hanging out with someone who wants to bone you and you wanna escape real bad. That's terrible.

Maddox: Oh, there you go. (chuckles)

Dick: I would rather have that.

Maddox: Okay. Nah, I don't know, they're both bad. But -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause then you can trick 'em into leaving your apartment and then lock 'em outside. It's not a joke! (everyone laughing)

Maddox: "Uhh, why don't you step out and get my newspaper, baby?" Um...I went on a date one time with this girl, and she was very flirty with me. Like, to the point where she was putting her...we were in a bar, across from each other. Like, putting her foot in my crotch! And I thought, "Okay, well, this is...this means business." Right?

Dick: Business time. (sexy voice)

Maddox: Right? Well, so we went out on a date. It was a movie date, and the movie we went to see was about a couple who were going on a first date, and they literally defined a date as...the girl was like, "Well, what's a date?" And the guy said, "Well, I don't know. I guess it's when you go to dinner and a movie." We were at dinner and a movie.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then afterwards went to a bar, blah blah blah, went back to my place, and then, uh...and then, you know, I wasn't gettin' the vibe, like the makeout vibe or anything, 'cause we were just hanging out and that's what we called it.

Robin: Mm.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Even though it was, like, dark in my apartment, and we were watching a movie together and finally she said, "Yeah, I'm not...I'm not really...this isn't a date." I'm like, "It's...it's definitely a fucking date."

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: "I mean, if you're not interested that's a different story, but don't call this 'not a date.' This is DEFINITELY a date." And she said, "Oh, well, you know, I just thought we were hanging out." That's why that word is poison. I never use it anymore.

Dick: Wait a minute, wait a minute.

Robin: It's a pussy move.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Robin: And I know I was pulling it, but it's very hard...ah okay, I've texted "Do you wanna go on a date?" to like 3 people. It's very hard to do that.

Maddox: It is hard to do, though.

Robin: It really is soul-crushing. (chuckling)

Maddox: Well, what if he doesn't go out?

Dick: (interjects) I...wait a minute, wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah. What, Dick?

Dick: I think, what did you do during this movie? What did you say that turned her from playing, uh...

Robin: Yeah, why didn't you touch her foot?

Dick: ...hacky sack with your nut sack to "this isn't a date"? (Maddox laughs) What happened?

Maddox: Uh, it wasn't me.

Dick: Did you get off on a rant about, uh...

Maddox: No. (Robin laughs)

Dick: ...mark-...pizza or something? (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: No. I just talked about how much I like kicking babies! Uh, no. It...you know what, man? It wasn't me, man. I found out later on that she'd done this to multiple different guys.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Which is kinda misleading. And I told her too, on the...on our "date," I told her. I said, "You can't do this stuff, because it is definitely misleading to people," and I knew...there was this...and then I found out that there was a string of men she'd done that to in her wake.

Dick: With p-...putting her feet on their balls?! And then...

Maddox: All sorts of weird stuff like that, yeah!

Robin: That's weird.

Dick: That's weird.

Maddox: Yeah, it was really weird! It was really unsettling, and so...you know, we're still friends and everything, but I told her... (stammers) I thought, "That was...that was really weird." And then...you know what though? And then she said, "I feel bad 'cause I feel like I mis-...I led you on," and I said, "You know what? It's not your fault entirely, because I should've not been pussyfootin' around either. I should've just said something right up front."

Dick: You shoulda came all over her foot. (Maddox spits out laughing) (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: You gotta assert your dominance. (Sean, Maddox, and Dick laugh)

Robin: Have you guys ever gotten a foot job?

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox giggles loudly) Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Ahh. Alright Dick, any...anything? Any comments?

Dick: No! I mean, uhh... (stammers) I have to...she got me most of the way there, and then there was a little bit of foot stuff to finish me off.

Robin: Okay.

Dick: I mean, it's not that great of a story. (Maddox groans)

Maddox: Alright, yeah. (cringing) That's pretty gross.

Dick: She's a weird chick. (shrugs)

Maddox: I don't...I have not. I've had a foot down there, and I..."Let's do this the normal way."

Robin: Hm.

Dick: No, I'm down, whatever's goin' on.

Maddox: Yeah? (laughs with Robin)

Dick: "Alright, let's see what that foot's doin'."

Maddox: Yeah, well. Alright!

Dick: Alright, that's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, good problem. Uh, my problem this week was Trans Fats or Partially Hydrogenated Oils. Robin, what was your problem?

Robin: It was People That Don't Value Science.

Dick: Hm, pretty good. My problem was Initiating a Conversation. For purposes of boning. (Sean cracks up in the background) Robin, you wanna plug anything? What's the name of your play?

Robin: Um, well, it no longer exists. (chuckles)

Dick: Okay.

Robin: It was called "Star Trek: Between the Sheets."

Dick: Oh, that's a great...

Maddox: "Star Trek: Between the Sheets." And your website, Robin, for those who are interested, is...

Robin: Oh yeah, it's called "The Higgs Weldon." H-I-double 'G', space.

Maddox: H-I-double 'G'...wait, space?

Robin: Well, no...not on the Internet.

Maddox: No, there's no space.

Robin: In the name.

Maddox: In the name, yeah.

Robin: In the Internet... (cracks up)

Dick: Alright. (sighing) (Robin and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: We're already blowin' this. We'll link to it on the website.

Robin: Okay.

Maddox: It's "Higgs," H-I-double 'G'-S, W-E-L-D-O-N, "Weldon." No 'H' in there. It's not British.

Robin: No.

Maddox: But "Higgs Weldon." It's very funny, and our very own friend of the show Asterios Kokkinos is a contributor to the website, right?

Robin: Yeah, he's a columnist.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, wow!

Maddox: There's a lot of funny stuff on it. I've actually seen it pop up multiple times on my news feed, and I didn't know it was your website for the longest time, even though it has your last name in it. Uh, like an idiot. Um, anyway.

Dick: Thank you so much for coming on the show.

Maddox: Yeah! Thank you for being on the show.

Robin: Thanks for having me, man. This was very fun.

(theme riff starts)

Dick: Uh, if anyone's listening, you need to get catcalled more. (Robin chuckles) So that's what we learned.

Robin: Thank you.

Maddox: That's what -

Dick: (interjects) 3 in a decade, that's not...

Maddox: That's what women...yeah.

Dick: That's not enough.

Maddox: No.

Dick: That's not enough.

Maddox: Gotta whistle more.

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

Voicemail (male caller): I see Maddox going down this path...

Dick: Uh-oh.

Voicemail: ...where within about a year, he's probably gonna become a stoner, and just anti-...and he's just gonna become a complete hippie. 'Cause look at the last...okay. First, he's sees the new technology and he's just like, "Man, this is crazy, bro!"

Dick: He's talkin' about you.

Voicemail: "Like, you put on the headset, bro, and you're in the virtual reality, bro. It's gonna take over everything, man."

Maddox: Can't wait.

Voicemail: Like somebody who fuckin' saw a computer screen for the first time and was like, "The lights are crazy! Like, you can put words on here! You don't have to write down shit anymore! You don't understand, bro. You don't understand what this is gonna change. Fuckin' everything."

Maddox: Yeah! And it...he was right.

Voicemail: And now he's like, "Corporations are just...they're evil! They're, you know... (inaudible) (Dick giggles) **Did you know that they...the advertising isn't true??"**

Dick: That's a pretty good impression of you. (Maddox laughs)

Voicemail: "Did you know that when Mercedes says that they care about the troops, that it's just an advertising campaign?! This is..." (Dick laughs harder)

Maddox: Fuckin' jackass.

Voicemail: "This is...this is crazy!" And then soon he's gonna smoke some weed and be like, "Whoa, this is illegal? It's just a plant, man!" (Dick and Robin laugh) **"This is just a plant, man! This is...why are you guys so crazy about a plant?" And then fuckin' two years from now, he's gonna be like, "Jet fuel can not melt steel beams, Dick."** (everyone laughs) **"I mean, look at all...you just gotta look at the corporations. They lie, so the government lies. Everything's a lie!" And then he'll be fuckin' 16 by November and maybe his balls'll drop and he'll have sex for the first time.** (more

laughing) **And then he'll forget about all of it and live in the real world like the rest of us.**

[message ends]

Dick: Yeah, the real world.

Maddox: You know what, fuck that guy!

Dick: Come live in the real world, Maddox. (smiles)

Maddox: Fuck that guy. That was, uh...that was a pretty good off...like, just, um...what was it, free thought...what's it called when you -

Dick: (interjects) Rambling. (Maddox chuckles)

Robin: Train of thought?

Maddox: Yeah...no, uh, free...free-flow thought.

Sean: Stream of consciousness?

Maddox: Stream of thought!

Robin: Ohh.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Stream-of-consciousness rant. I was gonna shit on that guy, but that was a really good stream-of-consciousness rant. But still, fuck that guy. Dick, my...I got so many "Dick Versus Dicks" last episode that my head started to spin.

Dick: Oh. What, do you wanna play them?

Maddox: Well, here, I got this.

Dick: This fuckin' chickenshit bit that he does.

Maddox: It's not a chickenshit bit. (muttering)

Dick: Have you heard one of these, Robin?

Robin: It's about two dicks?

Dick: "Dick Versus Dick"?

Robin: I've seen a picture of two dicks touching each other on the website. (Maddox giggles) Is that related to it?

Dick: Oh, on the dol-...the dollar bill art?

Robin: Yes.

Dick: Well, it is related.

Robin: Okay.

Dick: Uh, 'cause it's...it's, uh...this bit is basically Maddox rubbing his own penis on his own penis, like, audibly.

Robin: Hmm. That sounds like a porn you would like!

Dick: Yeah, it does! (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah, real funny, guys. (Dick giggles) **[plays "Dick Versus Dick" intro]**

(ritzy game show theme music)

Deep Voice (reverb): Dick...Versus...Diiiiiick!

Maddox: Ahhh. Alright, Dick. (sighs) You remember last episode, you said, uh, this -

Dick: (interjects) Just play the fuckin' clips!! (Maddox and Sean laugh) Everybody knows what you're doing. Just play the goddamn clips.

(dreamy harp glissandos) (clip from Episode 61 plays)

Dick: You know, a lot of drug users have been some of the biggest intellectuals of our time.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: People are smart in spite of drugs, not because of drugs.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I mean, obviously I don't agree with that, but, uh...

(harp glissandos)

Maddox: Yeah. But then in Episode 47, you said THIS.

Dick: Uh-oh.

(harp glissandos)

Dick: It's a plant that's...it just makes people stupid. (Dick groans) (Maddox giggles) **It makes you stupid! And it makes...it, like, makes kids' IQs over t-...if they're heavy users for 10 years? Drops their IQ by 10 points.**

(harp glissandos)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So what?

Maddox: Which... (laughs with Sean)

Dick: What... (chuckling) What does it...

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: It's a plant...it makes you lethargic and dumb-sounding.

Maddox: Um...

Robin: I'm so calmed down from that sound effect. That's a beautiful sound effect.

Maddox: Very calming, right? Hm.

Dick: Yeah. Great fuckin' bit. (everyone else laughs) It makes -

Maddox: (interjects) Why don't you use it...

Dick: It dulls your senses and makes you dopey while you're smoking it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's bad for -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, all the...all...

Dick: It's bad for teenagers, but what isn't bad for teenagers? They're still developing.

Maddox: Mmm... (skeptical)

Dick: Once you're an adult, fuck off. It's a race to the grave. (Sean giggles in the background)

Maddox: Computers, virtual reality...Wheaties, vitamins, exercise; these are all things that are not bad -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, you ffffuckin' teetotaller! (Maddox laughs) Is that what that's called? Teetotaller?

Maddox: Teetotalling? Yeah.

Dick: The name of those pricks who don't do any drugs?

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly)

Dick: If everybody could get as high off the smell of their own farts as you can, then we wouldn't have to do drugs. But we do.

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Dick: We have to.

Maddox: Yeah, drugs...so drugs are pretty cool?

Dick: Yeah! They're the - **[Maddox interrupts with clip from Episode 49]**

Dick: And I'm not one of these people.

Maddox: Me neither. (Robin snickering)

Dick: I don't really...I don't really like weed. Yeah, I don't...I'm not a big...I'm not a big fan of weed. Don't smoke it.

Dick: I don't.

Dick: And, um, potheads really fuckin' annoy me.

Dick: They do.

Maddox: Oh, whoop...whoooop! **(Dick sound clip: "It's just a weed, man.")** (Maddox giggles hysterically) (Sean laughing in the background)

Dick: I don't smoke alotta weed. I'll smoke it if I'm OFFERED weed. (Robin laughs) But I don't go looking for it, like I do...

Maddox: Okay! (grinning)

Dick: I don't BUY it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll just take it.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: If there's a joint being passed around, I'll take it.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay! Anything else? Do you have any voi-...uh, voicem-

Dick: (interjects) You don't have a food that you do that for? I know you love cinnamon, but is there a food that you'll eat if it's presented to you, but you won't go seek it out?

Maddox: Uh, yeah. That co-

Dick: (interjects) Like basil?

Maddox: Coleslaw.

Dick: Coleslaw. (snidely) Fuckin' perfect.

Maddox: I NEVER want coleslaw in my mouth.

Dick: Fuckin' perfect.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: It's gross.

Dick: And yet some people are big fanatics of coleslaw. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, idiots. Fatsos.

Dick: Well, there you go.

Maddox: That's who...I've never met anyone who's smart or well-read who really likes coleslaw. (Robin chuckles) Right, Robin? You don't like coleslaw.

Robin: I like vinegar-based coleslaw. But if it has mayonnaise-based? Fuck you.

Maddox: Very techni-...oh my gosh. Sean, you're in on this. He's nodding!

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: What is this?

Sean: Vinegar-based.

Maddox: Is that a thi-...that's a thing??

Robin: Oh yeah, it's really good.

Sean: Yeah, it's like German coleslaw, isn't it?

Maddox: Okay, nerds. What do you got, Dick?

Dick: Your stupid bit reminded me that you have to watch 30 seconds of Titanic.

Maddox: Aw, dammit! FUCK. (Robin laughs)

Robin: Ohh, yesss!

Dick: Robin, do you remember...? You know Titanic, obviously.

Robin: Oh yeah.

Maddox: Hah, GREAT.

Dick: 'Kay. Last...last episode of 30 seconds of Titanic...

Robin: Okay.

Dick: ...we left off where, uh, Rose has just called Bill Paxton...

Robin: Mhm.

Dick: ...and asked him if he'd found the Heart...what is it, the Heart of...? The jewel. The big jewel.

Robin: Heart of the Ocean.

Dick: Heart of the Ocean! Asked him if he'd found it yet, and he was like, "Guhhhhh?! What? How does this old lady know about the H-...?"

Robin: Mmmm!

Dick: Then they have James Cameron, the masterful romantic action-adventure filmmaker that he is... (Maddox chuckles sarcastically) This is the first mention of the diamond. Right?

Robin: Okay.

Dick: That's where we're at right now.

Robin: This is great.

Maddox: Sounds like you're about to cum on his toes. (snickers with Sean) **[Dick plays next 30 seconds of Titanic]** Dammit. (muttering)

(epic music + sound of a helicopter flying)

Dick: This is the chopper where Rose is in the chopper, flying -

Robin: (interjects) There's also a very cute Pomeranian.

Dick: Maddox. (scolding) Pomeranian! You wanna see that, don't you?

Maddox: No!

Guy with Bill Paxton: She's a goddamn liar! Some nutcase seekin' money or publicity! God only knows why.

Maddox: You know, everyone in this movie's dead right now. (Robin laughs)

Dick: No, Bill Paxton isn't dead, you asshole. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: You know who is though, is the, uh, president of Nintendo. (laughs loudly) (Robin laughs)

(more helicopter sounds)

[clip ends]

Maddox: Send more hate mail, idiots! Good!

Dick: Very exciting.

Maddox: Good, I'm glad I talked through that whole bit. Good. Garbage movie. I will NEVER watch it.

Robin: You've never seen it?

Maddox: I've never seen it!

Robin: Ohh.

Dick: And he refuses to.

Robin: But you're getting through it now.

Maddox: NO.

Dick: Yeah. That's his punishment for losing every episode.

Maddox: Yeah. Ohoho, okay. (sarcastic) (Robin laughs)

Dick: He has to watch a bit of Titanic, 'cause he refuses to watch it.

Maddox: Oh, that reminds me, Dick...to bring in some TED Talks. For you. (mischievously) Because you -

Dick: (interjects) No, I don't really care, though. It's not as funny.

Maddox: You hate...ahh, okay.

Dick: 'Cause I'll w-...eh, I hate them...

Maddox: Ah, sure. (smiles)

Dick: I find them annoying.

Maddox: Why do you hate TED Talks?

Dick: Well, because it...I think they're mostly, like, ads. Like, people do them to advertise their consulting services, and they're...like, they take forever to get to the fuckin' point. Like, 17 minutes is way too long. It should be, like...45 seconds, or 12 seconds. Like, just...let's go! Speed through it. Cut out all the laughter. You edited this video; cut out all the goddamn laughter and the fuckin' jokes! Just make your point!! First of all, it's a PowerPoint. Fu-...no, I'll do this next time. (Maddox and Robin laugh) I don't wanna use up a problem of TED Talks.

Maddox: Alright, coming soon.

Dick: Heh. Right? (smiles) (Robin and Maddox giggle)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 63

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(Theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Ants to AIDS. With over 3.5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or should not be on the big list of problems. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy!? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. We have, also, in studio today with us, is a good friend of ours, Austin Blank. Friend of the show. Welcome, Austin Blank.

Dick: Yeah.

Austin: Oh, hey, guys. Thanks for having me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Super high energy! (sarcastic) Alright, happy you're here, Austin!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Good job, Austin.

Austin: You guys are great.

Dick: Hey, lemme clear up a misconception first, before you get any further. Because I know people are gonna bring this up in the comments. Um, we had…we had an episode a while ago. "Guys Who Need to Get Laid".

Austin: Oh, what the f-….

Dick: (interjects) And, no, no, no, no.

Austin: Okay.

Dick: And I was telling a story about a guy who was cockblocking me like it was part of a scavenger hunt.

Austin: This is the cat and fiddle story.

Dick: Yes. Yes. And…Baby Huey. And, um…Maddox, you mistakenly thought I was talking about Austin.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And we didn't clear that up at the time.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But I wanna say that this is…it was absolutely not Austin.

Maddox: No.

Austin: I…I…

Dick: (interjects) We were talking about different guys.

Austin: I encourage people to have sex. All the time.

Dick: You absolutely do.

Austin: That's what I do.

Dick: Yes.

Austin: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, Austin, if you guys have seen my Comic-Con photos from the previous years, he was the Slave Leia and a big baby.

Austin: Slave is a strong word. (Maddox and Dick giggle)

Dick: What do you prefer?

Austin: Indentured Servant Leia.

Maddox: Indentured Servant…

Dick: Great. (grins) Alright.

Maddox: So, that was Austin. Also, Austin has been immortalized in one of my books. I thanked him for absolutely nothing in my second book. 'Cause he called me up and we were talkin' on the phone and he's like "Hey man, uh, can I get a shout-out in your book?" and I'm like, "No, you didn't help me." And he goes "Well, can you…what about that?" and I'm like "Alright, I'll thank you for nothing." (scoffs) And so…the very last line in my second book is "Thanks for nothing to Austin Blank".

Austin: And immortalize is also a very strong word. (Maddox and Austin laugh)

Dick: Are you gonna help him out with this new book?

Austin: Uh…

Dick: No?

Austin: Yeah, I'm pretty much writing the whole book myself.

Maddox: Mmmm. (annoyed)

Austin: And then he's gonna get all the credit for it.

Dick: What's it about?! Tell us!

Austin: Well…it's a work in progress, so I can't be giving away the secrets. That's how we get you to pay money to buy the book. (giggles)

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Always the tease, huh?

Maddox: Always the marketer. Thank you, Austin. (Austin laughs) So, last week, guys… **(drumroll)** the Biggest Problem…was People Who Don't Value Science. Our guest, Robin Higgins. Her problem came in number one!

Dick: Yeah. Second guest win.

Maddox: Followed by Trans Fats and Partially Hydrogenated Oils, which was my problem, and then yours, Dick, Initiating a Conversation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Came in last. But it was still in the positive territory.

Dick: Yeah. I think over time, that's gonna win out, though. Because, like, as more and more of these people who don't value science and people who are too into outrage porn, and people who aren't as smart as meeeee…(whiny, nasal voice), as more of those problems come in…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's gonna get diluted and my Initiating the Conversation is gonna go psssssshoooooo! Shoot up to the top ten.

Maddox: (giggles) I think it's gonna shoot up into the exact same range that it's at right now and people will forget about it and never vote it…(laughs)

Austin: Hmmm. I don't know how the guest speaker goes, but every time you say people, I just hear you say "Peepoo".

Dick: Peepoo?

Maddox: I heard that too. I heard Peepoo. (giggles) Yeah.

Austin: Can I say that?

Dick: Well, can you hear this?

("Maddox Lost" theme song plays)

Maddox: What the fuck is this?

Dick: You lost.

Maddox: What are you talking about?

Dick: You lost. Robin beat you.

Maddox: Okay. It's still not a loss. I mean, it's still not a contest.

Dick: Well, I'm not the winner, but you lost.

Maddox: Alright. Inappropriate. Inappropriate song.

Dick: How is that inappropriate? Robin won!

Maddox: 'Cause…well, what is the…

Dick: (interjects) She deserves some credit.

Maddox: Okay, first of all, no one wins in this show. Still. Uh, it's not a contest. And second, the, uh…the song wasn't changed to say "Robin".

Dick: You want me to go back and edit it?

Maddox: Definitely not.

Dick: I can play it again next week.

Maddox: No! No. Anyway, Dick, I got a comment from **Ryan Herbs.**

(Austin burps loudly)

Maddox: Good job, Austin. (giggling in the background) I got a comment. I got a comment from **Ryan Herbs,** or Herbs (hard H)**,** I'm not sure how to pronounce it.

Austin: I like "Eeeeeeeeeeeeerbs".

Maddox: Okay, well, it's Ryan "Erbs". Uh, he said, **"Missed opportunity to call the play Deep Space Sixty-Nine".**

Dick: Oh, I saw that one.

Maddox: Last time, Robin was talking about…we were talking about Star Trek puns, and Deep Space Sixty-Nine. I thought that was good.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I also got a comment from **Daniel E. Warren.** He says, **"Dick's "ask them about their dad" line…his seduction method in action."** And then he linked to that Bill Cosby article. Did you read that Bill Cosby article, Dick?

Dick: Uh, yeah, what was…I didn't read it. I just read the headline.

Maddox: Yeah. There's an article, basically, where Bill Cosby used concerns about a chick's father to seduce them.

Dick: Yeah. Well, you know.

Maddox: Real creepy.

Dick: I mean, it works…you can use it for good or evil.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Austin, what do you think about that line? Ask a girl about her dad.

Austin: What…what, you go to a girl at a bar and ask her, like, "What's up with your dad?"

Dick: Well, here's the theory. When you're talking to a girl for a little bit, in order to enhance the intimacy between you. In order to deepen the connection, the bond that you're trying to…that you're experiencing…(Austin snorts) you ask them about their father. It's very…very simple.

Austin: Yeah.

Dick: Very simple.

Austin: Do I remind you of your father in any way?

Dick: That's a good way to do it.

Austin: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. What do you think about that?

Austin: I don't know.

Dick: Okay! (giggles) (Austin laughs) Hey. Another great drop-in.

Maddox: Another great drop-in. (Austin still laughing) Thank you, Austin Blank.

Austin: I…gotta think about these things. I'll probably come back at the end of the show with an idea about that.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Unlikely. I'm not betting on it. (Austin laughs) I don't think so.

Dick: Thank you for absolutely nothing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I get where that's coming from, now. (Maddox laughs)

Austin: You just brought up my dad issues and you went really deep into me all of a sudden. (Maddox and Dick laugh) And I'm like, "You know my dad's dead, right?" and then I just went off on a tangent in my head.

Maddox: See, Austin, that is exactly why I think it's a bad thing to bring up chicks.

Austin: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Because if they have either a bad relationship with their father, or no father, or a deadbeat father, then it's going to put them in a negative headspace.

Dick: Yeah.

Austin: I think a big problem in life is family. So when you go directly…

Maddox: Ho ho ho. (scoffs)

Austin: When you go directly into the family thing, you're kinda like, "Oh, you just get beat as a child?" Like, oh, good line, buddy.

Dick: Hmmm. (slowly realizing maybe it's not such a great line after all)

Maddox: Go vote up Families, people! I brought in the very first show, Families. Is my number one problem.

Austin: Family hits it close to home, every time.

Maddox: Yeah. Families are awful. Unless you have a good family, which very few people do. Everyone has family issues.

Austin: Everybody has a problem with some part of their family.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You guys are very cynical.

Austin: Or they are the problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You guys are like "a dad is half empty" kind of guys.

Maddox: You've just…you've…(giggles) just never had a shitty..

Dick: You're very cynical!!! (grins)

Maddox: You've just never had a shitty family, so you don't know what it's…what, like, the agony…

Austin: (interjects) You lived in a house of love, Dick.

Dick: I did.

Austin: And that's…that's rare.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I still live in a house of love.

Maddox: Yeah. Dick's family's great, but for the rest of us…

Austin: You didn't move out of your parent's home yet? (giggles)

Dick: Whoaa…

Austin: Oho…sorry. Okay. Was that the…

Maddox: No. I was just gonna say that for the rest of us who have terrible, miserable families…A family, a bad family, is kind of like a lifelong…it's a chronic disease.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You can't get rid of it. Until they die. And even when they die, it's still more agony, 'cause your other family members, if they're shitty, they're just gonna bicker and pick over the inheritance with you. It's just awful.

Dick: Can't…can't you just ignore them?

Maddox: Uh, you can. Yeah, it's possible. But they'll find a way of getting a hold of you. Look at that chick who pretended to be black. Uh…what's her name? Dolezal? Dopezal? (Austin giggles and burps) You know who I'm talking about?

Dick: Yes, yes. Everyone knows her, yeah! (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But what does she have to do with it?

Maddox: She tried to ignore her fucking family. She wanted to just go be black in her own privacy! (yelling) (Dick guffaws) And her family had to just root her out and narc on her. "Hey guys, she's a whitey!"

Dick: Oh, so you're saying family is a problem, because this woman didn't get away with her Scooby Doo, like, I'm gonna be a black Civil Rights leader. (Maddox laughs) By tanning herself like Kramer. (Sean cracks up) On Seinfeld.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: And wearing…wh…did she have cornrows, or did she just frizz her hair out?

Maddox: Something.

Dick: So she looked like that.

Maddox: She had curly hair. But look, she…

Dick: (interjects) So her family busted her. (grins)

Maddox: She…she wanted to be left alone. She wanted nothing to do with her family. I've been…I've been contacted by strange family members who I wanted nothing to do with, and then it…it turned into drama. It's always drama.

Dick: What did they want?

Maddox: They'll find you. Money. They always want…(laughing)…they always want money.

Dick: Really? To hunt you down for money?

Maddox: Oh, yeah! Yeah, man!

Sean: I said, "LISTEN, Mom!!" (Dick and Maddox crack up) "You're old enough to take care of yourself now."

Dick: That's probably not a joke!

Maddox: No! I…multiple family members of mine have hit me up for money, and for the most absurd reason. To cover gambling debt or whatever bullshit-ass excuse.

Dick: Wow. (shocked)

Maddox: I don't have to be burdened with. Austin, thank you! Vote up Families!!!

Dick: Allllright.

Austin: I…uh, after all that, I'd say it's probably bad to talk to a girl about her father at the bar.

Dick: Well, I guess, uh…me and Bill Cosby are gonna go hit up some broads at the bars later tonight. (Maddox and Austin crack up)

Austin: Have fun!

Maddox: Bravo.

Dick: I got some voice mails for you.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey, what's up? This is Sintron. I had never heard of the Marc Maron show before listening to this podcast. I decided to look it up. It was a piece of shit, and I left them a comment saying as much. (Maddox laughs) **On their iTunes podcast.**)

Maddox: It's already started. (grins)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There it is.

Dick: Good. Sintron. Good.

(Sound effect: Audience laughter)

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: Very good. Here's another one.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey, Maddox, you fuck. (Maddox laughs) **Why do you give a shit about what item I wanna pour down my fat gullet? You fucking Liberal asshole.** (Dick and Maddox laugh) **Why can't I just fucking eat all the fucking trans fats I want to and have a good time! And not bother anyone else."**

Dick: Yeah.

"But nooooo, no, can't do that."

Dick: Why is that?

Maddox: Yeah.

"'Cause you have to throw a fucking shit-fit over what I choose to eat."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

"So…why don't you go fuck yourself?"

Maddox: Ookay.

"And Dick, why don't you go fuck yourself, too?")

Dick: What's up?

Austin: It sounded like you on the voice recording. Like, you just like, "Here's a voice call", and then, like…

Dick: (interjects) You think I made a voice mail to the show?

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhh.

Austin: It almost sounded like it.

Maddox: Mmmmmmmmmmm.

Austin: It sounded like a plant.

Maddox: Sounds like a conspiracy dipshit's in the room. (laughs)

Austin: It was mostly…(they all crack up)

Dick: It definitely sounds like that. (laughing)

Maddox: Uh, so…so, first of all, asshole. That wasn't directed towards you. I don't know who the fuck you are or what you're eating. I don't give a shit, either, as long as it doesn't affect me. And second, last episode, Dick, you were asking…well, you would hope that when you…

Dick: (interjects) I don't…why do you make that face when you do what I was saying?

Maddox: I'm just making my Dick face.

Dick: You're making, like, a pretentious asshole face. (grins)

Maddox: I'm trying to scrunch up my face like an asshole, 'cause that's how you were saying…

Dick: (interjects) What was I saying?

Maddox: You were saying, uh, that you would hope that if you spend more money, like, at Whole Foods and buy organic, blablabla, you have a higher chance of avoiding trans fats and some of these…

Dick: (interjects) Sure, yeah. And anything.

Maddox: But, but! You also defended Fries when I brought in fries, and that's, like, the number one food…

Dick: French fries?

Maddox: …that has trans fats in it, is fries!

Dick: Yeah, well, like, so what?

Maddox: Ohhh.

Austin: People like fries.

Dick: Eat a little bit of fries. Like, this guy's saying, just fuck off! Let us eat whatever we want. What's it matter to you?

Maddox: It matters to me when it raises healthcare costs, dickhead!

Dick: Ohhhhhh, stop with that! (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. 20%.

Dick: Stop!

Maddox: We could cut 20% of uhh…coronary heart disorders.

Dick: Yeah? (grins)

Maddox: By simply avoiding trans fats. 20%!

Austin: Did you read that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Austin: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. (Austin laughs)

Dick: Probably off…probably off of Wikipedia.

Austin: Is that a fact? (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: It is a fact. From Harvard.edu.

Dick: I got one more voice mail.

Austin: What's Harvard know?

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey Maddox and Dick, and Sean. I was wondering when you were gonna bring in the problem…

Maddox: Afterthought.

"Of teenagers not being able to be let into fifteen….aw, shit. Mmm…" (they all crack up)

"We're gonna wait."

Dick: No, wait for it. I don't know why he put this big pause in. I don't know why I didn't edit it out.

Maddox: This is still playing?

Dick: Yeah. This is still his voice mail.

"Alright. That was my moment of shame."

Dick: What the fuck?

Austin: This guy's a winner. I like it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is it still playing?

Austin: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: No, no, no. That's it.

Austin: Oh.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Alright. I got some fan art. Wanna go through fan art?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: First one…**Ali Hassanein**. **"My name is Ali Hassanein and I'm an illustrator from Montreal. Been a big fan of the show since it started, and I especially love the bonus episodes. He made a couple of paintings for us. You can see more at http://www.alihassanein.com** ". Uh, and you can see these on our website, http://www.thebiggestprobleminthe universe.com in the Fan Art gallery, which is there. That's one of me.

Maddox: Oh, wow! That looks incredible!! Oh my g…

Dick: Right?!

Maddox: You look like a handsome motherfucker!

Dick: Yeah.

Austin: He kinda looks pissed off, though.

Maddox: I'm about to, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. That's the secret of being handsome, is looking kinda pissed off.

Austin: Oh, yeah? (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Austin: The nice guy finishes last, kinda thing.

Dick: Did you see that one?

Maddox: Where's…where's the face?

Austin: It's funny that you're showing art on a podcast.

Dick: There you go. Well, you gotta go to the website to look it up.

Austin: Mmmmm.

Dick: There's a lot of good shit on the website.

Maddox: And there's one of me, too. Oh, man. That is handsome. I'm about to whip it out and jerk it to myself. That looks amazing!

Dick: It looks like an oil painting.

Maddox: Yeah. It's really good.

Dick: It does look like a real oil painting.

Maddox: Who…who made that?

Dick: Ali Hassenein.

Maddox: Ali Hassenein. And we also have to, uh, Dick, post the fan art section on the website. It's…active, but we haven't posted anything right now.

Dick: Yeah, it's up, but you can't find the link. Now THIS one, this one I'm more upset about. Actually, I'm ambivalent about this one. Which means I have strong feelings both ways on it. It's from **Jessica Safron**. **"Hey, I drew some erotic fan art for you inspired by your boyhood desires."** So you remember last week, we were talking about the first things we jerked off to?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For Robin, it was Wesley Crusher.

Maddox: Wesley Crusher.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Wil Wheaton. (weirded out)

Dick: Yeah. For you, it was…

Maddox: Mary, from a video game called "Quartet" on the Sega Master System.

Austin: That's sad. That's just sad.

Dick: Which is…8…8-bit.

Maddox: Yeah. (Austin laughs) Well, it was 16-bit in the arcade version.

Dick: Finally, a good…

Maddox: (interjects) Austin!!

Austin: That was my one thing?!!?

Maddox: No, thanks!

Austin: Alright. I'm just…I'm done. See you guys later.

Dick: And mine was the American Gladiators, specifically, Elektra and Diamond. This is what Jessica sends over.

Sean: It wasn't Nitro and Malibu?

Dick: Hey, fuck you, Sean! (they all laugh) You penis-judging prick! Fuck you!!! (Maddox laughs)

(Sound effect: Cymbal bad-dum-ching)

Maddox: So she sent over this picture of…(giggles)it looks like…so, the two of 'em are on platforms with…

Dick: Elektra and Diamond are on…

Maddox: (interjects) Elektra and Diamond. And they have those…those little joust…

Dick: (interjects) The jousts!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is the joust from American Gladiators.

Maddox: And Dick's in the middle with his hand on his crotch. (laughing) His…

Dick: Oh, my dick is in my hand.

Maddox: Yeah, it's tiny. And uh…

Dick: I'm definitely orgasming.

Maddox: And Dick is getting beat up while he's…(giggles)…while he's ejaculating.

Dick: Well, my arms…my elbow has been broken.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And these…insanely hot cartoon girls are beating the hell out of me with their pugil sticks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Austin: Nice use of word there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I gotta look that up.

Dick: I'm beaten and bruised and there's blood coming all over the place. And my hair's… my hair's flying all over the place. And, um…now I can say…not a lot of people can say this. But now I can say for sure that I've jerked off to snuff porn of myself.

Maddox: Aha!

Austin: You did that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: See?!!? It's hot when it looks like you, right?!

Dick: No, I was looking at the women. Uh…I was trying to block myself out.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright.

Austin: And then imagine you were in it, again.

Maddox: Agai…yeah. (grins) (Austin giggles)

Dick: Yeah. But I recognized the outfits immediately. As soon as I…

Maddox: (interjects) It's pretty…it's pretty hot.

Dick: …opened this email.

Maddox: So, Jessica also sent me some fan mail, from…some fan art from last episode. Here is the fan art she sent me. It's me with Mary from Quartet.

Dick: Oh, my God!

Maddox: And it's amazing. It looks like…you want to describe this, Dick?

Dick: Uhh, yeah. You've got Mary from Quartet, I guess that is, making out with some guy with a huge cock. I don't know who that guy…

Maddox: (interjects) Okay. It's me, asshole. It's me, with a huge cock. Which is accurate. And, we have jet packs on. We're flying…and we're shooting aliens. (background laughter) She's shooting an alien with her laser, and I'm shooting an alien with my cum. (laughter)

Austin: Ooooh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I blasted a hole right through the alien with my cum.

Dick: I dunno about these arts. This girl has too much power. (Maddox laughs) She's hot, too. I looked her up on Facebook.

Maddox: Yeah. She's a babe, and her comic is http://www.satanninja.com. It's…really cool. There's a cameo of yours truly in there. It's REALLY well done. So Jessica turned this around in under a week, Dick. These…these illustrations are not only really well done, but they're full color illustrations.

Dick: Man. It's amazing.

Maddox: Really fast. So, uh, yeah. Check out Jessica's work. Um, thank you Jessica, for that fan art.

Dick: I got one more piece of art for you. It's not fanart. Uh, **Joshua Mellsy** sent this. **"Found some knees from Deviant Art that Maddox would probably wanna fuck."**

Maddox: Oh, baby.

Dick: "By the way, if you say my last name on the podcast, it's pronounced Mellzy, not Mellsy."

Maddox: Okay, Mellsy.

Dick: Like I know you will.

Austin: As you write it.

Dick: What do you think about these knees? Remember when you were talking about how hot knees can be?

Maddox: Oh, those are some hot knees!!

Dick: They're just…

Maddox: They look like bums!!

Dick: Well, they're giant tits where knees should be.

Maddox: Yeah. They're not like homeless bums, but like…

Austin: The one in the blue looks like testicles.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's really weird, man.

Austin: Yeah.

Maddox: Hey, we'll post a pic of these knees.

Dick: They're like beanbags hanging off where your knees should be.

Maddox: That's…those are sexy knees. Look, if I was gonna…

Dick: (interjects) Alright. (scoffs)

Maddox: …jerk off to a body part, and they happened to be knees, they would be those knees. (Dick giggles)

Austin: The back of the knee, or the front of the knee?

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: We went through this.

Maddox: Both. We have.

Austin: Oh. I've been…I've been gone awhile.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah, I got a…I got a sound clip. This was a sound grab from episode 60 from **Grant Mooney**. My nemesis. Who made that shitty Titanic song that I fucking hate. But he sent this in, this is pretty funny. Listen to this.

(Clip starts:

"Maddox: Yeah, here. I'll present to you first, Sean's.

(unzipping sound)

Dick: These are really high-quality penises.

Maddox: They're high-quality penises, right?!

(they all crack up)**")**

Maddox: Alright. I got a comment from **Joshua Hamilton.** He says, **"If you've been missing Maddox's Twitch stream, here's a recap."** He quotes me and says, **"Contra is such a great game with inventive bosses and…"** and he stops and he says, **"Maddox dies."** And then he says, **"Piece of shit, garbage game! I'm going to throw this glitchy piece of shit away!"** and then I keep playing it for another hour. Uh, then…**Kaylor Ketnor** says, **"I'm pretty sure Dick's extra base was sex without a condom. Not sure why it matters, since he can just go fuck himself."** (cracks up)

Dick: Oh, that is a good extra base. I didn't think about that. No, the extra base was that you have to…flirt with a girl online somewhere.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Like on Tinder or something, before you even get to meet up with her.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: In real life.

Maddox: Interesting theory.

Dick: And it's like…it's like putting the batter's box…like, you gotta start performing before you even get up to the plate, now.

Maddox: You know what that is…

Dick: (interjects) I hate it.

Maddox: It's more like…it's more like the pitch practice…er, the swing practice before you go up to bat.

Dick: The batter's box.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, except this…

Sean: (interjects) No, no, no. On-deck circle.

Dick: What's the batter's box? The before on-deck?

Sean: No, the batter's box is what you stand in when you are in the game.

Dick: Oh, I'm sorry! Of course, I'm sorry. You're right. You're right.

Sean: Yeah. That's the on-deck circle.

Maddox: Hey, uh…the batter box is what you call a chick's vagina when I'm through with it.

Sean: Oh, God. (Maddox cracks up loudly, no one else seems amused)

Austin: That's a real laugh. He's not even fake laughing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh man, I love myself. (grins) That's great. Alright.

Dick: Alright. Anyway.

Maddox: That's it. You wanna get to the problems?

Dick: Yeah. Lemme get to my problem. (Austin giggles) (clears throat) My problem is… Helping Your Friends Move.

Maddox: Helping Your Friends Move, Dick. (grins) Now you're…I consider you a good friend.

Dick: I will never help you move.

Maddox: Okay. Well…

Dick: Never ask me…never, ever, ever, ever. I do not help move!

Maddox: You're a good…you're a good helper! You're a helpful friend! Why don't you like helping friends move? I mean, other than the obvious.

Dick: I mean, I've got 20 minutes of material…of reasons why I don't help people move.

Maddox: Let's hear it! (giggles)

Dick: But I…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah.

Dick: Lemme just tell you. Okay. I've had a truck…a gigantic truck, F-150, since I learned how to drive.

Maddox: A FISO.

Dick: Right? A FISO.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Since I was 16. I wanted it ever since I was a little kid. I set my mind to it. I worked really hard, and my parents bought it for me when I turned 16. (Maddox and Austin crack up) So, if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything. Um, and ever since then, ever since I got it, what they don't tell you when you get a truck, when they hand you the keys at the dealership, they don't say "Listen, kid. For the rest of your life, people are gonna be harassing you to help them move their shit."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because they're too cheap to hire a couple of guys from U-Haul.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A couple of day laborers, for like 50 bucks apiece, to help them move. And they will attempt to lure you in with promises of a 6-pack of Bud Light, or a pizza.

Maddox: Or pizza!

Dick: A pizza! A 12-dollar pizza that I can order on my phone.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Myself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Welcome to Hell.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what they SHOULD tell you when you buy a truck. Because that's what the rest of your life is.

Maddox: And it's always fucking Little Caesar's. It's Little Caesar's pepperoni pizza, which, by the way, if I eat the entire fucking pizza, I still feel like I've eaten one piece. It's gar…it's just the worst. The worst pizza.

Dick: You know who asked his friends to help him move?

Maddox: Who?

Dick: Hitler. (Maddox laughs) It was called The Holocaust. (Sean laughs disgustedly in the background) He asked his friends to help him move a bunch of Jews…(giggles)

Maddox: That's actually true. (laughs) I cannot impugn you for that, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. And you are that bad if you are asking people to help you move.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: It is more…it is MORE offensive to ask someone to help you move your home or apartment than it is to try and kiss their girlfriend or wife! (upset)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And…what do you mean, "Okay"?

Maddox: I don't know about that.

Dick: You don't know about that?!!?!?

Maddox: You…you think.

Dick: (interjects) If somebody tri…if somebody drunkenly tried to kiss your girlfriend or wife, or boyfriend, you know, I don't know.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I don't know what you do all the time after the show.

Maddox: Yeah. Or gender-fluid partner. We don't want to…(Dick guffaws and they both crack up)

Dick: Right! Or whatever we're gonna be calling that person in 70 years.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it won't be girlfriend or boyfriend.

Maddox: God knows, yes.

Dick: At least on the air, we won't be allowed to say that.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Whatever…if someone tries to drunkenly kiss that person, imagine that amount of rage you have…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And this is a friend, mind you.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: This isn't a stranger.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A friend, like, who has a history of getting too drunk and doing that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Versus, in the middle of the day, they say "Hey, why don't you bust over Saturday morning at 10:30 and help me lift a bunch of stuff, put it in a car, and then I'm gonna drive over to my new place and unload it. A couple hours. Four hours, we'll knock it out. I'm not gonna pay you any money, and yes, of course I know I can hire some people for a small amount of cash and do this, but I want you to do it. I want you to do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's more offensive to you?

Maddox: Definitely the kissing of the wife.

Dick: Goddamn it.

Maddox: I mean, easily. (giggles) That's easily more offensive. However, I'm on board with this.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It is…it is a huge hassle…like, fucking…you're moving to a new place, okay?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You weren't evicted from your apartment. I can see a scenario in which my friend was evicted from their apartment 'cause they couldn't pay rent, they're really strapped for cash. They actually need a favor, and that is a true favor. But if you're just fucking cheap…

Dick: And then they'd better beg.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Beg and offer sexual services, potentially, right?

Dick: Yes. Yes. Yes.

Maddox: Guy or girl. I don't care!

Dick: Yeah. Put it on the table! (Maddox giggles) Either way!

Maddox: Put a kisser right on my dong. That's what I expect. But here's the thing, man. Right? The pizza costs, what, 12 bucks?

Dick: 12 bucks, yeah.

Maddox: 6-packs…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, no…see, uh, I would throw it up to 40 or 50. Because you're buying pizza for multiple guys.

Maddox: Oh, that's true! So you're buying it…

Dick: So let's…remember, you gotta get wings, you gotta get some soda.

Maddox: Yeah. Mhmm.

Dick: Unless you're a total asshole.

Maddox: A total deadbeat bum. Not the type of bum I would masturbate to that looked like knees, but the other kind of bum.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: If you were that kind of deadbeat bum where you didn't buy drinks and multiple pizzas for the guys who were helping you move. So, okay, you're spending 30 bucks, easily, on pizza and drinks, right?

Dick: Now, are you buying the person with the truck gasoline?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Because that's…that's like 4 or 5 bucks a gallon, here.

Maddox: There you go. Depends on where you're going, but ultimately, this whole ordeal is gonna cost you easily 40 bucks, right?

Dick: I would think it would cost more…yeah, okay, let's say 40.

Maddox: 40, 50…40, 50 bucks!

Dick: Let's say 40, 50 bucks. Unless you throw gas in, that's another 50…'cause you gotta fill up the tank.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.

Dick: You can't take their truck to the gas station and then put 10 dollars in it.

Maddox: And trucks are gas guzzlers.

Dick: Yeah. Mine's like 10 miles to the gallon or something.

Maddox: Yeah, so. 40 to 50 bucks later, what have you actually saved? Because if you hired movers, they'd get the job done in under an hour anyway.

Dick: I got some…I got some stats for you for movers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Average intrastate move is 1200 bucks. Okay? But…but I think that's talkin' about, like, huge houses. Like, this isn't like moving one apartment to the other.

Maddox: And that's interstate.

Dick: No, intra.

Maddox: Oh, intrastate? Okay.

Dick: That means in the same state, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Okay. I spent $500 last time I moved. Then I went on Craigslist.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I found two guys, 45 bucks an hour.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: They come with a truck.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So if you're saying…if we're gonna knock this out in the afternoon, right? They always say "knock this out".

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You know you're getting fucked when somebody says "we're gonna knock this out". Right?

Maddox: Ugggggh. Nothing's getting knocked out!

Dick: Yeah. Come over and dig…come over a build a fence with me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We'll knock it out…like, stop right there.

Maddox: Dig some ditches. We'll just knock it out real quick.

Dick: We'll knock it out real quick. Go fuck your…go knock yourself out.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm gonna knock my back out.

Dick: So that's $45 times, let's say 3 hours?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What is it, $135?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're spending $50 bucks on a pizza.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: $30 on gas if you're cheap.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's $80.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That means…that means your time…(Austin giggles) is worth $55. Your friend is telling you that your time is worth $55.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's like $17 an hour.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For busting your back lifting their shitty furniture!

Maddox: Manual labor!

Dick: (upset) It's like…it's like them asking you to come over and just make dinner!

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

Dick: Like "Yeah, I could go to a restaurant and I could just make it all myself, but why don't you just come over and make my fucking dinner for me?"

Maddox: Now, Dick, here's what I don't mind. I don't mind the occasional heavy object. Like, a friend will call me up and say, "Hey, I got this big screen TV. I got this refrigerator. Can you give me a hand?" Like, whatever it is. Except, actually, the refrigerator. I take that back.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But the big screen TV, sure. I can grab a handle, and you know what? I got the whole thing myself, 'cause I'm real buff.

Dick: What are they…where did they get this big screen, like an 80's pizza joint? (Maddox laughs) Big screens now are…17 pounds!

Maddox: Yeah. The flat panel. Well, they're like 40…40 pounds.

Austin: Just get a projector! Projectors are light and they project big! It's good.

Maddox: That's a good idea, Austin, but not everyone has a cave to live in.

Sean: Dick made me move a piano. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Did you!?!!? Oh, motherfucker!! (shocked)

Dick: Okay. (grins) Yeah.

Austin: Holy shit!!!

Maddox: Ohhhhhh!!! Well, well, well. (Dick laughing) Interesting!

Austin: Myyyyyy. The shoe's on the other foot here.

Maddox: What's going on here, hmmmm?

Austin: Yeah. Hmmmmmmm?

Dick: Go ahead.

Sean: We picked up some piano from some guy in Pasadena, right?

Dick: Yes, we did. (grinning)

Sean: It was a…it was an upright.

Dick: Yep.

Sean: It was an upright piano.

Dick: It was an old Kimball.

Sean: Yeah. And the two of us lifted it into his truck.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And we were pretty stoked with ourselves, 'cause we felt really badass that two guys could lift a piano.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How old were we? 23?

Sean: Yeeeeah. Early twenties.

Dick: I must have been 23.

Maddox: So, like four years ago.

Austin: What kind of pizza did he get you? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: I don't know what we…we probably picked up a bunch of booze, or something.

Dick: Probably a bunch of booze, yeah. Lot of good decisions were made that night. Look, I've learned…I've learned my lesson. Because I've asked…I've asked Sean to help me move before.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In my life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But this is something when…

Austin: So, you're a dick according to yourself.

Dick: Well…(Austin laughs)

Maddox: Mhmmmm!!

Dick: Look, you gotta learn these things!

Austin: Literally. Yeah.

Dick: You have to learn these things, and I'm telling everybody, it's a very bad thing to ma…like…(stammers) don't think that you're in some kind of a payback economy, (Austin laughs) where you move them, they move you?

Maddox: No.

Austin: No, no.

Dick: You know? You gotta learn this. It's bad. Don't do it. By the time you're, like, in your mid-twenties, late twenties, it's…it's done. That's it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No more asking friends to move.

Maddox: Agreed.

Austin: I have a rock star friend in Chicago who loves to help people move. And I asked him "Why do you like to help people move?" and he goes, "Well people go to the gym to work out all the time, and why pay the money to go help work out when somebody could really use the favor and you need their shit moved, and you are the guy that provides that service. It's like, I get my workout, I don't gotta pay shit, my friend really appreciates it." He's into karma. He thinks he gets good karma that way.

Maddox: Yeeeahh. (unconvinced)

Austin: And all that shit.

Dick: Okay!

Austin: And he really likes helping his friends out.

Dick: I'm gonna add this onto my etiquette list, then.

Austin: Uh-oh.

Dick: Okay?

Austin: What's that?

Dick: If you tell somebody you're moving, they know you're moving.

Austin: Sure.

Dick: There's no need to follow that up with the, "So can you help me, or not?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's in their…the ball's in their court.

Maddox: It's implied. Yeah.

Austin: You should never ask.

Dick: Yeah.

Austin: He's like, "Do you need some help?" Well, I'm so glad you asked.

Dick: Yeah. It's like if you want a blowjob from a chick, right? After an expensive steak date. (Sean laughs) You just zip your pants down and pull your dick out. (Maddox laughs) You don't…you know, then, that's the invitation is extended.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Now the ball's in her court.

Austin: (giggles) Literally.

Maddox: Oh, well.

Dick: Right? You understand?

Maddox: Not yet.

Dick: That's where you're…(Maddox and Austin laugh)

Maddox: Um, yeah, Dick. So…when…when you're past your twenties, right? You are all…

Dick: I think mid-twenties.

Maddox: You are all…okay, mid-twenties, that's fine.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: You are all professional…working, professional adults. And you presumably have a job and a career and can afford to a) move, and b) move. Because to move, it costs you a little bit of money. That's just implied. It's part…it's also the same thing, and I know this is a different problem, but it's…I would extend it to the airport ride. Man, fucking…

Dick: (interjects) Ohhh!! There you go.

Maddox: You know, man. I have…I've had some friends who I've taken to the airport numerous times, and eventually I'm, like, dude, just factor it into the cost of your travel.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's an extra 10, 20, 30 bucks, whatever. Just add it to the ticket price. And imagine that's how much it would cost you to travel, round trip, including ground transportation. It's super simple math, guys. It's like 50 plus whatever your airfare is.

Dick: It's 50 bucks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. It costs 50 bucks.

Maddox: Not even…not even that. There's cheaper ways to do it.

Dick: Let's say it is.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. It's just nonstop, the airport ride, man. And that's a really good friend, right?

Dick: We should get even…we should get even worse with it. Like, when you're gonna take a trip to somewhere…you should call the person in advance and go, "Hey, can you buy, like…toothpaste, and deodorant for me?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I could go get it, but I don't wanna do it."

Maddox: Naah.

Dick: (interjects) So you buy it for me there and I'll pick it up when you pick me up at the airport.

Maddox: Sure! Where do you draw the line? Why not? Hey, you know what? Why don't you come over…can you do my taxes for me?

Dick: Yeah, I don't wanna do them.

Maddox: I don't wanna do them.

Dick: I know I could pay to have them done, but ehhh.

Maddox: Mmm. No. I'd rather use your time.

Dick: Nothing's ever fucking packed.

Austin: This really happens to you guys? This never happens to me.

Dick: You never get asked that…well, I own a truck!

Austin: Pick me up deodorant when you pick me up at the airport?

Dick: Oh, that was a joke.

Austin: Oh, good, thank God.

Dick: Yeah. That was, like, escalating it to the point of absurdity to make a point.

Austin: I can't tell where your real lives intertwine with your fake lives. (giggles)

Dick: Me either, man. (they all laugh) Nothing's ever packed. If it is packed, it's packed in a shitty box that's 10 years old.

Maddox: Packed poorly. Yeah.

Dick: They don't know how to load trucks.

Austin: Actually, that's a real pet peeve, when they ask you to move and they're still, like, taking shit out of the drawers while you're there.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. That's the fucking…

Austin: (interjects) You'd better have your fucking boxes ready and stacked by the goddamn door when you get there.

Maddox: That's the worst, man!

Austin: That…that really….that really beh bla deh be deh!!

Maddox: Well…(giggles) he didn't even use words to finish that thought.

Austin: I was so upset right there!

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Sounded like it! (Austin giggles) Um, yeah, Dick. When I show up to someone's house to help 'em move. Right?

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: Fine. I'm fucking there. Let's do this. Let's get this shit done, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I walk in and the apartment looks exactly how I left it last time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which was like a week ago, I was just hanging out. And everything's…

Dick: (interjects) And you know…I'm sorry to interrupt, but you know in their mind, they treat it as an experience. Like, you're gonna go on this moving experience with me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why I left it all out. But keep going.

Maddox: And usually, the power has been turned off, so they don't have AC in the apartment, so you're just sweating like a pig the whole time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…and you got the awkward thing where the landlord might stop by for a visit and get the last check, and you have to run other errands, "Oh I need to swing by this place, I need to go to the…"

Dick: (interjects) I gotta go buy some tape!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh!!

Dick: You keep packing this up. I'll go buy the tape so we can tape the boxes shut.

Maddox: Ohohohhhh. That's a scam! I've...I've seen that scam before, buddy! Man, I've been roped into many stupid pizza moving days. Ugh. And I don't even fucking…(upset)

Dick: 'Cause you have a hatchback, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: So you…that's like a…I mean, you have a version of this. Of owning a truck.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But…

Austin: And the factor is, we're really big people and "Oh you're big, can you help me move that?"

Dick: Yes!

Austin: If you're a tiny person, I don't think you get asked as much, like, "Hey, can you help me move?" It's like, this guy's weak, what the fuck is he gonna do?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, that's a sexist remark and I don't know what…I mean…if you're implying that women don't get asked to help their friends move…

Austin: I didn't say…I said tiny people. It's a big people tiny people thing.

Dick: Oh, okay. Alright.

Austin: I don't think that's sex, that's shape and size.

Sean: They get asked to, like, remove a raccoon from a crawlspace or something. (Maddox and Austin laugh) That's what those friends are for.

Austin: "There's a thing under my couch. Can you get in there and check that?"

Dick: 80% of adults have been to the doctor about lower back pain.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you know that? 80%.

Austin: That's a stat. Yeah.

Maddox: Well, okay. Go on with this. I'm curious.

Dick: Lower back pain. Acute lower back pain lasts between 4 and 12 weeks. In a survey, more than a quarter of adults reported experiencing low back pain during the past three months. To save you…to save your buddy $70. What did we say? $55? Something like that.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Austin: It's gonna be somebody else's back, though.

Dick: Yeah. Well, good.

Austin: Somebody's back's going down.

Dick: You know what? It probably won't be, because they might be good at lifting.

Austin: They could be professionals.

Dick: Yeah.

Austin: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I'm not good at lifting.

Austin: We're amateurs at best. Yeah.

Dick: I don't care about your shit.

Austin: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah. You skip leg day all the time. (they laugh)

Dick: Yeah. I do. (grins)

Maddox: Ahhh. Dick, you got any other stats over there?

Dick: Ummm.

Maddox: 'Cause I just wanna add one last thing.

Austin: He's got a shit ton of stats over there.

Dick: 23 million people move within the same county every year. I bet a significant number of those. That's only in the same county, right? That doesn't include going out of the state, going out of the city.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: That's like same-city moves.

Maddox: Yeah, basically.

Dick: Those are people who nail you to help them move.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they can see it.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they put out the weepy Facebook message, like, "Hey guys, you know…I only have a couple people offering to come help and move..." you know what, also. I've noticed that if you have enough social proof and you post that on Facebook, people will trip over themselves to offer to help you. I've seen…I've seen that happen.

Dick: What is social proof?

Maddox: If you have social proof, like, if you are charismatic and you're well-liked in your social circle?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Your friends will trip over…and because it almost gives them social proof to help you because you're helping…

Dick: (interjects) To say "I was at the great Maddox move of…"

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaah!!!

Dick: (laughing) And he gave me this T-shirt?

Maddox: Yeah.

Austin: And if you're beautiful. People will help…like, in movies. "Oh, the hot girl needs help!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Austin: Let me help you move shit.

Maddox: That's like me, man.

Austin: 'Cause later you're gonna have sex with them.

Dick: Yeah, you definitely will.

Austin: And that's worth it. Yeah.

Maddox: When I moved out of my parent's house, it was under really acrimonious conditions. I was…I was fighting with my parents, they were assholes, and my friends. My friends put their foot down, and they said "We're moving you out right now." And they came over, and I wasn't even ready, but they said, "We're gonna pack up your shit. We're gonna load it up. We're getting you the fuck out of this hellhole."

Dick: Huh!!

Maddox: And they helped me. They did everything for me! My friends were great.

Dick: It's like an intervention!

Maddox: Yeah. It was…it was awesome. And they…my friends…I couldn't thank them enough. They were so great about it. I didn't even have to ask. They offered.

Dick: What was your…what was your hold up before that? Like, how big of a sudden change for you was this to go from "I'm not moving out" to "We're coming over and just moving all of your shit out."

Maddox: It was so intolerable, Dick, that at one point, I…(giggles)…I don't call it running away, but I just told my family to fuck off and I was gonna go live in a hotel. I literally just moved out and lived in a hotel for a couple weeks.

Dick: No shit!

Maddox: Yeah. I slept…

Dick: (interjects) Whe…when did you decide that you were not going back?

Maddox: Uh…I mean, I don't want to get into the details, 'cause it's just so awful, but, uh…

Austin: Stop talking about people's families, Dick!

Dick: It's interesting, though. (grins)

Maddox: It…it…maybe I'll share this story.

Dick: 'Cause there's a lot of people in that position, if you're saying families are such a big problem.

Maddox: They're fucking awful. I…I mean, maybe I'll get into this story at some point, uh…it's a long story, but…uh…it came to a tipping point where I said "Enough is enough. Fuck you, I'm out of this hellhole. You can go fuck yourselves. I don't need anything from you. I don't want anything from you." And one of my friends took me in, and all my friends were offering to let me sleep on their couch, or sleep on their floor, whatever. I took one of my friends up on his offer, because my parents didn't know where he lived, 'cause they would stalk me. Again…

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: Yeah. Again. Like, you think that you can just cut your family out and loose and they'll leave you alone? No, they'll fucking find you and they'll harass you! They will find you and harass you! They're like heat-seeking missiles that annoy.

Sean: Yeah, they might, like, love you or something, you know.

Dick: Ohhhhhhh, ohhhhh.

Sean: I'm gonna go find…(laughing)

Maddox: Or hate and harass, Sean. (Dick and Sean laugh) That's what was going on here, was hate and harassment. And…I mean, it was, like, one step removed from restraining order. That's how bad it got.

Dick: Wow! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. And so I stayed on a friend's floor, basically. His living room floor, which was not comfortable to sleep in, but you know what is comfortable to sleep in, Dick…

Dick: Bathtub.

Maddox: No, Casper mattresses. (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: Um, yeah, okay. Look, just because I have a truck doesn't mean I'm a mover.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Right? You're wearing a skirt…now I get what all those women were talking about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're wearing a skirt…

Austin: (interjects) My question that keeps coming up in my mind is…you said, like, the in-county move.

Dick: Yeah.

Austin: And what if you're moving, not, like, out anywhere, but, like, to another room, or next door? Does that piss you off more?

Dick: That's an in…what do you mean? If I'm asked to help?

Austin: Like, if the move is miniscule, like, "Hey, I'm in this bedroom, but I like the other bedroom more, so I'm gonna take the living room furniture and switch it into the bedroom, take the bedroom furniture and switch it into that room. Can you help me move that shit?"

Dick: No, I cannot help you move that.

Austin: I think that's more of a bullshit fucking thing to do then, like, I actually have to move out of this place, 'cause I need to, like, pay less rent somewhere, but "I just don't like the Feng Shui of that and I want my bed to be in that corner and I'm gonna move everything around. And I need your help."

Maddox: You know, Austin, anything that is a shorter use of my time, I'm for.

Austin: Oh yeah?

Maddox: If it takes me…if it's less time for me to just move shit across the street, yeah, fuck it. I don't have to drive anywhere and I don't have to bring my truck or…you know, flatbed, or whatever, hatchback over to help load up and unload. That's the fucking worst. And stairs?! Oh, how DARE you. If you mo…the AUDACITY of these people.

Dick: Stairs! (Austin laughs)

Maddox: To move into a place with stairs!! And then ask you to come over and help. You, the good friend.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Breaking your back. Yeah.

Dick: I apologize for asking you, Sean.

Austin: No, see, I almost disagree with you, actually.

Dick: I was way out of line for asking you to help me move…and to move that piano. (Maddox laughs) I apologize sincerely for that.

Austin: I think if you're moving for a logistical reason, like, I can't live here 'cause I have a dog now and I can't have a dog in my apartment.

Dick: Oh, God!!

Maddox: Ohohohohohhhhhh.

Austin: I understand this, but…

Maddox: Oh, fuck you!

Austin: But you're just like…"I don't like the couch here…"

Dick: Don't get a dog!

Maddox: Yeah.

Austin: "Can you help me move the couch?" and then you move the couch over. "Actually, the couch looked good over there." And it's just like bullshit in their head that they're trying to figure out

Dick: Does that happen to you?!

Austin: Oh, you have no idea (Dick guffaws) how much fucking Feng Shui moving I have to do all the time.

Maddox: Stop having friends as hippies, man!

Austin: They're not…hippies don't have shit to move! They're like "I got my bag, I don't need your help!!" (stoner voice) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I need help moving this Chi over here.

Austin: You would love these fucking people! (Maddox still laughing)

Dick: You just have to come stand with me like this.

Austin: More and less, and less is more. I don't know, but it's…

Maddox: Yeah.

Austin: It's artistic moves, like, "Put this table in the corner, I think it's a better flow."

Maddox: That's true.

Austin: That shit bothers me more than, like "I have to go to another place."

Maddox: Well, so we didn't get the Casper read the first time I mentioned it, Dick, but you know what would help with lower back pain?

Dick: Yeah, Casper. (Maddox laughs) **Today's show is brought to you by Casper. Get $50 towards any mattress purchase by visiting http://www.casper.com/biggest and using promo code BIGGEST.** Um…

Austin: Did you say /bigots?

Dick: Slash…(Maddox and Austin crack up) Biggest. (grins)

Austin: Biggest. (Maddox laughing)

Dick: Like you are the biggest fuck guest we've had on this…

Austin: If you're a racist and you need a nice mattress, come sleep on Casper mattresses.

Dick: Great mattresses. A lot of people have actually bought them because of the show. (Maddox laughs)

Austin: Do they like me talking like this, or it's probably…

Maddox: I'm sure advertisers love it, yeah.

Dick: We don't like you talking like this. (grins)

Austin: Ohhhhh, burn! (Maddox and Austin laugh)

Dick: Buying a Casper mattress is completely risk-free. Casper offers free delivery and returns within a 100-day period. So you don't have to ask your friends to help you move. That's pretty good. Uh, it's that simple. Statistically, lying on a bed for 4 minutes in a showroom has no correlation to whether it's the right bed for you. Did you know that?

Maddox: Yeah, I agree. It's also kind of like going to a new apartment and then trying to decide on a whim whether or not you should live there. You need to try it out! You need to sleep a night or two on the bed. Right?

Dick: Yeah, I d…I bought a new bed recently…(Austin giggles) and it was, like…it was like going to an eye doctor. This salesman kept going, like, "Well is this one better, or this one better?" and I'm like "I have no idea."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I have no idea. But there's a $600 difference.

Austin: What are you asking me for!?

Dick: Yeah. I don't know how to gauge this.

Maddox: Yeah. And they're like used car salesmen. Man, Dick, since I got my Casper mattress, no joke, it is the most restful I've ever slept. Seriously, it's coma sleep. I'm almost worried that I have, like, sleep paralysis when I sleep now.

Dick: This might all be a dream.

Maddox: Yeah. No, I might be on my Casper mattress right now. I wish!

Dick: Casper has turned the buying process into a risk-free experience. Uh, mattresses… their mattresses cost, let's see, $500 for a twin-size mattress, $750 for a full-size, $850 for a Queen size, and…you know what you do, for a King size. When you move, you throw your mattress away, and then when you get to the new place, you have a Casper mattress delivered to you.

Maddox: Ahhh, smart.

Dick: Yeah. I did that last time I moved.

Maddox: And don't ask your friends to fucking help you.

Dick: No, of course not. Alright. What's your problem?

Maddox: Dick. My problem this week, and I know I'm gonna get…I'm gonna get piled on here by both you and Sean, but it's Dropbox.

Dick: Dropbox, huh?

Maddox: Dropbox. And then more generally, Cloud storage or Cloud computing.

Dick: Wellllll…wait a minute. Which is it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is it Dropbox, or is it Cloud computing and Cloud storage?

Maddox: I'll say this. I'll say Cloud Storage. Cloud storage/Dropbox.

Dick: Well, yeah, but…

Austin: (laughs) (interjects) He's milkin' em. He's milking both of 'em.

Dick: Yeah. This is what you do, though! You make things too big!

Maddox: Well, because, when I brought in…

Austin: Broad strokes, here.

Maddox: When I brought in Oculus Rift as a solution, essentially, I was talking about virtual reality.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't care about the brand. And when I'm talking about Dropbox, I'm talking about Cloud storage. And…because the brand Dropbox might go away in the future, I still have a problem with Cloud storage.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay. So, Dropbox's entire business model…and the business model of Cloud storage, is essentially to rent you your own data. Right? That's all it is. You're j…this data that you used to have, like video game companies, now. You no longer have discs. They're just renting you software all the time. They send you a service agreement and you're licensing the game from them. And at any time they want, they can break your game, because it requires online activation, so you log into their servers and they decide, "Well, we're gonna release this patch that nobody wanted, nobody asked for, but still fucks the game that you already paid for." And your game becomes inoperable. It becomes shitty. It becomes useless.

Dick: How often does that happen?

Maddox: All the time, man.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: That's what people have some much grievance with EA.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: EA does this all the time. I used to have games on…what was it? Dark Souls II, when…there was a patch that was released that fixed a whole bunch of bugs, but the bugs were kind of like gameplay elements that people were used to and were fun. And people came to rely on it. But then they released this patch and it took it all away.

Dick: Oh, okay. I see what you're saying.

Maddox: Yeah. I paid for a game and I got a different service.

Dick: Yeah, that's annoying.

Maddox: So this can happen with Dropbox. And does happen with Dropbox. And every online Cloud storage service. I…I like having my stuff and not having to pay for it all the time.

Sean: What if you're not paying for it? I don't pay for it.

Dick: Yeah, isn't it free for…

Austin: (interjects) Yeah, I don't pay for it.

Maddox: Great. Oh, cool, wow. What a bunch of cool guys. But here's the thing. You don't pay for it, there's still problems with it. First of all, there's a ton of security issues with Dropbox. It's compromised all the fucking time.

Dick: Define "ton". Like, how often do people get their data read?

Maddox: Oh, well, I mean…how's this, Dick? 7 million users. Their passwords were compromised. That was in 2000…here we go. 7 million accounts were held ransom by hackers in November 2014. That's according to…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, it's this spammy website I don't even want to mention, but that actually did happen in 2014. And then in 2011, Dropbox allowed people to log in without password for four hours.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: You could log in with no password or incorrect password and you could just log in and then download whatever they wanted.

Dick: Ahh, that's a trouble.

Maddox: And then they found another scandal, I think this was, like, back in May of last year. They found that Dropbox files were being indexed by search engines. (Dick scoffs) and so, people were just being able to search whatever they wanted to. (Dick laughs)

Dick: All their Star Trek fanfiction porn. Erotic fanfiction porn.

Maddox: Robin's in trouble.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is according to ZDNet. On Tuesday, information seucity consultant Graham Clueley reported how Dropbox had been contacted by the media, who were investigating claims by Intralinks and Enterprise File Sharing and Collaboration Service that it had stumbled across individuals' mortgage applications and income tax returns.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Yeah. And I actually clicked on a few of these links and, sure enough, you can see somebody's 1040 form and their mortgage application.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: You can see how much money they make, whatever. These are files that are just being stored in Dropbox that are insecure.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That…that search engines index. You are putting your trust in the hands of people who don't know how to secure their own enterprise. These are the people who you trust?

Dick: Well, did you know about the scandal when they weren't even using encryption?

Maddox: Yea…(laughs) that's another one, yeah.

Dick: Years and years ago, when they first came out, they rushed it out just to meet, you know, 'cause they had to get the product out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They had to get…they were getting attention, they were getting users, so they just didn't bother putting the encryption on, is the way I understood it.

Maddox: Oh, sure. Why bother? Because Dropbox is a half-assed company and they just limp dick along with their nickel-and-dime operation. I don't…I don't trust Dropbox. I don't trust them.

Dick: I know you do. I mean, I know you don't.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you refuse to use it.

Maddox: It's a huuuuuge hassle.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Every time I try to use Dropbox, there is something that goes wrong with it. And, by the way, we transfer the show files with Dropbox, Sean, I know you use it.

Dick: Cause it's easy.

Sean: Just 'cause it's easy.

Maddox: (scoffs) Sure. You know what else is easy? FTP. Super easy.

Dick: No, it's not easy.

Maddox: Super easy.

Dick: It's definitely not as easy. (laughs)

Maddox: Between the three of us, we have how many servers in common that we can FTP on?

Dick: That's part of the problem. There's only one Dropbox.

Maddox: Why is that a problem?

Dick: Because it lessens your options. You don't have to sit there and think about what you're doing; you just plug it into the Dropbox and then send the link to us!

Maddox: But it d…that's the problem. Because you do. You constantly do have to think about it. Every time, Sean, you send me a file, I click on it, and then Dropbox nags me to subscribe and to log in, and all this other bullshit, and I have to do THREE clicks. Three fucking clicks. Oh, I'm sorry, four clicks counting the click to go to Dropbox! (Austin laughs)

Dick: That's not a lot!

Maddox: To download my file. (Dick guffaws) Four clicks for one fucking file link?!?! How about right click, save. That's two clicks. Done.

Sean: Give…give me an FTP!

Austin: His click finger…

Sean: Give me your FTP.

Dick: (yelling) Why would you do that?!?!!? Why would you play this game!?!

Sean: (yelling) Problem solved!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why would you fucking play to his game, Sean!!

Sean: 'Cause I don't wanna hear about this problem anymore!

Maddox: Yeah, ohhhhhhhhh, Sean. (laughs) You came to the wrong show, buddy. (Austin laughs) You should have sat this one out.

Dick: I mean, you hate convenience, though.

Maddox: No, I don't.

Dick: Like, I think if it was up to you, all these potentially useful technologies or software packages would be killed, because they're not good enough, when in the real world, they work just fine. They might be insecure. They might…like, 7 million people might get their passwords leaked. A couple mortgage documents might get leaked, but overall, it was a useful experience for everyone who used…who used it. Who signed up.

Maddox: Great, Dick. Then why don't you take all the shit in your house and then start paying for storage to keep it? Why don't you just pay for storage for everything?

Dick: I…(sighs) I have my piano in storage!

Maddox: Okay. Well, why don't you pay for more storage? Why don't you take everything that you own right now…how about you stop buying clothes and just rent it? You know there's clothing rental services, essentially.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They'll send you a new outfit every month or so.

Dick: Ooh, really.

Maddox: To stop buying clothes.

Dick: Does Nordstrom's have one of those?

Maddox: No, I don't think so.

Dick: If so, I'm in.

Maddox: I don't think so. But you're not addressing the…the data rental argument.

Dick: Well, because I don't think it's…I don't think you're renting data.

Maddox: You are renting data!

Dick: I think you're phra…well, I mean..

Maddox: (interjects) You're renting your own data! And you guys say…

Dick: (guffaws) Okay, I adjusted. There you go. (laughs)

Maddox: No, because you cool guys in here. "Oh, I got 2 gigs. What am I gonna…" 2 gigs is nothing!

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. They don't have 2 gigs. I pulled the biggest scam of all time and upgraded everybody I knows' gigs on Dropbox.

Sean: I have, like, 18 or 19 gigs.

Dick: Yeah. So what you do, Dropbox has this, like, referral code.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where if you get people to sign up, then you get a free 500 MB.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I pay Chinese guys to register fake accounts. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And get you your referral bonus up to the max.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Which is, like 18 gigs.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I just do that for all my friends.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: So they've all got 20 gigs.

Maddox: I mean, I got 20 gigs and it still doesn't fucking work. Dick, you remember when we were doing…(Dick giggles) No, for real.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: When we were doing The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the live show…

Dick: Right.

Maddox: We had to transfer terabytes of data. Huge terabytes of data.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And we were doing it a little bit at a time, because fucking Dropbox is awful and it doesn't ever fucking work.

Dick: But that's inaccurate.

Maddox: And you upgraded my account. You upgraded my account to 18 gigs and the file I was trying to transfer…I was trying to transfer 16 gigs worth of files, and it still wouldn't let me. It said I didn't have enough space.

Dick: Yeah, but then I logged in and did it the correct way and it immediately worked, like, 'cause I'm used to the system.

Maddox: Well, what's the correct way, Dick?

Dick: I don't…I don't know.

Maddox: Aha!

Dick: I don't sit down and teach you how to do things you hate!

Maddox: Wait a second!

Dick: Like, you specifically. Because you have a grudge against these things.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You hate iTunes. You hate Apple, and you hate Dropbox. Like, you hate imperfect, popular technologies, I think, because they're imperfect.

Maddox: (scoffs) Yes.

Dick: Yeah! (stammers) So, I'm not gonna sit there and argue with that ideology and try to teach you how to use it. I'll just do it.

Maddox: It's not…

Dick: (interjects) Like here, problem solved, done.

Maddox: But you're not addressing the data rental aspect of the argument, Dick.

Dick: (interjects) Again, don't interrupt and I will. It's not data rental, it's…you're renting the accessibility of your data. You should have a backup on your computer. The way Dropbox is set up, it copies the local folder you have onto the Cloud. So you always have it on your hard drive. Right? What you're paying for is the accessibility part. It's not the data. They don't…they don't own your data and then they're renting you your own data. They're just renting their services on it, which is all accessibility and sharing.

Maddox: Dick, that's a very myopic argument. It was a good argument, but very myopic. (Sean and Dick crack up) Because in essence…

Dick: I wanna jab your fuckin' eyeballs out so you're myopic, you fuck!

Maddox: (laughing) In essence, what Dropbox is doing, right…people are not using it the way you're suggesting. They're not using it for access to their data and they have backups and they're astute.

Dick: What are they using it for?

Maddox: And by the way, dickhead. By the way…let's go back to Dropbox being simple to use, and yet it doesn't fucking work. You logged in and I watched you download the files the exact same way I was trying to download. And then I tried multiple ways to download the files. (Dick guffaws) I tried to select…

Dick: (interjects) After I had gone? (grins)

Maddox: (stammers) No. Before. Before you came over to share it.

Dick: Oh. I remember why that didn't work. But go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, I'll tell you why it didn't work. Because I was trying to select multiple files to download at once, you know, just like a file folder, because that's Dropbox's big selling point. It's so fucking simple, it's just like a file system. You just click…you just control-click on every file and then right click and download, right? Doesn't fucking work.

Dick: Yeah, but that doesn't work, because when you do that with regular files, like, pictures and documents, it zips all those up and then sends you one zip to download. You were trying to download audio tracks, which were, like, 2 gigs apiece.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it can't zip those all up and send them to you.

Maddox: Then why isn't the dipshit technology smart enough to know that, hey, these files are too big. It exceeds the person's quotient. And I'm not going to zip it up. You download these files individually.

Dick: It says that! It says "You have selected files that are too big to zip, you gotta download them one by one."

Maddox: Dick. Listen to me.

Dick: That's how I figured it out.

Maddox: Listen to what I…I did that! I tried to download them one by one. You fucking saw me. Individually, it still didn't work. It still said that I didn't have enough space on my system, and I logged out, logged back in. I did all the stupid bullshit troubleshooting, right?

Dick: Yeah, I don't know.

Maddox: You saw me do that.

Dick: Sounds like user error.

Maddox: Yeah. Sounds like the user here is the Dropbox employees who are programming their shitty software.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Here's the thing, Dick. I'm not saying that I should be able to do that if the files are too big. I don't expect it to compress 2 gig files and then download those.

Dick: Right. You just want them.

Maddox: I expect the engineers to be smart enough to know that, hey, this person's quotient is exceeded if I zip up these files, so let's not zip up these files. Google doesn't do that.

Dick: It did…it doesn't. It doesn't zip up files that are too big. That was…that's what it says. It says "you tried to download to big of files."

Maddox: So, Dick, what's the solution? (condescending)

Dick: (even more condescending) Maddox, what? (cracks up) What?

Maddox: Dick.

Dick: What?

Maddox: The solution is…for them to just let you download the file. Not to give me this HORSESHIT. I don't need to see these error codes.

Dick: Yeah but http can't send you multiple file requests on one click. Can it?

Maddox: Dick, you can have their software push it to your browser. If you do…if you click on all those things and have it downloaded, I don't know. Figure it out, guys.

Dick: I don't think you can do that. Well, that's the thing though. That's why your perfect world doesn't exist, because they have a list of things that they need to figure out and this is an extreme edge case that they'll never…

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: By the way, a free user, who would never pay for the software, YOU, needs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they're working on solutions for their big business customers.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Hell, they're probably trying to build their business division up so they can compete with Box.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, Dick, I want to go back to the other argument you made.

Dick: (guffaws) Okay.

Maddox: Right? Which is…you said that…that…the myopic argument you made. And here's why it's myopic.

Dick: Uh-huh. (big grin, irritated)

Maddox: Because users don't use it the way you were suggesting. They're not using it as access to their data. They're using it as their primary data location. And their endgame, Dropbox and Cloud storage, their endgame is to get you to use their service exclusively, because Google has released the Chrome Notebook.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the Chrome Notebook isn't meant to be a Notebook where you store your data. The data is all stored in the cloud.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And they want you to rent it. That's what they're doing.

Dick: Well, I would be for that.

Maddox: Great, of course, why..why wouldn't you be?!

Dick: Because if you're looking at a system where the computer is…is just, like a free device that you have to access computing power and data storage on the Internet…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's…that's kinda the same as buying a super expensive system, like a heavy client.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Controlling all or backing up yourself, if you just have like a light…what is it called, a light client? I don't think it's called that, but uh…a thin client.

Maddox: A thin client.

Dick: All your storage is on the Internet and you're just paying an access fee instead of the big lump sum at the beginning, it's…it's better.

Maddox: Well…so why don't you have a Chromebook, smart guy?

Dick: I don't think we're there yet.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh. (condescending, taunting)

Dick: I mean, I don't…Chrome…chromebook doesn't make sense for me. A lot…Dropbox does. I run all of my stuff off Dropbox.

Maddox: I know.

Dick: Because I can edit it on my phone, my laptop, or my computer, and it never fucks up.

Maddox: It always fucks up. It's awful software. (Dick sighs) It always, always fucks up. Every single time I log in to get my data, Dick, I don't appreciate seeing ads.

Dick: Why do you log in, though? Where are you logging in? It just goes on your system. It's in a shell.

Maddox: I misspoke. I don't mean…I don't mean log in. First of all, I…I'm not gonna run a fucking service on my system.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Why do I have to run a service?!? Fuck you! My files are already on my computer! Guess what the service is!? My fucking hard drive. I can access it and I don't have to rent it!

Dick: Yeah. (sighs) Well.

Maddox: I don't have to pay! I don't have to be beholden to them. I don't have to be beholden to an Internet Service Provider…and then worrying about my data caps.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which you have to…and then suck Time Warner's Dick to increase, and then they think you're pirating files! (yells)

Dick: I am!

Maddox: And the NSA snoops on Dropboxes, did you know that?

Dick: They snoop on everything.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: What do they not snoop on?

Maddox: They…yeah. Well, guess who's on the Dropbox Board of Directors? Condoleeza Rice.

Dick: Yeah, well.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What do you mean, yeah?

Maddox: Government shill. Listen to this. (Dick and Sean crack up) Literally. Literally. This is from ZDNet. I wanna continue reading this. "Dropbox responded to their data breach with a blog post, saying that it was addressing a vulnerability and that it was unaware of any abuse of this vulnerability, Clueley wrote."

Dick: Well, sure.

Maddox: Well, clearly, "despite Dropbox's protestations, users' data was exposed, otherwise files like this and this would have fallen into the hands of unauthorized parties." And they link to people's tax returns.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then they said, "Surely, when it comes to security, every user should be notified." Right? But there hasn't even been a tweet. It was the same when Dropbox responded to the Heart Bleed vulnerability. Just a blog post. If only there was some sort of machine or some sort of global communications system through which Dropbox could contact its customers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They don't do that. Dropbox is a shitty service. They don't care about their users' security. They don't care about their data security. And Dropbox doesn't reset all its users passwords when they get a data breach, did you know that? They don't. They, um…

Dick: (interjects) I'm trying to remember if mine was reset. Because every once in a while, I have to put in a new one and I have to reset it, 'cause something…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Something's gone wrong. But I don't pay attention to security emails.

Maddox: I know. Oh, I know you don't pay attention to security, buddy. (Dick guffaws) Only users…

Dick: This guy!!

Maddox: Only users think that…only users that they think might be affected…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Are the ones they contact.

Dick: That's prudent.

Maddox: Oh, really? Real prudent, Dick! Well, frankly, I don't trust the same company who got their users' data breached to be competent to accurately know which user's data was breached. If they're too inept to keep their doors locked, they're probably too inept to know what was stolen in the first place.

Dick: Yeah, I don't know. Everyone gets hacked, man.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (scoffs)

Dick: Like, that's the way the Internet's set up.

Maddox: Sure. Sure! Everyone gets hacked.

Dick: Well, everyone's trying to not get hacked, but everyone gets hacked. What are you gonna do?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How long was Heart Bleed around before it got fixed?

Maddox: I don't know. (Austin burps)

Dick: I mean, what would you…what would you do? You can go code up a 2000-line file sharing piece of software…what do you…what do you want? What would you want it to do that Dropbox doesn't do that makes them so bad?

Maddox: Dick, we need to talk about something. Last episode, there was a big bug on the front page, which a lot of people commented on.

Dick: Oh, the slash?

Maddox: Yeah, the slash. You know anything about that? (grins)

Dick: Yeah. The…the program that I wrote so you could enter our problems into the back end of WordPress instead of having to use the database…

Maddox: (interjects) I use…yeah.

Dick: Had an ad…slash…had a character bug. Had an add slashes bug in it.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Now it has strip slashes like it's supposed to, but it didn't.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Tell us how Dropbox could be better.

Maddox: Okay. No…don't use it, for one! (Sean cracks up) Because I don't think that you should…

Dick: (interjects) Great solution!

Maddox: Yeah. Because Dropbox isn't a solution, Dick. I don't think you should have to rent your data all the time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's their end game. Dropbox is renting data and Cloud storage is renting data. That's all it is. And then you constantly have to pay because…look. All companies are moving towards this business model where they are renting you movies, they're renting you games. You no longer own anything and you can't resell it. You can't keep it. And if the power goes out, if there's a flood at the data center, if your security is breached, everything's gone.

Dick: Yeah, well. I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I assume they have people looking at redundant copies of their data. They probably use Amazon's back end or something like it.

Maddox: Yeah. You would hope so, but…look, man. If Dropbox was as simple and useful as everybody says, I would use it.

Dick: Then everyone would be using it. No, 'cause you don't use iPhones. You don't use shit that works.

Maddox: iPhones don't work.

Dick: You have to know every single tiny minutia of everything before you'll use it. So you'll never use something like Dropbox.

Maddox: No…I would use Dropbox if they cared about data and they weren't renting it back to us. But, I mean, right now, I use…I'm kind of a hypocrite because I use…I use Cloud storage. I use Google Drive. Which is still another service that I'm having to rent my data on.

Dick: Yeah. They give to the NSA, too.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. I mean, I don't know. Sean, you…you look like you had something to say about this whole Dropbox thing. You like Dropbox, why?

Sean: Well…no. It's convenient. That's the only reason. And I use Google Drive, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But again, it's like…you were saying about how the people are using that for, like, their backup. Just because they're using it wrong doesn't mean that the…in other words… they're able to use it right, or correctly, if they want to, in other words, having a backup on their own computer and stuff, and just using it to transfer files. It's like, don't leave anything really important up there.

Dick: It's probably safer there than backed up on your computer anyway.

Sean: Does that make sense?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No. No. (giggles) No, it's not actually. I have here…there was a bug in Dropbox. They released a patch. Remember how I said at the top of this problem how companies release patches sometimes that break their own software?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Dropbox released a patch to cover the vulnerability of the password breach and effectively started deleting random users' files.

Dick: (laughing) Uh-oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That sucks.

Maddox: Woops. So it's ineffective. I don't trust Dropbox. I don't trust Cloud storage. It's an awful business model. I don't think I should have to constantly rent my data. If I buy a hard drive, I paid for it once and I can keep it for as long as I want.

Dick: Yeah, I just don't think that people want that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They don't have to worry about their hard drive.

Maddox: Well, that's how the celebrity leak scandal happened, Dick. Everyone put their shit on Cloud storage.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It all got compromised. And now we have this huge fucking scandal and everyone's a rapist.

Dick: Yeah. Everyone is. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or an accessory.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I don't know, man. I don't think the solution is "don't use Dropbox", though.

Maddox: Don't use Dropbox. I absolutely…I mean, here's the thing. Dropbox is awful. They'er all different flavors of awful.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But the trend is, Sean, not for people to use it as accessibility for their files. I mean, people do that all the time anyway. They email themselves files, and so on and so forth.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, because they can continue to do that, right now. Gmail has lots of storage that people can use. Over 2 gigs, I believe, like up to 5 or 6 gigs, right? You can email yourself. Well, I guess you can't email yourself files larger than 25 MBs, but…

Dick: No, you have to upload em first. You can, but you have to upload 'em to your Drive first.

Maddox: Oh, okay. So you upload it to Drive.

Dick: It does it automatically.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Again, Cloud storage. I don't think it's a solution. I think that if companies…there's gotta be a better way, man.

Dick: But isn't FTP just the same thing, it's just you had to set it up? Like would you feel more comfortable with your files on an FTP server?

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: 'Cause that's…I think that's a way bigger risk.

Maddox: No, because I trust myself. I trust myself to do a good job with my own security. I can have the password…first of all, I've never heard of a large-scale FTP breach where FTP as a service across the board was completely compromised. I've never heard of anything like that.

Dick: Well, no. It's the servers one by one that get hit.

Maddox: Exactly. Which is much more secure, whereas Dropbox is just one…

Dick: Well, that's much more obscure.

Maddox: Well…security through obfuscation is a thing.

Dick: It's a negative.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's a big negative.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Yeah, security through obscurity is a bad thing.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Because it's not structurally secure, it just gives you the illusion that it's secure.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: (interjects) Because you think you're secure 'cause you're a needle in a haystack, but you're fundamentally insecure.

Maddox: But, if they can't find that needle in a haystack, I mean, that's still…I would rather be a needle in a haystack that's insecure than the number one target where it's just one straw instead of a haystack.

Dick: No. That's true.

Sean: What if somebody brings a magnet?

Dick: That's true. Good point, Sean.

Maddox: (scoffs) Great, Sean. Good job, Sean.

Dick: What are you gonna say, Austin? You look like you have something to say.

Austin: You guys are nerds. (they all crack up) I don't give a fuck about this. (laughs)

Maddox: Well, that's my problem.

Dick: (sighs) Oh, man. (grins)

Maddox: Cloud storage and Dropbox.

Dick: Alright. (laughing) My problem is…um…what was my problem? Oh yeah. Helping Friends Move. You got anything you want to pitch, Austin? You got anything about soup and blankets you wanna pitch?

Austin: No…(laughing)

Dick: Austin and I are doing an art project for Burning Man.

Maddox: Yeah. He sent me…he sent me a file at, like, 3 in the morning and was like, "Hey man, can you blow this up or anything?" (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Enhance? What do you mean? Oh, to print?

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) To print.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause he needed printed on a 12 foot by 12 foot banner.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: How did he send it?

Austin: It's not a banner. It's a giant inflatable.

Maddox: Yeah. A giant inflatable.

Dick (interjects) Austin, explain what we're doing!

Austin: I can't. (giggles)

Dick: Why?!

Austin: This is..you know what we're doing. What are we going? Alright.

Dick: People are listening. Explain to people who are listening.

Austin: It's called Soup-Flavored Blankets. We're giving soup and blankets out and blankets that might be flavored like soup. You'll have to lick the blanket to figure out if it's actually soup flavored.

Maddox: Alright, well. (Austin cracks up)

Austin: I can't even tell you what I'm doing, to be honest. I'm just kinda running with a baton in my hand and we're just gonna see what happens.

Dick: That's great. Great idea.

Maddox: So he sent me a file early in the morning and he was like…he calls me up and he goes…"I need to print this picture of myself on this inflatable."

Dick: If anybody knows about printing pictures of themselves, it's you. (they all laugh)

Austin: I went to the pro. I went directly to the pro.

Maddox: You went to the pro. Right to the source.

Austin: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Um, so I told him, I'm like, "Okay Austin, just send me the highest resolution file you have; the higher, the better." And so he sends me these files he saved off of Facebook.

Austin: I didn't save th…I just clicked and dragged and dropped, 'cause I don't have a home and I don't have shit lying around, so I decided to go with what's on the Internet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So he sent me this file…the resolution was 640x640.

Dick: Oh, pretty good.

Austin: That's just what Facebook is. I just clicked and dragged Facebook photos off.

Maddox: Yeah. At 72 dpi. So I blew up, (giggles) and of course it looks like, just sand. (giggles) Just like…but I cleaned it up! I made it look pretty good. And then he ended up…

Austin: (interjects) But the final solution was "this photo sucks."

Dick: Sieg Heil.

Austin: "It won't look good blown up." And I had to have a friend go all the way to my mom's house in fucking Iowa, grab a picture off the fucking shelf. (Dick giggles) Go to Kinko's, scan that shit high resolution, and then that's the solution to the problem.

Maddox: Well.

Austin: 'Cause I don't understand what the fuck you're talking about with numbers and letters. 72 dpi? Fuck off. What the fuck. (Maddox laughs) It's a picture. Make it look good. Blow it up. Who cares? (laughs)

Dick: Did you buy them a pizza at least?

Austin: No, I didn't even buy him a pizza.

Dick: Oh. (disappointed)

Maddox: Yeah, nothing.

Austin: He didn't pick me up at the fucking airport, either.

Maddox: Well. (Maddox and Austin laugh)

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Well, that's…that's my problem this week. (Dick and Austin crack up)

Austin: Fuck you!

Maddox: Cloud storage.

Dick: See you next week, guys.

Dick: Oh, boy. You know what I wanna hear about? Smash Brothers.

Maddox: Oh, boy. Which I…I got a volley! I'm ready for my Smash Brothers. Let's hear these guys. Let's hear these dickheads.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey, Maaaaddox! I just wanted to call in and tell you about your whole 'Smash Bros is not a real fighter'. (Maddox laughs) **There was a recent Street Fighter tournament.** (Dick guffaws) **Where one of these "top players in the world" did nothing but crouch and block the entire game.**

Maddox: Wow.

"And then he…all he did was crouch/block the entire game."

Maddox: Cool. Sound like a good strategy.

Dick: Yeah.

"Maybe once or twice he went in and got a hit, but then he sat back down in his little crouching block…"

Maddox: This guy should be an announcer. (Dick laughs)

"All day…if that's your best mission on Street Fighter…"

Dick: Boom goes the dynamite. (laughing)

"Like, a competitive Street Fighter game…"

(they all crack up)

"That's…that is the dumbest thing I've ever…it's basically as good as you doing half-circle special all game as Ryu, but still losing." (Dick laughs) **"I remember that stream. Goodbye, Maddox. And oh, one last thing…Street Fighter sucks."**

Maddox: Ohhhhh!

Dick: Oh. Took a sharp left.

Maddox: In at the buzzer.

Dick: What do you think?

Maddox: Wow. The dumbest thing I've ever heard was that voice mail.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: I'll tell you why Smash Brothers isn't a real fighting game. Here's the thing, Dick. Would you expect, when you're playing a game, for the rules of that game to be consistent. Right? That's a very basic thing.

Dick: Yeah. (blown away that we're still arguing about this)

Maddox: You want the rules to be consistent. You want to know that when you do something, it's going to do something every single time the exact same way, when you press a button. Right?

Dick: Sure. On a computer game?

Maddox: In Smash Brothers…yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I'd be surprised if it did not. (giggles)

Maddox: Exactly. And here's why Smash Brothers is not a fighting game, and barely a game. Because there are random elements in every stage that…there are stages that, uh…that cause your character to fall off, and they collapse, and then Smash Brothers players, they counter with, "well, you can turn those off in competition play." Right? In competitive play, you can turn that off. But even if you turn off all random encounters, like, all the random things, which, by the way…powerups. You can get random powerups during the match. Do you think that's conducive to a fair tournament? If you wanna know if one player is as good as another player, you want them to be matched up and you don't want any chance, any random encounter chance to happen, right?

Dick: Oh, I see what you're saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, yeah, actually. That's a huge…'cause it's like an NFL game…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, people aren't just, like, throwing poison Gatorades into the middle of their regular Gatorades, like, randomly.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Throughout the play.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So there are random powerups in Smash Brothers.

Dick: Because then it wouldn't be a sport anymore. Like, how can you bet on that?

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: There's…there's an element of chance. So then they counter, "Well…"

Dick: (laughing) Pulling their pants down randomly!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: On the…(trails off)

Maddox: So then they counter, they say "well, you can turn that off, too." But you know what you can't turn off, and this is endemic in every single Smash Brothers game.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Still. If you turn off every single random stage effect and random powerup. It still, occasionally, your character will just trip for no reason. You character, while walking, will trip.

Dick: Oh. (scoffs)

Maddox: Because the creators of the game didn't want it to be a fighting game. They intentionally put that in…

Dick: It's a party game.

Maddox: It's a party game. That's why it's never going to be a serious fighting game, fuck off.

Dick: Okay, that's the best argument you've made so far. 'Cause that's, like, the first base umpire just tripping a guy randomly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As he's running to first. Like, huh?

Maddox: You can't bet on that. You need consistent rules for a fighting game. Fuck off, Smash Brothers isn't a fighting game. And it's barely a video game. Eat shit.

Dick: Alright. I'm not even gonna play the other…the other…

Maddox: More Smash Brothers arguments?

Dick: Yeah, because that's it.

Maddox: Good. Garbage.

Dick: That's it. It's not a…it's not a contest if there's random shit involved.

Austin: Yeah!!

(Sound effect: applause)

Dick: Here's one about Star Trek, though.

(Voice mail: (purposely whiny male voice): "Hey guys. This is Section 31 Agent 1337. (they all crack up) **You guys are such idiots.** (laughing) **Dianna…(inaudible) Troy. She is not even a telepath. She can't read minds. She's an empath, you idiots. Which means that she can…**

Dick: Sean's nodding. Sean knew that.

...read feelings, not specific thoughts. Leave it to you IDIOTS, I'm talking to you, Dick. (they all laugh)

Dick: Me?!?!?!

And you, Maddox!! To get that wrong. You guys aren't real Trekkies. (Maddox cracks up loudly) **You should go fuck yourselves!!")**

Maddox: Thank you for that compliment.

Dick: Sean, you're nodding like you knew that all along.

Sean: It's one of the weird things I remember from that. I didn't see that whole series until really recently.

Dick: Uh, that's…I think that's…

Sean: It's good! It's good. It's well-written.

Dick: That's the great way to do it.

Sean: I was never into that stuff.

Dick: Uh, and it still holds up.

Sean: Yeah!

Maddox: The Next Generation? Yeah.

Sean: No, it's good stories.

Maddox: Not enough for me to call myself a Trekkie. I don't give a shit.

Dick: What? We never asked you what you first jerkoff memory was.

Maddox: Uh-oh.

Sean: What, that's, like, private information, man.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: Me too! Me too.

Sean: And if somebody…if somebody hacks the server…they'll find.

Dick: A hot chick…a hot chick will draw it for you, though, if you say what it is!!!

Maddox: Yeah. It's not private information if it's on Dropbox, my friend! (Dick laughs)

Austin: That's the kind of stuff he saves. Yeah.

Dick: Lemme guess.

Sean: That's the only thing I leave on Dropbox.

Dick: Was it something musical? Was it, like, Jimi Hendrix lighting his guitar on fire?

Sean: It was a saxophone.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Oh, it was a saxophone?

Sean: No.

Maddox: Was a sousaphone, wasn't it. (Dick laughs)

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Bum, bum, bum, bum.

Austin: De doo, de doo, de doo, de doo. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: What? You're looking at me like I'm gonna answer.

Dick: Yeah! You will. Come on.

Maddox: Sean, we'll get you to crack.

Dick: Otherwise, I'll get Cool Sean to answer.

Maddox: Ohhh, Cool Sean!! Let's get Cool Sean to answer.

Sean: What do you mean, like, oh, yeah, yeah, yeah! (Dick and Maddox cracking up)

Maddox: Cool Sean. So if you guys don't remember…

Dick: Cool Sean will answer.

Maddox: If you guys don't remember, we had Cool Sean do the voice of Sean in our Solutions episode. When Sean's solution got mysteriously cut.

Sean: What about the…what about the other one? (Dick guffaws) When I ripped that guy on the voice mail?

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 64

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(Biggest Solution Theme riff starts)

Today's show is brought to you by our own bonus episode!

(Clips of the Bonus Episode begin:

Dick: I think I could get a satellite up in space.

Maddox: (giggles) Oh, yeah?

Dick: More easily than I could make an icemaking machine for Burning Man. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: You can imagine how a satellite works. Like, you take, uh…I don't know. Solid oxygen, throw it in a rocket, do…do some..uh…

Maddox: Do some rocket science! (laughs)

Dick: I could get there eventually. (grins)

Dick: Can we do…instead of free birth control, can we do PAY birth control?

Dick: We pay YOU to put the IUD in.

Sean: Not to make that mistake.

Dick: And we call it "Eugenics"!

Maddox: Well, you know what a refrigerator is? It's basically a box. (they all laugh)

Sean: Do we have to debate what a box is again on this show?

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: No, 'cause…

Dick: No, it's a box. I'll give him…I'll give him that one. (Maddox laughs) It's def…it's an icebox.

Maddox: It's an icebox.

Maddox: You know what Target does carry? They have 50 Shades of Gray branded cockrings. (Dick guffaws) Yeah.

Maddox: And she could CRUSH you with her thunder thighs. Yeah, man.

Dick: How do you keep it up with all these thoughts going around in your mind? (grins) Getting your dick ripped off in James Bond!? (laughing)

Maddox: Man, I'd get the biggest boner permanently.

Sean: She could rip your dick off if you're not careful. (Dick laughs)"

Clip of Solutions Episodes Ends, theme riff fades out)

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Facebook to Hipsters. With over 3.5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I am Maddox, and with me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy!? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back.

Sean: Hello.

Maddox: Episode 64.

Dick: Yeaaaaaaaah.

Maddox: Guys. We should uh…we should just get right to it.

(Sound effect: Drum roll)

(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Helping Friends Move was the biggest problem in the universe last week.

Dick: Woooohohohooo!! Yeaaaaah! (taunts)

Maddox: Followed by Dropbox and Cloud Storage, which…the voting on this is so outrageous. You guys, in the negative…not only is it negative, but -2000 votes?!

Dick: Oh, my God!! (Sean cracks up) Are you serious?! (laughing)

Maddox: That's…there's gotta be some shenanigans.

Dick: That's some serious negative acceleration there, man.

Maddox: No, there's gotta be some shenanigans.

Dick: You had a number of fuckups. You had a num…go ahead.

Maddox: Here's the thing. Here's the thing, Dick. I don't think that there is enough people in the world who have that strong of an opinion. At least in our listener base. That have that strong of an opinion of cloud storage.

Sean: Is that the biggest…is that the biggest downvote?

Maddox: No.

Dick: No, Guardians of the Galaxy was the fastest. Maddox is the biggest downvote.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: On the list.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But Guardians of the Galaxy was the fastest. That's like…it was, like…that was like a Megaslide at a water park. The ones that pull your swimsuit right up your ass. That was that slope!

Maddox: Was this higher? This was higher than Guardians of the Galaxy, wasn't it?

Dick: Uh, I don't know. I'll have to check the slopes.

Maddox: That's absurd. Look, I'm calling some shenanigans on it.

Dick: (interjects) No, here's why…

Maddox: Maybe there's somebody that used a scripting bot or something.

Dick: N…no. This is why…this is why I was saying you fucked up. Because, first of all…it was very technical.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because with this kind of…with this number. With this large of a negative turnout… it's…it becomes a negative vote against you. Like, people aren't voting on the problem anymore, they're voting on how you brought it in. When it's…when the number is that large. You know what I'm talking about?

Maddox: Yeah, I know what you're saying.

Dick: It's the…it's the…"Was it Dropbox? Was it Cloud Storage?" You know, that was part of the confusion. And when people get confused, they get angry. And that's when the downvotes start flying. Pew, pew, pew pew!

Maddox: Yeah. They get emotional and they become idiots. Angry, emotional idiots! That's who voted the Dropbox problem down!

Dick: (chortles) You're not helpin'.

Maddox: You know what, dickhead? Those fuckers! Those shady fuck Dropbox executives..

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Remember? They were the ones who booted the kids from that baseball field awhile back, up in uh…

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They booted those Mexican kids!

Maddox: Uh-huh. (smug) Those Mexican kids. They booted 'em!

Dick: And then the Mexicans wanted to see their papers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They reserved the field. Yeah! (grins) Yeah, you're right!

Maddox: Those shady fucks. These are the ones? You know what? I wouldn't be surprised if a few Dropbox engineers got their feelings hurt last episode. Good!

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Fuck your Dropbox, fuck your service! Here's the thing. **Adam Reeburn** says, **"If someone is using Dropbox as their primary storage, that's their fault for being a fucking moron, not Dropbox's."** Here's the thing, Adam Reeburn!

Dick: (interjects) It continues.

Maddox: That argument completely disregards the argument that I made that essentially all companies are moving towards this platform! Nobody wants you to own anything anymore, because they want to rent it to you! Constantly. That's the endgame here, guys.

Dick: Why do you have a problem with that?

Maddox: Because, Dick. You…instead of buying something once, and using it for as long as you want, now you have to rent everything. Imagine if you had to rent every tool that you owned. Imagine if you…

Dick: Well…

Maddox: …had to rent your car permanently.

Dick: But that's called a lease.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, that's…in some ways, a lease is better for you depending on your life circumstances, like…

Maddox: Yeah, but the majority of people, it's not. The majority of people can own their cars. The majority of people can own the tools that they have. They keep trying to deprecate everything. Look, man. People are paying subscription fees for Netflix.

Dick: I don't mind that.

Maddox: And they're paying subscription fees for Gamefly.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then subscription fees for Hulu. And subscription fees for this show. (Dick laughs) And subscription fees for…Netflix and Amazon and all these other services.

Dick: Yeah. Sure.

Maddox: You know, all these subscription fees start to add up. Next thing you know, you're paying…you cut your cable cord, but now you're paying the exact same as you did before on all these little services, and everyone is trying to do this now.

Dick: Yeah, I guess I just don't see a problem with it. Like, it's a different way to monetize resources.

Maddox: No, I'll tell you.

Dick: Like, instead of paying a lump sum at the front, you're paying a little bit every month.

Maddox: No, it's garbage. Because, I'll tell you what. Adobe has moved to this model exclusively.

Dick: And it's great!

Maddox: No, it's awful. It's absolutely awful.

Dick: Microsoft office is incredible!

Maddox: It's terrible.

Dick: It's 10 bucks a month instead of the 300 that you used to pay!

Maddox: Dick, you're paying $300 every three years. You're paying more than that!

Dick: Yeah. That's…I don't…I do not have a problem with paying $300 every three years.

Maddox: Yeah. But it's not…it's $300 for Microsoft, $300 for Adobe, another four or five… actually, it's more than that. And here's the thing. With Adobe. With Adobe Suite. What they do is you pay for the subscription fee so you can no longer stick with one version.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: 'Cause every few months or so, they'll update it and they'll break features. They'll take it away. I used to use Adobe, uh..what is it? Premier. Premier. Right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Premier used to have all these transitions and really cool features in it, and they stripped it from the Creative Cloud version. So if you're paying for the subscription version, you lose out on features that you once had, that if they decide arbitrarily to take it away.

Dick: Yeah, alright. Uh…

Maddox: (interjects) And also, Dick, what happens…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, my God! (Maddox makes crazy frustrated sounds) Speaking of arguments everyone's sick of.

Maddox: Fucking assholes!

Dick: What? Then what happens, what?

Maddox: What happens if you can't pay your subscription fee one time? What happens to your data?

Dick: They repossess it.

Maddox: Mmmm.

Dick: What do you mean, what happens if you…

Maddox: What happens to your data?

Dick: Well, umm…on a lot of services, it just sits there and you have to pay to re-edit it again, like it'll sit there in a read-only version. I dunno what specifically Dropbox does, but..

Maddox: Ohhhhh. (condescending) Yeah. Nobody really knows.

Dick: They don't delete it.

Maddox: So it's a big cloud.

Dick: I mean, I've done it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I've done it on, like, subversion repositories and it just sits there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can no longer use the services.

Maddox: Well, you hope. You hope that they leave it there. Nobody really knows these policies from company to company. They might hang onto your data, they might not. It might be gone forever.

Dick: Yeah. I guess read the manual.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Mmm. Or just buy a hard drive and keep it.

Dick: Yeah. Well, yeah. Okay. Um, hey. This one from **Nico Yazawa. "I'm moving this week and I had to ask a friend to help and I'm paying him in barbecue. Fuck, time to kill myself, all because Dick can go fuck himself."** He felt bad, 'cause he was moving, and he asked his friend to help him. Which he should.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was the point I was making last episode. Everybody agreed with.

Maddox: Look, man. If you're in a desperate spot, then sure. Um, I…

Dick: Put it on a credit card. Put…hire movers. Put it on a credit card. It's your problem. It's not our problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I know you're moving. If I want to help, I'll show up.

Maddox: Better yet, sign up for my new subscription service. Uh, you pay a monthly fee and anytime you gotta move, I'll just come move it for you, but you pay forever.

Dick: I mean, it's called insurance. Insurance works the same way.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm not a big fan of insurance, either.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Um, **Alex Worth** says, **"Dropbox isn't a box."** (Dick laughs)

Dick: Jesus Christ. (Sean and Maddox laughs)

Maddox: And then…and then there was a thread of comments. I'm gonna read all of these. **Adam Lou** says,**"It's a square cylinder."** And then **Sean Willings** says, **"It's a five-sided box."** And then **Gilbert Garcia** says**, "It's a six-sided square."** (Maddox laughs) Which, by the way, that thumbnail last episode, Dick, was so well-done.

Dick: Yeah, it was great.

Maddox: It perfectly encapsulated both problems. That was really good.

Dick: What is that guy's name?

Maddox: Elizar…

Dick: Elizar…Elizar Tartar Sauce?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Something like that?

Maddox: Yeah. He's doing a good job.

Dick: He's awesome.

Maddox: I like his stuff. And then Tubbs, too. They…they all do good stuff. And everybody was raving about that fanart we received last time. And, by the way, guys, it's live on the show. It's live on the show's website, so upload your fanart and we'll shit on it.

Dick: Yes, we hid it in a really hard spot to find. It was, uh… http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com/fan-art.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Some people found it on their own, but now it's linked to.

Maddox: People were saying we should have abbreviated it to "fart". Real funny. Um, **Derek Connelly** says, **"Why does the Download button never work? I want to download an episode and put it on my iPod for a road trip I'm about to leave on, but all it does is open it in another window and play the episode there."** And then **Stormy Waters** says, **"Right click and Save Link."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Real simple solution. And notice it's a Mac user. Who has this problem.

Dick: Oh, my God. (annoyed)

Maddox: Mhmm. 'Cause…(stammers) how do you right-click in a Mac, what, do you have to Alt, Control?

Dick: Is this how you wanna start this fucking episode!?! (Maddox laughs) With rehashing your insanely…(stammers) small technical problems that you have with EVERYTHING. Like, you have not…how long did it take you to install iTunes? Two hours? You can't use Dropbox? You can't use self-checkout lanes?!? (angry) I think you need to get…you need, like, an assistant monkey.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who can do all these things for you.

Maddox: I'm gonna…

Dick: (interjects) Like, a literal rhesus monkey.

Maddox: Those self-checkout lanes never work. I'm gonna make you watch a three-minute video of me trying to check out that doesn't fucking work! The machine doesn't

work. And also, um, installing iTunes for two hours is because I didn't want to install all the bloatware that comes with iTunes.

Dick: (laughing) Oh, my God.

Maddox: I had to decompress the package and install specifically what I wanted.

Dick: (laughing) I wanna hammer my brains out. I can't take any more tech stuff. Um… **Juan Tavarez…"Maddox, every time you talk about fighting games, you're painting yourself off more and more as a salty scrub who doesn't know when to quit."**

Maddox: Yeah. Hmm. (annoyed)

Dick: "Get good." Uh, a lot of people were complaining that you were…and I'm not calling you this, but they were saying you were lying about tripping in Smash Brothers. Did you see any of that?

Maddox: Well. Yeah. You know what, guys? I was going through my old Wii collection of video games, and I saw in my collection, I actually own Smash Brothers.

Dick: Which one, though?

Maddox: Smash Brothers Brawl.

Dick: Yeah, see, they're saying that's the only one that has tripping, and it was…

Maddox: Yeah. OH! (starts to taunt, Dick cuts him off)

Dick: (interjects) Lemme play some voice mails first.

Maddox: Okay. Let's hear these idiots!!

(Voice mail: (male voice): Hey Maddox, you petulant fucker!! Um, so, Smash Brothers. The tripping thing only exists in Smash Brothers Brawl, which was on the Wii…"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mmm.

"Tripping doesn't exist in the highly competitive Melee version."

Maddox: Oh, okay. (dorky voice)

Dick: It's true.

"And…Iwata…the creator…")

Dick: Alright. I can't take any more of that one.

Maddox: These…Smash Brothers…

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey you guys, I just wanted to comment on that… (Dick cracks up) **fucking 12-year-old that called in to defend Smash Brothers. It's not a fighting game. It's a shit series and I love that the person who defended it was a 12 year old, which is the target audience for Smash Brothers."**

Dick: This guy's on your side, I guess.

"Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: Oh. (dejected)

Maddox: Yeah, man! These…talk about petulant. These fuckin' Smash Brothers fans? Here's the thing. Two episodes ago, they were all saying, "Hey Maddox, you just haven't played a…you just haven't played a good Smash Brothers game. You probably played Melee, which is the worst one in the series." And now that I bring up the tripping mechanic, they're like, "Oh no, THAT was the worst one. You should play a real one. You should play a real one." Every single time! Guys, if it's a competitive game. If it's really balanced, you shouldn't have to turn off anything to play it. You shouldn't have to turn off a b…you shouldn't have to go through an arcade dipswitch screen to decide how to play the game. (angry) You should just turn it on and fucking play it! In Street Fighter, you don't have to go through 40 different customizations and options and disable random elements in the game just to make it playable. Fuck you and fuck Smash Brothers.

Dick: Alright, how about this. 'Cause you and I are gonna play Smash Brothers tonight, right?

Maddox: That's true, actually. (giggles) We are playing tonight, yeah.

Dick: We are playing…we're gonna settle it once and for all.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Okay? If I win, it's a fighting game. (Maddox guffaws) And in fact, superior to Street Fighter. And if you win, I don't know. Somebody's gotta write you an apology about how right you are.

Maddox: Blow me!

Dick: (scoffs) Well,no…(stammers) This isn't how bets work!! You're always trying to make tattoos and blowing part of the bet.

Maddox: Yeah! 'Cause you never…everything bad that can happen to you, you don't want, so there's nothing that you'll ever agree to.

Dick: What do you mean, me?

Maddox: Yeah. You won't agree to tattoos. You won't agree to shaving your stupid haircut. You won't agree to shaving off your eyebrows.

Dick: (guffaws) Maddox! (laughing)

Maddox: You won't agree to sewing your mouth shut. Like, none of these things that I want you to do. (Sean and Dick laugh) I got a comment here.

Dick: Can you make a bet like a real person, not a cartoon? (grins)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, in reality?

Maddox: Drink a bottle of hot sauce.

Dick: I've already dranken a bottle of hot sauce.

Maddox: Well. Drink a hotter bottle.

Dick: Are you avail…are you open to that? If I win at Smash Brothers, tonight, when we go play this exhibition match, it's a fighting game, and that's it. 'Cause I'm fucking tired of talking about Smash Brothers.

Maddox: Okay. I agree to that. You can call it a fighting game.

Dick: And it is. And you agree that it is a fighting game.

Maddox: I agree that you can call it that.

Dick: Okay. So no…(Maddox laughs) No betting at all. Great. (grins) What a…what a fun guy. What a fun bit. Right?

Maddox: What did…what did you…

Dick: (interjects) Let's make a fuckin' bit…I don't know. What do you want?!

Maddox: You won't agree to anything!

Dick: Like sewing my mouth shut, or shaving my head, or getting a tattoo on my face?!

Maddox: Shave half your head. How about that?

Dick: That's the same as shaving your h…uhh…(stammers) Okay. I'm also sick of this conversation!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Go ahead. Whatever…what were you gonna…no. You know what? I got something special for you when you say whatever you were gonna say.

Maddox: No. I'm not…no.

Dick: Go ahead…you can do it during this song.

("Maddox Lost" song plays)

Maddox: (sings) Is…an asshole! (singing along with "Dick is….the…winner!")

Dick: It's right this time. It's right this time.

Maddox: Piece of shit. I'm calling shenanigans on that vote. That's fucking bullshit. Someone scripted it. Um, I got a comment from **Tim Greely.** He says, **"Soup blankets?! That's one step removed from chili sheets."** (Sean laughs) And then **Rob McGregor** says, **"Hey morons, the extra base is anal when you round home."**

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. That was my joke the first time. Uh, hey, April O'Neil likes the soup blankets.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: How about that?

Maddox: The porn star April O'Neil.

Dick: Beloved Internet porn star.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Pretty cool. She'll come out and sample some blankets.

Maddox: My friend used to date her.

Dick: Uh..congratulations.

Maddox: Yeah. Dude, how do you know she likes the blankets?

Dick: 'Cause she was Tweeting at me about it.

Maddox: How did she…how did she find out about it?

Dick: (exhales) Uh, some…a fan tweeted at her about it.

Maddox: About your blankets?

Dick: About the soup blankets. A fan of the show tweeted to her about the soup blankets.

Maddox: Why would our fans do that?

Dick: Why does anyone do anything?

Maddox: What are they, just like, tweeting? That's so weird. No…(giggles) It's not one of those 'why does everyone do anything'. That just seems like a really weird thing to tweet to April O'Neil specifically. That's so weird. Huh.

Dick: Well…maybe he thought it would be fun.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, Dick.

Dick: It was. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) Great. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Real fun t…real fun time for all. Let's go back to talking about Dropbox. That's fun!

Dick: Oh, God. (Maddox laughs) That's the worst! I think they…it went beyond even voting the problems, they were voting down that you even brought it in.

Maddox: No, Dick!

Dick: That's how bad it was.

Maddox: No, they weren't. No, they weren't. (stammers) Here's the thing. Everyone's an idiot except for me, alright?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Some day, when you guys are all enslaved by the subscription fee model and you no longer have hard drives and you all have to rent material and you can no longer download anything you want because you forgot to pay your subscription fee, or your data gets deleted, or God knows what happens, 'cause no one knows…(angry) Then you'll

come kiss my ass! And you know what? I'm gonna slam the door shut on you! No! I get all the hard drives. I'm gonna be a hard drive hoarder. That's what I am.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Good.

Dick: I got some voice mails for you.

(Voice mail: (male voice): (accent): "Hello Dick Masterson, zis is Adolf Hitler. Yes, this how I talk. (Dick and Maddox laugh) **I noticed that you said that the Holocaust was as bad as moving. That is not fair. I do not make any of ……on things. I crush them up and put them in the train!!** (they laugh) **And you can bet at the end of the day, I do not stick them with the gas bill! Hoooo.** (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Ohhhh!!

"Have a nice day. And go fuck yourselfs!")

Maddox: Whoa. (Dick laughing)

Dick: Oh, what, that's…

Maddox: (interjects) Over the line, Hitler!!

Dick: That's too much for you…(cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. I…choose to draw the line at Holocaust. (Dick giggles) Hitler, you're not welcome to call into the show ever again. Dick, make…make a note.

Dick: Block that guy? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Se…change our voice mail to say "If this is Hitler, hang up. We're not gonna play your voice mail." No more Hitler calls! Hitler!!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: He's NOT a friend of the show. Fuck that guy! Anyway, Dick.

Dick: He has a good point though. He didn't stick 'em with the gas bill. Alright, um…

Maddox: Are you read to move onto the…the problems here?

Dick: Yeah. You wanna go first, or you want me to go first?

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah. I'll go.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: My first problem this week is Infantilism!

Dick: Mmm. (possibly confused)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

(Sound effect: "Ding!")

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, good problem! Yeah. (Dick laughs) Good job, Maddox. This is fr…this is the definition of infantilism. You know what it is, Dick? Sean? You guys know what this is? From uh…http://www.dictionary.com, it says, "The persistence in an adult of…"

Sean: (interjects) I know what it is! (Dick guffaws)

Dick: What is it?

Maddox: What, Sean!?

Dick: Go ahead, what is it? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, what? (annoyed)

Sean: I just wanted…I just wanted to interrupt him, because…yeah.

Dick: (interjects) I know what it is, too. It's when you wanna have sex with those giant trees from Lord Of The Rings.

Maddox: Kind of. Actually, you're kind of on. I know you're making a joke here, but…

Dick: (interjects) I think they're called 'Ent'fants, I think.

Maddox: Oh, no, Dick. Dammit! (annoyed) (Dick cracks up) Fuck.

(Sound effect: "wrong buzzer")

Maddox: Asshole.

Dick: What did you think I meant?!!? (grins) Where did you think I got that?!

Maddox: I thought you meant people who fetishize things like Lord Of The Rings and wanted to have sex with them.

Dick: No, no, no. (grins)

Maddox: But that's…that's pretty close. "The persistence…"

Dick: Sean, what did you think it was?

Maddox: Yeah, what…what, Sean?

Sean: I just wanted to interrupt because he never gave us the chance to ask.

Dick: Oh, oh, oh. Yeah, yeah. I hate when you ask rhetorical questions without giving a pause.

Maddox: Well, first of all, here's the problem with Joker 1 and Joker 2 over here, right? First, Joker 1, Dick…he…he's just gonna think of some stupid fucking thing to say that's irrelevant just to make a joke.

Dick: A pun! It's called a pun.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (annoyed) A pun. And then Sean, um…

Dick: Wordplay.

Maddox: I give Sean time to respond, and he's like, pulling his hands out of his pockets and putting his weed away, and all this…

Sean: Oh, come on!!

Dick: Oh, my goodness! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No…(stammers) I try to buy a little bit of time so Sean can get to the mic, but… uh, yeah, Sean. You know what it is.

Sean: Yeah. (slowly) (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Go ahead, just move on!

Maddox: Thank God.

Dick: Go!

Maddox: Great. "The persistence in an adult of markedly childish, anatomical, psychological, or physiological characteristics." That's what infantilism is, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, to me, it signals the sign of an emotional, immature person, and the inability to cope with challenging situations. It's a sign of weakness. Babies and children need to be CODDLED. (angry) So people who act like babies or children also need to be coddled. It's a character flaw and a sign of weakness. And I'm not just saying that flippantly here, I actually mean it's a sign of weakness. I mean it in every sense of the word. These people are weak and aren't fit for survival. They should be rejected like the bad batch of eggs that they are.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Infantilism. I'm so tired of these guys, man.

Dick: It is annoying.

Maddox: Yeah, man.

Dick: Me, too.

Maddox: It…it culminates in many different ways. Sometimes…I've been to a couple of parties lately…

Dick: (interjects) The way people talk to their dogs is a big one.

Maddox: Yeah. I hate that.

Dick: Is that right?

Maddox: They don't just talk to their dogs that way, they talk to children like they're babies.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: And if you don't stop that…if you don't stop that, they will continue to talk like babies into adulthood. I have a friend…

Dick: Who, the children?

Maddox: The children. I have a friend who…man, I can't even say her name, but…

Dick: You could just make up a name.

Maddox: Well, I can't, because the way they used to pronounce it was specific.

Dick: Sarah.

Maddox: Okay. Sarah. They would call her Sawwy.

Dick: Sarah Tits Enormous. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: They would call her Sawwy?

Maddox: Sawwy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they would, like…they would baby talk her so much. They didn't stop baby talking her until she was, like, eight or nine years old.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And so, she never got out of that phase of talking like a baby. For real. Even into adulthood, she has this…

Dick: Of having, like, a speech impediment.

Maddox: It's a speech impediment. She has that, because her parents continued to infantilize her way into…way past the age that most people stop. Which is…which should be never.

Dick: Yeah, my sister doesn't…she's got a hard line against infantilism, talking to her kids like they're…

Maddox: Yeah. Good.

Dick: Like, putting "y"s on everything.

Maddox: Yeah. Don't…don't…

Dick: (interjects) It's like a thought virus. Like, when they get exposed to it a little bit, they just immediately incorporate it and that's how they refer to everything. It's very weird seeing it work. Like, you really have to totally quarantine them from it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because the mind is ready to adopt it.

Maddox: Well, essentially, if you bring a child into this world, it's a fresh mind learning the language, right? And if they learn to speak a certain way, the child's mind doesn't know whether you're talking to them in an accent or whether you're talking to them like an infant. Whatever way you're speaking to them is what they're going to learn and pick up. So if you talk to your child like a baby, it's going to learn to speak like a baby. Idiots. And, I don't know if this is just a problem that I have because of the parties I've been going to, but I've been going to parties with adults, like, 30-year-olds, who, as an activity, want to sit around and color in coloring books.

Dick: Wait a minute. There was something in the news about this. Like, a day camp for adults.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where they would do exactly what you're talking about.

Maddox: Yeah. It's really sick. It's…I don't know what it is about me, but something visceral…

Dick: You have fucked up friends, too. Your social circle is fucked, 'cause I do NOT have this experience.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: I'm not saying that as an insult. This is, like, an observation. 'Cause you're always bringing in these problems that you're exposed to that I have n…like, people coloring in coloring books?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I've not been exposed to people wanting to do that. Sean? Have you?

Sean: No.

Dick: No.

Sean: Nobody I know does that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Dick: Where are you meeting these people?

Maddox: Well, it might be because of the social circles that I hang out with sometimes, because I hang out with a lot of creative types. I hang out with people who are creators.

Dick: Oh, yeah. I hate that.

Maddox: People who create content on YouTube. People who are podcasters. People who are moviemakers, and people who have creative work…and then I hang out with a lot of people who are in the comic book realm, so maybe it has something to do with that, and then cosplayers. That's another big one. Um, a lot of the cosplayers are really stuck in this infantilism mode. And ultimately, it's destructive. I think that the ultimate destructive form of infantilism is Michael Jackson. He's the ultimate adult infant, right? He never got out of that phase, and look at him. His sex life was a mess. He…he had…I mean, even to the point where during a Barbara Walters interview, one of the top questions that she was asked to ask Michael Jackson was whether or not he was a virgin. Because people weren't even sure if that guy had ever been laid because of the way that he acted in the world and his..

Dick: Yeah, he was a weirdo.

Maddox: Yeah. People call it a weirdo, but ultimately, it's adult infantilism. And it's because he probably had stunted growth because he never got to have a childhood. But I think the infantilism that we are dealing with today is completely different than Michael Jackson's. I mean, Michael Jackson, for all his faults, may have been a victim of his upbringing. But, uh…this is from a website called…

Dick: Yeah. He was molested, wasn't he?

Maddox: Uh…I don't think there's evidence of that.

Sean: I don't know about that. I mean, Joe Jackson beat the shit out of all of 'em.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: But that doesn't lead to infantilism, necessarily. It leads to potentially other psychological issues, but…(Dick guffaws) This is from Flavorwire. Uh, http://www.flavorwire.com. It's an article they wrote. Uh, they're talking about this philosopher. This modern philosopher. Her name is Susan Neiman. "She wrote a book called "Why Grow Up?" in which she suggests that millennials need a dose of enlightenment philosophy. This is from the website, saying "Emmanuel Kant famously pitched the Enlightenment as man's emergence from his self-imposed immaturity. Without this, Neiman warrants, society risks caving into bellicosity. It may not be an accident, Neiman writes, that Peter Pan was published shortly before the first World War."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So…she's suggesting that this could have far-reaching implications in society. Unconditional…so, she talks about this thing called "unconditioned status".

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: "It's a tranquil inactivity and constant state of peace that comes when all questions about the world have obvious answers." That's how a child thinks. In black and white, good or bad. Everything has an obvious answer to it. Basically, th…the article goes on. "Basically, the unconditioned results in a sort of childlike, carefree glee that comes about when one's imagination can resolve any logistical dilemma. One feature of the unconditioned, a sign of immaturity, is that humans in this state cannot distinguish between the way the world is and the way that it ought to be." I would agree with Neiman that this lack of distinction characterizes much of millennial culture.

Dick: Oh, are you shitting on millennials now?

Maddox: Well, I think it has a lot to do with it. I think millennials are, for a large part, infantilized.

Dick: I mean, yeaaaaaaah. (unsure) I mean, I don't know about that.

Maddox: Well, just look at Reddit. One of the…most of the top voted threads on Reddit…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Are just arts and crafts projects that people took some piece of childhood from their nostalgia…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then made it into some pot or pillowcase or quilt or blanket, or some fucking thing. A trinket of some item.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And then it's…it's idolized. It's cherished. They think that this is somehow productive or good or something…

Dick: Well, they like it.

Maddox: They make it part of themselves. Look, liking things is fine. We were just talking about this. My friend and I, we went down to Disney World, not the resort, but Disney World Town. Downtown Disney. That's the one. And we were talking about how it's kind of sick how some of these adults go there, just as adults, and just become children? Because you can go to Disneyland and have fun and like it, like you're saying, Dick. But when it becomes part of your identity…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's when it becomes a problem. That's when it becomes infantilism.

Dick: Okay, so this is being said by a guy who wears mostly video game t-shirts.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: How…how am I supposed to reconcile that?

Maddox: Well, I'm not an infant. I wear it because it's part of my aesthetic and I appreciate the artwork style. That's different. You can appreciate art…

Dick: (interjects) That's different than the crafts on Reddit? 'Cause I've seen some crafts, and it look like a lot of craftsmanship…like, it's almost like the craft is so good that the nostalgia part is just irrelevant to it. Like somebody will pixel paint an entire room like the first level of Mario.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: And it's like, "Oh, okay. That's a pretty cool style. That you did that. I get it. That's cool."

Maddox: Yeah. I don't think that they are appreciating the art so much as making it part of their identity.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: I think that there is a difference, and you can tell these people. You can tell who they are. Because when I'm wearing my video game shirts, I'm an adult wearing a video game shirt because I appreciate the art style, I appreciate the aesthetic, and I appreciate the work that went into it, but it's not part of my identity. It used to be. When I was 16 years old and I started my website, back in 1997. I wrote about video games and I wrote about cartoons that were definitely a part of my identity. In fact, my name Maddox comes from an anime.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That was…I mean, that is an intricate, intrinsic part of my identity. Online and offline, right? At that time. It no longer is. I haven't watched that cartoon in ages. I don't identify with it.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: It's pretty cool. But it's not part of my identity. That's an important distinction.

Dick: What about collecting toys and action figures? Is that infantilizing?

Maddox: It can be. It depends on why you collect them. There's a v…there's a wide range of collectors out there. Some of them collect them for nostalgia. Some of them collect them for money, as an investment.

Dick: (scoffs) Oh, investment.

Maddox: Some of them collect them as aesthetic. They like to have them around. And I would probably fall into the latter category.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: A little bit of aesthetic, and also the collector aspect. It's fun to collect, sometimes. 'Cause people collect toys. People collect stamps. People collect bottlecaps. People collect lots of things. But if you…if it becomes part of our identity and you start to eat cereal and sit around in pajamas as an adult and then go to parties and color in books?

Dick: Yeah, that's weird.

Maddox: It's kind of disgusting. I have a visceral reaction to that. And I don't know what it is. Maybe it's because when I see an adult, I think that there's some element of sexual maturity there. And if I see them coloring, it suggests stunted psychological growth and I feel uncomfortable about that.

Sean: I know exactly what you mean. It takes her down about all the notches.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's like, "Wow, the girl's really hot."

Dick: Oh, my God.

Sean: But ooh, she's really young in the head.

Maddox: Yeah. I really don't like that. It makes me really uncomfortable. And if they were actually emotionally stunted or they had some learning disability, but these are adults I know.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who…who don't fall into that category. I know…I met this girl at a party one time. She has her Master's degree.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And…in a very specific field. It's kind of a sciency field, right? She's very smart, very charismatic, and outgoing, and I thought, "this chick is pretty cool". Saw her at the next party. She was coloring in a coloring book.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Absolutely shattered my image of her and what I thought of her.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And it's not just a judgement of her choice of hobbies, right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Because…

Dick: Because where do video games fit into that?

Maddox: Well, it depends, again. Like, some people play video games, like some of these speed runners I've been watching on Twitch? They are competitive.

Dick: Which, you have a Twitch channel, you should not forget to mention that. (grins)

Maddox: (laughs) What, Dick? What are you implying, here?

Dick: That you've pitched it on every episode since you opened it.

Maddox: Look. Look, man.

Dick: Which I support!

Maddox: I don't give a shit. It's k…it's pretty much capped off. I'm not really promoting it. I have not even mentioned Twitch on Facebook. I don't give a shit.

Dick: I'm just kidding.

Maddox: I mentioned…okay.

Dick: But I do want to know where video games fits into this, because I grew out of them. Like, I don't enjoy them the same as I used to. I just don't.

Maddox: See, I do, because I've always appreciated the challenge of a video game. And I've always appreciated the escape of a video game.

Dick: Escape, I'll give you.

Maddox: And it's not that…yeah. It's challenging and it's fun. And it's an escape. And it's interesting to see the different art styles in video games and so on, and so forth. But if you are playing video games with the mindset of a baby or a child, where you are pretending. You know, that's the other problem that I have with this. Sometimes people play video games, not because they like them, but because they want to identify with a child.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: They say that they're "young at heart". Or a child at heart. That is code for phony.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Piece of shit. Faker. I can sniff them out a mile away.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, I don't like when…I don't like when people act like…I could just say girls. I don't like when girls act like they're in high school, like, they're always keeping tabs on their friends, like, all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's really painfully obvious when they haven't grown out of that. I don't know if that's infantilism that you're talking about.

Maddox: Not quite. 'Cause at least high school shows an age of maturity. I'm talking specifically the mindset of a child, like an eight-year-old…

Dick: And this happens?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Yeah. You know what, Dick? This is, like, the Vine Stars problem? Which you're not familiar with Vine stars, so it's really hard to explain what it's like.

Dick: Well, I know what a Vine is.

Maddox: No, but you gotta…it's a totally different beast, man.

Dick: It's like Instagram.

Maddox: No, no, no. I'm not talking about Vine as a platform, but I just came back from VidCon last weekend.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And it has just gotten worse. I went to VidCon two years ago and there were a lot of, like, YouTube celebrities, and again, quotes around the word "celebrities". But they were walking around and all these people were taking pictures of them, you know, because they're supposedly famous people online. This time at Vidcon, there were more cameras pointed at themselves than there were of other people. Everyone at VidCon was a star.

Dick: Oh, 'cause they're recording themselves for their channel, or whatever?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ech.

Maddox: I even overheard some guy standing by the bathroom, who was saying… (giggles) he was recording in his vlog or Periscope, or whatever the fuck. He was saying, "well, not many people have recognized me, so I'm just gonna hang out by the bathroom and wait until someone recognizes me." That was his goal. That was…(stammers) just these Vine stars.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Entitled shitheads. Anyway. Um, infantilism. I think when you, uh…when you realize it, you'll agree. I also just wanna add this one last thing. It also…there's a type of infantilism called paraphiliac infantilism. It's a sexual fetish that involves roleplaying.

Dick: Ooooh.

Maddox: A regression to an infant-like state, including drinking from a bottle or even wearing diapers.

Dick: (chuckles) Diapers? (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Sexologist…

Dick: Ahh, that's a bad one. Can you imagine having to tell a girl that? Like, if you were really into that? Like, how to broach that one? (Maddox scoffs) That'd be tough.

Maddox: I can't even imagine the mindset it would take to have to do that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What an asshole!

Dick: 'Cause girls are very open to stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I feel like. Like, when they wanna bang you…well, not all of 'em, but when they're invested in you, they're open to weird shit like that, but man, that would be a weird conversation to have.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, um…I just want to end on this one last point. "Sexologist John Money says in his book Love Maps…he describes paraphiliac infantilism as a possible adjunctive to masochistic discipline and humiliation."

Dick: Well.

Maddox: So, people…people get off on this in a way of…I guess, as masochism. And that's what…that's kind of the consensus of psychologists.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah. It's pretty weird.

Dick: So why is it a problem? This?

Maddox: (stammers) I mean, everything I just described.

Dick: Well, but that's all, like, annoying. How does it become a problem?

Maddox: Dick. I specifically mentioned how it's a problem, in that it shows emotional immaturity and a lack of ability to cope with problems and challenges in life.

Sean: But what impact on society, is that what you're asking?

Dick: Yeah, what's the impact?

Sean: I mean, how widespread is it?

Dick: Hey, I'm just trying to help you out, Mister Negative Two Thousand.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How is this a problem?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: People getting off wearing diapers.

Maddox: People who are not able to cope with stresses, pressures, and challenges in society are not equipped to go to war for us.

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: They're not equipped to "save" us. They're not equipped to…they're not survivors. They're not breeders. I want breeders in our society to be hardasses!! I want apex predators gettin' off and having babies, baby!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's what I want. I don't want a bunch of pussies and sissyfoots.

Dick: Sissyfoots.

Maddox: Sitting around coloring books. You're not prepared to have a child if you're sitting there coloring in a coloring book, because it's not…you're not going to be an adult role model to your child. You're going to be just another kid to them. And kids aren't equipped to raise kids. Even Peter Pan, at the end of the fucking book, decided to hang his hat, didn't he?

Dick: Peter Pan?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…no. That was the Robin Williams version where he grew up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The real Peter Pan went back to Neverland.

Maddox: Yeah. Neverland. And that…(stammers) ironically what Michael Jackson called his ranch. Neverland. That's…

Dick: I don't think that was ironic. He named it after that.

Maddox: Well, coincidentally, then. That is the ultimate destructive form of infantilism, which is Michael Jackson's life.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Bravo.

(Sound effect: clapping)

Maddox: What's your problem?

Dick: My problem is Hunting Crybabies.

Maddox: Oh! Hunting Crybabies.

Dick: I don't know what to call this. Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, I know…I know what this has to do with, and I was gonna bring this in, Dick, it's a good problem. Let's hear it.

Dick: Yeah, it's this fucking Cecil the lion thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, there is a famous lion. There's a famous lion on the Internet, Sean. I'm SURE you don't know about this guy. Did you know about Cecil the lion?

Sean: It's on the…it's on the front page of every news site. How could I not know about it?

Dick: He got his ass killed.

Sean: Mhmm.

Dick: Cecil the lion got shot by a hunter.

Sean: Mhmm.

Dick: Excuse me, shot by a bow. A crossbow. Not with a gun. Right? So I'm…this was my experience with this. This was my exposure to this. I log on the Reddit, or the Internet, and I see, "Oh, we gotta kill this guy." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The headline is, "Guy who's worse than Hitler kills an animal." A famous animal. Right?

Maddox: Was that the literal headline?

Dick: I don't…I think it was. (grins)

Maddox: I mean, that's sounds a little bit like hyperbole, but there's just enough, like…

Dick: It's hyperbole, but that's what they all…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what they're saying.

Maddox: That's what they say, yeah!

Dick: I mean, that's what they're saying. And every…that's the worst part about these guys. They're always saying but not saying something. Like, every commenter on the Internet who's talking about Cecil the lion getting shot is suddenly, like, a mob boss.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're, like, "You know, I'm not saying he should get…I'm not saying I want to kill this guy, but I am saying if something unfortunate were to happen to him…"

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: "You know, I wouldn't shed a tear." It's like, well you're just saying that you want him killed.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're just saying it! You're just…you're that person.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you are now that person on the Internet issuing death threats. It doesn't matter semantically how you phrased it. You got your point across!

Maddox: Everyone is Johnny Law on Reddit. Everyone is Johnny Law on the Internet.

Dick: Oh, on Facebook.

Maddox: They're suddenly Matlock, ready to try and execute this guy! This guy…okay. He poached a lion. That's bad, right?

Dick: He…he didn't poach him. He shot him.

Maddox: No, he poached him.

Dick: Well, see? Here…(stammers) What, were you there? (Maddox giggles) He paid…he paid his 50 grand to go on a hunting expedition in Africa. Which, in my…in my estimation, I don't give a FUCK how many singular animals they are killing to put 50,000 dollars into Africa!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's all they have to export. From their point of view, letting a rich, entitled, hunting hobbyist come into their country, and drop, I don't know, how many meals and water pumps and vaccines and solar flowers can that buy? Probably a lot! (angry) It can probably help them more than a lion!

Maddox: Well…yeah, Dick. So that's the argument that…that I made, not for the Cecil the lion case, because that's not what happened here. With the previous girl, there was that previous outrage where a girl went to Africa and she hunted wild game.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But she did it legally.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: She paid…she paid her correct fees and her correct dues and that does go into preservation. Every one of those animals that she kills, the money that she pays for that licensing fee, which I think for a rhino is upwards of $100,000 to $300,000. That goes into preservation efforts and they create…(stammers) Excuse me, it…

Dick: (interjects) God forbid it would go into humanitarian efforts!

Maddox: Well, that too!

Dick: God forbid we just give 100% to humans and fuck the animals, right?!

Maddox: Well, no.

Dick: Why not?

Maddox: Because I think there's…ecologically speaking…

Dick: They're people there!

Maddox: Right, right, right.

Dick: There are people there! Who cares about the animals that are there?! (yelling) There are people!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, ecologically speaking, to have a diverse ecology is beneficial to everyone.

Dick: Who…f…

Maddox: (interjects) And those people…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, this is for you, not in the country, saying that.

Maddox: Dick.

Dick: I just wanna make that absolutely clear.

Maddox: Dick. I'm on board with this whole problem. I just wanna say that from the…from the outset here.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This guy in particular, though, is not one of these guys who is paying…

Dick: Here's what…here's what happened, what I've found. He…he put his 50 grand in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He hires his guide, or whatever. The guide's…the guide's driving him around through the hunting preserve. Now, this is…this is where it gets sketchy. Uh, somebody lured the lion out of the preserve with a carcass of some kind.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, who knows if the dentist did this or knew about this? Then…when the lion got into the hunting area, dentist shoots him. Right? That's it! That's it. That's all we know. Is that true or false? True!

Maddox: Uh, I don't know that, Dick. That…that may be his version of events. What I read online is that he was with the…uh…with the crew with the carcass on the vehicle.

Dick: Of course. But what does he know? Like, oh, so what? He automatically knows that they're trying to lure a lion out of a protected territory?

Maddox: But…

Dick: Just because he's there with a carcass? Trawling a carcass is what you do to hunt sharks, also.

Maddox: Right, but…

Dick: (interjects) It seems like a smart move.

Maddox: Well, of course. Yeah. But I think the problem, again, Dick. The distinction here is that this guy paid some corrupt official, or…(stammers) not, you know, just some corrupt guy. He wasn't an official part of the…the licensing agency…

Dick: (interjects) So, what? He should have researched him more?

Maddox: Yes. The Game Licensing Agency in Zimbabwe…you can buy proper permits that…to go hunting these animals. But it sounds like this guy just bribed somebody to go shoot this lion.

Dick: According to whom, Internet commenters? Like, this guy has not…said any of the things that you're saying. This poor dentist, whose business, whose place of work is now destroyed by people who are upset that a "famous" lion got shot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And "famous" is very important here. (annoyed)

Sean: Yeah. He shot the wrong lion.

Dick: He shot the wrong lion.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's a…it's a non-story if he didn't shoot that one.

Dick: Because the…the Zimbabweans or whatever they're called, don't give a fuck that the lion was shot, because to them, lions are predators.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because they live in huts!

Maddox: Yeah, I did read an article about how they are attacked by lions. Their elderly are killed by lions.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: The lions kill their own game and their hunt and etc, etc. Uh, but…when…it's not just that it was a famous lion. That has a lot to do with why everyone's talking about it.

Dick: I think it's 100% that it was famous.

Maddox: No. Because the girl, again, the girl who went. There was that big kerfuffle on the Internet.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Back when that girl went on that hunting expedition.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And I think she killed a lion as well, or she killed a giraffe and she killed a rhinoceros and some of these other things, but um…she defended herself and rightly so, because she said that she pays those fees, and those fees go into preservation efforts. Those preservation efforts, by the way, create tourism. Eco tourism. A lot of tourists go there, to their country, and they spend money trying to take pictures of those animals.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And…that tourism dies off if those animals die off. So if you wanna make the case that it helps the villagers, that's fine, but so does ecotourism and not having those animals there will be much worse to their long-term economy than having them there.

Dick: Yeah. I…I don't think anyone commenting on this issue is thinking about the long-term economic benefits of ecological tourism in Zimbabwe. I think they're just pissed off that their pet lion got shot.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…

Dick: Their anthropomorphized, majestic hero lion that they've loved forever got killed.

Maddox: Yeah, well…

Dick: (interjects) Because…and they always…they go RIGHT for the attack. The first…the first fucking comments. Even Schwarzenegger's ass posted this on Twitter "What do you feel like a tough guy now? Do you feel macho now that you killed a lion? Does that make you feel like a man?" Like, where…where is that coming from? Why is…it's satisfying to kill something. Of course. That's what…that's been in our DNA for millions of years. Of course it is. Of course it's satisfying. Where does…where does this, like, immediately attacking him for wanting to be manly, like do you see how much projection that is!?? Like, "Oh, you're only doing this so you can feel like a man!" No, it's just…it's a hobby! It's exactly the same as a video game. Like, you…it's satisfying to kill things. To stalk them, and go…and I'm not a hunter. Like, I've never been hunting, but I can see how it would be satisfying.

Maddox: Dick, I'm not defending this guy, only because it sounds like what he did was poaching, and…and…I'm not defending this guy, because he's not defending himself. Fuck this guy! Just like the…

Dick: Sorry, what? Say that again? He's not defending himself, so fuck him?

Maddox: I'm not defending this guy because he's not…I'm not defending this guy 'cause he's not defending himself, 'cause I think that he knows what he did is unjustifiable.

Dick: How do you defend yourself against a mob?

Maddox: Well, hold on.

Dick: Who's ruining your…dental practice.

Maddox: Well, I mean…

Dick: That supports your family.

Maddox: That's a…that's a totally different, uh…different argument. I'm…I'm against that mob rule as well. And I think in this case, it's unjustified. I agree that the mob is wrong here, but I also think that the dentist is wrong. But uh…to an extent, it doesn't…

Dick: (interjects) With no facts, though!

Maddox: Well, I mean, there's some…

Dick: The facts that he's done it before doesn't mean that he did it this time.

Maddox: Well, that's true, but…it…it builds a character case.

Dick: Do we not even have time to get in the facts? We need to decide IMMEDIATELY how to punish this man? Because in two days we'll forget about it again!? So we better decide RIGHT NOW while our tempers are hot before any other facts get in?

Maddox: Yeah. That's the mob rule problem, and I think that's a huge problem. I think it's a little bit different than this, though. Um, but that is a big problem with this case specifically. The problem I had with this one is that all these vegetarians took it as an opportunity to shit on everyone who's not a vegetarian. They…used it as a platform to push their agenda. And they did it with the following snarky messages. (dorky voice) "Hey, all you people who have a problem with Cecil the lion getting shot. You should be vegetarians, otherwise you don't have a right to bitch about it."

Dick: That's totally true.

Maddox: No, absolutely not.

Dick: Why is it not? A cow is exactly the…how is a cow any different than a lion?

Maddox: No, first of all…

Dick: (interjects) How is killing 80 million cows every year different than killing a lion?

Maddox: Because, Dick. The cows were raised for slaughter. They're palatable. They're raised for our consumption and we bred them to be that way. Not like the wild lions roaming out into…in the prairies and the savannahs.

Dick: What's the difference?

Maddox: I just explained it.

Dick: It's satisfying to eat meat. It's satisfying to kill a lion. What is the difference?

Maddox: The difference is that one is an endangered species and one is not. One is bred to be killed, one is not. And also, the other difference is, Dick, that vegetarians, to eat their sanctimonious diets, are still contributing to the death of BILLIONS of animals. Those… those threshers, those wheat and soy threshers that they use. Those machines that they use to harvest all the crops that vegetarians eat? Guess what? They're sucking up snakes, rabbits, skunks, possums, squirrels, chipmunks. Birds! Even deer! Countless animals get sucked up into these machines to make your diet! So the sanctimony? Fuck off with your hypocrisy. That's my problem with that.

Dick: Well, which side are you coming in on, then? You think the vegetarians are wrong for criticizing people who are meat eaters for criticizing a guy who killed an animal?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So none of them are right.

Maddox: None of them are right.

Dick: But at least the vegetarians…(stammers) I mean, at least they're trying not to kill things.

Maddox: Doesn't matter. Try…that's a bullshit…I hate that argument so much. I hate it when they say they're trying not to kill things, 'cause guess what? When you're ignorant, that's an excuse, 'cause you're ignorant, right? But once I've told vegetarians that you're no longer ignorant, your diet is contributing to the death of billions of animals…they're… they're not longer ignorant, right?! They can no longer stand behind that excuse.

Dick: Yeah…

Maddox: (interjects) They can eliminate their contribution to the dead animals down to 0 if they planted and picked their own crops. But then they say, "Well that's too inconvenient" for their lifestyle. Well, guess what, dickhead? Sometimes it's too inconvenient for our lifestyles to be vegetarian. If you're gonna make that argument, where do you draw the line in the sand? What's the level of convenience that we should inconvenience ourselves?! How many animals are okay to kill? Tell me that number, dickhead! There is no fucking vegetarian authority.

Dick: All of them!

Maddox: All of them!? Then, how come they're killing billions of animals!? It's bullshit, man! They're just…they're thinking, "Oh, because I kill a third less animals than you, I'm better. I'm morally righteous"? Well, guess what? What if someone comes along and they say, "I kill one less animal than you." Are they then more morally righteous? Fuck you, man!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can't…no. It's not…it's all or nothing. You can't kill one human being and say you're a good guy 'cause you didn't kill 10. You're still a dick.

Dick: No. You…yeah. Sure you can.

Maddox: One maybe…one maybe..no…when you're drawing that moral distinction, you're either a murderer or not. It's binary. You have murdered, or you have not.

Dick: Yeah, but if you did it in an abstract way, you're not as bad. I mean, that's just the way morality works.

Maddox: Well, you say that. I mean, there's clearly a case to be made that that's not the case.

Dick: Well, that's the way society works. You set the…if you set the speed limit to 15 miles an hour, there'd be less deaths. Therefore, setting it at 55 or 75 causes more deaths. You've caused more deaths!

Maddox: If you're saying that…

Dick: (interjects) You're not as bad…you're not as bad as a murderer.

Maddox: If you're saying that you're doing it in an abstract way, you're not as bad, then you just undermined your own argument, 'cause you're saying that meat eaters, then, are doing it in an abstract way.

Dick: They are!

Maddox: 'Cause you're not…okay, then, you're just as culpable as a vegetarian.

Dick: Sorry, you're…I'm just a culpable as a vegetarian?

Maddox: You're no different than a vegetarian. If you're saying that meat eaters kill their animals in an abstract way and you're saying that vegetarians kill their animals in an abstract way…

Dick: I don't think meat eaters kill animals in an abstract way. You got the meat…you got a burger sitting in front of you. You don't know where that came from? It came from a fucking cow.

Maddox: Yeah, but you got a…piece of bread sitting in front of you. You don't know where that came from? It came from a field that killed lots of animals.

Dick: I…yeah. You made that point. I don't know what you're…saying. Like, I don't know why you're bringing that up again.

Maddox: Because that moral relativism that's going on…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Between vegetarians saying that they are more morally righteous for not killing, uh, you know. 6 billion animals as opposed to 3? I think that's complete horseshit. And by the way, that doesn't account for the plant life that they're killing. Like, it's just specieism. Which I'm…I'm in favor of. At least I'm honest about it. Vegetarians who eat plants are specieist. Because they think that they deserve to live more than the plant life they're killing. They think that their life is more important than the plants they're killing.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: And meat eaters are no different, except that they also think that their lives are more important than the animals they're killing.

Dick: Oh, boy! I don't even know what we're talking about anymore.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: You don't like vegetarians. I get it.

Maddox: Well, that's…my problem with this lion thing. Is the vegetarian angle. But…

Dick: (interjects) Which is?

Maddox: This guy's a poacher, though, Dick. I'm pretty sure this guy's a poacher. If he wasn't defending himself…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, you get that…you get that with no evidence.

Maddox: Well, that's what I read.

Dick: Like, you haven't heard the guy's story. The guy not defending himself against a mob is enough for you to convict him.

Maddox: No! B…based on what I read on CNN. I read on CNN that this guy paid a corrupt official $50,000. They found the official…

Dick: (interjects) So what? He…

Maddox: (interjects) And two of…two of them have been arrested.

Dick: (interjects) So he went out there, "Hey, who's corrupt around here?"

Maddox: No. No.

Dick: "I wanna kill a lion. Who's corrupt?"

Maddox: No. There are shady, fly-by-night organizations online that you can pay for a permit that's a fake permit. You know it's a fake permit.

Dick: Oh, you know he knew?!

Maddox: Well.

Dick: There you go! There you go!

Maddox: (interjects) He's not…he's not..

Dick: (interjects) You heard it on CNN!

Maddox: He's not defending himself, Dick. And also, two of these guys were arrested. These Zimbabwean officials he supposedly paid?

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: They were arrested.

Dick: What does that mean?

Maddox: That means that…obviously they weren't official. The…the girl. The permits that the girl bought hers from…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Those guys weren't arrested.

Dick: Well…they were on the up and up.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I assume.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Right. That's why I don't think that this is exactly the same as the girl.

Dick: Of course it's not the same! It was illegal! Whatever they did was illegal!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: That's why it's a big fucking problem! That's why everyone's on their high horse convicting this poor bastard when I rea….I don't know what he did. And I don't care. I don't care. I don't think anybody…I don't think there's an ounce of altruism in the bones of anybody who has a problem with it. Like, they just want him dead.

Maddox: Yeah. I agree. I totally agree on that point.

Dick: And then…(stammers) and it's exactly the same as the people who wanted that girl dead who did it legally. They don't give a shit whether it was illegal or not. They don't give a shit about ecotourism.

Maddox: (interjects) I'll…I'll…

Dick: They just don't want things killed because they think they're next.

Maddox: I'll agree on that point. (giggles) Well. I'll agree…

Dick: (interjects) They think. That's…they see something and they love it, because they project this stupid, anthropomorphic shit on it. They look at that lion and they project their fucking dads onto it. And when they see it die, it causes them pain, because they feel weak. They think they're next. It's their shitty way of dealing with their own mortality. That's why they get so pissed off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck all of 'em! (angry)

Maddox: Also, Disney. I think people like the Lion King, so they…as soon as it's Cecil the lion, they anthropomorphize it, like you said. Sean, do you want to say that word?

Sean: Anthropomorphic. I can say it this week.

Maddox: Uh, but yeah, Dick. I agree on that point. I think that the mob who is mad at this dentist don't give a fuck about altruism.

Dick: No.

Maddox: They don't give a fuck about lions. They don't give a shit about anything.

Dick: They don't care about the facts, either.

Maddox: They just want the satisfaction of impugning someone and going after someone with a pitchfork! I totally agree with that.

Dick: Oh! They want the satisfaction of killing something. Wow! That sounds familiar, doesn't it?!

Maddox: Uh-huh. (grins) And by the way, these vegetarians who are getting all haughty and saying that you're not allowed to feel sympathy for this lion. They say you're not allowed b…almost as if it's a joy to feel righteous indignation.

Dick: It is!!

Maddox: You're not allowed to feel this sense of righteous indignation against somebody or something. It's RESERVED. This joy is reserved. They have exclusive monopoly, because they're vegetarians. Fuck you, man. And it's…

Dick: Who gives a fuck if it's endangered, by the way? Like, I would like one logical reason why it's important to protect this species versus getting money into an economy.

Maddox: You mean beyond the ecological diversity?

Dick: Like, what is this, Pokemon? We gotta have all the species? We gotta have all the things? Who fuckin' cares?!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, really. Who cares?

Maddox: No, Dick. It's…biologists care. I will make a case that ecological diversity is good for biology, because when you eliminate a population from a biology, it has unpredictable effects on that bio…on that ecology.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Africa might become a huge shithole.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Right? If all the lions are killed. Oh my God, watch out! (sarcastic)

Maddox: No. But there's…there's imperceptible ways that when you eliminate an entire species from the food chain, it does…like, you might see an explosion in a certain type of predator or pest that the lions were keeping in check.

Sean: Right, exactly. That's the argument. Is a lion is an apex predator, right? They prey on things that are lower on the food chain.

Dick: That we eat.

Sean: Usually, uh yeah. Grass eaters or whatever. Now, there's a huge influx of grass eaters. They eat all the land barren where farmers can't grow crops anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I mean, that's…that's the argument, I guess.

Dick: Well, I'm so glad the Internet's full of all these brilliant biologists, then, that they can track that down.

Maddox: Well, I just want to add this, though, Dick. The…the industry of trophy hunting is doing more for preservation than all these bitching shit-tards on the Internet, crying and moaning and trying to kill this guy. This dentist. Who, by the way, I heard even a celebrity tweeted his address. Fuck you, man!

Dick: That sounds about right.

Sean: It was…it was Mia Farrow.

Maddox: Mia Farrow. Fuck her, man.

Dick: Ah, she's not a celebrity.

Maddox: That's fucking bullshit! How about we tweet Mia Farrow's address? See how she likes death threats at her house?! That's fucking bullshit. You don't tweet people's addresses. You don't post their phone numbers. That's fucking garbage. That's crossing the line. But…this eco-tourism and trophy hunting has done more for preservation, because, guess what happens to old lions in the wilderness? We haven't discovered any, because they die. Any lion, antelope, gazelle, rhinoceros, elephant, giraffe…when they get old, they get killed by a predator in the wild! That's why it's called the wild, because it's every animal for themselves. They fend for themselves! Some of these eco-tourism… some of these trophy hunting outfits…they take you specifically to kill old animals that are gonna die pretty soon anyway. So…

Dick: They're preventing younger males from mating. Did you know that?

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Dick: Yeah. They'll box…they can't produce offspring anymore, but they do wanna bang, and they do wanna possess the broads in the pack, so they'll drive the younger males away so they can't mate with 'em.

Sean: Well, if they can do that, though.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: If they can't do that, then they get killed by the younger males.

Maddox: They get killed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There are no old animals in the wild. You go to the zoo and you'll see an old tiger, or an old monkey, or an old lion. That's because they're kept in captivity and they're taken care of, but in the wild, as soon as you're old…as soon as you can't run as fast, or as soon as you're not as powerful enough to catch your prey…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Then you're gonna get killed. And those animals that get killed in the wild bring in zero revenue to Africa. They just die. So it's better that we have a trophy hunter that brings in $100,000 to that community so it helps conservation efforts, dickheads!

Dick: I did…I did know that, but I read that with lions, it's not the case. Like, with lions, the new lion will come in and kill all of the sired cubs.

Sean: They do. 'Cause they want their bloodline.

Dick: Yeah. So, it's actually really bad specifically for lions. The lion species. Like, it's not…it's not about conserve…'cause that's true for, like, giraffes, and I don't know, rhinocerosauruses, or whatever else.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it's not true for lions.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, but I don't…I don't fucking care. It's their resource to determine what they're gonna do with it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's none of our business. And while we're sitting here, uh, pumping poison into the air, like, every DAY. (stammers) I think that the moral, uh…moral high ground was lost. Like…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Our…our decadent society throws away enough food to feed the entire world, and we're telling them how they can monetize THEIR animals!?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck off! I don't care where he shot it. Fuck you.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: With a crossbow. Not a gun.

Maddox: Sure. Yeah, man. Um, I agree. I just wish this guy hadn't done it under such shady conditions, because then I could make the case that, uh…for trophy hunting helping the economy. Um, it's kind of like, you know Milo Manara, who created that Spider-Woman cover?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Right? The…Spider-Woman ass cover that…the alternate cover that everyone had a shit fit about? He defended himself. He said, "This is not a sexual cover", blablablabla. Something similar happened with a DC comic. Someone created a variant cover where, um…

Dick: Joker is killing, uh…got a gun to a girl's head. Is that the one you're talking about?

Maddox: Batwoman. Yeah, yeah. I think it was Batwoman.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: And they said that it was crossing the line and it was…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. It was very weird.

Maddox: And so the artist cowtowed to the pressure and he pulled the cover. He recalled the cover.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Because of the complaints that he got. And all these people hit me up on Twitter. They're like, "Hey Maddox, why don't you write a thing about this just like you did for Spider-Woman's ass?" And I said, "No, fuck this guy. If he's not gonna defend himself, I'm not gonna do it for him!" I'm not gonna fight this guy's battles! You…you stand up for what you believe in! If this guy did it righteously, I think we'd be hearing a different story in the… in the news. I think that that's…that's the slight distinction I think, in this one.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, that really annoys me. That you expect him to give a defense against millions of people wanting to kill him.

Maddox: Absolutely. Fuck that! He…here's the thing, man. The difference between millions of people wanting to kill you because you did something wrong, and the difference between millions of people wanting to kill somebody who is at least defending himself. I mean, people didn't shit down OJ's neck until at least after the verdict, as much as they did before. I mean, some people thought he did it before, but after the verdict, oh my gosh. He stopped defending…you know. But OJ's…maintained his innocence.

Dick: This is not a celebrity. This guy is not OJ Simpson. This is the first time he's ever…I don't even know if he has a Reddit account, or a Twitter account. He'd have to learn what those are to figure out…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: …the things that everybody's saying, but not saying about him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You should be shot, but you know, I also think there's too much gun violence.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But if there EVER WAS a justifiable case for gun violence, this would be it. It's like, congratulations, you're a part of the problem! Way to go.

Maddox: It's such a…it's such an Old World, medieval, pitchfork crowd dipshit mentality. They just want to feel righteous anger. That's all this is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Good problem, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. It really annoys me.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. I guess if it comes out that this guy wasn't poaching, then I'll change my stance a little bit. 'Cause then he's totally justified, guys! It helps the economy. It helps lions in the long run.

Dick: Yeah. I don't think it helps lions in the long run, but I also don't care if he was poaching.

Maddox: So, Dick. You know I had a problem with infants? Well, infantilism, but…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're a type of infant. You know what another type of ant is? Ants. (Dick chuckles)

Dick: Finally.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Ants. ANTS and AIDS. Those are the two big problems I always talk about at the top of the show.

Dick: I hope you do a better job with ants than you did with AIDS. (grins)

Maddox: I hope so too, buddy. (they both laugh)

Dick: 'Cause I hate ants. I…fucking hate ants!

Maddox: Oh! Good. I thought you were gonna…

Dick: (interjects) I grew up on an anthill, man. Where I grew up is one giant, I don't know. Cubic 20 miles of fucking anthill. They're everywhere. They ruin grass. They ruin sitting. Like, they just…they crawl all over everything. It's like the Grey Goo problem with Nanobots, but ants. They ruin lives.

Maddox: They pinch your cheeks. Aunts. (laughs)

Dick: Jesus Christ. (grins)

Maddox: Whatever! I thought that was a good joke!

(Sound effect: Audience laughing)

Maddox: (giggles) Okay, Dick. Ants. The number one suggestion on Google when you type "How to get rid of…" is ants.

Dick: Ohhhhh.

Maddox: Number one. You know what number two is?

Dick: Mexicans. (Sean and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: Just a reminder, Dick is Mexican. That joke is okay.

Dick: Half Mexican. It's half okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Sean: Just the good half. (they laugh)

Dick: Yeah. You're right. (saucy)

Maddox: His left half.

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: Uh, you know what the number two result is? It's "How to get rid of…" carpenter ants.

Dick: Oh, another type of ants? (grins)

Maddox: Another type of ant. So, ants are so bad, they are both the number one and number two search result when you type in "how to get rid of…". Then it's acne, lice, bedbugs. Ants are worse than all these things.

Dick: Worse than acne? (giggles)

Maddox: Worse than acne.

Dick: Oh, fuck.

Maddox: Worse than acne scars. Worse than hiccups. Your problem, Dick. Vote down Hiccups, vote up Ants!

Dick: Well, you don't need to vote DOWN hiccups. (Maddox chuckles) You can just vote up Ants.

Maddox: Okay. Vote up Ants.

Dick: Don't be an asshole.

Maddox: (laughing) Then…"how to get rid of a cough", "how to get rid of fleas", and "how to get rid of cramps". Cramps are not as bad as ants, apparently.

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Cramps are not as b…I would rather have a cramp than an ant.

Dick: You'd rather have a menstrual cramp than an ant?

Maddox: I think so. (Dick giggles) I could…(stammers) I could have menstrual cramps all day.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) It's true.

Maddox: I'd rather have that, though. Because ants are so hard to get rid of.

Dick: They're impossible.

Maddox: Yeah. Ants raid your food storages. They damage your housing. They damage crops and they bite you! They bite you…they bite your dick off! Well, they bite you in the dick, at least. Maybe your dick. I dunno. "Their ability to adapt makes it nearly impossible to eliminate entire colonies. " There's a 13-page article on http://www.readersdigest.com on how to get rid of pests. These ants.

Dick: Ants.

Maddox: The first suggestion is to create a moat around a food source made out of adhesive tape. You gotta create a moat of tape around a food source to bait the ants into coming in there.

Dick: Yeah. Or chalk. Chalk will work, too, if you draw a chalk outline around you? They can't cross it. Like, whatever, their chemicals can't cross over it.

Maddox: They're like the vampires of the insect world.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: No, but that's true, actually. Chalk is on this list.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: See, I told you! I grew up on an anthill. I hate 'em!

Maddox: Uh, boric acid is also supposed to help, but you have to spray boric acid along all the cracks in your house. But boric acid is toxic. If you have dogs or cats, it's pretty toxic to them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or even kids. Infants. Another kid of "ant". You can use flour.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I guess flowers don't like to cross a trail of flour…

Dick: Ants don't like to cross flour?

Maddox: They say flour for a number of reasons. First, so you can see if they do cross it, it leaves a trail.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: But then, second, ants don't like to cross flour for some reason.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…and then they also suggest pouring boiling water on an anthill. That's supposed to help.

Dick: Oh, that's not gonna fucking work.

Maddox: No! No way.

Dick: One gallon of anthill?! Good luck.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Good luck.

Dick: You got a real big ant problem if you can fix it by pouring a tea kettle of boiling water down it.

Maddox: Ants are disgusting creatures that live in giant colonies. They're kind of like, umm…you know, you know what I bet ants do in their spare time? They probably color. In coloring books.

Dick: You think so?

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Just tying it back. Um, ants…so, here's the thing. Here's why that tea kettle thing won't work, with ants. Because they did this experiment, I think, in Australia, where they poured…they pumped a bunch of cement down an ant hole, right? An ant hill? Um, to see the structure of an ant colony. So they poured all the cement down there, left it to settle for, like, two-three weeks.

Dick: I thought that was aluminum. Might be a different thing, but…I've seen it.

Maddox: Yeah, I've seen the aluminum one, too. It might be the same one. It might be a mixture, but whatever. They poured some cement…either cement or aluminum down this ant structure, right? And they found out that the structure is over 50 square meters long.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's 100 square feet. That's 164 square feet. This ant hill. And I'll post the video on the website, but this is an incredible structure. It's so huge and disgusting. It looks like the Mother Brain from Metroid?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, Metroid, my favorite female video game character? (jokes)

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It looks like the Mother Brain from that. Um…(stammers) This is from, uh…I think this is from Wikipedia, or Reader's Digest, I forget, but…"Worker ants live from one to three years old and queen ants can live up to 30 years." (Dick grunts) That means if you buy a house and get a 30-year mortgage, you might die before you get rid of your ant problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You might not even pay off your house!

Dick: You can't get rid of them. You cannot get rid of ants.

Maddox: Oh, they're terrible! They're terrible insects. This is from Wikipedia. They say, "In some parts of the world, mainly in Africa and South America, large ants, especially army ants, are used as surgical sutures."

Dick: Oh, that's pretty…useful.

Maddox: Yeah, I guess it's kinda useful, yeah. I mean, if you're in Africa and you don't have anything else, you just have ants. They…(giggles) The wound is pressed together and the ants are applied along it. The ant seizes the edge of the wound in its mandibles and locks it in place. Yeah, that sounds pretty useful, Dick…but if I'm suffering from a cut or a wound or a gash on my body…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I think that…there are few things that are more close to a horror hellscape than having ant mandibles hold me together. (Dick chuckles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what…you know what, doctor, just put a bullet in my head! Send me out with Cecil the lion. Lemme fend for myself.

Dick: The doctor probably doesn't have a bullet in these circumstances. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Then just…whatever it is you guys do to kill me, put me in a stu…like, whatever it is. Send me out into the wild. Just let me have a final rite of passage. Throw me off a cliff. I'm done. I don't want ant mandibles holding my wounds closed. I don't need it! I don't need to live that bad. I'm good.

Dick: Yeah. I hate 'em.

Maddox: Yeah. Ant…ants are a big problem!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We're agreeing. We're in agreement, here.

Dick: Yep. Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Have you ever had ants in your apartment? In any of your apartments?

Dick: Um…(sighs) No, not in my apartment, because I live way too far off the ground. Um, I'm trying to think. It was in the house where I grew up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There was ants. Like, every…we had to wash every dish. We couldn't leave anything out, because there would instantly be ants. If…anything in the pantry that was left open even a little bit, ants.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, boom, these motherfuckers, you see their line coming in and…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: They can carry…

Dick: (interjects) Food ruined.

Maddox: They can carry something like 50 times their weight. They're really strong. They're the jocks of the insect world.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ants.

Dick: They are.

Maddox: Yeah, fuck those guys. Serve me my French Fries, buddy. That's all I want you to do. These ants. Which I don't even eat, 'cause fries are garbage. Vote up Fries. Um… here's…

Dick: (interjects) So you would be okay with poaching ants?

Maddox: Oh, absolutely.

Dick: Wide-scale slaughter of ants? (grins)

Maddox: I'll…you know what, I'll tell you what I did. Here's my first experience with ants, really. Like, as a child, I would always, you know. Burn them with a magnifying glass.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or pick them up and put them in a molten pool of plastic, 'cause I would melt army men.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: One time, I went…I was in my garden growing up, at my parent's house. And we had this huge acre of property. We had a lot of…we had an orchard. And in that orchard, we had these fire ants. Fire ants are more aggressive than regular ants. They're kind of… they're red in color and they're very aggressive, and they will bite you. Their sting isn't as bad as a bee sting, but pretty close. It's up there. So I went out there one time and I watching…they would build these giant anthills in my backyard, and these things probably came up about a good foot off of the ground. Above the surface. Like, huge anthills. So I'd go down there and I would fuck around with the ants. I…I would…one day, I took a bunch of dirt and I just buried the anthill.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Went back there the next day. Back exactly the way it was.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Like, how the fuck…what do they, just work all night fixing my mess?

Dick: Yep. That's all they do.

Maddox: So then I decided rather than burying it, I was gonna dig it. I was gonna dig it out. So I dug a huge hole. And then I came back the next day, the hole's filled. It's…they refilled the hole. They rebuilt their stupid little castle, right?

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: So then I went back the next day with a bunch of firecrackers, and I just shoved 'em down that fucking hole, I'm like, "Yeah, fuck you, ants!" Blew the shit out of it. Eh, came back the next day. I mean, this went on for like, a week and a half.

Dick: You can't kill them.

Maddox: No. I mean, I didn't have much to do. This was summer break. Uh, in Utah. So what the fuck am I doing, right? So I went back there again.. finally, this time I dug a hole as deep as I could, poured a bunch of gasoline right down there, and set it on fire. I'm like, fuck these ants! And then I watched the ants. They would come out from the side of the hole that I built, right? 'Cause their colony goes off to the left and to the right.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And forward and backward, right? So these ants were coming out into the Sarlacc pit of Hell that I created for them, and it would fall right into the pit, and I sat there watching these fuckers fall into my…my fire pit for hours…(grinning) It was great! It was a good time. Well, not…maybe an hour total. But…you know. I didn't have enough gasoline. I'm just a kid. So anyway, man.

Dick: Well, I would vote up Ants.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I dunno how high it should go, though.

Maddox: Yeah. Higher than AIDS! (laughing)

Dick: I…I hope it is. (laughing)

Maddox: From AIDS to Ants.

Sean: They certainly inconvenience more people.

Dick: That's true! That's true.

Maddox: You know…

Dick: I assume.

Sean: Unpopular, but…(laughs)

Maddox: You know what, thought, Sean? You know what's more inconvenient than having to deal with ants? Going to a funeral. That's a bummer. Then you gotta get all dressed up and you gotta…you know.

Dick: Alright, is that it? I got a fast…I got a fast one, 'cause we're out of time. Uhh, Piss Driblets.

Maddox: (laughing) Piss Driblets?

Dick: Yeah. When is the last time you wore khaki pants as a man and not worried about piss driblets?

Maddox: Ugh. Huge problem! 'Cause when they dry, they leave behind that little…white stain, right?

Dick: Yeah. And it's worse than a piss driblet at that point.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's like a phantom…phantom cum spot.

Maddox: Yeah. (sighs) It's cum…that could…it SHOULD be…you know what? Look. If people are gonna assume I have cum on my pants, I want it to be cum.

Dick: (cracks up) Yeah.

Maddox: I don't wanna be…I don't wanna be chastised for having jizz stains when it's not jizz! Might as well be jizz. If you think it's jizz, it might as well be jizz!

Dick: I'm less embarrassed about a jizz stain, which I have accidentally done.

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: Hey. It happens. Uh, than I am about piss driblets. And this is…and we're in a warm climate. Right? You go to, like, a cold climate? Man, I'm shooting, like, a whole piss stream into my pants after going to the bathroom.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: 'Cause it's cold!

Maddox: What does that have to do with it? I don't understand…why do you have more piss driblets in your pants after it's cold?

Dick: I don't know. Your…I…I always just assumed that my prostate didn't work the same in a cold temperature.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Is that…does no one else have this experience?!

Sean: No.

Maddox: No.

Dick: What?!

Sean: No.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Oh shit, maybe I need to go to the doctor.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah. You got, like, snot for piss in cold climates?!

Dick: No, no, no, no, no! (Maddox giggles) Like, you go to the bathroom, like, let's say you're…I don't know. Let's say you're skiing or something. You're somewhere where it's

very cold. And you got some…enough so you've got, like, a significant amount of shrinkage. It's like where you've got, like, a Slim Jim for a dick at that point. (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you've gotta work it just to get the pee out.

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. And can you tell all the ladies who are listening right now that there's shrinkage when it's cold? That's a normal thing!

Dick: Everyone knows that.

Maddox: Well…

Sean: It shrinks?!?!

Dick: Yeah, everybody knows that. Shrinkage.

Sean: Come on, that's Seinfeld.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sean: Like a frightened turtle.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: From Seinfeld, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…so that's the time that you dribble on yourself more.

Dick: That's the time…yeah. Then you go to the bathroom in, like, that kind of atmosphere. Man, as soon as you zip up, it's like, that's when the pissing starts.

Maddox: You know what I hate?

Dick: That never happened to you!?!? (worried)

Maddox: No, man.

Dick: WHAT?!

Maddox: No. I pee just fine in the cold.

Dick: But it's…but it's the after pee. That I'm talking about.

Maddox: That more pee comes out?

Dick: So you know…yeah. Well, you know where piss driblets happen? Like you're peeing, right? And you shake it off. And then you put your pants on, and like, "Ah, goddamnit". Like a little squirt of piss came out.

Maddox: You know…

Dick: Or it flicked off the tip, or something.

Maddox: Yeah, no, I get it. That just doesn't happen to me more in the cold.

Dick: And more squirts out in the cold!

Maddox: No, it doesn't. That doesn't happen to me. You know, Dick, a long time, ago…

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: …I was talking to a friend in…IRC called, I think his handle was the Ghost. I don't…I can't even imagine he's listening at this point, but um…I think he…I don't know if he came up with this, but he said, "You can wiggle it, you can jiggle it, you can bang it against the wall, but until you put it in your pants, the last drop won't fall."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that's the fucking…that is the fucking truth. Here's something I notice as an adult, and I don't know…I don't know, maybe this…I just didn't notice as a kid, or maybe it didn't happen, but as an adult, sometimes when I pee, I, uh…you know, if I'm sitting down and I'm pooping and I also take a leak, I pull my pants up.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Right? And you get that last drop, and it has this perfect line of sight access to my toes. It drops all the way through…through my boxers, it misses my boxers, misses my shorts…

Dick: Oh, I know what you're talking about. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And it hits your foot.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then you're looking down like you're some fucking Neanderthal pissing all over yourself.

Dick: You just got piss all over your foot.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, I thought…I think to myself…in what situation would I ever have pee on my foot outside of the shower? 'Cause I pee all over everything in the shower.

Dick: Sure. It's good for you.

Maddox: It is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Kills athlete's foot.

Dick: It kills fungus.

Maddox: There is NO fungus on my feet!

Dick: (laughing) How many guys you got in there pissing on you? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick! That's not funny!

(Sound effect: 'wrong' buzzer)

Dick: I mean, I got these…I got these brand new khaki pants. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got 'em hemmed and tailored and I was really happy to wear 'em, and the first time I go out in 'em, boom. Piss driblets. I'm like fuck, this is why I never wear khakis.

Maddox: Where you going to? Your job at AT&T? (laughs)

Dick: I was trying to bring khakis back, like, I thought that they would look nice.

Maddox: No. They're already here, Dick, they haven't left. Just go to the Midwest. If you go to Disney Land or Six Flags, you can tell the people who are visiting versus the people who are…who are natives, because the people who are visiting, that's their uniform. Khaki pants, khaki shorts, cargo shorts, blue shirt. That's everybody who comes to visit California. (giggles)

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, that's my problem. Piss Driblets.

Maddox: Piss Driblets. Which, also…Dick, it's a big problem for women. I didn't know this until recently…

Dick: Really?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. Women won't go to the bathroom unless they can get at least one square of toilet paper, because they wanna wipe down there, I guess.

Dick: That makes sense. Yeah, they definitely wanna wipe down there.

Maddox: Yeah. It gets all goochy.

Dick: But, the…that doesn't help piss…the kind of piss driblets I'm talking about. Like, even if you get the tip clean, more's still coming out. More's just waiting. Waiting in the rafters.

Maddox: Mmm…(uncertain)

Dick: To spring out as soon as you get that zipper up.

Sean: Yeah. It saves a little in the chute.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuckin' penis. Always working against you.

Maddox: You know, um, what I thought of recently, Dick? This is…I guess I'll just…I just want to add this to your story, but…I was thinking…I was sitting around daydreaming about my penis awhile back.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And I was thinking, like, hoses. I was thinking about hoses. And how, you know how when you turn on a garden hose, you can put your thumb over the tip and kinda squirt it really far?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Like high pressure? So I thought, I'm gonna try that with my dick? Why have I never done that with my dick? I could just kinda do that like a hose.

Dick: Oh, did you find out the reason why you've never done that?

Maddox: (laughs) Oh, I sure did.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (laughing) But I wanna see if you think it's the same reason. So I went in the shower…

Sean: You shot yourself in the face.

Maddox: (laughing) No. No, Sean. I didn't shoot myself in the face. Stop fantasizing. I know you're thinking about it. So I went in the shower, I built up a good piss, right? I drank, like, three cups of water.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: I'm like, I'm gonna piss everywhere! (proud) So I got in the shower, I put my thumb over my peehole and started peeing, and it just hurt really bad.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I…I tried to pee harder. (Dick laughs) It just blocked myself! My pee stream!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I tried to pee harder, and I could feel, I think my kidneys started to hurt!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I'm thinking, "Oh, this can't be good for me." So I finally started to pee, and it just, like, stung when it came out, because it had been so backed up. Uh, awful. Awful experience.

Dick: So don't do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Don't do that.

Maddox: The reason is 'cause your body can't build enough pressure for you to use it like a garden hose.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. All the pressure that you should exert through your peehole is all the natural peehole that your, what is it, stomach, I guess?

Dick: Bladder, it's called.

Maddox: Bladder? Yeah, but the muscles that contract the bladder? Is it just the bladder?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Whatever, I'm not a doctor.

Dick: It's just the bladder. I think there's a sphincter holding it in and you gotta relax that, and that's how you pee.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: I don't think it works like a whoopee cushion.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I found that out the hard way. (Dick guffaws) I just had a bunch of lukewarm piss in my hands.

Dick: Allllllllllright. Sounds like a fun night.

Maddox: It was in the sh…it was in the shower, man! (defensive) That's where you go to get clean, so it doesn't matter what you do! Do whatever you want in there.

Dick: It kinda matters.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: If you're doing that stuff, that's weird.

Maddox: No. Come on. Girls love that.

Dick: They…they do love it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They do love messing around with piss.

Maddox: Oh, they love it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They like to dab some on their ears.

Dick: No, I'm being serious. (Maddox laughs) They do love it.

Maddox: Me too!

Dick: They…dab it on their ears? (skeptical)

Maddox: Well, you know. They…it's a pheromone.

Dick: Wait a minute.

Maddox: You get pheromones from your piss.

Dick: So…they…you've encountered women who do this? Put piss on their ears?!

Maddox: I have read that some women do this, yeah.

Dick: There's a little piss in your ears.

Maddox: They put a little bit of piss on their neck, or whatever, 'cause it's erogenous. You smell those pheromones. You pee out pheromones, man.

Dick: Oh, I really hope that that's not true.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Dick: Alright. You got my problems. Hunting Crybabies and Piss Driblets.

(Closing theme riff starts)

Maddox: And my problems were Infantilism and Ants!!! Big problem. Vote up Ants. (pauses) And infantilism.

Dick: See you next Tuesday. (they all laugh)

(Voice mail: (female voice): "Hi, guys! So I came to a realization while watching the live episode about Dick and his tiny face.

Dick: Jesus Christ.

"The thing is, his face isn't small."

Dick: Thank you.

"He just has an abnormally large forehead in comparison to the rest of his face." (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Well, how big is your fucking forehead?!

"I mean, I'm not saying that's totally a bad thing, he rocks, but it's not Small Face Syndrome, it's just Five Finger Forehead Syndrome. I'm surprised no one else has really mentioned that before. (they laugh) **Maddox. Hey. This time, you can go fuck yourself, and Dick, you can join from behind.")**

Maddox: Ohohohooo!!! (Dick laughs) I will to this voice mail. This chick sounded hot!

Dick: How…how many fingers did she say my forehead was, five?

Maddox: F…yeah….you're holding up five fingers on your forehead…(laughing)

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. This is…I got four fingers from my eyebrows to my hairline.

Maddox: Yeah, that's…I dunno, man.

Dick: That's four fingers.

Maddox: I mean, I'm a balding dude, and I don't even think I can fit that many fingers on my forehead.

Dick: Yeah, you got like 18 hands high of a forehead.

Maddox: I don't think so.

Dick: Like a horse.

Maddox: You're a…HOW…(angry) you call me a horse?!?!! How dare you!?! (Sean cracks up)

(Sound effect: Horse neighing)

Maddox: Look at that stupid fucking laugh.

Dick: I got one more.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hi. I'm Maddox. (Maddox laughs) **And I'm fucking awesome. However, even though I worked as a programmer for many years, and even though I wrote a whole TWO THOUSAND lines of code for my book, whoa!!!"**

Maddox: Fucking idiots. (Dick cracks up)

"I still can't figure out how the FUCK Dropbox works!!!"

Maddox: Mhmm.

"Hell, I can't even install iTunes on my computer."

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick giggles)

"This is because the software is bad."

Maddox: Yep. (Dick guffaws)

"Even though millions of people every year who know nothing about computers manage to use these services."

Dick: Well. (sighs)

"It's definitely not because I have some sort of weird, philosophical objection to these services."

Maddox: Yeah.

"And try to use them in a way that was not intended so that when they don't work, I can complain about it…"

Maddox: (angry) You mean to download my files, you fucking asshole?!!? (Dick cracks up)

"…on my podcast! Waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa.")

Maddox: Fuck this guy!

Dick: That was great.

Maddox: This flaming shitbag! Listen here, you slack-jawed, gullible, mouthbreathing, dullard idiot! You're such a moron! Here's the thing. When I'm downloading lots of files from Dropbox…

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: I shouldn't have to worry about the amount of space I have on my own quota?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: For it to compress the files! They should use that in their own internal space so I can download it, Dick! Your argument last time that "it can't download multiple streams"? Guess what, dipshits! Figure it out!! Why don't you use your own temporary storage?! (Dick guffaws) Why should I have…why should I have to pay for 8 gigs of storage if I wanna download 4 gigs of data. Fuck you!! Figure your shit out, Dropbox engineers!

Morons!! Keep voting down that problem! I don't give a shit! Dropbox is garbage! You're garbage!

Dick: You're too busy trying to figure out if you can plug your dick while you're peeing. (Sean cracks up, Dick joins in)

Maddox: What's so funny?!!? That's…that's a scientific experiment! (upset) I thought about…

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The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 65

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Casper. Get $50 toward any mattress purchased by visiting http://casper.com/biggest and using promo code "BIGGEST".

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Jury Duty to Jew Jokes. (Dick and Sean laugh loudly) With o-... (cracks up) With over 3.5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick! (Dick still giggling) And Sean, our audio engineer.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back.

Dick: That's a new one!

Maddox: That is a new one. So while I was doing prep for the show, I went through the main "Problems" page.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And a guy named James Gàrlánd wrote a huge list of alphabetical problems to go through, and that was one of them on the list. So thank you, James Gàrlánd, for that suggestion.

Dick: Oh, so you could pair them up?

Maddox: Yeah! (grins)

Dick: Yeah, that's funny.

Maddox: Yeah, I was really...that was really funny.

Dick: That's a good idea.

Maddox: That made me...that made me laugh. Um...yeah! So.

Dick: How'd we do?

Maddox: Alright, Dick. (sighs)

Dick: Who's listening to Titanic this week?

Maddox: Nobody, because I called this... **(drumroll sound effect)** Shenanigans!

Dick: What do you mean? You call what shenanigans?

Maddox: Shenanigans, shenanigans. Piss Driblets got the #1 vote last time.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Followed by Infantilism. Uh, it was pretty close. Then Hunting Cry Babies, and then Ants.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: All in the positive. Everybody thought everything we brought in was a problem last time, except Piss Driblets was an anomaly, Dick, I think. I think Piss Driblets is an anomaly, 'cause we've never had a problem like that that is -

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean?

Maddox: That is a non-problem, trivial, throwaway...uh, minor inconvenience, personal g-...personal annoyance.

Sean: We've never had a problem like that?? (incredulous) (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: No, I...lemme finish!

Dick: What about French Bread?! (laughs with Sean)

Maddox: Lemme finish! Lemme finish: VOTED to the top of the list like that.

Sean: Hmmm. (in background)

Maddox: So...

Dick: Yeah, but the other problems weren't that...

Maddox: Mhm. (skeptical)

Dick: Like, it wasn't that high.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The other problems just weren't that great. Er, they weren't that big of problems.

Maddox: Oh, really? It's not as big of a problem as Infantilism, or it's bigger than Infantilism?

Dick: Ehh, I...

Maddox: And Ants??

Dick: You know, I...lemme tell you about -

Maddox: (interjects) Something that annoys everybody??

Dick: I know ants are annoying, but I'm more annoyed by piss driblets. (Maddox scoffs) Like, I...and I have a lot more exposure to ants than you, I think.

Maddox: Dick... (exasperated) Dick. So, this...these...I called shenanigans last episode, didn't I? About the Dropbox, because -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, you were kinda right.

Maddox: Mhmhmhmm, AHAHA. (tauntingly)

Dick: You were KIND OF right. You were kind of right.

Maddox: Let me get...let me get to it.

Dick: We were -

Maddox: (interjects) Sean...Sean -

Dick: (interjects) They put a hack on us, Sean.

Maddox: Sean...that's right!! You remember I said that the vote was skewed for the Dropbox, 'cause I'd never seen anything downvoted so high.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: It did seem excessive.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It WAS excessive.

Dick: It was.

Maddox: So I logged in, and I did some snoopin' around, and I looked at the database and I looked at the votes, and lo and behold, there were hundreds of fake votes for Dropbox.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And -

Dick: (interjects) It was a good catch.

Sean: It's like an election.

Dick: That was a good catch.

Maddox: Uh-huh! And then the, uh, one of the top comments here...Bryan Gibson says, "I voted up Ants, voted down Piss Driblets, and in a matter of 45 seconds and two refreshes, Piss Driblets jumped around two hundred votes. Anyone else seen this happen during voting?"

Dick: Well, no, but that's because the...the page itself is cached.

Maddox: Not by 200, Dick.

Dick: Nonono! Yes, yes, it is! It -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, yeah. No, I know, but I myself was doin' the same thing and I noticed the same anomaly.

Dick: Yes, because when you load it first, it's a cached version, and then when you click the vote it sends the most current version. So right when the episode launches, that happens, because the cache expires like every couple of hours.

Maddox: Yeah, but not by 200 votes.

Dick: Yes, it does! Because if 200 votes happen in an hour, then it will give you the most current vote tally. Like, if you start the episode, the votes are extremely low.

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: Like, what was Piss Driblets in at the end? 400? 500? Something like that?

Maddox: Right now it's at...it's over 1,000, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. See, all the votes for our shows come in close to the start of the episode launching. Like, they accelerate and then they plateau. So if you vote during that first acceleration, you'll get a jump like that. You'll experience a jump like that.

Maddox: Dick, I understand, but administrators like you and I don't see cached votes, do we? We see them in real time. And I also logged into the server to double check, and in real time, the votes were consistent with the votes I was seeing on there. I call shenanigans! So we caught the ones for the Dropbox vote.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We didn't catch this one.

Dick: I mean, that's...there's nothing to catch! Like, what... (stammers) Do you want me to bring in the evidence for Piss Driblets to prove that Piss Driblets is a problem?

Maddox: I...I...

Dick: What will satisfy you?

Maddox: I really don't think that our listeners, for the first time EVER, have voted up a problem so high that's a non-problem. It's never happened!

Dick: It's definite-...we got so much email regarding piss driblets and how much they annoy everybody. It's a huge problem! The email flood alone should prove to you that it's a big problem.

Maddox: No, don't defend this, Dick. You know it's not! You know it's not. Same thing with Dropbox.

Dick: I think...I brought it in 'cause it's a big problem! And by the way, Dropbox is still very much in the negative, even with those fake votes thrown out.

Maddox: Right, but there's also that effect, the psychological effect when people see a lot of people doing something, they'll also do that thing.

Dick: That's what happened to Bush!

Maddox: So it's possible. (cracks up)

Dick: You're right!

Maddox: Okay. Yeah.

Dick: CNN launches the wrong presidential winner, and people don't go show up to vote. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Is that what happened in that election?

Maddox: What, you mean -

Dick: (interjects) Is that the right election that I'm talkin' about?

Maddox: The second election?

Dick: Yeah. Is that what happened?

Maddox: Uhh, I d-...yeah, there was some con-...

Dick: I forget how it went.

Maddox: There was some controversy there.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was either CNN or NBC or something.

Dick: And then the next election cycle, they all tripped over themselves to not call it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You remember that?

Maddox: Yeah. I'd rather them err on that side. But yeah, Dick, shenanigans. Shenanigans. I don't believe -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, you're a poor loser.

Maddox: I don't believe...no, no! No.

Dick: (chuckles) You're a poor loser. That's what it is.

Maddox: This isn't about losing, Dick! This show's not a contest. (Sean laughs in the background) And I think specifically...and I'm totally serious about this. I think specifically the contest element of this show is hurting the show.

Dick: Oh, my GOD. (sighing)

Maddox: I absolutely believe that, 'cause I think it's -

Dick: (interjects) Well, go vote me up then.

Maddox: It's cheapening... (cracks up) I haven't brought you in as a problem yet, except for Indignant Co-hosts.

Dick: Indignant Co-hosts. Go vote it up.

Maddox: That...but that's an indirect...that's an indirect, uh, passive-aggressive way of bringing you in as a problem. I haven't brought you in -

Dick: (interjects) Just like this is.

Maddox: No!!

Dick: This is indirect passive aggression against the vote...the contest part.

Maddox: I have not... (Dick laughs) Because there is no contest part, Dick. And I think that it's cheapening the show, (Dick guffaws) and it's hurting...it's hurting the show, because people start doing shenanigans like this.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because they think the votes matter because they wanna hear whatever gimmick for the next week.

Dick: I think Piss Driblets is a big problem!! That's why I brought it in. I'm surprised at the results too, but then, look at it. Infantilism...I don't think the case was well-made. For infantilism.

Maddox: Well, of course not, because -

Dick: (interjects) You were talking about coloring books.

Maddox: When you ignore every piece of evidence that I bring in, and then just go to your default, uh, "So what's the problem?" by ignoring everything I bring in, of COURSE, Dick. Because you have this tendency, when I bring in huge problems...

Dick: Here we go.

Maddox: ...with lots of evidence and make a case for it...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...you'll just sit there and completely...you'll ignore everything I said. "Well, what's the problem?" (dumb voice) As if I had not said anything.

Sean: Fuckin' libertarian. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Dick: Some guy in the comments, I thought, made a more compelling case than you did about infantilism, though.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: I don't rememb-...like, I don't remember enough of it to recite it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But he was talking about how, um...he was talking about how it makes people weaker and less responsible. It was a more compelling case.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: But I still don't think coloring books, like adults doing coloring books, is that big of a problem. Like, it seems like more of a legitimate form of escapism to me.

Maddox: Dick, I literally -

Dick: (interjects) I don't wanna shit on your problem, 'cause it's...I think it's stupid and annoying!

Maddox: But I literally said that it makes you weak and irresponsible during that episode, didn't I?

Dick: Yeah, but I know -

Maddox: (interjects) I said it makes you UNPREPARED...

Dick: But he said it in a better way.

Maddox: Okay, GREAT. (angry) Great. But I wasn't just reducing the entire problem down to people who use coloring books.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's no one thing that you can do or not do to not be infantile.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: I'm just saying that that's one symptom of people who are potentially infantile, or they infantilize themselves.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In fact...in fact, somebody sent me this article just before...er, actually just after the episode aired.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: There's a new adult, uh, preschool launching in New York. Did you guys hear about this?

Dick: I t-...that's what I was talkin' about on the episode!

Maddox: What?

Dick: Yeah! That...what you're saying!

Maddox: The adult preschool?

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It costs $1,000 to attend this adult preschool.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And you join and you play with Play-Doh, and you draw in coloring books. And furthermore, I looked at this article on triggering, and people who...there was this big event at this college where someone was gonna come and do a rape talk, right? Uh...

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Yeah, they were talkin' about r-

Dick: (interjects) Triggerrrrr. (grins)

Maddox: Right. So they was, like, this -

Sean: (interjects) TED Talk's evil twin. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: HA! A rape talk! (giggles)

Maddox: Ra-... (cracks up) A rape talk. Yeah, it's a real, uh, real weird audience. Tepid crowd. So... (Sean chuckles in the background) During this rape talk, whatever, people said that there was going to be a safe space for people who felt "triggered."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And during this safe space for people, they would go to this room, this rec center, and then they would play with Play-Doh...

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: ...and draw in coloring books. So what they're literally doing is infantilizing them and making them avoid any kind of uncomfortable feelings or trauma they might have. It

helps them avoid any kind of responsibility or...the adult feelings of dealing with your trauma and your grief.

Dick: Okay! That's a great reason.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You didn't say that last week, though.

Maddox: I said...I did say it helps you avoid being an adult and real life and responsibilities and all those things.

Dick: Yeah, but that's...that's not the same as dealing with things that trouble you.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, 'cause you know I have a problem with people not wanting to see things that trouble them.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah. But not dealing with real life, I'm on board with that.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like yeah, real life fuckin' sucks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It will suck the life outta you. Find something to escape from it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As long as it doesn't hurt anyone else, but what you're saying's different.

Maddox: Well, I call shenanigans on Piss Driblets. I don't think our fans are that stupid. I really don't.

Dick: That's not stupid!!

Maddox: It's...absolutely stupid.

Dick: Piss Driblets are a big problem!

Maddox: No they're not, and you're disingenuous. There's no fuckin' way.

Sean: (laughing) You call them idiots...you call them idiots every episode!

Dick: Every episode you call them idiots.

Maddox: Well, they're definitely idiots! (Sean laughing)

Dick: Why do you -

Maddox: (interjects) Everyone is compared to me, but I don't believe that they're THAT idiotic.

Dick: Says the guy who plugs his pee-hole to see what would happen. (Sean cackles in the background) Who... (cracks up)

Maddox: (yells) That's a ssss-...that's a...as a SCIENTIST, I thought of an EXPERIMENT, and I get shit on! (Dick laughing) (stammers angrily) I get no respect in this show!! If I had discovered something, if I had discovered the next, like, uh...you know, hose technique? If you could p-...if you could spray your pee further??

Dick: And you'd never have to get off the couch? You could just sit on the couch and squirt your piss around the corner? (grins)

Maddox: Well, think abou-

Dick: (interjects) Like, put a little English on it and spray it in the toilet from the couch? (Maddox laughs) You'd never have to get up? (giggles)

Sean: Just lob it into the sink from the living room.

Dick: Yeah!! Yeah.

Maddox: Think about...think about it in terms of truck drivers, right? You're driving, you gotta pee... (Dick and Sean laughing) Right now what truck drivers do is they pee in a bottle and then throw it out a window. Is that a better solution??

Dick: Yeah. Piss jugs, man.

Maddox: No, you...you put your thumb over the hole and squirt it out the side! (Dick and Sean giggle more)

Dick: Out the side of the window?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So it splatters all over your truck?

Maddox: Who cares??

Dick: And all over other drivers?

Maddox: Whatever!

Dick: And bicyclers?

Maddox: Well, the...

Dick: You wanna get a buncha trucker piss all over you, soaked in Corn Nuts?? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Better than a fuckin' bottleful that's gonna explode all over my car, or sit there in the heat and then finally explode all over some fuckin' lizard!

Dick: You dump it out when you stop!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's not what they do! They...they hurl it!

Dick: Oh, you're so bitter.

Maddox: They lob it like a grenade.

Dick: You're so salty.

Maddox: I got a comment.

Dick: You're... (laughs) ...so salty.

Maddox: I got a c-... (cracks up) I got a comment, from Ryan Sean Devlin. He says, "'Hunting Cry Babies' is reaaallly misleading. The majority of Facebook warriors were crying about an American *poaching* in Africa, not *hunting.*"

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: And uh, Dick, um... (chuckles) The dentist actually was poaching, and he has prior poaching records.

Dick: I know! I brought that up on the show.

Maddox: Huh. Yeah. Newsmax.com.

Dick: Yeah, I don't care if he was. Again.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Alright. Here's, uh...I got a voicemail from the hunting problem that you're talkin' about.

Maddox: Yeah. **[Dick plays first voicemail message]**

Voicemail (male caller): (weepy Cowardly Lion voice) Dick and Maaaaaddox. (Maddox laughs) **Where do you guys get off talkin' about Cecil bein' killed and not even talk about his family? This is me, the Cowardly Lion. I was brave at one point. I felt on top of the woyuld.** (Dick and Maddox giggle) **And then Cecil and I were walkin' toward the edge of the forest, and we smelled somethin' delicious, so we went out to see what it was, and... (cries) I saw 'im! I saw him and I was gonna get out and give that dentist the old one-two. I was gonna get RRRROUGH with him. But then I saw his crossbow, and realized I'm a giant pussy. He left behind cubs, you guys! He had a family! I mean, I know I had to eat 'em, 'cause they weren't mine, but still!!** (everyone laughs) **Those were my nephew-ew-ews. (crying)**

Maddox: This is a...

Voicemail: Anyway, you guys. (Maddox and Dick crack up again) **I'll talk to you later. Dick, go fuck yourself.**

[message ends]

Maddox: That's one, uh -

Dick: (interjects) Cowardly Lion.

Maddox: That's one Jewish lion.

Dick: Uh-oh!

Maddox: Oh, Jew j-... (cracks up)

Dick: Is that on the list?

Maddox: Jew jokes! (laughs)

Dick: Jew jokes?

Maddox: It will be.

Dick: Okay. Do you want another, um...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...Cecil voicemail?

Maddox: Yeah. **[Dick plays next voicemail message]**

Voicemail (male caller): Hi. This is Cecil the Lion's brother.

Dick: Oh.

Voicemail: Chet the Lion. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Dick: Sounds like a real asshole.

Voicemail: I'm just callin' in to say that whoever shot Cecil was a god damn hero. Cecil was a DOUCHEBAG.

Maddox: Ah, knew it.

Voicemail: He was the Kanye West of lions.

Dick: Maybe he was! You don't know that.

Maddox: Yeah, true.

Voicemail: He raped my wife, always cheated at Pinochle...

Dick: Most people... (laughs)

Voicemail: ...and to top it off, was one of the most outspoken anti-Semites I ever knew. (Sean and Maddox laugh) **I'm glad he's dead. Fuck him, and fuck anybody defending him.**

[message ends]

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: Wooow.

Dick: That's his own brother! Who says that.

Maddox: Yeah, his own brother threw him under the bus, huh?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: He's the Mel Gibson of lions, it sounds like.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I got a comment from Simon Kempthorne. He says, "Perhaps hunters should hunt ants. Two problems solved in one fell swoop." I agree. That would be awesome. And then I got a comment from Evan Harrington. He says, "I always squeeze the piss out of my dick when I'm done peeing. My underwear's clean." Thank you, Evan.

Dick: Yeah, a lot of people had some advice for me on how to stop that from happening. It was, um...

Sean: Wring it out like a bar towel? (Dick inhales thoughtfully)

Dick: Uh... (Maddox laughs) No, it was more stupid than that. It was like, hook your hand...hook your hand into a claw shape and, like, squeeze against your prostate. Like, reach around your nut sack, and press it into your prostate to, like, clean out the...remaining urine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But then I gotta wash my hands!

Maddox: Yeah. I got a suggestion too. Um, how 'bout just fuck off? It's a drop of pee. Shut up. (giggles to himself) How 'bout that?

Dick: Here, uh, Paul -

Maddox: (interjects) That's from me, by the way.

Dick: Paul Husson, a urologist, wrote in.

Maddox: (chuckles) Re-...oh yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What'd he say?

Dick: He says, "You guys might've looked this up, but I wanted to clear something up. Your kidneys are constantly making urine as your blood is filtered. This urine is then transported to the bladder for storage. When you're ready to urinate, your sphincter relaxes and the bladder, which is a muscle..." So you were right about this.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "...does contract, and urine goes out the urethra." Uh, "When you think you're done, the sphincter contracts again and closes off the bladder, depending on how long your urethra is."

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Long. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, very long. (smiles)

Dick: *Very* long.

Maddox: Yeeeah.

Dick: Very long. (chuckling) "A certain amount of urine is trapped. Shaking only gets a couple drops out, and might fling off on your pants anyway. Instead, press up under your scro-..." See, they always says "press up under your scrotum"! What...who's doing that?

Maddox: Well, I guess if you wanna solve this problem, Dick, you gotta get up in there in your scrote!

Dick: Do you do that??

Maddox: No!

Dick: No. Me neither.

Maddox: 'Cause it's not a fuckin' problem. It's a drop of pee. I don't CARE.

Dick: "Maddox, when you felt pain in your kidneys, you were actually forcing urine backwards into the kidneys by blocking your pee-hole. Nice job."

Maddox: HA. (Sean chuckles in the background) You know what?

Dick: "I'm a urologist. This is how I talk."

Maddox: You... (laughs with Sean) You know what, Mr. Urologist, smart guy? Here's what I think: I think the more I practice doing this with my, uh...you know, my pee-hole fire hose thing?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The stronger my bladder muscles are gonna get.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: I'll be able to snap a pencil with my bladder, baby.

Dick: It's the ultimate leg day.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs with Sean)

Dick: You're working out your bladder every day.

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: Here's another voicemail.

Maddox: Yeah. **[Dick plays next voicemail message]**

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddox, thanks for distinguishing between infantilism and a healthy adult interest in something that's childlike.

Maddox: M'kay, here we go. (Dick giggles)

Voicemail: Now if only my friends could understand that my interest in diapers and binkies is just a part of my aesthetic. (Sean cracks up in the background)

[message ends]

Dick: Yeah, maybe it's just part of his aesthetic. (grinning)

Maddox: These fuckin' idiots. You know what? The #1...the shittiest argument from that episode that's been haunting me, 'cause all your...your, uh, your legions of acolytes were PARODYING it.

Dick: Mine?!

Maddox: Yeah, yours!!

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: YOURS! 'Cause you can tell who they are.

Dick: The Dickheads?

Maddox: The Dickheads!

Dick: That's what I call them. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, in the c-... (cracks up) The Dickheads. (everyone laughs) Yeah.

Sean: How did nobody come up with that?? (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Sack up, boys!

Maddox: Yeah. (more giggling) The Dickheads and the piss driblets of arguments that they had. They were saying, "Oh Maddox, uh... (stammers) You have a problem with infantilism, yet you play video games, uhhh!" (idiot voice) These morons!

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: Not all video games are for kids, dipshits! The average age of a gamer is 35 years old! And I looked it up, Dick, and you were like, "Well, are those mostly casual gamers?" (dumb voice) And I looked it up, and... (cracks up)

Dick: That's a valid question. You don't need to say it like an asshole. (Maddox giggles) That's a valid question for that statistic.

Maddox: It absolutely isn't. 'Cause casual or not, they're still playing video games. It's 2%. 2% makes up the casual video game market.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: The rest are largely...like, games like "Grand Theft Auto" and games like "Manhunt" and "Outlast," all these really violent and sexually...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...suggestive games, they're not for kids. Just like not all animation is for kids, morons.

Dick: Eh...okay. I just think there's more...I think there's more in common between video games and adult coloring books than you're letting on.

Maddox: There isn't! Any...again, there isn't any more than animation being for kids. The movie "Akira" is not for kids.

Dick: I haven't seen that.

Maddox: (chuckles) The movie "Ninja Scroll" is not for kids. It has sex, graphic sex...

Dick: Okay! Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: ...graphic violence.

Dick: It's for teens, though. Like, it's more for teens than what you say.

Maddox: Then how come the average age of the...there are...what about "Adult Only"-rated games? They're ju-...they're...that's -

Dick: (interjects) Does anyone pay attention to that shit??

Maddox: Yeah, of COURSE, man.

Dick: "Adult Only"?

Maddox: "Adult Only," and "Mature"-rated. There's, uh, there was a big, um...

Dick: Hoo-ha.

Maddox: I wa-...I was gonna say "hoo-ha"!! (Dick giggles) Yeah! I was gonna say "kerfuffle," then I was gonna say "hoo-ha."

Dick: Ohh. (grinning)

Maddox: And then I thought both those sound stupid.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Anyway, man. About a billion people sent me this, uh, article that says they found a...this new study has found that spicy food is associated with a reduced risk for death! People who eat spicy food live longer.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: This is from The New York Times. They said that they studied 485,000 people, and after controlling for family, medical history, age, education, diabetes, smoking, and many other variables, the researchers found that consuming spicy food 6 to 7 times a week reduced the risk of death by 14%! 14%.

Dick: Wait, reduced the risk of death?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Any k-...of, like, illness?

Maddox: Yep. That's what it says.

Dick: Huh! That's interesting.

Maddox: Reduced the risk...yeah!

Dick: Of death.

Maddox: Well, it doesn't say "of death" in here. It just says, "consuming spicy food 6 to 7 times a week reduced the risk by 14%." I... (stammers) They're talking about...death.

Dick: Yeah, alright.

Maddox: Of all causes, yeah.

Dick: I got some fan art.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Uh, Lukas sent this in. It's "A-Too-Small-Of-A-Face-For-My-Head" Man.

Maddox: Oh, I s-... (laughs)

Dick: It's a Mega Man villain.

Maddox: I saw that.

Dick: Like that, Sean?

Maddox: He's got a little frowny face!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, I...is that a frown? I can...

Dick: Probably pissed off that...

Maddox: ...barely tell. (smiles)

Dick: ...all these assholes are picking on him for something that isn't true.

Maddox: Hey, speaking of video games, Dick.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Uhh, we played a game recently, didn't we?

Dick: We settled the debate. We settled the Smash Brothers debate.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In the ultimate smashdown.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We talked about it last week, where Maddox and I were gonna go, um, play Smash Brothers to determine once and for all whether or not it's a fighting game. And we did!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: We both...we both learned something at this event, did we not?

Maddox: We did. We played the game...we played the game at UCB Theatre.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it was part of a show, and Dick and I played only one round.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: It was a short round.

Dick: To lukewarm applause. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs) It was a...it was a real weird audience.

Dick: No one knew what the fuck we were doing.

Maddox: No. In fact, to a point, at... (chuckles) Onstage, even I didn't know what the fuck I was doing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was...

Dick: I brought it. Do you want me to play the video of it?

Maddox: Let's hear it!

Dick: You wanna narrate it as we go?

Maddox: Well, not the whole...not the entire thing, but let's hear a little bit of it, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I got a little bit of it here. I'm gonna play it now. We're gonna try to walk through it, even though, uh...listening to a fighting game is not a lot of fun. **[starts Smash Brothers video]**

(audience talking and laughing)

Dick: Sean, here, you can see it. I am Mega Man, and Maddox, 'cause he's a cheap fuck, went with Ryu.

Maddox: The only fighter in that game! The only real fighter in that game.

Maddox: This is like my specialty, is beating up little kids. Here we go.

Dick: Right now we're both, uh, learning where "jump" is on the controller, as you can see.

Maddox: And also, I'm learning that in Smash Brothers, you don't always face your opponent.

Audience member: Did he just curse?? In the game?

Dick: Oh, is that why you were running backwards for most of the fight?

Maddox: Yeah! I was...I was trying to do some crossovers and jump moves and zoning, and none of that exists.

Dick: You got too complicated.

Maddox: Yeah.

(audience and Dick cheer)

Dick: There's Maddox jumping off the side of a level.

Maddox: This game's garbage!

Maddox: Yeah, I was trying to ki-... (cracks up) I was tryin' to kill myself.

Dick: Oh man, I'm really startin' to think you're right. It's really a button masher.

Maddox: It really is! It's just a button masher. What are you supposed to do here?

Audience member: Get that!

Dick: How do you "get that"?

Audience member: Catch it, and then you do your Final Smash.

Dick: We're jumping around, trying to catch some kind of a magic ball.

Maddox: There was a super power...there was a, uh, a power-up that was floating around in the episode we were both tryin' to get, like idiots.

Dick: Oh, here's the best part. See this?

Maddox: That's not...that's not...

Dick: This is when Mega Man summons all his pals.

Dick: That's all my guys, man!

(audience starts cheering louder)

Dick: That's my posse!!

Dick: I don't know how I did that.

Dick: My posse of Mega Men!

Dick: Then it shoots Maddox off the level.

Maddox: Okay, that doesn't count! You don't know what button you did!! You don't even know how to play it.

Dick: Yeah, I... (inaudible) No, I figured it out.

Maddox: What'd you press, 'A'?

Dick: That was all a trick, man. I'm just playing dumb. I'm really a pro at this.

Maddox: No, you're not. You're garbage.

Maddox: Yeah. GARBAGE. Garbage...garbage competition!

Dick: Oh, I got it now!

Maddox: Oh, watch out, here comes the...

Dick: AHH, NONONONO!!

Maddox: There we go.

Dick: Alright, here's the last 5 seconds. 3, 2...1.

(Dick cheers, then brief silence)

Dick: Time.

Dick: That's me, right?

Maddox: So that quiet is because we don't know who won.

Dick: Yeah.

Dick: Ahhhh.

(audience starts clapping and cheering)

Dick: Then we see that it was Mega Man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wasn't it?

Maddox: Yeah.

(more clapping and cheering)

Dick: [stops video] There's me graciously coming over to shake your hand...

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: ...as the loser.

Maddox: Nyeah. Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: As the champion of video games. (smiles)

Maddox: Uh-huh. So -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, what do you call it when you beat a pro? Are you a legend at that point?

Maddox: You call it a buggy game. (Dick laughs) They need to send that game back into QA testing, buddy. So what's the epiphany we both had during that, Dick?

Dick: Uh, well, I...you know, that game to me seems like a fun, silly game that they tried to turn into a...sport?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like golf. You know?

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: Like, it's not...it's...I don't think it's a fighting game.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It seems like a frantic button masher to me.

Maddox: There you go! Bravo. **('ding!' sound effect)**

Dick: BUT, what did YOU learn?

Maddox: I learned -- and this is the honest truth -- I had a lot of fun playing it.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: I gotta be honest, I really had a good time, and after...we only played one round, and I wanted to keep playing, 'cause it's a fun game!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It really is; it's just not a fighting game. I will not back down from that. However, it is a fun game, and if you guys have fun playing it, good. Fuck off, and don't bring it up on the show again. Especially -

Dick: (interjects) We're never talking about it again.

Maddox: (yells) Yeah! Especially all you idiots who keep complaining that you're tired of hearing about it. (Dick cackles) Then stop sending in fuckin' voicemail, and stop commenting! You know, these people who are so tired of hearing about it, they sure let me know in about 30 different messages. 30 DISTINCT messages, all upvoted, by the way. Got the message, guys! Stop talkin' about it, and WE'LL stop talkin' about it. IDIOTS.

Dick: Alright. Um, do you wanna go...?

Maddox: We -

Dick: (interjects) Oh!! Oh yeah, we've got one more thing.

Maddox: We got one more thing here. We got a package from our transcriber, our beautiful and lovely and talented transcriber Laurie Foster. She sent us a care package. Now, if you remember back in December, Laurie and Megan, both our transcribers, sent us a care package. In it was a big...a big, uh, latex tit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Felt like a bag of sand.

Dick: Stress ball.

Maddox: Yeah, a stress ball.

Dick: Some Toms shoes...

Maddox: Toms shoes, right.

Dick: What else did we get?

Sean: Butterfingers.

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: Butterfingers for Sean, that's right.

Maddox: Yeah, ver-

Dick: (interjects) Why did they send you Butterfingers?

Sean: Why do you think? (Maddox and Dick giggle)

Maddox: (audience laughter & applause sound effect)

Sean: That hasn't been brought up in like 10 episodes.

Dick: Well... (smiles)

Maddox: Alright, so we got a box here. It looks like the size of a bread box.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's...everyone knows exactly what size that is.

Dick: What is it? Why'd she send it?

Maddox: What...what's that?

Dick: Why'd she send it? What is it?

Maddox: So she sent us this, uh, this care package. Her and her husband are launching...they have this comic book that they've been working on called "Super!" It's really well done. It's a graphic novel. Laurie inks some of the pages, I think...maybe all the pages. But yeah, this, uh, this comic book is really well done. They got a lot of press for it. They launched a Patreon. We said we'd give 'em a little plug. Guys, check it out. Check out Laurie's comic book. It's called "Super!"

Dick: Why don't we have cool shit like this?

Maddox: Yeah, it's...it is really cool!

Dick: There's a bunch of, like, trading cards and little guys, like little figures.

Maddox: She sent us these little action figures called "Blitz"... (stammers) I think that's the character name. It's called "Blitz." Which, by the way, I looked into making action figures a while back. It's really expensive.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That stuff is really expensive and hard to make. Um, anyway, yeah! She launched...what are the cards she has here? Dick's opening up an envelope that has a bunch of cards in it. We've got the graphic novel for "Super!"

Dick: Oh, that's cool. Well, I don't know anything about it.

Maddox: And one of the char-...the main character, uh, is modeled after Laurie. Which, uh, Laurie does a lot of -

Dick: (interjects) Ohhh. (sexy voice) (Maddox cracks up) Reallyyyy?

Maddox: A lot of modeling. Yeah, she does a lot of modeling.

Dick: Yeah, she DOES do a lot of modeling.

Maddox: Real easy on the eyes.

Dick: Alriiiiight.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Let's see...okay, cool. There's, like, some kind of Nazi war machine? That's cool.

Maddox: Oh my gosh. That's my favorite thing!

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: Nazi war machines! (giggles)

Dick: Alright.

Sean: That and Jew jokes.

Dick: Oh, wait a minute! There's... (Maddox laughs) ...some kinda Soviet guy in here. He's got a CCCP thing on his helmet. There you go. There's your guy.

Maddox: Oh, that's so badass. I bet Cecil's brother would like that.

Dick: (chuckles) Yeah, probably.

Maddox: The anti-Semite...anti-Semitic lion.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Anyway! That's, uh, Patre-

Dick: (interjects) Check it out.

Maddox: http://patreon.com/supercomic. We'll link to it. Thank you, Laurie! Awesome, awesome comic.

Dick: Sean, you got somethin'...oh, you got some trading cards too. There you go.

Maddox: Oh yeah! Yeah, what are the, uh...? We still have these trading cards here.

Sean: Oh, cool!

Maddox: Yeah. So wait, what are the, uh, the trading cards? She sent us little trading cards.

Dick: Well, they're characters from the...from the cartoon.

Maddox: Oh my gosh, this looks incredible!

Dick: Blood-Death, a...some...a, uh, American guy with a big gun? A guy who's head-to-toe an America flag, like Green Man? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: You mean, in other words, an American?

Dick: An American? (Maddox laughs) That's what the rest of the world sees us as, right? A l-...basically like a superhero?

Maddox: He has "near-impenetrable..." Yeah. He has "near-impenetrable body armor, martial arts mastery, high tolerance for pain, justice, and bullets."

Dick: Sounds like you. (Maddox giggles)

Sean: Then there's...there's Fire-Ant.

Dick: Uh-oh!

Sean: Maddox's nemesis.

Maddox: I do hate ants. Step on them.

Dick: Alright. Go ahead.

Maddox: Alright, let's get to the problems. Dick, my first problem this week...and the biggest problem in the universe, no hyperbola: death.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Yeheheah. **(applause sound effect)**

Dick: "Hyperbole."

Maddox: Hyperbole?

Dick: Yeah. "-a" is the math one.

Maddox: No hyperbole. Not -

Dick: (interjects) Death! Fuck!

Maddox: Yeah, DEATH! Death is the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: It's a big problem. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Listen to these stats. (everyone cracks up)

Dick: "100% of people die."

Maddox: Yeah! (Dick giggles) 100% of people who live will experience death at some point in their lives!

Dick: Aw, shit.

Maddox: 100 PERCENT.

Dick: Oh man. (chuckling)

Maddox: Death is caused by pneumonia... (everyone giggles)

Dick: Falling off buildings?

Maddox: ...woodchippers...falling off is #3 on my list.

Dick: Oh. (laughing)

Maddox: Woodchippers, falling off motorcycles at high speeds...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...dehydration...

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: ...starvation -- that's hunger...

Dick: Uh-huh!

Maddox: ...suicide...

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: ...homicide, malnutrition... (brief silence) ...pregnancy -

Dick: (interjects) Is th-...is that it? (laughs)

Maddox: No. Nope! (giggles) Pregnancy, roller coasters...

Dick: Roller coasters. (laughing)

Maddox: ...sharks, horses...

Dick: Augh! (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: ...militarized police...

Dick: Oho yeah, definitely.

Maddox: ...obesity...

Dick: And regular police.

Maddox: And regular police. Yeah, that's true.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Aging...

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: ...being born...

Sean: Mm. (in background)

Maddox: ...sleeping, drinking too much water...

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: ...cannibalism, decapi-

Dick: (interjects) Cannibalism *causes* death??

Maddox: Cannibalism causes death!

Dick: How?

Maddox: 'Cause you get eaten.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, but...okay. I mean, not necessarily.

Maddox: I see what you're saying.

Dick: You could've died of natural causes and then somebody eats you.

Maddox: That's true. That's a good technicality. Thank you, Dick. (sarcastic) (Dick guffaws) Thank you. I will correct this. That... (laughs)

Dick: I mean... (laughing) I'm not tryin' to be a contrarian, but...

Maddox: No, that's correct.

Dick: That's not accurate.

Maddox: That's true. I thought about that too for a split second, because if you were, say, boiled alive too, the boiling is actually the cause of death.

Dick: The boiling kills you.

Maddox: So you know what -

Dick: (interjects) The cannibalism doesn't.

Maddox: Okay! Thank you for the correction. I will change "cannibalism" to "boiling."

Dick: Okay! (giggling)

Maddox: Boiling...boiling causes death. Decapitation, blood loss...

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: ...diarrhea, eating bad food, eating poison, DRINKING poison, Ebola, riots, getting stabbed in the heart with a stake... (Dick chuckles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...microbes, bacteria, and mercury poisoning. Those are -

Dick: (interjects) And mercury poisoning. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Those are all the reasons. All those... (cracks up)

Dick: Those are the causes of death.

Maddox: Those are all the causes of death, yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Oh, MAN.

Maddox: It's so bad that even thinking about death can make people sad, depressed and scared. It gives people anxiety, and it's the #1 reason people are afraid of going skydiving. Did you know that?

Dick: Death is the r-...? Well...

Maddox: Well, what else?

Dick: Yeah, okay. Yeah.

Maddox: Afraid of heights, 'cause they're afraid of dying! That's all...it's all death. Everything's a...everyone's afraid of everything 'cause of death.

Dick: Uh, yeah, you...and you're...you're dead on about causing anxiety. (chuckles) (Maddox giggles to himself) Well, like, it's a...it's like one of the...it's the only thing where you sit...if you sit there and think, "Everyone I love will...there's a...they will die."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it will REALLY fuckin' depress you, man.

Maddox: You'll have a bad day, guaranteed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Did you know that even -

Dick: (interjects) More so than piss driblets.

Maddox: More so than piss driblets. That's an objective fact. Did you know that even birds die? (Sean chuckles) In fact, all living things die, Sean.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Did you know that? All living things die.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um... (cracks up)

Sean: I read that somewhere. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Did you read it on Wikipedia? 'Cause I'm about to quote it.

Sean: Mhm! (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: There's a huge, uh, Wikipedia page for death.

Sean: Wait, isn't there something that has, like...there's, like, life in perpetuity or something? It, like -

Dick: (interjects) Heaven.

Maddox: Yyyyeah.

Sean: No! It's like hydras, or... (stammers)

Dick: Wait a minute. What? The mythical beast?

Sean: No. Like, deep in the ocean...

Dick: Well, there's, like, tree species that don't die.

Sean: ...there's things that can theoretically...that can theoretically live forever.

Dick: Yeah. (stammers) Isn't that right? Like, that alpine or-...that one organism that is all the trees?

Sean: Well, that's an aspen grove.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: It's the largest single organism.

Dick: Or don't they live forever? Basically? Do they die?

Maddox: But you can kill it.

Sean: I don't know about that.

Dick: Oh, you can kill it?

Maddox: A bomb will kill it.

Dick: Okay. (amused)

Maddox: For sure.

Sean: I don't know. I gotta look it up on Wiki.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they can live forever, huh?

Maddox: I mean, n-...

Sean: Theoretically.

Dick: Like a -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah.

Dick: No, not even...no, nothing, 'cause then there's proton decay.

Maddox: Yeah, and also -

Dick: (interjects) Eventually, everything dies.

Sean: Alright.

Maddox: Also Sean, if the earth is being destroyed, like when the sun engulfs it, how's it gonna move? It can't. It's a fuckin' tree.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's not an Ent.

Dick: Even if you escape the earth, Maddox, still gonna die!

Maddox: Eh, that's true. Everything dies. So here's the thing. Um...so according to Wikipedia, they said, "Physiological death is now seen as a process, more than an event; conditions once considered indicative of death are now reversible. Where in the process a dividing line is drawn between life and death depends on factors beyond the presence or absence of vital signs. In general, clinical death is neither necessary nor sufficient for a determination of legal death. A patient with working heart and lungs determined to be brain dead can be pronounced legally dead without clinical death occurring."

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: So now we're gettin' into some really interesting areas.

Dick: Terri Schiavo stuff?

Maddox: Yeah, not just Terri Schiavo stuff, but I was reading about this, and the more I read about it the more fascinating it is, because...the more I read about death, the less I knew what it was. Like, death is kind of this amorphous thing. Nobody really can define the exact moment someone is dead.

Dick: It's when the thing goes, "Beeeeeeeeeeeep!" (high-pitched)

Maddox: Yeah! (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: There. You're dead. (laughs)

Maddox: Well, not necessarily though, because nobody can even decide on the exact definition. If you define it as a lack of consciousness, then technically any time we temporarily lose consciousness, like when we undergo anesthetics or are blackout drunk...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...we can be called "dead."

Dick: Oo.

Maddox: Also, organisms like bacteria are alive but not conscious. So people can't even agree what the definition of consciousness means.

Dick: And you can, like, freeze spores. Like, there's some type...there's some type of, um, microscopic organism. I don't even know if it's an organism, but it will, like...it doesn't die. It enters, like, a state of...I don't know, stasis?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it can go in space and spawn somewhere else, where living conditions are better.

Maddox: Yeah. What are those called? They're, like, buggy bears or something? Huggy bears? Like...

Dick: Ohh, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those little guys?

Dick: The ones that look cute.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then there's another type of bacteria...I just heard about this on Radiolab, I believe. They talked...it's called, uh, B...Trachiosis, or something? Some kind of bacteria. I forget what it's called. But it's a large bacteria that is, uh...it's kind of like a hybrid between a bacteria and a virus. But they found some from 30,000 years ago, and they thawed out on some tundra that came back to life, so...

Dick: Boom.

Maddox: Which...I guess if it's alive, if you can define it as that. But so, I looked up the definition of consciousness. The first definition says "an alert cognitive state in which you are aware of yourself and your situation," and then the second definition is "having knowledge." So I got a question for you, Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Does a baby with a learning disorder who's severely mentally disabled have consciousness, since it can't even have knowledge? If you're using that definition of consciousness.

Dick: Like a...a retarded person? Do they have...

Maddox: Yeah, ba-...basically.

Dick: ...consciousness?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would...yeah, they...'cause they, like, know themselves.

Maddox: Well, I'm not...

Dick: They know that THEY are a thing. Right?

Maddox: I'm not talking about...not necessarily, because when they show certain animals themselves in mirrors, if they look at themselves in mirrors, they sometimes don't recognize that they're looking at themselves.

Dick: Oh. Um, I don't...I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What does the research say?

Maddox: Um, well, that's...it's not really a research thing. It's a philosophical thing. Nobody really...there's no consensus on this. What about people in semi-vegetative states who don't exhibit any signs of memory or knowledge?

Dick: Uhh...are they dead?

Maddox: Well, that's the question.

Dick: I don't fuckin' know.

Maddox: Are they dead?

Dick: Have you ever, like, read...have you ever read accounts of people who have been in a coma saying that they were aware?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of the whole thing? Oh man, that's terrifying.

Maddox: It sounds horrible. It sounds horrible. There was that guy who was in a coma for 27 years and he was conscious.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And he said every single day, he just imagined a life that was better than his.

Dick: Well...I mean, what's different about not being in a coma then? (Maddox laughs) Doesn't...? (chuckles) Don't we all do that all day anyway?

Maddox: Hey, we might all be in comas right now, listening to this podcast!

Dick: You gotta stick it out though, right? If you're in that situation?

Maddox: Hey, you're a lucky coma patient if you're listening to this podcast. (Dick laughs) I'll tell you that much.

Dick: Would you stick it out? Or would you wanna be shut off? You're in a coma...like, 'cause you got...you can't communicate. Can't communicate anything. You gotta make up your mind now.

Maddox: Yeah. Hmm. It's hard to say, man. That sta-...I don't know if it's mental -

Dick: (interjects) You gotta, though! You gotta say. You gotta pick one way or the other, DNR or not.

Maddox: H'ohh, boy. (sighs) Well, if I'm in a coma and I'm conscious, then I think I might...I'm leaning toward stickin' around. Because I think that -

Dick: (interjects) But you don't know!

Maddox: Well, you're -

Dick: (interjects) Nobody knows...knew that THAT guy was aware.

Maddox: Yeah, they have...

Dick: Of his coma.

Maddox: They have new tests to determine those type of things.

Dick: Okay. Hmm.

Maddox: I don't know, man! I don't know. So they...death used to be defined as the lack of a heartbeat, but defibrillation, CPR and even adrenaline can resuscitate a patient. So you

know, Dick, what you were sayin' just now, uh...when the heart monitor goes "Eeeeeeeeeep!"?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's not necessarily death, because you can be resuscitated. That can be a temporary state.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Life can be supported even without a heart or lungs, using machines.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The modern definitions of death include brain death -

Dick: (interjects) In your version, you would PREFER it that way.

Maddox: What?

Dick: In your perfect life, you'd prefer all of your systems be kept alive by machines. Right?

Maddox: Well, of course! Why wouldn't you?? Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, of course! No, I know.

Maddox: We understand machines. We can make machines. Hearts are more difficult to make.

Dick: Yeah. Can't make a wi-fi router that works reliably, but, uh... (both laugh) Everything else, gonna nail it.

Maddox: Hey, what happens when your wi-fi router goes dead?

Dick: Unplug it. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: And then you buy a new one!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You buy a better one. A newer model. You get upgrades! I can't wait to be a cyborg. It's gonna be great. Modern definitions of death -

Dick: (interjects) You will be the jankiest cyborg. (grinning)

Maddox: Me?!

Dick: Like, you...yeah. Will you be an early adopter of that technology?

Maddox: Oh...no. (laughs) No way.

Dick: I don't think you could resist.

Maddox: No way.

Dick: I hope that, like, when GE rolls out with their...or Nissan. Who's makin' that stupid little...human? Is it Honda?

Maddox: Honda, yeah.

Dick: That makes the little robot?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When they roll out with the first one you can plug in, man, you'll be...you'll last all of 23 minutes, and then you'll... (Maddox laughs) Yeah. "Yeah yeah yeah, sign me up. Sign me up. Take my brain. Take it."

Maddox: Yeah, fuck it, man! 'Cause -

Dick: (interjects) "I'm a celebrity! I'm a big-time author, I'm a bestseller!" (Maddox laughs) "We gotta preserve my brain."

Maddox: Yeah!! Yeah, why not?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We got a buncha DILDOS who are just reproducing. (Dick laughs) From, uh, "Idiocracy."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And dildos, I mean idiotic people.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Um, so now...they're saying that modern definitions of death mean brain-dead, which includes people without brain activity, but the period of time without brain activity isn't agreed upon. So fans of "Guardians of the Galaxy" were spared a mass grave, I think.

Dick: Oho, boy. (Sean groans in the background)

Maddox: Brain-dead idiots.

Dick: Oh, my GOD.

Maddox: Buncha...buncha DUMMIES. (Dick laughs) Morons. Anyway man, I just got a few more things here. "The acceptance of brain death as death of the human being legitimated the practice of procuring viable vital organs from patients with devastating neurological injuries who were still breathing and perfusing their organs..." I don't even know what that means. "...with the aid of mechanical ventrilators." Ventilators, excuse me. "By the late 1990s, however, the equation of brain death with death of the human being was increasingly challenged by scholars based on evidence regarding the array of biological functioning displayed by patients correctly diagnosed as having this condition, who were maintained on mechanical ventilation systems for substantial periods of time." So, even by the whole brain criteria, Dick. The determination of brain death can be complicated. So, uh, this is again from Wikipedia. They said, “EEGs can detect spurious electrical impulses while certain drugs, hypoglycemia, hypoxia, and hypothermia, can suppress or even stop brain activity on a temporary basis. So how do you define death?

Dick: Maddox, you’re making this problem way smaller than it is.

Maddox: You think so?

Dick: Yes! You’re talking about the minutia of determining when death occurs.

Maddox: That's a pretty significant thing, don't you think?!

Dick: NO!! You're dead!!

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.

Dick: Whether you bounce across the line of what makes death, eventually you're gonna fucking die, and that's horrible! And there's NOTHING you can do to stop it!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Nothing!

Maddox: So…

Dick: Nothing!!

Maddox: No, there are some theories out there…there's a guy, there's a couple of scientists, it's actually a growing movement in the scientific community…but the doctors…

Dick: (interjects) Well, Google started the…are you gonna talk about Google's company, they secretly started, like, a life company?

Maddox: No, I…

Dick: (interjects) And anti-death company was called Calico, or something like that?

Maddox: I want to hear…

Dick: It only exists to prolong life.

Maddox: Yeah, I wanna hear more about this because I think I heard a little bit about this through you…so what is this?

Dick: Oh, I have no idea. It's like a secret project that these billionaires started to, like, invent life-prolonging technology. It's AWESOME! I wish I knew more about it, but I…I don't. I don't have the research.

Maddox: Well, they say people think that there's no theoretical limit on how long we can live. I mean, we've already doubled our lifespan.

Dick: Yeah

Maddox: Our life expectancy. Uhh…some people are getting to the point where we're able to triple it. There are people living to 110 years old.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 105 years old. And it's pretty common. Um, and…

Dick: (interjects) But…

Maddox: …they're living more functional lives.

Dick: Even then…even if you live a thousand years. Let's say we get the lifespan up into the thousands, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Like in the Bible.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like it used to be before we did all these affronts against God. Like GAY MARRIAGE!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: When everybody was eating organic all the time!

Dick: And not having slaves.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like it expressly says in the Bible we're supposed to have!! (Maddox laughs) Um… I'm kidding, obviously. Uh, even when we live that long, we're still getting hit in the head by a foul ball at a baseball game.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah.

Dick: You know? You're STILL gonna get killed! A piano is still gonna fall on you that they can't bring you back from!!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: They're never gonna invent a cure for 17 stab wounds. (Maddox laughs) You know!? (grins)

Maddox: Mr. Burns. (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah, right, right, right!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. (grins)

Dick: That's always gonna be there.

Maddox: Wasn't it that episode they said "Hey, we're still trying to invent a cure for 17 stab wounds." And then someone chimed in, they said, "We're at 15!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And everyone's like "YAY!!" (laughs)

Dick: Yes. Yeah. One of the Calico things…one of the research…um…one of the things that I read about recently is they were taking blood from young mice…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And replacing the blood of older mice with that young blood.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And it extended their lives.

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: Like, inexplicably. 'Cause that's so convoluted. It seems like something that the Soviets would've done in, like, 1950, right?

Maddox: Well…well…

Dick: (interjects) That kind of macabre experimentation.

Maddox: So, that's interesting. They used to actually do that in the medieval ages. They used to try to…especially the royalty and elite? They used to take blood from younger people and try to infuse it with themselves…which…they didn't know what the FUCK they were doing. They were drinking it…and just pouring it on themselves like idiots.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And getting all sorts of heinous diseases. But now the research they're…they came back to that idea with experimenting with young mice, and they found that yes, indeed, actually. The blood from young mice does help older mice heal faster…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And it helps their cognitive ability. It actually kind of regresses their aging!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is really fascinating, because that suggests that there is no theoretical limit to how long we can live. And there's this guy, this scientist. I forget his name, but he thinks that we only have to cure six things to be able to live infinitely.

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What are those six things?

Maddox: Six things. We have to…

Sean: (interjects) Pee driblets…

Dick: Slacktivism…probably? That's a big one we gotta cure. (giggles)

Maddox: You guys done? Are you DONE?!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: No.

Sean: Jew jokes? (Maddox guffaws)

Dick: Yeah, probably.

Maddox: We need more.

Dick: They'll…(laughing) (Maddox laughs) They'll hoard it over…Israel will invent living forever and they'll hoard it over everybody!!! You got…if we hear ONE Jew joke on the Internet today…(Maddox laughs) you guys aren't getting our Lazarus serum!! (Maddox laughs) So the whole Internet will be shut down except for one guy on 4Chan!!

Maddox: Oh, mannnnn. No, dickheads! It's actually…cancer. They have to cure cancer. (Dick giggles) They have to cure…

Dick: (interjects) I thought of the Jew joke you'll make too, by the way.

Maddox: What? What is it? (Dick laughs)

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. (laughing)

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: I'm not gonna say it.

Maddox: It's a big problem, Jew Jokes.

Dick: Too funny.

Maddox: It's coming in in one of the episodes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, uh…curing cancer. Curing heart disease. And then the other ones are kind of trivial.

Dick: Cancer, that's a big one.

Maddox: Yeah. The cancer's a big one, but we're making headway. We're able to cure some forms of cancer.

Dick: I like the race against death because it, like, pits…small scale technology against, like, biological technology.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To me. In my mind, I see it as, like, alright, this a race between nanobots and all you medical nerds!

Maddox: Yeaaaaah! (laughing)

Dick: Like, who's gonna do it!?! One of you's winning! (Maddox laughs) One of you is gonna be loved for MILLENIA.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Well, that's a really cool way of looking at it, 'cause it could come from the IT world, you're saying, right?

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: 'Cause…

Dick: Well, nanobots can cure cancer!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They could.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If they worked!

Maddox: If they were small enough…

Dick: (interjects) And they didn't turn anyone into grey goo…

Maddox: You know, I think the other…the solution here is, Dick…really, if we find an energy source that's compact enough so that we could power some of these nanobots to go into our bodies and target cancer cells…

Dick: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Maddox: I'm, like, that's it! That's a game-changer!

Dick: Well, some of them work on Wi-fi.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they get energy out of radiation in the air.

Maddox: Yeah. Near-field communication. They communicate with each other and pass on complex instructions that these nanobots can then execute.

Dick: Like ants.

Maddox: Like…ugh, f…(laughs)

Sean: So that…that's…(Maddox laughs) That thing I was talking about is called biological immortality.

Dick: Wait, what? And it exists?

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: So just immortality?

Dick: Do you have any examples of it?

Sean: Hydra. Like I said.

Dick: What the hell is a hydra?

Maddox: What is it?

Sean: It's a freshwater little simple organism.

Maddox: Alright, that…(stammers) anyway, we're running out of time. That's all I got. That's my…that's my problem. DEATH. Death!

Dick: It's a big problem.

Maddox: The BIGGEST problem in the universe.

Dick: That's gotta be the biggest. (grins)

Maddox: Yeaaah!

Dick: That's bigger than female genital mutilation.

Maddox: I…it is! It absolutely is, 'cause this affects everybody. AND animals.

Dick: Yeah. There no GOOD…there's no…well…is there good that comes from death?

Maddox: Yes. Yes.

Dick: I mean…you don't have an ecosystem without death, right?

Maddox: So I was th…

Dick: (interjects) But that's on God, not us!

Maddox: Well…(laughs) blame God.

Dick: Like, why would you design that?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Well, no, there is…I was thinking about this. I was thinking…is there anything worse than death? And some people would contend yes, that there is.

Dick: Taxes.

Maddox: Taxes, huh.

Dick: Income tax.

Maddox: I almost brought in Taxes as my second problem, but no. Um…there are some things that some people consider worse than death, and that's chronic pain, because some people look for…

Dick: (interjects) Ugh, yeah, that's TRUUUE!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's true! Death is a solution for…

Maddox: Yeeeeeeep.

Dick: Chronic pain and cancer!!

Maddox: And they look for euthanasia. For SOME people!! For some people, some people think that it's worth living in spite of chronic pain. And then death is also…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, man. That's some serious pain, though.

Maddox: I also used to think that death was the worst thing even including rape, but some people…there was this old tribe of, uh, women, I think in the 1800s or 1700s, they were… they heard that their army was slaughtered and that the enemy army was coming towards them, was marching towards their city, so all the women and daughters, they took themselves and they just threw themselves off the cliff because they didn't want to get raped. So…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Some people consider rape worse than death. Some people consider chronic pain worse than death. But I think that's a minority. I think the majority of people want to live.

Dick: (snorts) I guess we'll find out when someone brings in rape. Right? (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hey, this episode is brought to you by CASPER. (Maddox giggles) Today's episode is brought to you by Casper. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Hey!

Dick: Get $50 toward any mattress purchase…(Maddox giggles) by visiting http://www.casper.com/biggest and using promo code BIGGEST. How's your Casper mattress working out for you?

Maddox: Oh, it's great, man. Every time I go to sleep on it, it's like coma sleep. Like, for real, I feel like…I feel like I put my head down…and I get up, and it's like a time machine.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: I don't stir…

Dick: Would you sleep like you're dead…would you say?

Maddox: I sleep like I'm dead.

Dick: Sleep of death.

Maddox: It's…it's deathful sleep. It's restful sleep like you're dead, in a grave.

Dick: Awesome. (Maddox giggles) Mattresses can often cost well over $1500, but Casper mattresses cost between $500 for a twin size and $750 for full size, $850 for queen size, $950 for a king size mattress. Under a grand. That's a deal. Casper understands that buying a mattress online can have customers wondering how this is possible, but it's completely risk free. They offer free delivery and returns within a 100-day period. It's that simple. You ever…you got to work on your bed, yet? You know what I'm talking about?

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah.

Dick: You gotten to work?

Maddox: I've gotten some work, yeah.

Dick: Gotten down to business? (grins)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: On that bed?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How was that experience?

Maddox: Made some batter. It's…(belches) It's..uh…(laughs)

Dick: (interjects) Made some batter…belch.

Maddox: It's…(guffaws) it's great, Dick. It's great. I can't recommend it high enough. I'll just say this much, right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Have you seen those old commercials where they drop a bowling ball and there's a glass of wine and it doesn't…

Dick: (interjects) Sure!! I grew up in the eighties, I know that.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. It's perfect for that moment, because you set down the glass of wine, you get right to business!! (Dick guffaws) You don't have to worry about it spilling over!! (Dick cracks up) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: That's how smooth you are?!

Maddox: Oh, yeaaaaah!! Like a piston, baby!!! Gggggggggggg.

Dick: Banging that girl, the whole time you got your glass of wine…(Maddox laughs)… sitting there…rippling like in Jurassic Park!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When the tyrannosaurus is coming!

Maddox: Yeah, I'm like, uh…what's his name? Bateman from…Patrick Bateman from American Psycho.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: When I just…I stop midway and I point to the class. I look at the girl, I do that little two-finger thing?

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: With the eyes, and say, "Look at the glass."

Dick: And then you should say, "Go to http://www.casper.com/biggest and enter promo code BIGGEST…"

Maddox: Biggest…for $50 off your mattress. (they giggle)

Dick: 50 bucks off!! Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a great mattress. What…

Dick: My problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is Hoverboard Hoaxes.

Maddox: Ha haha!!! Good!!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Yes. Good! I know what you're talking about, and I want to hear this.

Dick: You know what I'm talking about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause Lexus just released this campaign.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: About how they've invented a hoverboard.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (annoyed)

Dick: It's not a fucking hoverboard.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's not a hoverboard. It's not a hoverboard!

Maddox: No.

Dick: I don't care that it floats.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that you call it a hoverboard. It's not a hoverboard.

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: It's a superconducting magnetic platform.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That rides around on a WEIRD rail!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And has skateboarding celebrities embarrass themselves on it, 'cause it's not a fucking hoverboard.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It has none of the fun of a hoverboard.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It has none of the…magical technology of a hoverboard.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: It's not a fucking hoverboard.

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: You can put tits on it and call it a supermodel. That doesn't make it a supermodel.

Maddox: That's a fucking fact.

Dick: Yeah. Well, you know…this bothers you too. Because I think…I think the worst…the worst, most wicked type of falsehood is the perpetration of a hoverboard hoax!

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: 'Cause we want it SO bad. There is nothing…there is nothing that we want more than a real hoverboard.

Maddox: Ooh. (unsure)

Dick: So bad that we're willing to believe the STUPIDEST fabrications of our lives. Do you remember when Back to the Future II came out?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What…do you remember the myth regarding…

Maddox: (interjects) The hover…we wanted the hoverboard.

Dick: …the hoverboard. That it was real.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That people said it was REAL, and for…because Sean and I were talking about this in the car on the way over. That we both heard this same LIE independently, that a group of angry mothers is what was preventing the real, actual, hoverboard from being released.

Maddox: Ohhh, oh, yeah I remember that!!

Dick: Did you hear that?!

Maddox: Yeah, I remember that!

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Growing up. And I was pissed off. I think I read that..it sounded like something I would read on the back of a Garbage Pail Kids card. (Dick guffaws) You know, like… (stammers) these mean moms and teachers just get…

Dick: (interjects) All these fucking moms!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Always fucking up our good times!! (Maddox laughs) When we're kids! Goddamn it!!

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause they don't want us to fall. Again, death! Death is the reason they don't want us to have hoverboards!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But…man, I remem…when I saw this video, Dick, this weekend..when Lexus released this…by the way, they didn't invent it! They just…they came along and they bought the rights to market this thing that somebody had, right? This p…

Dick: (interjects) It's just a fucking super…it's just a (stammers)

Maddox: Superconductor!

Dick: Superconductor. It's just a magnet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why it's leaking, um, vapor all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's full of…what? Jesus Christ. I can't remember anything.

Maddox: Liquid nitrogen.

Dick: Liquid nitrogen!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they have big tanks of liquid nitrogen right next to it, and the QUOTE UNQUOTE “skate park” that it’s operating on is full of metal rails.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Some fucking exciting hoverboard you got here!

Maddox: Wow! You can hover anywhere you want on a skate park built for this hoverboard!

Dick: Yeah, just…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, cool. (sarcastic)

Dick: …wear a slippery t-shirt and let your friends spin you around on an air hockey table!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That’s what you’re doing!

Maddox: Yeah. You know what? You know what? Ice skates…you need to use them at an ice skating rink, don’t you? You don’t just say, “Hey man, I invented ice skates!”

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: “Oh, really? Can I use it on the sidewalk?” “No, you have to go to a specific place that built…”

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: “Was specifically for this thing that you put on your feet! You can’t use it anywhere else.”

Dick: Yeah! I built…I invented a jet pack! WHAT?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: “How does that work?” “Oh, it’s really cool. You go to the bottom of this cliff, and then I drop this rope down…(Maddox laughs) …and you climb up it.” How the fuck is that a jet pack?!

Maddox: Yeah, exactly. (laughing) And then that other jet pack thing. By the way, Dick, the thing I want more than a hoverboard BY FAR is a jet pack. I have so many heists in my mind, planned…(Dick guffaws) the SECOND jet packs come out, I’m gonna fucking steal everything!

Dick: Let’s go through the heists…

Maddox: So…(laughing)

Dick: What are the heists?

Maddox: I…I’m not gonna say this one, ‘cause it legit might happen.

Dick: (laughs) because a masked jet pack man…wait a minute. First of all, what about the actual jet pack that exists?

Maddox: Noooo.

Dick: That guy…

Maddox: The Disneyland one?

Dick: No, no, no. (giggles) What?

Maddox: The one from, like, Tomorrowland and the 60s…they did a promo thing for Disney…

Dick: (interjects) The Rocketeer?

Maddox: Yeah, the Rocket…

Dick: (interjects) Or do you mean an actual jet pack?

Maddox: No, they had a jet pack, yeah. At Disneyland.

Dick: I didn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah. Tomorrowland. It's like, the black and white footage of a guy using a jet pack and everyone's…

Dick: Using a jet pack for real?

Maddox: Yeah, it's a jet pack.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: My dick's been wet ever since I saw that thing.

Dick: Not hard, but wet?!

Maddox: Hard and wet. (they crack up)

Sean: I was so confused right there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This guy's dick gets wet.

Maddox: (interjects) Sean, do you want…

Dick: (interjects) It starts sweating, it's so hard!

Maddox: He's got that look in his eyes like he wants to see it. Sean, do you want to see it?

Sean: No!!!

Dick: You don't wanna…no, the jet pack. Not his dick. (Maddox chuckles)

Sean: The jet pack? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Show me the jet pack.

Dick: Well, yeah. I gotta see this now, too. No, I'm talking about…

Sean: (interjects) That's not a euphemism. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, what…

Dick: I'm talking about the real jetpack that, like, is sponsored by Red Bull. The jet man?

Maddox: The water thing that…

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. That's awesome too. I love…

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I think that's a real water jet pack.

Maddox: (sighs) Yeah.

Dick: Like, I really wanna ride one.

Maddox: Sure. I do too, but it's not a jet pack in the sense that we're thinking.

Dick: I'm saying the REAL jetpack. Where it's a guy who has those…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, yeah!

Dick: Yeah. He has those two giant jets on his…

Maddox: (interjects) Fan. Fans. Yeah.

Dick: I don't…no, they're jets!

Maddox: For real?

Dick: He's flying…like, he gets dropped out of a…bro.

Maddox: Bro. (laughing)

Dick: You wanna talk jets or fans, here? Are we talking jets, or fans?

Maddox: Jets.

Dick: We're talking jets.

Maddox: Jets.

Dick: This guy has two mini jet packs on his back and little wings, and he's flying around…

Maddox: Eeeeeeeeeh, it's a plane. If you got wings, it's a plane. A jet pack is just a pack, and that's it.

Dick: (sighs loudly) Okay.

Maddox: Like the Tomorrowland. Look it up. It's…

Dick: (interjects) Like that girl that you jerked off to first.

Maddox: Yes, Mary. Oh, my Gosh, Mary, so hot!

Dick: Yeah. Huh.

Maddox: So, yeah man.

Dick: Alright, that's a good point. It is a plane.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a miniature plane.

Maddox: Okay, you wanna hear my heist idea?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: For a jet pack? Okay. I'm kinda sad saying this right now on the air, 'cause now that I say it, I'm never gonna do it.

Dick: (scoffs) I mean, you can still do it. You have a jet pack. What are they gonna do?

Maddox: No, because they'll patch the security hole. (Dick laughs) Okay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Have you ever been to the Tower of London?

Dick: Uh, no.

Maddox: I…I…

Dick: (interjects) But the line was too long. I went and the line was, like, two and a half hours.

Maddox: Ohohoho!!!

Dick: I…Sean! I went with you!!

Maddox: Hah.

Dick: Yeah. And we said, "Fuck this."

Maddox: Bro!!

Dick: The girl we were…yeah, go ahead.

Maddox: Forget about lines, okay? (Dick guffaws) I…(Maddox laughs) I found the best way. And this is how I found the loophole to steal the Crown Jewels. (Dick laughs) Yeah.

Dick: Stop it!! No, stop it!! (dying of laughter)

Maddox: (laughing) It's the easiest thing to steal in the world!

Sean: It's like a Pink Panther villain!! (Dick squeaks from laughing too hard)

Dick: Yeah. (guffaws) (Maddox cracks up) That's the stupidest thing to steal!!!

Maddox: No!!

Dick: You could never resell it…you could never resell the Crown Jewels!! (cracks up)

Maddox: You could do SOMETHING with it!!!

Dick: You could just wear it around!! That's why you want it!!

Maddox: Bullshit!!! (they crack up)

Dick: This is the stupidest plan!!!

Maddox: It's not a stupid pla….well, you haven't even fucking heard the plan, dickhead! You got no respect!!!

Dick: Go ahead!!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: What's the plan? (cracks up)

Maddox: Asshole!!! Don't you at least wanna hear my plan…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I do!! (crying and laughing)

Maddox: …to steal the Crown Jewels?!

Dick: Yes, I do! I really do!

Maddox: Great! Because, first of all, dickhead…I'll…you show…you give me some Crown Jewels, and I'll find a Russian who wants to buy it! I guarantee I'll find a Russian oligarch by tomorrow lunchtime that wants to buy the Crown Jewels!! Guaran-fucking-teed!!

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: I'll make MILLIONS off those Crown Jewels!! Millions!! (Dick guffaws loudly)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Russian oligarchs love that shit! They love all sorts of, like, kitschy shit.

Dick: Kitschy like the Crown Jewels. (they crack up) Maddox's Kitsch Emporium.

Maddox: (interjects) You're talking…

Dick: We got those Cupid dolls…we got a cat poster…and the crown…the most famous jewelry in the history of man. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: There's a spare grail around here somewhere.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, look, man. If you steal the Mona Lisa, there's only one customer for it, and those are fucking Russian oligarchs, or maybe some Saudi princes! That's it! Those are the only people who are buying it!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay? So I'll find a customer. Not a problem. Or maybe I'll just fucking wear it, 'cause I have a whole closet full of crowns at home!! I wear crowns all the time!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're talking to a guy who wears crowns.

Dick: Do you have a real crown?

Maddox: I have metal crowns…but they're not that…they're not the Crown Jewels. I'll just say that. They're not the crown…

Dick: I wish you had a real…like, real, custom-made one, you know?

Maddox: Yeah! Well…that's why I got my eye on the Crown Jewels, buddy. (Dick guffaws) Kay. So, I went to the Tower of London, right?

Dick: Okay. (grins)

Maddox: Walked right in! Just WALKED right in!! (Dick giggles) LINES?! PFFFFFF!! Whatever! Okay. So I'm in there.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And there's only…you know, there's like, some cool torture shit to see.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then there are a bunch of, like, fucking placards to read. And you're walking around, bored to tears. And then you're looking for some food, and all the food sucks there. So you're just…you're stuck drinking fucking…uh, flat Pepsi, looking for food and board! And the only thing worth seeing is the…

Dick: (interjects) Pepsi is a great problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Go ahead, sorry.

Maddox: We'll bring in Pepsi sometime.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But you're looking around to see if there's anything to do in the Tower of London. Yeah, it's cool, whatever. But it's not like a huge event unless you go to the Crown Jewel room.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And the Crown Jewel room, the line is just WINDING, and it snakes around, and there's portraits, and all sorts of just, you know, cool shit to see in there, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And the…the…Crown Jewel of the event is the Crown Jewel room!!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Right? (giggles)

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: You walk in, and they have all the different crowns, and jewels…(giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox:...for the uh, the…

Dick: (interjects) The monarchs.

Maddox: The monarchy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. The monarchy, right?

Dick: They were the gifts from other dignitaries throughout history.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Stuff like that.

Maddox: So here's how I went into that room. And honestly, it was a mistake, but I found a huge loophole in their security. I walked in through the exit. I just walked right in through the exit…

Dick: Okay. (giggles)

Maddox: Security guard looks at me, tips his hat, and I just kinda, like, look at him back, and I said, "Okay, I guess I'm in here." And I walk in, like an asshole, looking at all the crowns…you know, the crowns in there. And they're all…the security for this place is atrocious. It's the…the crowns. These priceless things.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Are sitting there behind Plexiglass.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: That's it! It's just, like, a little thin layer of Plexiglass. Bro, there's more security between you and I right now!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My laptop screen is thicker than the screens on these Crown Jewels!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So I thought…and then I walk outside after I'm…I get my fill in, like, 5 minutes. I'm done.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So I walk outside and I see…the wall to the Tower of London. It's like, I don't know. Maybe 15, 20 feet high?

Dick: Okay. Oh, okay.

Maddox: And I thought, if I just pogoed right over that wall, or I had a jetpack…(Dick cracks up) I could run in there, grab the fucking Crown Jewels, knock over the tubby security guard, who…(stammers) he seems like a nice guy, but he's just one dude. The beefeaters?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The beefeaters. That's what they call their security guards. The beefeaters.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What…whatever. They're guarding the Crown Jewels? Please. Beefeaters? Forget it. I'm the real beefeater, buddy.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: So…you just run in there, make a grab for the Crown Jewels, hop over the wall, you're done. You hop on a motorcycle, you go over the London Bridge, fucking d…you're in paradise for the rest of your life.

Dick: Maddox, I really think that their security would stop you!

Maddox: You think so?!!? There's just one guy!!

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: He didn't even have a fucking gun!

Dick: I bet the security that they have is the kind of security that you don't see.

Maddox: Nope!

Dick: Like, with…no. Like, with cameras.

Maddox: Nope!

Dick: Eye in the sky…they've probably got, you know, a bunch of hidden beefeaters around. How far do you have to go from the point of the Crown Jewels to get out of the… Tower of London area?

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: It…it's like 20 feet. You run 20 feet to the wall…hop over that wall, and you fucking hop on a motorcycle, you're gone! They don't even have time to react, you're gone so fast. I'm not even shitting you, dude, banks have better security. The White House has better security. And people penetrate the White House all the time! There's that crazy dude with the Pokemon who jumped the fence and then ran towards…he got, like, to the front door of the White House. And the White House…

Sean: Yeah, and that's when the fucking dogs got him.

Maddox: Well, yeah. And he kicked him. He kicked the dog.

Dick: Yeah, but what if he had a jet pack? (guffaws)

Sean: Wait, doesn't London have the most cameras of any other city?

Dick: Yes. Yes!

Maddox: Oh!!! CCTV, please!! I pissed right in front of a CCTV camera. RIGTH in front of one!!

Sean: They're probably used to that!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I don't think you're gonna get away with this.

Maddox: Anyway. Well, not now, 'cause they're gonna beef up their security!! (Dick laughs) 'Cause they listen to this podcast, I bet!

Dick: Oh, man. Do you think we know anybody who works security over there? Like, any kind of London cop or anything, you could say…

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: Somebody…if it's as easy as you're making it out to be, someone will have tried this.

Maddox: Dick, I'm telling you…nothing easier! I…I plan heists all the time in my mind…

Dick: I know you do! They're great.

Maddox: Just to see if I can…you know. Yeah! Just to see if I can, you know?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Just, like, trying to poke holes in security, which I see ALL the time. Oh, my gosh. There's this bank that I go to sometimes…the WORST security. There's a HUGE, HUGE hole in their security.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'll tell you after the episode.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But yeah, man.

Dick: You missed your calling.

Maddox: Being a…bank robber?

Dick: Oh, I was gonna say "being an inmate". (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: What a dick.

Dick: Anyway, uh, this is a superconductor. Not a hoverboard.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When you…when you cool certain materials to an extremely low temperature, in this case, -197 C, they become superconductive. If you position them near a magnet during that cooling process, they oust the magnetic field and effectively remember their position relative to the magnet. There's a video that Lexus just posted. That's why I'm so pissed off about this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where it shows these skateboarders trying to use the "hoverboard"? And it's…it's embarrassing. It's like watching a one-legged cat trying to bury shit on a frozen pond. Like, they stumble around…(Maddox laughs) They jump on it…they jump off as it approaches new things…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In terror, because they know they're gonna break their wrists if they stay on.

Maddox: Right. There's no friction on this thing.

Dick: There's no fun to it, either.

Maddox: No.

Dick: There's no fun on it.

Maddox: Would you call two magnets that are just levitating on top of each other, would you call that a hoverboard?

Dick: No, I wouldn't.

Maddox: No. No.

Dick: No.

Maddox: That's 'cause it's just magnets, idiot.

Dick: Needs more power.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's not a hoverboard unless you can go someplace that wasn't specifically designed for your hoverboard. Your QUOTE hover…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Let's not even call it "hoverboard".

Dick: Just like a flying car is not a flying car if it's a shitty airplane that can fold its wings up on top of the car!

Maddox: Yeah. Exactly.

Dick: Then it's a fucking airplane.

Maddox: Yep!!

Dick: Like…

Maddox: (interjects) Fuck…right. Amen! That's the…that's a great fucking example, 'cause I'm so tired of flying cars and people, "Oh, it's a flying car!" No, it's not!

Dick: No.

Maddox: 'Cause you could call an airplane a flying car, too, then, can't you, dipshit? 'Cause airplanes have wheels!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There…and airplane's not a car!! It's a plane. 'Cause it has wings. If it has WINGS, it's a plane. It's a plane.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah. I'm on board with that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We've defined a box. (Maddox laughs) And a flying car..(giggles) and now a…do you remember when hover…when Funny or Die did that…uh…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That troll video, I guess you'd call it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where they got Tony Hawk and Christopher Lloyd.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: To come out and act like they'd actually invented a hoverboard?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was angry even when that came out. 'Cause I'm, like, "Yeah, fuck you guys!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you know what you're doing! It's not funny! What you're doing is not funny!!

Maddox: Well, I guess that was "Or Die". Um, you know what was the best thing about that video, though, Dick? The way that it was outed. You remember what happened? Do you know what happened?

Dick: No. No.

Maddox: So, the way that video was outed…because there was a lot of speculation when it came out, by a bunch of gullible idiots on the internet, thinking, "Oh, my gosh, we're finally here! We got the hoverboard."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then some girl, who was, like, a PA for that thing. Listed it on her resume. And she just posted it on IMDB or something, so…people were searching for this..(Dick laughs) and they came across this girl. She quickly removed it, but the damage was done. Everyone picked up the story and they said, "Oh, it's fake, guys."

Dick: Yeah. There are whistle blower laws to protect girls like that. Protect people like that. So this is from a…this is from a journalist who was at this demo, reporting of how fun the hoverboard was?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…the pro skater, Ross McGoran, employed to master this thing for a video, but it's a bit challenging. He was supposed to be doing a demo, but yesterday, fell off and almost broke his ankle. Today, he's hobbling around pretending he's fine. (Maddox scoffs) He tells me the whole board teeters on a magnetic balance point just 1 cm wide, running lengthwise down the middle.

Maddox: WHAT?! That's…really?!

Dick: Yeah. That's why they look so stupid when they're trying to have fun…the time of their lives on this amazing new technology of magnets.

Maddox: So essentially, that's like being on a high wire.

Dick: Yeah. That's exactly what it is.

Maddox: Trying to skateboard on a high wire.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Are you kidding me? They should get…they should have gotten some of those Cirque Du Soleil idiots to do that thing.

Dick: They should have!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Instead of a professional skateboarder. You're right!

Maddox: 'Cause those guys are good with balance, at least! Those guys would have done it.

Dick: They should have done it in the fucking first place. I don't why Lexus, a car that I own…is…committing this kind of fraud!! (Maddox chuckles) This is not the brand that I bought into!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: I think it's exactly the brand you bought into, Dick.

Dick: No, I bought into a brand that was soaked in sophistication. (Maddox cracks up) And class. And now I've got Persian racing rims…(Sean laughs) and fake hoverboard jokes…

Maddox: Yeah! I hate…that's the thing I hate most about this, was that it was just ONE big Lexus ad, and it was SO fucking shameless!

Dick: And it's a horrible ad!

Maddox: It was so shameless at the end where the car drove up in between the two ramps, and they built up to it…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the guy jumped the car…and they…they…it was just so fucking shameless. It was like the new Jurassic Park movie with Mercedes. Oh, my gosh.

Dick: Ohhhh. Yeah.

Maddox: You couldn't blink and not see a Mercedes ad.

Dick: Yeah. Yep, well, that's my problem. I'm d…no more hoverboard stuff! It's not funny. There's never gonna be a hoverboard. Never.

Maddox: Well, noooooooo. Mmmmmmm.

Dick: Never. Never! No!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: That hope is what they're preying on!! Never gonna happen!

Maddox: Dick, that's super fucking depressing!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's my problem.

Maddox: Well, uh…

Dick: Alright, we're already at 1:05. I dunno. Do you wanna do…you wanna do another problem? Or you wanna save it?

Maddox: Well, Sean's making a scrunchy face, that's…(Dick laughs) that tells me no. Guy…you know what? I brought in a problem that sounds like it's a bunch of bullshit.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: But it's actually a real legit problem. I'll save it for the next episode.

Dick: Save it for the next one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, you try to cram it in, it's never as good.

Dick: No. It's never as good.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause I actually have a lot to talk about with this problem…I'll bring it in next week. You..unless you have a quick one you want to cover. Or is that it?

Dick: Uhhhh, I mean, it would take, like, 10 minutes.

Maddox: Yeaaaaah. Well.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No. That's it. That's it for this episode!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We got…we covered a lot of ground, here! We covered death and hoverboards!

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: And by the way, Dick, when we list this problem on the website, hoverboards? We're putting it in quotes.

Dick: I called it hoverboard hoaxes.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they all are.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Good.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Good. The Hoverboard Hoaxes, and my problem is Death. Vote it up, Death, people!!

Dick: See you next Tuesday. Hey, didn't you have a song you were gonna play?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, you wanna play it?

Maddox: I do. Well, do you have any voice mail?

Dick: Umm, I have a song…

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: I think you've heard it before, though.

Maddox: Okay.

(Titanic theme starts)

Maddox: You motherfucker! (Dick laughs) This is such bullshit!! No, fuck you!! I do have a song to play, Dick!!

Dick: Awww, buddy. You had a lot of losses this week.

Maddox: At the end of this episode. No, I didn't!

Dick: You had a lot of losses. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (inaudible)…You've been salty about that.

Maddox: That's bullshit! I called shenanigans. I called shenanigans on Dropb…(Dick groans) I guarantee if I did…if I spent more time researching this…fuck you, Grant Mooney!! If I spent more time researching this…

(song continues…"Maddox is an asshole….")

Maddox: I'd find…

Dick: (interjects) I'll bring it in! I'll bring you a distribution of all those votes.

("He can…go fuck himself.")

Maddox: It doesn't matter, it's unreliable, it's compromised.

Dick: No, no, no. It's fine.

Maddox: Garbage.

Dick: How do you feel about that Smash Brothers loss, anyway?

("His problems all suck, and…he deserrrrrrrrrrrrrves it.")

Maddox: Well…

Dick: That can't feel good.

Maddox: I'm okay with it, because it's like every other Sma…fuck this song!! (Dick cracks up) It's like every other Smash Brothers game, right? Where you have random elements determining who wins. The only reason you won that round is because you got the random powerup!

("And Dick, you can go on, and go on….and go fuuuuuuuuuck yourself.")

Dick: No, the real reason I won that round is because you kept jumping off the level.

Maddox: Oh! Yeah, I'll tell you the reason, is because the level kept changing, another random chance element!

Dick: Yeah, but I didn't jump off.

Maddox: Well, because you were fucking around trying to get the power up the whole entire time!

Dick: No, ‘cause I’m a survivor.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (skeptical)

Dick: That’s why.

Maddox: Survivor.

Dick: No matter what game it is, I’m a survivor.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. Let’s watch your…

Maddox: I’m not going to.

Dick: Let’s watch this Titanic.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Come on!!!!!!! It’s a good one.

Maddox: I’m gonna open up these packages by Laurie. I got Blitz, here. That’s a…

Dick: (interjects) Okay, last time…uh, Rose, the old lady, had just shown up…

(Titanic clip starts…”Rose DeWitt Bukater died on theTitanic. At the age of 17. If she'd've lived, she'd be over a hundred now.” (helicopters)

Maddox: Oh my gosh, I fucking hate this movie!!

Dick: Now she’s helicoptering in!

Maddox: That’s a hoverboard, too. (laughing)

Dick: The helicopter?!

Maddox: Why not?! You’re hovering!!

(“A hundred and one next month.”)

Maddox: Yeah. Sure, call it a jet pack!! Call it whatever.

(“Okay, so she’s a very OLD goddamned liar.”)

Dick: It’s a flying car!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: And a hoverboard. It’s a fucking…

Maddox: They’re flying skis, essentially!!

Dick: I fucking…I really hate that shit!

(“Look, I've already done the background on this woman all the way back to the '20s when she was working as an actress.” “An actress! There's your first clue, Sherlock.” “Her name was Rose Dawson back then. Then she marries this guy

named Calvert. They move to Cedar Rapids and she punches out a couple of kids…")

Dick: Like, I really hate the hype around the hoverboard.

Maddox: You know, and you know what it does, is it cheapens the actual hoverboard…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's coming…it's coming. I think they're gonna make one.

Dick: It does. Look at this guy.

("Now, Calvert's dead, and from what I hear, Cedar Rapids is dead. And everybody who knows about the diamond is supposed to be dead or on this boat, but she knows!")

Dick: It's a diamond, man! They're doing their own heist! That should be interesting to you!

Maddox: This sounds like more than 30 seconds, Dick!

Dick: Nah, it's exactly 30 seconds.

(helicopter sounds)

Dick: There's no shenanigans here.

Maddox: It feels like about an hour.

Dick: Alright, that's it.

Maddox: Good. Good. I got a song, here.

Dick: They're planning a heist, man.

Maddox: What. They're not planning a heist. They're…not like mine!!

Dick: It's not the Crown Jewels, but it's jewel!

Maddox: You know, what's his name? Dean Caiman, the guy who…is that his name, the guy who invented the segway?

Dick: I don't know. Could be.

Maddox: He…he kind of alluded to this hidden project that he was working on. This secret project? I think it was for the Department of Defense, and it was some kind of stilt, or some kind of pogo device that allowed people to jump up to 12 feet or higher with this device. And if I had something like that…dude, you fucking…I'll be wearing the Crown Jewels next week!

Dick: You're Springheel Jack!!

Maddox: What is that?

Dick: That's you. Jack the Ripper? He had springs in his heels.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Yeah!

Dick: That's probably why he got away with all those prostitute murders.

Maddox: Wait, did he really?

Dick: Well, that's the legend.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: That he could ju…wasn't it, Sean? Springheel Jack? Isn't that the legend?

Sean: I never heard that one.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe I just made it up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's your song? (giggles)

Maddox: Kinda like the Hiroshima theory. (laughs)

Dick: Oh, fuck off. (grins)

Maddox: Here's a song by Thermoptik. He…this is actually a viewer…I think he found me through Twitch, or something, but he sent me this song…(Dick cracks up) (Maddox starts laughing) He did! He did! He sent this to me on Twitch last night. Check it out.

(Music starts…(clips of Dick cut together)

Dick: "Please keep gay porn of me coming in." (Maddox laughs) **"Please keep gay porn of me coming in." "Please keep gay porn of me coming in."**

Dick: "Your dick makes me a man." (Maddox laughs)

(drums start)

Dick: "Please keep gay porn of me coming in." "Please keep gay porn of me coming in." "Please keep gay porn of me coming in."

Dick: "Your dick makes me a man."

(melody changes, beat continues throughout)

Dick: "Talk me out of eating cock all night." "Talk me out of eating cock all night." (Maddox and Sean laugh) **"Talk me out of eating cock all night."**

Dick: "Yeah, gonna eat cock all night." (they laugh) **"Talk me out of eating cock all night." "Talk me out of eating cock all night." "Talk me out of eating cock all night."**

Dick: "Do people not want to cock all night?"

(Dick starts laughing)

Dick: "Talk me out of eating cock all night." "Talk me out of eating cock all night." "Talk me out of eating cock all night."

Dick: "Do people not want to cock all night?"

Dick: “Talk me out of eating cock all night.” “Talk me out of eating cock all night.” “Talk me out of eating cock all night.”

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Pretty good, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: “Talk me out of eating cock all night.” “Talk me out of eating cock all night.” “Talk me out of eating cock all night.”

Dick: “Do people not want to cock all night?”

Dick: “Look at this cock.” “We could have a contest.” (Dick giggles)

Dick: “Look at this cock.” “It’s Dick ON Dick.”

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Dick: “Look at this cock.” “We could have a contest.”

Dick: “Look at this cock.” “It’s Dick ON Dick.”

Dick: “Maybe I think I’m a lot smarter than I am.” “Maybe I think I’m a lot smarter than I am.” “Maybe I think I’m a lot smarter than I am.”

Dick: “I could trick Starlord into having sex with me.”

(they crack up laughing)

(beat and melody continue throughout)

Dick: “Maybe I think I’m a lot smarter than I am.” “Maybe I think I’m a lot smarter than I am.” “Maybe I think I’m a lot smarter than I am.”

Dick: “I am a fucking idiot!”)

(song ends) (they all crack up)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 66

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Yawning to Yoga Extremists. (Dick guffaws) With over 3.5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy!? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back.

Dick: Woo!

Maddox: Episode 66. We're on a roll. People LOVED the last episode, Dick.

Dick: They did.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They did. I loved it, too.

Maddox: Yeah. It was a…it's one of my personal favorites. I knew when we were recording that episode, even…even halfway through I knew that it was going to be…easily one of our best stuff.

Dick: What were the highlights for you?

Maddox: The highlights for me…um…uh, well. I don't want to talk about myself. I wanna talk about some stuff you said.

Dick: That's shocking. (grins) Go ahead.

Maddox: (laughs) One of the quotes was, "A one-legged cat trying to bury a turd on an ice pond", was it?

Dick: Yeah. That was a…

Maddox: Did you make that up?!

Dick: No, I'm sure I got that from somewhere.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I like getting these, like, colloquialisms.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And just throwing them out to make me seem like a folksy guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I collect them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I wish I just had a book of those old, folksy, true-blue sayings to say.

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: They're my favorite things.

Maddox: Like…like GW Bush.

Dick: Oh, yeah, sure.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Anybody.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, he did that a lot, though.

Dick: Okay. (giggles)

Maddox: Some would say…some would say effectively. I don't think so.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I liked your…um, really amazing plan to steal the Crown Jewels.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: That was my favorite part of the podcast.

Maddox: Oh, yeah? Well, that would have been mine if you guys didn't shit all over my plan. Which, okay. (excited) I have a comment here…this is from**Joseph Forsythe.** And we'll get to the problems in just a second, but this is from **Joseph Forsythe.** He says,**"Maddox, it may be easier to pull heists on museums than you think."** And he says, **"I don't mean to plug another podcast, but you should give this a listen."** And he linked to Freakonomics. Um, you know the Freakonomics podcast?

Dick: Nope.

Maddox: Based on…oh. (giggles) There's a….(Dick cracks up) There's a podcast called, uh…called Freakonomics, and…anyway. They talked about it. They said, from the transcript, "The most recent spectacular museum break-ins. The tools used have been as simple as a pair of pliers to jimmy open the back door of Rotterdam's Kunsthal Museum.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: "Or a ladder to climb up and break in the unreinforced window glass next to Monk's The Scream. Or even nothing at all, as was the case one night in 2007 when a group of drunked revelers broke into Paris' Orsay Museum and punched a hole through the Monet.

Dick: Oh, that sounds like a plan that you would ex…that you COULD execute.

Maddox: What, punch a Monet?

Dick: Punch through a wall to get at a Monet. I don't know about a jetpack. I don't about your pogo stick capers to steal the Crown Jewels. (giggles)

Maddox: It didn't have to be a pogo…uh, pogo stick, Dick. It could have been a jetpack. Look, if I just had a jetpack, it would solve all those problems.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, uh, last week, the…the biggest problem was Hoverboard Hoaxes. Followed by Death.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They were pretty close. It was 9…they were both in the nine hundreds as of this recording.

Dick: You know, I went into that episode thinking that Death was a huge problem, but…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A lot of the commentary made me think about it.

Maddox: Ohohoho!!!! (laughs)

Dick: Whoa, whoa, what, what, what?

Maddox: Oh, the dumbass commentary! I got some real dipshit fans! I got…some of the dumbest fans. I…okay, I already thought low of you guys. And then after last episode, I think even lower! I think less of our fans!

Dick: So salty. (grins)

Maddox: I didn't think it was possible. Listen to this guy!

Dick: So salty. (grinning)

Maddox: Adam Lewis. Listen to this. (goofy voice) **"Hey…hey Maddox, how is death a problem?"**

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then he has a quote in here. **"As long as men die, liberty will never perish. So Maddox wishes Hitler was still alive?"**

Dick: Ohhh. Yeah, do you?

Maddox: Good one. Moron. The only reason Hitler was a problem is because he killed, murdered millions of people! That's why Hitler was a bad guy! Because of death!! Death is what made Hitler a bad guy!!! (angry)

Dick: But it's also the SOLUTION to Hitler!!!

Maddox: Yeah, well…(stammers)

Dick: It cancel…it cancels out. Death is the problem and the solution, therefore, it's kind of a wash!

Maddox: (scoffs) No, it's not!

Dick: It's like Know-It-All Masseuses!!

Maddox: No. It's not a wash.

Dick: Feels good in the massage, but they also annoy you, 'cause they know it all!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a wash!

Maddox: It's a…it's not a wash, Dick. Uh, just because one man died, Hitler died, it didn't…it didn't balance out the 6 million Jews that died.

Dick: Well, uh…apparently the fans think so. Here's another one about death. Here's a voice mail about death. Why it's not a problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey, Maddox. You know what kind of cell does not die? Cancer. Go fuck yourself.")

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox is giggling) Cancer cells don't die. That's why they're a big problem.

Maddox: (sighs loudly) Cancer cells can be killed. They can be eradicated with…with radiation. Oh, by the way, um, I just wanted to follow up, too, that Adam Lewis guy who sent me that last comment?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh, I said, "Hey, that's a good argument." And then he wrote back (giggles) and says, **"Maddox, I can't tell if you're being genuine or not."** Moron.

Dick: Were you?

Maddox: No!!!

Dick: No.

Maddox: (giggles) And by the way, that quote, "As long as men die, liberty will never perish." Here's another quote by that same person.

Dick: It's a good quote.

Maddox: Oh, it's a great quote. Here's another quote by the same person. "I remain just one thing and one thing only. And that is a clown." Charlie Chaplin. That was a Charlie Chaplin quote.

Dick: Well. Smart guy.

Maddox: Yeah. Real poet. Real poet, that Charlie Chaplin. (disgusted)

Dick: What, you don't like Chaplin?

Maddox: Why would I like Chaplin?! (incredulous)

Dick: 'Cause he was, like, a thinker, and a sensitive artist, and he had, like, insights… (Maddox guffaws) into the period that he lived in, and he, like, revolutionized comedy at

the time! You got all weepy over Robin Williams, you're not gonna blink twice about Charlie Chaplin?!

Maddox: It's cause I've never met Robin Williams. Dick, you're the only sensitive artist I like. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright. Hey, that might be the same Adam Lewis. He sent us a really good erotic story that I'm gonna play at the end of the podcast. (creepy grin)

Maddox: Okay, good. I got a comment from **Dirk Tungsten.** He says, (dorky voice) **"Hey, Maddox…**(Sean laughs) **Death is actually not a problem…"**

Dick: And you wonder why your problems get voted down.

Maddox: Fuck you!!!

Dick: Making fun of fans.

Maddox: I don't give a shit!!! I don't give a shit! (yelling) Vote it down!!! (Dick cracks up) I don't need your stupid, shitty votes! Fuck you! Fuck your dumbass votes! Listen to this moron!!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: (stupid voice) **"Hey, uh…death is actually not a problem, it's a big help."** It's, no apostrophe. **"It's a big help."**

Dick: Well.

Maddox: And then this is his argument. For real, this is his argument.

Dick: The death of grammar. That's a big problem. Go ahead. (grins)

Maddox: Well. I'll agree…I'll agree with that. He says, **"Think about vampires. Vampires…"** (Dick cracks up loudly, Maddox starts laughing) And this isn't satire, either! This guy's just an idiot. Listen. (dorky voice) **"Vampires want to die. Ever see Interview With the Vampire? Yeah. All he wants to do is die because that would be great, but he's a vampire now, he can't die."** That's the argument.

Sean: The documentary. Interview With the Vampire.

Dick: The documentary Interview With the Vampire. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: The documentary.

Dick: About two gay vampires.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, this guy does make a good point. (Sean laughing in the background) **Brian Eagleston** says, **"I don't think we would be here to debate this if death weren't a solution. Think of prehuman Earth without death. If there was no death, which is the biological incentive to reproduce, evolution would be toast, since unfavorable mutations in organisms wouldn't be susceptible to natural selection. That, certainly, objectively, is true. Without death, natural selection would not exist. Evolution**

would not exist. There would just be a deathless universe of protoplasm and photons." That's it. There would be no life! There would be no evolution without death.

Maddox: Dick, you…I think you and that…I'm sorry. You were gonna finish?

Dick: Well, that's…when you bring in a problem like Death.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're talking a very large scope. Like, when I'm bringing in Piss Driblets…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's an annoyance.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Either you vote it up, 'cause it's annoying, or you vote it down, 'cause you don't think it's annoying.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: When you bring in Death, you'd better have a pretty good fucking case, because that is, like, a part of life, the universe, and everything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that's why it didn't get…that's why it didn't get voted up as much as you wanted it to, I think.

Maddox: Okay, that's a very impassioned argument, Dick. I really appreciate that.

Dick: Already insulting!! (grins) Already insulting. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Why…why…why is my attempts at sounding sincere sound so insulting?!

Dick: Look, you can't stump me while I'm wearing this trump hat. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: He's about to use the world "myopic".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, I'm not! Dickhead!

Dick: If you think I'm stumpable, I am NOT stumpable today. I have an anti-stump force field around me, so you better not even try it today.

Maddox: You've got an icon of being stumped on your head, dickhead! Um…(laughs)

Dick: Didn't even feel that stump.

Maddox: Which, okay. So…so, you said that evolution wouldn't occur without death.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Uh, not true. Not true.

Dick: How is that not true?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Dick, you…(stammers) you and that…what was it, a voicemail? Or the writer? The caller. Let's call him a caller. Lack a very basic understanding about evolution.

Dick: Ohohohoh. (laughs)

Maddox: Evolution isn't entirely natural selection. Evolution can occur through a number of different processes. It doesn't have to be natural. It doesn't just have to be by chance, through nature. There's a lot of ways that evolution can occur. But, but, here's the nuance that you morons aren't understanding!

Dick: False, right, Sean?! False!!

Maddox: No, it's not false!

Dick: Yeah. False.

Maddox: It's not false!! Ask…ask a biologist.

Dick: You need it as a step!!

Maddox: What, death?

Dick: Death. You gotta cleanse that gene pool of everything that is not beneficial to the species.

Maddox: Yeah, no. That's…that's not true. That's not true. Um, not necessarily true.

Sean: Easy, Hitler.

Maddox: Yeah, right? Talk about cleansing. Um…here's the thing about death. I…(laughs) …so some people were like, (dorky voice) "Hey, um, here's a Maddox Versus Maddox. Maddox brought in Euthanasia as a solution, but he also brought in Death. I don't understand."

Dick: Yeah. (grins) That's a fair point.

Maddox: You guys…you guys need to take a lesson. You need to learn a lesson and the lesson is this.

Dick: In hypocrisy. (grins)

Maddox: The lesson is this. It is…it is…all versus many, okay? (Dick giggles) All versus many. You need to understand sets and subsets.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Okay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's very basic shit. I recommend…there's a really good, uh…educational program. It's called Preschool, okay? (Dick scoffs) Go to fucking Preschool and learn the difference between all and many.

Dick: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Maddox: There's a…there's a real difference. And I even acknowledged that some death was a solution in that episode. We both talked about it!

Dick: Well, it's very complicated.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. I got a comment from **Chris Simos.** He says, **"Maddox, I'm a huge fan of the show. I found your bit of advice regarding suicide, which I've enclosed in this email, to be very inspiring. Anywho, keep kicking ass, 'cause that's the biggest solution in the universe."** And then he sent me this…the sound clip…um, 'cause remember a couple of episodes back, I talked about suicide.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: And how…uh, if you're feeling suicidal, I gave you some advice. He spliced together some clips here. Here it is.

Dick: Okay.

(Clip starts:

Maddox: I just wanna say, guys, if you are feeling that way. If you have those thoughts. If you have those considerations. I read this somewhere, and I'm not sure it'll help, but…why not…(cuts) just take ten slices of pizza, shove it down your throat as far as possible so you can't breathe, then throw yourself off a cliff!")

Dick: (laughing) That's good advice.

Maddox: Yeah. Good advice. Thank you, Chris.

Dick: I hope that works out for you. I got a comment from **Davy Johnson.** I don't know if I necessarily agree with this. I wanna get your input on it. **"Mature video games are for adults in the same way that sports drinks are for athletes."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Mature video games are marketed to 15-year-olds or those with the mind of one who think being an adult means swearing and bloodsplosions. It's all garbage written by autists."

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, good argument. Real good argument.

Dick: What do you think about that?

Maddox: It's marketed…(giggles) it's marketed towards 15-year-olds. That's why the average gamer is 15 years old, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, oh! (stammers) I'm sorry, it's not!!

('Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: The average gamer is still 35 years old. And, by the way, dickhead, um…the number of gamers under the age 18 is something like 15%. It's like 15% to 30%. It's a minority. So I guess either the marketing doesn't work or he's wrong and it's not marketed towards 15-year-olds.

Dick: I don't know. That's his opinion.

Maddox: Yeah, no, I get it.

Dick: I got another voice mail. You wanna hear the voicemail?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear a voice mail.

Dick: This one shits on me.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey, this message is for Dick. Hey, Dick. Why?! Why the fuck!? Just because you haven't enjoyed Lion King, you're like "Oh, okay. Let's kill the fucking lion, oh, you know, those black people, they don't mind because, you know, it's a famous lion, so we can kill it. (Maddox laughs) **You know, let's give $50,000 to these evil people over here to steal lions and not give the money back to the people. Where's your evidence, huh? You was asking about Maddox's evidence! Fucking fuck!!** (Maddox and Dick crack up) **Alright?! Go fuck yourself in the ass! Asshole."**) (Maddox dies of laughter)

Dick: I could be wrong, but I think that's the same guy that called up and shit on you, Sean.

Sean: I was just gonna say that!!

Dick: Right?!

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: "Sean, you fucking asshole!" I remember that guy.

Dick: Yeah. "You're just mad 'cause black people are trying to get up in the world!"

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: He was saying something like that.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Well, I'll tell you what. When lions start singing and dancing, then I'll be, uh…then I'll be anti-poaching.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And still, then, I don't think so.

Maddox: The only reason people cared about that lion, well, not the only, but…one of the main reasons, is fucking Lion King. They think it's like fucking Lion King. And by the way, Lion King is such a horseshit movie! I finally watched it, uh, about a year and a half ago, for the first time.

Dick: Why? What were the circumstances of that?!

Maddox: Well, because it was in the…it was in 3D at the Disney theatre? The El Capitan? Is that the…that's the Disney theatre, right?

Dick: Yeah. And you were just walking by and you were like, "Well I gotta see this in 3D."

Maddox: Well, you know…and at the time, I had a girlfriend who was NAGGING me. NAGGING, I tell you!

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Nagging me!! To go see this movie.

Dick: Yeah. Sure.

Maddox: And I'm like, "Fuck it!" "Fuck it!" I'll go see this fucking movie. 'Cause it's in 3D. It's right there. Whatever.

Dick: What'd you think?

Maddox: Uh…it was f…it was okay. It was like a 15-minute short stretched out with a bunch of fucking songs! And I didn't get why they kept singing! Every few minutes, singing…another song. Oh, look at the moon. (Dick laughs) And uh…

Dick: Oh, look at the moon! Look at the moon over there!!! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hakuna Matata.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I just can't wait to be king.

Maddox: I hate that song. I hate that song, too.

Dick: Well. Be Prepared.

Maddox: By the way, they hold up…it's such horseshit. They hold up the lion, like, here's your king! And all the animals are bowing, it's like, "Oh, okay, this is the guy who's gonna kill us!"

Dick: Jesus!!! Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, is that what it is?

Dick: Oh, yeah. That's the symbolism. Come on.

Maddox: Which…it's ripped off from a Japanese cartoon!

Dick: Oh, I was gonna ask about that next!

Maddox: Kimba. Yeah.

Dick: Like, blatantly.

Maddox: Blatantly.

Dick: Blatantly.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, Dick. We ready to move on to the problems, here?

Dick: Yeah. You wanna go first?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Oh, wait. I do have one more thing to say. Our bonus episode, number 10, is now available on iTunes at the price of $1.99. So if you're an iTunes, you know, if you have a big penis and you don't like screwing around with shitty technology, you have an iPhone, you shop on iTunes. Go check it out.

Maddox: (fake laughs) Good. You know, uh…yeah. So we're still trying to figure out that problem. When it's first posted on iTunes, it's set to, uh…$9.99, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, the price. Instead of the correct price of $20.99. (Dick guffaws) Anyway. Guys, my first problem this week is Shit!! (Sean groans)

Dick: Like usual.

Maddox: (cracks up) Fuck you!!! (angry) Fuck you! Already!

('Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Already! Already shitting on my problem!!! Shit's a big problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It…even…I just even used the word "shit" to describe a bad thing about my problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the bad thing is you shitting on it.

Dick: It's a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I agree.

Maddox: 100% of people shit. Yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Another…yeah.

Dick: Some way or another.

Maddox: Even…even animals shit.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Yeah. It's something you don't want to do, eat, or be. Yet, when we die, we all turn into some form of shit. The only thing that eats shit are plants, bacteria, and some forms of insects, who then turn shit into a different kind of shit. Insect shit.

Sean: You've never had a dog.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Yeah, they'll eat shit.

Maddox: Yeah. Dogs eat shit all the time. That's all they do.

Dick: They love it. It's a delicacy.

Maddox: Dogs love eating shit. When shit hits the fan, you don't want to be around, either literally, or metaphorically. Right? It's…it's messy. It smells. And…and that's when it's normal shit, right? When it's runny like diarrhea, watch out, buddy! I…my friend is watching dogs right now.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And the dog…one of the dogs…(stammers) people think dogs aren't a problem, (dorky voice) Oh, you just pick up their shit and put it in a bag. Well, what if it's diarrhea?

Dick: Yeah. It can be a little runny sometimes.

Maddox: You…you can slip and fall and crack your head open! Crack your back!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: On dog diarrhea.

Dick: Well you can…there's a much…there's an even better argument.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: That combines multiple of your problems.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: Uh…I would say shit is a huge problem with babies.

Maddox: Baby shit?!

Dick: Also one of your big problems. 'Cause they just shit everywhere, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's…that's your life. When you have a baby. Is cleaning up baby shit. It gets everywhere. (stammers) If you think it stays in the diaper, you're dreaming. It gets all over the place. And then when it's done being in the diaper, then you gotta potty train these motherfuckers. And they're shitting all over the place! Like you're bartering with them… you're bartering with them on where to shit! Kids.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Pa…this is what…(stammers) it's a struggle that parents have to commit to for weeks! For months.

Maddox: You gi…

Dick: (interjects) For potty training.

Maddox: So how do you potty train a child? Like, do you give 'em a treat like a doggie treat, like, "Hey, don't shit…" Like, if they shit, do you rub their face in it? (Dick guffaws) Like, what do you do to a baby? I'm serious! Like…

Dick: That I've heard, yeah, you rub your face…no. (Maddox laughs) The same thing, but emotionally. You don't give 'em a treat, but you, like, reward them. You praise them when they do it correctly.

Maddox: You…but they're babies! They don't understand. They're idiots!

Dick: Yeah. They totally do.

Maddox: They und…when do babies comprehend words. They don't know how to comprehend words until they're like, 5, or something, right?

Dick: Mmmm….you are…(laughs)…(Maddox cracks up) Maddox. First of all, they comprehend, like, the intent of what you're saying very early. Within, like, the first six months, they're reacting to what you're doing. They can speak and understand in complete sentences before they're 3. Like, asking you questions and, like, making leaps of… imagination and, like, hypothesizing things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, what if this happens and I do this? And, like, fucking with people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They can do that well before 3. They can understand at, like, 1 and a half. So when you're bartering with them and they're shitting in their pants and they're shitting all over the ya…I was babysitting my nephew last week. He's three. And he's going through potty training.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Dude's standing in the yard, we're looking at some koi. Like, we're looking at the koi pond. Went to run outside, going on the swing.

Maddox: Right. Yeah.

Dick: He hops off the swing, whips off his underpants, and just shits right there. And he's like, "Eh. Gotta go." And I'm like, well, that's better than the underpants, dude. I guess.

Maddox: Well, what was the punishment for this egregious crime!?

Dick: You can't PUNISH them for that! Like, they're struggling with controlling the impulse of having to go to the bathroom!

Maddox: Ha ha. Yeah, right.

Dick: You don't…(laughs) You punish them at that age and you give them a complex for the rest of their life!

Maddox: Oh, man. (grins)

Dick: Like, they're trying their best as well. Sometimes. Sometimes, they're fucking with you. But a lot of times, they're trying their best.

Maddox: No, I think they're mostly fucking with you. You give me one day back as a five-year-old, man! I'm gonna shit all over the place! I don't give a shit! And who's gonna punish me? Oh, my parents would. My parents probably would.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: I remember getting yelled at for shitting all over the place!

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Uh, you know…you know what…I remember a long time ago, one of my earliest memories, was my brother took a big turd…took a big dump on our couch. (laughs)

Dick: How old was he?!

Maddox: He was…he was, like crawling age. What is that, like, 4, 5? Um, so he…(Dick cracks up)

Sean: We're learning so much about Maddox.

Dick: No wonder you hate babies! (Maddox cracks up laughing)

Sean: He didn't go through the bed-wetting phase. He was shitting his bed until he was 11.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, dickhead! I didn't shit…I was re…I was well-trained. I was flushing at 2! (laughs)

Dick: Wait a minute. Crawling phase. But your brother's older than you, isn't he?

Maddox: No, he's younger.

Dick: Or is he younger? Oh, okay.

Maddox: My younger brother. Yeah.

Dick: Crawling phase is under 2. Definitely.

Maddox: Okay, well, then he was under 2. Whatever. He was…he was crawl…he left this…I remember it looking like a candy bar. It just looked like a perfect turd. (Dick guffaws) And it was a straight line, too. Like, a straight line perfect turd.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was great. And my parents were so pissed. I remember my mom, like, cleaning and cursing and cleaning and cursing. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's all she did. And I remember thinking, too, like, even at that age, I thought, well, you know. What are you gonna do? It's a baby.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Babies shit everywhere.

Dick: They do.

Maddox: Shit's a big problem, guys! Uh, listen to this, Dick. Uh, here's some expressions that involves shit. These are all…these are all generally bad. So when you're full of shit, that means you're a liar, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: When you want something you can't have, that's tough shit.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: When you're really awesome at something, like I am, you're the shit.

Dick: Well, wait a minute. That's a good thing.

Maddox: It's a good thing. Shit can be good. Shit can be bad. In expressions.

Dick: You can be king shit, too.

Maddox: You can be king shit. Our improv group.

Dick: Ah, your argument's falling apart.

Maddox: We, uh…Dick and I started an improv group.

Dick: (laughs) Oh, King Shit.

Maddox: We've done, I think, what is it? Zero shows now? (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. Zero shows.

Maddox: (laughs) Zero shows. But we have a logo.

Sean: It's the Dumb Shits, right?

Maddox: Uh, no. The King Shits, Sean!

Dick: Fuck you, Sean.

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean. (Sean giggles) (they all laugh) When you're not really awesome at something, you ain't shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ah? When you're incredulous, you say, "No shit?!" And when you say something that's not true or believable, that's bullshit. And then when you make a video game that I like at E3, that's COOL AS SHIT!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I saw that t-shirt you're selling.

Maddox: Yeah. I…I wasn't gonna plug the shirt! You did that! Anyway, man. This is from the CDC. "An estimated 2.5 billion people…" BILLION. "…lack access to improved sanitation. More than 35% of the world's population."

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: "According to the World Health Organization and UNICEF, regions with the lowest coverage of improved sanitation in 2006 were Sub-Saharan Africa (31%), South Asia, and Eastern Asia. Uh, 65%. 65% of Eastern Asia don't have improved…uh, improved sanitation. And, uh…"In 2006, 7 out of 10 people without access to improved sanitation were rur…rural inhabitants." I hate that word.

Dick: Rural?

Maddox: Rural.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, um, "According to the United Nations and UNICEF…"

Dick: Sorry. How many people around the world is that, that have to deal with, like, walking around in their own shit, then?

Maddox: 2.5 billion.

Dick: It's a lot. 2.5 billion people don't have toilets!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. They don't have…

Dick: (interjects) What do they do?

Maddox: 2.5…they squat. They have the…they have holes in the ground.

Dick: They just kick it?

Maddox: I guess. They kick it. They kick the shit.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah. "According to the United Nations and UNICEF, 1 in 5 girls of primary school age are not in school, compared to 1 in 6 boys. One factor accounting for this difference is lack of sanitation facilities for girls reaching puberty. Girls are also more likely to be responsible for collecting water for the family, making it difficult for them to attend schools during school hours. Then, the insulation of toilets and latrines may enable schoolchildren, especially menstruating girls (Maddox tries not to giggle) to further their education by remaining in school."

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a big problem, man.

Dick: It's a big problem.

Maddox: So, so…not being able to shit properly is affecting education, which contributes to anti-intellectualism…

Dick: And female genital mutilation.

Maddox: And female genital mutilation, yeah. Um, it also contributes to slacktivism, probably. And anti-vaxxers.

Dick: It contributes to hunger. If everybody was just plugged up all the time and couldn't shit, they'd never get hungry again, right? (Maddox laughs) That's right. That's accurate, scientifically.

Maddox: Yeah. That sounds…that sounds like bullshit!

Dick: Yeah. (grins) Stump that.

Maddox: Yeah. Can't stump the Trump. Your stupid hat. Um…yeah, man. So, shit's a big problem. And here's…here's the thing. We spend so much time, energy, and resources just getting rid of shit. For real? There is so much shit! I watched a documentary a long time ago. It's called "The Wonderful World of Dung". (giggles) And it was on the Discovery Channel, and I remember watching this thing, and I've probably seen it, like, four or five times. I bought it…I bought it a couple years ago, 'cause I found it on VHS.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it was a really interesting documentary talking about the shit industry. And how much of it there is. There's so much shit. People in Africa, um…there are some places in Africa that still use…they make mud huts out of patties, like…

Dick: (interjects) Like cow pies?

Maddox: Cow pies, yeah. They use cow pies. They use cow pies for fuel for starting fires. It's used as fertilizer. And mushrooms. Mushrooms are entirely grown in shit. Shit and damp places. Put that on your pizza.

Dick: Taking a shit, though.

Maddox: What about it?

Dick: It's pretty good. It's not a problem.

Maddox: You like taking a shit?

Dick: Nothing bad about…I've grown to appreciate it a lot more as I get older.

Maddox: I have…I have taken shits before where I felt like…I felt really good.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know? Like, you know how…

Dick: (interjects) Like a new person. Afterwards.

Maddox: Yeah. You know how you haven't, like, nut in, like, a week or two?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: And then you finally do. Not a week or two. I've never gone that long. But, like, a week. Let's say a week. Even that's ridiculous.

Dick: You never ha…even if you have to go home…if you're going home for Christmas and you're staying with your parents, you're like…and you're, like, staying in the guest bedroom now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because your sister got your room when you moved out and the guest bedroom is, like, right next to your parent's place and you're, like, (stammers) I mean, it's 10:30.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I gotta jerk off. What the hell am I gonna jerk off into?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, am I gonna sneak downstairs and jerk off into the toilet?

Maddox: (giggles) Your grandma's urn.

Dick: Y…(Sean exclaims in the background) No. That's not what I was thinking.

Maddox: Sean, why not?! Why not?!! (stammers)

Dick: Even in those cases?! Some cases are you're on vacation with your family! What do you, sneak off, and…?

Maddox: You'd sneak off and rub one out!

Dick: Cuddle up with a bag of s…okay.

Maddox: The first time…one of the first times I ever masturbated was in the back of my parent's minivan. Um…

Dick: Wow, bold.

Maddox: Yeah. Sorry Mom and Dad if you're listening, but…

Sean: Where were you going?

Maddox: We were g…we were going to this fucking casino, uh…Wendover, in Nevada? So, in Utah, the closest…the closest point in Nevada that you can go to to gamble is this glorified truck stop called Wendover.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And it is…just fucking awful. And we would go there all the time, and it would take about an hour and a half, hour and forty-five minutes. And it was the first…it was, like, I think the day after I first masturbated, so I didn't know what the fuck was going on, I was super horny.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: And I just had to, like, rub one out. So I was just, like, sitting back there, and just…

Dick: Do you think that still happens? 'Cause I remember that happening to me, too, like, "What the hell is going on here?!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What is…do you think kids today orgasm for the first time and they still don't know what it is?

Maddox: I think…

Dick: Do you think the Internet's fixed that?

Maddox: No, so…I talked to Ela. You know, Ela Darling, the, uh…she was a guest on the show.

Dick: Yeah, the porn star.

Maddox: Yeah, porn star Ela Darling. She said that's pretty common, actually. A lot of people…'cause parents don't talk to their kids about masturbation, generally. You know.

Dick: Well, we gotta fix that. Me and you have gotta start going around to these kids… (Maddox laughs)…when they're five and, like, just start talking and telling them about what's happening with their dicks.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: You know, I got the name for it. Jerk Talks.

Dick: (laughs) Like Ted Talks? But for jerking off? (grins)

Maddox: Did your…yeah. Did your parents ever talk to you about jerking off?

Dick: No. No.

Maddox: Of course not, no.

Dick: No.

Maddox: When did you…when did you first learn? When's the first time?

Dick: Oh, God. It must have happened in, uh…I think I learned about orgasms. Like, it was a thing. I think I learned about it in seventh grade…like, I learned about sexuality as a whole.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I just…I don't remember anything spec…I remember learning the word "orgasm" and going, like "Oh, that's what that is! Alright."

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: But I remember the…like, the technique for jerking off developing over time.

Maddox: Oh, yeah? (trying not to laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What's your tech…nevermind, I don't wanna know.

Dick: Ah, it's the same as everybody else's!

Maddox: No. I got a technique, buddy!!! (laughs)

Dick: You roll it between your hands like Silly Putty!! Everybody jerks off like that! What are you talking about?! (Maddox still laughing)

Maddox: Ahhh. You answered all of my questions. Uh, Dick, we're running out of time. I just wanna say real quick, there's this, uh…Trichoma. Trichoma is the world's leading cause of preventable blindness and results from poor hygiene and sanitation. Approximately 41 million people suffer from active trichoma and nearly 10 million people are visually impaired…

Dick: Sorry. What is this?! Trichoma. What is that?

Maddox: It's Trichoma.

Dick: A poop disease? A shit disease.

Maddox: No, it's…it causes blindness. It's a…I think it's a disease that comes…

Dick: Does it come from poop?

Maddox: Yeah. It comes from bad hygiene.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: "The trichoma infection can be prevented through increased facial cleanliness with soap and clean water and improved sanitation." That's according to the World Health Organization.

Dick: Soap. Go vote up Soap.

Maddox: Yeah, Soap is a solution.

Dick: It's a solution.

Maddox: Um, 1.8 million people die every year from diarrheal disease. 90% are children under 5.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Mostly in developing…(burps)…countries. Um, so I guess that's kind of a solution, 'cause I don't like kids, but…but if you DO like kids…if you vote it down…

Dick: Well, Death is a solution! There you go!

Maddox: Yeah. No, I agree, death is a sol…I never fucking denied that, you idiots! If you guys voted down Babies who then turn into kids…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then 90% of them under the age of 5 of the 1.8 million die from diarrheal disease, then vote up shit. There you go.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can't…

Dick: E.Coli. That's shit too, isn't it?

Maddox: E.Coli? Yeah! That…yeah. I actually got stats for that. Yeah. E.Coli is a big one. Um…but anyway, man. Yeah, we're running out of time. And yeah, here's another one. 88% of diarrhea disease is attributed to unsafe water supplies, inadequate sanitation, and hygiene." And that's because shit just seeps into everything. Shit's everywhere! And you don't want it on you! I would rather not have shit on me than any other problem that we have on the list!! Name a…name a problem. I would rather have…

Dick: AIDS? Would you rather have shit or AIDS on you? (grins)

Maddox: I would rather have AIDS on me, 'cause I can wash it off!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: AIDS isn't…I don't want it in me!

Dick: That's what the government tells you…(they crack up)

Maddox: I don't want AIDS in me, but I don't want it…I'd rather have AIDS on me.

Dick: You'd rather have shit up your butt than AIDS up your butt!! (they crack up)

Maddox: Alright, Dick, what's your problem?

Dick: You know what el…you didn't cover this shit.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Shitting in your pants! That's also a part of shit.

Maddox: Yeah. That is a…that is a problem. Shitting in your pants.

Dick: I shit in my dad's underpants last week. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: WHY?!!

Dick: Aw, this poor guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was, um…I was up at my parents' house doing some…building some shit for Burning Man.

Sean: You just put 'em back in the drawer?

Dick: Uh, no. (Maddox laughs) No. It was…they were beyond…

Sean: Just checking.

Dick: I couldn't sneak them back in. (Sean laughs) But I did manage to sneak them in somewhere. Uh…I was up at my parents' house building stuff for Burning Man.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I decided to crash there, because I was exhausted and I was, you know, a mess.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I didn't bring any clothes.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I…take a shower and my mom gave me some of my dad's clothes to wear. Yeah. They're a little…little weird.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I'm already a little weirded out wearing my dad's underpants.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? As you might be.

Maddox: Are they bigger, or are you about the same size now?

Dick: He's…slightly bigger than me.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So…you know, everywhere.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So…the groin is a little saggier than I'm used to, right? (Maddox laughs) Already weirded out. So I'm watching…I had a bender of a week. So I'm sitting down in the middle

of the night. Everyone in the house is asleep, and I'm just sitting there, watching Clockwork Orange, punching away on my computer. Getting…preparing for the show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Preparing some minutia that I can bring in as problems on the show.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: And, uh…I feel some…I feel some gas coming on.

Maddox: Oh, no.

Dick: And I let out a trumpeter…(Maddox starts to laugh) And at the very end…at the very end…the trumpet was just the announcing party. Here comes the…the trumpet was announcing a flood.

Maddox: Uuuuuugh.

Dick: So right at the end, it turned from, uh…from a nice, juicy toot into a juicier squirt.

Maddox: Oh, man!!!

Dick: And I said, "Uh-oh." (cracks up) "I got a big problem."

Sean: Never trust a fart.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I have a history of doing this, so I know…(Sean cracks up) Like, I know how to react immediately.

Maddox: Oh, God.

Dick: I'm like the wolf from Pulp Fiction.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, when you…if you shit your pants, you call me. I'm the fucking cavalry! (Maddox laughs) Marcel…if you shit your pants, Marcellus Wallace picks up the phone and he goes, "Don't worry, I got Dick Masterson coming directly." (Maddox cracks up) And Samuel L. Jackson goes, "That's all I needed to hear." (they both crack up) So I instantly go into Defcon…I'm down to Defcon 1, because I'm…I'm out of my home. I'm out of apartment.

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: Right? And I have…remember, I have no clothes. So I immediately run to the bathroom, throw the shitty underpants in the sink…

Maddox: Gosh, you…

Dick: Spray some soap…what?!

Maddox: How do you shit your pants so much!? You shit your pants more than ALMOST everyone I know. Almost!

Dick: It's…it's a combination of things.

Sean: You should try drinking more.

Maddox: Okay. (grins)

Dick: It's a…the drinking is a big problem. And confidence is a big problem. (Sean and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: What do you mean…you mean arrogance!!

Dick: Because I…whatever!

Maddox: Okay. (grins)

Dick: Whatever you wanna call it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I sit there and I say, "Uh…Dick, there is no way I'm gonna shit my pants today."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Tonight. What am I…what am I, a baby?

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: I need diapers?! I'm not shitting in these pants! And then, you know, 10 minutes later, toot, here it comes. So I throw the…I throw the underpants in the sink. I start washing them out. And I'm like, "Well, what am I gonna start, like, another load of laundry at my parents' house to wash…to wash this? That's gonna be suspicious as hell." Right? Like, I'm downstairs washing clothes?!

Maddox: Why are you sneaking around like Scooby Doo? (laughs)

Dick: 'Cause I didn't wanna tell anybody that I shit in my dad's underpants!

Maddox: Oh, except for the 50,000 listeners of the show, including your parents, who are listening to the show. (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah, well. You know. (guffaws) It's more charming like this.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: So I…(Maddox cracks up) I scrubbed them out, but then I…my mom had left a bunch of wet clothes in the dryer I found as I was snooping around.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they were mine from earlier. They were mine from earlier. So…after I scrubbed them out, I threw them in there, and like, turned it back on, and then took a…basically took a beach towel up and slept in that.

Maddox: Oh, man. (disgusted)

Dick: That was my…I wrapped it around like a toga.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Slept in that for the rest of the night. Huge problem!

Maddox: Gross, man.

Dick: Shit is a huge problem!

Maddox: Shit is a huge problem.

Dick: Huge problem.

Maddox: Vote up Shit, people!!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Hey, um…Dick, did your dad ever teach you how to shave? (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: No, I wish he had. Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save 5 dollars off your first purchase. One word, everybody. Biggestproblem. It's one word. Not a space.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No spaces in that. Just like there's no spaces in Harry's. It's harrys.com.

Maddox: If you don't put in a space in the URL to go to our website, why would you put in a space in the code for the…I even have it spelled out in quotes! You just copy and paste it! Or…or just click the link! There's a link on our website, guys.

Dick: Or give it a shot. (Maddox laughs) Sometimes, it doesn't work one way. Try it another way.

Maddox: Try it another way.

Dick: It's very easy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, http://www.harrys.com was started by two guys passionate about creating a better shaving experience. I'm sure you're wondering how does Harry's deliver a superior shave? Well, they bought the blade factory in Germany.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's crafting some of the world's highest quality razors for almost a century. Uh, man. I don't know how they make any money. 'Cause I still have mine. I've gone through two tubes of shaving gel. Shaving cream.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Whatever. Greatest shave ever.

Maddox: I bought…I, I…have the butter, Dick. I can give you some of my extra…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, I want some of your butter. (Maddox laughs) Lemme…gimme that butter. I want some of your butter.

Maddox: I'll churn some out for you.

Dick: Their starter kit is just 15$. That includes the razor, three blades, and your choice of shaving cream or foaming shave gel. As an added bonus, you get 5$ off your first purchase with "BIGGESTPROBLEM".

Maddox: Biggest problem, no space. Yeah, Dick. I'll churn some butter for you in the back of family's minivan. (laughs) What, Sean? WHAT?!

Dick: No one was the wiser…by the…for anybody listening, we're simulcasting this on Periscope.

Maddox: Yeah. This is the first time we're doing it. Uh…I don't know if we'll do it again. We're just uh…testing it out. But what do you think so far, Dick?

Dick: I don't kn…

Maddox: Is it distracting, or is it…

Dick: (interjects) No, it's not distracting.

Maddox: Yeah? Alright. Cool.

Sean: Wait, were your parents talking to you? Like when you were jerking off in the minivan?

Dick: Oh, good question.

Sean: Were they trying to have a conversation? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, um…my mom had her Arabic music on. (cracks up)

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: So it was just a bunch of, like, really weird, like trumpets, and lalalas, and weird shit, so…(guffaws) yeah. It was pretty weird. It was pretty weird. It was a weird experience.

Sean: That's…that's pretty weird.

Maddox: Which, by the way, is a new fucking…it's a huge trend in hip hop now, is to have, like, fucking Middle Eastern chorus.

Dick: I noticed that!!!

Maddox: In everything.

Dick: Yeah!!!

Maddox: I…I don't want to…you know what? When we were growing up, I heard people say that all hip hop sounded the sa…all the rap sounded the same. It didn't. It didn't. And I never…

Dick: Well, it sounds the same to you if you're not a fan of it.

Maddox: No, I…(stammers) No. I think that certain genres lend themselves more…

Dick: Oh, reggae.

Maddox: Yeah, reggae and ska sounds exactly the same.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Same fucking song, every single one. And same thing with…a lot of, like, new metal. New metal sounds all kinda samey. But now, the current genre…the current trend of hip hop…and I'm talking about as of, like, the last six months. All…it all sounds the same.

And I d…and this is not…this is me as a fan of hip hop, and I like the stuff. I like some of the modern stuff, too, but…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But they're all using that fucking trumpet.

Dick: What tr…what trumpet is that?

Maddox: That (imitates trumpet) bew dew dew dew dew, dew, dew, dew.

Dick: Oh, that's a trumpet?

Maddox: I don't know. I don't know what it…it's not a sitar.

Dick: I thought that was a dying cat.

Maddox: Yeah, could be. Anyway, man. What's your problem?

Dick: My problem is Data Caps.

Maddox: Data caps.

Dick: Buh buh buh buh buh. Yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Do you know what those are? Sean didn't know what they were. You know what those are?

Maddox: Sean, how do you not know what a data cap is?

Sean: I thought it was more technical than it was. I didn't know it was just, like, a phone, like you know, you can only have so much data per month.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Well, there's a lot of different kinds of data caps.

Dick: Well, however, if you search the Internet for "What is a data cap?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It…it doesn't exist. Like, every…no phone company calls it a cap. Cable companies are tripping over themselves and, like, throwing hissy fits at newspapers when they call it a cap, they're like "Well, it's not a cap! We just start charging people up the ass when they get more data than we allowed them."

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhh. Mhmm.

Dick: That's not a cap.

Maddox: Yeah. You know why?

Dick: A cap would be if we killed them.

Maddox: (scoffs) Sure. You know why, it's because they use that phrase, that word "unlimited". Unlimited means something, you fucks! Unlimited means UNLIMITED. All you can eat. And no bottom in sight. It's a bottomless pit, man! That's what unlimited means. So if they start saying that it's…capped? Well, guess what? Suddenly they're gonna have

lawyers up their ass and they're gonna have a class action lawsuit. That's why they're tripping over themselves to say…

Dick: (interjects) Ohhhhh. That's interesting.

Maddox: "Oh, well, we just charge more. It's unlimited, but you charge more." Well, then, it's not unlimited, is it, dickhead? Because my funds aren't unlimited, fuckface!!!

Dick: Yeah. They have a cap.

Sean: That's how you get taxes passed without a vote. You call 'em fees.

Maddox: Obamacare. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. No…no comment about Obamacare, Dick!? (laughs) Stump the Trump!?

Dick: I told you, I'm unstumpable today.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: Okay? That's in the past.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: What I want is a one-payer system. I wanna get rid of the borders…

Maddox: Alright. (grins) (Dick guffaws) Send all the rapists back to Mexico.

Dick: Yeah. Someone's doing the raping.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: We both know that.

Maddox: Yeah. It's…yeah. Okay, so what do you want to say about it?

Dick: So I went to the i…I went to get a new iPhone. Remember, we talked about this a couple of months ago. I was getting a new phone, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I was upgrading from the iPhone 4.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I ended up going with an iPhone 5S, just 'cause of the Facetime.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Just 'cause I wanna Facetime with my family. I don't care about any of the other shit.

Maddox: So…so, that…and I called it, too, by the way. When you said you were gonna get an Android, way back when.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It didn't happen.

Dick: Well, then I talked to my dad about it, and then he was like, "Well, then you can't FaceTime with the kids." And I'm like, "Oh, yeah. Then fuck it."

Maddox: There's so many better solutions.

Dick: What, I'm gonna explain to my sister and her husband how to use a better solution!?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm just gonna Face Time! I don't care!

Maddox: It's, like, three words. Say…no, sorry, it's two words. "Download Skype".

Dick: Skype is not as good.

Maddox: Ookay.

Dick: It just doesn't. It's right there!! Anyway.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Anyway.

Maddox: Anyway.

Dick: All of a sudden, because we were going from a 3G device to an LTE device…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: My unlimited data disappeared.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're like, "Well what data plan do you want?" Like, what do you mean, what data plan do I want? The same fucking data plan I've always been on.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Unlimited.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The same…the same data plan that God intended! (yells) The same data plan that everybody in America wanted when we gave you hundreds of billions of dollars to build all your stupid fiberoptic networks all over the country!! I want that data plan, you bitch! (angry) What do you mean, how much data do I want?! (Maddox cracks up) All of it! Gimme everything you got, pump it straight into my fucking veins!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And she's like, "Well that plan doesn't exist."

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Like, we…(stammers) What is it? 2 gigs. Fine. Couldn't possibly use over 2 gigs. Right?

Maddox: Oh, yeah…well….

Dick: So…whole family upgrades. Now, every month, the package we're on climbs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 2 gigs. 3 gigs. 4 gigs.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I think we're up to 6 fucking gigs now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And every single jump is, like, 20 dollars! Miraculously…miraculously…the system will come to a crashing halt if everybody is just allowed to use the data, but somehow, a 20$ fee magically fixes that!

Maddox: Ohh, sure.

Dick: A nice, round, 20$ number!!

Maddox: Yup!

Dick: You know, like when you go on the freeway during rush hour, and they're like, "Well, the freeway's fucked!" And you're like "Uh, what about if I slip you a 5?" And they're like "Oh, then it's fine."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then there's no traffic at all!!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Then you totally fixed it!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, man. That really fucking pisses me off. T-Mobile fucked me. Fucked my dry right in the butthole! With, uh…I had…I was grandfathered in with an unlimited data plan. I was paying 67$ a month. I had unlimited data and 450 minutes, 'cause fuck talking on the phone.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I never answer my phone.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I hate it. Phones are garbage. Anyway, so I had this unlimited data plan, and then I got a new phone, and then they just…they said…they told me I would be grandfathered in, and they fucking bumped me off my unlimited plan!

Dick: It's such bullshit.

Maddox: Fuck you!! You sold me an unlimited plan. Go fuck yourself! I…it's not my fault you guys didn't predict technology! You guys should have seen this shit coming years ago! AT&T's the biggest fuckups of all! AT&T, way back in the day…Dick, when I buy into a new service, or…say, for example, I was looking for a shipping system for my T-shirts in my online store, which you guys on Periscope can see right now.

Dick: Which you can go buy. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) You dickhead. What an ass. I'm not plugging my shit! This just comes up because we're in the room!

Dick: You should. They're great shirts. They're high quality.

Maddox: Oh, you son of a bitch.

Dick: They're funny designs.

Maddox: Alright. 5$ off, BIGGESTPROBLEM…(laughs) Anyway, Dick, so when I was looking for services, like a cell phone service.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I would go to Google and I'd type in…"AT&T sucks", "Verizon sucks", "Sprint sucks", etc, etc.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And see whichever one had the fewest number of results, that's the one I went with.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And way back in the day, it was AT&T. And AT&T had the best service. It was really good. Their customer service was great. They didn't charge you up the ass. And then AT&T did something really fucking stupid and they…they got rid of their mobile division and they sold it to Singular. Now, a few of you might be wondering…

Dick: Oh, I remember Singular.

Maddox: Yeah, you remember Singular.

Dick: Way back in the day.

Maddox: But some of our listeners might not, because there's no such thing anymore, because what happened is AT&T decided to focus on their land lines and you know, their legacy customers.

Dick: Yeah. Worthless technology.

Maddox: Worthless technology, which was a dying industry. And then suddenly, uh… Singular. Singular no longer existed. They wanted to buy Singular back, so they bought it back. So they just wasted a whole bunch of money and then AT&T was never the same again. Anyway, that's, uh…that's…so then I switched to T-Mobile and I supposedly have my unlimited data plan, but these fucking idiots didn't have the foresight of technology… the technology that would…

Dick: Oh, that has nothing to do with it.

Maddox: What?

Dick: I'm gonna tell you exactly. It's…it is 100% profit. It's a 100%...it is 100% a business decision and in my opinion, rampant collusion.

Maddox: It is…

Dick: It's fucking robbery!!

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Like, first of all…first of all. The idea that the network needs this cap to sustain itself is a fucking lie!! (angry) Remember when…remember when..first of all, remember when rates were different after 9 PM?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, remember when you had unlimited calls at night…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And you got hit during the day.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, you got charged during the day for calls. It makes sense. Why does it make sense? Because there's no fucking calling going on at night. Because the network lives and dies on throughput! EVERYBODY knows it!! The wires are always there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The equipment is always there, working away.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's always…it handles X. And when that X is exceeded, then there's fuckups.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: But until you get there, it costs them absolutely nothing to run this network.

Maddox: Yeah. You know…

Dick: (interjects) So, what are they…they're not paying by the fucking pho…they're not paying by the electron. (Maddox chuckles) They don't shove data through and they've got some little dude with a tabulator going "Oh! One electron, two electron, ding, ding, ding, ding." It doesn't work like that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that's…somehow they rebranded it so everybody accepts that as reality when it is a fucking lie!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: False…falsehood at best. Misleading at best.

Maddox: You know, Dick, it's similar to Dropbox in that Dropbox has data caps. It does. Dropbox has data caps. And…AND your data caps on Dropbox, like, uploading…here's the thing, Dick. I just recorded in…at the YouTube studios.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Eight new episodes of the Best Show. And I had to upload that shit, right? 'Cause I use Cloud Storage. I hate it, but I use it.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I use Google Drive, by the way, which is infinitely better than Dropbox.

Dick: Yeah, what's your point?!

Maddox: The point is, Dick. When you're uploading all this shit to these Cloud storage services…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That is also coming out of your data cap. So they're hitting you on both ends. They're hitting you on your data transfers and they're charging you for your data that you're storing in the Cloud.

Dick: Lemme tell you why that is small ball. (Maddox scoffs) Because this…they are not… they're not even close to a public utility. The Internet should be…the Internet was built as a public utility.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a fucking road.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When there's a highway between…when there's no highway between LA and Glendale and it turns out that there's a lot of commerce going on between there, and people say, "Uh…well, the roads are jammed. How am I supposed to get to my job in LA from Glendale?" They don't say, like, "Eh, stay home!" "Eh, fuck you! You used your cap of roads for this month! Fuck you." They build a bigger road.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's how the Internet works. I don't care what political spectrum you live on, the Internet is a utility.

Maddox: Mhmm. Sounds like, uh…

Dick: (interjects) It's not Dropbox. It's very different than Dropbox for that reason, I think. And..and, we give them…we give those fucks at the telecom companies and the cell phone companies TONS of money to build this infrastructure out, and they never fucking do! (angry)

Maddox: Yeah. Well, uh…(stammers) and a lot of it was built with tax subsidies, that, you know, we can't…

Dick: Hundreds of billions.

Maddox: Yeah. And there was a big lawsuit, I think it was in 1996 or 97, where some local Internet Service Providers sued the cable companies to be able to use their…their cable lines that were subsidized by taxpayers.

Dick: By us. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. To tap into that and use it for their own…DSL. Their own private cable service.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So there'd be more competition.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Well, the cable companies lobbied and they won that ruling, and the same thing is happening now.

Dick: Do you wanna hear how much money they give politicians? I got a shitload of stats on this.

Maddox: Yeah, let's…let's hear this.

Dick: Okay. Lemme pull this up. Uh, Gizmodo had, "How much money do big cable companies give politicians?" 2 million…their figures say it was 2 million bucks, and it was split EQUALLY between everybody who's on the telecom industry panel, except one lady, Maria Candwell. Everybody else, they gave 10 grand, 10 grand, 10…it was like the big four telecom companies. A grid. It was a grid of the big four telecompanies on top, and all the senators who are in charge of, like, making sure they don't fuck us, and it was just a grid…an array of 10 thousand dollar donations.

Maddox: And what…what were these donations for, just their political campaign?

Dick: For their…for their PAC, yeah. For their political campaign.

Maddox: Yeah, right.

Dick: Just buying. Just outright buying them out.

Maddox: Yeah. Mhmm.

Dick: Like…

Maddox: Are these…are these corporations, by the way, Dick?

Dick: What, these companies?

Maddox: The companies that…(giggles)

Dick: Why do you…why are you turning it into this weird corporation…(Maddox laughs) This is a big problem!!

Maddox: I know!!

Dick: Of course they're corporations! Of course.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But where is the failing here? The failing is on the part of these corrupt scumbags who are letting them get away with it! They should be hanging these people!

Maddox: The politicians?

Dick: I don't…somebody's gotta get hung for it! I don't care who it is. We're now in a system where you're incentivized NOT to use your technology.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're incentivized to turn LTE off, to make sure you're using your precious WiFi signal so you don't get dinged to death with $10 a month charges!!!

Maddox: But then they ding you again, because even if you use your WiFi service, you're gonna have a data cap on your home network, too!! Like with Time Warner, or Comcast, or any of these guys. They're starting to cap it at, like, what? 20 gigs, 15 gigs, 30 gigs?

Dick: No, I got that, too. They got a 300 gig cap. Comcast does. They finally acquiesced. However, and this is…this is even more insidious, I think. They have an incentive where if you use less than 5 gigabytes a month, they'll give you, like, a $5 discount, or something like that.

Maddox: Ahhhhh.

Dick: So, they're trying to train people to use WAY less! So they can, in the future, I think…hammer people who use anything more than the bare minimum. See, if they incentivize people to try to use less than 5 gigs, over a year or two, they're gonna artificially deflate Internet usage, to a point of, like, ascetism. And THEN, if you use a reasonable amount, like 100 gigs? They're gonna say, "Oh, you are 20 times the average!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "You're getting FUCKED!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Meanwhile, they're making 97% profit on high-speed Internet, according to the Huffington Post.

Maddox: 97%...

Dick: 97%!

Maddox: That's because it's a plug-and-play business. They're not adding any value to your service!

Dick: No. Not at all!

Maddox: They…and the customer service is shit! I'm still fucking waiting for Time Warner to come out and fix their fucking lines from two weeks ago, these shitheads! I told 'em, "Hey guys, the line (giggles)…the line by my house is taut. There's a tree branch pressing against the line.

Dick: Obviously broken.

Maddox: No…it's…it's about to break.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's so tight. Bro, it's tight. (laughs)

Dick: Well, we've seen tight wires before.

Maddox: Oh, man. Real tight. (grins) No, but they still haven't come out to fucking fix these lines. And by the way…(angry) So, they also did this study. So, Comcast got hammered with a class action lawsuit, I think? Or there was going to be one.

Dick: For throttling?

Maddox: For throttling.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And so, finally, Time Warner acquiesced, as you said, and they kind of pulled back and they said, "Okay, well we're no longer going to do this, because it's FUCKING ILLEGAL and we're shitty scumbag dipshits!"

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: So then, they did some studies and they did some research, and they found that the people who were using most of the data were, like, a handful of people. Like, the top…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah. It's, like, nobody.

Maddox: Yeah, it's like the top 5% are using something like 80% of the network bandwidth.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And also, Dick, remember a long time ago, a part of this problem, and I'm not just bullshitting here…a part of this problem is higher-def transmissions through, like, 4k, 8k, etc, etc, that we don't need. It's just clogging up the network.

Dick: Oh, let's see, but this is the opposite attitude I wanna take. I say full throttle. You know what? Gimme…4k? Gimme 40k! (Maddox cracks up) Send me as much as you want! Build the fucking fiber! Build it from…build it from my living room to my toilet. Build me an entire house out of fiber. Fuck you!!

Maddox: You know, my Internet Service Provider in Utah, Xmission? They had built…they were pushing through this program in Utah called Utopia.

Dick: Oooh.

Maddox: And it wsa a fiberoptic…yeah. It was fiberoptic and it was…I think it was up to 100 megabits at the time. This was, like, five-six years ago, which was pretty fast, but it was either 100 or 300 megabits.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And Comcast, those motherfuckers, kept lobbying it and pushing it out of Salt Lake City, so then it was pushed to the surrounding neighbors…the surrounding areas, which were much smaller in population, and now guess what Comcast is rolling out? Their own fiberoptic network!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Right? They don't want any fucking competition! It's total bullshit! It's total collusion. If you…like, in LA…LA's a great example of this collusion, too, because if you try to get Time Warner service in an AT&T area, you won…you can't. They won't serve it to you! And there's a…there's a very clear line of demarcation where AT&T ends and Time Warner begins and they never cross those boundaries because they know…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah. You don't have a choice.

Maddox: Yeah. They know it's just gonna be more competition for each other and it's gonna hurt both of their businesses, so they just kind of have this gentleman's agreement where they see the lines, okay. AT&T is over here. We'll take this area. Let's not compete with each other, so that we both make more money. Yeah, that's all it is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: These motherfuckers. It's…(stammers) steal from these assholes every fucking chance you get!

Dick: Well, that's the worst thing. I was sitting there today wracking my brain how to steal from cable companies, 'cause I…I am a 100% believer in hit them way harder than they hit you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Like…someone like Comcast. Like…like the movies! No problem pirating shit. No problem! 'Cause fuck 'em. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I don't know. Some movies I'm okay with it. You know what? I used to be totally against piracy, especially when it came to video games, Dick? But I've changed my mind. I've changed my philosophy about that over recent years.

Dick: 'Cause of DLC? 'Cause of downloadable content?

Maddox: No. Well, DLC is one…one thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But also, it's companies that make you buy the same game over and over and over again. I'm tired of buying the same game over again. Sony's one of the worst…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean? What do you buy over and over again?

Maddox: Well, for example, Sony…

Dick: (interjects) Smash Brothers!? (grins)

Maddox: No, dickhead. (Dick chuckles) I…Sony, a long time ago, when the Playstation 2 came out, they promised backward compatibility.

Dick: Oh, yeah, I remember this. Then they killed it.

Maddox: And PS3. Same thing. They had backward compatibility, and then they killed it, because it's not in line with their business model. They just want to sell you the same game over and over again. And now, I'm thinking, "Okay. For every game I have to buy again because you guys don't allow me to use my system again, you don't prom…you don't deliver the features that you PROMISED me…"

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Then I'm gonna steal one. You make me buy a game that I already have, then I'm gonna steal a game. Alright?

Dick: Yeah. My…

Maddox: There you go, dickheads.

Dick: I have a similar philosophy. For every…like, for every inquisitive…what is it called when they file a lawsuit just to get people to pay them? Movie industry and music industry do this all the time. They send threatening letters for you to call them up or email them and work out a deal, 'cause they caught you pirating shit? That's their move.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah. They're threatening bullshit, which they can't. They can't do anything about.

Dick: But,but, but!! It's…that's such a horrible thing to do to people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: First of all, the amount of stress that it's causing is insane. For the alleged crime that was committed.

Maddox: Alleged crime, yeah.

Dick: Right? So, for every one of those letters that they send out, I just pirate everything. That's my solution.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? That's the way you get back. But there's no way to get back at the cable company! There's just no…what do you do? Buy Netflix twice?!

Maddox: Throw a brick through the window.

Dick: (stammers) I mean, they're insured! That causes your insurance to go up!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Anyway, uh…Comcast response. I thought this was interesting. I thought you might think it's interesting, too. Cable Cares, a parody account on Twitter, asked this guy LivingGood, who is in charge of tech over at Comcast. "Serious question, why are Comcast caps set so low compared to the speeds they're being sold at?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "100 MB can hit 300 gigabytes in six hours."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, serious question.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To a tech person, your network can obviously handle a shitload of traffic.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So, why would you cap people at something they can achieve with something you SOLD them in six hours?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, you don't buy a car, and then if you floor it, it's out of gas, unless you're Tesla. If you floor it, it's out of gas in, like, 40 seconds.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You know? And he said…this was the guy's response. The tech guy's response. "No idea. I'm involved on the engineering side to manage the measurement systems, but don't weigh in on the business policies."

Maddox: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Dick: That's their tech response!

Maddox: Chickenshit.

Dick: "Uh…no idea." I mean…(stammers) it doesn't get…you can't fuck your company any more than that. Hey, why do you guys have these data caps, tech guy? No idea. Like, that's flat out, "Yeah, no need to have them." To me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That answer is just "yeah, we don't need them at all."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's just to screw you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's just 'cause we make 97% profit off them.

Maddox: Yeah, it's…it's entirely profit over there. I…(stammers) Man, I fucking hate these cable companies so much. Cable…cell phone companies. It's just pure profit. And they offer no service. They constantly nickel and fucking dime you. Man, I'm gonna call T-Mobile right after this…this broadcast.

Dick: They had a $5 fee to put fiber in for, like, libraries and hospitals.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then when that bill expired, they just left the fee on.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Dick: The amount of screwing over that they do…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Is legion. Like, it's really. It's really crazy.

Maddox: Did you say "legion"?

Dick: Yeah. There is a plethora of fuckery out of the cable companies. Data caps. There you go. That's my problem.

Maddox: Um, we almost…we almost brought in the scope of this problem to more, like, cable companies, but let's keep it to data caps. But yeah, man. I think data caps…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah. It's definitely only data caps.

Maddox: Yeah. I was gonna talk a little bit more about cable companies, but…anyway, Dick. Um, do we have time to go onto another problem. I got one.

Dick: You wanna do one?

Maddox: Yeah, I got one.

Dick: Is it a big one?

Maddox: Yeah. It's a…you know what? Whatever. I got…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, lemme read you some tips of the Citizen's Utility Board.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is the tips they give you to fight data caps.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Turn off your apps. Turn off GPS. Use your cache." So basically, don't use your Internet.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "Download a light, text-only Internet browser and use Wifi". (Maddox scoffs) So, basically, go back to 1998. (angry)

Maddox: (interjects) This is like…

Dick: (interjects) This is what we're…this is the world we're in!!

Maddox: These!! (paper ripping sound in the background) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I hate it so much!!!!!! (yelling)

Maddox: These are like, depression-era tips. Like, guys, you know, try to turn the lights off during the day, and only use candle power at night, so that you're not taxing the electrical service too much, and use your horses, you know, wisely, and try not to ride during the daytime when the horses are most thirsty. (laughs)

Dick: Their fix is…Technology doesn't work? Don't use it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (scoffs) Thanks.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: That doesn't help me!! That's where I was at!

Maddox: And…and by the way, it's only tips to help themselves. It's only tips to help their network! We don't give a fuck about your network! Don't sell us something you can't deliver, you pieces of shit! Shit. Big problem. Vote it up.

Dick: Big problem. Vote it up.

Maddox: The biggest pieces of shit this episode, Cable Companies. Shit.

Dick: Well, the cell phone guys are just as bad.

Maddox: Yeah. They're terrible. Um, uh…Dick. I got the real biggest problem.

Dick: Average da…go ahead. I'm done.

Maddox: What? What?

Dick: No. No. I'm done! I'm too pissed…

Maddox: What were you gonna say?!

Dick: I was gonna say "average data usage for a cell phone is 1.8 gigs." Coincidentally. Coincidentally, that is where the traffic starts fucking up the network. Like, the 2 gigabyte plan…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Is coincidentally RIGHT ABOVE the average user!

Maddox: Ohhhhh. Hmmmmmmmm.

Dick: Coincidentally.

Maddox: Yeah. Mmkay. Real convenient. Real convenient data cap, there, dickheads!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. I got the real biggest problem in the universe this week. McDonald's!

Dick: Ohhh. Fuck you!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

(Sound effect: applause)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: I knew…I knew you'd have a problem!

Dick: Chicken McNuggets, man!

Maddox: Oh, my gosh!

Dick: Eat those all day.

Maddox: You think Chicken McNuggets are good?!

Dick: Shamrock Shakes! Yeaaah.

Maddox: Yeah?! Oh, pfff.

Dick: I'm lovin' it.

Maddox: Yeah. Have you…you know Jamie Oliver, right? Do you know Jamie Oliver?

Dick: Uh…

Maddox: He's this British guy…who has, like, this food…

Sean: He's the chef.

Dick: He's the guy that cries, right?

Maddox: The chef, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: He cries about food, doesn't he?

Maddox: He cries about…yeah, he cries about food. (Dick cracks up) Yeah. So, Jamie Oliver did an episode…did an episode of his show awhile back where he's showing kids how they make a chicken nugget.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: And all these, like, dumb kids are sitting around in a kitchen and he brings all this fresh chicken and he puts it down, and he goes, "Hey, who likes chicken?" And all the kids are, like, "Yeah!!!! Me, me!!" In fact, I have a clip here. I'll play in just a second. But he chops off the legs. He chops off the thighs. He chops off the breasts and the wings. And he says, "He wants to eat this stuff!" and the kids are like, "Yeah! It looks so good!" and then he says, "Well you're not gonna eat any of this." And then he took the carcass of the chicken and said, "This is your chicken nugget." And the kids are grossed out.

Dick: Mhmm. (unconvinced)

Maddox: And, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, he took all the meat off?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And said the chicken nugget was just the chicken without the meat?

Maddox: Well, here it is…here, I'll play the clip for you.

Dick: That's 100% false.

Maddox: No, it's not true. No.

Dick: If that's…that's 100% false.

Maddox: No. Bullshit. No. No, bullshit. Here, I'll play the clip. Here. Watch.

Dick: Yeah.

(Clip starts, Jamie Oliver's voice: "And then you're left with a carcass with all the ribs and the little bits of giblets and blood and skin and stuff like that. What do you think happens to this?"

"Now because this has got loads of connective tissue and things that really aren't meat, to be honest, you've gotta put loads of stuff in it. Stabilize it with stabilizer. You know, flavoring in there to make it taste of something nice instead of something horrible. Once they've done that, they mix it all up and make this big load of gunk. And then get a cutter and cut out our very own patty. Just like that. Put some breadcrumbs on it. And there you go, ladies, gentlemen. Our very own patty."

"And all we do is whack 'em in a pan. Lovely. (sizzling sound) Now, who would still eat this?")

Dick: I would.

Maddox: Yeah, so….(laughs) Yeah, of course YOU would!!

Dick: I'll take a…I'll take a 30 piece!

Maddox: Yeah, ho. 30-piece! That garbage. It's not meat, man. It's all reconstituted bullshit. It's just ground up…it's just what he said. It's cartilage and skin fat.

Dick: He's 100% wrong. It's…

Maddox: No, he's not.

Dick: It's reconstituted, like, it's processed…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it is…it is white meat. It is chicken meat. That…I'm on board with you that fast food is bad, but to say that they grind up carcasses and try to pass them off as food products, I think is totally fucking false.

Sean: They claim that it's all white meat chicken now.

Dick: Yeah. It is.

Sean: They say "Made specifically with white meat". Don't you think that that would be… they couldn't keep that out of the headlines.

Dick: They couldn't get away with that.

Maddox: Yeah, they may…

Sean: No. It would be…there's people all over…remember the rumor when they said Taco Bell wasn't meat?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: All that kind of stuff? It…

Dick: (interjects) Totally false.

Sean: It was totally false. Of course it was MEAT. It's so easily testable.

Maddox: Well, the…

Sean: I don't understand that.

Maddox: No, but they do…they do test it from time to time and they find weird DNA in there, like lizard DNA.

Sean: (groans) See, he's gone really conspiratorial, too.

Dick: Lizard DNA?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Sean: I remember that guy.

Maddox: Alright, alright, alright. Look, look. McDonald's got a lot of flak for this, so…

Dick: (interjects) They found clown DNA one time, I remember that. (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Clown DNA. Was it rainbow-colored?

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Um, they did a lot of testing on this meat, whatever. There was a lot of controversy that came up with McDonald's. I think due to the response to the controversy, they then changed their formula. They said, "Okay, we're gonna use all white meat."

Sean: That's true. That's true.

Maddox: It wasn't always white meat. Back when Jamie Oliver did this program, I think it was still the cartilage and the carcasses and all that shit.

Dick: It's been white meat for a long time.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know about that.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And honestly, they don't taste any different.

Maddox: Well, this is from Washington Post.

Dick: Cause they're soaked in honey.

Maddox: No, because it's all the same chemicals they put in…they put in there.

Dick: Well, sugar. Shitloads of sugar.

Sean: Yeah, no. The breading is sweet. It's the same stuff they use for their apple pie shells.

Maddox: Is it really?

Dick: Oh, really?

Sean: I believe so, yeah. I think I read that somewhere.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: So you could cram an apple pie with Chicken McNuggets?

Sean: If you taste…they taste almost the same. I think they do taste the same.

Dick: Oh, you're right. (shocked)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wow.

Sean: There is a lot of sugar in there.

Maddox: Well, this is according to the Washington Post. It says, "Americans are not lovin' it." (Dick giggles) "McDonald's same store sales have now fallen or remained flat for 13 consecutive months."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 13 consecutive months. "According to Washington Post, McDonald's announced it is planning to close 184 restaurants across the United States this year, 59 more than it's planning to open. The scaleback is something of a historic negative milestone because it hasn't happened in more than 40 years. The last time this company contracted was in 1970."

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: So, McDonald's, awhile back, I think about a year ago, started this campaign online where they were showing these videos, they were like, "We're McDonald's and we wanna be open and honest and transparent and show you guys how we make our food. We wanna answer your questions."

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Um, so they hired, what's that guy? Um…oh. Here it is.

Sean: Ronald McDonald?

Maddox: R…(Dick cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. (laughing) They hired him. He had another job at the time.

Maddox: Grant Imahara…they hired…you know who that guy is?

Dick: No. No.

Maddox: He's, like, this nice-looking, earnest fellow. This Asian dude from Mythbusters.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I know that guy.

Maddox: But he doesn't really announce himself as that, so I didn't know who the fuck he was. He was just some Asian dude. Whatever.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…(giggles) this was one of the campaigns…

Dick: (interjects) We're talking about food, not math. Get outta here, you nice-looking Asian guy! (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, man. Okay. Anyway, um…so, he…they hired him to talk about what's in their fries. And people would Tweet…people Tweet nasty shit to McDonald's all the fucking time. All the fucking time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're…

Dick: (interjects) They're haters.

Maddox: They're constantly sending McDonald's shit like "Hey, your food's awful." And it's awful. It taste…it's awful. I haven't eaten McDonald's in about 15 years.

Dick: It is…well, when you were a kid, did you like it?

Maddox: I liked fries. I mean, when I was a kid.

Dick: McNuggets, Big Macs, you didn't like any of that stuff?

Maddox: No, man.

Dick: It's, like, designed to taste good.

Maddox: You…you know, if you're not…

Dick: (interjects) Like, it's specifically good for, like, a shitty palate. Like, if you live on that stuff…go ahead.

Maddox: Dick, I grew up eating a lot of Mediterranean food, which is really strong in flavor, there's a lot of garlic, there's a lot of pepper.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's a of uh…onions.. and a lot of…it's just really…like, yogurt. Really strong flavors.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I never grew a taste for McDonald's. My mom took me to McDonald's late into my youth, like I think around age 8 or 9. We'd go to McDonald's and I'd get shakes and the Chik…the fish fillet sandwich.

Dick: That makes sense.

Maddox: And the Big Mac and stuff like that. And it always tasted very, very bland to me. Um, because I grew up eating such strong-flavored food.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: So I never really grew a taste for it. The fri…the McDonald's fries are pretty decent. I…I mean, I hate…you know I brought in fries as a problem, which you shitheads voted down.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, um, as far as fries go, they're pretty…they're pretty tasty fries, which is not saying much, 'cause a bad fry is not much different from a good fry.

Dick: It's like you're running for fucking office over here. You're worried about flip-flopping on French Fries. (they laugh) Qualify all your statements. (Maddox laughs) "Oh, I've had a French Fry before, I'm not saying I loved it! I'm not saying it's a solution, but I have had a French fry!" (Maddox laughs) "I might have chewed it up a little bit to get a little bit more flavor out of it, but that's all I'm gonna say!"

Maddox: Shut your piehole, Dick!

Dick: Fry hole.

Maddox: Shut your…yeah. Shut your fry hole! Listen to this…listen to this clip.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: This is one of those videos that McDonald's made in response to people shitting on their food.

Dick: Oh, God. They always fuck this up.

Maddox: Oh, listen to this. This is so great. (grins) Listen to this. It's about a minute long. Listen to this.

(Sound clip: Male voice: "So I know you got a lot of questions, that's why McDonald's has asked me to help find the answers. The question is, 'Why do McDonald's French fries have 17 ingredients?' How could you possibly use 17 things and put that into a French fry? First of all, there aren't 17 ingredients."

Maddox: He's flipping a paper over.

Dick: Is that all the ingredients? Like Santa's list?

"There are actually 19. (they laugh) **Item number one on the list…"**

Maddox: 19!!!! (laughing)

"Potatoes. Thank goodness."

Maddox: Okay.

"That's…that's a good start. Now, Items 2 through 9…"

Maddox: I cut this up here.

"This is part of the oil that's used to partially fry the French fry at the supplier."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

"Canola oil. Soybean oil. Hydrogenated soybean oil. Natural beef flavor."

Maddox: Mhmm.

"Hydrolyzed wheat."

Dick: Tallow, yeah.

"Hydrolyzed milk. Dimethylpolyciloxane. Dextrose is a sugar. Helps maintain the golden fry color."

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Uh-huh.

"Sodium acid pyrophosphate. Salt. Canola oil. Corn oil. Soybean oil. Hydrogenated soybean oil with TBHQ. Citric acid."

"So at the end of the day, it's not a Frankenfry composed of chemicals. (Maddox guffaws) **McDonald's French fries are made of potatoes."**

Dick: Jesus. An ad agency did this?

"Keep asking questions and I'll find the answers.")

Dick: Oh, my God!!! (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: So, after listing 19 ingredients, half of which have something like eight syllables, he's like, "Well, at the end of the day, it's not a Frankenfry composed of chemicals."

Dick: Guys, get a mic. Get a lav mic if you're gonna shoot an ad for, like, a multimillion dollar fast food chain. You know?

Sean: Well, a lot of those were oils, because they fry 'em twice, right?

Maddox: Yeah, they fry those…

Sean: At the restaurant.

Maddox: They're frying 'em twice.

Sean: And I know they got in trouble for the beef tallow for a while.

Maddox: Yeah, because of…because of, uh, Muslims, right? Muslims couldn't eat them?

Sean: Uh, ye…just vegetarians, I think, uh…Hindu, and…

Maddox: Fuck the vegetarians, that's fine. But yeah, Hindus can't eat them. Uh…and then I think…

Dick: Yeah, well, go eat somewhere else! The meat flavor tastes good. The tallow tastes good on the fries.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Aren't the rest of those just, uh…preservatives?

Maddox: A lot…I think there was about three things on there that he listed as using preservatives. And he didn't use the workd preservative, because people…that has a negative connotation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So this is SO carefully engineered. They choose every single word meticulously.

Dick: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: They didn't say "preservative". He said, "Oh, it helps preserve freshness." So that's…that's bastardizing the word preservatives, just saying, "Well, it's preserving freshness, from…(stammers) for the time it takes to get from the supplier to the restaurant."

Sean: Maintain freshness.

Maddox: Oh, maintain freshness, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: That's always the…

Dick: (interjects) It's not "preserve".

Maddox: It MAINTAINS freshness, okay. How does it MAINTAIN it? Does it preserve it, dickhead? And by the way, remember when I brought in, uh…what's the fat? Trans fats, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I brought in trans…partially hydrogenated oils.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: As a big problem because it can contribute up to 20% of heart disease. Coronary heart disease.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, uh…that was invented to help preserve fats that transfer from the factory to the restaurant. And they're using some of these same preservatives for the same exact reason. And they're not hydrogenated oils and there's no evidence currently for their…that they're unhealthy. Um, not necessarily so. I don't know. It's just, like, these things that they start using. Like, one of the big controversial things on there is this "diisolotha…" I don't know. It's got, like, eight syllables in it, and he says, "I know it sounds scary, but it's just an antifoaming agent that's used in a number of different cooking things." Nobody uses antifoaming agent. Do you use antifoaming agent, Dick?

Dick: I have no idea what that is.

Maddox: Nobody does. You know what it is? It's just something so that when they put the fries in the fryer, it doesn't splash up and foam and come out the sides.

Dick: Well, that's what I was gonna say, everything they do is designed for safety. Like, you can't have one fuckup when you have that much food slinging around the country. So sure, they got a shitload of chemicals! Yeaaaaaaaah. A lot of it's bad! It's not…it's not good for you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But a lot of people just don't have the time to eat healthy. You know, realistically? They don't. They're working…they got a family to take care of. They go…going through McDonald's a couple times a week isn't gonna kill anybody. It's not gonna hurt anything. And it tastes good. (Maddox guffaws) Like, you can knock them for putting together embarrassing viral videos, but I wanna, like, what really is bad about them?

Maddox: It doesn't taste good. It's shitty quality food. It's the bottom of the barrel. It's just…it's uh…um. And by the way, they also made this…they also have this article saying that they're now going to start making their hamburgers to order. Made to order hamburgers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Wow, what a novel fucking thought! I order food and you make it for me?! Cool! Where can I get that experience? How about every fucking restaurant. So McDona…and this is…

Dick: (interjects) That's like…restaurants are more money, though! People can't afford that!

Maddox: It doesn't have to be that. It can be…what they're labeling, they're saying, uh… companies like Chipotle are growing in market share because they're calling them…

Dick: McDonald's own them, by the way.

Maddox: McDonald's owns them?

Dick: Owned them.

Maddox: Oh, owned them.

Dick: They sold them recently.

Maddox: Oh, that was a mistake.

Dick: I mean, it's the same company. Was a big mistake.

Maddox: They're calling them casual…casual fast food places. Where it's not quite fast food, but it's not quite a restaurant, either.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, that's what they're calling these places. And those are…those are starting to g…but it doesn't cost that much more to have better food. And I'm not saying…you know, Dick, your expensive steak argument, "Oh, if you pay more you're gonna get better food." To an extent. To a degree. And also, you pay less and you get worse food to an extent and to a degree.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: But McDonald's is, like, the bottom of the barrel. It is the worst! It is abs…it doesn't taste good. I really don't think it does.

Dick: The people who are eating there, I think, know that. Like, I…(stammers) I don't think they can just to Whole Foods, pick up a premade meal, get home, and spend four hours cooking it. You know what I'm saying? Like, it's nice to have the luxury, but people just don't have it. In fact, when you started this by saying they're closing all those restaurants…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And the stock is plummeting…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think that's because, during the recession, they were seeing huge increases in profits, and huge demand, 'cause it was a dollar! You could go eat for a dollar. And if they didn't have that, like, what are people gonna do?

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: They can't afford to eat nice food.

Maddox: No, but it's…the reason there's this whole…there's this whole argument. I…hate, hate, hate the movie Food Inc. Have you seen Food Inc?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's an awful movie. Um, but they do have a couple of good points they make in that movie, and that is that every piece of beef that you buy in America, almost every

single piece of beef was manufactured for McDonald's, because they are the number one supplier.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: They are the number one…they're the ones who create these, uh…these factory farms and have such a high demand on beef. And because of that, they…because they churn these out in these factory farms, it's just really low quality cows. They're pumped with hormones and all this shit. It's not…it's not good stuff. But they could be doing that same thing and investing in agriculture, or anything else. And now McDonald's is kind of in this, like, limbo, as a corporation, because people want healthier food options, so they're starting to offer salads and things on their menu.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Which, they're still fucking up. There's, like…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's so much sugar in their salad dressing. There's so much sugar in everything on their menu. But they're trying, and they're kind of lost, because their core customer base wants shit, 'cause they're used to having shit in their mouths.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And they're huge dickheads and they love sucking dick and they're giant dumbass assholes who are pieces of shit…(trails off)

Dick: And they don't have all day to sit around planning their next meal. (Maddox cracks up) and infinite funds to just go around ringing up fancy food at the Farmer's Market.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, and that's what pisses me off about Food Inc, is they suggest…they have the audacity to suggest that people should go to farmer's markets and get their fucking groceries?!!?

Dick: Yeah…

Maddox: Get the fuck outta here!!

Dick: They're so expensive. They're SO expensive.

Maddox: It's SO expensive. I mean, I get that McDonald's is serving a market, but man, some of their customers are real dipshits. I once…

Dick: (interjects) Here's…go ahead.

Maddox: I just wanted to say this. I went to a McDonald's one time. Uh, you know Dodge Viper? The Dodge Viper's a cool car, right?

Dick: Alright, get outta here. I know about the Dodge Viper. (grins)

Maddox: (giggles) It's a sexy car.

Dick: '96 Dodge Viper. Get outta here.

Maddox: I wanna put my penis in that thing. I'll slam my penis in the door. That'll be a satisfying experience. Dodge Viper? Hell yeah, baby.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Anyway. Anyway, yeah. So I went to…I was…(guffaws) at my old job, there was a McDonald's next to this place I used to go to. This, like, burrito shop, or whatever? (Sean cracks up) And I always saw this Dodge Viper…what, Sean!?! (accusatory)

Sean: A burrito shop!

Dick: Yeah…

Maddox: It was a burrito shop!!

Dick: That's what he ate.

Maddox: Go do…what?!

Dick: Go ahead…(laughs)

Maddox: It was good food! Anyway, I always saw this Dodge Viper parked in the parking lot as McDonald's.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: And I always chuckled to myself, 'cause I'm like. "Oh, he can afford a nice car, but he can't afford nice food?"

Dick: Probably the owner.

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: He was probably the owner.

Maddox: The owner of the…

Dick: If he was always parked there….

Maddox: It was just during lunch. The car was never there, like, during…

Dick: (interjects) Alright.

Maddox: Maybe the owner came in just during lunchtime, man.

Dick: Franchisee. Coulda had a bunch of stores that he was hopping around to.

Maddox: Yeah. What did you…what did you want to say?

Dick: Here comes…here comes the "hatocracy" part of it.

Maddox: The hatocracy. Okay. (grins)

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause…you and your hatocracy.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Dick: You've built an empire of hatocracy.

Maddox: Hatocracy. Okay. Uh-huh. (grinning)

Dick: That's what you're all about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why…McDonald's. When your argument is so clearly fast food-based. Why did you single out McDonald's?

Maddox: Because McDonald's is the biggest, the baddest, and the worst.

Dick: But if they're gone…if McDonald's is a problem and they're gone, all you got is Jack in the Box, Carl's Jr…like, it's just…it's…(stammers) I don't know. It's like trying to drain the ocean. Like, you remove McDonald's, you've got hundreds of other fast food restaurants ready to take their place.

Maddox: So, McDonald's is Al Qaeda and all the other ones are ISIS, right?

Dick: Yeah. You want ISIS to come in? (Maddox laughs) Jack in the Box is the one doing stoner marketing! McDonald's doesn't stoop to those levels, do they?!

Maddox: Ugh!!

Dick: McDonald's is your pal!!

Maddox: I don't think so!!!

Dick: They just wanna cheer you up, give you a Happy Meal!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Jack in the Box wants to give you a Stoner Meal! (grins) (Maddox giggles) They want you to get HIIIIIIIIIIGH and buy eggrolls!

Maddox: So, Dick. Um, one of these stupid campaigns they had online, where…

Dick: (interjects) You didn't answer my question, though!

Maddox: What?!?!

Dick: You didn't answer my question! Why McDonald's?!

Maddox: Because they're the biggest, the baddest, and the worst! They're by far the worst. But McDonald's comprises of something like 90% of the fast food market, like, they're…they're number one!! I think!

Dick: I don't think it's that high.

Maddox: Well, they said that Chipotle is only 5%, or, yeah. It's like 5% now and Subway, oh, actually, Subway might be number one right now. Subway…Subway's really grown. I don't know, man. McDonald's is the biggest and baddest. They are synonymous with that fast food. Look, man. I like some fast food. I eat at In and Out. In and Out is a good quality burger. I feel like every time I eat an In and Out burger, I don't feel like an asshole. I don't feel like I just ate a bag full of, like, pig colons. Like, I don't feel like I have that, like, sinking feeling in my stomach where I just ate, like, forks and empty containers of tuna fish.

Dick: Yeah. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: And a boot.

Maddox: And a boo…(laughs) And a boot, yeah.

Dick: And, like, a washing board.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: One of those (makes washing board grinding sound)

Maddox: And an anchor. Uh, all the things…yeah. I…

Dick: And a book of clichés. (laughs)

Maddox: (cracks up) Um, yeah. I don't feel like that. 'Cause it's a better quality…they put fresher ingredients in there, and it's decent. And it's also cheap. Man, you wanna spend a dollar at McDonald's? You can't muster up another dollar to buy an In and Out burger? Come on.

Dick: No!!!! First of all, that is…like, that's not an assumption. You can feed a FAMILY at McDonald's, with, like, a varied menu. Throw some chicken in there! Look, I don't eat it! I go way far out of my way to try NOT to eat it!

Maddox: Bullshit! You eat McDonald's all the time. You leave behind McDonald's wrappers in my apartment all the time…

Dick: Sometimes I have to here if we record during a mealtime, 'cause I don't wanna get "hangry". (Maddox guffaws) So I pick up some McNuggets on the way over.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh..

Dick: Usually a 20 piece, which is a very reasonable price.

Maddox: McDonald's is awful. It's not food. Those 20-piece…

Dick: (interjects) What if they changed their menu? What if they would, like, change their menu to be more healthy? Would you still be anti-McDonald's, or would you be okay with them?

Maddox: It would have to be two things. It would have to be healthier…

Dick: (interjects) If they started offering hummus, would you be okay with them? (grins)

Maddox: (laughing) Fuck you!

Dick: Or telluli. Or lula. Or….(Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: That's ra…

Dick: Or shawarma!

Maddox: That's racist, dickhead!

Dick: If they had McShawarma…(cracks up)

Maddox: Fuck…fuck you!!

(Sound effect: "Wrong buzzer")

Maddox: I don't need to put up with this shit!! (angry)

(Sound effect: Baby laugh)

Dick: Yeah, that's…that's definitely racist, right? What I just said was definitely racist!

Maddox: I'm gonna…I'm gonna contact that Southern Poverty Law Center!! I'm gonna report you for a hate crime!

Dick: (laughing) Oh, man. They're gonna tell you, "Oh, Dick? Unstumpable."

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, (cracks up)

Dick: You're trying to stump him? Forget about it. (grins)

Maddox: Oh, man. So, one of those campaigns? Like, someone tweeted at McDonald's, because there's this picture that was floating around on the Internet with the pink slime, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, supposedly, it's not McDonald's.

Dick: Not McDonald's. (grins)

Maddox: No.

Dick: No.

Maddox: But then they also had…

Dick: (interjects) But everybody hates them!

Maddox: They also had a picture of the McRib as, like, a frozen little square. This rectangle.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And this guy said, "Oh, man, I'm never gonna eat at McDonald's!" and he tweeted that at McDonald's! And so they brought him on in one of these stupid campaigns, these PR campaigns? To show him how they make a McRib. And here's…here's the intro to the piece. Listen to this.

(Clip starts: Male voice: "McDonald's brought me here because of a tweet that they saw. Someone sent me a picture of what I thought was a McRib. And I put "WoooooWW" with a bunch of O's and W's and that looked disgusting. And I was encouraging everyone to never eat anything from McDonald's again, so I think you all wanna bring me here so that I can actually see how the McRib is made…"

Dick: Yeah.

"…and see if my mind can be changed a little bit.")

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: What was the…what was the decision?

Maddox: Well, so…they went through the entire process, they're like, "Well that's not true. That's not what the McRib looks like." And that's a myth, and that's just floating around on the Internet. Then they…you fast forward to the end of the 4-minute video, and they pull

out this thing that looks EXACTLY like the picture he tweeted at McDonald's! It's the same fucking thing! Not the pink slime, but the brick. The brick thing.

Dick: Yeah, the rib-shaped McRib patty. We all know that.

Maddox: Yeah, the rib-shaped McRib…

Dick: With the fake bones.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And McDonald's showed him the process, and they showed that these big cuts of pork that they put into the big vat…

Dick: Pff, delicious! Delicious pork.

Maddox: Yeah, hohohohooo!! Yeah. So, they grind it all up and stamp it down and process it, it just…it's SHITTY quality food, man!

Dick: Listen to me. Because you're gonna get a lot of support, because for some reason, everyone hates McDonald's.

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Dick: And I don't think we know what the reason is, yet. I think we've proved that with this discussion today. Like, the Internet is ready to pounce on them at a moment's notice. The pink slime came out…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it was the hatocracy in full force. "Fuck you and your pink slime! You're fucking disgusting!" Tweeting it at…in line at Whole Foods, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: You should…(Maddox laughs) Everyone should spend 27 hours a day figuring out what to eat! But it's something…it's something about McDonald's that people hate.

Maddox: It's that shitty food…

Dick: I'm gonna say spoiled fucks! Hey. And I don't know…I think you might hate it for real reasons. But I'm saying everybody.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause there's a lot of shitty food out there! You know? Pringles, Lays Potato Chips. It's all really bad for you!

Maddox: Yeah, that's true!

Dick: But why McDonald's?

Maddox: They're number one, man!

Dick: They're an American institution!

Maddox: Bec…you know…

Dick: (interjects) They change by little bits and pieces, like moving a boulder! You gotta just…go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: There's something insidious about McDonald's. It's because they've been marketing for years to kids. The Happy Meals and all the marketing for kids. Trying to get them hooked at a young age with the toys and the Gremlins tie-ins, and I remember growing up, Gremlins was the biggest movie in America.

Dick: With that sexy Gremlin? You ever jerk off to that one?

Maddox: No.

Dick: I have. (grins)

Maddox: Why?!! Gross!!!

Dick: Tits.

Maddox: You know what happens if you jerk off on a Gremlin after midnight!? (Dick cracks up) A Mugwi. (laughing)

Dick: Alright, we're running out of time. You got anything to say?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Alright, man. Uh, yeah. McDonald's is awful.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's awful, it's awful. And, so…so my two problems this week are Shit and McDonald's, which is really one problem.

Dick: My problem is Data Caps.

Maddox: (laughing) Data Caps. Uh, yeah. We didn't…we didn't get to y…do you have time for your other problem? What are we…

Dick: No, no, no. It's too late.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. This is a long episode. Long episode!

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Alright. Let's wrap this up. So vote up McDonald's and Shit, and Data Caps, I guess. They're ALL problems this week!

Dick: Yeah. Go stump yourself. (Maddox laughs)

(Voice mail: Male voice with fake Russian accent: "Comrade Maddox. This is Vladimir Putin. And obviously, this is how I talk." (Maddox guffaws) **For many years, Soviet scientists and Heistmasters attempt to make brilliant scheme to steal the Crown Jewels from Capitalist pigs in the United Kingdom. And for many years, every time, we are foiled by single Beefeater guard."**

Maddox: That's me!!!

"I listened to your episode, and hear your brilliant plan…"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: This how Putin talks?! (Maddox laughs) He said it was, but I don't know if it is. (grins)

"To heist the Crown Jewels from United Kingdom. And I say, 'This man is genius.' (Dick and Maddox crack up) **I must have those Crown Jewels. So, Soviet Russia is friends to Maddox."**

Dick: (laughing) It could have ended there.

"…for your heist of Crown Jewels. (accent changes) **And upon successful escape with jetpack…**(Maddox laughs) **I became Borat all of a sudden.** (they crack up)**"**

Dick: Yep!!!!

"I will pay you…465 Rubles. Which translates into approximately 67 dollars."

(Maddox guffaws)

Dick: You could buy our season pass with that.

Maddox: Uh…yeah. You COULD buy. He could buy two!!

"GO FUCK YOURSELF, DICK!!!")

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, these fucking voice mails, man. Vladimir Putin, so, he would buy my…the Crown Jewels that I stole…and he said…I don't like the way he threw a little of English on that, uh…"jetpack". (taunting voice) He said it almost sarcastically.

Dick: Oh. I don't know. I don't have enough familiarity with Putin to know when he's being sarcastic.

Maddox: Fuck…fuck that guy! Oh, and by the way, Dick, uh, we forgot…(giggles) Well, it's my fault. I forgot to post the Smash Brothers video of us playing last episode?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I'm gonna post it on this one. Uh, check it out. It'll be on the website.

Dick: Okay.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Heyyyyy, this is Tyler again. Damn thing must have cut me off 'cause I went on too long, so sorry about that." (Maddox guffaws) **"Last thing I wanted to say, though, is that Dick, you're great. Maddox, go fuck yourself.")**

(Dick laughs)

Maddox: What was…what was that from?

Dick: I didn't play his other one. It was 3 minutes long!!!

Maddox: Oh, that was the guy.

Dick: This fucking guy.

Maddox: He's the guy on Twitter. He tweeted at us, and he said he sent in a 3-minute long, uh…rant about Dropbox. Was it that guy?

Dick: Oh, man. Uh…I do have a huge Dropbox voicemail. I mean, we're getting too long. I'm just gonna play…this guy…this new listener started listening and ranked the most funny to the least funny moments of the show. But it's too…I'm just gonna play this story.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: It's 5 minutes long also. We'll end on that.

Maddox: Let's do it…

Dick: Let's do it next time?

(cuts off)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 67

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Quakes to Quebec.

Dick: Ohhhh. (saucy)

Maddox: With over 3.5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy!? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back.

Dick: I think it's pronounced "Ke-bec".

Maddox: Ke-bec, really?

Dick: Yeah. Not Qwe-bec.

Maddox: Ohhhhh. It sounded so much better with the alliteration in there.

Dick: No, it's French, though.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Quebec.

Sean: And they speak "Quebecois".

Dick: Is that true?

Sean: That's true.

Dick: What is that?!

Maddox: What?!

Sean: It's French Canadian.

Dick: Is it French, or Canadian?

Sean: I work with…I work with voice actors all the time.

Dick: And what, do they have it on their resume? Quebecois?

Sean: Well, no, 'cause of the dubs into Quebecois.

Dick: Oh wow, that's weird.

Maddox: Quebec-why?! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright, guys.

Dick: What happened last week?

Maddox: I got, uh…I got some news for you.

Dick: Ooh.

Maddox: About the votes.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Data Caps!

Dick: Well. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Data Caps, clean sweep!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Data caps, last episode, was…the number one problem. Followed by Shit. And then McDonald's, so, shit again. Uh…you know what surprised me, though, Dick? I…I honestly thought that McDonald's would be voted into oblivion. 'Cause everyone loves McDonald's!

Dick: You mean…it would be voted down into oblivion like Guardians of the Galaxy.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause McDonald's is the Guardians of the Galaxy of fast food. No, bigger than that. Guardians of the Galaxy is the superhero movie…it's like superhero fast food.

Dick: McDonald's is the apple of food, for you. Right?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's the Nike of food, yeah.

Dick: You hate Nike, too?

Maddox: Well, it's…it's a big brand, you know…I don't know. I have an…I don't have a firm position on Nike.

Dick: A lot of these come down to just choice, though. Like somebody was saying in the comments, "You don't like McDonald's, don't eat there." Like, they're not…

Maddox: (interjects) I don't.

Dick: …are they affecting other things?

Maddox: Of course!

Dick: Ehh. (uncertain)

Maddox: You know, someone in the comments commented and said that if you…you know how, Dick, last episode, you were making the case that McDonald's is cheap and you can feed the entire family and bla, bla, bla, bla. Um…the thing is, you can go to…

Dick: (interjects) Cheap. Yeah.

Maddox: You can go to, like, a Costco, or something, and buy a bag of rice for, like, 3 dollars. A BAAAAAG of rice that'll feed your family for months, and then a head of lettuce, you know…some Spam.

Dick: (cracks up) Some cabbage.

Maddox: Some cabbage. Yeah, man. Make a big stew. Look, it's not good eating, but it's better eating.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what? And it's cheaper than McDonald's, still.

Dick: Hey, here's someone who had a good point about what you were saying.

Maddox: Okay.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, this is Bryce from British Columbia. I just wanted to point out there's a Maddox Vs. Maddox between his McDonald's problem and his Hotdog Truthers problem. You can't attack the ingredients of McNuggets while hating people who point out the ingredients in hotdogs."

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Gotta…

"Anyway, love the show, guys. And Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Up until then, he had a lot of good points. (Maddox laughs) That's a good point!

Maddox: The only good point…he made a good point during that voice mail, and that was that you should go fuck yourself.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah, that was the point! (grins)

Dick: Not what he was talking about.

Maddox: That was what he was talking about! That's what I'm talking about, buddy! I can talk…I can make a whole episode about how you should fuck yourself! But, look…look, man. The hotdog truthers problem that I had…

Dick: Uh-huh…(grins)

Maddox: Was that people come up to you and pull you aside like they're enlightening you with some knowledge that you didn't fucking know.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grinning)

Maddox: I know hotdogs are shit, and if I'm eating them, I know they're shit! I'm not eating them because they're high quality, and I'm not defending them, either!

Dick: Yeah, but you bitch about McDonald's in the same way, like, when I'm chowing down on a delicious, hot, golden-brown pack of Chicken McNuggets…(Maddox chuckles) If I have to. With a selection of sauces. What kind of sauce do you like?

Maddox: I like barbecue, and…

Dick: You can get that sauce.

Maddox: Spicy. Spicy barbecue.

Dick: You can get spicy. You can get both of those sauces.

Maddox: You can't!

Dick: When I'm eating that, you are always sticking your nose in what I'm eating, and shitting on it! That's hotdog truther 101!!!!

Maddox: No, I'm…(stammers) Dude! Every time you bring your bullshit-ass McDonald's, do I bitch about it!? No!!

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: In fact…in fact…no, I don't!! I bitch about the wrappers you leave behind, dickhead! But I don't bitch about the McDonald's itself! Every time you…and, you know what? You offer me, sometimes, McDonald's, and I think you know I don't like it, but you offer it to me…

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: And what do I say? "No, but thanks for asking." I always say that, right? Because I'm a polite motherfucker.

Dick: Alright. (exhales) (Maddox laughs) The guy has a point. I don't know.

Maddox: Listen to this. I got a comment…

Dick: (interjects) Hey, wait a minute. Wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah. What?

Dick: I got three words for you.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: McDonald's breakfast. Come on.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: That's why it didn't score very high.

Maddox: You know, Dick, I used to be a fat kid, and one of the things my parents would bring home for me every day from McDonald's was McDonald's breakfast.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not every day, but after a certain age. I think around…uh, junior high.

Dick: Man, that's…not only is it good and it makes you happy, but also, well for me personally, if I got out of bed and got my ass in a car to a McDonald's before 10:30, I feel like a better person. Like, I feel like I accomplished something.

Maddox: 10:30…

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: 'Cause, like, 11's the cutoff, right?

Dick: I think…no, I think it's 10:30.

Maddox: Oh, 10:30, okay.

Dick: I don't even know. 'Cause, like, if I can get myself out of bed that early…like, I did it! I feel like I did it, and I can conquer the day! You know what I'm saying?!

Maddox: Anti-intellectualism, guys. Go vote it up. (they both guffaw)

Dick: Somebody agrees with this, right?! Like, you did it! You won a race against GOD!! Against time!

Maddox: Sean…does he deserve kudos for that? Does he deserve accolades?

Sean: Why not? I'm generous tonight.

Maddox: Oh, fuck you!! Both you guys! This is a conspiracy.

Dick: You don't get up before 10:30. Get the fuck outta here! What are you doing before 10:30?!

Maddox: Yeah…yes I…I wake up, like around 8:30, and I'm a writer!!

Dick: (laughing) 8:30.

Maddox: 8:30's a good hour for a writer!

Dick: Yeah, right.

Maddox: I don't have to wake up! I can sleep forever, and I don't. I don't sleep forever.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Although I can on my Casper mattress. Um…(laughs)

Dick: What else?! That's not a cas…it's a Harry's today. (Maddox laughs) You're gonna wake up…you have to wake up at 8:30 AM because that's when you start shaving your back with Harry's razors.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (laughs)

Dick: That's a compliment!

Maddox: That's a good…

Dick: A man should have a hairy back!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Man, I want, like, wings of hair coming out of my back!

Maddox: Uh-huh. (grins) Well…

Dick: (guffaws) That's cool. That's sexy.

Maddox: You're a few inches away from that, buddy.

Sean: Giant pompadour.

Maddox: Yeah. Look at this giant…and again, we're broadcasting this on Periscope, uh, Dick's got his giant-ass hair on here…(laughs) Uh, and his moustache.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which I can't impugn. That is a perfect moustache. Here's the thing, Dick. I got a comment from **Steven Joseph Musgrove II.** He said…so, last episode I talked about how I choose different carriers and companies, like cable companies. I go to Google…

Dick: By…yeah, yeah.

Maddox: And I type in the name of the company and I say, for example…

Dick: Sucks.

Maddox: Verizon sucks.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And I see how many results it has and I go with the one that has the least number of "sucks". This guy tried…he said **"I tried something today."**

Dick: That's how I pick girlfriends, too. It looks like you had the least number of sucks, so…(Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. Well….uh…(laughs) You want…you want a low suck mileage on that kind of girl.

Dick: Yeaaaaah!! I wanna be special.

Maddox: Um, I got…so, **Steven Joseph Musgrove II** says…

Dick: (starts to talk)

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: He said, **"I tried something out today."** He went to Google and he typed in "Maddox sucks" in quotes and he got 159,000 results.

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: Then he typed in "Sean sucks", 3.1 million results, Sean!!

Dick: Whoa, you suck, Sean!! (guffaws)

Maddox: And then he typed in Dick…

Sean: (interjects) All for me!!

Maddox: (laughs) He typed in "Dick sucks", 4.07 million results.

Dick: Only million. I thought that would be billion.

Maddox: 4.07 million people think that dick sucks.

Dick: Here, I got another voicemail for you. A lot of good voice mails this week.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: Male voice: "Duh, hi guys. (imitating Maddox's dorky voice) My name's Maddox. I'm super smart. (Maddox laughs) **I brought on infantilism as a problem, but whenever I impersonate people whose opinions differ from my own, I have to talk in a dumb voice like this. I also like poopy jokes.** (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I do. (giggling)

"I throw temper tantrums when Dick brings in a bit I don't like… (Dick laughs) **And I like banging on my ceiling with a broom until my mom brings me food. Yeah, fuck you, Mom. French Onion this time.** (Maddox cracks up) **I guess it just stems from a general lack of intelligence…"**

Dick: What?

"Or emotional underdevelerelopment… (they laugh) **Woops, pronounced another word wrong, oh well. 'Cause grammar's a problem, but pronunciation isn't?! You fucking asshole!! (Loses dorky voice)** (They crack up) **Maddox, you literally have no penis. And I'm not exaggerating. That is not hyperbola…(laughs at himself)** (they all crack up) **Hyperbola. You're a fucking writer!!!! You moron!!! (cracking up)** (They all laugh)

Maddox: Dick, is this you!? Did you leave this voice mail?! Asshole! What did he say I literally have?!

"Hyperbola. (laughing)…

Maddox: Fucking idiot. Okay.

Dick: My dad comments on that one all the time, too.

"(sighs loudly)")

Maddox: Cut that guy off! Cut this voice mail off! Cancel this episode!!!

Dick: It's over.

Maddox: I'm pissed aoff already! It's garbage. I don't…

Dick: It's hyperbole.

Maddox: Yeah, I get it!!! (angry)

Dick: Yeah. You know.

Maddox: I get it!!!

Dick: You got math on the brain, all the time. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, tell me all about it, rhinocesauruses!!! (Dick laughs) Yeah, tell me all about these hyperboles!!! Alright, man. I got a comment from **Izzy Nobert.** Nobret. Whatever.

Dick: One and done. That's what we're doing now.

Maddox: He says, **"Dick, you complain about telecoms colluding to fuck customers over and you imply the government should do something about it."**

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh-oh. **"I always find it funny when libertarians accidentally discover why regulations exist in the first place."** (giggles) " **That collusion right there? That's because beautiful invisible hand of the free market at play, son. Without anyone to regulate these fucks, that's what they will do inevitably. Still a fan, though. Izzy."**

Dick: This…this must be what Trump feels like.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When a reporter asks a stupid question.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's trying to stump him, but it can't be done. (grins) (Maddox laughs) They don't understand that it can't be done, right? You and I know it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You obviously know he can't be stumped. (grins) I know, Sean, you know it. He knows it. But the reporters don't know it. They think he can be stumped. I feel it. I feel that unstumpening…(Sean laughs) wash over me, like a wave. Look. Do you even know what is a libertarian? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: What is…(Dick guffaws and Maddox laughs) I'm listening carefully to the….the…(cracks up)

Dick: Okay. First of all,.(grins)

Maddox: Yes, go on.

Dick: Telecoms are not free market.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: They became a public good when we dumped hundreds of billions of dollars into them.

Maddox: Oh, the government sup…okay.

Dick: It doesn't matter….no, it's not the government's…there's no problems. This is the reality of the situation is, we paid them hundreds of billions of dollars to develop this system.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not the way I would have done it. It's not…what's…what? What, what, what, what?

Maddox: Yeah. Go on.

Dick: Okay. It's not…I lost my train of thought, I'm sorry.

Maddox: You said they dumped hundreds of billion of dollars in there…

Dick: (interjects) We did!

Maddox: That's not the way…yeah.

Dick: That was the decision. So at that point, it's a public good. There's…there's nothing libertarian about that. Not the way I woulda done it!

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Not the way that guys like Coase. My favorite economist would have done it.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: You know what I'm saying? Um…in this situation…we don't have a free market! It's…it's an oligarchy at best, right?

Maddox: Mmm. Mhmm.

Dick: It's an oligarchy that tries…that is getting away with monopolistic pricing because of political coercion.

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: They got everybody on the dime. They got everybody on the payroll. You see what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah. Vote for…

Dick: (interjects) I mean…(stammers) b…back to my point! What is…do you know what is a libertarian? (Maddox and Sean crack up) That's what my point is. Like, do you think libertarians walk around saying "Roads? Don't need 'em. In a libertarian utopia, you don't even need roads! You get everywhere with the power of your intelligence!" Like, do you think that's what libertarians want? No, they just want a little more free market competition for stuff like healthcare.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Of course, yeah. Because…because when there was free market competition, everything was great, and then fucking Obama came and ruined everything!

Dick: It wasn't…it wasn't free market then, either!

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhhhhh.

Dick: You still have political corruption all over the place, Maddox.

Maddox: Ohhhh, okay. You know, I know what a libertarian is. I saw a meme floating around on the Internet…(giggles)

Dick: Yeah. That's what you guys think a libertarian is.

Maddox: No. No!! Because, you know what, Dick? There is no such thing as a libertarian, 'cause it's just a theory!

Dick: It's not a theory, it's an idea!

Maddox: Yeah, it's an idea. (laughs) It's an idea that hasn't been tested.

Dick: It's an idea that applies to a lot…to different scenarios.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't have a libertarian police force!!

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Okay? That doesn't exist!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Can't have a libertarian, it doesn't exist!

Dick: Pffff. But…(Maddox laughs) lighthouses got built before the government existed.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: Do you know this? Do you know…this…this is the classic problem, right?

Maddox: Well…all or nothing! It's gotta be…look, we need government for everything or we need government for nothing! There's no in between!

Dick: That's not what libertarians think!! (Maddox chuckles) They don't think that!

Maddox: Show me a moderate libertarian! First of all, show me a libertarian. And then show me a moderate libertarian. There's no such thing!

Dick: I'll tell you…I'll tell you what. http://www.donaldjtrump.com. Go…(Maddox laughs) That is a moderate libertar…(laughs) First of all, unstumpable.

Maddox: Ahhhhh, fuck you. Alright. (Dick laughs) I got a comment here…I got a comment here from **John M. Blasick.** He says…(Dick sighs audibly) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: You think I'm gonna get more hate for the Trump stuff or the Reagan stuff?

Maddox: Definitely the Trump stuff.

Dick: Ohh!!

Maddox: I think…I think that Trump is legitimately, probably a bigot. Uh…like, it's not even…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, my God.

Maddox: It's like bald-faced bigotry at this point.

Dick: Oh, my goodness.

Maddox: I think so. I think so.

Dick: Ookay.

Maddox: And what's great about him is that he's bulletproof, because he embraces it.

Dick: Unstumpable.

Maddox: That's…that's…(laughs) he's unstumpable. He's kinda like our good friend Asterios, friend of the show, who…

Dick: (interjects) Name me, off the top of your head…

Maddox: (interjects) Hold on, hold on.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: You remember our friend, Asterios, who…who debated in Tournament of Nerds where he came out…

Sean: (interjects) Now there's a racist. (Maddox giggles) No.

Maddox: He came out…he came out during the Tournament of Nerds.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And he was arguing on behalf of the Polar Express.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And everybody's argument against him…you know the Polar Express, that kids' book, you know, they made the movie.

Dick: Yeah, horrible CG Rotoscope movie, sure.

Maddox: Yeah. He, like, kidnaps kids and they…the subtext here is that he's a pedophile and a kidnapper and he's creepy, right?

Dick: No, absolutely not. That's the projected subtext, but go ahead.

Maddox: No…

Dick: That's not the subtext of the movie. (grins)

Maddox: I'm basing this on the arguments. I've never even seen the movie. Alright? (Dick guffaws) So, everyone was kind of suggesting…

Dick: Yeah, you'd hate it, there's songs.

Maddox: I would hate it. I would hate it. This…the subtext everyone was suggesting was that the Polar Express guy was a pedophile.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And Asterios came out and he embraced it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He became bulletproof.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Because, yeah. He came out and was like, "Yeah, the kids are delicious."

Dick: Well, Donald J. Trump is embracing America.

Maddox: Great. (scoffs) (laughs) Yeah, embracing it with his cock. I got a comment from, uh…**John Blasick.** He says, **"Maddox, my Armenian girlfriend pointed out why your Armenian parents probably hate you. You believe in the Holocaust."** (laughs)

Dick: Hmm. Is that true?

Maddox: Which…of course I do!!! (laughs) Which I didn't know…I don't think that's a thing that Armenians don't believe in. I've never heard that before.

Dick: I don't know.

Sean: Wait, is that a reference to the Armenian genocide?

Maddox: I'm not sure. 'Cause we don't call…I don't think the Armenian genocide…it was a holocaust, but we don't call it The Holocaust.

Sean: No. No, they call it…

Maddox: Where it's, like, "The Holocaust", right?

Sean: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: That's trademarked. You can't just call whatever that. (Sean laughs) I got a question for you, Sean. Wanna hear this?

Sean: Really?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Oh, good.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Sean, I just wanted to know. What type of guitar do you use? Do you use a Strat or a Kelly or do you use a Jaguar?"

Sean: Here it comes…

"Or…or…(goofy voice) Do you use a Les Paul, 'Hi, I'm Sean, I use a Les Paul, hahahah."

Dick: How does he know that? (laughing)

"Also, what type of pedals do you use?"

Dick: What type of pedals do you use, huh?

"Are you good?"

Dick: Are you good? He's calling you out!!

"And Dick…(long pause) you're a great guy.")

Dick: Alright.

Sean: Aw, that's nice of him.

Dick: That guy's calling you out. Are you good?

Sean: I have a Strat. I have a Les Paul. I've got one that I had built. I've got a Martin Acoustic.

Dick: Hohohoho…

Sean: I dunno what else I have.

Dick: What did you have built?

Sean: I sold a Gretsch.

Maddox: Fancy pants! Fancy…good call. Good call. Awesome…I'm glad we had that call…(laughing) Listen, Dick. I got a…I got a song. I got a…this isn't quite as funny…it's a clip that someone took from our last episode.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: He said…his name is **Mark Steiner.** He sent this in and he said he made a supercut of our last episode. I wanna play this.

Dick: Okay.

(Clip starts: "Today's show is shit/shit/shit/shit/shitty/shit/shit/shit/shit. Shitty/shit/shit/shit/shitting/shit."

Dick: Oh my god. (they both laugh)

Clip continues, bunch of different "shit"s clipped together. Also includes "shitting" "shits" from Dick and Sean.

Dick: Did you count these?

"One of the first times I ever masturbated was in the shit/shit/shit just seeps into everything. Shit's everywhere. And you want it on you. I would rather have shit on me than any other problem that we have on the list!!

Dick: You'd rather have shit up your butt than AIDS up your butt." (they all crack up) **Go stump yourself. (closing theme riff))**

Dick: That was pretty good.

Maddox: That was an abridged version of that last episode.

Dick: Lot of shit.

Maddox: I think he got it…he got it. He got the flavor of it.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you want to do problems now?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. What do you got? What's your first problem.

Dick: Lemme see if I got any more good…I got some…alright. My first problem is… Getting Caught Ch…let's just do Cheaters. Cheaters. Cheating.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Cheating and cheaters.

Maddox: Are you sure?

Dick: Alright? Yeah, I'm sure.

Maddox: Which is it?!

Dick: Cheating and Cheaters. What do you think? Is it Cheating or is it Cheaters?

Maddox: Cheaters.

Dick: I'm gonna say…I'm gonna say Cheating.

Sean: Do you even know what are a Cheater?

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox chuckles) It's that guy….he sells Cheetohs. I know what a cheetah is…(Maddox laughs) Cheating.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Let's say cheating. Ashley Madison got hacked, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think it's worth talking about.

Maddox: Okay. Alright.

Dick: I think cheating is worth talking about.

Maddox: So you think cheating is a problem?

Dick: Well, that's what I wanna talk about.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I don't know. I think it…it must be, because the emotional impact it has on people is devastating, and that's never gonna change.

Maddox: It can be, yeah.

Dick: So it must be a problem.

Maddox: Well…I have…I know some people who have been cheated on. And they…

Dick: (interjects) Me too. (guffaws) Ah, go ahead.

Maddox: They're called ex girlfriends, I'm sure.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, dickhead. (Dick cracks up) Awesome. Awesome. Um, no. Cheating. So…I know some people who have been cheated on who bounce back pretty quickly and easily because they didn't really…they weren't that invested in the relationship.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: It ended and they said "Eh". And that was that. But I also know some people who were devastated because of the cheating.

Dick: Yeah, I know a…I know a girl whose mom went to an insane asylum when she got cheated on. How's that…a couple of years.

Maddox: She got cheated on and she went to an insane asylum.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Wow. That's pretty heavy.

Dick: Pretty heavy. You know? There's no…this is…this is on the scale of death, but like, I'm not comparing your problem, 'cause you brought it in recently, I would have said that regardless. This is on that level for, like, emotional distress.

Maddox: Easily not. Easily…definitely not.

Dick: Easily not?!

Maddox: Definitely not, no. Because death affects so many people emotionally.

Dick: How can you say that?

Maddox: But cheating…again, I just gave you the example where…you know, there's a fair amount of people, I'd say about 30% based on my personal experience, this is totally anecdotal evidence…

Dick: (interjects) I brought a lot of stats, too.

Maddox: Okay. I wanna hear these stats.

Dick: So…but you keep going.

Maddox: I wanna hear these stats! But, I think based on my anecdotal evidence, I don't think that cheating affects people nearly as much psychologically as death. 'Cause that girl…that girl's mom who went to an insane asylum because she was cheated on…

Dick: Yep. Mhmm.

Maddox: She couldn't have been well-adjusted to begin with. 'Cause most people who get cheated on don't go to insane asylums. So she had to have had other shit going on.

Dick: Well, sure. Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Well, what…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, if you say so. I don't…I don't know. I'm not an Armchair Psychologist.

Maddox: Ohohooo…(laughs)

Dick: This is…surely, you would say it's devastating. You know, here…here's another anecdote. I knew a psychologist who worked with refugees.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, out of death camps.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think it was, like, Cambodian death camps or something. I don't remember the exact specifics of it. And…she said…that what they wanted to talk about, more than their horrific experiences in, like, concentration camps, was like, "Oh, so-and-so from another camp…I like them, but they have a crush on so-and-so in my camp. So I don't know what to do with that."

Maddox: That's what they wanted to talk about?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. Like, they would get through the 60-minute special of the camp stories, and then it's like, yeah, but here's what I wanna talk about. Like, this is what's really bothering me.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Is, like…these bizarre love triangles.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? So…

Maddox: Well…

Dick: So that's what I'm saying. Maybe it's a big problem.

Maddox: I think it can be, yeah. Yeah. Definitely. It's definitely a big problem. I don't think it's on the scale…

Dick: It's certainly making headlines and we've got 38 million people on the Ashley Madison site that are exposed.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're saying about 35% of them are fake, but that is still an assload of people.

Maddox: That's a lot of people.

Dick: And this…these are people who are stupid enough to go on a website.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Saying that they're gonna get to shack up with somebody outside of their marriage, right?

Maddox: Well, you know what, though, Dick? I almost signed up for an Ashley Madison account a long time ago.

Dick: Wow, I'm glad I brought this in. (Maddox chuckles) Please tell me the circumstances of this. Were you one of the singles going on the site? Or…

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I was a single. So, I was a single, and I thought, "Okay, that sounds pretty hot."

Dick: You thought, "Here we go. Bunch of married chicks?!"

Maddox: Yeah! (grins) No.

Dick: I'm Don Juan. I'm gonna swoop in there…

Maddox: No.

Dick: Right?! What do you mean, no?

Maddox: 'Cause I…here's where I got the idea. I was at a party one night, and there was this chick I was talking to. (Dick giggles)

Dick: It was a gigolo you were talking to who became your mentor.

Maddox: N…no.

Dick: No, no, I'm kidding. I'm kidding.

Maddox: That's your life, man.

Dick: Go ahead. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So I was at this party and I was talking to this chick, who is, um…aggressively horny. Like, she's…that's her thing. Like, everyone knows…

Dick: Please define that.

Maddox: She's…

Dick: How do you know?

Maddox: She's DTF.

Dick: How do you know, though? What's…what do you see?

Maddox: 24/7. All the time. Always open. Like…because I know for a fact, because she goes out of her way to talk about it.

Dick: About how horny she is?

Maddox: Well, she's always talking about sex.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Anyway, um…you know. And she's written blogs about it and you can read about her desires and her thoughts and she's done nude…

Dick: So it's like a brand for her?

Maddox: Nude photography. Not quite. She doesn't monetize it. It's just part of who she is and there's nothing wrong with that. I really don't think there's anything wrong with it. However, she said…she said at one point, I think it was her…but anyway, she said she hopped on Ashley Madison just to use it as a dating site. Because she said that she found that there were so many guys on there, and they all wanted to hook up with her. And I thought, "Well, that's a good idea. I should sign up for this." I was single at the time and I…

Dick: And you thought a bunch of chicks would be on there.

Maddox: Uh…you know, I went to the website. I didn't even get into the registration process. I got bored and I was like, "Ah, fuck it, there's porn. I'm just gonna go watch porn."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For some reason, I've always been immune to their marketing. Like, I'm a big Stern listener…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And every time I hear it on Stern, I'm like, "Everyone knows that this site is full of married men who wanna pretend like they would cheat on their wife." Right? Everybody knows that's what this site's for, right? Nobody could POSSIBLY be getting laid on a site catering to people who wanna have affairs.

Maddox: Well, that girl I mentioned, uh…had hooked up with several guys from the website, and she said she's had great experiences.

Dick: I dunno. I'm suspicious of that, 'cause it sounds like a brand, anyway.

Maddox: Her…her…that's what she does as her…

Dick: Yeah, I'm very suspicious of that.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't…

Dick: (interjects) Of chicks who do that.

Maddox: I don't think so.

Dick: Like, their whole…their whole, like, lifestyle online. They are their social media profile.

Maddox: Chicks who…well, you know what, though? After a while, she removed this stuff online, so I don't think it was. I think…it was on there for a little while, maybe she got too much attention, you know…(stammers)…

Dick: Anyway.

Maddox: It could be. It's one element. I think chicks like sex. And I think that they sometimes just want a no-strings-attached relationship. I've been in situations like that where I've dated girls, who, near the end, they just…they asked me. They literally asked me. They said, "Well, this thing's not working out, but can this just be a no-strings-attached sexual thing?"

Dick: Yeah, see, that's a…that's a trap.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: 'Cause they want…they want more. They want you to hang around more. That's like the lure that they're trying to get you in with.

Maddox: Ohhhh. Hmmmm.

Dick: I'm 100%...like, I'm sold on that. No one could ever talk me out of that. 'Cause it happens a lot, and…I think more often than not, that's gonna turn into a relationship. Like, more than 50% of the time, when girls do that, it will turn into a relationship, so it's a good move on their part.

Sean: Wait, what…weren't you saying you're coming OUT of a relationship that way? Like where you're like, "Oh, it's not working out…"

Dick: That's how they get you back in, though.

Sean: Right, no, I understand that.

Maddox: But it also happened to me one night at a bar. I met a girl who was just like one night stand. She said, "Listen, I don't want a relationship or anything. This is no strings attached if we do this." I'm like, uhhh, well, that's perfect, uh…'cause I..(giggles) don't want anything either right now, so…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Yeah, you know. Ba-da-bing, ba-da-boom!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Babies.

Dick: Maybe I just have too much respect for women. (Maddox scoffs and they both crack up) That's probably the problem!!

Maddox: What an asshole.

Dick: 5% of the US is on Ashley Madison. 5%.

Maddox: 5%.

Dick: 5%.

Maddox: Wow. Yeah.

Dick: Looking for an extramarital affair.

Maddox: That's a significant amount.

Dick: Yeah. Lot of .govs and .mils. How's that? That's pretty funny.

Maddox: Yeah. Decent amount. And I also read on there, there was an article I think I read on Wired about this.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Where the guy talked about how truck drivers…he interviewed some people who were on Ashley Madison anonymously.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And one of 'em was a truck driver who was driving across country and he spent something absurd like 290 days on the road and he said, "Look, I love my wife, I don't wanna leave her, but I'm really lonely out on the road and this is a thing that I do, and I'm not proud of it, but I need to do this." And another one was a housewife who said that she was married to a guy who was, like, 27 years her senior. She said she loves him to death and she is in a happy marriage with him, but he goes to bed at 7 PM and she said…

Dick: She gets the late night hornies. (grins)

Maddox: She gets the late night hornies.

Dick: Yeah. Oh, for sure.

Maddox: Yeah. She pops a couple off.

Dick: How old was he?! Is this, like Anna Nicole Smith and…billionaire tycoon.

Maddox: She was…I think she was in her early thirties. Yeah…you know, early thirties, fifties, something like that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sounds like a way out. I guess it's a solution, then, sometimes. Sometimes. I don't know. So how about this? This is an interesting stat. Um…is…is an extramarital affair wrong? This was the question posed in a survey. Um…1973. 70% of the responders said, "Yeah, it's wrong." 70%. That's it.

Maddox: In 1973?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 70%...that's a pretty high amount. I would…

Dick: Pretty high!?!?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Well, it's 'cause…

Dick: (interjects) For "Is it wrong to have sex with someone outside your marriage?"!?!?!

Maddox: Well, it's consistent with the percentage of people who are puritanical in this country, essentially. Like, what is the…what is the Christian breakdown? 'Cause where do we get our ethics when it comes to sex? It's mostly Christianity who looks down on sexuality.

Dick: Ohhhhh. I think you've…no, but…I'm, like, I'm a very hardcore atheist and I would consider it wrong. Still do it…(Maddox laughs) But wrong.

Maddox: Then why do you do it, dickhead?!

Dick: Well, you know…sometimes you just gotta get out. Sometimes the relationship's falling apart and that's the best way to get out.

Maddox: Then get out!! Do it like a man! Pull the cord.

Dick: Yeah. That's like a principle, though. Right?

Maddox: What?

Dick: That's…what you're describing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do it like a man, pull the cord. But you can get…you can get more out of it…you can have your cake and eat it, too.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Well, yeah. You just have to be okay…like, it's hard at first, but like everything else that's wrong, the more you do it, the easier it gets. (Maddox scoffs) And then the more

benefits you get. (Maddox groans, frustrated) I'm just…I'm explaining to you how it works, right?

Maddox: I…I've, like, gone into that feedback loop in my mind where there's so many things wrong with everything you just said.

Dick: You've been stumped. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: My brain…

Dick: That's what it's called.

Maddox: I can feel, like, my brain overheating, like, that, you know, that infinite loop!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: In computer programmer, where it just, like, crashes, core dump, I'm about to have a core dump.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everything you said was so wrong. First of all, Dick, it's an expression because it's true that you can't have your cake and eat it too. That's an expression because it's just commonly known. Like, you want everything. But you can have everything with honesty! I believe that. I believe if you're honest…

Dick: Oh, God. Yeah, if you're a good person, that works great! But what about for the rest of us?! (Maddox chuckles) Can't be honest all the time!!!

Maddox: Fuck you!! (laughing)

Dick: I love that you're so sanctimonious. Just be honest all the time. Yeah, well, what if I'm thinking bad stuff all the time. We're supposed to say that?

Maddox: Be honest. Be honest.

Dick: Be honest…(skeptical)

Maddox: You would be surprised. I have said some things to people.

Dick: Yeah…(grins)

Maddox: That I know. Especially girls I've dated. I don't know what it is, this compulsion I have to tell them things, and I know it's gonna hurt them, and I know it's gonna upset their feelings.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But I figure, you know what? What's the alternative? That I bottle it up and I think these nasty thoughts?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I don't say them ever?! And then…and then what? Am I…am I proud of who I've become, somebody who's dishonest, somebody who's not even honest with himself? If you're not honest with yourself, you can't be honest with anybody!

Dick: Yes, exactly. Do that.

Maddox: Do what?

Dick: Don't be honest with anybody, least of all yourself. (Maddox chuckles) No… (stammers) I mean, what are you…what are you supposed to say? They say, "What are you thinking about?" and you're like, "Oh, you're a walking collection of aphorisms and the world would be better off without you." (Maddox laughs) Is that…that's a great date. Very polite!!!

Maddox: Well, Dick…(sighs)

Dick: I'm a…I'm a well-mannered guy, you know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't wanna be honest for the sake of just ruining a perfectly fine evening.

Maddox: Well, what are you gonna…are you gonna bang someone who you're not into!?

Dick: Of course. (Maddox laughs) What the fuck are you talking about?! What is Ashley Madison founded on?! Banging people you're not interested in. Who gives a fuck?!

Maddox: On any level?! Look, man. Here…I have this…

Dick: Well, physically, of course physically!

Maddox: Well, physically, I mean that's out of the question. But…but…here's an example. I find Jenny McCarthy repulsive. I think that her personality is atrocious and this was before her anti-vaxxer shit!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, I'm not just saying that because of my ideology, I didn't even know about that anti-vaxxer shit.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: Way back in the day, on MTV, I hated her personality. I hated how attention-craving she was. I hated how she was just out there to exploit everyone and do anything it took to kinda get…you know, get to that next pedestal. I sensed that.

Dick: Ambition!!

Maddox: (giggles) It's not ambition.

Dick: Yeah. Go ahead.

Maddox: It's desperation. And I sensed that a long-ass time ago, where she's…she's a survivor. Definitely a survivor. But I…that's the best thing and also the worst thing I could say about her. Is that she's a survivor.

Dick: I think that's another trademarked term. I don't know if you can call anyone a survivor.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Uh, yeah, so what, you wouldn't bang her?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Oh, horseshit!

Maddox: Out of principle!

Dick: Horseshit! (laughs)

Maddox: No.

Dick: You wouldn't bang Jenny McCarthy out of principle!?

Maddox: I am so turned off. I'll tell you why. I'll tell you why?

Dick: Before she had a kid?!

Maddox: I'll tell you why. No, definitely before she got a kid, and I'll tell you why. Here's how I found out one night. Um, I was looking at…I heard that some nudes of her leaked, you know, "leaked", of course, everything always leaks, but…(stammers) I heard some nudes of her leaked, right?

Dick: Wait, when?

Maddox: A long time ago…her tits are everywhere, man. She's posed in Playboy. So then I thought, "Oh, this is kinda hot. I'm gonna look her up." And my boner wouldn't work.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: 'Cause I was not attracted to her.

Dick: 'Cause you were just very repulsed by her..

Maddox: I just ha…

Dick: By her attitude.

Maddox: Every time I saw her face, and just like nyaaaaaa, nyaaaaaaaa. Her fucking… obnoxious cackle.

Dick: I don't mind that kind of chick, though. 'Cause you hate those chicks who arranged that dance party for the fat guy, too.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. The worst.

Dick: I feel like those are the same kind of girls.

Maddox: The worst. Yeah. Insincere, phony, frauds.

Dick: Yeah. I could tolerate that.

Maddox: Bullshit, man! I don't wanna…I don't wanna stick my dick in that trap.

Dick: You wanna hear more stats?

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Please.

Dick: Sex…sexting. Sexting. 80…80% of women think sexting is wrong. 80%. That means 20% think it's not wrong. The decision of doing something wrong is hard enough when

you…when you think it's wrong, it's still a contest. The contest is still uncertain. When you don't think it's wrong, it's anything goes! That's what's going on here. One…one-fifth of women…56% of men think it's wrong, so…hah. 44% of men have no problem with it. Sexting. What about you?

Maddox: With sexting…sexting like, outside of a relationship.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Oh, of course it's wrong.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But imagine the people who are just like, "Eh. No big deal."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Huh. Well, some people…some people have…first of all, cheating…people have lots of different definitions of cheating.

Dick: That's what I'm saying!

Maddox: I have…I have a friend whose wife thinks it's cheating when her husband looks at porn!

Dick: Oh, my god. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Good luck with the rest of your life, bitch! You think it's cheating when someone looks at porn? Okay. Is it cheating on your diet if you look at food? Idiot!!?

Dick: Well it depends. On the porn thing.

Maddox: Wa…

Dick: (interjects) If they're using it as a substitute for sex, sure.

Maddox: Well, that's what porn is. It's always a substitute for sex. If you're in the middle of your masturbation, right?

Dick: Yes, okay, I'm listening. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay. Your dick…your dick's in your hand. Right. And then right there, suddenly, the opportunity appeared, bam! Vagina. You wouldn't take that?! You wouldn't take that over masturba…of course it's a substitute for sex! It always is.

Dick: Like floating in spa…yeah. Alright.

Maddox: It always is. But porn…porn is not cheating. Porn is no more cheating on your spouse than looking at food in magazines is cheating on your diet. It's not! You're not doing…first of all, there's no personal relationship with the performer. You're not calling them and talking to them, and when you're done, you press click and they're gone forever.

Dick: Yeah, but it's that it's taking the place of the other person. Like, that's why they're upset.

Maddox: Yeah, but…(stammers) you never…

Dick: It's more negl…okay, lemme say this. It's neglect, it's not…it can be neglect. Impossible to be cheating.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: How's that?

Maddox: I'll give you that. Yeah.

Dick: Okay. (giggles) Whatever.

Maddox: (laughing) Diplomacy!

Dick: That's…I feel like Trump!

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: I'm making deals…(laughs)

(Sound effect: Baby laugh)

Dick: Alright. (Maddox giggles) Uh…how about passionate kissing? Would you consider that cheating? (grins)

Maddox: Yes!!!

Dick: (laughs) Yeah! 90% of women, 75% of men. (laughing)

Maddox: Passionate kissing…

Dick: Passionate kissing.

Maddox: 75% do or don't?

Dick: Think it's wrong.

Maddox: Think it's wrong. So 25% don't.

Dick: (guffaws) Fine.

Maddox: Ahh, it's good.

Dick: No problem.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Doesn't matter.

Maddox: You know, though…

Dick: (interjects) And I don't know if it's that they won't admit it's wrong and just do it anyway…you know what I'm saying? Like, they can't admit that they're just, like, kind of a bad person. Or a bad person flat out. (stammers) That might be part of it.

Maddox: At what point…at what point, though, is it…you know. When these people are doing these surveys and 25% say it's not a problem, it's not cheating. Passionate kissing. That phrase itself has some connotation that it is emotional and invested and involved.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Some of these…some of these fuckers gotta be cynical. They just gotta be cynics, saying, "Ha, okay. No, that's not cheating." I don't really trust the survey, though.

Dick: Oh, you think that's it?

Maddox: Yeah, there's gotta be. It's also like that survey where, you know, I've talked to people about rape statistics and things and they always throw this in my face, like "Well, one out of four guys has admitted that they would take advantage of a girl, blablabla." I'm like, well, that's a statistic in a survey that…you know, maybe some people are cynical and they just answer a certain way, because, you know, it comes down to the same question, like, would you cannibalize somebody? Well, I can say what I'm thinking now, but if I'm really fucking hungry in the pl…in the woods.

Dick: In the plane.

Maddox: In the plane.

Dick: Like, in one of those nine-hour delays to get on the flight.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a nine-hour flight. (Sean laughs) And there's a baby next to me.

Dick: And what if they're an asshole?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Like, "Oh, you motherfucker. I'm eating you."

Maddox: What's that baby thinking?

Dick: In about ten minutes. Yeah, well, those are the stats, man.

Maddox: Alright, man. (stammers) Whoa…here's one big question, Dick, I have, that I didn't really hear in your problem. What do you think? Do you think it's wrong, or not? Where do you fall in those statistics?

Dick: Look, it's wrong, and it hurts people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But, you know. Relationships are…are complicated.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay. Well, so…but…(stammers) you SKIRTED the entire issue! You said nothing.

Dick: What do you…I said it's wrong.

Maddox: It's wrong and it's terrible and it hurts people, but what do YOU think?

Dick: That is what I think.

Maddox: Okay. (skeptical)

Dick: But…look, look, look. Here's what I think about it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…here's when I will do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How about that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um…I bring in a problem, much like this show, to the relationship, I'm like, "Hey, I got a problem with this."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And their first reaction is always anger.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Instantly.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, "What the fuck are you telling me?" "You're telling me I got a problem with me? Here's the problem I got with you!" This is like, okay. I hear what you're saying. Uh…we'll try this again in a week, right?

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Week comes around, "Oh, yeah, well, that's just, like, who I am. You take me for what I am."

Maddox: Well, you're dating an idiot.

Dick: Okay. Great. I got it. Voop! Straight on to ashleymadison.com. (Maddox scoffs) (Sean laughs) What are you…what else are you gonna do?

Maddox: Nooooo. That's garbage. I'll tell you. I'll tell you, man. I was in a long relationship one time, and…near the end of the relationship, we were in this long, sexless relationship, and I was going nuts. And I…I told her, I said, "Look. I gotta have sex with somebody, and if it's not you, it's gotta be someone else." And we had that open and frank discussion. And we talked, and you know, it hurt her, 'cause nobody wants to hear that, but at some point, uh…we discussed possibly being in an open relationship and we discussed options, and we discussed things. And then near the end, we thought, "What are we hanging on to?" Like, I like her as a friend and she likes me as a friend, and we respect each other, but we had that frank and open discussion where it hurt a little bit up front, but it hurt way less than having been cheated on.

Dick: Yeah. You like those discussions, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll do anything to get out of those. (Maddox laughs) I hate them. When I have, like, a long conversation with s…a discussion like that with somebody.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I feel worse than when it started. Like wha…this was a huge waste of time.

Maddox: It's not, Dick!

Dick: Why did we spend three hours talking about this in my car in front of your house? This was a huge waste of time.

Maddox: No, it's not a waste of time.

Dick: Coulda watched three episodes of Breaking Bad.

Maddox: It's not a waste of time if you ge…(giggles) if you get somewhere. Tha…what?

Dick: SIX episodes of Bojack Horseman I coulda watched!!

Maddox: Okay. (skeptical)

Dick: What?! I'm not insulting you!!

Maddox: No, no. I get it.

Dick: Do you think I'm…like, why are you so depressed about this?!

Maddox: No, because…no. Because I don't think it's a waste of time. I really don't. If you…if you communicate effectively and you get someplace, right? You understand where they're coming from. They understand where you're coming from. If it comes down to the end of that relationship, 'cause it's a sad thought, like, it's the end of a relationship, right? It's al…it's usually sad. Although no good relationship ends, usually. But…(stammers)…

Dick: (interjects) Is that the definition of…what do you mean, no good relationship ends?

Maddox: No…ehhh, well, that's not true. I mean, sometimes good relationships come to an end. Look, man. The end of a relationship is usually a sign of distress. It's a tough time for people. But it doesn't have to be so shitty. It doesn't have to be…you know, let's compound the end of this terrible relationship with cheating. Let's compound the end of this terrible relationship with abuse and verbal abuse, and all these things that people…I honestly think that if people were more communicative and they discussed what they actually felt, and they felt the end of the relationship coming, rather than just going to Ashley Madison…like, you know, they've shifted their advertising. Have you heard on Howard Stern lately?

Dick: No.

Maddox: So, their ads used to be "Cheat on your spouse, do this thing, go have fun. Life is short." Blablabla.

Dick: Mmm, it's true.

Maddox: They've sensed that the cultural barometer has shifted in this country, where people are not so okay with that advertising tone anymore, and they've changed it, so the new ads say something like, "Honey, I want to go have sex with other people." And he says, "Well, I don't want to hear that."

Dick: Yeah. No shit. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) And she goes, "Well, it's something I need."

Dick: Hah! It's a woman saying it!! Yeah, right!!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Go fuck yourselves!!!

Maddox: And she says, "Look, I love you and I don't want to lose the kids. I don't want to leave the kids." Etc, etc.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: "You should look into it too." And so he goes, "Oh, maybe I will," And so that's how the ad ends and it has the stupid jingle.

Dick: What even is that anymore!?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What is that…arrangement? What is that?

Maddox: I don't know.

Dick: Nothing. It's nothing.

Maddox: But if you have kids…

Dick: (interjects) It's a weird…

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno. If you have kids…there was an article. There was a social psychologist who wrote about this a long time ago and she had an article…she had an interview with NPR.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Where she talked about the…she made a case for cheating, and she said that sometimes it can save relationships and marriage and there's some psychological thing that goes on, and that some people are wired to do that and they need to do that. And they can never be in monogamous relationships. Uh, there's a case to be made for nonmonogamy, evolutionarily speaking. But, uh…anyway, man.

Dick: Well…30% to 60% of married individuals in the US will engage in infidelity at some point during their marriage.

Maddox: That's…yeah.

Dick: There you go. I don't know. There's nothing…there's nothing. Like, unlike many of the other problems on the list…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's no fucking solution for this. (laughs) Right?

Maddox: Well, I dunno.

Dick: Not even close. FGM? Education. Slacktivism. Stop complaining about it. Hunger. Uh…

Maddox: No, I got the solution, man. I got the solution. I think a lot of people who cheat… here's what I think…goes into the psychology of cheating. I think people who cheat… sometimes, they find somebody and they settle. And they think that they can never do any

better. Then, at some point in their lives or their careers, they find out that they can. And they have more options and more opportunities. You know, there's that expression…

Dick: Is this a story about you?

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: No. I've never cheated. I'm a loyal guy. But, uh, they get to that point where they may have other opportunities, right? And then…what's that quote? There's a quote. A famous quote from somebody who said, "You're only as faithful as you have options, or opportunities."

Dick: Sure.

Sean: That was Tom Leykis. (Maddox laughs) It was!

Maddox: Okay. Bitch! Dump that bitch. (Tom Leykis voice)

Dick: How about you, Sean? You ever plough another farm? Another ass farm?

Sean: In a relationship? No.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Oh, good for you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Good for both of you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're so great. (sarcasm)

Maddox: Oh, us fucking assholes. Us loyal dudes. No, man. They say that you're only as faithful as the options that you have, so I think some people…here's how you solve this problem, right? You…uh…liberate sexuality. Because in this country, we have this puritanical view of it, where everybody's covering their nipples. You know, Dick, you brought that in as a solution, Free the Nipple.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: I totally agree with that!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The more sexual our culture becomes, the more liberated sex becomes. People stop freaking the fuck out about it. They have more sex. And then the more that they have sex, they'll stop, like, losing their minds and get all obsessed and horned up and every

opportunity that comes along…you know what? They think to themselves, "I've sowed my oats. I'm okay. I like the girl I'm with. I like the guy I'm with. I don't need to do this."

Dick: Here's what you're missing.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Sex is a power game.

Maddox: Ehh…

Dick: That's all it is, is a big power struggle.

Maddox: Yeah, for you!

Dick: We're gonna play it 'til the end of time. That's it. It's a big fucking problem.

Maddox: I feel like I'm looking into the abyss of psychological disorder.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And the abyss is staring back into you. (Maddox cracks up) If you had an acoustic guitar, you would be really dangerous at college campuses with this kind of talk about…

Maddox: Oh yeah!? (grins)

Dick: …sexual…"Hey guys, a got a jam about sexual liberation in the corporations. Gather around, everybody!!" (Sean laughs) Go ahead, what's your problem? I'm talking too long about cheating.

Maddox: Dick, before we go on, I gotta…I gotta say something. You would be dangerous around college campuses with that moustache. What do you use to shave it?!!?

Dick: Yeah!!! (Maddox laughs) I would…when I do shave it, I will use a Harry's razor. Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use promo code "biggestproblem", one word no space, to save $5 off your first purchase. Hey, how about Harry's, man. How's your Harry's razors doing?

Maddox: Holding up!! My Harry's razor is amazing. (grins) Again, like last episode you said, "I don't know how they make any money." They're really good, high-quality blades. We've talked about this multiple times. And the cream is…it's refreshing. It's cooling!! It feels great on my face.

Dick: It is. Their starter set is $15. That includes the razor, three blades, and your choice of Harry's Shave Cream or Foaming Gel. Um, as an added bonus you get $5 off your first purchase with our code! Biggestproblem. I think you get free shipping. Look, that's a month…that's month's worth of shaving for 10 bucks. At least. Mine's gone much longer than that, 'cause I don't shave every day.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I like looking a little rugged.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know.

Maddox: Yeah, it looks…like, two days…two days going without shaving, I look great. I look sexy as fuck. I look like those, uh…soap opera stars.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. The ones with eye patches.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Sean, you like cream on your face? Alright, Dick.

Dick: You don't have to answer that. Hey, you can shave your back with these razors, too, I just learned that.

Maddox: I'm not shaving shit. Not on my back, buddy.

Sean: He has cornrows.

Dick: On his back?

Sean. Yeah. (Maddox sighs)

Maddox: More jokes. More jokes. Guys, you know what my…you know what the biggest problem in the universe is? I'm seriously putting this out there. Self-defeating thoughts. Have you heard of this?

Dick: Oh, boy. I've heard of a self-defeating thought. (grins)

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Where…where is the first time you heard that phrase? Where have you heard that phrase?

Dick: Umm…probably some dickhead motivational speaker in, like, the eighties.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: On the late-night infomercials, the guy with, like, a shitty hairpiece. Something like that. Like a Tony Robbins kinda guy with too many veneers. Like, more teeth in his mouth than a shark.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Somebody like that.

Maddox: Nah, Tony Robbins does have an uncomfortable amount of teeth. Which is probably the normal amount, but it looks kinda crowded.

Dick: It's b…all of his baby teeth are still in. (Maddox laughs) And the adult teeth just grew in around 'em. With a bunch of schmucks from, like, North Dakota in the audience. In the Midwest or something.

Maddox: That guy's got some…that guy's got some chompers, man. Yeah, no. Self-defeating thoughts. I've never experienced it. I've never experienced self-defeating thoughts. I have the opposite. I have self-victorious thoughts. (grins) Yeah!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Cool.

Sean: No hyperbola there. (grins)

Maddox: Shut the fuck up, Sean! (Dick cracks up) Shut your fucking…shut your fucking tr…

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Edit yourself out of the episode, dickhead!! Alright. No, I have self…I have self-victorious thoughts. I predict what I can accurately and then I exceed everyone's expectations and over-deliver. Every time, buddy!!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Take that to the bank! You can invest it!

Dick: Do you have any examples?

Maddox: Of times I've over-delivered?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'll tell you a time…I'll tell you a time I've actually had, uh…a self-victorious thought, 'kay? I was snowboarding, right? And this was, like, my second time snowboarding. And I'm going down, like, the triple diamond…the hardest thing, like…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Uh…uh…Shaun White. They had this little placard at the top of the resort.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: At the lift. And they said "Shaun White doesn't dare go down here."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I went down this triple diamond lift…route. And I was going…I was getting so much speed, and I'm an amateur. At snowboarding. At this point. And I thought…and I thought, "Man, I'm getting so much speed", and for a split second I was a little bit worried, and then I thought to myself, "No, fuck that. I can do this." And then I took a jump and landed it. No…no…that's no hyperbola. Dickhead.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's no hyperbole. I actually landed the jump. It was fucking amazing. I…I did it because I literally had a self-victorious thought. I literally thought to myself, "I can do this."

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And I did it.

Dick: Do you have any TRUE stories?

Maddox: Fuck you. (Dick giggles) That…the entire last half of everything I said was true, including "Fuck you." This is from Psychology Today. "Depressed neurochemistry focuses on negativity. Your thoughts dwell on sad things, such as times of loss, failure, disappointments, and ill treatment. When you remember one time something went wrong, memory networks line up for all the times that something similar went wrong, forming a category of things going wrong. And because depressed minds ruminate, repetitively revisiting that network, that category then solidifies into a path. A thought pattern that says it has always/never been this way." So it's a way of thinking, right? "Your neurochemistry causes you to create a past in which you will always fail, you are always disappointed, or in which you never get what you want." That's the problem with self-defeating thoughts. It happens far more frequently and far more commonly in people than…than you might think. This is something that leads to depressive thinking.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh, it leads to suicide. It leads to failure. And it prevents you from trying new things.

Sean: It's very hard to change, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's very hard to change that pattern of thinking.

Maddox: There is an entire…

Dick: (interjects) What are you, like, an expert on this now, Sean?

Sean: Oh, I am.

Dick: Why do you…why are you an expert on this?

Sean: I've lived this my whole life.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: You have those self-defeating thoughts?

Sean: Absolutely.

Maddox: Really?

Sean: And…and I know what you're talking about with the lighting up that network.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Over and over again.

Maddox: Yeah. I…I've seen it in other people. I've…I have some friends and people I've dated, even. Where you can see it happen. You can see the shift happen in their minds. As soon as they say something. Because you'll point out something…they'll say that something negative has happened to them, and you'll say, "Well, but there's a lot of positive going on."

Sean: That's right.

Maddox: Right? There's a lot of good things that are going on.

Sean: Yeah. It's not reality, but you think that it is.

Maddox: No. It's distorted thinking.

Sean: Mhmm.

Maddox: It really is. And it's a huge, huge problem.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: This is something that affects a lot of people. It prevents people from following their dreams. It prevents people from trying. From achieving. Dick, you remember you brought in a problem…

Dick: Perfectionism!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: That's the problem I brought in.

Maddox: Perfectionism, right. That was a good problem. But this one I wanna reference is "Dudes Who Need To Get Laid."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? Guys who needs to get laid?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: One of the biggest problems with guys who need to get laid is they have self-defeating thoughts. And the first time, believe it or not, I read this…Neil Strauss' book, The Game.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: About, uh…pickup artists?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's the first time I encountered this phrase. Self-defeating thoughts. And he said that's the number one reason guys shell up and they don't…they decide not to…go after their dreams and go after a girl they might like. You know, they see someone in a bar or they see someone at school, or whatever they want to ask them, they don't have the confidence, they don't have the courage. And they have those self-defeating thoughts. "I'm not good enough."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "I can't." "I'm not successful enough." "I'm not attractive enough." "There's someone who's more attractive than me." "There's someone who has more hair than me".

Dick: Uh, yeah.

Maddox: Uh, "There's someone who has…"

Dick: Stop right there. Go home.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Yeah. (giggles) But those are self-defeating thoughts. And they're not conducive. They will limit you and set you back. Listen to this. This is from the Bold…

Dick: (interjects) I honestly wanna hear more about that network that lights up. (grins) You gravitated on that immediately, and that seems like a very bizarre concept.

Sean: Well, your brain is like a muscle. There's…you know, your neural pathways and stuff, you know, they're forming at rapid rates when you're, you know, 2, 3, 4 years old. Like, you know, the majority of your brain forms at that point. But yeah, it's like using anything else. The ones that you use over and over again are stronger, and then ones that you don't kind of gradually just weaken.

Maddox: Yeah. It's like somebody who doesn't…

Sean: (interjects) That's the latest…that's the latest science of it.

Maddox: True, true. It's like a well-worn path in your mind. Your patterns of thinking. Your thoughts. Your thought patterns. The more that you exercise those regions in your brain, the more reinforced they'll be.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Because it's something…it's just a fallback. It's a traditional,,,it's almost like a verbal tic, but it's a mental tic. You know how some people have verbal tics. They say, "Right?" You know, or they end every sentence where they say "like". They say "like" a lot.

Dick: Yeah, I know what is a verbal tic. (Maddox cracks up)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

(Sound effect: Audience laughter)

Maddox: That was brilliant. (still laughing) Um, yeah. So they…they have these recurring…these recurring thought patterns.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, that are destructive to them because they'll get reinforced and they'll get depressed and they'll lead to all sorts of nasty things.

Dick: That's c…that's a liquor loop. Now I know what you're talking about!

Maddox: A liquor loop. What's that, alcoholism? (Sean laughs)

Dick: Yeah. It's a liquor loop. No, (scoffs) come on. Don't be so crass. Vulgar…

Maddox: (interjects) Is that what you're referring to?

Dick: Ehhhhh, I don't know. It's called a liquor loop.

Maddox: (interjects) Wha…

Dick: When you get in that loop…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: And it's like every day, you think, "Oh, I could just slam a glass of whiskey. It's like 3. I put in a lot of work today."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Lemme just throw…lemme just have a little bit of Wild Turkey on the rocks here, just to get me to, like, 7 PM.

Maddox: Yeah. Sure.

Dick: Next thing you know, it's 5:30 and you're ordering Indian food for six people. (Maddox giggles) Oh, just for you. That's a liquor loop. Then the next day, you wake up and you do it again.

Maddox: Dick, I feel like you've described, like, every weekday for you. (Dick chuckles) Every weekday. 'Cause we've done that before.

Dick: It's hard to get out of!! It's hard to get out of!! 'Cause you (stammers) get used to it.

Maddox: Yeah. No, it…it really is.

Dick: It compounds.

Maddox: It really is. I know we joke about it, but it really is! It's a really tough thing. It prevents you from trying new things, as I said. This is, again, from Psychology Today. They said, "This kind of categorical description of past events becomes a prediction of things to come", which is the gambler's fallacy, essentially. Past predictions don't affect the future?

Dick: Oh, you just get negative about everything?

Maddox: Yeah. "The idea that you are destined to fail will prevent you from trying new things. Few thoughts are more likely to prevent change than those that predict defeat. Self-defeating thoughts are central in maintaining depression and blocking change. The most common self-defeating category of thoughts stems from the belief that we are doomed to letting our past determine our future. In fact, this misery-inducing mantra, "I have always been this way", is responsible for stopping people cold, dead in their tracks, before they even attempt to change a behavior or emotion. Such thoughts are depression-reinforcing." And I'll tell you, man. I used to ha…I used to suffer from depression, a lot. I used to be really depressed, especially in my early 20's. I was suicidal. I was suicidal. I totally get it. I totally get that…that…

Dick: (interjects) How suicidal? What do you mean, suicidal?

Maddox: Well, umm…I mean, I thought about it. I thought that "I got nothing to live for," you know, "Life sucks". "This is garbage." Everything's terrible. I was a miserable person. And anytime anyone asked me how I was doing, my default response was "Shitty." Right?

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And I remember the day I realized I was depressed, was when I was at work. I was sitting on a bench outside. And some of my coworkers came up to me and they said, "Hey Maddox, what are you doing this weekend?" And I said, "Oh, I don't know. I don't have any plans." He said, "What do you want to do?" And I thought about it, and my

answer was "Nothing". I thought, I don't really wanna do anything. I didn't want to play video games. I didn't want to eat.

Dick: That's depression?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, shit!

Maddox: When you don't want…when you don't want to do anything. Like, liter…it wasn't in a…in a relaxing sense, like, "I just want to go home and unwind."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was in a sense like, "Nothing brings me joy."

Dick: "I have no hopes or dreams."

Maddox: No hopes or dreams.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Nothing. I don't want to do anything. And video games were my favorite thing, and I didn't even wanna play video games. And then that's when I realized I was depressed, and so out of desperation and depression, I decided to experiment. I actually overcame my depression this way. And I didn't read this anywhere. It was just an experiment I did on my own.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I thought I was gonna start lying to people.

Dick: Great! (big grin) Yes!!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I thought, "What do I have to lose?" Right?

Dick: Only gain!!! (Maddox laughs) Only gains!! And if you lose, lie about it!!

Maddox: What a dickhead. No. I…I said "I'm going to start lying to people all the time," And I decided a specific type of lie, right? Uh, if they asked me how I was doing, I was gonna tell them the opposite.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: I was just gonna start fucking with it.

Dick: Fake it 'til you make it, kind of thing.

Maddox: I didn't know…

Dick: (interjects) Is that where you were going?

Maddox: I didn't know that that's what it was!

Dick: Sure, sure, sure. Go ahead.

Maddox: But essentially, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I decided to tell them the opposite. Uh, people would ask me how I was doing and I said, "Great." Or "Excellent."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Better than ever". And I remember, too. I remember typing "better than ever", and then someone wrote back and they said, "Why?" and I thought, "Well, shit." I didn't think that they would ask.

Sean: I've dug myself a hole now!!

Dick: Now I gotta really gin up the lie machine.

Maddox: Uh-huh. And so then I thought about it, well, I thought, "What could I possibly say here to just get them off my back?"

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I said, like, the simplest thing ever. I just said, "Well, I thought about it, and I thought, "Well I guess I'm in college, and I'm about halfway towards graduating…" So I said that. And then I…and then I told another person, they said, "Why?" And over the course of two weeks, I kept trying to justify why I was in a good mood, and I said, "Well, I got a family."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I said, "I got a roof over my head." I got a good paying job. Uh, I'm relatively healthy. I'm young. I have my life ahead of me. And then I thought…(stammers) I said, "I own hundreds of video games." I have all this…(Dick guffaws)

Dick: That was the capper! (Maddox laughs) Then you exploded and a rainbow shot outta your butt.

Sean: "But I don't have a jet pack".

Maddox: No…or the Crown Jewels!!!

Dick: Yeah, jet pack for him would be bad.

Maddox: Yeah. No, it would be good!!!!

Dick: Straight to jail. (laughs)

Maddox: I'd accomplish one of my life goals!!! Anyway, man. Um, so over the course of two weeks, I found that my life had shifted, my philos…my mindset had shifted.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My perspective had shifted. And that's when I stopped having those self-defeating thoughts. Well, so much. I mean, I still do, especially when I'm writing.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Oh, man. You should get in my head with my demons in a few minutes. But, uh..

Sean: They're a knee-jerk reaction.

Maddox: What, the demons?

Sean: N…well, no. The self-defeating thoughts. You just learn to not listen to 'em.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Sean: But they're…they'll always be a knee-jerk reaction, to some extent. Like you said… when you're stressed…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, wait. What do you mean? When do you think about? When do you think, like, self-defeating thoughts like you're talking about? Like, what do you think and when does it happen?

Sean: Uh, sometimes when you're gonna try something new or go into, like, a new career, or something like that, and you're stressed out about it.

Dick: You think, like, "Goddamn it, that time I deleted the podcast. That's gonna haunt me forever." (Maddox cracks up) Does that happen?

Sean: It…it…well, it has haunted me forever. I'm still here. I…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm serious! What do you think? When you're, like, entering those situations? Just self-doubt?

Sean: Well, I'm currently tracking everyone who's ever left a voice mail about it.

Dick: Oh?

Sean: They'll be getting a package. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay, Sean. The Unibomber.

Sean: Oh, you meant generally.

Dick: Domestic terrorism.

Maddox: Yeah, in general? Yeah, man. Um, so, over the course of the la…I would say the next…after I did that experiment, right? That was in my early twenties? Then for about 12 years of my life, I didn't experience depression. I didn't experience it again for about 12 years.

Dick: Did you do that for 12 years, or did it come more naturally?

Maddox: It came naturally. It came naturally. I…I started…I remember…I mean, this sounds super…it almost sounds like hippy-dippy bullshit.

Dick: Oh, it's sounded like that since you started the story.

Maddox: Fuck you, Burning Man!! (Dick cracks up) I don't need this shit!!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: I remember waking up one morning and just thinking, "Well, that's another day I'm alive. That's cool."

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: And I was so happy just to be alive. I really was.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause I remember waking up in my apartment. It was my new apartment and it smelled good. And I thought, "Wow, this is…this is unusual." (laughing) No, but I really thought…I really thought, "I like the smell this morning, and I like that I'm alive this morning."

Sean: Okay.

Maddox: "And I don't care what happens to me today. At least I started out alive." Like, that's a good thing, right? My perspective completely changed. I didn't get depressed until, uh…I would say about two years ago. And then, again, I went through and I practiced, and I practiced these mental thoughts, and you know, overcame. Overcame.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: But that's…these self-defeating thoughts, man. They're…they're a bitch. You ever experience those, Dick?

Dick: Uhh….(sighs) Yeah. Yeah. Lemme think. I'm trying to…well, I mean, I don't just wanna say yes. I hate when people say yes and identify with, like, bad things, you know? They're like "Oh, I feel that way, too. All the time."

Sean: See, he never seems like he does, to me.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: 'Cause he…he'll try anything.

Maddox: No, I…I've seen it.

Sean: Oh yeah?

Maddox: I've seen it, I've seen it. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, please tell me.

Maddox: Because we're good friends. No, I don't wanna get into personal shit.

Dick: Why? I don't care.

Maddox: No. No. No, because…because…

Dick: (interjects) What is it in regards to?

Maddox: No…I've seen it…I've seen it in the way that you think about…sometimes, you ruminate about things…things about life, where your life has been, where your life has headed.

Dick: Mmmmmmm.

Maddox: I'll see it sometimes. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Where has my life been?

Maddox: I'll give you…I'll give you a second to think about it, Dick, but I wanna go back to your problem about Dudes Who Need To Get Laid.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is from http://www.thebold.com. They said…"Here's a self-defeating thought. If I were hotter, skinnier, smarter, or more interesting, I'd have someone by now."

Dick: See, but I don't think stuff like that. Like, everything negative I think about myself is just laziness.

Maddox: That you're lazy?

Dick: Yeah. It's like, "Well, why don't I have this?" "Well, 'cause you didn't do it. 'Cause you didn't work for it."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, (stammers) that's it.

Maddox: But that's rational. That's not, like…

Dick: (interjects) That's what I think! Like, that's what I always come back to. It's not shit like that, like, "If I had this, my life would be better."

Maddox: No. No.

Dick: It's like, "Well, you should have worked harder for it, man."

Maddox: Well, this doesn't apply to you, but this is definitely a huge…

Dick: (interjects) Okay. Keep giving me some more examples, then.

Maddox: Okay. Well this is a huge subset of…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I don't identify with what you were talking about, either, Sean. Like, when you're trying something new and you are…you're like doubting yourself about it.

Sean: Well, I think a lot of that forms really early. It depends on who your role models are growing up? You know. I think. I mean, that's what the experts seem to think.

Dick: Yeah. I…I believe that.

Maddox: Well, Dick, that…

Dick: My parents aren't like that, either. Like, they're like, "Go fucking kill 'em, go go go go."

Sean: No, they're not. No, they're not.

Maddox: Your parents are…your parents are very…encouraged you when you grew up, right?

Dick: Yes. Yeah, all the time.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, that's great.

Dick: Too much, probably.

Maddox: Yeah. Definitely too much.

Dick: Too much.

Maddox: (scoffs) We gotta have a talk.

Dick: Probably.

Maddox: No, but these guys…a lot of people…and girls, too. Um…

Dick: (interjects) They won't even say no.

Maddox: They wouldn't say no to you?

Dick: Yeah. They were so, like experimental…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, those parents, huh? (grins)

Dick: And hippy-dippy. When I was,like, 2, my mom wouldn't use the word "No".

Maddox: What, did you parents go to Berkeley?

Dick: Uh…no. They did not go to Berkeley.

Maddox: Big Dukakis? Was Dukakis the, uh…he got tru…he got stumped by, uh… Reagan, right? Dukakis was his…

Dick: Yes!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or was it…yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sean: The second. No.

Dick: Dukakis was Bush!!!

Sean: Yes.

Dick: Yeah. Mondale was Reagan.

Maddox: Mondale was Reagan, yeah.

Sean: Was Reagan's second term.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. "Hold my opponent's lack of…"

Dick: (interjects) That was…that was a half a stump compared to the stumping you're gonna see.

Maddox: Oh, yeah? From Trump?

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: So they say…so these are a lot of people who have these self-defeating thoughts when it comes to dating.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They think, "If I were skinnier", "If I were smarter", "If I were more interesting, I'd have someone by now." Right? And this is their response. They say, "Insecurity is one of the most useless emotions." I mean, think about it. When…what has it done for you lately? What has insecurity ever done for you? Not a damn thing, right? Except maybe bum you out and keep you down. And the worst part is, because confidence is the single most attractive quality a person can have, focusing on your weakness actually makes you less attractive. So this self-defeating thought…is a feedback loop that makes you even worse, because you think these things about yourself and then you actually start behaving that way.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I…that's why sometimes, dude, I'm a big party crasher, and I'm not gonna get into it right now, but I've gone party crashing with friends, right? And I tell them, "If you wanna come along with me, you have to think the thoughts."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You have to…(stammers) one of my friends was gonna come with me party crashing one time, and they said, "Well, what if we don't get in?" I said, "You're not coming."

Dick: You're not getting in.

Maddox: You're not getting in. You've already failed this test. You don't…there is no "what if". I belong at this party, I'm gonna get into this party, end of story. I get…it's not like The Secret bullshit, either, it's an entire mentality you have to actually believe.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause if you don't, they can sniff a rat. They can sniff a rat. I feel like you're incredulous about this whole thing, Dick. Or are you actually thinking about self-defeating thoughts?

Dick: No, I'm just trying to ident…just trying to find a way to identify with this problem, like, you put the challenge. I 100% agree with what you're saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fake it 'til you make it. Act like you're supposed to be there. That's…you know. That's my MO to the…like, I'll do…if somebody says, "Do this." I'm like, "Yeah. Yes. I can do that. Yes. Whatever it is. Yeah, sure."

Maddox: Ohoho.

Dick: "Well, are you sure?" "Yeah, totally."

Maddox: No. No. But then, where's the follow-through? Do you have the follow-through?

Dick: Of course! You have to.

Maddox: I…I don't think that it's…

Dick: (interjects) It's an opportunity.

Maddox: Well, what's the difference between….when it comes to thoughts. Specifically, thoughts about trying to change the way you think. What is the difference between faking it and actually being it?

Dick: Thought-wise?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No difference.

Maddox: There's no difference, right?

Dick: No. No.

Maddox: So, essentially, it's not faking it. When you actually think it…

Dick: Yeah, but you have to fake it at first.

Maddox: Maybe the first time you ever do it.

Dick: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: I…I think that even that, the first time you ever do it, is not really faking it, either.

Dick: Well, you can look at things in a different perspective, then. How's that?

Maddox: Well…okay. That's fair. But I really think that when people do this…when you actually think these thoughts? That's the change. That's all you have to do. It is literally a difference in perspective. That's all it is. It's a difference in perspective. That is the…there's a chasm of people who do, and people who don't. And in between that chasm are these self-defeating thoughts.

Dick: Yeah. (half-hearted)

Maddox: That prevent you from achieving.

Dick: Do you do talks about this stuff?

Maddox: I know. I sound like an asshole.

Dick: Do you do talks about this stuff?!

Maddox: No.

Dick: You do sound like an asshole.

Maddox: I know! I sound like such a prick! (Dick cracks up) I sound like every one of those fucking…shithead marketing guru, uh, you know, life coach.

Dick: Yeah, you do!

Maddox: Assholes.

Dick: 'Cause it's a big problem. Because people…

Maddox: (interjects) But I…

Dick: No, no, no. Hold on.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because everyone needs this. Like, millions of people need…to stop doing this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they need to hear it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it's just…it's as simple as that, especially when you're talking about getting laid. It is…you see these, umm…you see, like, an image in your mind. You can picture some smokin' hot, trophy girlfriend with some, like, rich troll.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And you think, "Oh, she's just a gold digger out for the money." But it's like, "Yeah, but also, he might just think that highly of himself." And you can project that.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Onto people. Like, you…don't write her off as a hooker, or whatever. She might be! I don't know. But…he could also just be a very charismatic guy who believes in himself, and that's very attractive.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And that can…that can knock you up several points on the attraction scale.

Maddox: Oh, absolutely, man. I mean, I know, there's guys out there…

Dick: (interjects) You never see the reverse, though.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: Do you? Like, some little troll. I guess Hugh Jackman.

Maddox: What about him?

Dick: Hugh Jackman is like…that's why everyone says he's gay.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: 'Cause he's very attractive and his wife is, like, ho-hum. Right?

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. His wife. Yeah. Have you seen his wife, Sean?

Dick: I dunno.

Sean: No.

Dick: That field is barren. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No apples in that orchard.

Dick: No. (grins)

Maddox: No cherries.

Dick: What were you gonna say?

Maddox: Yeah, uh…yeah. It actually is. That embodiment of confidence.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Changes the way you think. Helps you achieve…you overcome everything. You overcome all your obstacles, because…you think there's always someone more attractive than you. There's always someone more successful than you. They have more money than you. They're more popular than you. It doesn't fucking matter.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it has everything to do with your inner thoughts. Your inner monologue. What you actually think about yourself. And whether or not you can achieve, because you can put those thoughts into action. You can…it changes the way you carry yourself. I used to be…even my body language, man. When you…if you'd seen me, like, seven, eight years ago? I was kinda, like, slumped over like a tombstone all the time. And I did…I didn't feel very confident about myself. And I felt…I didn't feel as attractive. I didn't feel as worthy as some other people.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But these were all things that I actually worked on. This is…and it's not something…that's the thing, Dick. You say that laziness is…laziness is your self-defeating thought? Fair. That's totally fair.

Dick: It's not self-defeating, though, it's genuine laziness.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's that I'd rather…it's that I'd rather spend all my time being three beers deep. Like, my problem is not this problem. It's a big problem, but it's not my problem. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, well. Eh. I could see that. I could see that with you. But these self-defeating thoughts affect a lot of people.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And they affect them in lots of nasty, terrible ways.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's something that…that needs to stop. People need to…people need to stop reinforcing their bad, negative habits, and start embracing good ones. Man, I sound like such a fucking dick.

Dick: You sound like a HUGE dick.

Maddox: I know. I'm gonna throw myself off a bridge.

Dick: Where is this comment from?!

Maddox: I don't know! Because I don't even watch these social marketing experts! I don't watch these life coaches, or anything. I really don't and I don't give a shit. I've never seen Tony Robbins. I've never gone to…I've never gone to any seminars. I don't know where this is coming from.

Sean: No, you learned it from experience.

Maddox: Yeah. That's…

Sean: That's as easy as it gets.

Dick: That's how they…that's how they start their seminars. "I learned all this through experience!" (grins)

Maddox: Ugh…

Dick: They sucker you in with that shit!

Sean: Yep. But…

Maddox: How do you know, Dick?!? (laughs)

Sean: They can't convince you of it unless you do it.

Dick: I love m…um…

Sean: You might walk out of there high for a little while, you know, like, "Oh yeah, it's so great!"

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: But you'll go back to your old habits unless you actually, like Maddox said, make that concerted effort to do it.

Dick: To do it? (grins)

Sean: Yeah, to do it. To actually…

Maddox: You actually have to do it, yeah.

Sean: Attempt to make that change.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You haven't even mentioned the physiological effects of what it does.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I don't know. What is it?

Sean: Neurotransmitters and stuff? That positive outlook helps you make serotonin, dopamine, norepinephrine. All the stuff that your brain needs to…

Dick: (interjects) Nora Ephron? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, that's true, Sean. It actually does. It releases more dopamine inside your mind.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: It reinforces the pos…it changes your neurochemistry. Your brain neurochemistry to not be one of depression.

Dick: Here's…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here's…(stammers) There's a lot of hype, here. There's not a lot of plan, though. You know?

Maddox: What do you mean, not a lot of plan?

Dick: Well, you…like, what's the plan? Fake it 'til you make it?

Maddox: It's not faking…

Dick: Focus on the good stuff?

Maddox: Okay. Stop right there, Dick! You're fucking up! That's your first problem right there! Saying the word "fake". It's not faking! Because you acknowledged earlier…

Dick: (interjects) It's all fake.

Maddox: No, it's not. You acknowledged earlier that the…there is no difference between, uh…a fake positive thought and a real positive thought.

Dick: I know, but you're still getting off into the weeds again.

Maddox: Because they're the exact same thing. No!

Dick: You're still getting off into the weeds again. This doesn't help people who have negative thoughts!!

Maddox: It absolutely does, 'cause you're looking at him!

Dick: That's a slogan. What you say is a slogan.

Maddox: And by the way…and by the way…and I still…I rant and I bitch and I…you know, I'm Maddox, right? I fucking…hate a lot of things…

Dick: And now you're basically writing a "Hang in there, kitty" poster.

Maddox: No!

Dick: Like, that's what this IS!!!

Maddox: Fuck you, dickhead!

Dick: Is "focus on the good things in life"! What the fuck!? Sing it on the cross!

Sean: It worked for him. It might not work for everybody.

Maddox: But…but again, that…first of all, as Maddox….as Maddox, when I write my shit, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: People are like, "Oh, you're so full of hate. You're so negative." Blablabla…

Dick: You are.

Maddox: I don't see it that way. I don't see it that way. I see it as CARING, right? I bitch because I care. I want things to be better. That's why I complain. And that's why I do what I do. K…hating is the most…is the best form of caring, buddy!!!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Biggest form of caring. That's what I am. Father Santa Claus of Hate!!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Big old…big old turd sack of hate right down your chimney. What, Dick?! What's your problem?!

Dick: Oh, um…oh, okay, I got one more fast one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, Too Long Shorts.

Maddox: Too long of a short? (laughs)

Dick: Too long of a shorts. Too Long Shorts. (Maddox still laughing) You wear shorts?

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: You wear shorts, or are you a jeans guy?

Maddox: I'm wearing shorts right now, buddy.

Dick: You wear shorts. You like shorts. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. Ah, sometimes.

Dick: What…what happened to us?

Maddox: What?

Dick: What happened to us between the 70s and now?

Maddox: What's wrong?

Dick: Where, when you go buy shorts now…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You cannot get a pair of shorts that don't go down to your…to past your knees.

Maddox: What are you talkin' about?

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Are you kidding me?! We are in the golden era of shorts, baby!! Girls are walking around in the shortest shorts I've ever seen! I'll…all I see is underbutt!! Every day, all I see is under butt!

Dick: Okay. Too short of shorts for men.

Maddox: You're saying that they're too short for men?

Dick: No, I'm saying that our shorts are way too long, man! Why are…since…why are guys…why are we so embarrassed about showing thighs?! (incredulous) This is what's… this is what we're doing?

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: We're men and we're wearing, like…we're basically wearing dresses.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We're basically wearing pants.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What the hell is this?!

Maddox: I'll tell you.

Sean: Are you…are you spending time in the Capri pants section? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: I hate Capris.

Dick: I might as well be, Sean! I gotta go on EBay to buy my shorts, now, so I can show off these legs from leg day. What are you gonna say?!

Maddox: Oh, yeah, from leg day. Please. (scoffs) You don't have shorts, then, my friend. Um, I'll tell you why.

Dick: Try…I dare you. Try to find some shorts that go up to an appropriate length.

Maddox: Yeah. You know why?

Dick: For a man.

Maddox: You know why they make 'em that long?

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Mormons. (Sean laughs) Uh-huh. Mormons. I'm from Utah…

Dick: What the fuck are you talking about?

Maddox: Yeah. I'm from Utah. And here's the thing, right? Um, they say…(stammers) they like to be called…

Sean: Those national fashion trendsetters, the Mormons.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: No, no. It's not about trendsetting. Here's what it is. Uh, LDS. LDS men, they have to wear garments, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They ha…it's their under…their under armor.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Their under-armor, right? And those things go down pretty long. They come down to your knees.

Dick: Another trademarked term. Go ahead. Yeah.

Maddox: Uh-huh. What?

Dick: Under Armour.

Maddox: Under Armour? Is that a…I don't know.

Dick: That's the sporting wear. Under Armour.

Maddox: Oh, I didn't know that! Okay, well, whatever. It's their garments.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they we…those things come down to your knees. And I…all my Mormon friends liked to buy really long shorts because they like to cover their garments. Otherwise, it looks like they're wearing shorts over shorts.

Dick: But that's not the reason it's like this nationally.

Maddox: I dunno, man.

Dick: In the 70s, man, beautiful shorts for men. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As long as the ball sack. That's how long you want your shorts to be.

Maddox: (giggles) No, man!!

Dick: And then cut off right there, so there's always some danger.

Maddox: Ohh. (groans, laughs)

Dick: Shit's flopping out! And getting seen by a kid, right?!

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) (Sean laughs)

Dick: And that kid's gotta go "Mommy, what were those…what was that?" And mom's like "Oh, son, those were some big balls." (grins)

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: That's what that was. (grins) What happened between then and now!?!? (Maddox giggles) These are…this is a progression! These shorts…these fucking shorts that I buy, wherever I buy them, are a progression toward wearing a dress. (angry) That's what this is.

Maddox: Get outta…look, man! I like to let my boys breathe a little bit.

Dick: That's what this is!

Maddox: I don't want them bunched up like in the 70's, man!

Dick: You're part of the problem.

Maddox: Get outta here!

Dick: You're part of the problem.

Maddox: No.

Dick: What can you do…what can you even do in these? How many pockets do you need on a pair of shorts?! How many…

Maddox: I love pockets!!!!

Dick: How many pocket knives and flashlights do you carry around?! 20? I need cargo fucking shorts?!

Maddox: You know what, dickhead?

Dick: I need to be able to fit two canteens in my pockets at the same time!? Go ahead.

Maddox: Like, this is…this is something…yeah. This is something kinda interesting. I didn't realize this until I went to…(giggles) Six Flags in California for the first time. And in Six Flags, there were a bunch of…there were a bunch of tourists walking around and I noticed that there was almost, like, a tourist uniform, because I'd been in Los Angeles for a while, and I noticed most people out here kinda dress a little bit hipper. Yeah, fuck you! I said it! Alright?! Deal with it!!

Dick: What?

Maddox: People here dress hipper. I know everyone's gonna bitch in the comments. (goofy voice) "Hey Maddox…."

Dick: (interjects) No one's debating that people in LA dress hipper than they do…

Maddox: Oh? Than anywhere else?

Dick: In the Midwest.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No! It's the coastal cities are…dress hipper.

Maddox: The coastal cities dress hipper.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a…that's a fact. I can't wait to see these comments.

Dick: How is that not a fact?!?!

Maddox: Y…you and I think that. But they don't! They think they dress hip!

Dick: Hooooo, boy!

Maddox: Yeah. They think they dress hip. And I noticed this is their uniform, right? The tourist uniform. Cargo shorts, khaki pants, what's it, a polo shirt? The one with the collar?

Dick: Dockers? Dickies?

Maddox: No…is it Dockers? Yeah, like the dockers…

Dick: Oxford shirt?

Maddox: Oxford shirt, yeah.

Dick: Just a button-up shirt?

Maddox: No, not even a button-up. It has the collar, and like three buttons.

Dick: Oh, a polo shirt!

Maddox: A polo shirt, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Polo shirt, khaki pants, cargo shorts. That is the…that is the uniform. However, when I…when I had cargo shorts, and I still do sometimes, because they're very utilitarian, and I actually do carry around. I did, at one time, at one point, have…

Dick: (interjects) What do you, carry around video games

Maddox: I had pliers…

Dick: (interjects) Load up your pockets in case you need to pop out a PSP at the bicycle store!? (grins)

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: No! It's useful sometimes. Dick, you wear shorts. They're the normal length.

Dick: No, they're not normal at all! I hate…I hate shorts!! I hate these long shorts, man! It's embarrassing.

Maddox: I have some of those seventies shorts that you were talking about, like, I have a green pair. My balls came out one time.

Dick: Yes. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's…the intended effect. (Maddox laughs) That's what you want. That's considered a win.

Sean: And that's why he's not allowed in Chuck E. Cheese anymore.

Maddox: No. I will say this, though. The balls came out on a bike ride. Uh-huh. Yeah. My balls came out on a bike ride and a lady noticed.

Dick: That your balls were showing?

Maddox: Uh-huh. (grins) And she kinda giggled…she was into it.

Dick: There you go, man!

Maddox: Yeah. Dammit. I just made a case for you. (giggles)

Dick: You see? They KNEW what they were doing in the seventies! (Maddox laughs) Mustaches, short shorts where your balls might come out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is…this is a joke, these shorts. These two-foot long shorts?

Maddox: Awww.

Dick: This is a travesty. We're…you…we're talking to women wearing these shorts, expecting them to have sex with us, and what, we're ashamed of our thighs?! We're embarrassed and giddy like little girls about showing some thigh? (incredulous) It's embarrassing.

Maddox: No, it's unbecoming, man. I don't wanna wear short shorts.

Dick: No, even the way you say it! You should…you should do it and you should like it! You need to learn how to like it!!

Maddox: No, man. No. Short shorts…they bunch up. Here's the thing. Pants now. I don't know what it is. In the last, like, two years…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They've started making men's pants where it's just, like, tight around the crotch. And every…I find myself. I have two holes. I have a pair of pants right now, I could show you right now. I have these…these pants. They have two holes right where my balls are. Because, first of all, my balls are so fucking huge, right? (Dick giggles) First of all. But second, because they keep bunching up around my balls, so I reach down with my thumbs and pinch them on the inside, and I pull it down. I keep pulling it down. And now it's worn a hole where my balls are!

Dick: Where your pinches are.

Maddox: Where my p…where my pinch…my balls are where my pinches are.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah. I have to be careful, too.

Dick: Separate problem.

Maddox: Don't wanna pinch my balls. Alright, Dick, what's your problems this week?

Dick: Cheating.

Maddox: (giggles) Cheat…Cheating, and…

Dick: Too Long Shorts.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: And my problem is Self-Defeating Thoughts. Biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: See you next Tuesday. Alright, here, I got one from a guy you'll recognize.

(Voice mail: male voice with weird accent: "Hello, Dick. Hello, Masterson. This is Mario calling. (Maddox chuckles) **You assholes said you would put the Smash Bros video up on your website. It's still not there. Maddox, quit hating on my game and please put it up. I would like to see Dick fuck you in the ass with special power-ups. Good bye.")**

Dick: You gonna put that up? This video?

Maddox: Yeah, oh, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Yeeeeeah.

Maddox: Okay. I said I would put it up last time. I ran out of time, guys. I'm…I want this to look good.

Dick: How hard…how hard is it to put that up? I sent it to you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was fine.

Maddox: I know. I was splicing it in with the other footage that I got.

Dick: Are you cutting it?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To make it look like I lose?

Maddox: No. (giggles)

Dick: Is this some kind of a trick?!

Maddox: No, you won fair and square. You won that.

Dick: Are you cutting it with, like, other footage to make me look stupid somehow?

Maddox: Dick, you do that.

Dick: Are you just gonna put it off until everyone forgets?

Maddox: No. No, I'll post it.

Dick: Try to cover it up?

Maddox: I'll post it. I'll post it!!!!

Dick: Alright, I got one more. Ohhh. This is a great one, here.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice (goofy voice, imitating Maddox's voice when he imitates fans: "Hey Maddox, this is your fan and this is how we talk. (Maddox giggles) **You said in, like, the last episode that when you used to jerk off in your parent's van, that, um, your mom used to listen to Arabian trumpet music.** (Maddox laughs) **But a few episodes ago…**(Dick laughs)

Dick: Geeeeeeez.

"…You said that, umm….Dick said that…um, Armenia was in the Middle East, and then you said, "No, it's not." (Maddox laughs)

Dick: It's true.

"It's a Europeeeeean country."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You said that.

Maddox: Yeah.

"How can your mom listen to Arabian trumpet music if you're not European?!"

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: Uhhhhhhhhhhhhh. (stupid voice)

Dick: That's a good point.

"And I don't get it. Nyaaaaaaaaaaaah.")

Maddox: Nyaaaaaaaaaah. (Dick laughs) Idiot!! Idiot. Fucking mo…

(Sound effect: "Wrong buzzer")

Maddox: Moron!!

Dick: You called it Arabian trumpet music.

Maddox: Dumb shit. Yeah, my mom speaks Arabic. (goofy voice) "Hey Maddox, how come your mom listens to German music if she's Armenian?" (yells) 'Cause people speak different languages, fuckface!!! It's not an uncommon thing!! Do you ever think? Have you ever used your brain in your life!?! Get a brain, mor-an!!! (they all laugh) Some hyperbole for you. (laughs)

Dick: Oh, I got ano…last one. Last one.

Maddox: Okay.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Goddamn, Dick! First you're talking about illegals, and then you're talking about women and how they need to give you more data, and then you're talking about building a border, remove the rapists, you know…you know, fly the kite…(inaudible)…

Dick: Someone's doing the raping?

"…something like that. Goddamn! Fuck Trump…"

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Problem: **Toddlers** [00:41:24]

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 68

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Audible. Please visit http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest for your free audiobook download.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe from naughty children to naughty nurses. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Oh, gross!! (giggles)

Maddox: With over 4 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick.

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. And with us calling in is Asterios Kokkinos, Boisterous Coconuts.

Asterios: Hello! (over Skype)

Dick: How you doin', Asterios?

Asterios: I'm doin' great! How you guys doin'?

Dick: Good! Good.

Maddox: So we just had the fortune of talking to you twice because you just helped out with the bonus episode, and we did, uh...we did a bit at the bonus episode, which we're gonna get into.

Dick: For a very good reason.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We started a contest, what is inarguably a contest.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Correct?

Maddox: Correct.

Dick: Called the "Celebrity Shame Pool."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Asterios, do you wanna tell us what the Celebrity Shame Pool is? For those of you who are too CHEAP... (Maddox laughs) ...or too much of a coward...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...or maybe your dick's not big enough to buy our bonus episodes. Explain it to these people...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...what is the Celebrity Shame Pool.

Asterios: Well, if you have a smallish to medium-smallish-sized penis...

Dick: Mhm.

Asterios: ...you know, you're probably not as -

Maddox: (interjects) Or clitoris! We don't want any small-clit people listening or weighing in on this.

Dick: Too far! Go ahead. (Maddox and Asterios laugh loudly)

Asterios: Well, this is an exclusive thing for people who subscribe to or buy The Biggest Solution in the Universe, so if you haven't yet, now's a great time to jump in. It's called the Celebrity Shame Pool. As you all know, the media has a lot of fun destroying celebrities for no reason. Kinda like, you know, when they went after Jerry Seinfeld for saying a very innocuous thing about how college kids are oversensitive.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And that was, like, a month-long thing where people were like, "Oh, Jerry Seinfeld is racist!" and it's like, "Aw, fuck that! Like yeah, okay. College kids ARE oversensitive." So we pick -

Dick: (interjects) The media is on a tolerance witch-hunt.

Asterios: Yeah! And...look -

Dick: (interjects) Yes. Against celebrities, yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, and for good reason; it makes the money. So we want to make some money off -

Maddox: (interjects) And dentists!

Dick: The worst possible reason: "it makes them money." Yes. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But for good reason, yeah.

Asterios: Exactly, so WE wanna make some money off this too. Why not? So we have started a Celebrity Shame Pool. For $20, each of us are putting 5 celebrity names on the big list of celebrity shame, and if one of the celebrities we pick gets called out by the media and kicks off a shitstorm or something, they get the pot. So you know, for example, I had, uh...well actually, Sean had Jennifer Lawrence, which I thought was a really good pick.

Dick: Great pick. Great pick, Sean.

Asterios: Yeah, because Jennifer Lawrence is, like, Hollywood's sweetheart. Everyone loves Jennifer Lawrence.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: So you gotta be thinking there's some asshole at Gawker out there who's just itching for the chance to write this think piece about how Jennifer Lawrence is bad for feminism. And, like, that thing's gonna go viral, and then when that thing goes viral, Sean gets the money. And so that's the long and the short of it!

Dick: There we go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is that an adequate explanation? We got off into the weeds halfway through there talking about money and this and that, but would you say, Maddox, that that's an accurate...?

Maddox: That's the gist of it. And we want you guys to weigh in, so we asked people listening to the bonus episode to weigh in with their picks for the Celebrity Shame Pool, and you should have essentially no more than one or two of your top picks. We're gonna have a few more because we're the hosts of the show, and that's what we do and it's our fucking show.

Dick: Well, we're putting money in.

Maddox: Yeah, we're putting money in.

Dick: It's a pool.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's a celebrity shame pool.

Maddox: It's a celebrity shame pool.

Dick: You wanna pick some more?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wanna pick some more right now?

Maddox: We're gonna go around.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: So I'll just, uh...

Dick: Quickly, quickly.

Maddox: To bring everyone up to speed real quick, last...during the bonus episode I brought in Amy Poehler and Uzo Aduba. She's the black, uh...she plays the crazy..."Crazy Eyes," I think, on Orange Is the New Black. I KNOW people are itching...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...to, uh, to bring her down.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: I got a good pick here.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: Louis C.K.!

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Asterios: BULLSHIT!

Dick: Oh yeah, that's bullshit.

Maddox: What do you mean, "bullshit"?!

Asterios: I call bullshit!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why is that bullshit??

Asterios: Because he's already been...he's already been called out for the media for those rumors where he was, uh, jerking off in hotel rooms in front of Garfunkel and Oates.

Maddox: What?!?

Dick: Yeah. He, like, captured two women -- other comedians...

Maddox: Augh!

Dick: ...and, like, made them stay in a hotel room while he...while his big red ass jerked off in front of them.

Maddox: Are you kidding me? Really? This is a real thing??

Dick: No, this is a real...yeah, this was a real thing that was reported.

Asterios: Yeah, it's a real thing.

Maddox: Oh my gosh. Oh, FUCK. Okay, then I got a ba-...I got an alternate. I got a backup here.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: He's like the white Bill Cosby.

Maddox: Okay. (both laugh) Oh, man. (Dick's "man" Steve talking quietly in background)

Dick: Also joining us is my man, from Burning Man!

Steve: Heyyy!

Asterios: Whoa!

Dick: Also joining us.

Maddox: That mystery voice -

Dick: (interjects) Who closed out... (cracks up) Who closed out the chapter of his, uh, his never-ending romance with the Duchess of Weed during our bonus episode.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you not? Most romantic man in the world, I think, right here.

(brief silence)

Maddox: I got another pick, guys. (Dick, Sean and Steve burst out laughing)

Dick: He heard the word "romance" and just tuned out.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Go ahead. What's your pick?

Maddox: Marc Maron. Marc Maron...

Dick: Ohhh!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Ooo, that's GOOD!

Dick: That's a good one!

Maddox: Uh-huh! Uh-huh.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I see -

Asterios: (interjects) President Obama's favorite podcaster.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Apparently, and only. Um, Marc Maron is prime top-...subject.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because he's... (stammers) He always sounds depressed and angry.

Dick: He is!

Maddox: So he's got some...and you know he's got some skeletons in his closet.

Dick: I've seen him do stand-up where he basically just laid on the stage.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, he was just vicious and mean.

Maddox: Yeah, that's what I heard, and that's what it's g-...and I think that there's some...there's a ticking time bomb there that's going to...it's gonna be a psychological meltdown that I think we're gonna witness, and people are not going... (stammers) People can't wait for shit like that to happen because they'll exploit it and they'll talk about these demons in his closet. They won't be sensitive about it.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: He's a h-...he's a prime target.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. Um, I'll go next: Stephen Colbert.

Maddox: Stephen Colbert!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a good one!

Asterios: Nice.

Dick: He's making a big jump.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: He's making a big jump, and he's gonna have to break character. Right? That character that he's doing comes from a dark place.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You understand?

Maddox: No, it doesn't.

Dick: Okay, yeah. What do you know about being a character, uh, in mass media, right?

Maddox: No, I know specifically about Stephen Colbert. See, I like that you picked this, because this is gonna be easy for the rest of us.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: With Stephen Colbert, in I think an autobiography, he interviewed...he said that he DOESN'T come from a dark place. (Dick smirks)

Dick: Yeah. Right. (skeptical)

Maddox: He said most comedians do, and he specifically said, "My life...my upbringing was good."

Dick: Yes, of course his upbringing was good, but I think the char-...what? What were you gonna say, Sean?

Sean: I think his parents were killed when he was really young.

Dick: Or his dad.

Sean: It was his dad and his brother, I think.

Maddox: Eh, well, there you go.

Dick: Look, he's able to be a...a loathsome person on his show right now, right? The Colbert Report.

Maddox: I don't know. I don't know that he's loathsome.

Dick: Right?? I mean, he's able to be a controversial person and write it off as satire.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When he's himself, I think he's gonna slip up, and I think he's got alotta eyes on him.

Maddox: Okay! Interesting theory.

Dick: Right? Okay.

Maddox: Interesting theory. Sean, you got another pick?

Sean: I do have another pick. Uh, I'm gonna keep it with the late-night theme. I'm gonna go Jimmy Kimmel.

Maddox: Oo, Jimmy Kimmel! That's a good one!

Asterios: Ooooo.

Maddox: He's...so, but he's gone so long without it.

Sean: But he's been crying a lot lately.

Maddox: About what?

Sean: About Cecil the lion...

Maddox: Oh, really?

Sean: ...about Letterman. It's only -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, you're right! And somebody recently said he was mean.

Maddox: Huh.

Sean: It's only a matter of time before...he may slip up in public. Because you know, they're writing jokes on the show, so...

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Sean: But I think he...I think it's a matter of time!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Alright. Well -

Dick: (interjects) And remember, this is...you have to get outed for saying something homophobic, transphobic, misogynistic, or racist. Right?

Maddox: Racist, colonialist...

Dick: Nononono.

Maddox: Anything that you can get shamed for. They'll do that!

Sean: He did -

Asterios: (interjects) Anti-American...

Maddox: Anti-American, yeah!

Dick: Anti-American, though? (incredulous)

Maddox: That was the...no, because the Dixie Chicks got that during the Bush administration, because they went out -

Sean: (interjects) They sure did.

Maddox: Yeah! Dixie Chicks...

Dick: Alright! Alright, I'll give it to ya.

Maddox: ...anti-American; anything along those lines.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Anti-...uh, Islamophobic. Like, let's throw in anything that you could get shamed for.

Dick: Okay. Asterios, who do you got?

Asterios: Alright, my next pick? I am gonna go...with Owen Wilson.

Sean: Hmmm. (from background)

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: Owen Wilson? (chuckling)

Asterios: He's been around for a long time. He's a writer, he's an actor, he's a good-looking guy; it's sorta like he's the perfect storm of an unstable man.

Dick: That's true.

Asterios: And I feel like now that he has stopped making money for Hollywood, the way he's gonna make money is...I dunno, by saying something offensive, getting drunk, doing this, doing...you know, maybe he'll grope a girl in a hotel bar. Who knows with Owen Wilson?

Dick: Alright!

Asterios: Uh...yep! So that's my pick.

Dick: My man, who's your pick?

Steve: I don't know if we decided this wasn't an option, but my pick is Jimmy Carter.

Maddox: Nope! No, I'm s-...

Dick: (interjects) Jimmy Carter? (confused)

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect) Politici-...we can't...

Dick: He's alive?

Maddox: Politician. He just got a -

Steve: (interjects) Oh, he's definitely on the way out.

Maddox: He just got brain cancer!

Sean: He's dying of cancer.

Maddox: Yeah.

Steve: He got c-...he's 90 years old, his cancer spread to his brain like 3 days ago...

Dick: Huh.

Steve: ...and I just think that, like, posthumuous-...-homously... (goofy voice) I nailed it. Uh -

Dick: (interjects) Posthumously. (Asterios laughs) "Posthumously." (smiles)

Steve: And I just think somethin's gonna come out and they'll be like, "Oh, back in 2001, Jimmy Carter - "

Dick: (interjects) I don't think politicians count, though.

Steve: Alright.

Maddox: No, we can't have politicians. Yeah.

Steve: Yeah, no one mentioned that.

Dick: Yeah.

Steve: So, uh...my backup would be Tim Burton. Flat-out hate Tim Burton movies. That's it.

Maddox: Tim... (laughs with Asterios)

Steve: I don't even know if the guy talks. I have no...I know nothing about him other than...

Maddox: I don't know what he looks like! I imagine he -

Steve: (interjects) Probably has a weird neck!

Maddox: I imagine he's -

Dick: (interjects) He looks like an ugly version of Johnny Depp.

Maddox: Okay, I got it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I imagine he looks like a really tall, hairy spider. Just... (cracks up) Like, really gangly and creepy and not even human. Alright guys, let's -

Dick: (interjects) Alright, there's the Shame Pool. Let's go. Let's move on.

Maddox: We got, uh, we got alotta ground to cover here.

Dick: Thanks, Asterios.

Asterios: Thank you guys! Talk to you next time.

Dick: See ya.

Maddox: Thank you. We should also mention, later on in the episode we're going to have a call-in from our buddy Tom Phillips.

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: Who... (laughs) Who's in -

Dick: (interjects) Imagine that.

Maddox: Who's in Germany right now! The Gamescom in Germany.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So he's gonna call in after the first problem. Alright guys, the problems from last week, I got one for ya. **(drumroll sound effect)** Self-Defeating Thoughts! Yeeeah!

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: (clapping sound effect) Bravo. **('ding!' sound effect)**

Dick: When's your self-help book about self-defeating thoughts coming out?

Maddox: No, fuck you, Dick!! I don't need... (stammers angrily) I don't need this shit! I know I sounded like a fuckin' self-help guru DOUCHEBAG last episode.

Dick: You did, yeah. (smiles)

Maddox: You know what? After that last episode, I kicked my own ass just to be safe. Just to put...just to, uh, make sure I don't get soft. (angrily) I don't go soft. I punched myself in the john 'til I blacked out!

Dick: That episode, that actually made me think a lot about the predicament you guys are in with your self-defeating thoughts, and I really...

Maddox: "You guys." (scoffing)

Dick: Like, I really do not...you and Sean!

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Sean: People like -

Dick: (interjects) You both identified with it!

Maddox: Like you're above it. You have 'em too, buddy.

Dick: Maddox!! Jesus CHRIST, you take everything so personally! I just don't have self-defeating thoughts! Like, I think...whenever any...even something I haven't even done, like if somebody was like, "Hey, you wanna pilot this, uh, spaceship back through the atmosphere?" I'd go like, "Well, you know, I'll give it a shot."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "That's pretty...I'll give it my best shot."

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Maybe it won't work out great, but I'll give it my best shot."

Maddox: I think you're -

Dick: (interjects) That's my approach to everything in life! I'll do it, sure!

Maddox: I think you're confusing overconfidence and a tinge of arrogance with self-defeat-...with the self-defeating thoughts.

Dick: But I'm not assuming it'll go great, or even be good! I might fuck it up. It just doesn't occu-...like, it doesn't take over my thought process.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know.

Dick: Like you guys are describing.

Maddox: That recklessness comes from somewhere.

Dick: How is it...?! See, you see it as reckless, but it's really like, "Yeah, I'll give it...you're..." And I'm gonna say, "You know I'm not qualified to land a space shuttle. Like, you guys know that, right?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they're gonna say, "Yeah, but we're NASA. We like blowin' through money. Uh, give it a shot." I'm like, "Yeah, I'll give it a shot. Sure!"

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: "I'll try my best."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's my...that's what goes on in my mind all the time.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "Try your best." And you know, if you have to stick it to people and be an asshole and make a little money for yourself, so be it.

Maddox: Hm. Okay! Well, that's a more verbose way of saying "recklessness." So... (laughs) Anyway.

Dick: Alright. Let's get on...let's get to some comments.

Maddox: I got a comment here from Mike Puckett. This came to me on Twitter, @MikeCPuckett. He says, "@maddoxrules Just watched a baby knock a glass off of a table and it didn't even help clean up. Upvoted." And also, you know what I like about that comment, is he referred to the baby as "it."

Dick: As "it."

Maddox: Which I do a lot, and it pisses off my friends who have babies. They say "it's a 'she,'" or "it's a 'he.'" I say, "Fuck you, I don't know...dress it in baby-appropriate colors! I don't know its fucking gender, so I'm gonna call it 'it.' Fuck you." (yelling)

Dick: Eh, that's a weird way to get back at people. (Sean laughs in the background) I noticed you trying to do that to me when I brought my dog around. You were referring to it on purpose as the wrong gender, (Maddox laughs loudly) and looking at me like a baby would look at me, like "Yeah, what do you think about that?"

Maddox: Yeeeah.

Dick: And I was like, "I don't give a fuck if you're calling my dog the wrong gender."

Maddox: Cool. (smiling)

Dick: She doesn't know.

Maddox: HE doesn't know. I don't give a shit. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Why would that...who does that bug?

Maddox: Eh, I dunno. Bugs you! You remembered it!

Dick: You hang out with some people who are fucked. (Maddox laughs) I remembered it 'cause I was like, "What is this...?" (Maddox giggles more) "What is THIS, that I'm seeing? This is very weird."

Maddox: You're seein' pure unadulterated joy. (grinning) I love doing that.

Dick: Yeah, I can't imagine why you'd get joy out of that. Especially when it causes no distress on my part. Um, I got one from...Ram Rachum. This guy's making a comparison between you, Maddox, and a household cat.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: Yeah, he...I'm...I think he might be onto something.

Maddox: Good! I wanna hear this.

Dick: "Thinks he's the center of the universe and that other people exist to cater to his whims..."

Maddox: Mm...yeah.

Dick: "...Maddox, check. Cat, check." You a cat guy?

Maddox: I...I don't mind -

Dick: (interjects) Are you a cat guy??

Maddox: I don't mind cats!

Dick: So you're a cat lover?

Maddox: I don't mind dogs! I don't WANT them, 'cause I don't wanna deal with all the shit that comes with it. All the baggage and the smells and carrying shit around. I never wanna carry the shit around of another creature! Especially one that can't drive me to the hospital.

Dick: Hm. "Likes boxes: Maddox, check. Cat, check."

Maddox: Well...okay, he's got me there. (cracks up)

Dick: Dogs don't like boxes. I think you're a cat guy.

Maddox: That's 'cause I throw them at the dogs. "Go fetch!"

Dick: "Contributes back to society by: Maddox, slowly explaining to other people why he's better than them." (Maddox laughs) "Cat, catching mice, bugs and other household pests." That's a draw.

Maddox: That's a draw, yeah.

Dick: As far as I'm concerned.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I don't know! It's int-...I'd like to see you ever bring in cats if you are, 'cause I know you hate dogs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe you ARE a cat.

Maddox: Cats are... (cracks up) No man, here's the thing: as far as pets go, cats are amongst the lowest maintenance, because they bury their own shit -

Dick: (interjects) Pro-cat. Pro-cat!

Maddox: (yells) They find their own food, they bury their own shit, and they fuck off! They don't bother me! I want my...I wanna come home and I don't want some fuckin' slobbering animal drooling all over my leg so I have to go the bathroom like I'm a horny chick. Right? Like, just wiping off...wiping... (laughs)

Dick: I'm sorry, what?

Steve: What?! (Maddox giggling)

Dick: (chuckles) How do horny chicks go to the bathroom?

Maddox: 'Cause you get all dewy!! (giggles more)

(brief silence; someone whispers "What??")

Maddox: Dick, you...you know, come on! You of all people... (laughs) You know. You know!

Dick: Horny chicks -

Steve: (interjects) Dewy?!? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: (yells) Dick's Man Steve, don't gimme this shit!! New guest of the show, givin' me shit alr-...I don't want some slobbery animal drooling all over my leg so I have to go to the bathroom and wipe it down.

Dick: NOW you're talkin' about a horny chick.

Maddox: That's what I'm talkin' about, yeah!

Dick: Yeah, yeah. Alright. Alright.

Maddox: I mean, if I come home after a long day at work, I wanna sit down, relax, play some Bloodborne...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...kill some enemi-...kill my enemies, smite my enemies, send off some hate mail; that's how I relax.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Anyway. I got a comment here from Daniel Martinez. He says, "Sometimes my asscheeks itch while I'm doing cardio at the gym. This used to be a problem, but now I just scratch it and don't care."

Dick: The hell kinda comment is that?

Maddox: I have no fuckin' idea. (laughing) But I saw that in the main "problems" page, and I thought that was...

Dick: Hey, lemme ask you this.

Maddox: ...super weird. Yeah?

Dick: This guy @Bryan94 on Twitter told me...asked me to call you out on self-checkout lanes. He says he would bet his trust fund that the problem is you and not the machines.

Maddox: Yeah, mhm. (skeptical)

Dick: And he wants you to record it...

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: ...and post it so he can tell you what you're doing wrong.

Maddox: He's on! He's on. Let me see...give me his contact information. This is not a joke. I want to hear his contact information. We'll cut this out of the episode. I want his contact information! I -

Dick: (interjects) I'll...he says to read it on the air!

Maddox: What?

Dick: It's "suckmycock@fuckyou.com."

Maddox: Oh, okay. Yeah.

Dick: Is that...? No, I'll...it's a Twitter! It's @Bryan94, with all underscores.

Maddox: Okay @Bryan94, empty out your trust fund, fuckface! 'Cause I have...I not only have evidence; I have an entire video I've recorded that I'm editing right now. It's in post. Fuck you! I got your trust fund, buddy.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: I hope you're rich, DICKHEAD. Probably not, 'cause he's an idiot! He sounds like an idiot. If he uses self-checkout lanes, he sounds like a moron. A real...a real underachiever!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I don't need the... (stammers angrily) This underachiever's trust fund, are you kidding me?? What, it's like 35 cents in there? Can't even buy me a banana!

Sean: Lemme tell you about the variable in automatic checkout lanes.

Dick: You! (laughing)

Maddox: What?

Dick: The idiot.

Sean: It depends...

Maddox: Oho, THE variable?? (Dick laughing)

Sean: It depends what you're buying. They can be...it depends what you're buying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: They can be fast if everything scans.

Maddox: Sure. Yeah! (sarcastic)

Sean: If you got a lot of produce and shit like that that you have to punch in manually -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, if you're buying like 12 tires...

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, yeah.

Dick: Like monster truck tires, then it doesn't work.

Sean: It will slow you down.

Dick: But for everything else, it works perfectly.

Maddox: Or if you're buying, say...if you're buying, say, normal things that a grocery store carries, like produce and meat and, uh, I don't know, things that you eat, not just fucking garbage snacks that you can scan with a barcode, then it chokes up! And also, here's another variable: the person in front of you. And here's another variable: the programmer who made the machine! (Dick starts laughing) And here's another variable: the engineers that created the touch screen that doesn't fucking work!! Fuck self-checkout lanes, fuck you. **(buzzer sound effect)**

Dick: Well, people at Wal-Mart figured 'em out. That's all I'm sayin'.

Maddox: Oh yeah, Wal-Mart. (cynical)

Dick: I got a voicemail here. **[plays first voicemail message]**

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Bono. (Maddox laughs) **We miss you.**

[message ends]

Dick: Yeah, we do miss you.

Maddox: Oh yeah!

Dick: What happened to Bono?

Maddox: I miss that, uh, that little Irish jig that he used to do when he'd call into the show.

Dick: Maybe he died. **[plays next voicemail message]**

Voicemail (male caller): (talking kind of slowly) Hey, what's up, Dick? This is Dan from northern California. I used your wonderfully thought-out, uh, pick-up line of asking what girls' dads are like, and you know what happened? I was basically chased out of a party for being a super weirdo. (Dick snickers)

Maddox: Mmhm.

Voicemail: Asking a girl what her dad is like...

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: ...is apparently super not cool.

[message ends]

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. (chuckles) It may be because you sound like Buffalo Bill.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That might be...that's the variable in this equation.

Maddox: Hm, mhm.

Dick: Right?

Steve: Well, he's also in northern California.

Dick: And you would...my man, you know something about northern California, correct?

Steve: Just sayin'.

Dick: The kingdom of weed.

Steve: The kingdom of weed. Lotta paranoia. Everyone's gonna think you're weird. Just...I dunno, avoid it.

Maddox: It's a bad line! It's a terrible line. I've actually...I discovered that on my own because I actually used it, not as a line but it came up in a conversation one time.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I was really makin' headway with this, uh, with this girl on a date. Everything was goin' smooth sailing. We liked each other, she's super interesting, she was hot, I'm hot, you know? Everything's bada-bing, bada-boom! We're, uh, we're heading towards sack town, buddy.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And then, just outta curiosity: "So, uh, what's your relationship with your family like?" She goes, "Oh, I don't...I don't talk to my dad, and it turned into this abusive thing, and blah blah blah."

Dick: Well, I didn't say "family"; I said "dad."

Maddox: No, I...I think I specifically asked her her dad and then her family.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: But it...like, it was just a trainwreck of a conversation. No man, killed the mood. Killed the mood. Dick, should we get to some problems?

Dick: Uh, yeah. Do we got any...? Yeah, go ahead.

Maddox: My first problem this week is People Who Can't Cook.

Dick: Ohh, okay!

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) (clapping sound effect) Yeah. People who can't cook. Big problem!

Dick: "People who can't..." "People who (blank)."

Maddox: People who can't cook.

Dick: You got a lot of "people who (blank)s." That's all I'm...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Another in the series of "people who (blank)."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Alright. I like that, 'cause I like to see how they rank on the overall list. Like, if you look at it and just search by "people who"?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then it...like, you see who's the most annoying type of people.

Maddox: Sure! Sure, fair enough.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: People who can't cook are idiots. They're bad at following directions. That's it! That's all it is!

Dick: That's it?

Maddox: If you can't cook, you're a FUCKING idiot.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: You can't follow a few instructions?? By the way, the average recipe has like 4 instructions. 4! Mix the ingredients, turn on the stove...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...take it out of the stove when it's ready! (stammers angrily) That's, what, 3-4 ingred-...and then the 4th instruction is "eat"! Like, what the...?! How fuckin' hard is it to cook, ya morons? And it's just like a fucking contest! It's a shitshow contest where people are just, uh...

Dick: It's a race to the bottom.

Maddox: It's a race to the bottom!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Exactly, it's a race to the bottom.

Dick: Who knows the least about cooking.

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: "I'm so stupid with cooking, I can't cook a jelly bean!"

Maddox: (stupid voice) "Uh, I can't even boil water! Huhuhuh!"

Dick: "I can't even eat!!" (laughs)

Maddox: It's just...this is a problem. It's a subset of anti-intellectualism.

Dick: Yeah, it is. I hate it too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause now every single chick...well, not every single one, but most of them that I talk to like to brag about how they can't cook.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And, like...you know, like you were saying last episode, just be honest all the time? I can't say what I honestly think, 'cause it's like, "Well, then...like, why? Then what the...what the fuck are you bringing here?"

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "Like, you can't...that seems like something you should enjoy." Right?

Maddox: Cooking or being honest?

Dick: Cooking!

Maddox: Cooking. Of course!

Dick: For God's sake, why are you PROUD of that?

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: What about it makes you proud of it, that it's part of your personality?

Maddox: You moron! You know what it's, uh, it's analogous to is when people used to have VCRs, and this might be the previous generation 'cause people don't have VCRs anymore, but there would be a clock on the VCR.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And it was kind of like a badge of honor about how stupid you were that you couldn't reset the clock on your VCR, because you had to go into the menu screen, and you would do that by pressing "menu," and then you would scroll down to where it says "clock" and then you just change the clock time on it. It's like 3 instructions! I literally just described how to do it, and everyone at parties would use it as some fucking dumbass badge of honor that they couldn't change the time on their VCR. "I'm so dumb, I don't even..." (idiot voice) Fuck you!! You're so dumb, stay home! Don't come to this party. Don't sully the gene pool at this party, 'cause you might get laid.

Dick: Yeah. I do hate what you're talkin' about.

Maddox: Yeah, man. Some people can't even cook spaghetti, essentially one of the easiest things to cook next to ramen. Ramen, you boil water. That's it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Spaghetti, you boil noodles, and then if you want...you don't even have to put any effort into it! You open a jar of sauce that you buy -

Sean: (interjects) Oh, GOD. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: And pour it on top!

Dick: What?

Sean: My Italian grandmother is spinning in her grave, talking about jar sauce.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Jars of sauce? Would she prefer it in a can? That's a good solution.

Sean: Ayyy. (grossed out)

Maddox: Dick -

Dick: (interjects) Speaking of, go buy our solution episode.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: For $1.99.

Maddox: Great. Great plug. And then cook something while you listen to it, you morons! Learn how to cook! Look, I wrote this article a long time ago on my website talking about people who don't like math.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And I compared them to animals that go extinct, because that's what you are. If you don't like math, you're a fucking donkey.

Dick: Eh, you lost...

Maddox: You're a donkey??

Dick: You lost me now.

Maddox: Good!! Fuck you!

Dick: With the math thing.

Maddox: Because math is the exact same thing as cooking. It's following instructions; it's following this recipe. Here's how you solve this problem. Follow the rules! Follow...it's like, it's NUMBERED for you, 1 through 4. What comes after 1?? 2! Okay, do what it says on step 2! Just do what it says and you can't fuck up!

Dick: Well, there's an element of comfort. Like, there's a degree of comfort that you can have while you're cooking that people...that I think people are threatened by. This is actually in line more with your Infantilism problem than anything else, I think. Like, uh, people in their early...early 30s? Probably more of their 20s, like mid-...early/mid-20s are threatened with the idea that they might screw up cooking, so they turn it into a joke, right? So they embrace the ignorance of it. You know what I'm saying? Like, "Oh, I might have to cook. I feel insecure about having to cook, so instead of admitting that to myself or anyone else, I'm just gonna pretend that it's cool to be stupid about it."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: That's a good theory. That's a good theory, Dick. (quietly)

Dick: Well, what? That's wrong? What...?

Maddox: No, it's not necessarily wrong. I don't know, it just sounded like, um...you made it from an armchair over there. (laughs)

Sean: It's a pretty libertarian viewpoint.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Whatever.

Maddox: What's that, mine? Sean?

Sean: No, his.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: His?

Sean: Yeah, he's the libertarian.

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Dick: I mean, get your whole roll of insults out.

Maddox: No no, no. That's all I got.

Dick: I'm tryin' to help your fuckin' problem.

Maddox: No, no. No, I agree, I agree. No, it just sounded a little bit like armchair psychology, but I don't disagree with your theory! I agree, it is an extension of infantilism and anti-intellectualism because they not only feel comfort, but I would also say that they...they're able to offset the responsibility of eating onto somebody else.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So it's almost like somebody who wakes up and sits in their pajamas all day and eats a box of cereal 'cause they "can't cook."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Right? They think that that's part of their identity. It is infantilism.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I agree, yeah. That's a good point.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, the cooking thing is a real problem, man. I...here's the thing: I cook. I learned to cook one time because I bought a...I went to a store and I thought, "Well, I'm not an idiot." I consider myself a pretty smart guy. And I went to a store and I bought a cookbook and I thought, "I'm going to cook every recipe in this book," and I brought it home and I started cooking like 3 recipes into it and I realized, "This is all the same shit. You're just putting in...you know, a little bit of herbs, little bit of spices, little bit of seasoning, pinch of this, pinch of that." You know, a tea-...a quarter of a teaspoon?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's, uh, that's cook-speak for "a pinch." 'Kay, guys? Don't be an idiot. When it says "quarter of a teaspoon," that's a pinch.

Dick: I tried to do that too. I made it to no pages of the book.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Like, I can cook...chicken, maybe, at best? Like, it's...it started to become embarrassing.

Maddox: Oh Dick, you -

Dick: (interjects) That I would eat out all the time too, but...I'm tryin' to get better at it, but it is...it's not as easy as you're making it sound. Cooking.

Maddox: Dick, you don't...you -

Dick: (interjects) Like first of all, everything you buy to cook? When you go to cook a meal for yourself, everything you're buying on that first trip to the store is all one huge waste. 'Cause you're gonna try to make something, you're not gonna make...you're gonna fuck it up, you're gonna have missed some little...some little ingredient like heavy cream or something. (Maddox snickers) $80 of groceries are...those $80 of groceries are gonna be sitting in your fridge for 3 weeks. Right?

Maddox: Eh. Well...

Dick: It's all a waste. It's not as easy as going to the store and spending 3 hours making a meal, like, when I'm hungry NOW. It's a hard habit to get into. What? You're smiling, like...what?

Maddox: No. Dick, my friend, you don't give yourself enough credit, 'cause I...this is a true story. I had a barbecue at my place one time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I told everyone, "You know, bring a side dish or somethin' if you want, or a bag of chips, a beverage; whatever you want. Or nothin'! Just come enjoy yourself, 'cause I'm magnanimous."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Uh, I... (cracks up) So everyone came to this party, and Dick shows up with some fuckin' ace pie. And I'm thinkin', "Okay, where'd you buy this?"

Dick: All handmade. All handmade.

Maddox: Yeah!! I ta-...

Dick: (interjects) Crust, handmade; everything. Crushed-up vanilla wafers was the crust. It was...it was beautiful.

Steve: That sounds wonderful.

Dick: Beautiful 4th of July party.

Maddox: Dick's Man Steve, this pie tasted incredible.

Dick: Banana cream pie.

Maddox: And to the point -

Dick: (interjects) Banana cream pie.

Maddox: To the point where I thought there might be some shenanigans going on. I honestly didn't believe...I grilled Dick probably 3 or 4 times during the course of the dinner. I'm like, "Seriously, where'd you buy the pie from?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was so delicious. It was a really good pie.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Among the best. We...I also had another friend at the party who is, uh...who WAS, for a while, a professional pastry chef.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Right? And she does really good desserts, and I thought your pie tasted better than her...it was the best-tasting dessert at the -

Dick: (interjects) It did! Objectively, it did.

Maddox: It was the best-tasting -

Dick: (interjects) Best pie ever made, probably.

Maddox: It was REALLY good.

Steve: Your pie?

Dick: My pie.

Maddox: And Dick, you made that!

Steve: Don't call shenanigans on a man's pie. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Yeah!! Right? Like I'm showing up with a scam here. (sneering) Like I'm... (laughs)

Steve: (interjects) A grown man shows up at your house with a pie, you assume he made it. That's just...

Dick: Yeah! Just... (laughing)

Maddox: N-...mm... (skeptical)

Dick: Just let me have it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, what does it cost you assholes to just leave me the fuck alone about my...like, I might've come in a little hot, on "check out this pie I made from scratch."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you're right to be asking these questions, but it was getting under people's skin that it was so delicious. (Steve laughs)

Maddox: It was.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: It was really delicious.

Steve: "This pie is too good to be real." (hushed) (Dick laughs)

Maddox: In fact, to the point where I had to...I had to canvass for your pie, Dick. One of my friends didn't wanna taste it, and I said, "You gotta taste this pie. Just take a bite of it. Just take a bite!" And that bite turned into a slice, buddy.

Dick: Yeah, it was a great pie.

Maddox: It was a really good pie. That's why I say, Dick, you're selling yourself short. I think you can cook. Um, y-...

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but I understand that there's a comfort level and I understand that it's a tremendous waste to get in the habit of doing it, and that's what I think is threatening to people.

Maddox: A waste?! No man, you eat leftovers? I made gumbo the other day! It was fuckin' delicious, man. I ate my fingers off. I'm...I have STUMPS.

Dick: But when you start...when did you start cookin'?

Maddox: I started cooking when I moved out of my parents' house, around the age of 21, I think? Yeah.

Dick: Just immediately? And you started and then that was it?

Sean: Well, he got no more soup deliveries. (Maddox groans)

Dick: Yeah. (guffaws)

Maddox: Sean... (exasperated) **(buzzer sound effect)** Asshole. NO. I made...I started cooking because I thought, "I'm not an idiot." It was really, like, a...one of those life challenges.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like a skill I decided to pick up. I thought, "I'm going to learn how to cook. I'm going to be better than most cooks." And then it turned out I was wrong; I'm better than ALL cooks.

Dick: Okay. (scoffing) (Maddox laughs) And you never went through that phase of buying a shitload of groceries that all went bad in your refrigerator?

Maddox: It happened once or twice, and it's only because I was too busy and I didn't get around to cooking it, but, uh...there's one exception where I do end up wasting a little bit of money on ingredients, and that's when I'm cooking for someone else. If I'm cooking for someone else, I pull out all the stops, I try to make a good job of it, and...like, here's a perfect example: 2...about 3 years ago for Thanksgiving, I was baking an apple pie.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: From scratch, and there was this recipe...I encourage you all to -

Dick: (interjects) Gotta be from scratch. (smiles)

Maddox: I...what? Yeah, it's gotta be from scratch.

Dick: It's gotta be.

Maddox: The crust and everything. So I enc-...

Dick: (interjects) I mean, what are you, half-assing a pie? Just make no pie!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just shit in a box and call it a pie.

Maddox: Might as well. (Dick laughs) Shit in a box, not a can. So, you... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah, it's worse. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So I encourage everybody to Google this recipe. It's called "Grandma Ople's Apple Pie Recipe," and it's the most famous recipe on, uh, on Google. Guess how much cinnamon and cloves they put in this recipe?

Dick: I have n-...I don't know how to guess that.

Maddox: Zero!

Steve: A million?

Dick: Yeah. (cackles)

Maddox: Not a...no. Not a million, Dick's Man Steve! No!! **(buzzer sound effect)** Assholes. You guys are makin' a MOCKERY of my problem!

Dick: How much? A whole...a whole clove?

Maddox: Not a single grain of cinnamon, not a single grain of clover.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So what's the...what's in the pie?

Steve: Apples?

Maddox: It's just apples and butter!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: What kind of slapdick fucking pie...?! Get this shit outta my mouth! Get it outta my kitchen! (Steve laughing)

Dick: What do you want?

Sean: No sugar?!

Maddox: Get out of the state, get out of this country!! (yelling)

Sean: No sugar?

Maddox: Yeah, they put sugar.

Sean: Okay.

Steve: It's a buncha dough with, like, a scoop of butter and a half chopped-up apple.

Maddox: It's just...yeah! It's a shit recipe and everyone's like, "Mmm, it's the most delicious pie I've ever had!" (stupid voice) And then, like, people improve the recipe. They're like, "I added a dash of cinnamon, and it tasted so...it really made the apple pop."

(obnoxious voice) It's like, "Yeah fuckface, it's an apple pie! You need cinnamon!" You need cinnamon in an apple pie!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't have cinnamon in an apple pie? Get the fuck out of the US! Go back to...Uzbekistan.

Dick: Who was it for? Who was this pie for? When's the last time you cooked, like, a nice romantic meal for someone?

Maddox: Oh boy, it's, uh...probably...

Dick: I've never done that. Chicks pull that move on me. Great move.

Maddox: Oh, last week! Yeah, last week!

Dick: Last week?

Maddox: It was lunch! That's when I made gumbo! I made gumbo, it w-...

Dick: (interjects) You made a romantic gumbo for a lady?

Maddox: A ro-... (laughs)

Steve: You made a gumbo lunch in the middle of August? (everyone else laughs loudly)

Dick: Right?? This is...I mean, this is another level of, like, free time.

Steve: It's so hot outside!

Dick: Making a gumbo lunch in the middle of the day. Most people don't have this luxury.

Maddox: Gumbo!! It was deli-...it was a...yeah, it was a romantic gumbo! **(fart sound effect)** It was a delicious, romantic gumbo! I threw a buncha ingredients in a pot. You fuckin' go fuck off for an hour, write your book -- which is what I did!

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: And then an hour later you come back and there's delicious gumbo in your kitchen. Delicious!!

Dick: Yeah.

Steve: I love gumbo, it's just not my first choice for an August lunch.

Maddox: Well, my friend...

Dick: I do hate what you're talking about though. I hate that it's worn as a badge of honor.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "I can't cook, and uh..." It's like if people were proud of themselves for being illiterate.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, "Hey, can you tell me what street that is up ahead?" Or, um...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: I dunno, "Can you read me that text I just got?" Like, "Uh, excuse me, but I can't read." (Maddox laughs) "I don't know who you think you're talking to, but I don't do that."

Maddox: "Oh, you can't read? I can't even grammar!" (laughs with Dick) Yeah man, it's a race to the bottom, and it's a real...it's tragic. It makes me think so much less of you. I really don't think it's cute or funny when people say they can't cook. I think it's obnoxious...

Dick: It's not! (chuckling)

Maddox: ...I think it's annoying; I think you're a JERK.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A big jerk who can't cook. Fuck you! Who are you g-...you're just gonna rely on other people to feed you? What are you, a fuckin' baby bird?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Get outta here, baby bird. That's my problem. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, it is a race to the bottom. Alright. Can I go now?

Maddox: Should we hear from Tom Phillips first?

Dick: Let's hear from Tom Phillips first!

Maddox: Alright. Let's, uh...he's waiting on standby. That's why I'm worried.

Dick: We're gonna call him, for some weird reason. (Maddox laughs) We're c-...usually a correspondent would call US, but we're calling him.

Steve: It's a challenge to the form.

Dick: Yeah. Hey, before we get Tom to call in, I w-...man? My man, uh, do you cook? Are you a man who cooks?

Steve: Uh, well -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause my experience with you is that you don't cook.

Steve: I...well -

Dick: (interjects) How long were you living with me? Never cooked one meal.

Steve: Didn't cook a single meal. (Dick chuckles) That's true.

Dick: Do you cook?

Steve: (stammers) I used to really...I got really into it with my ex-girlfriend. Like, we'd have alotta fun. We'd go and...tried out different recipes and stuff. But since I've moved up north, I haven't cooked a single meal. I'm like...I'm treated like a king. It's wonderful.

Maddox: Hm!

Dick: Treated like a king?

Steve: I wake up to, like, fresh berries and, like, scrambled eggs with kale.

Dick: By whom? What do you mean, you're treated like a king?

Steve: The Duchess! She cooks every meal for me.

Dick: Oh my god.

Steve: She goes out of her way to get, like, organic meats and spend hours...

Maddox: Wow.

Steve: It's -

Dick: (interjects) King of Weed over here.

Steve: It's so good!

Maddox: Do you have a poison taster on staff?

Dick: Yeah, you gotta watch it.

Steve: Ohh, you know, that's a really good idea. (Maddox laughs) I should probably...oh man, that's a bad i-...I need to get one soon.

Dick: Alright, let's get Tom Phillips on the line.

Maddox: Tom Phillips, joining us in Germany at Gamescom! Right? **(techno music comes on in background)** Tom, are you with us?

"Tom Phillips" (over phone): Uh, hey guys! Yes, I'm calling in from Germany. Does this sound okay?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It does, surprisingly.

Maddox: Not bad!

"Tom Phillips": Hey, it's Tom Phillips, junior editor at http://gameobliterator.biz, and you know, I just can't wait to bring you the latest video game scoops on Gamescom's hottest indie titles!

Maddox: Yeah, your website http://gameobliterator.biz. Everybody loved it last time, Tom. I really appreciate it. And everybody knows...you know, people who are hardcore gamers know that we send our correspondents out to Gamescom. (Dick laughs) Uh, we gotta cover this thing. So yeah, if you could tell us anything goin' on. What are the hot games? What's goin' on at Gamescom?

"Tom Phillips": Well, absolutely, and just to...you know, just to level set a little bit for your listeners, Gamescom is the biggest video game event in the world. You know? It makes E3 look like a...like a strawberry festival or something. (Maddox snickers) **It just makes E3 look like total crap. You see, so like...you know what I mean?**

Dick: Yeah. Two things I don't give a shit about.

Maddox: Strawberry festivals and E3? (laughs)

Dick: E3 and a strawberry festival. (smiles)

Maddox: Strawberries are delicious!! Get outta here. Alright, sorry Tom. You were saying?

"Tom Phillips": Well, hey, I wanna tell you about some of the great games I saw at Gamescom. '90s real-time strategy fans had plenty to celebrate with the launch of "Command & Conquer & Apologize." (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Oh, that sounds like a...that sounds like a real tedious game.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What is it about? What's...?

"Tom Phillips": I mean, actually, I don't...I don't know, I find it fun. I mean, you know, in this game you take control of the forces of GDI or Nod, but you don't take control in, like, a mean way. It's like you're their boss, but you know, you're also their friend, r-right? You know? (nervous laugh) You get to issue also...it's a tactical command, so you get to issue, like...there's a button you press where it's "Build a barracks, if that's cool with you." (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Right.

"Tom Phillips": Or "Attack the enemy, but feel free to do it your way. I mean, I wouldn't wanna stifle your creativity." (nervous laugh)

Maddox: Oh my GOSH.

"Tom Phillips": And that laugh actually is in the button console command. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: What else you got?

"Tom Phillips": Um, or there's another button. It's "Harvest resources, unless you don't want to. Y'know, I can harvest these resources. Why don't you guys knock off early, you know? Just...I'll take care of this, and if you guys are goin' out for drinks later, email or text me or Gchat me. (Maddox laughs) **And, uh...you know, while they never end up emailing or texting you, if you win the game you get an awesome cut scene of you drinking alone in your studio apartment.**

Dick: Hm. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: So "Command, Conquer & Apologize." It sounds like it's sponsored by HuffPo. I'm not sure who...you know who the developer is for that game?

"Tom Phillips": Yeah, I believe it's EA/HuffPo/Gawker. (Maddox laughs) **I think it's, like, one of those little specialty studios.**

Maddox: Yeah, big into the shaming market.

Dick: Sounds cool.

Maddox: They should get in on our shame pool.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe that should be a game.

Dick: You got any other games, Tom?

"Tom Phillips": Oh, yeah! "Dark Souls 2"...everybody loves "Dark Souls."

Maddox: Great game!

"Tom Phillips": It's getting a surprise re-release as "Dark Souls 2: Ultimate Challenge Edition." Now, if you guys thought this game was hard before, you ain't seen nothin' yet. "Dark Souls 2" is now so hard that the disc itself is made of razor-sharp knives. (Maddox giggles) **It makes it...it's hard to even put in your Xbox! It's so hard that every time you level up, you have to write a thousand-word essay about how hard the game is.** (Maddox still laughing) **I mean, it's really hard! It's hard and therefore great. I mean, it's a hard and therefore great game, you know. It's so hard that the game puts the faces of the player's family on every enemy!** (Maddox and Dick laugh) **So progressing in the game means killing your parents over and over again.**

Dick: Alright, that's hard.

Maddox: Tom, that sounds like it'd make the game easier for me. But also, you know... (Tom/Asterios laughs) I don't understand, what's the difference between "Dark Souls 2" and "Dark Souls 2: Ultimate Edition"? Because it seems like every time a "Dark Souls 2" player levels up, he does write an essay about how hard it was. (laughs)

"Tom Phillips": Well, you know, they've game-ified that aspect of it, so every time you tweet about like, "Oh, it's so hard," or...you know, you post "But oh, it's so hard," you'll get a potion or a new cutlass.

Maddox: Oh! (smiling)

"Tom Phillips": So it's, you know, it's a...in fact, the game is so hard that Sophie from "Sophie's Choice" called and was like, "Boy, I thought I had it hard, but I DIDN'T have it hard because this game is so hard!" (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) **I mean...**

Maddox: It's harder than the decision Sophie had to make?

"Tom Phillips": Yeah! And therefore good. I mean, that's why people like this game, right? Because it's...a hard game is a good game, right? I mean, have you guys heard how hard this game is? (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, we've heard it's really hard. Almost as hard as, uh, my diamond tip. (laughs to himself)

Dick: What else you got?

"Tom Phillips": Ohohohoho! (laughing)

Maddox: Sean's shakin' his head. Sorry, Tom. Yeah, go...sorry to go blue. I know your website's family-friendly. Let's go on, yeah.

"Tom Phillips": No, no, no, of c-...well hey, thank you for...I accept your apology. (Maddox and Dick laugh) **Uh, Gamescom's "Star Citizen" panel had all of Germany buzzing as developer Chris Roberts unveiled a long-awaited module for "Star Citizen" that allows users to donate money four times as fast!** (Maddox giggles) **Fans can...they can finally say goodbye to long PayPal load times. Okay? This latest**

update includes a hardware add-on that literally grabs gamers by the legs, shakes them upside down 'til their wallets fall out, and runs the credit cards for them.

Maddox: Tom, that sounds like it would save gamers so much time of spending their hard-earned money on a game that may or may not ever come out!

"Tom Phillips": Oh, yeah. I mean, that's the thing about gamers, is that their time is really valuable. You know, they're always out there exercising, (Maddox and Sean laugh) **they're doing charity work...**

Maddox: Cooking!

"Tom Phillips": ...they're being social. They LOVE socializing.

Maddox: Oh.

"Tom Phillips": So this is really gonna help these busy gamers spend more money on a game that doesn't exist yet!

Maddox: So they're also game-ifying the donation aspect, it sounds like.

"Tom Phillips": Oh, absolutely. In fact, when you donate, you get a drawing of all the fun and excitement you'll never have in this game. (Maddox and Sean laugh) **And you know...and yet -**

Maddox: (interjects) Tom, I can't wait! I'm super excited about this one. And I assume that'll be on Steam?

"Tom Phillips": Or you can just go directly to Chris Roberts' mansion and just, you know, slip money under his door. (Maddox giggles) **And then he'll slip a napkin with the words "Star Citizen" on it back through the slit.**

Maddox: That's, uh, that's a new level of interactivity I haven't seen in these types of crowdsourced games.

"Tom Phillips": Well, it's 2015. Interactivity is everything.

Maddox: Wow, thanks Tom! (Dick laughs) Alright, Tom Phillips, thank you. Thank you for calling in. Sorry to take up so much of your time. I know it's super busy at Gamescom. (cracking up) I know you got a lot, uh...I heard there's a new "Fallout" game, and it's, uh, it's fall-...it's like emotional fallout from a family breaking up. And a divorce, yeah.

Dick: Is that you reporting? (Tom/Asterios laughs)

Maddox: No, that's what I read! I read the trades, it was this week!

"Tom Phillips": Or he read it on my website.

Dick: Oh, okay.

"Tom Phillips": Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I follow Tom Phillips! TomPhillips.biz...no, I'm sorry, http://gameobliterator.biz. We'll link to it again. Thank you, Tom. **(techno music fades out)**

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Maddox: Am I on Audible?

Dick: Yeah, are any of your...?

Maddox: I should be. I think Alphabet of Manliness might be, and my new book will be for sure.

Dick: Your new book will be on Audible?? t

Maddox: Yeeeeah.

Dick: 100%?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You guarantee that?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright, well, sign up now. Start downloading books now so you are ready to go when Maddox's next book comes out. Right? You don't wanna be figuring out this technology. If you can't figure out self-checkout lanes, there's no way you can figure out something as easy as Audible.

Maddox: Little jab, little jab. Mhm, yeah.

Dick: You don't wanna be fiddling with it when your book launches.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Drops, right? Excuse me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Drops?

Maddox: Launches. "Launches." Up into the atmosphere, buddy. Stratosphere. Uh, past! Beyond. Dick, do they have cookbooks on Audible?

Dick: (chuckles) I don't know. Why don't you look it up?

Maddox: I bet they do. Yeah, you know what? I bet each -

Dick: (interjects) You got a computer in front of you.

Maddox: Each chapter... (cracks up) I bet each chapter would take about a minute. Buncha BOZOS. Julia Child...you know, she's dead. BUT, if she weren't, I would love to hear her voice narrating an audiobook. A cookbook.

Dick: Sure! Audible has over 1,000 science and technology books and over 1,100 science fiction and fantasy titles. Um...we've found some good ones in the past. "Milked At Her Uncle's Farm," you remember that one?

Maddox: Yeah man, that was a good book!

Dick: "How Smart Is God?", "Economic Theory: Master the Basics to Sound Like a Big Shot" -- you might wanna check that one out.

Maddox: That w-...that sounds made up, Dick. (Dick laughs)

Dick: It was real up until the "big shot."

Maddox: Verisimilitude. That's what that was.

Dick: Yeah. Go to...ohh, man. The "U.R. Rong" guy?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I legitimately missed his name being "U.R. Rong."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you? It's embarrassing.

Maddox: No. No, I picked it up! No, it was, uh...

Dick: Nah, you picked it up 'cause somebody pointed it out in the comments.

Maddox: No, I didn't! I mentioned during that episode, I said "his name spells..." Uh, what was it? It sounded like it, yeah. But I didn't get the full "U.R. Rong."

Dick: No. Yeah, me either.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Visit http://audiblepodcast.com/biggest for your free audiobook download. There you go. Thank you.

Maddox: And guys, thank you for supporting the show. Thank you for supporting it with the bonus episodes and with Audible. It really helps us out. Check out an audiobook, guys. It's actually really good listening. There's some really good...the audiobooks on there are narrated so well.

Dick: Let's be honest: reading is for losers. Right?

Maddox: No, get outta heeeere!

Dick: Listen to a book. There's no point in reading.

Maddox: Wrong, dickhead.

Dick: You don't have to work when you...you don't have to work when you're listening to a book. It gets read to you!

Steve: Yeah.

Dick: It's perfect!

Maddox: Alright. (dismissively)

Dick: It's awesome.

Maddox: Dick, what's your problem?

Dick: My problem...lemme just tell you first, real fast. I feel like a zombie right now. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Why is that?

Dick: I feel dead. I feel like a Walking Dead person.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Like, I've got no energy, I feel like my eyeballs are about to burst out of my head.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Right? Because I'm recovering from a waking nightmare. Of watching over...a toddler. For a weekend. (grimly)

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: For one weekend.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Do you know what is a toddler?

Maddox: I think I know what is a toddler. A to-...yeah.

Dick: Toddlers are my problem.

Maddox: Oh, toddlers? (surprised)

Dick: Toddlers, yeah.

Maddox: I know what is a toddler, because...I brought it in as a problem. Babies!

Dick: No, babies -

Maddox: (interjects) Vote up Babies!!

Dick: Babies are before 1 year old, dipshit.

Maddox: I don't know... (stammers) They sound the same to me!! If someone said, "Hey, I got a toddler," I'm like, "Oh, there's a BABY."

Dick: Well -

Sean: (interjects) These are babies with really strong opinions who are mobile.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: Do you know what i-...?! There are...these words that we have are important for a reason. We have these words to describe the world. Like, if you say...if you call a restaurant and ask for a reservation for you and 4 babies and then you show up with 4 grown adults, they're gonna say, "What the hell were you talking about? These are not babies."

Maddox: Yeah, but this -

Dick: (interjects) "These are clearly not babies."

Maddox: This is a very precise thing you're talkin' about, man. (Dick giggles) This is something that only parents know about, this distinction. Babies and toddlers? I don't fuckin' know! I didn't even learn the difference between a tampon and a pad until like a month ago when someone told me during a live stream! He was like, "Hey man, that's not the same - "

Steve: (interjects) Wait, you don't...you don't know any women? (Dick and Sean burst out laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, I know women!! I know women, dickhead! I don't get into their shit! I'm not, like, checkin' out their panties for period stains! I don't know what they're doin', what they're cloggin' up there!

Steve: Whoooa!

Dick: Whahahahahohohohoah! (uneasily)

Maddox: I don't know! I don't know what they use, what they... (stammers) Look -

Dick: (interjects) But they're different words! Like, you never thought, "Huh, why are they using a different word for that?"

Maddox: Wha-...no!

Dick: You think they just cram toilet paper up their gooch and they call it what... (everyone spits out laughing) ...call it macaroni? What do you think it's for??

Maddox: I don't know, m-...what's the difference, man? Look, we have different words for...like this thing that Sean hauls in here all the time, that he...you call it a rack!

Dick: Sound rig? A rig? A rack? Sure. (grinning)

Maddox: A rig, a rack, a box? Like, it's a number of things that we call it. It's the same thing. (Dick giggling) Like, what's the difference between a compact and, uh...you know, whatever other makeup bullshit that, uh, that chicks u-...?

Dick: Oh, a makeup thing?

Maddox: Yeah! I don't know, because I'm not a woman! I don't...that's not my expertise!! (yelling)

Dick: So you think women are like Eskimos with a hundred words for snow? (Sean guffaws in the background) They've got multiple words for the same, uh, menstruation protection?

Maddox: Yeeeeah!

Dick: Call it a tampon, call it a pad? (laughing)

Maddox: Call it a tampon, call it a pad!

Dick: You didn't see it on commercials all the time?!? Like, you didn't see the pad that they're dumping blue water on that's not a period?

Maddox: I don't know what...how that works, I don't know what they do with it! I didn't even...I thought -

Dick: (interjects) They don't do anything with it!! (laughing)

Maddox: I didn't even know until recently that women could pee wearing those things.

Dick: I read...somebody commented on it that you said in the Twitch stream, "can they pee with them in or not?"

Maddox: Yeah, I... (stammering)

Dick: And that I should bring it up on the show. You know, I wanna give you, like, a basic biology quiz. (Maddox laughs) Like, something that a Christian camp counselor gives 7th graders.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "Does this...does this happen? Can you pee with a tampon in?"

Maddox: Ugh. (sighing)

Dick: Like a basic sexual health class.

Maddox: You know -

Sean: (interjects) But dumb it down. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Fuck you!! FUCK YOU! **(buzzer sound effect)** I HATE ALL...I hate everything that's happened!! **(buzzer sound effect)** (stammers angrily) Go back to the start of the show! Start it...start this fuckin' show over! (everyone else laughing hysterically) Sean, start recording right now! "Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe!"

Dick: Maddox, you have to know this stuff!! You have to know what is a tampon and a pad!

Maddox: I d-... (cracks up)

Dick: You're 30-someth-...what are you, a 37-year-old man?

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: You have to know this shit!

Maddox: Why do I have to know it?! I've never bought one! I don't need to u-...look, if a woman sends me to the store, 'kay? "Get me some tampons," I'll buy whate-...ANYTHING, anything in that aisle.

Dick: You punch her right in the face! (everyone laughs loudly)

Maddox: I'll go to that aisle, man. "Baby, I'm buyin' the first thing I see. Beads..."

Dick: Like they're on Supermarket Sweep!! (everyone laughs) Running down the aisle, knocking tampons and pads into your...and you stop when you hit the Depends.

Maddox: Ahh, yeah! Yeah, I'll put... "One of these gotta go up there!"

Steve: "Up there"? (Dick giggles hysterically)

Maddox: "One of these gotta work!"

Steve: "Gotta git it up there."

Dick: Yeah. "Get it up there!" (laughing)

Maddox: "Come onnn. Come on!" Look, "toddler" and "baby" is such a specific distinction that only parents and fuckin' -

Dick: (interjects) It's not di-...it's v-... (squeaking)

Maddox: And doctors would know.

Dick: It's specific, correct, but it's...at one year! A baby...

Maddox: Is that it?

Dick: A baby is an infant. Right?

Maddox: Is that the distinction??

Dick: This is...I feel like I'm talkin' to George Costanza's parents.

Maddox: Oh. (sneering)

Dick: "Who's havin' sex...?" "A chicken and a hen are the same thing." (Sean laughing in background) "Who's havin' sex with the hen?!"

Maddox: Look, man...

Dick: A baby is an infant.

Maddox: Same thing. They look -

Dick: (interjects) First year of their life.

Maddox: Yeah. You're bringing a toddler, I'm gonna expect a baby.

Dick: That's...

Maddox: And you b-...you know, you bring a baby, I'm expecting a toddler. Babies babble, man! How... (stammers, flustered) What's this important distinction between a baby and a toddler that makes babies NOT a problem, but toddlers a problem?

Dick: A baby is just a shit and a noise machine. A baby...is nothing. (ominously)

Maddox: That sounds horrible!

Dick: Compared to the living hell...oh, yes, it is horrible! It is horrible. It's horrible to deal with. Don't ever have one. But a TODDLER is orders of magnitude times worse. Thousands of times worse than a baby. A toddler is like a little terrorist...

Sean: Mhm! (from background)

Dick: ...that you have in your house that cannot be told what to do, that cannot be bargained with, that cannot be reasoned with, and it's like dealing with a schizophrenic. They say dealing with babies is like a drunk? Having a drunk at home that you have to take care of? IT'S NOT. I've taken care of a lot of drunks, and none of them are as violent and crazy and as destructive -- wickedly destructive -- as a toddler.

Maddox: You've been taking care of one your whole life. Yourself!

Dick: What, myself?

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah! And I'm -

Maddox: (interjects) The biggest drunk of all.

Dick: I'm a piece of cake! I don't even know when I'm taking care of myself, I'm so good at -

Maddox: (interjects) Piece of pie, Dick.

Dick: So my si-...yeah. Piece of pie. (Maddox laughs) Uh, so my sister has a...she's got a 2-month and, um...what is he, 2? 2 years, 8 months. Ish. Around there. And she just had another kid. He's about 2 months old. So she's by herself; she asked me to come up and help with...very innocuously: "Can you come up and help out a little bit this weekend?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? "Help out with, you know, like around...around bedtime."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "When the kids are getting in the bath. You watch one and I'll watch the other."

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So I get in ch-...I'm in charge of watching the toddler.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? 'Cause what am I...I can't feed a baby. Right?

Maddox: (raising voice) Uh, I don't know, m-...I don't know anymore, man! (Dick scoffs and starts laughing) You're the expert! You're the Mommy Masterson over here! I don't know anything about kids, I'm just a dumb idiot! A dumb, stupid, balding idiot. I don't know shit about kids, I don't know shit about tampons; just a big fucking moron!

Dick: What do you mean?! (laughing)

Maddox: Uhh, idling through life! I don't know shit!! I'm just a big dummy. I'm gonna throw myself off a bridge. (stammers angrily) Toddler and baby. Same fuckin' thing! (Dick still laughing)

Dick: Why are you so pissed off?!?

Maddox: GAH! I know...I know what is a baby! (both laugh)

Dick: Okay!

Steve: Hey man, don't be so hard on yourself.

Maddox: Get outta here, Dick's Man Steve! (laughing) More condescension!!

Dick: So the reason I can't feed the baby is because I'm not lactating. (grins) (Maddox giggling) Just so you know.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: That's why I said...

Maddox: Thank you for -

Steve: (interjects) His tits aren't filled with sand. (Dick and Sean cackle hysterically)

Maddox: Tha-...f-...FUCK YOU!!!! **(buzzer sound effect)** I hate...this is BULLSHIT!! **(clapping sound effect)** No, I DIDN'T EVEN MEAN THAT!! (cracks up) (Steve and Sean giggling)

Dick: Look, look. The birth control talk that teens are getting in school is all wrong.

Sean: Yes. (from background)

Dick: We're not helpin' these kids by telling 'em they need to watch out for AIDS and herpes and whatever. (chuckles) That is...that is NOTHING. That is nothing compared to the nightmare of dealing with these little fuckin' toddlers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With nothing but hate in their eyes. And they're all about the lulz. You wanna talk about lulz? Anonymous has nothing...

Maddox: What are you talkin' about?

Dick: ...on one to-...lul-..."a lulz" is the -

Maddox: (interjects) LOL? You're saying "lolz"? Oh my... (exasperated)

Dick: L-U-L-Z.

Maddox: Oh, "lulz."

Dick: The idea that you do something just to cause mayhem and havoc.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: That's all they do!

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: They're cr-...they have not learned the difference between good and evil yet. All they know is reaction.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: So that...and they love it! And it's putting my lulz principles to the test, because like, this little bastard kicked me in the face so hard that I couldn't see.

Maddox: Hahah! (tauntingly) That's funny.

Dick: Right? (Maddox giggles mischievously) Yeah!! And I...I'm reeling from it, and he's laughing and grinning. I'm like, "Well, you know, you're right to be laughing, 'cause this is very funny, but there's nothing you can... (gritting his teeth) There's nothing you can do to stop it!

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah, you stop it the same way you stop terrorists! You just round 'em up, throw 'em in Guantanamo in a dark cell, and there you go! "There you go, idiot. I'll see you when you're 18!" (laughs to himself)

Steve: Sounds good.

Dick: Yeah. (grins) Sounds good.

Maddox: Problem solved!

Dick: "If you need any tampons or...milk..."

Maddox: "...yeah, fuck yourself!"

Dick: "...call someone else."

Maddox: Yeah, not me! Look man, you deal with it...if they're acting like terrorists, you deal with it like terrorists. Right? First of all, you don't -

Dick: (interjects) Give 'em whatever they want?

Maddox: No. You don't bargain, you don't negotiate, you don't give 'em ANYTHING they want; you cut off their supply of whatever it is they need -- in this case, food... (Dick laughs hysterically) Send 'em to bed hungry a few times, they'll shape up!

Dick: Oho. So you see, they can always out-double you.

Maddox: How's that?

Dick: They can always double down harder than you.

Maddox: Ahh. (skeptical) See, my indifference to their pain and suffering, buddy. You have no idea, my...the depths -

Dick: (interjects) It's not their pain and suffering; it's your sleep. They will start fucking with your sleep, and you...

Maddox: (interjects) I can't hear them!

Dick: ...you will get...they are human Guantanamo Bays! Like, they...you'll try to get a second of sleep, and here they come. "Bap-badap-badap-badap-badap!" Making noise, wanting to use your iPad, doing ANYTHING they can do to wake your ass up. You ca-...

Steve: (interjects) Or literally the worst thing, which is just scream.

Dick: Yeah! (Sean grimaces in the background)

Steve: Like, little toddler girls and boys have this voice that is unmatchable, and they will just *scream*...for like 45 minutes.

Dick: Until they get what they want! They are...you remember the scene in "Zero Dark Thirty" when they just -

Steve: (interjects) You can, like, shake 'em? Won't stop it.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Won't stop it!

Maddox: What are you g-... (cracks up) What are you guys, pussies?? I can scream louder! (Steve chuckles)

Dick: No you -

Maddox: (interjects) If a kid starts screaming, I start screaming, buddy! (angrily) PLEASE.

Dick: (scoffs) Maddox, Maddox. Maybe for 5 minutes, but they can scream *all day.*

Maddox: I...

Dick: They can scream for-...until that's all you hear, is "ahhhhh!" (high-pitched)

Maddox: I've been screaming this entire episode!! I AM BETTER THAN YOUR KIDS! I can do everything better than a kid, including shit myself and scream! (Steve laughs) I can out-shit and out-scream, I can out-annoy...I can kick YOU in the head, buddy! You can't see temporarily? How 'bout not seeing PERMANENTLY??

Dick: You...listen to me. You have never felt fear in your life...

Maddox: Yeah! That's true.

Dick: ...when you hear -

Maddox: (interjects) End it there! (laughs)

Dick: When you hear...you have never felt this kind of fear. When you hear "Hey Uncle, where should I put this?" and you turn around and you see a toddler with your laptop clutched in the tips of his fingertips (Maddox laughs tauntingly) spinning around in circles in the garage.

Maddox: Ah. (smiling)

Dick: 'Cause he's "helping." (splutters) At this moment, there's nothing you can do! You can't fluster him. You're like...you gotta be like Indiana Jones. Right? (Maddox chuckles) Or you gotta be like a hostage negotiator talking someone off of a building. You freak 'em out a little bit, they'll just throw the laptop 'cause it's funny!

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Or 'cause they're worried!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or they...'cause they have no idea what they're doing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is the constant state...the constant terror of your life when dealing with a toddler.

Maddox: I agree. Vote up Babies. Vote up Babies. Babies turn into toddlers, 100%...here's why Toddlers is a less...lesser of a problem than Babies. Right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Because there's no such thing as "sudden toddler death syndrome." Right? You don't have to constantly worry about them just fucking dying for no reason! You don't have to worry about a soft spot on their head that you might drop a screwdriver in.

Dick: (scoffs) Oh, you are as wrong as you can po-... (Maddox laughs) They try...babies, you might *accidentally* kill.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Toddlers are trying to kill themselves at all times.

Maddox: GOOD.

Dick: They are diving headlong into...if they see a brick, their first thought is, "I wonder how...I wonder how fast I could bash my head into that brick."

Maddox: That is nature taking care of -

Dick: (interjects) That's all you're doing!

Maddox: That is nature taking care of itself. Nature's like...you know what? We want the tough ones to survive, right? That's survival of the fittest in play. You're seeing it happen. That's Social Darwinism. You're seeing the dumb kids, who's going to, uh...you know, dive headfirst into a brick wall? Hey, you know what? Bad egg. Start over.

Dick: Bad egg? (chuckling)

Maddox: Start over. (cracks up) Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (scoffing)

Maddox: Start over.

Steve: When I was a toddler, I drank a quart of Pine Sol because I thought it was apple juice. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: That...and look at you now!

Dick: Normal! This is normal. (Maddox stammers)

Steve: That was regular behavior.

Dick: That is normal behavior.

Steve: Everyone saw that comin'.

Dick: Normal behavior. (smiles)

Maddox: That is nature telling you you shouldn't exist!! And then your...some interventionist parents -

Steve: (interjects) I totally win. I'm still alive!

Dick: Yeah.

Steve: Fuck nature!

Maddox: See, I...I really like this terrorist analogy, right? Because America has an interventionist policy, which is HURTING us, which is bad, and we're enabling these terrorists and we're creating new terrorists.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Parents are doing the same thing by having an interventionist policy in their children's lives, by stopping them from hurting themselves.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Right? You're letting the bad eggs slip through! The unproductive ones.

Dick: I wanna le-...I wanna bring this guy into your living room and just give him 90 seconds alone with your computer.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: To see how you...to see how your policy of non-intervention changes. (smiles)

Maddox: Oh. (sarcastic)

Dick: In about the blink of an eye.

Maddox: Nonono, I'm just talkin' about intervention when it comes to them hurting themselves. I'm all about them hurting themselves.

Dick: This is this... (laughing) Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You know what he'd do? He'd probably download files from Dropbox in fewer steps. (Dick and Steve laugh loudly)

Dick: Problem is you. (muttering) Did you know that -

Maddox: (interjects) (suddenly yells) Fuck y-...I'm FUCKIN' tired of this shit!! Fuck Dropbox, fuck you Sean, fuck you Dick Masterson... (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: ...fuck you Dick's Man Steve. Fuck everyone in this room except for me, I'm the best. (shouting)

Dick: You use Dropbox? My man?

Steve: Uh, you hooked me up with it, but I live in the woods. I don't get alotta Internet time.

Maddox: Oh. Surprise, surprise.

Dick: So you don't use it?

Steve: Yeah, not really.

Dick: Yeah. Alright. Number of Americans killed so far this year by terrorists? (Maddox snickers) 3.

Maddox: Yeah... (background laughter)

Dick: Number of Americans on American soil -- excuse me -- on American soil. That was the Boston bomber. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Yeah, you remember him? 3 people killed.

Maddox: That was this year??

Dick: I'm sorry, last year.

Maddox: Last year.

Dick: Whenever. Now, who the -

Maddox: (interjects) No, like 2 years ago!

Dick: Who fuckin' cares?!? (cracks up) Number of Americans killed on American soil that year by toddlers? 5.

Maddox: How?

Dick: Guns! They get into gun -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, toddlers with guns? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I found this on a...like, an article about...I think it was supposed to be about gun safety, but I thought that was pretty funny.

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly) It's hilarious!

Dick: Toddlers have killed more people in America than terrorism. (lowers voice)

Maddox: Huh. Toddlers are a problem, man.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And babies. Babies who turn into toddlers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Go to the root.

Dick: AND, and...see, you're in a constant...you are constantly walking the edge of psychopathy when you're dealing with them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know the abyss you spoke of last episode?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You are constantly staring into the abyss. Because when they have your shit, when they're fuckin' with it, you have to totally blank out all of your emotions and feelings to deal with them, like in the computer example. You have to be the zen master who is not terrified of your $3,000 computer getting destroyed, who is just...who is just approaching the situation like a car teetering on the edge of a cliff. Right? You have to be very, very careful. And then when you get kicked in the face, and they laugh at it, you're like, "That really hurt. Uhh...can you not kick me in the face again?" They're still laughin'! And you wonder -

Maddox: (interjects) That's 'cause you don't discip-...you discipline 'em!

Dick: Ohh, how?! (cynical) How? Please tell us how.

Maddox: Ya smack 'em! (Dick laughs) You smack 'em.

Dick: You ssss-... (laughing) You smack them?

Maddox: (raises voice) Ya smack 'em upside the head. Here's the thing, **Dick:** I know -

Dick: (interjects) You smack a 3-year-old child?

Maddox: Of course. I was smacked all the time.

Dick: You're goin' straight to jail. (grins) (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: Oho, please. They don't know...they don't know phone numbers. They don't know phone numbers, they don't have cell...they don't have cell phones. (Dick cackles) They don't have landlines, they don't have access to anything.

Dick: Okay. (smiling)

Maddox: "Shut up. Go to your room."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: "Shut up, go to your room." That's what you tell 'em every single time. You don't smack 'em hard enough to bruise 'em!

Dick: They don't go to their room.

Maddox: Well, you PUT them there. Ya pick 'em up and you put them there, 'cause it's a fucking child and you pick it up and you...it does what it tells you!

Dick: And then you...what, you lock them in the room??

Maddox: YES, and then you tell 'em to fuck off until they start behaving.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Look man, I was a real disciplined child. I would sit...I would go to places with my parents, I'd sit down, I wouldn't run around screaming my head off, I wouldn't pick up shit, I wouldn't pick u-...I wouldn't push th-...you know, occasionally -

Dick: (interjects) How do you know?

Maddox: I remember, 'cause I have a good memory. I remember!

Dick: Okay. (sneering)

Maddox: Plus my mom told me. My mom told me, plus my mom's friends, growing up, said I was always a really well-disciplined child.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I was really well-behaved, well-disciplined. Um, except occasionally I would go to...you know, parties and stuff, and I would look up...uh, my mom's friends' skirts. But...but other than that. Listen -

Dick: (interjects) Sexual predator.

Maddox: No. No!! (Dick laughs to himself)

Steve: As a...3-year-old?

Maddox: NO. Please.

Dick: Go ahead. (smiling)

Maddox: Anyway. I would go to these...I would go to these parties and occasionally I would push the envelope, and I knew what I was doing. I was fuckin' with my parents. I was trying to see how far I could push the envelope, and then I'd get smacked. And then, uh...you know, I knew not to do that anymore, 'cause I didn't wanna get smacked.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But I knew the difference between abuse and a little bit of a smacking around.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You know, you smack a child upside the head; that's different than leaving bruises on them and, uh...and you know, breaking bones or lashing them or...you know, there's a difference between smacking a kid and beating a kid. There's a huge difference. There's a chasm of difference, and that's why I think this generation of kids that are coming up, everyone's too fucking afraid 'cause they're gonna call social services and chil-...well, fine. Whatever. "You wanna call social services? Pack your bags, fuckhead! You're gone. Get out! You think you're gonna have a better life with these guys?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "You haven't seen abuse, fuckhead! You were havin' fun runnin' around with my laptop in the garage? How 'bout living in an orphanage? There."

Dick: They don't understand that shit. (grinning)

Maddox: Oh. (sarcastic)

Dick: And I seriously doubt you remember shit from when you were 3 years old.

Maddox: Of course I do!

Dick: What the hell are you talking about?

Maddox: My earliest memory...my earliest memory -- my mom confirmed this, it was so weird. She said she had no idea I could remember anything from that...that old. Uh, but when I was 1! When I was 1 year old, I...that's my earliest memory, and it was correct.

Dick: What was it of?

Maddox: It was actually...I was in Syria in my aunt's apartment. This is kind of a...I won't go -

Steve: (interjects) Is this a spy thriller plotline, or...?

Maddox: What's that? Nonono!

Steve: Is this like a... (cracks up) ...plotline to a spy thriller?

Maddox: No, I was in Syria!

Dick: No, he's Middle Eastern. He's re-...

Maddox: (interjects) No, I'm Armenian. My mom was born in Syria. So I was in Syria in my aunt's apartment, and I remember the...they had just done laundry, and they just hung laundry up on the balcony.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: We were sitting outside on the balcony, my mom was eating...uh, some food, and I remember the neighbor upstairs had just cleaned their balcony with a hose, and they squeegeed all the dirty water off and it landed on the laundry down below on the balcony that we were sitting on.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I remember my aunt and my mom screaming upstairs at the neighbors, telling them "What the fuck are you doing? We just cleaned our laundry. You just squeegeed dirty water onto our laundry!" That was a very specific memory!

Dick: So your... (sighs) Your memory from a Middle Eastern family is your mom and aunt screaming at someone?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ehh...if I had to bet, I would say it's pretty safe that that would be a true story whether or not you really remember it or not.

Maddox: Yeah, that specific story happened. I remember what the laundry looked like, I remember what, uh...there was a flower on...there was a flower arrangement on the table. I remember that memory very distinctly.

Dick: Alright. Well, that's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you wanna do another one? **(closing riff starts)**

Maddox: I'll bring it in next time.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Alright, that's it. We're runnin' outta time, guys. My problem this week was People Who Can't Cook.

Dick: And mine was Toddlers.

Maddox: Vote up Babies!

(theme riff)

Dick: Uh, you wanna play your song?

Maddox: Yeah, I got a song. This is sent in by Therm0ptic. It's about our old pal Boisterous...

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: ...who called in at the top of the show and not the middle. **[plays "Boisterous Coconuts" song]**

(fast drum machine + trancey synths + chopped-up voice clips of Maddox & Dick; sound like they're freestyling)

Maddox: "Coconuts...Coconu-Coconuts."

Dick: "Coconut! Co-Coconut!"

Maddox: "Coconuts...Coconu-Coconuts."

Dick: "Coconut! Co-Coconut!"

Maddox: So warm, the way you say that.

(same Maddox & Dick lines repeat a few more times)

Voicemail clip: "Whatever the fuck his name was? 'Boisterous Coconuts' or whatever the fuck his name was?"

Dick (from Ep. 22): Alright, did you catch that? (laughing) "Boisterous Coconuts."

(quirky synths)

Dick: It's a cool song!

Maddox: This is the EDM mix, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Voicemail clip: "Whatever the fuck his name was?"

Maddox: "Boisterous Coconuts."

Steve: Gettin' me ready for Burning Man.

Dick: Me too, man.

Steve: Yeah. Ready.

Voicemail clip: "Whatever the fuck his name was?"

Dick: "Boisterous Coconuts." (laughing)

Voicemail clip: "Whatever the fuck his name was?"

(more quirky synths)

Maddox: Get some break dancing in here.

Maddox: "Boisterous...Coconuts. Boisterous...Coconuts. Boister-Boister-Bois-Boisterous."

Dick: "Coconut!"

Maddox: "Boisterous...Coconuts. Boisterous...Coconuts." (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: "Coconuuuts." (imitating himself)

Maddox: "Boister-Boister-Bois-Boisterous."

Dick: "Coconut!"

(weird bass synth starts in)

Maddox: "Boisterous...Coconuts. Boisterous...Coconuts. Boister-Boister-Bois-Boisterous."

Dick: "Coconut!"

(same lines repeat) (drum & bass track starts in)

Male singer: Feelin' boisterous...

Maddox: This is a jungle bass mix.

Male singer: Feelin' boisterous.....feelin' boisterous.

[song fades out on synth echoes]

Dick: Oh, that's a good song!

Maddox: Yeah! Therm0ptic, uh, real catchy beat.

Dick: It's cool, man.

Maddox: Real catchy tune, yeah. It's my new ringtone.

Dick: Oh wait, I got s-...I got somethin' I forgot to play you. I think this will change your mind about toddlers.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: I, uh...I asked my nephew if he could talk, 'cause I told him that you were on...on the podcast talkin' shit.

Maddox: Oh! Good!

Dick: About toddlers being able to talk. This is what he said. **[plays recording]**

Dick's nephew (toddler voice): Maddox, you don't know how to talk.

Maddox: I didn't understand a single fuckin' word. (Dick cackles) Not a single word in that babble!!

Dick: Hm.

Sean: Did he say "Maddox, you don't know how to talk?"

Dick: Yeah, Maddox doesn't know how to talk.

Steve: That's exactly what he said.

Maddox: Oh, is that what he said?

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: Okay. Sorry guys, I don't speak MUSHMOUTH.

Dick: He followed it up with this. **[plays second recording]**

Dick's nephew: Maddox, you're the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: You hear that one?

Maddox: Sounded like a compliment. (Dick guffaws) Was it?

Dick: Alright. (Steve laughs)

Maddox: I can't tell. I can't...again, it sounded just like one continuous tone.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah! I -

Dick: (interjects) Here, lemme...

Maddox: I don't speak toddler.

Dick: I'll play it again. You... **[replays clip]**

Dick's nephew: Maddox, you're the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: Pretty clear! Clear as day. (chuckling)

Maddox: Just vowels and consonants and I heard the word "Max" in there. I didn't hear... (Dick laughs) I didn't hear distinct d's. (irritated)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I'm all about the d's, buddy. (Steve giggles)

Sean: Oh my GOD. (Dick laughs quietly) Here comes so much great material.

Maddox: (grins) I know. Yeah. (cracks up)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 69

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Smash Brothers to Burning Man.

Dick: Ohhhh. (saucy)

Maddox: With over 4 million downloads, I'm Maddox.

Dick: Fuck you.

Maddox: With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy!? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: And today, we are joined by a very special guest, the Dating Girl, Erin Tillman!

Erin: Wooooo!!! The Dating Advice Girl.

Maddox: The Dating Advice Girl. Oh my….

Dick: (cracks up) Welcome! (Erin laughs) Do not make us start over, please, Erin!

Erin: No no! Close enough. Close enough.

Dick: Give us a mulligan.

Erin: I am Erin Tillman, the Dating Advice Girl.

Maddox: We went over that, like…

Dick: (interjects) The very beautiful Dating Advice Girl.

Erin: Thank you!! (grins)

Dick: Let's start there.

Maddox: Alrighty. Alrighty.

Erin: Thank you.

Maddox: One of those shows, guys. One of those shows. (Erin giggles) Episode 69. (Erin cackles) Uh-huh. Our erotic episode.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yep.

Erin: Yesss!

Maddox: This is going to be a sex-themed episode. Dick, uh..but before we begin…

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Biggest problem from last week is…no problem.

Dick: What?! (incredulous)

Maddox: It was actually a draw.

Dick: Oh, horseshit!

Maddox: For the…for the first time…

Dick: What is it…

Maddox: It's…as of this recording, no joke…

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: It's 1222 for each problem.

Dick: I don't believe that.

Maddox: It's the first time it's ever happened. I…I've been…so, Dick, you just came back from Burning Man, and I've been checking the Twitter feed, and throughout the entire week…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: People have been constantly tweeting at me, they said, "Hey Maddox, it's tied at this number." And "Hey Maddox, it's tied at this number." And finally, today, when I went to record, it was still tied at…it's 1222. As of this recording.

Dick: Huh. How interesting. Do you think people are trying to make them outrank one another or do you think that's just entirely organic? Like that's…everybody just thinks they're both kind of problems.

Maddox: I think it's organic. I think that everybody does think that it's their problems, because first of all, the vote is too high for it to not be a problem, and they think that Toddlers…Erin, last week we talked about toddlers as a problem.

Erin: Yes. Oh.

Maddox: And also people who can't cook.

Erin: Oh. (surprised) (stammers)

Maddox: As problems.

Dick: Can you…

Erin: (interjects) Those are pretty equal. Pretty equal.

Dick: Can you cook?

Erin: Not very well. I date guys who can cook.

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: Aaaaaahaa!!!

Erin: But I like toddlers.

Dick: You guys are a perfect match, then. (Erin cracks up)

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah!!

Erin: There you go.

Dick: Let Maddox tell you about his weird cinnamon apple pies in his…

Erin: Ooh, that sounds awesome.

Maddox: There we go.

Dick: His date afternoon, what…gumbo? Was that what he made?

Erin: Wait…(giggles) what?!

Maddox: I made gumbo.

Dick: Spicy romantic gumbo. (Erin cracks up) That's his specialty. (Sean laughs too) He'll being you over…he'll open the door in a silk kimono with a big steaming pot of gumbo. That's a hot date for this guy.

Maddox: You know what? What an asshole. (Erin guffaws) Here's the thing. I would love if somebody cooked gumbo for me, and actually, I was…(Erin laughs again) mistaken. It was not gumbo. It was jambalaya. I made jambalaya…

Erin: (interjects) Either way….

Dick: Either way.

Maddox: It's a delicious…

Erin: It's a big heartburn waiting to happen. Or farts.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oookay. (annoyed)

Dick: Or diarrhea. Yeah. This is a romantic…

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: Afternoon.

Maddox: You know what?!? Cook your own meals, princesses! Both of you princesses!

Erin: I'll take that pie! I'll take the cinnamon apple pie!

Maddox: You'll take…you're getting nothing. (Erin laughs) 'Cause I'm going to eat the pie by myself with my delicious gumbo and I'm gonna sit in my fart cloud.

Erin: Awwwwwwwwww. (cracks up)

Maddox: Fine. You guys can…you guys can go.

Dick: Great impression of a toddler.

Maddox: Great. (they all laugh) Yeah. Yeah…lot of first-time child expert advice from last episode, too, but…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, from you!!!!!

Maddox: From you, dickhead!!!

Dick: You're the one teaching people how to discipline their toddler! (yells) (stammers) A difference that you learned about only seconds before, that babies are not the exact same thing as toddlers! (grins)

Maddox: You know what, dickhead? I looked it up. So…somebody was trying to defend you…

Dick: You looked it up 'cause you didn't believe me? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: No, no, no. (Erin giggles) 'Cause somebody was trying to defend you and they posted a comment. They said, (goofy voice), " **Hey Maddoxxx…"**

Dick: God. (Erin giggles)

Maddox: "Here is a link to Wikipedia/infants…" and they sent the definition of infants, and they sent the definition of toddlers.

Dick: They're different.

Maddox: And at the very top…no!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It says an infant can be anywhere from the age of 1 and 2, a toddler anywhere between the age of 1 and 3…there's no consensus.

Dick: That's a very poorly written Wikipedia article that you just remembered. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: There…there is no consensus!

Dick: Of course there's a consensus!!

Erin: Yes there is! There is.

Maddox: What's a toddler, Erin?

Erin: Toddler is…I think it's 2 to, like, 4?

Maddox: Ohhhh!! Well, well, well.

Dick: What's an infant?

Maddox: That's not what…

Erin: (interjects) Infant's, like, baby…to, like, toddler.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: They call them toddlers because they toddle around.

Erin: Toddle. Exactly.

Maddox: (sighs) Yeah. That's not what Wikipedia says, Erin!

Sean: They're walking.

Maddox: They disagree with you.

Erin: Yeah, but…I could…

Dick: (interjects) Erin, don't get sucked in. He doesn't even know what a box is. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Even in this room…even in this room. Ohhhh, please! (Sean laughs) You think a box is a tube. A square tube. (giggles)

Erin: What!? (incredulous)

Dick: You know…I retract some of my comments about toddlers, too, because when I got back from Burning Man…uh, my nephew, my little nephew, who is a toddler, and that's why I brought the problem in, Erin.

Erin: Mhmm. Mhmm.

Dick: He came out, and part of my problem with toddlers is that they're little psychopaths.

Erin: Can be, yeah.

Dick: Yes. Most of the time they are.

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: They just want to see the world burn. You can't reason with them…(Erin laughs)

Erin: True.

Dick: You can't buy them off. You can't make deals with them. They just wanna cause…

Erin: They do what they want.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: He saw me…and in, like, his own…like, kind of toddling, psychopath way, I saw him register happiness on his eyes, and he came over…

Erin: Awww…….

Dick: And opened his arms, not knowing what to do!

Erin: Awww!

Dick: Just overwhelmed with emotion.

Erin: Awwwwwwww!!!

Dick: And it was…I loved it, so maybe toddlers aren't as bad as I was saying they are.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Erin: That's very sweet. That's a sweet moment, right there.

Dick: This is the highest you'll think of me throughout this episode. It's downhill.

Maddox: Definitely, yeah.

Erin: Ohh, boy.

Dick: Completely downhill from here.

Maddox: It's going to be a lot of really crass comments from here on out.

Erin: I'm very excited.

Maddox: So the toddlers running around like little psychopaths, I get it. They're like little psychos. Um…I have…

Dick: (giggles) What?!

Maddox: I have…I have a segment, Dick. We haven't done this in a long time.

Dick: Great.

(Segment starts, men exclaiming about "dick", with a squeaking sound…

Male voice: "Dick on Dick,.,")

Dick: Oh, it's Dick on Dick now?

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaah. We got a Dick on Dick, Dick! (Erin laughs)

Erin: Oh boy.

Maddox: Alright Dick, um…way back when…

Dick: (interjects) Crass, right, Erin?

Maddox: Way back when.

Erin: Yeah. It's exciting.

Maddox: Erin, it's only gonna get crasser. (Dick giggles) Way back when, before…before a…(stammers) we even did Solutions episodes or anything, way back in the day, you said this, Dick…

Dick: Uh-huh.

(Dick: "My first problem is armchair psychologists.")

Dick: Right. (Maddox laughs)

(Dick: "I'm not an armchair psychologist. That's my point."

Maddox: "Okay."

Dick: "Yeah."

Maddox: "Yeah." (grins))

Maddox: And then….and then…and you specifically gave examples in that episodes of, like, people who call things…or other people psychopaths.

Dick: Right. Right.

Maddox: Here's what you said during the Cecil the Lion episode, you remember you brought in the…the hunters? Listen to this.

Dick: Yeah.

(Dick: "They look at that lion and they project their fucking dads onto it…and when they see it die, it causes them pain because they feel weak.")

Dick: Yeah.

(Dick: "It's their shitty way of dealing with their own mortality. That's why they get so pissed off."

Dick: Yeah. Well said.

Erin: Hmm. HMM. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Right?

Erin: Interesting.

Dick: Erin?

Maddox: Erin…

Erin: I've never heard that theory.

Dick: Have you…have you ever projected your dad onto anything?

Erin: Um, probably in the dating realm, a little bit.

Dick: Yeah? What would you…what kind of guy would you project your dad onto?

Erin: Oh man, this is getting deep.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Umm…probably someone who is like my dad.

Dick: What was he like? (creepy)

Erin: Um…"is" like. Uh, businessy. Very corporate-y, business-y, not real emotional.

Dick: Ahhh. Oooh.

Erin: You know.

Maddox: Erin, he's trying to hit on you, and this is gross.

Dick: You see, guys…(Erin cracks up) Guys, do you see how well it works?

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: I just…that was a class.

Erin: What…nothing worked! Nothing worked!!

Maddox: Nothing worked, Dick!

Erin: What worked there?! Nothing.

Maddox: She just told you her dad's a businessman.

Erin: Yeah, exa…(laughing)(Maddox laughs) And I was confused at the end of it.

Maddox: Here's…here's when…

Dick: (interjects) I can…did you want to see me file a report? I'll file a report right now. (creepy)

Erin: What?! Too many…I don't…(laughs)

Maddox: There's so many layers here.

Erin: I know, I know…(laughs)

Dick: So what? I'm an armchair psychologist? That's the point?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Alright.

Maddox: Well, we…I don't know. (Erin laughs)

Dick: You got it.

Maddox: Both Dicks said so many eloquent things. But before we go on, uh…Erin.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: We should mention a little bit about your website and you've written a book as well, right?

Erin: True story. It's been out for a little bit. It's called "The Dating Guide Book". Tips for living a happy, healthy single life without losing yourself in the dating process. Because we do lose ourselves in the dating process.

Dick: Mmmm.

Erin: Because we find some hot person that we're like, "Oh, oh!" and then we totally forget what we want, or need, or what would be best for us in terms of…

Maddox: (interjects) So what…what would you say, like, if you wanted to avoid losing yourself.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: What's the…what's one or two tips that you would think that…definitely avoid doing this to not lose yourself. Not fall for the lure of beauty or power.

Erin: Yes. Yes.

Maddox: As a lot of women who date me fall into. (Erin cracks up) Right?!

Sean: God.

Maddox: Power? I'm like a whirlpool of power and success.

Erin: Power is a drug for people.

Maddox: And stamina. Right.

Erin: That too. Stamina as well.

Maddox: Looks. Beard.

Erin: I dunno about the beard thing. Actually, yeah. The man…the big…beards are a big thing for women right now.

Maddox: Mhmm. Even, like, well-trimmed beards. A little bit…you know? Well-trimmed.

Erin: Yeah. (not sure)

Maddox: Sideburns.

Erin: I'm not a big facial hair person, sorry. Like, every guy has…

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Well, that's enough of your book.

Dick: Two strikes!! (Erin cracks up) Sean, you wanna take a vote at this?!

Erin: No, no, no! (they all laugh) No, no, no. No, no. But if done the right way…it can be hot.

Dick: Yeah, but what…what are the tips for not losing yourself?

Erin: And I'm talking about the really long beards. Okay.

Dick: Fuck beards.

Erin: So, not losing yourself. Being really clear about what makes you happy.

Dick: Mmm.

Erin: Rather than trying to…jump into someone else's lifestyle. 'Cause we do that, too.

Maddox: Right. That's really good advice.

Erin: Like, we're like, "Oh, that person likes this, and they love this, and they…oh, I'm gonna like those things too, even though I hate them."

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: "But I want them to like me, so I'll do those things."

Maddox: I've seen this happen, Erin, not because of beauty, necessarily, but people who feel like they have no other options and they settle?

Erin: Yessss.

Maddox: It is THE most…it's like one of the saddest things I've ever seen in my life.

Erin: I agree.

Maddox: It's like…it's, umm…it's like the ending…well, I was gonna make a Little Mermaid reference. Anyway..

Erin: Awwwwww, yay.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: The original Little Mermaid. The 1978 one! Which most people haven't seen.

Erin: Oh, wow! No, I haven't.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. That's the original Little Mermaid. It's a really sad movie. You've seen it, Sean? (Erin guffaws)

Sean: Yeah, I've seen it because she turns into foam at the end, like the book.

Maddox: Yeah. She dies. (Erin gasps)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She turns into foam. It's a really sad…it's really sad.

Erin: Oh, this is awful. Well, spoiler alert. I guess I won't watch it now.

Maddox: Spoiler alert, your life is that sad and pathetic if you settle. (Erin laughs) If you compromise.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: That's your message, right? Don't compromise.

Erin: Yes. Don't compromise too much. But there's something to be said for some level of compromising.

Dick: Yeah, like if they're really hot. (Maddox and Erin laugh) Then…

Erin: Oh, boy.

Dick: You know.

Erin: And then you'll be done in six months.

Dick: Or they like going doooooown.

Erin: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Then start compromising.

Erin: Yes. You know…

Dick: (interjects) Cause it doesn't get any better than that. You find a girl who's orally fixated?

Erin: Oh, it does. It can.

Dick: That's the top.

Erin: Is it? (skeptical)

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: For you, but not for some people. The top might be other…(stammers)

Maddox: Dick's a top.

Erin: Other things. Like butt things might be the top for some people.

Dick: Okay, good!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a strong number two! I'll take that one.

Erin: I'm not…I'm not…anyway. I'm not a fan of that, but I'm saying some people… everyone's list is different, is the point.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: Everyone's top is different. Right?

Dick: Alright. I got some comments. (Erin snorts and laughs)

Maddox: Okay. (laughs) Smoothest transition. (Erin sighs)

Dick: What, do you wanna transition into and out of everything?

Maddox: I love transitions.

Dick: I dunno. I hate them.

Maddox: I've been killing every single one on this show. (Erin cackles)

Dick: Um…

Maddox: Speaking of killing, Dick. You got any comments that are gonna kill?

Dick: Eddie Jefferson…"Dick hates toddlers because his face stopped growing when he was a toddler." (Maddox laughs)

Erin: Awwwwww.

Dick: Nathan Lane says, **"The kid must have had damn good aim to boot Dick in his face."**

Maddox: Mmm, oh, yeah, 'cause it was so small! (laughs)

Dick: You needed that explained to you!?!?

Maddox: I had to think about it for a second, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: People have really…they've really thought through these comments.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. They spend a lot of time thinking about how to best insult us.

Erin: (whispers) I love it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You should see the artwork.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Erin: Whoa, what?! There's artwork?

Maddox: We just posted one…actually, thanks for purchasing the bonus episode, guys. We just posted some artwork, some fan work that we…we get so much sometimes we don't even have time to talk about it, but check out the bonus episode page. We posted a fan work…the fan art from, I think his name is **Stephen Ballou.** Bilou. Bellou. Something. Anyway, uh, he sent in some amazing fan…we get so much fan work every…

Erin: Awww.

Maddox: Every episode.

Erin: That's amazing. Seriously.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And then we also get calls like this. This is from a long time listener to the show. Um, she's not a big fan of the show.

Erin: Oh.

Maddox: Erin. Her name is…we have a fan. I met him several times in DC. Good guy. His name's Angelo.

Erin: Okay.

Maddox: But his mom…

Dick: Oh, fuck this!!

Maddox: His mom…(giggles)

Erin: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Is not a fan of the show, specifically, Dick. Uh…

Dick: No, she loves Maddox.

Maddox: She loves Maddox.

Erin: Oh.

Maddox: Well, here's what…

Dick: She'll eat his gumbo every day of the week. (Erin laughs)

Erin: Ew…(giggles)

Dick: She'll jamba his laya.

Maddox: Erin, she would appreciate it. That's a woman who appreciates gumbo.

Dick: Mhmm. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Here's what she said most recently. She called in and left this. Here we go.

(Clip starts, Angelo's Mom: "Listen, you pig!! Pig!!")

Dick: Who's she talking to? (giggles)

Maddox: You. (laughing)

("Pig!! Listen!! You, the nastiest…oh boy! You are a hideous…you are a hick! Hick! Hick!!")

Dick: A hick!? (surprised)

Erin: A hick?

Dick: She's from Greece. She doesn't know insults.

("My God! That's it. That's the only way I can describe you! You not a human! You not a human! You are a pig!!")

Erin: Wow…

("Shame on you, you sucker cocker sucker!!") (they crack up) **("And… nincompoop!!")**

Erin: Oh, my gosh.

Maddox: You sucker cocker sucker! What do you have to say about that, Dick?!

Dick: Uh…

Erin: Yes.

Dick: You know what? Before Burning Man, that would have really upset me. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: But now…

Erin: He's zen.

Dick: I'm just…I'm super zen.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Super zen, huh?

Dick: Kind of…the rantings of an insane woman don't affect me.

Maddox: (laughing) Oh, you're calling her insane?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't think she'd like that, Dick. You're just goading her.

Dick: Well.

Erin: I feel like that means that you're a big deal when you get those kind of messages.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. We're the biggest deals.

Dick: It doesn't. Trust me. (Erin giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. Um…

Dick: You got anything?

Maddox: I do. I have one last thing. Uh…this is sent in from **Poo Police.** (Erin groans, concerned)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's a song about…our good friend and audio engineer, Sean.

Dick: Oh, cool.

Maddox: Listen to this.

(Clip starts:

Sean: "I jump on you guys kinda too much sometimes."

Maddox: "No, not at all."

Dick: "That's true, you do jump on us way too much."

Sean: "I do that."

Theme song starts)

(Dick cracks up)

(Song continues:

Maddox: "Can't be on top during sex if you're morbidly obese."

Dick: "Did you have that problem when you were overweight?"

Sean: "You could crush your hand."

Dick: "What do you mean?!"

Maddox: "Fuck you, Sean." "You know, Dick, I feel bad for you sometimes."

Sean: "Yeah. We got Haley Joel Osmont over here." (Maddox laughs)

Dick: "What the fuck?! Fuck you, Sean!!" (Maddox still laughing)

Maddox: "I have turned down more virgins in my life than fucking virgins exist."

Sean: "But now he's staying away from elementary schools, so…")

(they all laugh, Erin giggles)

(Maddox: "Sean!!"

Dick: "You remember last week we were talking about the first things we jerked off to."

Maddox: "Yeah."

Dick: "Mine was the American Gladiators, specifically Elektra and Diamond."

Sean: "It wasn't Nitro and Malibu?"

Dick: "Hey, fuck you, Sean!")

(they all laugh)

(Dick: "You penis-judging prick! Fuck you!")

(Erin sighs)

(Dick: "I don't want to see a bunch of Legos having sex. Like, it doesn't look real."

Maddox: "I mean…"(stammers)

Sean: "What if the Lego woman was pregnant?" (Maddox laughs)

Dick: "Sean…"

Dick: "Do you need to put a spoiler on the Millennium Falcon?! Why?! That was the whole poi…what, Sean?"

Sean: "Persian Racing Rims?"

Dick: "You shut your fucking mouth, Sean!!")

(they all crack up)

(Theme song continues throughout…

Dick: "When you're pregnant, you gotta have conversations about whether or not you're gonna abort a retarded kid."

Maddox: "I'll have that conversation day and night, buddy. I have had that conversation in bars and restaurants."

Maddox: "It's an interesting thing…"

Sean: "But seriously, ma'am, I'll let you get back to your dinner."

Dick: "Yeah.")

(they all crack up again)

(Dick: "It is definitely not acceptable to delete one out of 31 podcasts."

Maddox: "Okay."

Dick: "I don't want it to seem like you think it's acceptable to do that, right?"

Sean: "No. And I've never done it with anything important, so…"

Dick: "Oh, fuck you!"

Maddox: "Okay. Fuck you, Sean.")

(they all laugh, Erin guffaws)

(Maddox: "I have some of those seventies shorts that you were talking about? My balls came out one time." (laughs)

Dick: "That's what you want. That's considered a win."

Sean: "And that's why he's not allowed in Chuck E. Cheese anymore."

Maddox: "No, I will say this, though, the balls came out on a bike ride."

(cricket sound effect)

Maddox: Yeah, my balls came out on a bike ride.")

Dick: What is that?!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: That was…that was one of the jokes that Sean made that didn't land. He incl… anyway, he included…that was a supercut of all your jokes, Sean.

Sean: Was that the end of it?!

Maddox: That was the end of it, yeah.

Sean: I have a feeling it goes on waaaaaay longer. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: No, that's it, Sean.

Dick: You're not that funny.

Maddox: You're not that funny, Sean!!

Erin: Awwwwwwwwwwwwww.

Dick: Alright. What is this…

Erin: I thought it was funny!

Maddox: (laughing) Oh, Erin. You got…you got Erin on your side. Team Sean, Erin over here.

Erin: Yaaaaaaaaay!!! (claps)

Maddox: Great. Dick and I are on each other's teams.

Dick: Can we not have a clip…this is a clip show that we're doing now.

Maddox: (sighs) No. (Erin laughs) Alright.

Dick: Here's a segway for you! I got one of my bits, too. (grins) A bit I haven't played in a long time.

(Clip starts, porno music…"The Biggest Problem in the Universe presents…erotic stories from real men.")

Dick: You remember this one?

Maddox: Yeaaah. Vaguely.

Dick: Vaguely. This is from…let's call him James. I don't know. He probably actually wants his name read, but we'll see. (Erin giggles) You tell me by the end of it.

Erin: Hmm.

Dick: "Dear Dick, I've been listening to the podcast since the first episode and I've been a fan of yours since I saw you telling that fat bitch to hit a treadmill on Dr. Phil." His words. (Maddox laughs) **"I'm writing in relation to that fuckwit that called in last week saying he tried to use the 'What's your dad like?' line at a party. That guy's a cunt. Of course you don't use it as a pickup line. You have to subtly sneak it in there."** What do you thi…Erin, what do you think of that line?

Erin: What's the line?

Dick: What's your dad like?

Erin: What's your dad like?

Dick: You ask someone what their dad is like. You ask a woman what her dad is like.

Erin: I mean…

Dick: You're making a face of disgust.

Erin: Oh, oh. Yeah. It's just weird, 'cause I'm not thinking sexually about my dad, but now I'm thinking about my dad, so I'm not gonna…whoever asks me that, I'm not gonna look at in a sexual way after that.

Dick: Okay, so you think that's bad advice.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: Can I tell you why I…Dick, it works sometimes for Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: Tell me.

Maddox: Is that…I think…he and I…know this, and we use it for different reasons. I avoid it for this reason.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: And Dick uses it for this reason. It's 'cause sometimes, if they have a bad relationship with their father…

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: It puts them in a negative headspace.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: That's why I avoid it, and that's why Dick uses it.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: But here's the other thing. (Maddox laughs) Here's the other reason it could work, though.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: Because you're acting like you care in some way.

Dick: Yess! There you go! And then they're talking.

Erin: This is why I'm a dating expert.

Dick: And as they're talking, their intimacy is growing.

Erin: I know.

Dick: They think…they're sharing personal stories with you.

Erin: I know. I don't like it, but it could work.

Dick: Ahaaaaaaaa. (grins) I'll take it.

Erin: Mhmm. (scoffs)

Dick: Alright. I know…**James** says, **"I know this, because one year ago, you gave me the Kryptonite to a woman's sexual defenses. Your advice lost me my virginity."**

Erin: Ohh!!

Dick: "And gave me immeasurable self confidence."

Erin: Oh!

Dick: You can't buy that.

Erin: That's true…actually, you can. But, go on.

Dick: It's called liquor. You're right. (Erin laughs) **"I am a nerd! And it is almost impossible for me to find a woman. So imagine my luck when I met this 9 out of 10 busty, (E-cup)"** he puts in parentheses. Right? Oh, my god. (Erin giggles)

Maddox: E cup!?

Dick: That's…right!? Do they even go that high?!

Erin: That's pretty big! Yes, they do.

Dick: "Chin…E-cup Chinese girl online."

Maddox: Oh, get out!!!! An E-cup Chinese girl…(giggles)

Erin: Wait…are they real? Mmmmmm. (skeptical)

Dick: We don't even know if it's a woman at this point.

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: It could be a man.

Maddox: That's the Yao Ming of Chinese women. (they laugh)

Dick: "She was FOB (fresh off the boat)."

Maddox: Ohhhhhh boy.

Erin: Ohhhhhhhh, this guy's a little racist.

Maddox: This guy sounds like a real prize. (Dick laughs)

Erin: Lil racist.

Maddox: Yeah. "I can't find a girl because I'm a nerd! I'm such a nerd. That's the reason. I'm a neeeeeeerd."

Erin: "No, I'm just a little bit racist."

Dick: This is a real man. This is an erotic story from a real man. (Erin giggles) **"And was pretty lonely, so that was a good sign."** (Erin laughs) **"We started chatting and got pretty close. We chatted for a couple of hours each day before finally meeting up after we were done with exams."**

Erin: Mmm. (curious but also worried)

Dick: "It was a first date. I had dinner at her place and we started watching some shitty sitcom, 'Young and Hungry' on the laptop in her bedroom." Oh, see, I would say that's…you're ready to go.

Erin: Yeah. You're in her bedroom.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, well. See, sometimes the line is needed for…(Erin laughs) Even when you've already won, you don't know, it's…

Erin: That's true. You never know.

Dick: " There was an awkward silence, and I knew, if I was gonna have any chance with this girl, I would have to pull her emotional strings. So I brought up the subject of family. I asked her what her family was like and she was hesitant. She only…"

Erin: Yeah, I kinda hate this. Go on. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Little bit. Go on.

Dick: You hate it?!

Erin: Little bit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you hate it too!?

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: Why?!

Erin: It's so coercive.

Dick: Do you want me to stop?!

Maddox: And also, I specifically mentioned a couple episodes ago that I ask about their family, and then you were like, "No, you have to ask about the dad!" But he asked about the family.

Dick: That's…I'm getting there.

Maddox: So what…yeah. What's…

Sean: The dad could have drowned all her sisters or something.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Erin: Ugh. (disgusted)

Maddox: That's why I avoid it, Sean, it's bad. It's taboo. So what happened?

Dick: "I then asked about her dad and she said it was complicated."

Erin: Mmm.

Dick: "Jackpot."

Erin: Oh. (disgusted) Oh. (groans)

Maddox: Ugh. Geez.

Dick: What?!? You hate this. You obviously hate this. You wanna cut it?!

Erin: I hate it, too.

Maddox: No, no, go on. Go on. I wanna hear it, yeah.

Dick: "She told me her biological father died when she was young." (Erin groans) **"And her stepdad died recently."**

Erin: Ohhh!

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: "And she has trouble trusting people." Oh, my god.

Erin: Oh my gosh!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh my gosh, right? This is what you're talking about. This is a nightmare scenario!

Erin: This is a triple whammy! Ugh.

Dick: "She also told me her biological dad ate her dog."

Maddox: What?!

Dick: "I almost laughed, because it was the most Asian thing I had ever heard." (Maddox cracks up) (Sean groans) **"Anyway…she…"**

Erin: Oh…oh my God.

Maddox: That was the most Asian thing he's ever heard?!!?

Sean: You didn't add that line?!

Dick: No!!!!!! (yells) I didn't! This is a real erotic story!!

Maddox: I believe it coming from the guy.

Erin: How is this erotic?!

Maddox: Yeah. Well…

Erin: It gets there? (apprehensive)

Maddox: It gets there. We're getting to…I'm sure.

Dick: Anyway. **"She said it gets really tough and hard for her to focus on being positive, so I said, "Maybe I should take your mind off things.""** (Erin gasps)

Maddox: Oh, my gosh!!! (Dick guffaws, Sean cracks up) What a real…

Erin: Shut uuuuuuuuup!

Maddox: …piece of shit this guy…

Erin: Ugh!!!

Dick: What do you mean, a piece of shit?!

Maddox: This is a Dick acolyte. A piss dribbler. This is what…this is the advice they listen to. Go on.

Dick: "Before leaning in to kiss her. I could hear her breathing heavily as I nibbled that little bitch's earlobe." (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Does he say that?!

Dick: He's saying all of this!!!! **"And when I leaned in, I kissed her neck while caressing up her thigh."** Here's where it gets really erotic.

Erin: Mmmm? (concerned)

Dick: "The layers of clothes came off, which revealed her rock melon-like blossoms." That's weird.

Maddox: Wait…layers?!

Erin: What?!

Dick: Yeah. **"They had the perfect nipple to areola to breast to chest ratio."** That's a lot of numbers. That's hot for you.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Erin: Oh, my God. That's a lot of analyzing.

Dick: You know what I'm talking about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Her snatch was so wet, I almost slipped on the floor." (Erin laughs, Maddox gags) **"Then I proceeded to bang her in the Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon position."** (Sean cracks up)

Erin: This is so racist.

Maddox: Oh, my God.

Dick: That's racist?! He says he did it to respect her culture. (they all crack up, clapping) **"After 20 minutes of glorious sex…"** (Erin sighs, laughing) **"I was free from the shackles of being a virgin, and I have you to thank for it. Thank you, Dick. You're the greatest mentor I have ever had. Your Australian worshipper, James."**

(Sound effect: Booing)

Erin: So…why are we booing?!

(Porno music starts again…"You've been listening to a presentation of...")

Dick: Yeah, why are we booing this guy losing his virginity? That's a big deal.

Maddox: That guy should stay a virgin! (Erin cracks up) I…can I veto his virginhood?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Can I veto that sex?

Dick: You can't. You can't.

Maddox: He deserved…what a piece of shit!

Erin: Yeah, it sucks.

Maddox: He's the most racist…uh, loser.

Erin: It is a little racist. Yeah.

Maddox: And he's one of those…you know what he is? You know what he is, Erin?

Erin: What? What, tell me.

Maddox: And correct me if I'm wrong.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: He is a Friend Zone guy.

Erin: For sure.

Maddox: Where he…like, if a girl…if he strikes out with a girl he says, "Oh, I've been friendzoned."

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: It's like, no, it's because you're…

Erin: No, You screwed it up.

Maddox: It's cause you screwed up, you're a pussy.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: You're…you're too much of a coward to seal the deal and now you're blaming it on the woman.

Erin: Well, and it smells of…it reeks of pickup artistry.

Dick: Yeah! (proud)

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) (Erin cracks up)

Erin: I mean, that's what it is. Like…"Oh, let's talk about it and let's make her really vulnerable about both her dads dying and all of this stuff." And then…

Dick: And eating a dog!

Erin: Yeah, eating a dog. And say some racist stuff, and then I get to have sex with her. Oh, my god. The question is, did he have sex with her again? Probably not.

Dick: What do you mean? Why!?

Erin: Are you kidding me?

Dick: You don't think he would go back for seconds?!

Erin: Well, do you think SHE would say…yeah.

Dick: Probably boned her again 30 minutes later, right?

Erin: Ugh.

Maddox: Oh, my god. (Sean laughs)

Erin: Terrible. (Dick cracking up)

Maddox: Geez.

Erin: Terrrrrrrrrrrrible. (groans)

Dick: Alright. Can we do problems now? This is taking too long.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's get to the problems, guys.

Erin: That was a good story, though, by the way.

Dick: Thank you.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Thank you, James. Congratulations, buddy. (Maddox giggles) You earned it.

Maddox: Oh, and I should mention that Soundcloud account earlier, that I meant, Poo Police, it's actually by Joe Forsythe. He comments all the time in the page, too, so.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Thank you, Joe! Anyway, my problem this week. This might be the biggest problem in the universe in terms of the sexual universe, at least.

Erin: Mhmm?

Maddox: It's Poly-Evangelists.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Huh??! (grins)

Erin: Interesting. Interesting.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause…okay. So, first I should mention that way Erin and I met is…

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Is at a dating show.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: It was a Tinder dating show, where…

Erin: Live show.

Maddox: Live show. Mhmm. Where a bunch of people showed up and everybody hopped on Tinder in the audience.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: And we all tried to see how quickly we could match each other and if we could match someone in the room.

Erin: And we were viewing each other's profiles.

Maddox: Right.

Erin: So there was a big screen, and as a dating expert, and as an amazing guy, Maddox and I looked at their profiles and said, "Oh, we like that, oh that's not good, oh their pictures are great or terrible, or whatever."

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: We critiqued their profiles in real time.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Can…is there any way that we can get the terrorists to attack events like this? (they crack up)

Erin: It was so fun!!!

Dick: I would be…I would write in Osama Bin Laden for president if he could just hit these kinds of groups. Go ahead.

Erin: Awww. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. All we have to do is draw a few cartoons, get them all over our ass. (Erin and Maddox sigh) Okay, so…so at this event, one of our good friends, our mutual friend, is, I would say, a polyevangelist, right?

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Will you describe exactly what you mean by "evangelist"?

Maddox: Okay.

Erin: With the poly.

Maddox: So, polyevangelism is somebody who is…who partakes in the polyamorous scene..or poly…

Erin: Polyamory.

Maddox: Polyamory. Do you know what the definition of polyamory is?

Erin: Um, I believe it's "many loves", so to speak.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Poly and amorous. Or amory.

Maddox: Basically someone who bangs everyone. Um, and…I love this guy, and he's a great dude, but…

Erin: But respectfully, and everyone's on the same page and knows that they're having sex with multiple people.

Maddox: Yeah, of course.

Erin: So it's not cheating. There's a difference.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: People confuse the two.

Maddox: There's a huge difference.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: It's on the up and up.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: But…everyone I know who is a polyevangelist, and not just polyamorous, but a polyevangelist…

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Can't stop talking about it. It's all…

Erin: So there's a soapbox involved.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause they know it's a fucking lie. (Maddox laughs) That's why they can't… they want validation, 'cause they know it's all bullshit.

Erin: No, but why do you…oh my god, there's so much to talk about. Why do you say it's a lie? In what way is it a lie?

Dick: I think polyamory is for people who are too big of cowards to just not outright cheat. Like, they don't want to lose the relationship…

Maddox: It's not cheating, though.

Dick: Yeah, but it's fucking somebody else.

Erin: No, no, no. But what if you're single and then people you meet…you don't have any main partner yet. You're totally single and you meet someone and you're like "Listen, I identify more as polyamorous." So you're not even cheating with anyone straight off the bat.

Dick: I think that the world we're in now is so insane that we have to walk through the process of meeting someone, falling in love, and having a sexual relationship with them. Now, the most misogynistic person on the Internet is explaining to people the basics of courtship and attraction! Do we understand that?! (Erin and Maddox giggle) Do we understand that a person who is proud of that is explaining to everybody, "Yeah, you meet someone, you court them, you talk to them, you get to know them, chemicals in your brain cause you to experience love, and then you kinda want to just fuck only them and feel safe with them for a certain amount of time. Then it wears off. Then you start drinking. Then you start hanging out with your friends. Then you start lying about where you've been. (Erin giggles) Then you play too many video games. Then you start talking to a girl online who's just a friend, and then eventually, you fuck up one night, 'cause you got to drunk and fuck her. You're afraid to tell your girlfriend, so you start fighting with her a lot and blame her for doing the same thing with other guys that she's talking to at work!!! 'Cause they all are! And then you break up!! (Maddox laughs) In a big fight at TGI Friday's on Saturday!!! (Maddox, Erin, and Sean are laughing) You get back together on Sunday because you gotta take her to your parents' house and you're not gonna tell them that you guys broke up, 'cause it's fucking embarrassing, so you string it along for a couple more weeks until you just kinda stop seeing each other 'cause one of you moves to New York!! (yelling)

Maddox: Oh, my god. (Erin cheers)

Dick: Right!? That's what a relationship is!!! (Erin laughs) It's not all this weird shit with polyamory…

Erin: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause that sounds way healthier and way more desirable.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) That sounds awesome.

Dick: It's worked for 10,000 years. (Erin and Maddox laugh)

Erin: But has it? Has it?

Dick: I…I don't know. I don't wanna interrupt…I don't wanna interrupt your problem.

Erin: That was amazing, by the way. And a little too close to home, sounds like.

Maddox: Yeah, uh…It is. It is, Erin. (she laughs) It is really close to home.

Erin: Awwwwwwwwwww.

Maddox: I mean, but Dick, like, here's the thing. I think that there's something in the middle. You represent one extreme.

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Right? (Erin and Maddox laugh) You represent one side of that ideology. The opposite side of the ideology, I would say, which is traditionalist. That's a traditionalist view.

Erin: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is find a relationship.

Erin: Yes. One relationship.

Maddox: Get bored with it. One relationship, yeah. Get bored with it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then you…you are okay with cheating, right?

Dick: Well…I've done it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I couldn't say I'd never do it again, cause that would be insane.

Erin: How is that worse? How is that better…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, how is that better?

Erin: …than dating multiple people and everyone knowing and being okay with it.

Dick: I'll tell you why. 'Cause this is what I really think about polyamory.

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: I think one person in there is getting conned. Is getting sold a bill of polyamory and they're getting strung along…

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: Because when people say polyamory…

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: They're phrasing it in a way that's very manipulative, that you can't argue with. They want it to be "open". They want YOU to experience this love, too. "Oh, baby, we've only… I've only ever banged a couple people. We need to experience more of life!" and the other person's like "Well, I can't say no."

Erin: Yes, you can!!

Dick: Well, you can, but…

Erin: Yes?

Dick: But then you're gonna get hit with it again and again. It's a sales technique.

Erin: (interjects) Yeah, but, you know what?

Dick: You can say no to a new car…go ahead.

Erin: Yes? No, no, no. But I agree with you. But I'd much rather know what I'm buying than have no idea and then, you know, six months later, somebody says, "Oh, I saw your friend driving this new car. Did you know that they had this car?"

Maddox: Absolutely.

Erin: You know nothing about.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Erin: And, oh, and that car has bad brakes and you might get a disease from it.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Right, right, right. If you're up front about that…

Dick: You might get a disease…you can get herpes from a car. That's true.

Erin: What?!

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: What?! (skeptical) Did an ex-girlfriend tell you this?

Dick: That's sexual misinformation. No, I've told them that. (Erin and Dick laugh)

Maddox: I've been in a relationship like that, Erin, where…where it was near the end of the relationship. I mentioned this a couple episodes ago.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: 'Cause Dick brought in…was it cheating or cheaters as your problem?

Dick: Cheating.

Maddox: I think it was cheating.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: And it was kind of ambiguous, because it seemed like you brought it in as a problem but you didn't really have a problem with it. Which was confusing to me. (Erin giggles) Because I…when I get to the point…

Dick: (interjects) Well, I brought in armchair psychology and I do that as well.

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: Still a problem.

Maddox: When I get to that point in a relationship, I feel like…we talked about this, Erin, right before this broadcast too. On Periscope.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: We…when I get to that point, I feel like I would rather tell that person up front.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: And say, "Look, I am interested in having sex with other people."

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: "And I know this is really shitty to hear from somebody." Dick's rolling his eyes. (giggles) I'm surprised you can't hear him rolling his eyes!

Erin: What…yeah.

Maddox: But I…I feel like it sucks to tell somebody you love that information.

Erin: Of course.

Maddox: But it sucks even worse for them to find out on their own that you did it behind their back, because betrayal is way worse!

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: I totally agree. And I'll add to that. To be with someone and you can tell that something's off or weird or they're losing affection for you, but they're just not saying it to you…I hate that crap. I just broke…I was dating somebody. Quick story here. I was dating a couple of guys earlier this year.

Dick: Oh.

Erin: And both of them knew.

Dick: You're polyamorous?

Erin: I don't like to label, but I also tell people that I date. Depending on where I am in my life at the time.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: Plus, people know I'm a dating expert, so my life's probably a little untraditional anyway.

Maddox: Right.

Erin: But I say, "You know, I'm not looking for anything super serious right now." But if something develops, great. All of this to say, one of the guys, after about six months of dating was like, "Listen, I think you're really great and I'm so comfortable with you, but I think that we ultimately want different things, so we should probably stop dating now." And that was like, you know what? That's hard to hear, but I'd much rather hear that then…I could tell something had shifted in him. So rather than me just be like, "I feel like something's weird, but I'm just gonna ignore it." And then he cheat on me, or whatever. I'm like, "No, dude, just tell me what the deal is. I can take it." And he told me that. And we broke up. And we're friends, and it's cool.

Dick: And you were…were you still dating another guy during that?

Erin: Yeah. But he knew. He knew.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I've dated girls, too, where they wanted that commitment from me.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I told them, "I'm not ready to give you that commitment, because I'm dating other people."

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Yes!

Maddox: And…but if you do it behind their back, then it's doubly shitty.

Dick: Then it's…uh-huh..

Maddox: Because on one hand, you're a coward, and on the second hand, you're inconsiderate.

Erin: Totally.

Maddox: Because you are potentially opening them up to other sexually transmitted diseases that they might not know.

Dick: Oh, please! Dr…with the health angle. Don't fucking try that shit here!! (Erin laughs)

Erin: He's right, though! He's right!

Dick: Like he's always worried about public safety. (she laughs) Look, I'm…I'm…

Maddox: (interjects) It's not public safety, it's somebody I care about.

Dick: I'm giving them a fairy tale fantasy.

Maddox: Okay. (scoffs)

Erin: Oh, boy.

Dick: I'm just into you.

Erin: Or a nightmare.

Dick: That's it. Whatever you want. That's what I am.

Erin: That's terrible!

Maddox: No, you're that box of chocolates, where…

Dick: (interjects) Until I turn into foam. (they all laugh)

Maddox: Ahh, you'll see.

Dick: Then I'm fucking gone!

Erin: Oh, no!!!

Maddox: I'm making a video about that. Uh, you're that box of chocolates where everything looks good on the outside.

Dick: Yes. Yeah.

Erin: Mmm.

Maddox: And then on the inside, you bite in, and everything is that bullshit…

Dick: And it's mayonnaise.

Maddox: …pink nougat. Yeah. (Erin and Maddox laugh)

Erin: Pink nougat!!

Maddox: Pink nougat. That pink fucking nougat.

Erin: That's the worst.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: I totally know those. They're the worst chocolates ever.

Maddox: It's too sweet. It sticks to your teeth. It tastes like nothing.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: But it's like…

Erin: Empty calories. Just a bunch of whatever.

Maddox: Garbage. Garbage chocolate. Garbage chocolate Dick. (Erin snorts)

Dick: I think it's a fucking con.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: I think you guys can sell it. But I do think polyamory is a con.

Maddox: Look, man. I'm not gonna defend it, and I'm not a polyevangelist. But I…

Dick: You can barely get one girl, let alone two at a time, right?!

Maddox: Okay. Please. (Erin laughs) Like I said last episode, Dick. I've never had normal sex. Every time I've had sex, it's been a threesome. (they laugh)

Erin: He laughs as soon as he says it.

Dick: He's got…he's got two hands. That's why it's a threesome.

Maddox: Okay.

Erin: Awwwwwww.

Dick: One goes up the butt. (Maddox laughs) Right? I…no, look. I just talked to a girl at Burning Man.

Maddox: Oh. (scoffs)

Dick: I was…I don't wanna just tell the…

Erin: Which is, like, polyamory central, by the way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ehhh. Have you ever been?

Erin: No, but I have a bunch of friends who go…have been going for 15 years.

Maddox: Yeah. And they can't shut the fuck up about it! (Erin laughs) We all know what happens at Burning Man! We know about the orgy tent! We know everybody fucks everyone! We know, we know, we know!!! Everybody…okay.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: What's the Burning Man story?

Dick: This poor girl. (Maddox and Erin crack up) Was at this…poor, beautiful girl.

Erin: Aww.

Dick: Was at the soulmate trading center camp. The Costco.

Erin: What?!!?

Dick: It's Burning Man. And I start talking to her and this is…she'd just been through a nine year relationship that devolved into polyamory.

Erin: Well, that never works.

Maddox: No.

Erin: You can't go from monogamy to poly.

Dick: Why!?

Erin: You gotta start poly.

Maddox: You have to start that way.

Erin: 'Cause you've already established some level of connection with the two of you only that to bring another person in later is just gonna cause a bunch of effed up head games.

Dick: So this lim…

Erin: (interjects) You start off. Yes.

Dick: This limbo of attachment can only exist without being…like, you can't..

Erin: You gotta start with that. Start polyamorous.

Dick: Okay. Well that makes my point better than anything I could say, then!

Erin: No!!!

Maddox: What were you gonna say about her, though?

Erin: Yeah. Tell us.

Dick: Well, she was…she was destroyed. She was heartbroken by it.

Erin: Hmmm.

Dick: Like, it was like she was waking up after a bad nine-year dream.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I had to take her back to my tent and hook up with her. (Erin laughs) Immediately.

Erin: Poor thing!!! Ugh.

Dick: So…it was…yeah.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Eh, go ahead. This is your problem. What else do you have to say about polyamory?

Maddox: Yeah. I haven't even gotten into it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I wanna ta…I wanna say. One of the things that annoys me so much about polyevangelists. Is that there's so much jargon. That comes associated with it. It…it's not just a lifestyle, it's also a homework assignment. (Erin laughs) You have to…you really have to study. In fact, I have a game here, I wanna play with you guys.

Erin: Ooh, I like games.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I have a bunch of terms. This is…like, every poly website I've gone to, which is a lot. For research. (Erin laughs) Every poly website.

Dick: Do you wanna get into this? Are you a swinger now?

Maddox: No. Uh-uh.

Erin: That's a different thing, by the way. But go on.

Dick: Oh, GOD!!!!

Maddox: It…it is…(laughs) Erin, you're gonna do very well at this game. (she laughs) It's the poly glossary. Every website has one, and they all discuss all the different terms and acronyms and…there's so many.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Anyway. I wanna play this game with you guys. I wanna see if you guys can guess what the definition of…

Erin: I love it!

(Game show theme starts)

Maddox: Of some of these words are. Alright. We're playing the…the polyevangelist glossary game. Alright, guys. Here's the first one. "Fomo". Eff, oh, em, oh. What is a fomo?

Dick: Fomo?

Erin: Fear of missing out.

Maddox: Oh my god, that's correct, Erin!!!!! (laughing)

Dick: No.

Erin: Right?!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Correct. It is fear of missing out.

Dick: Little excited on the buzzer over here, alright.

Erin: That's not a poly term, though.

Dick: No, it's not.

Erin: It's just a life millennial term.

Maddox: Sorry, I should have let you guess as well, Dick.

Dick: We've had no successful games from that side of the table so far. (Erin laughs) So this would be a first.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Go ahead.

Erin: I love it!

Sean: I thought it was a homosexual relationship over the phone. (Erin cracks up)

Dick: No, that seems accurate!

Maddox: No.

Dick: In the context of the game.

Erin: That's pretty good. That was pretty good. That was pretty good.

Maddox: Okay. I didn't spell it, so I can see how you could mistake that (yes, you did!!!)

Dick: Here's another poly term. "BRB" (Erin laughs) Do you know what that means?

Erin: Be right back. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Go ahead, I'm sorry. Go ahead. What's the next one? (laughing)

Maddox: Alright. "Queening". Queening.

Dick: Queening?

Erin: Oh!!

Maddox: I want everyone to chime in before I say the correct answer.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Is that when the…oh man. I have an idea, but I don't know.

Dick: That's when you're…that's when you're shitting out a sparkly poop. (Erin giggles) It's like crowning, but it's fancier.

Erin: Is it when a girl is kind of in charge of the dynamic? The relationship dynamic, and the guy kind of bows down to her in some way, sexually?

Maddox: Oooh, close.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: And Sean, do you have any answer?

Sean: No answer.

Maddox: Okay. I'm gonna give it to Erin, because..

Erin: Woo!!

Maddox: Erin, you get a half a point for that. 'Cause what it is…it's also known as face sitting.

Erin: Ohhhhhh! Yes.

Maddox: The act involves a person who consensually forces another person. Consensually forces another person. Into mouth-to-genital or mouth-to-anal contact. And then the author's note: "Going ass-to-mouth is optional." So, anyway.

Erin: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Where's your health safety now?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's meningitis, brother.

Maddox: Well.

Erin: Do it…do it safely.

Maddox: Yeah. Wash. (laugh)

Erin: Dental dams!

Maddox: Dental…(laughs) Gross.

Erin: Or Saran Wrap.

Dick: This is the lifestyle you guys are living. You poly guys are living.

Erin: You don't know!!! (grins)

Maddox: I'm not this person!

Dick: You're slapping condoms on your tongue.

Erin: You don't know that I'm living this!

Maddox: What's a "dyad", guys? Next question. Dyad. Dee, Why, Ay, Dee. Dyad. And you can ask it to be used in a conversation. In a sentence.

Erin: Yes, please use it in a sentence.

Maddox: "My boyfriend is a dyad."

Dick: I have no idea what is a dyad.

Erin: (laughing) That's a terrible sentence.

Maddox: Okay. Here's a correct sentence. "I'm in a dyadic relationship with my boyfriend."

Erin: Does that mean that that person has two boyfriends?

Maddox: No.

Sean: But it's not dee, eye. It's dee why.

Maddox: Dee why.

Erin: Shoot. I don't know.

(Sound effect: "Wrong buzzer")

Maddox: I'm sorry, you guys are all idiots. (Erin laughs) It is…something that consists of two elements or parts, so a boyfriend-girlfriend diad. So that's just a normal relationship. They have a fucking term, dyad…

Sean: Why is it…why is it dee why? (dy)

Dick: Oh, I…

Erin: (interjects) Yeah, that's weird.

Maddox: I don't know. It just is.

Erin: That's weird.

Maddox: It's the fucking poly scene, man. Get with it, Sean.

Sean: Stupid. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Cowboy. What's a cowboy? Next question.

Dick: You're looking at him, buddy.

Erin: I don't know.

Maddox: Nope. Well, maybe. (laughs)

Erin: Oh. Uh-oh.

Maddox: What do you say? What do you say, Erin?

Erin: Um…I would say a guy who insists on having sex without protection.

Maddox: No, I'm sorry. Sean, any answers?

Dick: Wow, that was a good guess.

Erin: Thank you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Based on the clues.

Sean: I have no idea. (irritated) (Erin laughs)

Maddox: A male who tries to single out a poly partner for a monogamous relationship with them. That's a cowboy.

Dick: Like a poacher?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Erin: Oh, interesting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: I didn't know that term. Hmm.

Maddox: Okay. Here's an easy one. What's a pansexual?

Erin: Someone who…is involved with anyone, regardless of gender.

Dick: No, it's someone who fucks Teflon pans. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: I'm gonna give it to Dick on this one.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: It is somebody who fucks Teflon pans.

Erin: What?!?!

Dick: Yeah. It is.

Maddox: I'm sorry, Erin.

(Sound effect: Applause)

Erin: What the heck?!

Dick: I know that one.

Maddox: Not so smart now, dating girl.

Erin: No, that is it!!!

Maddox: Dating Advice Girl.

Dick: No, my friend is a pansexual.

Maddox: Yeah. Fucks Teflon.

Dick: He cooks up some cinnamon rolls every Saturday night.

Maddox: Mhmm. (Erin laughs)

Dick: And fucks the pan. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Puts his dick right in that glaze. Adds some to it.

Erin: Oh, my god.

Maddox: No, it is…Erin was correct. It's the attraction to all sexes and/or genders, and/or attractions. Is gender blind. So somebody who is gender blind?

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Well…

Erin: Yeah, they don't see gender.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Okay…well, that's…

Erin: They just see beautiful people.

Maddox: Then they're blind. Then they're just regularly blind. (Erin guffaws) That's just normal blind. If you don't see gender. Okay…here's…here's…(giggles)

Dick: But isn't that bisexual?

Maddox: Well…

Erin: No, because…

Dick: What's pansexual?

Erin: You could be…you could be, you know, male identifying as female, female identifying as male. You could be born male, you could be born female. You could be…

Maddox: Hermaphroditic?

Erin: Right.

Dick: Right. (sighs) I'm regretting…

Maddox: Androgenous?

Erin: There's just a lot of…mhmm.

Dick: You know what? I'm glad…I'm still stupid enough to ask that question.

Maddox: Yep. (sighs)

Erin: I know a lot.

Maddox: Guys, here's another easy one. Here's one that I think you'll get, you guys. Sean, I think you got this one. (Erin scoffs) What is a "hot bi babe"?

Erin: Oh, I don't know this.

Dick: Hot bi babe?

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: I mean, is it just a hot bisexual woman?

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Sean: That's what I would guess.

Maddox: It's….well, actually, so, they go in more detail. It says, "It's a mythical female that some couples seek. She is supposed to be equally attracted to both male and female in the relationship."

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Sean: So, this only exists on, like, sitcoms, and stuff?

Erin: That's like a unicorn!!

Maddox: Yeah. A unicorn.

Erin: A unicorn!

Maddox: It's another word for unicorn.

Erin: Okay, I get a point for that!!!

Maddox: Okay.

Erin: Come on!

(Sound effect: "Ding!")

Maddox: Well, I guess you bullied a point out of me. Good job, Erin! (laughs)

Erin: Um, yeah! 'Cause I'm correct! (giggles)

Dick: You queened him!! (Erin cackles)

Maddox: Oh, my god.

Erin: I word-queened him. Word-wise, yes.

Maddox: Okay. Guys, what is…what is a metamour? Metamour.

Erin: I know.

Dick: Metamour?

Maddox: Metamour.

Erin: I know what it is.

Maddox: You know what it is?

Dick: I don't know.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, Erin?

Erin: This is why I do what I do!

Dick: Is it like a…Optimus Prime? (Erin giggles)

Maddox: No. It is not. Dick, I'm sorry.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Sean? Any guess?

Erin: So…can I…?

Maddox: Erin. Please.

Erin: So, it's basically when there's a polyamorous couple and…uh, say there's a guy who's polyamorous in the middle and he has two girlfriends, the girlfriends are metamours. So they're not…

Maddox: Yes.

Erin: The girlfriends aren't dating each other, but they're both girlfriends of the middle guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Yesssssss!

Maddox: Correct.

Erin: I love winning!

(Sound effect: "Ding!")

Dick: Hmm.

Erin: I love it!

Maddox: And there's also another word for this. It's just a letter, actually. It's a "v".

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: So…so. Yeah. They're the other person's "v". So if you are…you're kind of like a pivot, and you're dating two girls, but neither one are in any type of relationship, either sexual, or platonic, with the other person.

Dick: Do these people have jobs? (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Exactly!

Dick: Do they sit around and write all these stupid glossaries all day?!

Erin: It takes a lot of time. Yeah.

Maddox: And on that note, what's a paramour?

Erin: Oh, I don't know this.

Maddox: Any lover.

Dick: Yeah, a lo…

Erin: It's a band, isn't it?

Maddox: Yeah. It's just any love. Paramour. Yeah, I guess it…it could be named after that, too. What's a pirate? This one's…I like this one.

Erin: Oh, I don't know.

Maddox: Uh, Dick?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Sean? A pirate used to…used to describe an individual that claims to be poly but who secretly attempts to interfere with an existing relationship…

Erin: (interjects) Oh, see? That's BS.

Dick: Oh. (interested)

Maddox: …in order to take an individual away from that relationship.

Erin: I don't like that.

Dick: I've done that a shitload.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Erin: See?!!?

Dick: Is that a….they have a word for that?!

Maddox: A pirate.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Oh, alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm considered…fucking batten down the hatches, baby. I'm coming aboard.

Erin: Guess who's sort of in the polyamory realm now, hmmmm?

Maddox: Who's that? Mhmmm.

Erin: If you're a pirate, that's considered to be in the world of polyamory.

Maddox: Yeah, but…also…

Dick: (interjects) Well, where's my glossary!? (Maddox and Erin laugh)

Maddox: To be…to be fair, Erin, so is a normal relationship. A dyad.

Erin: True. True. True story.

Maddox: They have…they have a term for everyone and everything in here. I mean, the list just goes on and on and on. I could spend the rest of this entire show talking about just these glossary terms.

Dick: No. (tired of it)

Maddox: There's polyandry, polygamy, there's polygyny, which is the state or…what's it. The state or practice of having more than one wife or female mate in your relationship.

Dick: Polygamy. We know what polygamy is, yeah. Multiple…

Maddox: (interjects) No, no. That's polygyny. So specifically wife.

Dick: More than guy.

Maddox: More than one woman is polygyny.

Erin: Ohhhhhh.

Maddox: But polygamy could be a guy or girl.

Dick: Oh.

Erin: Ohhhhh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, yeah, right, like there's gonna be a bunch of dudes. (laughs)

Erin: Oh, there are.

Maddox: There are, actually.

Erin: There are. Los Angeles.

Maddox: One of…no!

Dick: Get the fuck outta here! (grins)

Maddox: I worked…no. This was in Utah. I worked with one. (Erin gasps) I worked with this guy who was like, you know, anxiously gay. Which is…(Erin giggles) I like to describe as like he wants to make sure you know he's gay within the first two sentences.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: Mmm.

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: And…and on top of that…this was in Utah, by the way. This was back in, like, 1997. Maybe 98.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Way back in the day. Uh…he was not only gay, but he was a gay polygamist. So he had multiple husbands.

Erin: Wow! Wow.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: In Utah.

Maddox: Well, it's not that strange in Utah. (laughs) If you think about it.

Erin: What?!!?

Maddox: Well, think about…think about Utah's history.

Erin: This is…no, but the gay part of that.

Dick: Wha…

Maddox: Yeah. The gay part is really weird.

Erin: That's amazing. Yeah. Wow.

Maddox: Not only is it rare for somebody to be especially that openly gay in Utah, but also to be a polygamist.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…and actually, he would be a polygynist. No, that's wife. He's a polyandr… (Erin laughs) There's one specifically for multiple husbands. That's what he is.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Erin: Wow.

Maddox: Anyway, guys. This goes on and on. I'll just end on this one here. It's "spice". It's the plural of "spouse".

Dick: Oh, my god.

Maddox: So if you have more than one spouse.

Dick: Kill me. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, I know.

Erin: Yeah, it's a lot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So wait, is your problem polygamy, or is it this glossary? What is the problem?

Maddox: No. It's polyevangelists, Dick. 'Cause I know you have this problem with them, too. They can't talk about anything else. And I I…and by the way, the guy that we know, that we have in common, Erin.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: I love the dude. He's a great dude.

Erin: No, he is a great dude.

Maddox: But…but the polyevangelists, like, that's…

Dick: (interjects) I think he's great also. (Erin and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: It consumes their life. They are…they queen each other.

Dick: Yeah. (Erin guffaws)

Erin: Well, it is…it's…it's…you know what it is, though? I have the same problem with monogamists who are like, "This is the only way, and I judge every other lifestyle."

Maddox: Right.

Erin: I feel like that's your problem. It's people in the polyamory realm who are judgmental to anyone who doesn't agree with that.

Maddox: I can say what you just said in three words.

Erin: Say it.

Maddox: Get a hobby. (Erin laughs)

Dick: Get a hobby.

Erin: That is their hobby!!

Maddox: Exactly. They need another one. They need a new one. They need anything but that, 'cause I am so tired of hearing about it, guys. We know it's great. We know you found your thing. But it's also like any kind of evangelism. Like, evangelism…when you think of the word "evangelist", you think of a Christian evangelist, which is annoying. 'Cause they're sitting there proselytizing to you their religion and their ideology.

Erin: Sure.

Dick: Noooo.

Maddox: Well, polyamory is also an ideology and a religion, too. It's their lifestyle.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: It's their…it's their culture. What do you want to say?

Dick: No. It's a timeshare. (Maddox laughs) That's what it is. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Probably, yeah. That's what it is.

Dick: It's people…it's people who bought a timeshare and they're telling you about how great their timeshare in Cabo is, because they're trying to convince themselves that it's good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that they didn't just buy a piece of shit that they only get for three weeks out of the year. (Erin guffaws)

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Wow, that's actually an interesting analogy.

Dick: That's what it is. Oh, it's interesting, alright, baby.

Maddox: I like that a lot. It's real interesting until you have to listen to it for more than 5 minutes. 5 seconds.

Erin: Hey! I have…I listen to all of these type thing all the time doing what I do.

Maddox: I know.

Erin: But I just want to say that…I will say, again, as a dating expert that everyone's lifestyle choice is their choice, and so there's no right or wrong choice. But I just…I'm with you.

Dick: (interjects) I dis…they're all wrong.

Erin: Wait, wait. But anyone who's on…(laughs)

Dick: Every choice.

Erin: But anyone who's on a soapbox, I get annoyed with.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: So in that realm, I understand.

Maddox: Because if I was…look. For some reason, it's accepted. I shouldn't say accepted. It's tolerated.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: But…if it were the other way around. If straight people were like, "Hey, you know, you guys should all just be in straight relationships all the time."

Erin: (interjects) Which they do!!!

Dick: Aren't they?!

Maddox: They do, yeah, but they're…they're bigots. They're essentially bigots.

Dick: BIGOTS?! (incredulous)

Maddox: No, no. If they're the ones who are telling people, especially homosexuals.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: They're like "you should be in straight relationships."

Erin: Mmm.

Maddox: "With one other person as God intended." That's annoying, because it's bigotry at that point, right?

Erin: It…

Dick: (interjects) Well, now you're describing bigotry. (Erin laughs) So yes. (grins) It definitely is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Straight people saying that homosexuality is a sin against God is certainly bigotry.

Maddox: But it's essentially…it's essentially them preaching their beliefs and their lifestyles, no different than polyamorists. Except…

Erin: True.

Maddox: We just accept polyamory because eeehhh, it's just a bunch of weirdos fucking each other. (Sean laughs)

Erin: No, but we don't. We don't all accept it. We do in LA, because we're in LA.

Dick: Fat weirdos. (Maddox laughs)

Erin: But a lot of people don't get it. (laughs) (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Like a Ren Faire.

Dick: They are.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, man.

Dick: It is.

Erin: Awww, I went to that this year!

Dick: It's like a smelly…ohohohooho!!!

Erin: It was so fun! (Maddox laughing) No, it was so fun.

Maddox: Wait, wait, Erin. Did you stay after hours?

Erin: No.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: Okay, after hours…

Dick: That's when they drop the codpieces.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: And the chain mail. (Erin squeals)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Start clanking swords and jousting each other.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, yes.

Erin: Oh, my gosh…(laughs)

Dick: Flim-flamming each other. They get on their glib globs.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Their DLTs.

Maddox: They cosplay into each other's eyes.

Dick: Alright. (Maddox snorts)

Erin: Oh, man.

Dick: Can we get a new problem?

Maddox: All over their faces. Let's get a new problem. Erin, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Timeshare. It's a fucking timeshare. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: It is. I like that analogy a lot.

Dick: Alright?

Erin: That is an interesting analogy.

Maddox: Erin…as our guest.

Erin: Yes. Yes.

Dick: Wait, lemme read…lemme just say that this…

Maddox: Oh yeah, that's right.

Dick: This episode is brought to you by Harry's.

Erin: Ah, yes. (whispers)

Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save 5$ off your first purchase. I got a couple people saying that they were having trouble with the promo code.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So…so everybody go try and use it so we know that it works. (Maddox laughs) Alright?! (Erin giggles) That's what I wanna say! They make…Erin, have you ever heard of Harry's razors before?

Erin: I have not.

Dick: I mean, they're marketing to men, that's why we're reading the ad on this show, 'cause we've got a shitload of manly men…

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: Listening who are probably…a lot of them are single and are looking to mingle.

Erin: (gasps) Probably.

Dick: But they also work for women. They're great for…women use shitty razors.

Erin: Yeah, we do.

Dick: You guys use shit razors.

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: You gotta use Harry's.

Maddox: Have you ever used a man's razor?

Erin: Okay. I'll try it.

Maddox: Erin, have you ever used a man's…

Erin: Of course.

Dick: If you got a couple guys staying over. (Maddox laughs) And they're bringing their razors in…

Erin: I'm like "Who wants to shave my legs for me, boys?"

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: They're tripping over themselves. (Erin laughs) If you're the V…if you're the V, you got one guy on each leg.

Erin: Mhmm. (laughs)

Maddox: You want them to use a good quality razor!

Erin: Correct!!!

Maddox: Harry's. (Erin laughs)

Erin: That was awesome.

Dick: http://www.harrys.com was started by two guys who are pas…doesn't say if they're polyamorous or not. Who are passionate about creating a better shaving experience.

Maddox: Yeah, you know how you'd know if they were polyamorous? They'd tell you.

Dick: That's what it would…it would be called "polyamorous shave". (they all laugh)

Maddox: Poly Harry.

Dick: It would be called Harr-polyamorous-ry-polyamorous-'s. (Erin signs)

Maddox: It would be…

Dick: (interjects) Polyamorous shave.

Maddox: It'd be called Harryamory. (Erin laughs) What, nothing?

Dick: Their starting kit is just $15. (giggles) (Maddox and Erin crack up) That includes a razor, three blades, so I know you wanna switch between blades!!!

Maddox: Uh-huh! (grins)

Dick: You got your choice of blades every night of the week!

Erin: I love it. Choices. I like choices.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And shaving cream OR foaming shave gel.

Erin: Mmmm.

Dick: As an added bonus, you get $5 off your first purchase with our code "BIGGESTPROBLEM". There you go.

Erin: Sounds great.

Dick: Alright. What's…what is your problem? The beautiful Erin.

Erin: Thank you very much.

Dick: The Dating Advice Girl.

Erin: So my problem is that…from single people, especially in Los Angeles, I hear that there are no quality guys and girls.

Maddox: No quality…no single quality guys and girls, right?

Erin: No single quality guys and girls. All the good guys and girls are taken.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: I've heard this a lot too, especially with regards to women, and I used to think that, and I still do. (Erin laughs)

Dick: Yes, it's absolutely true. And it's a big problem!! We're not…we're not…we're agreeing with you!

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: It is a big problem. It is a big problem, but I would argue that they…that just for whatever reason, these guys and girls aren't meeting each other. They do exist. I feel like. It's a big problem, because most single people think there aren't any quality guys or girls, but I know differently, because I meet them all the time!

Dick: So what would you say the problem is, then?

Erin: That the quality guys and girls are not meeting each other. So they think that there are no quality guys and girls.

Maddox: Well, where are you meeting all these quality guys and girls? I'm really curious.

Dick: Gun clubs.

Maddox: Mostly the girls.

Dick: Donald Trump rallies.

Erin: I do one-on-one coaching with them….(cracks up)

Maddox: Donald Trump rallies. (laughing)

Erin: Donald Trump rallies…

Dick: My life coach and I bought tickets today…(grins)

Maddox: Oh, I bet.

Dick: To go see the Donald Trump rally at the USS Indianapolis.

Maddox: Oh. Ugh. These dopes. (grins)

Dick: $100 a ticket.

Maddox: Two of them together.

Erin: $100!?!?

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: He's a billionaire! What…

Dick: You can never have too much money.

Erin: That's ridiculous. Yeah, clearly.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…

Erin: Clearly. Um, so…I meet them a lot because I go to a lot of singles events and those kind of things.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Erin: Um, but I also…I also feel like a lot of quality guys and girls kind of avoid going out.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: In some weird way, they're afraid to go out, because they're like…"There's nobody out there for me, so I'm just gonna stay home." Or I'm just gonna…we were saying earlier. A lot of single girls that I know are amazing just do brunches with other girls.

Maddox: Oh.

Erin: Or, like, do things only with their gender. We're talking hetereosexual relationships.

Dick: Or their dog. They take their little dog out to brunch.

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeeeah.

Erin: Yes. But that can be social too!

Dick: And stare into each other's eyes.

Erin: Yes, but you can go…like, dog parks. I know people who've met at dog parks before.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: 'Cause their dogs, like, puppy up to each other, and it's like "rawrawrawrawr" whatever.

Dick: So why do you do that? Why do you think they cloister themselves up in their apartments or…

Erin: Fear. Fear of rejection. Fear of someone not being interesting.

Maddox: Okay, well…

Erin: Fear of, like, meeting crazy people.

Maddox: Erin, then, I have to call you out on something. (Erin gasps)

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: I'm sorry. Those are not…

Erin: I get a buzzer?!?!

Maddox: (laughs) Those are not quality guys and girls if they are the people who are too afraid of rejection.

Erin: Yes…no!!!

Maddox: I'm not sure I want to meet them!

Erin: I disagree.

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: I wanna meet those confident people!

Dick: I only want confident, alpha females! (Maddox laughs) I only want American Gladiators.

Sean: They just performed the whitest high five I have ever seen in my life. (Erin cracks up)

Dick: Fuck you, Sean!!

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean!!!! (Erin still laughing) Use that for the fucking sound clip. Dick… that's the first time Dick and I have ever high fived on this show. That's fucking dope as shit!

Erin: They are sitting across from each other and it's kinda far. They're kinda far away.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, we're making a V right now with Erin the middle. (laughing)

Erin: That's true, they kind of are. (grins) There you go.

Maddox: So Erin, you were saying that's not true. You think that the people who are afraid of rejection aren't necessarily bad quality people. Why?

Erin: No, no, no, no, no. Like, there's something…I think there are people who maybe aren't a 10 on the self confidence scale who are amazing people, but maybe they just need to find somebody, who, you know, is on the same page with them. So if they're an 8 with self confidence, they need another 8. But also, you know, if you've gotten out of a break up or something, your self confidence might not be at the highest, but that doesn't mean you should be a reject, either. You know?

Dick: Not enough settling. (Maddox laughs) Is what I'm hearing. I totally agree with that. Anyone who's asking me for getting laid advice, I'm like, "Look, learn to settle for less."

Erin: Well, listen. I don't think you're wrong. For example, I know somebody who is…he's probably on a scale of 1 to 10, maybe a 5. And I don't mean that in a mean way. I just mean in terms of looks, he's a very average-looking guy, but…

Dick: What's an average-looking guy to you?

Erin: Oh, man…it's…

Dick: You can describe him.

Maddox: What's an average-looking celebrity? Yeah.

Erin: Um…a little to a lot overweight, but he knows it.

Dick: Okay. Mhmm.

Erin: So it's not like a glandular thing, it's like he knows…you know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Um…a little, like, kinda like the letter you were reading earlier. A little not aware of himself in terms of, like, what might be offensive or not.

Maddox: Yeeeeah.

Erin: You know?

Dick: What was offensive in that letter? Should I read it again?

Maddox: Noooooooooo.

Erin: The racist stuff!! (cracks up) Um, so things like that. Okay, so let's just go ahead.

Maddox: I pictured that guy. Can I tell you what I pictured?

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: The letter reader.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So, he has…

Dick: Well, not the reader. The writer.

Maddox: The writer, yeah. (they laugh)

Dick: You fucking watch your mouth. (Erin cracks up)

Maddox: I'll tell you what I think the writer looked like who wrote that letter.

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Um, he probably had a really hairy mop haircut, right? Too much hair.

Erin: Hmmm…

Maddox: Big burns coming down the sides. Chubby cheeks. Freckles.

Erin: Chubby cheeks. (giggles)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Itty bitty nose!

Dick: Getting a little weird. (grins)

Erin: What the…yeah, I know, this is weird. (laughing)

Dick: Very weird description.

Maddox: Like a French chef.

Erin: Oh, don't talk about the French!!

Maddox: Like, cartoon! (laughing)

Erin: I love them.

Maddox: Like a cartoon French chef, like an itty bitty nose, and big chubby cheeks.

Dick: So Chef Boyardee, you think!? (Maddox laughs) Is writing me about his erotic conquests?

Maddox: Like a young Chef Boyardee, yeah. (Erin cracks up)

Dick: A young, hairy, Chef Boyardee.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Would you say he's a 5?

Erin: Mmm, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Nailed it.

Dick: Okay, go on.

Erin: So…this Chef Boyardee type of dude was going for, like 9s and 10s.

Dick: Yeah. Ridiculous.

Erin: And…well, right.

Maddox: Well, good for him.

Dick: That's offensive. No, that's offensive.

Erin: Well, no. Not good, 'cause he wasn't pulling any of 'em.

Dick: And he's ruining it for guys like me.

Erin: So, yeah.

Dick: Who deserve 9s and 10s.

Maddox: Other 5s and…yeah. (they laugh)

Erin: Other 5s and 6s. No, no, no. (Maddox laughs) But…(giggles) so in those ways, like, I feel like, you know, if he would go for a solid 5, or maybe even a 6.

Dick: Mhmm.

Erin: He would do better, and then so then there would be some equal…so girls who are maybe an 8 are getting hit on by the Chef Boyardee 5 guy.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: And saying, "I don't wanna get hit on by that anymore."

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: "So I'm just gonna stay at home."

Maddox: Mmmm. (uncertain)

Erin: And just wallow in self pity.

Maddox: Well, here's the thing.

Dick: No, that's…I 100% agree with what you're saying.

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: And I hate it.

Erin: I hate it, too! It's ridiculous. 'Cause there are good dudes out there.

Maddox: Oh, Erin.

Dick: And the pickup artists are causing it. They're marauding around like Mad Max, exhausting resources and beautiful women.

Erin: Yes. But you know, that scene is getting a big thumbs down lately.

Dick: Like locusts.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Like, there's been some bad things that have happened. Australia.

Dick: What do you mean?

Erin: There was something in Australia.

Maddox: Yeah. There was that guy who went to Australia.

Erin: Yeaaaaah.

Maddox: Who's a real piece of shit. Like, his…his, umm…his strat…I forget the guy's name.

Erin: I forget it, too.

Maddox: But his…his strategy. He was telling a bunch of pickup artists, who came to a convention center in a hotel lobby, who paid tickets.

Erin: Paid thousands of dollars.

Maddox: Like, people go to a Trump rally. The same people.

Dick: Mhmm. Okay. (Erin and Maddox laughs)

Maddox: They paid tickets…

Dick: (interjects) Tell me, what is this guy's name!? (Erin and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: It's in Australia, so I'm sure your man over there has probably seen him.

Erin: Chef Boyardee.

Dick: My man?

Maddox: No, no, the new man. The guy..

Erin: Chef Boyardee.

Dick: Oh, Chef Boyardee. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. So anyway…

Dick: Jeremy.

Maddox: They went to this rally and this guy was talking about his approach in Japan. Because as a white guy in Japan…

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: You're going to clean house.

Erin: Right.

Maddox: Because a lot of Japanese…

Dick: Really?! (interested)

Maddox: Japanese women generally like white guys. To them, it's exotic.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: Also, the same thing in Greece. (Erin giggles) Greek women love white guys.

Dick: Well. Except for Angelo's mom.

Maddox: Except for…well. (Erin laughs) She likes some white guys, buddy. But yeah, no. He was saying in Japan, it's so easy to pick up women.

Erin: Right.

Maddox: That you can just, like, go up to them and make out with them.

Erin: Oh my God.

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: And he started…he started doing that, and he went to some places. And the girls, like, were uncomfortable about it, but they kissed back eventually.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: But it's like, uh, but then…

Dick: A little Pepe Lepuey.

Maddox: It is. (Erin giggles) It is a little Pepe Lepuey. Very rapey. It's rape-adjacent.

Erin: It is, yeah.

Maddox: You know? It's rape.

Erin: Which is close enough to be not okay.

Maddox: It's close enough. You don't do that.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: If somebody did that to me…guy or girl, I'd be upset.

Dick: Oh really? (skeptical) (Maddox cracks up) If a hot…(Erin laughs)

Erin: No, but that's a perfect analogy, though. If, like, say…

Dick: Proof it's never happened to you. Go ahead. (laughs)

Maddox: Please.

Erin: No, but say you're heterosexual. If someone of your same gender came up to you and did something like that and you would be offended, then it's probably not okay.

Maddox: Yeah, because you're also making an assumption about their sexual orientation.

Erin: Right.

Maddox: You're also making an assumption about their relationship.

Erin: And that they think you're attractive.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Like, how arrogant are you to think that every Japanese girl is gonna think you're hot?

Dick: You guys don't have to explain that sexual assault is bad. (Maddox and Erin laugh) Like, you don't have to explain why walking around assaulting women is wrong.

Maddox: Welll….

Erin: Some people…

Dick: We know this. It's illegal.

Maddox: It's in…Dick, I'm just being thorough because it's in the glossary. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Okay.

Erin: Yes. Yes. YES. (Maddox laughs) Back to the glossary.

Dick: So what was this thing in Australia? What do you mean?

Maddox: It was that. He was telling guys to just go to Japan and just start making out with chicks.

Dick: You need a thousand dollars to learn how to walk up to a Japanese girl and stick your tongue in her mouth?

Maddox: Look, this guy's a real piece of shit.

Erin: That's the point.

Maddox: Anyway, he did…he was one of the…he's kind of like…uh, probably the worst of the pickup artist scene.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: So you were saying that that's kind of a negative rap, right?

Erin: Yes, well, and I mean it's made it so that the world is kinda seeing it more as a predatory thing, whereas if you went, like, 10 years back, it would be like…(gasps) there's this thing! So a lot of… I know some pickup artists personally.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Erin: And a lot of them are changing their brands right now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh. (scoffs)

Erin: Because it's seen as something that's not…that guys don't wanna do now.

Maddox: Well, I…

Erin: Which is good in some ways.

Maddox: I know Neil Strauss.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: He's the guy who wrote The Game.

Erin: Totally.

Maddox: He wrote the book.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: And he's a…he's a great dude.

Erin: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: He's actually very personable.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: One of the most affable people I've ever met. Very generous. Very friendly.

Erin: Yes. Mhmm.

Maddox: Very knowledgeable. Makes you feel comfortable. Because he's worked on himself.

Erin: Right.

Maddox: And I read…I read The Game.

Erin: I did too. I have a copy of it.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a…I thought it was a great book.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Because he talks about…in the early chapter of the Game, in the Prologue.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: He talks about the necessity for the Game. Because he says that as men, we are taught how to throw footballs and how to change a tire.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: And how to change our oil, and all these things.

Erin: Not even that.

Dick: None of that is true.

Erin: Nobody…not now. Back in the day.

Maddox: Back in the day. Now.

Erin: Boys now don't know. Yes.

Maddox: Well, but he said that we are never taught how to flirt properly. How to approach women.

Erin: True.

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: How to…no.

Dick: How did I learn all of this stuff?

Erin: Were you taught? Yeah, where did you learn it?!

Maddox: You didn't. You haven't.

Dick: I don't kno…(stammers)

Erin: Nobody's taught any of this stuff unless it's from, like, a brother, or the Internet, which is…wrong. (laughs)

Maddox: Dick, I mean, I love you, man. And I think you could do…

Dick: Kinda…that's…you'd better watch it. (Maddox and Erin laugh)

Maddox: Listen. I'm coming onto you, here. No, but I think…I think that if guys knew these…some of these techniques…and ultimately, it all comes down to this. Neil Strauss said that you could either study the Game, or you could take an improv class and then be confident.

Erin: Completely.

Maddox: Like, that's all it is.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: The Game is…I can summarize it in two concepts. One, be confident.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Two, be interesting.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's it.

Erin: Social skills.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, but let's be honest. You gotta keep that improve shit to yourself. 'Cause what girl wants to say they fucked an improve comedian?

Maddox: No one. (Erin laughs) No girl.

Dick: Exactly zero.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: That's disgusting.

Maddox: You keep it inside. You bottle it up like a dirty secret.

Dick: It is dirty.

Maddox: Never let it out. 'Cause as soon as they get that stink…they smell that stink on you, they're out the door.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: No! But I do like comedy, by the way. I really do. It is a turn-on for me.

Maddox: Sure.

Erin: But, I will say…I've sat in on a lot of the..

Dick: False. Is that true?

Erin: What?

Dick: That you like comedy. You like it as…

Erin: No, no. I love comedy. I've dated some comedians. I enjoy it.

Dick: You like it as a dressing, though.

Erin: No, no. I like it.

Dick: You…okay. Okay, wait. Lemme…lemme back this up.

Erin: That's a whole other topic, though.

Dick: Okay…well, I'm just saying. You hear girls say, "I like funny guys."

Erin: I do.

Dick: But it's like, you like the funny as the whip cream on the cake.

Erin: If someone can make me laugh, it's a bigger turn-on than a lot of other things.

Maddox: Hey, how about a pie in the face, huh?

Erin: I don't want that. (Maddox laughs) I don't want a pie in my face, no. I don't. (giggles) But, okay, Just to wrap up.

Maddox: Yes, please.

Erin: Just really quick.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: So, um, the pickup artists…I've sat in on their workshops. Where guys are there. Nerdy guys, who've never had a girlfriend. Virgins. Whatever. And I walked in as a girl being, like, I'm the only girl here. I'm gonna hate these guys. And, you know, I'm like, there's actual things that these guys can learn. They're getting…they're learning social skills. Just to get comfortable communicating with people. That is worth a lot. I really do feel like. But I also feel like anything can be used for good or evil.

Maddox: So you…you teach dating advice, too, right?

Erin: I do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: I do workshops and things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: A lot of it is social skills and communication, honestly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: And getting clear on what you want.

Maddox: So essentially, those two rules that I've narrowed down.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: That I've boiled the Game down to, which is…

Dick: (interjects) Be interesting?

Maddox: Be interesting and be confident.

Erin: But how do you just be confident?

Dick: Yeah, that's what…every time we go over this, he's got no followups for that.

Maddox: No, I do. I do.

Erin: I got some answers for that.

Maddox: I can tell you how I personally became confident, right?

Erin: Love it.

Maddox: So, I was…

Dick: I'd rather hear the expert's version…(Erin cracks up)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: But if you please go ahead…

Maddox: Well, I wanna hear the…do you wanna…do you have a…

Erin: Yeah, yeah. I have a couple of things.

Maddox: Okay. What's your approach?

Erin: So, uh…for confidence. Try something new. Accomplish something.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a…

Erin: So, like, maybe some hobby, guitar, something like that.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Or like a Midori Sour. (Erin giggles) Right?

Maddox: Ooookay.

Dick: Like, try something new at the bar.

Erin: No, no!!! No. Like, something that you have to make with your hands, or learn, or something like that. That's really great. I always tell people right before a date, if they're nervous and they don't have confidence, do something, like, go to the gym.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Like, do something that's gonna pump you up and make you feel awesome.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like take a big shit.

Erin: If that makes you feel awesome, then yes.

Dick: Okay. (Erin giggles)

Maddox: Uh, well then…

Dick: Oh, you don't like that one?!

Maddox: You can't go queening on your date. (Sean groans) No queening for you.

Erin: Well, some people are into that, tooooooo….(groans)

Maddox: Yeah, ooooh. That's a crusty queen. That's what they call those.

Erin: Ugggggh!!

Maddox: It's in the glossary!!

Erin: Is it really!?

Maddox: No. No. (grins) I just made that up. (Erin giggles) Erin, that's really good advice. Ultimately, I did that.

Erin: What's yours?

Maddox: I did that. Um…

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, for me…for me, I lost a lot of weight. I lose 70 pounds.

Erin: Amazing.

Maddox: But then also, my…my problem as a single guy was, I was always that dude, the chump, who would go to a bar and look around, and I'd think, "Oh, none of these girls are good enough for me." And I would dismiss them.

Erin: Ohhhhhhhhhhh.

Maddox: I would dismiss them outright. And I was wondering. I had this inkling in the back of my mind that I might be doing it as a self-defense mechanism.

Erin: Totally.

Maddox: Right?

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Because I'm afraid of rejection.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then I thought one day I'm gonna test myself. I'm going to go pick up a girl who I had no interest in.

Erin: Oh, I love this. I love it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: I love this.

Maddox: So I walked right up to this solid 5.

Erin: Love it.

Maddox: 5 is a little generous. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: So this is the chick Chef Boyardee.

Maddox: The chick Chef Boyardee! (Erin giggles)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like the mom in Goonies. (Maddox cracks up)

Erin: Oh, no, wait, is she a 5?

Maddox: No, she's like a…she's a 2 on a good day.

Erin: Oh. Phew! Anyway, yes.

Maddox: So this girl was a solid 5, right?

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: I walk up to her and I just, like, start talking to her.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Like, thinking I'm doing this chick a favor.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: She shut me down so hard.

Dick: Mhmm. (Erin gasps)

Maddox: I was…I was reeling. My head was spinning, I was shut down so hard.

Erin: Wow. Wow.

Maddox: And I thought, "Holy shit, I suck." I have no game.

Erin: Oh my gosh.

Maddox: And so that's when I realized it's a problem I needed to work on, and I did. It took a long time.

Erin: And that's self awareness, which is amazing, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: That…that can help a lot of people, too.

Maddox: Anyway, I could go on and on, but Dick, we should…

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: We should get to your problem. Thank you Erin, good problem. Awesome.

Erin: Thank you.

Dick: So wait. What is the problem that we're voting on? There's not enough good people out there to date. Right?

Maddox: No quality single guys and girls. Is that…

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause everybody kinda sucks. (Erin laughs) Wouldn't you agree?

Erin: Yeah. Just like, everyone's awesome. You could say any statement like that. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I like where this is going.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: You can say words.. (laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Erin: Exactly! (snorts)

Dick: Alright. Uh…how much time do I have? Eeeehhhh..

Maddox: Dick, we got time, yeah. What's you problem?

Dick: Nah, we're pressing on it.

Maddox: No, no. Let's hear it. We can go a little bit over.

Erin: We want it! We want them problem.

Dick: This is my problem. I'll give you the short version of this. It's another Burning Man story. I don't wanna go…(Erin gasps)

Erin: Love it. (whispers)

Dick: But this one's relatable to everyone, though.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: It's not specifically about Burning Man.

Maddox: Okay.

Erin: Okay.

Dick: 'Cause this is a big problem.

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: I agree that there's no one good out there, that's a big problem, and I agree that a glossary is a problem, or whatever your problem was…(Erin cracks up)

Maddox: Fuck you!!!

Dick: But this is a big problem, 'cause it goes for all men and women. So you're…(Erin snorts) Typical night. Right? Typical Tuesday night. You're at a makeshift disco in the middle of the desert. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Everyone can relate to that already.

Dick: Everyone can relate to this already!

Erin: Yessssss. Yes.

Dick: You see a beautiful girl. Eastern European looking girl. You know, dark features. Dark hair. Looks like she hasn't eaten in weeks.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Or showered in weeks. Yeah.

Dick: Well..yeah. Couple days. It's…you don't stink out there. Do you think it's a bunch of stinky hippies out there?

Maddox: Mhmm. I know it's a bunch of stinky hippies.

Dick: I don't….you don't stink out there.

Erin: Some people can smell.

Maddox: Some of them stink before they even get there, Dick.

Erin: Exactly. (laughs)

Dick: Beautiful girl. Bones from…all over her body. (Erin and Maddox laugh) Ribs that I wanna play like a xylophone, right?

Erin: Oh, my gosh.

Maddox: You like skinny girls.

Dick: Five or six collarbones. (Maddox laughs) I don't know how many collarbones a girl has, but a lot…you can see all of them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. So I walk up and I'm speaking the language of dance to this girl, right? (Erin laughs) This is what….everyone does this. Everyone does this. We're communicating.

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: In the way that you communicate without words, right?

Erin: Sex?

Dick: With the movements of your body. Not yet. Don't get ahead…

Erin: Ooooooooh, okay!!!

Dick: Don't get ahead of yourself, alright?

Erin: Yes, yes, yes.

Dick: Oh, I'm…I gotta speed this up. Alright. (they giggle)

Maddox: I wanna hear it.

Dick: No, no, no. So we're getting it on on the dance floor. Right? We're talking.

Erin: Okay. Mhmm.

Dick: We…after a couple hours, things are going very well.

Erin: A couple of hours!?

Dick: Yeah. You're hanging out and you're drinking. (Erin guffaws) This is a typical Tuesday night, like I said.

Erin: Yes. (grins)

Dick: She loses her light strings in the Porta-Potty. Right? As happens.

Maddox: Her what?

Dick: Her string of lights. You have to be lit up all the time.

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Dick: Or you'll get hit by someone on a bicycle. Some fucking asshole on a bicycle. (Sean laughs) Not looking where he's going.

Maddox: Yeah. Probably you.

Dick: (laughs nervously) No, I couldn't!

Maddox: You were on a bike out there.

Dick: Because my bicycle got stolen. (Maddox laughs) At Burning Man.

Erin: Awwwwwwwwwwwww. Bastards. (whispers)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Karma.

Dick: So I give her…I give her my light-up heart necklace, right?!

Erin: Awwwwww.

Maddox: Oh, my God.

Dick: That I bought for $2.50 off Amazon before I went, 'cause I thought something like this might happen.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's beautiful. It's very precious to her, right, 'cause it's a heart.

Erin: Mmmmm. We do like hearts.

Dick: You do like hearts, right?

Erin: We do.

Maddox: We do.

Dick: Yeah. (Erin giggles) So she says…she says to me, "I feel sick. I wanna go home."

Erin: Ohhhhh.

Maddox: Awwwwwwwww.

Dick: Right? Aaaaaaaahhhhhhhh.

Erin: To her tent home.

Maddox: To her tent.

Dick: Ahh, she doesn't' specify, alright? (creepy voice) (Erin guffaws) So we're walking… we're walking across the desert, as you do.

Erin: Mmmm.

Dick: Things are going well, you know, we're talking.

Erin: It's kind of romantic, actually.

Dick: Yeah! I'm using my bathrobe as, like, a leash, and whipping her around. Making her bark. Stuff like that. (Sean laughs) And she goes…she says the magic words to me.

Erin: Oh my gosh.

Dick: And we start making out in the desert. "I just want a taste." Right? (Erin gasps)

Maddox: Mmmm?

Dick: Yeah. Right there.

Erin: She says this?

Dick: Ohhh, yeah. (grins. Yeah.

Erin: Wow.

Maddox: Taste.

Erin: Yeah, what is…

Maddox: Is that the female version of asking for the tip? I've never heard that before.

Dick: Yesssssss!

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: Ohhhhhh.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh.

Erin: Wowwwwww.

Dick: You can't have a stupid look on your face.

Maddox: No, no. I have a good.

Dick: When a girl says "I just want a taste." (Erin laughs)

Erin: What?!! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: You can't say, "What exactly do you want a taste of?!" (Erin squeals) Young lady?

Maddox: No, no, no, Dick. I let that out on the podcast, but when I'm in that moment, I have a good sex poker face. Even if I don't know, I'd say, "Oh, let's do it.

Dick: Literally? (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I have a great sex poker face.

Dick: What is your sex poker face?

Maddox: My sex poker face? Like…."I know you do." (makes face)

Erin: Oh, that's pretty good. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, right?

Erin: That was pretty good. That was pretty good. It was.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Erin: It was.

Maddox: Oh, thank you.

Dick: Yeah, but then what if she just stands there waiting for it?

Maddox: No…(stammers)

Dick: Then what do you do? What's…

Maddox: Cause in that moment, Dick, right? In that moment…

Dick: Give it to me. Give me the taste. (grins) (Erin squeals)

Maddox: Right? Here we are. Here we are, right? We're already close to each other.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We're in an embrace at the time, right?

Dick: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

Maddox: We just like continue down that path, and I kinda move my hands down her body like a map.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like a navigator.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Exploring the new world.

Erin: Oh, boy. (cracks up)

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Erin…what, Erin? Right?! This is what you do?!

Erin: No, this is great. Please continue, please.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Like an explorer. Like Magellan.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Exploring the New World. I'm trying to find the edge.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The edge. (Erin laughs)

Dick: Okay. I got it.

Maddox: You know what? This is your story, Dick, you go ahead. (Erin guffaws)

Dick: So…so, you know. She starts working the…she starts Mach 5ing my joystick, right?

Erin: Wow. Well…(Maddox laughs) Is this real?! Is this true?!

Dick: This is a real story.

Erin: I love it.

Dick: This is happening.

Erin: I love it.

Dick: I'm getting…I'm getting to the biggest problem in the universe.

Erin: Oh my gosh. Yes.

Dick: The biggest erotic problem in the universe.

Erin: Oh my gosh. I'm nervous.

Dick: Alright. So…

Erin: Oh.

Dick: She's taking a taste.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Working it around.

Erin: Wow.

Dick: Maybe being a little indulgent, too, if I might say.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: More than a taste.

Maddox: Well. (Erin giggles)

Dick: Next think you know…

Erin: Too much! You said just a taste!!!

Maddox: It's….it's one bite, lady!!

Erin: Back up! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Next thing you know a pirate ship drives by, as happens.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: As happens. Shining the headlights right on us. (Erin gasps)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm like, I'm like…"Alright. I'm feeling a little bit bad for her." Right? But then it's like, wait a minute, it's my dick they're looking at, right? (Erin giggles)

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: And I'm okay with that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She's okay with it. These people are cheering us on.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Awesome!

Erin: Wow. Wow!!

Dick: Right?! Awesome. It's like, alright, alright, that's enough. We gotta get back to the tent. (Erin snorts) We gotta get back to the tent. So we're in the tent. You're in the tent. As you are.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Ripping each other's clothes off.

Erin: Mmm.

Dick: Okay?! Throwing dust out of your sleeping bag.

Maddox: Her pulling your bathrobe off and you pulling the necklace off that you just gave her. (Erin laughs)

Dick: Trying to, but it's caught in my hair, and I'm like, "Ah, fuck it, I'll get it later." (Maddox laughs) 'cause I don't wanna rip my hair out.

Erin: Oh, my gosh. I love it.

Dick: So, um…we're doing some hand stuff, right? I'm..I'm doing more…

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: I'm doing…there's not enough. Not mutual. She's not doing enough hand stuff, right? And I'm thinking…

Erin: Yeah, but she just gave you a freaking blowjob, right?

Dick: Yeah, but then…(stammers)

Erin: What do you want from this girl!?!?

Dick: You want it to escalate!

Maddox: Was it a handjob or a blowjob!?

Erin: Yeah, but what about her? What does she get?

Dick: She gave me a blowjob.

Maddox: Okay.

Erin: What does she get?

Dick: Uhhh….

Erin: Exactly.

Dick: A sexual experience unlike anything else. (Erin laughs) And you hear this sultry voice talking in your ear right now?!

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: That's what she's…you can't just get that anywhere.

(Sound effect: Lost boner "boing")

Dick: So I'm thinking okay…(Maddox laughs) All the good stuff better not have been in the preview for this movie. That's what I'm thinking.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Right?

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: You know what I mean?

Erin: I do know what you mean.

Dick: 'Cause some girls will get in bed and then they're done.

Erin: Guys too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Yeah. Go on.

Dick: Well, alright.

Erin: No, no. No "well". Yes. It happens to both. Go on.

Dick: So she's like, "Do you have a condom?" and of course…

Erin: You don't. (Maddox sighs)

Dick: No. (Erin cracks up) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Of course…what he means by "of course" is he starts to try to talk to her out of it. For the next 30 minutes, right? (Erin laughs)

Dick: So we're banging for 20 minutes, right?

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: And she's shaking like a Quaker the whole time.

Erin: Shaking?

Dick: 20…20 minutes…that's probably…

Maddox: I don't think you got 20 minutes.

Dick: I didn't have a stopwatch. You don't think I have 20 minutes in me?!

Maddox: No, I don't think you got 20 minutes. I think you…I think maybe 6, tops!!!

Erin: 6 minutes?!!? (laughs)

Maddox: I know Dick. He can't go the mile. He can't go the long haul, man. I know you don't got 20 minutes in you.

Erin: Ohhhhhh. (laughing)

Dick: Are you fucking kidding me, man?

Maddox: No.

Dick: I can lay still and do nothing for hours. (Maddox and Erin laugh) You don't think I can make it 20 minutes?

Erin: Oh, man.

Maddox: Well, touché.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Maddox and Erin crack up)

Dick: So I'm…I'm building a symphony, right?

Erin: Yes.

Dick: I'm conducting a symphony with my hips now, here. (Erin snorts)

Maddox: Oh, geez.

Dick: This is an erotic story. Your fucking thing was a dictionary.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is an erotic 69th episode story.

Erin: This is great.

Dick: And she's…she's giving me all the taps, right? Like, here…you know. You know…the Morse code that chicks speak as they're approaching orgasm?

Erin: Okaay.

Dick: Tap, tap. Tap, tap. Tap, tap, tap, tap, tap.

Erin: I thought you meant the tap out, like, it's not gonna happen.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, that's what it….oh…

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Dick: I don't even know what that is.

Erin: Yeah, so that'll be a tap, like, "Oh, I'm done."

Maddox: Wait a second. Which one was it? Yeah.

Erin: That's enough. Like tap, tap.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: I can't take anymore.

Maddox: Tapping out.

Dick: Like I've…

Maddox: Let me out of this choke hold!!

Dick: Like I've achieved…

Erin: Exactly. (Maddox and Erin laugh)

Dick: Right. Like, I've achieved orgasm and I can't take anymore, I'm exhausted.

Erin: Or I haven't achieved orgasm, but it just hurts now.

Dick: And it's not gonna happen.

Maddox: It's not gonna happen.

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. So she's giving me the tap like here it comes, here it comes, here it comes.

Erin: Oh, okay.

Dick: And I'm like "Awesome, all right." You know, me too. Let's get…let's move this along so we can…(Erin snorts) eat some bar snacks that I bought at Wal-Mart.

Maddox: Oh, my god.

Erin: Oh my god.

Dick: Today on my way through Reno and go to sleep, right?

Erin: Aaaaaaaah, yes. (laughing)

Dick: And then you wake up and start over again. Typical Tuesday night.

Erin: Yes. Yes.

Dick: So…so the taps are coming, but nothing's happening here, right?

Erin: Okay.

Dick: And then finally I just, I gotta go. I'm like, "We're not synced up here."

Erin: Oh, boy.

Dick: I'm done. I'm out.

Maddox: And by go, you mean come.

Erin: I got a lot of problems with this story, but go on. (giggles)

Maddox: I can't wait to hear it. So what…yeah, what happened?

Erin: I know. (laughing)

Dick: So I pull out and it's over. Right?

Maddox: (snorts) Plegh. (laughs)

Dick: And I'm like "Well, there you have it." And she's like "you wanna try again?"

Erin: Yeah, exactly.

Dick: I'm like, "What am I, 23?!" Right? I'm like "Oh, shit, you're probably 23." (Erin and Maddox crack up) I'm like, "Well, no."

Erin: Awww.

Dick: "Sorry." My problem is the female orgasm.

Erin: Did you try…

Dick: (interjects) That's my problem. Is the female orgasm.

Erin: Oh. Here's the question. Did you try to please her in any way after your penis was done?

Dick: Didn't you hear about the leash stuff that I was doing? (Maddox laughs)

Erin: The leash stuff.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Hands, hands. Hands?

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Did you do the…

Erin: (interjects) Not of course.

Dick: I mean, look, I felt like I had just strangled Slimer the Ghost.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: When we were…

Erin: What?!

Dick: With my hand stuff. There was so much hand stuff. That's what I'm…

Maddox: Huh?

Erin: I know, but did she orgasm?!

Dick: How does she get this and you don't…

Maddox: That's a "bags of sand" comment. What are you talking about? (Erin laughs) Slimer the Ghost. What are you talking about?

Dick: What are you…do I…

Maddox: What is he talking about? Do you know…

Dick: You know what I'm talking about. Erin.

Maddox: Are you following, Erin?

Erin: Lots of….lots of…

Dick: Lots of lubricant.

Erin: Yeah. Like, she was…

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: Okay.

Erin: Very wet.

Dick: She was very into it.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Erin: Did she have an orgasm?

Dick: No.

Erin: That's your fault.

Maddox: Hmm. Yeah.

Dick: That's MY fault?!!?

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: You should have done whatever you could to make her…finish.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Since you…

Dick: I did.

Erin: Since you did. No, you didn't.

Dick: What else could I have done?

Erin: 'Cause after you've came, there's hands you could have used, and oral things. And et cetera.

Dick: AFTER I'm…very tired.

Erin: Oh, I'm out. (laughs)

Maddox: Mhmm. Yeah.

Dick: I've been drinking all…I've been drinking all day.

Erin: Ladies…ladies, listen. Any ladies listening…seriously. That…that…

Maddox: All two of you. (laughing)

Erin: All two of you ladies one and two, like, seriously, if a guy…sorry. That's a huge deal breaker.

Maddox: It's a deal breaker, right?!

Erin: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, but who cares?! What are you gonna break?!

Maddox: Erin it's….eech.

Dick: You gonna take it back?

Maddox: Well. (Dick laughs) (Erin giggles)

Dick: Come on, it's very difficult.

Erin: Hey, but that's truth, though. What you're saying.

Dick: No, no. Listen. Look. The female orgasm…

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Is not easy.

Erin: True.

Dick: It's all in your…it's a lot in your head.

Erin: True.

Dick: And I think any woman who says it's not in their head, like, it's a mechanics thing, is totally fucking wrong.

Erin: It's…I think it's a mixture of both. But we are very cerebral, so it is maybe, like, 52%...60% in our head.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Rather than, you know.

Dick: So how am I supposed to fix that? Am I supposed to break out my…

Erin: Well you don't just give up and stop.

Dick: …armchair psychology book and fix it on the spot?

Erin: If she was that turned on…

Dick: Mhmm.

Erin: If she was that turned on and that wet, she was into you.

Maddox: She was into you.

Erin: So it wouldn't have taken much.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: I've only…I've only ever been with two girls who couldn't.

Erin: Oh, interesting.

Dick: And could they never? Could they ever?

Maddox: They had never…like, a few of them had maybe had, like, one orgasm. Even while masturbating.

Dick: See, this is what I'm talking about!

Erin: Wow. Wow.

Maddox: And so that was…

Erin: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: There was something going on. It's probably not…it's really rare, actually. Girls who can't masturbate…who can't orgasm while masturbating.

Erin: I think it's more common than you think.

Maddox: Oh really?

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: Girls who…girls who can't.

Erin: Girls fake all the time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, no. Well, no. I…the girls…here's how I know that they weren't faking.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: Is because we'…they're usually girls who I…

Dick: (interjects) He hooked 'em up to a lie detector test. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: They're usually girls I had sex with multiple times.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: And sometimes they said, "It's not gonna happen today." And other times they said "It is."

Erin: Right.

Maddox: And you know…either way, it's fine. I don't….the orgasm is not always…

Erin: What if they were lying about the times that they did.

Maddox: No, they weren't. I…they weren't.

Erin: How do you know?

Maddox: Oh, there were tells. (Erin squeals) There were plenty of tells.

Erin: Okay, okay, okay.

Dick: What kind of tells? What do you look for?

Maddox: Slimer the Ghost…(cracks up)

Erin: (laughs) There you go.

Dick: She got that instantly.

Erin: I did. I'm a girl.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: We get it.

Maddox: No, no. I mean, I thought that could be it, but I also thought maybe she had a sweaty back for some reason. I don't know. (Erin cracks up) (Sean groans)

Dick: 9s and 10s only, buddy. At Burning Man.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah, sure.

Dick: 9s and 10s only.

Maddox: Yeah. Covered in…(stammers)

Dick: No, look, look, look, look.

Maddox: …a nice thin film of mud.

Dick: Only…only 50…only 57% of women usually have orgasms when they have sex with a partner.

Erin: 57%.

Dick: Compared to men having 95% of the time. Men have an orgasm.

Erin: That's why there's oral stuff and hand stuff.

Dick: But you're saying it's…you're saying…

Erin: Yes.

Dick: That it's the mens' faults for not getting them there, and I totally disagree!

Erin: No, I didn't say that! I said it's the man's fault if after he comes, he does not try to get her off after.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah, but sometimes he just can't.

Maddox: Mmmmm. (skeptical)

Dick: Sometimes you're sliding against an asymptotic line that just will never get there.

Maddox: Your mouth still works, buddy.

Erin: Mhmmm.

Maddox: Get down there.

Erin: Mhmm. Mhmm.

Dick: So you do this?

Maddox: Yeah, man.

Dick: If a woman can't get off, you spend the next three hours eating her out?

Maddox: No!

Erin: It's not gonna be three hours!!!

Dick: Instead of playing Dark Souls? Why do I fucking not believe that?!

Maddox: Here's the thing. Here…

Dick: (interjects) No wonder that book's not getting written.

Maddox: Ahhhhhhhhh. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: Maddox is feasting on a banquet. Fresh Fancy Feast.

Erin: Some guys very much enjoy three hours of all of that.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…(Dick cracks up)

Erin: No, it's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: It's true. It's true.

Maddox: Here's the thing. Here's the thing. When…if a girl can't orgasm…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It's usually because you haven't built a comfort level with her. You need to…

Dick: I should ask her about her dad more…

Maddox: You need to build her…no, shithead.

Dick: That's what I should have fucking done. You're right. (Erin giggles)

Maddox: No, you fuck. What you do is you build a comfort level with the girl.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: And she needs to feel comfortable with you.

Erin: Absolutely.

Maddox: A lot of times… a lot of times, especially the first time you have sex with someone.

Erin: Yeah!!

Maddox: There's that anxiety, like, oh my gosh, he's seeing me naked, she's seeing me naked. I'm very vulnerable. This person's inside me.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: You need to build that comfort level.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: And then once you do, once you're there…you just land the plane, baby.

Erin: Yeaaaaaaah.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Erin: Not to mention, I mean, girls are so self-conscious.

Dick: Did I tell you about the bar snacks, though? That's very comfortable.

Maddox: (laughing) Well…

Erin: Share some bar snacks with her after you finish her off!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Finish the job!

Dick: So it's all my fault?!

Erin: He's like "Hmm." (laughing) It's not all your fault.

Dick: I got her there eventually.

Erin: Oh, you…Oh!!

Dick: Well, next day.

Erin: Okay. Listen…

Maddox: Oh, there you go!

Erin: That counts.

Maddox: That's something.

Dick: Yeah, but it…still. It ruined my…it ruined the whole experience. (Erin laughs) For me.

Maddox: Well. Well.

Erin: It's all about you!!!

Dick: And that's what happens…yeah!!! (Erin laughs) What is it about? What do you mean? (Erin giggles)

Erin: Oh, man. No, no. But you're right. The female orgasm is very elusive sometimes. And every girl's different. And every girl's parts are different. You know? The way things are situated.

Dick: Yeah. Some have tits on their back. (Erin giggles) Right?

Maddox: Some have…some are…

Erin: I don't even know what to say. (laughs)

Maddox: Some are Chinese and have E's, apparently.

Erin: There you go.

Maddox: That guy's a liar. Chef Boyardee's a fucking liar.

Erin: I know. Unless she had implants. She could have had implants.

Maddox: Uh…she could have had implants.

Dick: It's very elusive. It's a very elusive thing, the female orgasm.

Erin: It is. No, it's true.

Dick: And we'll never figure it out.

Erin: No, some guys are very good at figuring it out.

Dick: Yeah but…see, you say that!!

Erin: And some women are good at figuring it out.

Dick: But some women just pop off like a fucking slot machine, ready to go!

Erin: That's also true.

Maddox: Right.

Erin: Are you the one that's gonna try to figure it out?

Maddox: Are you gonna go the extra mile?

Erin: That's the question.

Maddox: You're a…you're a Bush guy, stay the course!!

Dick: Bush guy? What do you mean?

Erin: Bush guy?! What?!

Maddox: Finish the job!

Dick: No, no. See, you gotta specify now, because Jeb Bush is involved.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: I'm a GW.

Maddox: GW. Yeah.

Erin: Oh, I thought you meant bush…

Maddox: No, not that bush.

Dick: Seventies bush?

Erin: Bush.

Maddox: No.

Erin: No, like hairy.

Dick: What are you…yeah, I know what you're saying.

Erin: Female body parts.

Maddox: No. We…we have a sponsor that's…come on, please.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We've never seen a hairy bush!

Erin: Oh, razors! What is it, Harry? Razors?

Maddox: Harry's. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah. The ladies who listen to the show…trust me. That's not an issue. (Erin laughs) They…scorched earth.

Dick: So you're saying guys should try harder.

Erin: Yes!

Maddox: Yes.

Erin: Yes, because she's gonna wanna do it with you more if you try!!

Maddox: Are you a one and done kind of guy, Dick? (Erin guffaws) Like after you're done, you hook up maybe once or twice, you're out, you lose interest?

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: You're polyamorous. (Erin giggles)

Dick: That's not polyamorous. It's just being a jerk. (Maddox laughs) (Erin cracks up)

Maddox: Well, that's in the glossary too.

Dick: Just being a guy.

Maddox: Hey, lemme tell you about this lifestyle, buddy. (Erin laughs) Yeah.

Erin: Very interesting.

Dick: This survey in Cosmo that I read to prepare for this…

Erin: Oh, look at you. Mhmm.

Dick: Up to 67% of women have ever faked an orgasm. Why can't you guys just do that all the time? Should be 100%.

Erin: 'Cause you know why? Because the times…this is personal experience. The times where it has happened for me, especially when I was, like, in my twenties and stuff, guys get SO offended. And it's like their mood totally changes and they can't snap out…"Oh, I couldn't make it happen for her. Oh my god.: So sometimes girls will just fake it.

Dick: Yeah!!!

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's good manners.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Thank you for the sexual experience. I'll fake an orgasm now.

Erin: Wait, there's an episode of Seinfeld here in this, right? There's a total episode of Seinfeld here.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: And then Jerry got so mad! "You were faking?" "You were faking?"

Dick: Mhmm.

Erin: Nobody wants that.

Maddox: I don't care…I don't care enough about it either way. Like, don't fake it. I just…I mean do it…if you're gonna have an orgasm, then great, and if you don't, then that's fine. And it goes both ways, too, actually.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, sometimes after, like, a night of passionate lovemaking, you know… (Erin laughs)

Dick: You'll fake an orgasm? You bring in, like, a Gogurt and spray it all over her? (Erin cracks up)

Maddox: I came…I came so close.

Dick: Like a spilled lunchbox?

Maddox: I came so close to faking one time, and finally I'm like, "Why am I…why am I getting in my head, here?"

Erin: Wait, how were you gonna fake this? How were you gonna fake it?

Maddox: Oh, I…I thought about this way far ahead in advance. Yeah. (Erin laughs)

Dick: He had sound effects on his cell phone that he was gonna hide under the covers and play. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, here's the sound effect.

(Sound effect: Dick's loud gasp)

Dick: That's me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a sound effect of me.

Maddox: Dick gasping. No, um…I almost came to the point where I thought I might have to fake this, 'cause I mean…shit's just gonna be broken tomorrow if I don't.

Erin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: You know. Shit wears out. It gets raw.

Erin: Of course.

Maddox: It gets sore.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: So then, eventually, I'm like, "Baby, it's not gonna happen. I appreciate the effort. You're riding me like a fucking rodeo bull. But this is…it's not gonna happen tonight."

Erin: Right.

Maddox: Uh, thank you.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: This is great. Let's do it again.

Erin: Aw, you thank…thank you.

Maddox: Yeah. And don't take it personally.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: And then…if they're mature, they won't. If you're the type of person who gets all butthurt 'cause someone doesn't orgasm, fuck off!

Erin: Mmmyeaaahh…

Maddox: It's not about you. You can still enjoy sex and not necessarily have an orgasm.

Erin: Totally agree.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I did the right thing.

Erin: No, cause you just gave up when you were done!

Maddox: No, Dick! (laughs)

Dick: What…I'm tired!!! (Erin snorts)

Maddox: Well.

Dick: What am I…you want me to force into it!?

Erin: YES!!!!

Dick: That's assault.

Erin: Guess what? That's not a winner's mentality, my friend!

Dick: I'll take a sleepy loser then, I guess. (Erin and Maddox laugh) Fine with that.

Maddox: Alright, guys. Oh, and Erin, before we go, do you have anything you wanted to plug?

Erin: No, thanks for having me. Again, my name is Erin Tillman. The Dating Advice Girl. My website, http://www.thedatingadvicegirl.com. I am on a bunch of social media things, including Twitter, @DatingAdviceGrl. And Instagram. @DatingAdviceGrl. Just go to my website, The Dating Advice Girl, or Google me!

Dick: http://www.thedatingadvicegirl.com .

Erin: Yes!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We're going to link to it on the website. As well as a picture.

Erin: Oh, awesome.

Maddox: We took a bunch of pictures before the show.

Erin: You did.

Maddox: They're very lovely.

Dick: Oh, my short shorts!

Maddox: We'll post some. We'll post some photos.

Erin: Short shorts. Mmmm.

Maddox: My problem this week…

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Was…Poly-Evangelists! Erin?

Erin: Um, No Good Guys and Girls Out There to Date.

Maddox: And Dick, you got laid.

Dick: The Female Orgasm is my problem! (Maddox laughs)

Erin: I think that one's gonna win. It's hard.

Dick: Of course it's gonna win, 'cause it's fucking impossible to do!

Erin: It's not impossible.

Dick: I don't even know that it's actually real! Is there any scientific evidence that the female orgasm exists?!

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: None. No. (cracks up)

Erin: Yes and no. (grins)

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, fuck you Maddox. Why are you comparing people who can't cook to people who can't do math, alright? Fuck that. Like, I get it. When you do your…you need to know your basic math, like your addition, subtraction, your…maybe some multiplication and division. You start adding fucking letter in it… then it's getting out of fucking control, alright? Nobody gives a shit. Nobody gives a shit about a logarithm. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: WRONG!

"The only type of people who should be doing stuff like that are engineers of some sort. You know, nobody gives a fuck if you can do math or not." (Maddox makes dumb sounds)

Dick: That's true.

"It's completely, totally different. And you sound like the type of douchebag that does math problems on a Saturday night. Fucking asshole. Uh, Dick, you're alright.")

Dick: Yeah! (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Ooookay. Wow. Really compelling argument. And you know, all I heard during that voice mail was this:

(Sound effect: monkeys hooting)

Maddox: Fucking dipshit monkey. Moron!!

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Dullard! Bottom feeder! Who doesn't appreciate the shoulders of the giants he's standing on to get here! That fucking…voice mail that you left, dickhead?! Entirely built on mathematical systems! Entirely built on the backbone of mathematics!

Erin: It's true. (giggles)

Maddox: Don't even appreciate it. Good.

Dick: Mmm. Alright, thank you, Erin, for joining us.

Erin: Yay. Thanks for having me!!

Dick: Yes. And your…on your website, can we get tips on the female orgasm at all?

Erin: Umm…

Dick: Or is it just…

Erin: I don't, but I give tips on how to figure out if you want to sleep with someone or not.

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Erin: Yeah. If they would be a good choice for you.

Dick: What are the signs that you want to sleep with someone?

Maddox: Dick's is that they're breathing.

Erin: Oh man. (cracks up)

Dick: Well.

Erin: Well, do they show some level of interest in you, and not just all about them, them, them? That's one.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: You know, do you…would you be comfortable having them in your house, you know, or going to their place? 'Cause if you don't…some of these people are hot and you're like…anyway. Go to my website.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Erin: http://www.thedatingadvicegirl.com .

Maddox: Build that comfort.

Erin: Mhmmmmmmmmmm.

Maddox: Next thing you know, they're in Come Town. (Erin and Maddox crack up)

Dick: Oh, my God! Alright. Next week I got some great follow-up stories! My man. My man…I got friend-engaged with my man at Burning Man. I gotta tell you about that.

Maddox: Friend engay-ged?!

Dick: He got a lot of flak for…

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Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 70

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Poly-Evangelists to Polynomials. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Better.

Maddox: With over 4 million downloads, this is the only show where we discuss every problem in the universe. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick.

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy!? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Dick: Yeaahahahhhhhh.

Maddox: Welcome back! Episode 70.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Yeaaaaah. We got a…we did a spicy one last episode. People liked our 69th episode. The erotic one.

Dick: They did!

Maddox: Yeah. It was a real…real sexy episode. I…it moved. It moved for me. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Oh, it moved?

Maddox: When I was listening back to that episode, it moved.

Dick: You got a little chubster?

Maddox: A little…uh, yeah.

Dick: What…what got you going more? Was it the erotic story from a real man, or was it my erotic Burning Man adventure?

Maddox: Oh my gosh. Definitely not that.

Dick: Involving the tip. (lewd)

Maddox: (laughing) Definitely not.

Dick: And just the tip.

Maddox: Ohhh, boy. Um, no.

Dick: What are the results?

Maddox: No. Neither of those. Dick, the results from last week were…

(Sound effect: drumroll)

Maddox: Poly-Evangelists! (Dick sighs)

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Number one. The number one problem from last episode was Poly-Evangelists, followed by No Quality Singles. I thought about the phrasing of that after…after the show. And then The Female Orgasm.

Dick: It was last?!!

Maddox: Dead last. Not only that, but it was downvoted, Dick. Not a problem at all.

Sean: Wait. Poly-Evangelists.

Maddox: Poly Evangelists.

Dick: Yeaaaaaaah.

Maddox: Was the number one problem.

Sean: From last week?

Dick: That's a surprise, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you remember that problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People who, like, promote their polyamorous lifestyle, Sean?

Sean: Yes! (suddenly remembers)

Dick: Yeah. Now you remember.

Sean: Now I do.

Dick: Apparently it's a big problem, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got some comments regarding…

Sean: I think I had a stroke right there.

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah. Uh…I'm…I'm disappointed that the female orgasm got so low. Because it's so hard to conjure up.

Maddox: Well, for some people, Dick. Not for…not for others.

Dick: Okay. I know it's fun to pretend to be, like, a macho lothario.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But, like…(Sean laughs) First of all, I call bullshit on that.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You've never been sitting in bed with some broad with goo all over your stomach and you're like "Oh baby, sorry." (Maddox laughs) I can't. I'm sorry it didn't work out for you this time. I am legitimately sorry.

Maddox: Yeah. I told you that's happened. Two times to me, Dick.

Dick: Two!! Two times!?

Maddox: That's it. Two times.

Dick: Two times.

Maddox: Yeah. Other than those two times, they've been popping off like fireworks, buddy. Like a string of fireworks. Rapid fire. Multiple!! Multiples.

Dick: (laughing) Well, I should send all my sloppy seconds over here.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: So they can get some satisfaction, then.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. There've only…actually, there've only been two women who could outlast me. (Dick laughs) Which…it was to the point…

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: It was to the point…

Dick: So that's a competition, then, for you.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Sex.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Holding off the big O is a contest.

Maddox: Oh, it's great. You know, I can…I'd like to tell you this story. Uh…one time…so, real sexy night. Real sexy moment. It was…a girl I'd been dating for a while. (giggles) And, you know, we're getting to that point. It's…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's coming. Right? We're…

Dick: You mean the orgasm? Or the sex is coming?

Maddox: The orgasm. (laughing) The orgasm.

Dick: Okay, let's…we're stuck in a sand trap here. We're gonna have to navigate this sand trap. (Maddox laughs) I feel like I'm in the Garden Center at Home Depot and all the bags…during flood season. All the bags of sand are falling all over me. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Noooooo. (Dick cackles) There is a lot of sand in this story, buddy, but it's tremors. That's what we're talking about. (Dick laughs) Yeah. I'm the Tremor.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So anyway. I pull out just in the nick of time, as I always do.

Dick: Best time to do it.

Maddox: Yeah. The nick of time is the best.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…uhh…it all goes. And lands directly and exactly into her belly button.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And then…(laughs) I look at her, and she looks at me, and she throws her hands up, and we both go "GOAAAAAAAAAL!!!!" It was….(cracks up)

Dick: This is….this is a real thing that happened?!

Maddox: It's a real thing that happened, yeah. (grins)

Dick: You both…you both thought simultaneously "goal!"

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Like that fat Mexican soccer announcer.

Maddox: It was so much fun….it was so fucking funny, dude. We laughed…

Sean: (interjects) Were you dating a place kicker? (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Alright. That's bizarre. This comment comes from **Conner Davis**. Uh, **"To all the dipshits out there that are voting down Female Orgasms as a problem, I know that it wasn't framed this way by Dick; however, if this is such a non-problem, then why do people complain about it all the time? Why is there such a huge glut of stories in all mediums involving the delicate dance involved in making a girl come? Men not being able to make women come is a staple to female comediennes, all the way talking about how taking a great dump is a staple to male comedians. It's beyond being a trope and that should indicate that this is a real problem, even if it needs to be rephrased."** I think that's…I agree with this guy. I guess I got an upvote from him, but that's it.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeeaaah. (hesitant)

Sean: And nobody ever fakes taking a dump.

Maddox: That's true, Sean.

Dick: (giggles) That's true, Sean. That's true.

Maddox: Actually…actually, a few times just to get out of a conversation or if I just wanted to check my Facebook. (Sean laughs) I've done that a few times. Actually, that's the polite way to do it, now. I've learned the new era of etiquette. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So if you're at a dinner restaurant, you know, if you're at a restaurant for dinner, with friends.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: The polite thing to do is excuse yourself and say "I need to use the restroom." Check your phone there. Don't do it at the table. That's what I've been doing a lot.

Dick: Oh, that's a good idea.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. It's a good idea. And…and then you don't look like a jerk, and also people feel a little bit of sympathy for you. They think, "Oh, he's got a urinary tract infection or something. He has to go to the bathroom a lot."

Dick: Yeah. That's true. Little bit Munchhausen's, little bit manners.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs)

Dick: I like it.

Maddox: But the whole trope of women not being able to come, etc, etc, it's a stereotype. It's also like "men always want sex". And it's…that's another stereotype. This…it doesn't really exi…it's not a real thing. It's a caricature of genders.

Dick: No, it's a real thing.

Maddox: Yeah. (hesitant)

Dick: I brought in that study from Cosmo. The survey of women.

Maddox: Ohhh. Cosmo. (scoffs)

Dick: Of…hey. Hey. You know…who knows women more than Cosmo?

Maddox: I actually wrote…I actually wrote for Cosmo.

Dick: I retract everything I said. Go ahead. (Maddox laughs) What were you gonna say?

Maddox: I just think it's a caricature of genders. I don't think that it's…I think it's a stereotype more than anything. I've never…

Dick: Well I can tell you from personal experience that they're not coming! (laughs)

Maddox: Well, yeah, but…the variable…

Dick: It's not just a stereotype.

Maddox: The variable here is you, Dick.

Dick: Ohhh, that's what Dr. Phil said.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Uh, I got a comment from **Matthew Ward.** He says, " **You guys make fun of Angelo's Mom shitty talking ability, but I just Googled "malaka", and according to Urban Dictionary, it's one of the funniest insults I've ever heard."** So I looked it up to be precise, and according to Urban Dictionary, a malaka is "Greek term for someone who has jerked off so many times that his brain has become soft, and he is now an idiot." (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Oh, man. That's how I feel every other day. (Maddox sighs) Every day that I'm not hung over, that's how I feel.

Maddox: Like a soft brained idiot?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just squirted it all out. This one's from **Benjamin Sloan.** And I think he's got a good point here. **"Maddox, I think most of the words you brought up actually do have a purpose, as they describe different ways of doing something. I'd like to compare this to the variety of words used in various subgenres of metal to describe different things. "** Which I know you're a fan of.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? **"To someone who doesn't listen to metal, the distinction between death metal, power metal, black metal, and folk metal is basically meaningless."** He forgot speed metal. **"And they wouldn't understand why one fan feels comfortable around folk metal and power metal, but does not even want to be associated with NSBM or death metal.** (Maddox groans) **But to a fan of folk and power metal, the former case is fun and rambunctious and the latter is just generally hateful."**

Maddox: How does he know this if he doesn't listen to metal? This guy. I'm calling bullshit. This guy…fraud!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Shenanigans.

Sean: He didn't even mention math metal.

Maddox: That's right.

Dick: No, that's a good point, Sean.

Maddox: There's a lot..

Dick: He's just saying that they're just terms.

Maddox: No. Mmm.

Dick: They're terms to describe a hobby. Right?

Maddox: N…I mean, yeah, but…(stammers) look. They have…they have unnecessary terms. Like, in metal, generally, if you say you listen to metal, people get the idea. Right? But…in the poly evangelist realm…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: In the…they have terms for things that you don't need, like a dyad? We don't need that. That's just a normal relationship. That's…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but they're…

Maddox: (interjects) And it's called normal because most people do it.

Dick: It's shorter than saying "we're in a normal relationship, but we're looking to expand."

Maddox: No.

Dick: "We're looking to franchise out." That's what they're saying.

Maddox: No…you…but you don't need to do that, because…unless you mention specifically that you're into poly sex or into the polynomial lifestyle…(laughs) polynomial lifestyle.

Dick: Yeah. Disgusting.

Maddox: That's what I'm gonna start calling them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not poly…yeah. Not poly…what are they called? Polyamorous.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The polyamorous lifestyle. If you're into that lifestyle, we know! We'll hear about it within a few minutes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But if you're not, it's safe to assume that you're not. Most people aren't. Um… and by the way…by the way, I should also mention that…last episode…(giggles) Erin and I, we met at that Tinder show that we talked about. And…

Dick: Some kind of weird polyamory event. Right?

Maddox: It wasn't…it wasn't a polyamory event. It was just a show. But…but the guy who was hosting it was the poly evangelist.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And he commented…he commented on the post for the last episode and he was like "Hey guys, I'm the poly evangelist they're all talking about." (laughs) And then he linked to the website, which I thought was hilarious.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But…so if you guys are interested…if you guys are interested in the poly lifestyle, uh…check it out. Read the glossary. (giggles) Maybe you guys will get off on it. I don't know. And I don't have a problem with it. It's just all the terms. Too much.

Dick: Okay. (exhausted) I got one from **Michael Stevens. "Hey Dick, I agree with you,** (this looks like) **10,000% that polyamory is bullshit. A few years ago, I was in the third year of a relationship when my girlfriend decided to have a talk and tell me that she had been reading a lot about polyamory and felt like she might be polyamorous."** Oh, boy. **"So basically, she had read online that a lot of people out there have accepted that they are fucking cheaters and found a way to con their boyfriend or girlfriend into letting them do it."** Isn't that what I was saying?

Maddox: No- yeah. That's what you were saying.

Dick: Introducing it into a relationship is a fucking con.

Maddox: No, it's not. It's honesty.

Dick: But Erin was agreeing with me, too, that you can't introduce it into a relationship. She said that. She said that during the episode.

Maddox: Well, yeah. It's not…I agree with that. It's not…that's not how to successfully engage that. Like, if you start out in a relationship and you have those pretenses built in where, "Hey lady, or hey guy…"

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: "this is who I am and this is what I'm all about."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Then that expectation is there. But if you try to do that bait and switch near the end of a relationship? Actually, like I did. Like, near the end of one of my relationships. It doesn't work.

Dick: You…I'm sorry. You tried to do that?

Maddox: Yeah. We talked about it. I talked about having an open relationship one time with a girl I was dating for a long time, and it just didn't work. We just thought, at the end of the day, what are we hanging onto? We both like each other as friends. Let's just call it a clean cut.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: A clean quit. And then let's go our separate ways. And that's what…that's what happened.

Dick: Okay. So you agree with that, too, then. You can't introduce it.

Maddox: It's hard to introduce. But it's not…it's not cheating.

Dick: (interjects) Hard…hard is different.

Maddox: Well, no, because I know couples where they have introduced it, and they became swingers, and they became, you know, these different types of…

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: Yeah. But it's possible. And also, it's way better than the alternative, which is cheating.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Cheating is chickenshit.

Dick: Says you. This guy says, **"And it's genius because if you're against it, then you're 'not understanding' and it's somehow…you look like the asshole in the situation, exactly as you described. I told her I thought it was bullshit. She was mad, but agreed to just go on the way things were. Two months later, I found out she was cheating on me."** Well.

Maddox: Oh, wow.

Dick: Bummer.

Maddox: Yeah, that is a bummer.

Dick: Watch out for it! Big fucking red flag, according to me.

Maddox: No. I think it's way better to have that conversation than to cheat and betray someone's trust.

Dick: I got some voicemails. You got any more comments?

Maddox: No, that's it.

Dick: I got some voicemails for you.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, I've been listening to the show for a while and I just caught up on some recent episodes, and I heard the episode with Robin Higgins and Erin Tillman, and those are both some of the best ones you've ever done. So I want to make a plea for you guys to have more female guests on the show."

Dick: Ohhhhh.

"I think it helps the show, and I'm gonna tell you why using Sigmund Freud's structural model of the psyche."

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Yeah?

"Uhhh….Dick is clearly the id."

Dick: Clearly.

"Maddox is clearly an ego who thinks that he's the superego. But nevermind."

Maddox: How dare you?!

"So when you have a female guest, the female guest naturally occupies the superego perspective of the debate."

Dick: I don't know if this is…

Maddox: Fuck you!

"And when you have a male guest, not so much. So that's…that's why I think you should have more."

Maddox: Yeah.

"You gotta get the superego perspective in there.")

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Is that true? Do you know anything about those things he was talking about?

Maddox: I…you know, I understand basically what he was saying. But, yeah. I agree. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: You understood the basics?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. I get it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know. I had college psychology.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But uh…yeah. Robin and Erin were both great guests. Leah was, I think, the other female guest that we had on the show.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…we have a bunch more lined up, guys. You'll just have to stay tuned and listen.

Dick: I do like it when girls run the show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It feels different.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice: "If you're using a dental dam, just put a shotgun in your mouth, 'cause your life is over and meaningless. " (Maddox and Dick laugh)**)**

Dick: That's absolutely true. Erin recommended a dental dam, right?

Maddox: What was that for, again? To go down on someone?

Dick: To go down on her for three hours to make her come.

Maddox: I think she was joking.

Dick: Something like that.

Maddox: She must have been joking.

Dick: Some people must use them!

Maddox: Oh. No one uses a dental dam!

Dick: You think…you think a professional dating advice coach jokes about something that's that serious?! (Maddox laughs) I don't know. I'd have to check her credentials, but I don't think she should be joking about that.

Maddox: Yeah, that sounds pretty ridiculous.

Dick: A medical professional.

Maddox: I mean, I just pictured…I just pictured a vagina poking through a dental dam and I just…in my mind, it looks like Homer Simpson's mouth. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: That is what it looks like. Like, what are you doing at that point?

Maddox: I dunno, man.

Dick: Just stop. Stop. You're not enjoying…you're not doing this right.

Maddox: Although, I guess if you're into the black latex fetish, which is also on the glossary, no joke, it's a black latex party, or it's called a black orgy.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Where you're into a black latex fetish, uh…that's what you would do. You would wear the latex and then you could either cut a hole down below and your genitals would poke out like Homer Simpson's lips.

Dick: Hmm. (Maddox cracks up) Sounds pretty hot. Alright, last one.

(Voice mail: male voice: "I'm still laughing at that fucking story that the guy wrote in about losing his virginity. It was fucking awful. (giggles) I almost wonder if it's made up, but I don't know."

Dick: I don't think it's made up.

Maddox: Yeah…it's a story, all right.

"You guys should definitely fucking follow up and try to find that guy, get a little more information.")

Maddox: No.

Dick: I don't think he'll be hard to find.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: You don't wanna see if he got seconds?!

Maddox: I don't…first of all…

Dick: (interjects) James?!

Maddox: Well, I don't think you can ambush him, because he needs some time to think up a new story.

Dick: No, I think that was a real story.

Maddox: Noooo.

Dick: You don't think that was a real…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, it was real "story"….

Dick: (interjects) You don't think that really happened to him!?!

Maddox: No. No. No. Okay? And here's the tell!

Dick: Maddox! There was no…(upset) Like, he was…that was not a story of wild success. That was a very normal story.

Maddox: No, it wasn't.

Dick: An erotic adventure from a real man.

Maddox: Nope. And I'll tell you why. Because…and somebody in the comments pointed this out, but…the detail that we all kinda glossed over is…20 minutes of sensuous lovemaking later…20 minutes and this guy's a virgin? Fuck off!! Get outta here!!

Dick: How long did you last on your first time!?

Maddox: First time…I think around 10 minutes.

Dick: Oh, so that's not that far off! So he rounded up a little bit!

Maddox: It's double. (laughs) It's more than double.

Dick: Oh, please. He rounded up a little bit!!!

Maddox: Oh, get outta here!!! 20 minutes. And the E-cup. And the Chinese lady, and everything. And someone in the comments also commented that they did a Google Image search for E-cup.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And a few of the results were Asian, so he said it's plausible.

Dick: Of course it's plausible.

Maddox: No, I don't think so. First of all, the guy was racist. He sounds like a real catch.

Dick: Racist?!!?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Come on, racist!

Maddox: Yeah. Someone in the comments..

Dick: (interjects) He's making…he's making racially-charged jokes.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah.

Dick: That's not racist.

Maddox: Well, okay. He's prejudiced.

Dick: Oh, he's prejudiced! Please!! He's making racially-charged jokes. That's…that's okay.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: He can do that. I got Persian racing rims. It's just a joke!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (skeptical) I dunno, man.

Dick: Not racist and prejudiced.

Sean: Well, but he didn't prejudge. She told him that her dad ate the damn dog.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's not the racist part.

Dick: He should have said, "You racist!"

Maddox: No. (they all laugh) That's not the racist part.

Dick: What's the racist part?

Maddox: The racist part was when he said, "That was the most Asian thing I've ever heard."

Dick: Wellllllll……

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay. That one. Anyway.

Dick: I just…I don't think that's RACIST, really.

Maddox: You don't think it's racist to stereotype an entire race of people? That's, like, literally racism?

Dick: Acknowledging a stereotype.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's just saying…it's not being racist to say that.

Maddox: Well…it's a d…I commented as a response to somebody. I said, "It's the difference between saying "Her black dad ate chicken", and then saying "Her black dad ate chicken, which is the most black thing I've ever heard."" (scoffs) That's a huge chasm of difference. Do you understand?

Dick: I mean, if that's the most black thing you've ever heard, then…

Maddox: Then you're an idiot.

Dick: Yeah. Then you need to go…you need to broaden your horizons a little bit.

Maddox: And you're racist. But that guy…that guy did sound like…at the very least, an idiot. Racist, maybe. Maybe not. I don't know. We don't have enough evidence.

Dick: Racist. (scoffs) So hypersensitive to racism.

Maddox: It was definitely…no. It was definitely a stereotype. It was a prejudiced stereotype, I think. 'Cause there's lots of different cultures that eat cats and dogs. And by the way, that's not very common.

Dick: WHO?!

Maddox: Sw…Switzerland, for example.

Dick: Switzerland eats cats and dogs?

Sean: I am looking this up!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Look that up.

Maddox: Go ahead, look it up. Look it up right now.

Sean: But there are multiple Asian cultures that do eat dog.

Maddox: Yeah. But it's not very common. It's usually in the countrysides, like, in the countrysides of China sometimes it happens.

Dick: The country of China? It happens?

Maddox: No, the countrySIDES of China. In, like, rural areas.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Where they don't have high-speed internet, or even internet.

Dick: That's, like, billions of people though, right?

Maddox: No, it's…(giggles) it's not billions of people, Dick.

Dick: Millions?

Maddox: No.

Dick: What are we talking? 20?

Maddox: Uh..worldwide…I actually looked up the statistic.

Dick: Gimme a magnitude.

Maddox: No, I looked up the statistic. Worldwide, all cultures consume, they estimate, around 25 million dogs worldwife.

Sean: France eats a lot of horse.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Racist! Racist, Sean!

Maddox: So does Canada. Um…yeah. But…you know. The difference here is that chasm of thinking where it's like, "Oh that's the most French thing I've ever heard." You know.

Dick: Uh, I don't know. I think it's funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think everybody's gotta relax about racism, though.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You wanna go? You wanted to get into some problems?

Maddox: Let's get into the problems, Dick, 'cause I got a spicy one.

Dick: Or do we want to share…do we want to share this art piece?

Maddox: Oh, right, yeah. Before we go on, Dick. Thanks for reminding me. We have here…a fan sent this in as a gift. And it's bittersweet, because it's something of my favorite movie.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Mad Max.

Dick: Oh yeah, yeah.

Maddox: I wrote that review. The best review of Mad Max in the universe.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I have it 100/5 stars. I loved that movie.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: He sent me the soundtrack to Mad Max. The soundtrack. And it has the coolest fucking cover.

Dick: Awesome.

Maddox: It has Immortan Joe on the cover. His face is all red.

Dick: Oh, that's badass.

Maddox: And he has his teeth on. Yeah, it's really fucking cool. I wanna hang this up. Oh man, I want a giant blowup of this.

Dick: Except…what's wrong with it?

Maddox: Except it's on vinyl.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhohohohoh. (Sean laughs)

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Yeah. It's on vinyl, which is really disappointing. Um, here's…there's a note on here. He has a quote.

Dick: What's his name, first of all?

Maddox: Oh, the guy who sent it, his name is **Ben Clark.**

Dick: Ben Clark.

Maddox: He says…

Dick: (interjects) Genius.

Maddox: He says, **"This meta hipster conundrum will definitely be reviewed as a problem. Keep kicking ass, guys, big fan of the show."** And then he has a quote on here from, I think the guy's name is Villy Vallo. Does that sound familiar? Villy Vallo?

Dick: Villy Vallo? No.

Maddox: He has a quote about vinyl. He says, "Vinyl is symbolically and physically everlasting. Vinyl is a marriage and an MP3 is a quick fuck in the night."

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: "You don't feel like you're at a candlelit dinner when you listen to a digital format, but with vinyl, you want to open a bottle of red wine and get in the mood. They both serve purposes. They're both beautiful. For the people who really get into what you're doing, the art work, the symbolism, the lifestyle…that's what vinyl is all about. It's fine dining and fast food. They both serve a purpose." Villy Vallo.

Dick: No. He's done…Ben Clark?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is that his name? He's done something very smart here, because I want you to look…what impressed you most about this when you got it?

Maddox: The cover.

Dick: The cover.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it looks fuckin' awesome.

Maddox: It does look cool.

Dick: And it's a foot…it's one foot by one foot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's gigantic. It's in your face. It's slightly larger than your face. Buddy, you could never do this with an MP3.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay?! This is an experience. You wanna…you wanna dig in here.

Maddox: Well, I…

Dick: You wanna be Immortan Joe. I know that.

Maddox: I will agree…(giggles) I will agree, Dick, that an MP3 is not a poster. And can never be a poster.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But, uh…I think that if it came down to it? I could just replace this with a poster that costs way less.

Dick: A poster?!

Maddox: A poster.

Dick: Then you gotta hang it on your wall, though.

Maddox: I don't have to do anything with it! I can throw it away if I want! But it's a poster.

Dick: Alright. (annoyed)

Maddox: And it cost just a couple bucks!

Dick: You're…

Maddox: Sean. Sean knows. Giggly over there. (laughs)

Dick: He totally disagrees with you. I know he does.

Maddox: You disagree, Sean!?

Dick: I know he does.

Sean: I'm just…I'm just laughing that you have such a strong opinion about it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can flip-flop. It's okay! You're not running for President!

Maddox: No. I'm not…I don't have a…look. This vinyl gift was very nice.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I appreciate it. I'll never listen to it, 'cause I don't even…

Dick: Awwwwww.

Maddox: I don't own a vinyl thing!! What is it, a record player!?

Dick: That's what they're called. (grins) Yeah.

Maddox: I don't…(laughs)

Dick: Phonograph.

Maddox: I don't own a phonograph, 'cause I'm in the 21st century.

Dick: You can scan it, and use a computer software to make an MP3 out of it. Does that excite you?

Maddox: Or I can just go to…I can go to YouTube and listen to the whole fucking thing. And not even be able to tell the difference.

Dick: Alright. (annoyed) Alright.

Maddox: I can even add the little crackly hiss noise if I want to. (grins) And…and it has more dynamic range on YouTube.

Dick: Okay. Ben, you did it. Great idea… (Maddox chuckles)…but sorry. You were… Maddox is unstumpable.

Maddox: Unstumpable!!

Dick: You wanna go first?

Maddox: Yeah. Sure.

Dick: Or you want me to go first?

Maddox: I got a problem for you.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Ham-Fisted Video Game Stories!!

Dick: Mmmm.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaah!! (laughs)

(Sound effect: Applause)

Dick: That's the one you're going with?

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: (cackles) Yeah. Ham-Fisted…

Dick: (interjects) Ham-Fisted Video Game Stories? (skeptical)

Maddox: Video Game Stories. As you may or may not know, I just released another video.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And it's about video game stories. And…(giggles) and I have caused an OUTRAGE on the Internet! All these nerds…these video game nerds have started jumping down my throat. It has…as of this recording, it has about 50% downvotes on YouTube.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which…which I think has been my most controversial thing. And I remember…

Dick: (interjects) Is that more downvotes than our live episodes?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Oh, wow. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's sayin' something. (grins) (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: Well I remember for years…when I went on my first book tour, people would always ask me…it was their favorite question to ask at events.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They said, "What's been the most controversial article you've ever written?" And to date, up until then, it was an article I wrote about the Xbox. The original Xbox and how much I hated it and how big the controllers were, and how it was a garbage system.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I got more hate mail about that than ANYTHING else! And then…and then when Christopher Reeve died, that was a big bump, because…(giggles) my article…my website was, uh…the number two search result for Christopher Reeve on Google.

Dick: Oh, yeah?

Maddox: I got contacted by their lawyer. But other than those…than those two things…

Dick: (interjects) You got contacted by Christopher Reeve's lawyer?

Maddox: Oh yeah.

Dick: For what?

Maddox: Oh, well, uh…this is a good story. He wan…he contacted me and he said, "Hey, we want you to remove this article."

Dick: What was the article?

Maddox: It was…(giggles) I wrote an article a long time ago saying Christopher Reeve is an asshole.

Dick: Okay. (scoffs)

Maddox: And it…(giggles) it showed a picture of a horse kicking him off, Mortal Kombat style, and it says "Fatality".

Dick: Jesus Christ. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Um…

Dick: What possessed you to make such a horrible thing?

Maddox: It wasn't horrible. Because I…

Dick: (interjects) It's definitely horrible.

Maddox: No. no. I'll tell you why. I'll tell you why I thought he was an asshole, is because the thesis of the article is this. Christopher Reeve started caring about paralysis only after he became paralyzed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, and then he started going on these, like, big preachy, weepy things, and talking about how he's…he's, like, this hero…for paralysis.

Sean: (interjects) Every celebrity does that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Every person does that.

Maddox: Well, exactly, Sean. Right. So, so. Let me get to this point. He said…he said that…excuse me. The thesis of the article was that we shouldn't wait until a celebrity gets an ailment before we start caring about it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Just like Michael J. Fox and what does he have? Parkinson's?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah. Parkinson's with Michael J. Fox and paralysis with Christopher Reeve.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Christoper Reeve not only…has given so much attention to the paralysis community, he's actually…he took some away from other things that are…that are affecting people, like cancer and heart disease, and all these other things.

Dick: Well……..

Maddox: He gave so much attention to paralysis. And I looked it up at the time. It was only, like, 250,000 people in the world who had any kind of paralysis. It was, like, really low. It was a really low figure.

Dick: Paralysis?

Maddox: Any kind of either partial or full paralysis.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Um, anyway. So that's the thesis of my argument. Agree with it or don't. It's a controversial stance.

Dick: I definitely don't agree with that.

Maddox: You don't…you don't think….you think that we should only care about diseases and ailments once a celebrity gets it?

Dick: No. I think that getting people to care about something and donate something to it, whether it's their time or their money, is a good thing. Because the default setting for people is to only consume. So if you have a story that can evoke some sympathy and get some dollars rolling in, then I think that's a good thing. I don't look at charity as, like, a set, finite amount of a pie. That people are…that scientists are clawing at for research dollars. There's an ebb and flow to it. So when something…like when Parkinson's happens, it's Michael J. Fox. It's good that there's a boon of research and donations for Parkinson's. When something like this happens to Christopher Reeve, it's good that it happens! Because I think the um…the solutions that come out of it have a larger impact than just him.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Sorry, Dick!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You are incorrect! Because there's actually a phenomenon called "charity exhaustion".

Dick: (interjects) Yeah..

Maddox: (interjects) And I'm not sure if exhaustion is the word, but they did find that people…after donating to the Haiti earthquake.

Dick: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Maddox: Um, there was another disaster that happened that people needed. And they find that after a big disaster, people become less willing to donate to other disasters, even if they're…even if they're more urgent, even if they're bigger. So, the louder the speaker that you have for your cause, it can hurt other causes that are…that may need the charity more urgently. Like…

Dick: (interjects) Well, that's too bad.

Maddox: No, it's not…

Dick: (interjects) It's gonna happen.

Maddox: Yeah..yeah…(stammers) but saying that is dismissive. You're not addressing the problem.

Dick: Because you're…the way you're describing the problem is not…real.

Maddox: No, it's totally real!

Dick: It's like, of course there was a thing…charity exhaustion. Charity exhaustion, and if a lot of horrible events happen in a row, people are gonna get tired of giving, but…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's not always the norm.

Maddox: That is the norm. That's literally what the study said. When there is a huge event…like, for example, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Raised a lot of money for that charity.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Great. And, uh…it raised a lot of awareness for this disease, but it affects relatively few people. If we had that kind of…that engine working towards something that really affects people on a larger scale, like heart disease, or cancer…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Or, you know, some of these other heinous diseases that we're all suffering from…uh, I think that would be much better use of that time. But also…also, Dick, you're glossing the argument that I'm making here, is…should we only care about diseases once a celebrity gets it? That's the thesis, right? So, I wrote this article and the lawyer contacted me, and he said that he wants me to take it down.

Dick: Uh-huh. (giggles)

Maddox: Uh, oh, because after…(giggles)

Dick: (interjects) Sorry. This thesis was presented to the public as Christopher Reeve getting Mortal Kombat kicked by a horse. Right?

Maddox: No, no. That's a tongue-in-cheek image I threw on there just for fun.

Dick: Yeah, okay. (grins)

Maddox: Like, whatever. You know.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Uh, so people sent me all this hate mail right when he died, and they said, "Hey man, it's really inappropriate that you have this article up, because he just died." And I thought, "Well, it was up before he died. Was it inappropriate then?" Uh…why is it inappropriate now that he's died?

Dick: No.

Maddox: So then I thought about it and I thought, "You know what? Maybe these people have a point. It is inappropriate." So I changed the title of the article from "Christopher Reeve is an asshole" to "Christopher Reeve Was an Asshole".

Dick: Oh, good. (sarcasm) (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: And then I doubled down. I got so much hate mail.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: So this lawyer says, "Hey man, remove the website." And I wrote back to him and I said, "Look, all over the Internet…" I sent him a bunch of links to people debating the merits of my article.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Some people were agreeing with me, some people were disagreeing with me. They had a debate very similar to the one we just had. And I said, "Regardless of whether or not you agree with my article, it's spurring an important debate in this country…(Dick scoffs) about disease and whether or not we should pay attention to it only if celebrities give attention to it."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I think it's an important message, and by taking it down, you would be quelling my free speech and my expression. And he wrote back…and…(stammers) he wrote back and he said, "Maddox, we disagree with your methods but we agree with your mission and your message."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh…so, as a good guy, I volunteered to do this. I said, "If anyone comes to that website from Google, I'll redirect the page to a landing page that says, "If you're looking for the Christopher Reeve Foundation, you've come to the wrong place. Go here. Otherwise, proceed at your own caution." So…

Dick: Generous of you.

Maddox: Yeah. I didn't have to, but I offered. And they said they were fine with that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They backed down.

Dick: So your biggest problem in the universe is now…Ham-Fisted Video Game stories?

Maddox: (laughs) Ham-Fisted Video Game Stories.

Dick: Uh-huh. The second most controversial piece of…(Maddox sighs) What was…what is this think piece about?

Maddox: The Xbox. The X…so, this one was about stories in video games and how much I hate them. I hate stories in video games most of the time.

Dick: Do you…do you hear a lot of stories about video games?

Maddox: No, no. Stories IN video games.

Dick: Oh, IN video games.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So you have a game. You're playing.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like, for example, Dick, what if you're watching your football. Your…your precious football game.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And during the football game, all of a sudden, some announcer comes in and starts telling you a narrative…

Dick: Yeah, they're great. That's…

Maddox: No, no, no, no.

Dick: That's what Vin Scully does.

Maddox: No. It's not…it's not about…you're learning about, you know. A distant village somewhere.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And…and they need some help because some dragon's attacking them. And there's nothing you can really do.

Dick: This is happening in a football game?!

Maddox: Yeah. How would you like that?

Dick: Well…I don't know about the dragons. I'd be kinda weirded out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would think I was too drunk and that it wasn't happening.

Sean: Well, you're saying it takes you out of the action.

Maddox: It takes you out of the action, Sean.

Sean: The cool part about a video game.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's a Call of Duty game…uh…

Dick: (interjects) I know what you're trying to say, but football announcers was a bad idea, because I would like if they did that more. That they gave some context to the game.

Maddox: Yeah, but football announcers are commenting on the game as it's going on.

Dick: And it's horrible when they do that. Like, they're just saying what I see. Like, that's a bad announcer to me. Guffawing at themselves, like, "Oh, what a pass!" "Oh, he might have dropped that pass, but he didn't!"

Maddox: Yeah, but Dick, there are good announcers and bad announcers. A good announcer…

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: And by the way, they do that not for the benefit of the viewer who's watching TV, but for the benefit of the radio listener.

Dick: False, they have different radio announcers. Go ahead.

Maddox: Well, sometimes. NBC has their own broadcast, too. NBC broadcasts on the radio as well.

Dick: What's the…what's the story?

Maddox: So the story…the story element in a video game. When it's done right is like a game like Portal 2. Have you ever played Portal 2?

Dick: I love that game.

Maddox: Portal 2 is a great game.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They tell the story during the gameplay.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And it's fluid. It's continuous. It doesn't stop the action. You don't have to sit there and watch some fucking cut scene. But when it doesn't work is in Call of Duty. Call of Duty, I think Advanced Warfare is the game. It has this ridiculous scene, where right after the first, like, 5, 10 minutes of the game…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Your main character dies, or one of the main characters dies, and you're at a funeral. And you're stuck in this funeral scene…this procession, whatever, and there's a coffin.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you're just walking around looking at people's faces.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can't do anything. And before you leave the area, you have to go up to the casket and then you have to press "F" to pay your respects.

Dick: Yeeeeeah.

Maddox: You literally have to press the "F" key.

Dick: Press "X" to never forget. (Maddox and Sean crack up) Got it.

Maddox: So what they've done, is they've come full circle. Now, they're hamfisting gameplay into a fucking story!!

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: I don't need this! I don't feel anything by pressing a button to pay respects! That's so fucking robotic! I don't feel sympathy. I don't feel empathy! I don't feel mourning. I don't feel anything for this character! I just feel annoyed that now I have to get up off the couch and press a button on my keyboard, 'cause I sat down for another 10 minutes for however long this fucking cut scene is, 'cause it never fucking ends with these cut scenes.

So I have to get up and I have to press a key now, to continue this bullshit ass story that I don't want to watch in the first place?! It's absurd!!!!

Dick: Well, they're not games anymore. I don't think anybody makes games anymore at that level. They just make shitty movies with shitty stories that are shittily voice acted with shittier graphics that you just press buttons through.

Maddox: Yeah, that's a…

Dick: (interjects) There's no sense of peril or accomplishment.

Maddox: Right, that's…

Dick: (interjects) Like, I think…I don't know if that's why I got out of playing video games or if I just got too old for it.

Maddox: Well, so you don't play games now, right?

Dick: Not really?

Maddox: Why not? Like, what…are you just…

Dick: I got life to live, man, like if I'm blowing time in a video game, I'd rather be writing something, or talking to broads, or playing an inst…playing a guitar or something. I'd rather be doing…spending time with my nephew. I would rather be doing literally anything else than playing a fucking video game at this point in my life.

Maddox: Okay. (scoffs) Alright. Not a game player.

Dick: No, what are you…why are you laughing at that?

Maddox: No, that's fair. Just…

Dick: (interjects) Like, I don't feel anything from it. I don't feel any kind of reward anymore.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, that's fair. Video games aren't for everyone. Um…and that's also a mistake. Video games are awesome. (Dick laughs) Video games are awesome.

Dick: Video games are awesome. (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah. They're really cool.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're a lot of fun, Dick. But…you know, that's fair. So the story element doesn't really factor into it. I think it factors into it for me, because there's certain games I won't play anymore. I have this new rule where if it takes more than 10 minutes for me…from the time I turn on the power button to start having a meaningful gameplay experience in the game…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I turn it off. Uninstall it. And do something else.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's my fucking rule. In fact, I'm gonna start a website where I'm going to start recording…I'm gonna have submissions available…

Dick: That's a fucking great idea.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What you're about to say.

Maddox: It's going to be the Power to Start time.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Right? So I want people to record the amount of time it takes from the time they hit the power button to when they can actually start the game. And the worst experience I've ever had to date is SSX Tricky, I think. It's a snowboarding game on Playstation 3.

Dick: They put a story in a snowboarding game?

Maddox: No, it wasn't even a story. It's just the start time takes so…actually, yeah. There is a story! (laughs) There's a story mode in this fucking game!

Dick: (groans) Great.

Maddox: You have characters.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't give a shit about my virtual snowbowarder!!! (Dick laughs) I don't care!! There's nothing going on in this fucking snowboarding game I could give a shit about! I don't give a fuck about anything happening in this game! I just want to press a button and do a twirl!!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what I wanna do.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Lemme do backflips. Lemme go down a hill. That's all I care about! So this game is by EA. And in order to sign up for…in order to start the game, you have to download an update. I think it was 8 gigs. You had to download a huge update.

Dick: That's a big update.

Maddox: You have to agree to three different Terms of Service agreements.

Dick: Well, you know. Lot of likenesses in this game. (Maddox laughs) Lot of fun! Lot of different tricks.

Maddox: Ugh!

Dick: You gotta agree to. (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, sure! You have to sign up. You have to provide your email address to sign into EA Origins. Otherwise, you can't even get access to all the content in the game!

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: All said, from start to finish, from Power to Start, no joke, one hour and 20 minutes.

Dick: From Power to Game.

Maddox: Uh-huh. From Power to Game. One hour and TWENTY MINUTES! I timed it! I looked at the screen. I have screenshots. I have pictures. I'm like, this is absurd! I've never had a…imagine if you were gonna watch a movie. You invite your girlfriend over. You invite a broad over, as you would say, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you were gonna watch a movie. "Hey baby, come over. Let's watch some Netflix." It'll take an hour and 20 minutes to warm up, but, boy, we're gonna have some fun once it loads.

Dick: Oh, that's a mood killer. Well, that's what Disney movies are. They're just like 12 minutes of commercials before the actual movie starts.

Maddox: Oh yeah, they're awful.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're absolutely terrible.

Dick: I think…I think what you're proposing is brilliant, because the ratings that they use for video games anymore don't even matter. Like, they're all fake. They're all horseshit.

Maddox: The ratings?

Dick: Yeah, like, "Oh, this is a 9.9!!" "This is a 9.8." It's like yeah, cause this was the game they were hyping. Like you…the journalists for those games are all whores, they just want free ga…I think.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: I don't think there's a single genuine review in the whole lot!

Maddox: Ehh…

Dick: 'Cause I play those games and they're dogshit! (Maddox laughs) And I know what is a good video game. (Maddox giggles) But this, what you're talking about, is an actual metric that they can't lie about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I see that…I see an hour and 20 minutes, and I say, "I gotta spend an hour and 20 minutes of my life watching something that, like, some dogshit comedian wrote for $150? I don't think so."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm out.

Maddox: Yeah. I have a friend who wrote this script for a video game. It's a very popular game. I won't say which one, 'cause I don't want to, you know, give him up, or whatever. (Sean coughs) But he said…he wrote the…it was a sandbox-style game like Grand Theft Auto.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And he said that it was the most work he'd ever done in his life for such little pay.

Dick: And they're all bad.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: (interjects) Is there good…besides Portal 2, is there any good writing in video games?

Maddox: Well, sure.

Dick: I don't think so.

Maddox: No, sure there is. There is actually…there's some really good, spot-on writing, and stories in video games, and they're usually called role playing games. I don't know why every single game has hamfisted this element from roleplaying games into every other game. Even…even the game Tetris, Dick! Do you know…do you know they added a story to Tetris!?

Dick: What's the story?!

Maddox: It's Tetris World. It's on Playstation 2, I believe. I have this game. It's one of the worst games I've ever played.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: Here, listen to this. This is…actually from the game's intro where they're setting up the story. Listen to this.

Dick: I love how much prep work you have for this fucking problem. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) I'm furious. Listen to this.

(Clip starts: Drumroll…"Hello, citizens."

Dick: Oh, God! (Maddox giggles)

"We are facing the ultimate crisis!"

Maddox: Oooh.

"Of the 50 billion stars in our galaxy…"

Dick: Oh, my God.

"Less than 1 million have planets that could support life as we know it."

Dick: Okay.

"We must find a new home.")

Maddox: (laughs) They have to evacuate their planet, 'cause their sun's about to get destroyed. And the way they have to do it is to…

Dick: Play Tetris?

Maddox: Yeah. Play Tetris, basically.

Dick: Somebody wrote that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Somebody got paid to write that.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: That's embarrassing. (grins)

Maddox: Hopefully not much. Hopefully less than minimum wage.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fuck that. Then I got all these angry comments, Dick. They're just piling in.

Dick: This is your latest video?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is what happened?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This guy, uh, commented on my Facebook page. His name is **Kevin Mann.** He says, **"Maddox just had ADHD or is autistic…"** (Dick and Sean laugh) **"…which is why…"** (Maddox trails off and Dick cackles) Listen to this sensitive shithead.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Good start.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) **"Which is why he can't appreciate a good story in games. Also, suggesting games don't have good stories? You think Witcher III, Deus Ex, Bloodborne, or Dragon Age don't have good stories?** (his voice slowly becomes sillier) **Gaming is another medium of entertainment like books, and movies. Go read a book if that is the only way you want a story told. But gaming offers a superior experience, since it lets you be a participant rather than a spectator. Fuck you, Mad Cocks. Also, your hairline has gotten even worse, by the way."** (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah, that happens. That's…somebody said I looked like a balding Aaron Paul. I'm like "Well…"

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (cracks up)

Dick: He'll look like this too when he's my age.

Maddox: Yeah, I saw that. Yeah. This shithead. So he…he specifically in the video, I mentioned that RPGs are not a problem that I have with.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Right? I don't have a problem with RPGs, because that's what the game is. They are story-driven games. Then he lists RPGs as games that have good stories. Witcher III, which, by the way, shit. Witcher III is a piece of shit. Deus Ex…I bought Deus Ex and I

couldn't even muster up…(Dick laughs) the energy and strength to open it, because I just didn't want to go through all the dialogue. It's actually sitting on my shelf sealed right now.

Dick: Well remember when you could have…you could skip it? Remember when you could just skip the dialogue?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't anymore.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You gotta watch your stupid guy trudge around through some terrain.

Maddox: Can you imagine putting in a DVD that you just bought, or a Blu-Ray that you just bought, and then not being able to turn it off or skip it when you want?

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Skip it to the next chapter if you want?

Dick: These poor…these poor kids.

Maddox: It's awful.

Dick: They don't know what video games are.

Maddox: Yeah. Umm…and then it just goes on. **"Not to mention, three out of the four games you listed are not telling, compelling stories…"** blablabla. There's a huge thread that goes on. Everyone is just really angry right now. Just a bunch of fucking idiots. I just want to read this. I'm going over my time here.

Dick: Yeah. You are. (Maddox laughs) On a problem that is…too much stories in video games.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. I know. (grins) I know, I know, I know. But, uh…(Dick laughs) Well, we did the whole Christopher Reeve rant. But here, I just want to end on this note. You know, Dick, the top bestselling games of all time are not games that have stories in them.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Because games purely…at their core. At their essence. Need to have good gameplay, and they need to be compelling to play. No one gives a shit about the story the second time through. No one sits and watches the story the second time through. It annoys you. It annoys me. I don't want to see it. Generally, right? Um…

Dick: No, well, you're making an interesting point. 'Cause there's always that argument of whether or not video games are art.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'll watch a movie 100 times.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? I've watched Dredd, the Dredd remake…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Probably once a week.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: But I've never played a video game more than once for the story.

Maddox: Well, did you see the Avenger 2: Age of Ultron?

Dick: Yes. I hated it.

Maddox: Hated it?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You know what the budget for that movie was? Like, north of…

Dick: (interjects) I dunno. A billion? Hundred millions? Two hundred million?

Maddox: Yeah, about. It was about that, yeah. North of 80 million, 110 million. Around that area.

Dick: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Maddox: That's bigger than most budgets for video games. So think about it. They're spending 110 million dollars to make a movie as good as they can possibly make. They have A-list actors in it. Robert Downey Jr's in it, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um. They have A-list actors in it. They have A-list screenwriting talent. They have A-list directors.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They have all the talent in the world. They have ILM, or Dreamworks doing the special effects, like, whoever is doing the special effects.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: They have the best of the best making this movie and they still failed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What hope does a video game developer have to make a good…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, none. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. None. Because they're…first of all, they have to do the game, and it's hard enough to make a good game. Don't try to cram a good movie into it, too. We don't need that!

Dick: I think…well, I think there's a component of story building in the video game, like, Portal 2, you felt like you were developing the story as you went. Like, Zelda, the original Legend of Zelda game.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You felt like you were building the story. Even though there was almost no story, you felt like you were building it as you went.

Maddox: Well it's not that…

Dick: (interjects) I think they don't understand that. Like, they try to put on this movie with, like, Gears of War, and Call of Duty, and it just turns into, like, a dogshit…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Second rate version of a movie they saw once.

Maddox: Right. Like…games like Zelda…the original Zelda, and actually, most Zelda games, and games like Bloodborne and Dark Souls, Dark Souls II, they have the right amount of story. It's just a little bit of framework. A little bit of scaffolding.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: To say…even Contra. The original Contra had a little bit of story as scaffolding to say…"This is what you're supposed to do, dickhead. Just go over here and do this thing." It's a sentence. I don't need a whole…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I can summarize most stories in video games in a sentence. But I just want to end on this note. Um, here are the top ten…you know what the number one bestselling game of all time is, Dick?

Dick: What are they? What are the top 10?

Maddox: Number one is Tetris.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Doesn't need a fucking story.

Dick: No story.

Maddox: Don't add one. Number two is Wii Sports. Number three is Minecraft. None of these have stories in them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Number four does have a story, but I've never played it. (scoffs) Grand Theft Auto V. Then Super Mario Brothers. Mario Kart Wii. No stories there. Again…and then Tetris again. Tetris on Gameboy, separately.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: And then…you know, we won't even count that. I'll say Wii Sports Resort, on Wii. No story there. And then New Super Mario Bros.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a fun game.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Dead or Alive: Beach Volleyball is not on there?

Maddox: No, surprisingly. (giggles)

Dick: That is surprising.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm always off with what I think is gonna be popular.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick, that's my problem.

Dick: Alright. Hey, speaking of being put to sleep by shitty video game stories…(Maddox laughs) This episode is brought to you by Casper. Get $50 toward any mattress purchase by visiting http://www.casper.com/biggest and using promo code "BIGGEST". How do you like your Casper mattress?

Maddox: I love it, Dick. I legitimately love this mattress.

Dick: Do you, really?

Maddox: I'm a…(stammers) I found myself evangelizing this mattress. Talk about annoying evangelists. Now I'm a Casper evangelist. Outside this show…I have evangelized this mattress to my friends. To my family. And several of them have bought and they like it a lot, too.

Dick: They do?

Maddox: Oh, man. It's the most restful sleep, buddy.

Dick: This guy, **John Anthony** says **"My new Casper mattress is so good that I slept right through my work shift this morning."** (Maddox chuckles) **"I blame the terrorists. Happy 9/11, guys."** (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: What every sponsor wants is a 9/11 reference in their ad.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I read that comment too. No, for real, though. I sleep through my phone ringing. I sleep through alarms. It might be a problem. Maybe I need to turn up my alarms. They're all metal.

Dick: Oh, your alarms are metal?

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah.

Dick: What song do you play on your alarms?

Maddox: I play…the Dallas Stars' fight song. The Dallas Stars hockey team fight song is fucking awesome! (Dick laughs) Everyone listen to it! Everyone look it up right now.

Dick: Dude, hockey music is awesome!

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Like, if you go to a game live, the only games worth going live to that have good music are hockey games.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh.

Dick: And they're all awesome! Right, Sean? Would you agree with that?

Sean: Yeah. The whole hockey experience live is completely different than on TV.

Dick: Oh, yeah. It's badass.

Sean: There's no better live sport.

Maddox: This one's by Pantera. Pantera did the Dallas Stars' fight theme, and its' so fucking cool! I listen to it every morning! You know how people say "Don't set your favorite song to be your alarm because you'll hate it"?

Dick: Why would they say…really?

Maddox: I love it. Oh, yeah. I love it.

Dick: Well, that's stupid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Life hack. (Maddox laughs) This one's from **Anthony Lopez. "Hey Dick, love the show, man. You guys are fucking awesome. I recently moved from California to Washington and I had to let go of my bed. I was like "Well, I don't wanna fucking deal with the whole mattress shopping, so why not get a tits mattress in a box delivered?"** Absolutely right.

Maddox: Yeaaaah.

Dick: If you're moving, just ditch the mattress and get a Casper one.

Maddox: Smart.

Dick: "I went to the Casper site and didn't see an apparent field for a promo. Point me in the right direction." Absolutely. It's http://www.casper.com/biggest. You'll know if you're there, 'cause they spelled the name of our show wrong.

Maddox: Did they, really? What is it…how is it spelled? (laughs)

Dick: So if you're there…if you're looking at a page that has the correct name of the show, you're at the wrong spot. (Maddox laughs) No, they said…it says, "The Biggest Problems in the Universe", or something like that.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: It's a simple grammatical mistakes. We all make them all the times.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Use promo code BIGGEST. There you go.

Maddox: Yeah. We'll link to it on our website. Thanks for supporting the show, guys. Sleep well.

Dick: Uhhh…I don't know if my problem is as big as yours. (Maddox guffaws) Terrorism.

Maddox: No, uhh…

Dick: It was just September 11th, you guys.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you know…are you aware of that?

Maddox: It was.

Dick: Did you remember to never forget? Sean, I'm looking at you?

Sean: I did remember to never forget.

Dick: Good. Maddox?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Did you do some Osama Bin Laden death shit?

Maddox: I bought…no. No. That's on Osama Bin Laden Death Day, which I believe is May 2nd.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: That's when I celebrate Osama Bin Laden Death Day. 9/11 is a day of remembrance.

Dick: Okay. I'm not gonna be flippant about this, 'cause it's a big issue. A growing issue worldwide, terrorism has caused around 130,000 fatalities between 2006 and 2013. That's a lot of fatalities. 90,000 total terrorist attacks in this time period.

Maddox: Since when? What year?

Dick: 2006 and 2013.

Maddox: 2006 and 2013.

Dick: 90,000, man.

Maddox: 90,000.

Dick: That is a shitload.

Maddox: And how many deaths did that result in?

Dick: 130,000.

Maddox: 130,000.

Dick: That's like a hurricane…what was that big…

Maddox: Tsunami.

Dick: What was the Haiti…yeah. What was the tsunami? Wasn't it around hundreds of thousands?

Maddox: The Thai…yeah. The Thai tsunami. The tsunami that hit Southeast Asia in 2004.

Dick: You're wincing Sean, like you think it's a lot more. What do you think it is?

Sean: No, I thought it was, like, in the 70,000 range.

Dick: Okay, close.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Orders of magnitude.

Sean: Was it more?

Maddox: It was over 100, yeah. It was over 100. It was a lot.

Dick: In the past year, the country with the most terrorist attacks is obviously Iraq, followed by Pakistan and Afghanistan. Altogether, the number of terrorist attacks in these countries amounted to around 7,000 attacks. That's a shitload, man.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Look, I'm bringing it in. It's weird to bring in, because according to the numbers, it's not an American problem. Right? Like, you're more…you're more likely to be ki…in America, you're dying because you're fat. That's it. That's the only…you're dying because the garbage shelving system that you bought on QVC falls on your head while you're taking a three-hour shit. That's why you die in America. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. Coronary heart disease.

Dick: You're not dying from a terrorist attack.

Maddox: Usually not.

Dick: So I'm reading these fatalities, and they're huge.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But, to us, it's not…it's not a big deal. But it IS. Because all it is to us is the fear. Right? That's all terrorism is to us, is the fear of IT. Do you know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you agree with that or disagree with that?

Maddox: Yeah, no, I agree.

Dick: 'Cause it's not a real threat. It's not a real threat to us.

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: Despite what every politician implicates…they never say it. They always implicate.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's it's a threat.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Not a threat. Not a threat. But we're all afraid. We're all terrified of it. So, huge success for them. 'Cause we're all terrified of it.

Maddox: Yeah. We are terrified to a point of annoyance. Where we have started to mobilize ourselves against terrorism…

Dick: (interjects) Lemme tell you how.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Drones.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Terrorism. Militarized police. Terrorism. Mass surveillance. The TSA. Your Oculus Rift shit?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: One fucking terrorist, it's goodbye. One data center goes, goodbye Maddox.

Maddox: What are you talking about?!

Dick: Right?! That's how the Oculus Rift works.

Maddox: No, man…

Dick: I know you're virtual reality…

Maddox: I'm gonna be in the cloud, buddy, you can't get rid of me.

Dick: No, it's…

Maddox: I'm gonna be spread everywhere.

Dick: Here's the problem with it, honestly. Is we're gonna be at war forever. We're at… we're constantly at war. We're just constantly at war now because of fucking terrorism.

Maddox: Yeah, but…I mean, terrorism is the problem, but also, isn't it the initiative of the politicians who got us into that war? Like…

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Well, specifically, Bush.

Dick: Ohhhh, boy.

Maddox: Right after 9/11…no, but let's talk about this.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right after 9/11, Bush called for a global war on terror.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Or…the war on terror. TWOT for short.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: So, he had this TWOT initiative. Right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: The War on Terror. And…um…any…just like any other war on an "ism"…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or an ideology.

Dick: Stupid.

Maddox: It never ends. It can never end, because that ideology never can end. And also…when you attack your enemies, right? Unless you have laser precision, which we don't…unless you have laser precision, it creates collateral damage. It creates collateral deaths.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And part of the reason the terrorists attacked us on 9/11 isn't for the reason that Bush said, which is "because they hate our freedoms". I looked it up after Bush said that speech. I thought, "Well, that's kinda confusing. 'Cause even on 9/11, I wasn't a big Bush fan."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But even on 9/11, I thought "This is our president. This is our leader. This is my country. We're in a time of grieving and suffering."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: This is really shitty and tragic. But still, that doesn't really sound true to me, that they would attack us just because they don't like our freedom? What, jealousy is the reason they're attacking us? Then I looked it up and I found Osama Bin Laden's manifesto. And he said he's attacking us because he said that we brought down rooves over Palestinian children and because of our occupation in Israel and Pales…and Saudi Arabia, they said they don't like that we have military bases in Saudi Arabia, which he considers their holiest country.

Dick: Yeah. He doesn't like our interference with the Muslim state.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? I mean, with his version of it.

Maddox: Well, yeah. And it's also…it's also retribution for…uh…because we funded the Mujahideen…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then left them to…to fight the Russians in Afghanistan a long time ago, yadda, yadda, it's a lot of ancient history, but that's what happened. That's what led up to the 9/11 attack. And so…when you…when you respond to them with more war that creates more collateral damage, then the cousin of somebody who got killed suddenly has a beef with you.

Dick: Yeah, see…I know what you're saying. And I understand, like, the collateral damage of it, but then I found this…but then, what's the other solution, right? Like, what's the other fix?

Maddox: Oh, I'll tell you. (giggles)

Dick: Do nothing? What are you…what is it? What is it? Buy 'em off?

Maddox: I actually…

Dick: (interjects) I'm fine with that.

Maddox: Well, yeah.

Dick: Just go over there and start handing out $100 Starbucks cards and then they say "Where's the Starbucks", and like, "Well, you guys gotta fucking build one."

Maddox: Yeah, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) I dunno. You gotta work together on something here.

Maddox: Dick, I came up with a solution for this a long time ago that we still haven't implemented. Um, rather than dropping bombs on their heads, lets drop bags of money.

Dick: Yeah. No, I…

Maddox: Instant…instant reparations, Dick! You…'cause you drop a bag of money, kill somebody…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then their cousin, or whoever, you know, they're pissed off, they're like "Oh, well, there's a bag of money."

Dick: Then they're like "Oh, that guy was kind of a Dick, fuck him."

Maddox: (laughing) He's kind of a dick, fuck him.

Dick: Look at all this money I got.

Maddox: Look at all this money. 'Cause here's the thing, man. The cost of each…like, one of those missiles we're shooting into caves and on the hillside.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And the operation is in the TRILLIONS of dollars, if we had just gone into these countries and said, "Here's a bunch of Starbucks and a bunch of shiny buildings for you. Uh..enjoy."

Dick: Yeah. Here's a bunch of jeans. You guys like Levis?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Well, there you go.

Maddox: I mean…I think that sugar goes a lot further than vinegar in this case.

Dick: Well, so here's…okay. Here's what I found. 'Cause I saw…lemme stay on track here. So, the war? The war, by the way? Cost us about 2 trillion dollars so far.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what NASA's budget is every year?

Maddox: Hmm?

Dick: 20 billion.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So what is that? 100 years of NASA?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: All…more than NASA has been around.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: More budget for that.

Maddox: That's like 20…that's 20% of our national debt, isn't it?

Dick: I don't know. Uh…price to end hunger worldwide is 30 billion a year.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And terrorism is preventing that. Basically. I mean, basically. A lot of stupid decisions are causing this, but the root cause is still terrorism.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, so…who's opposed to that solution, Dick?

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: If…let's say that you were trying to build political will amongst a populace to say, "Look guys, we can solve world hunger for a fraction of the cost of this war on terror." We can actually feed every single person in the WORLD. And we can end certain disease, and we can end homelessness.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And all these great things. We could fund NASA.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How do you, then, build a political capital? Who's gonna be opposed to that?

Dick: What do you mean? I imagine everyone.

Maddox: Hmm. Why?

Dick: Why? Because you can't get incensed about hunger. Like, it's always been that way. It's easy to ignore.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: But it's not easy to ignore people getting blown up.

Maddox: You don't think that…

Dick: (interjects) And that's how people work. That's why Christopher Reeve getting paralyzed motivated people to…to give. Because that's how people are. There's a tragedy and they respond to it.

Maddox: Yeah. This is actually a cognitive bias that I'm talking about in another video that I'm making down the line about gun control, but it's…it's called the probability neglect and it's a cognitive bias by this researched named Sun. I forget which university that he's from. But basically, things that are in our near sight, in our ideas. In our idea space.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Seem much more urgent than problems that we actually need to focus on. Uh..actually, there's a book by the…

Dick: (interjects) Well, but that last part I take…I take issue with.

Maddox: What?

Dick: That you "need" to focus on.

Maddox: Well, sure.

Dick: Because in your life…video games…stories in video games have a bigger impact then terrorism!! I mean…you could make that argument, 'cause that's right in front of you!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm not saying…

Dick: Go ahead, anyway.

Maddox: I'm not saying that I am not fallible to this cognitive bias. We all are. We're humans. Uh, we all…we all basically respond the same way. I mean…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: …I am infallible, but that's a different story. That's a different episode. But…uh, umm. This researched, Kahneman, I think is his name. He wrote this book called "Fast and Slow Thinking", where he specifically talks about this. He says it's a cognitive bias that makes us feel like the things that we're hearing about are more important than they are. That's why we focus so much on celebrity news. And…and, in fact, terrorism, which isn't nearly as big of a problem as children drowning!

Dick: No. No.

Maddox: The number of children who drown every year is around what? 30,000? Or… what is it? Sean?

Dick: It's a shitload. More people die in car crashes than anything else.

Maddox: Yeah. Every year. More people die from the flu.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 33,000 people die per year from the flu, so, since 2006, Dick, that's what? 11 years.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And in 11 years, we've had 90,000 terrorist attacks and 130,000 casualties. That's way less than the flu.

Sean: No, it was 2006 to 2013, so that's 7 years.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, seven years, okay. So, even…so, okay. (stammers) Still. That's 33,000 per year?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: 33,000 x 7. That's 210,000, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's 130,000 versus 210,000. Flu is a way bigger problem. Why aren't we using this money to solve the flu?

Dick: Well, like you see…you can't just stack up death counts. Like, that's not how…that's also not how it works.

Maddox: Well, I know that's not…

Dick: It's not just bigger 'cause more people died from it.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, that's how it should work.

Dick: Or else Death would be a big problem.

Maddox: It is. (giggles)

Dick: And we saw what happened there, didn't we?

Maddox: Well. Bunch of idiots.

Dick: Yeah. So…

Maddox: (interjects) This one guy..yeah, well, no. I don't…

Dick: (interjects) Well, I was…you mentioned, you know, the collateral damage and not just killing 'em. However, then I found this Rand study that says "All terrorist groups eventually end", they say, but how do they end? The evidence since 1968 indicates that they end because either they joined the political process, 43% ended that way, or local police or intelligence agencies arrested or killed key members. 40%. What does that…that says pretty effective strategy to arrest and kill key members.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: That's what that number says to me.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "Well, we killed half of them." "What happened to the other half?" "They stopped doing terrorist things." Okay, sounds like killing them solved 100%, then! That's what the numbers say! Not…not that I'm on board with that, but it seems pretty fuckin' effective!

Maddox: Yeah…I don't think so, Dick, because we essentially wiped out the leadership of the Taliban.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh…and we wiped out the leadership of Al-Qaeda.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We pretty much sent Al-Qaeda packing. Like, there is nobody left for the…the heads of Al-Qaeda. They're kind of a scattered…there are a bunch of scattered cells in Somalia and in Yemen and Jordan. There's a bunch of cells, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But then this…the resentment is still there. And if you take away Al-Qaeda by name, and you take away the Taliban by name…

Dick: Yeah. (exhales)

Maddox: Guess what?

Sean: Then you get ISIS.

Maddox: Then you get ISIS.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You get another fucking shithead. And that's exactly what Dick Cheney...

Dick: Ooookay.

Maddox: The biggest snake…the snakiest, weaselly politician, probably in the last decade, since Nixon, probably.

Dick: I mean, you know terrorism existed before those guys, right?

Maddox: Well…hold on, hold on. Dick Cheney came out with this video…during an interview in, I think, 1996. And he said it would be suicide to go into Iraq. It would be insane to go into Iraq, because if we took out Saddam Hussein.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Saddam Hussein is a thug and a strongarm, and he's oppressing the people, but he's also oppressing the bad guys in…in Syria. We need someone shitty like Saddam Hussein to oppress these fucking dickhead terrorists, because Saddam Hussein is way more cruel than we are.

Dick: Yeah, true.

Maddox: We can't torture people. I mean, we do…we do it anyway, but we can't. We're not supposed to. We have to go…abide by the Geneva conventions.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And we have to abide by the United Nations conventions. And we have to play by the rules. But these dickheads don't. And Saddam Hussein wasn't doing it either. And he was oppressing these fuckheads. And then Dick Cheney said, "You take out Saddam Hussein, it's gonna create a power vacuum, and it's gonna bring in more terrorism into the Middle East." And guess what? That's exactly what fucking happened!

Dick: Well, sure.

Maddox: So…so…ISIS is just the remnants of Al-Qaeda and the Taliban and these other terrorist groups, and you take out ISIS, and then what, man? Where does it end? Another…another group.

Dick: Well I read…I actually read what ISIS wants…cause I didn't know. You think, like, "Well, what do they want?" Like, what the hell do they want? What can I give these people to make them stop doing this?

Maddox: Okay. What does it say?

Dick: Right? They don't just want money. Like, I don't understand that. How much do you want us to write the check for? None of these checks that we write are good anyway. What do you want, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you know what they want? Do you know what ISIS wants?

Maddox: I…I mean, if I listen to just the propaganda and rhetoric, it sounds like they want an Islamic state.

Dick: Do you…you don't think that's true?

Maddox: I think they do.

Dick: You think that they do. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, I…actually researched it. 'Cause I wanted to know. I watched a 60 seconds…"All you need to know about ISIS" video.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: I was like, "Perfect."

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: So they're running a caliphate. Am I saying that right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's an Islamic state ruled by one leader, who is the…who is considered the political successor to Mohammed.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…that's a pretty fucking clear agenda.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That doesn't have a fix. Right? Like, it doesn't matter how many…how many casualties…how much collateral damage we cause. If the agenda is an Islamic state, where the head of the state is a successor to Mohammed…you can't stop that!! You understand what I'm saying? Like…dropping money on it…we're not causing that. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Like, if that's their agenda.

Maddox: Well, that is their agenda. We're not causing it, but we're also exacerbating the situation.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Because…because, man, nobody in the Middle East likes ISIS. Uh, the Syrian regime wants to get rid of them. The Saudi regime wants to get rid of them. Iran doesn't like 'em. Nobody wants them. Nobody wants to harbor them. Nobody wants to even get that stink near them, because once they get that stink of state-sponsored terrorism, they know that they're on our watchlist and Israel's watchlist. They don't want that. And Turkey, too. Turkey's one of our allies.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they're playing ball right now.

Dick: See, I read these solutions. Like, I looked up some "How to stop this?" and none of them ring true to me. "Stop supporting the dictators who fund terrorists." Like…

Maddox: Well, okay. (skeptical)

Dick: Okay, you know.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Stop arming terrorist. Yeah. O-only buy stocks that go up!!! (yells) Thanks! Thanks for the…how are we gonna stop doing that?! Like, b…

Maddox: (interjects) Well, we're still doing it. We're still…there's still been reports of arms going into Syria to support the rebels. Well, guess what? If the rebels get defeated, those arms are gonna fall into the hands of terrorists.

Dick: Yeah, again. So only fund the rebels who will win, right? Like, let's pretend we're in Star Wars, you know? It happens. It happens.

Maddox: Yeah, but that's…yeah, but that's exactly what we did to start Al-Qaeda.

Dick: Mmyeah.

Maddox: Which is the,,,Mujahideen in Afghanistan. We armed them to fight Russia. They defeated Russia, but then they turned their weapons on us!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Our weapons. Our own weapons.

Dick: As they will do. Stop…stop imperial conquests for Arab oil.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Okay, well…

Maddox: Well, that's..

Dick: We'll all drive Priuses. Have a fucking great time.

Maddox: Well, hold on. That's actually a solution, Dick, that I think that might actually worse, if we took this 2 trillion dollars and we created initiatives to create clean energy

alternatives or any kind of new technology to product our energy demands. To…to answer our energy needs with that 2 trillion dollars? That might actually be a solution. If we got out of the Middle East altogether.

Dick: Here's the only…here's the only solution that I read that was…that I thought was interesting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think…I think all that other shit is totally unrealistic and retarded.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, okay. So…radically change…radically change culture and lives. Got it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Thanks. We'll get right on that! Right?!

Maddox: It…it seems like a passive solution. If at all. Because there are relative times where we don't support these regimes and we don't arm terrorists, but they still, you know, find a way to exist.

Dick: This was from The Guardian. Um…and it says…the author blames it on childhood poverty.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Saying, "poverty feeds terrorism by eroding a basic human need. The need to belong."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uh…"…this may seem like an unlikely place to begin a conversation on terrorism, but after growing up in one of Africa's largest urban slums for most of my life, I am certain that nurturing a sense of belonging in young people through economic opportunity and the cultivation of community is essential for curbing the spread of terrorism." And here's the interesting part. Um…they say, "When middle and upper class people…" which would be America, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Ask why someone with no natural inclination towards violence would become a terrorist, the answer is usually because they have nothing to use, but what it is to people…it's just…it's what happens every day in these communities, spilling over into, uh…into the upper and middle class societies. That's what they're saying. This is just the default behavior, and the way to fix it is to bring everybody up.

Maddox: I agree. I absolutely agree.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Because here's the thing, Dick. Um…these…they're essentially like gangs. Gangs in the United States are usually the most impoverished. They come from places of poverty. You don't see gangs popping up in affluent neighborhoods. You don't get the Beverly Hills Gang. You don't get the Brentwood Gang. You don't get the Gangnam Gang.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Gangham in South Korea. You know, Gangnam Style?

Dick: Is that a rich area?

Maddox: Yeah. It's the South Korean Beverly Hills. The Gangnam Gang. It has the word "gang" right in it! Why don't you have one?! Anyway, man. You don't get…you don't get gangs from affluent neighborhoods, because when people are downtrodden and distraught…you ever heard the expression, Dick, um…"No disrespect"?

Dick: What, like, someone says that to you, "no disrespect"? And then they say something extremely disrespectful?

Maddox: Uhh…

Dick: (interjects) Yes, I do know. (laughs) (Maddox laughs) Yeah. That's like when someone says "Gentlemen"…it's like I know you're…

Maddox: Yeahhh.

Dick: I know you're about to not treat me like a gentleman.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or when someone says, uh…"No offense".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, okay, please…(grins) Please proceed with the offense.

Maddox: You know, Dick, I believe that Chinese cultures have something in common with…with gang mentality, and that is this concept of losing face.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Because when gang cultures lose face, sometimes if they're already in poverty and they're already poor, that's all they've got.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They only have their pride. And when you take their pride away, they'll lash out at you. And the same thing, I think, is happening in the Middle East. I read an essay a long time ago, I think it was in the Guardian or Atlantic, where they talked about how…uh, the psychology that goes into terrorism. Are these people who are downtrodden and in poverty and no one else gives a shit about them. No one's taking them in.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So essentially, the Middle Eastern version of our American gangs is happening right now. And now they're getting rifles. They're getting machine guns. And they feel powerful. They feel like they're challenging authority. We are the authority that they're challenging. They're challenging..

Dick: (interjects) That is what a machine gun feels like. (sexy)

Maddox: Yeah. Well…they're challenging. I mean, you're literally…these people are becoming armed.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: With machine guns. To go out and kill people that they view as oppressors. The people who they view as the…the aggressors who put them in that situation to begin with. It's a really…

Dick: (interjects) Well, they got something to fight for, also. Like, if ISIS…if ISIS's goal is… gigantic Muslim state ruled by a prophet…a descendant of the prophet, then that's a pretty cause to fight for. If you got nothing.

Maddox: (giggles) Oh, if you got nothing.

Dick: I mean, you're sitting there. You got nothing but a fucking…corrugated piece of iron as a roof and a machine gun, somebody drops that on you. You're like…"Yeah! That's a fucking great idea! Fuck this!"

Maddox: Yeah. So the hope here is that…and this is what I would like to see more of. Is a Middle Eastern solution to this largely Middle Eastern problem. And it's gotta be two prong. And America has to stop exacerbating the situation. Like, by doing bombing campaigns and all these missions. Look, man. You kill somebody…you kill a terrorist. That terrorist has a brother. That terrorist has a cousin. That terrorist has parents. Or you kill their parents, or whatever, they're gonna come after you. They're going to join the cause that killed them. Look man, just put yourself in their shoes. If someone dropped a bomb on a suspected American terrorist, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Let's say other…let's say Pakistan was flying drones.

Dick: I would post that shit all over Facebook. Are you kidding me?

Maddox: Let's say Pakistan was flying drones over America. Like we are there.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Over there. And they accidentally drop a bomb on a wedding. And they kill a bunch of innocent people. They say, "Oh, sorry, we thought it was a terrorist cell, sorry. Here's a bunch of money for reparations."

Dick: Well, that's not gonna be good enough. (smiles)

Maddox: No, absolutely not.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And people are gonna be outraged. And the relatives of those people are not gonna rest until they get justice. Well, this is their form of justice. It's shitty. It's wrong. Because they're attacking civilians, they're attacking innocent people and they don't discriminate, but…it's…it's clear to see where this problem comes from and what we need to do to stop exacerbating it. And then, to get the Middle Eastern countries to try to solve this problem.

Dick: Yeaaaah. I don't think it's clear, though. I agree with what you're saying, but I don't think it's the biggest cause. Like, I agree with this idea of a cycle of revenge and violence. I think that's part of it, though.

Maddox: I think poverty…I think you're right, Dick. Poverty, I think, is probably a big part of it.

Dick: Poverty combined with fanaticism is much more dangerous. I was reading also that Osama Bin Laden didn't even think that an Islamic state could be established in his lifetime.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that was the endgame, but he was like "Oh, there's no way that'll happen."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And here we go.

Maddox: Yeah. Um…

Dick: It's a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah, it is…

Dick: (interjects) It's gonna be around for a long fucking time.

Maddox: It is a big problem. Although…hold on.

Dick: (interjects) And it's so annoying, 'cause it dominates conversation in America.

Maddox: Well, hold on, Dick. I think that at the start of your problem, you said something…you were saying…I don't think it's as big of a problem as we're making it to be. Because it's on our horizon. It's on our radars, because we're hearing about it all the time, but like we said, it's 90,000 terrorist incidents.

Dick: That's only deaths, though. It's 2 trillion dollars. Put that in dollars, not deaths.

Maddox: But that doll…those dollars are for the war that we've…we've…those war campaigns that we've been part of.

Sean: The war on terrorism.

Dick: Terror.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's never gonna end.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That shit is never gonna end.

Maddox: Uh, I mean, it can. It can.

Dick: You know what we gotta do?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: We gotta send Bernie Sanders to the Middle East and have him distribute all that oil money to everybody.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? That'll help. Then everybody'll be rich!

Maddox: Yeah, man. I mean, to even start to unravel the Middle Eastern politics and the corruption that goes on there, and uh…you know, the Saudi oil money.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And the, um…the princes in Dubai. And Jordan. And all the…the Emirates. And all..what's the other one, Bahrain?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Qatar?

Maddox: Yeah, Qatar. Actually, I think the king of Qatar is a badass. Was that the..

Dick: Oh, is he?

Maddox: No, it's the king of Jordan, the…(stammers)

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah, you're right. He's cool.

Maddox: King Abdullah of Jordan. Like, I think, personally flew a jet campaign to bomb an ISIS target.

Dick: Well. (impressed)

Maddox: Which is pretty fucking badass.

Dick: Fucking cool.

Maddox: You know…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Bush did his morale boost by landing a jet on an aircraft carrier.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: King Abdullah dropped a fucking bomb on a terrorist.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's pretty fucking ballsy.

Dick: Pretty cool. Let's see you do that, Trump.

Maddox: Especially for a Middle Eastern.

Dick: Well, this is…this is why I say it's such a big problem. Because it's…even the quagmire of dissecting it is impossible.

Maddox: I don't think it's impossible. I think it's a complex situation.

Dick: Well, you couldn't do it! Who's gonna do it, then!? You couldn't do it in 20 seconds. That's it! That's all we got! You're the best hope we got!

Maddox: I told…I told you! Drop bombs of money on them, man! Just drop bags of money. For real. Drop bags of money. Let these fuckers, like…kill them with it, and then, you know. Also, instant reparations! Boom!

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: It's just fucking gold!

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Fort Knox. What are we doing to Fort Knox? It's a bunch of bullshit? Look man, Russia had a gold…a gold reserve that just got robbed. Uh, I don't know how many billions of dollars, like, 4 billion dollars' worth of gold got robbed from Russia. Put that shit in missiles. Drop it on the fucking terrorists. Let them have…like, give 'em a Cadillac. You put a Cadillac. You put Cadillac keys in a terrorist's hand…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I'll show you an ear-to-ear smile, buddy. They'll be grinning like motherfuckers! They're not gonna bomb anyone!

Sean: They'll just put some fucked up looking rims on it. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Yeah, what happens when poor people win the lottery!? They blow it immediately!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not gonna work!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: See?! Your plan is fucked.

Maddox: You need to create…

Dick: (interjects) We could give 'em plutonium, that's worth a lot, right? They could resell that.

Maddox: You need to…(cracks up) you need to create an industry over there, I think. I mean, it's not our job to…to nation build. And by the way, we are not good at nation building. I think that…most…most instances where we have tried nation building since World War II have been absolute and utter failures. Iraq is…is the primest example. Afghanistan is another prime example. There's so many times where we've tried nation building that doesn't work. Um, but yeah, man. This problem, I think…

Dick: We gave it a shot, though.

Maddox: What? Nation building?

Dick: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: Great. (giggles)

Dick: Gave it a shot. (giggles)

Maddox: There you go. Slap-dick nation builders.

Dick: Yeah. So we're shitty nation builders.

Maddox: We're shitty nation builders, Dick. Uh, we're not…we're not supposed to…we need to get out of that business. And yeah. If their economy…

Dick: You think terrorism is a big problem, though, right?

Maddox: No.

Dick: You don't think it's a big problem?

Maddox: No. Not compared to…

Dick: 2 trillion dollars we're spending? The Patriot Act?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Well…

Dick: This is a natural reaction to it. This is a natural reaction to fear!

Maddox: That's a shitty conservative reaction to it. The Patriot Act?!

Dick: Maddox, this is reaction to fear! This…of course it's bad, but this was the reaction!

Maddox: Yeah, but also, you need to have a measured response to it, and it's…not…the response is not measured here. 2 trillion dollars to solve a problem that's REALLY costing us 130,000 lives per year?!

Dick: Not us. Those are other lives.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Those are not our lives.

Maddox: Well, I mean, there are troops. There are people who live in those countries. Like, look, man. The damage that this is causing? It's bad. It's a bad problem. But like we just said, Dick, because video game stories are on my agenda, they're on my horizon.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a problem to me. (Sean laughs) But it's not a big problem in the grand scale of things.

Sean: Why don't you start a foundation now that you've had this happen to you? (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: It'll be the "Fuck You, Sean" foundation. How about that? (Sean laughs)

Dick: Naaaaah.

Maddox: FYS. Donate now. And I'll…(giggles) I'll start my website. The Power to Play website.

Dick: Alright. I think I'm done with terrorism. I don't think I have anything else for it.

Maddox: I'm done with terrorism, too! Fuck terrorism. (chuckles) Um…yeah, Dick. (stammers) Here's one…here's one other thing just to add onto the terrorist note.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Thankfully, this is not…this is not the majority of the Middle East. Like, you know. This…this is a big problem. Uh…

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: In terms of geopolitical events. Geopolitics, right? But, uh…the majority of Saudi Arabia doesn't have to worry about terrorism. The majority of Iran, Qatar, and Kuwait. These aren't countries that are actively dealing with, you know, hundreds and thousands of terrorist deaths or terrorist incidents.

Dick: I…uh. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Thankfully, there's not more of it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. Yeah.

Maddox: It's…it's a minority still, thankfully. Relatively speaking, it's still the 1% of the population. The Islamic population that's doing this.

Dick: Oh, this is a PC…Islam thing that you're doing? (Sean giggles) Okay.

Maddox: It's not. It's…I mean, you can call it PC if you want…

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: …but it's the truth. It doesn't change the truth of what I said.

Dick: No? Find me a survey of people who support it.

Maddox: Uh, terrorism?

Dick: Yeah. And find me a survey…

Maddox: I did. I have.

Dick: Find me a survey that says…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah. I have.

Dick: Um…uh…populations of the countries who support terrorist acts. And it says 1% or less.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I bet you're gonna find that it's a lot higher than 1%. Who support terrorist acts.

Maddox: No, it's not. No it's not. I've actually looked into this, Dick.

Dick: Mmm. (skeptical)

Maddox: I've actually looked into this.

Dick: Let's see it!

Maddox: And outside of every single country, except, I think at the time, it was Iraq, um… those people surveyed were absolutely opposed to terrorism. Across the board! Way less than 1…way less than 5% in most of those countries. Um…but, I mean, you poll anyone, you're gonna see an anomaly. You poll any population.

Dick: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. I think I actually brought this fucking study in.

Maddox: Good!

Dick: Hold on. (papers shuffle) It's higher than that. Uh…Jordan. 72% of Jordanians backed terror attacks against the US troops in Iraq as of 2009. Does that sound right?

Maddox: No. That doesn't sound right.

Dick: Well, that's what this shit said.

Maddox: What's the source?

Dick: I'm looking for it. I got my notes all mixed up, though. I threw them in a fit. Oh, it's from Breitbart.

Maddox: (laughs)(scoffs) Oh, Breitbart. Great.

Dick: Do you have a problem with them, too? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: That's…that's "bright"bart.

Dick: Breitbart?

Maddox: Yeah, Breitbart.

Dick: From Breitbart. You got a problem with them, too?

Maddox: Yeah. Might as well be NewsMax, Dick. Might as well be, uh…what's her name. Uh…

Sean: Andrew Breitbart was a very, very conservative political pundit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean; Uh…he died.

Dick: Alright. Well, find a fucking Pew study, then. I don't know.

Maddox: I…this is a BBC study that I found. And I looked at it, and almost every single country except for one…I believe it was Iraq at the time, and it was right after the invasion, the shock-and-awe campaign.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That there was a little bit of support for it because they viewed us as aggressors. But most countries in the Middle East absolutely do not stand for terrorism. Because they're the ones who are mostly suffering! These casualties you said, Dick!? 130,000 deaths?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those are mostly Middle Eastern.

Dick: I know, I read that!

Maddox: Those are mostly Shias versus, what are the other ones, the Baths?

Dick: Sunis.

Maddox: The Sunis, yeah. Shias and Sunis blowing each other up over, uh…ancient disputes. And they're blowing up mosques, and they're hurting each other. They don't want this any more than we want gangs!

Dick: We have to know about all these names because of terrorism. Right?

Maddox: Well.. (scoffs) Or…

Dick: Right?

Maddox: …just for the lack of ignorance. (giggles)

Dick: Right, most of us?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. That's my problem. Terrorism.

Maddox: Well, good problem, Dick. Um, I think that stories in video games are a bigger problem.

Dick: Well, yeah.

Maddox: But, uh…we'll see.

Dick: They're taking your time hostage. That's true. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You can't…look! If I'm tired of a terrorist story, I can turn it off! On the news. I can't skip a story in a video game!

Dick: Ah, you can turn it off for now.

Maddox: What? The terrorist story? (giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Plug my ears, buddy.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Can't do that with a video game. It's too loud. (laughs) Alright, Dick. My problem this week is Ham-Fisted Video Game Stories!!

Dick: My problem is Terrorism. See you next Tuesday.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys…I hear the problem is the artificial scarcity of Pretzel buns. (Maddox giggles) **They're the best buns…"**

Dick: That's fucking true!

"Every restaurant will have, like, some sort of pretzel burger, but only for, like, one week, and it's gone."

Maddox: Hmm.

"And I just had two pretzel sandwiches that my mom made for me and they were delicious. (Dick giggles) **I have not enjoyed…**(they both laugh) **a ham sandwich for 10 years."**

Dick: I haven't enjoyed a ham…(trails off laughing)

"And I finally did because of the power of the pretzel bun."

Dick: Yeah, he's right!

Maddox: Wow. Huh.

"And…and at the store…they're like a limited edition thing. Like, we have to enjoy them while they last. Why is this? (Maddox and Dick laugh) **Why does bread have to flakey, floppy, gloopy…basically hardened air, like all bread it…**(Maddox laughing still)**Why can't we enjoy pretzel buns? Why is the only kind of pretzel we can have is just regular pretzels?** (they both crack up) **You can't do anything with it. All you can do is just eat it."**

Dick: Yeah.

"Or dip it in cheese."

Dick: You can't do anything with it!

"Completely ridiculous. You know, I'm usually in favor of capitalism, but… (Maddox still laughing, cracking up) **you know, if it takes a couple of government interventions, national policies…"**

Maddox: Oh, my god. (laughing)

"Higher tax rates…colonialist invasions. Whatever it takes for uh…"

Dick: Whatever it takes.

"For pretzel buns to be common. Let's do it. Big problem.")

(Maddox laughing)

Maddox: I love a phrase that starts with, "I'm usually in favor of capitalism." (Dick cracks up) And then…(laughing) his big problem with normal pretzels is that you can only dip 'em in cheese! And he calls them COMPLETELY ridiculous!

Dick: They are completely…oh, he's dead right, though! There is an artificial scarcity of pretzel buns. Every single bun should be a pretzel bun, right?

Sean: I don't have a problem…I don't have a problem with a single word he said.

Dick: No, me either!!!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Pretzel buns are okay. They're a little too chewy on the outside.

Dick: Ohhhhhhh, what?!!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Okay. Have you ever had a pulled barbecue sandwich in a pretzel bun, buddy?!

Dick: No, but now I really want one.

Maddox: Well…you think you do, because on paper it sounds good, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: You don't have to stop eating other bread.

Maddox: Yeah, but…well, Sean.

Dick: Yeah, you can eat…what do you eat? Some kind of croissant? Something real soft, for your precious roof of your mouth? What do you got going on?!

Maddox: No, dickhead!!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: What I eat is the bread that's…that's right for the sandwich!! Dick, just like you had a problem with Fireball Whiskey a long time ago, because you thought it would infect other whiskeys…

Dick: And it did!

Maddox: And it did.

Dick: And it did. I was right.

Maddox: You…you were right. Thank God.

Dick: I was right.

Maddox: I'm glad it did. That's fucking awesome, 'cause I love cinnamon. But…just like it infected other whiskeys, if pretzel buns became too common, they would infect other breads, and next thing you know, you got a barbecue shop on the side of the road…

Dick: GOOD!

Maddox: That has pretzel bun pulled pork sandwiches!! That you bite into and the bread's too chewy, so all the meat squirts out in your girlfriend's face!! (Sean cracks up)

Dick: Ah, you can lick it off. It sounds awesome. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Ew…(laughs) (Sean still laughing)

(Voice mail: male voice: "You know, it's pretty sad that there's three people in the room that were able to open up about their sexual experiences, and then there's Maddox. (Maddox laughs) **Maddox, Sean barely said a word this episode, and yet, he came off more as a love guru than you even did. I think it's time you just…tried to not speak about sex anymore and just go back to playing Smash Brothers.** (Dick cracks up) **Anyway, Dick, keep up the good work. Maddox, shut the fuck up. ")**

Dick: Oho!! That's rude.

Maddox: You know what? Fuck that guy. He cited zero examples of what he was talking about.

Dick: He doesn't need to!!!

Maddox: How does Sean come off?!!? How did Sean come off as more of a sex expert?!!

Dick: Look at him.

Sean: Probably by my silence.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Ahahahahaaaaaaaaaaa. Yeah, the silence is deafening, because that's also the sound that a virgin makes.

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 71

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Piss Driblets to P. Diddy. (Dick laughs) With over 4 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick.

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy!? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back.

Dick: 4 million?!

Maddox: 4 million.

Dick: 4 million, oh, my GOD!

Maddox: Yeah. We cracked 4…it was a couple of episodes ago, actually, that we cracked 4 million.

Dick: How many downloads does Marc Maron have?

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: 5 million? 6 million?

Maddox: Gotta be. Gotta be. (laughs)

Dick: We're right on his ass!

Maddox: We're nipping at his heels!

Dick: Chomping.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Like a pair of vicious pitbulls.

Maddox: Right! (chuckles) Dick, uh…we gotta talk about this up top.

Dick: Oh, what ha…oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The biggest…the biggest problem in the universe from last week was Terrorism!

Dick: Yeah, good.

Maddox: Surprised. I was surprised. And then Ham-Fisted Video Game Stories.

Dick: Oh, bullshit problem!! (grins)

Maddox: Hey, hey you know what, though? Real sexy number for the vote. 69.

Dick: That's all the Ham-Fisted Video Game Stories got?

Maddox: Hey.

Dick: It was in the positive by less than 100?

Maddox: It's in the positive, bro.

Dick: That's good. (Maddox laughs) What is it floating around?

Maddox: 69. What, terrorism?

Dick: Yeah, yeah. No, no. Like, what other problems that…'cause the most fascinating thing to me about this show…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is the neighborhoods that the problems end up in.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: (interjects) Like if you go to the website, http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com and you go click on Problems. You'll see what is a comparable problem to Ham-Fisted Video Game Stories. What is a comparable problem to Ham-Fisted Video Game Stories.

Maddox: (laughing) You caught that, okay. Alright.

Dick: What?!

Maddox: What?

Dick: What are you laughing at?

Maddox: Oh, you're asking me what is a comparable problem to…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay…

Dick: Yes. (chuckles) Wait, is that…you know what? I've fucked up my grammar so badly on this show…(Maddox laughs) that I don't actually know when it is I'm speaking correctly or not anymore.

Maddox: Yeah. It's…I don't even know anymore either. (Dick guffaws) I don't know if you're putting it on or if you just don't know.

Dick: Me neither.

Maddox: Yeah, well. It's in the neighborhood of Burlesque Dancers.

Dick: Oookay.

Maddox: Which is still our most controversial problem to date. And because of all my canvassing, Monkeys!

(Sound effect: Monkeys hooting)

Maddox: Monkeys are still…monkeys are actually in the positive territory just by a little bit. So this is right around the neighborhood of Burlesque Dancers and Monkeys.

Dick: Hmm. Okay.

Maddox: So yeah. Pretty controversial problem, but still a problem nonetheless.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: And then terrorism, which I really…I'm disappointed that it was as highly voted, 'cause I don't think it's…I mean, it's a problem for sure, right? We spend a lot of money on it, but just in the grand scale of things in terms of deaths?

Dick: Here's what you're missing, though. It's not about deaths.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is a…this is a comment I brought in specifically about this from **Deus Ex Machina. "When Maddox says that influenza is a bigger problem than terrorism because it kills more people, he misses the bigger problem that Dick seems to recognize. It's not the number of deaths, it's the resultant fear and terror that is now an inherent part of our lives."** I 100% agree with that.

Maddox: Right, well I'm not disagreeing that we have a fear of terrorists. I'm disagreeing that we should have a fear of terrorism. We shouldn't! In…especially in the United States. The number of terrorist deaths that occur per year in the United States is hovering around zero.

Dick: But the fear's there.

Maddox: Right…that's why I'm saying. We shouldn't have that fear. I'm not saying the fear doesn't exist.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I'm saying the fear shouldn't exist.

Dick: But this isn't a problem of whether or not things should exist. This is terrorism is a huge problem.

Maddox: Dick…(sigh)

Dick: Because it's taken over our lives. That's it!

Maddox: Dick. You're basically saying terrorism is a big problem because terrorism is a big problem. But the reason…

Dick: (interjects) Because it works!! Because it works. It…it…small acts of violence, random violence…orchestrated random violence…causes huge amounts of terror!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's…that's just the way it is!!

Maddox: Right. But do you understand why I'm saying that it shouldn't be a problem?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: It's because specifically…we…everybody. The listeners collectively voted it up as a problem.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: That's because we are afraid of it. But we shouldn't be.

Dick: (inhales) Welll….

Maddox: The stats that you brought in last episode….proves that we shouldn't be afraid of terrorism.

Sean: That's true, but you have to deal with what IS.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's right.

Sean: Not what should be. I agree with you…

Maddox: (interjects) Don't tell me what I have to deal with, Sean. (Sean laughs)

Dick: If only everyone was as level-headed and logical as you.

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: But they're not. (Maddox chuckles) That's the reality of it.

Maddox: (sighs) Correct. Alright.

Dick: I brought in a great email from an actual counter-terrorism expert.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it!

Dick: Oh, no, no. It's gigantic. I'm gonna get to it before we get to the problems, but he goes, like point for point…he's actually on the ground…um, fighting terrorism, I guess. And he goes through all of our points, point by point. It's a great email.

Maddox: Wow, great. Okay, can't wait to hear it. Uh, Dick, I have an announcement to make. This is a…pretty big announcement.

Dick: Okay…(skeptical)

Maddox: It's something I've been waiting to talk about, it's been in the works for a few months…

Dick: You're transitioning to Maddilocks. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Yep. Vanity Fair cover, next month.

Dick: Vanity Fair cover. (grins)

Maddox: No!!!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Sean: With the beard.

Maddox: No, gentlemen.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: I'm a game show host!! Yeaaaaaaaaaaaaah.

Dick: Oh, okay.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: What's the announcement?

Maddox: Woo! Yeah. (they both laugh)

(Sound effect: Ding!!)

Maddox: No, uh, for real. I…this is obviously you know, Dick, and Sean. I tell you guys. But this is something the listeners don't know, but I'm a game show host now, and I've been filming in Las Vegas. I'm gonna be there for another three weeks.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: On set every day, filming a game show!

Dick: What's the game show about?

Maddox: The game show…

Dick: (interjects) First of all…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Lemme ask you something. What are your inspirational game show figures? Me personally? Me personally…Wink Martindale.

Maddox: Wink Martindale…(cracks up)

Dick: Huge…huge game show…uh…huge game show icon.

Maddox: What was the…he did the $10,000 Pyramid? What did he do? Wink Martindale?

Dick: He did them all. He did them all, and he was amazing at all of 'em. Here's another… another aside.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I had the pleasure of seeing Wink Martindale introduce Donald Trump…(Maddox guffaws) at the Trump rally that I went to with my life coach last week. But please, go ahead. Who are your game show icons?

Maddox: Wink Martindale…that's funny, 'cause I got compared to Wink Martindale when I saw on set. (Dick giggles)

Dick: What?! Why?

Maddox: I dunno. I dunno. I don't…in fact, I'm thinking of Wink Martindale shows and nothing comes to mind. I don't remember him.

Dick: I don't remember any of his stuff.

Maddox: They're old ones, right?

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Anyway, um…

Dick: What game shows do you like?

Maddox: I love…I love the original Family Feud. I didn't like the era of Family Feud with what's his name. Waaaaaaah, waaaaaaaah. (whiny voice)

Dick: Louie Anderson.

Maddox: Louie Anderson. Yeah. Not a big fan of him.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, I'm back on board with Steve Harvey.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, I like him. Um, I think Drew Carey is doing an alright job of the Price is Right. Bob Barker is my man!

Dick: You know what? I went to a taping of the Price is Right. With…with a girlfriend who was a nightmare. She was like a toddler. Like a 30-year-old toddler.

Maddox: Is it anyone I know. It's someone I know, right?

Dick: It's the supermodel. You know exactly.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: It's the supermodel who had electrical powers.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah, Magneto. Supermodel Magneto, is her name.

Maddox: Okay, sure.

Dick: She had…she had electrical powers!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you…(stammers) like, I don't know how open she was about it, but she said she had…anyway. Drew Carey loves the Price is Right show. Like, during the breaks, he'll talk to the audience and break with them and try to build up the show, but the producers on that show keep him on such a tight schedule, 'cause they gotta cram product placements in?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That he…none of that comes across on the show. 'Cause I was a big critic of his when he took over, 'cause it's like he's got no heart in it. But I was wrong.

Maddox: Well, the same thing with Bob Barker. I was fortunate enough to see Bob Barker before he retired. I went to one of the last tapings of his show, and in between the commercial breaks, he was on fire. He was so funny.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He was KILLIN' it. He was killin' it. And none of that ever appears on the…on the program, because they run a really tight ship over there.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that's actually what I've learned with this game show that I'm doing right now. It's…

Dick: (interjects) Not like this show.

Maddox: No.

Dick: No tight ships at all.

Maddox: You mean the Biggest Problem?

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. No. (giggles) No. Don't worry, we'll edit it.

Dick: So what are you learning? (Maddox laughing) With your experience.

Maddox: Um, yeah. So I've learned what a huuuuuuge production this thing is. It's…it's unbelievable. I saw on this list, there's something like, I dunno, five or ten producers on there. I thought, "Why do we need so many producers?" and then I learned…

Dick: Seems ridiculous, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You're making a TV show. You got a camera and a guy and a monkey in a suit.

Maddox: It seems. Right.

Dick: Vis-à-vis you.

Maddox: Vis-à-vis me.

Dick: Why is it this hard?

Maddox: You would think. So…the diff…the name of the show is Cash Floor.

Dick: Cash Floor?

Maddox: Yeah. Cash Floor.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's a…it's a trivia game show that takes place in an elevator, but the difference here is, with this game show, and I've never seen anything like it, uh…maybe it exists, I don't know. I'm not…(stammers) maybe it's not on my radar, but it's a hybrid between a game show and kind of like a confessional reality show, where you sit down…

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: …afterwards and you talk with the hosts, and you say, "What did you think of their response?" "What did you think of their questions?" etc. And then you also do the

same thing with the contestants. So they're going to splice that up with their answers during the trivia show.

Dick: Are you ripping on these people this whole time?

Maddox: Oh, my God.

Dick: 'Cause you're…I mean, some people have called you critical. (Maddox laughs) Of small mistakes, and people who are not as…not brilliant scientists and mathematicians, and such. Are you bringing this energy to the show?

Maddox: Dick, you know I love me. (Dick cracks up) I'm my biggest fan. And I can say with absolute confidence that they picked no BETTER HOST to have for this show! Because I rip into them so hard! (laughs) And also…also…I've finally been, for the first time in my life, on the other end, where you can say a little snide remark at somebody, and because they don't know you, they're trying to be polite.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: And they're…they're too afraid to give you a little rejoinder.

Dick: Oh. That's good!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a good position to be in! (grins)

Maddox: I'll make really subtle, backhanded compliments and comments in the elevator, and then I can see their faces, their faces scrunch up a little bit.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like they wanna say something back, but they don't. And it makes me so happy. But, uh…the game show…it's a trivia show on an elevator with these confessionals afterwards. It's a lot of fun.

Dick: And it's called Cash Floor?

Maddox: Cash Floor. And I…I…

Dick: (interjects) Okay. Lemme…go ahead.

Maddox: And I'm doing it with my beautiful co-host, Sarah Hollins.

Sean: The bonus round is guessing who farted in the elevator. (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: (sighs) Uh, no.

Dick: Alright, we've got something cool.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We got a gift in the mail. A guy, **Philip…Philip Rushick.** Um, sends me an email asking for the Blender files that Maddox created. Your masterpiece of Sonic. You remember when you were putting on classes on…what was that, on your Twitch stream?

Maddox: Yeah. A couple…

Dick: (interjects) How to 3D render?

Maddox: About a month ago, I did a live broadcast of my Twitch stream on how to do a 3D render of Sonic the Hedgehog. I did a tutorial and I got SHIT on by my fans!

Dick: And it was awful.

Maddox: It was not awful!

Dick: The end product was disgusting!

Maddox: Look. I was not done. That's a 50% there…and you guys shit all over it. So this guy requested the 3D files that I sent to you, Dick.

Dick: The 3D files, yes. And then he said…this is what I'm holding in my hand. He 3D printed your god-awful, retarded…

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: …3D rendering of Sonic the Hedgehog. And it looks…surely, now, what I'm holding in my hand, you would describe as a monstrous abortion.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Dick, that…that is beautiful! I would put that on my car as a hood ornament!

Dick: It looks like…it looks like Sonic…like, it looks like something that went through the Hell dimension in Event Horizon.

Maddox: (sighs) Okay. What I'm holding in my hand is a really cool Sonic the Hedgehog head, and what's so brilliant about this sculpture is that it's almost completely symmetrically round…(Dick cackles) like Sonic gets when he rolls into…

Dick: "Almost" on a 3D program? (Maddox laughs) You almost got it round?!!? (Maddox laughing) It looks like a lightbulb. Like, it looks like a weird saucer-shaped lightbulb.

Sean: No, you know what it looks like?

Dick: What?

Sean: It looks like a punk rock version of a Who. (Dick and Maddox crack up) With the little upturned nose, doesn't it?!

Dick: You're right!! Yeah, you're right! (dying)

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean! (Sean laughs)

Dick: It looks like something Dr, Seuss drew after he had a stroke. You're right. Or…he didn't have a stroke, I don't think. But it looks like something he would've drawn after he had a stroke.

Maddox: You know what, assholes? I don't need this shit from you! You guys can't 3D model dick!!!

Dick: I mean, neither can you, though!

Maddox: Yeah I can…Dick!!! Here's the thing. (Sean laugh) If you stop…if you stop Van Gogh in the middle of a painting. (Sean cracks up) (Dick guffaws) Right? You stop Vincent Van Gogh…

Dick: (interjects) First of all, awful choice of artist. Go ahead.

Maddox: Okay. If you st…(cracks up)

Dick: Perhaps Rembran…

Maddox: (interjects) Michaelangelo. Alright?

Dick: Yeah, okay. Better.

Maddox: Right? In the middle. In the middle of him painting the Sistine Chapel, I guarantee it looks just like that Sonic the Hedgehog.

Dick: Yeah. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: Unfinished.

Dick: Somehow…somehow your art looks more gay than Michaelangelo's. (Maddox laughs) That's what I'm seeing here.

Maddox: Gay?! (cracks up)

Dick: He only painted men. He only painted men.

Maddox: That is never…that is never a criticism I've seen in any art history books, that Michaelangelo's artwork was gay.

Dick: Oh! Oh. That's not a criticism at all. That's just…what you're suggesting is illegal, first of all.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's not a criticism.

Maddox: It's a critique. Let's just say it's a critique of his work..

Dick: It's an observation!

Maddox: It's an observation. Okay.

Dick: It's an observation. When I see two men in an embrace, my first thoughts are, "Is that gay, or what? What's going on here?"

Maddox: Well, you…

Dick: (interjects) And I learned that he onl…he had to paint male models!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what he did.

Maddox: No…you see what you want to see, Dick. Alright. I got a comment. I got a comment from…(giggles) **Matt Kruge.** Uh, **@krugler** on Twitter. He says, **"Maddox, the female orgasm and condoms."**

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: "When will Dick Masterson just bring in the umbrella problem of "I can't stay hard"?"

Dick: That's…erectile dysfunction, it's called, sir. Is a big problem! I'll bring that in at some point. (Maddox laughs) I don't…I'm not ashamed to being in sexual failures. I'll bring in sexual conquests and failures. They're both a part of life.

Maddox: That's true. Uh…I also got a comment. This is another long one before we get to the terrorism one.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I wanna hear about that counterterrorism expert. This one's from **Dracula.** (Dick cracks up, Maddox laughs) He sent me an email. This is a really poignant email, actually. He sent this to me about Episode 67. And I got so much mail about Episode 67.

Dick: Which one was that?

Maddox: That was the one about self-defeating thoughts.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: In Episode 67, we talked about self-defeating thoughts. He says, **"Maddox, I have been an ardent enthusiast of your site since around 2000 and I will say that you are a genius. Recently, I stumbled across the Biggest Problem in the Universe, and not only is it the funniest show I have ever heard…"**

Dick: True.

Maddox: "But I have found the show to be inspiring. The episode where you pitched self-defeating thoughts as the biggest problem was eye-opening for me and actually made me realize it was the root of a lot of problems I've had, from careers to relationships. Your insightful dialogue inspired me to stop holding myself back and pursue my dreams. When you opened up about your own personal depression in your twenties, it blew me away to hear someone I consider to be a comedic hero to become a real person. I have struggled with depression my whole life and currently have been going through the hardest time in my life, and your podcast has kept me laughing the entire time. You bring laughter, thought, and inspiration to the masses. Thank you for being Maddox, Dick Masterson, and Sean. Cheers, Dracula."

Dick: Well. (they all laugh) See, it matters whose life you're saving, right?! (Maddox cracks up) Like, when Dracula writes in and says you've encouraged him to go out and fulfill his dreams, it's not such a great thing. (Maddox still laughing) I got one from…I thought this one was funny. From **Diana McKinley. "I have been reading all of the comments for the last four shows in Maddox's "idiot fan" voice.** (Maddox laughs) **Actually, this voice has infected every facet of my life. Literally every single communication that I receive from anyone, bosses, family, wife, is now narrated in my head by Maddox."** (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No joke, that's exactly what I hear people talk when I read their comments in my internal monologue?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The voice inside my head when I read other people's comments, like…(dorky voice) "Eeeeeeh, Madddddddddoxxxx…I'm sorry to tell you like this, but Grandma died…" (they all laugh) Alright…you teased this.

Dick: I got a…yeah. No, I got a voice mail, though.

Maddox: Alright, let's hear it.

Dick: Lemme play some of these.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Yo, Dick. How is the woman's orgasm the biggest problem in the universe?"

Dick: Everyone's obsessed with that problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

"Just because you have fucking microcosm cock… (Maddox laughs) **you can't pleasure a woman."**

Dick: That's why. (laughing)

"This show is called the Biggest Problem in the Universe, not the Biggest Joke in the Universe. (they crack up) **I'm watching Maddox's Twitch stream right now. Clearly, you're a big fucking pussy.")**

Maddox: Whoa!!!

Dick: I dunno who that's directed to. Well, my microcosm cock…(Sean laughs) My… representative of a much larger sample of cock…(Maddox and Dick laughs) is just not doing the job. Uh, here you go. Here's another…here's one about you.

Maddox: Great.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Dick. I got a Maddox Versus Maddox for you…"

Maddox: Alright.

"Maddox criticizes YouTube viewers on their attention span of three to four minutes when they complained about the live show, but Maddox can't even sit through a goddamn cut scene in a video game?! (Dick guffaws) **Good job, Maddox, you giant hypocrite. You can literally go fuck yourself with a Wii controller. Idiot."**

Dick: That's true. (cracks up)

Maddox: Fuck myself with a Wii controller.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The old ones.

Maddox: Yeah, Youtube, I don't see how that's a contradiction. YouTube audiences have fickle attention spans.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I don't like cut scenes. What's the contradiction there? I don't…like…cut scenes.

Dick: I don't know. I think he was just s…I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't try to make sense of all the emails that come in…

Maddox: (interjects) The difference is, dickfuck. Okay? People go to YouTube to watch videos! That's what they're there for! To watch videos that aren't interactive, shithead!! (yells) When I play video games, that's an interactive medium! And when I'm watching a cut scene, that's ruining the interactivity in the game! It defeats the purpose of the whole fucking video game, you shit!

Dick: You're right! You're 100% right. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: Here's the terrorism email.

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: And then I've got…oh my go…I have so much stuff to talk about. I was…did you guys catch my…I have an announcement as well. (grins) I…I was interviewed successfully. After a Donald Trump rally. (Maddox laughs) I was interviewed on Fox on my experience with the Donald.

Maddox: Dick, I saw this clip. (Dick guffaws) And it was…it was incredible. The only performance better than yours was Donald's!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But you were right up there.

Dick: And keep in mind, I had about seven beers in me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And…and the high. The euphoric, emotional high of just having interacted with the Donald himself.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh…Dick, when are we gonna hear this clip?

Dick: I'll bring it in next week.

Maddox: Next week?

Dick: Yeah. I'll tell you more about it next week.

Maddox: I'm gonna hold you to it. Next week, you're gonna hear that clip, guys.

Dick: Yeah, okay. Here's the terrorism email. **"Hey Dick, love the show. I've been listening to you guys slinging shit on each other since Episode 5…"**

Dick: I don't really think we've been doing that.

"I'm also an avid purchaser of the bonus episodes. The nature of my work…"

Dick: Here's how you know the guy's serious. Have you ever used that phrase?

Maddox: The nature of my work?

Dick: The nature of my work. Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Uh….only blowhards say that.

Dick: That means you torture people! No. Only…only really tough guys use that…phrase.

Maddox: Oh, that's right! Only…"the nature of my work." Right, right, right.

Dick: The nature of my work.

"…means I'm not comfortable or able to share my name or specific occupation with you, but I work in the field of counterterrorism with a specific expertise in terrorist recruitment, terrorist operations, and countering violent extremism. I also have a double Master's degree in the Terrorism Studies and International Security fields. I have a few points for you guys, most of which support Dick's argument that terrorism is a big problem, and everyone else's who think it's a big problem. Feel free to read them on the air, in full or in part, but please avoid using my name… apologies for the long email."

Dick: Good, good.

"As Dick noted, terrorism is a bigger problem than casualty counts. Unlike car accidents and children drowning, terrorism has social, economic, and political ramifications. Terrorism seeks to undermine a government's ability to self-determine its own policies by pressuring it to change these policies, which undermines the very ideas of…

Dick: How do you say that, sovereignty? How do you say that word?

Maddox: "Saw"vrenity.

Dick: Sovereignty?

Maddox: Yeah. Sovereignty.

Dick: Sovereignty. **"Sovereignty and representative governance."** It's weird when you have to say a word that you've seen your whole life and you've never had to pronounce it out loud. You always feel like a stupid asshole, but you're like "Eh, I know what the word means, I've just never said it out loud."

"It also seeks to create psychological insecurity on both the individual and societal level. As we've unfortunately seen, terrorists don't need to kill that many people to use this insecurity as a tool to pressure changes in social values, laws, and policy. You guys also ignored the vast amount of attempted attacks that have failed since 9/11. Just because we've gotten good at stopping terrorism doesn't mean it's no longer a problem."

Dick: So that's his point number one. Do you agree with any of that?

Maddox: I agree with a lot of what he said, yeah. I…I do agree that the terrorism that they stop isn't the terrorism that we're hearing about. If we weren't actively trying to stop terrorism…but I've got some stats on that. I want you to go on with the email.

Dick: "But the idea that poverty causes terrorism is long-discredited." I didn't know that, but that's what this guy said. **"Dick was right in noting that the problem isn't as clear as Maddox was asserting."** Then he's quoting a meta-analysis. Lemme try to summarize this. **"There's no evidence that demonstrates that countries with low levels of economic development, high rates of unemployment, poor rates of economic growth, high levels of income inequality and high levels of malnutrition have higher levels of terrorism. It's also not the case that perpetrators of terrorist attacks are more likely to be poor themselves. Terrorism may have some link to poverty, but is in no way clear or as causal as Maddox suggested."** That's interesting. I didn't know that. **"The idea that the US somehow supported Bin Laden during the Soviet occupation is a long-discredited myth, which is usually not repeated by people who consider critical thinking to be…"** Oh, he's on a real rampage against you. Yikes.

Maddox: Well, he said…wait. One more…

Dick: He said the idea that the US somehow supported Bin Laden during the Soviet occupation is a discredited myth.

Maddox: Ehh…it's not. It's not, to my knowledge. I've read it in multiple sources. Why is it a discredited myth?

Dick: I dunno. He's…

Sean: (interjects) I don't think Bin Laden had anything to do with the…..versus Russia, did he?

Maddox: He was…he was there in Afghanistan.

Sean: Was he?

Maddox: His…yeah. The people…the Mujahideen that later parts…some factions of them became the Taliban, some of them became Al-Qaeda, but they were the ones that we funded in Afghanistan to fight the Soviets. That's where they came from.

Dick: Alright. I'm gonna…I'm gonna sum it up here. " **The lesson of 9/11 was that organized, well-funded, well-established, and undisturbed terrorist networks are a huge fucking problem. When they're left to operate freely within their own territory, they become very effective and sophisticated when they're left to their own devices. I am not convinced that we are necessarily doing more harm than good by disaggregating formal terrorist networks, even if we're radicalizing lone terrorists in doing so."** Buh, buh, buh…**"Keep up the great work."** So, he said…ask him any questions that I want.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I dunno…what do you wanna…do you wanna ask him anything? I would like to know what's going on over there.

Maddox: Well, so…one of the…one of the things he mentioned is that poverty is not… does not necessarily correlate to terrorism. I think…I did a little bit more research after that last episode, and I think I would agree. It's not necessarily the cause of terrorism.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It definitely doesn't…doesn't help the matters, but the majority of terrorist attacks are not Muslim. Uh…that's absolutely a fact. Um…you…you think they are, because that's all you hear about, but I have some interesting stats here. This is from the Daily Beast. **"Overwhelmingly, those who have committed terrorist attacks in the United States and Europe aren't Muslims."** So here's some statistics for those interested. This, again, from the Daily Beast. Let's start with Europe. Wanna guess what percentage of the terrorist attacks there were committed by Muslims over the past five years?

Dick: Ten.

Maddox: Wrong. It's less than 2%.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Less than 2%. **"The vast majority of terror attacks in Europe are perpretrated by separatist groups. For example, in 2013, there were 152 terror attacks in Europe. Only two of them were religiously motivated, while 84 predicated upon ethno, nationalist, or separatist beliefs."**

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: Like, for example, we're talking about groups like France's FLNC, which advocates an independent nation for the island of Corsica. **"In December of 2013, FLNC terrorists carried out simultaneous rocket attacks against police stations in two French cities, and in Greece, the left wing militant popular revolutionary forces shot and killed two members of the right wing political party, Golden Dawn."** Even in the United States. I looked into this. So…look at this.

Dick: Isn't the birth of the United States, like, attacking merchants and throwing all their shit in the harbor? Isn't that, like, designed to promote terror?

Maddox: The Boston Tea Party, you're talking about?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean…

Dick: (interjects) Like, we won, so it's not, but…mmm, kinda?

Maddox: Well. You could make that argument, but also, another interesting thing is…that I found in doing this research is that most terrorist groups since the 1970s have disbanded, not because of military intervention. There is a study. It's by the Social Sciences Research Network. Excuse me. The Social Science Research Network. It says, **"Does military intervention reduce or increase terrorism?"** And they found that **"fewer than 7% of all terrorist groups have been disbanded due to military intervention since the 1970s."**

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Most of them disband due to ideological reasons, or, uh…lack of interest, lack of funds. Or they meet their goals.

Dick: Just like a Dungeons and Dragons group. Just have differences. (Maddox laughs) And like, "Alright, you guys are here for a different reason than me."

Maddox: Yeah. But, this is really interesting. This Daily Beast article. I'll bring it in another time with another problem, but…um. They said**"Even after one of the worst terror attacks ever in Europe in 2011, when Andres Brevik…"** I think is his name. **"… slaughtered 77 people in Norway."**

Dick: Yeah, I remember that guy.

Maddox: "To further his anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant, and pro-Christian Europe agenda. As he stated in his manifesto…" We didn't see any press in the United States about him being a Christian terrorist. I mean, guys. We gotta look at the facts here. If you want to…if you want to say terrorism is a big problem, let's look at all terrorism. Not just Islamic terrorism.

Dick: You're focusing on Muslims and Islamic terrorism, but I…was that the point? That we were talking about? We're talking about terrorism.

Maddox: A lot of people…right. A lot of people…

Dick: (interjects) You're just preemptively saying that it's not all Muslims.

Maddox: No, because…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, we all remember the IRA, right?

Maddox: Right. But, Dick, I'm talking specifically about some of the comments in the section.

Dick: Oh, fuck the comments.

Maddox: There were some REAL, real bigots in the Comments section.

Sean: But like, I think we're past having to say that it's a VERY small percentage of Muslims. It's like "We know." It's like, "We know that it's a very small percentage of Jews who are not lawyers, bankers, or comedians." (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Good point.

Maddox: Sean!!! (laughing)

Dick: Good point, Sean. Alright. Let's get on to our…let's end it with that. Can I go first?

Maddox: Go for it.

Dick: 'Cause this is a quick one. I'm bringing in the Artificial Scarcity of Pretzel Bread.

Maddox: Oh, okay. The…(laughing) Well, why?!

Dick: Huge…huge fan favorite. I did some research on this.

Maddox: Okay. (skeptical)

Dick: Right? Okay. Artificial…pretzel bread….to me. 'Cause it's been around, I found, since 610 AD. It is exactly the same as the McRib, the Shamrock Shake, and Buttermilk Biscuit Butterfly Shrimp, at Popeye's. (Maddox laughs) It is a seasonal item used to fuck with our emotions! Do you understand what I'm saying!? Big companies are using these ploys. Pretzel bread. The McRib, the Shamrock Shake, and Buttermilk Biscuit Butterfly Shrimp…to draw us into their crappy restaurants, and then they pull it away from us. (angry)

Maddox: Ahhh. It's that…

Dick: They draw us in…go ahead.

Maddox: It's that Black Friday sale on that shitty big screen TV that you think you're gonna get for $200 that gets you in the store and then they bait and switch you and sell you some shrimp!

Dick: Exactly.

Sean: Yeah. Big loss leader.

Maddox: Yeah. Big loss leader. The pretzel bun.

Dick: And it's fucking bullshit. There…Wendy's. Wendy's came out with their pretzel bread bacon sandwich? Whatever it was?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Doing amazing. Selling in huge numbers. Everybody loves it. Then they pull it away for no reason. Right? According to them…"Bringing new food ideas to our customers attracts them into our restaurants."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's it. "We have introduced three unique bread…this year. Multigrain flat bread, pretzel, and new brioche. These breads elevate the quality of our sandwich offerings." Then why yank them away? Why…it's a scam.

Maddox: Yeah. The…

Dick: (interjects) Do you see what I'm saying? It's a scam.

Maddox: They're being honest in that statement, though. They said that these new food offerings bring customers to their stores.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I mean, they're being honest.

Dick: But then why do they yank them away?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what I'm saying. That's what…

Maddox: (interjects) So they can keep using it! It's the carrot on a stick, man. We're the donkeys.

Dick: It's the cat…no, it's the cat with the string.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As soon as you give the cat the string, the cat doesn't want the string anymore.

Maddox: They don't want the string. Right.

Dick: You gotta keep yanking it away.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uh…a record…100, and it's catching on. So the emotional ploy of fucking with you with scarcity of pretzel bread is gonna get worse. "A record 160 pretzel products were released in 2013, whereas only 60 were released in 2009."

Maddox: So why is this a big deal? Who cares? (laughs) The bottom line is…

Dick: (interjects) Maddox! If there was any argument against corporations, it's the artificial scarcity of pretzel bread. Okay?!

Maddox: Y…yeah.

Dick: You don't get that at your corner deli. They don't ever stop making one of their favorite items. This is…this is Big Burger fucking with you.

Maddox: (giggles) Big Burger.

Dick: This is Big Burger drawing you into the stores just to get you addicted to their other food and then yanking away the one that you want.

Maddox: Yeah, but this is…

Dick: (interjects) Do you want to live in that world?! Do you want to live in that world?!

Maddox: Uh, we already do. And they're called seasonal items, Dick. I get it. Sometimes… look. There's some items that aren't artificially scarce. They're…like strawberries, for example.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You seem them all over fucking salads in California. Any time you come to California in the summertime, oh, you're gonna find a fucking strawberry in your salad. But in the winter time, you don't find strawberries. You find pears or some other bullshit fruit that they're trying to cram into your fucking salad!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Anything but blueberries! But anyway. Uh…the pretzel bun. They said it's a seasonal item, so what's the season?

Dick: Yes, but that's artificial.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: See? The season…

Maddox: (interjects) Who cares?

Dick: The season is low profits. That's the season that the pretzel bun marches around.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they're preying on your…they're preying on this preconception you have about strawberries and avocados and what have you. It's disingenuous.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of all the problems that you don't like because they're disingenuous, this is the "disingenuousest". (Maddox and Sean laugh) Go ahead. What's your problem? I don't wanna take a lot of time on it.

Maddox: That's it? That's all you got on the…

Dick: I just wanted to let people vote on it.

Maddox: Alright. Fair enough. And if you guys didn't hear the last episode…at the tail end of the last episode, after the credits. We had a voice mail. This guy who was just INCREDULOUS about the artificial scarcity of pretzel buns. And he went on…he had some stats and…he called regular pretzels "ridiculous". He said that they're ridiculous.

Dick: They are ridiculous. They are ridiculous.

Maddox: You know what, Dick?

Sean: Well, the outside is the best part, which is why I like those pretzel crisps. You ever get those at the store?

Dick: No, what's that?

Sean: It's the best part of a pretzel.

Maddox: Yeah. It's like a two-dimensional pretzel.

Sean: Yes.

Maddox: It's all outside. It's all skin.

Sean: Yeah! It's all good!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Sean likes the skin. Alright.

Sean: Well, the other stuff is just, like, bleached flour. It's tasteless.

Maddox: Guys, I get it. You didn't…you didn't like the snacks I provided today. (laughs) (they all laugh)

Dick: You do have bullshit pretzel sn…you have the worst mouth snacks ever on this show.

Maddox: Every time…every time before this show, you gracious host…

Sean: He runs to the gas station. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Your gracious host, Maddox, pulls open his cupboards and rummages through, getting all the snacks ready for the show. Today we have pretzel nuggets and peanuts. The two P's. The two notorious P's of snacking. (laughs)

Dick: Alright. What's your problem?

Maddox: Alright guys. I got a real problem. Also food related. "Stonewall Vegans".

(Sound effect: Clapping)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: Stonewalled?

Maddox: Stonewall Vegans.

Dick: Stonewall Vegans.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In what context do you mean "stonewall"?

Maddox: They stonewall you.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Stonewalling!

Maddox: Stonewalling Vegans.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's…we'll phrase it like that. Stonewalling vegans.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Here we go. Guys, vegans are like a moth to a flame when it comes to ruining fun! They can't help themselves. They see fun and they wanna zero in on it and fucking end it! They want to destroy it. Scorched earth policy when it comes to fun. Veganism isn't an ideology, it's a police state! They constantly comb over menus in restaurants to see if there's anything that they can eat, and if they don't find what they want, they force the entire group to go somewhere they want to eat. It…they're food terrorists!

Dick: Yeah, they do.

Maddox: They are the…

Dick: (interjects) They do do that.

Maddox: They are the terrorists of the dining world!

Dick: Even when they say they're not doing it, they're doing it.

Maddox: They're doing it. First of all, guys, stop saying you CAN'T eat things. (Dick chuckles) You can. You just WON'T. Alright?! When you change the words "I can't" to "I won't", you'll finally realize what a crybaby bitch you sound like!

Dick: Yep. That's true.

Maddox: Jesus. It's not like you physically can't eat the food! We all have the same basic physiology, dickheads! You aren't special. You WON'T eat it. Just at least acknowledge that!

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Just at least, at the very least, just say, "I won't eat it", so you sound like the asshole that you are!

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. I 100% agree with that.

Maddox: You're being a big baby-back bitch about it.

Dick: I have ended relationships based on that distinction.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like "Oh, I can't…I can't apologize." Like well, you can't, or you won't?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, just say you won't. Just say you won't and admit being a selfish asshole! (angry) That's…that's it. It's a very small difference, but it shows what you think!!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That your principles are more important than ANYTHING else.

Maddox: Abso-fucking-lutely.

Sean: And then what did you say to that?! (they laugh)

Dick: Oh, you almost stumped me on that one, Sean!!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Ahhh, good job, Sean.

Dick: You almost stumped me.

Maddox: Guys, if there's nothing you want to eat at a restaurant that an entire group of people want to go to, then eat before you go out!! I don't care, like, carry some twigs and berries with you, or sticks, or dirt, or whatever the fuck you eat!

Dick: Just eat grass. It's all over the place. (Maddox laughs) Like a dog.

Maddox: Like, whatever your stupid diet is, eat that before, and then go out with your friends. Or eat afterwards.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Or just stay the fuck home!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Nobody nee…you're not that fucking special! We don't need you that badly. Don't be such a raging fucking asshole to everyone around you because of your shitty fucking diet! We don't care! We don't wanna hear about it. Don't make your fucking diet my problem! Dick, I got a story about this.

Sean: Yeah, fuck panda bears, too.

Maddox: (giggles) What are you talking about, Sean?

Sean: Well, the assholes of the animal kingdom.

Dick: All they eat is…

Sean: Vegetarians. All they wan…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh. Yeah. They're huge vegetarians.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can't take a panda anywhere with you.

Dick: Sack up, panda bears! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Here comes Maddox, riding in on an ideological wave down your throat! Listen, man. I got a story. A friend of mine recently was apoplectic. She sent me an email because she was going out with some friends for a nice dinner. They all agreed on a very famous, delicious restaurant in downtown LA. So they have this menu on it that has…it's basically tapas style. So, if you're going to a restaurant with a vegan or a vegetarian, or a picky eater..

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: The best case scenario is that it's tapas. Because then they can pick and choose whatever the fuck little twig of leaf from this thing, or a beet. A dice of beet from another dish. Who cares? Just…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but then they're gonna talk about every choice they're making.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they've gotta peruse each one like they're running quality control at the asshole factory.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Lemme see that plate…oh, mmmm, uhhh. And then they gotta ask about it. They gotta ask the waiter the embarrassing questions. Like, "Tell me how this was prepared so that I may bust you in a perceived mistake." Instead of, "Tell me how this was prepared so that I might enjoy it more."

Maddox: Right?

Dick: So that it might be more…succulent to me. So I can enjoy these senses in my body that GOD gave me to use!!!

Maddox: Right. No. It's not that, Dick. They're not asking to enjoy. They're asking to break down.

Dick: Mhmmm.

Maddox: To critique. That's all they're asking for.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They want to find flaws in the food so they can make a big issue about it, so they can showboat about their big, fucking…their special dietary needs!

Dick: Their "personality", because that's what they're fabricating!

Maddox: Right. It's so fucking annoying. So…a bunch of people. There were five of them in this group. All four of 'em, in an email chain, were saying..

Dick: Oh God.

Maddox: "Yeah, that sounds great. Let's do it. How's 7? 7's great. Let's do it." Oh my gosh. Five people, all going to a restaurant. They are all available at the same time on the same day. Perfect. Except this one, lone, solitary, blowhard bitch.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Sends an email and says, "Hey guys…I looked over the menu…" (dorky voice)

Dick: (laughing) There's that voice again.

Maddox: (dorky voice) "I looked over the menu and there aren't any vegan options, so… um…we should go someplace else.

Dick: Noooooo!!

Maddox: Yeah. To four other people. Grown adults! And so…someone wrote back and said, "Well, they do have vegan options on the menu. Why don't you just order those things?" And she said, (dorky voice) "Well, 'cause there's only a couple and I'll be hungry."

Dick: Oh, my Gooooooood.

Maddox: So…so then, this email thread went on…

Dick: Just cut her right off the chain.

Maddox: Yeah, cut her off the chain.

Dick: Cut her off the chain.

Maddox: That's it. Stay home.

Dick: Weakest link. There you go. You're the one getting eaten by lions! Pushed out the door.

Maddox: Yeah. And by the way, this is a dinner plan made in advance. Right? You know that this dinner plan's occurring. If four other people are going to this restaurant, just plan ahead and eat before. If you know that there's nothing you WANT to eat. I'm not gonna say nothing you can't eat, but nothing you want to eat, on this menu, then fucking eat at home, and then show up and grab a fucking drink and shut up!! If you want to be there…

Dick: That's…'cause that's the point.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the point of the dinner is to have a nice evening with friends.

Maddox: Have a nice evening with friends.

Dick: I can eat alone. I can eat…I can eat oatmeal every day forever and just feed calories into my system, but I would like to enjoy life a little bit more than that.

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: You already have a tremendous amount of work. You already have a tremendous amount of things working against you to set up a dinner. You don't need another one.

Maddox: Right. Absolutely. So…so someone said, "Well, if you want, we can call the restaurant and see if there are any other vegan options, or if they can make a dish vegan." So she…she did just that. She called the restaurant…

Dick: Are you kidding me?

Maddox: Left a voice mail. A voice mail! The most inconsiderate type of mail that you can leave to someone.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is a voice mail.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…so…(giggles)

Dick: (interjects) No, it's true. I'd rather have a mail bomb than a voice mail.

Maddox: Oh, right. At least a mail bomb gives you the courtesy of ending your life!

Dick: At least there's a…(they all crack up)

Maddox: Instead of listening to this FUCKING recording. Yeah.

Dick: (cracks up) Thank God! Finally. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) So she calls and leaves a message for the manager.

Dick: Ohhh. (laughs)

Maddox: Gets a call back…

Dick: (interjects) Like this is what he's doing on this poor bastard's day. And it's LA…

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: So you know that he's got, like, 100 of these voice mails waiting for him when he gets in. The fucking travesty.

Maddox: And they're overwhelmed. This restaurant is packed all the time. They have a list. They have a waiting list. You have to make reservations. You're always waiting for this restaurant. It's…you're LUCKY if you get a seat. She left a voice mail for this poor manager. He calls back and she asks him if they can modify ingredients in some of the recipes that they have on the menu…

Dick: To just leave out the meat?

Maddox: No, no. Vegan.

Dick: Or is she vegan…

Maddox: Which means no butter. Which means no honey. Which means no animal products whatsoever. No gelatin. Nothing…

Dick: Why is it no honey? Bees like making honey.

Maddox: Yeah, well, uh…they view it as oppression of the bees, or something.

Dick: That's like saying "I don't drink piss."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, like, well…alright.

Maddox: It comes from an animal, so they don't put it in their bodies.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But they're okay with, you know. A lot of them are okay with driving in their leather cars. Of course.

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Their leather seat cars. So…she calls. She talks to the manager and the manager says, "No, I'm sorry, we don't have alternate ingredients to put into the stuff. We have chefs. It's a very busy kitchen. We don't have these ingredients. I'm sorry, but these are the options that you have."

Dick: "I don't have the authority to do that. I'm just a guy working a job."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, I'm just a guy who's here 'cause I have to be, you stupid bitch!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Just like everybody in the world. I'm here 'cause I have to do this! Please don't fuck with me today.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I didn't build this restaurant. I didn't make the menu. Those people make another zero above me!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like I don't have the authority to do what you're asking.

Maddox: Right. And even if he did, do you really want to inconvenience the entire fucking kitchen!?

Dick: Nooooo. (sighs)

Maddox: I mean, this isn't an allergy that you have. This isn't some life-threatening thing that you have. You don't have fucking Celiac disease, which most people don't. Fuck off with the gluten thing. But…

Dick: The li…no, the life-threatening illness that they have is having no personality.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It…it sucks to be normal in a world run by reality TV.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, you gotta gin up that personality real quick!

Maddox: Right.

Sean: It sounds like…it sounds like this person is drastically overestimating the value of her company.

Maddox: Oh, abso-fucking-lutely, Sean!

Dick: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Ding, ding, ding. That's the fucking…amen to that, dude. That's exactly what this is. She's overestimating the value of her company to this dinner party. So…she talks to the manager and the manager says, "Look, there are three options on the menu." There's, like, you know a flatbread with lettuce on it. They said we can remove the cheese. It's like arugula on a flatbread. There…what do you want!?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: What do you want us to do, lady?! We don't have…whatever fucking crazy shit that you have. So she writes back to the email thread. And says, "Hey guys, I just got off the phone with the manager. I was ready to write a really nasty Yelp review."

Dick: Of course!!!

Maddox: She was ready to ruin their business because this bitch doesn't…they don't cater to you!? Do we go to fucking vegan restaurants and write nasty reviews 'cause they don't have meat options, you bitch!? Like, we're not doing that! We're not going to vegan restaurants and saying, (goofy voice) "Uh, there weren't enough meat options." Don't go to a normal restaurant and expect them to cater to your picky fucking beliefs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So anyway. She's like, (goofy voice) "Uhh….I was about to write a review, but the manager was really nice, but they still don't have any options."

Dick: Please write that review.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Don't cater to vegans." Sign me up!! I'll be there.

Maddox: Great. I wanna make a restaurant called "No Vegans".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Don't fucking come to my restaurant. I don't care. So…she wrote this thread. And then she didn't suggest any other restaurants. She wanted everyone else in the email thread to do the heavy lifting of finding a restaurant that SHE can eat at!! (Dick chuckles) She said, "we should go to a different restaurant." But didn't suggest any!

Dick: Oh, just stay home. At this point, why even want to go out to dinner with this woman?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Like this is a…I don't ever want to talk to her again. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, guys, nevermind, I'm out. I'm staying home. I'm going somewhere else. I'm doing anything else with my life than hanging out with this person!! Like…(stammers) how many problems can she run into every day!!??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How many assholes does she run into every day? Probably a couple, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Surprise, surprise.

Maddox: Surprise, surprise. If you're always running into assholes, guess what?

Dick: You're the asshole.

Maddox: Maybe you're the asshole. So…she…so, somebody on the email thread says, "Well, look. You have a problem with this place. Why don't you suggest something?"

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And so she suggests a vegan…(Dick cracks up) (Maddox laughs) Yep!!

Dick: Waaaaaaaaah!!!

Maddox: She suggests a vegan Indian restaurant!

Dick: Ugh. They always…they try to slide that in, too.

Maddox: A vegan….yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's always Indian. Like, "Oh, it's a really nice place." It's like, "Yeah, yeah. Is it Indian? Is it an Indian place?"

Maddox: It's always Indian. Yeah. It's an Indian vegan place. And…

Dick: Bunch of rice.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Bunch of beans.

Maddox: Beans.

Dick: Awesome.

Maddox: And you know, like, lentils. Cool.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Am I gonna just suck on lentils all night?! (Dick laughs) My fancy dinner out? So one of the people in the thread…

Dick: Sit cross-legged?

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Sit cross-legged and rip up a big tortilla. (Maddox cracks up) Sucking on lentils. You bitch!!!!!!!!!!!! (they crack up)

Maddox: So…so, then…she sends this email. She suggests this vegan Indian restaurant. And one of the people in the thread says, "I'm literally going there the night before." (Dick scoffs) "I have reservations the night before. Is there any other place?" And she said, "Well, you know, it's a pretty good place…(goofy voice) uhhhhgh." And so this lady says, "That's fine. You know what? I'm not gonna be the stick in the mud. You're the stick in the mud. I'll go eat there twice in a row just so you can fucking join us for this dinner."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This…my friend. The one who started this email thre…this email thread.

Dick: I would love it if this was secretly a story about your mom. (Maddox laughs) And the woman was…my mom.

Maddox: Ah, no, man. Yeah. So this email. This email thread was started by this woman.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And she said, "You know what? Fine. We'll do it. We'll do it. We'll cowtow to you because you're the biggest crybaby." And she didn't even send a big thank you email to everyone saying, "Guys, thank you for accommodating." Or any of that shit. She felt ENTITLED to being this much of a pain in the ass! This woman.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Man…

Dick: She's on a mission from God. Can't.. She CAN'T eat it. It's not "won't". It's "can't".

Maddox: Can't.

Dick: Can't.

Maddox: Can't. Yeah. Sure.

Dick: Yeah. It's a morality clause.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: See, everybody's got that sick "can't" in them. They just arbitrarily pick what they assign it to.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's…that's what I think. Anybody who's like…oh, well I'm so evolved. I'm above that. But, oh, you know, I'll ruins some peoples' night just because I want to eat…I want a bigger selection of beans.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, well, you're a piece of shit.

Maddox: And that's all it is. It's just a bigger selection of beans for you to fucking eat! You could have eaten at that other restaurant! They had options. Just nothing you WANTED.

Dick: Yeah. I'll bring a pocket full of hay, you horse-faced bitch! (Maddox laughs) You chew on this while we're all having a good time at the meatery.

Maddox: Yeah. Eat some dirt.

Dick: So how do you think that would go over? And then just say, "Just kidding."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You start it with "No offense", and then put "Just kidding".

Maddox: No offense, yeah. If you say no offense, you're good. You're covered. Dude… dude. I have friends who are Jews and Muslims that don't eat pork. (Dick laughs) And they still go to restaurants!

Dick: I'm gonna be disappointed about where this is going.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's gonna be a great Jew joke! (laughing) "I have friends who are Jews and Muslims". Ohoh, baby. (laughing)

Maddox: No. They still…look, man. I've been to restaurants with Jews and Muslims that serve pork. You know what they do? They simply don't order it. They don't make it a big fucking deal. They don't care if you order it.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You can eat it. I even went to a restaurant with a Buddhist one time. To a Chinese restaurant. And it was Christmas dinner and part of the Christmas dinner was…it was a fixed course menu. They brought out this huge, delicious, Chinese soup. And it had beef in it. And he's…he's Buddhist.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Doesn't eat beef. And you know what he did?

Dick: Oh, Buddhists are de facto vegetarians?

Maddox: Uh…well, this guy was.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This guy was. He says he doesn't eat beef. Excuse me. He was not Buddhist. He was Hindu. That's right.

Dick: There we go.

Maddox: There we go. Yeah. That makes sense.

Dick: More honest.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That makes more sense. So he says he doesn't eat beef. But you know what he did? He just picked up a scoop of vegetables from the soup, and then just ate the vegetables.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Didn't make a big fucking deal out of it. He's like, "Yeah, I'm not gonna eat the beef." And I know that some of the beef broth is in the, uh…you know. Is in the soup. But… whatever. I'm…

Dick: Yeah. You're not changing the world by not eating the beef broth.

Maddox: Yeah. Whatever god you believe in isn't gonna be sitting there tallying the total of all the molecules of beef you eat, you fucking idiots!

Dick: I mean, he might be. You don't know that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or SHEEEEE might be.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh. Okay. (Dick giggles) Anyway, Dick. I have a…I have a YouTube video here. I have a YouTube video from a vegan. I just looked on YouTube, I said, "Why should I become a vegan?" Right? (Dick giggles) Here's one of the first things that come up. Listen to this. This is from the YouTube channel…it's Fluffy….

Dick: Why don't you just call this vegans?

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: Why don't you just call his vegans?

Maddox: Vegans. Oh. No…

Dick: Instead of Stonewalling Vegans.

Maddox: Stonewalling Vegans. 'Cause I have a few. Very few. But I have a few vegan friends who aren't stonewalling vegans.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They're the ones that come to dinner and they don't make their dietary needs your issue.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But they're very few. So here's…here's one from YouTube. This is "Why you Should Become a Vegan". Uh, the channel is FluffyPinkGlam. Here we go.

Dick: Great.

(Sound clip: YouTube video: (female voice) "Eating meat, dairy, fish, cheese…is just not right. The first thing is the moral aspect…"

Dick: Uh-oh.

"I mean…if you think about it. It's kinda crazy that we humans think that animals are just here for our needs."

Dick: Yeah.

"Or…you know, to give us their body. Their life.")

Dick: (cracks up) So she's talking about herself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…animals…(goofy voice) are here just…(stammers) so you think it's okay to kill plant life? You think it's okay to kill plant life.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Plants are living creatures! Plants are living beings! They've done studies that show plants feel pain.

Dick: They have pain. Yeah.

Maddox: They react. They even emit sound when they're being killed.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Plants are living creatures. So it's okay for you to kill plants, but not animals, right?

Dick: Well.

Maddox: You're fine with killing plants, because they don't have a face! You can't relate to plant life. You're a specieist! That what you are.

Dick: There's also pescatarian stonewallers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's a whole…a whole gradiation of…

Maddox: How's that? What do you mean?

Dick: Well, they only eat fish.

Maddox: Oh, the pescatarian stonewallers?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Same thing.

Maddox: Yeah, basically.

Dick: Just throw fish on there.

Maddox: Yeah. But I've never gone to a restaurant where a pescatarian stonewaller, someone was stonewalling me because they didn't have fish on the menu.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They'll eat something else. I mean..

Dick: Well, your friends are fucked, so I'm sure you'll get there eventually.

Maddox: Yeah. That's true. Uh, Dick…

Dick: In one of these emails.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…this is from…I think I saw this on…yeah. This is from Web MD. "A vegan diet isn't healthy." This is from the July issue of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. "German researchers tracked 174 apparently healthy people living in Germany and the Netherlands. They found that 92% of the vegans they studies, those who ate the strictest vegetarian diet, which shuns ALL animal products, including milk and eggs, had Vitamin B12 deficiencies."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which leads to heart disease and stroke.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And these are people…especially vegan mothers who are breastfeeding. Their children have…are usually malnourished. Because they don't get enough B12. Guys, stop doing this. You don't need to do this. If you want to abstain from meat for whatever fucking goofy reasons you want…(Dick chuckles) Fine. But don't…(stammers) at least drink a cup of milk. If you drink a cup of milk or eat an egg, you'll get all the B12 you need and you don't have to be such a staunch fucking idiot about it.

Dick: That supermodel Magneto that I dated? Remember? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: She would also not get red meat at In and Out, and she would always eat my burger.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: She would always take bites off of my Triple-triple.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Dick: In and Out. The hamburger fast food place. She wouldn't order it herself, because she saw a cow at some point in her…I don't know. She saw a baby cow.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: And she couldn't imagine killing them anymore?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But she would lay into mine with that thin supermodel jaw and chew right through it. Ruining…making my hamburger refuse, that I now have to eat.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That's like smokers who only bum cigarettes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's like one of those wood bores. They just bore a hole right through your burger.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: With that needle mouth. (laughing)

Dick: I'm like, what the hell? Am I supposed to eat this? And now I'm eating something… now my lips are touching something that have almost touched my own dick. You know!? (Maddox laughs) Her lips are eating my burger. This is what I'm thinking now when I'm trying to enjoy my hamburger. Wait a minute. How far away am I from having my own dick in my mouth? Right?

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: 'Cause she's touched it a lot. All the time.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Oh. Oh, yeah. This relationship lasted a long time for a reason. And…now, I'm touching that same thing with my mouth. It's disgusting.

Maddox: I got a story about that. I have a friend who I know…she loves to lick buttholes. Like, that's her thing.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: She likes to lick…

Dick: Oookay.

Maddox: …guys' buttholes. That's her thing.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: And…uh…I found out one day that she was dating one of my friends. And we all went to a restaurant. And I ordered…(they giggle) I ordered a giant lemonade. A giant pink lemonade. (Dick laughs) Sat down, ready to…

Dick: Infantilism. (laughs)

Maddox: It's delicious. It's refreshing!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So we sat down. I'm waiting for my burger. My giant pink lemonade. Haven't even taken a sip yet and she goes, "Oh, can I try?" (Dick laughs) And she's just…she took a sip from my lemonade! My fresh, brand-new lemonade! (Dick cracks up) And I just sat there…looking at that straw. And thinking about her licking my friend's butthole. (Dick dying of laughter) (Maddox laughs) And I swear to God, I didn't take a single sip of my giant lemonade!

Dick: Did you explain it?!

Maddox: No.

Dick: You didn't send it back to get another one!?

Maddox: No. Mm-mm.

Dick: You didn't try like a, "I have a cold"? Something like that?

Maddox: Nope. Lost my appetite. Didn't want…didn't want it. (Dick cracks up) I didn't want any more lemonade. And then I told some of my friends, and they knew. They…(cracks up) they all looked down the table at me to see if I would. (Dick laughs) It was kind of like a ticking time bomb. They were all watching me nervously if I was going to take a sip. And I didn't fucking touch that lemonade.

Dick: Did you fake em out? Like a little lean in? (Maddox laughs) Like, aaaaah, guys, aaah, make 'em throw up in the corner?

Maddox: No, because I was afraid if I took a whiff of that straw with that…you know, that residual butthole on it, I would throw up.

Dick: Feces, all over it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You made the right call.

Maddox: Anyway, man. That's my problem. Stonewalling vegans.

Dick: That's a…I had a big altercation. Well, not big. I had an altercation with a guy…with a stonewalling vegan at Burning Man.

Maddox: Whaaa?! Let's hear this.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. So…real quick. Um…so you know we were doing soup-flavored blankets out in the desert.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like a mile outside of the Man. Where there's nothing around. People say you're…

Maddox: What…what was the section, by the way? Where were you guys located?

Dick: 12:30 and a mile.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So you go to the man, you point up at 12:30 where there's nothing, where there's a big wedge taken out like Pac-Man's mouth and you go up a mile and there was us.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Uh…and smartasses are…the ignorant are, like, you're giving out hot soup in the desert, What are you guys, assholes?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's…it's the desert, shithead. It gets to like 40 degrees out there.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's freezing. We save people's lives.

Maddox: People who've never been to the desert have no idea what it's like at night.

Dick: Yeah. Google it.

Maddox: Right. Yeah.

Dick: Uh, so this fucking asshole. So we built a giant cracker box and we're giving out hot soup. We're giving out soup all night. Like, we're not running a soup stand and selling soup.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You don't do that. You're just…you come up. You tell us…we're running a show out there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You tell us a little story, you know, we flirt with you a little bit.

Maddox: Mhmm. (giggles)

Dick: Four guys came up and I made them sing. They had no jokes or anything. They were foreigners. I made them sing the national anthem to, like. Istanbul or something. Wherever they were from.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Cute…cute stuff, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Big activity.

Maddox: That's funny, yeah.

Dick: So…(sighs) my buddy Pete is manning the booth. Talking to some beautiful girls, 'cause they're all beautiful out there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Pete's a very nice guy.

Maddox: Sure. (giggles) Oh, yeah.

Dick: They…they are! You don't think, on average, the girls that you see in the pictures at Burning Man are more beautiful than…and this is coming from people…guys who live in LA!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You go outside of LA…and it looks like a nightmare!

Maddox: Uhh, Dick, no. I don't think so. I…I looked…

Dick: Tinder's a rogue's gallery outside of LA.

Maddox: No…(giggles) No. The first time I went…the first time I heard about Burning Man was…what, like, back in '97, something like that. It was a long time ago, right? When it first became a thing.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I anxiously pulled up Burning Man, and all the photos, 'cause I heard that a lot of people run around naked out there, I'm like "Ah, sweet." I get my dick out, I'm ready.

Dick: Hmm. 'Kay.

Maddox: I'm ready to have a…

Dick: That's mistake number one.

Maddox: I'm ready to…(laughs)

Dick: Getting the dick out first.

Maddox: To rub one out. I'm ready. I'm prepared, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Ready to rub one out to these hot chicks at Burning Man.

Dick: What a weirdo. (laughs)

Maddox: Everything was just, like, orangutans, man. Just…saggy…

Dick: The chicks?!

Maddox: Saggy boobs, dusty, dirty…

Dick: You're insane. Those…the women out there are beautiful.

Maddox: Matted hair.

Dick: Alright. Anyway.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Pete's talking to a couple of these orangutans. (Maddox laughs) And this guy, this fucking lunatic, runs up…cuts the line. We got a 40-minute line, 'cause people want this soup. He goes, "Hey…hey, do you have any vegan options?" So my buddy Pete just kinda looks at him, again, nice guy, he's like, "Hey, you know, yeah. We got a lot of stuff. We got a huge assortment of soup in here. You'll just have to see."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah. So…he goes again, "Well, yeah, but I don't wanna waste my time waiting in line and not get a good vegan option when I get up here." And this is now…

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: You're just fucking with my buddy's game, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're fucking with everybody's good time now.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Because he doesn't want to waste his precious time waiting in line. So I say to him, "Well, we got hot water."

Maddox: There you go, dickhead!

Dick: "Is that vegan enough for you?"

Maddox: Yeah, asshole.

Dick: He's like, "Well, you know…" so Pete's like, "Look…" the guy goes, "Well, you don't have to be an asshole about it." And Pete goes, "Well, you're being the asshole."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You're being the asshole. Just lemme get back to these people, but you are most certainly being the asshole. So he continues.

Maddox: Ugh. (groans)

Dick: "What do you got?" I'm like, "Well, we got water." "You know, we got water, but I wanna make this perfectly clear. When you get up here, you're getting none of it."

Maddox: Hah! Good!

Dick: Like, you are getting absolutely…if we have a vegan option, I'll dump it out on the fucking floor before I give it to you. And it turned into this whole thing. You know how bro-downs go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where he's like, "Oh, bro, you know, let's just have a drink" and I'm like, "I'm not fucking drinking with you, man."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't want to drink with you. I don't want to do anything with you, ever. Get the fuck outta here!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And this little Asian girl goes, "So what gave you guys the idea to do a soup stand?" (they laugh) I'm sitting there, and I'm looking at her, I look at her like I've got daggers shooting out of…I've got blood shooting out of my eyes, or you know, my ears.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wherever. It's shooting out of. I'm like, "You know what? Thank you very much…I'll answer your question and try to tone down the psychopathy." But…they just ruin everybody's time. They're so entitled.

Maddox: Yeah. He doesn't wanna waste his time, by the way, at the desert, where he has nothing but time. Waiting for FREE FOOD. That nobody's ent…he's not entitled!! Vegans, you're not entitled to anything!

Dick: No. No.

Maddox: Eat it or don't! Don't make your issue everyone else's issue! Look. They were already kind enough to turn and stop what they're doing to answer your stupid question!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which you could have found out just by standing around for a minute and seeing what options people get.

Dick: Or just wait in line and talk to people.

Maddox: Yeah, just wait in line.

Dick: That's the whole point.

Maddox: What are you doing in the desert? Where do you have to be? Where do you have to be in the fucking desert at Burning Man?

Dick: I don't know. Uh…today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. BIGGESTPROBLEM. Two words, no spaces.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: And we link to it on our website. Use the…use the link on our website. You don't have to type anything. We made it easy for you.

Dick: Yeah. Make sure it works. There's people in the comments who are saying it doesn't work, but you make sure it works by going tohttp://www.harrys.com and using the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM. Save $5 off your first purchase. http://www.harrys.com was started by two guys passionate about creating a better shaving experience. That's what I want passion from. A shaving experience. Not about not eating meat.

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah! Why can't you be passionate about something good?

Dick: Yeah. Harry's are as passionate about razors as these jackasses are about their not eating meat fetish.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, they bought the blade factory in Germany. Everyone knows that. But they've cut out the middle man, so they can offer an amazing shave at a fraction of the price of drugstore brands. I'm using mine! I'm still using mine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think I might be on the last blade.

Maddox: No, I got new ones. I got new ones.

Dick: You got a new one?

Maddox: I got new ones, yeah. Finally.

Dick: Why didn't you tell me? I would have tried to milk these guys for a free razor!

Maddox: Uh, yeah. We'll talk to 'em. We should do that, actually.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We should get some new razors. Um, I think our listeners will be glad to know. We have verified this. The blades are 100% vegan. (Dick giggles) So eat those. (laughs) (they both crack up)

Dick: It just…it makes me so insane, these…these people!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know where it comes…it's the entitlements part of it, but the total lack of awareness.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: It's the total lack of awareness. I'm like, "You…you personally…you are destroying the world." Like, I blame them for everything that's wrong because of the lack of awareness, you know what I mean?

Maddox: It's…yeah. That ideology is pretty…that lack of self-cognizance is a real big problem. What's…

Dick: What were you gonna say, Sean?

Sean: The most underrated part of the Harry's shave kit is the aftershave.

Dick: Really?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Do you use aftershave?

Sean: I never really have, but I do with that. It smells great. It works, it's like really cooling.

Dick: I never have, either.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Because I want my natural smell.

Sean: No, you should wear it. This smells just like this show. It smells like alcohol and tears.

Dick: Alright. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's a good…

Dick: That's probably not true.

Maddox: That's a good scent! (Dick laughs) Ladies, put that on your legs!

Dick: Shipping is free. Starter kits start at just $15. There you go.

Maddox: Thanks for supporting the show, guys. Really means a lot. It REALLY helps the show. Thanks, guys!

Dick: Alright, You ready for my problem?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: Paralysis.

Maddox: Paralysis.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, alright.

Dick: You remember our discussion last week about Christopher Reeve, right?

Maddox: I do.

Dick: Well, I…I still disagree with that. So I did some research.

Maddox: Wait, what specifically do you disagree with?

Dick: So you don't…I don't wanna put words in your mouth.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You have some kind of problem with Christopher Reeve.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Is that fair to say?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, essentially.

Dick: You don't like that he's a celebrity, so his affliction gets more attention just because…just because he's a celebrity.

Maddox: Dick, I need to correct you already. Was. Was…

Dick: Alright. I knew it. (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah. Was. Was…

Dick: Was a celebrity?

Maddox: Yeah, he was with us…well. I dunno. Are you still a celebrity if you're dead? I guess you are, yeah. He was with us.

Dick: But he got famous while he was al…I mean, he got…his condition. His paralysis got famous while he was alive. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. He popularized the cause. Right.

Dick: Yeah. So this guy comments. **Adam Rathbone. "Maddox, how is it selfish or assholish to care about a problem that is literally ruining your life?"** Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I certainly would agree with that.

Maddox: No.

Dick: We have limited ti…no? (grins)

Maddox: No, I…I mean, he ignored the argument that I made.

Dick: I…he's just talking about Christopher Reeve.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: How is it selfish? How is he selfish or an asshole to…

Maddox: (interjects) Let's get through the comment that we're replying to.

Dick: "We have limited time and resources. You can't be expected to care about every problem in the world. You can't devote your time and money to every problem. Of course, the problems that affect you are going to take priority. Almost…" and

here's…here's where it gets interesting. **"Almost 1% of the American population alone is paralyzed."** I think you quoted 250,000 worldwide.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um…**"And you think that 250,000 worldwide is the number."** And I'm not saying this to throw, like, wrong facts in your face. I'm not interested in that. **"Why do you think that handicapped parking spots are mandatory?"** And that's a whole different thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Charity exhaustion was also debunked." I didn't know that. **"And the ALS challenge is credited with a recent breakthrough."** So here's…that's…I read that comment and I said, "I wonder what the number actually is, right?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I said, "How many people are paralyzed?"

Maddox: Yeah, I I…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it SUCKS, right?

Maddox: I looked it up after that episode, too. To double check my figures.

Dick: And what did I find?

Maddox: What?

Dick: A study by the Christopher Reeve Foundation.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Saying that 2%. About 2% of people are paralyzed. They found like a million more people than previously thought, who were paralyzed, because they're not coming in for therapy anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they weren't accounted for.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's huge to me!

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Because that says to drug companies, "Hey, you could make more money if you try to help these people!" And that's a great incentive.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Incentivizing drug companies with…money. To help a HORRIBLE, like, life… ALMOST life-ending affliction, I would say. Paral…have you ever been paralyzed?

Maddox: No, thankfully.

Dick: Have you ever had a broken anything?

Maddox: Ye…uh, no, I have not.

Dick: I've broken my hand or arms…I've broken something on me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Almost every year for a while. Like, I've broken my hand and arms more times than I can count on one hand.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And it fucking sucks!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It ruins your life! Especially when most of your life is based around typing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it's so bad…I wrote a program so I could type with one hand. Like, a mirror of the keyboard, the other side?

Maddox: I remember that, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Because…because they RAPE you on these accessibility devices! The first thing I did when I came home with a broken hand, I'm like, "Alright, let's see how jerking off feels with the wrong hand."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Feels kinda weird.

Maddox: Yeah, it's weird.

Dick: That's gonna take an adjustment.

Maddox: Gave yourself a stranger.

Dick: Well, ye…

Maddox: That's what you call that.

Dick: No, the stranger, I think, is when you sit on your hand and put it to sleep.

Maddox: Yeah, but it's essentially the s…oh, (stammers) you're correct, yeah. Go on.

Dick: I gave myself a nighttime liaison. Let's call it that.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I had an affair.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? With the wrong hand.

Maddox: Wrong hand.

Dick: And then I'm like, "Alright, I gotta learn how to type with…I gotta figure out how typing works with one hand. 'Cause this dancing around the keyboard like Fred Astaire with one hand is not working."

Maddox: It's awful. You might as well use a touch screen!

Dick: Yeah. (they laugh) It is totally useless!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm like, "Okay. There's a ton of paralyzed, disabled people out there."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "How hard could it be to get a keyboard for one hand?" Like, maybe I gotta use my feet or something like that?

Maddox: Yeah, they have pedals. Yeah.

Dick: I type it in. $700.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I'm like, "Are you fucking kidding me?! $700 for this hunk of shit!?" This is…this… you're getting raped!!! (exclaims) This is…like, you're getting…this is highway robbery!

Maddox: But don't you think that the $700 price tag has more to do with the fact that these companies and manufacturers are pricing it not for the individual, but for insurance companies?

Dick: Absolutely.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Absolutely. Except…in the world we're in, insurance doesn't cover everything.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, it'd be nice. They're prohibited from selling it at a reasonable amount because of insurance companies.

Maddox: Well, they just wanna make more money. Let's not say that they're prohibited. Some people are not always…some people are altruistic in this world, Dick. I know you don't believe that.

Dick: No. No, no, no, no, no. Because…because you only get a percentage of your insurance claim. So they're pricing it so that the percentage they get back…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Is the actual amount that's the fair price of the thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, if they charged $700 for it, the insurance company only reimburses 20%, then they're getting $140, which to me, is a reasonable amount for that keyboard. Right?

Maddox: Well, what…

Dick: (interjects) Like, that's how fucked healthcare is!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because they get back…and they only get what they get paid…reimbursed for.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, you're not shelling out the other 80% out of your pocket.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah. Anyway. So I'm like, $700? That's fucked. I gotta build this myself.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I gotta make this shit myself. And that…as inconvenient as that was, that was not the worst part.

Maddox: What was the worst part?

Dick: Banging a chick.

Maddox: Huh! Alright. (giggles)

Dick: With a totally useless arm.

Maddox: Oh, I dunno about that, buddy! I can…I feel like…if I had a…(stammers) I don't want a broken arm, but if I had a broken arm…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I think it would up my game with chicks. (Dick giggles) Because I…look. Women love scars and they love injuries. So you show 'em you have…"Oh, my hand doesn't work, lady."

Dick: Uh-huh…

Maddox: And they wanna…they wanna sack it. Immediately.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's something about them says "I need to mount this guy."

Dick: Yeah, 'cause I broke it by punching out a racist!

Maddox: (giggles) Exactly!

Dick: That's why they love it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: She can help you move the bags of sand off the bed.

Maddox: Shut the fuck up, Sean! (Dick cracks up) Shut your fucking whore mouth, alright?!!? (Dick still laughing) Tired of this shit! So you get on the bed, right? And then you lay down and you're like, "Lady, I can't…" this is your free pass. This is the Get Out of Jail Free Card in Monopoly.

Dick: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Maddox: You lay down and you say, "I can't do anything."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And you're gonna have to cowgirl me the whole time. Cowgirl, reverse cowgirl. Do the pogo thing. Do the helicopter thing. You gotta do all the moves.

Dick: Yup.

Maddox: All the moves!

Dick: Lemme tell you something. That works exactly one time.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: Then the rest, you've got…first of all, your dick's getting broken, guaranteed. (Sean and Maddox crack up) If you're pulling that move. If she's on top and she's gotta milk every ounce of pleasure out of that one position, your dick is definitely getting jackknifed.

Maddox: Oooooh. (laughs painfully)

Dick: Oh, that's what I learned very quickly with this girl…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Beautiful girl. Amazing girl. Um…couldn't hold a conversation to save her life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But she could suck a golf ball through a McDonald's straw.

Maddox: Hmmkay. (giggles)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm like "Oh, jackpot. I'm just gonna sit…I'm just gonna ride this out on my back for the next six weeks."

Maddox: Pretty awesome!

Dick: Immediate…her understanding of the injury…

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Went about as far as my explanation right there.

Maddox: Aaach.

Dick: All of a sudden, it was, well, the turn. You know the turn that they give you?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For you to get on top?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Constant. Like, a…

Maddox: What?!

Dick: It was…her move was, like, "Oh, but I just, I need to feel it like this. Are you sure your hand is…is it that messed up?"

Maddox: Ohhh. (painful)

Dick: Like, the dissatisfaction was palpable. So I'm like, "This is…now, this is the life I would lead with one paralyzed hand!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is the misery that I'm I…and thank GOD it's not permanent for me!

Maddox: Bro, you got…

Dick: But this is already mis…her shitty Chihuahua is trying to burrow into my taint! (Maddox laughs) While I'm doing this!

Maddox: Why are you at her place, man? Look, bro.

Dick: No, I don't bring girls like that back to my place.

Maddox: Well…you gotta dud. You picked a dud. Why are you with this dud who is not accommodating? Come on, man.

Dick: Oh, please. Right. Only buy stocks that go up. Right? (grins)

Maddox: Noooooo, man.

Dick: Only date amazing women that…

Maddox: Dick, you have the best tool in dating arsenal out there.

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Which is a br…(cracks up)

Dick: Money. (they all laugh)

Maddox: You have…you have a cast on your hand. You go to the bar, and they're just coming to you, "Oh my gosh, are you okay? Poor baby." Kiss, kiss, kiss. The next thing you know, you're in Bang Town, buddy!

Dick: Yeah. I'm telling you, it only lasts so far!

Maddox: Aaach.

Dick: And then they're not understanding at all! They don't wanna just get on a pommel horse like you're some kind of a broken Sybian!! And ride you for weeks! (Maddox cracks up) It doesn't work like that! They're real people!

Maddox: Bro, I dunno what kind of chicks you've been dating, but all I've had is the other kind, where they can only get off in one position, and it's always that same position.

Dick: (scoffs) Alright.

Maddox: It's the same thing every single time, and man. I don't even need arms!! Tsh. Whatever. I mean, I…(giggles)

Dick: You know what? You know what? Okay. Next time…next time you have sex. And you…I don't want you to tell the person you're having sex with.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I want you to try to do it without moving your arms.

Maddox: Hmmm. Me?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Me?

Dick: Yeah. Next time you have sex, I would like you to try…once clothes are off. I would like you to try to do it without moving your arms. Like, crawling in on your feet….

Maddox: I'll…(cracks up)

Dick: On your knees, trying to get it, like, and not calling attention to it. Trying to…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, you can move 'em a little bit so you don't look like a broken Frankenstein.

Maddox: Well, what about this move? Does this count? 'Cause this has actually happened. Um, both…arms behind your head like you're sitting back in an office chair, you know, like legs kicked up? (cracks up)

Dick: What…you got, like, a weekend at Bernie's? (they laugh) Routine going over here?!!? (laughing) (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Ahhh. Okay. So is your problem again that you…(stammers) Something…

Dick: (interjects) Paralysis. Paralysis.

Maddox: Paralysis. Okay. It's not…it's a not a dick-related…

Dick: So this is what the Christopher Reeve Foundation found.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um…a survey of 33,000 households. Nobody had ever done this before. Like, people were just relying on, um…medical records.

Maddox: Right. So they found…according to my research, they found four times the amount of paralyzed people.

Dick: Yeah. Huge!

Maddox: As previously estimate. No, it's not huge. It's 250,000 x4.

Dick: Four times!!

Maddox: That's 1.2 million!

Dick: That's…Maddox, that's 2% of America they found!!

Maddox: Ehh.

Dick: 2…

Maddox: It's less than 1%.

Dick: One in 50 Americans is living with some form of paralysis, whether caused by disease, spinal cord injury, or neurological damage.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Someone you know is living with paralysis. A family member, a friend, or a work colleague.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's…that's huge to me. 5.6 million Americans live with some form of paralysis.

Maddox: Dick, you can…I mean, do you understand what the word "huge" means?

Dick: Please, tell me more about this. (Maddox scoffs) I feel like I'm talking to Trump right now.

Maddox: 'Cause every single t…

Dick: Tell me more about huge.

Maddox: Every single time you say something is HUGE, almost every time on the show, it's always in the low percentages, like 1% or 2%. It's not huge. We can say that it's a big problem…

Dick: (interjects) 5.6 million people?! That's huge.

Maddox: No. It's…

Dick: (interjects) That's almost…the number of downloads we've had for this show is huge. (Maddox laughs) 4 million! This is more than the number of downloads we've had for this show!

Maddox: Dick, but that's a…that's a weaselly way of saying it, because the downloads for our show are pretty high for podcasts, but the number of people…the percentage of the United States?! It's tiny! It's 1%.

Dick: 2!!! Okay, let's say 1 to 2.

Maddox: 1% to 2%.

Dick: Let's say 2.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Just…just for the sake of argument. (they crack up)

Maddox: Okay. Look, man. You can say that it's a big problem…

Dick: 2% is huge.

Maddox: You can make the case…look. Paralysis is awful. It is a big problem, but I'm not…let's not say it's huge. It's not huuuuuuuge, okay? It's a big problem, but it's not huge.

Dick: Do you think it's bigger than terrorism?

Maddox: T…paralysis.

Dick: It's a different problem!

Maddox: P…I…

Dick: You're not afraid of getting paralyzed!

Maddox: Okay. The number of people who are paralyzed are what?

Dick: Unless you played Superman in a movie or TV. Right?

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: Didn't they all get fucked up?

Maddox: The curse of Superman. That's true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 1.9…I think it was about 1.5 to 1.9 million people are paralyzed in the United States, according to the Christopher Reeve Foundation.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Which…

Dick: Oh, are you suspect of that?

Maddox: A little bit.

Dick: Ohhohoho!! (giggles)

Maddox: Because it's…it's kind of like…(giggles) It's kind of like a women's group…(Dick cackles) coming up with a study saying that women are oppressed. It's like, "Okay, of course. You're looking for that." (Dick guffaws) That's what they're looking at.

Dick: That's the worst thing you've ever said. (grins)

Maddox: (laughing) How?! Why!?

Dick: (inaudible)…and I'm the weasel?!

Maddox: Why?! Why is that…

Sean: That is awful.

Dick: That is really awful!!

Maddox: (laughing) Why?!

Dick: That's awful!

Maddox: Can you explain to me? 'Cause look. This is for real. I'm just wondering, why is that awful?

Dick: That you suspect a foundation built on helping people who are paralyzed…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like you're trapped in your body like it's a coffin, but you're still alive.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You suspect them of malfeasance when it comes to their telephone poll that, like, uncovered an uncomfortable amount of people being paralyzed.

Maddox: I…

Dick: (interjects) You suspect that.

Maddox: The…look. You cannot deny that there is a conflict of interest there. The paralysis foundation whose…whose soul purpose for existing is to raise money for their cause…is also the ones coming up with these numbers!

Dick: Maddox…

Maddox: Like…there's a conflict of interest! At least acknowledge that!

Dick: You are…you are speaking ill…

Sean: Yeah. They're there to, like, hotrod their wheelchairs, right?

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean!

Dick: They're trying to…(laughing) (Maddox laughs) Here they come! Here they…

Maddox: Well, no…look, man.

Dick: You are speaking ill of a dead Superman. (Maddox snorts) You are wrong!! (they laugh) That's how you know you are wrong!

Maddox: Look, man. Look. So…so back to that Adam Rathbone comment at the top of the show.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You read his comment. He said that…they're raising money for a good cause, and his entire response was essentially a big shrug. Like, (goofy voice) "What are you supposed to do, man? There's too many problems. At least we're picking one!" That's idiotic.

Dick: Why is that idiotic?

Maddox: Because, Dick. Again. If your house is on fire, don't worry about filing your taxes on time.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: If your house is on fire, don't worry about mowing your lawn.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: These are small problems that…that we have actual…look. If you're going to give attention to problems. And you're going to solve a problem. If you give an undue amount of money, like, to the ALS challenge?

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: They raised SO much money. Way more than any other foundation or charity that year.

Dick: Good!

Maddox: No!

Dick: 'Cause it's the only shot they'll ever get!

Maddox: No.

Dick: They will never get another shot to raise money like that.

Maddox: Yeah, but…why aren't we spending that much…look, man. One of the most horrific diseases that humans can get is Harlequin's Disease.

Dick: Obesity!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Obesity is true, but Harlequin's Disease is fucking awful! These people have skin that becomes scaly and dry.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And it's constantly bleeding.

Sean: No, they're born like that.

Maddox: They're born like that.

Dick: They're born like that.

Sean: So they usually don't live past a day or two.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, but the people…

Dick: That problem solves itself.

Sean: There's one that's, like, a late teenager. Like, she's lived longer than anybody…

Dick: What?!

Maddox: Sean…right. Sean, you are strengthening my point. There are very few people who have this disease.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: It is horrific. And they're constantly bleeding. They have to put lotion on their skin. They look deformed. It's a horrific disease! Should we just suddenly all go out and start a huge foundation that raises 80 million dollars to find a cure for this ONE PERSON!?

Sean: No! Because they don't live.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Sean, but that's the point. But the few who do…the few who do get to that…look, there's other diseases like that who there are only a few people who are affected by it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Should we then completely…

Dick: (interjects) Huge cock-ism.

Maddox: Ignore? Ech..

Dick: No, go ahead, go!! (laughs)

Maddox: Should we completely ignore the things that are affecting most people? Shouldn't we prioritize those things first?!

Dick: Breast cancer has a whole month! All…all Christopher Reeve got was one news cycle. Breast cancer, entire month! Every fucking year. Paralysis. One news cycle.

Maddox: Chris…

Dick: (interjects) I think that's fair.

Maddox: Christopher Reeve got more than a news cycle.

Dick: Three weeks. And it's done.

Maddox: It's just selfish, man. It's just selfish. Look, man.

Dick: Ohhhhh. I think you hate it, and you're wrapping it up in this academic rationale, but it doesn't check out for me!

Maddox: Why?

Dick: That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Why not?!

Dick: Because it's…first of all, the house analogy. The house on fire analogy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't agree with also. The house…the house is on fire!!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, the house is on fire. This is the argument of "What are you gonna get out of the house?" What are you going in…

Maddox: (interjects) No it's not. What are you talking about? No it's not. You're putting out the house.

Dick: No. The house is burning down. The house is gone.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Somebody else is gonna take…we're taking…what do we got, cancer, 40% of people? Paralysis, 2% of people? I dunno. I got…so much space in my arms. I can grab everything. Whatever jumps out at me, I'm gonna grab.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's life.

Maddox: Okay. The…let's use an analogy exactly tantamount to what you started with, which is 1 in 50 people in the United States are suffering from paralysis, and I'm not gonna dispute those numbers.

Dick: It might be 1 in 40.

Maddox: No.

Dick: We don't know.

Maddox: No, it's probably not. Let's say 1 in 50. Okay? (Sean and Dick giggle) 'Cause those are the numbers you gave.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: One in fifty.

Dick: Yes. Yeah.

Maddox: Let's line up fifty people.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And those represent all Americans.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Statistically, based on what you said, one of those people is paralyzed, right?

Dick: Correct.

Maddox: Correct. So, let's say, all those people, they represent America.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So, statistically, some of them are going to be obese. About 40% of them are going to be obese.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Statistically. About 80% of them are going to die of some heart-related disease.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Statistically, 20% or 30%, maybe 40% are going to die from cancer, okay?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Statistically, some of those people have…

Dick: Get cancer. Not die from it. I don't think.

Maddox: Well, they're going to get cancer, sure. But then, statistically, some of them are gonna die from it.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Then you have people who are gonna die from accidents and injuries and so on. Some people have all sorts of different diseases. Diabetes. Uh…malnourishment. All these different things. Those are represented in those 50 people. Now you're going down the line. And you're saying, "Okay. For each person in this line, we're going to give you a way to communicate your message."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And for the person who has heart disease, you give them a notepad. For the next person, who has cancer, you give them a little sticky pad. And for the person next to them, you give em, oh, I don't know. Maybe an LED light board. But for the person with paralysis, you give them a fucking megaphone!! That's my problem!

Dick: Is that your perception of…

Maddox: (interjects) Yes!!!

Dick: …what society is?!

Maddox: That's what's happens!!!

Dick: Heart disease and cancer are on all day every day! You cannot watch TV without hearing about cancer or heart disease!

Maddox: Then how come more money was raised for ALS than heart disease and cancer?!

Dick: What, over…(stammers) of all time!? That's absolutely not true!

Maddox: For that…for that year.

Dick: For that year, ALS raised more money than CANCER research?

Maddox: More money than any ot…yeah. More money than any other…yes. Absolutely.

Dick: I would love to see the actual numbers on that. I thought they raised, like 20 million dollars. It's nothing.

Maddox: No. No. It…they raised a LOT of money.

Dick: Cancer…

Maddox: You have way more…

Dick: (interjects) Billions of dollars gets spent on cancer research.

Maddox: No…look, man. For the amount that I hear. That I heard about Christopher Reeve's Paralysis Foundation that affects 1% of Americans.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: 1%. For the amount that I heard about it.

Dick: 2. Up to?

Maddox: 1% to 2%. (annoyed)

Dick: To 2. Let's get it right.

Maddox: Look, man. You're giving these people megaphones when what they need is the notepad. We got it, man! Look, you got it. And also…the thesis of my argument wasn't that we should only care about…we shouldn't only care about celebrities. We shouldn't only care about diseases once a celebrity gets it. The…I think paralysis IS a problem.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But Christopher Reeve. If he was…if he wasn't disingenuous about it, he would have cared about it before he got it. Look, man. I don't have heart disease, and thankfully, no one in my family does, that I know of. I think it's a huge problem. I've been talking about it on the show. Not because I have it, but because I know it affects a lot of people!

Sean: Yeah, you have "no heart" disease. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Go fuck yourself, Sean! I'm fucking tired of this shit!!! (Sean chuckles)

Dick: Hey, if you took that line…(Maddox cracks up) 100% of those people would suffer from Piss Driblets.

Maddox: No, Dick…

Dick: That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Get outta here.

Dick: That's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's my problem.

Maddox: So, I can't disagree that paralysis is a problem. I just don't think that…two things. It's not as big of a problem as some of the things that aren't getting attention that they need to. I mean, heart disease affects SO many people. It's the number one killer worldwide!

Dick: Which would you rather have?! Paralysis or heart disease?

Maddox: Neither one.

Dick: Which would you…you have to pick. You gotta pick one. Nobody gets through life scot-free.

Maddox: Well, if the heart disease leads to death, then paralysis. I'd rather be alive than dead.

Dick: See? It's a hard choice. Even thinking about it is a hard choice.

Maddox: Well yeah, but…

Dick: (interjects) You got all these stipulations. It's not easy as a numbers game that you're making it sound. That's all.

Maddox: Well, what about you? Which would you rather have? Paralysis or heart disease?

Dick: Pbbbbbbblgh. Oh, boy. Well, I already got the heart disease.

Maddox: Do you?

Dick: Oh…yeah. I mean, I'm half Mexican, like, I think it runs in the Mexican gene.

Maddox: No, but have you been…have you been diagnosed with anything?

Dick: No. You get diagnosed with something and you get it. That's what happens.

Maddox: What? What do you…(laughs)

Dick: It was a joke.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (grins)

Dick: No, no. I haven't been diagnosed with anything.

Maddox: Yeah, man. Um…

Dick: I mean, I have an out-of-control temper and I drink way too much and I'm half ethnic. Like, I mean, odds are. If I was gonna place a bet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would bet on a heart problem.

Maddox: Yeah, man. It's…it's tough. Paralysis is a big problem. It sucks. It's absolutely…it sucks. It's debilitating. But al…also. Are you talking about all paralysis, or are you talking about partial and full?

Dick: It's all bad.

Maddox: Well, I mean…

Dick: All a problem!!

Maddox: There's diff…there's varying degrees of uh…

Dick: Oh, I brought in the stats for the varying degrees.

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: I'm going through my notes again.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Also provided by the Christopher Reeve Foundation, so I don't know. Maybe it's all just fabricated.

Maddox: Oh, and Dick, I just looked it up. I need to correct something. The 1 in 50 Americans translates to about 5.6 million people, not 1.9 as I initially said.

Dick: No, no, no. It's…it's…no, I got that one too. It's 5.6 suffer from some type of paralysis, and 1.25 have a spinal cord injury.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Those are the numbers. So you were right with the…the spinal cord injuries, what they found, was way more than they'd ever thought.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Both of them were way more, but you were right on the numbers. You just had the wrong thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um…here is the…here's the…here's the amount that they're disabled. People who are paralyzed. 36% said they have a lot of difficulty in moving. 29% said they had some difficulty. 17% said a little difficulty. And 16% said Maddox can go fuck himself. That's weird. That must be a write-in. (Maddox laughs) Uh, 35% had a spinal cord injury…uh, 29%...said…oh, I think I stopped reading the stats, 'cause none of them were funny at that point. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Oh, hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. So I…look. I looked into this survey, okay?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I'm gonna read you the survey question, and just completely honestly, answer me. If you think that this survey question can at all be misleading the way that people respond, 'kay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Researchers…this is from ABC News. "Researchers surveyed more than 33,000 US households using input from more than 30 experts in paralysis and statistics to develop the study and survey. It was led by Anthony Gaihale. Okay, here's the question. "Do you or does anyone in this household have any difficulty moving their arms or legs?"

Dick: No.

Maddox: Dick. You don't think that that's a misleading…that could potentially lead to some misleading…

Dick: Well, in a vacuum, but…you think they just called and shot that into the phone?

Maddox: That's what they did.

Dick: It's not like, "Hey we're doing a survey on paralysis"?

Maddox: No, but that's…

Dick: (interjects) You think they gave 'em no context at all!?! Are you serious?!!

Maddox: Well, that's 19% of people…but, Dick, if you say you have trouble moving your arms or legs, okay…even in the context of paralysis, trouble moving your arms or legs, 19%. That's where these numbers are coming from.

Dick: I…you're saying that these questions are misleading by reading them off of a website on ABC with no context. Like, I'm…

Maddox: (interjects) The context is an article. It says 1 in 50 Americans live with paralysis. It's…it's making YOUR case, Dick. That 5.6 million, by the way, that's the number of people who live with some form of paralysis, the new survey shows.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But then down the article, later on, they say "spinal cord injury, one cause of paralysis studied, is more common than thought with new survey findings that 1.275 million people in the United States are affected."

Dick: Yeah, we already said that.

Maddox: Okay. So it is…so spinal cord injury is a different category of paralysis than…

Dick: You can get paralyzed from cerebral palsy, you get disease…

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: You get a lot of stuff. You could just be so scared, you never move again. (Maddox laughs) That happens more than you think.

Maddox: So…so, 5.6 million in the United States, about. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah. (grins) One out of 50.

Maddox: Slingshotting those jokes.

Dick: (laughs) That's my problem, alright?

Maddox: Yeah. Okay. Alright. I dunno.

Dick: I know you just hate it, but…I dunno why.

Maddox: It's just…you're giving them a megaphone when what they need is a notepad.

Sean: You think we should prioritize it by number of people affected.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: By any given disease or issue.

Maddox: Correct.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which we are.

Maddox: That's logical. We're not.

Dick: Which we totally are.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Cancer gets a TON of research and a ton of money, and a ton of exposure.

Maddox: Do you know how much, Dick?

Dick: Don't look it up. I don't want this to turn into the "looking up things on the fly" show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I…I would bet it's in the magnitude of hundreds of millions to a billion. The amount that's spent on cancer research in to-to.

Maddox: A billion? That's it?

Dick: Dollars overall.

Maddox: That's a drop in the bucket, buddy.

Dick: Well, what else…what else is getting spent on? You're talking about a scale…of research expenditure based on how bad the disease is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What else…I mean, what else do you want? Obesity should get more?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: W…how do you fix obesity?

Maddox: Heart disease.

Dick: Stop fucking eating!

Maddox: Yeah. Heart disease.

Dick: We got the solution for that.

Maddox: I dunno, man. I dunno.

Dick: Heart disease also has multiple causes. Is it…smoking? There…a lot of money was spent to stop smoking! You gonna count all the money? All the anti-smoking money that's ever gone in to stopping lung cancer? Huge amount!

Maddox: Yeah, maybe. I dunno. I dunno. I dunno, bro!

Dick: Yeah, alright.

Maddox: Paralysis.

Dick: Let's wrap it up.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright. My…

Dick: This show is caught in a mire of paralysis at this point. (Sean and Maddox chuckle)

Maddox: Alright, man.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: My problem this week is Stonewalling Vegans.

Dick: That's a good one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I brought Paralysis and the Artificial Scarcity of Pretzel Buns.

Maddox: Thanks for listening.

(Voice mail: male voice: Hey guys, this is Zack from North Carolina. I was just listening to the beginning of episode 70 here, when you kept talking about the female orgasm. Alright, guys. I would like to LAY this to rest. Pun definitely intended. Now listen. I'm 25 years old. I'm not a great-looking guy. I'd say I'm a solid 6, used to be a 7 back in the day…"

Dick: Chef Boyardee. A step above Chef Boyardee.

"And I don't have a huge cock. I don't have huge muscles. But I have somehow managed to bed 100…about 150 plus women, alright?"

Dick: Whoa!!

Maddox: Oookay. (skeptical) (Dick laughs)

"And I can tell you from experience…the reason women don't come as much is because guys don't know how to fucking have sex, alright? In Dick's situation, I would bet my whole life's savings that he is a jackhammerer."

Dick: Jackhammerer.

Maddox: Yeah.

"He thinks that going at it as hard and as fast as he can…"

Dick: Do I seem like a jackhammerer to you?

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick scoffs)

"Is the way to just bring a woman some crazy explosive orgasm that they can't hold back. And I'm here to tell you, motherfucker, that's not the way to do it, alright? You have to fuck slow. Do the opposite of porn, alright? Porn is made for angles that… (inaudible)…who don't know how to fuck in the first place."

Dick: Is there…Is there a 35-year-old man who doesn't know this?

"If you actually wanna make a girl cum, you don't have to be all gay about it and show tenderness or anything either. Just go a little slower, you know? Get in there. Get real deep. Find that secret spot. Swivel around. It's not about going in and out as fast as you can. (they both laugh) **It's about getting in there. Hitting that spot. Rubbing it right. And I guarantee you, she will explode in pleasure and be all over you. Alright?"**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

"Oh, God. Do I have to tell you how to do everything, Dick? Fucking moron.")

(they both crack up)

Maddox: You know Dick, I…

Dick: That's one…that's one side, right?

Maddox: He makes a good point. I really like the…

Dick: Well, yeah! Of course. They were all entirely accurate!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I just don't know who he's giving them to!

Maddox: You wanna hear a tip from yours truly?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is how…this is how…for real, this is how I..kinda learned.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Um, watch some porn of women masturbating. Solo masturbating. And there's this website…I think it's called…yeah. "I feel myself". http://www.ifeelmyself.com (Dick laughs) And it's just women who make their own masturbation videos.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And watch how women get off. And look at what they're doing with their hands and their fingers. And then replicate that with your pelvis.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's what you do.

Dick: You know why those girls are getting off?

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: Because there's a camera pointed at them.

Maddox: Noooooo.

Dick: That's what they're getting off on.

Maddox: No. There's all sorts of homemade videos.

Dick: It's allll in their fucking head. That's what I'm telling you. (Maddox giggles) It's all in their head.

Maddox: So film it. Film it and get them off.

Dick: Uh…they're…yeah, okay. Anyway.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Here's the other piece of advice.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: This guy's a little more practical, I think.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Do you wanna know how to conjure up the female orgasm, this is what you gotta do. (they both laugh) **As you're eating her out, slide a finger up her butt while you got a finger in her vag…and boom. That shit will pop off like you don't even know, man!"**

Dick: Like a bowling ball.

"You don't even KNOW! It's just there. She's crazy. She loves the buttplug. With the fingers." (they laugh)

Dick: Two experts.

Sean: Is this Jack Nicholson?

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: No, it was Matthew McConaughey's creepy brother. (Maddox laughs) Jerkoff McConaughey.

Maddox: That guy sounds like…that guy sounds like he can't even lift his jaw up off the floor. (Dick laughs) (goofy voice) When you're eatin' her out…

Dick: Next time, my amazing Trump-tastic interview on Fox News. Fox Affiliate News. Uh…and did you ever post the Smash Brothers fight?

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, yeah. I gotta do that. I'll do that this weekend, yeah.

Dick: Hollllly shit! Alright.

Maddox: Before I head back to Vegas…and if you're in Vegas, hit me up, guys! I'm gonna be there for the next three weeks!

Dick: Oh, I also have…

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Problem: **Human Robots** [00:21:11]
Problem: **Man Buns** [00:45:01]

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 72

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe from Ants to Terrorism. With over 4 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back, guys.

Dick: Hey, I think the guy who came up with that bit deserves some credit, by the way. I don't know if you ever mentioned this on the podcast, but I was cruising the problems list on our website.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: http://thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com , and I saw a guy list a whole bunch of these intros.

Maddox: Yeah. Right.

Dick: Like "(blank) to (blank)."

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. I...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: First of all, I'm the guy who came up with the bit.

Dick: Okay. (chuckles)

Maddox: Second, those ones that he listed?

Dick: Uh-huh?

Maddox: When I first mentioned it on the podcast, when I used one of his, I gave him credit.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, I did.

Dick: I didn't know that.

Maddox: Several times! I've used...every one of his that I've used, I gave him credit. But yeah, thanks! They were...a lot of those were really funny. (Dick scoffs and laughs)

Dick: That sounded like a sarcastic "thank you."

Maddox: No, I liked 'em! Yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay. (smiling) Anyway, how'd we do? What did we find out? What did we discover? What did we learn about our fans last week?

Maddox: Well, we learned that they're idiots. **(drumroll sound effect)** Stonewalling Vegans came in the #1 problem from last week, with more than...more... (Dick sighs) ...a bigger problem than Paralysis!

Dick: Guys, you disappoint me. (wearily)

Maddox: And me too! Look guys, I know...I'm not disingenuous when I say this. I absolutely believe that paralysis is a bigger problem -

Dick: (interjects) Is a...WAY bigger problem.

Maddox: Yeah, than stonewalling vegans. And then the Artificial Scarcity of Pretzel Buns -- uh, fuck off with that problem. I don't...that shouldn't even be on the list. Who cares? But paralysis legitimately is a bigger problem than the minor inconvenience of being annoyed when you go to dinner. (chuckling)

Dick: I don't know. This is what...this is who we are when we're invisible. Right? Like, everybody can get on TV and say how much...and get on Facebook and say how much they wanna support paralysis and ALS and whatever, but when they're...when they're in the voting booth, when they've got their vote to give, they vote, "Eh, stonewalling vegans...I haven't even run into one, but Maddox's story annoyed me so much that I'm upvoting that."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah. It was a good...it was a good tag team effort, that last episode.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Stonewalling vegans, huge...huge problem! But paralysis is way bigger. WAY bigger.

Dick: This guy says, "Hey Dick, regarding your paralysis problem, my mom was a physical attendant for a school friend of mine who had muscular dystrophy." Uh, this is Sergeant Bravo. "It's a muscle disease that weakens the mu-..." uh, "...the musculoskeletal system and hampers locomotion. He was literally skin and bone and was physically unable to do many things, like lift his head up. While he was able to enjoy life to the best of his abilities, I can't even imagine how much of a struggle it was for..." (trails off) Yeah, this is...did we not make...does this point need to be made?! Does everyone not know how horrible it is, that it only gets 500 votes?!?

Maddox: No, it got about 9-...as of this recording, 924 votes. It's not that far from Stonewalling Vegans. But guys, you know what I've noticed about our fans, Dick? Is...and

this is something that really annoys me personally, is I see the problems that consistently get upvoted in the section, sometimes over bigger problems -

Dick: (interjects) Annoyances. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, are personal annoyances and minor grievances.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like for example, the...uh, Death vs. Hoverboard Hoaxes thing. Like...

Dick: Ohh, no, no, no. (cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah, it was...yeah.

Dick: Okay. (amused)

Maddox: No, for sure. For sure!

Dick: (stammers) But...yeah... (hesitant)

Maddox: (raises voice) You don't...YOU don't believe that Hoverboard Hoaxes is a bigger problem than death. YOU don't believe that. Nobody believes that!

Dick: Yeah, but death is not nuanced enough.

Maddox: Yeah. (irritated)

Dick: Like, death is way too big. 'Cause you can't have meat without death, and meat is one of your biggest solutions!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You cannot have meat without the death of animals.

Maddox: Right. But you can't -

Dick: (interjects) So...but there you go!

Maddox: But Dick, you don't have to make that case with every fucking thing! You don't have to...I don't have to come out and make the case that death is a bad thing, 'cause it affects people...everyone can think of at least one aspect of death that's good and one aspect of death that's bad. (Dick scoffs and laughs) Even Hoverboard -

Dick: (interjects) That's why it doesn't get votes!!

Maddox: Even Hoverboard...even Hoverboard Hoaxes, dickhead! Hoverboard Hoaxes was good in that without it, we wouldn't have had that episode. There you go, dickhead. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Uhh, no. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, fuck off! Yeah, it's the same thing! (annoyed)

Dick: Uh, I guess it...it's the same thing. You're right. (grinning) It's exactly the same.

Maddox: No, everything has positives and negatives, man! That's why I brought in Dumb People during a solutions episode -- it got downvoted -- because there are some

advantages to dumb people. It's good to have a, uh...an intelligence deficit, because without it, those people wouldn't be doing their jobs that we rely on!

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: Right??

Dick: I'm getting too confused. (Sean laughs in the background) But this guy goes on. Unfortunately, his friend died in his early 20s due to choking on phlegm. (Sean grimaces) Have you...is that a worry for stonewalling vegans? You ever gotta worry about choking on phlegm 'cause you have no, uh...you can't handle...you can't control your throat muscles? "His death hit both my mom and me very hard. I totally agree that paralysis is a huge problem, and I have trouble understanding why Maddox thinks it's a bad idea for charity to gain more attention and support than other charities. Regardless of which charity gets more support, the support is going toward a positive thing." Is that...?

Maddox: No, that's stupid.

Dick: That's part of it!

Maddox: That's stupid.

Dick: You were also shit-talking my paralysis problem!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: With your hard-on for shitting on Superman.

Maddox: No, it... (stammering)

Dick: That's part of the problem too!

Maddox: This has nothin' to do with...no, this has nothin' to do with Superman. I specifically...so Dick, I was trying to look this up, and you wouldn't let me. You, uh, you wouldn't let me bring this up in the last episode.

Dick: Well, what's "this"? What's "this"?

Maddox: This stat that I posted on the website.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Did you see the copy that I wrote?

Dick: Well, I saw your bullshit.

Maddox: No. It's not bullshit. I posted a graph; it was from http://www.vox.com/.

Dick: You gotta give some context to this though, 'cause the argument was over what charity g-...what disease gets more funding.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That was the argument, and I said cancer gets billions of dollars.

Maddox: It doesn't. It doesn't. It's not...

Dick: Absolutely does!

Maddox: It doesn't. Not...I mean, not according to this. According to this, it says "Where We Donate Vs. What Diseases Kill Us."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And #1 -- the #1 foundation, the #1 cause of donation -- is breast cancer. By far.

Dick: Okay, cancer...

Maddox: It's #1, followed by prostate cancer. Okay?

Dick: So, cancer also. Alright.

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: This isn't looking good for you!

Maddox: Well, it hasn't...

Dick: Throw more in the cancer bucket.

Maddox: It hasn't added up to a billion. First of all, Dick, even if it is...let's say 2-3 billion. That's a drop in the bucket.

Dick: I...

Maddox: It's not...it's NOTHING. It's nothing.

Dick: A drop in the bucket of what?!

Maddox: Of the amount of money that we should be spending to eradicate this disease!

Dick: Well, how much you wanna spend? 20 billion?

Maddox: Pretty much! As much as it takes, because it's killing so many people. I mean -

Dick: (interjects) But what do you mean, "as much as it takes"??

Maddox: Dick, let me finish this point here. 'Kay?

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Then if you look at the deaths, the number of deaths? The #1 killer: heart disease! And by the way, that shows up #3 on the list.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Then, after...like right after heart disease is the ALS/motor disease...motor disease challenges. Like, that's...that includes any kind of, like, paralysis, ALS...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: All these, like, motor disease challenges?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Motor neural diseases, is what they call them.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So that came #3, and the number of deaths that that causes is the bottom of the list. It's, like, dead last.

Dick: But...yeah.

Maddox: But that got WAY more donations, way more charity than, uh...AIDS research, uh...

Dick: Yeah. (hesitant) Just for that one year though, right? You're not...

Maddox: ...suicide...

Dick: That's not every year.

Maddox: Uh, I don't know. I mean, it's that one year.

Dick: Of course it's that one year.

Maddox: We only...but we only have one data point.

Sean: These stats are all per year?

Maddox: This is -

Dick: (interjects) That was...this is a stat that's been ginned up to prove what he's saying about ALS.

Maddox: It's not ginned up!

Dick: Like, that's not...yeah, this was made specifically for the year of the huge Ice Bucket Challenge.

Maddox: But it's not just that, Dick. It also shows you other diseases that kill us, and where our money goes relative to the number of deaths.

Sean: Well, you know, find a narrative and then...

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: ...cherry-pick your facts to support it. (chuckling)

Dick: Cancer: billions of dollars every year. Obesity, heart disease: billions of dollars.

Maddox: It's not. No.

Dick: All that anti-smoking adv-...what do you think that...how much do you think that runs up? How much do you think anti-smoking money is? How much money do you think they spend on anti-smoking?

Maddox: I don't know.

Dick: Hund-...gotta be hundreds of millions. All those ads??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: All this research?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: All this...?

Maddox: Yeah.

(brief silence)

Dick: That doesn't matter to you?

Maddox: It's...it's not enough.

Dick: That's heart disease...

Maddox: Look man, just look at this graph. It's really simple to look at. Just look at the number of deaths that we have and where our money is spent! It's not proportional. Breast cancer is the #1 charity right now. Like, m-...and it doesn't affect -

Dick: (interjects) Cancer! Cancer.

Maddox: No, breast cancer specifically.

Dick: Yes, but cancer research isn't like, "Well, we solved breast cancer. Fuck all the other cancers." Like, surely when they address some cancer concerns, there's overlap in their research.

Maddox: Dick, do you understand that breast cancer, prostate cancer, ALS...uh, suicide; every single thing that kills us combined, COMBINED, is still less than heart disease?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Like, heart disease is the #1 thing! As far as I'm concerned, heart disease should trump breast cancer, prostate cancer, ALS challenge, suicide research; everything that...everything, because it's killing so many people! That's not where the money's going.

Dick: But how much money goes into making people live healthier? Like, how much money is spent on trying to get people to eat healthier and exercise more? There's only so much you can...like eventually, you have to move your fat ass to fix heart disease!

Sean: That's a good point.

Dick: Like, you can't swallow a pill and get rid of heart disease! You have to live healthy! You can get chemo, you can get irradiated to fix some types of cancer, but you can't...you can't rewind the clock on 50 years of living like a fuckin' slob!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: The perception is, people think heart disease is more preventable than cancer.

Dick: Yeah, so what are you gonna...what am I, gonna spend money on fixing something that some shithead's been building up for 50 years of drinking and smoking like Don Draper?

Maddox: Right. It's...but...

Dick: Like, you can't do that!!

Maddox: ...but you're oversimplifying the heart disease problem. Heart disease doesn't just affect people who are chronically obese or excessively obese. There are a lot of obese people who don't get heart disease. There are a lot of skinny people who DO. Heart

disease is, uh, is a condition that a lot of people have. It's a...it's something that can strike anyone anytime, regardless of your lifestyle. So that's why it's a big problem.

Sean: A lot of it's hereditary too.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Uh-oh. Somebody had a solution about that once. Alright! What do we... (Maddox laughs) Do we got any... (cracks up)

Maddox: I got another comment. Um...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This one's from Deyan Ruggs. He says, "Christopher Reeve didn't give a shit about paralysis until it happened to him." (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Oh no!! (laughing)

Maddox: "You guys didn't give a shit about paralysis (as a problem) until Maddox brought it up last episode." Hmmm? (smug)

Dick: Oh yeah? (smiles)

Maddox: Yeeeah!

Dick: Well... (shrugging)

Maddox: I'M the hero.

Dick: You're part of the problem then!

Maddox: I'm the hero!

Dick: 'Cause you're bringin' up things.

Maddox: Noo, I'm...look, you're... (stammers) That undermines your argument that you just made, right? (Dick scoffs and laughs) It's all research and all money that we spend towards good, right?

Dick: I don't think I'm tryin' to make an argument! I'm just saying billions of...eh, it doesn't matter. I got more, uh, more advice on getting girls off.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (chuckling) Let's hear this.

Dick: Uh, yeah, from Will-...William Surrett. I'm not even gonna read it. I'm gonna read one from Laurie Foster. "Listening to men give general advice about how to make women cum is hilarious." (Maddox snickers) This is from a woman!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: By the way, guys, who I agree with...uh, and who's hot, which matters. (Maddox chuckles) "Every woman is completely different, and general advice is horseshit. It's pretty fucking simple. Just ask the woman you're with how to make her cum." Nah, well, she's wrong about that.

Maddox: No, that's absolutely true! I agree with that!

Dick: Nuh...h'oh. (laughing)

Maddox: I agree! Every woman's different! Like, you gotta ask...I mean, they're not ALL different, but generally, some women get off certain ways, certain things do it for them...you know.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical) "She'll tell you. You'll do it. She'll help. She'll cum. :P" Well, there you go. Yeah, I think if a guy has, like, this real specific advice on how to get girls off, he's probably not been with a lot of girls. Right? 'Cause like, he...when they say it, I'm like, "Okay, so how many girls has this worked on for you?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Like, be honest! 3?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Maybe 3 or 4? Eh."

Maddox: No, there's certain girls...like, I've been with...I've been with girls. Like, one of the few girls I've been with who was never able to orgasm, I...at one point, uh, I asked her! I said, "Well, what would do it for you? What, uh, what do you like?" And it was a conversation. It was something that was, like, so specific to her...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...that -

Dick: (interjects) Well, wait, what was it?

Maddox: I'm not gonna get into details. Uh...

Dick: Ugh, can't you just change -

Sean: (interjects) Had she never had one?

Maddox: No, she'd never...she'd only had like one or two in her life. One was through masturbation, one was through sex, but it was...uh, really rare. She says it's...it's only happened two times in her life, and so she told me what the specific thing was, but it was so specific to her -

Dick: (interjects) Was it something on her body? Like, that you had to touch?

Maddox: Uh...no, it wasn't...it was a s-...it was a certain set of conditions. I'll just say that much. It was a certain set of conditions.

Dick: Like, it had to be a full moon? (smiles)

Maddox: Kind of!

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Not quite like full moon, but yeah, it was -

Dick: (interjects) Did it have to be nighttime? Like a time of day?

Maddox: Yes, it had to be nighttime. But that's all I'm gonna -

Dick: (interjects) In the morning?

Maddox: That's all I'm gonna say. I don't wanna get too specific, 'cause I don't -

Dick: (interjects) Why?!?

Maddox: In case, uh...

Dick: In case somebody learns how to get this poor girl off?? (Maddox laughs) Come on!! They're not...there might be a lot of this girl!

Maddox: No, I don't wanna get into the details. But suffice it to say that some girls have specific things, and I agree with Laurie's advice, which is...*ask* them. Why not?

Dick: Eh, too much talkin' already. (Maddox snickers) Uh, is it your co-host? Oh my god, tell us more about HER.

Maddox: My co-host? (laughing)

Dick: On your game show!

Maddox: This is my second week of production, and...

Dick: How is it goin'?

Maddox: Uh, great. It's a lot...Dick, I am working with, uh...every day with like 15 to 20 people, and legitimately, I don't have a problem with any of them. And this is the first time I've ever worked on anything, ANYTHING with this amount of people, where everybody gets along, everybody does their job, everybody does their part, and we all like each other and no one's a pain in the ass and there's no drama! It's like...

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: It's a miracle! I love it so much.

Sean: Well, if you don't know who the asshole is... (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly)

Maddox: We've had a pool on the, uh, on the show, on the set...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...this last week. This guy was like, "Hey, I think I'm gonna go carb-free to lose a little bit of weight," and this girl -- one of the producers -- says, "Hey, you know what? To show you solidarity, I'm gonna go in with you on this pool." Or "I'm gonna help you...I'm gonna go carb-free." Then another guy said, "I bet I could beat all you guys and be carb-free for the end of the week!" And then I o-...that's the last thing I heard, and I just said, "I'm in!! Whatever it is, I'm in." (laughs) And so I threw myself into this stupid fucking pool where we're all going carb-free and we're all betting on who's gonna eat carbs first, and so the producers are starting to fuck with us now. Like yesterday for lunch all we got were hamburgers, onion rings, French fries. Nothing we can eat! So... (giggles)

Dick: That's all carbs?

Maddox: It's all carbs!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the day before they got Thai food, and they had 3 dishes...excuse me, 4 dishes. 3 of them had rice in it, so it's specifically they're fuckin' with us. They're getting stuff we can't eat to see who'll break first.

Dick: Ahh.

Maddox: And we're all...we're all miserable, we're hating it, and we're, like, munching...I'm FORAGING. I'm just putting fistfuls of mixed nuts in my mouth, and... (laughs) ...and I'm just eating jerky whenever I can. I'm eating anything...and then, uh, they've made an exception for alcohol, thank GOD, but that's it. Yeah, it's been...that's been a pain in the ass, but other than that, it's been good.

Dick: So did you win?

Maddox: Uhh, we know...

Dick: The carb contest?

Maddox: We know who I-...there's a guy who ducked out early.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He had to leave for one day early for production.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We're like 99% sure he ate carbs. (grins)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How can you tell? You gotta smell their farts, right? You gotta smell each other's farts. (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Maddox: Uh, I don't -

Dick: (interjects) That's the only way to know for sure. (smiles)

Maddox: I'll tell you this, man: when you start cutting back on carbs, you will see a difference in your poop.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's all, like, no-wipers for me.

Dick: Mm!

Maddox: Yeah. Alright.

Dick: Uh...alright, what else do we got? I got more from the, uh, the terrorist guy that wrote in last week.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear...yeah, okay. Let's hear his rebuttal.

Dick: Well, he said that...I don't know if it's a rebuttal! A lot of people would consider this educational. Do you think it's, uh...?

Maddox: I thought it was really interesting that he wrote in. However, there was one big fact that he got wrong last episode, and he was saying...he said that there's no evidence that terrorism occurs in the countries with poor economic development and high poverty, et cetera, et cetera.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Well, I looked at the...where terrorism is affecting the most people, and it's all countries with poor economic development and high unemployment. They're...I mean, that's pretty strong evidence.

Dick: Yeah. (hesitant) Well, he said that, um...the US supporting bin Laden himself is a myth. "The US supported parts of the anti-Soviet resistance, and bin Laden was a part of that resistance."

Maddox: Exactly! That's my point!

Dick: "Using that as evidence that the US supported bin Laden himself, though, is a fallacy of composition as a leap in logic."

Maddox: Oh my gosh. Oh. (sarcastic)

Dick: "The US funded native Afghan groups - "

Sean: (interjects) That's a little bit of a semantic argument.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Really?! You think so?

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: It's very semantic, yeah.

Dick: Funding the group? Alright!

Maddox: We funded a gr-...like, look man, if you fund -

Dick: (interjects) You guys are gonna get on this guy's list. You better watch it.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Alright. That's a...that's what he had to say.

Maddox: It was interesting! I'm glad he wrote in. Uh, Dick, I got a new bit. I don't know if you're gonna like it. Probably not. Uh...here it is.

Dick: Is it more "gotcha"?

Maddox: Eh, yeah, it is. (laughs) Here it is. **[plays intro]**

Maddox (goofy voice): Dick Masterson... (laser firing sounds) ...Instant Amnesia!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Mm. (irritated)

Maddox: So I got this new bit called "Dick Masterson: Instant Amnesia."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: This came from Episode 33, Dick. I don't know if you remember sayin' this. Listen to this. **[plays first clip from Episode 33]**

Maddox: I mean, it's hard to make the case that, uh...just in general, as a blanket statement, all products that come from China are crap. Because we -

Dick: (interjects) I'm not saying it's all!!

Maddox: Well, I...how -

Dick: (interjects) That's...I mean, admit that I'm not saying it's all!

[clip ends]

Dick: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Okay, and then here is, uh, here's what you said...a mere, I think, 35 seconds earlier. **[plays modified clip from Episode 33]**

Dick: I do think that everything comes outta there that we get access to is garbage.

Dick: Yeah. (shrugging)

Dick: I do think that everything comes outta there...is garbage. (voice pitches down) That everything comes outta there...is garbage.

(pitches down again)

Dick: ...is garbage.

Dick: Yeah.

(pitches down again)

Dick: ...is garbage.

Maddox (goofy voice): Dick Masterson... (laser firing sounds) ...Instant Amnesia!

[bit ends]

Dick: Yeah. (amused) (Maddox giggles) It's hard to get...it's hard to even move my emotional needle on these. Like, it's hard to get upset about them. Because you know that if I were to say all of it is crap, you'll say, "No, no, no! Some percentage of it..." All these little percents, but you kn-...you get something that says "Made In China," it's crap.

Maddox: No. (annoyed)

Dick: I...yeah, it's -

Maddox: (interjects) You're using an iPhone that you love, and it's made in China. You're using an iPad that you love, and it's made in China.

Dick: See, this is the thing. And then those guys have to go through incredible manufacturing leaps to make their stuff usable. Like, that quality doesn't apply to everything made in China. Walmart's not over there crackin' the whip on their crappy products that they're selling for bargain prices. You know?

Maddox: Yeah, but when China's producing, like...what, 60-70% of the world's manufactured goods, you know what?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Some of that stuff is obviously pretty good, 'cause we're...we're buying it. We KEEP buying it.

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think it's part of their...their business culture, too. They establish themselves as the manufacturer and then they try to cut costs by cutting corners as much as possible.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's the way they increase profits.

Maddox: That's the way WE increase profits.

Dick: Eh... (hesistant)

Maddox: America does the exact same thing. That's why we outsource to China. In fact, that's... (cracks up) ...exactly why we are doing it, is to cut costs.

Dick: Yeah, I don't...I don't think you're right about that, though. Like...

Maddox: Well, how is it different?

Dick: The way American Apparel cuts costs is not by making shittier products, like using less stitches, using lower-quality materials. 'Cause we have, like, direct access to the manufacturers here.

Maddox: Well, you're talkin' specifically about American Apparel, and they are famously an American-made brand, but...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...most brands are not. Like most brands they sell at Macy's and, uh...like Nordstrom, all the brands they sell at those clothing stores? They all come from China. They all come from pretty much the same factory. They just change the, uh, the stitching and the label. Pretty much.

Dick: Well, I made my point about China. You disagree. (Maddox scoffs and laughs) That's fine.

Maddox: Hah, alright.

Dick: Um, you wanna...?

Maddox: Yeah! Let's...

Dick: You wanna get to a problem?

Maddox: Oh wait, Asterios -

Dick: (interjects) Oh no, this is a rough episode, man! Rough start.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: I don't know, it's very rancorous.

Maddox: Well... (shrugging)

Dick: I don't know what the deal is.

Maddox: Asterios bit!

Dick: Oh, you wanna do an Asterios bit?

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: Alright. Here you go. **[plays first Asterios bit]**

(dramatic news theme music)

Asterios: Bringing you the biggest problems from the distant future, this is News from the Year 3000.

(more theme music)

Asterios: This week saw the release of a new type of drone: the Hooker Drone. The introduction of these precision-guided prostitutes has caused men to feel a wave of paralyzing confusion, as they're not sure whether to shoot them down or have mind-blowing sex with them. In a press conference, Emperor Trump's VP Dick Mastersonson said...

Dick: Oh, cool! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: ...quote, "They fly around and watch you, which is bad. But if you give them a $20, they (bleeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeep)... (Maddox and Sean laugh) ...**until you're covered in chocolate sauce. And that's good!"** (Maddox and Sean laughing loudly) **To solve the conundrum, VP Mastersonson urged all men everywhere to drink until they thought of something.**

(dramatic music turns back up)

Dick: Huh. (laughs with Maddox) That was pretty good.

Maddox: Yeah, that was good! (smiling) **[music stops]**

Dick: I wanna hear what's under that beep, though. He better have written something.

Maddox: Yeah. We, uh...yeah, we... (laughs) We gotta get the uncensored clip.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. No, that was good! He even -

[Dick interrupts with second Asterios bit]

(news theme in background)

Asterios: A legion of horse-riding, gun-toting monkeys stormed into Congress and demanded that monkeys be given fair and equal access to their own Ghostbusters movie.

Maddox: Mmhm. (smug) (Dick and Sean guffaw)

Asterios: The upstart apes pointed out that we've had Asian Ghostbusters, Trans Ghostbusters, Mentally Challenged Ghostbusters (everyone laughs loudly) **-- who were not good at busting ghosts, but they got medals anyway -- and even the self-hating Ghost Ghostbusters, but no Monkey Ghostbusters.**

Dick: Ahhh. (amused)

Asterios: Production on "Ghostbusters Go Ape" starts next Trumptober. (everyone laughs more)

[second bit ends]

Maddox: "Go Ape." Oh, man. (smiling) Yeah, it's a...it's just a matter of time before we have an entire Ghostbusters...you know, why don't we just pander -

Dick: (interjects) Mentally Challenged Ghostbusters. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah! Why don't we just pander to all the different groups out there? Let's just have a buncha trans Ghostbusters...I mean, we talked about this.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, it's so annoying.

Dick: I'll do one more. **[plays third Asterios bit]**

(news theme in background)

Asterios: AT&T Mobile-SprintRizon announced its best deal yet... (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: "SprintRizon." (laughing)

Asterios: ...on the latest model of Android Nut-Hugger. (Maddox and Sean laugh) **It's got an incredible data allowance of 15 kilobytes a month. That's enough freedom to view almost an entire photo of your ex-girlfriend on Facebook...every month! And if you hit the data cap, you can now plug the phone directly into your arm and pay for more data with convenient blood!**

(dramatic music turns back up)

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Ah, I love it! (giggles to himself) **[music stops]** Ah, good job!! Good job, Asterios.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Thank you from the year...hailing from the year 3000! What other podcast brings you news from the future?

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: News that hasn't happened yet!

Dick: Bring us a problem from the future.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right now.

Maddox: Yeah. You ready??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright man, here's a problem from the future! Good transition, Dick.

Dick: Well, it WAS. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah! No, I agree! (Dick and Sean laugh) That's what I'm sayin'. Human robots!! (laughs smugly) How's that of a...how's that for a problem from the future?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Human robots! And when I say "human robots," Dick, I'm not talking about actual...androids. I'm not talkin' about -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause those wouldn't be a problem.

Maddox: No.

Dick: No.

Maddox: No, that wouldn't...

Dick: That's what we all want.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: We all secretly want sex robots. Right?

Maddox: Oh, th-

Dick: (interjects) That's all we want.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Want 'em now.

Maddox: Yeah. Eh, that's what Oculus Rift is, man! It's a...we're gettin' there. That, uh, Oc-...that digital singularity is comin' sooner than you think!

Dick: You know what? I've been meaning to talk to you about that too. I saw some weirdo having sex with, like, an Oculus Rift online this weekend for some reason. I dunno, I th-...it was posted somewhere. And I realized that your...that should've been your entire argument for the Oculus Rift.

Maddox: Well, I know that means a lot to YOU, because the sex thing. But for me, I like -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!!

Maddox: I like to experience...first of all, Dick, every single experience you can have in real life -- and I mean EVERY -- is better inside the Oculus Rift. You can have a better experience watching TV, goin' to Paris...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...doing homework; whatever you want to do, you can do it better inside virtual reality.

Dick: Yeah, but you could have sex with your wife and put an Oculus Rift on and make it, like, the hottest chick...ever.

Maddox: Exactly!!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: That's...stop right there!

Maddox: Included!

Dick: Sold.

Maddox: Well, that...I would've gotten your, uh, your...I would've curried your favor a little bit more.

Dick: Yes. Yes, yes.

Maddox: So yeah, Dick, I'm not talking about actual robots; I'm talking about people who act robotic. Like they've had a set of instructions...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...a set of rules, and they can't fucking break them or bend them at all because they've been programmed to do those rules. Like...I gave this example a long time ago about a girl who was going through airport security, and the lady at the front was saying "Go through the first class area." And she said, "But it's first class," and she said, "That's fine, I'm letting you go through," and she said, "But it's first class."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And she said, "Just fucking go." I get...remember that story I told?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! So that's...that person has been so programmed rigidly to not break her code, her instructions, that she's become a fucking robot. That's... (stammers) You brought in a problem very similar to this, Dick. It's the Nuremberg -

Dick: (interjects) Nuremberg Defense.

Maddox: Nuremberg Defense. Right?

Dick: And it's way up there.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's like #9.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: On the list.

Maddox: It's essentially in that, uh...I don't know which is a bigger s-...if it's a superset or a subset, but it's related to that problem. Dick, um...so coming back to LA from Vegas, I have been taking a bus because it allows me to get some work done. I can just pull out my

laptop and they have outlets, they have Wi-Fi; it's kinda nice! I spend 4 or 5 hours in a bus working, rather than...you know, having to worry about my commute or going through airport security and all that st-...

Dick: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: It's kinda nice.

Dick: How's your book goin'?

Maddox: Uh... (sighs)

Dick: You writin' your book on there?

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah I am, actually.

Dick: Can people ride the bus and read it over your shoulder? And get, like, a sneak preview?

Maddox: Uh, I've been watching that. (belches) I've been... (cracks up) I've been watching that, buddy. I pull out my phone and I turn on the camera mode so it looks like I'm taking a selfie, but what I'm really doin' is seeing if they're -

Dick: (interjects) Do you really??

Maddox: I do, yeah! (both giggle loudly)

Dick: You're nuts! (laughing)

Maddox: Uh, I feel like s-...I feel like people peer over my shoulder sometimes! "Hey, what's that guy doin?"

Dick: Yeah. Uh-huh. (grinning)

Maddox: "More interesting than what I'm doin'." Everyone's doing some stupid shit! Oh my gosh, this woman eating Funyuns the other day. This woman on the bu-...! (yells) She's just eating Funyuns for...it seemed like 2 or 3 hours!

Dick: Yeah. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Just eating the same bag of Funyuns! I'm like, "FINISH THE FUCKING FUNYUNS ALREADY." And she's, like, spilling them on herself, and... (stammers angrily)

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And she's munching them like a rabbit. Have you ever seen a rabbit chew a carrot??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like "nyeh-nyeh-nyeh-nyeh" with her teeth? She was doin' that with her Funyuns. AGHHH. Anyway, man. So I go to get on the bus, and I walk up to the bus that's parked at the location. Right? It's not the location that it says on the map, but it's like 4 blocks away. I walk up to the bus and I start gettin' on the bus, 'cause it's right fuckin' there. I've already purchased my ticket, I'm ready to go. Let's do this, right? This guy comes up. He goes, "Oh, uh, excuse me sir, you have to go inside and talk to the driver. You can't get on the bus." I said, "Okay." So I went inside lookin' for the driver. Of course,

you know, it's, uh... (stammers) Everyone in a bus terminal looks schlubby. So no name tag, no nothin', right? So I couldn't figure out who the bus driver was, so I just waited outside the bus. And it's 15 minutes before departure, and the guy finally comes out of the...the thing, doin' whatever it is he's doin'. Taking a dump or eating...eating, uh, Funyuns. Whatever it is he's doin'. He comes up to me and I said, "Hey, this is the bus goin' to Los Angeles, right?" and he said, "Uh, yeah, but you have to go to the boarding location," and I said, "But this is the bus, right?" He goes, "You have to go to the boarding location." I said, "But this is the BUS I'm supposed to get on, right? What difference does it make?" And the boarding location is 4 blocks away! He just wants me to walk 4 blocks, for what??

Dick: Well, that's where you board. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You f-... (giggles more) (Sean laughing in the background) **(buzzer sound effect)** NO!! WHY...why? Why, guys? Why?? Why are you bein' such a fuckin' stickler?

Dick: Yeeeeeah. (smiling)

Maddox: Who cares?! (Dick stammers in protest) It literally got him nothing!

Dick: Yeah, you know what though? Lemme tell you this. 'Cause I am in support of your problem, human robots. I don't think this is a great example. I'll tell you why. 9 times out of 10 he lets some dipshit get on that bus in the wrong place? You are gonna walk on that bus, take all of your clothes off and shit in the aisle. (Maddox laughs) And then how is he gonna explain that to his manager? Like, "Well, how did this guy get...well, how did this happen? Why didn't you tell him to go to the boarding area where we keep an eye out for stuff like this?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he's like, "Well, I don't know. He looked like a...he looked like a nice guy."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "You know."

Maddox: Or you know what you do?

Dick: (interjects) "He was takin' pictures of people lookin' over his shoulder with a camera." (grins) (Maddox and Sean laughing) "He looked like he was interested in secure...personal security."

Maddox: (sighs) Or you know what you do, man? You just let the person on the bus. Who fucking cares?

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: It costs you nothing. Just fucking do it. And if the...let's say the worst-case scenario happens, Dick. Everything you just said happens.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I get on the bus and I'm a crazy person. I shit in the aisle.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what? I would rather take the fall and clean up that shit. I won't tell my boss! I'll just clean up the shit and take care of the problem, and then, uh...you know, and then still let the next person on, because that's unlikely. (Dick laughs) That's really unlikely. And also I don't look like a homeless person who's gonna go just shit on the bus. The -

Dick: (interjects) You're riding a BUS from Vegas to LA.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You can't be too careful.

Maddox: Well... (Sean chuckles in the background) It wasn't a Greyhound! It was actually Bolt. BoltBus. And I'm specifically naming the brand, the name of the company, because I...oh, I got some stories about this Bolt experience.

Dick: Good ones or bad ones?

Maddox: Uhh, mixed. Mixed. Mostly...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Like, the actual bus itself is really nice. But, uh, back to this guy for a second. So he was bein' a real hardass about it! Like, "Oh, you have to go to this boarding area that's 4 blocks away," and it's fucking Vegas. If you guys...anyone outside the US, or anyone in the US who's never been to Vegas, it's like 120 degrees. What's that in, uh, in Celsius? What's that, like, uh...60? Something? (cracks up)

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: It's not 60. It's like 35, 38? It's ridiculously hot.

Dick: Wait, what is it in real human degrees?

Maddox: About 110 to 120 degrees!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And so...and the bus stop, the pickup location is just in between two chain-link fences!

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: There's just two chain-link fences! There's no -

Dick: (interjects) What do you want?!

Maddox: There's no...there's no canopy for shade. You're just standing there under the fucking hot sun. People DIE out there, guys. (Dick scoffs) This is 120...like 110- to 120-degree weather!! You can't stand around in that! They...and then I -

Dick: Yeah, people can work in that, in fact!

Maddox: N-...no. No one's working in that shit. Not unless you're completely staying hydrated. So this guy just, you know, made me walk 4 blocks, and I thought about it. Right, Dick? I thought, "What possible rationale could this guy have to make me walk?" Right? And I thought, "Well, maybe it's because there are people who have reserved seating, and he should let them on first." But I knew, because of the time of departure, that it wasn't

gonna be a full bus. It was may-...and I was right. At most, it was 15 people, plus I was one of those people who had reserved seating!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He was just bein' a dick for no fucking rea-...he's bein' a human robot!! "Oh, those are the rules. You have to buhbuhbuhbuh..." (idiot voice) (Dick laughs) Shut the fuck up, man! Just let me on the fuckin' bu-... (stammers angrily) I can step on the steps here, or I have to walk 4 fuckin' blocks?? What is this, Simon Says, dipshit?! Just let me on the fuckin' bus!

Dick: Yeah, okay. Lemme give you a similar example. How 'bout, uh...going into Dodger Stadium with a beer, and the guy's like, "You can't bring that beer in here." "Well, why not?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is that a human robot to you?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: 'Cause then you start letting people bring beer in where they're not supposed to have beer. What does it, what does it...does it turn into mass chaos?

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: No?

Maddox: I don't think so! I think the...yeah, if someone brings in a beer...first of all, if they're doing open carry and they can see it, their supervisors might be watching and they can enforce that, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But if they're searching your shit and they're being hardasses and they're being, "Oh, you..." They found your hidden flask, or they found your binocular beer?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fuck off, man. Just let the guy bring their beer in. We don't wanna pay...we don't wanna get gouged for your beer.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Which is always a ripoff! Right?

Dick: Well, yeah.

Maddox: What is a...what is a regular beer at Dodger?

Dick: I think it's like 12 or 16 dollars now.

Maddox: 12 or 16 dollars??

Dick: It's outrageous, yeah. It's more expensive than, uh...I think it's more expensive than jet fuel and bull semen. (Maddox spits out laughing)

Maddox: Bull semen. (grinning) Um, and printer ink!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, one of the most expensive...Dick, have you seen that video online of, uh, of the guy buying a large beer at...um, at a...it was a stadium. He bought a large beer and then he bought a small beer, and the cost difference was almost double. So he then took the small beer, emptied it out, and then took the large beer and poured it into the small cup, and it's the exact same amount.

Dick: Oh, that's too bad.

Maddox: Yeah, because they changed the rim size, so one looks a little bit bigger than the other...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...but they're the exact same amount.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Yeah. HUGE...I think it was a hockey stadium, where they did this.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Anyway man, one of the worst examples -- this is just a quick problem -- but one of the worst examples of this is...uh, parking attendants. Parking meter...like meter maids, when they give tickets?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I was...I witnessed this one time. There was a guy who had his hazards on, and he had a permit to park in the neighborhood that he was in, 'cause a lot of neighborhoods in Los Angeles are permitted, right? So this guy was running in and out and moving. He was moving his mother, he said. This parking attendant comes up and starts writing him a ticket, and he said, "Why? I have a permit!" and he said, "Well, the permit license number doesn't match your driver's license..." Er, excuse me, "...your car license, so I'm gonna write you a ticket." He said, "But it's my mom's car, and I'm helping her move, and this is just temporary. You can see I'm running in and out of the place!" And the lady's like, "I'm still writing the ticket. Sorry, I already started. I can't stop." Which is bullshit, by the way! (Dick scoffs) That's a -

Dick: (interjects) No, no, that... (stammers) What do you mean, "bullshit"?

Maddox: If they've started writing a ticket, they can't stop?! That's fucking bullshit!

Dick: Well, what do they, have to explain...?

Sean: They have to account for every number.

Dick: Yeah, that's...the rea-...no no, that's a good law though. Like, I know it seems like a bad law, but the last thing you want is a cop or a parking attendant with the ability to start writing a ticket and then starting to barter with you whether or not you get out of this ticket.

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect) And I'll...wrong, and I'll tell you why.

Dick: Not even one thought about that?

Maddox: (yells) No, 'cause I know it's wrong, and I'll tell you why!! Because Dick, if you start writing a ticket and you accidentally type in the wrong number or the wrong name, you're telling me that they have to just keep typing that fucking ticket for the wrong number or wrong name? That's bullshit!

Dick: I want it to be a huge problem if they fuck up writing 7 numbers down on a piece of paper.

Maddox: No, if they...if they mistype one number, they can go back and erase it, and guess what? They can erase all of them.

Dick: But they don't...okay.

Maddox: They can!! They can! They simply can, and they're choosing not to. And I know they can, because I've dealt with parking attendants, meter maids. Very rare, but sometimes they're like, "Okay man, yeah. Just be more careful next time. I know you're a minute over."

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: "Go have...have a nice day." It's like one in a million. Uh, but they...that does happen, and I don't see why not. I'm asking for a little bit of empathy. You don't have to be such a fucking robot. So this person moving his mom's stuff out of the apartment, he started getting teared up. He's like, "Look man, this is a 70..." (Dick laughs loudly)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: He's like, "This is a $70 ticket. I can't afford it right now. I just lost my job. I'm helping my mom move. She's sick. Let me just take the stuff out, just for a MINUTE..."

Dick: Helping people move, big problem!

Maddox: Yeah, well...the bigger problem here is this robotic attendant with absolutely no human emotions and just the inability to empathize on any fucking level. (yelling)

Dick: Yeah. (unsure)

Sean: Well, you...we all have experience living in Los Angeles, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And, like, these permitted neighborhoods, we all have experience in. A full 20% of the revenue generated by the city of Los Angeles comes from parking infractions. We've talked about that. So it's absolutely just a cash grab.

Maddox: It's a cash grab. That's exactly the same thing with the beer at the stadium! They don't want you to bring beer, 'cause it's a cash grab!

Dick: Ehh, you...yeah, that's a different problem, though. This is...these robots that you're talking about, these specific examples, you gotta keep one thing in mind: most of the time, people take advantage. Like, if everybody goes to that separate location to load up the bus, all the sudden you got a separate load-in zone. You know? People aren't capable of getting an inch of courtesy! You know?

Maddox: Well, that...that does -

Dick: (interjects) They take a mile! This is how...this is how people are. This is...what exists is because we made it this way.

Maddox: It's a slippery slope argument, man. You can't say, "Oh, if we do one person, then everyone's gonna do it!" That's not always true! I mean, one person here and there, who gives a shit? Sometimes I...you do it, I do it. We talk about -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I'm the WORST person that you want...parking wherever I want, taking advantage of things constantly?! Like, those rules exist because without parking laws, we'd just park in the middle of the street!

Maddox: Well, that's a straw man argument. I'm not saying that parking laws shouldn't exist, and I'm not saying that meter maids shouldn't exist. They absolutely do enforce laws sometimes that are necessary, because people do take advantage, but this was clearly not that example. This was a guy helping his mom move.

Sean: But now you have to screen each person for judgment.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Like, you -

Maddox: (interjects) No, you don't! No you don't, Sean. You just have to USE your judgment, because...that's another -

Sean: (interjects) What if they have bad judgment? Lots of people have poor judgment.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, exactly. Then... (stammers)

Dick: Most.

Maddox: That's this problem. It's these, uh, robots who are just con-...just programmed to do this, because they get kickbacks too, Sean. Let's not say that this is, like, just them being good at their job.

Dick: Wait, who gets kickbacks?

Maddox: Hm?

Dick: That bus driver gets a kickback for...

Maddox: No, not that bus driver.

Dick: ...not letting you board early?

Maddox: Not that bus driver, but uh, the meter maids. The bus -

Sean: (interjects) The meter maid? I would like to see some...

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I mean, I'm...you know nefarious shit goes on, but I think that's a little bit of a bold statement.

Maddox: No, no! This was a big scandal!

Sean: That, like, you know that's true.

Maddox: No, I know that's true! LA Weekly did an article about this. They said that some of these meter maids were making 6 figures, 'cause they were getting kickbacks 'cause they hit their goals. They have quotas. They a-...

Sean: Yeah, that could...that could be.

Dick: Well, I don't know if that's a kickback.

Maddox: No, they hit...they get bonuses. I mean, what's the difference?

Dick: Yeah. (shrugging)

Maddox: What, you call it a bonus, call it a kickback; they're getting kickbacks for writing tickets. So, um, another time I was out at this Indian restaurant, and this guy ran inside just for...it couldn't have been more than a minute.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: He parked in the red zone right out front, left his hazards on, left his car running, his door open. He ran inside, grabbed the food, came back outside; someone was writin' him a ticket.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: And he's like, "I just ran in for a fucking SECOND. Are you kidding me with this shit??" and they're like, "Well, you're parked in the red." And then I looked over and this moron, this robotic idiot fucking subhuman piece of shit, was also parked in red to write the ticket! Hey fuckface, you can't be...you can't have a double standard!!

Dick: Like, they're the law! What do you mean, "they can't have a double standard"?

Maddox: What do...no, they can't park in red! They're not emergency vehicles. They can't park in red EVER.

Dick: Oh, meter maids can't?

Maddox: Meter maids can't, no!!

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: There's no double standard! Meter maids can't park in red. If the r-...the red zone is there...the argument there is that the red zone is there for our safety. You're not supposed to park your car there. So if this meter maid was making that case that you're not supposed to park in red, why is she parked in red?

Dick: Uhh, I don't know! So lemme ask you a question. Would you just prefer everyone to use their own judgment? Like, is that honestly what you'd want?

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, not...not everyone all the time, but generally, yes. The only time I want people to follow the rules to the tee is when it comes to life-and-death situations. If you are on an airplane, and...and even then, there can be some scenarios where there can be exceptions.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: But if you're on an airplane and, uh...it's your responsibility to open the emergency door, follow the rules. I'm not saying you should put a little spin on it. (chuckles) Don't...you know. Those are the only times I...that generally, follow the rules. But other times, yeah, use your judgment! Why not? Why's that...why is that a bad thing?

Dick: Because...people are opportunistic and sue-happy, and...this is what it creates.

Maddox: So you think that it could've opened him up to a lawsuit had he let me on 4 blocks earlier?

Dick: Well, it's just...yeah. Yeah, because what happens then? Who's...

Maddox: Nothing.

Dick: Who else do you have to let on? I'm just... (stammers)

Maddox: There was already one person on there!

Dick: You know, I don't care if he lets you on early or not. I'm just explaining why I think we're at this point.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think there are a lot of better examples of human robots, too.

Maddox: Gimme an example. I'm sure you have one.

Dick: All politicians? How they all sound like a computer reading a teleprompter? This is, uh...these are the people running the world? The fact that we think this is good? We watch these people recite essays written by think tanks, and this is...this is somehow good to us.

Maddox: Yeah...well, how...? I mean, it's not...what's a specific example of somebody who is following the rules to the tee, and...to the detriment of other people?

Dick: A human robot following the rules to the detriment of other people?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I can't think of one off the top of my head. What did I bring in for the Nuremberg Defense? People at Comcast?

Maddox: Comcast...uh, yeah, because that's... (mumbles)

Dick: I think a lot of ju-...oh, I think mandatory sentencing is a version of that. I think a lot of judges follow this to a...and, uh, ruin people's lives.

Maddox: Yeah, anyway, man. Human robots, that's my problem.

Dick: You got any more examples? I feel like it's a great problem but it's not getting a fair shake, 'cause I totally agree with you that people are on autopilot. Even their, like, reactions to things are all robotic.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, uh...

Dick: Just a...it's a society of robots. Like, the vision of...everyone's vision of reality that they have in their head is what they live every day, and if you don't...whatever exists around them means absolutely nothing to that. Like, they're gonna treat you and respond

to every stimulus they get in accordance with their version of reality. That's very robotic to me, and nothing will sway them from that. You know what I...you know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah. I wish that they had a version of reality and then adhered to it, rather than whatever programming or instructions that they got. I mean, that's essentially the Nuremberg problem. This whole problem of just "do what I say no matter what"...appeal to authority, listen to authority. That's what causes, uh...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...the rise of Nazis. That's what causes that, uh...what's the...the Milgram experiment, right? The Milgram experiment?

Dick: Millican.

Maddox: Millican?

Dick: Is it Millican? The...the prison camp experiments where they electrocuted the pe-...

Maddox: No, no, not...

Dick: They told people to electrocute people in the other room.

Maddox: Yeah, that's the one.

Sean: Right, right.

Maddox: It's "Milgram," right?

Dick: "Millican" or "Milgram"?

Sean: I don't remember.

Dick: "Milgram"? I don't know.

Maddox: That experiment is a perfect example of human robots, because they're instructed to do something and in spite of their better judgment, they keep doing it because they are appealing to authority. They're just...and I'm not using that in the fallacious sense. I'm saying they're appealing to authority, doing exactly what they're told no matter what. That's a huge problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I think this is one where it's hard to come up with specific examples all the time, but I think it's one that everybody out there relates to.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, but everyone out there also is. Like, I'm sitting on a...I'm driving a bus, getting chewed out for minor infractions, and somebody comes up saying, "Hey, can I board here instead of over there?" I'm like, "Oh, fuck you. Leave me alone. I'm just tryin' to sit here eating my Twi-...eating my endless bag of Funyuns and drive this bus." (Maddox snickers) "Go wait with everybody else. You don't like it? Manage your time better." You know?

Maddox: I showed up early! (Dick scoffs) I thought that was the location!

Dick: Well, that's your first fuck-up. (laughing)

Maddox: I showed up early. I thought that was the location. Oh, and then this guy...oh, man. So we're loading our luggage onto this bus. He just stands there, watching everybody just load it... (Dick chuckles) It's like, "You have one...it's your fucking job, man!" And even if it's not...let's just say it's not in your job description.

Dick: Uh-huh. (smiling)

Maddox: Because every other bus I've driven, they help you load your stuff on and off, because you shouldn't have to manage other people's baggage! If you put your bags on in the bus on the...in the far back? Because it's all...it's all, uh...it's like a queue, right? First in, last out. If you put your bags in, then someone puts their bags in front of yours, you have to move their bags.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Well, you shouldn't be touching other people's belongings! You shouldn't be rearranging their bags, because then you're fucking liable for it instead of this shithead bus driver who's not doing a damn thing. He's just standing around lookin' at his cell phone, bein' an asshole. And then like halfway through the bus ride, someone's text messages kept going off or something. And he came on the intercom, just BOOMING, like, louder than the voice of God that you see in movies. You know that voice you hear?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Like, that thunder-...? It's louder than that. He's like, "Whoever's cell phone that is, turn it on silent." (angrily) Like...

Dick: Wait a minute!! That's great!

Maddox: Yeah, well -

Dick: (interjects) You wanna go on a whole bus ride with some obnoxious bitch's cell phone blingin' off the whole time?! Or obnoxious man.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: You know, could be either one, I guess, if we wanna live in a fantasy world. (Sean guffaws in the background) (giggles) If that's...I'm...that guy's a fuckin' hero!! Give him a sash! Give him a medallion!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Give him a Nobel Peace Prize, 'cause he just prevented someone from getting murdered!

Maddox: Dick, maybe...maybe my opinion of this man has been soured because he's such a BITCH.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: That's my point.

Dick: Hey, today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase. I know

100% that the code works. We know 100% that the code works. Stop saying that it doesn't work. Go to the site and use it. You get $5 off your first order.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: $5 off your first order.

Maddox: It's... (both laugh) It's a good deal! I got an email, Dick, from somebody about Harry's. He said, uh...

Dick: Me too.

Maddox: He sent them an email. He said, "I've made a huge mistake." (Dick chuckles) This is to Harry's.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: "Well, 'huge'..." -- and he puts it in quotes -- "...might be a slight exaggeration, and depending on your economic background, might be considered an extreme one."

Dick: Long email already.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Oh, it's a long one. He says, "Regardless, a mistake was most certainly made by yours truly. Let me explain. I listen to a podcast called 'The Biggest Problem in the Universe.' I listen to it every week since it first aired. Before each episode one of the hosts, one Dick Masterson -- whose name is definitely not real..." (laughs)

Dick: Uh, what?!

Maddox: "...mentions that your company, Harry's, is the principal sponsor and he seems pretty excited about that fact, frequently encouraging his listeners to purchase your items because they're just so good. He's always telling and retelling the story about your company being so impressed by a razor manufacture plant in Germany. Y'all bought it to use as your sole supplier. Cool, I guess."

Dick: You know what a fuckin' ad is. (Maddox giggles) You don't have to...you don't have to read them the Wikipedia of what is an advertisement.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean giggles in the background) (cracks up)

Dick: Like, what are you...where are you goin'?

Maddox: So he said, "I recently purchased..." uh, "...two of your Truman kits, one for my beautiful face and the other one for my girlfriend's beautiful legs and things..."

Dick: Alright. (both laugh)

Maddox: "This is where the mistake was made: I forgot to enter the promo code."

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: "Now, I know what you're thinking. 'Tough titties, dude. You already checked out.' First off, rude. Second, really? I guess I'm just asking for my $5 discount, but now that I

think about it, that seems kind of silly. Or maybe not. Honestly, that's for you to decide, but $5 is a burger and a soda at In-N-Out, so consider that while considering my plight."

Dick: It's good. That's a good burger, too!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Two ads in one today!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) It's a good burger. So Harry's replied to this... (giggling) ...this guy. They said, "Hi. I don't normally do this, but given the effort in that email, I will refund you." (laughs more)

Dick: Ohh. (smiling)

Maddox: "I'll refund you. You should see $5 pop back into your account within the week. If you have any follow-up questions, please let me know. I'm happy to help in any way. Happy shaving! All the best, Harry's."

Dick: What a great company.

Maddox: Yeah. (about to laugh)

Dick: First of all, lemme say this: the phrase "I don't usually do this"?

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: "I don't do this all the time"?

Maddox: Ah!

Dick: Means exactly the opposite of that. (Maddox laughs) It means "I always do this."

Maddox: No!!

Dick: So I guess if you ordered without putting the promo code in, send 'em a WAY too long of an email.

Maddox: You know what, man? That's...Harry's is exactly the example...the counterexample of what I'm saying! They are NOT human robots. They're like, "You know? We're gonna bend the rules a little bit. Okay, we liked your email. It's cheeky."

Dick: Hmm!

Maddox: "Here you go. Here's 5 bucks."

Dick: They're human humans.

Maddox: They're human humans!

Dick: What if their policy is to always give a refund though? Then they're...

Maddox: Uhh...

Dick: ...then they're robots. (smiles)

Maddox: ...ahhh.

Dick: Hey, um...yeah, go to... (chuckles) Go to http://harrys.com, use promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase. Alright! You wanna get to my problem?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: My problem is man buns.

Maddox: Man buns!

Sean: Hmmm. (from background)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How is that a problem?

Dick: We all know what man buns are, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The greatest, the best-looking...look...

Maddox: No. NO.

Dick: ...hair look for the most sexual of men?

Maddox: No. (irritated)

Dick: Right?

Sean: It looks like a f-...

Dick: (interjects) They are... (cracks up)

Sean: It looks like a fuckin' loofah on the back of your head.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a s-...it's a symbol of power. I think we all agree. Like a samurai warrior. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: It's a symbol -

Dick: (interjects) Except with a dick for a sword.

Maddox: Ye-... (snorts and laughs)

Dick: Right? Is that what we all know man buns to be? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, your noodle. (stammers) It's not a symbol. It looks like you're a genie. I just see a buncha genies running around.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm gonna make all your wishes come true, ladies. That's what a man bun says.

Maddox: Yeah, I wish that...

Dick: I'm a genie. (grinning)

Maddox: ...man bun would go away. How 'bout that? (belches) (both giggle)

Dick: All your worries are gonna be like Robin Williams: totally dead. (everyone laughs) Speakin' of genies.

Maddox: (audience laughter sound effect) (laughs more) Ohhhh. (worn out from laughing)

Dick: I got about, uh...I got about 100 emails. I got 100 emails this week; 50 of them were making fun of me for the recent Rick and Morty episode...

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: ...with guys with tiny faces.

Maddox: That's...I saw that.

Dick: So fuck everyone who sent me that.

Maddox: It's funny.

Dick: The other 50 were how man buns apparently... (inhales) ...cause baldness.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Traction alopecia.

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: Traction alopecia.

Maddox: Traction? Isn't it torsion?

Dick: Uh, it's...

Maddox: I thought it was torsion.

Dick: Well, the article I read says "traction."

Sean: Nah, I think I was wrong on that.

Maddox: It says "traction." Okay.

Dick: 'Cause torsion is like a twisting. Traction is...

Maddox: Pulling.

Dick: ...pulling, right?

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: True.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Like a tractor. "Traction alopecia is hair loss that occurs after persistent gentle pulling on the roots over several hours or days."

Maddox: Oo!

Dick: Yeah. "Unlike a hair pluck, which is painful, persistent gentle pulling may go unnoticed until bald spots, or alopecia, start to appear."

Maddox: So is this, uh...Dick, is this a problem unique to men? Because if you think about it, women do this all the time with ponytails and pigtails.

Dick: Well, that's what pissed me off first about this. When I first started twirling my hair up into a little man bun, right? Before it had -

Maddox: (interjects) Beco-...yeah.

Dick: Ye-...well, what? Go ahead.

Maddox: Becoming a woman, yes. Go on.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox giggles) Uh, before it had caught on, right?

Maddox: Yeah. It...oh, f-... (scoffing)

Dick: Like, I'm always at the front.

Maddox: Uhh...mmm... (skeptical)

Dick: Of these...what? Go ahead.

Maddox: It's been a thing for like 6 years, man! You didn't have that that long.

Dick: 6 years?? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah! Hipsters in Silver Lake's been rockin' a man bun for...

Dick: Maddox...

Maddox: ...for a while!

Dick: Maddox, don't say these crazy, embarrassing things. (Maddox chuckles) Fashion trends do not last 6 years. Alright? Let's start there. Facebook rises and falls in 6 years.

Maddox: Yeah. (muttering)

Dick: Man buns been around for...a small amount of time in the zeitgeist. Anyway, when these girls first started doing it to me...'cause when you have long hair, girls always wanna touch it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They wanna touch it, they wanna do it, they wanna put it inside them...you know? (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: Groooos.

Dick: They wa-...they WANT it. They want it. They... you know, not necessarily that way. They wanna put it in their mouths as well.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah. So... (Maddox snickers) They would wrap...they would wrap my hair up in these impossibly tight buns.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I would say, "What the hell are you doin'?" Right? This can't be good. This can't be good for you.

Maddox: Right. Yeah.

Dick: So I'm like, "Darling, this is way too tight. Right? This can't possibly be..." She goes, "Oh, you guys! You're always so sensitive about your hair." (high-pitched) Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the line I always hear. We're like, "Yeah, because it's like, um...it feels like Russian roulette every year that it doesn't fall out." Like, 'cause I ne-...I WANT it. I don't want it to go. I don't wanna upset it. It's like a...it's like a harvest god.

Maddox: It's not so bad.

Dick: Your hair. For men.

Maddox: It's not so bad.

Dick: Maddox, have you seen yourself?? (everyone laughs loudly)

Maddox: You...you know what?! Fuck you! **(buzzer sound effect)** I don't need this shit!! (Dick still laughing)

Dick: It is!! You're, like, worshipping a fertility god! Like, "Please! Please, I don't know what you want me to do. If you want me to sacrifice a virgin, you want me to kill a bunch of cows; whatever you wanna do, I'll do it. Please let me keep my hair."

Maddox: Ohh no dude, you're so fuckin' off on this. Look man, given the option I would rather have hair than not, because then I can always have the option to NOT have it. 'Cause I can always shave.

Dick: Uh-huh. (about to laugh)

Maddox: BUT, not having it is still fuckin' cool. Look at, uh... (stammers) It's a...uh, men who are bald or balding look powerful. That's a fact. Look at, uh...

Dick: What do you mean, "it's a fact"?

Maddox: Like Captain Picard! They actually did a study where they showed a bunch of people...different, uh, different hairstyles on men, and consistently across the board anyone who was bald, they were like, "That's authority." They'd just look at it as a -

Dick: (interjects) What?!?

Maddox: Yeah! Author-...it's, uh, very authoritative.

Dick: Who put on this study?

Maddox: Bald men. (laughs loudly)

Dick: Yeah! (laughing)

Maddox: No, uh...yeah! No, look into it! I...they look at different hairstyles and stuff. And they especially analyzed, like, presidential looks. Um...it's because they were looking at Obama's hairstyle versus Bush's versus Clinton's, and so on and so forth.

Dick: They all have hair, though.

Maddox: Yeah, they have hair.

Dick: Who was a bald president?

Maddox: No, but Obama...Obama has a very, like, short cut. But again, the example Bruce Willis...uh, famous bald man; Captain Picard, famous bald man; what's his name, um...Patrick Stewart, the real guy?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And what's his name, the, uh, the guy...the transporter dude?

Dick: Jason Statham?

Maddox: Statham? Yeeeah! That's what I look like. Jason Statham. (smug)

Dick: Yeah. Well, John Wayne Gacy, did he have hair?

Maddox: Ye-...no.

Dick: Eh...

Maddox: No, he had plenty of hair.

Dick: Oh, o-...

Maddox: (interjects) He had a man bun.

Dick: Oho, he did?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: God dammit.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiles)

Dick: Uh, I got some...I got another study about...speaking of looks.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Here is a survey of women asked what they think about man buns. Uh, 27% hate them. That's a lot.

Maddox: 27% of women hate man buns?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I thought it would be higher.

Maddox: Yeah, that's what...that's a...

Dick: Well...

Maddox: That's wi-...way off.

Dick: Well, hold on.

Maddox: Way off. It's 100%.

Dick: 3-... (cracking up) Don't like them: 35%. So now we're well above 50. Like 'em: 24%. Uh...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Really like 'em: 14%. But you know, you ask women, "Do you like...what do you...do you like guys?" (Maddox smirks)

Maddox: Here we go.

Dick: And they're like, "90%: No." (Maddox laughs) "Don't like."

Maddox: I mean...

Dick: Like, come on!

Maddox: That's a...that's a h-...

Dick: Who can trust these...who can trust these numbers?

Maddox: No, that's accurate too! It's 100%. 100% of women don't like guys, and 100% of women don't like man buns.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: They just don't like anything that guys can rock. (stammers) Okay, what do you wa-...how do you wanna defend this, Dick? Why -

Dick: (interjects) Have you ever worn a wig?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: What do you think about...how did that go?

Maddox: It was fuckin' cool, man! I have this wig that I wear. I got it a long time ago, because I needed...it's a big afro, and I got it -

Dick: (interjects) God dammit. (chuckling)

Maddox: I got... (cracks up) I got it a long time ago.

Dick: That's not what I meant!! Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah! No, I wear it out sometimes! I -

Sean: (interjects) Did you mean to hide his baldness?

Maddox: Oh. (annoyed)

Dick: Yeah, I meant, like, a NORMAL wig.

Maddox: Like a toupee??

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Nooo! Fuck no. But I got this afro -

Dick: (interjects) You don't think...you're not interested? That would be funny!

Maddox: Nooo! (irritated)

Dick: Don't you think??

Maddox: They all look fake, man. They all look goofy. And also, I'm comfortable with who I am and I'm comfortable with my hairstyle.

Dick: Ah. (smiles)

Maddox: Or lack thereof.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But, uh, I got this afro a long time ago, 'cause I needed pubes for a costume, so I just snipped off some of the hair and I used it for pubes. And then I had this afro laying around the house, and I thought one day, "Ah, I'm gonna wear this out. You know, whatever, fuck it." And it became my party w-...my party 'fro, because every time I go to parties I wear this thing. And you've seen me, Dick! You've seen me wear this thing to parties, right?

Dick: Yeah. (sneering)

Maddox: I show up and people...it looks... (Sean and Dick laugh loudly) What's that "myeeeeah"?

Dick: I mean, I...

Maddox: What?! (snapping)

Dick: I don't know, you got all these props for parties.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You need a big afro wig for parties?

Maddox: I don't NEED it! It's a fun... (stammers) It's a fun enhancer! That's what it is!!

Dick: That's a lot of...it's a lot of attention for one person.

Maddox: It's a fun enhancer, and I usually wear it to parties where other people are dressed up. (Dick restraining laughter) So I wear my party 'fro, I got my cape; look like a fuckin' badass. I'm go-

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. (scoffing)

Maddox: Every time I go to one of those parties, I make a stop on...at, uh, Pussy Town on my way home. (Dick laughs quietly) That's right. (cracks up) That's right! Population: me and the BABES.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Babes." Multiples. (silence) (Sean guffaws) Yeah.

Dick: Well, that's my problem. It's pulling out...it's pulling out hair! How can you...and how could you not have such a beautiful look that will also pull out your hair? It's like the ultimate catch-22. (Maddox sighs exasperatedly)

Maddox: No, it's not, Dick. (cracking up) 'Cause one of those...one of those presumptions is false; it's not a beautiful look. It looks kinda...it's just a goofy, stupid trend. G-...how long are you gonna rock this thing?

Dick: I don't know. I, um...

Maddox: Are you...and -

Dick: (interjects) I'm workin' on somethin' with...you know Justin, the guy who directed our live show?

Maddox: Yeah! Justin Donaldson, he directed our live show. He also runs the Tournament of Nerds show at UCB Theatre with Hal Rudnick. It's a really funny show. He's, uh, one of our good friends. So you're workin' on somethin' with him, so you have to keep the man bun?

Dick: Yeah, and then I'm gonna cut...yeah, then I'm gonna cut it.

Maddox: And then you're gonna cut it?

Dick: They gotta cut the hair. It's fu-...

Maddox: It's unwieldy!

Dick: ...a real pain in the ass.

Maddox: Yeah, here's what a pain in the ass it is, Dick Masterson. You have pins in your hair!

Dick: Pins?!?

Maddox: Like the bobby pi-...bobby pins!

Dick: No, I don't have...it's a...it's just a hair tie.

Maddox: Or what is it, scrunchies? Hair ties?

Dick: It's not a scrunchie. (chuckling)

Maddox: Man...

Dick: It's like a piece of elastic. (Sean laughing loudly in the background)

Maddox: I...seriously?

Dick: It's not... (breaks down laughing)

Maddox: I find, like, scrunchies...no, you've had...

Dick: It's not a scrunchie!

Maddox: I've found your fuckin' scrunchies, dickhead! I've found your twi-...your...your hair pulls.

Dick: Maddox, this is not a SCRUNCHIE.

Maddox: I know. Maybe not what you're currently wearing, but you have worn scrunchies.

Dick: I do n-...! (laughing)

Maddox: Ohh, yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: I have not worn a scrunchie that was mine.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That I n-...that I didn't get that night from some girl. I do not have a scrunchie in my apartment.

Maddox: Well, maybe not now, but I have found scrunchies here.

Dick: Do you know what is a scrunchie?

Maddox: Yeah, I know what is a scrunchie.

Dick: What is it?

Maddox: It's a...a little hair tie! Er, a hair pull.

Dick: But it's puffy!

Maddox: Like a ru-...oh no, okay. Not that. What am I talkin' about? The hair band.

Dick: You're talking about just an elastic band.

Maddox: But what are those things specifically called -

Sean: (interjects) With the two little beads on it?

Maddox: No, not that, Sean. (everyone laughs) Although I'm su-...you -

Dick: (interjects) Telling everybody I wear scrunchies. (disdainful)

Maddox: It...what's -

Dick: (interjects) You don't even know what it is!

Maddox: What's the one that's not fluffy, it's just a band? A hair band! Right?

Dick: Y-...yeah!

Maddox: Yeah! And I see those around my apartment, I think, "Aw man, my ex-girlfriend leaving..."

Dick: Those are not mine!!

Maddox: "I'm still finding..." They're yours, dude!

Dick: Why would I have hair ties at your apartment?! I have one on me!

Maddox: I've found your hair t-...this was a long time ago. This was actually even before the podcast era, uh, I think about a year and a half ago. But I found some, and there were bobby pins and hair things. And the girl I was dating at the time, I said, "Hey, what the fuck? Don't leave these around my apartment. It's a huge pet peeve of mine," and then she's like, "It's not mine!" And I was like, "It's fuckin' Dick's!!"

Dick: Oh... (stammers) Maddox, she's lying.

Maddox: No, it wasn't.

Dick: Of course it's hers!

Maddox: It was where you were sitting!

Dick: Of course it's hers.

Maddox: It was where you were sitting, dickhead! I remember! (smiling)

Dick: She FRAMED me. (Maddox scoffs) She put them over there to leave them...to spite you, 'cause she knew it pissed you off.

Maddox: Bullllllshit. Bullshit, man.

Dick: Alright, anyway, that's my problem. (muttering)

Maddox: It's a goofy...look, when you started rockin' this thing, Dick, I thought, "Huh, that's interesting. Why?" Were you...like, if we were in the '70s, I feel like you would be wearing bell bottoms. You said earl-

Dick: (interjects) Uh, yeah, of course!

Maddox: You said earlier -

Dick: (interjects) Bell bottoms are awesome.

Maddox: You said earlier that...that, uh, style trends don't last more than 6 years. Is that what you said?

Dick: Yeah, they...like, they come in on a burst and then they taper out, and then they come back in 20-30 years.

Maddox: Right. But they usually last for a decade, and that's why decades have their specific looks.

Dick: (chuckles) Sorry, wait. What?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: They usually last for a decade?

Maddox: Yeah, about 8 years. It takes the first 2 years of a new decade for that style to catch on, and then it, uh, it hits its peak about 3 or 4 years into it. Then it's on its decline, and now that's what you're seein' right now is that the hair bun's goin' out, and you're movin' on to the next thing. But that's what happened with the...in the '90s with flannel, that's what happened in the '80s with big hair and fluorescent...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and that's what happened in the '70s with bell bottoms. That's what happens. That's what's happening right now with hipsters! And skinny jeans, and man buns! You're seeing the decline, and that's why these articles are comin' out and now it's not gettin' cool, so you're gonna move on to the next thing.

Dick: No, I'm gonna move on because of safety.

Maddox: Because of safety. (snickering)

Dick: That's why. Because of health reasons. Alright, you got another...? Eh, we're already at an hour.

Maddox: Well, um... (sighs)

Dick: I wanted to b-...you know what? Oh, sh-...

Maddox: Yeah, bring it up.

Dick: I don't know if w-...what do you got? You got somethin' good to talk about? 'Cause I really wanna...I wanted to talk about knee-jerk reactions that we saw a lot of this week. I wanted to talk about the pope coming in to our government, our Congress, and telling us how to run our shit.

Maddox: Well...uh, my problem's long, so do...do another one.

Dick: Nah, my problems are long too.

Maddox: Okay, well, do one...

Dick: It's just...

Maddox: You teased the...the Trump thing. Do you wanna talk about...?

Dick: Oh, FUCK! You wanna hear about Trump??

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: Okay. Do you have the clip?

Maddox: I do.

Dick: Okay. So my life coach calls me out of the blue like a month ago, and he never has something that must be done. Like, he calls me urgently.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And his...the only other time he's called me this urgently was when we had to buy AR-15s that were on sale. They were on sale...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...$700. A great deal for an AR-15.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: And January 1, California was starting to register long guns.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So we had to buy them immediately.

Maddox: It's urgent.

Dick: It's urgent! So he's like, "Meet me at Turner's gun store after work. We gotta buy these AR-15s."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he was totally right!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Great life coaching.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Right? Now we both have AR-15...now we have matching AR-15s.

Maddox: You guys go on a date together.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Take your AR-15s, go to an open carry event, annoy everyone... (Dick starts laughing) Do...you know, do it up. Go to a Starbucks and harass people.

Sean: Leave some bobby pins.

Maddox: Yeah, leave bobby pins around everywhere.

Dick: Ohh, fuck you, Sean. (smiling) (Maddox giggles) So he goes, "You gotta buy this...you gotta buy a ticket to this Trump event."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? It's 100 bucks.

Maddox: H'oh boy.

Dick: It's..."oh boy" what?

Maddox: That's...this is the urgent thing he's calling you about? To buy a ticket to this Trump event?

Dick: Yes!! But it's... (stammers) That's...Maddox, you gotta act fast!

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: This was aboard the USS I-...this was aboard a battleship.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know, Trump...Trump usually speaks to, like, hundreds of millions of people.

Maddox: A noted warrior. He's doin' a speech on a battleship, yes.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Go on. (chuckling)

Dick: And this is an event where you can talk...where you can be one of a thousand people!

Maddox: Whoa!

Dick: You know? This is...please!

Maddox: A thousand! (cynical)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's a...Trump's pullin' a thousand people? Holy shit.

Dick: No, that's the ca-...that's all that...are you fuckin' listening to this at all?! (Maddox laughs) Or are you just drawing caterpillars?

Maddox: (yells) Don't worry about what I'm draw-...you draw...you doodle all the time too!

Dick: Not while you're talking! This is the only time you can see him in that small of a group, 'cause that's all the people that can fit on the battleship.

Maddox: Ah.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So, of course I'm on board.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And because, you know, it's a military charity that was later found to be... (cracking up) ...uh, dicey?

Maddox: Uh-huh. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Like, somewhat fraudulent? (laughing)

Maddox: Which one was it?

Dick: As in...uh, I don't know. Stuff like the Veterans for a Strong Militar-...

Maddox: Wounded Warriors or something? Yeah.

Dick: Nonono, it's not one you've ever heard of, 'cause it was only, like, run by one guy.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: As it turned out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I don't know if it was a real charity or not, and I don't give a fuck. So...the day rolls around, the Trump rally rolls around. Right? And we already have our Trump hats.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Our red and white matching Trump hats.

Maddox: "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN."

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: All in caps.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So it's unreadable. (sighs)

Maddox: 'Cause America's a real shithole. We gotta make it great again.

Dick: Maddox, it's full of militarized police...

Maddox: Well...yeah.

Dick: ...and slacktivists, and human robots...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and, uh, gourmet dog food?

Maddox: Mhm. (chuckles)

Dick: It's a horrible place.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) Okay.

Dick: (cracks up) Um...so we show up about...you know, couple hours early to start drinking.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Down in San Pedro, where the USS Iowa is.

Maddox: I mean, you have...yeah. You have to if you're going to a Trump rally.

Dick: Yeah, I...I THINK so. Are you being sarc-...? You're being...you're not being sarcastic, right?

Maddox: (hesitates) I mean that in that you have to be drunk to endure him.

Dick: Oh. Why? What do you...?

Maddox: But you were drinking to party.

Dick: Who do you wanna...who do you wanna endure? Who do you not have to be drunk to endure? Like, who's giving a speech where you're like, "I really wanna be sober so I can take in these talking points!"

Maddox: (shrugs) Ross the Boss Perot, buddy.

Dick: Yeah, alright. (sneering)

Maddox: If he came back, yeah.

Dick: We're gonna be outside. We're gonna be outside in the sun, so we're like, "Might as well have a 6-beer, 7-beer buzz on." Right?

Maddox: But this is like a party atmosphere for you, right? You're goin' in...

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: You're goin' into...okay, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why.

Dick: So we hop in the Uber to get to the USS Iowa, and what do I see on the horizon? A shitload of protesters. (ominously)

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: So I'm like, "Oh boy. Hey, dude, drop us off in the middle of the protesters." (Maddox laughs) Right? (grins)

Maddox: GOOD.

Dick: And my life coach is like, "Uhh, are you...are you sure about that?" and I said, "Oh yeah, yeah yeah yeah! I wanna get in a fight with one of these protesters."

Maddox: Okay. (about to laugh)

Dick: So the Uber guy's laughing now, and I said, "Hey hey, Uber guy: if the news interviews you after this, tell 'em the last thing I told you was, 'I'm gonna go get into a fight with these protesters.'"

Maddox: Good.

Dick: Right? So he's like, "Alright, alright. Great." So we get out, get in the middle of these protesters, and...immediately, the whitest guy in the world comes up to me and starts screaming about how I'm a racist and a bigot.

Maddox: Hah!

Dick: Right? Like, a guy with a -

Maddox: (interjects) How did he know you?! (everyone laughs)

Dick: Rolls right off...the accusation rolls right off your tongue!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the world we l-...right off your tongue.

Maddox: I'm so tired of that, man.

Dick: What?

Maddox: I'm so tired of just, like, the blanket characterizations of all conservatives as being racist, or the blanket characterizations of all liberals being, uh...what, communists, or whatever -

Dick: (interjects) Pussies.

Maddox: Yeah. Big pussi-

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. Money-grubbing, gun-grabbing...

Maddox: I'm so tired of...it's just such a lazy argument. It's just, IMMEDIATELY hurl "racist"..."racist" and "bigot" towards...just 'cause they're conservative.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, a l-...I mean, you know, if... (laughs) If the conservative...the far extremes of those movements, like the Ku Klux Klan, white nationalists? They do generally tend to vote conservative.

Dick: The Nazis were liberal!! I mean, let's not...let's not say any party has a, um...monopoly on bigotry and racism!

Maddox: I...I think it's too simple to just say Nazis were liberal or conservative or whatever. They had a mixed...they were kind of a mixed...mixed bag.

Dick: Socialist. National Socialist Party.

Maddox: They hated socialists! No, were...they hated socialism. The Na-...the fascists?

Sean: What, Nazis??

Maddox: Yeah, they hated socialists.

Sean: It was called the "National Socialist German Workers' Party."

Dick: "Socialist." Yeah.

Maddox: Right, but they hated...they hated, uh, communism, right?

Sean: No, they...yes, they hated COMMUNISM.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Correct.

Dick: Communism.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Socialism was...big thumbs up.

Maddox: Social-...yeah, but socialism... (stammers) Anyway, it's complicated. We're gettin' into...anyway.

Dick: Okay, so I'm walk-

Maddox: (interjects) But I hate what they did to you. That's what...yeah.

Dick: Oh yeah, it's great. And I'm...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...I'm laughing hysterically, 'cause I know this can only go one way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? This can only go, "You are..." (chuckles) "You think you're a good person, and you're ready to start beating someone 'cause they don't agree with you."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, I win!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I win. You can't beat it ou-...you can't beat that win out of me.

Maddox: Yeah, it's -

Sean: (interjects) Who's half Mexican.

Dick: (excited) Yeah. Yeah, that's the...that's the greatest part!!

Sean: Would he have said that if he knew you were half Mexican?

Dick: Ohhh, of course not.

Maddox: But racists can be Mexican. The racists can be black. Racists -

Sean: (interjects) Well, of course, but a white person isn't going to do that.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah, that's funny.

Dick: Mexicans can't be racist. How dare you say that. (Maddox laughs) So we're going through, and all these protest-...most of these protesters are having a good time 'cause they're paid to be there. You know what I'm saying? Like, all their signs are perfectly, uh...kerned and illustrated.

Maddox: Oh, hold on. That's a conspiracy theory. Who's payin' them to be there?

Dick: The...group for illegal immigrant advocacy.

Maddox: You think?

Dick: They p-...yeah! They...because when they get those protesters on the news?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They get an ad for their advocacy group to bring in more revenue.

Maddox: Do you...is this a theory of yours or do you have any evidence for this?

Dick: I didn't even know this...there was a question! I thought this was common practice in politics.

Sean: No, it's...yeah, it has been for a long time.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Yeah, I didn't...I didn't even know they were secretive about it.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: It was just comical to me to see all the people, like... (stammers excitedly) Like, you imagine a protesting group, you would imagine, like, kind of a...like a rebel alliance group? Where it's like there's a ragtag group of people who maybe came out after work and cobbled some signs together.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But these people look like...they look like the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, they're immaculately...all their shirts match, all their signs match. It's...it's bullshit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like the controversy, the protest, is bullshit.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: They're all paid to be there, to me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm havin' a great time, right? (brief pause) Whatever. Um, we get up there. Wink Martindale, as I said, introduces Trump...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and on cue, the protesters come up and start screaming.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Once we get on the ship, we find out that, uh...a lot of the seats were 1,000 dol-...there was, like, $1,000 seats?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And $100 seats?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I wedge in and force my way up into, like, the…

Maddox: The thousand?

Dick: Yeah. The thousand-dollar seats.

Maddox: Yeeeah!! (grins)

Dick: And I'm, like, straddling this…straddling a bunch of veterans to try to get, like, a good, you know.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: View of Trump. Alright. Um…so Trump comes on. And he does his thing. And I start the Trump chant.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Well, which one?

Dick: You know, just, "Trump! Trump! Trump!"

Maddox: Trump. Trump. Okay.

Dick: I totally started it.

Maddox: Good.

Dick: I…yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was awesome. And people were on board instantly, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, after…after the speech. He's in and out. He's got a big debate to prepare for. Uh…he's doing his little circle of the dais. My life coach wants to bone outta there right away. He's like, "Alright, I'm done. We gotta go drink."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We gotta start walking to the bar, because we got about 20 minutes on this buzz. We need to get there in order to drink. Like, just time…good time management.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Good…good buzz time management.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: I'm starting to see the world as it really is.

Dick: Right! We gotta get outta here.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: We gotta get outta here.

Sean: This is terrible.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm like, "No, we can push the time. We can risk it. I gotta do something."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I gotta do something. I gotta…something else is going on here. I gotta fuck with something over here. So I go…I see Trump walking around the stage. I so I plant myself on the opposite side of the stage, like, you know. Like a sumo wrestler.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? 'Cause there's…he is getting MOBBED by reporters.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Like, just a SICK amount of reporters.

Maddox: I bet not Univision. He had them all escorted outta the premises.

Dick: He threw 'em right off the side!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I don't think he let Fox News out there, either!

Maddox: Fox, really?! (incredulous)

Sean: No! He's been at WAR with everybody on Fox News!!

Dick: Yeah, yeah. He's not…he's boy…

Sean: From Megyn Kelly to the other guy…

Maddox: Oh, that's true, yeah.

Dick: He's got a boycott on Fox News.

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: So I plant…I plant my feet down there, as he comes around.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And, sure enough, people are…you know, bouncin' off me, trying to get their nipples in on the action.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: No way, buddy, not these nipples. Right?

Maddox: No. So you're, like, fighting these poor veterans, who are there…who, like, genuinely…

Dick: No, they're reporters!

Maddox: Oh, reporters.

Dick: They're all scumbag reporters!!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. So Trump crosses in front of me, and he's talking to this woman.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm like, just biding my time. I have my hat.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: My hat. My beautiful, white, Trump hat that just got back from Burning Man. So he's…the second he's done talking to this woman, I go, "Hey, Mr. Trump!" and hit him with my hat. (Maddox laughs) Mr. Trump! Can I get your autograph? And he's like, "Yeah…", he nods. Signs it. Gives it back to me, I said, "Hey. Hey. You better win." (Maddox and Dick crack up) You better win!! And then I…so then, right after that, I get mobbed by reporters.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The same reporters. Now that they…now they want a story, because I'm the only person that's under, like, 105.

Maddox: Yeah. Right.

Dick: At this event, right? So they're like, "Who the fuck is this guy?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. So here's where…

Maddox: (interjects) I saw…I saw this vi…the picture of the event and some of the people there. It looked like…it looked like it was a Cryptkeeper let them in.

Dick: It look…(Sean laughs) It's like the Cryptkeeper's uncle military dad.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like the Cryptkeeper meets…not GI Joe.

Maddox: No.

Dick: 'Cause they're all, like, old veterans.

Maddox: Yeah. And people show up to this event, and you're like, "Huh. I didn't know people from THAT war were still alive." Like…(laughs) It's like…you know. Civil War era. (Dick laughs) They're wearing their Confederate outfits and shit. Yeah.

Dick: Uh…they're so old…so, I was…I was perched up in the $1000 seats, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, right on the edge, adjacent to the $1000 seats.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And one of the event organizers runs over, and she's, like, on her tiptoes looking around. So I'm like…during Trump's speech. I'm like, "What are you looking for?" She goes, "Oh we have an empty seat. I wanted to get a veteran in it." So I was like, boom, gotcha. And I'm like, now I'm feeling helpful for some reason, today.

Maddox: Mmmm.

Dick: So I turn around and spot a guy who's…he looks…he looks like he was dead, like, but he's obviously a veteran, 'cause he's got, you know, so many medals on him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? So I'm like, "Hey, you. You get a seat. Up here."

Maddox: Cool!

Dick: "You get a seat." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he, uh…he shakes his head and points to his oxygen tank.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: Meaning he…I said, "A seat for a veteran. We got a seat for a veteran right up here, get up here."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: And he points to his oxygen tank and he just, like, shrugs. And he's like "No, don't worry about it."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So then I hear…I turn back around to say, like, "Nevermind" to that woman…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I hear, "I'm a veteran. I'll take that seat." And a guy…maybe a 7-foot tall black guy…

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Who is, like…sounded exactly like Cool Sean.

Maddox: Uh-huh? (grinning)

Dick: Just struts out from the crowd…(Maddox laughs) like a superhero and makes, like, an immediate left. And I was like, "Hmm." Well…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That kinda backfired.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But, uh…anyway.

Maddox: Well, if he's a veteran, he should have the seat!!

Dick: No, no, no. I agree. I agree.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, so play the clip!! After I get the hat signed, I'm getting mobbed by these reporters, and here's the interview.

Maddox: Okay. This is from a Fox affiliate. Here's the clip:

(Clip starts)

Male reporter: "The Trump campaign taking center stage in front of this veteran's group, representing hundreds of thousands of vets who are now endorsing Trump as he pledges to reform the VA."

Trump: "The Veterans are going to go to private doctors, private hospitals. (crowd cheers)

Dick: That's pretty good.

Trump: "Public hospitals."

Dick: That's pretty…no, keep going. I'm just saying. That's a pretty good plan, right?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

(crowd cheering)

Maddox: Sounds just like the plan we already have..

Trump: "We're gonna reimburse those doctors and those hospitals."

(stops clip)

Dick: You can't go private.

Maddox: You can go to private doctors.

Dick: No!

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: And get…get it paid for?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You totally cannot.

Maddox: With your insurance. You can have whatever insurance program you want, Dick. It's just…now that…now you can't get turned away for insurance.

Dick: No, not insurance program, buddy. Veterans cannot…

Maddox: Oh, veterans. Veterans.

Dick: Veterans can't go…veterans are slaves to VFW. They get totally fucked over.

Maddox: Don't…no, they don't. My dad's a veteran. My dad…

Dick: My grandpa's a veteran!!

Maddox: Okay. My dad's a veteran, and he's…he goes to the VA hospital, and he's always gotten great service. He's not getting fucked over.

Dick: I've had the opposite experience. Like, he doesn't…my grandpa doesn't even go anymore, 'cause it's so bad. (stammers) That's another time. Go ahead.

(starts clip again)

Trump: "And you're gonna get the greatest service of any veterans in any country, because you deserve it. " (cheering)

Male reporter: "Trump, in his speech of more than 20 minutes, under the huge, 16-inch guns of the USS Iowa…"

Dick: Coooool!!!

Male reporter: "Again, firing on a familiar campaign theme."

Trump: "We're gonna build a wall…." (crowd cheers) "And Mexico's gonna pay for the wall."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Sure…

(clip stops)

Maddox: We're gonna do this thing and Mexico's gonna foot the bill.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah!!

Maddox: Alright. Yeah.

(clip starts again)

Male reporter: "…Immigration reform, not only talking to this crowd, but it seems, at times, to the crowd of protestors dockside."

Trump: "When a woman who's nine months pregnant walks across the border, has a baby, and you have to take care of that baby for the next 85 years…" (crowd boos)

(clip stops)

Maddox: BOOOO!!!

Dick: Booo!!!

Maddox: Booo. (laughing)

Dick: I dunno if I booed that.

Maddox: Yeah. Women walking across the…nine months pregnant women are just WALKING it across the desert!

Dick: Maddox, it happens all the time.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick cracks up) (Sean laughs) Oh, that's what…that's exactly what's happening. In Trumpland. (Dick still laughing) Alright.

(clip starts again)

Male reporter: "All this before a standing room-only crowd, some paying as much as $1000 a seat."

Dick: Not me.

Male reporter: "Most getting their first look at candidate Trump."

Male crowdgoer: "I came to see…uh…what all the _____ was about. And, uh…he delivered better than I expected."

Male crowdgoer 2: (Latino accent) "Mr. Trump is the person that America needs the most!"

(Dick cracks up laughing)

(clip stops)

(Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: That guy!!! (fake accent) Meeester Trump is, uh…dee person dat America needs de most!! (Dick laughs) Yeah, really? Did you hear what he just said, like, three seconds ago, idiot?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That guy sounded…he was….Hispanic.

Dick: Oh, you think that guy's pregnant? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Ees my check in de mail?

Maddox: Yeah. Meeester Trump is de president. Okay, here we go.

(clip starts again)

Female crowdgoer: "Are fabulous for our country."

Male reporter: "That, as Trump works the crowd, more than leaving his mark here."

Dick: Here we go!!!

Dick on the footage: "He looked me in my eyes, he didn't say anything to me… (Dick cracks up) **but he gave me an affirmative nod, like he was confident about his performance tomorrow night. It gave me a sense of pride. (cocky)"**

(clip stops)

(Dick and Maddox crack up laughing)

Maddox: Awww. (sighs)

Dick: So I had been interviewed by, like, three papers before that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they all wanted to know, "What did Trump tell you?" "What did Trump tell you?" so by the time I got to the news camera, I was like, "Oh baby, this is gonna be so good." Like, every interview I gave, it was a little bit stupider.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The stuff I would put on.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So by that one, I was like, "I'm really gonna go for it." But don't fuck around, 'cause then they're not gonna play it.

Maddox: Right. Right, right.

Dick: Right? And this is drunk. So…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I was gonna say I was working at a handicap, but that probably was in my favor.

Maddox: You seemed…you seemed drunk. Uh…(Dick giggles) We're gonna post this clip on the website. Uh…it's pretty….it's pretty incredible. It's fun to watch, Dick. But it's a performance piece, yeah?

Dick: What?

Maddox: Are you…are you actually, like, into Trump? I can't…I can't even tell anymore.

Dick: Oh, well, let's talk about it next episode!!

Maddox: Okay. Alright, guys.

Dick: Let's talk…yeah. Alright. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Great clip. Great story. We're gonna post it on the website. Alright. This… this episode is getting a little hairy. We should probably call it there.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My problem this week was Human Robots.

(closing riff starts)

Dick: My problem was Man Buns.

Maddox: Man Buns. Alright. Don't go bald.

Dick: Here's Asterios' news from the year 3000.

(clip starts, news theme)

Asterios: Services at the Church of Degrasse Tyson were interrupted this morning (Dick laughs) **by an unknown man who rushed the altar and screamed that he does not, "Fucking Love Science"!** (Maddox laughs) **The madman, who claimed science was fine, but shouldn't be used as a status symbol by dumbasses, was quickly**

annoyed by the weak punches of the Tysonites and exited in a huff. (Maddox chuckles) **What a monster.**

(news theme continues)

Asterios: The federal government passed a ban on spicy foods today.

Maddox: Awww!!

Asterios: Delighting citizens from Pussyton (Dick and Maddox crack up) **all the way to New Pussyberg. The law was pushed through by bland food activists who were tired of experiencing what they call "the mouth ouchies".** (they all laugh) **In his statement, Emperor Trump reaffirmed his call…**

Maddox: Emperor Trump. (grins)

Asterios: …for all citizens to hunt down the last remaining spicy food holdout, the jetpack-wearing sky pirate known as Armenian Blackbeard.

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, that's me, with the Crown Jewels!! Ahh, I can't wait.

Dick: Alright, last one.

Asterios: And finally, some quick stories off the wire. (Dick laughs) **Bestselling video game of the year 3000 is officially "Cut Scene: The Game".** (Maddox groans) **Congratulations. The seventh division of the Social Justice Warriors launched their biggest ever macroaggression against men who hold doors for women. Ten were killed. Corporate ass-farming is becoming so large…** (Dick cracks up) **that some family-owned ass farms are going out of business.** (they all laugh)**Consumers from coast to coast are complaining that Apple's new iAsshole is "way too itchy."** (Maddox giggles) **Still a bestseller. Hanes has finally answered consumer demand for a pair of men's shorts that's so big, it blots out the sun.** (Maddox giggles) **And, 2,985 years later…**(Dick laughs) **Burlesque Dancers is still at 0, at http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com.**

Dick: It's true.

Asterios: Leading to an all-out civil war between people who think Burlesque dancers are just fat strippers with… (Dick cracks up) **Gender Studies degrees…** (Maddox laughs) **who don't actually take their clothes off, and people who are wrong.** (they both laugh)

(Sound effect: Clapping) (Dick laughing his head off)

Asterios: Until next time, this is Asterios Kokkinos reminding you that I'm a digital cyberdemon, and I'll never die.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(clip ends)

Maddox: Oh, great.

Dick: Awesome!

Maddox: I love that.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: What a great bit!

Dick: What a great bit.

Maddox: Asterios…hailing to us from the future. One minor correction there. They've already made Cut Scene: The Game. It's called Heavy Rain.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. I wish you guys knew at all what I was talking about.

Dick: No, I watched that game. I watched some Let's Play of it.

Maddox: Yeah. There's no let's play. It's just turn it on and watch a movie.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's bullshit.

Maddox: Anyway, guys. And I've actually heard that about Metal Gear Solid V, too, that there's an hour-long cut scene that you can't skip before you even start the game. An hour of my life, I've gotta sit and watch a movie before I play a game?!!? FUUUUUUCK YOU!!! Are you kidding me with that shit?

Dick: What else?

(file cuts off)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 73

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Anti-Intellectuals to Pseudo-Intellectuals.

Dick: Ohhhhh. (snarky grin)

Maddox: With over 4 million downloads, this is the only show where we discuss every problem in the universe. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick.

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy!? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hey!

Dick: Did we discuss pseudo…I'm sorry, I stepped on you, Sean. Did we discuss pseudo-intellectuals?

Maddox: No, not yet.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Not yet! "Yet" is the operative word there.

Dick: I'm gonna bring that in! 'Cause I'm real annoyed by pseudo-intellectuals! (grins)

Maddox: Oh, you're a real annoying pseudo-intellectual, buddy. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright, how'd we do?

(Sound effect: Drum roll)

Maddox: Last week…Human Robots!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Came in the number one problem, followed by Man Buns.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: I'm ashamed Man Buns even made it on the list. You know what? Man buns should be a problem, but it's one of those annoyance problems.

Dick: No, no, no. Because it's making the finest of our men…the most virile, the strongest, the most handsomest of our men, bald.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: And that's, like…that's worse than death, being bald.

Maddox: Oh, I…(laughs)

Dick: I'm gonna bring it in at some point, so we can see. I mean…

Maddox: Yeah, no. I mean, there are definitely exceptions to that rule of the most handsomest and the most virile men who are going bald, Dick.

Dick: Absolutely not.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Do you know how many people sent me the picture of Donald Trump with a man bun?

Maddox: Yeah, that was funny.

Dick: By the way.

Maddox: That was funny.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got pregnant. I had to get a morning after pill 'cause I got so many of those pictures. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I don't believe that. I don't believe you would get a morning after pill. You'd have that baby to full term. Uh, yeah. So human robots came in and I got a comment, Dick, from one **Joseph Forsythe**. He says, **"Maddox, one of those egregious parts of the Human Robots problem are when these people get into school systems."** Yeah. He says, **"There are many examples of students being acutely punished for getting caught up in zero tolerance policies that teachers, principals, and school administrators enforce without a second thought. Also, there's more than enough evidence that being a human robot creates more problems than it solves in school systems, and that goes double for when police and justice systems adopt similar policies."** So, I… and then he posted all these links to all these zero tolerance policies that schools enacted.

Dick: Are you gonna read the links off so we can write them down?

Maddox: The..why, the…

Dick: (interjects) I'm kidding. Please don't.

Maddox: The URLs?

Dick: Yeah, no.

Maddox: Um, one of them…one in particular, about a billion people sent this one to me, was from uh…http://www.fox2now.com about uh…or, actually, this one's from a high school student. Or another one…some kid, like, took a razor away. Some kid was threatening to use a razor in school. The kid…some kid intervened and took the razor away so the kid couldn't harm other kids?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And the kid who took the razor away got in trouble.

Dick: There…yeah. That's…ridiculous.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um…how about the kid who ate a cracker in the shape of a gun.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And was using it to shoot at people. Uh…he got suspended. Or expelled, or something like that.

Maddox: Yeah. Right. So this…

Dick: (interjects) How about sexual harassment?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: In, like, kindergartens? But…I think that's more of a zero tolerance thing than a human robot.

Maddox: That's human robots, Dick!

Dick: Yeah, but those…

Maddox: (interjects) Zero tolerance is human robots! Zero tolerance! No mistakes, no exceptions! We have to follow the rule to the tee.

Dick: Yeah, but if you don't do that, you're fired. That's the problem with that.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, that's why they have…like, a judge has a mandatory sentencing law. He can't deviate from it.

Maddox: Dick…Dick. Uh, we're talking…look. You're conflating judge…the legal system, which judges do pretty much have to go by the book. And actually, not really, 'cause judges can give you any sentence they want, essentially. You can try and overturn it. Really, there is no rule that can't be bent or broken, including the one that you just said, that they would get fired if they broke those rules. That's not true. Because the principal could then also use his or her common sense, and maybe this doesn't even have to escalate to the point where the principal has to intervene about a kid who chewed his cracker into the shape of a gun.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The example that everyone sent me over the weekend…

Dick: (interjects) I agree that it's a big problem, by the way. I mean, hopefully zero tolerance policies will be a bigger problem when that's eventually brought in. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: No, it's…

Dick: (interjects) Not even that.

Maddox: Zero tolerance is the same thing, though. Zero tolerance is the same thing as human robots.

Dick: I guess we'll see then, buddy.

Maddox: Zero tolerance.

Dick: Wanna put some dough on this one?

Maddox: No. 'Cause it's the same…

Dick: Put some money on it?

Maddox: I think it's the same problem.

Dick: You're just back from Vegas. You wanna bet? (Maddox laughs) You wanna do some gambling on this problem?

Maddox: Ahh, I did alright in Vegas this week, buddy.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: I'm up…I'm up $46!

Dick: Oh yeah?

Maddox: Here's how I gamble. I hate gambling. I think it's a waste of time and money. Especially the latter. And…

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: I gamble…sometimes I'm passing buy and I'm…I got a few minutes to spare. I'll throw in a dollar. Like, one dollar. There you go. And there's my dollar. I threw it in. I won at, uh…Keno. You know what Keno is?

Dick: Yeah, I know…I know what Keno is.

Maddox: Lot of people…you know, people outside the US might not be familiar with Keno. It's…it's basically, you got a grid of 100 numbers and you're guessing, 5 or 6 numbers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If all of 'em hit, you get a bunch of money.

Dick: It's like Bingo, except it's not for old people, it's for truck drivers and hookers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Basically, right?

Maddox: Essentially, yeah.

Dick: That's what it is.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, anyway…anyway, man. One of the links that everyone sent me over the weekend was this kid in Utah. Was having a coughing fit. A…the kid couldn't breathe.

Dick: Oh, I read…I saw this one.

Maddox: And she wanted to use her inhaler, and the teachers wouldn't let the kid use the fuckin' inhaler.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause they said, "Oh, well we need to make sure that this medication is approved. Blablabla." (Dick laughs) They…the child could've died while they're sitting

there, enforcing this bureaucratic, shithead policy, which nobody…even after the fact, nobody…nobody said, "Oh, good job, teachers. Way to enforce that policy."

Dick: Way to go! You nailed it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You never seen an inhaler before? (grins) What do you do if you're the dad in that scenario?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm asking you. What do..

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, if m…

Dick: You…you gotta punch somebody, right?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're torturing your kid in class?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Somebody's gotta get hit for that. But you…you what? You go to jail now? Is that the world we're in?

Maddox: Zero…

Dick: (interjects) That's human robots?! (irritated)

Maddox: Zero…zero tolerance, Dick. You gotta go to jail. You punched a teacher. You gotta go to jail. Right?

Dick: What if you pay, like, a kid to do it?!

Maddox: See, there you go! Now you're thinking like me. You bend the rules a little bit.

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Guys, if you're not breaking a law every now and then, you're not doing it right.

Dick: Uh, **Mike Scrimshaw…**I think he disagreed with you. **"The problem isn't human robots, it's entitled dickheads like Maddox."**

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, I read this comment! Let's hear this shit! (angry) (Dick laughs) Let's hear this shitty comment!

Dick: "You've clearly never worked in customer service."

Maddox: Yeah, clearly. (irritated)

Dick: "Or you would know that people like you are the bane of our fucking existence." You DO work in customer service, though, 'cause you do all the customer service for your website.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "Everyone thinks they deserve to be the lone exception, whether it's the guy at the bar who left his ID at home but is totally 21." That's another great human robot thing. They're carding, like…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You'll see a 70-year-old man get carded.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: At a bar. It's like, "What the fuck's wrong with you?"

Maddox: I remember one time, and I want you to finish this comment, but I remember one time, I went to a theater in Utah to see the South Park movie.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I remember it was really controversial because they thought that the movie should have been NC-17, so Utah theaters wanted to ban the movie. And there was this guy who came into the movie with his date, right? The guy was like, 40, 43, something like that, and his date was like, late 30s. 37, maybe.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You know, 37, 38. Clearly a woman. An adult woman. She didn't have her ID on her and the guy did. (Dick laughs)

Dick: So they couldn't see the South Park movie?! (laughing)

Maddox: They wouldn't let…(Dick cackles)…they wouldn't let them in! And so the guy said, "Okay. Okay, then she's my daughter and I'm her legal guardian, and I'm gonna let her in, idiot!"

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: And he still wouldn't let him!

Dick: Oh, they needed to see ID for that!

Maddox: Yeah, they wanted to see ID to make sure that he was her parent or legal guardian. It's like…you guys…first of all, fuck off. And second, use your judgment!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway. What else…read the rest of this message, 'cause this guy's a shithead. Let's hear it.

Dick: "Or the woman who wants her meal cooked with a thousand little substitutions because they did it for me three years ago." Yeah, but I…you know what, that substitution thing? I'm just like, "Fuck you, do it."

Maddox: No.

Dick: No?!

Maddox: No.

Dick: You're anti-substitution?

Maddox: I'll tell you a story after this.

Dick: Okay. **"Businesses have rules because they've deemed them the most efficient way to do things."** Well, fuck them. **"And when you expect everything to come to a grinding halt to make your life a little more convenient, then you're acting just as selfish as some stonewalling vegan."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's a lot more, I'm not gonna read the rest of it.

Maddox: Yeah, I remember reading that comment, Dick. I actually replied to him. See, everything he said…

Dick: (interjects) They're just doing their jobs. That's what he's saying.

Maddox: Yeah. They're just…

Dick: (interjects) They're just doing their jobs. They're not in a position to change the rules.

Maddox: Yeah. That's exactly the Nuremburg Defense. That is precisely the Nuremberg Defense.

Dick: I suppose it is.

Maddox: Just doing their jobs. Just doing their jobs. And by the way, nice strawmanning in that debate. So he's saying, (goofy voice) "Uh, Maddox, when you want exceptions for every little thing that someone wants to customize in their restaurant, or not having their ID in a bar." Dickhead! That's not the example I gave. I gave an example where literally nothing would have changed if he let me on the bus four blocks earlier. NOTHING would have changed.

Dick: Um, yeah. You wanna hear some voicemails?

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Yeah, this is Dave from New Hampshire. Maddox, I just thought it was really clever the way you repackaged Reverend Scott's Dick Versus Dick there into Amnesia Dick or whatever it was. Like, you totally turned it into a totally different thing. (they laugh) **Um, very impressive. Uh, I actually…you inspired me to create my own podcast. It's gonna be called, um…"What is the Biggest Problem in the Universe?"**

Maddox: Uh-huh. (annoyed) (Dick cackles)

"Um…and I think it should do pretty good. Let me know if you got any advice or anything for me… (Dick laughs) **and, yeah, Dick go fuck yourself!")**

Dick: Aww. (sighs) (Maddox sighs) Fuck!

Maddox: Yeah, I got some advice for you, dude. Uh, fuck off. How about that? Start there. Start there. Fuck…not just part of the way off, allll the way off.

Dick: Oh, all the way off.

Maddox: All the way off. I want that guy to fuck all the way off. Here's the thing. Um, I created that new bit. It's called **Dick:** Instant Amnesia.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Because it's different.

Dick: And that's the bit where you take audio clips you've already used in another bit…

Maddox: No.

Dick: That someone sent.

Maddox: No, no. no.

Dick: And you reuse them.

Maddox: First of all. First of all, Dick, I came up with the Dick Versus Dick bit, right? So if someone uses the Dick Versus Dick bit…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It's a bit that I created.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And so, I can't be accused of ripping off myself.

Dick: But you already did it. It's like a rerun, kind of…

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: With a different name.

Maddox: No, it's different. And I'll tell you why..

Dick: (interjects) It's like they took Saved by the Bell and put it with Zack introducing it, but the old Miss Bliss stuff.

Maddox: So…so last episode, we were supposed to…

Sean: (interjects) And you CAN be accused of ripping off yourself.

Dick: Yeah, you totally can.

Maddox: Well, yeah. But it doesn't hold. I mean, I don't even know what the means. To rip off yourself.

Sean: Jon Fogerty was sued by Saul Zaentz for ripping off himself, because Saul Zaentz owed the Fantasy Record stuff and Fogerty was on another label…

Maddox: Yeah, but those are two people, Sean. We're not…we're talking about one person.

Sean: No, no, no, no!

Maddox: I know, but that's a rights issue. The…they're fighting for the rights. I know that case.

Sean: Saul Zaentz accused Jon Fogerty of plagiarizing himself. How's that different?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: We can accuse you of plagiarizing yourself. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: The difference is, Sean. The difference is, Sean…because he owned the copyright to that…that…excuse me, it was either the song, or the album, or whatever.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: So he owned the copyright to it and then he spun off and did his own thing, and then he got sued for ripping off "himself".

Sean: That's right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is…I dunno what happened to that lawsuit, but essentially, that's a rights issue.

Dick: Is this an apology that you're making to Reverend Scott for ripping off his bit, right now?

Maddox: No, I acknowledged…

Sean: (interjects) How is this stuff copyrighted?

Maddox: Anyway. Um, last episode, we were supposed to record the normal episode.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Excuse me, we were supposed to record…yeah. The normal episode, and then the bonus episode, so I introduced this bit.

Dick: So we did.

Maddox: No, I…I had intended to introduce the bit in a different order.

Dick: Ohhh!!

Maddox: Uh, because I had a different…I had a different version of it.

Dick: It got all messed up?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I specifically…I specifically wanted to draw a contrast to…this is not a Dick Versus Dick, this is INSTANT amnesia.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Which is like…when you contradict yourself within, like, 1 to 5 minutes. That's the difference here.

Dick: Well, I think it's more like I forgot what I just said. 'Cause that's the title of the bit. Contradicting it would be…right?

Maddox: Yeah…oh, okay. You forgot what you just said, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I think what most people saw, though, is just replayed audio.

Maddox: Ummmmm, I mean…(stammers) here's some more replayed audio, Dick. (Dick giggles)

(Dick: "Three little words." "I got a stats for you.")

(Dick cracks up)

Maddox: I mean, there's like…

(Sound effect: Fart)

Maddox: There's lots of replayed audio on this show, Dick.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: Alright. Allllright. Uh…you wanna hear one more? Somebody sent in a song.

(Song starts, funky beat:

Dick: (yelling) "Fuck you. Fuck your bandwidth! Fuck your ISP."

Dick: (yelling) "If it entertains me…if it amuses me for a little bit…"

Dick: (yelling) "Beam Trailer Park Boys into SPACE 24 hours a day!! Where no one's gonna watch it!"

Dick: (yelling) "I'm the customer!! I don't care!! Fuck you!!"

(bass drop)

Dick: (yelling) "Come on, WHAT?!" "Or!!" "That's crazy!!" "Stupid button."

"Come on." "WHAT?!" "Come on." "WHAT?!"

"You motherfucker."

"BLOOD PRESSURE DOWN!!"

"But it's not the Ghostbusters!"

"This guy actually doesn't own this photo, it belongs to a FUCKING MONKEY?!"

"Come on." "WHAT?!"

"I got shit all over." (beat continues)

"Come on."

"Oh, my God!"

"Come on." "WHAT?!" "WHAT?!"

"Of course!" "She can smell it!"

"Or!!"

"Come on." "WHAT?!"

"You know what…" (Maddox starts laughing)

"You know what I love about these Dick Versus…"

"These chicken shit nutless Dick Versus Dick out of contest horseshit bits that you do!!" (Maddox cracking up)

"You're like a fucking child!" "You're like a fucking child busting your dad's balls!"

"How dare they."

"Stats!"

"Come on." "WHAT?!"

"The government."

"So what does that tell you?"

"I'm probably drunk…or high."

"FUCKING MONKEY!"

"Come on." "WHAT?!"

"I am RIGHT!"

(Sound clip: "Well, that's unfortunate.")

"Hate it so much."

"I'm crazy."

"Come on." "WHAT?!"

"You motherfucker."

"WHAT?!"

(Maddox cracks up)

"I can't jerk off enough times in a day to get rid of this rage!"

"Yeah, I'm gonna go have a heart attack." (song ends))

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Good song. Who…who did that?

Dick: Uh…**Jacob Segren.**

Maddox: Jacob Segren.

Dick: Jacob Segren.

Maddox: Yeah. Funny song.

Dick: You wanna hear a shitty voice mail on me?

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: This guy doesn't like me.

Maddox: Well, let's hear it. (snorts)

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hi. I'm just calling to say that first of all, I mean…Dick, go fuck yourself. (giggles) **Second of all, your grammar just makes me want to fucking cut my balls off.** (Dick snorts) **And third, Maddox, I love you. Take it easy, guys.")**

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Was that Angelo's mom?

Dick: It sounds like her, but I don't know. (it doesn't sound like her)

Maddox: Sounds like her. Yeah.

Dick: Sounded like a local call. Alright. You wanna get into some problems?

Maddox: Um, I have one more comment I want to read. This ones from **Dylan Gentry.** Okay. So, since last episode, Dick, I released my…my video about self-checkout lanes.

Dick: Oooooh.

Maddox: And, uh…yeah. So, who was that guy? I wanna find out his name. Remember the guy who said he would give me his…he would empty his account?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: If I posted a video?

Dick: He's been criticizing it on Twitter.

Maddox: Oh. Oh, great. Let him criticize it. Because here's the thing. Every single defense of that self-checkout lane boils down to this. They say, "Maddox, if you don't use..if you don't buy any produce, if you don't buy any meat. If you don't buy any deli items. If you don't buy anything that doesn't have a bar code. If you only buy things that are heavy enough for the thing to scan. And if you don't buy too many things, they work great." Well, shitheads. That's exactly my criticism of self-checkout lanes, is that they have all these conditions for them to work! And even then, they don't work. As evidenced in that video that I posted. So I got this guy…his name is…well, you know, I can't read his name, because you'll see why. He says, **"Dear Maddox. After watching your video and listening to Episode 8, in which you express your hatred of self-checkout lanes, I realized that I had been using these devices exclusively for months, if not years, at my local grocery store. In fact, I couldn't remember the last time I went through a checkout lane staffed by an actual human, and your critique had me questioning the efficiency and convenience I had taken for granted. So yesterday, as I made a stop at Fred Meyer…"** Have you ever heard of Fred Meyer?

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's a big store in Utah. It's kinda like…it's kinda like a Walmart, but it's kind of like a local Wal-Mart. Like, you have a grocery store, and automotive, and electronics all in one. Um, he said, **"I stopped by a Fred Meyer to pick up a few things. I decided to**

test your theory. It was about 6 PM and the store was packed with shoppers. I made my way through the aisles, selecting my items, and made sure to include at least one alcoholic beverage and one "embarrassing item" in case…"

Dick: What is that?

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: What's an embarrassing item.

Maddox: Oh, he said, **"In this case, it was jock itch spray**, **which, unfortunately, I actually needed."** (laughs)

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: So he got some jock itch spray, some alcohol, and then a few other items. **"At the front of the store, there were 12 self-checkout machines and one helpless attendant scrambling around, checking IDs, helping people weigh their fruit, clearing error messages, etc. It's a full-on shitshow. And what's worse is that people are waiting in line to use them. Meanwhile, less than 20 feet away, literally half a dozen human cashiers are standing at the end of their lanes, asking passing shoppers if they are ready to check out. I picked the youngest, cutest, most femalest-looking one, and zipped into her lane. Within seconds, I had dropped my items on the conveyor, swiped my debit card, and waiting to approve the total as she scanned and bagged my items for me. We even made small talk, which I actually kind of welcomed in an age where 99% of my social interaction takes place on a smartphone. Even with checking my ID for the beer, the whole process took less than 2 minutes."** Blablabla. **"Anyway, man. Lesson learned. Self-checkout lanes are for suckers and they should be eradicated from this Earth. Maddox, thank you for opening my eyes. Love the podcast."** Etc, etc. Anyway. Yeah.

Dick: Changed that guy's life.

Maddox: But, remember, Dick, you brought in…you hate when people at bars sit around fiddling on their smart phones, right?

Dick: Yeah. It annoys me.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Uh, because they're totally removed from the experience, and it means I'm there drinking by myself, which I could do at home.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But…(stammers) when you go to a self-checkout lane, it's also one less interaction that you have with a human being.

Dick: I suppose so.

Maddox: Yeah. Some people in the comments were saying,(goofy voice) "Hey Maddox, uhh…it's just an opportunity for me to avoid talking to another human being." Guys, if you

have social anxiety disorder, get some counselling! Get some therapy. Self-checkout lanes aren't the help. Self-checkout lanes aren't the solution.

Dick: Well…this guy followed your advice.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Turned out better. You might meet somebody, guys. You might go on a date, just by buying groceries.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hitting on girls while they're at work? I'm not even a big enough scumbag to do that.

Maddox: (scoffs) Get outta here!

Dick: No, I don't hit on girls where they work. I don't.

Maddox: Oh. (skeptical)

Dick: I don't!

Maddox: Dick, you are…you don't go to a bar…and I won't say the name of it, but you specifically won't go to a bar because you fucked…you hooked up with someone there.

Dick: First of all…multiple bars.

Maddox: There you go!

Dick: And they hit on me first!

Maddox: Ohh, okay.

Dick: I always wait for them.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: I don't hit on girls at work.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: It's creepy! You got 'em cornered. Like, they gotta keep coming back to you no matter what you do or say.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I just get a bad feeling about it.

Maddox: Alright. Well, those are all the comments I got. You wanna get to a problem?

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: What do you got?!

Dick: My first problem is…can I get a drumroll for this one? 'Cause it's a big problem.

Maddox: Here you go.

Dick: And everyone's gonna hate me after I say it.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Dick: The Pope!

Maddox: Ohhhh, the Pope.

Dick: The Pope. The new Pope. Should I say "the new Pope"?

Maddox: Pope Francis. Because when people…

Dick: (interjects) Well, Pope friendly...go ahead.

Maddox: (interjects) When people listen to this 200 years from now, they'll say, "Which new Pope? What are you talking about?" It's Pope Francis. That's who you're talking about.

Dick: Oh, not like Pope Gizorbizorg, or something like that?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: (clears throat) Yeah. Pope Francis.

Maddox: Pope…Pope Maddox, maybe?

Dick: I wanna call him the Pope, though.

Maddox: Yeah, he's the Pope.

Dick: 'Cause he seems like the p…you know what? This Pope's really pissing me off.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: He came to…he came to the US. He goes up in Congress and starts just telling us how to run our business.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Right? That's the point of his address, right?

Maddox: Okay. Like what?

Dick: Is he gets up there…he gets up there and tells us what to do about everything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What to do about climate change. What to do about immigration. What to do about all these things. And I'm sitting here thinking, like, "What the fuck is this?" "Who is this person who is not a part of this country?" This is, like, the first time a Pope has ever done this, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Come to our government and told US how to run things.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: It annoyed me.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Well, what?

Maddox: No. I wanna hear your whole grievance. I wanna hear what beef you have with him.

Dick: Well, I went down all of his lists…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I find him to be massively hypocritical.

Maddox: Mmmkay.

Dick: In all these things he's telling us.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Like, umm…let's start with the environment one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll read you what he…I'll read his quote from the…I think this is one from… (inaudible) **"I call for a courageous and responsible effort to redirect our steps and avert the most serious effects of the environmental deterioration caused by human activity."** Right? **"I'm convinced that we can make a difference. I have no doubt the United States and this Congress has an important role to play."** So big old…you better fix the environment, you guys.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a huge problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um…how about…how about, Popey? (Maddox giggles) If you wanna be a part of the solution and not on the problem list? How about you start encouraging a little bit of birth control? How about that?

Maddox: He has.

Dick: No, that was…what do you mean, are you talking about condoms?

Maddox: Pope Francis…has softened the Catholic stance on birth control.

Dick: In what way?

Maddox: Well, specifically, I have a quote here. He says, **"We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage, and the use of contraceptive methods. It is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time."** He told Catholics to kinda chill out about the whole condom thing, and…

Dick: See, but this is why…this is why I don't like him. This is why he rubs me the wrong way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because he's saying these things. These statements.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That people TAKE to mean he's, like, approving of gay marriage and approving of contraception, but he didn't say in there, "Guys, use the pill. Get on the pill. Get serious." He made a sweeping statement saying, "Don't badmouth birth control all the time."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You see? Like, I find all of his…and then I went back through and looked at all the things he said, like, his problems with…when he brought up gay marriage. He's like "Who am I to judge?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, well…uh, do you think they're going to Hell, or not? 'Cause that's…like, that's your opinion, man. What's your opinion? Do you think they're going to Hell or not? Because you can make a huge difference by saying, "They're not going to Hell. They're all right." But when you say, "Who am I to judge?" It's like, well…

Maddox: (interjects) But…

Dick: "What do you think? You're God's mouthpiece on Earth, so you're the Pope. That's who you are to judge. Tell us what to do!"

Maddox: No, but…

Dick: (interjects) The same way we got this shit in the first place!

Maddox: No…

Dick: Someone told us they're going to Hell, now you tell us they're not going to Hell, or we have to keep going with "They're going to Hell".

Maddox: But that specifically contradicts the doctrine that Catholics believe, is that judgment comes down from up high and not from people, so that's why he said, "Who am I to judge?" and specifically, he said about gay people. He said, "We shouldn't marginalize gay people. They must be integrated into society." Yeah. And he said that quote about "Who am I to judge?"

Dick: Who am I to judge.

Maddox: He even said that about atheists, Dick. He said…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, no, I know! I heard the quote.

Maddox: Yeah. He said that he believes atheists who live a good life are good people. I mean, this is the most progressive Pope. And everybody is shitting on him. Because look, man.

Dick: (interjects) I have no heard that everyone's shitting on him. Is…

Maddox: Oh, my gosh.

Dick: Is everyone shitting on him?

Maddox: Yessss, man.

Dick: Who's shitting on him?

Maddox: I'll tell you when the tides shifted for this Pope. Um, people…people love this Pope. To an extent. But when news came out that he had met with Kim Davis…

Dick: Hooo, baby.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick cackles) Kim Davis, for those who don't know…

Dick: (interjects) I already wanted to bring him in before that, too.

Maddox: Yeah, so. For those who don't know, Kim Davis is that county clerk, in, what is it? Kansas?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The Kansas county clerk…who refused to issue gay marriage licenses.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: She refused to do her job, essentially. And, uh…(Dick sighs)

Dick: Well.

Maddox: There's this…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's this…uh..uh…um…

Dick: See, I'm kinda on her…I understand…do you mind if I jump in real quick?

Maddox: No, go for it. I…(giggles)

Dick: Because this is a…this is a woman, right…like…this is what…this is what I'm thinking.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You got a government job.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Alright? Big thing in this country is freedom of religion, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So when you got the job, you never thought you had to be an accessory to a mortal sin. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: Like, in her…in her mind, and in her heart, this is something that people do and spend eternity in damnation.

Maddox: Uh, yeah…(stammers) I guess. But there are a lot of things…but, she's really cherry picking some quotes from the Old Testament. Because if she's really…she doesn't believe this, Dick. Let's not pretend like we're violating this bitch's sole doctrine. Like, her religious beliefs are being violated?

Dick: Ehhhhhh…

Maddox: Fuck that! Because if she wants to cherry pick from the Old Testament? You know what, why don't you just swallow the entire Old Testament? We can't eat shellfish anymore. Women who are on their periods can't be touched. Uh, you can kill your neighbor's daughter. You can trade your daughter for slavery.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: These are Old Testament things.

Dick: I know, I know.

Maddox: She's cherry picking this ONE line from the Old Testament, and then making a big grandstand, as if it has anything to do with her beliefs! It has absolutely nothing to do with her beliefs, because there's tons of people who share her beliefs. Her religion. But aren't such staunch, dickhead bigots when it comes to gay marriage.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And let's not…let's not pretend it's anything but bigotry. I mean, that's all it is. It's just bigotry. She just hates gay people.

Dick: Well….(sighs)

Maddox: She doesn't want…she doesn't want to issue them gay marriage license. Don't take the job. If you know…look.

Dick: But that's my point. She took the job and this wasn't…like, this wasn't a thing. And overnight, now she's gotta make a lot…some serious choices that…I don't know are necessarily fair to ask a person to make, like, a snap decision on that. You know. Keep in mind. I'm for gay people getting married, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: For…okay. Some…her supervisors should've had a plan in place to say like, "Look, if you don't feel comfortable with this, 'cause it's, like, against your religious beliefs…"

Maddox: Right. Right, right.

Dick: "Just step aside and we'll have someone else do it." Like, you can't start serving mandatory pork in student lunches. And then say, like, "Well, if you got a problem touching it, 'cause of your religious beliefs, that's on you! Quit!" And you're just like, no, that's not really fair, that you're all of a sudden making these people contravene their beliefs.

Maddox: No, but…

Dick: (interjects) You gotta have SOMETHING in place for that.

Maddox: But Kim Davis, uh…the judge who let her out of jail.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Said to her..that she…

Dick: (interjects) She went to jail because of that?

Maddox: She went to jail, yeah. She's not doing her j…she was obstructing justice. She's obstructing government work from being done. She should go to jail. Like, there's nothing else you can do. You can't fire her. She was appointed to the job.

Dick: I…I think this is kind of a liberal lynch mob that she's getting. Like, I don't agree with her, but…

Maddox: (interjects) No, Dick. Lemme finish this point.

Dick: All the hate she's getting is a little nuts.

Maddox: Lemme finish this point. The judge who let her out of jail…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Said, "Okay, you can go back to work, and so we don't violate your beliefs…" Right? That you supposedly hold so dear.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: We're gonna let the Deputy Clerk, or the deputy who works there, sign these papers off. And she's…

Dick: Sounds…

Maddox: And then you know what? She said "No, that doesn't count." That doesn't count. She said…

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Now she's grandstanding. (Dick laughs) Fuck off, man!

Dick: Me?

Maddox: No, no, her. Her. Not you.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Her. She's just grandstanding.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Her fucking bigotry. That's all it is, man. It's just bald-faced bigotry.

Dick: Yeah. Well…

Maddox: You're…and by the way, Dick. Signing a piece of paper doesn't mean you endorse their lifestyle. I can sign whatever the fuck I want, it doesn't mean I endorse their lifestyle. You are just…

Dick: (interjects) You're talking about someone who believes in God, though! I mean, this is, like, they believe in a Hell and an afterlife?! Just giving them that benefit of the doubt that they are, in fact, making decisions on what they believe to be the rest of their eternal, like, whatever? I don't even kn…I don't know how they think it works, but if they're making decisions based on that, it's a lot! It's a lot to ask. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: It's a lot to ask you to do your job…

Dick: (laughs) Yeah.

Maddox: You know all those memes…

Dick: (interjects) The requirements of the jobs changed pretty quickly!

Maddox: Well, then don't take a job, guys. If you're afraid…(Dick chuckles) If you're afraid that something in…in life might change so that it violates your beliefs…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Then fucking don't work. Why don't you just stay home and start your own business and do whatever the fuck you want.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you don't have to…look, man. Signing a piece of paper…her job is essentially a notary. She's just notarizing those documents to prove that they're legal. She doesn't have to endorse their lifestyle. She's not saying, "I'm…I, Kim Davis, support sodomy." She's not saying that.

Dick: No.

Maddox: She's just signing her paper. And by the way, shouldn't we hold a standard also for straight people who have anal sex? Like, isn't it about time we talked about this? (giggles) Like, straight people who have anal sex are completely off the hook! But it's just GAY people. Specifically gay people who have anal sex. That's all it comes down to.

Dick: Well, I mean, not gay men. I don't…

Maddox: Not women.

Dick: Not women. (grins)

Maddox: Hey, I don't know…

Dick: (interjects) Hey, but who the fuck gives a fuck about gay women, right?! (they crack up) Alright, anyway. So the Pope's telling us…hey, I think he could be a little more encouraging of birth control, since he wants to cut all our emissions down. All our carbon emissions down, right? (grins) Where's…where's Catholicism spreading the most? Not in America!

Maddox: But they also…right.

Dick: It's all over the Third World! In Africa! Industrialized nations need to be making cement and cranking out CO2!!!

Maddox: Yeah, but it's also their beliefs that the world should be replenished and blablabla, so you're asking essentially…they're contradictory beliefs. The Bible contradicts itself.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're…they're contradictory beliefs.

Dick: Yeah, because these rules were made when they thought semen was little homunculus men that you're ejaculating.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I…yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, essentially.

Dick: So, as soon as we discover that that's not true…let's pump up the birth control.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You wanna give big speeches to Congress, maybe have…maybe bring a couple ideas to the table.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's all I'm saying. Immigration.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's saying "Welcome." Welcome it. All forms of immigration.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: All kinds!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: All kinds, all kinds. Uh, whose country…whose city has the biggest walls on Earth? You ever been to the Vatican?

Maddox: Uh, yeah, I have.

Dick: You couldn't…even with a jet pack, you couldn't clear those walls.

Maddox: Uhhhh, I think I c…(laughs)

Dick: Even with your magical Crown Jewel-stealing jetpack. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Two jumps, buddy! I could steal…I could steal, uh…what's his name? The Pieta. La Pieta?

Dick: Yeah, that statue?

Maddox: Yeah, the..the…

Dick: Yeah. That somebody threw a hammer at?

Maddox: That Michaelangelo…oh, someone threw a hammer at that?

Dick: Oh, it's behind _____, yeah. Somebody threw a hammer at it a long time ago.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh.

Dick: It sucks, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck. Crazy.

Maddox: It's beautiful.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I could steal it. (they laugh)

Dick: Hey! As long as we're tearing down walls…hypothetical walls, why don't we tear down some real ones?! You got some real nice walls over there in Vatican City!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where's all…where's all the immigration, are they lining up, with the rest of us, to get in there?

Maddox: To get into Vatican City?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: There's no…you just walk in.

Dick: Well, you gotta wait in line!

Maddox: No, there's…

Dick: When the gate's closed?!

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh, buddy!

Dick: When the gate's closed, that gate is fucking closed. What?

Maddox: Ahhh. Haven't you learned anything from my methods and techniques? (Dick chuckles) Remember how I said I would steal the Crown Jewels?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: How I walked right into the exit and that…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And they were right there and I could just grab 'em. Right? Same thing with the Vatican, buddy. Always walk in through the exit. I just walked right into the exit in the Vatican, and I'm right there, man!!

Dick: Did you, really?

Maddox: Oh yeah! You just walk into the exit!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Ah!

Dick: Can we ship all of our…illegal immigrants over there, then? Pope would be cool with that? Here you go, Pope! Everybody's immigrants…it's all…immigration's okay! We're just gonna send 'em over here. Don't worry about that.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Do you think that's a little bit fucked, that he said that? Or not?

Maddox: What…what specifically did he say?

Dick: Um, lemme…lemme pull it up.

Maddox: Was this about the refugees coming from Syria, and that more countries should be…should have open doors.

Dick: (interjects) We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this as the son of immigrants, knowing that many of you are also descended from immigrants. In recent centuries, millions of people came to this land to pursue their dream of building a future and freedom. I…I don't know. I don't have the exact…he said to take it easy on illegal immigration.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Basically.

Maddox: So…so…okay. So this whole thing bugs you, right?

Dick: It bugs me, because he's sitting on a for…the biggest fortune on Earth, in like a… Vatican City is basically Scrooge McDuck's vault.

Maddox: Ehh.

Dick: And he's…like, Scrooge McDuck is wandering into Congress saying, "You know what? Y'all motherfuckers need to be more generous!" (Maddox laughs) Like, quackeroonie! We're being pretty generous here, Pope! What…(stammers) here. Lemme bring in something he said about guns.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This was his…thing on guns. Um, "People who manufacture weapons or invest in weapons industries are hypocrites if they call themselves Christian." Right?

Maddox: (interjects) People…

Dick: (interjects) People who manufacture weapons or invest in weapons industries are hypocrites if they call themselves Christian.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: That's pretty damning. That's a pretty damning statement, right?

Maddox: Well. Yeah. That's pretty…that's pretty out there.

Dick: It's pretty incendiary!

Maddox: Well, I would say specifically that, because the Vatican does have armed forces.

Dick: Ho!! Tremendously armed!

Maddox: Yeah. They do have armed forces, so are they then hypocrites, or are the people who hold those guns bad people, because they're defending the Vatican? Is that…I mean, is that the argument that's being made here?

Dick: Hey, all I'm saying is invest in weapons industries.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How did those guns get made? How are they making more? Somebody bought the ones you're using…the Pope cruises around in his magical spaceship, surrounded by six guys armed to the teeth. Right?

Maddox: No, no. He's…he's not…actually, he's the first Pope since, I don't remember when, but he doesn't travel in an armed vehicle anymore.

Dick: Still? In America?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I know he did it once when he first came in.

Maddox: No. He didn't travel in an armored vehicle, and I think he let a lot of his security detail go. He…he gets out in the public, buddy.

Dick: If I see one guy with a gun protecting him, what am I supposed to think about that statement?

Maddox: Uh, I dunno, man. He just doesn't seem too worried about it, which is I think how Popes should be. Uh, if Popes…

Dick: Right?! 'Cause they're definitely going to Heaven.

Maddox: Yeah. It's also…I mean, you know. It's not because they're not…they're afraid of not going to heaven. It's because they are the spiritual leader to millions of people and they want to be alive to do their jobs. Uh, I think that's the reason. But it's also doubling down on your faith. If you believe that you're there on a mission from God. If you're there on a mission from God.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And you are…you have some direct line of communications, well, you know what? Go out there. Do your thing. Don't worry about security, 'cause God should protect you, and if something should happen, then maybe that's God's will.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm okay with that.

Dick: Okay. You're okay with him…

Maddox: (interjects) And I think that's what he's doing. He's actually going around without bulletproof vehicles.

Dick: Oh, I think he relies on guns!

Maddox: So, here's the thing, Dick.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Here's…here's what I'm wondering. If you took all those quotes that the Pope said and…misattributed them, so that you removed the Pope's name from those quotes.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And said that someone on Tumblr said it.

Dick: I was just thinking Tumblr. Yes. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Or someone on the Internet. Some "whatever" website. Some activist website, maybe a liberal. If someone had said that…

Dick: Maybe.

Maddox: And…you…you ascribed the quality of being American to that person, right? So just an average Joe said it…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You probably wouldn't have a problem with that, because we all have opinions.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And the Pope is just another person who has opinions. It reminds me, a long time ago…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Of a conversation I had a long time ago with a buddy of mine who…really got pissed off and irked any time a celebrity espoused any political opinions on TV.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And he just kept RANTING about this. And I'm like, "Buddy, do you get pissed off when CNN interviews an average Joe plumber and asks their opinion on what the country should do, or what direction the country should go in, or what economic policy should be, or etc, etc. If they ask a housewife. If they ask a librarian or a teacher. He said, "No." I said, "Well, guess what. A celebrity is just another person who has a job."

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: "Who has an opinion. And they are American, just like you and me. And we have no…there's no difference between us and them. We all have opinions. So if the Pope comes to Congress and says, "Hey guys. Here's a bunch of opinions. He's doing that as the Pope, sure, but he's also doing that as a person who has opinions. And anyone who goes to the White House, even that little kid who made that atomic clock that Obama invited him to the White House…"

Dick: (interjects) Well, someone made the atomic clock. I don't know if it was the kid.

Maddox: Even…even NBA players.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Even…uh…baseball players and jazz musicians, and pe…anyone who visits. Bill Gates.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Anyone who visits the White House has opinions as people. So…how much can you impugn the Pope for having opinions. Just for being another person.

Dick: A guy with an opinion does not get an unlimited address to Congress. An unlimited, televised address, with applause breaks every minute and a half.

Maddox: Right, but…

Dick: He's speaking as a pontiff for a major religion, as the mouthpiece of God.

Maddox: He…(stammers)

Dick: (interjects) That is my big…my big problem with it is that, to me, after seeing that speech and after thinking about these hypocrisies, I see it as like a guy who will say anything to a girl just to get the tip inside of her.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And he's like, "Okay. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Gay is great. Atheist is great. Yeah, yeah. Just...remember me when they pass around the plate."

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: I see it as one big ad. Because all of the things he's busting our balls for, he does in spades.

Maddox: Uh, I don't…

Dick: (interjects) That's why it annoys me.

Maddox: I don't think all of the things. The only thing that really sounded egregiously hypocritical here was the gun…the gun thing. Like, if you're asking people not to invest in gun manufacturing? Then don't have armed guards at the Vatican. Because you can't have one without the other. But, other than that…

Dick: (interjects) He's busting capitalism's balls, too.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, sure. I mean, he's not…you know. He probably doesn't have completely capitalistic views.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And neither does America, to be frank. America's not purely capitalistic.

Dick: Well, that's true. (sighs)

Maddox: But…the Pope…

Dick: (interjects) You wanna go?

Maddox: Uh, yeah.

Dick: (interjects) No, go ahead, do your Pope thing.

Maddox: (interjects) I just…

Dick: I'm gonna…I'm gonna wrap it up. I don't wanna take forever on that.

Maddox: Alright. Um…the Pope. The reason he gets that platform is, again, he is the mouthpiece for millions of people. And if not the mouthpiece…

Dick: (interjects) Billions!

Maddox: At the very least…at the very least, he represents a huge portion of people. I think that he gets a platform, not because Congress is his lapdog, or anything like that, but because he's a popular person. Hell, man, if I go to do a talk somewhere, people are gonna show up because it's me, but if some Joe Schmo shows up, not as many people will show up, and there won't be a platform for that person, right?

Dick: Maddox, you're not getting an address to Congress.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: I dunno what the world is like in your head, but that's not happening.

Sean: Especially now that they know you've been ripping off bits. (they crack up)

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean. Alright guys.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I got a real problem.

Dick: Go vote up the Pope, you motherfuckers!

Maddox: So that…that's your problem? The Pope?

Dick: The Pope.

Maddox: You specifically want to name it as "The Pope" and not Pope Francis?

Dick: Uh…yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: The Pope.

Maddox: The Pope.

Dick: 'Cause he's gonna be there forever.

Maddox: Alright. (scoffs)

Dick: Hey, you know…what the Pope is great at, though?

Maddox: What?

Dick: He's got a nice, clean, shorn face.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh, boy, does he ever!

Dick: This episode is brought to you by Harry's.

Maddox: He uses those German blades! (they laugh)

Dick: I don't know if he does. The last Pope, you bet your ass used a German blade.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, that's right, yeah. I'm thinking of the last Pope!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: He's from Argentina.

Dick: The guy that was in the Hitler Youth.

Maddox: What was his name? Uh…

Sean: No, but the, uh…

Maddox: (interjects) Pope Mackenzie?

Dick: Pope Palpatine.

Maddox: Palpatine. Palpatine.

Dick: The last guy.

Sean: No…Benedict.

Maddox: Emperor Palpatine, yeah. Oh, Benedict, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. It was Benedict. Go to http://www.harrys.com. Use BIGGESTPROBLEM as the promo code. You get $5 off. It's always free shipping at Harry's. They make a damn good razor. Everyone knows that. You know that. Sean, I don't know if you know that, but everybody else knows that.

Maddox: Sean, how often do you shave?

Sean: Uh, a few times a week.

Maddox: Okay. You shave, then.

Sean: Eh, a couple times. Yeah. I just…I think I shaved yesterday.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: You spending…

Sean: (interjects) I can't be bothered most of the time.

Dick: You spending money at the drugstore on your razors, Sean?

Sean: No, I'm not.

Dick: You're not?

Sean: I'm not. I'm using a Harry's.

Dick: Are you fucking really?

Sean: Yeah!!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Smart.

Dick: Well…Sean's…all the Sean lovers in the audience, Sean endorses it.

Maddox: Sean's a loyal supporter of the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: I got an email from **Scott A. Behr** about Harry's razors. **"Gentlemen, thank you so much for your podcast. Each week, my Wednesday night has become a ritual of listening to the new episode while drinking and playing video games with the wife."**

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Cool wife, man!

Dick: Playing video games with the wife. Cool wife. **"Additionally, thank you for going with Harry's as a sponsor."** That's…you know, we did vet a lot of sponsors. We chose Harry's. **"As a member of the US Air Force, I am required to have a clean-shaven face at all times. For somebody who has the facial genetics of a pirate Viking, this is horrible on my wallet."**

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Dick: You have incredible facial hair as well.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Do you find…do you identify with this guy?

Maddox: Oh, totally. My…my hair comes in really coarse.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh, it's like a Brillo pad.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And I go through razors…I find little nicks on my razors. You know, I won't mention the specific brands, but…

Dick: Right.

Maddox: All the razors I got…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Were…all the razors I used to use had little nicks in them. And I could see… because my hair is stronger than steel.

Dick: Scott A. Behr was spending **"$64 a month on razors that left his face ripped apart and looking like he hadn't even shaved."** Jesus Christ, really? **"Of course, smartasses who can't even grow facial hair would always respond with..'well, do you know how to shave?' I just received my Harry's kit and it is the best shave I've ever had. Six hours later, my face still feels like there's never even been any hair on it. Harry's now has a lifelong customer, and I'm saving a lot of money every month on razors.'** Probably to buy video games to play with his hot-ass wife. Cool.

Maddox: Yeah, bet his wife's hot! His wife's hot 'cause he uses Harry's!

Dick: http://www.harrys.com , promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM. Save 5 bucks.

Maddox: Hot wife plays video games, huh? (Dick laughs) You know who doesn't have a wife, Dick? Friend-Zoned Pussies!

Dick: Oh,f…(laughs)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Yeah!! (laughing)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Friend-zoned pussies

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: Dick, um…you know…you know the term "friend zone"?

Dick: Only academically. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Only academically.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: Get outta here. Look, 4Chan's not academic, buddy.

Dick: No, I mean…yeah, yeah, yeah. I know what friend zone is.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Friend zone. It's the number one grievance that people have when they strike out with women. Guys. Mostly guys. And actually, I've heard it from the other side, too. I've heard women, lately.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Complaining to me. I have a lot of female friends, and they confide in me.

Dick: Mmmm.

Maddox: And they say that, you know, they've been friend zoned by guys.

Dick: Including you!

Maddox: What do you…

Dick: Well, these are friends of yours.

Maddox: Friends of mine, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…guys and girls. Well, they make different types of mistakes, but generally, from a guy's point of view, it's pussy on a pedestal.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And from a girl's point of view, it's Dick on a pedestal.

Dick: Okay, well…

Maddox: I was trying to think of a more clever…

Dick: That's pretty similar.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Dick on a dais.

Maddox: Dick on a dais.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, that's pretty funny. (smiles) Yeah. Dick on a dais. Um…so, I…I was at…well, I'll just tell you the story. I was talking to a guy awhile back. Who said that, you know, he had a huge crush on this girl, and they'd gone out, like, you know, three, four times. And I'm like "Alright, well, how's the sex?" And he says, "Oh, we haven't kissed yet." I'm like "Oh!!" (they crack up) Idiot. (laughs) Get outta there!

Dick: Yeah. Well, that's too bad.

Maddox: It's not…you're done! You're done, man!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Look. This goes for everyone, guy or girl.

Dick: Ahhhh. Yeah. (sighs)

Maddox: If you go out with someone more than twice or three times? Three times is the absolute limit. You go out with them more than three times and you haven't had ANYTHING sexual, not even a kiss…

Dick: But you've tried.

Maddox: But you've tried, yeah. Well…what I'm about to say is irrelevant of whether or not you've tried.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: If you haven't done it, then it's gone, most likely forever. 99% chance it's gone forever.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: But if you tried…if you tried and it didn't happen, it could happen at some point later on down the line. But that "friend zone" is a cement, buddy. It starts to set the moment you step foot in their door, or the moment you step foot in that restaurant on that first date.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: I'll tell you why. Because…because that cement…

Dick: (interjects) Well, I'm still processing the try part. But go ahead.

Maddox: I'll tell you why trying…trying is different. Because once you've communicated, the entire problem of friend zoning…boils down to this one thing, right? You just have to communicate sexual interest in somebody. And that word sexual is so important. That's everything. Because sometimes guys and girls forget that the opposite sex likes sex and they want to have it with YOU, possibly, if you make a move. But if you try. If you make that first move, at least you've planted a seed in their head. Trying and failing at least communicates to them that you're interested. Because down the line, you know what? They might…they might just be sitting around one night, they want a booty call, they might call you over.

Dick: I really see this in the opposite terms.

Maddox: How's that?

Dick: If you try…if you make any kind of overture…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sexual overture, or even, like, a romantic one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, someone treats you as a friend, you should know the difference pretty clearly.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Whether they're being friendly or they wanna be intimate with you.

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: Uh, if they reject that, then I'm out. Like, I'm like, "Oh, okay. We're not sexually… you're not sexually interested at all. Like, whatever. See ya. Have a nice life."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But if you don't try…like, I think you can go a long time with a woman without trying and still something sexual will develop.

Maddox: N…(laughs) No! No way, man! If you go a long time with a woman…like, yeah. It CAN happen. I'm not saying it's imp…it's outside the realm of possibility. Like, sometimes, I…one of my good friends is dating their high school sweetheart, and they said in high school, they never had anything romantic.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then they reconnected years later and it became a thing, right? That can happen.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But, uh…it's exceedingly rare. If you meet somebody and you are interested in them. I'm talking to you, guys. I'm talking to you, "nice guys". Right? Who are too…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who…respect the woman too much to have sex with her.

Dick: Right. Ohhh! (disgusted)

Maddox: You guys.

Dick: Oh, dear.

Maddox: You guys.

Dick: Is that a thing?

Maddox: Oh, it's a thing! It's the Nice Guy syndrome! That's what this boils down to!! These guys…these are nice guys who don't want to have sex because they're in it for the friendship, and they're in it for, uh…you know, they don't want to mislead the woman into thinking that they're only in it for sex, because most guys are in it for sex, and they're

different. You know how I know so much about this, Dick? 'Cause I used to be one of these guys.

Dick: Oh, you used to be a nice guy.

Maddox: Awww, yeah. Well, I'm still a nice guy. But I'm a nice guy who has sex. That's the difference.

Sean: Lemme ask you a question.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Did you not think that women enjoyed sex as much as they do?

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: That's a good question.

Maddox: …yeah. That is a good question, Sean. I'm gonna…I'm gonna think about that for a second. But I will tell you what I viewed sex as. I viewed sex as something that all guys wanted, all the time, and that's all they wanted from women.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I wanted to draw a distinction between myself and those men.

Dick: So that was your value.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was the value you were saying you provide.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: You're there for, like, listening and shit.

Maddox: And by the way, when we're saying nice guy here, let's just…going forward, it's "nice guy" in quotes. We're not talking about literally, like, nice guys. I'm a nice guy. You're a nice guy. Sean's a nice guy. We're all nice guys, but I'm talking about the QUOTE "nice guy". The guy who becomes a friend with a woman, but is insincere.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And is manipulative.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And would swoop in at the opportunity and writes those, like, weepy comics.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Talking about how the girl always confides in him. "Oh, why aren't there nice guys?" And he secretly thinks, "Well, I'm a nice guy. Why don't you date me?"

Dick: I've never heard a girl say, "How come guys can't be like you?" Like, I've seen them tell that story.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, a girl…a hot girl that I've always been interested in told me "How come guys can't be like you?" But I've never heard a woman say that out loud.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like a…it's like a…pussy's version of a porno. Like, you watch a porno and I'm like, "This never happened."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, no guy walked into a sorority house and he's getting six blowjobs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? That's like how I feel…it's like, what woman ever said that to you? I don't really…I don't think she meant it. Maybe her tone was being, like, sarcastic or something? But I don't think that they think that.

Maddox: Oh, it's happened, man. It happened to me, when I was…when I was younger, when I was, I think, like, 16, 17 years old, when I first started taking interest in women and wanting to date them, whatever. You know, I became the "nice guy". And we would hang out a bunch. And I always thought…I even thought, I remember, like, women would confide in me to that level, like talking to me about their dates and stuff.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And these were women that I was interested in.

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: The problem was…

Dick: And you would listen to it!

Maddox: Yeah, I would listen to it.

Dick: Thinking that it would establish a bond.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And it did, but that bond was only friendship.

Dick: Lemme…well, yeah. Lemme…lemme just say this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I..no. You had more. Tell more. I'll say this after.

Maddox: Okay. I…so, that bond that I was creating was friendship, and in the back of mind, anytime they complained about men and how awful men were, blablabla, I thought, "Well, why couldn't that be me?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then, that…yeah. But that has changed radically. I don't hear that anymore. But what did you wanna say?

Dick: I wanted to say that women…I think, because I get what you're saying now. That guys will try to get close with women by just listening to them talk about, like, whatever shit they were doing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the emotions that are on their mind.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And my thinking is that I'm just…trying to unpack right now…women share their feelings compulsively. Like, I think that these friend-zoned pussies that you're talking about?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Assign some kind of, like, special meaning to the confidence that a woman that they're into is sharing with them, like, "I'm telling you about this thing." She's telling him about this thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This trial that she had.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But that's not what women are like. Like, guys are like that. I'm not gonna sit down with a guy and tell him something hard that I'm going through.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With just anybody.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what I'm talking about.

Maddox: That'd be someone close to you, right.

Dick: Yeah. Or else, I'm like, sitting down with a guy at a bus. Women aren't like that.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Women will compulsively share with everyone. (Maddox snorts) You know…even when you, you know, you don't want 'em to. Just blablablablabla.

Maddox: Well. Okay. (giggles) I mean, yeah.

Dick: They're talking at drive-through boxes out there, with what they're dealing with, you know?

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, uh…the thing that changed. The thing that shifted. And this is the problem with all these friend-zoned pussies.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Alright? The guys who don't get it. Is that they need to communicate to those women that they are interested in them, sexually. That's everything in the world. Everything in the world comes down to that.

Dick: Do you really think that?

Maddox: That's absolutely it. And I remember the moment I realized this, right? I went through this spell when I was single for about a year and a half, two years, when I went on dates and stuff.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh…hooked up here and there, but it wasn't really…I didn't feel like I was dating anyone, because all these girls I was hanging out with were just that. Girls I was hanging out with. We weren't having sex. We were just going to parties together, and…

Dick: Ohhhh. Okay.

Maddox: And doing…yeah. Doing, like date-y things, and stuff like that.

Dick: But not banging.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: No. Very rarely banging. Then I remember…

Dick: Ohhhhh.

Maddox: I remember. This is the moment that shifted for me. I went out on a date with this girl who, man. I hit it off so hard in this bar. I remember my friends came over, this girl is a babe. Total babe. Right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh…really cute smile, just…we were hitting it off! And my friends came into this bar and saw me alone with this girl, and they were running patterns. Wingman patterns. Like, helping me out. Like coming over, you know.

Dick: Oh, God. Oh, I…

Maddox: Oh, it was great.

Dick: It was good?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: No, they helped out. 'Cause there was one cock blocker who came through, and one of my friends came in and, like, tackled him. It was awesome. (grins) Uh, so…I thought, "Okay, well, I don't wanna blow it with this girl. She's so cute. She's so cool. We're totally hitting it off."

Dick: What are we talking about here? What'd she look like?

Maddox: She looked like…Drew Barrymore in her prime.

Dick: Mmkay.

Maddox: You know what I mean?

Dick: Little bit of, like, a smush face? (Maddox laughs) Little bit chubby, but she hides it with…

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: You mean, like, in ET?

Maddox: When Drew Barrymore…(laughs) Yeah, there you go. Like when she was in ET. No, man. When…like, imagine Drew Barrymore. I think Drew Barrymore has a cute smile. So it's like Drew Barrymore's smile…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then, like, a really nice, like, petite body.

Dick: Okay. Alright.

Maddox: She was a babe. She was a babe.

Dick: Alright. Alright.

Maddox: So, anyway, man. I finally got the balls that night to simply communicate something about her looks, which I realized, is something I had never done before.

Dick: Like, with a woman.

Maddox: With…with any of these girls that I had been dating. With girls after I started dating them? Then I would communicate that they looked good, and they were…

Dick: Oh, no shit! (surprised)

Maddox: Yeaaaah.

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: See, Dick? The reason you've never heard some of these, like, friendzone terms…

Dick: 'Cause I start with that.

Maddox: 'Cause you start with that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Exactly. Guys, the difference between a friendzoned pussy and a guy who gets laid…and by the way, guys, it doesn't just have to be you getting laid, you might want a relationship. That's fine.

Dick: Well, yeah.

Maddox: All of this stems from sexual attraction, and if you don't communicate that to them, then they don't know. And they're guessing just like you. And if you're that dud guy who's hanging around all the time, who never communicates that to them, they're gonna think you're a friend, 'cause of course. Why wouldn't they?

Dick: Can I tell you this? I think those friend-zoned pussies take it especially hard because they DO want a relationship. Like, they've romant…they've turned this woman…they've built this character for this woman.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That they think she is.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And they wanna marry her. It's not actually her.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: It's not.

Dick: It's a fantasy.

Maddox: It's a fantasy!

Dick: But…they want the relationship so bad…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That they get out of control, insanely jealous.

Maddox: And that's when you become a stalker.

Dick: Or worse.

Maddox: And that's when you become a creep. And that's when you start thinking about these people to the point where it's unhealthy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Lemme give you an example of this happening with a woman. A woman friend of mine. Came up to me one time and she had…she told me about this guy she was crushing on. And I already communicated to this girl that I had no interest in her sexually.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Right? So then she…she…

Dick: How did you communicate this?

Maddox: Uh, I told her I had a girlfriend.

Dick: Smart.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) So that shut down pretty quick.

Dick: Immediately. Very efficient.

Maddox: 'Cause I could tell there might have been a little something. I said, you know, I'm gonna shut this…I'm gonna nip this in the bud. I have a girlfriend. Uh…you know, at the time. And I nipped it in the bud.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So then she felt comfortable confiding in me, because we were just friends and that's all we were. And that's all I wanted. That's all she wanted. Great. No miscommunication. Awesome. We are in alignment. So then she started telling me about this guy she was interested in, and I said, "Okay, well, what's going on?" and she says, "Well, he's really funny. He's a great dude."

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: "He's really popular. Blablabla." I'm like "Alright, so shoot him a…do you have his phone number?"

Dick: Oh, god.

Maddox: She goes, "No, I don't know what to say to him." I said, "Okay, um, show me his Facebook profile." So she pulls it up. I said, "Got it. Bingo. I know what to say to him."

Dick: Oh, I thought it was gonna be you. (Maddox laughs) Oh, yeah.

Maddox: No, no, no, man. I nipped it in the bud, man. So we're just friends. So she pulls up this guy's Facebook profile, and I'm going through it, and I see his interests, and I see his hobbies, and I see the type of movies that he likes. That's enough for me to build a profile of who he is. So I said, "Okay, send him this message." And I crafted the perfect message, she goes, "Well, you type it."

Dick: Wait a minute. You're hitting on guys.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. (they both laugh)

Sean: This is like the movie Roxanne or something.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah. (they both laugh) Call Maddox. You're interested in a guy? Call Maddox, he'll hit on him for you.

Maddox: Hey, man.

Dick: 100% success rate!

Maddox: I'll hit on anyone.

Dick: Best man-hitter-on in the business! (Maddox laughs) (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Look, dude. I know how to hit on chicks and I know how to hit on guys. I don't see how that's an insult!

Dick: It's not an insult!

Maddox: Good. 'Cause I know how to hit on anyone. (Dick laughs)

Dick: I just think it's a little funny…

Maddox: I'll hit on your dad.

Dick: That's all. (grins) (Maddox laughs) You're gonna hit on my dad?

Maddox: Uh, no. No. (they laugh) No, he's married. I wouldn't do that. Um…(laughs) And he's a dad. And a man. Anyway, um…

Dick: You got a problem with married guys, now?!

Maddox: (laughing) So anyway. So I crafted this perfect message. And she goes, "Oh, my gosh, that's genius." I said "I know, of course it's genius."

Dick: It's so gross! Do you remember what the message was?!

Maddox: Um, it was…it was something…a reference about a movie.

Dick: Hey dude. Nice tits! (Maddox cracks up) You wanna watch Lord of War and finger each other?! Gotta go!! (laughing)

Maddox: Netflix and chill?

Dick: Right?! That would work…

Maddox: I just said…no!

Dick: That would work on any guy!! (Maddox cracks up) (Dick dies laughing) What up, bro? How's your ding-dong? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So that's how you'd hit on a guy?! (Dick laughs) You know what though? You know what though? All joking aside…

Dick: (interjects) Look! You're either gonna respond or you won't! Like…

Maddox: No, Dick, then your fucking bullshit school of thought. No. (Dick laughs) No! But…actually, what Dick is saying is correct. If you do…if you do message a guy and communicate anything sexual right off the get-go, you're definitely gonna get his attention. But…

Dick: Well…

Maddox: It wasn't that. What?

Dick: I'm kinda turned off by chicks who are overly promiscuous, though.

Maddox: Yeah, me too!

Dick: Like, I really am. I'm like, ehhhh.

Maddox: A little bit. A little bit. Like, look. You…you gotta, um…

Dick: You gotta make me think I'm working for something here.

Maddox: Yeah. Finesse me a little bit, you know?

Dick: I need the carrot, not the stick.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah. Or the string. The cat and the string in the example you gave.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, yeah. I like it within the third message. Like, the first three messages. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah. Not right away.

Maddox: Not right awa…not the first. Maybe, like, the third.

Dick: 'Cause then I think you got issues.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Then I don't need to ask about your dad. I know what happened. (they both laugh)

Maddox: Unless…unless. Unless you have that rapport beforehand, then go straight to sexual.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You want a booty call? Call me, buddy.

Dick: Or ma'am.

Maddox: Ma'am. (they laugh) (Dick cracks up)

Dick: I can just see, like, 10 chicks lined up in a bar now, and "could you message this guy on Facebook for me, Maddox?!"

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Yeah, sure! (guffaws)

Maddox: I'm good at it, man! Chicks aren't good at it. Chicks are awful. As you know, Dick.

Dick: No, yeah.

Maddox: Chicks are awful at picking up on guys. They're really bad, 'cause they almost never have to do it. Guys are always coming to them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So when they have to…when the tables get turned and they like a guy and they're trying to craft that perfect message. Aha. It's not so easy, is it, dickhead? Then you come to me.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: MADDOX. Master of seduction.

Dick: They usually just have to lure them in. (giggles)

Maddox: Master of seduction, Maddox. Yeah. Me.

Dick: Oh, God. So what happened?

Maddox: So I sent this message.

Dick: To a man.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick guffaws) It was witty. It was funny. It was sarcastic. It was a little bit dark, little bit sassy.

Dick: Was it a little flirty?

Maddox: No…no, dude. I,,,.

Dick: No, I'm genuinely asking!

Maddox: Well, I sent the first message. It was't flirty, 'cause I'm…you know, it grosses me out. I'm not gonna do that.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But. Uh…I sent the perfect message that's an introduction that tells you about her character. Tells you a little bit about his. It was the perfect introduction message.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So…of course, he writes back immediately.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: And she's…she's like, "What should I say?" I'm like "What would you…"

Dick: (interjects) Too eager. Delete him! (they laugh)

Maddox: Well, yeah, first of all. Right? But, no. He messages back and she goes, "Oh my gosh! He messaged back, you were right!" I'm like, "Yeah, of course I'm right. Of course he's gonna message you back." So then she hands me her phone to start chatting with this dude.

Dick: Oh, WHOA!

Maddox: I'm like…whoa, lady. I'm not your…I'm not gonna…no. I'm not gonna do this. She goes, "Well, I don't know what to say." I said, "What would you say?" because at some point, you realize I'm not dating his man! (Dick cracks up) You realize at some point, you have to take over and he has to get to know YOU.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: Because he's potentially gonna bang you, not me. He's never gonna bang me!!

Dick: Right.

Sean; She's way overanalyzing this, too.

Maddox: Exactly, Sean!

Sean: Just talk. Just talk like a fucking human being.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Sean, so what does it sound like? A woman who is way overanalyzing this guy. Friend-zoned pussy!

Dick: Perfectionist.

Maddox: No. A friend-zoned pussy!

Dick: Friend-zoned pussy, okay.

Maddox: That's exactly…so, she turned herself into a friend-zoned pussy, because what she kept doing…and then I said, "Lady, look. I did this favor for you. I gave you the introduction." And within, like, the first three messages, I said, "Well, get to the point where you're gonna get his digits so you guys can start texting. That's…"

Dick: Yeah. Ask out right away.

Maddox: Yeah. That's the next step.

Dick: Always.

Maddox: Get the digits. So she got the digits within like, four or five messages. And I kinda, you know. Kinda coached her on how to do that. So she got the guy's digits and then she kept texting me all night. She's like, "Well, what should I say to this? What should I say to that?" and I just put my phone on silent, put it in my pocket, moved on with my life.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because…(stammers) and then I pulled her aside, the next day when I saw her. She's like, "Well, he sent me this last text, and he hasn't replied yet. And he hasn't…" Blablabla. And she started overanalyzing every text that he sent. I said…

Dick: (interjects) By the way, you gotta do this guy a favor and fuck up the texting! 'Cause this girl sounds like a fucking pill!

Maddox: Well, I mean, look man. When I have friends who have this problem, I try to coach them through it to get over that…pussy or dick on a pedestal.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Dick on a dais. Uh, so…I told her. I pulled her aside, I said, "Look, lady. How much time and effort do you think he's spending sending these texts to you? Do you think he's thinking about you right now?" And she said, "No." I said, "Exactly. He's not, so why are you thinking about him? Who gives a shit? He's not a thing until he's a thing."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's the same thing with all these guys who are friend-zoned pussies. The girl that you are obsessed with is not a thing until she becomes a thing.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Period. Stop obsessing. If you haven't made that move within the second or third time you guys have gone out, you guys haven't made out, you guys haven't had sex, you haven't done anything? FORGET IT! It's gone! Forever! Forever. Forget it. Move on. Find another girl. And don't fuck it up with her. Communicate sexual interest, because, guess what? Big surprise. We're all humans and we all like sex. Including the girls that you're obsessing over.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah. That's my…that's my whole problem. And…and a solution, all wrapped in one.

Dick: What's the solution called?

Maddox: Uhhh. The solution is…bang. (they laugh)

Dick: Get your…let you do all the romancing. That's the solution.

Maddox: Ahh. Yeah.

Dick: Like a 900 number interceptor.

Dick: No. And I do think that the…the friend-zoned pussies who you're talking about are also, like, the most vicious when they finally do get dumped. If it ever happens. Like, they're…the last…only one story comes to mind. This guy was, um…this girl I knew who… I was kinda just hanging out with her. Like..uh…we would go do nice stuff, like, fun stuff together, like date-ish stuff, but we wouldn't…it wasn't a friendship. It definitely wasn't a friendship. I did kinda want to bang her, but I didn't want to make it, like, a priority.

Maddox: So how was it not a friendship if you hadn't banged?

Dick: Well, because we're going out on dates every once in a while.

Maddox: Had you kissed?

Dick: It would be like…I got a…no, no, no. I'm not…I'm not. Because, look, it's like a clock for me.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: When you start with the kissing and the romantic shit and the sex…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It very quickly devolves into someone pounding on my apartment door at 3 in the morning demanding to know what our relationship is.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Like, are we a relationship or not, you motherfucker! Answer your door, I know you're…like, that's what my experience is.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: So I try not to pull that cord…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Until, like, the time works for me. Where I'm like, okay, I could have like a two or three-month fling with you. This time works right now.

Maddox: Dick…

Sean: I'm going out of town in mid July…(Maddox laughs)

Dick: Right. Right! I mean, this isn't like…Burning Man is in four months, so we don't need to have THAT conversation.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, Dick.

Dick: What, what, what?

Maddox: You…you consistently have this problem! You know how you avoid this problem? Just, right from the get-go, communicate what you want. 'Cause I tell chicks sometimes, if I have absolutely no interest in them other than sexual, I tell them that. And you know what? Sometimes they bail and sometimes they stick around.

Dick: Ohhh! That's very hurtful to say.

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: To someone.

Maddox: No, it's not. 'Cause guess what? This one girl, I saw for two or three months. It was a relationship that was almost entirely sexual. We'd hang out sometimes. And then when it…you know. But we communicated with each other. She…she asked me, "Some day, would you ever want this to be more?" I said, "No, I'm not really in that place right now." And, I said, "Look, if this means no more sex, I'm okay with that. I understand if that's what you want." And she said, "No, no, I definitely want sex."

Dick: Well, there you go. That's wh..yeah.

Maddox: No! She said. She said. I definitely want sex. I was like, "Okay. Game on! Here we go! We're doing this!"

Dick: I dunno. It just doesn't work for me like that. Like, even…

Maddox: You've never tried it! Have you tried it?

Dick: No, no…they'll bring it up. They'll say, like, it's okay if this is just sex. It's like ehhh. I don't know. Then what are we even doing?

Maddox: Just banging.

Dick: Ehhh.

Maddox: What's wrong with that?

Dick: It takes the magic out of it, Maddox. (Maddox scoffs) It needs to be a mind game as well.

Maddox: (giggles) You're fucked.

Dick: It needs to be a…and besides! They know. Like…the whole time I'm sitting there, like, how do you even have to ask? Like, if you have to ask, you know.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: That's my philosophy on it.

Maddox: No. No, I dated a girl. Actually, the last girl I dated. My last serious relationship. She wanted a relationship right from the get-go.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it was a long distance thing, and I said, "You know, it's too hard. I don't want that. For sure. I don't want a long distance relationship."

Dick: Right.

Maddox: 'Cause I've done that. Been there, done that, don't wanna do it again. Um, and so…she'd kind of written it off as a thing that was never gonna happen. And then, at some point, it did, down the line. Uh…but yeah. Things can change. I mean, whether or not… whatever you communicate to them, things may change down the line, but if you communicate what you want up front and then stick to it, there's no problem with that.

Dick: I think it loses a lot of what made it good. When you communicate that. (Maddox giggles) 'Cause it's like…you're not putting out…you're not going the extra mile to make me happy, then.

Maddox: So…so…

Dick: You know? You're not working for a relationship now. You're just, like, kind of squeezing blood from a stone at that point. Like, you're trying to wring the last bits of affection out of something that's already dead, to me. That's what…that's what happens.

Maddox: Uh…okay. So to recap…

Dick: (interjects) So it's not good for me.

Maddox: (laughs) So to re…

Dick: (interjects) I don't like it.

Maddox: So to recap our philosophies. My approach is to, uh…be honest. To stop being a friend-zoned pussy.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Be honest and communicate up front what you want. And Dick's approach is to do the exact opposite. Don't communicate that up front.

Dick: Well, not if you're a friend zone…if you're a friend-zoned pussy…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, make your intentions clear, and then if she's not into it, leave.

Maddox: Uh, that's true.

Dick: Like, women…

Maddox: Okay. Then we see eye-to-eye.

Dick: You're not gonna dupe her into wanting to fuck you.

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: Like, she doesn't want to fuck you! (laughs)

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: Like, what do you…

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: What are you, like, Cosby 2.0? You're gonna trick her into it? You know?

Maddox: Uh, gross, dude.

Dick: Oh, here. If I provide enough value. Like, you're just not good enough, man.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You're not a stock portfolio. Relax! She doesn't like you! (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Uh, yeah.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Uh, yeah.

Dick: And I have a TON of experience in this from guys who hang around with girls I'm dating. It used to drive me insane that they would keep these dudes around.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Mostly because…partly because they feel sorry for them, but partly because it feeds…like, it's a thing for them. It's like a safety net for them. It's…it feeds their ego to be there for this guy.

Maddox: To have these guys fawning for them?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Eh.

Dick: So they won't get rid of them. That's my experience with it. And I feel bad for them, 'cause they embarrass themselves.

Maddox: The guys?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It's so embarrassing, man.

Dick: I just wanna take 'em aside and go, like, "Dude, come on. I'm getting ready to break up with this girl."

Maddox: You don't want this.

Dick: Yeah. You don't want this.

Maddox: You don't want my sloppy seconds, bro. I've seen that too. I've seen that happen so many times. Like, a girl will be dating a guy. And then she has a bunch of cling-ons, right?

Dick: Ugh! Yeah.

Maddox: And the cling-ons…and I'll notice the cling-ons, and I'm like…I pull the girl aside. I remember, I had this conversation with this girl one time online.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I told her, uh…most guys who are your friends and who've been your long-time friends probably want to fuck you. I'm just telli…I'm just gonna put that out there.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: They probably want to.

Dick: Probably.

Maddox: And even if they don't actually do it, or will never do it, they probably thought about it. And I pulled her aside and I said, "do you have a guy…" and she goes, no, that's not true. That's not true. I have a guy friend who I've been friends with for…for eight years.

And we're just friends. And we've never…he's never wanted to have sex with me at all. And I said, "Have you ever asked him?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And she said, "No, I haven't." And I said, "Go ask him." And she goes, "Fine, I will!" she came back to me 30 minutes later. 30 minutes later. She goes, "Oh my gosh."

Dick: "I'm pregnant."

Maddox: (laughs) (Dick cracks up) No, she came back 30 minutes later and she said, "You're right."

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: "I couldn't believe it." She said, "I knew…I've known this guy forever."

Dick: How do you not know that?!

Maddox: Yeah! She said, "I've known this guy forever." And then they started talking about it. And they had, like, a four-hour conversation that night.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: She came back to me the next day. This was like, way back in the early days of the Internet when I was still using Yahoo messenger.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You know, some of these old chats…so I was talking to this girl. She said, "Yeah, I talked to him for about four hours about his thoughts and his feelings."

Dick: Ooh.

Maddox: "And he said that he's always had a crush on me, and he just never knew how to communicate it to me, and he'd always been hanging around with me…" So guys. When you start to…to guilt these girls for putting YOU in the friend zone. Guess what, shithead? You put yourself there.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright? You put yourself there by not having the balls to stand up and communicate what you want and see if it's there. See if it's mutual. And if it's not, fuck off and move on. You know what? Deal with rejection. You're gonna get rejected all the time. You're gonna get rejected for jobs. You're gonna get rejected for relationships. You're gonna get rejected for colleges. Deal with rejection. And here's how you deal with it. You become better. You become a better person that somebody won't want to reject. You don't GUILT the girls for putting you in a friend zone, dickhead. 'Cause you put yourself there.

Dick: I mean, I'm gonna say I agree with everything you're saying, except for the "be better", because sometimes it's just, you're not it.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true!

Dick: Like, sometimes they'll go for a total piece of shit. You're just not it, dude. Relax.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Like, you just can't have everything you want in the world.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It doesn't work like that. It's not a linear scale.

Maddox: (stammers) That's true, Dick. Sometimes you're not it. Sometimes for whatever reason, you might not be clicking it with that person.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Because not everyone clicks with you.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Obviously.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you think that everyone should be compatible with everyone else, then you're opening yourself up to a lot of 1s and 2s.

Dick: Well, it's like what if a guy didn't want to be your friend?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What are you gonna, chase him around? What's wrong?! What's wrong with me?!

Maddox: What's wrong with me?! What can I do?! What can I do to be better?

Dick: You're only friends with assholes!

Maddox: Yeah. Gosh, he doesn't wanna hang out with me. Nobody wants to go bowling with meee. (dorky voice) (Dick laughs)

Dick: Um…and then spend all this money renting bowling shoes for everybody. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: And then stalk them! And then stalk them on Facebook! And say, "Oh, he went bowling the other day with someone else. " (silly voice)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "He never wants to go bowling with meeeeeee."

Dick: Um, what I was gonna say. I started that story and didn't finish it. The…the girl that I was just hanging out with every once in a while.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I enjoyed her company and there was, like a flirtation there. She's a nice girl.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Um…this guy that was, like, obsessively trying to bang her. And I even gave him some tips! I'm like, look, you gotta knock off this shit you're doing and just do this. Like, jokingly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I did wanna help him out.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: He exploded on her one night, 'cause all of these pussification feelings just overwhelmed his…his tampon one day. (Sean cracks up) (Maddox laughs) And he couldn't take being friend zoned anymore. He exploded on her. She called ME, came over… wanted to come over and drink and talk about it, like, to get her mind off it…

Maddox: Uh-oh…

Dick: 'Cause she was so…yeah! We banged!

Maddox: Yeah, of course you banged!

Dick: We did a bunch of blow, and banged!!! It was fucking awesome. I was like, "Well, way to go, dude!"

Maddox: Way to go, idiot.

Dick: Like, I bet if I took a picture of you and sent it to him, he would kill himself!

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (Dick laughs) What an idiot. Oh, wait a second, I think I know who this is…(giggles) Okay. Alright, interesting. Oh, boy.

Dick: Oh, you know who it is?

Maddox: I know who it is. I know who it is.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Oh, I know this story.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: (laughs) Oh, this is a g…

Dick: (interjects) It's a good story.

Maddox: It's a really good story, 'cause I know exactly what's going on.

Dick: It is a good story. Yeah. Anyway.

Maddox: Ahhhh.

Dick: Hey, I think these guys are a big problem, because they're salting the earth for the rest of us.

Maddox: They're salting the earth. Yes!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (stammers) Guys. Guys and girls. Please, stop worrying about the friend zone, because it's invented. It's something you're creating. You're putting yourself there. It's a jail that you invented. You're opening the door, you're walking in, you're shutting it behind you, and you're throwing away the keys.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fuck off. Be a better person, and you know what? You won't get everyone. You won't. Get. Everyone. You're not gonna be attractive to everyone.

Dick: No!

Maddox: But. But. The better you are, the more likely it will be that you will be attractive to more people. Look, man. I worked on myself a LOT and I still have a lot to do, but, before I did that, I was this friend-zoned pussy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I got outta that jail. I finally found the key. I figured it out. You gotta communicate sexuality. You gotta be a better person. Be a better version of yourself.

Dick: Well…yeah.

Maddox: It increases the likelihood man.

Dick: Yeah. (hesitant)

Maddox: It's just an od…it's an odds thing. Look, man.

Dick: Yeah, but I like being a sleazeball.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: And I try to be more of a sleazeball. And I think there's a lot of girls who just hate that. Like, they're like, "Oh, you act like a scumbag." Like, you do all these dirty, scumbag things. I don't wanna date you. I'm like, "Well, that's, like, the best version of me." (Maddox giggles) I like being that. Soo…

Maddox: Well, there you go.

Dick: Fuck you. Like, I don't care.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright, Dick. My problems this week. Well, my problem was Friend-Zoned Pussies.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Guys and girls.

Dick: My problem was The Pope.

Maddox: The Pope. (mutters)

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

(Voice mail: male voice: (hard to hear) "You just said you bought a wig to tear off pubes, or to make pubes off the wig."

Maddox: Yeah.

"Why not just grow pubes and have real pubes? (laughs)") (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: This guy's pretty entertained by his voice mail.

Maddox: Oh man, that guy's the biggest fan of himself. You really liked that voice mail, huh, buddy? Oh, that caller. I'll tell you why, dickhead. 'Cause I was going to a party, and I

was making a costume, and I don't wanna make everyone at the party barf with my real pubes on my shirt.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Well, what you did was a little racist.

Maddox: How's that?

Dick: What?!

Sean: Because you bought an afro to make pubes out of.

Maddox: Yeah. Afros look kinda pube-y. Pubes look like afros. I got a big FRO…'

Sean: So you're saying black people have pubes on their head? (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: Yep! That's what he's saying, Sean!

Maddox: Yeah, that's what I'm saying, Sean.

Dick: Yep. (laughing)

Maddox: Thank you for…

Dick: You got busted! (cracks up)

Sean: I'm surprised I had to SAY that, right there.

Dick: Sean's the PC police, now!! WEE-OOO.

Maddox: Weee-oooo!!! (laughing)

Dick: You're getting pulled over, Maddox. You're getting a ticket.

Sean: Far from it, just making an observation. (Maddox and Dick still laughing)

Maddox: How does that song go? "We are the PC police! Weeooweeoo!"

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. (Maddox laughs)

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys. This week, Maddox said that he needed pubes for a costume?"

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, AGAIN?!

"What the fuck is that? What kind of costume possibly requires pubes?"

Dick: That's a good question! (dying)

Maddox: I'll tell you!

"And Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: Ugh, dammit.

Maddox: I'll tell you! I'll tell you what kind of costume.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I was a p…I made a costume one year, where I had a giant vagina on my shirt. And…with googly eyes and teeth. And it was kinda, like, drooling, and the googly eyes looked weird. And it was the PUSSY monster! (Dick giggles) And so I put a bunch of pubes right around the crotch area, like a Merkin.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what a merkin is?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, so I put a bunch of pubes. And I gave it a little…

Dick: It's a pubic wig, for everybody who doesn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they're not a fucking weirdo. (giggles) Who would know that, right? Both of us know what it is.

Maddox: Yeah, immediately.

Dick: There's probably 50,000 people who don't know what a merkin is.

Maddox: Dude, in the last two weeks, it's come up so much in conversation, whereas it's never come up before in my life. But anyway, yeah. So I put a…I made this pussy monster have, like, a face, and it had a nose. The nose was, like, the clit. It was kinda cool. And then it had huge pubey eyebrows.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Yeah. People appreciated the attention to detail. And then…

Dick: Is this…is this canon somewhere, or is this a mythology that you've invented, the pussy monster?

Maddox: I invented it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I always like to invent my own costumes. So th…because I used, I had the consideration and foresight to use fake pubes, girls came up to me and they started petting my chest. They said, "Ohhh, can I touch the pubes?" I'm like, "Yeah of cou…touch my pubes all day, baby." And then, you know, one pube leads to another, and next thing you know, Bangtown!

Dick: Did the carpet… (Maddox laughs) Does the carpet match the pecs?

Maddox: Uhhhh…yeaaaaaaaah.

Dick: Is that how it would go?

Maddox: Hmmm?

Dick: Sounds like you needed a lot of pubes.

Maddox: No friend zone there, buddy.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Dude, why are you proud of this wig?" (they crack up)

"I don't know…still don't understand why you couldn't just use your own pubes or your arm hair…"

Maddox: Idiot.

"Or your chest hair…or your leg hair…or any hair. Why'd you have to buy a wig? I feel like you really just wanted a wig to wear around. I don't think it had anything to do with pubes. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Is this the same guy?

Dick: I think it might be.

"I think now it's just sort of terrible…terrible… (Maddox cracks up) **that you're pushing too hard.")**

Dick: Well, you got the answer.

Maddox: Alright, yeah. You got the answer. You know what? You know what, Dick? Um, I'll tell you why I didn't use my own pubes. Uh…in addition to what I just said. So, I'd been on set, and when I have…I have the Lav mics on me. For people who don't know, a Lav mic is a little mic that you put on your body.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's kinda like what newscasters wear.

Dick: And a set is where bigshots go to shoot their fucking TV shows. (Maddox cracks up) Right? While you're defining all these terms for us.

Maddox: Dick, it's all I've done for the last three weeks. But…so, at the end of every night, when I pull off this tape from my chest. They tape it directly to my CHEST.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I rip it off and there's this ball of hair on the tape. 'Cause it's basically duct tape on my chest.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I pull it off and I show everyone. Everyone gets grossed out, like, people start dry-heaving. (Dick scoffs) and I took a picture of it. Because it's like pulling stems and shit outta my chest. So I took a picture of it, and it's so gross. I was gonna post it on Instagram, but I thought I didn't wanna ruin everyone's day. You dickheads wanna know…

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Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 75

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Deadbeats to Sour Notes. (Dick laughs) With over 4 million downloads…(Dick and Sean crack up) this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. (grins) I am Maddox. With me is Dick. (Dick is still laughing)

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy!? (grins) (laughing)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hey.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I'm gonna go back and listen to that and time how long it takes me to get that joke… (Maddox laughs) because I was laughing…I thought something was funny. You know, you just get it's funny…

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: And I'm thinking, "Wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute." And that's when I went…HA ha ha. (loud)

Maddox: Uh-huh…

Dick: So that's how stupid I am.

Maddox: Wait for it…yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. That came to me while I was driving. I thought it was a perfect analog to last week's Bad People and Bad Apples.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or…what was…yeah. Bad…yeah. This one.

Dick: I do love and hate how this show sinks into my brain while I'm driving around and, like, working. And showering. And working out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And, like, doing…folding clothes…doing basically fucking everything in my life. I'm sitting there having an imaginary argument about shit that I really…I'm sitting around there asking myself, "Why do I care about this?" "Why am I having an imaginary argument about apples in my head?" (Maddox laughs) To prepare for next week.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, 'cause I got a comment on the website. I'm like, "Fuck. If that asshole bring this in, I gotta have something to say about what I said about apples!!"

Maddox: That's what happens! That's what happens on this show, man. Yeah.

Dick: It's a virus!

Maddox: It rings in my head. It rings in my h…I wake up at night, it's fucking awful!! (Dick chuckles) This is the sacrifice we do for you guys, you unappreciative…well, for the most part.

Dick: Very appreciative.

Maddox: Ver…yeah. Somewhat appreciate…you…somewhat appreciative dullards! (Dick laughs) Yeah. Yeah. And speaking of…speaking of.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I ju…I thought of a new contest, Dick.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Because…and Sean. Because last time, we got in that whole apple debate at the top of the show.

Dick: Right, right, right.

Maddox: I wanna bring in an apple taste test.

Dick: Oh. I was gonna suggest that for uh…Season 2.

Maddox: Oh, sure! Then let's do it for Season 2.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I wanna do an apple taste test, and I wanna see if you bozos…look, I know you can tell the difference between the taste of apples. Apples taste pretty different. Especially Granny Smith versus anything else. It's a very tart apple, right?

Dick: That's the only one I could tell the difference, though. Reliably.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I don't know what the other ones taste like.

Maddox: Well, I don't expect you to name the apple that you're tasting, but I want you to rank them from the tastiest to least.

Dick: You're gonna be in on this too, though. Somebody…Randy…Candy Randy. I'm not allowed to say his last name anymore. (Maddox laughs) So I'm gonna call him Candy Randy, the producer of the show.

Maddox: Candy Randy, our…

Dick: And your manager.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Uh, he's gonna set it up.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So you're in on this, too, motherfucker.

Maddox: Fine with me!

Dick: I also…speak…'cause we always have these challenges.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And these bets, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Right.

Dick: And we never know what to bet on them?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: 'Cause it's hard to think of a bet on the spot. I thought of something. I'm gonna float this by you.

Maddox: What do you got?

Dick: How about the loser…has to read a 250-word apology…(Maddox laughs) written…(laughs) on the show. Written by the other person.

Maddox: Dick…

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Correct! That's a great bet! I like that a lot.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You're on!

Dick: And it never gets old.

Maddox: There we go.

Dick: 'Cause you can write the most horrible things!

Maddox: There we go. That's…that's fucking fan…NOW we have a challenge, okay?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Now it's a game! Now it's on. Alright. I'm…I'm in!! Let's do it!

Dick: Does that mean I can bring this back?

(Titanic flute theme starts…)

Maddox: You mother…(they crack up) What the fuck is this? What is this, a flute version?

Dick: I dunno…somebody…this was on the voice mail!

Maddox: The recorder version! (laughs)

Dick: Somebody…somebody called, said nothing, and just played…(Maddox still laughing) the Titanic on the recorder.

Maddox: What an asshole!

(Recorder plays a bunch of weird, squeaky, sour notes)

Dick: Perfectly…

Maddox: Yeah, no!

Dick: Perfectly.

Maddox: Yeah, it's the recorder version of it. What a piece of shit! (Dick laughs) Garbage. Now…now, here's the thing. We have to decide, since there are three of us playing, me, you, and Sean, so who's the winner and who's the loser in that instance.

Dick: I don't think Sean should have to read an apology.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: 'Cause I don't think he'll…really care.

Maddox: Fine. So, between the two of us.

Dick: I will…yeah.

Maddox: But we…but Sean's still in it, 'cause I wanna see…

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: If this bozo's tastebuds match up to his, uh…to his big talk.

Sean: I can tell the taste of apples apart.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: But I wanna see what you think is the best-tasting apple.

Sean: Alright. I eat a lot of Honey Crisps.

Maddox: Yeah?

Sean: Mhmm.

Maddox: I eat Honey Crisps. They're just over…it's the hipster apple, man.

Sean: Bull. Shit.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: See? Again.

Sean: Bullshit! (Maddox laughing)

Dick: I'm so glad I had that imaginary argument about apples. Now I feel like I'm prepared for this conversation!

Maddox: Good.

Sean: You know what, though? You know what, though?

Dick: What?

Sean: To be fair, a couple of people did tell me that the Red Delicious are much better than they used to be.

Maddox: Yeah, they are. They absolutely…that's why I said, they're back with a vengeance! And they're the healthiest apple.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I looked into it. Someone's like…(goofy voice) "Hey Maddox. Antioxidants isn't the way to-to tell they have…" hey, shut up! You guys don't know shit! I looked into it and it actually…it is the healthiest apple based on the polyphenols in the skin.

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: Which…which is associated with the number of antioxidants the apple has. Yeah. It's the most nutritious apple. Go fuck yourself!

Sean: But nobody gives a FUCK. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: They're the tastiest, too, Sean! I'll put money on it.

Dick: No, they're not!!

Maddox: You know what? We're doing…we're doing the poem. Then we're doing the poem. You're on. The 250-word apology.

Dick: It doesn't have to be a poem!

Maddox: That's fine.

Dick: I guess it could be a poem, that'd be even funnier?

Maddox: Eh? That's mine. Maybe mine will…you'll never know what mine will turn out to be, 'cause I'll be right. (Dick giggles) Anyways, guys…

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: From last week, the biggest problem in the universe…Friend Zone Opportunists!

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah. Neck and neck with Pathogenic Bacteria. (Dick guffaws) Almost the exact same vote!

Dick: That's pathetic.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. As of this recording, 806 versus 803. Neck and neck.

Dick: That is neck and neck.

Maddox: Almost a tie. And then, Shitting Your Pants.

Dick: 'Cause one is a virus and the other is a bacteria.

Maddox: Yea…ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!! Good point.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Good point. Friend Zone Opportunists are a virus you wanna eradicate.

Dick: Ba-dum bum.

Maddox: Um, and then Shitting Your Pants.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Uh, came in. It just came in. It was…it was on the list. It's in the positive.

Dick: Maddox. It's a…you know, you didn't let me get into my stats that I brought.

Maddox: What were your…

Dick: (interjects) About shitting in your pants.

Maddox: Do you remember your stats? Your shitting pants?

Dick: Yeah. Remember when Al Roker shit in his pants at the White House?

Maddox: No…did that happen?!

Dick: He got that gastric bypass thing, and he thought he was gonna fart, and he shit his pants in the White House. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: That's the same thing that happened to me!!! Except…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: …in my living room! Which is equivalent to the White House!

Dick: See? It happens to everybody.

Sean: Turns out it was an entire roast beef. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: I also read…

Maddox: (interjects) Al Roker!

(Sound effect: Fart)

Dick: Some psychology manual about combat that said a quarter of combat troops from World War II, when interviewed, admitted to either pissing in their pants…oh, no, I'm sorry. A quarter admitted to pissing in their pants, and another quarter, separate, possibly some overlap, I don't know. Admitted to defecating in their pants while in combat.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: That's a LOT!

Maddox: You know what? That makes sense, though!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? If the alternative is…you're in a…you're in a foxhole, right? And you're… like, bullets are raining down on you. You've got grenades…you've got mortars landing around you. The enemy's sharpshooters are pointed at you. What are you gonna do, get up and take a shit? No! You shit in your pants!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Like a man. Like a hero.

Dick: I…I interpreted that study differently.

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Dick: I thought that they were charging over, like, the Battle of the Bulge…

Maddox: Ohoho, yeah.

Dick: But they're 1911-pistol-shooting one German over here…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or if you're in Germany listening to this podcast, you know, for the opposite. Not an American.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then they're just feeling so awesome…(Maddox laughs) and manly, that they just shit their pants to be cool like me, when I shit in my pants.

Maddox: Oh. Oh, yeah. I bet the German listeners right now love the tail-end of that story. (Dick laughs) Oh yeah! Now we're shooting Americans? That's cool.

Dick: I mean, whatever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They have different heroes than us.

Maddox: That's fine. I almost shit my pants…this was a real close pants-shitting story. Uh, one time I was…I was snowboarding with friend of the show, Roger Barr, who's gonna be on for our Halloween…

Dick: (interjects) Who's gonna be back. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. He's gonna be on for our Halloween episode.

Dick: Great guest.

Maddox: I was snowboarding with him. And I was getting a little cocky. It was getting late at night. Uh, the sun was going down. The slopes turned icy. And I got too much speed, and I slipped and I landed right on my fucking tailbone, man. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was like a pin. If you pointed a pin down, a needle down into the snow, it couldn't have been more precise than the tailbone. The way my tailbone hit that ice.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I hit so hard.

Dick: Your "cock-ix" (coccyx).

Maddox: Yeah, my "cock-ix" got hurt really bad. I got a bruised "cock-ix"

Sean: Coccyx. (correctly pronounced)

Dick: Coccyx.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, like six cocks. Coccyx.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Got it.

Maddox: I got a real bruised coccyx. So I got up on my hands and knees. (Dick cracks up) And Roger comes up to me.

Dick: And you screamed, "Ow, my ass!" (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah, basically. But Roger came up to me, he goes, "Hey man, you alright?" and he's about to put his hand on my shoulder, and I go "Don't touch me!!" (Dick laughs) Don't touch me. Because it hit so hard…(Dick cracking up) I was like…I was like a Prius. You know where you see the battery and all the energy is kind of like, re….like, it's moving through the engine block and you can see where it's focused. It's sending the energy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I was focusing all my energy and strength into not shitting my pants.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I was I…I was literally concentrating on my butthole and picturing it shut.

Dick: Like Gohan. Who's that Dragonball guy? AAARRRRRRRGHHHHHH!!!!

Maddox: Yeah. (they crack up) Oh, man. It took every ounce.

Dick: It's like, "mmmmmmreeeeeeehhh, I'm comin'!!"

Maddox: I came so close to shitting. I could feel my…my butt muscles quivering. The sphincter. I could feel it quivering.

Dick: I dunno what it's called. I don't know anything about the butt.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a sphincter. (they laugh)

Dick: I don't know anything about men's butts!

Maddox: Ahhh. (sighs) (Dick laughs) Dick.

Dick: So you didn't. You didn't. You got away with it.

Maddox: No, I didn't. It was real close, man.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I would not want to…I wouldn't want…

Dick: (interjects) Well, good. Good for you. (irritated)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I didn't have a big steaming pile of shit in my snowpants.

Dick: Good for you. (chuckles)

Maddox: They're snowpants, not shitpants. Dick, uh, speaking of things you don't know about. (Dick laughs) I got a comment. I got an email from **Cody Krause.** He says, **"Maddox, this is my first time writing in to the show and I originally told myself I never would, because both you and Dick are out to make outrageous comments."**

Dick: What?! (incredulous)

Maddox: "But going forward…"

Dick: What's outrageous that we say?! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I…fuck if I know!

Dick: Yeah. Find one!

Maddox: Yeah. Everything…everything on this show is…is just right of reasonable. Alright. **"But going forward, can you please prevent Dick from discussing the US legal system."**

Dick: Oh, God, what did I do now?

Maddox: "His childlike logic and reasoning is both saddening and baffling." That's an interesting combination.

Dick: Good. That's a good combination. (grins)

Maddox: He's saddened and…

Dick: Sad and Confused.

Maddox: Bewildered. Yeah, confused.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) That's right where I want you.

Maddox: Yeah. It almost…

Dick: "Why is he doing this to me?!" (they both laugh) Shut up, or I'll do it again!!

Maddox: He's sullen and bewildered. **"It almost pains me to listen to Dick attempt to mischaracterize the powers of the Supreme Court, the duties of an elected official, and how the Constitution works."**

Dick: Hmm. Okay.

Maddox: "If Dick wants to talk about rights and the history of marriage in America, he should probably open a book. If you want to do a new segment called Dick's Legal Corner, where Dick's elementary understanding of laws is disproved, just look at this." And he quotes a whole bunch of…

Dick: (interjects) Things I've fucked up?

Maddox: Yeah. Court cases.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Um, **"so..that set precedence for why it's a bad idea for states to set their own laws. Lawrence Vs. Texas, the Supreme Court presents the states from interfering with the bedrooms of consenting American adults. Loving Vs. Virginia, Supreme Court overturns a law of states that prevent interracial couples from marrying, and MLG Vs. SLJ, basically, the Supreme Court shields more rights of Americans under the 14th Amendment, etc, etc. Dick, go fuck yourself."**

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical) Well, you know, it's real easy to sound smart when you're at your computer…(Maddox laughs) and you've got all night to write an email! But when you're on here running your mouth…that asshole couldn't leave a f…that guy couldn't leave a 1-minute long voicemail without sounding like a prick! So fuck you! What was his name.

Maddox: Uh, his name is Cody Krause.

Dick: Cody Krause, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Say that to my voice mail, you son of a bitch! Don't…I don't believe in e…I don't believe that people are smart just 'cause they can write a smart-sounding email.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Okay?! (mad) You know what I'm talking about?

Maddox: What if he's deaf, dickhead?!

Dick: What if he's deaf?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That would be a…I doubly wanna hear that voice mail, then!

Maddox: Ohhhh, eat shit, man! That guy…I bet that guy's deaf. He's a real smart deaf guy. (Dick chuckles) There you go. Bravo! Bravo, Cody. I'm on your…I'm on your side.

Dick: I got a comment from **Dan Merrick. "I bought a Red Delicious apple last night to see if they are back. They are not back."** (they both laugh) **"They are mealy as fuck."** Yeah. Absolutely.

Maddox: You're mealy as fuck, you piece of shit! (Dick cracks up) That's just such a tired criticism of Red Delicious apples!

Dick: They're mealy!

Maddox: Are they not red? Are they not delicious? They are CRISP. They are REFRESHING.

Dick: Nooo.

Maddox: They…they have a good bite to them. They're fucking great.

Dick: Justin Main… there was a whole thread about apples on the website. Um…he says, **"The source** (Maddox, he's referring to) **The source is his ass.** (Maddox scoffs) **I literally sell apples for a living."**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Unnecessary "literally".

Maddox: I saw that. Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: He could have just said, "I sell apples." I don't figuratively sell apples for a living. (laughing)

Maddox: Wait, wait, do you figuratively? (laughs) Do you metaphorically sell apples?" "No, literally."

Dick: Oh, you ha…I guess maybe that's true. Um, my grandma…we told her that my brother-in-law worked for Apple.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And she thought that he sold, like, crates of apples.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Dick: And she's like, "Oh, good for him, he's got a job. Like, can he get us a deal on apples?" We're like…um, anyway. **"…for a living, and Red Delicious still sucks balls. Gala, McCoon, and Pinata are where it's at."** So there's some apple tips for you.

Maddox: Uh…I've had a Pinata apple. Actually, Pinata's not bad. I like a Pinata apple. Pinata's very…you know, it's just…it's very similar to what…what are those? Oh, the Jazz apples? They have, like, the Jazz Apples. Pink Lady.

Dick: Jazzzzzzzzzzz Apples.

Maddox: Yellow Delicious. Granny Smith. My favorite are Rome. Talk about a…

Sean: Wait, wait, wait. You're gonna lump Granny Smith in with those other ones you just said/

Dick: Oh, God. Stop with the fucking apples!

Sean: It doesn't taste ANYTHING like that!

Maddox: Well, I know, but…but…the…(stammers) Look, the…Pinata…

Sean: Hipster…hipster apples!

Maddox: They're the hipster apples, man. (Dick laughs)

Sean: Anything that I don't like is a hipster apple!! (making fun of Maddox) (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: No, it's not…it's all marketing, Sean! (Dick guffaws) You're such a sucker! It's $2.99 a pound.

Dick: You're a sucker, Sean!

Sean: Hey. I'm a sucker for liking certain things!

Dick: You're getting suckered for these apples! (laughing)

Maddox: No, the apple companies…it's a consortium, and they all decide which apple to promote…(Dick cracks up) and then suddenly, you have Honey Crisps for $2.99 a pound?! Get fucked! Get outta here!

Dick: That's Big Apple!

Maddox: It's Big Apple!

Sean: Meanwhile, there's like 10 other…there's 10 other varietals of apple that I could pick that are cheap, but I just don't happen to like the taste, so I'm WRONG.

Maddox: Have you tried all the apples!? (Dick guffaws) But this dickhead who sells apples. Yeah, right. He doesn't eat that shit!

Dick: Justin Main! That's his business!

Maddox: No! Yeah. But he doesn't eat…I guarantee he doesn't eat them!

Dick: I'm sure you know which of your T-shirts is the most delicious!

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Great.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: You know what? These fuckers. Like, they…they have written off Red Delicious…

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Because a long time ago…some…it was really cool to hate on Red Delicious apples. (Dick cracking up) It's real fucking cool!

Dick: It's never cool. It was never cool to hate on Red Delicious apples!

Maddox: Oh, it's the coolest! People hate Red Delicious, man! They hate it, because it's so cool to make fun of Red Delicious. (Dick giggles) It's not! Okay? You're not cool, and Red Delicious is cool! It's a good apple!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I'll…I'll defend Red Delicious in my grave.

Dick: I don't wanna hear you ever talking about any homophone of apple ever again. Like, Apple computers…(Maddox chuckles) apple the fruit…whatever. Apple the recording label. I don't wanna hear your opinion on that.

Maddox: What if…what if, Dick. What if we fall in love and I wanna tell you some day that you're the apple of my eye?

Dick: If you believe that I love you…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If I'm saying that…you've got bigger problems than whatever conversation that is.

Maddox: Ahhh. That's true. Touche.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Okay. Dick, I got a comment from **Angel Dorito.** (Sean cracks up) (Maddox laughs) It's spelled with one "R", though, so it might be Dorito, or some silly variant. Anyway, he was defending me, 'cause a lot of people were jumping down my throat last episode.

Dick: Wait, can I play the voice mails for all the people jumping down your throat, first?

Maddox: Oh, great. Let's hear it. I wanna hear all these idiots.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Maddox, do you know what is a theory?"

Maddox: Ugh. (groans) (Dick laughs)

"This is the fucking shit they teach you in, like, the first year of your goddamn college, dude."

Maddox: Dumb shit. Fucking idiot. (Dick laughing)

"Like, Jesus Fucking Christ."

Maddox: Moron.

"It's not that hard to understand."

Dick: Hmm.

"There's no such thing as a fucking proof in science."

Maddox: Yes.

"Anyway, yeah. You're fucking stupid."

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Asshole.

"Um, Dick, uh…you're pretty alright, dude. You seem pretty reasonable.")

Dick: Yeah. Thanks. Just don't take my legal advice, I guess.

Maddox: Yeah. Or any advice.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: But listen, you fucking dope!

Dick: I got six more…(cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, let's hear…okay, let's hear it! (Dick cracks up) Just stack 'em! Let's just hear this. Get it all out! Get em all out. Let's hear these fucking morons!

(Voice mail: mail voice: Maddox…(inaudible) so tell me, a theory… (Dick laughs) **is when it can be disproved? Are you like, legit stupid, or something?"**

(Dick giggles incessantly)

(Sound effect: Boo)

Maddox: Fucking hate this guy.

"….(inaudible) theory is widely accepted, like the theory of evolution."

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick giggles)

"The theory of gravity."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

"Something like that. So…you're dumb.")

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: You're dumb.

Maddox: Oh, really. Great argument. How about try forming one with a premise and a conclusion, you shitcock?!

Dick: Well, this guy might know what he's talking about.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: This one.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, this is Charles Darwin here…"

Dick: He's an expert.

Maddox: Charles Darwin! (giggles)

"And this is how I talk…"

Maddox: Wow! (Dick laughs)

"You guys seem to be kinda confused about how evolution works, so I just wanna tell you…uh, selective breeding is not actually…not evolution. It is both evolution and selective breeding. Selective breeding is just a subset."

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: Right.

"Go fuck yourself, Dick.")

Dick: (laughing) I got one more.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's hear all these dopes!

(Voice mail: male voice: "I'm a pathogenic bacteria and this is how I talk. (they giggle) **Maddox, you called the First Law of Thermodynamics an unproven theory?"**

(Dick guffaws)

Maddox: I didn't say that!

Dick: Well…

"It's been tested and scrutizined, both scientifically and mathematically…

Dick: It's conservation of mass and energy.

Maddox: Well…

"Countless times. Never once has it been disproven. I don't have a central nervous system, and even I know that."

(Maddox groans)

Maddox: Dumb shit.

Dick: (laughing) Alright.

"But I guess that should be accepted from a guy who calls plugging his dick hole a science experiment.")

Maddox: It was a science experiment!! (Sean laughs)

Dick: That's true, you did say that!

Maddox: It was. I was trying to see if I could piss like a hose out of my penis!

Dick: So…

Maddox: For the benefit of humanity. I get nothing but disrespect!!

Dick: So what did **Angel Dorito** say in your defense?

Maddox: I…you know what?! (angry) Hold your horses! Hold your horses! All these dickheads. (Dick giggles) These cocksuckers. (Goofy voice) "Oh, Maddox, actually, nothing in science is proven. It's all theory! NYAAH!" No, it's not, dipshits! Have you guys ever heard of fucking math?! Huh!? Mathematical proofs?

Dick: Well, yeah…

Maddox: There are mathematical proofs that correlate to the observations that you make! The scientific method.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is…you notice a phenomenon, right?

Dick: Oh, I know this is getting good.

Maddox: You observe it.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You observe a phenomenon. Then you make a theory about it, right? Why it's occurring, or how it's occurring.

Dick: Hypothesis.

Maddox: Yes. And then you test your hypothesis.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: You analyze the data.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then reformulate your hypothesis, and keep doing that in a loop until you find the solution. You find the answer. You find whatever it is.

Dick: Until it becomes a theory.

Maddox: Yeah, until it becomes…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A theory. But a law…is stronger than a theory.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no, no, no.

Maddox: A scientific law…yes it is!

Dick: No, it's not!

Maddox: Yes, it fucking is! Google it, shithead! Google it right now!

Dick: Well, they're different, because a law is something that you observe and you never don't observe, and like…whether it has a theory to explain why it happens or not, the law is…something that just exists.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: A law…a law is something…a theory is something that we made up, a law is something that is just absolute in nature.

Maddox: Dick, you have elucidated nothing, and that's exactly what I'm saying!!!

Dick: What do you mean!? (exasperated) You can't rank them, they're different!

Maddox: No, but it's not a universal…it's not a law of nature. It only is…

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: …in so far as we don't…we haven't found a counterexample and we have no mathematical proof for it!

Dick: Well…

Maddox: (interjects) Here's the…here, lemme read this comment by Angel Dorito.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: He says…so he's replying to someone named Zack who made a very silly, childish, immature…

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Lowball, low-blow…

Dick: Low-brow…

Maddox: Shitty. Low-brow. All the lows.

Dick: Toilet humor.

Maddox: Toilet humor.

Dick: Juvenile.

Maddox: Juvenile.

Dick: Sophomoric.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins) Embarrassing, really. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Imbecilic.

Dick: Uneducated.

Maddox: Dumb.

Dick: Low intellect.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Unsophisticated.

Maddox: Uneducated.

Dick: Philistine.

Maddox: Pseudo-Intellectual.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Anti-Intellectual argument against me. These are all these people, right? (Dick guffaws) So he's saying, **"Zack, shut the fuck up. I'm a physicist."**

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: "so why won't your slow, fedora-wearing, retarded ass take your own advice and look up shit."

Dick: That's how a physicist talks?!

Maddox: Hey, (stammers) That's how a physicist talks, yeah!! (laughing)

Dick: Ugh. Trump's really lowered the bar.

Maddox: So he says, anyway, **"Scientific laws are different from mathematical laws."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "In the sense that there isn't necessarily proof for them. I know your dense, Pillsbury-bread-boy-looking dumb ass doesn't understand very well what 'proof' means, so I'll explain it. For those of us that are real scientists and have taken classes in logic and mathematical proofs…" AKA, me. That's me. I'm just saying that. Me. Maddox. I'm saying that.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick giggles) But he says, **"For those of us…**" but this is him again. **"For those of us…"**

Sean: Would have been a way stronger letter.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I thought your fans usually talked differently.

Maddox: No.

Dick: That's why I'm having a hard time following.

Maddox: No, this guy…this is…I'm just doing the voice that, naturally, like, it correlates to the words on the page.

Dick: Oh. Okay. (giggles)

Maddox: This is the voice. **"For those of us that are real scientists and have taken classes in logic and mathematical proofs…**(Dick giggles) **the word 'proof' doesn't mean just any correlating evidence."** Fuckface.

Dick: Oh, my god. (giggles)

Maddox: I added the "fuckface" part.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "A proof is the demonstration that a claim of theorem follows analytically from definition from the more fundamental axioms of logical systems."

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: That sounds like a mouthful, but listen. But hear me out. He goes on.

Dick: No, keep going. I'm getting really hard.

Maddox: Good. (Dick guffaws) **"Scientific laws have not necessarily demonstrated to follow analytically from anything."**

Dick: Oh, yeah. (aroused)

Maddox: "At times, they can be considered axiomatic themselves."

Dick: Oooh, (sexy) (Sean giggles)

Maddox: "They are the result of repeated observation regarding an abstract proposition that has been generalized inductively." And that's exactly the scientific theory that I just described, isn't it, shithead? The scientific method?

Dick: Keep going. (strains)

Maddox: "While the scientific law ..."(cracks up) Shut up. (Dick giggles) **"While the scientific law may not be the same as the larger scientific theory...**(Dick makes more sexual sounds) **the matter of the fact is that the scientific law is a theoretical construct."**

Dick: This is when I tap the head. (they all crack up)

Maddox: You're such a fucking dick!!!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Stop being an asshole, and listen! (Dick cracks up) Pay attention! We're writing this down! Write this down, Dick!

Dick: Pay attention. (laughing)

Maddox: You might learn something for the first time in your life!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Write down everything I saw from now on. (Dick makes orgasm sounds) **"Remember Newton's laws that paved the way for all of modern science? Huh? Well, those have since been rendered false by more sophisticated theories. They're still virtually true in most applications. They are of practical value. Guess what? The law of conservation of mass was rendered false too when special…** (excuse me) **when special relativity was developed."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "There's no way around it. There's no conservation of mass in modern physics. There is only conservation of energy under qualified conditions. We still use the term "law of conservation of mass" for practical reasons.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's not…a fucking…it's only a law insofar as, uh…okay, it holds true for a whole bunch of experiments.

Dick: All.

Maddox: But there's…no. No. There's no mathematical proof behind it.

Dick: Yeah. That's…okay. Um…

Maddox: But Einstein's general…

Dick: (interjects) While he was writing that paper, how many black holes burned down? While this physicist was off of his test tubes?

Maddox: Yeah. **"Einstein's theory of relativity does have a mathematical proof behind it."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In fact…in fact, he discovered it mathematically, first. Before he discovered…any observational things were…were tested. They couldn't test satellites going around Venus to test the clock on it. They couldn't test uh,,.gravitational lensing and all these things.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Those came after the fact. Einstein discovered most of it through mathematics alone! And that's why it's such a solid theory.

Dick: Why do you let these guys get to you so much?

Maddox: They're such assholes! (Dick cracks up) They're such dickheads! Morons.

Dick: You don't have to prove yourself to them! You know what you're talking about.

Maddox: Shitheads.

Dick: Fuck them!

Maddox: Fuck them.

Dick: Let's get to some real…problems.

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: I know you got a good one this week.

Maddox: I got a good one, Dick. This week. Because usually, before the show starts… we…we just tell each other…what we're gonna discuss.

Dick: Yeah. To make sure that we don't both bring in the same problem.

Maddox: Yeah, generally. And I…I know you didn't bring in this problem. This is a big one, Dick. I've been waiting a long time to bring this one in.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Libertarian Theory!! (Dick and Maddox crack up) Ahhh. (Sean groans)

Dick: Ahhh.

Maddox: That's a good groan from Sean! (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, 'cause nobody wants to hear it.

Maddox: (sighs) Yeah. No one wants to hear it, including me. I don't wanna hear that shit anymore!

Dick: What's your problem with people just wanting you to have more freedom? What is your problem with that?

Maddox: Hooo okay. (giggles) More freedom.

Dick: So what if we also want to wear cool hats?

Maddox: Yeah. Oookay. (grins) (they all laugh) Yeah. Libertarians wouldn't know the first thing about freedom.

Dick: And clone Ayn Rand.

Maddox: Yeah. You guys wouldn't know the first thing about freedom.

Dick: What?!

Maddox: There's this meme. I wanna read this meme on the…

Dick: (interjects) Alright.

Maddox: That's been floating around on the Internet first. Shows a picture of a cat.

Dick: Oh. (scoffs) So you know it's got good advice, then!

Maddox: Eh, it's just fun.

Dick: Hang in there, baby!!

Maddox: It's…it's a funny analogue. (Dick laughs) It's a funny analogue.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Listen to this. It's a picture of a cat looking up. Like, this little cat I'm showing this picture of. I'll post it on the website. It says, "All cats are Libertarians. Completely dependent on others, but fully convinced of their own independence." That's…that's a fucking Libertarian in a nutshell. Here.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Bravo, Maddox. Yeah. That's a good…that's a good argument.

Dick: Are you saying because, like, we drive on public roads and live in a society that's based on…like, a republic?

Maddox: Actually, exactly that, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Well, you kinda have to be.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: That's how the system is.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) I didn't have a choice.

Maddox: Um…Dick. Last episode, about the whole Kim Davis thing.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Um, you…you…

Dick: (interjects) Don't even say it. Let's have a ban on saying the name on the podcast.

Maddox: Well, that's fine. That's fine, Dick. There's a bit I haven't played in a long time. It's a fan favorite.

Dick: Yeah.

(Theme starts…."Dick….is full of shit… (Maddox laughs) **yeaaaaah."**

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah.

"Oooooh."

Maddox: Oooh. (giggles)

"What a draaaaaag."

Dick: This is…all your bits are this, though.

"What is truuuth?"

Dick: All your bits are me contradicting myself.

Maddox: No, this is different.

"What is fiction?"

Maddox: No, no. This is you not knowing shit.

Dick: Oh.

"Dick…doesn't know. (drums) Dick……..."

Maddox: Yeah. Dick doesn't know dick.

"Full of shiiiiiiiiiiit.")

Maddox: Full of shit. Yeah, that's you! You're full of shit. 'Cause here's what you said last episode about the whole Kim Davis controversy, and that was the woman in Kentucky who was grandstanding and not signing documents to allow gay people…

Dick: (interjects) I don't think she was.

Maddox: Yeah, I know. And here's what you said.

(Dick: "There is a law saying you have to make concessions for people's beliefs a little bit. You have to try."

Maddox: Yeah. And they did. They did try.

Dick: See, I don't think they did.

Maddox: Yes, they did!!

Dick: No, no. Here's why…")

Maddox: Mmm, mmm, mmm, mmm.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: And then you went on. And I said that she was grandstanding, and you said, "No, I don't think they did." You said it now, and you said it then. Here's…here's what actually happened.

(News clip: "In fact, the judge did give Davis a second chance to comply…"

Dick: Oh, man.

"The five deputy clerks agreed to begin approving marriage licenses Friday. Davis had to agree not to interfere. When she refused, the judge ordered federal marshals to take her to jail.")

Maddox: Yeah. They gave her a chance. FIVE deputy clerks.

Dick: Dude, I gotta tell you. I don't wanna talk about Kim Davis anymore.

Maddox: Fine.

Dick: Like, people fucking hate it.

Maddox: Well, that's fine. But, but…the point remains, the judge did give her a chance, right?

Dick: I'll acquiesce the point just to not talk about it. Like, it's so much…it's overload. It's overload.

Maddox: Okay. Good. Good, Dick. I…(Sean laughs) So, back onto…

Dick: I don't care. (mouth full of food)

Maddox: No, because it's part of the whole libertarian construct, like, "Oh, the big bad federal government is comin' in and telling me what to do. They can't tell me to go to bed." (silly voice)

Dick: Well…

Maddox: (giggles) That's all it is! That's all it is.

Dick: Tocqueville said…uh…democracy in America will last until the government figures out that it can bribe the public for its votes. How…how do…you think that he's an idiot?

Maddox: I don't…I don't know that quote.

Dick: I didn't say that.

Maddox: I don't know who wrote it. Who are you quoting there?

Dick: Tocqueville? He's like a…scholar.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In the beginning stages of American democracy.

Maddox: Not familiar.

Dick: He came over here to…okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, I think the idea is sound.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: That the government can bribe people by giving them free shit. You don't think that's true? You don't think the idea of that is true? And possibly scary?

Maddox: I think it's possible that the government could bribe people for things.

Dick: Possibly?

Maddox: In fact, I just talked to a Filipino couple…last weekend.

Dick: Is that necessary?

Maddox: Yeah. I'll tell you why.

Dick: That we say he's…

Maddox: I'll tell you why.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Because he said that in the Philippines, the government actually does bribe the citizens to vote, but, like, 10 dollars.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) Well.

Maddox: They give 'em 10 dollars to vote.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Um, but anyway, Dick…

Dick: Gas money.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You gotta get there.

Maddox: Little pocket money.

Dick: You gotta get there. Get a little something nice on the way home, too.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Get a chicken. Get a chicken. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Hey, that's a…

Dick: (interjects) Get a chicken for your wife, too!

Maddox: Ohhhh. You can buy two chickens with that. Alright.

Dick: Maybe a dog.

Maddox: So I went to…I went to this website, Dick. I dunno. Maybe this is…maybe this is…fucking Dick. This is…

Dick: As a pet!! What do you…what do you mean?! (Maddox laughs) What do you and Sean mean?!

Maddox: Ohh, perfect. Bravo! (Dick laughs) Ass. Um, I have…I have a website that…

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: That has a bunch of Libertarian principles on it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I think…I think it's authoritative.

Dick: Let's go. (grins)

Maddox: Right? It's…libertarianparty….

Dick: Child pornography should be legal, right?

Maddox: http://www.lp.org . lp.org. The website has this big banner at the top that says, "The Party of Principle".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then it says, (goofy voice) "Minimum Government, Maximum Freedom"!

Dick: I…yeah. I support that.

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah, you suppo…

Dick: I support that.

Maddox: See? The problem is, Dick, you and all the other libertarian shitheads in the comments…(Dick laughs) Like, oh, every time you're like "What's wrong with smaller government?! Hey!!"

Dick: Man they really got you last week with that science shit!

Maddox: "Meeeeh. Heeeeey, Heeey, Maddox! What's wrong with small government?" The problem is that any time you define a government to be a certain size, some shithead's gonna come along and be like, "Well that government's too big! We should make it smaller!"

Dick: Well yeah, but that's okay!

Maddox: There's no…how do you define it, though?! Libertarians are not self-consistent. You can't define what a small government is!

Dick: They feel like it now, it should be less. Now there should be less government.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what they think. What's wrong with that?!

Maddox: They allllllllways think that.

Dick: Always think that since when!?!?

Maddox: Yes! I am skeptical. I am suspicious of any political party who claims to want smaller government and yet is still running for government. Okay. You guys are the ones gonna fix this problem? Sure! Let's see how you do it, shithead!

Dick: Well, what? Should they do like ISIS and just start blowing shit up until they do what we want?

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: You gotta run and get in there to change the system!

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

Dick: You can dismantle pieces of the government from inside.

Maddox: Sure! Gotta fuck for virginity, right? That's what…that's exactly what that is.

Dick: No, it's about, like, ending wasteful programs.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaaaaah. (skeptical)

Dick: And programs that don't work.

Maddox: Of course. 'Cause they…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, "of course"?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the drug war. The war on terror. The many, many wars that are spanning the face of the Earth!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Republicans didn't end them. Democrats didn't end them. Put a libertarian in! They'll end the wars!

Maddox: Well, Republicans for the most part, started them. The two biggest wars that America has ever been in, Iraq and Afghanistan, 14 years now we've been in Afghanistan! Republicans started! Republicans are closer to libertarian ideology then Liberals, or Independents, or even Socialists, for that…

Dick: Thank you. That's true.

Maddox: So they started that. They started the war on drugs. Ronald Reagan, Conservative sweetheart. Conservative darling…

Dick: He's not libertarian, though.

Maddox: Yeah, but he's…his principles are often lionized by libertarians.

Dick: You think he's libertarian?

Maddox: No, he's not.

Dick: No, I don't think Ronald Reagan's lionized by libertarians.

Maddox: Ronald Reagan…Ronald Reagan was, I would say, in my estimation, a pretty decent Conservative. Like, as far as conservatives go, he's probably one of the best.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…he's not perfect. He obviously made really big, fucked-up mistakes, like… like the war on drugs.

Dick: China.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. The war on drugs, sure.

Maddox: Yeah. He made mistakes. But anyway, man. Uh, back to…I wanna say something that I disagree with a lot of Obama's politics. Something he said when he was first elected in office. Was, he said that it's not the size of the government that matters. It's whether or not the government runs efficiently, and works efficiently.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I couldn't agree more. Because the same thing could be said of corporations and any large organization. Charities. Any large organizations.

Dick: Just buy stocks that only go up. That's what he's saying.

Maddox: No…

Dick: Make sure the government always works, and works well. Like, yeah, okay, but it never has.

Maddox: No, that's not true, Dick, because right now, it's more…

Dick: (interjects) Have you been to the DMV?

Maddox: Yeah, but the DMV's the constant example that you always give.

Dick: Post office?

Maddox: Libraries work fine. Uh…the post office is not a fully government organization.

Dick: Libraries work fine? (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah. Libraries are great.

Dick: Why the hell do they even exist?

Maddox: (scoffs) 'Cause people like to read, Dick.

Dick: You need books? You need a bunch of dumb books sitting in a warehouse, sitting on prime real estate?

Maddox: Well, Dick…

Dick: And jackoff machines for homeless people?

Maddox: Ugh. Maybe…maybe in…

Dick: I don't need that. Why am I paying for that?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, some of us do reading and research, and we go to libraries sometimes.

Dick: Lemme…lemme ask you this. How's this for a libertarian principle? When I pay health insurance, I shouldn't have to pay for maternity shit as a single man.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay. That's exactly libertar…that's a perfect libertarian philosophy.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Not me. I…I don't use it, so not me. But the problem is, Dick, there are certain… services and there are certain programs that society can benefit from at large.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That no one person or institution or organization is tasked with creating. Or even can create.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like…uh…hold on. But before I get ahead of myself.

Dick: Yeah. Go through your list.

Maddox: I wanna say something.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I brought in two problems this week.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And the reason I'm gonna mention my second problem now…

Dick: The second one better not be me.

Maddox: (laughs) No, no. The reason I want to mention it now…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, is because it's basically the same problem. Uh…it's…it's a problem that is a perfect example of the problem with libertarian theory. And I'm not gonna say libertarians or libertarianism, because no libertarian government has ever existed. No proper, working libertarian government.

Dick: Yeah, but it's an idea.

Maddox: The closest thing is, like, what? Ethiopia or something like that.

Dick: But there's not…like, Democrats and Republicans aren't clearly defined.

Maddox: Hold on, hold on.

Dick: The party changes over years.

Maddox: Lemme tell you what the…what the second problem is.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay. Homeowner's Associations. Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. They're a…I hate them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're a big problem.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: Homeowner's Associations!

Dick: I hate them 'cause they fucking nail me with huge fees. I think they're unnecessary.

Sean: Shit, Dick wrote a song about it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Did you really?

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Homeowner's Association, Dick, is the perfect example…

Dick: For everybody who doesn't know, it's the governing body of a local neighborhood that charges you and sets up a bunch of rules and regulations.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: On how you can manage your own house.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, you have to do your yard. You can't paint your house pink. Shit like that. Sometimes they charge very little. Sometimes they charge $110 a year. Sometimes they charge an outrageous amount, like, if they're running a fucking golf course.

Maddox: They are a NIGHTMARE. I loathe homeowner's associations. They are…a perfect example of a microcosm of government.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Out of fucking CONTROL. A tiny little government that is completely self-regulated and self-enclosed and ALL they fucking do is get in your business.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: That's a homeowner's association!

Dick: They're the worst.

Maddox: That's a libertarian government.

Dick: No, no, no!

Maddox: A tiny, small government! That's all it is!

Dick: Whoa, whoa, whoa!

Maddox: What's the difference?

Dick: Why do you think that?

Maddox: You want small government? A homeowner's association is a perfect example of that.

Dick: Oh, Maddox, you don't know what is a libertarian…

Maddox: Well…

Dick: If you think an HOA is what libertarians want…

Maddox: Yeah…that's…that's a perfect example of it.

Dick: No, no, no. Okay, first of all. First of all. I don't like homeowner's associations, but if they exist, I want them to be extremely small. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: (laughs) 'Cause those are good. I lived in a small one! And they were still shitheads!

Dick: Well, then dismantle it!

Maddox: Huh, great.

Dick: Like, in my ideal world, I want NO homeowner's association!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, I…(stammers) a libertarian does not want a homeowner's association!

Maddox: But a ho…

Dick: That's very important that you realize that!

Maddox: Well, fine.

Dick: That's not a libertarian government!

Maddox: Well, you say that, but that's a perfect example of a libertarian government.

Sean: No, it isn't!

Dick: No, it is not!

Maddox: Because it…so, then, tell me Se…wait, wait, I wanna…

Dick: Oh, you're gonna get RAPED in the comments this week.

Maddox: I feel like Sean…I feel like Sean is…

Sean: I'm gonna let them just have at it.

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: 'Cause that's…exactly the opposite.

Dick: It's not worth it.

Maddox: I feel like generally, Sean is a voice of reason sometimes. Sean, I wanna know why you think it's not.

Sean: Because a libertarian would not want a government at all.

Maddox: I know…I know what a libertarian…but Sean, can you agree that what a libertarian says they want and what a libertarian ideal is, is two different things. They say they don't want any kind of government like that.

Dick: No, you're putting him on the spot asking him these trick questions.

Maddox: No! That's not a trick question! Answer the question, Sean. Do you think that's different? What they say they want, and what it is. Like, a small government…

Sean: What do you mean, what they say they want, versus what it is?

Maddox: They…they say they want more liberties, but a homeowner's association imposes fines and their will on every aspect of your life.

Dick: They're the opposite of liberty!

Sean: But that's not a libertarian government. Yeah, that's…

Maddox: (interjects) But it's a small government, isn't it?

Dick: They don't want small government that's in your backyard!

Sean: Small…small in relation to what? It's…it has…

Maddox: (interjects) Exactly!

Dick: No, that's not exactly!

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: You're talking about a small government.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Because it only lords over 100 houses.

Maddox: Right. That's a small government.

Dick: No, no. It's not a small government if they have a major impact in your life, then that's a huge government!

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh. Okay. So by definition…

Dick: Less interference!

Maddox: Less interference. Oh, I see.

Dick: More freedom! Less gover…less interference in YOUR life!

Maddox: So you could have…

Dick: (interjects) Let you do what you want to DO.

Maddox: 'Cause most homeowner's associations, like, for….I lived in an apartment complex with, I think, 90 different tenants? And there was a homeowner's association made up of 8 people. Made everyone's lives a living hell. Do you think it would have been better if they, say, I dunno, had 100 people on the homeowner's association?

Dick: No, I think that you should have…first of all, you didn't own the condo, so your opinion is totally worthless in this scenario.

Maddox: Doesn't matter. I live there.

Dick: (scoffs) But you don't have any rights.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's their community.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you own a condo there…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You've gotta run for the board.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: I mean, that's what…if your homeowner's association fucks with you too much, you run for the board…my father did this. And you try to fix it from the inside.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like…but libertarians want as little intervention from a homeowner's association as possible.

Maddox: So you would say…

Dick: If they have to do landscaping, collect fees for landscaping, and then give all the money back.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Well, um…I…I have this clip. From the Mercatus Center. The Mercatus Center is a libertarian think tank. They have this…they have this YouTube video. (giggles) There's this website. It is…http://www.freedominthe50states.org. And every year, they rank…

Dick: Sounds like a crazy site.

Maddox: (giggles) They rank…it's a libertarian website. They rank the most…

Dick: Well…

Maddox: The most free…(Dick laughs) The most free states, right? The most free states in the United States.

Dick: Okay, yeah.

Maddox: Here's this YouTube video they came out with. Listen to this.

Dick: Alright.

(Clip starts, patriotic music, male voice: "Every two years, all 50 states convene to compete for the title of Most Free State…"

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Yeah.

"The winner will receive more residents, fewer burdensome rules that slow growth, and fewer nanny state regulations!")

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. Okay.

Maddox: Alright. The winner's going to get more residents living there, fewer nanny state regulations, uh…fewer burdens and regulations that choke growth, right? And here are the states that make…

Dick: (interjects) Well, it's a nice idea.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a nice idea, on paper. And here are the states that made the cut.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Here are the states. Here are the states.

(Clip continues: "New Hampshire is looking especially confident coming off its win in 2011! I'm wondering how New York will do! They don't look too good!"

Maddox: And then on this…

Dick: This is a really bad video. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: And then the video of New York…(Dick laughs) it shows New York anchored with all these, like, literal anchors.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then they have all these little tags on it that say, "Regulation" and "Nanny state" and all this other shit, right? So…so here are the states that actually made the cut.

"Ready to kick off at the Fiscal Policy swim! Bang! And they're off. Low taxes are giving South Dakota an early lead, followed by Tennessee!"

Dick: Oh, my God! Ugggh.

"But New Jersey and Hawaii are WAY behind! Weighed down by taxation and debt! (Dick cracks up) **Ho ho! I think New York might drown out there!")**

Maddox: Oh ho! Did you hear that last part? New York's gonna drown out there! Yeah. New York is CHOKING with taxation and debt. You know, New York, they're really struggling, uh, that shit economy, in New York. Let's…let's talk about New Hampshire and Tennessee.

Sean: New York City went bankrupt.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, but they're still making…(stammers)

Dick: Uh-oh! (laughs)

Maddox: I mean, they gross more than all these states combined, Sean.

Dick: Yeah, but they're also, like, a major port city.

Sean: There's nine million people in Manhattan!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, sounds like a real shitty place to live if 9 million people wanna live there!

Dick: It's been shitty to live there before.

Maddox: Here, let's go on. Well, let's finish this.

(Clip continues: "ready to race today! South Dakota is out of the water and onto the regulatory wall climb! Wow. Indiana and Delaware are rocketing up the wall! West Virginia's liability system and New Jersey's abuse of property rights are leaving them stuck in molasses!

Different guy: "There's New York again! I think their back's gonna give out!")

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, New York, Euuuuugh! (silly voice) (laughs) It's stupid.

Dick: It is a stupid video.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a stupid video. And here's…here's the…the top 10…

Dick: There's probably videos like that for eve…all sides.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) I'm sure. I'm sure.

Dick: Well, you say that like there isn't, but there probably is. (grins)

Maddox: I mean, yeah, but this is…this is one of the top videos.

Dick: You wanna bring in a video game unboxing and see how lame that sounds?

Maddox: No.

Dick: (goofy voice) Uh hey, I got Dark Souls 2, today. (Maddox giggles) Great game, but let's see what the package looks like.

Maddox: Yeah…no. So this is the…according to this libertarian think tank…

Dick: What was…well, what was the problem with that? Oh, you're getting to that right now. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Lemme…lemme read the…these are the top 10 states that are the most free, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Number one…

Dick: I know why you didn't tell me what the problem was, now. Because then I would've prepared something about…great about libertarianism.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: And now I'm sandbagged!

Maddox: You should already know! (Dick scoffs) You're a hardcore libertarian!

Sean: I'm still…I'm still reeling from his absolutely retarded take…(Dick guffaws) on HOA and being small government and using that as an example of what libertarians want.

Dick: It's not…it's not what libertarians want!

Sean: I'm not a libertarian, but…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's just…it's a completely false pretense.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You fucking weasels are impossible to nail to the wall, because you're just slippery little fucks! 'Cause anytime I say "This is an example of a small government! How come tha…" and you're like "No, that's not libertarian, 'cause it's shitty!"

Dick: No, 'cause it's…

Maddox: (Interjects) Every single time!

Dick: …invasive.

Maddox: Yeah. Invasive.

Dick: It's invasive and not representative.

Maddox: Oh, sure. Well, here are the top 10…here are the top 10 states.

Dick: As proof that you didn't feel you were represented on yours. Go ahead, top 50 states.

Maddox: Dick. A libertarian think tank came up with the top 10 most free states.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Number one is North Dakota. Number two is South Dakota. Number three is Tennessee. Then New Hampshire. Then Oklahoma. Then Idaho. Missouri. Virginia. Georgia. And, my very own home state of Utah.

Dick: Utah.

Maddox: Utah! The most free?!! Fuck you!! And by the way, these regulations that are supposedly crippling the economy and…and choking growth, and choking economic activity, are any of these states known for anything? For jack…they're known for jack shit!

Dick: They're known for being free.

Maddox: They're not power…(giggles) They're not powerhouses. They're not powerhouses of economic activity.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: North Dakota, South Dak…Tennessee? What the fuck comes outta Tennesee? 'Cept for babes! (laughs) (Sean laughs) No, but seriously! Nothing comes out…

Dick: Good country music.

Maddox: Idaho?! Idaho..Idaho made the fucking list.

Dick: Potatoes. Come on!

Maddox: Utah.

Dick: Those are the most free potatoes ever.

Sean: People…people want to live on the coasts.

Dick: Yeah. That's…

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh. Is that why? (taunts) Ohhhhh.

Dick: You go with your…

Sean: (interjects) That's exactly why!

Maddox: Oh. So…so…

Sean: He says it like it's stupid!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, like…

Dick: People live with their families. People don't move…

Maddox: But also, Chicago. Chicago's not on the coast. Chicago's one of the biggest cities in the US. San Francisco. Well, that's on the coast, I guess.

Sean: Big shipping port.

Maddox: Yeah, but…anyway.

Dick: People want to live in big cities.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What is your problem…

Maddox: Toronto…

Dick: That's where commerce happens.

Maddox: Chicago…sure. Not…in these big cities…you know…(stammers) (Dick giggles) these libertarians are saying that regulation cripples the economy, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And these are the least free states. But here's what pisses me off about you libertarians, 'kay?

Dick: Uh-huh. (irritated)

Maddox: You guys. You slippery fucks. Because I…

Sean: Don't lump me in with libertarians.

Dick: Yeah, he's not a libertarian.

Maddox: Not you, Sean. I'm looking at Dick over here. I…I lived in a state that is libertarian-learning. One of the most conservative states in the union.

Dick: Utah?

Maddox: Utah.

Dick: Libertarian leaning? What do you mean, libertarian leaning?

Maddox: Oh, absolutely. They're so fucking conservative. Like, outside of…

Dick: (interjects) That doesn't mean libertarian, though.

Maddox: Well, hold on. Hold on. Outside of conservatives, libertarians are like the next biggest thing in Utah and Montana. Like, it's all libertarians. Here's some rules and regulations…this "most free" list, right? This libertarian think tank…here are things you can't do in Utah. Lemme just refresh your memory. Can't buy alcohol freely. Alcohol is limited to 3.2%. Drinks in restaurant have to be made behind a Zion curtain, so outside of the view of other potential…customers and kids.

Dick: Yeah, but you're proof…

Sean: Those are hardcore conservatives who wanna legislate morality.

Dick: Whoa, wait a minute. Wait a minute. Lemme say this, hold on.

Maddox: (interjects) (stammers) But again, this is the most free.

Dick: Lemme say this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're proving the libertarian philosophy…

Maddox: Oh, there it is…(cracks up)

Dick: By simply moving out of Utah.

Maddox: Ahhh. (sighs)

Dick: In moving out of Utah, you took you and your business to a place that had better laws. Proving their philosophy that if you let people…if you let states be autonomous, people will vote with their feet.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: And the better system of government will prevail.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: You took money out of Utah because of their morality shit. Over time, the idea is that they'll learn and they'll be weaker.

Maddox: It's not just…it's not just that. You can't buy liquor in grocery stores. They won't admit anyone into a bar after 1 AM. You couldn't order alcohol before food until 2013. Until 2013, if you go to a restaurant and you order a beer…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You'd have to order food first, and it has to come to your table before you get your beer.

Dick: It seems like you're…

Maddox: (interjects) Adult stores are highly regulated. Porn is censored. Vaginas and penises are digitized. Drugs are strictly prohibited. There's no prostitution. Fireworks are restricted. It's STRONGLY anti-gay marriage.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's exactly the argument you were making last time, Dick. You said, "Well marriage should go to the states."

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: But here's the thing, bozo…

Dick: (interjects) Well, no, the argument I was making is that it should go to people.

Maddox: Ohhhh, the people are the state then, right.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Then what's the difference?

Dick: People…because it's their personhood. Like, people have the ability to make contracts.

Maddox: Dick, but…but you have to be able to recognize it, right? You can't just…like, you and I can make a contract here…

Dick: We have a legal system, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, exactly. And that's why you need government. That's why you need government to enforce it. Because if some…(Dick giggles)

Dick: (interjects) I feel like you're agreeing with…

Maddox: (interjects) Lemme finish this. Lemme finish this.

Dick: Okay. Go ahead.

Maddox: If some…if some goofy state, like Kentucky.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Passes a law that says, "Well, we don't recognize gay marriage." And let's say libertarian Dick Masterson comes along and goes "That's a good law, because you should believe what you want."

Dick: (interjects) I didn't say it's a good law.

Maddox: Well, hold on. You should be able to…

Dick: (interjects) Well don't tell me I think it's a good law to gay people to get married.

Maddox: I…this is a hypothetical.

Dick: Then don't use my fucking name!!

Maddox: Okay. (giggles) (Sean laughs) But…but you did say…

Sean: This has been every argument…

Dick: I know!!

Sean: "Well, this is what they believe!" and it's like, "No, this is not what they believe!"

Dick: It's like, "That's not what they believe!" (incredulous)

Maddox: But you did say that it should go to the states. You said that, last episode.

Dick: I said that I would prefer states over the federal government to make the call, yeah!!

Maddox: Okay. Here's the problem with that. If a state…say, like, 10…10 out of the 50 states…

Dick: (interjects) By the way, I…go ahead.

Maddox: Lemme finish this. If 10 out of the 50 states recognize gay marriage.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And you get married in one of these states. And then, your job transfers you to a state that doesn't recognize gay marriage. What then?

Dick: Well then it's not recognized anymore.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh! So it's a goofy…so then what, Dick? How do you solve this problem?

Dick: I dunno, what do you mean, "Then what?" Then what happened, happened. (Maddox scoffs) Like, it existed for a while where a small number of states had gay marriage. Then, the world changed. Like, what do you want me to say, then what?

Maddox: Yeah. Well…

Dick: What do you mean then what? How would you want me to answer that?! (mad) That was the past!!!

Maddox: All I hear…all I hear is "Less regulation, less intrusion into people's lives."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "Less restrictions. Less everything. Smaller government." But no solutions! Gimme a solution the problem!

Dick: Stop the war…the gay marriage one?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Stop regulating it. Stop regulating marriage.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Dick: Stop regulating, um…contracts people are getting into personally. Stop regulating it!!

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: It's none of your fucking business!

Maddox: Less regulation. You should…look, the energy should be deregulated, right?

Dick: Energy?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ugh, fuck! I have no idea what you think you mean by that.

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: What do you mean, energy should be deregulated?

Maddox: Every li…I love getting into this argument. Every libertarian…

Dick: (interjects) It's not an argument…

Maddox: …I've ever talked to. Hold on, let me…

Dick: (interjects) It's the same bag…

Maddox: Lemme finish, dude. Lemme finish. Every libertarian I've ever talked to.

Dick: Yeah. (sighs)

Maddox: Loves the energy deregulation idea. They love that energy should be a free market, it should be deregulated, and companies should be able to do whatever they want.

Dick: I don't know what any…I don't know what half of that means.

Maddox: What do you think it means?

Dick: That companies should be able to do whatever they want?

Maddox: Yeah, no regulation.

Dick: I have no idea.

Maddox: No government oversight.

Dick: Of…what, of energy?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, that seems pretty…uh, un…infeasible, because it's a gigantic, public good! Do you know a lot of libertarians who are holding parades for "Let companies do whatever they want with energy"?

Maddox: Well…I know a lot of libertarians who are saying goofy things like "Energy should be deregulated", but you know what happens when energy does get deregulated, Dick? These shifty fuckers, like Enron, come along.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they…start doing backdoor deals.

Dick: Illegal things.

Maddox: And shady operations. Illegal things!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why these regulations exist!

Dick: In collusion with the government, though.

Maddox: That's why these…no. The government literally deregulated the energy markets, and that's why Enron became a big problem.

Dick: Look. It worked for the phone companies. They got deregulated…(giggles)

Maddox: Phone companies are great! I fucking love my cell phone! Name one fucking good cell phone company, shithead!!

Dick: Do you remember how expensive it used to be to make long distance calls, 'cause they had a big ol' regulated monopoly?

Maddox: It's more expensive NOW! I'm paying more for my phone bill now than when I had a landline, even with long distance calls! I'm paying more for my fucking phone, 'cause the phone companies view your data as different than voice.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Voice and data are going over the same fuckin' stream, yet somehow, you have to pay for data AND you have to pay for voice.

Dick: And you think you're paying more for this…

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: …than back when modems went bing-bong, bing-bong? You remember the phone bills people would get, then?

Maddox: I paid, like, $40 a month flat. Period. And that was it. And I used all the data I wanted to. There was no data caps. Now I have to pay for internet. Now I have to pay… are you really arguing that cell phone companies are a great model of deregulation?

Dick: No. Cell phone companies are not what was deregulated. It was the phone lines. There weren't cell phones back then.

Maddox: Phone companies. Yeah.

Dick: It was just…distance lines, 'cause the lines were already in. So, like, we all paid to put the lines in and then we're like, "Okay, you get a certain amount of time to make your money back. To run this." And they said "Well, that's not really fair anymore. Now you gotta compete." Everybody, cut it up, cut all the companies up, now you guys gotta compete with each other to…to supply cheaper long distance rates. Like, it's gotta work out like a fair market.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Which is a libertarian thing. Like, make things…sometimes, it's better to make things competitive.

Maddox: When do you think that regulation is good, Dick?

Dick: That is such a retarded question.

Maddox: No, it's not. What's wrong with that question? Answer the question. When do you think regulation is good?

Dick: This is…this is a Senate committee hearing.

Maddox: Slippery fuck. You can't nail him down. You can't nail him down.

Dick: No, no,.no. I love the…

Maddox: (interjects) Answer the question.

Dick: I love that it takes three words for you to start grandstanding again. Like, you are totally grandstanding like a senator. Like you're showing off for everybody, 'cause you have this assumption of what being a libertarian is…when is regulation good? Uh, fuck, I don't know. When it's a public utility, like a road? It works then, a lot of the times. Sometimes, toll roads work. Sometimes, toll roads are doing great. Sometimes, it's good to not have a public utility regulated. Lighthouses get built. Sometimes it's good to make the people who stand to profit the most put in the money to build it. Like, I would if, um…I dunno, Wal-Mart contributed more to the National Interstate Highway system than the rest of us, 'cause they're using it to sell cheap shit!

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: Like…

Maddox: So do you think that there should be some regulation, say, if there was a public asset, or a public good that…a public resource, let's say.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like fuel. Like fuel.

Dick: Fuel's not a public resource.

Maddox: Fuel is a finite resource. Fuel is a finite, limited resource, right?

Dick: Yeah, but see, now…this is a great example of where I'm like…

Maddox: (interjects) Well, hold on.

Dick: I don't agree with that.

Maddox: Okay. Well, okay. Why not, Dick? You just said that Wal-Mart should pay more because they're using it more. So couldn't you apply that same logic to fuel and say that people who drive Hummers should pay more. People should pay a Hummer tax.

Dick: Well, they do.

Maddox: And then we should start…

Dick: (interjects) There's a gas tax. If you use more gas, you pay more of the gas tax.

Maddox: No, but th…

Dick: (interjects) It's very simple.

Maddox: No, but they…they can still…they can just buy as much as they want.

Dick: Well, yeah. That's called a free market. I'm fine with that.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.

Dick: You know. It's…it all shakes out, because everybody pays the same amount of tax on the fuel.

Maddox: Well isn't Wal-Mart then paying into the system just like anyone else, use it or not? In fact, people who don't use it at all, cyclists, for example, who aren't using the road nearly as much as cars, are still paying tax to maintain it.

Dick: Yeah, well, I dunno. What do you want?

Maddox: Do you think that's fair?

Dick: You're asking me if it's fair, or if it should be regulated? It's a public road! It's gotta be regulated.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: It can't be anybody paving roads anywhere they want!

Maddox: But they do! They make toll roads everywhere, Dick. Isn't that a libertarian fantasy?

Dick: No, that's a…no. It's…

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: It's a very in-depth process to get a toll road approved. It's not a free market for roads spanning across America.

Maddox: So you think it's good that toll roads exist. Or, excuse me, I'm sorry…

Dick: If they're working.

Maddox: That's not what I meant to ask. Do you think it's good that government exists to make roads and that sort of thing? Like, public utilities and public things that people access?

Dick: That's what it should be for. That's ALL they should do.

Maddox: Ohhhhh. Okay.

Dick: Is in…what do you mean, "Oh, okay", like a smug asshole? (Maddox laughs) Like, you think…like, you're not catching libertarians on any of this shit!

Maddox: That's 'cause I can't. You guys are slippery!

Dick: Everybody thinks…no! Maddox, because you don't understand what is a libertarian! (Maddox giggles) A libertarian would say, "Look, drugs aren't hurting anybody. Just let people do it." Like, that's what…that's what the libertarian philosophy is. If you're not harming anyone else, you get to do it.

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: If everybody in LA gets together and says, "We want a bunch of freeways". Like, you guys go ahead and figure it out. But don't make people in Nebraska pay for it! 'Cause they don't need a bunch of fucking freeways! Like, in LA, it makes sense for everybody to put in more for freeways! Fine. Making that a federal thing, everybody has to pay this percentage of their income tax for freeways, doesn't make any sense!

Maddox: I'll tell you what doesn't make sense, Dick. Is when you have a bunch of states that decide that they don't want to fund the military anymore. And they decide.. they pass legislation and they say, "You know what? No more of our tax money is going to the military, 'cause we're not gonna use it."

Dick: Sure. I'd be for that!

Maddox: Oh, great. And then next thing you know, the military's completely defunded, or defunded to the point where they're crippled, and then our national security is impacted.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Well, wouldn't it be nice if some government came in and said, "No, you have to pay taxes whether you agree with it or not, because this is generally good for our national security, etc, etc."

Dick: 9/11. 9/11, 9/11. You forgot that.

Maddox: What about it?

Dick: You forgot just repeating 9/11, because this is fear mongering.

Maddox: Well, no, no. I totally agree. I totally agree that 9/11 was handled poorly, but…

Dick: (interjects) No, because God forbid that we don't have a shitload of war all the time, right?

Maddox: Well, right. Right.

Dick: God forbid that some states would want to reduce the amount of money we're paying into a gigantic fucking complex that just goes around and kills people with baseball cards!!

Maddox: So, then, Dick…

Dick: God forbid!

Maddox: That's fine. I agree with that. But then who decides what's a worthy cause and what's not?

Dick: The states?!

Maddox: The libertarians?

Dick: People!

Maddox: Oh, the states.

Dick: People decide!

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh. (condescending)

Dick: Like, people are smart! When they get together in groups, they can make these decisions! They don't need it made for them!

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: They don't need it made for them by people who are offering them free shit for the opportunity to do so!

Maddox: Dick, there's…there's definitely problems with our government, because they are coerced by lobbyists and special interest groups, for sure. But, also, government can be functional, and there are lots of successful government programs.

Dick: Any libertarian would admit that.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Any libertarian would admit that. They're not ANARCHISTS.

Maddox: So it's clear…

Dick: That's the fundamental difference you do not understand!! (angry)

Maddox: Well, then you…(stammers) I want any slippery fuck libertarian to tell me what size of government we can live by and what…

Dick: But it's different for everybody!

Maddox: Ohhhhh. Exactly my point!

Dick: Every city and every state! They should decide how big they want their government to be!

Maddox: Like a homeowner's association.

Dick: (sighs) Yeah……

Maddox: Clearly, I don't understand…look, guys.

Dick: (interjects) Oh, clearly, you don't understand anything about this!

Maddox: I don't understand. I don't understand anything. So I…I actually brought in the libertarian party principles.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right? And I have a song to play for this…for this part right here. Here we go.

(Clip starts, kazoo theme plays…

Maddox: This is from Chris Tanaka-Canwell.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Yeah. He made that song. I use it on my YouTube videos. But this is the libertarian party principles, alright?

Dick: You've got some…what's your most recent YouTube video, since we're talking about it…what's the…let's pitch that.

Maddox: My cooking…my cooking video's coming out. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I did my cooking video.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Anyway, it actually should be out as of this recording. Anyway.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Libertarian Party Principles. Here we go. (Sean laughs) (presidential voice) "As libertarians, we seek a world of liberty! A world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives!!"

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: "And no one is forced to sacrifice his or her values for the benefit of others!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (lisp gets worse) "We believe that…"(Dick laughs) "Respect for individual rights is essential. Preconditions for a free and prosperous world. That force and fraud must be banished from human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Consequently, we defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest and (giggles) welcome the diversity that freedom brings!"

Sean: What voice is he doing?

Dick: Ahh, I don't know.

Maddox: "This…the world…"

Sean: Is that Officer Barbrady from South Park?

Maddox: (laughing) "The world we seek to build…"

Dick: (interjects) It's a guy who's about to have a foot shoved up his ass. (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: "The world we seek to build is one where individuals are free to follow their own dreams, in their own ways, without interference from government or any authoritarian power."

Dick: What's wrong with that? What's wrong with that?

Maddox: "Any authoritarian power."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "These specific policies are not our goal, however."

Dick: Yeah…(grins) Okay.

Maddox: "Our goal is nothing more, nor less, than a world set free in our lifetime and it is…(Dick laughs) that we may take these stands. Libertarian party. Libertarians. LP.org."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's their principles.

Dick: I mean, you know the Internet is like a perfect libertarian utopia, right?

Maddox: Well, yeah. Up until corporations start to meddle and destroy net neutrality.

Dick: Corporations aren't doing that, the government is.

Maddox: No, the corporations are fucking…

Dick: (interjects) The corporations…

Maddox: They are lobbying the government!

Dick: So who's doing the fucked up thing?

Maddox: The corporations!

Dick: The fucking government is, you dipshit!! (angry) The corporations are just bribing them to do it!! They shouldn't have that power in the first place!!

Maddox: It's the corporations.

Dick: Jesus Christ!!

Maddox: Well, if someone doesn't regulate it, Dick, then…then corporations can do whatever they want. They only thing keeping net neutrality neutral is the fucking government, shithead!! (yells) (Dick laughs) And these corporations are putting people on the panel of the FCC, (Dick sighs) trying to get that overturned!!

Dick: Well…

Maddox: They're the ones who are fucking it up! It's the government who invented the internet, and it's the government who's saving the internet! It's the only fucking thing that's keeping the internet free, is the fucking government! Not corporations, shithead!

Dick: (interjects) They're keeping it free from themselves!

Maddox: NOT CORPORATIONS!! (cracks up) Oh, you guys piss me off. Anyway. The… Dick, this line says everything here.

Dick: Do you have any good points in there, 'cause all of this has been dogshit and you just showing off how much you don't know about what is a libertarian.

Maddox: Yeah. Without interference from government…government or ANY authoritarian power. ANY authoritarian power.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Oh, libertarians are just a bunch of crybaby idiots who need their asses wiped, who got told too many times to go to bed by their parents, and now they're growing up and they have a huge fucking complex.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Where they don't want the government to "steal" their money by taxes and steal their money with all these…

Dick: It's the liberty, it's not money.

Maddox: Yeah. Mmm.

Dick: It's the liberty. You know what else libertarians are?

Maddox: What?

Dick: The smartest people in America. (Maddox cracks up) The 999 group? The people who are…it's like Mensa, but it makes Mensa look like a bunch of retards?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 99.9 percentile, or percent, or whatever it is. Some statistic. Nerds are gonna bust me on that. Most of them are libertarians.

Maddox: You know what?

Dick: 'Cause they understand the big picture and how important it…how important it is to maintain personal liberty. They're the only party that's not trying to bribe you with Christ or free college!

Maddox: Yeah, I agree, Dick. You know what? If a libertarian is…is prudent with his money and likes to save $5 on, say, razors…(they crack up) I would totally be on board with that.

Dick: I mean, we went way over the…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, yeah, yeah. I know.

Dick: We went way over the thing.

Maddox: We'll go…we'll make it long. I wanna hear your problem, too.

Dick: Um…today's show is brought to you by Harry's. (Maddox giggles) Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. We're all using Harry's now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We discussed it before the show, and we discussed techniques of how to use the Harry's razor, because it feels…I will say, we all know..it feels heavy, like a gun. It feels substantial in your hand when you're shaving. It doesn't feel like a plastic piece of garbage that was chromed to make it look cool, right? To try to convince you that you have a big dick, when even though you don't. (Maddox chuckles) Which is the other…which is the competitors, right?

Sean: Everybody knows that's what a Corvette's for.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It feels like metal, you gotta change your stroke a little, but man, when you really lay into those face hairs, it does feel good.

Maddox: It feels good.

Dick: It feels clean.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It feels freshly shorn, all day.

Maddox: It feels like a little…a little lumberjack is going to my little stubble.

Dick: It does. It does feel like that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, you pay…let's see. You put in the promo code, "BIGGESTPROBLEM", to save $5 off your first purchase. It does work. The starter kit is 15…the promo code does work. I mean, obviously, the razors work. The starter kit is 15 bucks. That includes a razor, three blades, and your choice of shaving cream or foaming shave gel. One of you motherfuckers owes me some cream, by the way.

Maddox: Oh, I got the cream.. I've got some butter for you.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Some shaving butter.

Dick: See, this is a perfect libertarian transaction that we're having. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: I'm gonna send a Harry's kit to my mom. And guys…thanks for tweeting these. (Dick guffaws)

Sean: Jesus.

Maddox: What? (laughs) (Dick cracks up) You guys haven't met my mom. Yeah.

Dick: What is she gonna shave?

Maddox: Oh. All the things! (they laugh)

Dick: Where do women have hair, Maddox? That they need to shave?

Maddox: Their upper lip, their lower chin, their underarms, their legs, their…

Dick: Oh, my god.

Maddox: Their overarms, their outer arms. Their…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: All the arms. Their lunch lady arms. All the moms should get this.

Dick: Shipping is free. How about that?

Maddox: It's a good deal.

Dick: Here's the guy's…you wanna hear one of the founders' stories?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of Harry's? He went to a drug store and waited 10 minutes for someone to unlock the case for razors. Well, that's it, that's all I need to hear.

Maddox: Sounds like a libertarian drugstore. (laughs)

Dick: Fuck…fuck waiting at the drugstore. Get it delivered to your house!

Maddox: That drugstore sounds like it's run by the DMV!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Fuck that!

Dick: I…okay. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Here we go!

Sean: That libertarian DMV. (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Hey, one more time, what's the code?

Dick: BIGGESTPROBLEM. Go to http://www.harrys.com.

Maddox: http://www.harrys.com

Dick: Biggestproblem.

Maddox: Biggestproblem.

Dick: Don't tell me that it doesn't work. You don't work.

Maddox: And keep tweeting! You don't…you don't work. (giggles) You…you scum. You don't work! And keep tweeting these at us, and at Harry's, guys, it really helps the show. We really appreciate it, and Harry's is, I think, a sponsor for…

Dick: The remainder of the year.

Maddox: The remainder of the year!

Dick: They're definitely the biggest sponsor.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: Bravo. We did it.

Dick: So thank you.

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: I'm just…I'm blown away by…it's like…it's like being…(sighs) I feel like I'm Jesus. (Maddox giggles) Like, look at all I did. Look at all I did for you dumbasses trying to protect your liberties.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you just don't understand.

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Dick: What I'm trying to do.

Maddox: Nail you to a cross, literally, Dick Masterson. (laughs)

Dick: Yes, but make sure you get a good deal on those nails!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Shop at a…thank God that you live in a world where you can shop the price around!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? You can go to another state and shop that price around!

Maddox: No, I agree. That's a good point.

Dick: What is a good point about that? (they both laugh)

Maddox: That you can go to other states and shop around! Deregulation, man!

Dick: Ugh. (sighs)

Sean: That's the one he likes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, you realize that…well, of course you don't realize it.

Maddox: I don't realize anything, Dick! I'm just a dumb, mouthbreathing…

Dick: I just thi…I think you have something against libertarians, 'cause you think it's with them…I think you think they're anarchists. And I think you think that it's all or nothing with them.

Maddox: But…but you guys can't…I just want one fucking slippery fuck libertarian to tell me the size of government! Tell me how big it should be!

Dick: Okay. But…it depends on what…like, okay. Don't interrupt me yet. Do interrupt me, but not yet. You realize that different government institutions run different things around the country, right? Like, there's a department that runs national parks, let's say. And there's a department that runs…like, the police are a separate kind of government. Right? So you can't say what's…like, what's the size, because it's different for everything they're trying to address.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Different sizes for different pieces of government.

Dick: Yes. (exhausted)

Maddox: Ohhhhhh!

Dick: And some of them are out of whack with other ones!

Maddox: Ohhh. (they both giggle)

Dick: Like..like…

Maddox: I get it! (giggles)

Dick: Reducing…like giving farmers subsidies to not grow corn. That is a terrible thing.

Maddox: Ahhhh, you guys are so silly. (they both crack up) You guys are such fucking silly little children. Ohhh.

Dick: Well…(sighs)

Maddox: So…so it should be…

Dick: But you don't understand that, though.

Maddox: Each compartment of government should be small, but then there should be a…

Dick: No! No, DIPSHIT!! (Maddox laughs) Should be smaller than others!! Some should be smaller than others!

Maddox: Oh, good. That'll…okay. So how…how big should, say, the Department of Agriculture be…(giggles) compared to, say, the Department of Defense?

Dick: Smaller.

Maddox: Smaller.

Dick: The Foreign Affairs.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Smaller.

Maddox: Ahh.

Dick: We shouldn't be giving all this fucking money to people to bribe them to do things! War. Smaller!!

Maddox: So you think an efficient government is one in which, uh, it's smaller.

Dick: Look. You reduce it, I'll tell you when to stop. How about that?!

Maddox: Oh. Ok…okay.

Dick: You start cutting…

Maddox: Why don't you just tell me…(laughing)

Dick: …and I'll tell you when to stop!

Maddox: But here's the thing, Dick! Here's what you libertarian jackasses don't understand…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, my God!

Maddox: Is that…is that every time that there is a program that YOU think should be cut, right? There's gonna be a ton of people who disagree, and then every time there's a program that you think should stay…there's a ton of people who disagree.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So libertarians are the same jackasses…

Dick: (Interjects) That's called democracy, you stupid shit head!!!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: And that's the point of the whole thing!

Maddox: And guess what, Dick! Everyone rejects your stupid fucking libertarian bullshit because no…no one's voting you guys in. No one.

Dick: No…because it's a fringe…there will never be a libertarian president. Like, parties co-opt libertarian ideals when it's good for them. Like, getting rid of drugs is a libertarian principle. It just is!

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Like, it…I…yeah.

Maddox: A lot of liberals want to get rid of drugs, too.

Dick: Yes, absolutely. And the more people, for whatever reason, the better.

Maddox: You know, I took a test, Dick. I took a test to see how…like, what my political affiliation is? And whether or not I'm a libertarian, 'cause I thought, "Well, I wanna go check it out."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This was during the last election.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: 'Cause you were really canvassing for the libertarian, uh…who was the guy?

Dick: Well, because…Gary Johnson.

Maddox: Gary Johnson, yeah.

Dick: Because if they get over 1%, they get money.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, and it would be good to have more parties.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Working the system.

Maddox: I can't disagree with that. That's a totally reasonable thing. So, I looked at the libertarian website and I took a test, it's like, "How libertarian are you?" Or "Are you libertarian?" Whatever the test was.

Dick: "Is you a libertarian."

Maddox: Is…is you a libertarian. And…it said that you is..

Dick: You isn't.

Maddox: You is…no! It said that I'm 67% libertarian.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: And I thought, "Well, that's pretty good. Maybe this is my party, because I'm normally independent, or other"

Dick: Green.

Maddox: I don't…unaffiliated.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I only voted for Green one time, 'cause of Nader, 'cause I liked Nader.

Dick: Awwwwwww.

Maddox: Yeah, I know. The Green Party's crazy. Um, but anyway. I'm 67% libertarian. So I started looking through the principles, I'm like, "Well what do I disagree with here?"

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And everything…like, foreign wars, great! Libertarians don't wanna be involved.

Dick: No!

Maddox: They want to reduce government…uh…

Dick: Definitely not.

Maddox: Military? Great. I'm on board. Alright? Lower taxes? Cool. That sounds cool.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Who wants to pay taxes? Nobody. That's not popular. And then, uh, I went down the list, and then all of a sudden, it got real goofy when it came to healthcare.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Oh, cause they want the deregulated, open market. Which is exactly what we had…

Dick: Well, a more open market. I'm sorry, go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. It's exactly what we had before Obamacare, which, Conservatives AND libertarians…

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. It was not deregulated.

Maddox: Well, it was more open than it is now.

Dick: That is not a..(sighs)

Maddox: It was way more open than it is now.

Dick: Ugh, yeah, but there's still huge subsi…there's still huge incentives to fuck it up! Like making employers cover your healthcare shackles you to your fucking job.

Maddox: That's absolutely terrible. That's what it was. Yeah.

Dick: It's horrible! That's a libertarian thing, is to end that!

Maddox: Is it worse or better now?

Dick: Worse!!

Maddox: It's worse?

Dick: Way fucking worse!

Maddox: Ohhh. Okay. So it was better back before, back when people could get turned away for healthcare and, you know, this is a whole other argument, but anyway, man. That's my problem. Libertarian agen…excuse me. Libertarian Theory and Homeowner's Association.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: No, we still have time.

Dick: And that's not Homeowner's Associations, too. No fucking way. (Maddox laughs) 'Cause I'm bringing…I hate Homeowner's Associations way more than you.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't know, man! Have you ever lived under one?

Dick: I own a house!!!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: That's getting raped every month by these fucking HOA people!!

Maddox: You…you own a house under a homeowner's association?

Dick: Yeah that has a homeowner's association, that I get nailed with.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And, you know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can't stop it.

Maddox: No. They…but they're not a small government.

Dick: Well…(Sean groans) you're calling "small" a number of people. You understand that when libertarians say "small", for pedantic fucks like you, they should say "less intrusive government".

Maddox: Less intrusive. Ohhhhh.

Dick: Less intrusive.

Maddox: Like Utah. Like Utah. One of the 10 freest states.

Dick: Utah is very intrusive, dumbass! That's the whole list you just went through!

Maddox: Then why is it…why it is on the top 10 freest….

Dick: Why is on libertarian.truth? I don't know!!! (angry) (Maddox laughs) I don't know what site you got this off of! They probably…their little scale probably just includes taxation! I don't fucking know!

Maddox: It…I looked at…they had multiple different metrics that they were looking at. One is financial. One is personal freedoms. One is victimless crime things, and one is like…all these little freedoms, right?

Dick: Well, that sounds retarded!!

Maddox: No, no. These are different…and they rate the states differently. Overall…I looked at the overall, but…

Dick: Yeah. Because you need it to be easily digested to make fun of it. But if you actually go into the study, it probably has a lot of interesting commentary on, like, whatever those stupid things you were talking about.

Sean: Well, and each of those points doesn't necessarily carry the same weight.

Dick: No.

Sean: They may be alienating people because of their incredibly conservative morality and wanting to legislate morality and what you can do with the booze and all that kind of stuff.

Dick: Which is anti libertarian. To the extreme.

Maddox: Which they did, Sean. They did, Sean. And…and when I looked at just the morality issues, Utah ranked, like, number 27 or something like that. It was way lower, but…overall, everything…everything calculated into this libertarian score, Utah is number 10 on the list and it's one of the worst shitholes I've ever lived in. Fuck Utah and fuck libertarians!

Dick: (interjects) But you're…

Maddox: (interjects) Fuck their bullshit. And every single one of these states..

Dick: (interjects) You're just picking a random website and having a problem with a list!

Maddox: It's not! It's a libertarian think tank! It's one of the biggest libertarian think tanks! Who else is there? Who else…who is your advocate? Every tim…you can't nail you fuckers down! Every time I point something out…

Dick: Yeah, I know. Our think tank is 4chan!!! (yelling) Fuck you!! (Maddox laughs) Those are our best and brightest minds!!!

Maddox: That's it.

Sean: (in background) Oh, God!!

Maddox: Yeah. There you go.

Dick: Ugh. Alright.

Sean: Wait, did you do a problem?

Dick: No!

Maddox: No. What's your problem?

Sean: Jesus Christ.

Dick: Burning Popcorn. (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: Get the fuck outta here! What's your problem?!

Dick: That's my problem!!!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Maddox. There's not enough time. I was gonna bring in Breast Cancer, but I don't have time to do Breast Cancer…(Maddox laughs) Look, this is…and I started the clock late. We're way…we're way late.

Maddox: Okay. Okay.

Dick: It's fine. Burning Popcorn. Listen. Listen. Listen. (Maddox giggles) As Joseph Svalia points out…(Maddox laughs) First of all…first of all. The fucking Popcorn button on the microwave…doesn't work. It doesn't work.

Maddox: No. It doesn't work.

Dick: I don't know who is…libertarians are not building that button, because it never fucking works.

Maddox: Needs to be regulated.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox giggles) Dial it down. Dial it down!!

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Just like government, dial it down.

Maddox: Ohh.

Sean: Somebody should come into your house and WATCH the microwave and listen for it to pop.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Look. Way too long. Al…you just get a big ball of burnt up, black popcorn.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's…and the stench. Of burnt…the stench of burnt popcorn stays in your house…for days. As a reminder of your failure.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To make the popcorn.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah. It's awful. I…I have a story related to that, but I wanna hear the rest of your…

Dick: No, please. What is the story? What is the story related to it?

Maddox: I have this friend…who I've known for about 26-27 years. And everything he does…he's…he's one of my best friends. I was his best man at his wedding. Everything he does annoys me. And one night, he was over at my apartment. And he always brings over FUCKING microwave popcorn.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't know why…he's like…"Hey, can I bring popcorn?" I'm like, "Yeah, whatever dude." (Sean laughs) Just fucking…just fuck off with it, man.

Sean: They all have exactly the same voice.

Dick: Tchyeah.

Maddox: And by the way, Sean, this is the originator of that voice.

Dick: Why do you say yes?

Maddox: I invented that voice for this friend.

Dick: What is his…what's his…no, don't give me his name, but, like, what's the characteristic?

Maddox: You've met him. He's from Utah. You've met him.

Dick: I know him. You gotta refer to him as something so we can, like, refer to him as a character in the show.

Maddox: Uh…let's call him…let's call him Charles.

Dick: Charles?

Maddox: Charles, my friend from Utah, Charles.

Dick: He's like Bill Nye.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, he's like Bill Nye's deadbeat brother.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: He's like a deadbeat Bill Nye, he looks like.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. (grins) He's…he's a great guy. He's a real good dude.

Dick: He's a cool guy.

Maddox: But he's, like, really arrogant, and also, like, not the sharpest tool in the shed. (Dick chuckles) And so he brings over his fucking popcorn. And he…we…he always uses the Popcorn button, and we told him…

Dick: No.

Maddox: It was like, "Charles…"

Sean: (Interjects) Do you know anyone like that? (they giggle)

Dick: Who what?

Sean: Really arrogant and not the sharpest tool in the shed?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who?

Dick: Yeah. (Sean laughs) You, asshole.

Maddox: Oh, okay. I…I thought you…you know what? I gave you too much credit, Sean, by asking who. I gave you too much credit. (Dick laughs) I thought that was gonna be clever. It was just the dopey, like, ahahaha. Alright. Anyway. Speaking of dopey.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My friend Charles comes over. And we…I was there with four of my friends.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: We're all sitting there, ready to watch a movie. And we ALL FOUR OF US told him. We're like, "Charles. Make sure not to use the popcorn button." (Dick scoffs) Cause it doesn't work. And he goes, "Oh, okay." He goes into the…(trails off laughing) kitchen and he uses the Popcorn button. And then he comes out, and during the movie, he's just sitting there, like, digging the bottom of the bag, and just digging, and scrounging..

Dick: It's disgusting.

Maddox: And digging, and scrounging, and we're like, "Dude, what the fuck are you doing with all that noise over there?!? What are you doing?!" and he goes, "Oh, my popcorn's burnt." We're like "NO SHIT! Did you use the popcorn button?" He goes, (goofy voice) "Yeah."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We told you not to, shithead!

Dick: Never. It never works!

Maddox: He goes, "Oh, I thought it worked." And we're like "No, we SPECIFICALLY told you not to use the popcorn button."

Sean: You have to listen for the popping frequency.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Absolutely. So…my…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh…I'm..not done.

Dick: Go ahead. Go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. So he…so he…he then got up to throw the popcorn away, and he's gone for, like 15 minutes. And none of us noticed, 'cause we were like, "Thank God he's gone, we can watch the movie now."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But he's in the kitchen, and I hear, like, water running, and then, like, the food disposal. And I get up, it's like midnight, and I'm in a big apartment complex, and I'm like, "What the fuck are you doing running a food disposal at midnight?" And he's…and I walk into the kitchen, and his fist is punching popcorn down the fucking drain! Like, greasy popcorn that I spent a week trying to clean that butter outta my sink! (Dick laughs) I'm like, "What the fuck is wrong with you? Why wouldn't you just throw it away? It's dry. It doesn't rot. Just throw it in the fucking garbage. It does nothing!" Anyway, man.

Dick: What was his answer?

Maddox: Popcorn button. (goofy voice) "I dunno, that's just…that's what I do at home." Well, yeah, yeah. Well, think ahead next time.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Anyway, popcorn button. It ruins fun. What do you got, Dick?

Dick: My, umm…there was an app one time that was supposed to listen to see when the popcorn would be done?

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah. My life coach was real excited and he brought it over. He's like, "I know you like popcorn, so get ready for this app that I got. Like, it listens. It's the perfect pop. You put it next to your microwave." I'm like, I already know what the time is on the microwave. I don't…this is a stupid app for stupid people.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Like, I don't need that. He's like, "No, no. Let's just try it out."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I'm like "Alright, that's the time." I could hear the pops. They're bad. Little app. It's just chugging away. I'm like, "I'm gonna go stop it." He's like, "No, no, no. This is gonna pop all the remaining kernels. Like, you don't understand about this…(Maddox laughs)… science works that I'm bringing to you." I'm like, "Alright, it's worth it. I got more popcorn." This is…I'm just gonna let this one get burned to shit. Just to prove you and this stupid app wrong. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: That's so spiteful! And did…and what happened?

Dick: It got torched!

Maddox: All the p…

Dick: All the popcorn!

Maddox: The popcorn was ruined.

Dick: All the popcorn was ruined.

Maddox: The p…the problem is, those apps, um…the frequency…you have to stop it before it's at its peak frequency.

Dick: Exactly!

Maddox: When you hear the…yeah. When you hear it…

Dick: Exactly.

Maddox: Stop popping, then it's too late.

Dick: It's too late.

Sean: You…well, you…

Dick: (interjects) You fucked up.

Sean: Yeah,. You can't let it go more than, like, two to three seconds in between pops.

Dick: I even go sooner than that.

Sean: Yeah. If you don't hear anything…you're fucked.

Dick: That used to work, but I think they've changed the chemicals in microwave popcorn so that it's…that's not aggressive enough now.

Sean: Oh, that could be. It's been a long time since I…

Dick: (interjects) Like, it burns…it burns pockets of them, now. So you gotta go one to two.

Maddox: Yeah…why…guys, I don't even own a microwave anymore. I haven't had one for, like, five years. I don't use microwaves for anything.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I eat cold food if I need to, and I have a stove.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why is it…like, have you ever made, um, stovetop popcorn?

Dick: So. This girl…this girl was coming over, making me dinner.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, she left a bunch of her stuff over.

Maddox: Uh-oh.

Dick: I didn't talk to her again.

Maddox: Oh..(giggles)

Dick: She left a bunch of her, like, cooking stuff over. That I found later. One was a jar of coconut oil, and one was a jar of kernels.

Maddox: Kernels. Oh, that's cool.

Dick: Yeah. And I just tried it out. (inhales) But…I've never microwaved popcorn again.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's so good!

Maddox: It's incredible! It's so good. It tastes way better.

Dick: And it never fucks up.

Maddox: It never fucks up.

Dick: 'Cause they just stop.

Maddox: And it's not full of that weird chemical that gives you, like, fucking cancer beta or whatever that fucking weird cancer you get? That carcinogen they have in the popcorn butter smell?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That they add?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They just found that it's, like, this really terrible carcinogen for you.

Dick: Very cancerous.

Maddox: Yeah. It's really awful. And…it tastes better. It's fresher. A…and you don't burn the whole fucking thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Popcorn over the stove is easy, guys. Do it over the stove.

Dick: Burnt popcorn. That's my problem. (Maddox laughs) I think…so… so…either you hate…either you like…if you like popcorn that's not been burnt, and you like liberty, you guys know what to do. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Alright? If you like drinking, and drugs, and uh…prostitution, libertarians want prosti-toots (says it weird)!

Maddox: Fireworks. Yeah.

Dick: Libertarians want prostitutes! (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you like fireworks. If you like minding your own business.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And not the government fucking with you?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Vote DOWN Maddox's fucking libertarian agenda.

Maddox: Hooooo. (sighs)

Dick: I do not wanna see that thing in the positives. Fuck you!

Maddox: Yeah. Libertarian Theory. (stammers) There's no such thing as libertarian. It's only libertarian theory.

Sean: Well, yeah. It's never gonna exist.

Maddox: No.

Sean: Not in reality.

Maddox: Cause you can't nail 'em down. No one will…no one will…no one will stand up and say. "This is what we stand for."

Sean: No, you need government to regulate certain things.

Dick: You can't…THEY KNOW THAT! (grits teeth and yells) They know that, goddamnit! They know that! They want to enforce the Constitution as it's fucking written, you pieces of shit!! They know that the government can exist!!! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, I dunno, buddy.

Dick: Goddamnit!! Goddamnit!!

Maddox: You knocking shit over, asshole! Ahhhhhhh. There it is. It was all…it was all bottled up.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: What?

Dick: That's it, that's it. I'm done.

Maddox: Okay. So…so you would say that…the biggest libertarian…the biggest government expansion…(Dick sighs) happened during Bush.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Uh, the TSA.

Dick: It happened after World War II.

Maddox: Okay, uh…recent times. Recent times. It happened during Bush. In the last 20 years. It happened during Bush, with the TSA.

Dick: Like the Patriot Act?

Maddox: Yeah, the Patriot Act and the TSA.

Dick: That's…ugh. That's awful! Yeah.

Maddox: Libertarians…libertarians disagree with that.

Dick: Absolutely!

Maddox: See, here's the thing, man. I can't get you…

Dick: That was a pretty simple answer. Patriot Act, yes or no. NOOOOOOOO.

Maddox: I can't get you to…I can't pin you down to tell me what amount of intrusion is okay.

Dick: Into your life?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: None!

Maddox: Zero intrusion.

Dick: Leave me alone!!

Maddox: Oh, wait. But that doesn't sound like government, Dick. Government has to intrude a little bit.

Dick: No, they don't have to intrude. They can provide services that I can elect to use. They got a road. Fine. Use the road? Pay a tax.

Maddox: So you think…

Dick: (interjects) Call it a gas tax.

Maddox: You think libraries are a bad…bad move.

Sean: National currency.

Dick: I mean, I think…I think…

Sean: Get a standard national currency, right?

Dick: Yeah. Provide a currency for everybody to use, so I'm not out there carrying fucking sheep and frankincense and myrrh around trying to see a movie. (Maddox giggles) Hey, buddy, you wanna kiss my sheep to let me see your fucking movie? (Sean laughs) Oh wa…some kind of weird bartering system like that? That doesn't work! Make a fucking currency!

Maddox: See, Dick…

Dick: You need a government for that!

Maddox: You're not as loony as most of my libertarian friends. Do you believe that we should go back to the gold stand…just like, use gold for everything?

Dick: I don't even…I actually don't know what that means. Like, I don't know what…I get what it means. Uh…(Maddox giggles) (Sighs)

Sean: This is gonna go on…

Dick: I don't know. I don't know. (Maddox sighs) I don't know that much about that, so…

Maddox: Yeah. Every one of my goofy libertarian friends wants to just go back to gold. I'm like, well…and I ask them a very simple question, I'm like, well how do you trade stocks, then? How do you trade stocks on the stock market?

Dick: What do you mean, how do you trade stocks on the stock market?

Maddox: What? What are you gonna take a pile of gold to Wall Street?

Dick: No, you have a stock.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: A stock is a representative ownership of the company.

Maddox: Yeah, they don't want that. They want gold.

Dick: Your friends are insane, though! (Maddox laughs) Like, I'm arguing with a guy who's friends with people who…who GO TO COLORING BOOK PARTIES! And date multiple guys! Like, "Hey, I've got six boyfriends and I'm at a party with a bunch of other fuckface weirdos who also have a bunch of fucking boyfriends and girlfriends! Look at us! It's the end of days! Everybody's fucking and WE'RE ALL UGLY! And we're all libertarians! (Sean and Maddox laugh) And that's what you get…that's what you think of as a libertarian, but it's not! They're very smart people! (Maddox laughs) Smarter than FUCKING YOU!!! (Sean cracks up) Who are libertarians!!!! (they all laugh) WHO JUST WANT LESS INTRUSION IN THEIR FUCKING LIVES!!!

Maddox: They just wanna have fuck parties! Big orgies, they can fuck anyone they want!

Dick: No, they don't! They just wanna be left alone! (yells)

Maddox: Well that's what they do! They turn into fuck parties!

Dick: Libertarians?!

Maddox: Yeah! Big ol' fuck parties.

Dick: No. They turn…(they all laugh) they turn into cool guys with cabins in the woods. (Maddox sighs) Who are totally self sufficient and don't need a bunch of bullshit.

Maddox: Yeah. Sounds like the start of a horror movie.

Dick: They don't need to be fighting wars around the GLOBE on their fucking dime!

Maddox: Self sufficient. Yeah, and what happens if you're autistic?

Dick: If you're autistic?

Maddox: How self sufficient…

Dick: What do you mean, if?

Maddox: How self sufficient are you?!

Sean: You tell me!! (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, good one, Sean! Real fucking funny, shithead!! My problem this week is…

(Closing riff starts)

Dick: Stupid.

Maddox: Libertarian Theory and Homeowner's Association. Same fucking thing.

Dick: No, no! You can't do…don't do Homeowner's Associations!

Maddox: Okay, fine. Libertarian Theory.

Dick: Mine's Burnt Popcorn. (Maddox laughs) (Sean laughs)

(Voice mail: male voice: "There's only one way to get out of the friend zone. You gotta be cool as shit…and you can't… (Maddox giggles) **like, if you wanna bang a girl you're friends with…**

Dick: Here we go.

"You just gotta, like, stop talking to her. Like, you just gotta be like, "Yo, I like you", and then just…like, if this ain't happening, I'm out. And don't ever talk to her again. (Maddox giggles) **(speaker laughs) And she'll go crazy…**(Sean laughs) **And chase you, and the next thing you know, you're slammin' that. Punching out, guys.")**

(they both laugh)

Dick: More good advice on getting out of the friend zone.

Maddox: I thought he was asking for advice at the start of that call, then he gave really shitty advice. Don't talk to chicks that you wanna bang? Good. (Dick giggles)

Dick: Oh, here you go. I like…I really like this guy, Weird Matthew McConaughey. He call…he always call in like six times in a row.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So here's…here's the one I liked.

Maddox: Let's hear the saga.

(Voice mail: male voice: (sounds like a scary murderer version of Matthew Mcconaughey) "Hey guys, I got a bone for you…if your finger's not in their butt… then you don't know what the fuck you are doing. (Maddox laughs) **That's a haiku."** (they both crack up)**)**

Dick: Is that a haiku?

Maddox: I don't think so.

Dick: "If your finger's not in her butt…"

Maddox: "In her butt.."

Dick: Okay, it's already not a haiku.

Maddox: No, really not, no.

Dick/**Maddox:** "Then you don't know what…" yeah. "The fuck you are doing." So it's an… it's a classic 8/5/7 haiku. (they all laugh)

Maddox: A classic 8/5/7. (laughing)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 76

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Most Intrusivest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Big Government to Intrusive Government. (Dick laughs)

Dick: (laughing) Why don't we discuss Straw Men to Shitty Analogies?

Maddox: With over 4 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. Oh, I'm sorry. The intrusive list of the problems. (grins)

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I am Maddox. With me is Dick. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy!? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. (grins)

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Ahh. Welcome back, gentlemen.

Dick: How you doin', Maddox?

Maddox: Ahh.

Dick: How you doin'?

Maddox: I'm doing great.

(Titanic theme starts)

Maddox: I also…(Dick cracks up) You know what? Fuck you!! No.

Dick: What? Fuck you, what? I'll stop it. I'll stop it.

Maddox: Uh, we have with us a very special guest. Back with us, in studio, is Roger Barr! He was on last year for Halloween. Welcome back, Roger!

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: It's been about a year.

Roger: Thanks. Yeah. Yeah, I think we were talking about Halloween stuff last time.

Maddox: This is our big Halloween episode.

Dick: It's a tradition, you guys!

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: There you go! Alright.

Dick: Roger comes on and talks about Halloween, his favorite season of the year.

Roger: Yeah. It's the only time of the year I actually emerge, so I just dig my way out of the grave and come here.

Maddox: And Roger…Roger's like the foremost authority on Halloween on the Internet.

Roger: Thank you.

Maddox: Uh, if you search anything Halloween-related…by the way, Roger, like, two or three times a month, someone will send me a link to your website, not knowing that we're friends. (Roger laughs) And they're like, "Hey, check this out!" and I'm like, "Yeah, that's my buddy Roger."

Roger: Ahh, cool.

Maddox: "He's…he's the guy." If you search for anything related to, like, horror movies, your site's probably gonna be the first that comes up. One of my favorite articles that you've ever written…

Dick: What is…what is your site? http://www.i-mockery.com? That's "I" dash "mockery" dot com?

Roger: I-hypen-mockery dot com, yep.

Maddox: Yeah. We'll link to it on the website. One of my favorite things you've ever done is the, uh…your favorite kills of Jason Vorhees?

Roger: Oh, yeah. Yeah, that one…uh, that one spread around quite a bit. I did Jason's 10 best kills, Michael Myers' 10 best kills, and Freddie's best kills. I gotta do Pinhead or Leprechaun or something sometime.

Maddox: Oh, man, Pinhead is gr…so, Roger's been, like, raving about Hellraiser for years. And I finally saw Hellraiser.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: And that movie is SO good. It's so underrated.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: I think…I mean, it's famous and everything, but still. It's really g…it's really spooky. It's really creepy. Really well done. Good story.

Roger: If you like Hellraiser, you should check out Candy Man, as well. That's another classic that just does NOT get enough attention.

Maddox: I've heard, and I've seen clips, but I just don't like the guy who stars in it.

Roger: Tony Todd?

Maddox: Wait, which one is he…the guy who barfs out the bees and stuff.

Roger: Tony Todd, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno. (unsure)

Roger: He's more well known these days for, like, the Final Destination movies and all, but, no, he's great.

Maddox: Yeah, well, speaking of great.

Dick: I don't like horror movies.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Why don't you like horror movies, Dick?

Dick: No. I don't like being scared. (Maddox laughs) I don't know why you WOULD enjoy being scared. That's a silly thing to me.

Roger: Thank you, thank you Buzzkill McDougall.

Maddox: Yeah. Buzzkill McDougall. Speaking of…

Dick: Do you need a hug? (laughs)

Maddox: Do I…do I need a hug?

Dick: Yeah. You got destroyed in the comments last week.

Maddox: Alright.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Biggest problem from last week was Burnt Popcorn!! (laughing)

Dick: Oh, yeah. (Roger laughs) That's not the whole story, though.

Maddox: Roger. People…I dunno. They got a sudden, uh…lapse of judgment, and they just voted up Burnt Popcorn when the other problems…

Dick: No, no, no.

Maddox: …that I brought in…

Dick: No.

Maddox: Were…

Roger: Let's hear 'em.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Well, you think burnt popcorn is a big problem, right?

Roger: Uh…not as bad as whatever's in this bowl right here, uh…(he shakes the bowl) that's kinda nasty.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what, Roger?

Dick: Those are the snacks that…

Maddox: You don't like…you're the last person to talk about food. I swear to God. We won't…that's a whole separate…

Roger: (interjects) Not during Halloween! Not during Halloween season!

Maddox: Well, alright. That's…that's true. You got a big bucket of candy in front of you, eat that.

Roger: Which you brought me.

Dick: Why…why is that? Why is he the last person to talk about food?

Maddox: Oh. This'll be a whole fucking episode! (Roger and Dick laugh) We gotta bring in Roger about his whole fucked up…weird…

Dick: (interjects) Like what? Like what?

Roger: (interjects) Actually, let's dedicate an episode to that. I will gladly talk to you about that.

Dick: It's better than what we've been dedicating episodes to in the last couple of weeks. (they all laugh)

Maddox: Uh, yeah. Roger's weird food thing. He doesn't eat anything. Alright, guys. Um…

Roger: (interjects) All I remember is the last time I was on, you could barely even talk because we got you to eat some of your hot sauce and all, so…

Maddox: Ah, I was talkin' just fine!

Roger: Yeah…(imitates Maddox drooling and eating hot sauce) you talked like this the whole time!"

Maddox: Fuck you, Roger!

Dick: That is how he talked!

Maddox: You know what? I'm tired of Roger already! (Dick cracks up)

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Sean, delete Roger's track! We don't need this. We'll just improvise.

Dick: Hohoho. Speaking of things that should be deleted…(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, so. So…Roger, burnt popcorn came in, 'cause our listeners had a lapse of judgment.

Dick: Big problem.

Roger: Okay.

Maddox: Compared to…this was my problem last week. Libertarian Theory. (Dick cracks up) Which got trounced…which got trounced in the vote. (Roger groans) and then followed by my second problem, which was related, The Concept of a Home Owner's Association As The Perfect Representation of a Libertarian Government Which Dick Insists It's Not So Vote It Down.

Dick: (laughs) It's not.

Roger: I fell asleep halfway through that description.

Maddox: Great.

Roger: It was so long.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Well, people must have fallen asleep on the downvote button, cause it's…(they all crack up) It is WAY down.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Like, dropping a diamond off the Titanic down.

Maddox: Oh. I wouldn't know about that.

Roger: What's…what's the score on it?

Dick: So..lemme ask you something, Roger. Before we get into this.

Roger: Alright.

Dick: What…in a tweet, what do you think a Libertarian is? Like, if you had to describe the very basics of, like, libertarian theory, what might you say that it is?

Roger: I would say I don't give a shit.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the correct answer.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. The correct answer.

Dick: But, do you hate them? Are you annoyed by them?

Roger: No. I don't hate anyone. I don't care about that stuff. Yeah, whatever.

Dick: Okay. Alright.

Maddox: Roger, you pacifist fuck.

Dick: Yeah. Thanks for playing along.

Roger: I…I don't…I don't…

Dick: (interjects) Great…great job.

Roger: I don't care about politics.

Dick: http://www.i-mockery.com . (they crack up)

Roger: I don't care about politics. There you go. There you go.

Maddox: Roger…smart answer. That's a smart answer.

Roger: I just don't care about politics.

Maddox: Well, you know who does, Roger. Apparently, every fucking listener to the show does.

Dick: Oh, yeah!!! (laughing)

Roger: Okay, well…

Dick: You wanna hear…lemme play this voice mail first for you.

Maddox: Okay. Then I got some comments.

Dick: These people agree with Roger.

(Voice mail: male voice: (yelling) No one gives a fucking shit…

Roger: Thank you!! (Maddox and Dick laugh)

"…about your political views! Shut your goddamn MOUUUUUUTHS!!") (they all laugh)

(Voice mail: male voice: (yelling) "Oh my fucking Jod! Shut the FUCK up!!")

Maddox: Is this the same guy?

Roger: This is the same guy, right?

Dick: I think it's a different guy. I don't know. (Maddox laughs) A lot of people were shouting.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Maddox, suck a dick." (Maddox and Dick laugh) **"Suck all the dicks in the world. (loses it and laughs) Goddamn it."** (they laugh more in response)

Maddox: What a bunch of…

"(imitates Maddox's goofy voice) "Uhhh, this is Maddox… (Sean and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Okay.

"…all my fans are IDIOTS. They don't even know what a libertarian even is. I totally brought in the best examples and they totally weren't the complete fucking opposite of libertarianism. (Dick guffaws) **Like, housing associations. Unhhhh. Unhhh.** (Maddox laughs) **Idiots. Unhhh. Dipshits. Unhhh.** (Maddox sighs)" **)**

Dick: Okay. Roger, you know what a…you know what a homeowner's association is, though, right?

Roger: Yes.

Dick: Okay, great.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Yeah. But I'm not a homeowner, so I don't care about that either, really.

Dick: Okay.

Roger: But I could see how, like, if you're a homeowner, that kind of stuff could piss someone off, but…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they're intrusive.

Roger: Right.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (Dick laughs) They're big…homeowner's are Big Government. That's what homeowners are, Roger, they're big.

Roger: Look. I would…I would think…

Sean: (interjects) Would you stop with the absolute (inaudible because Dick is laughing so loud)?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: I would think, if you're, you know…presenting a problem…(Dick still laughing) you want something that most people can relate to.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: That you can upvote, so…

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Roger: There you go. Popcorn…burnt popcorn wins, clearly!

Maddox: That was a protest vote! You know what? I don't give a shit.

Dick: You know what? I got one without even using any cat memes. (Sean cracks up) That's pretty good! (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: You mentioned a cat meme, like, several episodes…you brought in CUTE as a solution, fuckface! (Dick still laughing) In the solutions episode. You brought in CUTENESS.

Dick: What was your comment?

Maddox: I got a comment from **Jordan Scott Ling.** He says, **"Since you guys are having Roger Barr on again, you can't forget to mention this time that he did that Doc Mock's Movie Mausoleum Show!"**

Roger: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Oh, yeah. That was great.

Maddox: He says, **"I remember Maddox was a guest on there. Plus, I didn't find out 'til rewatching that someone called Dick Masterson did some music for it, too."**

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: That's right, Dick and I did the song together. Uh, we had a great time writing it. And Sean recorded us.

Maddox: And for those who don't know, Doc Mock's Movie Mausoleum was you in your mausoleum…professor, I'm sorry, it's Doc Mock. Doc Mock.

Roger: Yeah. (gravelly voice) I earned my doctorate, Maddox! Let's…use my proper name!

Dick: Well, he is a professor.

Maddox: Yeah, I am a professor. And you're a doctor.

Roger: (continues voice) Alright, well, I'm a doctor, absolutely.

Dick: There you go. I got a PhDeez Nuts. (they laugh)

Maddox: Ugh, okay.

Roger: Uh…

Dick: In Swag. Yeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeaaaaaaaaah. (laughs)

Roger: (continues gruff voice) Doc Mock's Movie Mausoleum was basically a show where we'd uh…bring in comedians and other funny people and we'd just watch a bunch of B movies together and improvise and uh..talk about 'em.

Dick: Huh.

Roger: It was great.

Maddox: It's so funny, yeah.

Dick: Well, here's a comedian from the comments. **Chandler Spruelli, "Maddox makes me wish the Armenian genocide actually happened."** (Dick and Roger crack up)

Maddox: You know what?! That's fucking hate speech!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: That's just straight up fucking hate speech!!

(Sound effect: Booing)

Dick: This is about the libertarian problem.

Maddox: Fuck that guy! What an asshole. I don't give a shit! You know what? Fuck that guy! (Dick giggles) Oh, that's the guy who's defending your political theory, dickface!

Dick: Ray Woods, "Jesus, I think this episode gave me cerebral palsy."

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (Dick guffaws) Gave him. I'm sure he didn't have it before, defending your shit argument.

Dick: Cameron Clark, "Rest in peace, Maddox. Murdered on his own podcast. How tragic."

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs) I got one from **Matt Byrd.** He says, **"Normally, Maddox is the voice of logic and reason, but Dick, you need to stand up and punch Maddox in the back of the fucking head over his libertarian theory argument." Jonathan Cena** , though. **Jo**nathan Cena.

Roger: The wrestler.

Maddox: Big fan. Yeah, the wrestler.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Big fan of the show. (Roger giggles) He says, **"Inb4 libertarians try to defend their completely theoretical ideology with absolutely no real-world examples…"**

Dick: Oh, okay. Come on.

Maddox: "Who knew that less than 1%..."

Roger: (interjects) Whoooooo caaaaaaaares? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: "Who knew that less than 1% of the population based on the last election comprised most of the show's fanbase."

Roger: I'm gonna go get a drink if you guys want anything while he's…

Dick: It's a philosophy!! It's a philosophy.

Maddox: Oh, yeah! (giggles) It's a real philosophy. A regular "Saw-crates".

Dick: No, no, no. Listen, listen, listen. Lemme explain it to you so you don't go around giving people cerebral palsy all the time, spouting this stuff. Um, it's…you've got left and right, right? Political ideas? On the left, it's…it tends towards socialism on the very left, on the right, it tends towards conservatism, right? (Maddox grunts) But imagine it as a grid. As a two-dimensional grid.

Maddox: I've seen it.

Dick: At the top…yeah! You know what I'm talking about, then.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: At the top, you got libertarian, at the bottom, you got authoritarian.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can be all over that grid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But if you do stuff like enact a wage law, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Let's make sure women all get paid the same. Let's make it a law.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's more authoritarian than it is libertarian.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: That's all it is.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: It's very simple.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: More libertarian is "give people the right to do business themselves"

Sean: Don't…don't do that. That's how you got…

Dick: (interjects) That's how you got voted down, the smug, condescending shit!

Sean: It's the smug shit! (Maddox laughs) That was a punitive vote that happened.

Maddox: Oh, I know! It was a…it was a protest vote for burnt popcorn. I got a comment here, though. I think one person kinda got it. 'Cause um…I'll tell you why.

Dick: Kinda got what?

Maddox: I'll tell you…he kinda got where my…

Sean: (interjects) Well, who's the one?

Maddox: What my…well, lemme read this. It's **Michael Benhurry.** He says, **"You fucking idiots are so dumb with your comments at Maddox about libertarian theory. He is purposefully provoking you dimwits because your bullshit…"**

Dick: (interjects) No, he's not! (cracks up)

Maddox: "…is well known" lemme read this.

Sean: (interjects) Do NOT double down on dumb.

Maddox: No, hold on, Sean. **"Your bullshit is well-known to be the height of ignorant lunacy, same with the idiot Smash Brother players and Vegans. He doesn't have to make a good argument when your frothing neckbeards will make the point for him."** You know what guys, after that…

Dick: (interjects) Doubling down.

Maddox: That episode. I brought in libertarian theory, and I was kinda, like, goofing off, and fucking around, 'cause I didn't think anyone took it seriously. Like, and then I was so… I was blown away at the amount of people who seriously believe that libertarian theory is a thing.

Dick: You're totally trying to make it seem like you were not taking that seriously, when you very much were.

Sean: I believe none of this.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Okay, well…I…

Dick: (interjects) This is all bullshit.

Roger: I've never seen you not take anything…

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: You take APPLES seriously.

Sean: Right.

Maddox: That's cause I know my shit about apples! (Dick cracks up)

Roger: There we go! Proof, right there.

Maddox: Yeah, of course. I take some things ser…but no. Libertarian theory, I thought…

Roger: (interjects) What's the best kind of apple?

Maddox: I didn't have to bring in, uh…

Roger: (interjects) What's the best kind of apple?

Maddox: I don't…my favorite is Rome. It's not the best in terms of nutrition.

Roger: Wrong. It's apple cider.

Dick: He's trying to…yeah. He's trying to say that Red Delicious apples are not mealy as fuck.

Maddox: They're not.

Dick: When we know that they're mealy as fuck.

Maddox: Naaaah, that's just…anyway. Um…I want to say what my actual problem with libertarian theory is.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: And it's just too…it boils down to these two things. I mean, it's kind of…it's kind of big, but this…if you guys want a serious argument, here…here you go.

Roger: This was a Halloween episode, right?

Dick: Yeah, 'cause you've been thinking about it for a week.

Maddox: I know. We have to respond. Yeah.

Roger: Ahh.

Dick: So now you got…now you see where you fucked up.

Maddox: We have to follow up. Yeah, we have to follow up to this. Well, first of all. First thing everyone says when they're talking about pyramid schemes is, "It's not a pyramid scheme." And the first thing everyone says when they're talking about libertarianism is, "It's not anarchy."

Dick: It's not.

Maddox: But here's…

Sean: So are all Democrats socialists?

Maddox: No.

Sean: Are all liberals socialists?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, of course not.

Dick: Libertarians are not anarchists.

Sean: Oh, I don't know, they tend towards socialism on the extreme!

Maddox: But…the difference is, when my liberal friends are tending towards socialism, they're open about it. And when my liberal friends are moderate, they're open about it.

Sean: (interjects) But you still have a fundamental misunderstanding between an anarchist and a libertarian.

Dick: Yeah. You do.

Maddox: Well, I'll tell you…I'll tell you why I believe that.

Dick: Like, Smurfs are not libertarians 'cause they're small.

Maddox: I'll tell you…

(Roger hums the Smurfs song)

Maddox: I'll tell you why I believe that Sean. (Dick giggles) It's uh…it's because…it's because I've never met any moderate libertarian who I can pin down with a stance on anything. And so I went to LP.org.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I was like…I did more research afterwards, and I thought, "You know, wow, everyone's kinda piling on. Maybe I got something wrong." (Dick sighs) so I clicked on the link.

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: I clicked on the link that said "Libertarian Solutions".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it said, "Here's a bunch of libertarian solutions." And the page was empty. (laughs)

Dick: Maddox, that pages is full of videos. There's like 20 videos.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't see anything.

Dick: Yeah but you can't use Dropbox! Or self-checkout lanes!

Maddox: Oookay.

Dick: You can't use fucking computers! Go to that page on any computer that's not your Frankensteined piece of shit! (Roger laughs) that took you two months to build! It's full of videos! Granted…they're not great videos.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Like, the production quality kinda sucks, but it is very much full of libertarian solutions!!

Roger: What I love…what I love, is whenever I'm asking you what you've been up to and stuff, you're like "Oh man, I've been so busy, I'm working and stuff." This is actually the stuff you're doing. (Dick cackles) This is what you're doing with your time.

Dick: Trying to…escape this 500-person gangrape that he suffered in the comments last week. (grins)

Maddox: Hello Roger, my name's Maddox. This is what I do. (they all giggle) So here's my actual problem with libertarianism, okay? (Sean groans loudly)

Dick: Oh, kill me. (giggles)

Maddox: It's just two things. Two things. The…the website. This is directly from LP.org.

Dick: No, don't read it!

Maddox: I have to. I think everyone will agree with me. And if you don't, that's it. I'll never mention libertarianism again. Okay? (Sean groans)

Roger: Everyone, yeah.

Sean: Except for next week, when nobody agrees with you again!

Dick: Six hundred people shit on you again!

Roger: How many subscribers do you lose every time this happens?

Dick: We probably gain them.

Maddox: So this is straight from the website, http://www.lp.org. It says, "We recognize the freedom of individuals to determine the level of healthcare they want, the care providers they want, the medicines and treatments they will use, and all other aspects of their medical care." Oh, interesting, because that philosophy? That shitty philosophy leads to anti-vaxxers, Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The number one problem on our website. The biggest problem in the universe right now is anti-vaxxers, and that shitty philosophy…every individual can decide the healthcare they want for themselves? That's what leads to anti-vaxxers.

Sean: But you're painting libertarians in black and white.

Maddox: Mhmm. (annoyed)

Sean: You're not thinking that there's degrees like there are in conservatives and liberals.

Dick: This is one part of it…

Sean: This is one part of it.

Maddox: Show me a moderate! Show me one fucking moderate libertarian!

Dick: Ever…it's…it's a philosophy!

Sean: (interjects) There's tons of…

Dick: (interjects) It's a philosophy! It's in everyone who's a politician! Everyone… remember the grid. Everybody from left to right has libertarian TENDENCIES and authoritarian TENDENCIES. You can be on either side, but you have parts of that philosophy…(frustrated noise)

Sean: There is no fence. There's no fence and there's no box.

Maddox: I don't believe…

Sean: (interjects) And that…that you don't like. Because it's not convenient.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: To put it in a…to put in a little compartment.

Maddox: Sean, it's because I can't find one fucking slippery, weasel libertarian to take a stance…

Dick: Look at Rand Paul. He's more libertarian than the rest of the Republicans. There you go. He's moderate.

Maddox: I just…I just want one libertarian to take a stance that I can pin them down on. Do you think that people should get vaccinated?

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: Do you think that as a government program…

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, great. Thank God! Finally. Fuckin'…after two episodes…

Dick: How is that…I'm…I don't speak for all…I'm not the Jesus!! I'm not the Neil DeGrasse Tyson of libertarians!!!

Maddox: They're all like you! (laughs)

Dick: I'm just saying, I think people should get vaccinated!

Maddox: Okay. Here's number two. This is the second problem I have with it. (someone groans) "Recognizing that education…" this is from the website. "Recognizing that education of children is a parental responsibility."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "We would restore authority to parents to determine the education of their children without interference from government."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The problem with that is, libertarianism doesn't afford you more freedoms, it affords you less, because I don't believe any meaningful democracy can exist without an educated populous. If you're unaware of your rights, or the consequences of your decision, what bills are being proposed, the impact they'll have on you, your family, your business, our national security, you're not truly free, because you can't fully exercise your rights if you don't even know what they are! That's the reason that we have Miranda rights.

Dick: Is that you reading that, or are you reading from the site?

Maddox: This is me. This is my own writing.

Dick: Oh, this is you reading you…okay.

Maddox: If you're not even educated enough to take part in the political conversation in this country, then your rights are irrelevant! It's like giving monkeys the right to own property and vote! They're too stupid to use it! That's why I have a problem with libertarianism, because they don't support national education, they don't support…it's like, "Hey, everyone for themselves!" and you know what? They say that parents should fund the education for their children, but the problem with that is, if you have shitty parents, if

you have a shitty family, which you guys have the luxury of not having, but if you do, they're not gonna fund shit for you, so if you are uneducated…"

Dick: (interjects) Now we've found your problem with libertarians.

Maddox: Well…(stammers) yeah! I told you. Like, this is the whole thing.

Dick: Parents.

Maddox: No, it's not just parents. It's…this whole…this whole "individual should be responsible for themselves". Well, some people have a huge leg up if they have a good family network to fall back on.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But if you don't…then, you're fucked. And you're gonna be…you're gonna have a legacy of being fucked if someone doesn't help you out. Like, there has to be a good social fabric as well.

Dick: Welcome to being a moderate libertarian. There you go.

Sean: You don't have to buy…

Dick: (interjects) There you go. We all know that.

Sean: You don't have to buy everything hook, line, and sinker. Like, life isn't that rigid.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why does it say this, Sean? Why does it say this on this website?

Dick: Because that's their philosophy!

Sean: Because that's the go…yeah.

Maddox: It's a shitty philosophy.

Dick: It's not a shitty philo…(stammers) I don't wanna get into this, 'cause it's Roger's episode…

Roger: (interjects) (Doc voice again) I don't even know what the problem with librarians is. I mean…(Dick laughs) They have it hard enough these days. I mean, the internet kinda like pushed them off to the side, so let's stop talking about librarians, and let's start talking about Halloween, okay?

Dick: Yeah. Great.

Maddox: Well, before we move on, though.

Roger: Okay.

Maddox: I have a song. This is sent in from **Thermoptik.** I think you'll like it.

(Song starts, futuristic riff with heavy reverb)

Maddox: "There's no such thing as libertarianism. It's only libertarian theory. (echoes)

Sean: "Well ye…there's…yeah. It's never gonna exist."

Maddox: "No, 'cause you can't nail it down."

Roger: What is this new age…?

Maddox: "No one will stand up and say "This is what we stand for…"

Sean: "You NEED government to regulate certain things."

Dick: "Of course."

Sean: "Great, he took the two "anti" ones."

Dick: "Ugh, everyone knows that." (beat picks up) "THEY KNOW THAT!" "THEY KNOW THAT, GODDAMNIT!! THEY KNOW THAT!! THEY KNOW THAT!! THEY WANT TO ENFORCE THE CONSTITUTION AS IT'S FUCKING WRITTEN, YOU PIECES OF SHIT!! THEY KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD EXIST!!! (yelling)

(Roger laughs)

(beat continues)

Dick: "GODDAMNIT!" (cackling) (chipmunk voice) "Goddamn it!" I'm arguing with a guy who's friends with people who p…pu…pu…(loops over and over with the beat)"

(they all laugh)

Dick: Cool.

Dick: "I'm arguing with a guy who's friends with people who p…pu…pu…go to coloring book parties!!"

Dick: I could fuck to that song.

Dick: "And dates multiple guys! Like, "Hey, I've got six boyfriends and I'm at a party with a bunch of (slows down and the pitch of his voice drops) other FUCKFACE WEIRDOS!" (beat continues)

(they all laugh)

Dick: "Boyfriends and girlfriends. Look at us! It's the end of days! Everybody's fucking and we'll all ugly! And we're all libertarian!!"

(Dick cracks up)

Dick: "And that's what you…that's what you think of is a libertarian, but it's NOT! They're very smart people!!"

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: "Smarter than FUCKING YOU!!!!"

(they all laugh)

Dick: "Libertarians!!! Who just want less intrusion in their fucking lives!!!"

Dick: "They just wanna be left ALONE!" (echoes)

Maddox: "You're autistic.")

(Song ends)

(they all laugh)

Maddox: Anyway, alright. What's…

Dick: Well, I have a lot of funny voice mails that we don't get to hear, now.

Maddox: Let's hear…let's hear one!! Good. I want to…I enjoy these shitty…these voice mails shitting on me. Let's hear it.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Great.

Dick: I don't…I don't think so. (giggles)

Maddox: No, I love it.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys. Kyle from Ohio here. Uh…I just finished listening to that last episode you had about the libertarian jerkoffs, or whatever."

Maddox: Yeah. (Roger giggles)

"Uh…the more Maddox tried to prosecute Dick, the more I ended up agreeing with Dick."

Maddox: Mmm.

"Uh, I ended up looking into libertarianism…"

Maddox: Oh, yeah? (grins)

"Pretty…pretty sound stuff."

Maddox: (goofy voice) "Pretty sound stuff, huh?!" (Dick giggles)

"It sounded like Maddox was just grandstanding."

Maddox: (goofy voice) Yeaaah.

"Everything that you accused him of, Dick very easily argued that. Uh, Maddox, man…kinda let me down."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ah, that wasn't the funny one.

"Dick, don't go fuck yourself.")

Dick: I played the wrong one.

Maddox: (sighs) Well, enjoy not getting vaccinated and spreading measles. (Sean groans)

Dick: They don't believe in not…like, your argument's so weak.

Roger: Jesus.

Dick: You're saying libertarians don't believe in vaccinations?!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Are you serious?

Maddox: They believe that they should…look. I don't want ANYONE. ANYONE to think that they have the right to choose any medical procedure they want for themselves, because it ENDANGERS society!

Dick: Wait a minute. Any medical procedure?!

Maddox: No. Absolutely not!

Dick: Any medical procedure!

Maddox: No.

Dick: We're talking about, like, anything. You don't want anybody to decide any medical procedure about themselves?

Maddox: Not…not…I don't want anything to be an option, no. Absolutely not. What if th… what if you believe that you should inject yourself with bubonic plague?

Dick: You're just talking about vaccines, though.

Sean: Audience, you know what to do.

Dick: Yeah. I don't know what you're talking about, now.

Roger: Audience, I'm looking forward to next week when I come on as the guest for the Halloween episode. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I'm sorry, Roger. Do you wanna do your problem first?

Roger: It's gonna be a lot of fun.

Dick: I honestly…I don't wanna talk more.

Roger: No, actually. No, no. No.

Dick: Here's my problem this week.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Libertarian Booge…I'm just kidding. (they all laugh) It's Haunted Shit. Like…not…I'm not talking about actually haunted shit, because that doesn't exist. I'm talking about like, haunted houses. Haunted hayrides. Haunted boats.

Roger: Haunts.

Dick: Haunted…haunts. Yeah.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck haunts.

Roger: Why?

Dick: They're all a big rip…I don't like shitting on fun things that people do.

Roger: Okay.

Dick: But these stupid things are all a huge scam and I hate them.

Roger: Alright, I need…'cause I love haunts, so I need to hear why you hate them so much.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're a huge ripoff.

Roger: Why?

Dick: You're paying 30 bucks to take a…

Maddox: (interjects) You don't like to be scared!

Dick: …stupid. I'm not scared at any of these. That's part of the point! Why…I'm paying 30 dollars to go sit on a stupid hayride and look at a bunch of assholes dressed up in rubber masks, who I know can't touch me! Like, that's not scary. I know these are just a bunch of jerks who'd rather be doing anything that making $12.50 an hour pretending to scare…

Roger: I know people who work at the haunts, and they love it. They've been doing it for decades, some of these people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: They absolutely love it. The people at Knott's Scary Farm…uh, people over at Universal Studios Hollywood, all that stuff.

Dick: What do they get out of it? What the hell does anybody get out of it that I don't?

Sean: The memory of seeing someone scared shitless. You know they remember every person they scared into pissing themselves, and they probably love it.

Roger: I know I would.

Dick: Mmm.

Roger: You perform in the Tournament of Nerds sometimes.

Dick: I do.

Roger: You dress up in costume and all that.

Dick: Yeah, that's fun.

Roger: It's the same kind of thing. It's a lot of fun. You're getting into character and you're doing that stuff. And you just said, yourself. It's fun.

Dick: It's too fucking expensive. That's part of my problem with it, as well.

Roger: Alright. Alright, well look. See…that's…that's another part that you're wrong on, though, because there's a lot of haunts that are free or dirt cheap. Uh, I went to one called War 13 in Pasadena the other week. It's basically…you're going through this thing for a good, like, 20 to 30 minutes, and it costs 10 bucks. 10 bucks!

Dick: You're…you're crammed in there with a bunch of BO. (Roger giggles) You're crammed into a weird, human-sized mouse…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, he's got you there, Roger.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He's got you with the BO.

Dick: It stinks. It stinks in there.

Maddox: It does stink.

Dick: It does stink.

Roger: If you're going to the wrong one, sure. There are some that they intentionally add scents to it. Like, I remember they had a Texas Chainsaw Massacre one…

Dick: Sweaty nerd smell? (Maddox giggles) They manage to pipe that in? Through the rafters?

Roger: They had a Texas Chainsaw Massacre one that smelled like rotten beef and it was actually pretty effective, so, yeah.

Maddox: It also…

Dick: How did they…how did they figure that out? (Maddox laughs) How did they figure out how to get a rotting beef smell into it?

Maddox: I…the one thing I don't like about the…any kind of, like, chainsaw-themed ones, is when they're running the chainsaw indoors…in closed quarters, without ventilation…

Roger: They're not allowed to do that anymore, at least at all the major haunts, like you notice they're always running outside, like Universal…

Dick: There's…so many fucking rules in these. See, this is why we need libertarians.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: You should be able to determine…

Sean: Stop it, stop it, stop it, stop it stop it!! Stop it!! (everyone talks over each other)

Roger: NOBODY CARES!

Dick: If you sign a waiver….look, it's just so safe, I never get scared. I don't get that. I… and I want it.

Maddox: You can…

Dick: (interjects) So that's the problem with these things for me.

Roger: (interjects) So you're probably one of the people who would actually want to go to one of these new extreme haunts, where they actually, like…

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: …you know, pretend to kidnap you, and grab your body and all kinds of stuff.

Dick: You know what?

Roger: That's the stuff that I think…it's taking it too far. It's taking the fun out of it.

Dick: You know what those are? I looked into those.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: It's just cramming you in a box. Like, that's all those…all those things are…those extreme haunted houses where, like, "Oh my god, people are coming out and crying, and like, going in an ambulance to a hospital, and they have to, like…"

Roger: They're not just putting you in a box. I mean, there's ones where they'll but, like actual, like roaches on you. There's all kinds of random stuff.

Dick: Ohhhh. Oh, bugs, oh no! (sarcastic)

Maddox: Oh, you wouldn't…

Dick: (interjects) I'm in an uncomfortable box and I have a bug on me…

Maddox: Get out. You…

Dick: They can't endanger you!!!

Maddox: …wouldn't be bothered. Dick…

Dick: No, I don't give a fuck about bugs!

Maddox: You don't give a fuck about bugs?

Dick: No!

Maddox: Mmm. (skeptical)

Roger: Are you…are you…

Dick: (interjects) I've eaten mealworms. I've had roaches crawl all over me!

Roger: Are you actually scared by haunts at all?

Dick: No.

Roger: For real.

Dick: Never!

Roger: For real. Like, you don't…

Dick: No.

Roger: Do you watch horror movies ever?

Dick: I'm terrified of horror movies.

Roger: Ohhhhhhhh.

Maddox: Oooookay.

Dick: And I hate them. But…

Roger: So maybe you're…maybe, it's like kinda…it's kinda, like, channeling over into these haunts, like, you don't like horror movies, so you're not liking haunts, 'cause you're scared of both?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, but…no, no, no. Because I…

Maddox: (interjects) have you…

Dick: My friend…go ahead.

Maddox: No, I'm sorry. You were talking.

Dick: My friend Tim Chang, who I think we've mentioned on the podcast before.

Roger: Yeah, I know Tim.

Dick: Great guy. Really funny guy.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: I think we have. 'Cause he was a wingman for you on one episode. That's why I remember…

Maddox: Indirectly, yeah. We didn't mention his name yet.

Dick: Yeah. So Tim calls me up last year and says, "Hey, I got these tickets to a haunted horror campout."

Roger: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: It's like a Friday the 13th style one, yeah.

Dick: Whoooooa.

Roger: You can get a tent and all that.

Maddox: I almost went to that, yeah. With you guys. Same, yeah.

Dick: Okay. So he's…his friends bailed out and he said, "These are like $120 tickets." Of course. They all are.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because they're all way too fucking expensive, because they know chicks love going to these things.

Maddox: Mmmm.

Dick: So guys'll start shelling out dough, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm like, "Yeah. I'll take one of your tickets. Like, this sounds great." I pack my bag. Throw a big bottle of Maker's Mark in there. (Sean giggles) Like, this is…this is gonna be awesome! There's gonna be…we're gonna be running through the woods, right?

Maddox: What, were you taking a biplane in, in case you run out of fuel for your…

Dick: Bottle of Maker's Mark. A bottle of whiskey.

Maddox: It's awful.

Dick: I'm bringing a bottle of wh…if I'm camping, I'm bringing a fucking bottle of whiskey.

Roger: Where were they hosting it?

Maddox: No, I'm not talking about whiskey, I'm talking about Maker's. Yeah.

Roger: Where were they hosting it? Was that, like, Griffith Park or something?

Dick: Oh, I like Maker's Mark. Yeah. At an abandoned zoo.

Roger: Oh yeah. The…the haunted zoo of Griffith Park.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: I've actually been there. That's pretty cool.

Dick: So I thought it was gonna be, like, you're isolated. 'Cause, like, it's this big money. $120. You could do a lot. You get a lot of people with 120 bucks.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: And we're all gonna be isolated. There's people gonna be, like, breaking into your tent and fucking with you all night, and it's gonna be really scary.

Roger: Right.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Like this is gonna be, like, maybe someone will have a heart attack on this thing, right?

Roger: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, yeah, cool. Um…I go, and it is…it is LITERALLY a children's camp, but full of adults.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: There's, like, hundreds of tents in a grid.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Touching each other. The camp counselors. They're dressed. And they're…you know, they're excited to be there.

Roger: Right.

Dick: They're nice people. They're great people.

Roger: Of course.

Dick: But it's…there's nothing scary about it at all!

Roger: Well…

Dick: It's your infantilism problem, big time!

Maddox: That's exactly what I was gonna say. It's infantilism. And it's gonna be related to my problem, but yeah. That is absolute…this is big time infantilism.

Roger: Well…

Dick: That would piss me off so much!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I didn't get scared once, except for when the security guard, see, he took my bag, and he set it down, and there was a big ol' liquidy clunk.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: And he goes, "Ooh." And, like, looked at it, and I was like, "Fuck." And Tim Chang was like, "Dude, you can't bring liquor in here. It says right on the top, 'No Liquor'." I'm like, Tim, fuck you.

Roger: Ohhh. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: I'm not NOT trying to bring liquor in anywhere.

Maddox: He said…he said that out loud in earshot of the security guard?

Roger: In front of the guard?

Dick: No, no, no.

Maddox: Oh.

Roger: Oh.

Dick: He said this further back.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: The guard…so the guard opens up my bag.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he moves…and there's just, like, a sweatshirt wrapped around a brick of liquor.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So he moves it to the side, and of course, it's the big size, 'cause I'm like, "Well, I'm gonna get chicks in my tent and get 'em shitfaced." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he go…he looks at the Maker's, and he looks back at me, and he goes, "Hmmm." (Maddox giggles) And he zips back up the bag…(Maddox giggles) and hands it over to me. That was the most scared I was the whole night!

Roger: I think…I think the girls would probably be scared of you, there. (Dick laughs) But no, lemme tell you. The people who put on that haunt, I think they're the ones who put on Ghost Ship, also. I…

Dick: Oh, Ghost Ship was fucking horrible.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. Roger.

Dick: You wanna tell what that was?

Roger: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Ghost Ship…like, I mean, I do tons of haunts every year, and I love a lot of them. They're a blast. But Ghost Ship…was basically this haunt, where they promoted it where they're gonna take you out on the ocean. This was what it said on the website.

Dick: Haunted house on a boat.

Roger: Exactly.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: You're going out on the ocean, on a cruise ship, and you can't see land or anything like that.

Dick: Right.

Roger: We get there, the ship is…it's a yacht. It's not decorated at all. We get on the boat.

Dick: At best. It's like a ferry.

Maddox: Whoa, talk about the price, Roger. The price and the parking price, too.

Roger: Oh, the price was what? It was like $75 to 100 bucks?

Dick: Yeah, it was 75 bucks.

Maddox: I ended up spending, like, 75 bucks on that.

Dick: Did you have to…did you have to pay for your lady friend's ticket as well?

Maddox: Oh, yeah, of course.

Dick: Yeah, see? Double it! That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: These scams! It says 70 bucks, but it's actually 140!

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Alright. Well, they take us out on the boat. It doesn't even leave the harbor. Like, so…you're not out in the pitch black ocean in the middle of the night or anything.

Dick: No.

Roger: And the haunt itself lasts MAYBE 10 minutes? And then the rest of the time, you're just on a boat with a bunch of people wondering what the hell there is to do.

Dick: Oh.

Roger: And they don't return back to the harbor for, like, another hour and a half, so you're just stuck on this boat, having to pay for their overpriced liquor and stuff. That's all they had.

Dick: From…from ONE bar.

Roger: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A boat, if you can imagine it, a boat with one bar.

Roger: Oh, and they had a…

Dick: (interjects) I'm gonna go walk to another boat to get a drink?!

Roger: They had a magic show.

Maddox: (interjects) To be fair, they also had Roger Barr. (Dick scoffs, Maddox giggles)

Roger: Oh God, that was….

Maddox: Mmmm.

(Sound effect: Fake audience laughter)

(Maddox giggles)

Roger: Uh, you can read about…actually, at the time, I took photos of what was on Ghost Ship. It's on the website from when we went, and all that.

Maddox: I wrote…I…

Roger: (interjects) It was really bad.

Maddox: Yeah. It was awful.

Roger: We…didn't all of us report them to, like, the Better Business Bureau, and all that? 'Cause they were erasing people's comments on their Facebook page that year.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: 'Cause it was so, so bad.

Maddox: It was awful.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: It's a scam. Be wary.

Maddox: Mmmyeah.

Dick: Be wary of these…of this haunted shit.

Roger: No, not all of them. Just some people who don't know how to run 'em right. There's free ones, like, Boney Island.

Dick: Oho! (sexy)

Roger: You can just go to these amazing yard hops.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh. (sexy)

Roger: They're totally free. I know you like that one.

Dick: I do.

Roger: There's also, uh…the back woods haunts, which is made by professional haunters who've literally set up a maze that's more impressive than most professional, like,

Universal Studios haunts. It's the guys who work there. They build it in their backyard all year long.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Roger, tell us…

Roger: (interjects) There's documentaries about these guys. It's amazing, what they do.

Maddox: So you are the foremost authority on haunts, I would say…I think in the world, probably.

Roger: Thanks!

Maddox: You've seen so many. You're, like, nutso about Halloween. Give us…give us some recommendations. What were you say are the top TWO haunts to check out, say, in California, and maybe one in the United States.

Roger: Uhhh, okay.

Maddox: Or the world, yeah.

Roger: Lemme do one East Coast and one West Coast.

Maddox: Let's do it. Yeah.

Roger: Uh, I would say…west coast for, like, big haunts with tons of different mazes to see.

Maddox: Right.

Roger: I would probably say Knott's is the better between Knott's and Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights?

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Horror Nights I love. They're…they're great, and it's awesome, 'cause you can see the real Psycho house and all that, which is a lot of fun on Halloween and all.

Maddox: Right.

Roger: But Knott's is far more creative, 'cause they're not working with these major movie properties or anything. They're just making the stuff up, like, they have a…like, a tooth fairy-themed one, which doesn't sound like it'd be that creepy, or anything like that, but…

Dick: No.

Roger: …you'll walk through a hall with all these skulls and their jaws are (makes clicking sounds) and you're just hearing that, like, all through these halls, like echoing in your ears…

Maddox: Mmm.

Roger: And all kinds of surgeries taking place, and everything. It's…it's really cool.

Maddox: I will second Knott's. I really like Knott's.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: I think it's a lot of fun.

Roger: You can tell they put a lot of love in what they do there, yeah.

Maddox: Well, the thing that really sold me on Knott's were two of the haunts they have. They have probably about 15 or 20 different, like, smaller haunts at Knott's depending on the year, and one of them was a metal-themed haunt.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: And it was not scary at all, it was fucking awesome. I was just headbanging all the way through.

Roger: Not all haunts are supposed to be scary, either.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: A lot of 'em are just supposed to be fun, like they had, like, a Dia De Los Meurtos one that was all 3D and crazy.

Maddox: Yeah. That was cool.

Roger: And you'd walk through it with the glasses.

Maddox: And…

Roger: (interjects) They have a bayou-themed one this year. Uh…

Maddox: Another one I liked…

Dick: Do they have like a strip club-themed one that's actually a strip club? (Maddox laughs)

Roger: Uh…Universal…well, I'm being serious. Uh, Universal last year…

Maddox: Dick wants to be scared stiff.

Dick: Yeah. (they laugh)

Roger: That's an Elvira gag.

Maddox: Oh, mmm?

Roger: Scared Stiff. That's the name of her pinball machine.

Maddox: Oh, fuckin' A.

Dick: Oh, man.

Roger: Yeah, man. I know too much.

Maddox: Of course Roger knows that.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Don't raise your hand if you've jerked off to her. Right? (Maddox giggles)

Roger: Elvira…oh, speaking or Elvira…she is performing at Knott's still, to this day, like, last year she came back and I saw her again this year.

Dick: Well guys, I gotta go.

Roger: Yep. (they all crack up)

Maddox: And what a babe, too. She's like, what, like, pushing 80 or something. She's like super hot still!

Roger: She's not that old, but…(giggles) (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: She's still hot!

Dick: Is she super hot? How do you know that?

Maddox: She's still a babe, yeah. I saw a recent picture of her.

Roger: Yeah, she's still got it.

Maddox: She's still a babe.

Dick: Oh, okay, cool.

Roger: Still funny as ever, also.

Dick: Good to know.

Maddox: And so what's an east coast haunt?

Roger: Um, the east coast haunt would have to be Headless Horseman. Uh…first off, I'll say there's a haunt called Sleep No More in New York City…

Maddox: I heard about that, yeah.

Roger: Which is…that's a whole nother level. Whole different crazy kind of thing. It's almost like going into Eyes Wide Shut, but not, like, as sexual. It's more just…

Maddox: No dicks out.

Roger: Really creepy and weird and every…it's just an experience that can't be described. You just gotta go to it and check it out. But…

Dick: (interjects) Is there a haunt full of, like, stats about how baby boomers have saved no money and they're approaching retirement?

Roger: (giggles) Maybe.

Dick: Wooooooooooohoooooo! (ghost sound)

Roger: I can tell that scares you. Uh, the best one on the east coast would have to be Headless Horseman Hayride and Haunt. This is…it's like a mile-long hayride that you go through, then they drop you off through…and this is on an old, old farm that the whole thing takes place on, it's in upstate New York in Ulster Park. And they drop you off at the end of the hayride after the Headless Horseman chases you, and you actually see this giant guy on a..on a big horse riding up behind you, and you see a silhouette in the moonlight and all.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Roger: It's just really surreal looking.

Maddox: That does sound cool.

Dick: You shit your pants.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: It's…it's pretty awesome.

Dick: Ohhhhh, guy, a horse. Ugh. (makes shitting sounds)

Roger: No. It's a lot of really good stuff. And then they drop you off at a bunch of different mazes, so you're not waiting in different lines throughout the night. You just g…once you've got through the main line to get on the hayride, you're just going from one thing to the other the whole night, and they have, uh…all kinds of great haunts. Like, they have a slaughterhouse.

Maddox: Yeeeeeah.

Roger: They have…they have a greenhouse with, you know, like an Audrey 2 style giant plant and everything.

Maddox: Oh, you know what would actually scare me Roger? Is if it was, like…

Roger: (interjects) Corn maze. All that kind of good stuff.

Maddox: If it was like a contemporary greenhouse with just a bunch of fucking clipboard jockeys sounding outside Trade Joe's asking you to sign a fucking petition. (Roger giggles)

Dick: Yeah! That's scary! Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, God. Oh, how do I get in the store? What do I do to avoid this?! I don't wanna be bothered! I don't care about your orangutans!! I don't give a FUCK about Greenpeace.

Roger: (interjects) But you see that every day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: You see that every day already.

Maddox: That scares the shit out of me.

Dick: That's why it's so scary, 'cause it's around all the time.

Roger: Okay, alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: OooooOoooooh.

Maddox: Priuses. Just a bunch of Priuses lined up in there, with their pretentious bumper stickers, honking at me on my bike. Fucking assholes.

Roger: You wanna hit your laugh track button there?

Maddox: No. (giggles)

Dick: No, that was funny. (Roger giggles) Um…no, I didn't realize how much they annoyed me until I was…I was walkin' around…was with these girls and I wanted to bang one of

them, and her friend goes, "Oh, have you been to the haunted hayride? It's…kind of fun." I was like "Oh…"

Roger: (interjects) That's the one I've never been to out here, and the whole reason why is because it was put on by the same people who did the Ghost Ship one, so…

Maddox: I heard it's good, though.

Dick: Oh, okay. That's good. I got more ammo to use, then.

Roger: No, no.

Dick: 'Cause I said "No, it's not fun. It's a scam." It's a scam.

Roger: And after going to the Headless Horseman one on the east coast, I know the Haunted Hayride isn't gonna hold a candle, so I'm not even gonna bother with that one. (Maddox belches) And there's other hayrides that you can do up here. We have, like, the largest corn maze in the country up north somewhere.

Maddox: Oh right, yeah.

Roger: I wanna check that out.

Maddox: Yeah, my buddy just went to that. Um, I'll tell you. One of the few times I've had an experience at a haunt where it was genuinely unsettling. It's only happened to me one time. Like, I don't give a shit about haunts. I go through and I have fun, but it's not, like, spooky or anything. Uh, there was one in San Diego.

Roger: Yep.

Maddox: And it was…I think it was called the Haunted Hotel? Is what it's called?

Roger: Yeah, that's…that's been there for a while.

Maddox: Yeah. The Haunted Hotel.

Roger: I've never gone to that one, actually.

Maddox: Yeah. So, like, the whole haunt is just kinda, like, you know, whatever. It's your typical haunt. Like, you know, chainsaw guys and people screaming at you and shit.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Except for one room I walked into, and it was built like a subway. Like a New York subway. And they did such a convincing job on this, I…I..(stammers) swear to God, like, the windows were rushing by, there was like…

Roger: Oh, they actually had the motion in there? Oh, that's cool.

Maddox: Yeah, they had the motion in there, and the platform beneath you was shaking just like a subway car. It felt so authentic, and the lights were flickering, and everyone on the subway car was wearing black. And there were all these bodies, and they were all holding the poles, and everybody looked so real, I couldn't tell who was real or fake?

Roger: So they were, like, swerving with it?

Maddox: Yeah. They were swaying with it…

Roger: Oh, nice.

Maddox: And I didn't wanna walk through this thing. It made me unsettled. I felt like I was surrounded by people who…and I didn't know who was real and who was fake, or if any of them were real, or if any of them were fake, but it REALLY freaked me out. That was the one time…and they even had, like, wind blowing in, so it felt like a subway car. Just at the right…uh, the right intervals.

Roger: Hmm.

Maddox: It was…it was really unsettling. But that's the only time.

Roger: I, uh…this year I actually experienced, at that War 13 one I was talking about, I experienced two things that I have not seen before at haunts so far. First off, at one point, they bring us into a room and they strapped us into wheelchairs, and then suddenly, they start pushing us around outdoors. They took us out of the haunt and…they're shoving us around in wheelchairs, like, at high speeds through all these people, like, escaped mental patients and everything. Then they dropped us off in a hallway, we crawl underneath a bed to go through this tight little corridor, and when you get into this other hallway, all the walls are electrified, so whenever you touch them, you're actually getting shocked, and it's pitch black, so you can't see.

Maddox: Hah!

Roger: So you gotta, like, feel your way through, but…

Maddox: That's cool.

Roger: …getting shocked along the way.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That's funny.

Roger: Dick…

Dick: You know the…what, go ahead?

Roger: Dick, is there a haunt that you've actually liked? Ever?

Dick: Um…I went to Universal Studios.

Roger: Halloween Horror Nights?

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: Okay.

Dick: And I got front-of-the-line passes.

Roger: Oh, you have to have that there.

Dick: Yeah. This girl I was dating wanted to go.

Roger: It's gotten worse over the years. Like, if you don't get in front of the line, you're gonna see maybe, like, three haunts throughout the night. Uh, so yeah. You gotta…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah.

Maddox: So what, you're looking at a grand for the tickets for the night?

Dick: (scoffs) It was pricy.

Roger: It's…like, if I get in front of the line, it's probably, like, 80-90 bucks if you buy 'em in advance or something.

Dick: The feeling of walking past those people waiting for those haunts, like…waiting two hours, three hours, and just feeling them stare at me…

Roger: You loved that? (giggles)

Dick: …like I'm the biggest asshole in the world.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (grins)

Dick: 'Cause you can't buy front-of-the-line passes once you're there.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: And we had…like, the guy said on the phone, you want a front-of-the-line pass? I'm like, "Fucking of course."

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I'm not gonna stand in line.

Roger: Right.

Dick: These people were just, like, trying to murder me with their eyes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm walking through with this hot chick…

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: I'm like, "Fuck you, guys!!"

Maddox: Uh-huh. (giggles) (Roger laughs)

Dick: Haha, fuck you!

Maddox: Same thing happened to me one year. I felt like King Shit, and then I walked out and walked down…I did everything at Universal Studios, then I came down to do another…to do them again, because I was like, "Ah, fuck it, I got time to kill." And I saw some of the same people standing in line.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Waiting in line to get through ONE haunt that I got through the entire park in the same amount of time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um…

Dick: And then, as we were leaving, oh, no, this was the coup de "gras".

Roger: Okay.

Dick: Of me enjoying. We were…as we were leaving, this guy was walking in with his kid, so I took our front-of-the-line passes and gave them to him and his kid.

Roger: Oh, nice.

Dick: Oh, and she was like SPLOOSH!

Maddox: Oh, I know who you're talking about, yeah, yeah.

Roger: Um…one other thing about that Knott's, uh…Scary Farm? The past two years, they've introduced this Skeleton Key thing, which is really cool. Uh, I think you get it with the front-of-the-line passes, and it gives you access to an extra room in each of the mazes that you go to, that other people wouldn't get to go in otherwise, so you get to see this extra scene.

Maddox: Mmm.

Roger: And it's sometimes really cool, or interactive, yeah. Pretty neat.

Maddox: Hmm. I'm with Dick on the…the skeleton key sounds a little bit scammy. Sounds like the Scammy Key.

Dick: Oh, they…(stammers) they got 11 prices on the hayride. On their fucking website! There's 11 different ways you can spend money at this thing.

Maddox: You know…you know what's a way you can save money, Dick?

Dick: With Harry's. (Maddox laughs) 'Cause this show is brought to you by Harry's shave…

Roger: Oh, my God.

Dick: Go to http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase. Look, you gotta look good. It's Halloween.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Buy a fucking razor.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Roger: Or…or buy a mask.

Dick: Roger…(Roger giggles) we're not selling masks here, you dipshit. (Maddox laughs) We're selling Harry's razors. You are a man. You shave all the time!

Maddox: Fucking dumb!! (laughing)

Dick: You shave every day. What…don't…you don't…do you use Harry's razors? Yes or no?

Roger: No. If you give me some I'll use 'em, sure.

Dick: Big mistake. Big mistake.

Maddox: Oh, we'll give you $5 off!

Dick: We'll give you one. I'll get you a Harry's razor. I'll spend 10 bucks to prove that Harry's razors are good. For Roger!

Maddox: Okay.

Roger: I will take the Harry's razors test. Sure.

Dick: Then you come back next year…

Roger: Next year. Alright. (grins)

Dick: And you tell us how great these razors are. (Maddox and Roger laugh) You're over… right now…you. You are overpaying for whatever dumb razor you're buying. You're overpaying at the drug store.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Roger: Hmm.

Dick: I dunno if that's scary for you.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: But that should spook you out a little bit.

Maddox: Yeah, spook out your bank account. (Roger chuckles) Right outta money!

Dick: Harry's starter kit is fifteen dollars…

Roger: (interjects) I buy razors like once a year, I think?

Maddox: Roger…

Roger: Yeah. (Dick laughs) I love it when…whenever Maddox is annoyed with me, he'll always do that. "Roger…" (Maddox laughs) Yep.

Dick: Starter kit's $15. It includes a razor, three blades, and your choice of Harry's shave cream or foaming shave gel. (Roger still laughing) As an added bonus, you get 5 dollars off your first purchase with our code, "BIGGESTPROBLEM", http://www.harrys.com Hey, here's something I just learned. 'Cause I just read the entire document that they sent over, finally.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: After a year.

Maddox: After a year. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah. They give 1% of their sales and 1% of their time. I dunno what that means. "To organizations that prepare people"…for, like, job interviews.

Maddox: Oh, that's cool.

Dick: Right? Yeah. So when you say that companies wouldn't provide charity, that the government has to do it…

Maddox: Oh, my god. (annoyed) (Dick cackles)

Roger: Oh, so they can get…they can get…

Maddox: (interjects) Alright, you wanna talk about it?! I got stats, dipshit! (Dick still laughing) I got stats!! You wanna talk about government charities?!

Dick: Go to http://www.harrys.com and use promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Smoothed that read.

Maddox: Yeah, real smooth.

Dick: Go ahead, Roger. (Maddox laughs)

(Maddox signs)

Roger: I have no idea where we even were.

Maddox: You're…Roger, your problem.

Dick: What's your problem?

Maddox: What is your problem?

Roger: Oh, my problem now. Okay. Um, my problem is that Halloween is not considered, like, an official holiday. It's not a holiday that we get off work for, or anything.

Dick: Mmmm.

Roger: When it, you know, falls on a regular weekday. This year, thankfully, it's on a Saturday night, so everyone's gonna go wild, but what about the times when, you know, it's during the regular week, and you'd like to actually be out doing everything on a Halloween night, but you gotta get up the next morning to go to work?

Dick: Like a sucker.

Roger: Like, think about, like, New Year's Eve, and stuff. We get…we get January 1st off of work, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: Most people do.

Dick: It's a federal holiday.

Roger: Right. Right. And…Halloween…most people probably party even harder on Halloween night.

Dick: You're right. I do! (Maddox laughs)

Roger: Yeah, see? I've SEEN you on Halloween night.

Maddox: I have more fun on Halloween…one of the sloppiest Halloweens I've ever had…one year, I dressed up as a sexy woman. And…I found this dress that fit me. It was great. I was a beautiful woman.

Roger: Have we talked about your fan costume before, on here?

Maddox: My fan…

Roger: Maybe last year?

Maddox: Which…which one?

Roger: When you were "a fan".

Maddox: Oh, a fan?! That was a great costume!!! It's actually…you're looking at…I got this fan in my room…

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: It's…

Roger: (interjects) He took off the cover to his oscillating fan…

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Hung it around his neck, and that was his costume.

Maddox: Yeah. I was a fan. And then I drew fan blades on my shirt and I had two buttons on the fan that said "Cool", and "Super Cool". (Roger chuckles) It was the biggest hit! I was hanging out with you that year, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. We were…

Roger: Yeah. Dick, was it the biggest hit?

Dick: I dunno if it was the biggest hit ever.

Maddox: Oh, it was the biggest hit, buddy. (Dick and Roger laugh)

Dick: I don't know…

Maddox: Oh man, I'll tell you what, I made a detour to Bangtown on my way home that night!

Sean: Better or worse response than the Afro wig you insist on wearing? (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Ro…Sean, it's cool as shit. (Roger laughs) You don't understand! Anyway, so, one year I was this hot lady, right? And then I wore this blonde wig.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…a cowboy hat, and then…(giggles) and then I bought my own lipstick and everything, I'm like, "Oh, I'm gonna pick a color that compliments my skin." And so I…(laughs) I went to the store.

Roger: I like that you went that detailed.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I got boots and everything. And then over the course of the night, I got more and more drunk, and I started developing this Southern drawl, I'd walk up to people and be, like, "Hey, y'all." (Roger giggles)

Dick: (drawls) "Which one of you fine gentlemen wants to buy me a drink?" (Maddox laughs) Oooh!

Maddox: I swear to God, the next day, I was…I guess I was starting to drunk text people…

Dick: Yeah. You did.

Maddox: Up to about a year and a half to TWO YEARS after that party…still, people would come up to me and talk about conversations that I had with them. That I don't remember at ALL.

Roger: Is this the time you passed out in a wheelbarrow?

Maddox: Yeah, wheelchair.

Roger: Wheelchair.

Maddox: I passed out in a wheelchair and threw up…

Roger: I thought I remembered this, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I remember that.

Roger: I remember how sad it looked, like you passed out in a wheelchair, dressed as a woman.

Dick: No, and I was trying to make you throw up.

Roger: Yes, you were.

Dick: Because everyone was…everyone was really worried about you…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I was going over and saying really disgusting things to try to make you throw up…(Maddox giggles) and everyone was freaking out, they're like, "NO, stop, get away from him! Get away from him!!" (Maddox cracks up) Like, he's fine. He's just drunk.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And an asshole. He deserves this.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Dick…Dick's a fun guy to go drinking with. And by the way, Dick. Of all the times I've passed out in my life from alcohol, probably like 5 or 6, I think 5 of the 6 were with you.

Dick: Yeah. Good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Good. It's good for you.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: It's a young…Halloween is a young person's holiday. Why don't WE have the day off, right?!

Roger: Everyone should have the day off, not just young people. Old people as well.

Dick: I know, but they don't need it as much as we do.

Roger: Oh.

Dick: What do we have…what do we have for a federal holiday?!

Roger: We definitely need it more. I mean…I mean, think. We get, what, like, Columbus Day?

Dick: Fuck Columbus!!!

Roger: Flag Day? (giggles)

Dick: Yeah! Fuck flags as well.

Maddox: Flag Day's not a federal holiday.

Roger: Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: You know what, though? You know what is, Roger? Memorial Day, for our fallen soldiers. So you're saying we should, like, also honor ghouls and ghosts and candy, the same way we should honor Memorial Day. (giggles)

Roger: I do.

Maddox: I know YOU do!!!

Roger: Hey, look! Look! Some soldiers arw now ghouls and ghosts. (they all laugh)

Maddox: Oh, Roger. (giggles) They should do a haunted Arlington, huh?

Roger: Hey!

Maddox: At Arlington, the actual cemetery. (they laugh)

Roger: Yeah, uh…

Maddox: Can you imagine Roger running around, spooking people out there with a lantern?

Roger: I lived in, uh, Richmond, Virginia, so we've definitely been to quite a few, like, you know, battlefields. They have a lot of, like, haunted tourism, actually.

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: Haunted battlefields?

Dick: Huh.

Roger: Yeah. Yeah, seriously.

Maddox: I bet it's all libertarian propaganda.

Dick: That's interesting.

Maddox: In those…

Roger: Ehhh, here we go. Here we go. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Well, you know, as a libertarian, the idea of a federal-mandated holiday offends me deeply.

Maddox: Ahhh. Alright. (giggles)

Roger: Right, but I'm just saying, you know…people…

Dick: The government's control of our calendar is in fact offensive.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: Ohh! (Sean laughs)

Dick: I think the free market should decide whatever day it is.

Roger: Right!

Maddox: Or month it is. Yeah.

Roger: Think about how…

Dick: (interjects) What day do you want it to be today? Friday? Monday!? (Maddox laughs) Let's let the free market decide!

Maddox: Don't tell ME what day it is!

Dick: You want it to be Halloween or Christ…Sean, 10 bucks says it's Christmas. Do I have a higher bidder?!

Maddox: Your iPhone's real authoritarian, telling you what time it is. I'll tell YOU what time it is, iPhone! (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. My iPhone?! It could be any…who am I?! Let's let the free market decide who I am. (Maddox laughing)

Roger: Seriously, though?

Dick: I could be YOU for the right price. (Maddox sighs) You could be me!!!

Roger: They…they've actually said that Halloween is on track, honestly, to surpass Christmas in how much money people spend on it every year now.

Dick: How is that…no. How the fuck is that possible?!

Maddox: That sounds like propaganda!!

Roger: Billions!!

Maddox: Roger Barr!!

Dick: No!!!

Maddox: Shame on you!

Roger: Alright, look.

Dick: People are buying TVs and cars on Christmas! (Maddox cracking up)

Roger: Look. Either way, it's a billion-dollar industry.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's not either way, you said one way!! (Maddox laughs) (Dick cracks up)

Roger: I'm just telling you what I heard, alright?! (they laugh)

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: I'm not fact-checking everything all day long or anything like that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause you can't come in next week and spend 20 minutes talking about it.

Roger: Right, exactly. Nor would I want to. (they all laugh) Alright, anyway.

Maddox: So why should it be a national holiday? Go on.

Roger: Uh, it should be a national holiday because everyone loves going out on Halloween.

Maddox: Not everyone. You got called out last year, Roger! You came in and you were like, "Halloween's a great holiday and everyone should…" (Dick laughs)

Roger: Yeah, alright. If you're religious and super-uptight about it and all, and you're handing out pamphlets instead of candies like an asshole, sure, you don't like Halloween.

Dick: I do like those pamphlets, though. (Maddox laughs)

Roger: I do too. They always make me laugh.

Maddox: Oh, they're so great.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: They always make me laugh. "You're gonna burn in Hell." And you're handing that to, like, a five-year-old…

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Roger: You know, dressed as…

Maddox: Ah, that's hilarious, though.

Roger: That is, yeah.

Maddox: Telling a five-year-old that they're gonna burn in Hell?

Roger: Of course, yeah.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Oh yeah, that's super funny.

Roger: I know people who go to those Hell houses just for the laughs.

Maddox: Oh yeah, I wanna go to one.

Roger: Yeah. I've never gotten to go. I would totally go.

Maddox: So, let's explain this!

Dick: Wait, wait. Is this a real…what is a Hell house?

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah.

Roger: Hell house? No.

Maddox: For people who don't know, who don't live in California….there's actually, I think all over the country.

Dick: I live in California!

Maddox: I know, but for people who don't know.

Dick: Yeah, yeah. I know, I know. (grins)

Maddox: Right, um. They have these Hell houses that are, like, they're like haunted houses made by far-right Christians. (Dick gasps)

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Extreme Christians. And they make 'em like abortion, and AIDS…

Dick: Oh, yeah!!!

Maddox: And there's, like, homophobia, and all this, like, crazy shit in there.

Dick: Yeaaaaaaah!!!

Maddox: Like, "Oh, don't drink alcohol at these parties!"

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what's REALLY SCARY?

Roger: It's supposed to be educational to the haunt…yeah.

Dick: Sure, sure, sure.

Roger: Haunt attendees, yeah.

Maddox: So they'll have someone getting an abortion in there and then just, like, crying with regret, like, "Oh, what have I done?!" Holding her aborted fetus. (Dick and Maddox crack up) Doesn't that sound great?!

Dick: What have I done?! How am I gonna make another one of these?!!? (they crack up again)

Maddox: Oh, man, we should…we gotta do a road trip. We need to a Biggest Problem road trip to one of these…

Dick: To Hell House?

Maddox: Hell houses, yeah.

Roger: Hell house.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Wouldn't that be fun?

Dick: Yeah. We could get gay married.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. It'd be fun.

Maddox: Hmm.

Roger: Yeah. Go in holding hands when you go to it.

Maddox: Oh, that'd be…you know what, Roger? I think they would welcome us and try to convert us.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: You should do a libertarian haunted house.

Maddox: Oh, yeah…wha…

Dick: Picture of a guy tearing up all the roads. "Don't need these public roads anymore!" (Maddox laughs)

Roger: Anyway. Look, look.

Dick: (laughing) Look at all this gold!

Maddox: Oh, yeah!!

Dick: This is how I…

Maddox: (interjects) It'll just be like an outhouse and some guy panning for gold…(Dick giggles) and then you walk through and there's a sign that says…

Dick: "Everyone has measles!!!"

Maddox: Yeah. (they all laugh) Bunch of dumb, mouthbreathing idiots eating rocks, 'cause they have no education!!! (Dick laughing) That's a libertarian wonderland!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just like Utah!

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick cracks up) No Food and Drug Administration. Bunch of rotten food everywhere.

Dick: A magnifying glass so you can look at the small government. (guffaws)

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, okay. Yeah. Yeah, sure. Why not? Why not? (Dick cracking up) Or… you could just have a sign there that says literally anything! Any rule, and you'd be like, "Oh that's a big government sign! Look how intrusive it is!!" (Dick laughs)

Sean: Hey where's the government around here? Oh, he's out back taking a shit!! (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: I guess parents are the biggest government at all in childrens' lives! Big Parents!

Dick: Yeah, and you hate them!!

Maddox: Well, 'cause they're shitty.

Roger: He does hate them. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: I mean no, I don't hate all parents. Your parents are cool.

Dick: Yeah, they're great.

Maddox: You know, some of us get a short straw when we're…what's the…what's the expression?

Dick: You drew the short straw?

Maddox: I drew the short straw, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: You have the short straw, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, I got a big straw.

Roger: Oh…(scoffs) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Roger: But yeah, look. Uh, I mean if people can get days off for, like, Christmas, and Thanksgiving, and all this. Why not Halloween?

Dick: Why not Halloween?!

Roger: I mean, all I'm saying is New Year's…it's pretty much a giant party, just like Halloween is, only Halloween's even crazier, so…

Dick: And sexier.

Roger: And people need a day off after Halloween, if not for Halloween itself.

Maddox: (interjects) Roger, what about…

Roger: So give us the day off. That's the problem.

Maddox: What about this? Roger, I love you bro, but you are…you are too ambitious. Okay? Why…what if…

Roger: (interjects) Too ambitious to ask for an extra day off? Who doesn't want a day off?

Maddox: Yes. Well, that's fine, if you wanna convert Columbus Day, but it's really hard to get through Congress. I actually did research right before this show.

Roger: Of course.

Maddox: To look into what it took to get a federal holiday.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And it's a…you gotta go through Congress. You gotta get a majority, all this shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But here…how about this?

Dick: All this shit!! (giggles) All this democracy. Stupid democracy! (laughing)

Maddox: I know, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Libertarian…yeah. So…so…what about this, Roger? What if we tried to rebrand Christmas, right? And make Christmas as Halloween?

Dick: As Halloween?

Maddox: Yeah. And start getting costumes. Already, you got the Grinch.

Roger: I think Tim Burton already did that a long time ago.

Dick: Yeah. That's the premise of Nightmare on…

Roger: The Nightmare Before Christmas.

Maddox: But moreso. Moreso. Tim Burton took the first brave step. He's the astronaut, moving into Halloween-Christmas territory.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: No! See, that was the…backup problem that I was thinking of bringing in, was about how Christmas is just infringing on every other holiday, 'cause it basically starts in July now. Like, you're starting to see Christmas stuff on the shelves in July.

Dick: That's the free market at work! (Maddox groans)

Roger: Maybe I'll talk about that next year…(Maddox and Dick guffaw) for Halloween.

Maddox: Yeah. Maybe we should regulate it and make sure Christmas isn't as big.

Dick: No, yeah.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: That's the free market.

Maddox: You're…you know, Roger, I love Halloween. I'm not sure if Halloween is my favorite holiday. I think it's Christmas for me.

Roger: Doesn't…doesn't have to be your favorite holiday, but…

Maddox: Because…no.

Roger: But it should be treated just like Christmas is and Thanksgiving and any of these things.

Maddox: There's no equality between holidays. Who gives a shit!? (laughing)

Roger: No! I'm talking about just giving people the day off.

Maddox: Oh, oh, oh.

Roger: To celebrate it and enjoy it and have fun, and if you don't want to celebrate, enjoy the day and do something else! So what?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Just take the day off. Great. I love when I get a day off, like, for Columbus Day or something like that. That's awesome! I don't care about it.

Maddox: I actually hate days off. I hate…(giggles) I hate holidays. I hate days off. I really do.

Roger: Your life is a day off.

Dick: Yeah, exactly. (they all laugh)

Maddox: You fuckin' asshole! (Roger laughs) Anyway. Anyway, Roger. (they giggle)

Dick: What is a day off for you?

Maddox: A day off…

Dick: (interjects) Why do you hate it? What do you mean?

Maddox: Because it annoys me. Everything I normally do in my life, I can't do anymore, because everyone else is doing it. So, like, if I ever wanted to go to the beach…(Dick giggles) or if I wanted to go to my favorite restaurant…I can't go out on Valentine's Day!

Dick: Everybody's outside ranting about libertarianism. (Maddox laughs) It's not just you anymore.

Maddox: No need, 'cause they don't exist. (Dick cackles) Anyway. Anyway, guys. So moving on.

Dick: Did you get all your points out?

Maddox: Roger, that's your…did you get all your points out?

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Anything…okay.

Dick: You're not into the rebranding and other…

Roger: No. We don't need to rebrand it. I mean…

Maddox: (interjects) Sexy Christmas and Halloween compromise.

Roger: I like Christmas too. I like Christmas too.

Maddox: Roger.

Roger: And if you wanna blend Christmas and Halloween together, there are haunted attractions that are already doing that.

Dick: Christmaween.

Maddox: I've seen it, yeah.

Roger: If you got to, like, Sinister Point.

Maddox: Yeah. Sinister Point. Yeah.

Roger: They're doing that. There's another one…yeah.

Dick: What does that…what does that cost? Does it set you back 80 bucks?

Roger: No, it's actually a $15 haunt.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Dick, I'll get you on point with this, okay? Here's…here's how we're going to…I'm gonna get Dick on my side here, okay? Imagine this.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Sexy Christmas costumes, right?

Dick: Love it.

Maddox: So already…already…

Dick: In. Stop there. You got a sale. (Roger giggles)

Maddox: Hold on!!! (they all laugh) I'm gonna sweeten the deal! I'm gonna give you the free leather upgrade.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay? They're already wearing sexy costumes, right? It's Christmastime. Oh, I didn't have time to pick you up a gift, a little something-something.

Dick: Yeaaah.

Maddox: And then, next thing you know, hmm. I'm already wearing this. Well, let's put it to use.

Roger: Ahhhhh.

Dick: Wait, what do you mean?

Maddox: I mean, if you're…have you ever had a girlfriend around Christmas? Have you ever had a girlfriend?

Dick: The first time I touched a boob was a girl wearing, like, a sexy little Santa…like, elf dress.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah. It was great. This was a big…this was a big boob.

Roger: Do you have a thing for elves now? Like whenever you see an elf?

Dick: Well, you were just talking about sexy dresses and…

Roger: Yeah. I'm just asking you an honest question.

Maddox: Did they escort you out of the mall, or? (Dick laughs)

Dick: Do I have a thing for elves now? Elves?

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: I have a thing for probably pretty much everything.

Roger: Really?

Dick: Uh…yeah. Yeah, sure.

Maddox: Mmmm.

Dick: I'll take it.

Roger: Alright. Good.

Maddox: Alright, guys.

Dick: If it's being offered.

Maddox: Guys, uh…my…my problem. I wanna get to my problem here if we have some time here.

Roger: Oh, right.

Maddox: Okay. Um, I'll just go quick with this, but…

Dick: We have plenty of time.

Maddox: Okay, well, I…my new video just came out. It's the…

Dick: (interjects) Ohh, I see.

Maddox: The things I HATE about horror movies, and one of the things I talked about and I didn't really get enough time to delve into on the episode, but zombies. I'm so fucking tired of zombies.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everything about them is played out and I'm tired of them, but specifically, my problem for this week's episodes is Zombie Apocalypse Planners. I am SO fucking tired of these…

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: …Zombie Apocalypse Motherfucking Planners. You know any of these guys, Dick?

Dick: Uh…I know…I know of two doomsday preppers.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: But I don't…they're not preparing specifically for zombies, I don't think.

Maddox: Yeah. Sean, you know these guy…you gave me an exasperated groan.

Sean: Well, I didn't know it was a real thing.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. It's a real thing, buddy.

Sean: Like, people think like, "Oh, there's gonna be some…you know, supervirus or some kind of bug that turns people into zombies", and they're actually preparing for this shit?

Dick: They hang out at coloring book parties.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Roger: It's like the doomsday…it is a lot like the doomsday preppers, though, but I think they have, like, some extra things, like weapons that are specifically meant to kill zombies.

Dick: To kill zombies?

Roger: They're also preparing for doomsday in general.

Sean: They've also stayed inside far too long.

Roger: I think they just have this extra…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: They've stayed inside far too long and spent too much time on the fucking Internet.

Maddox: Well, so what it is…I think, related to the infantilism thing, remember Dick? You mentioned that it's infantilism with, like, the whole grownup campout thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: With this specifically, and I really want to hit this point home with infantilism, is that it's the avoidance of responsibility as an adult by doing childish things like preparing for the zombie apocalypse. Because that's how you escape reality, escape your responsibilities. Escape your duties.

Dick: So lemme ask you something.

Roger: I love…I just love that we're talking about this when we just talked about how you…your basically everyday life is a day off.

Maddox: Well, I work. I mean, I work. I do things…

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Here's the thing. Um, I have…I've created a work environment that I like, but, uh…it's inconvenient when there's days off, because it's like going to Disneyland on a holiday. No one wants to do that. It's awful.

Dick: Yeah, that's why it's so crowded.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No one wants to do it. (laughs) (Roger giggles)

Maddox: Well, no one WANTS to…

Dick: I'm just kidding, yeah, yeah.

Sean: That's a Yogi Berra quote.

Dick: I know, I know, I know.

Roger: I think they're even, like, trick or treating at Disney this weekend, or something. Like, you can actually go there in costume or something.

Dick: Oh.

Roger: I never go to Disneyland, really, but…

Maddox: One of the best times I've ever gone to Disneyland was during, uh…not Halloween itself, but the week or two before. It was empty. The park was empty.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: I got through every ride. It was awesome. Um, but anyway, so there's this book that came out back in 2003 by Max Brooks, called "The Zombie Survival Guide".

Roger: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: "Complete Protection from the Living Dead." You've seen this book, right?

Roger: Yeah, I've read it.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: Huge New York Tim…

Roger: Aren't they making it into a movie, too?

Maddox: I'm sure. I think he wrote World War Z and they made that into a movie.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: Yeah, but I think the survival guide, they're actually making it into a movie.

Dick: Sure, why not.

Maddox: Ah, sure, fuck it.

Roger: Zombieland was kinda like that, right? Like, it's Jesse Eisenberg talking about…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So I looked into this, and there's so many books and kits and things on Amazon about the Zombie Surviv….listen to this.

Dick: Like, for jokes, or for real?

Maddox: No. Well…half of 'em…you can't even tell anymore.

Dick: You can't tell.

Roger: Stuff like on ThinkGeek or whatever. Those kind of things.

Dick: Do you hate the j…is this problem about the real people, or the jokes, or the whole thing?

Maddox: The whole thing.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I'm so tired of it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Um, so here's one by Rex Cutty. Came out in 2014. Called Zombie Apocalypse: A Survival Guide. Sounds…I mean, it's almost like blatantly lifting the title from the other one.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: And a lot of these books have the same color scheme as Max Brooks' book?

Roger: Oh yeah. He was the impetus for all that stuff, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Back in 2003. So in 2015 there's Zombie Apocalypse Survival, then there's Surviving the Evacuation: Book 1: London, that's 2013, then there's Zombie Apocalypse: Love in the Endtime: The Endtime Saga Book 1. That actually just came out. Then How to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse Virus: The Health Survival Handbook. And then some of

'em start to get more serious. Listen to this one. This isn't serious, but listen…well, I don't know!! It says Zombie Apocalypse and MMF Survival Romance Short Story. You know what an MMF is?

Dick: MMF? Yeah. Two guys fucking one chick.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) So…

Dick: That's weird.

Maddox: I brought in the description of this book. It says, "Josh, Carol, and their neighbor end up struggling for survival. Events get increasingly frustrating."

Roger: You sure this is, like, a book, and not fanfiction?

Maddox: Oh, it's a book. It's on Amazon.

Roger: Alright.

Dick: It's MMF.

Maddox: "Those events that are out of their control and some they choose to ignore them." "And some they choose to ignore them." (laughing) This is the copy. "A bitter, steamy triangle develops and the group becomes tense around each other." Oooh.

Dick: This sounds like just some idiot wrote it and put it on Amazon.

Maddox: Oh, some idiot did write it.

Dick: It's like an erotic zombie porno.

Maddox: Yeah. Then there's Zombie Apocalype Survival Kit in a Sardine Can. So this is… this is a big thing now. You can buy these…these kits for like $35 and they have, like, rations and things in them for your zombie survival. Then there's The Zombie Apocalypse: The Prepper's Guide to Pandemic Outbreak, Quarantine, and Zombie Fallout Survival Family Basics. There's the Men's Survival Guide. Be Prepared, Hunting, Fishing, Canning, Foraging, and Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse. There's the…now, here's one…this is actually just…it seems like it's just capitalizing on this trend. It's called "The Art of Eating Through the Zombie Apocalypse: A Cookbook and Culinary Survival Guide", by Lauren Wilson.

Dick: Yeah. It's…it's…I'm trended out.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm so fucking tired of it. It just goes on and on. There's the Zombie Apocalypse: Over 726 Tips to Survive and Thrive.

Roger: Okay, so…it doesn't sound like most people would actually take this stuff seriously. Like, they're reading it for laughs or whatever.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: Like, I'm sure there are some whackos out there who are, like, you know, actually preparing for the zombie apocalypse just like they would for any apocalypse, like, doomsday preppers. But…I think the majority of people buying shit like that, even like the little kids…

Dick: It's a joke. Yeah.

Roger: Yeah. It's like a funny joke. Just ironic.

Maddox: Yeah, uh…some of 'em, maybe, but then they're actually selling actual products that people use, now. There's zombie pills. Have you heard of these?

Dick: This is a real thing?

Maddox: This is a real thing. They're zombie pills.

Dick: Well, 26% of people believe in witches! Didn't we find…wasn't that my problem last year? So…fuck, maybe…

Roger: It was something like that last year.

Dick: Maybe this is real!

Maddox: Oh yeah, people…

Dick: (interjects) Who the hell knows!

Roger: What are the zombie pills, though. Let's…

Maddox: Yeah. The zombie pills? It says Zombie Apocalypse…

Dick: They make you stupid. (they all laugh)

Roger: There's zombie breath mints that they sell. Is that what you're talking about?

Maddox: Yeah. No…

Dick: No, no.

Roger: Is this candies, or?

Maddox: This is actually a supplement you can take.

Dick: Oh, God!

Maddox: It's Zombie Apocalypse: An Important Part of your Zombie Apocalypse Survival Kit. Top quality…it's like vitamins, actually, and I looked into it. It's mostly B12. It says it keeps your kids healthy and running fit.

Dick: So is it just a marketing thing?

Roger: It's totally…

Dick: (interjects) That sounds like a normal supplement.

Roger: It's like when they put out, like, Flintstones vitamins.

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: It's like, you're still taking vitamins, but you're just using the Flintstones to market it and make it, like, for people…

Dick: Could that be what it is?

Roger: For people who are fans of zombies.

Dick: Still annoying. But I don't think it's real.

Maddox: Maybe. It's annoying. Yeah, I don't know.

Roger: Yeah, I don't think it's real either.

Maddox: I think that some people take this shit seriously, though. Like, there's this woman in Ohio, I think. Was recently arrested because she was running up and cutting her neighbor's cables with a machete, and then they broke into her house, and this lady's bonkers! Out of her fucking mind! She has, like, fake limbs hanging everywhere. She has, like, a pentagram altar, and knives everywhere in her apartment.

Dick: Oh..man.

Maddox: And she was trying to attack the cops. Oh, this lady's out of her fucking mind!

Roger: Oh there was some lady the other day on the news. I guess she was leaving… sending anonymous letters to her neighbors.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Roger: About her kids, saying, like, that they look tasty.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Could she taste them, or something.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Really creepy.

Dick: Great. Good, good, good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Well, you know, that's her right. The government has no right to come in and tell her that she can't eat her kids.

Roger: I dunno what that has to do with this other stuff.

Maddox: No. She should be allowed to do that.

Dick: That's what every libertarian thinks!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Roger: Oh, here we go.

Dick: Unless somebody else…we gotta set a price for these kids, first! (Roger giggles) Let the free market set the price to eat these kids!

Maddox: Zero. Kids are worthless. ZERO dollars. Um…there's another one. There's another book called E-Virus: The Modern Day Girl's Survival Guide: How to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse for the Modern Girl.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then there's Fat Chicks and Skinny Bitches Die First: A Girl's Guide to Surviving the Apocalypse. And then there's Vegan Teenage Zombie Huntress.

Dick: Skinny bitches are not gonna die first.

Maddox: Vegan Teenage Zombie Huntress.

Dick: Yeah. Uh…I might be part of the problem. Did I ever tell you about the…book that I pitched?

Maddox: Yeah, you did.

Dick: The next book that I pitched to…

Maddox: Yeah, let's talk about it, yeah.

Roger: Oh, what it is?

Dick: To Simon and Schuster? Yeah. So…you know. My book, Men are Better Than Women. Um…I thought it'd be…I thought everyone would think it was hilarious. (laughs) Big mistake that was! Uh…publishing industry is largely dominated by women. Is that fair? Is that fair?

Maddox: Oh, absolutely.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The publishing industry, not just who runs it, but the people who buy books. Men generally don't buy books.

Dick: Don't buy books. Um, 'cause, you know. I don't know why. Not…not big fans of me and my book.

Roger: Okay.

Dick: Right? Did not…they didn't all think it was funny. So I waited a while and pitched another book to Jeremie Ruby-Strauss. Like, "Hey, I got another book idea. It's a little softer." Right?

Maddox: Our editor, who, by the way, is the reason Dick and are friends. He introduced us.

Dick: Right.

Roger: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right.

Roger: Didn't know that.

Dick: Yeah. So I said, "Hey, I got another book for you. It's a little bit easier to swallow than the other one. 'Cause I know I don't have a lot of fans there."

Roger: Right.

Dick: You have to walk into a meeting and pitch this.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: So I'm not gonna…I'm not gonna make you do that again.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…it was…it was "How to Get Laid During the Zombie Apocalypse." This was, like, 5 years ago.

Roger: I think I remember you telling me about that.

Dick: Yeah. It would have been a tongue-in-cheek. Like, it would have been retarded pick up artist advice for when the world is going to shit.

Roger: Right.

Dick: Right? 'Cause that's when you really need it.

Roger: Mhmm.

Dick: You don't need…you can get laid anywhere, now. You just walk around and there's chicks everywhere, but…when there's a zombie apocalypse.

Roger: There was a whole movie about that, wasn't it like, Seeking a Friend for the End of the World, or something, and it was all about people hooking up, I think, during the…

Dick: Yeah.

Roger: …the world is ending.

Dick: I mean, but this was years ago. Like, now, it'd be embarrassing to put out.

Roger: Okay.

Dick: 'Cause it's like, yeah. We're all fucking over zombies. Like, fuck, shove it up your ass.

Maddox: You would think.

Dick: You know, me too. I'm surprised it's still around.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, dude. So I talked about just briefly, iZombie…in my video. You know there's this show called iZombie. Do you know anything about it?

Dick: Nope.

Maddox: It's a zombie detective show! The detective is a zombie. She eats brains and then gets flashes of how they were killed. Fucking stupid as shit.

Dick: (giggles) That's dumb.

Maddox: Dumbest fucking thing I've ever seen.

Roger: I think that should have honestly been your problem.

Maddox: iZombies?

Roger: Just zombie zombies. Instead of the zombie, you know, preppers and all that.

Dick: Change it! Make it zombies!

Maddox: Well, because zombies aren't fucking real and I don't want to contribute to this idea. This notion.

Dick: Oh.

Roger: Okay. I gotta…I gotta be honest with you…

Dick: How about Zombitarian theory?

Roger: I've contributed to the zombie thing. I did it many years ago, actually.

Maddox: You and I did.

Roger: Huh?

Maddox: You and I both.

Roger: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Uh…I'm the founder of the Richmond Zombie Walk, actually.

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Which is still going. And, you know, we do charity stuff every year for it. Uh, my buddies Anthony and Josh are still doing that every year. Uh, it's a pretty awesome event.

Maddox: Oh.

Roger: And everyone just gets together and shuffles around and all that.

Maddox: Ohhhhh, buddy! I got a story for you!! I got a story for you guys!

Roger: Alright. Sure.

Maddox: Okay, so Dick, I don't think you and Sean even know this, but…long time ago, when I first met Roger, early on in our friendship. Uh…I've known Roger for a long time.

Roger: Yeah, pretty long now.

Maddox: He…he hit me up, and he's like, "Hey man, uhh…CSI…" (laughs)

Roger: Oh, the CSI. Oh, god, this was great.

Maddox: I'm almost doing my Roger voice. Yeah. "Uh, hey man." (imitates Roger) (they both laugh) So Roger hits me up, he goes, "Hey man."

Roger: "Rooogerrr…"

Maddox: "So uh…CSI New York wants me to organize a zombie walk for their Halloween episode.

Roger: Yep.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And…they need a bunch of zombies. Do you wanna be an extra in the zombie thing? And I'm like…immediately, no. Because I'm thinking, "Well, this sounds like it's gonna be a long day on set and I'm only gonna get paid, like 12 bucks."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And Roger's, like, "No, they're paying us…"

Roger: (interjects) I'd do it for free.

Maddox: I know.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, well.

Maddox: But Roger goes, "They're paying us, like, 60 dollars an hour." And I'm like, "Roger, that sounds insanely high. I don't think they're gonna pay us 60 dollars an hour." And he's like, "No, no, they are, they are."

Roger: That was…in email. I remember that.

Maddox: Yeah. And so Roger, like, went…

Dick: (interjects) All of you, together? Like all 100 of you, they would pay 60 dollars an hour?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I wish. So they…so Roger…Roger, like, went through, and I'm like, "Roger, you gotta…I mean, this doesn't sound right."

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: "They don't pay this much for extra work." And so he double-checked his email.

Roger: And then was, like, when we'd just moved out here, so…

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Yeah, I assumed, like, "Oh, that must be what extras get."

Maddox: Fresh off the boat. (giggles)

Roger: Yep.

Maddox: So he's like, "Yeah, I checked the email. I contacted them. It's 60 dollars an hour."

Roger: And they did say that, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And then I thought, "Okay, well 60 dollars an hour. That's pretty legit. I'm gonna go out and I'm gonna buy a bunch of makeup stuff for me."

Dick: Oooh.

Maddox: And I'm gonna make my own scars and I'm gonna use oatmeal, and I'm going to…

Dick: (interjects) Why did you decide to do that?

Maddox: Because I wanted to go all out, you know?

Dick: But you're just an extra.

Maddox: Well, yeah, but Roger said if we show up in makeup, they'll give us a little bonus.

Dick: Oh, I see.

Maddox: So I thought, "I'll do a better job of myself than they'll do of me." Um, so I…

Roger: No, that's definitely not gonna happen.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Yeah, but that's how he thinks.

Roger: Yes, I know. I know.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Oh buddy, I looked great. I went out to…a thrift store, and I bought these pants, and I dirtied them up, and I cut them up. (Dick guffaws) and then I bought this, like, flannel shirt. I put latex on my skin. Liquid latex.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Directly on my skin. Which is a BITCH to get out. Especially if you have any hair, and I'm a fucking hairy dude everywhere except my head! So, uh…so I put this latex on my skin and made these scars and everything. Show up. We ended up being on set…I think I showed up at, like, 8 PM. And we ended up leaving around 4 AM.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it was mostly fucking awful. And then I was, like…well I mean, I had fun for a little amount of time, but then, the reality of it kicked in that I'm just stuck in…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In LA like, dressed, like an asshole.

Dick: But then you get 500 bucks!

Maddox: Hah!! (Roger laughs)

Dick: Right?! 500 bucks, baby!

Roger: No. No.

Maddox: Here comes the best part!

Dick: Show me the idiot who thought they were paying all these people 50 grand for one shot!!

Maddox: Ugh. No. Turns out I got 60 dollars period.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: Yeah. For like 14 hours of work.

Roger: Yeah. And we called them on it, 'cause the email said specifically, "per hour", and all that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you get it?

Maddox: Roger, of course.

Roger: No, no.

Maddox: No. They gave us 60 dollars! I spent 120…I think I spent $120 just on my costume!

Roger: Did you show up in the episode? I…

Maddox: I was, yeah.

Roger: For anyone who wants to look it up, the CSI New York episode was called "Boo". Bee-oh-oh.

Maddox: Yeah. I…I do, actually. I have the clip, Roger.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: I think we're both in it. You can see you. You were dressed as a Boy Scout. And me, I was kinda limping along. I did a pretty great job. That was my…that was my film debut! My TV debut was CSI: New York!

Dick: Oh.

Roger: Mhmm.

Dick: Then you went on to Ooga Booga…(they all crack up) Now you're on Cash Floor…

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Which Eastern European cable channel will that be on when it finally airs?! (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: You know, ALL OF THEM. All of them, buddy! You guys are laughing, actually, that might be the case, I dunno.

Dick: Will it have a channel number, or will it be a series of letters?

Maddox: You know what, dickhead?! It'll be on everything. It'll be on everything all the time! I'm gonna fucking pipe it right up your ass in just a minute.

Dick: Oh!! (laughing)

Roger: I do remember, though, they touched up everyone's makeup for this episode.

Dick: Sure.

Roger: And all that.

Maddox: Roger, I walked into that tent, and they're like, "You're good sir. You can step right out." (Dick laughs)

Roger: No, they were not. I know, in fact, you were in the longer than most people were. So I know that's not what they thought.

Maddox: That's 'cause they were, like, taking notes, Roger. They were writing down what my technique was.

Dick: Oh, wow. (laughing)

Roger: For my Boy Scout, one of the things that I snuck in there, and I mean, I didn't know if it would actually show up on the episode, but I…my troop number was 666, and I had brains coming out of there.

Maddox: What a nerd.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: What a nerd.

Roger: It was great. It was great. You loved it.

Dick: I would have tried to have my dick out in the scene. For 60 bucks? Like, "Oh, rolling!" just, like "zip!"

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, man. They asked us…so, it didn't even cross my mind to mug for the camera.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But as soon…they told us not to mug for the camera, and as soon as they said that, I'm like, "Oh, shit, I'm gonna mug for the camera."

Roger: Everyone mugged for the camera. (Maddox laughs) It was like…it was like a zombie march, all just lurching forward trying to get it when we all crawled out in the streets and all.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, man. And it was such a shit pile production. Those a…fuck those guys, man! (stammers) Yeah. That's what corporations do, dickhead!

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: They have millions of dollars they're making. They can't even pay a few extras!

Roger: He's trying to tie it back into the…

Maddox: ….who are down there pouring their hearts into it!

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Worth more than 60 bucks.

Dick: Sounded like you were real committed. (grins)

Roger: Honestly…honestly, it's…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, I…

Roger: It's a fun memory. I'm glad we did it. I love that we did it.

Dick: You'da done it for free! You said.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: It's corporations giving you charity!

Roger: Yeah, I was not in that for the money, so.

Maddox: Yeah, that's Roger. That's Roger!

Roger: Yes.

Maddox: That's not world-famous author Maddox!!!! Host of Cash Floor!

Dick: Start of Ooga Booga. (they laugh)

Maddox: Can I…can I tell you…so…so, no…I've never really talked about Ooga Booga.

Dick: For good reason.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, well…(Dick giggles) So, I was at Comic-Con, like, for four, five years ago, and this company…these guys from Full Moon…Full Moon is a production company that makes a lot of classic horror movies.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: They did the Puppetmaster series and everything.

Roger: I love Puppetmaster.

Maddox: Yeah, it's great. It's great.

Roger: Puppetmaster's good.

Maddox: The original Puppetmasters are awesome. And they actually happened to be the production company of one of my favorite horror movies of all time, called Castlefreak.

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: Which is…just awesome on different levels.

Dick: That's the movie, Castlefreak?

Maddox: Yeah. It's called Castlefreak.

Roger: Yeah. And they own the rights to all kinds of other movies, too, like, uhhh..

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Roger: Arcade, which stars Seth Green, and they go into, like, this virtual reality horror world, and it's really cheesy early 90's stuff.

Dick: Ohhh.

Roger: All kinds of really bad stuff.

Maddox: They have Ginger…I think Gingerdead Man.

Roger: Gingerdead Man. Evil Bong.

Maddox: Evil Bong, yeah.

Roger: Like, one through eight now, or something ridiculous.

Maddox: And then Evil Bong versus Gingerdead Man.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Is one of 'em. (giggles)

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: Anyway, so they make a bunch of, like, horror movies and B-movies, and stuff. So they come up to me, and they're like, "Hey Maddox, we're huge fans." And I'm like, "Well cool, 'cause I'm huge fans of you guys." And they said, "Do you wanna do a cameo in one of our movies?" and I'm like, "Yeah, that sounds awesome. I'll do a cameo."

Dick: But 60 dollars is my day rate. (they laugh) I don't know if you guys can afford that.

Maddox: 60 dollars per 14-hour day please, yes. (Dick giggles) So then, uh…so then they sent me this script, and…I was thinking I would get, like, a line or two in there. And by the way, they cast, like, some big names in this. It was Karen Black….I think it was Karen Black's last movie. She was the flight attendant from the original Airplane movies?

Dick: Oh, wow! Okay.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, Karen Black was in it. And then, uh, Stacey Keach was in it.

Dick: Oh, he's cool. I like that guy.

Maddox: Yeah. Stacey Keach is the main racist dude from American History X. Like, the older guy.

Dick: Right. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Great, great, great actors. And then me. Uh…(laughs) which…so they sent me this script and I'm…

Dick: (interjects) All-star cast!

Maddox: Yeah. And I'm thinking that this script is gonna be, you know, I have a line or two, or maybe just some background work.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It turned out…they gave me, like, a 15-page role in this movie. (laughs) I was shitting my pants. I told my friend, I'm like, "(stammers) Guy, I'm not an actor. Uh, I don't know what I'm doing…I don't know any of this shit." So I'm, like, freaking out.

Roger: Had you seen a Full Moon movie at that point? 'Cause if you had, you never would have been nervous to begin with. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Roger, I was…I wasn't worried about that. I was worried more than I was in there with some actual talent like Karen Black and Stacey Keach.

Roger: Oh. Oh, okay.

Dick: Did you have to perform with those two?

Maddox: I was on set with Karen Black, but not Stacey Keach.

Dick: Did you have to do a scene with her?

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: She was…she was in another trailer, and she was, like, doing her own thing, but..

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. So I did that…I did that movie. And…I…my acting was pretty awful. And…(stammers) I took a friend there with me to the…to the screening.

Roger: I went to the screening with you.

Maddox: Oh yeah, you were there. Yeah.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: And..another one of my friends said…I said, "Well, am I the worst person in this movie?"

Roger: No!

Maddox: She goes, "No, you were the second worst!" (giggles)

Dick: Oh. That's pretty good.

Maddox: Yeah. Which, there was someone else that they thought were worse.

Roger: Honestly, you…I can't fault anyone's acting in a movie with the production values that that had, and, like, the kinda stuff that they were doing in it, though. You can't.

Maddox: Roger, you're a friend. You're a friend and that's very generous of you. But, uh… yeah. That was my first experience in a movie.

Roger: You can't. That…that's what B movies are. They're not known for, like, good acting. Even if you get a great actor in there, they're…they're not really known for it, so, you know. Sometimes if you're lucky, you get a great performance, like, you know, Bruce Campbell in Evil Dead or something back in the day, but..

Maddox: Yeah.

Roger: Yeah. It's rare.

Maddox: I mean, my acting…my acting on set was,..like, there were some parts where I started delivering lines like Napoleon Dynamite, and I got called on it. (laughs) (Roger laughs) I didn't even realize I was doing it, but, they're like, "You sound kinda like Napoleon." I'm like, "Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah." And then my acting was so bad in one scene that, like, extras and PAs were coming up to me and being like, "Hey man, why don't you try this?" and "Why don't you try that?"

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, alright. Gimme your notes. Gimme your notes. See, I'm a…I don't have ego when it comes to shit like that. If I don't know what I'm doing, I'll take notes and I'll just…I'll apply it.

Roger: Ohhh.

Dick: But when you know what you're talking about…(Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. You shut the fuck up!!! Like, Professor Maddox. When you pay attention to me playing video games, I know what I'm doing!

Dick: Hey, uh…speaking of video games, when are you posting that Smash Brothers clip?

Maddox: Oh yeah, I gotta edit it. Uh…yeah. I'll do it.

Dick: Mmkay.

Maddox: I gotta edit it.

Dick: I'm not forgetting.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: That.

Maddox: No.

Dick: I dunno if you're trying to sneak it away.

Maddox: Dick…Dick…definitely won during the Smash Brothers clip.

Roger: What is this?

Dick: We had a Smash Brothers fight. To see who's better at video games.

Roger: Oh, he…he thinks he's the best at every video game.

Maddox: No, I know I am, Roger.

Dick: Well, he's not.

Roger: All I ever see…all I ever see you do is lose. (Dick chuckles)

Maddox: Roger…I kick your ass so fucking hard.

Roger: What did I say? Every time he's annoyed with me! "Roooogerrrr…" (Maddox laughs) Every time.

Maddox: (Roger impression) "He thinks he's so good at video games." That's my Roger voice. (Roger giggles)

Dick: So what's your…is your problem zombies? I think it should just be zombies.

Maddox: Zombie…zombie apocalypse planners, man.

Dick: Ugh, but…we're never gonna talk about zombies again!

Roger: See, that's why he's gonna lose this episode, 'cause he's not doing zombies.

Dick: But everybody HATES zombies!

Roger: If he did zombies, people…

Dick: Right?!

Roger: Yeah.

Sean: It's a not a contest, Roger!!

Maddox: Yeah, Roger.

Roger: Yeah, it's not a contest…

Dick: It's interesting, though. Don't you wanna see how much people hate zombies? Like, is it a bigger problem than Piss Driblets?

Roger: Bring it up a different time.

Maddox: I feel like I'm getting tricked. You know what? I'll decide by the time the episode goes live, I'll decide. Um, but yeah…

Roger: You're not committing to it. They're not gonna vote for it if you don't commit.

Maddox: I don't give a shit!

Dick: Yeah, you gotta commit.

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't give a shit.

Roger: Believe in your argument. What are you…what are you fighting for?

Maddox: Fine. Fine. You know what? I'm going to go with Zombies. I'm going to go with Zombie Apocalypse Planners. (saying both as though it will be edited in post)

Dick: Oh, you piece of shit! (Maddox cracks up) You piece of shit, Maddox!

Roger: Editing in post, is that what that was?

Dick: You fucking asshole!! (Maddox still cackling) You are such a scumbag!!!

Roger: Sean, shouldn't you have the final edit?

Sean: I'm gonna cut one of those out.

Roger: So he won't have to announce it.

Dick: No, no! Leave 'em both in, but post both of them somewhere!!

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Roger: Yeah.

Maddox: That's fine.

Dick: Oh, you fuck!

Maddox: It'll be fine. I won't edit that. Don't worry about it.

Roger: Yeah, right.

Dick: Yeaaaah.

Maddox: Hey, speaking of Smash.

Roger: Scumbag.

Maddox: Smash Brothers and smashing things. Let's smash open these fortune cookies that Roger brought us, huh?

Roger: Oh, yeah.

Dick: What'd you bring us? Tell us what they are.

Roger: These are…these are black Halloween fortune cookies. I gave 'em out in my Halloween pack this year.

Maddox: Uh, Roger, please, African American.

Dick: Hey, so what's an article on your site that people…

(Sound effect: Audience laugh track)

Dick: Fucking…(Maddox giggles) That people would want to go look at now?

Roger: Uh…by now, uh…by the time this podcast airs, my annual guide to the Halloween candies of 2015 will be up, and that's where I taste test every single new candy that's out on the market right now and give my thoughts on it.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: What was the best candy?

Roger: Uh-huh. You want me to spoil it?

Dick: Well, give me…

Maddox: Give us a tease.

Dick: Give us a tease, so I want to go to the site.

Roger: One of my favorite ones this year is Three Muskefears.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Oh, God.

Roger: It's like they hired the Cryptkeeper…

Dick: (interjects) Nevermind. Nevermind. (laughs)

Roger: It's like they hired the Cryptkeeper to name their candy and I think it's hilarious.

Maddox: Speaking of…I opened up my fortune, it says, "Beware. They're right behind you." (laughs)

Dick: That's what mine says too.

Maddox: Really?! (laughing)

Dick: What the fuck kind of shitty fortune cookies are these?

Maddox: Roger…

Roger: Mine…mine says, "The night may be frightful, but friends are delightful." (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: That's like a Christmas thing! (laughs)

Roger: I know. (laughing) "The weather outside is…"

Dick: (interjects) Sean, what's yours say?

Sean: Mine says, "If the broom fits…fly it high." (they all crack up)

Dick: Wooooooooooowww!!! (Maddox laughs) Ohohoooooooo!!! That's spooky.

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Roger: Aren't you glad I brought those?

Maddox: Alright guys.

Roger: Yes.

Maddox: My problems this week…my problem was Zombie Apocalypse Planners, or Zombies.

(Closing riff starts)

Dick: You piece of shit. My problem is Haunted Shit.

Roger: And my problem is Halloween Deserving Days Off.

Maddox: There you go. Alright, guys. Thanks for listening.

Roger: Thank you!!

Dick: Go to http://www.i-mockery.com. I dash Mockery?

Roger: Yeah.

Dick: To see more of Roger Barr.

Roger: It's, uh…http://www.i-mockery.com. Absolutely. Um…doing the two months of Halloween celebration and all that. And I'm @imockery on Twitter. If you want to follow me on there.

Dick: Thanks for coming by.

Roger: Thank you.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys. This is James from Japan. Maddox. WHAT THE FUCK?"

Maddox: Oh, God. (groans)

"You had an actual libertarian agendist sitting across from you the entire time… (Maddox giggles) **and you couldn't shut up for four fucking minutes to let him explain what are a libertarian.** (they all laugh) **and by the way, gold standard is not people just carrying around gold all the time…**

Maddox: Yes it is…you shithead.

"…you fucking idiot."

Maddox: It's gold backing up the currency. And I looked it up. And it's fucking insane!

"Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: No, it's literally carrying around gold. That's what we wanna do.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, No, it is!!!

Dick: That's what libertarians wanna do.

Maddox: (stammers) I went to, like, every…

Dick: (interjects) Like Scrooge McDuck.

Maddox: Every libertarian website I went to…it said, like, talked about the gold standard. You guys are fucking insane! Gold…the gold standard is a shitty economic model.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Dick…you wanna know the secret to quit shittin' your pants?"

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox chuckles)

"Stick a finger in your butttttttt…")

(they all giggle)

Dick: I don't think that's a secret.

Maddox: (laughing) That's been like, three episodes now where he's called in and…

Dick: (interjects) No, that's not the same guy.

Maddox: Oh really? (giggles)

Sean: No, it's…it's…

Dick: No, it's a different guy.

Sean: Yeah. It's spawned.

Maddox: Oh. That's the new "get raped". (giggles) "Stick a finger in your butt." (laughs)

Roger: What, someone calls in and says that every episode?

Dick: Everybody says "get raped". That's the catchphrase for our show. (giggles)

Maddox: It came from…

Dick: (interjects) Beautifully.

Maddox: It came from YouTube, uh…during our live episodes. I noticed that some guy was consistently commenting to people who were criticizing us…

Roger: Mhmm.

Maddox: With just "get raped".

Roger: Oh.

Maddox: And then I read a comment where somebody was like, "Hey, this episode was pretty good. I thought you guys did a good job. You should do more of these." And he still commented, "get raped", so it just became…

Roger: Yeah. I'm surprised you're not making shirts that say that for the…

Maddox: (Sean laughs) Yeah. (giggles)

(Voice mail: male voice: (inhales) (imitating Maddox's dorky voice) "Meeeeeh bleeeh nyeeeeh nyeeeeeeeeeeeh. Neeeeeeeeeeeeyyyyh. Neeeeeeeebleeelbelblele."

Dick: Lot of Maddox impressions.

"(blows raspberry)…Blehmmnyyreh. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: I think this is you, though, Dick.

Dick: I don't think so…

"(continues) Ugggggh…nyeeeeeeehlbeeeeeeehhsljleeeeeeeeemaaaaaaaane bleeeh. Nyeeeeh. Beeeeeettttttddddddddeeeeeeeduhh. (they all laugh) **Dunudeeeeeeeeh. Bleeeeeh. Nyeeeeeeeeeh. (it continues on……..) Eeeeeeeeeeh. (gags) BLEEEEEEEEEEEEEEERRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRGH (coughing and gagging) Dick, you're a cool guy.")**

(Sean chuckles)

Dick: That definitely wasn't me.

(Sound effect: Baby laugh)

Maddox: Good. Good voicemail.

(Voice mail: male voice: "…Maddox describing a homeowner's association (Dick laughs) **as a small government reminding me of that quote from Zoolander where they show him the model..."**

Maddox: You guys are such morons! (sighs)

"Of the school, and he gets mad, and he's like, "What is this, a school for ants?"

Maddox: Suuuuuuuuuuuch idiots. (Sean laughs)

"It's not literally about a government being small…it's about it being unintrusive."

Maddox: Yes, you fucking idiot! Because there's no correlation, right? You fuck.

"Homeowner's association telling you what to put on your door is very intrusive."

Maddox: Oh, it's very intrusive.

"I'm not libertarian, I think they're all stupid, but…"

Maddox: Yet it's a free market…

"You don't have to be a bigger jackass to prove that they're jackasses.")

(Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Great. It's a free market device, shithead! The free market left to its own devices created homeowner's associations! That's not a government institution, that's a free market institution.

Dick: You know…(sighs) We didn't get into why that episode got off track. I think we should talk about that next week.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I would like to…I would like to go over how that…'cause I think you could have brought that in and really nailed it, 'cause a lot of people hate libertarians.

Maddox: I know! I didn't…I didn't bring in all these stats…like, I brought in, seriously. This episode I have four pages of shit to talk about.

Dick: Oh, okay. (scoffs)

Maddox: Like the homeowner's association thing? Are you fucking kidding me? Yeah. It's a free market device. Well anyway, I already said that. I'm just repeating myself.

Dick: The device…the device, they're in favor of. But there's…

Maddox: (interjects) Libertarians aren't in favor of that! Libertarians are in favor of homeowner's associations?

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. No. no. no. Because a homeowner's association is just MORE government. That's like saying we put a government in your government, 'cause we heard you like being governed while you're being governed. Like, they just do more things. It's not smaller.

Maddox: So we should…we should ban them.

Dick: No, that would be additional intrusion.

Maddox: Let's ban them. Ohhhhh, it's additional intrusion.

Roger: Hmmm.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Here's the…here's the problem, though, Dick. Um, without homeowner's associations, and I fucking hate them, but without them, they exist to make sure that your neighbors don't leave fucking junk on their yard.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. That's not why they exist.

Maddox: That…(stammers) that IS, because the next thing you know…

Dick: (interjects) No!! They exist to keep…to take care of common areas.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Like, there's common areas in a condo or in a neighborhood, there's like a little park.

Roger: (interjects) But they also…they enforce other stuff.

Maddox: They do.

Dick: Yeah, they do!

Roger: They wanna make sure that you have, you know, like, the same grass as your neighbors in some places.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And that…when they start doing that, that's when a libertarian would say, "Now you're telling people too much stuff of what to do."

Roger: Right.

Dick: Take care of the basic goods.

Maddox: But what happens…but what happens if your neighbor wants to just burn garbage on his front lawn?

Dick: But that's illegal.

Maddox: Can nobody come in…ohhhhhh, but…(stammers)

Dick: That's already illegal.

Maddox: But let's not make it…

Roger: That's not gonna be…

Maddox: That's big government telling you that you can't burn junk on your yard!

Roger: No, the police take care of that. That's not the responsibility of the homeowner.

Dick: Yeah, that's not…if you murder your wife, an HOA isn't gonna..

Maddox: (interjects) Libertarians don't want that, Roger!!

Dick: …arrest you!!

Maddox: But libertarians are like, "Hey, if you're not bothering anyone, go ahead and put garbage on your front lawn!" That's what libertarians want!

Dick: No, libertarians would say…

Sean: He's still on the "libertarians believe this".

Dick: They don't believe in burning garbage.

Roger: No.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (grins)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But…isn't it…

Dick: (interjects) They believe in burning down the fed.

Maddox: You have…you have…the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, and your property. And you should do anything you want, as long as it's not hurting anyone, right?

Roger: Oh, my God.

Sean; Don't…you don't want the answer. You just wanna be right.

Dick: I'm out. I'm out. (cracks up)

Maddox: There's no…there's no difference, Sean. (Dick cackles) What's the…okay, go ahead…what's the answer?

Dick: What's the answer?

Maddox: I don't wanna be accused of sandbagging you. What's the answer?

Dick: Vote Trump.

Maddox: Okay. (they all crack up except Maddox) There you go. That's..

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Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 77

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Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Misdemeanors to Chafed Weiners! (Sean and Asterios laugh) With over 4 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Asterios, and Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello.

Maddox: Welcome back, and welcome Asterios. Dick couldn't make it this week. Welcome to the show.

Asterios: Hey, look! Look! I've got big shoes to fill. He actually left his gigantic fucking shoes here.

Maddox: His SHITTY TOMS!!

Asterios: And I'm…I'm trying…(laughs) these are some very nice shoes!! But um…this worked out super-duper well, 'cause I was coming in town for the week anyway to get as drunk as possible with my friends.

Maddox: And how's that been going?

Asterios: Uh, I have two giant glasses of whiskey in front of me. (Maddox chuckles) And I'm gonna see how deep in the bag I can get over this episode. And look, you know what? I'll leave it up to the listeners to decide just how slurred my speech gets. (chuckles) So I'm looking forward to it. But this worked out well. Dick couldn't make it. I'm here. You got free booze. Let's get this going!

Maddox: Yeah. I'm glad you copped to the two full glasses of alcohol in front of you. (Asterios chuckles). 'Cause I would have totally busted you on that, buddy. Yeah. And we're not…

Asterios: (interjects) There's nothing to bust!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You can't bust someone who's super proud of what they're doing.

Maddox: Good!

Asterios: Oh, my lord!

Maddox: Fair enough.

Asterios: This room is NOT spinning ENOUGH. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Okay.

Asterios: That's what I want. I want…I want my life to be a centrifuge by the end of this episode, and goddamnit, Maddox, you get me there!

Maddox: You'd better keep it down! You too, Sean! No more…no poop barf shenanigans! (Sean laughs)

Asterios: Poop barf shen…what?!

Maddox: A couple of episodes ago…

Asterios: I missed something, clearly.

Maddox: Sean…Sean dry heaved because I was describing a story where I wiped my ass with a bunch of autumn leaves.

Asterios: How did I miss this?!

Maddox: Mhmm.

Asterios: I listen to every frigging episode. Why…why were you wiping your ass with autumn leaves?

Maddox: My mom locked me out of the house. (Asterios cracks up) Alright. Great parents. Um, so…last week…

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The problem with the most votes is the Zombie Apocalypse Planners.

Asterios: Yup.

Maddox: Followed by Halloween Not Being Recognized As a National Holiday. That was our guest, Roger Barr's problem.

Asterios: Mhmm. (drinking)

Maddox: Followed by Zombies, and then dead last, Dick's Haunts problem, which NOBODY thought was a problem, in fact, they thought it was a solution.

Asterios: What?!

Maddox: Haunts. Haunts! Haunts are…because haunts are a fun thing to do! A fun place to go.

Asterios: Mmmm. (skeptical)

Maddox: A fun thing to do.

Asterios: All the haunts I heard on that episode sounded fucking terrible!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Spending 70 dollars and then, with a chick, 140 dollars to go out on a boat and not be scared, and have to buy more liquor, that sounds…that sounds like rough seas, buddy.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. It was rough seas. That was horseshit! I was on that thing, right?

Asterios: Oh, well then, you should know!!!!

Maddox: No, it was awful!!

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: I was on that thing, and I thought it was a good thing that it didn't go out to sea. There was this haunted ship, and…they advertised that it went out to sea. It didn't really, it just went out into the harbor.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh, if it did go out to sea, I would have been stuck on that shitty boat longer. I did go to a haunt, though, over the weekend.

Asterios: Tell me about it.

Maddox: It was…a haunted hayride.

Asterios: Okay!

Maddox: And it was not haunted. At all.

Asterios: Okay. (chuckles)

Maddox: It was just…you know…

Asterios: Uh-huh. (laughing)

Maddox: Um, there might be something to this libertarian thing…(Asterios guffaws) with regulations and all that shit. 'Cause those fuckers were so meek. They're so afraid to hurt you! 'Cause there was this lady, over the weekend…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Who was on a haunted hayride. And one of the workers accidentally bumped into her with a metal bat, and, like, kind of, you know, busted her lip a little bit.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: So…the…the place comped her the tickets, and…and they gave her VIP tickets. Then she went to the hospital the next day, you know, after she spent all night at this haunt with VIP tickets. Then the hospital ejected her. They said, "You're fine."

Asterios: Yep.

Maddox: And then she went to the police! And then she said, "You know what? I'm not gonna press charges." And then she went to the news. (Asterios sighs) And then told the news. She made a big song-and-dance, and all under the guise of raising awareness.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: She says, "Yeah, I'm not gonna press charges, 'cause it was really an accident, and everything's okay." But here you are, talking to the news, and also going to the police.

Asterios: Who walks into a police station and says, "I'm not gonna…here's a crime that happened, but I'm not gonna press charges." Thanks for wasting our time, lady!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Thank you so much!

Maddox: Thanks.

Asterios: We're the police. We have nothing to do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: So this is great. Great use of our fucking time!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. I…you know what? That goddamn, attention-seeking bullshit? Everyone wants credit for every little good thing they do.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Asterios: You know, yeah. That's the sign of a bad person. Other sign of a bad person? Someone that says they're a good person.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Asterios: "I'm a good person." "Oh, I'm such a good person. Oh, I try so hard."

Maddox: That's a red flag.

Asterios: That's a big red flag.

Maddox: Yeah, that's a red flag.

Asterios: Mhmm. Red Nazi flag.

Maddox: Hey, you uh…speaking of Nazis and bad people…

Asterios: Mhmm?

Maddox: I got some voicemail. Listen to this one.

(Voice mail: female voice: "Hi. I just have to say that my fiancé listens to your podcast constantly while he's folding the laundry, while he's doing the dishes, while he's cleaning. "

Maddox: Good.

"And sometimes, when he doesn't use his headphones, I hear them. And your voices are like nails on a FUCKING chalkboard. They have to be two of the most annoying voices I've ever heard in my entire fucking life."

Maddox: Yeah.

"Just thought you should know that…"

Maddox: I don't know if she's ever heard her own voice, but here we go.

"…your voices make me want to bang my fucking head into a wall."

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Well luckily…

"And Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Asterios: Luckily for you, MY voice is on the episode! My mellifluous voice. (raunchy) So…instead of nails on a chalkboard, it'll be chalk on a chalkboard writing, "Have sex with Asterios."

Maddox: Ahhhhhh, that's what it is!!!

Asterios: That's what it is. You're welcome.

Maddox: Alright. I got another…another voice mail here.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hi guys. I'm a chemist. The other day, I was looking at some slides under my microscope.." (they both crack up)

"And I discovered the smallest libertarian government I have ever seen in my life." (they both laugh)

"I started doing some research, and a few days' later worth of equations and just tons of testing, my hypothesis was finally proven that Maddox has no idea what the fuck he is talking about."

Maddox: Hmmm.

Asterios: You don't.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You…here…

"Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Asterios: Okay. He's not here, so fuck you, okay? If he were here, he would say, "Fuck you, buddy." Look…I don't know if you're doing it on purpose…(Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Here we go!

Asterios: I dunno if you're just trolling everybody…

Sean: That's what he would like you to believe!

Asterios: (stammers) You know what?! I think that you started out…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: Real…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And then when you realized that you didn't know what you were talking about, you were like, "I've been trolling you the whooole time!" (Maddox cackles) It's like when people make a shitty horror movie, and halfway through, they're like, "Oh, it's campy!" "It's supposed to be bad!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's like…look, there are REALLY valid reasons why libertarians are, like, the WORST people in the world. You haven't outlined ANY of them. (grins)

Maddox: Okay. You know what? First…first, I have two things to say.

Sean: No, do we have to do this again!? (appalled)

Maddox: First, fuck you. (laughs)

Sean: People are…people are writing me. Like, in droves.

Asterios: You know what?!

Maddox: I know.

Asterios: I just…and I won't even fight back. I just want to put the marker down there, as an objective third party who has not been here for the past two weeks of…(giggles) this kind of argumentative fuckfest…like, you're wrong on this one, Maddox. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Okay. I get it. I get it.

Asterios: Alright. I'm listening. I'm listening. I'm listening.

Maddox: I…here's the thing. That episode was…(giggles) kind of a clusterfuck. Uh, I was fucking around at the start. You know what?

Asterios: Eh?

Maddox: You know what? Maybe the homeowner's association argument wasn't the best tack to take to pin down libertarians.

Asterios: Okay.

Sean: Asterios…let it go. That's as good as we're gonna get. (Maddox cracks up)

Asterios: I WAS JUST THINKING THAT! (yells) I just thought the same thing! Like, wow! That was almost…okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Eat shit. Both of you!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong buzzer')

(they all laugh)

Asterios: Dammit, we almost had him!!

Maddox: Whatever. Um…let's see. I got one more…well, actually, before we get to this, I…

Asterios: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I should mention that uh…so, I just…I just finished…a new Sonic…

Asterios: Oh yeah!

Maddox: 3D tutorial on Twitch.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And…today, I did…I did a Sonic turkey.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: A Sonic the Hedgehog turkey. Which I think is my…is my masterpiece. Like, you guys all shat on my…my old Sonic the Hedgehog 3D.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: But I'm curious to see what you guys think of this one.

Asterios: Now, is this that thing that you were doing…I was…I was literally at my day job today, and I got a notification that you were on Twitch, and so I opened up Twitch. And I saw you, like, using digital clay to mold a spiked dick?

Maddox: No, it was…

Asterios: (interjects) Like a…like a spiked phallus. Like a…like a dick that looked like it could really hurt somebody. Like, was that the thing that you were making?

Maddox: That was not…that was not…okay. That was not a spiked dick. It was a beautifully-rendered Sonic the Hedgehog.

Asterios: Mmm. (skeptical)

Maddox: It…Thanksgiving…'cause Thanksgiving is coming up!!

Asterios: Well, I'm…

Maddox: I wanna get people in the spirit.

Asterios: Mmm, okay. Well, look. Look. I'm a huge fan of Thanksgiving. But all I'm saying is if I saw that thing you drew walking…like, like…a 50-feet high in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, I would leave New York and never come back. It was terrifying abomination you made today.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: That's hateful! That's hateful, that's bullshit! (Asterios cracks up) You're just a hater! That was…(stammers) one of the best things I've ever made, I think! In 3D!

Asterios: I don't know.

Maddox: Everyone loved it! Everyone. I didn't get a single criticism when I was making this.

Asterios: Uh…instead…(stammers) okay, yes. You didn't get a single criticism. You got HUNDREDS of criticisms! (Maddox giggles) You can't even make a regular Sonic the Hedgehog, so why do you think you can make a Sonic the Hedgehog/turkey?!! (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: I…I made a Sonic the Hedgehog…turkey.

Asterios: Mmmm. (skeptical)

Maddox: And it was a successful…

Asterios: Mmmm. (skeptical, taking a drink)

Maddox: It was a success. It was great. Everyone loved it. I…you know what, Asterios?

Asterios: Yeah?

Maddox: I'm gonna put…I…I will put my reputation down on the line.

Asterios: Oh so okay, you won't put that much down on the line, okay, got it.

Maddox: Fuck you! (laughing)

Asterios: Alright. Well…

Maddox: Alright. I got…I got another voicemail.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Maddox! I am still bamboozled (Sean giggles) **by the fact that you didn't…since you're such a gamer and you play video games all the TIME,** (someone snorts) **that you failed to notice when, um…**(Maddox giggles) **Robert, the dude on the last podcast, the recent podcast…"**

Maddox: Roger…

"Said the Skeleton Key gives you access to new rooms? I…I'm bamboozled that you didn't say, "That's a lot like DLC." Well, guess what? You missed your opportunity there. Sean, please don't delete this. And…Maddox, go fuck yourself to…in…go fuck yourself to oblivion! Christ.")

Maddox: Nyeeeh. Nyeeeeeeh. Nyeeeh. Go fuck yourself to obl…what an idiot!

Asterios: That's a minute of my life I'll NEVER get back.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Oh, my God! Why did you play that, Maddox?!

Maddox: Nyeeeh. Maddox. (whines) About that thing that Robert said last episode.

Asterios: (whines) Ohhh.

Maddox: First of all, it's Roger.

Asterios: (whines) Uh, you're a gamer. (stammers) Meeh. Nyeeeeeh.

Maddox: Yeah. Here's the thing, shithead. DLC…DLC is completely different, because you're buying content, which, by the way…they're just…they're just segregating content…

Asterios: I know.

Maddox: That they would've normally released with the game.

Asterios: I know. (soothing)

Maddox: Back in the day.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Now, they're just saying, "Okay, well, we're gonna portion this off and say it's downloadable content that you have to pay extra for."

Asterios: Yeah. It's an additional revenue stream. No, it sucks! When we were kids, they would advertise games as hundreds of hours of content.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, I remember when I got Final Fantasy III, which I think was Final Fantasy VI in Japan.

Maddox: It was.

Asterios: And they were just, like, "It's 150 hours of gameplay."

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And it's like, "Motherfucker!" This..that's…(stammers) I…it's…absolutely incredible! And now, they would take that same 150 hours, sell you 80 of it, and then sell you the other 70 of it broken up into chapters over the next six months.

Maddox: It's such a racket, dude!

Asterios: And of course it's bullshit. Of course it's bullshit.

Maddox: It's such a fucking racket! And I…you know what? I swore off of EA games.

Asterios: Mhmm, (drinks)

Maddox: I don't play any more EA games. Electronic Arts.

Asterios: Good!

Maddox: Because I bought the last snowboarding game, what was it, SSX something or other.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: It took, like, an hour and a half to start the fucking game. (Asterios cracks up) Swear to God! With the installations, the updates, the…I had to sign three Terms of Service agreements just to play this fucking game! And then..

Asterios: Just to fake snowboard on some fake snow.

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: Yeah, exactly.

Maddox: Yeah. Their shitty game.

Asterios: You have to go EA Origin, and oh, your Always On connection. (whines)

Maddox: Ugh. Nyah, nyah, nyah. And then…and then, uh…to..to get the full pack, so…if you buy the game.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: You have to enter this code that's on the package. It's like a 16-digit code. (Asterios cackles) and that's just so it unlocks one of the levels that you PAID FOR in the game. (Asterios laughs) And the reason they do that…you can only use that code once, because if you resell the game as a used game.

Asterios: Yep.

Maddox: They want people to not have all the content.

Asterios: Yep.

Maddox: Because they're trying to get some of that Used sale market. That's what they're doing.

Asterios: Oh, no…

Maddox: (interjects) It's such a fucking shady business, man.

Asterios: No, no. It…no, it is…like, there is sort of nothing worse than these giant video game companies trying to fuck people over. And look, I know…

Maddox: Nothing worse. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Asterios: I know that there are people…….okay. It goes "giant video games trying to fuck people over." "Sophie's Choice".

Maddox: Sophie's Choice.

Asterios: And "The holocaust that led to Sophie to make that choice" . That's my number…those are my top three problems.

Maddox: In that order. Yeah.

Asterios: In that order. It's just, like, you know…look. You…gamer, you fucking GamerGate kids can bitch all you want about, like, some lady that may or may not have had more sex than you've ever had in your life to may or may not get a review that, bla, bla, bla. But it's, like, why don't you fucking go after EA for causing…for, like, having this Always On, stupid bullshit?! There are soldiers fighting for our freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan, and they can't use their Xboxes. And they can't use their Playstations, because they have these games that require some sort of bullshit Always On connection. Like, you need an Always On connection to play SIM CITY 4. (yells) Oh yeah! There's this r…there's all this RICH content out there! On the Internet! My computer could NEVER hold all these fucking fake buildings and monster attacks!! Oh, it's just all this crap.

Maddox: Alright. Asterios…

Asterios: Yessir!!

Maddox: Let's get to a problem.

Asterios: Let's get to a REAL problem. (they laugh)

Maddox: No!!

Asterios: And by "real", I mean the first problem! (cracks up)

Maddox: Let's get to the FIRST problem, which is probably not gonna be a real problem. Oh wait, and before we do…

Asterios: Yessir.

Maddox: Uh, last week, you guys…you guys bamboozled me into saying, uh…Zombies and Zombie Apocalypse Planners.

Asterios: Yeah, that was OUR fault!

Maddox: You fucks. (laughing)

Asterios: YEAAAAAH.

Maddox: Here's why I didn't even want zombies on the list. Because zombies aren't real and they're not a problem.

Asterios: Yeah, unlike Zombie Apocalypse…(laughs)

Maddox: Unlike Zombie Apocalypse Planners.

Asterios: Which actually, you're right. You're right.

Maddox: Which, by the way, I didn't even get…I forgot to mention this in that episode, but the zombie apocalypse planners, like, this shit is getting so out of hand.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: People are dying at parties, (Asterios gasps) 'cause someone'll get too drunk and they'll think a zombie…someone dressed as zombies….(Asterios laughs) Yeah! It's happened multiple times. It happened in Oregon at a party. It happened in, uh…I believe in Austin at a party.

Asterios: Oh, my God! Are you serious?!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. People are thinking these zombies are real, and they pick up a shotgun and blast' em. They blast their friends. (Asterios groans) They kill people at parties! It's fucking insane, these zombie apocalypse planners. That's the repercussion.

Asterios: But, you know what? I'll say, on the flipside, first-prize costumes. Because if those costumes weren't good…(Maddox chuckles) You know, when you get that spray of pellets in your chest?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: That's like saying…"Well done." (Maddox chuckles) That's the…maybe one of the best affirmations you can got. Because the thing is…like, we all wanna be SPOOKTACULAR! (yells) Everyone wants to be spooktacular! (Maddox laughs) Okay, yeah. That's the gold standard for Halloween. That's some fucking spooky shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Good for those guys. (Maddox laughs) The…when I die…I wanna die having scared the SHIT out of somebody!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I'll be on the ground and go, (whispers) "Worth it." (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Bleeding buckshot..bleeding from your buckshot wounds.

Asterios: Yeah. Bleeding from my 40 tiny wounds.

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: (laughing) Not my one big wound. Oh, my God!

Maddox: That's a sh…that's a shit shot.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a shit way to go, man.

Asterios: Yeah, I know.

Maddox: No. Alright, buddy.

Asterios: Alright.

Maddox: Let's…let's do this. Let's…get…

Asterios: (interjects) Well, speaking of video games…

Maddox: …to the first problem. Yeah.

Asterios: Okay. Let's get to the first problem. Uhh…my first problem is Cowardly Perverts.

Maddox: Cowardly Perverts! Okay.

Asterios: Cowardly Perverts.

Maddox: What…I mean, I consider myself a pervert.

Asterios: That's a good…

Maddox: Not..not cowardly, though.

Asterios: Yeah. Exactly. We're both perverts.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: The three of us are perverts.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: We like a pretty-looking lady.

Maddox: I love it.

Asterios: Even if we're on a ladder and we're looking at her through a pair of spyglasses. (Maddox giggles) We like a pretty-looking lady, right?

Maddox: That's what a pervert does!

Asterios: Exactly. We like to…we like to bring a cell phone into a ladies bathroom, leave it recording for a few hours…(Maddox giggles) pick it up later, and…

Maddox: Okay…cr…

Asterios: (interjects) Just do what God's…what?!!? I'm sorry!!

Maddox: Creep. You're a creep. You're a creep. (laughs)

Asterios: Well, WE'RE creeps. Right. Exactly.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay.

Asterios: I'm a creep. You're a creep.

Maddox: Oh, sure.

Asterios: We're all creeps.

Maddox: Alright.

Asterios: Anyway. Cowardly Perverts. (Maddox chuckles) Now, here's the thing. There's this new game out called Metal Gear Solid V. And it has a character in it who runs around in a bikini top and ripped leggings. She murders people with a sniper rifle.

Maddox: Cool.

Asterios: And she never, ever talks. To the point where her name is literally "Quiet".

Maddox: Oh!!!

Asterios: Now, this is…every man's dream girl.

Maddox: Yeah. This sounds amazing. So..so…let's… lemme…lemme…

Asterios: Sure.

Maddox: …just go over this checklist.

Asterios: Of course.

Maddox: Okay. She's super gorgeous.

Asterios: Yep. Huge breasts.

Maddox: She's an assassin.

Asterios: Yup. Mhmm.

Maddox: This is, like, already my dream girl.

Asterios: She's Asian.

Maddox: You can…Asian! Oh, my God! Okay.

Asterios: Plus five!

Maddox: Plus five. There you got. And then…and then what else? So..so, all these things…

Asterios: She doesn't talk. (giggles)

Maddox: Already. And then she doesn't talk on top of that?

Asterios: Nope. She doesn't talk.

Maddox: That's like, "Here, you won the lottery, and also, uh, you're dating the hottest girl in the world."

Asterios: Exactly. And she's not dating you 'cause you won the lottery. She's dating you for your personality.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh.

Asterios: That's a big win.

Maddox: That's just never happened! I can't even imagine what that's like. (giggles)

Asterios: So now, this character sounds great. But here's the reason why she's naked all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Here's the reason why she can only wear a bikini top. She can on…and this is gonna be a spoiler for Metal Gear Solid V, kids. She can only wear a bikini top because clothes poison her.

Maddox: What?! (incredulous) (laughs)

Asterios: Clothes poison her. There's a moment in the game where someone puts clothes on her and she starts to suffocate because she breathes through her skin.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh!!

Asterios: Also…she can't talk because if she talks, a virus will kill her. (Maddox cracks up) I'm absolutely not kidding. If she talks, a virus will kill her. And this is what I mean by cowardly perverts.

Maddox: This is the most CONTRIVED WAY…

Asterios: Yes!!!

Maddox: I have ever heard. To get a woman naked.

Asterios: And not talking!!!

Maddox: And also not talking. (laughs)

Asterios: Yeah!!! (Maddox cackles) It's like…it's like someone bending over backwards, bending over FURTHER backwards so that they can justify their perv choice!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's like, "Look! If you wanna put a hot chick in a video game running around in a bikini top, just do it! Just own it! I'm a perv. I like to jerk off to video game characters!" (laughs) Just own it. Be a man about it. Or a woman about it! Be a person about it! Don't be a fucking coward about it!

Maddox: No.

Asterios: You know what I'm saying?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: If you're gonna be a perv, own it. Don't be like, "Ohhhh, (stammers) actually, uh, there's a very good plot-motivated reason for this bikini-clad lady…" (Sean and Maddox laugh) "To run around and not talk, you see, she's been given a nanovirus and…(Maddox laughs) I'm afraid her skin…her dermal layer is how she breathes oxygen!!" It's like, FUCK YOU!!! (Maddox laughs) Fuck you for being such a goddamn coward about this. Just say "Yeah, you know what? I put a hot lady in my game because I like to jerk off. Hi, I'm… (stammers) Hideo Kojima. The guy that created the Metal Gear series."

Maddox: No, well, you know what, Asterios? Okay, look. The…the perviness thing I get.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: They're just being pervy and they're trying to justify it somehow.

Asterios: Yep.

Maddox: In the plot.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That's super contrived. But Konami is a shit-show right now.

Asterios: Mhmm. (drinks)

Maddox: Real shit show.

Asterios: Tell me about it. I don't know about this.

Maddox: Well, it's awful.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: They basically closed their doors forever.

Asterios: Oh God, really?!

Maddox: Uh, Konami's done. I'll tell you what…I'll tell you what, buddy. So, I was in Vegas for a month, about a month ago. And I was shooting this game show, and every now and then, I'd pop into a casino and just check out, you know, peruse the floor.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh, and it's awful and depressing as I remember. But I was walking along and I saw these…these…something I never thought I would see on a slot machine. And it is the Contra logo.

Asterios: What?!

Maddox: And you're th…it's exactly the Contra you're thinking about. The old Nintendo Contra.

Asterios: Spread gun.

Maddox: Spread fun. Uh, machine gun, flamethrower, laser.

Asterios: Konami code.

Maddox: The Konami c…it's all there. And it's on a fucking slot machine.

Asterios: Oh, God.

Maddox: Konami has tu…has closed its doors to video games and moved completely to mobile and slot machines. That's all they're doing anymore.

Asterios: Oh, God.

Maddox: And I think it's just a big cash grab, because they…they realized they have all this IP that they could piss away.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, making slot machines. There's a Silent Hill slot machine coming out.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: I played the stupid Contra one. Yeah, I won 7 bucks, but fuck it, it's not worth it! I..(stammers)

Asterios: Right. To see the property that you loved as a kid turned into, like, this thing that rips off old people?

Maddox: Oh, man.

Asterios: Yeah, you're absolutely right, that's not worth it.

Maddox: It's so…it's SO sad. It's so sad.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: So I think that the…that, uh…quiet, not talking? It's contrived for sure…(Asterios laughs) but it's more to do…it's more to do with Konami being cheapskates than anything else. (Asterios cracks up) They're trying to save a buck.

Asterios: That's great.

Maddox: I think that's what it is.

Asterios: That's one less voice actress we need to hire!

Maddox: Yuuuuuup.

Asterios: Way to go!

Maddox: One less voice actress, fewer royalties they have to pay out.

Asterios: That's true.

Maddox: They don't have to worry about casting, and all that shit, and craft services, where they have voice actors come in for their…you know, a couple hours of work that they do.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly! For their whole thing. (giggles) You got, like, Keifer Sutherland's…whenever, like, whenever they get Keifer Sutherland in the room…the saddest thing I ever saw at a casino was, someone was playing an Ellen slot machine.

Maddox: Oh, I've seen it. Yeah.

Asterios: Exactly. And it's like, you know, look, you pull the lever, and if you get the…if you get the right thing, she dances around, and blablabla. Ellen loves to dance. Anyway, I saw someone screaming at an Ellen slot machine, "Why are you doing this to me!!!?" (yells) (Maddox laughs) "Why are you fucking me like this!?" To an Ellen slot machine!! And I was just like, "I think I have to leave this casino immediately." (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, man.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: It's so depressing.

Asterios: Super sad. I know….

Maddox: All the…all the slot machines.

Asterios: I know.

Maddox: There's a Ghostbusters fucking slot machine now, man!

Asterios: Yup.

Maddox: Look, on top of the Ghostbusters franchise, already gone to shit because they've decided to make gender a gimmick in their fucking movie!

Asterios: Wait a minute!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I actually…I'm not kidding. I know the woman who's writing Ghostbusters 3…

Maddox: I do too! I know her. Yeah.

Asterios: I…I saw her today at a coffee shop.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: She looks really hot.

Maddox: She is! She is.

Asterios: And um…and look.

Maddox: And she's delightful!

Asterios: No, she's super cool.

Maddox: She's a wonderful woman.

Asterios: Look. I think…I think Ghostbusters 3 could be good, because I think Paul Feig's a good director.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And I'm not one of those people that's like, "Oh, the Ghostbusters need to be men." Like, fucking gender swap everything. Who gives a shit?

Maddox: I'll tell you.

Asterios: Let's give it a chance!

Maddox: Alright.

Asterios: Ghost…you know what was bad?! Ghostbusters 2!! Ghostbusters 2 was bad!

Maddox: It was.

Asterios: If Ghostbu…if Ghostbusters 3 is worse than Ghostbusters 2, I will be super duper surpr…let her fucking give it a shot! Who gives a shit!? Let the lady Ghostbusters run around and bust ghosts! Who cares?! Wha…(stammers) There hasn't BEEN a Ghostbusters movie in 20 years! Just give 'em a fucking chance!

Maddox: Huh. Oh, okay. I hadn't thought about that, Asterios.

Asterios: Uh-oh.

Maddox: It's a really…really good point.

Asterios: Here comes…(Maddox laughs) here comes Maddox's bullshit bridging statement before he plays a sound drop!!

Maddox: No! No. That was…that was really thoughtful. I actually hadn't thought about that. Maybe you changed my mind. I think you may have changed my mind.

Asterios: Well, thank you. Do you have something called, "Asterios Versus Asterios" ready to go? (Maddox giggles) What the fuck are you up to, Maddox?!

Maddox: No, no, nothing!!

Asterios: And can I have more of your whiskey please?! (Maddox cracks up) Thank you so much!!!

Maddox: Help yourself. But I was just wondering, you know, um…that's a really thoughtful…thoughtful argument I hadn't considered. Uh, I was wondering if you could do me a favor and bend over so I can…

(Sound effect: Boner spring)

Maddox: …Put this…(Asterior guffaws) rhetorical torpedo right up your ass, buddy!!!! Bend over and pucker up, 'cause here it comes!! Alright?! In the original Ghostbusters…

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: The gimmick was that they're exterminators, right?

Asterios: They're firemen.

Maddox: They're…no, they're exterminators, except the pests they're exterminating are ghosts. Oh wow!

Asterios: In the original Ghostbusters…

Maddox: Ooh. Ohhhh.

Asterios: …the 400-page script that Dan Aykroyd wrote, he specifically was saying, "I want them to be like firemen, but for ghosts."

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Asterios: Which is why they were in a fire house!

Maddox: Fine.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: You know what? That's the gimmick.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: They're firemen. They're…

Asterios: (interjects) Also, in the original script of Ghostbusters, the third act involves them going to Hell and fighting the Devil.

Maddox: Awesome!

Asterios: Dan Aykroyd apparently wrote the original, I'm not kidding, 400-page script to Ghostbusters, while on every drug the 80s had to offer.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: But I apologize. Please continue, Maddox.

Maddox: You know what? They edit. That's what editing is for.

Asterios: That's what editing…that's what Harold Ramis is for.

Maddox: They fixed it. It was a great movie.

Asterios: Incredible movie!

Maddox: I would say, like, a 99% perfect movie. There's, like, nothing…

Asterios: What would you change about Gho…oh, you would make the ghost blowjob longer? Okay. I agree with that.

Maddox: Yeah. Exactly. Okay, so…that's the original Ghostbusters. Cool movie, cool gimmick.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: But…but Paul Feig, is it Feeg, or Fye-g?

Asterios: Uh, either one. They know who we're talking about.

Maddox: Feeg, Fyeg, Fowg, Fum. Whatever. Uh, that guy…he came out…he had the audacity to come out and just…blatantly say, "Um, I thought it would be interesting to have everybody a woman." Everybody in the ca…so his int…his…he set out as gender as his gimmick! He…(stammers) so, so, everything else is secondary in this movie. And I've seen this, like, cast picture of the Ghostbusters, it's all women, oh yay, women, women, women. But you know what? I feel like if I was a woman, I would feel insulted to be working on the set, because if I wanna…if I'm gonna get hired for a job, I wanna know that I was hired because I'm the best and most qualified person, and I beat out other people who are equally as qualified. But he…he SET OUT to make a movie with women, and that's his gimmick.

Asterios: Yeah, you know what? It is interesting that four Ghost…that there are four women Ghostbusters.

Maddox: Why is that…why is that interesting?

Asterios: Well, lemme back up and say that if I were a woman, if I were a female comedian who wanted to act in a movie, I think the last thing I would do is be, like, "I'm not gonna take this role. It's insulting!" Like, I definitely won't audition for the all-female Ghostbusters! Boo-ern!! (Maddox giggles) This sort of…oh, what's the word? This, uh… this sort of affirmative action will not stand! Take your money and give it to a white man, thanks! But the second thing I'll say is, look. If you're watching four make Ghostbusters out there. If you're watching that, let's say Seth Rogen, Jonah Hill, what's his fucking name with the fucked-up brother, James Franco…and, uh, James Franco's fucked-up brother. Alright, let's say those four are the Ghostbusters. You're gonna look at them the whole time and you're gonna be thinking, like, "Okay, these guys are not as good as my heroes."

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You're gonna be looking at them the whole time and you're gonna be like, "Yeah, these guys aren't as good as the people who I literally owned the toys of."

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: The…the real Ghostbusters cartoon was run by J. Michael Straczynski, an Oscar award-nominated screenwriter, who created Babylon 5. J. Michael Straczynski is, like, one of the greatest sci-fi writers of our time. And that's the guy they put in charge of the cartoon. Almost all the Ghostbusters canon, except for Ghostbusters 2, is this, kind of like, brilliant thing. And you're gonna be watching the whole time and you're gonna be, like, "Yeah, that guy's not fucking as funny as Peter Venkman. That guy's not as funny as Ray Stantz. That guy's no Egon Speng…you can put all the glasses you want on him. That girl's not as hot as Janine." That's the problem with casting male Ghostbusters. With the female Ghostbusters, you…they have the…they have the opportunity to fail or succeed on the strength of the script and the direction and the acting.

Maddox: Ohhh. Hmm.

Asterios: That's…look. That's just how I feel.

Maddox: Interesting.

Sean: The interesting casting, though, is Melissa McCarthy as Slimer. (they crack up)

Asterios: Sean! You don't talk often, but when you do, it's always gold!

Maddox: Sean!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: Good job, Sean. Uh, you know, Asterios…

Asterios: I'm listening.

Maddox: That's…that's a really good point. I really appreciate your argument. That…that actually may have changed my mind. I think that was…

Asterios: (interjects) Oh, great, well, then let's move on. Moving on!!! (Maddox laughs) To more pervert!

Maddox: You know what, dickhead!? Here's the thing!

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: They already did this, Asterios. They already…you know what? Let's…let's make a Ghostbusters cartoon…

Asterios: Oh you're talking about Ghostbusters Extreme?!

Maddox: Yes, I am, fucker!! (laughs)

Asterios: Why do they have that goddamn Ghostbuster in a wheelchair?!!?!?

Maddox: That's the one!!!!!!!

Asterios: J. Michael Straczynski didn't write Ghostbusters Extreme!! (yelling) (Maddox cracking up) He was busy writing Babylon 5!!

Maddox: Ahhhhh. (sighs) Well, well, well.

Asterios: Goddamnit Maddox!!!!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Let's make one of 'em a Latino, and let's make one of 'em a woman with purple hair. She's a gamer. Let's make one of 'em in a wheelchair! Ah, fuck it, let's make one of 'em half-ghost and half-human!! Ohh! Who gives a shit! Let's include everyone! Let's make one of 'em a fucking hamster! Let's make one of 'em a mute! (Asterios guffaws) Let's make one of 'em blind….one of 'em that doesn't have arms! Uh, let's make someone an illegal immigrant!

Asterios: Oh, God! Oh, God help us if we have representation in our media!! (Maddox laughs) I'm so sorry it's not the 90's, where everything is four white, straight men running around solving everyone's problems!! Yeah. Okay. The 90s went overboard! I'll completely give you the fact that the Planeteers, like, probably wouldn't be friends. Like, I totally…but, like, look. We need SOME sort of representation in the media.

Maddox: (stammers) W…why? First of all…

Asterios: Oh, why!? Because…because our entertainment industry should reflect humanity!!!

Maddox: But, Asterios….it…does. I looked at…like, they were complaining that only, like 17% of the Oscar nominees were black, like, last time. I'm like, well yeah. That's actually not representative, 'cause there's only 13% blacks in the population, so that's like, right along the lines of where it should be! (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: Way to go! Way to go, Maddox!

Maddox: No, but…

Asterios: (interjects) Way to put those blacks in their place!!! (laughing) Way to…(yelling)

Maddox: I mean, here's the thing…

Asterios: That's the hill you're gonna die on!!!!

Maddox: No, no, no. no.

Asterios: That's the hill you're gonna die on!!

Maddox: You know what? You know what, fuckface? Here's the thing I'm tired of, okay? 'Cause all these…it's always women bitching the loudest, and it's straight, white, women. I'm tired of hearing straight white males.

Asterios: You know what? Women aren't allowed to bitch about shit…

Maddox: Ohhh, they're bitchy.

Asterios: Because when women bitch about shit, they get fired!

Maddox: Oh, my God!!

Asterios: Here's what women have to do.

Maddox: No, they don't!! No, they don't!!

Asterios: They have to SHUT UP and eat their feelings, and that's where Cathy comes from!!!

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah. (skeptical) (Sean laughs) Look man, I wouldn't know about Cathy… but here's the thing. It's always straight white women who are bitching about…(goofy voice) "Oh, we don't have…we're not winning. We're not winning enough Oscars. We don't have enough jobs." How…how many times are they complaining that not enough Korean representation? Or not enough Chinese representation? Or how about Inuits? Or how about Indonesians? (Asterios snorts) How about Vietnamese?! How about all these fucking people!? How about…how about one out of every six people in the world…er, actually, two out of every…out of every, uh, seven people in the world are either Chinese or Indian. How many of them do we have represented in the Oscars? Yet, the women are all…they're not…they're not fighting their battles. They're like, "Me, me, me." It's always their battles. Look, if we want to talk about representation, shouldn't we first talk about the people who are almost never represented?! How many male Asian actors…leads are there in Hollywood?

Asterios: You're gonna blame women for that?

Maddox: No!

Asterios: I mean, here's the…here's the thing. Like, you can't…I would…you know what, actually? Let me jump back for a second.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I just wanna say…that this thing you've created is beautiful. (Maddox snorts) It's…it's this gorgeous thing. He's got this great hat. He's got these funny arms. (starts to whistle the "If I only had a Brain" melody)

Maddox: What are you talking about? (Asterios keeps whistling) (Sean giggles)

Asterios: This straw man you've created.

Maddox: (stammers) Fuck you, Asterios!! (laughing)

Asterios: Is fantastic.

Maddox: You motherfucker!

Asterios: I just have to say. The fact that you are saying that, like, that's what everybody wants. Not you. Everybody. Everybody wants the disenfranchised fighting amongst themselves for whatever scraps are given to them by old, white, corporate men. Like, yeah, okay. You know, every time someone puts out the gender gap statistic that says, uh, women get paid 78% of what men paid…uh, what men get paid, and whether or not you agree with that statistic is sort of immaterial to what I'm about to say. Someone'll then say that Latino women get paid even less. And African American women get paid even less. And…you know, the LGBT community may get paid even less. And it's, like, "Yeah, we can slice and dice this shit", but while all the minorities are fighting, all the old…(giggles) white rich men are fucking living it up on their yachts! Like, that's what they want. Like…you and me are on the same team, Maddox. We don't like all this corporate bullshit.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: Like, so…when women fight amongst thems…it's like, we shouldn't be trying to pit minorities against each other, is all I'm saying.

Maddox: They're not minorities!!!

Asterios: Because there's a bigger problem.

Maddox: They're the majority of the population! (Asterios cracks up) Women are literally the majority of the population. And you keep saying straight, white, men. Like, the original Ghostbusters, one of 'em was black. I mean, that's…that's 25%. That's statistically higher!!!

Asterios: Oh yeah! Oh…(Maddox laughs) you mean that guy that was introduced, like, in the middle of the third act, so they can explain how the ECTO containment system works?!

Maddox: I know. I know. Yeah. They originally wanted Eddie Murphy. They couldn't get him. Um, so…so here's the thing, though.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: Uh, (stammers) like, with the wage gap thing, I think it's so disingenuous, because they keep saying that MEN make 8…(stammers) make 22% more on average, but they're only looking at men in aggregate. Did you know that…that Asian men make…

Asterios: (interjects) I know all this…

Maddox: (interjects) Asian men make more than all other men! Why aren't they comparing them to Asian men, then?

Asterios: You have no idea how much I know about the w…I know SO much about the wage gap. But listen. The wage gap is indicative, I think, of a larger problem, which is that in our society, women have it harder.

Maddox: Oooooh. (skeptical)

Asterios: And…and listen. And listen. Whether or not…look, whether or not women make 78% of what a man makes, look. That's gonna be up for debate for the rest of our lives.

Maddox: No, it's not!!

Asterios: I just…

Maddox: It's not! It's not debatable! It's on politifact.org. It's done!!!

Asterios: Listen. Listen. I'm…and I've read that Politifact article.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I'm say…when I say it's gonna be up for debate, I guess what I mean to say is people will be debating it. Because look. There's political capital to be made by the debate. The…you know. You can go out and raise money on one end of it, or raise money on the other end of it. People are gonna be using it a crutch or whatever. But listen…the thing is, um, do you disagree that, like, generally speaking, women have it harder in society than men?

Maddox: In certain aspects, for sure.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, women…like, men don't have to worry about looking over their shoulder when they're walking to their car.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Men don't have to worry about, uh..constantly getting date raped.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Men don't have to worry about…

Asterios: (interjects) If we got date raped, that would be the best date ever!!

Maddox: …assault as much.

Asterios: Hellllooooo!! (Maddox giggles) I didn't even have to pay for it! Thanks.

Maddox: Um, there's…(laughs) there's a number of th…there's a number of things that men just don't have to worry about.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, but then…right.

Asterios: And look. Look. I'm not sa…this isn't one of those things to say, like, "Oh, men are monsters and women are saints." I mean, look, obviously we're all human beings. But I just think that, like, the wage gap statistic speaks to a larger rage and injustice. Women do have it a little bit harder than us. They have to…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, buddy. I…agree with you, like 90%...

Asterios: Exactly.

Maddox: …of the way there.

Asterios: Yeah. Yeah. We…(stammers) there is some common ground here. That's what I'm saying!

Maddox: But…but, here's the thing. I just…I just saw this article come out in mic.com. Mic.com is ALWAYS talking about this. They're always saying, uh…hey, wage gap this, wage gap that. They're talking about how Iceland is now considered the most feminist country on Earth.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Because they just passed legislature that allowed women to walk around topless. Great! I'm all for that.

Asterios: You're allowed to do that in New York, by the way.

Maddox: What's that?

Asterios: You're allowed to do that in New York City.

Maddox: Yeah. You're allowed to do that in New York, and you should be, because there shouldn't be that double standard.

Asterios: No. There absolutely shouldn't be. And…and listeners, I'd like you to Google the New York Topless Book Club, which is a group of women in New York who go to Central Park, take their tops off, and read books. It's a wonderful society.

Maddox: I've seen it. It's pretty awesome.

Asterios: It's pretty good.

Maddox: So Iceland, the most feminist country on Earth, right?

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Awesome. Awesome. So they're touting all their great statistics It's, like, one of the largest, uh, female legislatures in the world. Uh, they have…uh, the birth rate is on parity. One man…one boy…one female to every male that is born. Like, everything is parity right across the board. The one statistic they didn't talk about…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Interestingly enough…is the wage gap. (Asterios cracks up) You know…you know what it is in Iceland, the most feminist country on Earth, where women are controlling legislature? 80%.

Asterios: Ohhh.

Maddox: Oh, that's interesting.

Asterios: Hmm.

Maddox: Why the fuck is it 80% in the most feminist country, where women are dominating? Where women are ruling?! (Asterios guffaws) Because it's fucking not true!! They're not looking at equal jobs! They're not looking at equal pay rates! They're not… excuse me. They're not looking at equal experience. They're not looking at equal time spent. They're not looking at tenure. They're not looking at experience! They're not looking at education. (angry) They're not looking at the same metrics! (Asterios giggles) They're just taking averages! It's fucking stupid!!! (Asterios cackles) That's all it is!! Iceland…if Iceland, the most feminist country, has the same wage gap as America, then it's fucking not true, dude!!! It's just not.

Asterios: Look. Look, buddy. The thing is…it's just, again. I'll say that I believe the wage gap outrage speaks to a larger injustice. (Maddox stammers) I think if…

Maddox: (stammers) Why…again with the injustice word, right?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Injustice implies that there is some wrong being committed. Women have higher job satisfactions than men. Across the board!! I…where's the injustice!? If women are complaining about it…like, I…(stammers) I don't have female friends who are, like, "Oh, man, I really hate my job, 'cause I don't get paid enough!" I just don't hear it.

Asterios: I'm not..I'm not debating the wage gap statistics, like, but what I'm saying is… when you're a woman in the workplace, if you…act like confident, you're called "bossy". And if you act proud, you're called "bitchy". And if you tell people what to do, you're called the "c" word. Whereas, like, if you're a guy…and look. This is just my experience. This is just…you could say this is a generalization, and that's fine. But, like, I just feel like… specifically in the workplace, women have it harder, because they have to do this thing where they gotta be, like, everybody's mom, everybody's big sister, everybody's friend, but they also have to get the bottom line. But this, but that. Like, I feel like men have more of a ….more agency. Because if a guy…is running around, telling people what to do, he's an authority. He's in control. He's commanding. He's brilliant. And if a girl's doing that, she's crazy. You know, one…(stammers) something that Tina Fey said was, like…was…Tina Fey said that, like, when they call a woman "difficult", it just means that no one wants to fuck her anymore, and I was like, "That's…brillian, Tina Fey." That's exactly right! 'Cause it's like…you know, when you think about, for example, female directions, you know? Like, uh…Penelope Spheeris. Like, um…why is it that someone like Steven Spielberg gets to direct FORTY movies over forty years, and there are all these fantastic female directors, and they get to direct, like, one or two, and they're done. And it's just…I don't know. I just feel like there's a larger sexism at play in a lot of the business world. And…I feel like an easy way to express that rage is to complain about the wage gap.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh…I wish…I wish it was more…honest. I wish there was another way.

Asterios: We all wish things…well, yeah.

Maddox: But here's..here's the thing. Here's…

Asterios: (interjects) I mean, come on. We all want things to be correct.

Maddox: Well, sure. But here's…here's…the…here's the bottom line.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, and you're talking to a guy who has hired men and women for the same projects.

Asterios: Yeah, Leah. You've hired Leah a million billion times.

Maddox: Leah.

Asterios: And she's an incredible artist.

Maddox: We did a comic book together.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: We split the proceeds. The same thing with…all my…the other illustrators I've hired for my books, and things. Like, I pay the women the exact same as men. Obviously, I'm an egalitarian.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: I…I absolutely believe in that. Uh, but…

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: We now live in a world where we have YouTube. And we have the Internet. And we have our own means to create and put out whatever we want out there.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I can't wait to see what this new world brings, because if it's truly sexism that's holding women back, that…that…and some of it may be. I know…I know for sure that there are sexist guys out there. And…you know, and there's different degrees of sexism, too. Uh, but..(stammers) if that's…if that's no longer the case. If we are no longer beholden to "the rich straight white man" as the gatekeepers to let women into the club, well then, this is a brave new era. A brave new world, where we have women who…who have nothing inhibiting them to create their own content. And I look forward to it. And one of my favorite YouTubers.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Um, probably my favorite YouTuber is Jenna Marbles.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh, Jenna Mourey. I don't know if you've seen her.

Asterios: I…I know Jenna…of course I do!

Maddox: Yeah, her stu…

Asterios: (interjects) She's fucking famous!

Maddox: She's fantastic.

Asterios: She's on billboards and shit. Yeah.

Maddox: Another thing I will say, though. There's…there's a stigma against women comedians. And I will say…

Asterios: (interjects) Yeah. That's the thing. It sucks. It's harder for women than it is for men.

Maddox: You know what, though? (stammers) I don't…

Asterios: (interjects) Look…it's…look. It's not fun to talk about that shit. Like…like…I would so much rather get pissed off at women and complain about them for being bitches and complain about them for not wanting to date me. And complain about them for finding me fat for some reason! (Sean laughs) But it's like, you know…it's just like, look…generally speaking, women have it harder than men, and if women are complaining about shit, yeah, it's really easy to hear them go "Nya, nya, yak, yak, yak", but it's like eehhh…sometimes they have a point. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: I don't…I don't. I don't…

Asterios: (interjects) But listen. I think YouTube is the perfect example. I was just using your bathroom earlier tonight to pee out some of the whiskey I've been drinking, and you have a…you have an award above your toilet that says, like…

Sean: (interjects) That was the closet. (Maddox and Asterios laughs)

Asterios: Ooooh. Exit Stage Left!! (Maddox giggles) And Maddox has an award in his bathroom above the toilet. (Maddox laughs) That says, "Congratulations, 100,000 YouTube subscribers."

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's, like, a silver YouTube logo.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's adorable. And it's like…I think YouTube is a perfect example. Because there are all these incredibly funny, talented, kinda hot…like, YouTube women out there, and they're doing it. They're fucking doing it. They got millions and millions of followers and they're making content and people are responding to it, so…it's…I mean, isn't that the perfect example of when you give the means of production to the artists, other artists rise, you know? Artists that maybe you don't expect to rise.

Maddox: Ummm…I hope so, but I also don't care. Uh….(Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Asterios: Look, all I care about…all I care about personally is making a little bit of dough re mi. That's all I care about, personally.

Maddox: You know, speaking of making some dough…

Asterios: Mhmm…

Maddox: (laughs) Asterios, have you ever used Harry's razors?

Asterios: Yeah. You bought me the…(Maddox giggles) You have may forgotten this, but you bought me a kit for my birthday. Thanks, Maddox.

Maddox: You're welcome!! And Happy Birthday, buddy. (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: You're just buying so much shit for people that you've…

Maddox: Harry's high-quality German engineered blades are crafted for sharpness and precision. Did you know that? They're German-engineered blades.

Asterios: Look. I'm not sure if you've heard this, but they liked the blades so much, they bought the factory. (secretive)

Maddox: They did! They're half the price of big name drugstore brands. Free shipping straight to your door. http://www.harrys.com was started by two guys passionate about creating a better shaving experience, and I'm sure you're wondering how exactly does that shave experience happen, right?

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Um, well, Harry's bought that blade factory in Germany, as we mentioned. They…by cutting out the middle man, they can offer an amazing shave at a fraction of the price of drugstore brands. They ship the blades right to your door at factory direct prices. It's pretty amazing. Guys, the code is BIGGESTPROBLEM. Just go to…you get $5 off your first purchase with the code BIGGESTPROBLEM, and after using the code, you can get an entire month's worth of shaving for just $10!

Asterios: I mean, that's incredible. Absolutely. You get the razor. You get the gel. You get everything. I mean, that's a really good price. I don't shave every day, because I like to look a little dangerous, if you know what I mean?

Maddox: You do look dangerous.

Asterios: Well, thank you. That and the giant knife I'm holding. But um…I…I do want to say, I mean, I really like Harry's products, because they've kinda turned shaving from a chore into, like, this fun little thing. And Harry's sort of has the competition on the run. I'm not sure if you've read this.

Maddox: Right?!

Asterios: I'm not gonna m…I'm not gonna name names, but they're…but really big names in the shaving industry are starting, like, small Internet shave subscription services in order to try to undercut Harry's, so they're clearly doing something right.

Maddox: Yeah. Everyone is trying to compete with Harry's right now. Harry's has a really good model. They're doing something right. And…and our fans love it!

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Guys, thank you for supporting the show. Again, go to http://www.harrys.com. The code is BIGGESTPROBLEM. We'll link to it. It really helps the show. Thank you, Harry's, for sponsoring us. But guys…let's get to a real problem.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Biggest problem in the universe this week is…Virginity Shaming!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah.

(Sound effect: Applause)

Asterios: Alright.

Maddox: Haha! Yeah.

Asterios: I'm on board already as a 21-year-old virgin. I'm super on board with this. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Lies. Alright, um…

Asterios: No, lies! Oh, God.

Maddox: You would not pass as a virgin, buddy.

Asterios: Oh, well, I'm not 21, so don't worry about it…(laughs) But I definitely didn't have sex until after I left college, and it was definitely a source of shame for me, so I…I wanna hear this.

Maddox: Oh, this may be for you, then.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That's really interesting. Okay. So…I brought in the problem Shame Shaming a long time ago, because I feel like shaming is a good thing sometimes.

Asterios: Yeah. It can help people.

Maddox: I feel like some…it CAN help people. Some good, constructive things can come from shaming.

Sean: Yeah, the anti-vax movement got squashed.

Maddox: Good.

Asterios: Yeah! Absolutely.

Sean: At least, it drove them underground from shaming.

Maddox: Good.

Asterios: Yeah, thank God!

Maddox: And…I'm sorry for all the libertarians whose feelings were hurt about that. (Asterios cracks up) I got…(giggles) I got an email…

Sean: You said you would never mention them again.

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Asterios: We're on week three of him digging his own grave!

Maddox: This wasn't…this wasn't an argument, that was an apology, Sean! That was an apology. I feel bad that the libertarians got…(stammers) you know, they got their little movement squashed.

Sean: Listen to him just DRIPPING with shittiness. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: I know. I know. We won't save you, Maddox. But I do wanna hear about this virginity stuff.

Maddox: Ahhh. I love me so much. I'm so good. Alright.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect Applause)

Asterios: As literally the person who, like…if you open up a dictionary and looked up the word "virgin", my picture would be there, I do wanna hear what you have to say.

Maddox: Good. Uh, this is from…I got an email from a throwaway account. It's John Smith. So, this is a fake…fake email. But he says, **"Hey Maddox. Sorry about the throwaway email. I am a professional. I can't risk having too much of a personality."** Virginity stigma, virginity shaming, one of those. He said that this should be a problem on the show, so thank you John Smith, the anonymous whoever you are. He says, **"There are a lot of reasons for being a virgin. Poor social skills, not being around a lot of girls, not being able to manage school, and work, and a social life, etc. The stigma is bad. It makes it even harder for those people who DO make an effort to get laid. The**

stigma is so bad, that even after you lose it, the fact that you got in the game late is a point of shame."

Asterios: Yeah. For me.

Maddox: "Regardless of what's happened since, I'll always be a bit weird, because I can't talk about girls I banged in high school or university. It's bullshit."

Asterios: I can't either. Oh, my God.

Sean: You also have to…

Asterios: Did I write this?

Sean: You also have to understand that the average teenager is a filthy fucking liar. (Maddox and Asterios crack up)

Maddox: That's true, Sean.

Sean: Not all of these kids are doing what they say they're doing.

Maddox: No, I know.

Asterios: Did I write that? Did I get drunk and write that email to you, 'cause that's my entire life story in an email.

Maddox: John Smith. Yeah. So I looked into it, actually.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: There's this article on http://www.theatlantic.com . It says "According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the average age Americans lose their virginities…" what would you guess?

Asterios: You know what?

Sean: Today?

Asterios: 17? Like 16?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: 8? (they crack up)

Maddox: Uh…in Jared's dreams, buddy. Uh, it's actually 17. 17, you're right. It's 17 for both men and women.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: "The CDC also reports that virgins make up 12.3% of females and 14.3% of males aged 20 to 24. That number drops below 5% for both male and female virgins aged 25 to 29, and goes as low as 0.3% for virgins aged 40 to 44." But they're out there.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Aged 40 to 44 virgins that are out there. So, this…psychologists have started looking into this to see what kind of effect this has on people, because it does have an effect. They found that the median age, I think, is about 22. Yeah, here it is. "According to

a study published in the American Journal of Public Health, survey respondents who lost their virginities late, at a mean age of 22, more frequently reported sexual problems than those who lost it at a normative age, a mean age of 17.5 in the study. These sexual problems include having trouble reaching orgasm, maintaining an erection, and becoming sexually aroused."

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: So the longer you wait past the age of 22, the more likely it is for you to have sexual dysfunction.

Asterios: Oh, my God. Well that completely makes sense, because you're just so anxious about it and so nervous…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And, like…

Sean: So you're just throwing more pressure on these poor bastards.

Maddox: Yeeeeeah.

Asterios: Well, that's…that's the pr…that's why this is a good problem, because it's, like, "Oh, my God." The longer you're a virgin, the more and more stress it causes. It's terrible!

Sean: No, 'cause people build sex up into this incredible thing in their minds that is the be-all, end-all of their existence.

Asterios: Yes, exactly!

Maddox: Right. I…I abstained from sex for a long time because I thought…well, I grew up in a very conservative town. I grew up with conservative parents, in the most conservative state in the United States.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Utah is a very red state. Very religious. Uh, very pious. Very sanctimonious.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Sean: Yeah, You and I were actually raised very similarly.

Maddox: Where'd you grow up, Sean? You grew up in California, though.

Sean: No, I grew up here, but I grew up in the same type of, like, church environment that you did.

Asterios: I grew up in a very rural town in New York.

Sean: Oh yeah?

Asterios: Um, but one thing I didn't do was go to Makeout Point and fuck with people's vans. (Maddox laughs) So…that's where we differ.

Maddox: Yeah, I did that. I did that and I'm proud of it. (Asterios laughs) That was a fun prom night. Yeah. Okay, I was a dick. So…(Asterios guffaws) one of my first girlfriends I ever dated was a nymphomaniac.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: And this isn't…this isn't my label that I'm giving her, it's her own label. And also, it's like one of those things where you hear a girl say it, (goofy) "Oh, I'm a nympho" and you're like "Okay, shut up." (Asterios snorts and laughs) "What does that even mean!?" Oh, she was, man. Like, if I ever went over to her house. If I wasn't paying attention for more than like a minute, 30 seconds, I look around and I don't see her, her face is in my junk. She had a subscription to both Penthouse and Playboy.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: Uh…it was pretty awesome. Like, you know, to an extent.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: But…but because I was in this conservative environment, I didn't quite know what to do with that. And it was kind of a source of stress in the relationship. And you know, it was one of those things where I was always told to wait for the right woman and that's what you should do, and you know, those are the values. The conservative values that they give you. You should right til the right woman. One man, one woman. That's it. Blablablablabla. When I finally did lose my virginity, I…I was done with it, and I thought, "Huh. Okay. Well, time to play video g…" like, that's it? I didn't…care.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: It wasn't this magical moment for me. It was just kinda like I was masturbating with someone's vagina. (Asterios cracks up) (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: Well, okay. (Maddox cackles) I was…you have no idea how on board I was with you until you said that…"I'll just use this chick's vagina to jerk myself off!!" (Maddox laughs) And then I decided to play Kamatari!! Let's see how big I can make this KATAMARI!! (Maddox still laughing) Goddamn it!!! (inaudible, yelling) If only Dick was here with a whole BAG OF SAND!!! Holy shit!!!! Look. Look…look. (Maddox giggles) I'll be honest. When I lost my virginity…you know…I was 21. I was out of college. I…like, yeah. It wasn't this incredible thing. I was just like, "Okay. Alright."

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I'm not a virgin anymore.

Sean: It doesn't change you as a person.

Asterios: Yeah, that's…that's…well, I mean, unfortunately…

Sean: (interjects) My brother said one time…he said, "It just makes you a little more confident in the locker room."

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah.

Asterios: Oh, God. Yeaaaaaaah.

Sean: It doesn't change you as a person, it just makes you a little more confident in the locker room. And he's right!

Asterios: Well, 'cause it means you can, like, talk with a straight face about having had sex.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: But yeah..but, I mean, like…the chasm between having had sex and being able to have sex is HUGE. So it's like, you know, the first time you have sex, the fifth time…it's like, all these early experiences, they're just…they're not gonna be fun. You know? It's sort of the way it is.

Maddox: Yeah. Your first time's not gonna be great.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why when I was talking to Dick…Dick's a vehement defender of having sex in high school. Which, he's like, "Oh, it's the best." I think it's the worst!

Asterios: Uh, if I could've had sex in high school, I would have. Are you kidding me!?!

Maddox: Ohhhh. (skeptical)

Asterios: Oh, my God! Jesus Christ! To be attractive and confident enough to have had sex in high school?

Maddox: No, but…

Asterios: That would be the best!

Maddox: It's sloppy, dude. It's sloppy. It's not good.

Asterios: Yeah, you know how you…you know how you find out if it's sloppy or if it's good or not? (Maddox giggles) If you have had sex in high school! And as a guy who, again, did not have sex until after college…(giggles) I…look, I'm jealous. I'm jealous of that shit.

Maddox: Yeah. You…you know what? The only…the only advantage to having sex in high school is…the bodies…especially of females. Look, I'm a guy. I've never had sex with a guy, so I don't know. And I don't care. And I don't…I'm not curious.

Asterios: Hmm, okay.

Maddox: But, as a guy, having sex with a woman in high school, like, you know… (stammers), like, an 18-year-old, you know, near the end of the spectrum when they're actually women.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…their bodies are very firm. Like…there's…everything's, like…

Asterios: Naaaah. Just find a 35-year-old woman who's into Crossfit. It's the same shit!

Maddox: Yeah, there you go. Yeah. There you go. Well…so, anyway, man. Uhh…the whole…the whole stigma about it…they talked about this…they talked to this guy.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Who had a problem with, you know, losing his virginity.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh..in this article. It says, "He abstained from sex because he had low self-esteem."

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: This guy. Which he says, "Heightened after learning about his sinful nature at church."

Asterios: Ohhh. (painful)

Maddox: "He didn't want to be ostracized from his Christian family and friends, (Asterios sighs) and he didn't want to prematurely ejaculate while messing around, which had happened to him once in college, so he didn't have sex until he was 28. What eventually made him feel ready was practicing orgasmic meditation, which entails stroking a woman's clitoris for 15 minutes."

Asterios: Ohhhhh.

Maddox: "The class which he joined after hearing about it from a friend eased this guy… his name's McDorman…into being sexual in a permissible environment where he felt safe. Soon after, he lost his virginity to a girl in this community and later met his current girlfriend." So this is…

Asterios: Oh, my God.

Maddox: This is one of those things where…yeah. If you abstain for too long and you get too insecure about your sexual…uh, your sexual function, your sexual ability, or whatever it is, it…it can manifest itself in all sorts of ways where you start to feel insecure about yourself. And it's such a taboo in our society to even talk about sex!

Asterios: I know. Yeah.

Maddox: That…that people are…even afraid to look for help, or even know where to go to get it.

Asterios: If I was not this drunk, I would absolutely not be talking about all this. (Maddox giggles) I swear to God, I'm absolutely not kidding.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Asterios: Like, it's just…it's just…you know. It's the…it's the worst thing you can be in our society, is a male virgin. Like, it's the worst. It means you're a dork. I mean, you know. The 40-Year-Old Virgin. The reason that movie was such a huge hit and a huge success was that we could all kind of identify with being, like, a loser. And you know…the plot of that movie is in the title. "The 40-Year-Old Virgin". The fact that that's different and weird enough to be a movie…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Kind of speaks to the stigma you're talking about.

Maddox: Well, I mean 40 years old is ridiculous, man. Go out there and get laid. (Asterios cracks up)

Asterios: Yeah, goddamn it!! Jesus Christ!

Maddox: Y…you know, I'm always…I'm always surprised to learn when…when some of my male friends have used…you know, used a prostitute.

Asterios: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm always surprised to learn that. But I think if the alternative is sexual dysfunction later on in your…in your life. Look…figure…do what you gotta do to figure your shit out.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Because if you're not getting laid, there's probably something not clicking with you and women. You're not putting your best self out there.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: You're not communicating your confidence to women, which is attractive to them. Like, a lot of guys…

Asterios: (interjects) The thing is, you're good at this, Maddox. And Dick is good at this. Like, you're both good at this. You're both, like…

Maddox: Well. (giggles)

Asterios: Ver…like, I've seen the girls you guys have dated. You're both so, so good at this. I'm the other side of the coin. (giggles) I'm like this…

Maddox: Asterios…(giggles)

Asterios: I'm like, this, like, fat, nervous guy.

Maddox: No, man.

Asterios: Oh, my God. Like…if I had, like, an OUNCE of the confidence you two guys have. Oh my lord. I would run the table.

Maddox: I mean, look…

Asterios: (interjects) I just get…I so relate to this problem, 'cause I just get nervous. I get scared. I act weird.

Maddox: I…I'm glad. Yeah. I am GLAD that we are talking about this right now.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Because I used to be this guy. I used to be this guy who was not confident. Who was insecure. Uh, there's a lot of things that other guys have that I don't. They have more hair, they have more money. They have more status. They have more power. They have more charm. Etc, etc, etc. Well, not the charm part. I'm the most charming person I know.

Asterios: Well, no, obviously. Clearly.

Maddox: Yeah, of course. Of course. Um, but uh…here's the thing. That's…none of that shit matters, because what you need to realize that what women are attracted to is that sense of confidence and the…the charisma and the energy that you put out, including your body language. I would recommend to any guy listening right now. And actually, women too, because this is…this is really important for women to put off the right body language,

as well as guys. Go out and get this book. I think it's called "The Definitive Guide to Body Language".

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's one of the most interesting books I've ever picked up. Look, it's not an exact science and it's one of those things where you hear an expert come on, like, the Dr. Phil show, and they're talking about body language, blablabla. It's not an exact science. But it's pretty damn accurate most of the time.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: You can read people's body language…I picked up this book, uh, and just flipped through a few pages, thinking, "Eh, I'll just read a couple pages and throw it down." I almost read the entire book in one sitting, which I rarely ever do. It was such a fascinating book. And it changed things about me, that even the way I'm talking, you guys can't see right now the way I'm talking right now, but look at, look at my hands, Asterios. Like, I'm gesturing towards Asterios.

Asterios: He's making two middle fingers, which is weird. (Maddox laughs) I don't like it. But I am attracted to you.

Maddox: Right?!

Asterios: This book sounds great. (chuckles)

Maddox: Drink up, buddy. Have…have a double, on me.

Asterios: Let's do it!

Maddox: Yeah. So…

Asterios: (interjects) No…that, I actually will probably buy that on Kindle after this episode, because that sounds awesome, actually.

Maddox: It's a…it's a great book. I'll link to it on the website, uh…but that…that book…that book helped change my life. Also…

Asterios: I'm like Mister Slouch. I'm like a fucking walking slouch.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, whenever my mom sees me…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: She's always like, "Can you please stand up straight?" And it's just like, ugh. It's such bad body language. It sets off this, like…this defeated signal.

Maddox: Right. Right.

Asterios: Yeah. Like, I know exactly what you mean.

Maddox: Nobody wants that. Nobody wants to be around that.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: It's just…it's depressing. Also, if you're the type of person who's always complaining about shit, and you're always in a bad mood, and you're having a bad time, guess what, shithead?! Nobody wants to be around you!!

Asterios: Oh, gosh.

Maddox: Nobody wants to…like, even I, as negative and cantankerous as I am in my writing and my online videos and everything, uhh…in real life, when I'm around my friends, I tone it down, and I also try to be aware of the amount I'm bitching about shit! (Asterios laughs) Because if I do it too much, I realize…I try to put myself in their shoes, and think, "Would they want to be hearing me bitch about this shit?"

Asterios: I…I have to say…like…the episode of this podcast where you talked about…I forget the exact problem, but negative thinking.

Maddox: Self-Defeating Thoughts.

Asterios: Self-defeating thoughts. Where you said, like, "Whenever anyone asks me how I'm doing, I just say, "I'm doing great."" I actually started doing that. Because for a very long time, when people asked me how I was doing, I'd be like, "I'm doing terribly", and I would just, you know…yeah. I would just start bitching right away, complaining about this and that. You know, my best friend's in the room. Joan. And like, you know, when we would talk on the phone, I would just start complaining about it. But then I heard that episode that you had, and I was like,
"You know what? I'm gonna start saying I'm doing okay." And after I did…my life started getting a little better. Like, I thought that was such, such good advice. Um…that…that episode. The self-defeating thoughts episode was just really helpful for me.

Maddox: Oh, thanks, buddy. I really appreciate that. You know, I got so much email and voice mails and messages about that episode. Episode 67. If anyone's interested, go back and listen to Episode 67. We talked about self-defeating thoughts.

Asterios: Yeah. And…and again, as someone who doesn't have, like…doesn't have, like a stake, or a dog in this fight, like, you should listen to that episode. It was really good.

Maddox: Thanks, man. Yeah, that..that episode, I got so many emails from people saying it really helped them a lot. It was basically how I battled with my own depression in my twenties and how I was able to solve that problem. For a long time. I hadn't been depressed, I think, for twelve years after I solved that problem. Uhh…so, yeah. That's…that's a really important one if you guys care about that. But it really makes a huge difference. Your outlook makes a huge difference. Your body language makes a huge difference. The way you sit. Nobody wants to be around a tombstone! (Asterios laughs) You walk into a fucking bar, you look like…you're slumped over, okay. Whatever, bozo!! (Asterios cracks up) I'm gonna go talk to that confident, handsome-looking Maddox in the corner. (Asterios cackles) Strap…with a strapping long dong!!! (Asterios still laughing) That's who I wanna be friends with!

Asterios: Goddamn it, Maddox.

Maddox: I wanna munch that weiner.

Asterios: Jesus Christ. (laughing) (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Chomp on the side. (giggles) The side of my weiner.

Asterios: So our problems this week are…(Maddox laughs) Are cowardly perverts…and…(laughing) virginity stigma. Who…(stammers) this episode might hold the record for least amount of time talked about problems brought in by host and guest host. (laughing) This is incredible. We've spent like 5 minutes talking about these problems. (laughing)

Maddox: Alright, just one more thing from that Atlantic article. It says here that…so there are a number of reasons why people have virginity still. It's not just religion. It's not just, uh…low self confidence. Sometimes it's emotional abuse.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: "Which can also lead to sexual abstinence. This was the case for designer Stacey B. of Boston, whose father regularly told her she was worthless and ugly."

Asterios: Yeah. (sad)

Maddox: "This made her distrust men. She is 39 now and lost her virginity at 37 after going to therapy for seven years. Stacey says her mother taught her that sex is special, a common reason that people wait, and she kind of believed it. Later, she realized that the emotional trauma she faced growing up caused her to keep her distance from men rather than the belief that sex was special. She tells me over the phone that she never got a lot of attention from boys, not because she's unattractive, but because she put up walls. She wishes she had dealt with this a long time ago, before becoming too old to have kids." That's kinda sad…when you…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: You know, if you're one of these people who you know…your parents are abuse, and toxic, and they tell you things that aren't true about yourself, or they're putting you down, get outta dodge, man. Get outta dodge.

Asterios: It's ha…it's hard to get out of these controlling cycles. I mean…yeah.

Sean: The problem is, some of them are more insidious, and you don't really realize that they're fucking you up in the manner that they are.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Because they're your parents. Why would…you think to yourself, like, they're your parents. You think "they have my best interests at heart". You think "they're looking out for me", "they care about me". I mean, yeah, these patterns of emotional abuse are terrible. And I feel…I feel terrible. I feel terrible for that poor woman.

Sean: And then you grow up…realize…

Asterios: (interjects) Especially because she was attractive. (Maddox and Sean laugh) I mean, that's the worst…that's the worst thing.

Maddox: That's tragic. Yeah. What were you saying, Sean?

Asterios: If an ugly girl weren't…oh, I'm sorry. Please continue.

Sean: No, I was gonna say that, you know, when you grow up, you realize that your parents are completely flawed people, too.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. Except for my parents.

Maddox: That's why…

Sean: (interjects) They don't know what the fuck they're doing, even more than you do.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That's…exactly it, Sean.

Asterios: Everyone else's parents but mine. Exactly.

Maddox: Correct. Correct, Sean. Ding, ding, ding.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Asterios: Your guys', both of your parents, but not my parents. My parents are great.

Maddox: So…so, way back in Episode 1, this is the point I was trying to make that I feel like Dick wasn't even making an attempt to understand, is that not everyone has won the jackpot. Not everyone has the lottery…the parents lottery that you do. Like, your parents are cool. Your…your familial fabric is awesome. You have that safety net there. 'Cause your family's awesome and they love you and they support you.

Asterios: I will say, generally speaking, like, my parents were awesome. And my parents were so, so nice. They were so, so sweet. I've dated so many people who've been abused. I…I knew so many people who've been abused by their parents. And it's like, you know…it's like…(stammers) you know. It's terrible. It ruins your whole goddamn life. You know?

Maddox: Uh…like, my friends who have good families…

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: …right? They don't…I feel like they can't really quite grasp the gravity of the situation, because your dad, right? Is somebody who led a path in life. And at some point during his life, he decided to have a kid, or maybe he didn't decide, it just happened. He may have been a fuckup, which in a lot of bad families, that's how it happens. Because they weren't planning on it, and it becomes this big source of stress and frustration and they don't wanna raise the kid, and they have to. They get thrown into this thing with this person that they weren't ready to settle down with. And that's sometimes the cause of a lot of source of frustration and anxiety and stress in families. Um, so think…I want you guys to think. Everyone listening right now. Think…think of one of your friends who's a fuckup.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Think of…(giggles) think of a friend who's a fuckup right now. And imagine him or her being a parent.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay? Because that's exactly what happens to a lot of people who have shitty parent's. Their…(stammers) that fuckup friend of yours? Is one of those parents. That guy that you can't…that guy or girl you can't even IMAGINE being a parent right now? Sometimes, they do become parents, and those are the shitty families that are raised. And you don't have that fabric, and then it becomes sometimes a toxic environment, where they're abuse towards you.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: They're mentally or physically abusive towards you. You…you continue down this toxic environment. You have low self-esteem. You aren't able to think clearly. You're not able to function properly. You're dysfunctional. You're not…achieving your goals, and you're beating yourself up over it. But really, if you take a step back and think and evaluate your life, and take inventory of it, write it down. You realize maybe it's these people who I've blindly put my trust in.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That don't have my best interests at heart.

Asterios: Well, I mean, I guess that's a…I guess that's a really good takeaway for this episode. You know. If…if you feel uncomfortable. If you feel like there's maybe something wrong. You know. Take inventory. Take stock. Give yourself a little self-audit. And, you know, see if these people who say they have your best interests at heart, do. I mean, I think that's a really good point.

Sean: And that's a good point, too, because, uh…you know, that doesn't absolve you of responsibility for doing something about it. If you're able to…recognize it.

Asterios: Yeaaaaaah. I…I…

Maddox: Welll…

Sean: Like, you can't blame your parents the whole rest of your life. Like, that's…

Maddox: Sean, I…I…(stammers) that's a touchy one, because…uh, sometimes people do…can get abused to the point where they aren't even able to recognize…

Sean: (interjects) Oh, no, totally agreed. If you do, though. If you're actually able to take stock. If you just get that little glimmer. That door is open just a little bit…

Maddox: Okay. Then I'd like to give another bit of advice, here.

Asterios: Sure.

Maddox: For anyone who may be…who may be dealing with this. 'Cause I said earlier…

Sean: (Interjects) I see your point, though.

Maddox: Yeah. I said…I said that you should take inventory of your life. Here's what I mean by that. And this is…this is actually…there's study after study coming out about this now, where they're telling people to journal and write down everything they're thinking. And this is how you do it. This…it's very therapeutic. It is…immeasurably therapeutic. And they found that kids do…kids who do this…uh, think back about traumatic experiences they've

had in completely different ways, that are healthy, rather than continually traumatic for them.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: So what you do, is you have to have a moment of free writing, where you sit down in front of your journal and you write everything. Completely uncensored. And when I say uncensored, I mean fucking uncensored. Write down your deepest, dirtiest, darkest thoughts. Everything you're afraid anyone would ever know if they could peer into your head. Write that down.

Sean: It's a…it's a written version of, like, classical psychoanalysis.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, is it?

Sean: Yeah. It's the old laying on the couch stream of consciousness stuff.

Maddox: Oh.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Sure.

Sean: But that's not how most therapy works anymore.

Maddox: Oh.

Sean: But it's…I mean, it's still done.

Maddox: Well, they say that the mechanism with which this works is that while you're writing, a lot of times you'll self-edit. And that self-editing process is what helps you deal with that trauma. You're able to deal with that trauma and create new mental pathways to think about those things. And once you've written it down, it frees your subconscious to think about something else. I've…I've done it. And it makes me feel IMMEASURABLY better after I do it. Because everything you're thinking about is just sitting there, going through that feedback cycle inside your mind. Anything that upsets you. Anything that… that bothers you. You're gonna be thinking about it in your subconscious. You just got dumped. You just lost your job. You just got rejected from a school you applied to. All of those things. You're…you're dealing with a lawsuit. If you sit down and write it down and really take the time to do that…it's not a lot of time. It's like half an hour at most during your day.

Asterios: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Sit down, write it down, edit, and then…

Sean: Maybe a little more for you, Asterios.

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah, Asterios.

Asterios: Oh, my God. Yeah, exactly. I might need two journals. Holy shit!

Maddox: Yeah. (stammers) an eight-hour block, at least.

Asterios: Yeah, exactl…I…I'm gonna call in sick to work tomorrow. I'm gonna buy myself a marble notebook and just start puking words into it!

Sean: Excuse me, I'll take three reams of paper. (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: Hello…hello, Staples. (giggles) I'll take all the paper you have! Oh, God.

Maddox: So another…so, one…one last thing about that. When you're journaling. If you feel that you might be afraid that anyone will ever find this thing, and you'll know your deepest, darkest, and dirtiest secrets, which, by the way, guys. No one gives a shit. You're not that special.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: We all have the same fucking shit we're dealing with.

Asterios: Yeah. Some of us…some of us fart our stupid thoughts into a podcast! Don't worry about it. (Maddox cracks up) Whatever you're saying…don't worry. Whatever you're thinking…don't worry about it.

Maddox: Yeah. Just…

Asterios: (interjects) Everything I've done on this episode is a hundred times worse than what you're gonna write down! (laughing)

Maddox: And it's all…it's all regret, too.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: So…so anyway. If you…so, write all this stuff down. And if you're afraid someone might read your…your precious thoughts. Whatever. Delete it after you're done, or print it out. And this is an important step. Print it out, and then take it and crumple it up, rip it up, throw it away. Because that…that does something, psychologically, that act of taking your thoughts and your memories and ripping it up and throwing it away in the garbage? It's a really powerful, symbolic psychological…I don't know what the exact phrase is, but…

Asterios: (interjects) Like a gesture, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a gesture. So that…that act is immensely powerful. I don't know what the exact word for that mechanism is, but it does something psychologically that is effective. And it helps a lot of people. It may even help you. So those might be steps! If you're dealing with this kind of trauma, you have abusive parents, or whatever. Maybe this might help you. Give it a shot. And go out and get laid.

Asterios: Yeah, holy shit. 'Cause your parents…you're not a huge fan. Oh wait, no, we can't say this on the air. I'm sorry.

Maddox: Why?

Asterios: 'Cause your parents listen to this.

Maddox: Eeeh. You know, I…my parents know my beefs with them.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause I have not split my words with them.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: I let them know, 'cause…and there was a point, I think, where I…(stammers) enough is enough. And you know, you have your limits. And when they go beyond that, you have to put your foot down. You have to draw those lines in the sand. You say, "I'm not gonna deal with this bullshit anymore."

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: "And if you're gonna be this shitty, toxic person, I'm gonna cut you out of my life." I've done it with my parents. I've done it with some of my friends. I will do it again, and I'm not hesitant to do that at all, because when people are toxic in your life, you need to CUT them out. Like, because they're either going to…they're gonna bring you down with them. They're people who…who you think that they have your best interests in their heart, right? Like your parents?

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: But your parents are flawed individuals just like anyone else, and guess what? Here's something really insidious that nobody likes to talk about, but sometimes, your parents get jealous of YOU.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: They get jealous of YOUR success. They get jealous of YOUR accomplishments and YOUR life, because they were never able to live the life that you're living now.

Asterios: Yeah. No, that's…oh, my God. That's…that's 100% true. And it's 100% sad. But yeah, it's absolutely the case.

Maddox: You…you have good parents, though, right?

Asterios: I'm..look. Look. I'm one of the lucky ones. I was…I was out to dinner with a bunch of friends earlier today, and I was like, "Yeah, I can't blame any of my problems on my parents." Like, I can't be, like, "I'm fat because of my parents." Or, like, "I'm sad because of my parents." Or "I'm this, I'm that, because of my parents." 'Cause, like, my parents were incredibly supportive of me wanting to be a comedian from, like, age 12. (giggles) Like, they could not have been nicer. They sent me to a nice college. They helped me move to Los Angeles. They helped me with a car. You know? It's like, yeah. I wish I could blame my parents, but I can't. Any problems I have are mine. But…I know a lot of people, and they're not that lucky. And, um…and so, I…you know. I think the technique that you raised is actually really important. It's actually something that child psychologists use to help kids get over recurring nightmares. You draw out your nightmare or you write out your nightmare, and then you crumple up the piece of paper, or you rip it apart and you throw it away. I mean, that's a really powerful exercise. I might have to…I might have to do that after this podcast. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I'm gonna print out this podcast, rip it up, and throw it away.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. Exactly. (they both crack up)

Sean: Asterios is gonna draw an empty whiskey bottle. (they crack up)

Asterios: Ahh!! I wish! Oh, my God! I ran out of whiskey so long ago, I'm so sad about it!! Oh well.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, guys. That's it for this week.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: My problem was the Virginity Stigma.

Asterios: And my problem was Cowardly Perverts, be proud of it, pervs!!!!

Maddox: Own it!!!! Thanks for listening.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, this is Dustin. I just wanted to say, for the record, that I completely, 100% agree with Maddox."

Asterios: Ohh.

"It is a complete waste of time for people to come up with fantasy scenarios like what you would do if the zombies attacked. That's ridiculous."

Asterios: Yeah.

"That's why Maddox and I spend our time with more…with more, like, reasonable things. Like how we would steal the Crown Jewels if we had a jet pack. (Maddox laughs) **That's a perfectly reasonable way to spend our time.** (Asterios groans) **Uh, you know. Thinking about scenarios like that. Fuck your zombie bullshit. Sean, you can go eat a dick, or whatever it is. No, uh, get raped. Yeah, that's a thing." (continues inaudibly))**

Sean: YOU get raped with a pineapple!! (they crack up)

Asterios: Oh, my lord!!!

Maddox: Sean's getting spicy!!! It's getting late. You know what, dickhead?!

Asterios: The Crown Jewels exist!!

Maddox: Yeah. The Crown Jewels exist.

Asterios: (yelling, drunk) THERE ARE REAL CROWN JEWELS. THERE ARE REAL JET PACKS.

Maddox: Right!

Asterios: AND THERE'S A REAL WAY TO STEAL 'EM!

Maddox: Oh, man. I love having you on the show, Asterios. That's exactly what I was gonna say.

Asterios: Yeah, no SHIT!!

Maddox: Good.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Oh my God, Maddox. You are the biggest dumbass…like… (Maddox laughs) **in the universe, easily! With your straw man, bullshit arguments, and then, oh, the next show. (goofy voice) "Oh, joke's on me, guys!"** (Maddox giggles) **"I was only pretending to be retarded."**

Asterios: Wow.

"No, you're ACTUALLY retarded!! Fuck you!! (Maddox laughs)**"**

Asterios: How did this guy know…wow. Did this guy look into the future?

"That being said…I just bought…a Red Delicious apple. They have gotten better. So…you win that one.")

Maddox: Hey!! (happy)

Asterios: You know what? I…you know what? I was about…I agree with everything he said.

Maddox: Fuck you!

Asterios: Both insulting you, and I…I had…I bought a bag of organic Red Delicious apples, and they were really good.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, there we…heyyy!! There we go!

(Sound effect; Ding!)

Asterios: I tweeted a bunch of photos of them. Because the thing is…

(Sound effect: Applause)

Asterios: …when I was a kid…oh, thank you. Thank you, invisible people. When I was a kid, I…all I ate was Red Delicious apples. They were my father's favorite apple.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And as I got a little older, they became shittier and shittier. But I bought a bag the other day on your recommendation, and I really loved them.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: They're real crisp, they're real good.

Maddox: I've had a lot of people…just like that SHITTY caller. Who's…shitty but redeeming, you know. (Asterios guffaws) He had a redeeming quality, because he's on my side of the apple debate. But here's the thing, man. Uh…(stammers) every single person. There's the script that people say when they're talking about Red Delicious apples. And the script goes like this, (goofy voice) "Oh, they're mealy. They're mushy. They're tasteless."

Asterios: They don't know what the word "mealy" means!! (yells)

Maddox: No, they don't! They don't! They're like, "Oh, it's like a pear." I'm like, first of all, DICKHEAD, pears exist, and people buy them! So if they were like pears and you're trying to compare this apple's quality to a pear…

Asterios: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: That's a shitty argument, 'cause people like pears.

Asterios: PEARS ARE VERY POPULAR! (yells)

Maddox: They're very popular. (laughs)

Asterios: Yes. EXACTLY.

Maddox: The…(stammers) People look for women in the shape of a pear!

Asterios: That's a good shape to have!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: It's a good shape! (giggles) But this Red Delicious argument is such a fucking bullshit…

Asterios: (Interjects) I….KNOOOOOOOOOOOOOWWWWWWWW!!!!

Maddox: …hollow argument. It's all these people who've…who've just stuck to the script.

Asterios: Yup.

Maddox: And they haven't tried a Red Delicious apple.

Asterios: It's an echo chamber!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's a fucking APPLE echo chamber!! And it needs to stop.

Maddox: Ohhh. You're so HAPPY. Oh, you got your one word. Your one argument.

Asterios: Meeeeealy. Meeeeeeeealy. Meeeeeeeealy.

Maddox: Yeah, mealy, mealy.

Asterios: Meeeeeealy. Meaaaly.

Maddox: Yeah. When's the last one…the last time you had one, dick…(file cuts off)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 78

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Dank Bowls to Shitholes! (Dick giggles) With over 4 million downloads (giggles), this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick.

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello.

Dick: What was…Dank Bowls?

Maddox: Dank Bowls.

Dick: Dink…can you spell that for me?

Maddox: Bowls. Bowls.

Dick: Bowls.

Maddox: Dank bowls. You know, like…

Dick: Dink…

Asterios: A dank bowl is a good thing. A shwag bowl is a bad thing. You don't know stuff about weed.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't give a shit!

Dick: Oh, it's a weed joke.

Asterios: I'm just saying.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a weed joke!

Dick: Okay, okay.

Asterios: When your weed's dank, that's a good thing!

Dick: Yeah, yeah. I dunno if I'd ever call it a dank bowl, though.

Maddox: I…because I use "dank" as sarcastically now, because of the dank memes.

Asterios: Ahhhhh, yes.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: Very clever.

Maddox: Jet fuel.

Asterios: That'll get you outta this one!

Maddox: Uh-huh. Uh-huh. (giggles)

Asterios: It was a meeeme.

Maddox: Hey, and with us is…

Dick: (interjects) Asterios is back.

Maddox: Asterios is back. Sean, our audio engineer. And we have the wonderful, beautiful, talented guest, Erin Tillman! Welcome back!

(Sound effect: Applause)

Erin: Yay, I'm so happy to be here, thank you!

Maddox: Wel…welcome back, Erin. And we have, in studio today, a full house. We have guests. We have many people listening.

Dick: It's a guest reunion show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, we got Robin Higgins in the corner.

Maddox: Robin Higgins is in the corner.

Asterios: The science queen herself!

Robin: Wooooooo!

Maddox: Yeah. It's a…it's a full house, guys. Alright. So…

Dick: (grins) So what did you guys get up to last week?

Asterios: Oh!!!!!!

Maddox: Ahhhhh.

Dick: And why is everyone pissed off. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Asterios: Ugggggh. Nyeeeeeeh.

Maddox: Wellllllll, first we should do this….

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe from last week was the Virginity Stigma.

(Sound effect: Applause)

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: Which I agree with.

Erin: Ohhhh.

Maddox: Right? And followed by Cowardly Perverts.

Dick: Ookay.

Erin: Oooh.

Maddox: Alright. But before we move on, Erin.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Uh, we should…

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: We should mention your website. For the listeners who haven't listened to that…

Erin: Who don't know who I am.

Maddox: It was Episode 69, guys. If you haven't heard it, go back and listen to 69!

Erin: Oh, that's right.

Dick: That's a good episode.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You were on our big sex episode.

Erin: Wooo!

Maddox: Because you are the Dating Advice Girl.

Erin: It's true! Hi, everybody! So, I am Erin Tillman, as Maddox said. AKA, the Dating Advice Girl. Uhh, for eight years now, I have basically been empowering singles in the dating process. That means that I have a book called the Dating Guidebook, helping singles through the dating process. I do workshops. I do one-on-one coaching. I have a radio show. I do TV appearances. Shout out to Lifetime, Big Women, Big Love, coming back for Season 2, so I should be a part of that, hopefully.

Maddox: Wait, wait.

Dick: Big Women, Big Love was the name of that show? (Maddox giggles)

Erin: Big Women, Big Love, yes.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: It was plus-sized single women I was coaching.

Asterios: It has a very specific audience.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Ahhh, Asterios. Opposite Guy is up to no good! The opposite of that man is up to no good on this side of the spectrum!

Asterios: His evil twin is fucking up everything!!

Erin: Oh, no!!!!

Dick: He's figuring out ways to get big ladies on TV. (Maddox giggles) You see the battle we're up against?! (yelling)

Asterios: Goddamn it!

Dick: Do you see what we're fighting for in America!!!

Asterios: All I'm saying is, if you're gonna be a perv, just be a perv! Just be proud of it. Don't, like, sneak it into the culture. Just put naked ladies on TV. We'll all be happier. It's easier.

Maddox: Oh, Asterios. Asterios, buddy.

Dick: Hey! Speaking of big ladies. Uh, Asterios and I…

Asterios: Oh, God! (Erin squeals) Oh, no!!!

Dick: We…we went to a burlesque show!

Maddox: Ohh, let's hear it!

Dick: Can I talk about this now?!

Maddox: Yeah. Let's hear this.

Dick: So…so, a fan…a fan wrote, after listening to your…your problem of Burlesque Dancers, where you said…

Erin: What was the problem with that!? I love that!!

Dick: Yeah, Asterios. What's the problem.

Maddox: Yeah, Asterios. Give us a recap of your bullshit, most controversial problem in the history of the show!

Dick: You disgusting man! (giggles) You piece of shit! (laughs)

Asterios: All I have to say…(Maddox giggles) is I just…look. Here's my issue with it.

Erin: What's the problem with burlesque dancers?!

Asterios: I'm explaining it for Chrissakes!! Why don't you text one of your nine boyfriends?!

Dick: Umm…(Dick and Maddox crack up)

Erin: I will! There's 10 actually, there's 10. (they all laugh and talk over each other. Sorry. (kisses)

Asterios: Just need 3 more to make it a baker's dozen! Alright. (Maddox and Dick laugh) Here's my problem with burlesque.

Erin: Gimme a couple buns.

Asterios: My problem with burlesque is this. For some reason, our culture sees burlesque as this empowering, performative thing, and sees strip clubs as this dirty, gross, thing.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Asterios: And what's the difference between them? Literally, like, a pasty.

Dick: A Liberal Arts degree.

Erin: I…I agree!!

Asterios: (yells) A Liberal Arts degree and a funny name like Kiki Saint Needs Attention!! (Erin and Maddox giggle) I just think that…I think that there should be nudity equality, and I think that burlesque dancers should take their clothes off!

Dick: Okay, so.

Asterios: Is that SO wrong?!

Dick: Okay.

Erin: I have lots of friends who are both burlesque dancers or strippers.

Asterios: Okay.

Erin: And the thing is, is that there's a niche for both. Some people don't wanna go into a strip club because it's just not their thing, so they choose a burlesque show. So there are… there is an audience for both. Why…why does there only have to be one?

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: Well…

Dick: No. There…there doesn't have to be one.

Erin: EXACTLY.

Maddox: I…okay, yeah. (they all talk over each other)

Dick: So here's…here's what happened. Alex…**Alex Caprio** wrote in with the email, **"Hey. The reason you have these opinions about burlesque dancers is 'cause you've never seen a REAL burlesque show."**

Maddox: Oh, of course.

Dick: That's what I thought!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, okay, fuck you. (Erin giggles) I've never seen a real burlesque show.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Um…

Erin: Maybe you haven't.

Dick: You know, I've seen an overweight woman wearing a Darth Vader mask, dancing around to thirties music.

Maddox: Yeah. I went to a Star Wars…

Dick: And if you've seen that, you've seen 'em all.

Maddox: I went to a video game-themed one. I went to, uh…there's a henna tattoo one. Yeah. We've seen 'em all. (Erin squeals and giggles)

Dick: So, I'm always down for…I say to the…at first I thought it was a woman writing me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm like, "Oh, yeah, alright, I'll come out."

Maddox: What's the name?

Dick: Alex.

Maddox: Al…okay. Alex could be…

Dick: But there was a picture…there was a pict…(Erin laughs) he attached a picture of his girlfriend.

Erin: 50-50 chance.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh. Sneaky.

Dick: And when I see…

Erin: 50-50 chance, still.

Dick: When I see an attached picture of a woman.

Maddox: Mhmm. Yeah.

Dick: I just…in my brain, I automatically think that it's a woman writing me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I was a little too flirty in the response. (giggles) (Maddox laughs) Like, "Oh, shit, it's a guy."

Maddox: You're hitting on a dude!

Dick: Yeah. (Erin giggles) So, um…I'm always down for a drink, and a good time. Asterios is in town, we decide, "What the hell. Let's go check out this burlesque show." And I gotta say, not only did I…not only did I love it…(stammers) it changed my opinion of it.

Erin: Yaaaaaaaay!!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I thought the show was…I thought the show was hot as shit.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I thought it was hot as shit. You know.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I was getting into it. I was getting the hot sweats.

Erin: What does that mean, getting…oh, okay.

Maddox: Did it…did it move, Dick?

Erin: Yeah. Yeah. That's what I was going to.

Dick: You know…oh, yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Erin: Was there penis movement?

Dick: It's like you get the…well, uh…(Erin giggles) Yeah. Uh…it goes…you get the hot sweats, and then there's penis movement.

Erin: Oh, yes.

Dick: That's how attraction…right? I mean, what am I asking you "right" for? You don't have a penis.

Erin: Yeah, I don't. That's true. (Maddox laughs) I'm confirming that I do not have a penis.

Maddox: But, but…between…between the two…between the two of you guys…

Dick: …two of us, we have at least one penis. Between you and me, right? (they all laugh)

Erin: At least.

Asterios: In between the three of us, we have three of them. (Maddox laughs)

Erin: At least. At least.

Asterios: No. I loved it…I loved it too, by the way. I gotta say. I was…I'm super duper wrong about burlesque. All the burlesque shows I saw were, like, in college and…it was just a lot of overweight girls using it as a…(stammers) a chance to get some self-expression out there. Which, I…disagree with. But um…(Erin starts to protest)

Dick: Yes. Only you should be allowed to express yourself.

Erin: Why can't…yeah! What the heck!?

Asterios: Hello!!! Yeah, thank you!!!

Erin: Girls can self express!!!

Asterios: Hey, zip it, Missy!!! (Dick and Maddox crack up) (Erin yells indiscernibly)

Maddox: Asterios…(inaudible) from last episode!! (cracks up)

Asterios: The bottom line is…oh, yeah. (stammers)

Maddox: (interjects) We gotta get into that too, in a second.

Asterios: But look, the bottom line is…

Dick: (interjects) Look, look.

Asterios: …I loved it. I'm wrong. I'm here…I'm saying I'm wrong.

Dick: (interjects) They were…

Erin: (interjects) I like it. I'll take that.

Maddox: (interjects) Hey…

Asterios: I'm trying to admit I'm wrong. Yeah.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Bravo. Guys, everybody vote down Burlesque Dancers, because it's no longer a problem!

Erin: Yaaaaaaay!!!

Asterios: Or vote it up ironically to keep it at zero forever. (Maddox giggles) But, so…so…here was…but then…(Erin giggles) I'll tell the…

Dick: (interjects) Well, hold on.

Asterios: Okay, sorry.

Dick: Here's why I loved the burlesque show.

Asterios: Alright.

Dick: Because they're excited to be there.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah. Of course.

Dick: The atmosphere is exciting.

Asterios: Yeah, that's true.

Erin: Oh, see?!

Dick: There's chicks…there's a lot of chicks there, 'cause they're…they're comfortable at a bar. They're comfortable going to a bar…

Erin: Yes.

Dick: When there's this stupid, like, feminist expression thing going on, too.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: And I…I say that jokingly, like…they…they…the…(Erin and Maddox giggle)

Asterios: (interjects) And I'll say it seriously. If it was some dumbass poetry slam, it'd be horrible too! But it wasn't horrible! It was great.

Dick: It was awesome.

Erin: I love everything you're talking about. So they're not stupid, but I love them.

Maddox: One of the best times I've ever had in my life was on Christmas day, I host this Chinese dinner thing with a bunch of friends. And afterwards, everyone's, like, going to a bar, and I thought, "No, I wanna be antisocial. I'm going to a burlesque club." (Erin giggles)

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I walked into this place…

Dick: (interjects) On Christmas.

Maddox: On Christmas, yeah.

Dick: Oho, yikes.

Erin: I love it. (they laugh)

Maddox: And I thought…I thought it was gonna be…

Dick: (interjects) Second…second saddest place on Earth.

Maddox: I thought that.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I thought it was gonna be so sad and depressing, and I walked in, and buddy, it was like…my eyes literally lit up on Christmas, and that hadn't happened since I was eight!

Erin: Awwwwwwwwww!

Maddox: And I was so happy! And…and so were the women!

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: And I have never seen that much money on the stage. You couldn't even see the stage. People were making it RAIN like crazy!!

Dick: At a burlesque show?!

Maddox: 'Cause it was Christmas. Yeah!!! People were tipping the ladies like crazy.

Erin: Yep.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: They had to come out with a broom.

Erin: Totally.

Asterios: Did you go to Jumbo's?

Maddox: It was Jumbo's. Jumbo's Clown Room.

Asterios: Yeah. Yeah.

Erin: Jumbo's is amazing!!!

Maddox: In Los Angeles. (giggles) Yeah!

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: It was a great time!

Dick: (stammers) No, you know what? I don't like Jumbo's.

Maddox: Nah, it was fun.

Dick: Ehhhhh.

Maddox: It was fun, and the women, that night, were beautiful and happy, and it was awesome! It was a good experience!

Dick: Yeah. I think…I think part of the problem was, I was equating it to strip clubs, probably wrongly.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's..it's not.

Asterios: They're different things.

Dick: It's just a way to have fun at a bar.

Erin: Exactly.

Dick: Which I thought was great.

Asterios: It's fem-positive. Exactly.

Maddox: (scoffs) Fem-positive. And a lot of the…(Erin laughs) yeah. SPEAKING OF FEM-POSITIVE, I got some comments, Asterios.

Asterios: Oh wait, we gotta finish! We gotta finish.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Oh. So then, to compare, Asterios and I went to a strip club after.

Maddox: Of course. You have to…you have to…(they talk over each other)

Asterios: …(inaudible) scientists.

Erin: Oh, no.

Dick: Where I…where I fell asleep.

Erin: I've been there.

Dick: And Asterios disappeared for 40 minutes. (laughs)

Asterios: Look.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh.

Asterios: We got real, real drunk 'cause it was, like, a craft beer bar that this burlesque show was at, so I didn't know how drunk I was getting.

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, and I forgot to eat dinner.

Asterios: And so I woke up the next day on…on..(giggles) Dick's couch, covered, lovingly, in a nice red blanket that he put on me.

Dick: Alright, alright, alright.

Erin: Awwwwwwwwwwww.

Maddox: Awwwww…(laughing) (they all talk over each other)

Dick: We're getting inappropriate here.

Asterios: I said he's a nice guy.

Dick: Inappropriate.

Asterios: But…but moving back, so…look. Before I knew it…I…I had somehow spent three hundred and thirty dollars…(Dick cackles) in the span of about 20 minutes. Now, a lap dance…(Maddox giggles) at…the Spearmint Rhino costs 20 dollars for topless.

Dick: 40 bucks?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, really?

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Asterios: Well that's why you gotta go.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Um…(Erin giggles) it's 20 dollars for a topless. Especially in the valley.

Dick: Half price. I just doubled my dances, guys. (Erin and Maddox laugh)

Asterios: So now, I literally got FIFTEEN dances, or, if each song's three minutes, 45 minutes' worth of fun.

Maddox: From the same girl!?

Asterios: Yeah!! She was British!!! But...(Maddox laughs)

Dick: Ohhhhh, yeah.

Erin: What?!

Dick: Yeah. That's hot.

Asterios: I couldn't even see her face!

Maddox: Of course…

Dick: That's hot. 'Cause that's, like, a sophisticated stripper.

Maddox: Uh-huh…(laughing)

Asterios: Yeah. Exactly. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah, that's hot as shit.

Asterios: A classy lady of the night.

Erin: Oh…

Dick: (interjects) Erin, have you ever told someone to fake an accent to pick up women? That's a pretty good technique.

Asterios: It's a good trick.

Erin: I've never…(inaudible) we love an accent. It's true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Have you ever faked an accent with a guy? 'Cause guys love that shit.

Erin: Um, no, because I'm terrible…

Maddox: Australian, British.

Erin: But, like, "waaah-tah" (tries the accent) "waaaaa-tah"

Maddox: That's…that's so hot!!

Asterios: That's good.

Erin: Right-o! Cheerio!!

Asterios: That's pretty hot.

Dick: I'm getting the heat sweats right now!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Erin: Oh, see!? Okay, thank you.

Maddox: That's super hot. (Erin giggles)

Asterios: So…so. But, long story short. I spent $300.

Dick: Oh, it's too late for that.

Maddox: Yeah. (they crack up)

Asterios: For 45 minutes' worth of lapdances (they're still laughing) I was so drunk, I'm pretty sure I got three lapdances?! And then…

Dick: (interjects) Probably from five women, though.

Asterios: I…I…

Dick: (interjects) That's why it was so much.

Asterios: I think I REALLY fucked it up. And that…won't happen at a burlesque club. Like, if you walk in there and somehow lose $330, like, you've been robbed at gunpoint. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Yeaaaaah.

Asterios: Like, so I think I'm...I think I'm gonna, uh, ease off on the strip clubs and do the burlesque shows from now on, 'cause they have a lot of advantages.

Maddox: You've been robbed at gunpoint, or you got 2 drinks at the bar.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly! Yup.

Erin: Mhm! Yeah, exactly. (laughing)

Dick: I gotta...I forgot to mention, the, uh, the burlesque dancer that we saw, who invited us to the show, Sug-...I don't...she's Sugar Pepper Jones, or m-...I don't know what name she was. (inaudible)

Maddox: Did you meet her? Was she there that night?

Dick: Oh yeah, she was great!

Asterios: She was great!

Dick: She was great.

Asterios: We only needed her name. It was nuts.

Maddox: Hey, Sugar Pepper Jones, thank you for showing the show a good time. Appreciate it.

Erin: Yaaaay!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, so...so Asterios, uh, so last episode... (Erin snickers) Erin, just to catch you up. So Asterios came in in that last episode, and during his problem it got a little bit derailed.

Erin: Mhm.

Maddox: And we started talkin' about, like, some...feminist talking points and things, and about how women are called "bossy," and a listener -

Erin: Hmm.

Dick: (interjects) According to the comments, you guys grew vaginas and this turned into "The View." That's what...

Maddox: Uh, don't "you guys..." (stammering angrily) (Asterios and Sean laugh loudly)

Erin: Oh, oh!

Maddox: Don't "you guys" me, dickhead!!

Erin: Oh, I love this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Continue, yes.

Maddox: So...and I wanna get your opinion on this, Erin.

Erin: Oh oh, you'll get it. (Dick cackles) Don't worry.

Maddox: Good! Good. (Erin laughs) So this woman wrote in, Asterios, a woman listener from the show. Her name's Marie. She says, "Maddox, I'm rather disappointed by your guest this week, as he decided he was speaking for all women and how hard it is for women."

Erin: Well, first of all -

Dick: (interjects) Well, who else is gonna speak for them? (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Erin: I was gonna say, first of all, a guy speaking for women? That's a little ridiculous, but go on.

Maddox: Yeah, right.

Dick: Oh, that's sexist!

Maddox: Nope! (giggles)

Dick: That's sexist, to say it's wrong for a guy to speak on behalf of... (Erin stammers in protest) What, guys can't speak on behalf of women just because they have a dick??

Erin: They can...

Maddox: THAT'S sexist, Dick!

Dick: That's sexist!

Maddox: That's sexist? That's... (yelling unintelligibly)

Erin: They can, but they won't though.

Dick: That's sexist!

Maddox: YOU'RE sexist!

Dick: That's sexist. (grinning)

Maddox: Asterios, you're sexist.

Asterios: This entire conversation has gendered overtones that I don't like. Why can't *people* speak about *people*? (Maddox and Dick burst out laughing) (Sean grumbles in the background)

Dick: Shut the fuck up! (giggling)

Erin: You...you can!

Asterios: I said the...I made the mildest, like, pro-female comments I think I could possibly make.

Maddox: Ohh, hold on, hold on. Hold on, buddy.

(all talking over each other)

Erin: Alright, well let me give my opinion.

Maddox: Let...yeah, let...

Erin: I'll give my opinion.

Asterios: Alright.

Maddox: Let's get through this, uh, this email.

Asterios: Alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: It's a bit of a long one.

Asterios: Go.

Maddox: He said...she said...excuse me. She says, "He was speaking on behalf of all women," and she says, "I am..." She says, "I AM one."

Dick: Prove it. (laughs with Erin)

Maddox: "I am also an engineer." She says, "I'm also an engineer..."

Erin: Okay.

Maddox: "...and I am WAY tired of men telling me how hard it is for me." (Dick laughs) "They're just as bad as sexist fuckwits who used to think that playing grab-ass with interns was acceptable -- yes, that happened to me, lest you think that at the end of this tirade I'm pretending sexism doesn't exist -- because they are perpetuating the idea that being called names is somehow 'harassment.'"

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: "You know something? These whiners, with their wage gap and banning 'bossy,' can suck it. If you're cowed by the word 'bossy,' congratulations! You've just proven that you're not gonna make it in the real world, where people could care less about how your needs aren't being met."

Erin: Wow.

Maddox: "I've earned the respect of my coworkers, male and female, because I do my job and I do it well, and I don't get weepy when someone calls me names." She says, "Modern feminists would have you believe that the world is full of sexists that want to crush your poor little woman spirits. Well, I got news for them: they're right! But they're not only doing it to women, and it isn't sexism. The world is trying to cru-..." Excuse me. "The world is going to try to crush you no matter what you do or who you are. It's up to you to show the world that you should get the respect you deserve. And by the way, I don't feel like I need representation in a movie to make me feel good about myself." Yadda yadda yadda. (Dick cackles)

Erin: Wow.

Maddox: And she said -

Dick: (interjects) "Yadda yadda..." Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! (cracks up) To wrap this -

Erin: Yeah, I think -

Asterios: (interjects) Are you sure this was written by a woman? Because it sounds like a guy just put a buncha talking points together.

Dick: Yeah, that...I agree with you.

Erin: There's a lot goin' on in there.

Asterios: I mean, come onnn!

Dick: How many typos were in it?

Erin: It's a lot.

Asterios: This is a honey trap here.

Maddox: I cut it down, actually. There was more in here.

Asterios: Oh, well then it must've been a woman.

Maddox: Yeah, it... (laughs with Erin)

Asterios: Yeah.

Erin: That's probably true, actually. Yeah, I agree.

Dick: There's...well, there's a point in there that always, um, annoys me about femini-...the feminist talk in general.

Erin: And then I'll answer, since I'm a girl too.

Maddox: Yeah, I wanna hear Erin. Yeah.

Erin: Yes, but go on.

Dick: It's that, yeah, the world is...everyone in the world is trying to destroy you and take your stuff all the time.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, it... (stammers) It's not because of your sex. It's just, yeah, that's a good thing to use. Like, if you're weak on it, if you can be exploited by it, we'll use it! 'Cause everyone's trying to take what you have all the time.

Erin: Here's the deal.

Maddox: What do you have to say, Erin? Yeah.

Erin: Here's the deal, though. Okay, I'm gonna use a real good example in politics: the fact that women don't earn the same amount of money as men in the same jobs.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Oh...uhhhh... (laughing uncomfortably)

Dick: Aughhh.

Erin: That's a...nonononono, but wait, wait, wait! 'Cause I am not a girl who's like, "Oh my g-..." (ditzy voice) (Dick sighs) I'm actually very pro-man. I love men. I actually have gotten a lot of awesome perks because I'm a girl and guys are...whatever! (Maddox chuckles) All I'm saying is -

Dick: (interjects) A lot of...like a lot of dick pics? Is that one of the perks of being a woman? (smiles)

Erin: Oh, we'll get to that. Yeah, and...all that comes with that. But here's...but here's the deal. Seriously though, like, I am not a girl who's like, "Oh my God, men, and they're tryin' to take things away," and stuff. There are some unfair things, but I also think that there's a lot of fairness. So I'm one of those rare girls, perhaps, that's like, "No, I don't see a lot of unfairness," but in terms of money? There is some unfairness. And if you're in a...if you're in a field that's mostly men, I think that it can be hard for women. I will say that too.

Maddox: Sure.

Erin: 'Cause they do have to prove themselves a little more.

Sean: Everybody pull up a chair. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: I know... (laughs)

Sean: Here it goes!

Dick: Here it goes.

Erin: Let's do this! Yes!!

Maddox: Erin, literally...literally tonight, I got -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, make it...make it fast.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We all...the audience knows the wage gap is a myth.

Maddox: Sure. Of course.

Dick: We all know the wage gap is a myth.

Maddox: Well, it's not. It's not a myth; it's just not what they say it is. It's actually like 7...7%, and there...the -

Erin: (interjects) 7% what?

Maddox: 7% difference between men and women.

Erin: But why is there even that?

Maddox: Because -

Dick: (interjects) Because they compare weird jobs.

Maddox: Nonono, that's not it. That's after they've controlled for all those variables. After they've controlled for jobs, and...uh, education and experience, et cetera.

Erin: Mhm.

Maddox: The remaining gap is about 7%. 5 to 7%.

Erin: Okay.

Maddox: Uh, part of that reason is that women are less likely to negotiate for salaries, and on average they've found that women who do negotiate for salaries find that their salaries are...7% more. On average. (smug)

Erin: But here's what I would say, though.

Dick: (interjects) So ask for a raise! That's a good solution.

Erin: Well, and women do. Here's an example: my mom is a retired professor with her PhD. She's asked for raises and got a few, but all of the guys in her field, in her department, still made more than her. And she found out through a weird way, and it's a weird thing. She's super qualified. Actually has more qualifications than some of her colleagues did. Now listen, there's all these different factors that could be at play, but I do think there's some disparity in some way.

Maddox: Sure.

Erin: You know? For so many different reasons. But I'm not one to say, "Women never are fairly paid!" I'm not one to say that either.

Maddox: Well, so that's -

Asterios: (interjects) And I kinda w-...and look, this is what I said last time. I'll just say it again one more time. We don't have to, uh, go too nuts on this. (Erin chuckles)

Dick: Huh. (grins)

Asterios: I just feel like it's... (Erin giggles at Dick) I feel like there are areas in our culture and society where -

Erin: (interjects) Oh, he's...be careful.

Dick: Oh my GOD. Get a violin behind this. (Maddox and Erin laugh loudly) What the FUCK. (Asterios sighs wearily)

Erin: It's like a totally different guy right now!

Dick: Alright. Here's a voicemail. I gotta play this first.

Sean: He's addicted to comment abuse, I think. (Erin snickers)

Maddox: Asterios got beat up so much in the comments.

Dick: Here, lemme just...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Lemme just play this.

Maddox: Let's hear it. **[Dick plays first voicemail message]**

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys. Uh, I was listenin' to the last episode with you and Asterios, and you guys were talkin' about virginity shaming and...you know, you guys were actually gettin' into some pretty deep stuff, and...you know, it was actually kinda touching. And then it made me wonder, um...hey Maddox, uh, what kinda maxi pads do you prefer? (everyone cracks up) **The kind with wings or the kind without? Fuckin' pussy.**

[message ends]

Dick: Is that what this guy was talkin' a-...? I get it now.

Erin: Ohh, boy.

Maddox: What an asshole!! (Dick giggles) You know, this piece o' shit! I got a real comment from someone...so Erin, that's the other thing we talked about last time, was virginity stigma, and the stig-...basically that if you are a virgin -

Erin: (interjects) For guys or girls?

Maddox: For both!

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: It's actually...it exists for both.

Erin: More for guys, though.

Maddox: More for guys, definitely.

Erin: I know some guy virgins who are like 30 and above, and other peop-

Dick: (interjects) Whooooa!

Erin: Ex-...that's the reaction, right there.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: And I get it!

Dick: Oo, that's unacceptable.

Maddox: Listener, uh, Jason sent in this email. He said, "I'm currently a 29-year-old male living in upstate New York, and I have been a listener since the start of the podcast. I wanna say that I was one of these chumps that put sex on a pedestal, and as a result, didn't have sex despite multiple opportunities in the past. I am and have always been a large man and was given no attention by girls in my high school, so I didn't even have my first kiss or lose my virginity until I was 20. However, that went badly shortly after. I chose to blame myself and go off the market. After much thought about your debunking of the sex mythos, I decided to forego all my insecurities and put myself out there. Thanks to Tinder, I have met multiple women..."

Erin: Oh boy.

Dick: Yeeeah.

Maddox: "...so I'm not as undesirable as I thought, and most recently met a woman who was into the whole 'friends with benefits' idea." (Dick guffaws) "Thanks to her, I'm getting sexts and booty calls all the time. But if it wasn't for you guys and this show, I wouldn't have realized what an ass I'd been, nor would I have put myself out there."

Erin: Ohh!

Maddox: "Forever a fan: Jason. PS - All the fucking cheap fucking fans need to buy the bonus episodes." Which, we're gonna work on Season 2!

Dick: They're all on iTunes now, yeah.

Maddox: They're on iTunes.

Dick: All of...thank God, they're all fuckin' finally on iTunes.

Maddox: And Season 2's coming soon, guys.

Erin: Yaaaaay!

Maddox: Thanks for listening, thanks for supporting the show.

Dick: Sorry for the delay. Uh, I want that guy to write back in 3 weeks with that "she's okay with 'friends with benefits'" shit.

Maddox: Oh, I've been there, man! I've had some girls like that.

Erin: No, some girls are into it.

Maddox: Robin's...Robin's nodding over there. (smiles) (Dick guffaws)

Erin: Nonono, it's true.

Dick: Right?? You're...Robin, you're on my side, right? (Maddox laughs) Let's see how long that lasts. She's nodding "yes." Yeah. (grins) Yeah.

Erin: No no, nonono, here's the deal.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: In LA, all bets are off, and there's definitely girls who aren't looking for a relationship here.

Maddox: Yeah, definitely.

Erin: Especially older women who just want a dude who can actually last long enough, which is usually a younger guy. I said it.

Maddox: Yeah! That's right.

Dick: You know what? There's a stigma around not lasting long enough. (Maddox groans) Who cares if you only last 2 seconds? Fuck it. (everyone else bursts out laughing)

Erin: That's awesome.

Dick: Like, what is she gonna do, unfuck you?! (more laughing) Too late, bitch! (giggles)

Asterios: "Your problem now, lady! Gotta go!"

Erin: Terrible. Terrible.

Maddox: Sssssss-...so many victims.

Erin: But younger guys are eager to please, see?

Dick: I've got...

Erin: Younger than the guys in here, I'm saying. Like 20-somethings?

Dick: Younger guys are easier to...?

Erin: Are real eager to ple-...

Dick: Eager!

Erin: They're eager to please older women.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I don't want to anymore.

Erin: And we all agree! Oh... (spits out laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh-huh. You'll go to Chow Town right away. Right, buddy?

Asterios: Meh. (Erin and Maddox laugh) Eh, if I feel like it.

Erin: "Chow Town"!!

Asterios: Sometimes I gotta get the car warmed up first.

Maddox: Chow Town. Right, Erin? That's...

Erin: That's amazing! (squeaking)

Maddox: That's a hot...a hot phrase!

Asterios: Sometimes I just -

Erin: (interjects) It...I've never heard it before, but I like it. (laughs more with Maddox)

Asterios: Sometimes I take the shortcut straight to Pound Town. (Maddox laughs loudly) 'Cause it's just f-...it's faster for me. But...we're gonna get into this later.

Erin: Yeah, yeah! It's all about you and the lady suffers and hates it.

Asterios: Well. Well, mm... (skeptical)

Maddox: Hmmm.

Erin: Not necessarily! Sometimes.

Dick: You can't say it out loud, but...

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: ...let's be honest. (Erin giggles)

Asterios: Yeah. As long as she suffers in silence, I don't care. (Erin groans)

Dick: I got one more voicemail.

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: One more voicemail, and then let's get to some problems. **[plays next voicemail message]**

Voicemail: (male caller with fake Irish accent) Good day, boys. This be Bono.

Maddox: Bono. (grins)

(cheering in background)

Sean: Yes!!

Voicemail: Did ya miss me? I've been so busy makin' the world a better place. (Dick giggling) **You know boys, I'm always solvin' big problems. Sometimes, I turn problems into solutions. Case in point: piss driblets!** (Dick laughs) **A real solution when you're ass-faced in a Walmart, urinating on a self-checkout station.**

Dick: Huh. (grinning)

Voicemail: And why wouldn't ya? Especially when you're cockeyed drunk on Fireball whiskey.

Maddox: Hmm.

Voicemail: America's favorite pseudo-whiskey. (everyone laughs) **And proud sponsor of U2.**

Dick: You got honey whiskey now, huh, too?

Voicemail: Another time, after a long night of boozin', shut me chatty Uber driver up by fillin' me knickers with a spicy Havana omelet.

Dick: Oh, gross. (winces) (background laughter)

Voicemail: (inaudible) ...I'm such a success, boys. Until next time, here's wishin' ya a rainbow. Bono out. (everyone laughs loudly)

[message ends]

Asterios: So Bono had nothing specific to say about that last episode.

Maddox: No.

Asterios: He was just, like, saying hi.

Maddox: Bono likes to call in from time to time. He gets drunk, he gets lost, he gets confused, and he calls in. Big shopper at Walmart! Bono.

Asterios: Yeah. I'm just saying!

Maddox: From U2. Bono from U2, he's a big fan of the show.

Asterios: I'm impressed...I'm impressed that -

Erin: (interjects) Are you serious?!?

Asterios: That Bono just... (talking over each other)

Maddox: Yeah, that was Bono!

Dick: Yeah, that was Bono.

Asterios: That was Bono!

Erin: That's amazing!! (Maddox giggles)

Dick: That was the real Bono.

Erin: The real Bono. (skeptical)

Maddox: So Erin, uh, that listener...we had one of those readers write in and say that Tinder helped him solve his virginity problem.

Erin: Oh, I heard it.

Maddox: Which I think leads us to your first problem this week.

Erin: Ughhhh!

Maddox: What is it?

Erin: SO pissed. I gotta brace myself for this. So here's what happened, boys. And listeners. (takes deep breath) Okay, so I'm on -

Dick: (interjects) That's...it's boys.

Erin: As a... (cracks up) Boys. (everyone laughs) Here's what happened, men, boys. So, here's the deal: so I was on Tinder, um...for, like, a couple years. All of a sudden, like a few months ago, I decided to switch my account to a dating expert account. So I was on there -

Dick: (interjects) What does that mean?

Erin: That basically means that if you were to go onto my profile -- which I can't now, 'cause I'm BANNED -- um...

Maddox: Uh-oh.

Erin: ...you would see my pictures, and then below you would see a really nice thing I wrote on there, saying, "Hi guys! My name is Erin Tillman, Dating Advice Girl, and I'm here to help you pick good profile pictures and help you message girls when you meet up...when you match up with them."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Which, by the way guys, such a valuable tip!

Erin: Thank yooou!

Maddox: Right? It is absolutely valuable. If you have -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, what's the valuable tip?

Maddox: Well, have one of your attractive female friends look at your profile and pick the right pictures for you.

Erin: Yes, because it's...

Dick: No, tha-... (scoffs)

Erin: It's just ridiculous, the pictures guys are posting.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: I did that and they all just made fun of mine, so I said "fuck you." (Maddox shrugs)

Erin: Well, these aren't good friends then.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nyeah.

Erin: Get some new girl friends. That's my...advice.

Maddox: So you were...?

Erin: So... (chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah. You had your dating professional account.

Erin: Yes. So, here's the problem. Alotta guys don't read the profile. I get it. I had some cute pictures as my pictures, right?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Right.

Erin: So some guys were just like, "Oh, cute girl. I'm gonna swipe right."

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Here's what happened. So some of the guys, once they swiped me and, like, messaged me and they said, "Hi! Can I take you out?" (Dick chuckles) I said I'm actually here -

Dick: (interjects) You're gonna get some pissed off guys with this strategy, Erin. (giggles)

Erin: And that's what happened. So I was like...they were like, "Oh, I'd like to take you out." I'm like, "I'm actually here for networking and to help you with your profile."

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Erin: "How's it going on Tinder?" Most of the guys, 90% of the guys were like, "Oh my God, thank you so much." It was actually surprising. They were like, "Thank you so much. I don't know what I'm doing on here, I don't know what to say to girls. Please let me...please help me." Like a few douchebags were so pissed off. They were like, "Why can't I take you out?" I said, "Read my profile." They read it and then they were like, "Oh my God, you effin' B. I can't believe blah blah..." I'm like, "Listen dude, I didn't misrepresent - "

Dick: (interjects) How DARE you.

Erin: "I said it in the beginning. Here's my profile," and they flagged me, which led to me getting banned on Tinder.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: To play...oops, sorry.

Erin: What my point...nonono, wait!

Asterios: I'm sorry.

Erin: Real quick! These freakin' dudes...like, I've had guys message me with, like, really scary, violent stuff.

Maddox: Right.

Erin: And they're probably not even gettin' banned. The fact that I'm on there helping guys...most guys are like, "Yay!" and I get banned? That's effin' crap. So I've sent a few emails to Tinder, and I'm currently tweeting the CEO, being like, "Hey dude, 8 years as an expert, here to help people on your thing. Please unban me." So we'll see what happens.

Maddox: Wow. So you got...so your problem is what? Getting...?

Erin: Um, getting unfairly banned from things...uh, digitally, let's say.

Maddox: On the Internet?

Erin: Internet things, app things...

Asterios: Unfair Internet bans.

Dick: You could just be getting unfairly banned.

Maddox: Unfairly ba-...unfair internet bans. That's it, yeah.

Erin: Unfairly banned.

Asterios: "Unfair Internet Bans," how 'bout that?

Erin: 'Cause it's not the Internet. It's an app, but still.

Asterios: Look, all I'm gonna say is, just to...just to play devil's advocate for a second...

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Erin: Here we go.

Asterios: ...which some other men don't like to do.

Erin: Okay! (giggles)

Asterios: Um...it's kinda like you went into a strip club dressed as a stripper, (Dick laughs quietly) and then when people asked you for a lap dance you were like, "Well, I'll take your $20, but I'll give you advice on how to get a better lap dance."

Dick: Well... (shrugging)

Maddox: Oh, Aste-...Asterios... **(buzzer sound effect)** I'm gonna call you on that!

(talking over each other)

Dick: Eh, you're a little off.

Erin: No, 'cause I didn't take money!

Dick: Yeah, a little off.

Maddox: No, no, no. You're -

Erin: (interjects) There was no exchange!

Dick: This is...

Maddox: I'll... (stammers) I'll tell you, that strip club analogy? It's like goin' to a strip club...

Asterios: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and there's a woman dressed as a stripper, but guess what? She's the cocktail waitress. (cracks up) She's not gonna take her clothes off.

Erin: I love that!!

Dick: No.

Erin: Yes!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like...it's like going into a strip club, except... (Maddox and Erin cackle) Except it's a library.

Erin: Noooo!

Maddox: What? Nooo.

Dick: Like, why the fuck...

Maddox: No!

Dick: Why the fuck would they call this a strip club? It's NOT one.

Maddox: No, no, no. Erin...

Dick: Why...like, this is -

Maddox: (interjects) Erin was not misleading. (Dick guffaws)

Erin: Thank you.

Maddox: She was not misrepresenting herself.

Dick: Yes she is! Yes you are.

Erin: No I'm not!!

(yelling over each other)

Asterios: Isn't everyone on Tinder to hook up?!

Dick: Yeah! It's a dating app.

Erin: No, no!

Asterios: I mean, no one's on Tinder for dating advice.

Erin: Some people on there to promote them-...their businesses and stuff, and get...

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Okay.

Erin: ...like, followers on Instagram, et cetera. Long story short, all I'm saying is from the beginning, I had everything written in my profile.

Asterios: Mhm.

Dick: Mhm.

Erin: So at no point did I bait and switch anybody or anything.

Asterios: Mhm.

Erin: And when they matched me, I said, "Hi! I'm Erin Tillman, the Dating Advice Girl." I never once said, "Hey baby, let's..." No.

Asterios: And listen, I'm not s-

Dick: (interjects) It seems like a poor user experience. If I was Tinder, I don't think I'd want that happening on my dating network. (Maddox stammers in protest)

Erin: Hey!! Well then, message me and say that rather than BANNING me like a...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: No... (hesitant)

Erin: ...like an undercover douchebag. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah...no, 'cause here's the thing.

Dick: (interjects) Just ban 'em! (Erin laughs)

Maddox: No, 'cause here's the thing. 'Cause now Erin can't use her account if she actually wanted to use the service for DATING now, she can't.

Erin: Yeah, ex-...you get it!

Asterios: Well, couldn't you just get a new email?

Maddox: Right? I totally get it, 'cause that happened to me!

Asterios: Couldn't you get a new email address? I mean...

Maddox: No no, 'cause it's -

Asterios: (interjects) Is it IP locked or something?

Dick: It's Facebook.

Maddox: It's tied to your Facebook account.

Asterios: Ohhh, okay. Alright.

Erin: Yeah, so basically what happens is you log -

Maddox: (interjects) Huge pain in the ass.

Erin: You log in, it jumps to Facebook, and then it just goes back to Tinder, jumps back to Facebook, so it won't let you go and it just keeps going back and forth.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Then it says, "Server unavailable." Banned.

Asterios: But it's...when you get -

Dick: (interjects) When you get unbanned, are you gonna be doing this, um...are you gonna be running this ad, still?

Erin: No, it's not an ad!

Maddox: It's not an ad. She's actually helping people.

Asterios: It's a solicitation!

Erin: No, no...nonono, listen.

Dick: How is it not an ad?

Erin: Because I'm live interacting with dudes and, like, actually helping them and interacting, so it's not like a cut-and-paste thing.

Dick: Presumably, you want to make money off of this dating advice.

Erin: I'm offering them a service for free.

Dick: Mhm.

Erin: And then I...so what I was doing is, I -

Dick: (interjects) Is there an upsell at any point?

Erin: At some point I ask them for their email, if they'd like to give it to me! (Dick sighs quietly) And then when they give it to me, I a-...I say, "I'm gonna add you to my newsletter, and in my newsletter I'm gonna be giving free dating tips and other things like events and stuff."

(Maddox, Asterios and Dick start talking over each other)

Maddox: Which is...which is why -

Dick: That sounds like an ad!

Asterios: That's a pretty soft CTA, actually. That's not...

Maddox: No, but it...yeah! It's -

Asterios: (interjects) It could be worse.

Maddox: No, it's great!

Erin: And some guys opted out! And they were like, "Thank you so much, I'm not interested," and I said, "You know what? No problem."

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: "Good luck. Thank you so much."

Maddox: Here's the thing: she's not -

Asterios: (interjects) Look, all I'm s-...oh, sorry.

Maddox: Yeah. So she's not misrepresenting herself. She's there to provide a service for a lot of guys who need it, 'cause guys kinda suck...and if you wanna talk about misrepresenting yourself on Tinder?

Erin: Let's talk about it, yes!!

Maddox: Yeah, let's talk about those bullshit pictures of you on a yacht with your buddies. (Erin laughs) Hanging out, just...all the time on a yacht! Oh, snowboarding? You got a fuckin' baby tiger?? Oh, cool! (Erin laughs more) Nice pet baby tiger!

Asterios: Are you talking about Dick's Tind-...? Don't make fun of Dick's Tinder account, please! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Oh, maybe I should...maybe I should get you to look at my Tinder account while you're here.

Erin: I'll do it! Let's do it!

(talking over each other)

Dick: That'd be funny.

Maddox: Let's see it! Let's pull it up!

Dick: Alright, hold on. Let's do it.

Erin: Let's see this thing. Let's see it.

Dick: Hold on. It's actually an ad for my realty company. Is that wrong? (Maddox laughs)

Erin: Ummm, not the same thing!

Maddox: You dickhead. (giggling) No, because dating -

Asterios: (interjects) Picture of your bank account...

Maddox: It's dating-related. If I went to a bank and I was there to do a transaction, and someone was there saying, "Hey, I'm not a teller - "

Dick: (interjects) "I'm a stripper." (everyone laughs loudly)

Asterios: Right. "Gimme a $20, and now that I have it I'm not a stripper, but I'm gonna give you dating advice."

Maddox: "I'm not a teller, but if you're in the...if you're in the market for a loan, I can help you out." I'd be like, "Okay! Thank you," or "No, thank you." Uh, either way, I'd be fine, 'cause it's related to the banking!

Asterios: Look, all...

Dick: Uhh... (hesitant) (Erin laughs)

Asterios: I'm just saying, if you're on Tinder, a social network that is purely an appearance-based hookup platform...

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: ...it may not be the best social channel to advertise your service.

Dick: Like, the...this is what you're...this is what you're doing.

Erin: (interjects) For dating?!

Dick: Nono...yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: For...for guys.

Asterios: Mmm... (skeptical)

Dick: This is what you're doing with -

Asterios: (interjects) Would you go on...would you do it on Backpage?

Erin: No!!

Asterios: Why?

Maddox: What is Backpage?

Dick: Backpage is for stri-...uh, hookers.

Maddox: Is it really?!

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: It's like a classified ads for hookers, yeah.

Maddox: What's the URL? Uh... (laughs with Erin)

Erin: No, because, like -

Asterios: (interjects) Backpage.com/biggest! (everyone else laughs loudly) Save $10 your next hooker servicing.

Maddox: Hey, where are they gonna sleep?? (giggles more) (Asterios laughs)

Dick: Here's the effect of what you're doing though, because there's...there's a great feeling when you get a match on any of these stupid things.

Erin: Mhm.

Dick: Like, especially...girls get tons of them.

Erin: Yes, that's true.

Dick: They don't care.

Erin: We do. It's true.

Dick: A GUY, you get, like...it's like...it's like the...it's like there's something in the air. (Erin laughs) You get that...that little bubble '1' pops up.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: And you're like, "Oooo, I might get laid! Dick might be gettin' laaaaid this Friday after takin' this chick to a wine bar!" That...you...

Maddox: (scoffs) Wine bar.

Asterios: Wine bar. (intrigued)

Erin: Yeah, but that's an assumption. That's an assumption!

Dick: But what you're doing -

Erin: (interjects) If you read a pro-...listen, listen!

Dick: Hold on! Hold on, hold on. Hold on.

Erin: There's couples on Tinder too!

Dick: What you're doing is destroying that hope. Like, you're...

Erin: No.

Dick: It's all...it's all for nothing.

Erin: No!

Dick: You're taking that dream! You're taking that whole...

Erin: NO.

Maddox: Oh my gosh. (exasperated)

Dick: ...that dream, and you're crushing it!

Erin: Nonono! If I...no. If I just had -

Dick: (interjects) So you deserve it.

Erin: No.

Dick: That's what I'm saying. (chuckling)

Erin: No, if I just had pictures on there without any words, you would be correct.

Dick: Words don't matter.

Asterios: Who goes to T-...who goes to Tinder for the WORDS?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But...no!

Asterios: It's APPEARANCE-based!! You're swiping left or right!

Erin: Nonono! Listen, listen! Listen!

Maddox: Asterios, you've never done this with a girl. Girls read profiles.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Weird!!

Erin: And 80%...80% -

Dick: (interjects) But guys don't!

Erin: Nonono!!

Dick: Which is the point!

Erin: 90% of the guys I matched with were like, "I see what you're doing. I love it." Some guys were asking me what my marketing strategy was, and that's really smart. They were like, "Thank you so much. I have no idea what I'm doing on here."

Dick: Well, but that...but we say whatever we want, Erin.

Erin: 90%...nonono, what I'm saying -

Asterios: Or whatever it takes.

Erin: What I'm saying is -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, yeah, we say whatever it takes!

Erin: What I'm saying is, 90% of the guys got what I was doing and were okay with it and happy with it. It was the 10% that were pissed, that DIDN'T read my profile, that flagged me and got me banned.

Maddox: Right. 'Cause they're just ho-...they're just -

Dick: (interjects) I think they're trying to date you.

Maddox: They're also just trying to jerk off and look at pictures of Erin.

Dick: Sure!

Erin: Exactly. That too.

Maddox: So you were makin' a point, Erin. You said that there are a lot of couples on Tinder too. What were you gonna say about couples?

Erin: So basically, what I'm saying is that, um...and there's people...there's, like, bands trying to promote themselves. If you're just looking at the pictures, like, I get it. You're gonna swipe and match, and then at some point when you match, someone's gonna say, "Oh, I'm here for this. Oh, I'm here to promote my band." "Oh, I'm here to help you with dating advice." "Oh, I'm here to...find a third person to swing with, with my wife."

Dick: Hmm.

Asterios: Mhm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: So that's the thing! You gotta r-...the point is, the pictures matter first.

Asterios: Mhm.

Erin: And then after that, at some point there's some level of conversation or words you're reading from their profile, and then you're like, "Oh, this person would be great," or not, or "They're here for business."

Maddox: You know, Erin? I bet -

Asterios: (interjects) Imagine you're a fat fuck who never, EVER gets a match. (Erin chuckles)

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Yep.

Asterios: And it's been a year, you've been swipin' right so much -- I don't know if it's right or left. You've been swipin'...positive so much -

Dick: (interjects) You liar. (everyone laughs)

Asterios: God damn!! You been swipin' right so much...

Dick: Asterios has a piece of ham hooked up to an electric drill. (Maddox laughs) He just holds it over the Tinder app: "Right, right, right, right, right, right, right..."

Asterios: It works. I have to replace the ham every day. (Maddox and Erin giggling) I have a lot of ham, if anyone wants to come over for a BLT. (cracking up)

Maddox: Ladies! (sexy voice)

Erin: Oh my god! (squeaking)

Asterios: Uh, but it's like, imagine you're...look, just imagine you're some fat fuck and you finally get that thing, and it's like "Ding ding! You might get a thing!" and...

Erin: Mhm, mhm.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Then you read it, and...you know.

Dick: Destroying hopes. Destroying hopes and dreams.

Erin: Lemme tell you, the guys who were the most pissed off were not chubby, gentlemanly guys. Those guys actually were really grateful that I was helping them

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause they need the help! (Dick giggles)

Erin: It was the freaking douchebag, ripped...like, alpha dudes...

Asterios: With the gutters. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Erin: ...who were pissed because I wasn't doing what they wanted, and then they flagged me.

Maddox: You know, Asterios, I've had this experience on Tinder. I have been looking through girls, and...I have, like, a bunch of different criteria on whether or not I'll swipe right or left.

Asterios: Mhm.

Maddox: And -

Dick: (interjects) Oho, what are these criteria?

Maddox: Oh!

Erin: Ooooo!

Dick: You can't get away with saying that shit.

(talking over each other)

Maddox: Well, for example... (Erin and Asterios laugh) For example, first of all, uh -

Dick: (interjects) If she has more hair than you?

Maddox: Yeah, hahah. (sarcastic) (Dick and Sean giggle loudly) Real funny, Dick! Real fuckin' fu-

Dick: (interjects) If she's wearing video games on her shirt, is that a criteria? (giggling)

Erin: Awwww.

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect)

Dick: What?!?

Maddox: NO, DICK! (cracks up)

Asterios: What's that "gets turned on" -

Maddox: (interjects) And that wasn't...I wasn't callin' you your name, either. (laughs with Erin)

Asterios: What's that "gets turned on by smart people" thing again?

Dick: I don't think you ever are.

Maddox: What's that?

Asterios: What's that "gets turned on by smart people" thing?

Dick: Sapiosexual.

Maddox: Oh, sapiosexual.

Erin: Sapiosexual.

Asterios: If they're a sapiosexual...

Maddox: I swipe left like a motherfucker.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: But here's the thing: if I'm lookin' at -

Dick: (interjects) Even if she's hot?

Maddox: If I'm lookin' at girls, uh...yes.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Yes, 'cause that's annoying shit.

Asterios: I wouldn't.

Dick: At least you had to think about it. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: I've dated one...I've dated one, I don't wanna put up with it again.

Erin: Oh, boy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: To principles. (Erin laughs)

Dick: Why, why? What was...what came with it?

Maddox: Oh my GOSH.

Erin: Brains.

Maddox: Lectures!

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: Every date was a three-part lecture...

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

Maddox: ...and the three parts coincided -

Asterios: (interjects) It's like fuckin' a pep talk.

Maddox: Coinc-... (cracks up) Coincided -

Erin: (interjects) That's the foreplay! That's the foreplay.

Maddox: They coincided with appetizers, the main course, and then drinks afterwards. Every single portion of the date had a lecture.

Dick: Was a different lecture?

Maddox: Different lecture, yeah. (smiles)

Asterios: Ughhhh. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: "Oh, lemme tell you about the wage gap." (obnoxious voice) Asterios... (laughs loudly)

Asterios: Ughhh, God dammit!! (everyone else laughing) I DIDN'T EVEN SAY THERE WAS A WAGE G-...GOD DAMMIT!!!

Maddox: I know, I know. No, but here -

Asterios: (interjects) I said it spoke to a larger truth!! Alright. Let's keep goin'. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: Back to Erin's point.

Dick: (interjects) And YOU like doing that.

Maddox: Eh...what?

Dick: The lecturing. I feel like that's something you might do, I think. (grins)

Maddox: They asked...they ASKED me for it!

Asterios: But girls love to be lectured.

Dick: Yeah! Of course they do.

Asterios: That's the thing. They want a guy who's in control, who's smart.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Erin: We wanna be lectured? (skeptical)

Asterios: Well yeah, obviously!

Maddox: You love it, Erin. (Dick giggling)

Erin: Alpha women do not wanna be lectured.

Maddox: Oh, that's true.

Dick: Alpha what??

Maddox: An alpha woman.

Asterios: Hmmm.

Erin: Alpha women, and I am not an al-...I am an alpha woman. (Maddox cracks up) (Sean laughing loudly in the background)

Maddox: Dick just learned of a new phrase and concept in his life.

Erin: Alpha women.

Dick: Is that, like, "businesswoman"?

Erin: Kind of, yes!

Dick: I learned that one recently too. (Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Erin: There were some air quotes for the...for those of you not watching that. (laughs)

Maddox: So, uh...so Asterios, back to Erin's point.

Asterios: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: Like, I have experienced that from the male point of view, where I have matched girls on Instagra-...excuse me, on Tinder, who were just there to promote their TV show they were working on, or...

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Yeah, I hate it.

Maddox: ...or, uh, Instagram.

Dick: Or their Instagram!

Erin: But there's guys too!!

Maddox: But...but, but -

Erin: (interjects) Guys do it too!

Maddox: But the important distinction here...

Erin: Tell me.

Maddox: And this is EVERYTHING...

Erin: Yes?

Maddox: ...is that they were not up front about it, and it pissed me off when they're not!

Erin: Totally.

Maddox: Erin was, and it's their fault for being horny jerkoff losers.

Erin: BAM.

Maddox: For not even glancing at their...what if she says in her profile, like, "Hey guys, I have an STD, but I'm still interested in meeting you."

Dick: Oho. (chuckling)

Erin: Or what if I said...what if I was transgender or something?

Maddox: Yeah!

Erin: And I didn't...and I put that and someone didn't read it? It would be the same thing.

Maddox: Yeah, it's totally your fault!

Asterios: Maybe we can all agree that, like, perhaps the problem is, Tinder shouldn't be trying to monetize its platform like this. Like, if Tinder just had a...I dunno, 50 cents a month -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, wait a minute. Now I'm feeling my libertarian agenda start... (Maddox laughs loudly)

(inaudible)

Asterios: (shouts) Well look, I'm not saying pass a LAW that says they shouldn't monetize their platform! (Dick and Maddox giggling) But it's a bad user experience!

Dick: It is a bad user experience.

Asterios: Look, I don't think you're a monster.

Erin: Well, THANKS.

Asterios: I mean, a little bit. (Erin giggles) But I make -

Maddox: (interjects) You got a new nickname comin', buddy. It's "Communisterios." (laughs loudly)

Asterios: God dammit!! God DAMN you people!

Dick: Wait, so what is your...?

Asterios: Anyway. (suddenly calm)

Dick: What was your point?

Asterios: That's the...that's the point!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: It's like, Tinder shouldn't be doing that. That's stupid.

Dick: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

Asterios: Tinder shouldn't be letting "The Mindy Project" -

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, "Tinder shouldn't be doing..."? Tinder shouldn't be doing what?

Erin: Yeah, it was me.

Asterios: Well, because obvious-

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, "The Mindy Project." Talk about that.

Asterios: Well, because obviously Tinder is allowing for these premium profiles...like a show like "The Mindy Project," for example...

Erin: Ahhh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: ...bought a bunch of profiles on Tinder to promote their show. And that's confusing to their users.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: That's not the users' fault! It's Tinder's fault for selling that ad space.

Dick: But they...I do run ads now.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they'll interrupt your...swiping and masturbating. (Erin cackles)

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: Because that's -

Dick: (interjects) To run a Bud Light ad.

Maddox: No, but...uh...

Asterios: That's a normal part of the Internet experience. Like yeah, you see a banner ad every now and then.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, so "The Mindy Project" -

Erin: (interjects) I agree.

Maddox: "The Mindy Project," for those who don't know...uh, Mindy Kaling, she's from "The Office." She's Kelly Kapoor from "The Office," and she has her own show, she has her own successful book; very, very popular. Right? And for a while -

Dick: (interjects) What are you, pitching Mindy...?! (guffaws)

Maddox: No, I'm just explaining to the listeners that don't know.

Dick: Okay, okay. That's good. (grinning)

Asterios: 9/8 Central, only on Hulu. (everyone else laughs) Biggestproblem.com/mindy.

Maddox: So... (cracks up) $10 off. (Erin laughs) Uh, so "The Mindy Project," right? She had a bunch of Tinder profiles, and I matched one of 'em, because...uh, I have an interesting story. I know Mindy in real life.

Erin: Mhm.

Maddox: I've met her a bunch of times. She used to date one of my friends, and I thought, "Oh, this is kinda interesting. This is...this is fun." And, uh...and I started trying to talk to her. I'm like, "Hey Mindy, it's me!" Uh, you know. "Hey, what's up? How's it goin'? How's it been?"

Asterios: "Let's have sex!" (Maddox laughs)

Dick: "What's your dad like?" (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Dick! Uh...and, NOTHING. Of course, because it's just a stupid ad for this thing, but it didn't disclose that and it pissed me off.

Erin: Right.

Maddox: But Erin, what YOU were doing is honest and forthright.

Erin: Yes. Thank you!!

Dick: Nyeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: No problem. Let's...this is a campaign! Let's hit the Tinder CEO, get Erin unbanned.

Erin: Woooo!

Dick: I don't think tweeting the CEO is gonna help ya out, though.

Erin: Hey, well, guess what? I have a decent following, so I'm gonna do what I can.

Maddox: Yeah. Good idea.

Erin: 'Cause I'm pissed. I'm pissed.

Asterios: For everyone...I'll tell you what. Listen. I'll help you out here.

Erin: Yay!

Asterios: For everyone that goes to http://devastatorpress.com/megaman2 (everyone else laughs) and buys a copy of my Mega Man comic, I will tweet once to the CEO of Tinder! Again, that's http://devastatorpress.com/megaman2. I gotta run, guys. I'm so s-...oh, do you wanna do the ad before I split?

Dick: Uh...yeah, I wanna get my Tinder pictures graded, though.

Asterios: Oh, duh!

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Oh yeah, let's do that real quick and then we'll get to the ad.

Dick: Real quick. Okay, Erin.

Erin: Oh yes, let's see.

Dick: Tell me what you think about this. This is my Tinder profile.

Erin: I'm looking...looking...

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Nice first picture. There's a dog involved.

Dick: Shameless! Oh yeah, me and...me and my dog.

Erin: On the main picture! That's adorable! Smiling, we can see your teeth. We know he has teeth.

Dick: Augh. So, so...

Maddox: Your dog? (skeptical)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, *your* dog?

Dick: Well, I...

Erin: Oh, it's not your dog?

Dick: It's my parents' dog. (Maddox laughs) What's the...? I mean...

Asterios: Sunny lives with...Sunny lives with Dick.

Dick: It's my...it's a family dog.

Erin: The next picture is you in a Vatican...outfit. With a Vatican hat.

Dick: A p-...that's the Pope.

Erin: The Pope.

Dick: I'm dressed as The Pope.

Maddox: And Erin, I -

Erin: (interjects) Holding a baby.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Erin, I told him not to have that on there. I think that's a bad idea.

Erin: Yeah, I don't think it's good.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Why? Why do you think it's not good?

Erin: It's just polarizing. I don't know. And...I don't know.

Dick: Why is polarizing bad?

Erin: I guess if you're looking for a girl who really gets your humor, it's great. I don't know, I think you're just asking for a debate.

Dick: Thank you f-...I heard from that, "You're a funny guy." Thank you for saying that. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Erin, uh...Erin, I said no because if a girl or a guy sees a baby in the picture, oh man. Turn-off zone. Turn down -

Dick: I... (hesitant)

Erin: Well, that's a thing too. And this very much looks like a parody picture...

Maddox: Okay.

Erin: ...but generally speaking, holding a baby? You should say, "This is my baby," "This is my brother's baby," "This is..." You know, say whose baby it is.

Maddox: So it's not your baby?

Dick: It's just a baby I found!

Maddox: "I found this baby."

Erin: Then say that! Perfect.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: Okay, wait. There's another picture -

Dick: (interjects) I traded somebody some Gatorade for it. (Sean laughs in the background) (giggles)

Erin: The third picture...the third picture's the same as the first picture.

Dick: Oh, that's a glitch. (Maddox snickers) I didn't do that.

Erin: Well then, you should fix that, because I hate that crap. Wait, wait!! The...

Sean: See, your error is that your argument is predicated on honesty, and you're talking to Dick. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: The prince of lies. (laughing)

Erin: The fourth picture is same as the second. Wait, it's all the same pictures!

Dick: That's a glitch, then. I don't know.

Erin: Or is that a strategy for humor?

Dick: No, that's...that's not a strategy for humor.

Erin: Okay, well, I'm already annoyed, because you gotta get rid of all these repeat pictures.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, at least it's not an ad.

Erin: It's 6 pictures of 2 pictures. (Maddox and Asterios burst out laughing) Ughhhh!

Maddox: Ohhh, Dick. Dicktastic.

Erin: But no, otherwise, I did...and see, this is the thing: to your point, I didn't read your profile.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, 'cause you were so uninterested in my duplicate pictures?

Erin: No, just 'cause I was, like, try-...I don't know why. I didn't, though. And so I get why some guys might not have read my profile.

Dick: Hm. Well...

Maddox: Yeah. That's... (stammers)

Erin: I'm still pissed, though! I'm still pissed.

Maddox: At least... (cracks up) At least it wasn't an ad. That's right, Dick. Uh... (laughs with Erin)

Dick: I wish that had gone better, because then I would need a new bed.

Maddox: Ah, there it is!! (giggling)

Dick: To seal this deal. Today's episode is brought to you by Casper. Go to, um... (shuffles papers)

Maddox: Speakin' of ads. (laughs with Asterios and Erin)

Dick: go to http://casper.com...go to Casper... (cracks up)

Erin: Perfect segue.

Dick: Go to http://casper.com/biggest and use promo code "BIGGEST" to get $50 toward any mattress purchased. Casper is an online retailer of PREMIUM, premium mattresses for a fraction of the price that you can get in a store. Uh, it's a mattress...the mattress industry has inherently forced consumers into paying notoriously high markups. That's absolutely true.

Asterios: Mhm!

Dick: Casper provides resilience, long-lasting support of comfort, and, uh, the mattresses are one of a kind. A combination of premium latex foam...premium latex foam...

Maddox: Thank you, NASA.

Dick: ...and memory foam. (chuckling)

Asterios: Hm!

Maddox: Vote up NASA, big solution!

Dick: So Asterios, um...

Asterios: Yeah?

Dick: You have a Casper mattress, right?

Asterios: I bought one because of the ad on this show.

Dick: Really?!

Asterios: Yeah, I used the code. I got $50 off.

Maddox: $50 off! Good deal, right?

Asterios: Yeah! And...yeah, and it was great. It showed up in 5 days. It's really, really comfortable. I moved -

Dick: (interjects) Whoa, whoa, wait a minute. Wait a minute.

Asterios: So sorry.

Dick: Did you watch it come out of the box?

Asterios: Oh yeah!! I...

Dick: How was that?

Asterios: Ah, my phone was...my phone was dying! I wanted to Vine it for you guys. But yeah, it definitely comes out of the box like the Stay Puft marshmallow man growing like in Ghostbusters. (Dick laughs)

Erin: Yaaaaay.

Asterios: Like, it's just like "pfff-WOOOOOOSH!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's this awesome thing, and um...

Maddox: It's so much fun.

Dick: It's worth the price of admission.

Erin: Yeah, I wanna see it.

Asterios: Yeah, that...yeah, exactly. The UPS guy was like, "Oh, this is gonna be fun." Like, 'cause he's clearly delivered a million of these. (Dick giggles) And, um, it's...I, uh, you know. I moved to a new place, so I had it on the floor for a while, and it was really, really comfortable.

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: And it's comfortable on a box-spring. It's a great mattress.

Maddox: Super comfortable, good give. I like those mattresses a lot. And $50 off these mattresses, that's a really good discount. What's the code?

Dick: "BIGGEST". Promo code "BIGGEST".

Maddox: "BIGGEST", and we'll link to it on our website.

Dick: http://casper.com/biggest , promo code is "BIGGEST".

Asterios: And if you don't like it, you got 100 days to send it back.

Dick: Oh, really??

Maddox: That's really generous.

Asterios: Yes! There's a 100-day...

Erin: Ew! So much can happen in 100 days.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: So you can fuck the SHIT out of alotta prostitutes on that mattress. (Maddox and Erin laugh) (Dick cringes) And then you can just... (inaudible)

Dick: Why does...why do guests always ruin our ads? (Maddox laughs more) Every guest comes in here makes some horrible -

Asterios: (interjects) You can turn it into a goddamn jizz marshmallow. (Maddox laughs loudly) And then on day 99, go "Beep-boop-boop-bop-bop...'Hey Casper, I got a fuck pillow for ya! Come pick it up!'" (everyone else giggling) Or not. I'm not doing that. I like the mattress a lot.

Erin: Oh noooo! (squeaking)

Maddox: Ohhh. **('ding!' sound effect)**

Erin: I'm sure they're lovely mattresses.

Maddox: They are. They're wonderful. Asterios, thanks for comin' by, buddy. Good to see you again.

Asterios: Sorry I gotta go.

Maddox: Yeah, that's -

Asterios: (interjects) I miss you guys. I'll be back.

Maddox: Alright. You'll be back.

Erin: Wooo!

Maddox: Excellent. Um, before we move on...I got a problem, but uh, Erin, I just...just one more thing to your point.

Erin: And then I wanna tell everyone what the Tinder CEO's Twitter is. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Oh yeah, let's hear it!

Dick: Okay. (grinning)

Maddox: Let's hear that first.

Erin: Okay, so his...um, his name is very short and easy. It's Sean Rad. And then...so it's Sean, S-E-A-N, Rad. So @seanrad. That's it.

Maddox: @seanrad, there it is!

Erin: Tinder CEO, there he is.

Maddox: We'll see. We'll -

Dick: (interjects) I think there's a lower-level guy you could target first.

Erin: Oh, no!! That's who I've been emailing, and it's all form emails.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: We'll do it. We'll...

Erin: It's the worst.

Maddox: We'll see what the listener base of this...this, uh, this show can do. But Erin, to your point.

Erin: Yes?

Maddox: If I go to a movie, and I see...uh, if I see an ad for Cheetos or Mercedes or BMW, I'm pissed. But if I see an ad for another movie?

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: I'm okay with it, because that's related to what I'm doing.

Erin: Exactly!! (exasperated)

Maddox: So, that...I get that. That's why I think that what you're doing is okay.

Erin: You get me!

Maddox: Yeah, totally.

Erin: You get me. You totally get me.

Maddox: Guys, I have a problem.

Dick: (interjects) I would be ver-...I would report that as spam.

Erin: UGHHHH!

Dick: Sorry.

Maddox: I would report YOU as spam, Dick! (Erin laughs) Your profile's literally spam! You're spamming the same the same fuckin' picture 10 times, dickhead! (Dick laughs)

Erin: Exactly!!

Dick: It's a good picture. (Maddox and Erin laugh) That's what I...that's my line. "Hey, uh, do you think your dad could help me figure out my Tinder profile?" (cracks up) (Erin guffaws) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Oh, my GOSH. (exasperated) Well, if you are successful on Tinder...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And you take a girl back to lay down on your Casper mattress -- or guy, Erin.

Erin: Yes, yeah.

Maddox: If you take a girl or guy back, lay down on your Casper mattress? Don't do the following thing, because this is a problem: spooning. (Erin gasps)

Dick: Spooning?

Maddox: Spooning is now a problem!

Erin: What?!

Maddox: That's right! My problem this week, guys, is spooning victims. This is a thing now! Right?

Dick: Hmm.

Erin: Spooning *victims*?

Maddox: Yeah! How...now, you might be asking, "How the fuck in this horseshit world that we live in, where everything's already a problem, is SPOONING a problem?"

Erin: Yeah, how is it?

Dick: Yeah, that is what I'm thinking. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah!

Erin: Me too!

Maddox: Yeah, well, here comes Slate.com to the fuckin' rescue.

Erin: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah. "Against Spooning: A Manifesto." This article.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: It's, uh, it's written...this guy on Slate, he's complaining about spooning. He says, (switches to obnoxious voice) "If the argument against spooning..." (Erin snickers) (Sean grumbles in the background)

Dick: Oh no. (smiles)

Maddox: "...were only a physical one, I would not feel so strongly." (background laughter) "After all, many people are gluttons for punishment -- who am I to deny their strange pleasure? But there's a deeper issue here, a troubling aspect of spooning that emerges in the dimension of ideology, of what it all means." (Erin cackles) So then he goes on. Right? He's talkin' about the psychology of spooning. He says, "Big sp-... "

Dick: (interjects) What the hell?

Maddox: "Big sp-..." He goes, "Big spoons are m-..."

Dick: (interjects) What's this guy's name? (Erin laughs) Do you know it?

Maddox: Oh, I...no, I didn't write that down.

Dick: He sounds like a fuckin' idiot. Right??

Erin: Awww.

Maddox: Yeah. It's...he's one of the associate editors at Slate. He's not, like, some freelance writer they hired to write some bullshit article to get clicks. This is, like, one of their associate editors at Slate! He wrote this article.

Dick: He's the creative director, you might say.

Erin: Hmmm.

Maddox: (chuckles) Yeah, sure!

Dick: He has an influence of the creation, and whatever.

Erin: Mmm.

Maddox: Here's his argument. He says, (switches to obnoxious voice) "Big spoons are manly and will take care of you (provided you let them use you to take care of themselves)."

Dick: What??

Maddox: "Little spoons are fragile, passive creatures that need to be held and kept safe. This, of course, is fundamentally a sexist arrangement..."

Erin: What?!

Dick: Oh my GOD.

Maddox: "...one that casts the big spoon as 'the man' and the little spoon as 'the woman.' To say that this power imbalance is built into all acts of spooning -- whichever the sexes engaged -- is not, I think, an overstatement." He's saying that in every act of spooning -

Dick: (interjects) You've gotta, like, translate that out of, like, college liberal arts speak to me. (Erin laughing)4

Maddox: Yeah, here's...from college -

Dick: (interjects) Can you say that the way, like, a man would say it? (cracking up)

Erin: Yeah! (keeps laughing)

Maddox: He's saying that if you spoon someone, that it's a sexist act because there's a power imbalance. That's the f-...that's what he's saying.

Erin: Well, that's assuming that the man is the big spoon.

Maddox: Right!

Erin: I've spooned dudes before as the big spoon.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I... (hesitant) I think it's mostly men. Doing the big spooning.

Erin: No no, but what I'm saying is, I...

Maddox: No, but it's happened! Right?

Erin: True, but yeah! I'm saying, that's...he's making a bunch of assumptions there.

Maddox: (switches back to obnoxious voice) "Indeed..."

Erin: That's all.

Dick: That's...

Maddox: "...I would argue that spooning is always already a power play..." (Erin snickers)

Dick: Power play?!

Maddox: "...a perverse strategy..." Yeah. It's not just a power play, Dick; it's a "perverse strategy by which we..." (obnoxious voice again) (Erin laughs)

Dick: Oh my God. (muttering)

Maddox: "...nightly enact the unjust relations of "big" and "little" privilege that plague our society on every level."

Erin: Wooow.

Dick: Nah, we need a purge.

Erin: He wants to be spooned. (Maddox laughs) That's what...

Maddox: Well, he...so -

Erin: (interjects) He's pissed.

Maddox: So the reason he's writin' this article is because he says he's a gay guy, and he says that -

Dick: (interjects) Ohhh, okay.

Erin: Oh! Okay.

Dick: Well, that's a big...

Erin: Yeah!

Dick: That's a big, uh, part of the story we need to know.

Maddox: But he says in -

Erin: (interjects) Yeah, but then it's two guys spooning!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah!

Erin: So why is it...??

Maddox: Who gives a shit?! No one's the big and little spoon. Like, whatever! Do whatever the fuck you want!

Erin: Yeah!!

Maddox: If you feel like a big spoon...and by the way, "spoon" -

Erin: (interjects) Two big spoons!

Maddox: It's just a fuckin' metaphor, 'cause spoons sit on top of each other like that in a dish rack. (Erin laughs) You don't have to call it "spoons"! Call it whatever...call it "C's", two C's! Who cares??

Erin: Two C's. (laughing)

Maddox: Call it a couple parentheses! (Erin and Dick laugh) (stammers) Uh, shells! Call it a shell.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Stacked a couple of shells together. Macaronis!

Dick: Okay. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: Noodles! Couple o' pieces of paper! We're just papering! (Erin cackles) We're papering...couple o' scissors together in a bed! We're scissoring. (cracks up)

Dick: No, they're not scissoring.

Erin: Nooo, n-...well...

Maddox: Why not? Why? So…so he's saying…(Erin laughs) but, he's saying in every…in every act of spooning, there's a power imbalance that is sexist. That's what he's saying.

Dick: Well…yeah, okay.

Maddox: And he says, "We…we…"

Dick: It does annoy me that girls wanna be spo…like, sometimes it annoys me that they want it too much. Like, I'm like, alright…

Erin: I know what you're saying.

Dick: I don't really want to get…I don't really wanna choke on your fucking hair and have my arm fall asleep…

Maddox: Yeah. (Erin squeals)

Dick: For an hour and a half. So, can you just, like, not keep trying to grind your ass into my crotch?

Maddox: Oh, that sounds terrible. (sarcasm)

Erin: Oh, it's so annoying when girls grind their butt into your penis. (sarcastic)

Dick: When they wanna go to sleep. I'm, like…(stammers) alright. I'm hot. I wanna just lay here. Leave me the fuck alone. Right?

Maddox: D…did you write this article? 'Cause these are all the points he's making in this article. (Erin laughs) He says it's too hot. "My arm falls asleep." (goofy voice)

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Maybe I did write this article. (Maddox and Erin crack up)

Maddox: You shifty fuck!

Dick: I don't know. I get pretty drunk!! (Erin laughs, sighs)

Sean: Is this just his way of getting out of it?

Erin: Yes!!! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: He sent this to….sometimes I do that.

Erin: I think so.

Dick: I bring in a problem on the podcast so people around me will listen to it and go, like, "Oh, shit. He's talking about me. I'll stop doing it." (Maddox giggles) Maybe he forwarded this to his boyfriend, or whatever.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm sure. I'm sure he HAD to. His boyfriend's not subscribed, or the other associate editor, or whatever the FUCK they're doing over at Slate! (Erin giggles)

Dick: Erin, you know what I'm…when a girl tries to, like, trick you into it?

Erin: Whaaaaaaat?!

Dick: When she's like kind of nuzzling up…

Erin: Scooches over?

Dick: Yeah. That's, like, "Oh, alright, you want some attention?"

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: But it's like, "Oh, no. You just want me to wrap my big muscular arms around you."

Maddox: Oh. (pretend disgusted)

Dick: "So you can fall asleep."

Erin: Yes, but guys…

Dick: I see this coming!!!

Erin: Guys have done that to me too, 'cause I'm somebody who needs some space when I'm sleeping, 'cause I get hot.

Dick: Mhmm.

Erin: I'm very…I very much…I relate to you guys.

Maddox: You are hot, Erin.

Erin: I relate to you. Thank you, but…like…

Dick: Now you got it.

Erin: Meaning…thank you. And I sweat a lot.

Dick: Okay, n…(Maddox cracks up)

Erin: So, like…

Dick: (makes braking sound) Hold the brakes! You got a brake sound effect on there?!

Erin: No, no! No, but what I'm saying…(yells)

Sean: She went from supermodel to Swamp Thing. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Erin: I did! I did…that's true. But what I'm saying is…when a dude wants to cuddle me, or spoon me, I'm like "Dude, get off, I'm hot and sweating."

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Erin: I get what you're saying!! I'm the girl version of this.

Maddox: Right. No, I've seen in on both ends.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: I've had girls who, like…who sweat a lot, because, you know…I'm a steamy dude. (Erin giggles) And they're around me, and they're nervous, you know? They start sweating bullets.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…(Erin cackles) and they tell me, "You know, not right now, I'm too sweaty." And I'm like, "Well, baby, go towel off and come back to bed without any clothes." (Erin cackles) Or a towel.

Erin: But…but, yeah. I would never get upset with a guy for wanting to spoon me. It's sweet.

Maddox: Yeah. Whatever.

Dick: I would be very upset if a guy wanted to spoon me. (Erin giggles)

Maddox: You guys, we're talking…

Erin: Would you!? Really? (they laugh) It's man-love.

Maddox: Well, the way Asterios woke up yesterday, we don't know. With a blanket on him.

Erin: Oh, what…oh.

Maddox: Tenderly laid on top of him…(giggles)

Erin: Awwww.

Dick: I used a selfie stick to pick up the blanket. (Maddox and Erin laugh)

Maddox: Fair enough. So…so he goes on. So he's complaining about (goofy voice) "big and little privilege that plague our society on every level."

(Sound effect: Baby wailing)

Dick: Oh, my…oh, that's a sound effect. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: He says, "We can do better than this. What we need is conscious cuddling." This is what he's suggesting. This is his solution!! (goofy voice) What we need…(Erin snorts) is conscious cuddling. Cuddling that takes into account the realities of our bodies."

Dick: Oh, my god. (incredulous)

Erin: What?!

Maddox: (goofy voice) So easily taxed, and the pressures of fallen social systems that… (tries not to laugh) unnecessarily sorts us into limiting categories of big and little. (Erin groans) Luckily, there's a solution at the ready. It's called "cuddle sitting up"."

Erin: No, no!!!!

Dick: Sorry? What is that?

Maddox: Vertical cuddling.

Erin: Oh, God.

Maddox: It says…

Dick: Isn't that called a hug? (grins) (they laugh)

Maddox: This fucking crybaby whiner…

(Sound effect: Baby wailing) (Oh my god, this sound is fucking horrible, spare my ears - LF)

Maddox: Crybaby bitch. He says, (goofy voice) Vertical cuddling removes much of the risk of physical discomfort…(Dick starts laughing) and all of the semiotic violence that spooning conveys!!

Erin: Violence?!

Maddox: Semiotic violence!!!

Erin: That's ridiculous.

Dick: What's semiotic?

Sean: This sounds like the ramblings of an insane person. It…

Dick: Yeah, it really does.

Sean: Have you ever heard the expression, "Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: He's reading all kinds of unbelievable…

Dick: Crazy stuff.

Sean: Insane shit into this.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Semiotic violence, Sean.

Erin: Wow.

Dick: What's semiotic?

Maddox: Semi…I had to look it up, too. I'm like, what the fuck is semiotic violence? Semiotic means symbolic.

Dick: Like semiautomatic?

Maddox: No. It means symbolic. So if you…if you do this…

Erin: No.

Maddox: It is symbolically violent towards your partner!!

Erin: What?!?!

Maddox: Because you are…you are instigating…you are instigating your big supremacy. Your big privilege over a small person.

Erin: Oh, geez. (sighs)

Dick: Oh, no, no, no. (sighs)

Sean: You ever have a small person spoon you?

Erin: That's what I'm saying!!!

Sean: No! She's like a jet pack!!! (Erin and Dick laugh) (Erin claps)

Maddox: It's happened. You know what, Sean? It happened. I dated a girl for a while where she would…(giggles) she would try to spoon me from behind and she would curl up. And I was in this hotel one time…

Dick: Was it a monkey? Are you sure it was a girl? (they laugh)

Maddox: It was a girl.

Sean: Their feet only go down to, like, just past your knees.

Maddox: Oh, it's hilarious. (Erin sighs loudly) I was in a hotel one time, in Hawaii, and there was mirrors on the ceiling. I'm like, "Oh, this is…"

Erin: Oh, sexy.

Maddox: This is raunchy. Like, yeah. This is sexy. What's going on here? So…so she came up behind me and cuddled me.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And…and uh, like on my back. And then said, "Hey, look up". And I looked up, and she said, "I'm a papoose".

Erin: What. (squeals)

Maddox: I'm like, (giggles) "What are you talking about?" And she goes, "Papoose, you know." And I looked it up on Google. It's…it's basically, like, one of those satchels that Native Americans carry their babies on?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: On their back?! (laughing) It was totally ridiculous!!

Erin: I love it!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It happened, but…

Erin: I think it's cute.

Maddox: Yeah, whatever. Who gives a shit?! It wasn't semiotic violence!!! (Erin laughs) I didn't feel violated! I didn't feel like she was instigating her privilege over me!!!

Erin: Hello. Exactly. Ridiculous!

Maddox: This is stupid shit! Stupid shit! People are looking…they finally found a fucking way to get outraged over spooning!!

Erin: It's ridiculous.

Sean: Well, this guy's really extrapolating out to an insane level.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: It's…yeah.

Erin: It's true.

Sean: He's…he's not well.

Dick: How was this received? Like, where did you find this? I've never heard of such a thing.

Erin: Wait, but he's Slate.

Maddox: Slate.

Erin: Slate. Right?

Maddox: http://www.slate.com .

Erin: So maybe he's just trying to write something that's gonna be controversial.

Maddox: I thought that, Erin, but this is one of the editors.

Dick: Outrage porn.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: I thought it was…I thought it was just another case of outrage porn, because sometimes they'll hire these fly-by-night…

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Writers. Freelance writers. Whatever.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: "Hey, bust out 300 words on whatever the fuck. Just get us clicks."

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: This isn't one of those cases, 'cause he's one of the associates editors at slate.com.

Erin: Yeah, but that's…he has even more power and knows that maybe their viewership is down or something, and is like, (goofy voice) "Oh my God, I'm gonna be, like, I'm gonna write something really ridiculous."

Dick: It is bizarre to imagine this man functioning in the world. (Erin giggles) Out there on his own, having these arguments with people.

Erin: Yeah. If spooning's an issue, then oh, my gosh.

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Erin: Like, global warming? I mean…(giggles)

Maddox: This guy is just…he's just a really brave…

Sean: Yeah. Red cars…red cars are offensive to Native Americans all of a sudden.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is that true?

Sean: No! In this guy's world.

Maddox: In this guy's world!

Dick: I don't know any…I don't even know anymore, man!

Maddox: I don't even know anymore, either.

Dick: People say that something's offensive. You could tell me ANYTHING that someone either believes or thinks is offensive and I would just believe it.

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they could say toilet paper is racist, (Erin giggles) because it's white.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'd be like, "Yeah, I dunno. Maybe I read that."

Maddox: Well, Dick, did you…

Dick: On the Huffington Post, or something. I don't know!

Maddox: (goofy voice) Did you…did you know that all toilet paper was originally black or brown, and they dye it white because…(Erin giggles) because the colonials, blablablabla." SHUT THE FUCK UP!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And stop finding a reason to be offended by everything!!!

Erin: I know, it's true.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh.

Erin: We're very, very sensitive in our culture.

Maddox: Anyway. That's…that's my problem. Spooning! They found a way to make spooning victimize people.

Erin: That's just sad.

Maddox: They found a way to be victimized by fucking spooning. Don't fucking do it, idiot!! And he's saying vertical cuddling is the solution.

Dick: Well…well, yeah. Why is that?

Erin: Ridiculous.

Dick: Did he define that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I do wanna get…I do want my arm not to fall asleep and not to eat so much hair. (Maddox groans)

Maddox: It's so stupid. (Erin laughs)

Erin: Legitimate. It's legitimate.

Maddox: First of all, just…you just brush it out of the way, or you blow it. I love blowing it back in their head. (Erin giggles) I just (blows) (blows) (blows)

Erin: What if she has curls?!

Maddox: (stammers) Yeah, I've….

Erin: You can't blow curls! They're too dense.

Maddox: Yeah, but then you stick your finger in and you curl it up and put it over to the side. (Erin cracks up) So it's like kind of dinking off to the side! It's funny.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: I love it! And also, you can, like, lick your finger, make it really…get some spit on there, and then you curl it up around your finger, move it off to the side, and it sticks there like mousse.

Erin: No…(groans)

Dick: So…(Maddox laughs) for everyone over…over 8…listening to this podcast, what should we do?

Erin: I love it. (laughing)

Maddox: I have no advice for you.

Erin: Just enjoy the…enjoy the spooning, everybody.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: I'm all about the love as a dating expert. Enjoy the spooning.

Maddox: Enjoy the spooning.

Dick: What kind of advice would you give this, um…crazy lunatic?

Erin: Find…

Dick: For dating advice.

Erin: Be the little spoon, perhaps.

Dick: Oh, well…

Erin: Embrace…embrace the other side of spooning.

Maddox: Yeah, you…

Dick: Okay. That's my next question. How do you trick girls into being the big spoon, then?

Maddox: Why would you want that?

Erin: Just turn over.

Dick: Well, I don't know. She's saying…

Erin: Turn over! Shift side…like, turn…

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: So then you're on the opposite side.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: You can spoon whatever way you want. Or not spoon. And vertical spooning, he defines as sitting up…sitting on your butt.

Erin: I think you're right. Hugging. (Maddox belches)

Dick: Because then you gotta ass fight. If you…if you turn over…if she's turning over, you gotta…

Erin: No, you bring her with…

Dick: You got a Cold War. You got a stalemate.

Erin: Bring her with you when you turn.

Maddox: See, my…my ass is always cold. (Erin giggles) And sometimes when we do the reverse spoon? Where it's, like, butt to…like, cheek to cheek?

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: I…if a girl has a nice ass, I love it more than anything.

Erin: Yeah!

Maddox: Cause it feels like you're sitting on…on two globes of flesh. And it's just…(Erin giggles) it's warm. And it feels good. It's like Christm…it's like coming in from…

Sean: (interjects) Sounds like a serial killer. (they all laugh)

Dick: Yup.

Maddox: Shut up, Sean! (Erin squeals)

Dick: Yup, like usual.

Maddox: It's like coming…it's like coming in from the snow, right? On a cold winter day…

Erin: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: When you just had a snowball fight.

Erin: Imagery. Imagery.

Maddox: You're cold everywhere.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: And your butt is numb from coldness, which, my butt always is.

Erin: Oh. Oh.

Maddox: Feel. Dick, feel my butt right now.

Dick: Your butt is numb from coldness all the time?

Maddox: Cold. It's always cold! And it's numb, yeah. (Erin squeals) So…so when I press it up against a woman's bum…(Dick giggles) It feels great.

Dick: I'm sorry. (scoffs)

Erin: Bum against bum.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Bum against bum. It's a bum-off.

Erin: I like it.

Maddox: And then regular spooning, almost always leads to sex. 'Cause you get a boner.

Erin: No, no. That's what I'm saying, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? Smart.

Erin: So lady in back. Lady in back. To switch it up. That's what I would say for this guy. Or guy…little guy in back. If he's gay.

Maddox: Yeah. Ohh, but…but..(stammers) Erin, now you're…now you're imposing size privilege.

Erin: I KNOW!!!

Maddox: In a word with semiotic violence done against people who spoon with each other. (goofy voice)

Erin: I know. There's no answer. There's no answer.

Maddox: Fucking asshole!

Dick: It's also sexist to assume that he's dating a guy just because he's gay.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: You know? We don't know…(Maddox giggles)

Maddox: He could be…(chuckles)

Dick: He could be dating a woman.

Maddox: Wait, what does that even mean? How?

Erin: He's in the closet!

Dick: I…I don't know! That's what I…

Erin: If he's in the closet!

Dick: That's my mind now, the world we're in! Like, that's what I think…

Erin: We don't know. Exactly.

Dick: We don't know. You don't know.

Erin: We don't know. We don't know.

Maddox: Yeah…yeah. He may…he may not be gay normative, Erin. (she giggles) He actually may be gay fluid…gay…not binary.

Erin: No, no, but it's true! I don't wanna make assumptions, 'cause there are so many categories now.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick…Dick…let's get to…let's get to your problem.

Dick: Okay. I think I'm gonna take this one. Pretty handily. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay, let's hear it. (Erin squeals)

Dick: By the way.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: I want you guys, since we're doing so much grading tonight.

Erin: Mhmm.

Dick: I want you to grade how stupid and bad my haircut looks.

Maddox: I was about to say something when you walked in!! (laughs)

Dick: On a scale…on a scale of "Yes, it looks like shit." (Maddox laughs)

Erin: Ooh, I'm excited. Let's see this.

Dick: I mean…(stammers) it's embarrassing.

Maddox: I was gonna say something. I'm like…

Dick: It's embarrassing.

Maddox: What did you do? Just chop off your sideburns? What the fuck happened to your face?

Dick: Let's go. Let's go. Get it all out. (Maddox cackles) I had to explain this haircut to my parents. Go ahead, Sean.

Sean: Looks like somebody hit golf balls over each ear. (Maddox cracks up)

Erin: Awww.

Dick: Very good. Very good. Erin, do you have one as well?

Sean: Like, divots.

Dick: We can come back to you.

Erin: I know. I don't. I don't.

Dick: These idiots can probably keep going. (Maddox laughs)

Erin: I don't have…I don't have one.

Maddox: What's his name from Pulp Fiction?

Erin: Oh.

Dick: Ving Rhames?

Maddox: No, no…the…(Erin cracks up) the white…(laughs)

Dick: I do look like Ving Rhames, I think.

Maddox: The guy with his head…(Erin sighs loudly, laughs) No, no. The lead. The lead.

Erin: John Travolta?

Dick: John Travolta?

Maddox: John Travolta, yeah. You look like a Mexican John Travolta. (cracks up)

Dick: Great. Okay. Okay. (Erin squeals) Any more? Sean? You wanna repeat the same joke? (they laugh)

Maddox: The golf one was great! (Erin sighs) I have seen more of your h…your face than I've ever seen before. What…so, I didn't say…

Dick: Yeah. Science found a way to enlarge faces. (Maddox cracks up)

Erin: Ohhhhhh, my…

Maddox: I didn't say anything when you walked in, 'cause, like, you weren't here last week, and then…(stammers) I…I was like well, is this is a new thing? I dunno what's going on. What happened?

Dick: Yeah, I took so many steroids that my face grew. (Maddox and Sean crack up) I…I described this hair…I described this fucking haircut to my family over the phone. 'Cause they're not…they're out of state.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And these motherfu…just back and forth. Um…my dad goes, "Oh, so what is that… like a, that sounds like a mullet." I'm like "No, it's not a fucking mullet." And my sister goes, "No, no, it's more like Miley Cyrus." I'm like, "Yeah."

Maddox: Oh, boy. (Erin giggles)

Dick: Keep…let's go. Everybody get it out of your fucking system. Bad haircuts are a huge problem.

Maddox: Huh.

Erin: They are, actually.

Dick: I went to the…I went to the barber. And…sat down. And might as well have just said, "Can you just make me ugly?" (Maddox and Erin giggle) Like, can you just fuck up my…

Erin: Awwww.

Dick: All I wanted was a trim. All I wanted was a fucking trim.

Erin: They love cutting! They love cutting.

Dick: Oh, they love cutting…

Erin: They love it!

Dick: They don't measure…measure never. Cut once.

Erin: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Done. (Maddox laughs) That's a barber's philosophy.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: In my mind. I've had long hair for so long that I'd forgotten the terror of sitting down in a barber's seat.

Erin: I hate it. I cut my own hair.

Sean: He didn't do that with scissors, did he?

Dick: First of all, she.

Maddox: She. (groans)

Dick: She did it with a razor. I said, "Hey, just trim up…trim up the back, trim up the sides", um, you know, pretend like you've seen a human before. (they giggle) And you know what

a human being's head looks like. So she grabs the razor and goes, "Uh, like this?" NYAAAOW. (Maddox laughs)

Erin: Awwwww.

Dick: On the side? And I'm like "Well, the answer's yes now!!"

Maddox: I guess!!

Dick: You fucking jerk!! (laughs)

Maddox: Did she…did she offer you a choice of blades or something? Like…

Dick: Look, I don't…they always do that and I don't fucking know! I'm like…I don't…I don't know all your terms! Do I go to the mechanic…(Maddox laughs) and they're like "Oh, do you want…do you want, like, a stiff johnson rod, or like a reverse floppy one?" I'm like, "You're the mechanic!!! You're the fucking barber! You got some kind of certificate hanging on the FUCKING wall here!!" (yelling)

Erin: He's so pissed.

Dick: Next to your barber sign!!

Erin: He's so pissed. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I'm so pissed because it's all…(Erin cackles, squeals) I hate the experience! It makes me feel so powerless. (Maddox chuckles) And I KNOW they're gonna fuck it up every time!

Maddox: You feel like the little spoon!! (cracks up)

Erin: Awwwwww.

Dick: I feel JUST like the little spoon! It's so SEXIST!! These fucking barbers!! (Maddox still laughing, Erin claps) And I know they're…I know she's just sitting there, pretending she's chopping off my penis with every cut of the clippers.

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeah.

Erin: Why do you go to her? Repeatedly?

Maddox: Who is it? Who is it? Is it…was it one of those, like chains? Or was it an actual barbershop?

Dick: It's um…no. It's Floyd's…you know.

Maddox: Oh..

Erin: Ahhhhh.

Dick: It's part strip club…part…

Maddox: I've been to Floyd's! Floyd's is great!!! (Erin laughs)

Dick: They're very flirty there.

Maddox: They are.

Dick: They're overly flirty.

Maddox: Oh my…I…this is a true story. (Erin sighs) I went to Floyd's for a while. And I was dating someone at the time. I went to Floyd's and I…I came home. I was like, "Uh, I think my barber was hitting on me."

Erin: Oh.

Maddox: She goes…"Ugh. You think every girl's hitting on you." I'm like, "Well, she was."

Dick: It's true. You're both right.

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, that's true.

Dick: You can both be right. (Erin laughs)

Maddox: So she's like…she's like "She wasn't hitting on you." I'm like, "She was." And then I went back to her again, 'cause she gave…the best haircuts.

Erin: Mmm.

Maddox: Oh, my…she spent so much time on my head. And she…she, like, hit on me again.

Erin: Oh!

Maddox: And I came home, and I'm like…

Sean: (interjects) How long could she have spent?!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Oh, seriously Sean?! (Dick cracks up)

Erin: Awwwww.

Maddox: She…(stammers) shut your fucking mouth, Sean!! (Erin and Dick crack up) Hurry your shit!!

Dick: Yeah, why are you going to get a haircut? Why don't you just start writing another book, and it'll all just fall out?

Maddox: Well, that's the thing.

Erin: Ohhhhhh. (sad)

Maddox: I don't have much hair, dickhead! (Dick laughs) (Erin giggles) I don't have much hair, but she still spent a long time, so what does that tell you, right? So she's hitting on me…

Sean: That she was trying to find it.

Erin: It shows interest. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: You know what? Shut your fucking…get the fuck out!!!! Delete…delete everything! (Erin sighs loudly) Delete yourself from Earth, asshole!!!! (Dick cracks up) Fucking dick!!

Erin: Ohhhhhhhhhh, yes.

Maddox: So, anyway. She's spending a lot of time…

Dick: Got it. Got it!! We found the hair! Snip, done.

Erin: Awwwwwwww. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: You guys are real…fucking funny with these jokes.

(Sound effect: 'Ba-dum ching' cymbals)

Dick: So this woman's hitting on you…

Maddox: This woman's hitting on me.

Dick: You're so great. (Erin giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, I AM great! (Dick laughs) So she's hitting on me, yeah.

Erin: He is great.

Maddox: Thank you, Erin.

Erin: You're welcome.

Maddox: I got a real friend, finally.

Erin: It's true.

Maddox: One friend. (Dick giggles) My first real friend.

Erin: Friends forever.

Maddox: First friend. You're my first friend.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Yayyy!

Maddox: So…so…(giggles) so this woman's hitting on me, right?

Dick: Are you gonna write the CEO of Twitter for your new friend? Er....of Tinder, for your new friend? (giggles)

Maddox: No. Floyd's.

Dick: Oh, go ahead. (laughing)

Maddox: I 'm gonna write the CEO of Floyd's. N…anyway. So…(Erin giggles) So this woman, right?

Erin: Yes. Flirty. Flirty.

Maddox: So she's…she's flirting. And…and here's how. Like, I swear to God, at one point, she's…she's clipping my hair, and stuff. And she gets around the front, and kinda, like, straddles me, almost.

Erin: What?!! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. Almost like stra….

Erin: Wow!!

Maddox: And I'm like, "Oh this is…she just must be trying to get my bangs, or whatever." (Erin laughs and squeals)

Dick: What do you think bangs are? (Erin squeals)

Maddox: Okay, shut up. (Erin laughs) She's just getting the front of my head!

Dick: The stuff hanging out of your ears?!

Erin: Awwwwwwww.

Maddox: Whatever the fuck…the what…(stammers) wherever bangs would be, she's in the front area! Okay, dickhead?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: She's there.

Erin: The forehead area.

Maddox: The forehead area. She's in my forehead. Alright. (Erin cackles)

Dick: Fivehead, I would call that. (background laughter)

Maddox: Shut the fuck…shut the fuck up!

Erin: I wanna hear the story!!!

Maddox: You asshole. (Dick laughs) (Erin cackles and squeals) Just yuks, yuks, yuks!! Lots of jokes!! (giggles) The funniest fucking…

Erin: Tell us. Tell us the story.

Maddox: I don't know if I want to!

Dick: So this woman straddled you obscenely.

Maddox: I was about to get to the hot…I was about to get to the hot part, and I don't know if I wanna tell you anymore. (Dick laughs)

Erin: I wanna hear it! (whines)

Maddox: You wanna hear the hot part?

Erin: Yes, please tell me.

Maddox: Erin, as my only friend, I'm gonna tell you.

Erin: Yes. Yes! Please tell me. Please.

Maddox: Okay. So she's…she's…on my forehead area with the bangs, you know. (Erin laughs) (Maddox cracks up) And then she…she grazes my face with her boobs.

Erin: Oh, crap!

Maddox: And I'm like…"uh…"

Erin: Wow.

Maddox: This..and but…she was wearing…

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute. Wait a minute. How does that work logistically?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She's cutting your bangs and she gets her boobs in your face?! (Erin cackles)

Maddox: She got my boo…she got her boobs in my face!

Sean: Was this a T-rex? (they all laugh) Her arms must have been really short.

Dick: This doesn't add up, buddy. Maybe on one of your 3D models, it does. (Erin giggles)

Maddox: No, no, no. So she…she was in front of me, and then she kind of…(stammers) she told me to turn my head, and I did, and it kinda like…it kinda grazed her boobs.

Erin: Wait, you turned your head.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Well, she then moved off to the side. She told me to turn my head. I…it grazed her boobs.

Erin: Okay.

Maddox: And then I thought, "Well, she's wearing one of those, like, barber aprons, so it could've just been apron." Right?

Erin: Either way, there's contact, right?

Maddox: Maybe…yeah. There was contact. I totally felt it.

Dick: Well. With an apron or a boob. (giggles)

Erin: Exactly.

Maddox: Well, so then I came home, and I…I told my girlfriend at the time.

Dick: Big mistake.

Erin: Mmmmmmm.

Maddox: (laughs) Well.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Whatever. I don't give a shit! (they talk over each other)

Dick: What would you say as a dating advice expert?

Erin: Yeah, I would say there's no need to say that to your girlfriend.

Dick: Why? Wh….

Erin: Because it's gonna cause unnecessary drama, perhaps. Or jealousy.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: No!!

Dick: Bragging about getting a boob rubbed on you.

Erin: Like, just enjoy it in your head!!! Like, oh, that was nice, I got a boob graze!

Maddox: Because she never believed me anyway, so what the fuck difference does it make?! (Erin laughs) I was like, "Well, this happened. I'm just letting you know.

Dick: Oh. (laughs)

Maddox: And then…and then. A month later.

Erin: Mmm.

Maddox: It was, like, around Christmastime.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: I get a message from my barber…(Erin gasps) on Facebook.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Saying, "Hey…hey Maddox, I think you're really cute."

Erin: Oh. (gasps) Seriously!?

Maddox: Uh-huh. And I was like…she was like.."Oh, I think we should go out sometime, maybe get some drinks", or whatever.

Erin: Oh. Mhmm.

Maddox: "And I think you're really interesting", blablabla, just, like, GUSHING.

Erin: Okay!!! (excited)

Maddox: And…and I called my girlfriend into the room, I'm like, "Hey! Look!! Look!!!" (Erin laughs)

Dick: Mistake number two!!

Maddox: I told you!!

Erin: I know! Why?! Why!?

Maddox: I fucking told you!! 'Cause I was like…I'm a very open guy, Erin. Like…if this shit happens…

Erin: Yes.

Sean: (interjects) I love that he just wanted to be right.

Dick: Yeah! (Erin giggles) He just wanted to be right.

Maddox: I…and I was. I was!! (Erin giggles) I was right! Right, right, right. Me, me, me. And she was hot as shit! And that happened. My barber at Floyd's hit on me!!

Erin: There you go!

Maddox: And you got a shitty haircut.

Dick: Well, mine fucked up my hair. (Erin and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: No boob graze for you!

Dick: So let me describe…

Erin: (interjects) No boob graze.

Dick: So…because…people listening can't see. It's basically where all the long…the long hair stops being long at some point and your hair kinda gets, like, pube-y, right? (Erin giggles) On your sideburns, you know?

Erin: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, it turns into face hair?

Erin: Yes.

Dick: And that hair doesn't get long.

Erin: Right.

Maddox: Like Tina Turner from Mad Max, like, Beyond Thunderdome.

Erin: Oh, yes.

Dick: Okay. Fuck you!!! (Maddox cracks up)

Erin: But that's what…no, hipsters are doing that, now! They're all doing the side graze. That's why she did it! (Dick sighs, exasperated) She wants you to be hip!

Dick: Well, she just shaved all of that little hair.

Erin: How?

Dick: Like, with a razor. Just "nyyyyyyyyyowww", all the way around. (Erin giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it looks like a…it looks like a bowl cut…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I have very long hair. And I know the look you're talking about.

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the Hilter youth look.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Erin: Yeah!

Dick: Where it's long on the top and…

Erin: Yes.

Dick: But it doesn't go up high enough for that.

Maddox: It's not that.

Erin: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: Like, it goes…it only goes midway, so I look like Slingblade…I look like a mix of Weird Al and Slingblade now. (Maddox chuckles) Right?

Erin: But did you tip her?

Dick: Of course.

Erin: Noooooo!!! Why!?

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: What a gentleman.

Dick: Because that's the culture we're in. You have…

Erin: (interjects) But you weren't happy with the service!

Dick: Yeah, but I…I also did…(stammers) I didn't really care. Like, just do whatever you want.

Maddox: Well… (Erin groans)

Dick: I'm not…I don't…I don't wanna deal with this.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: I'm just tipping and getting outta here. (Erin groans)

Sean: You only paid 78% of the bill, anyway, right? (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, that's true. She was a woman. She was a woman.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. Thank God.

Erin: Ohh, see?! See?!

Dick: Thank God.

Maddox: So he tipped…he tipped just to make it, like, the even amount that a man would earn. That's what that was.

Erin: So nice.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Erin: So nice of him.

Maddox: Very…very considerate of Dick. (Erin giggles)

Dick: Bad Haircuts. Everybody's gotta deal with 'em.

Erin: It's true. You are right.

Dick: They're terrifying.

Maddox: Dick…y…

Dick: (interjects) And no matter how…no matter how cool you are. (Erin giggles) No matter how…hot your Tinder profile is…

Erin: Mhmmmmmm.

Dick: No matter how many Trump hats that you have, signed by Donald Trump.

Erin: What?!

Dick: No matter how expensive your watch is…

Maddox: He…he does. Yeah.

Dick: Or how funny you are…being right now.

Erin: Are these just all things that you have or do?

Dick: No matter how much of a great lover you are…

Maddox: Yes. Yes. (Erin giggles) He's not. He's not.

Dick: Having a shitty haircut. Having a bad haircut negates ALL of it.

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: So you just look like a weird psychopath.

Erin: Until it grows out!

Dick: (scoffs) Until it…until that magical three-day period…

Erin: True.

Dick: Where it's grown out and not then too long again. (Erin cackles)

Maddox: You…you look like Flock of Seagulls. (they all crack up)

Dick: I really am upset by it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: All…all psychopaths have weird hair, right?

Maddox: I didn't wanna say anything.

Erin: That's true. That is the truth.

Dick: All psychopaths had weird hair.

Maddox: Yeah. That's true.

Erin: Murderers.

Dick: If you're putting a psychopath in a movie…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Erin: Yes.

Dick: You say, "Weird that guy's hair up."

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: "Give him a fucking weird haircut."

Erin: That's true.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: That's what…and that's what you think.

Erin: (interjects) Javier Bordem. What was that movie?

Dick: No Country for Old Men.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: No Country for Old Men.

Erin: Crazy haircut. Crazy haircut.

Dick: This is a weirder haircut than he had, I feel like right now.

Erin: Oh, my gosh. Oh my gosh. Awww.

Maddox: You look like a truck driver.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You look like a…

Erin: Awwww.

Maddox: You look like a truck driver.

Dick: Funny. (Erin giggles)

Erin: It'll grow out!

Maddox: You look like Larg…you look like Large Marge.

Dick: Large Marge? (Maddox laughs)

Erin: Oh, yay! I love that movie!!! So good.

Maddox: Ohhhh, man.

Erin: SO good.

Maddox: No, I'm…I'm sorry, buddy. Look. You and I have a friend…

Dick: I mean, don't be SORRY.

Maddox: No, I'm…I…I just feel…I feel like I should apologize…(goofy voice) because of the semiotic violence that the barber inflicted on your head…(Erin squeals) and the injustice of the world and the shears, and blablablabla!! Shut up!!! But, um…you and I have a friend. And…he…

Dick: Surprising, right?

Erin: I know, wow. (Maddox giggles) Oh my gosh.

Maddox: Uh, well…

Erin: Besides me!? Come on!!!

Maddox: Besides you. But…Erin, you're my only friend. But, uh…Dick and I have a mutual friend.

Erin: Mmm.

Maddox: Between us.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Uh, we share him.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: And…(giggles) he gets the worst haircuts. And I told him one time, like, dude…

Erin: Ohhh.

Dick: (interjects) Who is it? Give me some hints.

Maddox: You look…ummm. (giggles)

Dick: Is he a tall guy, is he a short guy?

Maddox: He's a tall guy.

Dick: Tall guy. Okay.

Maddox: Super nice guy.

Dick: Does he have a kid?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did he just have a kid? (grins)

Maddox: He just had a kid. (giggles) Yeah.

Erin: Ohhhhhhhhh.

Dick: Yes, he does. You are right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He gets these haircuts where, like, you get…there's like that level where it turns into your head hair, and then he just goes, like, "keep going."

Erin: Awww. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Keep on going.

Erin: Noooo!

Dick: Keep going. Yeah.

Maddox: So I told him one time. I'm like, dude, "What the fuck…what are you doing with your head?"

Erin: Ohoho! (laughs)

Maddox: What is…what is…what's going on here?! And he goes, "Oh what? I just get the cheapest haircut." I'm like, "I know. Everyone knows."

Erin: Ohhh.

Maddox: Everyone knows.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: And I…(stammers) I said, "Go to Floyd's.."

Dick: (interjects) He negotiates 'em down. He's like…"If you take half the time, can I cut the bill in half?" (Erin giggles) They're like, "Yeah, but it'll look like shit." "Perfect." (Erin and Maddox laughs)

Erin: Perfect!

Maddox: He looks like…he's…he's a grown-ass man, he's like 36 years old.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: And he…

Dick: He's a dad!

Maddox: He's a dad.

Dick: Beautiful new baby boy.

Erin: Awww.

Maddox: Yeah. And he…he gets these haircuts that make him look like an eight-year-old boy.

Erin: Oh no!!

Maddox: And it is…(giggles) It is so bad!

Dick: It's so…it's so emasculating to have a bad haircut!

Maddox: Yeah. I told him to go to Floyd's, this place where I got the haircut. And I told him, "Look. You're not gonna get a good haircut 100% of the time."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: "But it's a higher percentage of the time than any other place I've gone to." And once you find that good barber…

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: There were two at Floyd's.

Erin: Mmm.

Maddox: The girl who was flirting with me, and this gay guy, who just fucking…he did magic on my hair!

Erin: I love it.

Maddox: He spent 15 minutes, not the girl who was flirting with me, 35 minutes, 45 minutes with her.

Dick: Magic literally? Like, looking at it like a crystal ball?

Maddox: Oh, shut the fuck up! (they laugh) I'm so tired of this shit!! (Erin giggles and sighs) I've got plenty of hair!!! It's all over my neck and back! (they laugh again)

Erin: And face.

Maddox: And face. Thank you, Erin!

Erin: Yes.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: My one true friend!

Dick: And arms.

Erin: Very manly facial hair.

Maddox: Yeah! Real manly, DICK. (Erin giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Take notes. Your face is…(cracks up) (stammers) this is the smoothest I've ever seen it! You look like a baby!

Dick: Yeah. Well…

Maddox: Anyway, man.

Dick: I shaved.

Maddox: So I told this guy…I told him to…

Dick: (interjects) This isn't…this isn't the episode for shaving jokes.

Maddox: No…nope.

Dick: That's next week.

Maddox: That's next week.

Erin: Oh, crap.

Maddox: So…so I told this friend of ours. I said, "Look man, go to Floyd's. Spend a little bit…" it's, like, not much more…

Erin: You're a good friend.

Maddox: It's like 10…yeah!!

Erin: Seriously.

Maddox: It's like 10 bucks more.

Erin: (interjects) To be honest with him.

Maddox: Just spend 10 bucks…thank you, Erin.

Dick: No!! He's a good friend for telling the guy that his hair look like shit?!

Erin: Yes!!!

Maddox: Yes.

Erin: Yess!!

Dick: Aaaaaachhh.

Erin: Because you were judging him too, and you know it, Dick!

Maddox: Yeah. And (stammers) Dick, it's like…

Dick: (interjects) It's funny, though. (Erin giggles)

Maddox: It's like a friend is…

Dick: (interjects) He's ruining it for all the other friends. (giggles)

Erin: And you're the bad friend! You're the bad friend. Maddox is a good friend.

Maddox: One of the…best things you can do for a friend. And I'm not…this is in all sincerity. Is if they smell, tell them they smell. Because no one else is gonna say it.

Erin: I'm with you.

Maddox: People are gonna be polite.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: And…and whatever.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Like, if you have a friend who has, like…

Erin: (interjects) Something in their teeth.

Maddox: Something in their teeth. Tell them. Unless it's…(giggles) unless it's a girl. (stammers)

Erin: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Like, I've dated a lot of girls who eat ice cream REALLY sloppily and it gets all over their fucking face, and I never tell them.

Dick: Like a horse?

Maddox: Oh…oh…(Erin cracks up) Like a…

Dick: How sloppily?!

Maddox: (laughing) Like…

Dick: How sloppy are these girls you're dating!?? (laughing) (Erin cracks up)

Maddox: Like a…like a pie-eating contest. And they…buddy, they eat everything that way. (laughing) It's like a pie-eating contest.

Dick: Penis, as well? Is that…

Erin: Oh, my gosh.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. That's the implication. (Maddox and Dick giggle)

Erin: Oh, we were all thinking it. We were all thinking it.

Maddox: Yeah, we were all…so they'd get chocolate…

Dick: I don't think that's a good thing!

Maddox: Oh, it's hilarious. Uh…(laughing) So it's like…it's like a reverse motorboat. (Erin sighs) So, uh, they get chocolate all over their face and I remember one time, I dated this girl. She got chocolate all over her face. It was on her nose, on her cheeks and everything.

Erin: Oh, no!

Maddox: And I didn't tell her. (giggles)

Erin: Ohhhhhh!

Maddox: And we were out at a mall. We went to a movie. (giggles) (Erin cracks up) We went to a restaurant.

Sean: Boy was she embarrassed when she went back to fourth grade. (they all laugh)

Maddox: Sean! Sh…

Dick: (interjects) Still think he's a good friend!? (Maddox and Erin crack up)

Erin: Yeah, pretty terrible now.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: Pretty terrible.

Dick: Pretty terrible.

Maddox: No, no. She wasn't my friend. She was my girlfriend.

Erin: And this is a girlfriend!!!! That's even worse!!

Dick: That's even worse.

Maddox: Eh, it's hilarious. (Erin groans)

Dick: Bragging about touching boobs…(laughing)

Erin: I know!!!!

Dick: Making her get ice cream all over her face…(Maddox giggles) (Erin groans)

Maddox: Whatever. (Erin groans) People who get bad haircuts…awesome. Awesome.

Dick: That's my problem.

Maddox: Great.

Erin: That's a good one.

Dick: It's…it's like now I gotta learn how to be ugly for two weeks. Like, well…

Maddox: Ohh. (giggles)

Dick: How to be ugly on the internet.

Erin: You experience what it's like not to be beautiful for three weeks.

Dick: Yeah. Sucks. (Erin laughs) I dunno if I'll make it through it.

Erin: You can do it.

Dick: That's my problem. What do you wanna plug? Thank you for stopping by again.

Erin: Oh, thank you! I'm so happy to be here. You guys are the best. I have so much fun on this show.

Dick: I'm gonna work on my Tinder profile. I'll delete those extra pictures.

Erin: Yeah. Yeah. 'Cause I'm sure you have a bunch of selfies or something you could add instead.

Dick: Maybe I'll just put my business up there. I'll put my…(giggles) my life coach's services.

Erin: Hey. If you do…just put it in the profile, so people know. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: So…

Maddox: And make it dating related. Yeah, so. Anyway, Erin…

Erin: Exactly.

Maddox: What's…your website again is…

Erin: Yes. http://www.thedatingadvicegirl.com. I'm on…all of the social media platforms. ALL of them!! Um…so find me on my website. I actually am just about to launch my first dating coaching webinar, that's downloadable, etc. 'Cause I do workshops, so it's literally like you could…I'm like in your home giving you one-on-one coaching. You download it, and I'm basically sprucing up your love life and giving you tips for messaging and conversing with other singles. (claps)

Dick: Oh, shit! You know what? That reminds me.

Erin: Oh.

Dick: I wrote a bunch of libertarian pickup lines. I wanted to get your…

Maddox: (laughs) Okay. (Erin cackles)

Sean: Oh, god!! (in the background)

Dick: I wanted to get your opinion of these libertarian pickup lines that I wrote.

Erin: Okay, let's do this!

Maddox: Let's hear these.

Dick: Uh, are you a fiat currency? Because you're causing high levels of inflation in my pants. (Erin and Sean laugh) (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Do you think that would work.

Erin: Uhhhhhhh……no. Next.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: What's the next one?

Dick: Girl…I wanna fuck you like I interpret the constitution. Literally.

(Sound effect: Boner loss "sproing")

(Maddox laughs)

Erin: (groans)

Maddox: These are awful!!

Erin: I just have a question mark in my brain!!

Dick: Ohh.

Erin: But go on.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: Next one.

Dick: This is not…maybe it's not the right audience.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: That is how a libertarian interprets the Constitution. Like, literally.

Dick: Literally. Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like…(Erin squeals and laughs)

Dick: Girl, I'll respect you like property rights. Right? That's funny. (dead air) (Erin groans) Girl…

Maddox: (laughing) These are all…

Dick: Girl…girl…my love…my dick is like the free market. It'll solve all of your problems.

Erin: No, but…

Dick: (interjects) Because it fosters innovation, punishes inefficiencies, and it's a reflection of the economic decisions and values of all society. And not just an elite ruling class. (Sean cracks up)

(Sound effect: Crickets)

(Maddox cracks up)

Erin: You had me at, like, the half.

Dick: Is that hot? That's pretty hot!

Erin: Like, half…half of that statement, you had me. And then you lost me.

Dick: Oh shi…why? Do you think I should keep the second half?

Erin: Too much…too many words. I'm like going to sleep and not even wanting to have sex with you. It's too long.

Dick: Hmm. How about, uh…girl, I need that ass…(Erin giggles) like the US needs to return to the gold standard. Because it provides long-term economic stability…(Erin snorts)

Maddox: (interjects) No it fucking doesn't!!

Dick: And growth…(Erin and Maddox crack up) It prevents inflation.

Maddox: No it doesn't.

Dick: It would restrict the ability of the government to run up large deficits by printing money at will.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Which also increases the national debt and the economy has historically performed better…

Erin: (interjects) Oh, my God.

Dick: …under a gold stand…

Maddox: (interjects) No, it fucking hasn't!!

Dick: (interjects) Is that a good pickup line?!

Maddox: In 1931, it didn't, you shithead! It crashed!! (Erin giggles) And it doesn't allow for quantitative or qualitative easing in the economy, dickhead! (yells) It takes away tools from economists to be able to do anything! Oh, I'm sorry. Uh, so Erin, was that a good pickup line? (giggles)

Erin: None of…none of this makes me want to have sex with anybody. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Shit! Okay, wait. I got…this one's better.

Maddox: What about me!?! (they crack up)

Dick: Girl…girl…

Erin: Girl…(imitating Dick)

Dick: Girl, I wanna…you have to say "girl".

Erin: Girl (whines)

Dick: That's how you…it's like the military.

Erin: Yeah.

Dick: Sir, yes sir. Girl…(Erin snorts) I wanna dress up like Ayn Rand and make a fountain all over your head. (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Erin: I mean…

Dick: That's pretty good. That's clear.

Erin: That's better than the other…you're right. It's very clear.

Dick: That's the best one?

Erin: It's very clear.

Maddox: I don't get it. How…(stammers) what do you mean, a fountain?

Sean: Ayn…Ayn…she wrote "The Fountainhead".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ohhhh, that's right. Okay. Alright.

Dick: You didn't discover that in all your libertarian research? (giggles)

Erin: These are all very sapiosexual, actually.

Dick: Oh!!!

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Erin: Yeah. Very cerebral.

Dick: Okay. This one's very cerebral. Uh, girl…(Erin tries not to laugh) I'll pay you forty dollars to touch my dick through my pants. (Erin giggles) That's very libertarian, right?

Maddox: Very libertarian. (giggles)

Dick: Straight exchange of services for money?

Maddox: Sure.

Erin: I know a lot of girls who would take you up on that.

Dick: Alright. That's it. (Erin giggles) Those are all my…libertarian pickup lines.

Erin: Alright, nice job. Nice job. Nice job.

Maddox: Alright. Bravo. Bravo.

(Sound effect: Applause)

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Bravo, Dick.

Erin: Yes, yes. Very nice. Very nice.

Maddox: Good job.

Dick: So that's the…the good one is the Ayn Rand one.

Erin: And the last one if you want ladies who want some cash.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Prostitutes. Uh, what's that website? Uh…

Dick: Backpage.

Maddox: Yeah. Backpage. Backpage. Yeah. (Erin giggles)

Dick: Backpage.

Maddox: Um, Erin…

Erin: Yes?

Maddox: You have some exciting news. You are now certified as…

Erin: (gasps) Oh, thank you!!

Maddox: …NLP. Uh…

Erin: Yay!!!

Maddox: You wanna explain to people what that is?

Erin: Okay, so…NLP…

Dick: Can you say that…NLP?

Maddox: NLP.

Dick: The letters?

Erin: NLP.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Okay.

Erin: Neurolinguistic programming.

Maddox: Right.

Erin: So it's, like, kinda Tony Robbins stuff. It's positive thinking. There's some exercises you can do to someone, with their permission. Like, for example, you can touch their hand or something and basically help them trigger a positive thought if they're feeling, like, anxiety or something negative.

Dick: Hmm.

Erin: Somebody can touch their finger, for example, and remember a time where they felt powerful. And it's…it's really great. It's all about suggestions and all that kind of stuff.

Maddox: So, I…

Erin: (interjects) So I'm certified in that now.

Dick: Is there a way you can do it to make them feel bad? Is there, like, an anti-NLP?

Erin: If I…

Maddox: Yeah, it's called a punch!

Erin: If I…(they crack up)

Maddox: You punch 'em in the head.

Dick: Let's get certified in that.

Erin: If I was unethical, probably, yes.

Maddox: The..(stammers) I…

Erin: But I have a high level of ethics.

Maddox: So this NLP stuff is pretty interesting. I looked into it a long time ago, because someone recommended this book, I'm like, "Ugh, okay, another fucking thing now. What?!" And I picked it up. (giggles) And it was…it was really interesting, some of the things that they talked about in this book was how to deal with traumatic memories and events.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Specifically, um, if you view it in terms of a movie. Your life is essentially a movie that's playing in your head…

Erin: True.

Maddox: And you're the star.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh…you're seeing all these pictures and things in your memories of…in the past…are memories that you're…that are kind of just constructed. They're not real things.

Erin: Right.

Maddox: They're ephemeral.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: So…if you view that memory from a third person.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Like in a movie. Like, if you're…if you're watching a movie and you see a car go off a cliff and you're seeing it first person point of view..

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh, it's…you know, with the knuckles on the steering wheel, and the person gasping right as they're going off the cliff.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's much more cerebral, versus you're watching it from a distance.

Erin: Yeah.

Maddox: And like, this little car kinda flies off.

Erin: Like you're more removed.

Maddox: Yeah, you're more removed.

Erin: Right.

Maddox: And you're not…you don't feel it as much.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: So they kind of teach you strategies on coping with trauma and things like that.

Erin: And, like, visualization techniques to do that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: So you can see yourself removed from that traumatic experience.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: So that you're like, "Oh, I'm not as…I'm not so tied to that emotion attached to it."

Maddox: Beca…bec…

Erin: (interjects) It's very powerful, actually.

Maddox: Absolutely. Because Sean…Sean, our audio engineer has given some…sage-like wisdom at one point. (they snort) He says that things…

Dick: Suspicious…the look on his face. You're right to be that suspicious, Sean.

Maddox: Yeah. You are right.

Sean: I have no idea what's coming.

Dick: This sounds like a but…you're getting buttering up for getting fucked, or something. (they crack up)

Sean: I'm sorry…I'm sorry about the…I'm sorry about the hair. (they laugh)

Dick: Yeah. (laughing) (Erin sighs) This sounds like an insult.

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean. Oh, you're getting yours, buddy. It's coming. Uh, but Sean said that things are rarely as good or as bad as they seem!

Erin: Mmm.

Maddox: And…

Dick: He says that about the podcast every week afterwards.

Maddox: (giggles) He does. (Erin cracks up)

Dick: He's like, "Well."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "It's never as good or as bad as you think it was."

Maddox: And it's usually when we're really high. When we're really high on ourselves. "That was a really good episode!" it's, like, "Guys, it wasn't that good."

Dick: We had a dank bowl.

Maddox: Shut up! (Erin and Dick laugh) So…(giggles) So Sean…Sean said that things are rarely as good or as bad as they seem. And…I think, applied to NLP is that…if you remove yourself…

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: From that situation. And you look at it as a third party observer.

Erin: Or reframe it.

Maddox: Yeah. Reframe it, essentially.

Erin: Yes.

Maddox: Uh, you look at it from a different frame. Uh, a different observer.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh, that's how I view it.

Erin: Mhmm.

Maddox: You will be able to see it a little bit more objectively.

Erin: Right.

Maddox: Because when you're in it, you feel much more strongly about things that no one else gives a shit about.

Erin: Absolutely.

Maddox: Yeah.

Erin: And you…the problem is, we let those things affect us in the future, when we could leave it in the past, but it's like…we revisit those things as the first person. It's like we can't let go of things. Like with dating. People have a bad breakup, and so they literally feel like every other person's gonna hurt them as bad as that bad breakup does.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Mhmm.

Erin: So what I do with the dating…

Dick: It will. (Sean laughs)

Erin: Stop it!! (Dick giggles) So what I do with..when I coach people on dating, is I help them refrain that, to make them believe, and really, really believe and trust that that's not gonna happen again and again and again.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Dick.

Erin: "Cause we tell ourselves that that's what's gonna happen."

Dick: What's up?

Sean: Not as bad. Much, much worse. Right?!

Erin: Noooooo!!! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah. It gets worse every year! They get smarter and older and they hit you a lot harder.

Maddox: No but…

Erin: That's why you date younger!

Dick: Life sucks.

Maddox: No…you…(stammers)

Erin: Like I do. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. You date younger. And also, also, you become callous. That's the wa…

Erin: Awwwwwwww.

Maddox: Right, Erin?!

Erin: Nooooo!! Nooo!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (laughs) You can't hurt a callus!!

Erin: Don't be jaded! No!!

Dick: This is what NLP is about. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, no, no, no. (Erin giggles) It's actually…it's actually not at all. But yeah. It's very interesting stuff. Congratulations, Erin.

Erin: Thank you!!

Maddox: Thank you for coming by the show.

Erin: I love you guys. Thanks for having me.

Dick: Thank you.

Erin: Nice.

Maddox: Alright, guys. My problem this week was Spooning Victims

(closing riff starts)

Erin: And my problem is Unfair Internet Bans.

Dick: Uh, my problem is Bad Haircuts.

Maddox: Bad haircuts. Guys, thanks for listening. We'll be back next week.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, this is Aryan McPatriarchy. (Maddox giggles) **I'm the Emperor of all straight, white men.** (Maddox laughs)

Erin: Oh, geez.

"I'm just calling in to congratulate Asterios on figuring out my grand scheme, where I subjugate women and minorities (Dick and Maddox giggle) **by forcing filmmakers to include a majority of straight, white people in their theatrical ensemble.**

Dick: What the hell did he say?! (Maddox laughs)

"It never had anything to do with the fact that nearly 4 out of 5 Americans are white and these demographics are naturally reflected in our films."

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: Yeah. He's actually right.

"No. It was always racism. And I would have gotten away with it, too, if it weren't for you digital cyberdemons and your boisterous coconuts.") (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: That might be one of my favorite voice mails. It's a good point. So…so…

Dick: He's the emperor of all white people. That's cool.

Erin: Oh, my God.

Maddox: We've talked…we talked about this last time I…

Erin: I love that I'm this show listening to this right now.

Maddox: Oh, I know. It's a…

Erin: (interjects) For those of you who don't know, I am a black female. So it's perfect. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Erin is a bl…Erin is a black woman, and…

Dick: He's our Jesse Jackson. That was the guy that just called in. (Maddox and Erin guffaw)

Erin: Oh, wow. (giggles)

Maddox: So, last episode, Erin…

Erin: Mmm.

Maddox: He was like, "Well, um.." Asterios was like "Why don't we have representation, uh, like more black people winning Oscars, blablabla?"

Dick: What? (giggles)

Maddox: And that's the point.

Erin: Yeah. Sure.

Maddox: And I looked into it. Well, I brought up that point. To be fair. I brought up that point.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And…people will say, "Black people aren't winning enough Oscars!" and I looked into it and…

Dick: (interjects) Uh, how about fuck the Oscars? Who cares?

Maddox: Well, I looked into it, and…and…black people got 17% of the nominations last time.

Erin: Right.

Maddox: Which is, like, more than…they're, like, 13% of the population. They are represented. And then, uh, overall…over the entire course of Oscar history.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They say that, I think 15 out of 65 Oscars were given to black people, and I did the math, and that's like 10%.

Erin: 15 out of 65.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 15 out of 65. That's 10%.

Erin: 15.

Maddox: Yeah, 15.

Dick: And also…

Maddox: That's like 10%!

Dick: The Oscars are a fucking ad to make you watch these movies…

Erin: That's true.

Dick: By a bunch of shitheads who do NOTHING. Honoring other people who don't do shit.

Maddox: I…agree. Not on point, but I agree.

Dick: Yeah.

Erin: I like the industry, so I'm not gonna say anything about that. But I will say…

Dick: (interjects) Ohhh, yeah.

Erin: But I will say, I mean, I don't know. If you…I don't know. I just…(stammers) this is hard, and there's not enough time, probably, to talk about it. But…but…I feel… proportionately to the population, you're correct.

Maddox: Right.

Erin: Percentage wise? But it would be nice to see…how about, like, even more representation of Asian people…

Maddox: Oh, absolutely.

Erin: Other ethnicities, etc. So, yeah.

Maddox: No, that…that was the point I made. I said we don't see enough Latinos. We don't see enough Asian people.

Erin: Sure.

Dick: Uh, we see enough Latinos. Alright?

Maddox: (scoffs) Actually..

Dick: We got…we need a big wall in front of the Oscars to….(they crack up)

Erin: Donald…

Maddox: Donald Trump

Dick: To keep those Latinos out.

Maddox: Fucking Donald Trump! (Dick cracks up) We're gonna get into this Trump shit, dickhead! Trump is an anti-vaxxer!

Dick: Baby, I got a whole year.

Maddox: He's an anti-vaxxer. That piece of shit.

Dick: Who cares?

Erin: What does that mean? What does that mean?

Maddox: Someone who's opposed to vaccinations.

Erin: Oh, vaxxer. Got it.

Maddox: Anti-vaxxer. Yeah.

Erin: Got it. Got it.

Dick: It's the biggest problem right now on the list. It's over 10,000 votes.

Maddox: Yeah.

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Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 79

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Eyesores to ISIS! (Dick and Sean laugh) With over… with over 4 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick.

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hey.

Maddox: Welcome back. Episode 79.

Dick: Eyesores.

Maddox: Yeah. Eyesores and ISIS. They're…they're both trouble, you know. You don't want either one in your neighborhood.

Dick: Nope!

Maddox: They're both blights on neighborhoods.

Dick: And they're both stopped by a big wall.

Maddox: Oh, boy. (Dick cackles) More Trump propaganda!

Dick: Ohhh. (sighs) How did we do last week?

Maddox: Dick, that's a good question.

Dick: Trump didn't invent walls. (Sean giggles)

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Last week, the biggest problem in the universe was Bad Haircuts.

Dick: Oh, good.

Maddox: Very…(giggles) very relatable. Good job, Dick. (Dick laughs) Bad haircuts. Then, Unfair Internet Bans.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Just barely.

Dick: Did that get in the positives?

Maddox: It was…it was very controversial. It was in the positives for a little while, and then it was voted down. Now it's hovering around zero.

Dick: Yeaaaah. Well, I guess….well, who's…who's deciding that they're unfair? That's the problem. Right?

Maddox: Well, Erin thought hers were unfair.

Dick: And hers was definitely not unfair.

Maddox: No. Well…(Sean giggles)

Dick: She was banned fairly.

Maddox: No, but she said she got a professional account. It sounds like that's what that account was there for.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Is to promote services. Because, clearly…Tinder has no problem selling ads to different companies and TV shows to…

Dick: Well, yeah! They're a company!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They gotta make money.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: They gotta put ads on their free service.

Maddox: But if she has a professional account, if that's what it's there for.

Dick: See, but I think when SHE says that it's a "professional account"…

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: I suspect that maybe she's just decided it's professional, and is just running her ad on a dating profile.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't feel like…

Dick: (interjects) Like, I've never seen a "How to have a professional account on Tinder."

Maddox: I looked into it, I couldn't find any…I couldn't find any documentation about that.

Dick: (giggles) Yeah.

Maddox: But, I don't…I don't…it doesn't bother me. It's like seeing a video game ad while I'm playing a video game. I don't mind, because I'm already there to play the video game, you know what I mean?

Dick: Oh, I think you would mind something like that, though. If it was anyone else other than Erin bringing it in, I think you would mind…someone shilling themselves based under…on false pretenses. Like, she's got a picture of herself…like…assumedly. She's got a hot picture of herself on there, and then when you investigate more, it says, "This is an ad." Right? It doesn't say, "Hi, dating coach." That's not the picture. It's a picture of a beautiful girl. Right?

Maddox: Right. Because you're not allowed to have text on your profile pictures.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: The reason…the reason it doesn't bother me is because she's up front and not misleading. Because…if I…if I match with a girl on Tinder, which I always do. Every girl I've ever swiped right on, I match.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So if I…if I match a girl on Tinder…

Dick: That's a pretty good record.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a good record. 100%. I…look at their profile, and I read what they're saying before I message them. Because I have…I…there are girls who have been hot as shit, like, stone cold foxes, and I've not messaged them because they have snooty, shitty, obnoxious profiles.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: For example, this is the type of girl I hate, and you will die alone. I will never date you. You will die alone. It's the type of girl who says, "Well, if you do such-and-such thing for me, I'll consider going on a date." Or "If you're this type of person, I'll consider…" (Dick chuckles) You know what? Don't deign to date me, dipshit!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'll date someone else. I'll date any of these other hotties in my profiles.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll take those girls.

Maddox: Yeah, of course you will.

Dick: Gimme those girls. I'll do whatever you want, baby. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What do you want, the moon? It's yours.

Maddox: And then…and then dead last, was Spooning Victims. And I got a…I got a comment about that. It's from **Alexander Deltrus Leimbeck. He says, "I think we have a bunch of idiots who don't quite understand the "Spooning Victims" problem. They're downvoting it, I think, because they think the problem is spooning, so they don't think that's a problem...Guys, LISTEN and READ. It's the stupid "VICTIMS" Maddox is talking about. Fucking hell."**

Sean: I thought that would create confusion.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, I saw that, and I was like "That's why they're downvoting it."

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Because I think that guy who wrote the article is a fucking lunatic.

Dick: Well, wait a minute! I read that article after the show…I think he was trying to be funny.

Sean: Ohhh, see, this was something I…

Dick: (interjects) I think he just…I think he got into a new gay relationship, and he was excited about it, and that was him, like, talking about it in, like, some kind of cute way.

Sean: Well, I thought about that after the fact, in which case, we look like assholes, don't we?

Dick: Yes, we do. We need satire tags!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We needed them in this case.

Maddox: Okay. Two things. First of all…

Sean: Is…is that true?

Maddox: No. It's not satire. It…first of all…

Sean: (interjects) Okay, good.

Maddox: First of all, Slate…

Dick: (interjects) You don't think it was satire?

Maddox: No, absolutely not. Slate is not known for satire. They're not known satirists. They don't publish satire. Second, it's part of a new blog launch that they're doing specifically for sleep-related topics. So this is one of their…one of their seven, uh…block posts that they made about sleep-related topics. So I looked at the other ones.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: None of them are satirical. None of them are funny. This guy's doing it in earnest. And all of his other posts are in earnest. He's not a satirist. He's not being funny. He's not a funny dude.

Dick: Well, it definitely wasn't funny.

Maddox: Not intentionally funny. Excuse me, correction. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Let's see, I got one from **Sam Allen. "Sounds like Dick tried to get a haircut that made his face look bigger and it backfired."** (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Dick, everybody was asking for a picture of your face!

Dick: I'm not putting a picture of my haircut up.

Maddox: Wh…

Dick: (interjects) I'll let somebody draw it. Is that a good compromise?

Maddox: Wait, wait. Why? Why?

Dick: I'll let someone draw…'cause it's ugly.

Maddox: Awwwwwwwhhh.

Dick: That's why.

Maddox: Oh, you're sensitive, my friend.

Dick: Start a Kickstarter.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe you get the right price, I'll do it, I'll put it up.

Maddox: Meanwhile, I'm everyone's fucking punching bag about the bald jokes! You guys letting it fly last time!! (Dick and Sean laugh) Right on my…on my wall right now, there's two pictures. So, Fallout 4 came out. The game Fallout 4. And it has this character designer inside, where you can customize your character to make it look like whatever. Basically, they all look like Walter White from Breaking Bad. So somebody made one of me, and it looks pretty fucking spot-on. I think it's pretty handsome. I rubbed one out to it. (Sean gags) It's pretty hot. Anyway. That's on my wall right now. I also got a comment… actually, before we move on, I should mention this, Dick. I kind of mentioned it in the post last time, I forgot to mention it last episode, but a long time ago, I teased that I was going to be talking about my Penn and Teller experience in a video.

Dick: Oh, good.

Maddox: And that video's about to come out. I'm finally releasing it, and one of the first comments about it was from **Grant Mooney**. You know, the guy who created the Titanic song…

Dick: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Maddox: For those of you listeners who haven't heard the Titanic song in a while, Grant Mooney created it to…to mock me! You have it ready to play? The fucking…this bullshit.

(Titanic theme starts)

Maddox: I love how it picks up where you stopped it last time.

Dick: No, I had the volume down.

Maddox: This fucking bullshit-ass song.

Dick: Grant Mooney.

Maddox: Grant Mooney.

Dick: What did he say?

Maddox: He says, "**Fuck yeah, I can't wait to hear about Penn and Teller. I've been on my best behavior."** So, the reason he said that…fucking turn the song off!!!

Dick: I can't stop it once it starts!! (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: This is fucking bull…

(Song continues in the background)

Dick: That should fuck with people's heads, like you gotta hear the whole song…

Sean: You asked him if he was gonna play it!!!

Maddox: Yeah, just a little bit! I fucking hate this song!!! I'm gonna unplug the audio jack. Unplug his audio jack, Sean!!

Dick: This was the…this was the Titanic days of the podcast. (grins) (Maddox giggles) This is like the Jurassic era. It's taking me back.

Maddox: Yeah, Jur-asshole era. This is such bullshit! (Dick giggles) I said, just as a sample, to remind people! We don't have to listen to the whole song!!

(Song continues)

Maddox: I fucking hate this song!

Dick: You have to play it! People will go crazy out there! They'll have to still sing the whole song in their heads!

Maddox: You know what?

Dick: It'll drive them crazy.

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Fuck you, Grant Mooney!

Dick: So what are you gonna go into on your Penn and Teller expose?

Maddox: Well, the whole reason I mentioned…I'll tell you in a second, but the whole reason I mentioned Grant Mooney is because…uh, he was…I said something out of spite. I said, "If you ask for me to post that episode, I'm going to delay it."

Dick: Oh, I remember that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that's why…

Dick: Have you delayed it?

Maddox: (giggles) I delayed it because of him. And that's why he said he's been on his best behavior.

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: But for that song, Grant, I'm gonna delay it another few days. Anyway, I was on Penn and Teller's Bullshit a long time ago, talking about old people.

Dick: Yeah. And they REALLY nailed you.

Maddox: Ohhhh. (sad)

Dick: Well, you…'cause I remember you saying you were gonna be on Penn and Teller, and I said, "Look. Every episode of Penn and Teller's Bullshit, there are people they agree with."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "And they make them look great and smart, and there are the people they don't agree with, and they make them look like assholes."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you gotta figure out which one you are quickly. And then alter your behavior accordingly.

Maddox: You know what…

Dick: Right? You gotta protect yourself, if they're setting you up to look like a shithead…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You gotta really protect yourself.

Maddox: Right. Well, it's hard, because…(stammers) I honestly thought that they were gonna be on my side of this debate!

Dick: (giggles) Which…but they're old! (Sean laughs) They themselves are very old!

Maddox: Doesn't matter. Just because you're a thing, you can still be objective about that thing. Just because you have cancer, you don't suddenly like cancer, 'cause you have it. It's still a shitty thing! (Dick and Sean crack up)

Dick: Great analogy!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I couldn't imagine an old person making an analogy that good.

Maddox: Being…being old is like having cancer, except you can't get rid of it…

Sean: You know…I'm gonna miss this cancer. (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Great…great analogy. Anyway. So they fucking threw me under the bus. Man, they took so many quotes out of context.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: My whole argument in that episode was essentially that old people get reverse… they get ageism in their favor. They go to…amusement parks and restaurants and grocery stores and theaters…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Well, probably n…they get discounts everywhere in society…

Dick: Yeah. (irritated)

Maddox: Not because they're good people. Just because they're old. Which I think is bullshit!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Right? That's the name of the whole fucking show. And then they threw me under the bus! They made…they characterized my argument. My biggest problem…

Dick: As, like, an angry 30-year-old manchild…that was the words they used, right?

Maddox: What?

Dick: That you were an angry, 30-something, like, basement-dwelling manchild.

Maddox: Something.

Dick: They really char…they really hammered you.

Maddox: Something along those lines.

Dick: That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: They…I mean, they tried to. They said that. They took quotes out of context.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um…(stammers) there's all this bullshit that happened in that episode. Anyway, I'm finally releasing that video and I'm finally talking about it. It's coming out soon. And…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Uh…yeah. It'll be interesting. I'm…I'm excited to finally talk about this. It's been a couple of years.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Finally put…set the record straight.

Dick: Oh, I remember when that came out, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (giggles) It was ugly.

Maddox: I got one of the best hate mails I've ever received. I…I haven't even had a chance to post it on my site, but it was this guy, he was, like, a World War II vet. And he just said, "I'm so tired of little pukes like you."

Dick: Yeah. (enjoying)

Maddox: And he kept calling me a puke throughout the entire email, and that's how you know he's old. He's like an old, crusty old fuck, and he kept calling me a puke. I love it.

Dick: He probably learned how to use email just to send you that email.

Maddox: Yeah! Hah! Old.

Dick: I'll do you a favor. I'm gonna bring in Baby Boomers when that video drops. On this show.

Maddox: Okay, great.

Dick: As a problem.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Because, uh…I don't think the biggest argument against old people is that they get fair treatment at McDonald's.

Maddox: That's my argument.

Dick: That they get free coffee at McDonald's, or whatever.

Maddox: That's…that's my argument!

Dick: I think there's better arguments that Penn and Teller could not defend against. Like, they've…I don't know. They've destroyed the education system. They've denuded social security…um, you know…they've, like, fucked up the country.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And blamed it on us, and stuck us with the tab.

Maddox: I guess. I mean, they also left us a legacy of a lot of good things, too. You could say.

Dick: Name 100. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: But…but the argument that I had against old people…(stammers) another one was that they smell. They smell…and (stammers) it wasn't just a little pithy statement that I made that old people smell.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I was basing it on the principal that as you grow older, your eyesight declines, your hearing declines.

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Your taste declines.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Why shouldn't your sense of smell? And then I looked into it, and guess what?

Dick: It does.

Maddox: It fucking does!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Old people smell because if their sense of smell diminishes over time, they can't smell themselves. And they can't smell how much perfume they're putting on, and that's why they put on too much of it.

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm really fucking smart.

Dick: They also have a shitload of syphilis.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Dick: I don't know if you knew that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. I got…I got another haircut voicemail. You remember the guy we ripped up last episode for always having bad haircuts? A friend of ours?

Maddox: Oh, right!

Dick: Yeah, he called in.

Maddox: He called in to the show?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. For anyone who hasn't heard the last episode, we…made fun of a friend of ours, because he gets really shitty haircuts. And I…encouraged him to spend a little bit more and go to a better barbershop. One that doesn't have revolving doors for the people who come in and out of it.

Dick: And revolving blades for the haircuts. Here you go.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, this message is from your mutual friend with the shitty haircut. (Maddox and Sean laugh) **Sorry if I don't wanna take haircut advice from Bald Bin Laden and Mexican Gene Simmons.** (they laugh)

Dick: Mexican Gene Simmons…

"I'm sure everybody in your audience really wants to get style points from a guy cruising around town in Persian racing rims… (Maddox giggles) **or a guy who's probably wearing a Sega Dreamcast shirt while recording this damn episode."**

Maddox: Close!

Dick: Close. (Maddox laughs) Close.

"Anyway. Good show, boys. I'll see you at the gym on leg day.")

Maddox: (laughing) What an asshole!

Dick: For the record, you are wearing an Adventure Time/Princess Mononoke shirt.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Two car…one cartoon is not enough for the shirt today.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's two cartoons.

Maddox: Two in one.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It was a mashup. It was a gift. I'm tired of mashups, but it was a gift.

Dick: Here's that…do you remember that email you read about that…woman engineer?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here. She called in.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it.

(Voice mail: clearly male, very deep voice: "Sup guys…uh, this is that uh…that engineer girl… (Maddox cracks up) **who wrote in that email the other week. Just wanted to call in, 'cause people were questioning my gender. Wanted to confirm**

(Maddox still laughing) **that I am, in fact, a sexy gril (misspelled on purpose) with big tits…**"

Dick: Ohhhhh!!

"And an engineer."

Dick: How big?!

"And…I just wanted to say that, you know, just…just letting you guys know that… everything is cool. Uh…women don't have problems, so… (Maddox and Dick laughs) **guys, men in the audience, just keep doin' what you're doin', guys, 'cause it's workin'. And, um…you know. That's about it. Women should stop complaining…"**

Dick: Ugh, typical woman, chatty.

Maddox: (giggles) Real chatty.

"But also, I wanted to say that…virginity shaming…that's…that's a huge fucking problem, so…don't…shame…"

Dick: (laughs) Crass.

Maddox: She sounds like a virgin.

"Don't shame men about their virginity. That's fucked up, though. Stop complaining about patriarchy and shit. That's gay."

Dick: Okay. (Maddox cracks up)

"Alright…(inaudible) put on makeup, so…")

(Maddox is laughing his head off) (Maddox sighs)

Dick: So that's cool. It is a woman.

Maddox: Her name was Marie S. Thank you for calling in Marie S, the engineer. You know…you know what? So Asterios is not here…(giggles) not here to defend himself, which is the preferred way I like to argue against people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is when they can't defend against themselves. So, umm…he was saying, essentially…you…you guys both thought that that was…it sounded like a guy who wrote those talking points, right?

Dick: Me?!

Maddox: You guys both said that.

Dick: No, I…um. I wondered if it was, in fact, a woman.

Maddox: Yeah. No, it was. I…I looked into it. Um, yeah, so…it's not surprising, guys. (stammers) I mean, here's…here's a fact, right? I want everyone to chew on this for a little while, 'cause it's a real heavy one. The majority of women don't identify themselves as feminists.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: The majority of women. The majority of men…the majority of people don't. In fact, it's only 23% of women. Twenty-three percent. So…a lot of them…and a lot of them… if you ask them if they are FOR social…

Dick: (interjects) It's like South Park says. One out of four people is retarded.

Maddox: Is that… I don't…

Dick: That's a South Park thing.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, okay. Well…if you…if you ask the same people who don't identify themselves as feminists whether or not they are for social equality, economic equality, opportunity equality, etc…they all say, "Yes". But they still don't identify themselves as feminists. And I fall into that category, too. We're all egalitarians. Anyway. That's an important thing. Chew on that.

Dick: Okay. One more?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I'll play one more. (grins)

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, this is former president Benjamin Harrison. You probably don't know me, but, uh… (Dick cackles) **I wanted to…(inaudible) cucumbers. It's good to hear you still have a day job, 'cause I think you're gonna need it. You probably shouldn't quit it.**

Dick: Awwwwww.

Maddox: What did he say, Asterios…cu…

"After last week's episode. See ya.")

Maddox: Cucumbers?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah. That's what he called him. Yeah. Asterios got beat up a lot. I think unfairly. Um, so, I got a comment in the Comment section. A lot of drama in the Comment section.

Dick: I think he's funny. I love Asterios.

Maddox: Yeah. Asterios is funny! I love…I love Asterios! But you know who wasn't funny, was that shithead who called in! All of 'em.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Every single one.

Dick: Uhhhhh, let's see. I got one for you, Sean. You wanna hear it?

(Voice mail: male voice with British accent: "Yeah, uh…this is a message about… uh…Sean. Uh…I don't understand why you guys are paying him, as he can't do his fucking job properly."

Dick: Ohohoh. (Maddox giggles)

"Every time you have a female on the show, Erin, fricking awful. She sounds like fucking Ecco the Dolphin being fisted. (Dick laughs) **It's ridiculously high-pitched.**

Sean: Like what?

Dick: Ecco…

Maddox: Ecco the Dolphin.

Dick: Ecco the Dolphin being fisted.

"Stop jerking off at (inaudible) abuse videos and do his job. Also, Maddox, you're turning into a massive pouf, and I think Dick should fuck you. Uh…")

Maddox: What?

Dick: I dunno. A big pussy?

Sean: That's her voice. She does have an annoying voice.

Maddox: (giggles) Sean, you don't have to justify yourself to that shitty caller!!! (Dick cracks up) Do you understand a fucking thing he said? Sounded like he had marbles in his mouth and he's speaking through a fast food speaker!

Sean: He's been in the pub too long.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, he has.

Maddox: Also, we had legitimately, like, nine people in the room last time.

Sean: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: So…

Sean: Asterios sounded echo-y too, but…

Maddox: Asterios did sound echo-y.

Sean: It's the room, pal. (sighs)

Maddox: Yeah. It…(stammers) we're doing what we can with what we have, you fuck! Erin sounded fine. I think she has a great voice.

Sean: Okay. (skeptical) (Dick cackles)

Dick: Alright. I got a…I got an email from a guy thanking you for losing his virginity. I got an erotic story…I got a…I got a new bit. Which one do you want? Dealer's choice. I don't wanna take up too much time, here.

Maddox: Let's do…the erotic story and the…

Dick: Uh, the erotic story's long!

Maddox: Okay, then let's do…

Dick: (interjects) It's good…

Maddox: (interjects) Let's do the new bit, save the erotic story.

Dick: Okay. Here's the…here's the song for the new bit.

(Song starts, heavy guitar riff, punk-type singer, "Bicyclers are…piece of shit! Pieces of shit! Pieces of shit!!! (music plays) Pieces of shit! Pieces of shit! Pieces of shit!!")

Dick: Okay. This is a serious, educational bit.

Maddox: Okay. (skeptical)

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It might be a little bit entertaining, but as we…it's called Bicyclers are Pieces of Shit. This new story was sent in to me by **Brad Meridian, "A bomb-sniffing dog who served two tours in Iraq, earning two bronze stars along the way…"**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Was fatally shot by a cyclist."

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: "Who says he felt threatened."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "By the 52-pound Belgian Malinois."

Maddox: Good! Then fucking keep your dog on a leash!

Dick: Sad. It's very sad.

Maddox: Dogs are the problem! Go vote up dogs! Thank you for bringing that in, Dick! Go vote up dogs! Keep your fucking dipshit dog on a leash.

Dick: "The cyclist claims he used his bike to block the dog's attacks."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "But that Mike continued his assault."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Until he shot him in the backside with a revolver."

Maddox: Good. Alright. Fine.

Dick: "The cyclist sustained no injuries."

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: "And there were no witnesses."

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: "Though a neighbor told someone that he heard no barking prior to the gunshot." So this was a dog attack with no barking.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Dog got shot in the back by a cyclist.

Maddox: Neighbor…neighbor with sonar ears. "I…I heard no barking".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like the neighbor would even fucking know.

Dick: There you go.

(Song starts, heavy guitar riff, punk-type singer, "Bicyclers are…piece of shit! Pieces of shit! Pieces of shit!!! (music plays) Pieces of shit! Pieces of shit! Pieces of shit!!")

Dick: He shot a dog!!!

Maddox: You know, Dick. Calling them bicyclers makes you sound like an idiot.

Dick: (laughing) Cool.

Maddox: 'Cause it's…you know, they're cyclists and you're just adding the word "err" to it. I don't call you "libertarianers".

Dick: Ugh, all these words!

Maddox: Libert…

Dick: (interjects) You should like a Poly-Evangelist!

Maddox: Libertarianers.

Dick: All your new words for things.

Maddox: Oh, and speaking of…

Dick: (interjects) It's a bicycler! They got a bicycle, they're bicyclering around!

Maddox: Yeah. Oh…and speaking of…

Dick: (interjects) You got a typewriter you….I dunno. I fucked that one up.

Maddox: Our buddy…and one more thing about that Penn and Teller episode. Penn. Penn and Teller. Big libertarians.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: They're…they're on the Cato Institute. Libertarians. They…uh, libertarians made some news over the weekend too, Dick. Maybe you'll recognize this clip. It's from our buddy, **Rand Paul.**

(Clip starts, Rand Paul speaks: "I want a government so small you can barely see it.")

Dick: Oh, I saw that.

Maddox: Yeah?! (giggles)

Dick: I saw that live.

Maddox: (cracking up) And then I listened to it more, I'm like…am I…am I misunderstanding here? Am I misunderstanding? Am I mischaracterizing the Libertarian agenda!? No!! (Dick giggles) He says it should be local governments, because local's smaller governments! Uh, bluh, bluh!!!"

Dick: You know he doesn't mean that literally, right? That's a metaphor.

Maddox: Oh, and then he went on to explain literally.

Dick: No, he means…he wants to be able to see them. Like…as physical…he doesn't want it literally so small that he needs a microscope to see them.

Maddox: Oh, well no. Not that, yeah. He's not…

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: But he's exaggerating. But he is talking about local governance, rather than federal.

Dick: No, he's talking about more the function of government. Like, he…

Maddox: Okay, well, you're wrong. He said, "I want there to be more local government rather than federal." He actually said that, so.

Dick: Yeah, that's part of it, but…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What he was saying with not being able to see them, I think, is not being able to feel their influence all the time.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Dick: Like, the benefit from their services. You don't wanna have thought about it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The roads are just there. You never think about who's fixing them.

Maddox: Sure. Like vaccinations are just there.

Sean: How do you guys feel about apples? (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: I don't think vaccinations are a Libertarian crusade.

Maddox: Ohhhhh, but they are, buddy! Someone linked to me on a website that…(laughs) you know how…the first thing every libertarian says is…"It's not anarcho-capitalism". So this guy's like…

Dick: (interjects) It's not!

Maddox: "Hey Maddox, libertarians are really open to the idea of vaccination." And then he sent me a link to a website where libertarians were defending this thing, and it was something like anarchistcapitalist.com…and…(laughs) they were talking about the merits of vaccination. Oh, wow. Thank you for being so open-minded about vaccination, guys.

Dick: What…are you thanking us for being on board with vaccines, sarcastically? Like…

Maddox: Sure. Yeah.

Dick: Like, libertarians are definitely FOR vaccines.

Maddox: Sure they are. I appreciate that. (sarcasm)

Dick: Why…(Sean cracks up) I don't understand why you're being smug about it. Like, they're definitely pro-vaccine.

Maddox: Well…it says on the libertarian website that people should be allowed to choose whatever medical procedure they want or don't want for themselves.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: That includes vaccinations. I disagree with that.

Dick: Well, for themselves.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You think…oh, I don't even want to get into it.

Maddox: You…yeah. You shouldn't be allowed to NOT choose vaccinations. End of story. You're…they should have a federal regulation.

Dick: You're talking about for your children, though. That's different. 'Cause you don't 'vaccinize' yourself as an adult, right?

Maddox: Right. Well…

Dick: Like, specifically, vaccines are applied to children. So we're talking about old…

Maddox: No, you do. You get the flu vaccine. You can get pneumonia vaccines. You can get all sorts of vaccines.

Dick: So you think that the federal government should mandate that all adults get the flu vaccine?

Maddox: Not the flu vaccine, but…

Dick: (interjects) Every year.

Maddox: But…it should be proportional to the threat of whatever it is. Like, say for example…Ebola was going crazy and it was an actual threat, and everyone was getting it.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Then they came up with a vaccine…yeah. The government should mandate that you should get the Ebola vaccine.

Dick: That's a horrifying dystopia that I want no part of.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The government deciding…you know, the government's had a lot of bad cures for diseases over the years. They thought leprosy was contagious, so they threw everyone in quarantine on islands. They take away their kids from them. Turned out it wasn't contagious.

Maddox: Yeah, so…

Dick: Woops!

Maddox: That's the utopian fallacy, Dick. Just because they're not perfect, doesn't mean that you should throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Dick: Mmmm…it means you should limit their power, though.

Sean: What if they baby has leprosy?

Dick: Yeah. Then…I don't know. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Then you fucking flush that bitch!

Dick: Tax it. Alright, you wanna get to your problem?

Maddox: Dick, what's your problem? Yeah, you got a problem.

Dick: My problem is Not All Blank Kneejerks, this week.

Maddox: What does that mean?

Dick: So…you know the terrorist attacks in Paris happened.

Maddox: Just happened.

Dick: Well, yeah. By the time this comes out, they'll have happened, uh..a couple days ago. So…I hop onto…I hop onto Twitter, 'cause I think Twitter's a good source of news. (Maddox giggles) Twitter and, uh…'cause you get, like, in the popular feeds, you get, like, what's going on right now. Right? You just punch it in to wherever. You're not gonna get what's going on right now, but all this stuff was developing. So I hop on there, click on the Muslim keyword?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Click on Paris. Click on Islam.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uh…what do I see? Terrorism has no religion.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's what I see in the trending keywords. Here's…here's…here's some quotes. "I love all followers of the Islamic faith. I'm here to protect you from the ignorant comments that will come after this tragic event." I'm like…well what…is that the time for this, right now? Terrorism has no religion. Spread love. Educate. Don't generalize.

Maddox: Wait, wait…

Dick: That's a…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I'm like…wh…(stammers) so…a terrorist attack happens, and everyone's first… there's hundreds of thousands of these tweets. Nowhere among them…maybe a small fraction of them, did I see…ANYTHING that was critical of Islam.

Maddox: That's because, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) It's hundreds of thousands of people…not all Muslims. Not all Muslims! It's like guys…guys.

Maddox: No, Dick.

Dick: Are you fucking serious? Your first response to this is to attack some imaginary racist that's out there criticizing Islam for this!? Are you fucking kidding me?! Not all Muslims? Yeah! We know! There's BILLIONS of them!! Nobody thinks it's all Muslims!! (yelling) Nobody!!!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: Okay. You're SO off base on this. First of all, the problem with Twitter and getting your news from it, is that Twitter prioritizes popular tweets. So those tweets that you're reading of people saying it's not all Muslims, etc, etc, those are popular because people are putting their support behind it by favoriting it or retweeting it. That's why you're seeing those prioritized in your feed.

Dick: (interjects) You all…

Maddox: (interjects) Why don't you read…why don't you read the comments under just,…I just changed my profile picture on Facebook to a picture of myself…my logo.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: With the French colors behind it. Right? Didn't even make a statement.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Just…just…a show of solidarity, and it's not slacktivism, because I'm not expecting anything to change. (Dick giggles)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: People are like (goofy voice) "Hey Maddox, it's…Maddox…slacktivism." No it's not, idiot!

Dick: Ehh.

Maddox: Because I'm not doing it to change anything. It's just a show of solidarity with all my French friends. So…that one, simple act of just changing my profile picture. Just hateful, shithead, after shithead, after shithead!

Dick: Like what?!

Maddox: Every single one!

Dick: What did they say?!

Maddox: Tsh. I can read it right now.

Dick: Yeah. Load it up. I wanna see what's hateful.

Maddox: Alright. For example. There's a meme going around…it shows some guy crying, throwing his hands up in the air, and it says #terrorismhasnoreligion. "Stop noticing demographic trends. Remember Hitler. This is pure coincidence. Shut up. Shut up."

Dick: Yeah. That's what I'm…I'm complaining about that guy. That's a…

Maddox: No.

Dick: That's a "Not all Knee Jerk".

Maddox: No, he's not. He's saying…he's being sarcastic. It's a sarcastic tweet. It's a sarcastic post.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: There's another one here…

Dick: So he's what? He's saying…he's making fun of those people, just like me?

Maddox: He's saying sarcastically that we should not look at demographics… demographic trends of who's causing this terrorism to happen. He's suggesting it's all Muslims.

Dick: Ohhh, that's a big leap!!

Maddox: No, that's not. That's what he's saying. That's what these guys are saying.

Dick: See, I don't think…that's my problem with these knee jerk, not all blank knee jerks. Is…it's just binary thinking to them. Like…(stammers) you can't have a conversation about anything involving Islam and terrorism and specifically this attack without them jumping down your throat like you're making some blanket accusation about a fourth of the planet!! When nobody is doing that.

Maddox: They're…a lot of people are doing it, Dick! Way more than you think!! You… you…

Dick: On Twitter?!

Maddox: Your head is in the fucking sand here, buddy. I will…I will double down on this. You're absolutely, 100% wrong. There are a lot of bigots out there. A lot of 'em are saying "Turn the Middle East to glass." These people on my forums? They're posting pictures of Richard Perlman, the journalist who got beheaded. They're like, "Yeah, this is what Islam is." And "Religion of peace? Yeah, right." They're all saying that shit, man. There's a lot of 'em out there. There are a lot of bigots out there.

Dick: Hmm. Yeah, I'm with you on there being a lot of bigots out there. I don't think Twitter's reaching them. I don't think comments like "I'm beyond proud to say that my best friend is Muslim"…"The term Islamic terrorism is entirely unnecessary. Terrorism is an atrocity regardless." (growls, annoyed) You know what? I dunno. You say there's a ton of bigots out there. I…I think that these people…these knee jerks are being overly politically correct and they're killing any sensible conversation about this.

Maddox: Well, what's…

Dick: (interjects) Like you don't think it has ANYTHING to do with it? ANYTHING at all?

Maddox: Well, if you look at the statistics, Dick, no. I don't think it does.

Dick: What are the statistics?

Maddox: I think it has more to do…I made this argument several episodes back when we talked about terrorism.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I said that I think it has more to do with poverty and ignorance. And you don't see…generally speaking…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You don't see terrorism…like, people in…affluent neighborhoods blowing themselves up. You don't see people in affluent neighborhoods just leaving to go…to… (stammers)

Dick: You're talking about in America.

Maddox: In..in anywhere in the world!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Anywhere in the world. Even..even the Middle East. Look at Bahrain. How much terrorism comes out of Bahrain?

Dick: I have no idea.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But…

Maddox: Do you know anything about Bahrain?

Sean: Bin Laden's family was fabulously wealthy.

Dick: Has tons of money.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I…that's why I say, Sean…with…with few exceptions. But Bin Laden was also…

Dick: (interjects) He's a pretty big exception, I would say!! Bin LADEN.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he had shitloads of money. So now we're back to the original conversation!

Maddox: But he's…but…(tries to talk)

Dick: Which is…so what's the real problem, here?

Maddox: But Dick, Bin Laden is one man. He didn't fucking fly the planes into 9/11, did he? (Dick scoffs) Into the World Trade Center?

Dick: I think he had something to do with it!

Maddox: And…and WHO did he recruit? A bunch of fucking poor, ignorant, suggestible dullards! A bunch of morons. Same thing with Hitler! Hitler was a smart guy, right? He's very charismatic. He's a great orator. He's able to manipulate people. He's able to tap into that emotion and then harness it for hate.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's what Hitler did! Hitler himself didn't kill 6 million Jews!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: His…his peons did! The…the ignorant people. The people who are suggestible. The people who are emotionally manipulated! Those are the people that Bin Laden got to fly into those planes. Notice how Bin Laden didn't fly into the planes! Of course. He's sitting in a fucking mansion somewhere. But that was HIM. That was the one guy. But the people who are doing these terrorist acts…they're the…they're the most ignorant, the most poor.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And that's how…that's how they become such fanatics. Is because they don't have…any…any grounded world view. They don't have any way to relate to anyone else outside of all…all they're taught, day and night, is their religion, but…

Dick: (interjects) See, there you go! Now we're back to the conversation we should be having, which is, "Well how much does religion play in this whole thing?" Which is a sensible conversation.

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: How is not a sensible conversation?

Maddox: Because, Dick, out of 1.6 billion Muslims…

Dick: Again, we're back to the…NOBODY thinks 1.6 billion Muslims are terrorists.

Maddox: Dick, let me finish this point, okay?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Out of 1.6 billion Muslims, if this religion instigated hatred, or killing, or terrorism, we would all be dead. 1.6 billion Muslims. For some…there must be something else.

Dick: I mean, that's exactly why no one believes it, 'cause it's absurd.

Maddox: Right, it is absurd.

Dick: Like, yeah. No one thinks…like, stop saying it. All these fucking…"not all blank" kneejerks. Stop fucking saying it. We all are on the same page.

Maddox: Nooo.

Dick: We can…oh, like you're gonna convince some hillbilly on Twitter. Hey, uh…hey, unreachable person who's consumed with bigotry and hatred, let me reach out with this touching tweet that not all Muslims…like we all fucking know! Not all Muslims. But there's valid…there's a valid conversation to have about the ISSUES in Islam that might be contributing to this!!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Might!

Maddox: Fine. Fine, Dick. You wanna make that argument? Then let's…let's look at video games. Right? Let's look at video games. Uh…when Dylan and Harris Klebold, uh, whatever. Those guys that shot up Columbine.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They went through their houses and they found that they were playing the video game Doom. And they said that Doom is a very violent video game.

Dick: Great game. Yep.

Maddox: It's…

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: It has Satanic overtones.

Dick: True.

Maddox: You know what? Maybe…

Dick: It's in Hell.

Maddox: Maybe they got…maybe they got inspired by this video game.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then people said, "Well, that's a real shitty argument, because millions of people play these video games and don't go out and shoot schools." In fact, Japan… biggest country on Earth, I think, that plays video games, amongst the populace. Millions of people in Japan playing these violent video games, but not going to shoot up schools. So what's the difference between those two shitheads who went and shot up their school…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the millions of people who play video games and don't?

Dick: This is a great example, because this is a…you are exhibiting this knee-jerk, this not all blank kneejerk reaction. It is…it is absolutely valid to look at violent video games and wonder what they're doing to kids' brains. That is 100% something that we might wanna do. That we should do, not with my money…(Sean chuckles) but it's certainly…certainly a valid response. Like, I…think that violent video games encourage violent thinking.

Maddox: You think that?

Dick: I happen to think that, yeah. And I think…I think a brain study would back up, because you're sitting there, being violent, hunting, and satisfying base impulses. Now… remember. I am totally for everyone playing violent video games. But I'm not against asking the question, "Hey, you think these violent video games are maybe fucking with kids' heads a little bit? You think we should all look at that and then maybe let people make…let parents make the decision of what they're doing with their kids?" That's totally

reasonable. And in that exact same way, it's worth looking at this and saying, "What's going on here?" Why are all these…why are all these people going "Allahu Akbar" when they're causing all this fucking mayhem. Let's ask…let's ask the question! What's the big deal! We asked the same question about Christian fundamentalists when they're all anti-gay. We have no problem with going…saying, "What's the deal with this?" "Why are all these Christian fundamentalists so anti-gay?" We can sit there and have that conversation. But we cannot have the exact same conversation about Islamic fundamentalists.

Maddox: No, because…first of all…they're…(stammers) I don't even know where to begin here. Um, Dick…what you…the argument that you're making now is so pointless and futile, because you're saying that because we have this problem, that happens to be with Islam…these Islamic terrorists.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Which, by the way, they're not even the majority…the majority of the terrorists…excuse me. The majority of the terrorism that has occurred in Europe is not Islamic.

Dick: Did you just look that up?

Maddox: No. I…I brought that in as a fact several episodes ago.

Dick: Well…what is it? What is it?

Maddox: In…in Europe?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's separatist groups. They're people who want independence. They're people…like, for example, in…uh…

Dick: Yeah…(skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah. They're separatist groups. They're doing explosions, uh…like, in Thailand, there's…there's um…there are groups in Thailand. There's groups in France. I can pull it up. I have it. I have it right here.

Dick: Well, I don't think you need to, because we understand that. Like, you…you say that they're separatist groups, and it's like, "Oh. That makes sense, then. They just want their own country. They want more money. They want more of what they're giving away to whoever is running the country, probably poorly if they're causing a revolution."

Maddox: Here, I got this, right here.

Dick: Doesn't matter. I just conceded the point. (papers shuffling)

Maddox: Um, yeah. The majority…the majority of terrorism…look this up.

Dick: Did you hear my answer, though?

Maddox: Yeah. I did. I did.

Dick: Yeah. So you understand what the separatists want. Like, it's perfectly acceptable. Like, nobody says…nobody's on Twitter going "Not all separatists want that." Like, "Some of us are peaceful. Unnnnnnnhhh." (goofy voice)

Maddox: Dick. It's not "some of", okay? We're talking about the majority. So here's why your…what you're suggesting is stupid. To even look at violent video games as a potential cause.

Dick: Why?!

Maddox: I'll tell…

Dick: (interjects) Why is that so offensive?!

Maddox: I'm about to fucking explain it, dude!!! It's stupid because…you look at the statistics. If less than one half of one percent of people who play video games, violent or otherwise, are committing mass shootings, guess what!? I think it's pretty fucking safe to say it's not video games! Same thing with Islam. Same thing with Christianity. Same thing with Jews, or any other thing! If the majority, over 99.999 percent of people who do that thing don't fucking commit crimes, and mass shootings, and bombings?! It's probably pretty fucking safe to say…(yelling) because if you even study that, what are you gonna find!? What are you gonna possibly find that's going to link that activity that MILLIONS of people are doing…with killing people?! Because it's already fucking there! The statistics are already there! You don't have to have that discussion! It's just a discussion steeped in bigotry! That's all it is!

Dick: Even with video games, it's steeped in bigotry?

Maddox: Abso…no, with Islam, it's bigotry, but in video games, it's ignorance. It's just scapegoating.

Dick: It's always something bad!!

Maddox: Of course it is!!

Dick: Like it's…this is exactly why I think it's a problem. Especially with violent video games. Like…it's worth looking at.

Maddox: Why?! The statistics don't back up your theory!

Dick: I don't have a…oh, my theory that…

Maddox: (interjects) That violent video games might contribute to violence. Yes.

Dick: Oh, no, I didn't say violence! I said it might encourage violent thinking.

Maddox: Violent thinking…but…

Dick: (interjects) It's still…it's still…an action is very different than the thinking.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: But it's…it's completely valid. To look at what the effect of these games are on kids.

Maddox: Wh…again…

Dick: (interjects) That's 100% valid!

Maddox: Again, Dick. If y…if 99.9% of people who have that violent thinking aren't…aren't acting violently, you're wasting money. You're wasting your time.

Dick: Wasting money under…trying to understand what effect video games has on kids…I just…I totally disagree with that. Again, I don't wanna pay for it…

Maddox: (interjects) Well, okay, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) But I don't think it's stupid to look into.

Maddox: Fine. Fine. Totally reasonable argument. You know what? When people who drive drunk get in accidents and wreck…uh, wreck their cars. Kill people. You know, let's not eliminate the possibility that maybe the car is influencing them into having reckless behavior. Maybe…let's look at the psychology behind the type of car they drive. Maybe it's Corvettes. Maybe it's a Ford. Maybe it's a certain brand. Let's look at the leather inside the car. Maybe there's some correlation between the leather seats and people who drive recklessly. Let's look at um…the color of the car.

Dick: Studies like that exist.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's studies on bumper stickers, relating bumper stickers to aggressive driving.

Maddox: Sure. But if you were going to make the case, say, that all red cars contribute to reckless driving. And then you look at the statistics and say, "Well, over 99% of people who drive red cars don't drive recklessly, so…"

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Isn't it safe to say we can toss that out?

Dick: I don't know what you're tossing out in this case, though.

Maddox: This…the theory.

Dick: Like, you're…(stammers) let's just keep it to video games, 'cause I think we can have a more sensible discussion about that. The theory of…"Eh, maybe they got something to do with it." Like, maybe they're not the healthiest things to let little kids play. " Is not crazy. That's got nothing to do with red…you're reading something. What are you reading? (Sean giggles)

Maddox: No, go on. I'm listening. I'm listening.

Dick: No, no. You're not listening at all. What are you reading? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: I have.

Dick: You haven't been listening the whole time.

Maddox: No, I have been. I have been. But there's a lot of…

Dick: (interjects) What are you reading about?

Maddox: I'm reading that there are a lot of comments. I'm just, like, scrolling through my profile picture comments.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Where just one idiot after another is saying, uh…you know, "Yeah, it's the religion of peace, but it's not, because it's Islam."

Dick: Yeah, there's a PC over there…there's a PC…go ahead.

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: No, no, no. Go ahead.

Maddox: No. They're all saying…they're all saying that…you know. Essentially, it's the same argument. They have blinders on, because every time one of these incidents happen…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They're very dramatic, right?

Dick: Well, they're horrifying!

Maddox: Of course it's horrifying.

Dick: Yeah. Vote up terrorism.

Maddox: It's…it's very horrifying. Um, it's very dramatic. But, uh…relatively speaking, if you combine all the terrorist deaths done by Islam in the last five years in Europe…doesn't even compare to the number of terrorist deaths caused by one American, Timothy McVeigh. In Oklahoma.

Sean: That..

Maddox: Yet, people…

Sean: (interjects) Then why do you need to say it?

Dick: Yeah…yeah. Why…like, everyone knows that. Why are you…

Maddox: (interjects) They don't, Dick. They don't!

Dick: Yeah, I…

Maddox: Look at these comments!

Sean: But again…you're not gonna…you're not gonna sway them! If they want to believe that, you're not gonna sway them by saying, "Oh remember, guys, it's not all Muslims!"

Dick: Timothy McVeigh's worse? Like, none of those people would argue that. Would they?

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: He's like, "Oh, Timothy McVeigh. Uhh…" Like, they're not comparing terrorist acts! They're saying…in my opinion. They're saying, "Hey maybe we should look at this Islam thing and see why it always seems to pop up.

Maddox: It doesn't…

Dick: (interjects) Like, I don't think that's crazy.

Maddox: It doesn't always pop up.

Dick: Or bigoted to say.

Maddox: Yeah, it is. Because again…

Dick: (interjects) I…

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, the argument is…if you have a statistic that says 99.9% of this certain thing…

Dick: (interjects) But no one's doubting that.

Maddox: No, but, but…to even…to even suggest that it might be Islam is deeply offensive…

Dick: (interjects) How is it…

Maddox: …and insulting…

Dick: Wait a minute. How is it suggesting that it's Islam?

Maddox: That what? What do you want to look at? What is the study you want done that will satisfy…that will say…then you can finally wipe your hands clean and say, "Okay, we're good with this."

Dick: I'm not interested in wiping my hands clean. I think that's part of the misunderstanding here. Like, I don't…I'm not looking for a number. I'm not trying to solve for X. I'm wondering why is it that this always sh…like, I brought in terrorists. I said, "What is it, poverty?" Looked it up. That counterterrorism expert wrote in and said no. It's not that.

Maddox: No, he's wrong! He's fucking wrong! I brought in the stats and showed him!

Dick: (scoffs) He…

Maddox: (interjects) He said there is no correlation, there is no evidence. He said…these are his words. He said, "There is no evidence that shows that countries with the biggest… with the most poverty increase…have the most levels of terrorism." And I looked it up, and it's…it's absolutely fucking true! All the countries with the most poverty, the greatest income disparity, the greatest wealth inequality…all the countries right along the line, Iraq, Afghanistan, they all have the highest incidence of terrorism!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: You're telling me that…that we need to start looking at the teachings of Islam, where 1.6 billion people are not violent. Are not doing these acts. We need to…give an equal amount of weight to both of these ideologies. To both of these theories that maybe poverty is…is correlated to it, versus rel…this…this religious doctrine?

Dick: I don't know why it's so offensive to so many people to suggest that we look into it. Like, what's…what's the deal here? With all these people? Why are they…why are they manipulated by this specifically? Right?

Maddox: A…are you insane? (stammers) It…it…it's just like the video game argument. Why look into it…

Dick: (interjects) Which I think is valid to look into!!

Maddox: Okay. W…

Dick: (interjects) Video games always pop…what's going on with these video games? Why are they…what kind of effect do they have? It seems pretty…it seems to always pop up.

Maddox: It doesn't.

Dick: It seems extreme. That's all.

Maddox: It doesn't. You have blinders on. That's what the media…

Dick: (interjects) You don't think violent video games make people a little bit violent in the head? Kids? With not completely developed brains? You think that…I mean, how many hours of violent video games should they be playing every day? I don't think 24. I think that's a little bit too much violence.

Sean: Well, here's the question. Once you have the answer, what do you do about it?

Maddox: I don't know.

Dick: I don't even know what form the answer would take.

Sean: Uhh, take Islam, for example.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: What if we do find some kind of link? What do you do about it?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Well, then, I don't know? I mean, that's like, what did we do about…what did we do about gay shit? Christian fundamentalists hate gay people, right? They're trying to wipe it out! What did we do about that?

Maddox: But Christian fundamentalists are a sliver of…of the pie. They're not representative.

Dick: Yeah, ohhhhhhhh. I don't know.

Maddox: No, they're not! No, they're fucking not. Here, you know what? Let's talk about this! Let's talk about Christian terrorism, 'kay? The Lord's Resistance Army. You ever heard of this?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Well, yeah you have. You heard about it in 2012, 'cause that's KONY. Joseph Kony…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, the African guy?

Maddox: From the Lord's Resistance Army. He's…he claims that he only has one law, and it's the 10 Commandments. (Dick scoffs) and he abides by the 10 commandments…

Dick: (interjects) That's 9 more.

Maddox: …he's a very fucking religious dude, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: He's doing the Lord's work, killing, raping, capturing, and indoctrinating people!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's a Christian terrorist. Right? But when we think of terrorism, we're only thinking about Islam, because that's the only thing that ever comes up.

Dick: And I don't…I don't have a problem with labeling that…

Maddox: (interjects) No, hold on!

Dick: …as a Christian terrorist.

Maddox: Hold on, Dick! That's fine. But…why aren't…why aren't these same people, right? Why aren't you saying, "Well, let's…let's take a look and maybe and see if Christianity is the cause of this." Because clearly, it fucking isn't. Clearly, the majority of Christians aren't the Lord's Resistance Army.

Dick: Why is nobody saying "Not all Christians are like that"? Like, nobody…we take it for granted, right?

Maddox: Because it's not the narrative that the media can sell. The…(stammers) Islam, terrorism, like, it goads people into this argument.

Dick: Are they selling that narrative still?!

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: Oh, man. I don't know about that.

Maddox: Sean…Sean, something interesting you said, uh…this is a really important question. I think everyone should think about this. Is…what do you do about it? I…I had an argument with a friend a long time ago, who told me he had this professor at uh…I think it was at Carnegie Mellon. And he said this professor wrote this paper that's very, uh…controversial. And very contentious in academic circles, because he's making the case that black people have lower IQs…

Dick: (interjects) You said this on the podcast before.

Maddox: Right? Okay. I…

Dick: (interjects) You did the whole thing. Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. So, uh…for anyone who hasn't heard that, that's essentially the gist of it, right? This guy's…this guy's saying that black people have lower IQs, etc, etc. If that…let's just say. Let's just ignore all the evidence. Let's give it. Let's grant it.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Let's just say that it's true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What do you then do about it?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What can you possibly do…how is that information even useful?

Dick: Well, I'll tell you what you do in the case of, uh, Christian fundamentalism. You find the Pope and you say, "Hey, tell everybody it's okay to be gay." So when you go to…when you find that there's something wrong…that there's some THING, maybe there's something in Islam that might be a little fucky, maybe some hidden rules that 1.6 billion people don't follow, but the fundamentalists do. You go find the head of it, and you say, "Hey, can you, like, disavow these rules and say that it's not okay to kill in the name of Muhammed? And to protect Islam? Can you, like, disavow?"

Maddox: Because that's what would…that's what would fix that problem. I…

Dick: Hey!

Maddox: If the Pope had come out and said, "Hey, Lord's Resistance Army, just to clarify about those 10 Commandments? Um, there's no raping." Then the Lord's Resistance Army would suddenly sit back and say, "Hey, that's a good point, Pope. Thank you for telling me." This guys, Dick…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Are going to be doing whatever they're gonna be doing, no matter what, and they're gonna find justification to do it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it doesn't matter if it's religion. It doesn't matter if it's...um, if it's land. If it's some different ideology. If it's revenge. If it's poverty. Whatever it is, they're gonna find some reason to attack people, and religion is SUPER easy to do, because people believe it! It's super easy to manipulate people who are religious. And also poor and desperate, and impoverished. These are not wealthy people who are doing this. I think that poverty has a MUCH higher correlation than..than religion does.

Dick: Eh, maybe. I don't know. I'ma listen to that expert, though. You said it didn't…I know you said he's wrong, but…

Maddox: He's absolutely wrong, and I posted the statistics. That guy…I mean, that guy's job relies on there always being terrorism, right?

Dick: Oh, you think he's ginning it up?

Maddox: He's absolutely wrong.

Dick: But you think since his job relies on terrorism, he's like…

Maddox: Well, it's politically…

Dick: …you know, confusing people to keep the machine going?

Maddox: It's politically shaded, for sure.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: I think it's politically shaded, for sure.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. But, uh…the evidence is absolutely there. Look it up. And Dick, I want you to…can you do this favor for me? After this podcast is over…I want you to hop on my Facebook page and just look at the comments.

Dick: I don't…I don't wanna go read comments on your Facebook page.

Maddox: Well…(scoffs) I mean, that…(stammers) It's essentially affirming what you're saying. These guys don't exist. These knee-jerk "Not all Muslims" or "Not all Blank", whatever. Those guys.

Dick: Yeah. I think that bigotry exists, but I have…this specific problem is with these "Not all Blank" kneejerks, because I brought in other examples of them doing this, like, I didn't wanna dwell on this terrorism shit for that long. But it seems like they show up and just ruin conversations by repeating things that nobody thinks, to an…it's just a big echo chamber. Like, they're getting in there and telling each other this feel-good nonsense that everybody already knows. Like when that #YesAllWoman hashtag happened?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And then the #NotAllMen happened? It's like, could you shut the fuck up with the not all men? Nobody is saying that! That's not what this is about at all! Just like in this c…it's not about that at all, right now!

Maddox: Well, if you click on some of those tweets where people are making these comments and look at the conversation, like, click on the "View Conversation", 'cause it shows you the thread?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's usually in response to somebody making a…making one of these statements, like "we should all turn 'em to glass." "It's all Muslims." Etc, etc. This…I…this…

Dick: That's an extreme statement.

Maddox: Yeah. It's an extreme statement, but it exists, and it's out there, and I am…I am shocked and overwhelmed by the sheer amount I have seen in my Comments section on the website.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's really, really disheartening. Um, I…I encourage you to look at it. I mean, if you won't even look at it, Dick, you're ignoring that the problem is there.

Dick: No, I just don't wanna read a bunch of repetitive, bigoted comments, like…(Maddox scoffs, giggles) Like, why would I…why would I go do that?

Maddox: To…to…

Dick: (interjects) On the Internet? I'm not…like, Internet comments don't really faze me as much as they faze you.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: (interjects) Like, I'm not gonna read it and go, "oh my…" get the vapors over it. It's like "Oh, okay, well…"

Maddox: But, Dick, you cannot…

Dick: (interjects) It's mostly kids venting!

Maddox: You cannot make the statement that nobody's making these comments and then when I point out that they are, and I tell you exactly where to go to read them, you say, "Well, I'm not gonna read them." You can't…both of those things can't exist. You gotta choose one.

Dick: Here's what I know. I clicked on the words on Twitter. I don't see any of that shit. All I see is "Not all Muslims". Everybody be careful. You don't want to offend…a quarter of the planet! We can't talk ab…you don't even mention it! I'm already…I'm already preapologizing for anything that might happen! One guy's already afraid of the violence that Muslims are gonna suffer 'cause of white extremists. I'm like, "Give me a fucking break, here."

Maddox: They do. The Sikh temple got shot up because of some white dipshit extremist. Because he listened to this narrative, and then went in there and shot 'em, 'cause guess what? Sikhs…look…look Islamic. Sikhs look ethnic. Let's just go in and shoot a bunch of Sikhs. Peaceful fucking Sikhs who have nothing to do with Islam or ANYTHING…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He doesn't…he doesn't even do the basic amount of research? Like…(giggles) he wants to go shoot up a madrasa or something…he fucking picks a Sikh temple?! That's…that's what this is resulting in! I don't take it lightly. The people who…who believe this shit, Dick, are way, way, more than you abs…than you might think, and if you're not even willing to look at the comment thread to see why they're saying that…then that's a problem.

Dick: Why do you think I'm not willing to look at the fucking comment thread?

Maddox: 'Cause you just said.

Dick: I just don't want to waste time! You read one…it seemed like a smartass comment. Like, I've read shitty comments online before. I know what people say. I just don't think these kneejerk jackasses are helping anything.

Maddox: Well, that's a different argument. If you wanna say they're not helping…who knows. I mean, maybe…maybe you're right. Because saying shit online, uh…

Dick: (interjects) They're just in a big circle jerk. That's all it is, is a big circle jerk. Like, every time there's any kind of cop violence, "Oh, not all cops!" Not all cops! Like, nobody's fucking saying it's all cops, but they're trying to open up a conversation about this, and you fucking idiots are so eager to congratulate yourselves for being so progressive and sympathetic to everyone, you can't even stop to think about it for ONE second, critically. Like, you're SO terrified of anybody generalizing, ever, that you stop thinking! That's my problem with it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, um…I think that…I think you have to be careful which…which one of these things you look at. Because…uh, when you start to turn…when you start to say, you know, turn the critical eye on any ideology that billions of people are into, right? Be it, umm…Buddhism, or Islam, or Judaism, or Christianity, or whatever, which I don't think there's a billion Jews out there, but…um, if you start to turn that…that glass towards that, they might start turning the glass towards, oh, I don't know, say, uh…Western Imperialism. Which is how they view…

Dick: (interjects) Good!!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Everybody look at everything! Fuck your beliefs and your religion!! Eviscerate it! It's all tradition, which is stupid! Take it, tear it apart, find what's wrong with it, and stop it! I don't have a problem subjecting any of these things to a microscope!

Maddox: If you…if you…if the majority of whatever ideology are peaceful, it's not that ideology. I…I will go on the record as saying that. I believe it absolutely.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The majority of all these ideologies are not violent.

Dick: People are not these things. Like, all…any of these…like, all of these billions of Muslims around the world? They're just people going around. Like, they're not even… they…they're not even doing the exact religion. I mean, you know that. Everybody… everybody knows that. Whatever they call themselves, they're not doing exactly what the scriptures tell them to do. Right?

Maddox: Well, there's varying degrees, yeah.

Dick: I mean, they're not a robot. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They pick and choose.

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: And they got their own religion in their head.

Maddox: That's the point, yeah.

Dick: Everybody fucking knows…EVERYBODY knows that! EVERYBODY knows that! Stop congratulating yourselves for thinking you're broadcasting this to the world!

Maddox: Well, if you're saying that everybody knows that, but just even a few minutes ago, you said…

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Maddox: (giggles) You said, a few minutes ago, "Why doesn't the Pope come out and say, "Hey Christians, why don't you…why don't you be more tolerant towards the gays?"" You just said that…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And now…now you're saying that nobody's going to…everyone's gonna believe whatever they want to a degree anyway. So, I mean, that's the problem, Dick. Like, people are gonna find some justification for whatever shitty beliefs that they want…whatever shitty agenda they have, they're gonna find a justification for it, be it religion, be it land, be it some ideology. Nationalism.

Dick: Yeah. So they all deserve to be attacked. They fundamentally all deserved to be deconstructed until they have NO power! I'm fucking tired of defending ANY ideology, and this one is a big one. They should all have their belief system torn apart and the bad parts should be exorcised like a fucking cancer! That's what I think. That's just one man's opinion, though.

Maddox: One point…

Dick: (interjects) I'm not a professional in this field.

Maddox: 1.6 billion people should be…should have their ideology torn apart, because…

Dick: (interjects) No, 7 billion! Not 1.6. 7.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everybody.

Maddox: Even though there's no evidence that the ideology causes this.

Dick: The ideology in and of itself should be deconstructed, just because it exists.

Maddox: Oh, well, yeah. I mean, that's what…that's what theologians do. Religious scholars do that all the time. They look at different religions and see what's in common, what's not in common.

Dick: Well…I think we should be allowed to have this conversation.

Maddox: You are.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You are.

Dick: I'll get a lot of shit for it.

Maddox: If there were, say, a million or two million of these people around? Even then, it's a small minority, but then I'd step back and say, "Okay, well there's a lot of 'em."

Dick: Wait a minute, two million of what?

Maddox: Terrorists.

Dick: Well, see, but then you get into the other conversation of what…how many people sympathize. Like, how many people…are down with Sharia law…

Maddox: That's a different…

Dick: …and then you're like, "Well, now I need to…now I really wanna start asking hard questions about what's going on here!"

Maddox: No.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: That's…

Dick: Without offending, like, without, (goofy voice) "Unnh, not all…not all 1.6 billion." Yeah, I know, I KNOW! I know it's not all 1.6 billion! But let's ask some harder questions than just "it's poverty". Money doesn't fix everything!

Maddox: No. Money doesn't fix everything. But…uh, it is poverty and ignorance. You don't see really well-read, highly-read, highly intelligent people blowing themselves up. It's not them. Those aren't the ones doing it. You know who…you know the really smart ones? The really smart terrorists? They're the Osama Bin Ladens, who are just…(inaudible)

Dick: (interjects) But that's the dangerous one!

Maddox: Well, yeah, but we…

Dick: (interjects) Like, that's the worst one!!!

Maddox: Right, but you get them. But the ones who are causing the trouble, like, the henchmen, are just ignorant, poor people!

Dick: The henchmen don't even get credited in the movie. It's just "henchman". He's got no name. The henchmen don't fucking matter!

Maddox: (interjects) But the henchman are…

Dick: They're the poor ones!

Maddox: The henchman are the problems. In…in World War II, Hitler…World War II Germany was really feeling down on themselves, because…

Dick: (interjects) They were down in the dumps.

Maddox: Everybody…

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Everybody came down on them after World War I. Everybody! And Germans were not feeling proud. Germans were not feeling good about themselves. And Hitler tapped into that emotion and said, "No, you know what? We're not only good, we're the best."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: We're the best people, and it's these fucking Jews who are the problem!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Let's turn our attention towards the Jews, who are actually the bankers! And… and maybe he had some stick up his ass about a Jewish banker sometime, but he…he characterized that as the problem, and then that turned into fascism.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But the people who carried out his orders…they're not the ones…they're not the ones, uhh..(stammers, giggles) They're the ones who are being emotionally manipulated.

And same thing with these people right now. There's this whole argument. I think I read it on Slate or The Atlantic a while ago, where this guy was talking about how many Islamic men who go into terrorism might feel so downtrodden and down on themselves because of their lifestyle and because uh…they don't have much. All they have is their religion. It's… it's almost like…(half-laughs) It's almost exactly like an American gang. Gang members only have their pride and their reputation.

Dick: Sure. Yeah.

Maddox: And when you try to take that away from them, they lash out and they'll do it at any cost. That's why we have a gang problem. That's why we have a terrorism problem. I think they have something really, uh…really big in common.

Dick: Yeah. I'll give you that.

Maddox: Yeah. Um…

Dick: You wanna do your problem?

Maddox: Well…maybe…maybe these poor people…

Dick: (interjects) You got time.

Maddox: Yeah, that…that's fine, but I just wanna say one more thing. Something that could actually help out some of these poor people. Uhh…Muslims, or gangs, or…anyone, is saving 5 dollars.

Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. Uh, did you know it's Movember? Do you know what Movember is?

Maddox: Oh, that's the one where everyone grows out a…a mustache, yeah?

Dick: Yeah, everyone grows out a mustache.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright.

Dick: Yeah. Movember. Everybody grows out a mustache. Harry's is the official partner of the Movember Foundation.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And will be donating their money. I think I might have read…I read on their website they're donating, like, 5% or something like that? For, um…lemme see here.

Sean: So, see? It's not the majority. (Maddox scoffs)

Dick: Yeah. For helping raise awareness for men's health…it's prostate cancer, right? Is that Movember?

Maddox: I think so, yeah. Movember is for prostate cancer.

Dick: Yeah, prostate cancer.

Maddox: I mean, against prostate cancer. It's not FOR.

Dick: Oh it's not FOR?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Harry's is not promoting…

Maddox: It's not, no.

Dick: It's not encouraging you to stick a microwave wand up your ass?

Maddox: Misconception. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Give yourself prostate cancer?

Maddox: No. Huge misconception. They are not about that.

Dick: Hey, Harry's delivers a superior shave for an incredible price. They bought the razor factory in Germany, so if you think you're gonna pick up cheap razors downtown or something that are Harry's quality, you are definitely not.

Maddox: You're dead wrong!

Dick: You're dead wrong. They sell at factory direct prices and it only costs a fraction of the price. That guy who called in, our friend with the bad haircuts?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's a Harry's user.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, big time. 'Cause he saves a ton of money.

Maddox: Ssssssmooth as a baby's bottom. His own baby's bottom! (giggles)

Dick: Oh, wow. Go to http://www.harrys.com, enter promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM, save $5 off your first purchase.

Maddox: They'll ship it right to your door, guys. Nothing more convenient. Uh, really, really high quality blades. And it supports the show. Thank you so much, guys! And for tweeting these at Harry's. They've been, uh…they love the…

Dick: (interjects) They tweeted us back!

Maddox: Yeah. They tweeted us back.

Dick: Yeah, they tweeted us back today.

Maddox: Yeah. Super cool. And they tweeted us a little emoji of a punch. Like a fist punching.

Dick: I think that was a brofist.

Maddox: Oh, brofist!

Dick: Yeah. Not as…

Maddox: Well yeah, but it…

Dick: Let's give 'em credit. Let's give them the benefit of the doubt and say it was a punch to the face!

Maddox: Every..(giggles) every brofist is a punch, and sometimes that punch is met with another brofist. (Dick giggles) Anyway, guys. Dick, I got a problem. I got a real big problem.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Bigger than yours, but only…(Dick laughs) I think so. I think it's bigger than yours.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I think it's the root cause of this. I think it's…Zealots!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: Oh, zealots.

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah!! Zealots! Zealots are the problem.

Dick: Thought you were gonna bring in something…I thought you were gonna bring in something a little lighter to…(Maddox laughs) balance out the heavy problem…and a light problem. Boy, was I wrong.

Maddox: Ohhh, nope. Just a bit, long, heavy d…(laughs)

Dick: You don't have a light problem in there?

Maddox: Heavy duty episode. (grins)

Dick: You wanna get really into the…same…the same type of problem for the entire show. Okay.

Maddox: Well, I…but I have…I have different types of zealots in here. (Dick guffaws) Uh, because…there's…there's different types, and it's important to…it's important to realize that zealotry of all different colors and shades are…problems. Uh…as we know, there's ethnic and racial supremacists, right? Those are definitely zealots. There's political or ideological zealots.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which…we…we haven't even gotten around to that.

Dick: America was founded by those people.

Maddox: By zealots? (giggles)

Dick: Political zealots, yeah.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: They were really into…they really had a hardon for freedom.

Maddox: Yeah, well, I think they just…they just got tired of taxation from, uh…from overseas.

Dick: That is the same thing.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) There's those zealots. There's religious fanaticism…right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Promoting religious views to an extreme! That's what caused this whole shit! That and poverty. (Dick and Sean crack up)

Dick: You better not cut that out!

Maddox: No!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: No, why would I? It…

Dick: So it had something to do with it.

Maddox: Well…they used it to manipulate these people, yeah.

Dick: Okay. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Now we're talking!

Maddox: But…if it's the exact same doctrine that everyone else is reading, all 1.6 billion of 'em, and 99.999…

Dick: (interjects) Nobody reads that shit.

Maddox: 99.9% of them are not acting out, then it's pretty safe to say that's not the cause. (surfer voice) It's also…a large part to do with poverty. And ignorance. And lack of education.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…then you have anti-religious fanaticism!! 'Kay? This is….this is one where people think, "Well, you know, I'm an atheist, I just do my thing, I don't bother anyone." But…man, I fucking hear from them! Allllllllll the time!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…and have you ever heard of the…

Dick: They're called sophomores. (Maddox laughs) That's what they're called.

Maddox: Yeah, they are called sophomores.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Idiots. Um…have you heard of the Militant Atheist Movement. Have you heard of this?

Dick: No. (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeeeeeah. No…

Dick: (interjects) What's their battle uniform?

Maddox: Not too many people have.

Dick: A bunch of fedoras and overcoats?

Maddox: Well, uh…I think they actually did have…they have an insignia, I think, and there was some kind of uniform. But this was really popularized in Russia, uh, I think by Lenin, in the forties. In the late thirties, early forties. And he promoted this extreme form of atheism. It was the extreme Atheist movement.

Dick: Oh, this is a real, like…

Maddox: It's a real thing.

Dick: …militant thing. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, no. It's a real thing. This is the Militant Atheist Movement. In 1940…this is from Wikipedia and there's a whole article about it, but "over 100 bishops, tens of thousands of orthodox clergy, and thousands of monks and ley believers had been killed or had died in Soviet prisons and the Gulag." They actually went around and rounded up these…these…

Dick: Religious people?

Maddox: Monks. Any religious people! And then…and killed a lot of 'em. Lot of bishops and priests, they were just rounded up and killed. There were these atheist churches that popped up. Not quite churches, but they called them enli…like, houses of enlightenment, or whatever, where they would go and read poetry and talk about science and all these things.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: It was kind of like…you know. Uh…(giggles) r/atheism's utopia on Reddit.

Dick: Sounds awesome.

Maddox: Yeah, it was real great until they started killing hundreds of thousands of people.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Um, there's consu…what do you mean, (skeptical) yeah? (giggles)

Dick: It's better than a violent video game.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do it in real life.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Same thing. (giggles)

Maddox: Um, yeah. You can be religiously fanatical. You can be…anti-religiously fanatical. There's consumer fanaticism.

Dick: Ohh, I know who you're talking about now!

Maddox: Who do you think?!

Dick: Uh, Android fanboys, right?

Maddox: (cracks up) Get the fuck out of here, it's Apple! Idiot. iPhone and Apple idiots. These guys…so there's this…there's this study…

Dick: (interjects) Are you talking about fanaticism, 'cause I know that Apple people identify, like, the Apple logo in the same part of their brain as religious iconography.

Maddox: Yeah! It's true! They've done all sort of studies. There's a study here called "The Dark Side of Consumer Fanaticism". It says, "Research has shown that some products or brands have fanatical followers who remain highly enthusiastic, devoted, and whose loyalty remains unwavering despite countersupportive facts and information or persuasive arguments to switch. While many organizations would benefit from having such devoted fans within its consumer base, some authors have pointed to the detriment associated with such rigidity, inflexibility, and dogmatism." And they go on and they say that fanatical followers sometimes even hurt the company that they are in support of.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Because they can be so attached to the existing brand or products and can be so highly resistant to change that they can retaliate against new product launches and/or brand repositioning, leading to its demise. That's…that's actually what happened to Coca-Cola in…in the mid eighties?

Dick: With New Coke?

Maddox: With New Coke, yeah.

Dick: Didn't it taste like shit, though?

Maddox: No. They still make new Coke. People liked New Coke, but they were resistant to the change.

Sean: Wait, they do?

Maddox: Yeah. A lot of people.

Dick: They still make new Coke?

Sean: No, they make new…I don't think they make New Coke.

Maddox: Didn't they?

Dick: No, they…

Maddox: You know…

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: They..I believe they tweaked the formula. Actually, you may be right, Sean.

Sean: Well…well, that's the thing. Like, they always say, "Oh, original formula". Soda manufacturers, for 100 years, have constantly changed their formula as things become cheaper. You know, they make a higher profit on it.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: That's…NOBODY sticks to the original formula.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: They want you to think that, but they get tweaked all the time!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Their mistake there was announcing it. Actually, I don't know if you guys remember…

Dick: (interjects) So you…you think that people actually just lied about the taste? Like, they would have preferred it, or they would have not even noticed if Coke hadn't told them that they changed up the formula?

Maddox: I don't…no. I don't think people would have noticed.

Dick: Oh, man. You're very cynical.

Maddox: No, I…

Sean: (interjects) I wish I remembered what it tasted like, 'cause I definitely remember when it came out.

Maddox: Yeah. I think that people who…(giggles) first of all, I'm talking to the two biggest idiots when it comes to the taste of Coke. (Dick giggles)

Sean: Oh, goddamn it!

Maddox: Joker number one and joker number two. You gu…you dipshits couldn't even tell the same exact sample of Diet Coke!

Sean: That was…that was flat, ice was bullshit.

Dick: That was flat. Ice…yeah. (Maddox laughing)

Sean: That was such a bullshit test.

Dick: That was bullshit. That was a bullshit test.

Maddox: Yeah, you…bullshit. (laughing)

Sean: Fuck you, and your Coke test! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You know what, Sean?! Say anything you want, you failed my Control, which is, you couldn't even recognize the same two samples!

Dick: Well, it's true.

Sean: You wouldn't know a control if I shoved it up your ass! (they crack up)

Maddox: Ahhhh. Peppery Sean! Welcome back. People were loving your shitty comments. Real shitty comments last episode.

Sean: Well, when you open the door a little bit, like, I mean, you talked about BANGS, for fuck's sake!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, whatever.

Dick: What did you mean to say?

Maddox: You know what I was talking about.

Dick: No, no, no!!! Well, we know what you were talking about.

Maddox: The front area!

Sean: She was cutting my bangs, or something like that.

Maddox: The front…where my bangs would be, that's where she was! (Dick laughing) And I don't appreciate these comments! Someone in the comments section said, "Hey Maddox, did your barber go down the beach and come back with an apron full of sand?"

Dick: I saw that one. (giggles)

Maddox: No!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Idiot. It was tits! Big ol' boobies in my face! It was wonderful. For her. Anyway, there's leisure fanaticism. People who just love to party and have leisure…excuse me, pleasure, to extremes.

Dick: Yeah. Fanatics!

Maddox: These are people…yeah. Well, they're zealots.

Dick: Okay, yeah.

Maddox: Fanaticism is zealotry.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It's zealotry. It's belief of something…

Dick: (interjects) Different words, though.

Maddox: Well, I got the definition.

Dick: What's the definition?

Maddox: I got the definition. A zealot is a fanatical and uncompromising pursuit of religious, political, or other ideals. It's fanaticism.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's what zealotry is.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So leisure fanaticism. These are people…you think, "Well, what's the big deal, man? They're just having a good time, man." Smoking pot. Fucking around all day. Watching TV. Well, guess what?

Dick: (scoffs, giggles) Yeah, what's wrong with that?

Maddox: Yeah, what's wrong with that? I'll tell you what's wrong with that. They're bums.

Sean: Sounds like a dangerous person. (grins)

Dick: Yeah. Sounds like a weekend. (chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: What's the problem? (giggling)

Maddox: Sounds to me like a weak link who's leeching off society! Someone's paying for 'em!

Dick: Ohhhh. What, are they taking your video games from you? Leeching off society. (incredulous)

Maddox: No! Someone's paying for them! They're not getting jobs. They're not leading productive lives! They're a drain on the economy. They're a drain on everything.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: They're a big drain! Flush 'em down it! Sports fanaticism.

Dick: Oh, they are annoying.

Maddox: This is a HUGE problem, kay? (Dick laughs) Do you remember?

Dick: Well, I don't know about a huge problem. Okay, go ahead.

Maddox: Ohhh, okay. It's not. Um, but…(Dick laughs) It's a problem! And it's huge. (mumbles) (laughing) It results in serious death or injury, riots, millions of dollars in damage…you remember back in 2011 on opening day in Los Angeles, there was a guy..

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that was awesome, I got kicked out of that game.

Maddox: No, it wasn't awesome, Dick. 'Cause it ruined one man's life.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, three…three men, actually. But some guy…his name…uh, let's see. I don't have his name here. Oh, it's Brian. Brian. Well, I forget his last name. His name is Brian. But anyway, he was…

Dick: Hammerhead.

Sean: Stowe.

Maddox: Yeah, Brian Stowe, that's his name.

Dick: Oh, that was his name.

Maddox: Brian Stowe. He was walking out of the stadium, I believe, and he was attacked by LA Dodgers fans after attending a game against the Giants. He was put into a coma, received traumatic brain injury, has to take 13 medications every day, he has to use a walker to move around, he has to take two different types of anti-seizure medications..

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: He lost all this time and he's on disability permanently. He's permanently disabled.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because of sports fanaticism.

Dick: (goofy voice) Oh but Maddox, not all fanatics are like that. I dunno…

Maddox: Actually, they are. Actually they are, Dick.

Dick: (goofy voice) Not all fanatics attack fans outside the game.

Maddox: Yes they are! Yes they do.

Dick: (goofy voice) There's millions of fans out there and they don't ALL attack people. Look at the stats.

Maddox: Well, that's a different argument. If you're saying fans, true.

Dick: (goofy voice) There's billions of sports zealots out there that don't attack people.

Maddox: Right, but…

Dick: (interjects) See, nobody jumps to the defense of sports fans!

Maddox: (goofy voice) But Dick, um, shouldn't we look at sports as an ideology?!

Dick: Yes! Yes you should! They're aggressive!!

Maddox: (goofy voice) Shouldn't we deconstruct and see what about sports causes these fanatics to fight other people!?

Dick: It's the aggression and the alcohol! It's part of sports!! Yes, it should be like that!

Maddox: You know, did you see…did you see these two shitheads who attacked this guy?

Dick: I…I…you wanna know something?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got kicked out of that game at the same time that guy was getting beaten to death. How weird is that? For throwing a beer at a Giants fan.

Maddox: Yeah…you threw a beer at a Giants fan?

Dick: I threw a beer at a …yeah, he was dancing…

Maddox: (interjects) You're the fucking problem, dickhead! (yelling)

Dick: He was…no, he was making faces and dancing, and I was like, "Oh, I'll put a stop to this. Wham."

Maddox: What an asshole!

Dick: Grabbed a beer and winged it at him.

Maddox: You're a fanatic.

Dick: That's fun!!!

Maddox: Yeah, fun. Fun, but some guy got beat to death and was permanently disabled.

Dick: Well, I wasn't part of that. But they…the phalanx rolled out…

Maddox: You could have been, if this guy…

Dick: (giggles) I could have been.

Maddox: If those guys…if that guy you threw the beer at turned around and started picking a fight and maybe his buddies jumped you? Guess w…that could have been you, dude.

Dick: Oh, please. Giants fans? (Maddox laughs) I'll punch them back to San Francisco. (Maddox sighs) Welcome to LA, bitch! So they roll out the phalanx to throw me outta this game, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was there with my life coach.

Maddox: What are there, Romans there?

Dick: No, no! They rolled out, like that…the cards in Alice in Wonderland.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Like Hup, hup, hup.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: They get like 30 guys to kick me outta this Dodger game.

Maddox: Oh, 30 guys!? Please. You flatter yourself! (laughing)

Dick: I…I don't know why they used that many guys! I just thought it was funny that all these guys are, like, unfolding, like a deck of cards! I'm like, what the fuck…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I…it doesn't take this many people to kick me outta the game! So they're all un… they all unfold. All the way up the stairs, and then this one little dude with a different-colored shirt comes walking around, marching up the stairs, he goes, "YOU!!" You're out!!" I'm like, "Ah, well. This has been fun, guys. But I'll see you later." So I…I go out with him… on a date. No, he kicks me out. He was like, "Do you know why you got kicked out?" I was like, "Yeah, I threw a beer at that guy who was doing a little dance." He goes, "Well, you know. People have been getting hit with…with beer bottles in there. What do you think about that?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm like, "You guys don't serve glass beer…you don't serve any…shut the fuck up. It was a plastic cup! I'm out of the game, alright? And he's like "Oh, okay." So I'm waiting for my life coach out there, outside of the game, thinking he would get up and we could go to Pacific Dining Car like we always do.

Maddox: No, he's…(giggles)

Dick: No. He doesn't leave.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: I found out later that he switched seats and moved into my seat so he could talk to the girl that I'd been talking to…(Maddox laughs) for the whole game. And he said…as soon as he sat down, he's like, "Hey, so, you know, what's your dad like?" (Maddox groans) And she goes, "Wow, I've never seen a white guy get kicked out of a Dodgers game before."

Maddox: Hmm. Half Mexican, though.

Dick: Well, she didn't know.

Maddox: You know…uh, you know, Dick. (goofy voice) Um, I think that it's worth looking at, you know…

Dick: (interjects) You're back on this now?!

Maddox: Sports. The sports ideology that…that causes people to be violent. You know… and I'm tired of people saying it's not all sports fans, because CLEARLY this is happening! It's happening all the time! Shouldn't we look at sports and see what about sports is causing VIOLENT thoughts?!

Dick: Yeah, that's the joke I was making.

Maddox: It wasn't a joke, you dickhead! That was your argument!! (yells)

Dick: No, that's the joke I was making that…yeah. I explained it to you.

Maddox: Yeah, about video games. About video games.

Dick: And about sports, and then I said that it's…violent..(giggles) That it's violent, and of course it encourages violence.

Maddox: I…well, the majority of people who watch sports aren't violent.

Dick: Maddox, this is the joke I was making when I said it. You NEVER hear somebody say, "Not all sports fans!" (goofy voice) "Not all sports fans!" Like, it's this…it's very comparable.

Maddox: Yeah, but it's 'cause nobody is ever saying that sports are the problem that's causing this violence. Although, although…

Dick: (interjects) Of course they contribute to it!

Maddox: No, although…there is…there is an argument now…it's kinda starting to catch momentum. They are saying that sports may be causing the athletes themselves to be violent towards their spouses and partners. There is that argument that's starting to gain momentum.

Dick: Okay, wait. Lemme…lemme…lemme…just, as the voice of someone…of the non-retard on Earth, like, I'm saying of the whole Earth, like, I feel like I have to start speaking for someone who's just not screwed up by TV.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sports…100% contribute to aggression. Let's just…let's all agree on that, okay? We don't need any studies to prove it. Of course they do. That's the nature of sports.

Maddox: Uhhh…..

Dick: That's what makes them great.

Maddox: (snorts) Okay. I can't…I don't know…I don't even know where to begin to deconstruct that. Like…

Dick: Of course it's true!!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: You think you kick someone's ass on the field, and then you just walk off and put on, like, a top hat, and go, like, "Oh, well, jolly good game, sir." I..(stammers) "Let's leave our differences on the field." FUCK no!!!

Maddox: Yeah. Well…there was a period in my life where I played sports, and I wasn't more aggressive. I don't think I was.

Sean: You played sports?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, beach volleyball.

Maddox: I played base…I played baseball. Fuck you! I played b…(giggles) I played baseball.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: What kind of…what kind of football bat did you use? (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Wait, wait, wait.

Maddox: You dick.

Dick: Can you…can you explain the infield fly rule?

Maddox: No. I don't know…I don't remember all the rules.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I probably never even learned it back then.

Dick: Wh…what do you mean, were you, like, 8? How old were you when you played sports?

Maddox: I was…I believe 13…14 years old.

Dick: Were you playing with 8-year-olds?

Maddox: I was about 14 years old. Noo. (grins) (Sean giggles) I was playing with other 14-year-olds, dickhead!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. I played sports. I didn't feel like I was more aggressive. I…(stammers) I don't feel like the majority of people. Look, man. (Dick snorts) When people do these things…when people…

Dick: (interjects) I'm generalizing again. It's so offensive, I know.

Maddox: Yeah. Vote up zealots! Zealots are the problem. Zealots are the ones who get kicked out of football games. Zealots are the ones who beat people within an inch of his life and put him in a coma, so he can't even spend time with his family and his kids anymore.

Dick: I…I think that's, like, a criminal, though.

Maddox: Z…yeah. Most zealots…most zealots who act on their shit are. Most Christians…

Dick: (interjects) Not all zealots. (grins)

Maddox: Most Christians…(giggles) I would say…the majority of zealots.

Dick: This is what it's like with these people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just "not all everything"! All the time.

Maddox: Ehhh. You know what, Dick? If that was your argument right from the get-go, that would have been so much better.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: 'Cause that's kind of funny.

Dick: Well, that's where I was going, but it got shanghaied by all this terrorism shit.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, it's a big problem, man.

Dick: What could be worse? Yeah.

Maddox: You know, um…(stammers) the Westboro Baptist Church is NOT representative of ANY Christians. Except themselves.

Dick: Well, they're just a bunch of lawyers. Like, that's…they do that to get money. That has nothing to do with religion. And anyone who talks about it negatively is just promoting their brand. Like…all they do is try to get attacked so they can sue.

Maddox: Uh…I don't know enough about that.

Dick: It has nothing to do with beli…oh, yeah. No, no.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Go..go look at it. It's…

Maddox: (interjects) I mean, it sounds plausible. I'll give you that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It does sound plausible.

Dick: They don't give a shit.

Maddox: No, they're dickheads. They're dickheads. They're dickheads. Anyway, man. Zealots. Zealots is my problem this week. I have another one…what are we doing…we're WAY over.

Dick: Waaaaay over.

Maddox: Way over, way over. This a really long episode, guys. Enjoy. Enjoy the extra…(giggles) the extra…you got some extra bang for your buck, which is nothing. Oh oh!!

Dick: Just like you'll get at Harry's. What?

Maddox: Uh, speaking of, though…we…a lot of fans are asking about Season 2…of the bonus episodes.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Coming soon, guys. We're gonna…I think we're launching it in December. What's that?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A week from now? (laughs) Yeah. Yeah. Um, yeah. We're launching Season 2 in December. We got a lot of exciting stuff coming. Thank you for supporting the show.

Dick: The apple test was really taking a lot of time to plan properly.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Alright guys, so my problem was Zealots. **(closing riff starts)** The biggest problem in the universe. The root cause of Dick's problem. And what was yours?

Dick: "Not all Blank" Kneejerks. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Thanks for listening.

Dick: Cause they're the jerks, get it? It's another one of those wordplay ones.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Maddox, and Dick. Do you know what the biggest fucking problem in the universe right now for me is? Target. You know, what's wrong with Target? I mean, it's a good retail store. The biggest fucking problem is, they don't observe the ESRB rules of Mature games. (They giggle) **So I go in trying to buy Fallout 4, but they're like "Fuck you, you're not 18." And I'm like, "Fuck you, your store policy is 17." And they're like "Go fuck yourself." And I'm like "Go fuck yourself." And then I actually don't. So what the fuck is wrong with Target not observing the fucking ESRB? Go suck a dick, Dick, and go suck a dick, Maddox."**

(they laugh)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: What a nerd. (laughs)

Dick: I hope that exchange really went like that. Like, I wish every exchange in life went like that. Like, "Oh yeah? Ah, fuck yourself." "Ah, fuck you, buddy."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, see ya.

Maddox: (laughs) Alright, later. And he went home without a video game.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. People do actually enforce the ESRB. Depends…I think the more conservative the town, the more likely they are to enforce that bullshit ESRB. Which…you

have to be…you have to…consider the fact that playing violent video games may make you think more violently. So it's…it's good that they're…that they're doing that.

Dick: I'd be…man, if there was, like, a study that came out mapping a person's brain while they were playing violent video games, and comparing it to, like, actually committing violence, if that Venn diagram wasn't a circle, I would be shocked.

Maddox: Dude…

Dick: Like, that's why they're fun. 'Cause it satisfies violent impulses.

Maddox: No. They have been trying to pin video games with violence for soooooooooooo long, and they've done SO many studies that have no correlation between more aggressive behavior. I mean, they found that sometimes when kids play…

Dick: (interjects) See, I'm not saying behavior. You keep skipping straight to behavior. I'm not saying behavior.

Maddox: You're saying thoughts?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, what difference does it male?

Dick: I'm saying…

Sean: Mmm, acting is a whole other level.

Dick: Well…yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, but what difference…I have violent thoughts all the time. I had, like, 10 of 'em throughout this episode.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: What difference does it make? (laughs)

Dick: It's interesting. It's saying that they're not totally innocent. Like, if you're sitting there encouraging yourself to have violent thoughts, and if you're already prone to something bad? It's bad. Like…

Maddox: Well…

Dick: …no one's bl…you gotta get outta this binary world. There's, like…we're either gonna ban 'em or we're not. Like, people should just know that this is an effect of them. That's…I'm fine with that.

Maddox: Yeah, well…if it's not…

Sean: (interjects) But what's wrong…

Maddox: What?

Sean: What's wrong with having more information on which people can make choices?

Dick: We're not afraid of that, are we?

Maddox: Because Sean, they're disingenuous. They are doing it specifically to pass legislation to ban video games because a bunch of fundamentalists…a bunch of zealots. A bunch of fanatics are trying to ban video games 'cause they don't like them. They don't like the influence. They don't like the message. And they don't like that they can't control their kids. I remember when…a long time ago…

Dick: (interjects) See, this is the real reason, though. This is why you are afraid of the answers to these studies, 'cause you know that they're gonna use them for evil.

Maddox: Well, sure.

Dick: Right? Yeah.

Maddox: That's the only reason they're looking into it.

Dick: That's the difference.

Maddox: They're not interested. They're not doing it out of curiosity. Again, when 99% of the people who play video games are not violent, we know the answer. We know that it's not a problem.

Dick: Mmmyeah. Mmwell. (hesitant)

Maddox: You don't need any more evidence than that.

Dick: Okay, I got one more.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys. This is Sam, calling from Oregon. Look. I love this podcast as much as the next guy, but there's one thing that's just been driving me fucking crazy, and it's that Sean has not yet brought in a problem. (giggles)

Sean: Oh, God. (in the background) (Dick and Maddox laugh)

"I mean, look. I love having Asterios on. All the other…well, most of the other guests have been great. (Dick cackles maniacally, Maddox laughs) "

Dick: Always accurate! (grins)

"I just really wanna see what Sean comes up with. So, Sean…get your shit together, man."

Dick: Sean, get your shit together.

"Bring in a problem. Oh, Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: Aaaaaawwwwwwwwww!!!

Maddox: We don't need it. We don't need it, Sean. We already got cool Sean. Cool Sean's got it covered.

Dick: I don't want Cool Sean to bring in a problem. I want you to bring in a problem.

Sean: No, no, no. I will.

Maddox: Yeah? You'll bring in a problem, for real?

Dick: Okay.

Sean: Yes!! Yes, I will.

Maddox: O…or..or, Sean, we're gonna put this out there for you…a solution. Think about it.

Dick: No, I wanna hear Sean rant!

Sean: Mmm, okay. (they laugh)

Dick: Great, fuck you.

Maddox: Well, there you go. (laughing) I have a feeling. A really h…a really strong probability that Cool Sean's gonna be back.

Dick: I dunno what you care about, though.

Maddox: Sean?!

Dick: I've never seen…I've only seen you lose your cool a couple times.

Sean: Really?

Maddox: I thought Sean's…

Dick: Yeah, I've seen you lose your cool over a tr…a tray of wings that you had that your brother made you carry.

Sean: Oh, that was good.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah. No, that was exerting will.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: So you have to have the will to do what the other one will not.

Dick: Yeah. That's a good sibling fight.

Sean: And he…he blinked.

Maddox: Sean, you got…I know you got problems, and I KNOW that they're gonna be good, 'cause you're a reasonable motherfucker. And…(stammers) with most things. You s…you suck dick at being to tell good Coke from the other one! You can't even tell the same sample!

Sean: Goddamn it.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Make fun of me now.

Sean: Okay. (Maddox laughs) You're ugly. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Eat shit!!! That's…(stammers) y…that's a shit move!!! You're being an i…

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Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 80

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Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Bad Spellers to Penn and Teller! (they all laugh) With over 4 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should (Dick sighs contentedly) or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: And in studio today is Randy, the silent observer. Thank you for joining us. Welcome back. Episode 80.

Dick: Hey! I love that bit that you do at the beginning of the episode. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah? It's fun!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: W..(stammers) I just realized, that's what spawned the whole apple debate. Not the Apple computing debate, of course.

Dick: Is you bringing it in?

Maddox: The apple fruit debate, remember? We…it was Bad Apples to Bad People. Bad People…(giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, um…

Dick: We gotta settle that debate, too, in the bonus episode, starting…

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: December…what is the date that it's coming out?

Maddox: The first Monday of December. It's gonna be a…an early Christmas miracle.

Dick: December 7th.

Maddox: December 7th.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: There you go. December 7th. Is Due Day.

Dick: We'll be finding out once and for all…

Sean: Wasn't that Pearl Harbor? Isn't that Pearl Harbor Day?

Dick: December 7th?

Maddox: Is it December 7th!? Did I accidentally make a Pearl Harbor reference? (chortles)

Sean: Well, don't do it again.

Maddox: Oh, it is the 7…yeah, I think it is December 7th! It's Pearl Harbor Day!

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: That's the day our episode is coming out. Guys…

Dick: Great.

Maddox: Thank you for supporting the show. (giggles) Go…go listen to the bonus episode. Download it. Support it. We're…

Dick: (interjects) We're gonna be celebrating it by eating Fuji apples and comparing…

Maddox: (interjects) We're going to finally..

Dick: …them to Red Delicious apples.

Maddox: We're going to finally settle that debate.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: So, Dick…just…

Dick: You've had a big week! (Maddox laughs) I wanna get to the exciting news first!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: But let's go…let's rush through who got more votes, or whatever it is…

Maddox: Oh, that'll derail us. I gotta get…I gotta get this out at the top of the show. 'Cause we already talked about Penn and Tell…I mentioned Penn and Teller at the top of the show.

Dick: Let's breeze right through the Islam.

Maddox: Ohoho…(laughing)

Dick: We don't… no one cares about Islam! It's not even worth talking about! (Maddox still laughing) Who cares? Who cares.

Maddox: Well. Yeah! It's simple. It…that's how every pundit should settle every Islam conversation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um…who…who cares. Right? No, uh…not even four, five hours ago…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I posted my Penn and Teller video.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Okay? I'd been teasing it for…

Dick: (interjects) Dating. We're recording on Friday! Dating the show.

Maddox: Yeah. So…uh, I recorded this…this Penn and Teller episode, and finally released it, and I'd been kinda teasing it for a LONG time…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And people had been asking me…almost every week, I got an email from somebody asking me to talk about that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What my experience was on that show, 'cause it got…

Dick: (interjects) Overwhelming response.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They thought it was an uncharacteristic portrayal of me on Penn and Teller, and it was, so…I made this video and I released it! And…lo and behold, not even…I would say, what, 30, 40 minutes after I released the video…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Already got a response from Mr. Penn Jillette himself.

Dick: Ohohohoho!!! (laughs)

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah!!

Dick: Like a big 'old fat trout!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: Biting on that line, right?! Reel that bitch in!! (Maddox chuckles) Reel that libertarian bitch in!

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: He's lost weight. He's lost weight, actually. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, what did he have? Gastric bypass?

Maddox: No, he just…he…

Dick: (interjects) Did he shit out a prostitute that accidentally got caught…(Maddox cracks up) in his…one of his cheap, shitty magician suits?

Maddox: You're gonna feel like an asshole! (Dick and Sean laugh) No, he did…he did lose weight.

Dick: (interjects) Somebody sawed his ass in half during the show?

Maddox: No!! (they all laugh) Just by dieting. Hey, gu…let's give him a chance. So, Penn…so somebody tweeted to Penn Jillette. Shortly after I posted the…the new video. An article. And I go into a lot of depth and detail about how one of the producers from the

show hit me up afterwards and wanted me to promote his book, which is…very similar to mine, actually.

Dick: Ugh, shameless!

Maddox: Yeah, very shameless.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I…I kind of explained how a lot of companies and production companies in Hollywood come out to people on the Internet who have huge Internet followings and they think that, you know, we're gonna cowtow and beg and grovel to be on their TV show, 'cause it's Big Hollywood, right?

Dick: 'Cause everyone wants to be on TV!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Yeah.

Maddox: Why not? For free. Of course. It's unpaid, by the way.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Nobody pays anyone anything, except for the volunteers they had on the show. Anyways.

Dick: No, that was shocking to me as well, after I was on Dr. Phil and Tyra, like, telling everybody that they don't pay you anything..

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: …is shocking to people.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But they…they don't. 'Cause…

Maddox: (interjects) The…the…yeah.

Dick: …the world is full of whores who just want to be on TV for attention.

Maddox: Well, they're also…they're also very, very greedy people, I think. Uh, they have the budget. They're making millions and millions of dollars. They don't pay you even a pittance.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They don't pay you anything. Not even twenty bucks for gas.

Dick: Not even a gift bag.

Maddox: Not even a gift bag!

Dick: Not even, like, s…like, here's some toilet paper. Thanks for making our program.

Maddox: When you and I had our YouTube show…the live show?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: For YouTube. We had a gift bag for all our guests, didn't we?

Dick: Yes!!

Maddox: With whiskey, Star Wars toys, a blanket…

Dick: Did we have whiskey? Star Wars toys?

Maddox: We had, like…it was awesome.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was a really good gift bag. We are very classy gentlemen.

Dick: We almost gave the audience, even, t-shirts! Free t-shirts! But then you forgot them. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Oh, yeah…(laughing)

Dick: So even…in all…in every case, everyone got something.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. That's true. That's true. Uh, but, uh…I did not get a parting gift for being on Penn and Teller.

Dick: Oh, man. (scoffs)

Maddox: I got a parting…misquotation out of context. That's wh…(laughs)

Dick: They didn't even give you lube. For how bad they fucked you on that episode.

Maddox: So, yeah. I…I posted that…

Dick: (interjects) That was bad.

Maddox: It was bad.

Dick: It was bad.

Maddox: And I posted a lot of hate mail on my website, too. You should check out the article. I finally posted…I think three or four new pieces of hate mail.

Dick: I read it on the way over. I liked that "puke" guy.

Maddox: Yeah. He's great, right?

Dick: Yeah. Mhmm.

Maddox: It made me happy…genuinely happy reading that.

Dick: He was proud of getting more pussy than you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: At 55 years old. Buddy…if you're 55 and you're bragging about getting pussy, you got a problem.

Maddox: Yeah. And also…

Dick: You gotta grow up.

Maddox: And also, your problem isn't too much pussy, 'cause you're probably not getting any. (Dick giggles)

Dick: Well…

Maddox: You're fif…well.

Dick: You're not…but wh…what are you getting, right?

Maddox: N…not much.

Dick: Like, you're hitting up the 65-year-olds? You swinging by the geriatric home in…in your…in your, uh…Buick LeSabre…(Maddox giggles) and cruising for GMILFS, there?

Sean: Picking them up in the pharmacy line.

Dick: Yeah, right?!

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) You know what he is getting!? Big, red, shiny bumps on his penis. 'Cause old people get a higher rate of STDs than any other rate of population, except for young teenagers.

Dick: Let's not talk about STDs. Come on.

Sean: Ever since Viagra, right? (Maddox and Dick giggle)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's…yeah. Viagra has actually spawned a huge bump in that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A huge bump in their bumps on their junks. Um…so anyway, I got this guy. His name is **Lord Matthew** on Twitter. He tweeted my link at Penn Jillette.

Dick: Oh, great. (happy)

Maddox: And he says, **"Penn Jillette, you're about to get one million tweets to this link."** And he quotes my website.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He says, **"I'm a big fan of Penn and Maddox, so I hope you make up."** And then Penn Jillette replies, about 15 minutes later. He says, **"It was 1 minute on a very, very old show."** (Dick scoffs) **"Sorry, I just don't remember. I'm sure he's a great guy."**

Dick: Ohohohohoho!! (laughing) Oh!!

Maddox: Uh, yeah.

Dick: Savage!

Maddox: Little…little dismissive.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, and I wasn't sure…you can't really get tone online, right? Uh, so **Lord Matthew** replies to him and says…he says, **"@pennjilette, yeah. I was a big fan of you**

both when I saw that episode, and knew something was up, as it didn't reflect @maddoxrules as I knew it at all."

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Maddox: So he…he knew something was up. And then Penn Jillette replied, and he says, **"Yep. Probably our fault on everything. Just don't remember."**

Dick: What?!

Maddox: Uh-huh. He say…he…he's almost, like, taking responsibility for whatever they may have done on the show.

Sean: I think he was just, like, "Hey, stop Tweeting at me."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that's what it sounds like. That sounds like a complete mea culpa, right?

Sean: Yeah, my fault, yeah. (casual) My fault. Go away.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Kind of. And then…and then **loafofbread13** tweets at Penn. He says…

Dick: (interjects) Love the names.

Maddox: "I really hope a full-blown video war breaks out between Maddox and Penn Jillette. It would be hilarious." And then Penn Jillette replies to him and says, **"I'm a peacenik. He wins."**

Dick: Yeah. How interesting.

Maddox: Yeeeeeah.

Dick: For a guy who made a career on all those eight years of making people look like complete assholes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To take that position…I…

Maddox: (interjects) I…I think..

Dick: I do not respect.

Maddox: I think he is, though. Because, uh…one of my friends said they went to his show recently, and he said it was an okay show, but the highlight of it for him wasn't the show itself. He wasn't…he was a little underwhelmed by the magic, but afterwards, he said that Penn and Teller both took the time to meet and greet every single person who came to the show.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: They stood in line, and…

Dick: That's cool.

Maddox: And at least shook everyone's hand and said, "Thank you for coming", that sort of thing. I think that is really nice. Very classy. So I…I replied.

Dick: You know what I bet it was?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: I bet it was that…that fucking quiet one. That was really running the scene on that show.

Maddox: Teller.

Dick: Yeah, Teller was probably like, "We gotta fuck this guy, Maddox."

Maddox: He's the…(giggles)

Dick: "I'm jealous of him because I am also bald and that guy looks better than me."

Maddox: Yeah…fuck you. He is the Dick Cheney of the Penn and Teller group. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The Dick Cheney to Penn Jillette's George W. Bush. Um, then I replied. I said, "You know what? That's…that seems kind of a little conciliatory."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I replied…to Penn Jillette. I replied on Twitter. I said, "You guys, Penn Jillette has responded. Takes the classy route. Pretty cool. Penn Jillette, I owe you an autograph." (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Dick: That's funny.

Maddox: And then…and then someone else tweeted to Penn and said…his name's **Mush Raytare.** He says,**"@pennjillette, shame that on your show years ago, you tried to make @maddoxrules a fool."** Maddox Rules, my Twitter handle. He says, **"Maybe you should apologize. Best page in the universe."** And then Penn Jillette replies to him and says, **"I'm sorry."**

Dick: Oh, great. (Sean giggles)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Yeaaaaah!!!

(Sound effect: Applause)

Dick: Go vote down insincere apologies!!

Maddox: Noooooooo!!! That sounded sincere. (Dick cracks up, Maddox laughs) He apologized!

Dick: Oh, good, you got it.

Maddox: Takes a big man!

Dick: You got it.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah…(skeptical)

Maddox: Great! I'm h appy.

Dick: He's a big man.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) You guys, last week…

(Sound effect. Drumroll)

Dick: Not as big as he used to be.

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe from last week was, "Not all Blank Kneejerks". Which I still don't know what the fuck it is.

Dick: Yeaaaaaaaaaaaaah!!

Maddox: And then followed by Zealots. Which again affirms my sincere belief that you guys are idiots.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Huge, horse-faced morons who eat dog food.

Sean: You know what? You're right. Probably our fault.

Dick: Whose fault? (Randy giggles)

Maddox: What do you mean?

Sean: I'm just doin' a Penn. You know? (giggles)

Dick: Oh, yeah, you're right.

Sean; Just…go away.

Dick: That's what we're all gonna do.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: Just apologize from now on. You're right. You're right.

Maddox: Okay, I see.

Dick: You're right, Maddox. You got us.

Maddox: Yeah. You know…you know…

Dick: (interjects) You don't think I made any good points with the "Not all Kneejerk" thing?

Sean: Randy got it!

Maddox: Honestly…honestly, Dick, I wasn't even sure what you were trying to argue. I really wa…because you realize that the "Not all Kneejerk" people that you were complaining about…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The people who are saying "Not All Muslims", etc, etc. They're not doing it…

Dick: (interjects) Not all Cops. Not All Men.

Maddox: They're not…right. They're not proactive. They're responding to people who are being bigoted. Like, that's…

Dick: (interjects) Nah, I think they're being proactive.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I think they're…somebody…somebody defined it in the comments as Virtue Signaling. A process of just, like, looking like you're virtuous and wanting to get affirmation for looking like you're virtuous.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…I think…I think that's what it's about. I think it's partly that and I think it's partly about being, like, regressively left.

Maddox: Well…the…the problem is, Dick. If it weren't the case that a Mosque was set on fire over the weekend.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And a Muslim woman was beat, uh…in front of her child…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: While she was picking him up for school, and a taxicab driver was crying in New York, because he said that everyone is afraid to get in his cab, and he's not…

Dick: He was crying? Oh, no!

Maddox: He's not a Muslim. Yeah.

Dick: Goooood.

Maddox: And if it weren't for these reprisal attacks against Sikhs….(Dick giggles, Sean cracks up) No, I know. I know.

Dick: You…ended with crying? Come on.

Maddox: Um…no. I mean, there's more. I could read the whole tweet, but it's a whole fucking page.

Dick: Did no one show these people the hashtag?

Maddox: Yeah. (annoyed)

Dick: That wo…somebody should have been…that woman should have whipped out her Twitter, and said, "Look. Look, violent attackers, it's not all Muslims!"

Maddox: Dick, you know, it's a tragedy, what happened in Paris. And the only thing that would be more tragic is more tragedy. Literally, if more people got killed in reprisal attacks because violence begets violence, hatred begets hatred, and more people are just going to…get pissed off and kill other people, because it's that same ideology. That…the belief that it's the majority of people who are…who are causing this problem, that caused ISIS to attack us because they believe…they view us as bad guys, and they don't discriminate.

They don't differentiate between good and bad Westerners. They wanna kill all Westerners.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because we are bad to them. Right? And it's that EXACT SAME ideology…

Dick: Well…I don't think they just want to kill Westerners. I think they just want their fuck-y religion to take over the world. Like, their version of it.

Maddox: Well, their version of it, yeah. Sure. Which isn't…which isn't…which isn't any kind of, like, mainstream Islamic belief at all.

Dick: Well…..(uncertain) I don't know that. The stats that I saw on, like, opinion polls, were pretty scary. For, like, how many Muslims support Sharia law. How many, like…

Maddox: (stammers) But that's different dude, that's different.

Dick: How many, like…Sharia law is REALLY bad.

Maddox: I know. But, Dick, uh…first of all. Those polls. Those opinion polls, where they're just polling people and say, "Hey, do you support Sharia law?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I looked into some of those questions they were asking them, and they were asking them very specific questions about different facets of Sharia law that they support, which is, uh…retribution for crime, justice. Their…their criminal justice system, etc, etc. It's not nece…it's not saying…it's not getting people…Muslim people on record as saying, "Yes, 100%, we agree with Sharia law." Like…like, most Americans are American and they're patriots, and they're nationalistic, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: To some degree.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But that doesn't mean they swallow everything their country or nation does whole.

Dick: Well, the…I mean, that's the Sharia law statistic. I don't wanna get too far into this, because I think people are kinda sick of hearing about it…uh. I will say this. For…for the "Not all Blank Kneejerks". I think they necessarily shut down a conversation that needs to happen. I think, uh…I think Islam has not gone through a reformation like Christianity did in the…I dunno, during, like, the Protestant revolution. 'Cause this happened, at one point, Christians were all killing each other. Like, Protestants and Catholics were slaughtering each other wholesale, 'cause they thought their version was the right one. It went through a reformative period. I think it would be great if we could have a conversation if…if that started happening with Islam. And I…I THINK that the people who also want that to happen…we're not doing them a service by aggressively going after any critique of Islam. Which, I think, the Internet does.

Maddox: Dick…(stammers) this isn't an academic debate that's going on about Islam and fundamentalism.

Dick: Yeah. Mhmm.

Maddox: This is…uh, here. I got a quote here, from…uh, **Jaden Hastie.** He says, **"Fuck off, Islam!"**

Dick: Well…

Maddox: He's…it's…says **"It's about worshipping a 40-year-old pedo. Sorry they take religion seriously when the book allows you to justify killing people to get into heaven, it's probably a violent religion."** And he has a little, uh…smiley emote. **"All religion has violent acts, but most of them have let go of them."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "…and guess fucking what? Islam isn't one of them. Any academic that isn't biased in their thinking and they will tell you…" Oh, he said, "Ask any academic…" No. This is his grammatical mistake, here. Anyway.

Dick: You're using the wrong voice to read this, though. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Oh, that's true.

Dick: I don't know when you were talking and when the fan's talking.

Maddox: That's 'cause I gotta…I gotta lose more teeth for this one.

Dick: Awww.

Maddox: Um, says…(laughing) **"They'll tell you all the nasty shit Islam causes. Religion is the biggest problem in the universe."** (switches to his goofy voice halfway through) There it is a little bit at the end. Um…(stammers)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, I kept asking this question. I came up with a new…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: …rhetorical device.

Dick: Oh, no.

Maddox: Or, new rhetorical category, okay? This is what I just realized.

Dick: You know it's good when it's said slowly.

Maddox: No…

Sean: Look at how proud of himself he is already.

Dick: I know. (cackles)

Maddox: I'm so happy. I'm so happy. Okay?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Here it is. It's called…The Coward's Dilemma.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Okay? Coward's Dilemma. (Sean giggles)

Dick: You came up with this?

Maddox: I came up with this. This is my own.

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: My very own. So, you have all these people who are afraid of Islam. They are Islamophobic. They're afraid that Islam will cause terrorism. They're afraid of accepting Syrian refugees into America, etc, etc. Right? They're…Islamophobic. And they're saying, "Well, let's have this…

Dick: (interjects) You think you c…

Maddox: …discussion. Hold on, lemme finish this.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: They're saying, "Let's have this discussion." Right? Let's just have a conversation, 'cause your guys are saying we can't even talk about it. So they…pussyfoot around the actual solution, which is…you gotta get rid of Islam. They'll pussyfoot around it

Dick: Wait a minute, wait…

Maddox: (interjects) And when you p…when you pin…lemme finish this.

Dick: Oh yeah, okay.

Maddox: When you try to pin them on it, and say, "Well, what do you suggest? Do you suggest a big book burning? Should we just ban Islam? Or should we just cause a genocide?" Because that's essentially what you guys are…are getting at. If you find that Islam is the cause of terrorism, and Islam is the cause of violence, even though countries like Morocco with 99.9% Muslims, no terrorism there! Even though…with 32 million people! No terrorism!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But let's ignore the facts. Let's just say that you find that evidence.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: What's the solution? And then the Coward's Dilemma comes in. They're too cowardly, right? They're afraid of Islam, and they're also afraid of the solution. What are you…what's the solution? That's the Cow…that's the coward's dilemma.

Dick: I think it…I've noticed this in your thinking. I think it frightens you to talk about something when there is no easy solution. Like, criticizing Islam and finding that there's major problems with it…and that they force people under penalty of death to join the religion, in, like, areas that are heavily influenced by radical Islam, or even not-so-radical Islam, but slightly-radical Islam? I think…you're very concerned about what the solution is, when we should put a lot more time into discussing the problem. Like, there's not an easy solution to a lot of a things. And this is…one of them.

Maddox: I don't believe the people…I think that everybody who is saying this right now. M…the majority of them, on Twitter, and on Facebook, and on forums on the Internet, are

disingenuous, because they're not…interested in an actual solution. They're interested in bigotry and pointing fingers. Because if you're interested in a solution, why don't you take the Quran challenge? There's this website, it's called the Quran challenge.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They said "If you think that the Quran is a violent text and it incites violence, then read it." Why don't you fucking read it?

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but there's…

Maddox: (interjects) That's the way…if you wanna have that conversation, Dick, you can't just, like, sit down…that's slacktivism. If you're just sitting on Facebook, "Well, let's have a conversation…"

Dick: Ugh, man. (sighs)

Sean: But you can't control how people interpret scripture.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, that's true, Sean, and there's the rub!

Dick: There are definitely violent passages in the Quran, though.

Maddox: But, but, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) Like, that's…that's the whole point of Sharia law.

Maddox: (interjects) Again, again…(sighs, frustrated)

Dick: Like, you're killed for leaving it. That's, like, expressly stated.

Maddox: Yeah, but it's not actually practiced. It's not…like, in the…in the Bible. In the Old Testament, they have all SORTS of crazy shit! Eye for an eye…

Dick: (interjects) See, but this is the reformation thing that you're missing!

Maddox: Hold on. Don't interrupt. It's eye for an eye…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, don't interrupt! Like, what? You just gonna talk more about your coward's dilemma? This is the reformation that I was talking about! They got rid of the old stuff and modernized! Religions have to modernize.

Maddox: Okay, but not everybody agrees with that, shithead! And that's the fucking… that's what I'm talking about! There are Christian extremists who are exactly the same as Muslim extremists! And they don't represent Christians any more than the Muslims represent Muslims!

Dick: Yeah, well…they're not committing a shitload of terrorist attacks. They're not growing by the day. They don't control millions of dollars in oil.

Maddox: You don't hear about them, because we ha…we are getting our news from Western media. If you spend time in China…you hop on Google News in China, and guess what? It's all gonna be Chinese news outlets.

Dick: Mmmm.

Maddox: And if you spend time in …in the Middle East, it's all gonna be Middle Eastern news outlets from Middle Eastern journalists who have that point of view. That perspective, from where they live.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We are…we have a filter on us. When I went to Mexico, I talked to some of the Mexican guys down there, and I said, "You guys ever want to come to America?" They said, "Hell, no."

Dick: Please. Latin Americans. Mexicans. That's offensive.

Maddox: They…

Dick: I'm kidding. I'm kidding.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: I'm trying to make this funny!!

Maddox: So they said…they said they didn't want to come to America, because all they hear about in their news is gang violence and drugs…and uh…militarized police. They're afraid of America, because that's all their news…reports.

Sean: Well, that sounds exactly like Mexico!! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Exactly!!

Sean: With the cartels and the militarized police?!

Dick: Yeah, but…

Maddox: There you go, Sean!!

Sean: And the bribing of judges…wait. Do you think…do you think our…(Dick guffaws)

Dick: I can't even…what are you TALKING about?!? (yells) Mexico does not think America is worse off than Mexico!!

Maddox: Of course they do!!!

Dick: Mexico has gangs in charge!!!

Maddox: An article just came out that said for the first time in forty years…(Dick still giggling) that Mexican immigration has reversed! More Mexicans are leaving America, for the first time in forty years! Yes, it's a fact!! Look it up!!

Dick: We gotta get that wall up to keep 'em in here so we can keep all the cheap labor!

Maddox: Ohhhhh. We're gonna talk about that, buddy. (Dick guffaws)

Sean: I saw that article, though.

Dick: Yeah?

Sean: I saw that.

Maddox: Hey, before we go on, though. I wanna tell everyone, go vote up Emojis, because Oxford Dictionary's word of the year this year?

Dick: Oh, I saw that.

Maddox: Was a pictograph. It's the face with tears joy emoji.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fucking…I…I called it! Right? We're regressing our language into hieroglyphs.

Dick: Yeah. Picture's worth a thousand words, man.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: You can say a lot with that little guy. (Sean giggles) He's so happy! What are you gonna say?!

Sean: It's really efficient. You should love that.

Dick: Yeah. You should love it!

Maddox: How do you…

Dick: (interjects) Is there…is there an emoji for "you're a bigot"? You'd love that one. (Sean cackles)

Maddox: Yeah, it's a little Dick Masterson face.

Dick: Oh, cool. (Sean and Maddox laughs) $5.99 on iTunes.

Maddox: Uh, no. You can't sort emojis. You can't alphabetize them. You can't do…all you can do is stare at a big matrix of emojis.

Sean: It's coming.

Maddox: What?

Sean: In the Oculus Rift. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, Sean. You may have me on that, actually.

Dick: Oh, my God!

Maddox: Because with the Oculus Rift, you can select things with a glance. With your vision. Anyway.

Dick: Uh, you wanna hear some voice mails? I got…oh, by the way!!! (grins) I was…I was verbally assaulted by Marc Maron on Twitter, also.

Maddox: Were you really?!

Dick: I had a…oh, did I tell you about this?!

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it! I saw that you were inciting some shit.

Dick: I didn't tell you about this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, excuse…inciting some shit?! I was minding my own business!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was minding my own business on Twitter! I simply posted on Twitter, um…"We got new fanart." 'Cause we get amazing fanart all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because I think our fans are the most talented fans of any podcast.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That exists. On the Internet. Including some people who I will not name. Uh, Marc Maron. (grins) So I simply tweeted, "We've got new fanart. Does Marc Maron even have fanart?" Valid question. Me just being inquisitive.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Who cares. Exclamation point. Right?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Uh…no big deal. Just me minding my own business. Like 10 minutes later, I get…I get from Marc Maron…"Have lots." Oooooh. Attacking me!!! (Sean cracks up) Attacking me out of nowhere!! (Maddox laughs) Out of nowhere! Out of nowhere! A bigshot celebrity attacking me!! Can you believe that?!

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Totally unprovoked.

Maddox: Anything else? Did he…did he reply any more than that?

Dick: No, no, no.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: I t…I issued a challenge to see if his fanart was as brutal as ours.

Maddox: Brutal good?

Dick: Uh…

Maddox: Or brutal bad?

Dick: Brutal as…as good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And…

Maddox: Our…our fanart is good!

Dick: And…yeah. And I linked him to several. And he did not respond, I imagine because he was so devastated.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: By seeing it.

Maddox: Yeah. He's…he's a very sensitive dude, I heard. Marc Maron. I think.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, his, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Well, the war. The war between us and Marc Maron is at a fever pitch… (Sean giggles) And apparently with Penn Jillette as well.

Maddox: Yeah. No, Penn Jillette apologized!

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Too bad there wasn't an emoji to connote his actual emotion. His feeling on that. Maybe it could have been a little sarcastic wink. Like, "I'm sorry, wink!"

Dick: No, it's a frowny face with a gun to its head. (Maddox and Sean laugh) There is both of those emojis. His new show is cool. "Fooled Us"? Have you seen that?

Maddox: I've seen parts of it, yeah. I…

Dick: It was pretty cool.

Maddox: If I was more into magic I would…I guess I would watch that show, but uh… yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: You know what? Penn apologized. That's cool. I actually didn't expect him to, and I didn't expect him to so quickly.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And uh…yeah. Pretty impressed by that classy move.

Dick: Okay. Let's hear some voice mails.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, this is Aaron from New York, calling in to be the voice of reason since Dick and Sean seem to be taking a day off."

Dick: Uh-oh.

"Maddox. Comparing video games to Islam is such a faulty analogy. I'm disappointed Dick was too fucking braindead to not let you know. (Dick groans) **When people commit mass shootings, they don't scream Donkey Kong's name.** (Sean and Dick laugh) **They don't say it's the video game."**

Dick: Right?!

"When these shootings happen, people say it's because of their faith and directly attribute that to their religion, which happens over and over, which it has, because, uh…(goofy voice) Look at the statistics. (Dick and Sean laugh) **There is enough evidence to have a speculation about it. Dick…go fuck yourself.")**

Dick: Owwwwwwh!! I thought the Donkey Kong thing was funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, running. DONKEY KOOOOONG!! DONKEY KONG!!!!! (laughing) Kaboom!!

Maddox: I mean, yeah. It's naïve. You don't have to always shout out the um…the edict of your belief that you necessarily think is inspiring you to shoot. Also, your…

Dick: You should, though. That would be funnier.

Maddox: But I read…I read the whole manifesto of Osama Bin Laden when he attacked us, after 9/11? And they talked about the moment that Osama Bin Laden became radicalized in Al Qaeda.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: He said he interpreted the Quran to attack innocent people, and he said it was okay. And then they issued…what…what is the…what is the Islamic decree that…

Dick: The jihad?

Maddox: No, no. It's a fatwa. Um, I believe they issued a fatwa against him, because the Muslim clerics at the time really sharply disagreed with him.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And that's when there was a split between Al Qaeda. So they're not practicing any kind of mainstream of reasonable sect of Islam.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: They're extremists by definition.

Dick: Okay.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Heyy, Maddox. (Maddox giggles) **You kept saying that poverty causes terrorism, but not all poor people are terrorists."**

Dick: That's true!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's true, not all poor people are terrorists!

Maddox: I…I acknowledged that.

"…5 billion poor people in the world, but only a few terrorists."

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick giggles)

"…so obviously something different is going on that's causing them to be terrorists."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (Dick giggles)

Dick: I just love his delivery.

"That's the same thing you said about violence in people who play video games. Bet you didn't think about that, did you, shitbirds?" (Sean and Dick crack up)

"Anyway…in conclusion…"

Maddox: This guy sounds so high. (giggles) (Dick cackles)

"You can suck…MY dick. Thank you.")

(Maddox belches) (Sean laughs)

Maddox: That'd be the first time that guy's dick has ever been sucked, if I sucked it? Um… yeah. I made that point on Reddit and also several other times. Guys…it's not a simple answer. It's not a simple solution to a complex problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's not just one thing. And that's why I think that people who are…and by the way, it's not like you guys are promoting any kind of novel or new suggestion…LET'S LOOK AT ISLAM. Guess what, dipshit!? There's 50 MILLION results on Google when you search for "Does Islam cause terrorism?"

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: There's academic articles. There's pundit articles. There's dipshits on forums! There's people…there's scholars who've written about it! There are people…for centuries who have been talking about this shit! You guys think you're…you're so fucking novel and clever! You're not! You're not! It's all been done! Everyone's already talked about it!

Dick: So it is part of the problem.

Maddox: It could be.

Dick: Ohoooo, okay.

Maddox: I'm not eliminating it!

Dick: We're gaining ground! We're gaining ground!

Maddox: It could be…it could be part of the problem.

Dick: Alright. I don't wanna talk about Islam ever again, until I bring it in as a problem. (Sean laughs loudly) Uh…do you wanna start the actual…do you wanna start the actual problems?

Maddox: What an asshole. (Dick cackles) Yeah, Dick!!!

Dick: Oh, I'm gonna bring in, like, the hottest, like, ex-Muslim chick to give that side of the story.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So no one can shit on her.

Maddox: Ugh. I'm sure…yeah. Well, that sounds right in line with your form of argument.

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Alright, guys.

Dick: British accent, too. Like, so…refined.

Maddox: Oh, I think I know who you're talking about. Alright.

Dick: No, no, no. You don't. Not her.

Maddox: Okay. I…got. I got the biggest problem in the universe, guys.

(Sound effect: Drumroll starts)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Biggest problem in the universe…

(Drumroll ends)

Maddox: Fucking Donald Trump.

Dick: What?!?!?!?!

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: WHAT?!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Piece of shit. Donald Trump.

(Sound effect: Applause)

Dick: That he isn't president already? Is that the problem?

Maddox: Ohhh, my gosh. Dick…

Dick: That there's only one of him, so he can't be his own vice president. That's the problem. (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Thank God there's only one of him.

Dick: That's the problem. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, his…his big, fat face is enough for two.

Dick: No, the problem is that Donald Trump can only be president for eight years.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the pr…that's the problem. Vote it up.

Maddox: That's…that's the problem, yeah. (Dick giggles) Dick, he…let's start here. Let's start with the fact that he's a birther, right?

Dick: Yeah, that was funny.

Maddox: He was the most notorious, stubborn, staunch, shithead birther.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: For the longest time. Even after…so, he's the one who was spearheading the whole Obama thing, uh…for him. He said he would donate…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I remember!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was great!

Maddox: Right. He said he would donate a million dollars to a charity, or something, if Obama (goofy voice) produced his birth certificate. And then Obama did. And then he poked holes in that, (goofy voice) "Oh, well it's not real. It's a forgery. Buuuuuuh."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Donald Trump. Always. Always. That's…that's…the mind of a conspiracy theorist. Is anytime you produce evidence that counters anything that they believe…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They don't…they don't accept that evidence.

Dick: Never accept it.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Never accept.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Only deflect and deny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what I learned about…during that whole fiasco?

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: Donald Trump, using only the power of his voice…made the US president do something that he swore he would not do. That is the POWER of Donald Trump. (Sean giggles) He made the most powerful man in the world do something that he said he was not gonna do. Wow. That's good…that's good negotiation.

Maddox: Oh, cool. You can…you can get a bunch of people to do a lot of things just by using words that incite them.

Dick: Hey. Pretty powerful.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Powerful stuff.

Maddox: Well, Obama shut him down with not even his words, but a little piece of paper, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He didn't even have to say anything. He just pulled it out of a filing cabinet and said, "Shut the fuck up."

Sean: Well, but…

Maddox: Here you go.

Sean: But it was the short form.

Dick: Yeah. It was the short form, man.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, Sean. (laughing) He's a birther!

Sean: That's…no. That's what he said.

Dick: It was…yeah, it was.

Sean: That's what uh…Trump came back with.

Dick: It was the short form. (grins)

Maddox: This is from http://www.rollingstone.com. They, uh…these are some…some ridiculous things that Trump has said or believes.

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: Right? He thinks global warming is a sham because ice exists. (giggles) (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Is…what do you mean? Did he say that? Like…what is that…what is that from? What's the quote?

Maddox: Well…(goofy Trump imitation) "This very expensive global warming bullshit has got to stop."

Dick: He said "bullshit"?

Maddox: Yeah. "Our planet is freezing, record low temps, and our global warming scientists are stuck in ice."

Dick: Well…pretty funny.

Maddox: Meanwhile…meanwhile…(Dick chuckles) headline this last week, uh…October was the hottest ever on record, in history.

Dick: You know what? Man? Higher temperatures means shorter shorts, am I right? (Sean laughs) I'm right, guys. It's Donald Trumbo Trump

Maddox: Can I…Can I just…(Dick cackles) I just need to…I just need to explain something for all the global warming deniers, 'cause there's some of them in the Comments section on our website. They're real dumb.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh…here's what you need to learn. 'Cause I KNOW you skipped this whole section in your mathematics class, 'kay? Local maximas and minimas, alright?

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: So, what that means is…sometimes graphs go up, and sometimes they go down, and sometimes they go up again. But just because it goes up and down a little bit, doesn't mean over time that it's not…aggregate going up, or aggregate going down.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Alright? Learn the difference between local and global maximas and minimas, you fucking idiots!

Dick: Guys, just basically believe something you read, 'cause someone said it. Right?

Maddox: (goofy voice) "Well, Maddox…how…how is there global warming, 'cause it's snowing outside?"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Like…like that dipshit senator who brought a snowball to the floor. (Dick cracks up) To disprove global warming. (laughs)

Dick: That was so awesome!!! (laughing)

Maddox: You laugh, but, like…but there's a huge…pa…contingent of people who believe these idiots!!

Dick: Yeah, I don't care. I don't give a fuck if we worry about global warming.

Maddox: Yeah? Well, maybe you'll give a fuck about this. Probably not, though.

Dick: No, why would I?

Maddox: No.

Dick: What are we, saving the whole world? We're hey…knock, knock, knock, China and Africa, fuck you. Don't industrialize. We already did it and fucked up the environment. But you guys don't. Fuck you. Now, everybody gets a mission control! So they're just gonna tell us to go fuck ourselves! And bes…you know what?! For someone who loves science so much, like, you…when I brought in superbugs, you said science will figure it out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was your response, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I…(stammers) I think science will figure everything out, too. I think science will…fix the stupid environment stuff, too! We just gotta get past it! We gotta power through, we gotta use up all this oil as quickly as possible! (Maddox and Sean laugh) And then we'll start fixing it! Fuck it!

Maddox: Uggggh. Oh, boy. The..the problem is, Dick…we can't even…we can't even deal with hurricanes. We can't even harness the power of hurricanes. We can't do anything about earthquakes. We can't do anything about HUGE global droughts. Like, look at all the fuckheads who've been complaining about the California drought for so long. The problem is that…that if global warming theory…if…uh, well, now it's global climate change, because there's actually also evidence that there's a global dimming effect going on.

Dick: Ohhh. Oh, boy. (sarcastic)

Maddox: This is not a new…

Dick: (interjects) How many effects are there gonna be? (grins) Global plaid effect, soon.

Maddox: This is not a new theory, it's actually from, like, the early nineties. People were talking about global dimming. There's Nova documentary. I highly recommend everyone go look at this thing, especially if you believe in global warming. If you think that, uh…the world is going to…increase in temperature? Look up this Nova documentary called "Global Dimming".

Dick: Guys. In the time…spent watching that documentary, you could jerk off twice. Vote Donald Trump. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: (sighs) He's…team Jenny McCarthy when it comes to vaccines and autism.

Dick: He's what?

Maddox: Credit where it's due. Yeah.

Dick: Say that again?

Maddox: He's…

Dick: Team?

Maddox: He's on Team Jenny McCarthy.

Dick: Oh, I don't know if that's true.

Maddox: Oh yeah? Well…he says…Trump does say that he is a total believer in children getting vaccines on a modified schedule; however…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He also says that "massive inoculations have driven the nation's autism rate to a level that's never been."

Dick: Yeah, I don't know if he actually said that.

Maddox: He did. He's an anti-vaxxer.

Dick: Like, no. I…(stammers) he gets…like, reporters will throw a claim at him, and if he doesn't deny it, they just run with it. I would like to see the actual quote of that. 'Cause I've seen some…like, stuff he's said on Twitter regarding vaccines, and I don't think he ever actually commits to saying they cause autism. He just says, "We gotta ask questions". "We gotta see proof."

Maddox: Cow…coward's dilemma.

Sean: He did say…he did say that someone, uh…who worked for him's child…uh, was vaccinated and became autistic.

Dick: Yeah, and that happens.

Maddox: Yeah, DONALD TRUMP IS AUTISTIC!

Dick: Because the autism doesn't show up.

Maddox: I don't trust anything he says! He's an idiot. (Dick laughs)

Dick: I think you're just jealous of how much hair he has.

Maddox: Yeah. (irritated) (Sean laughs)

Dick: And that it's so beautiful.

Maddox: I think…I think Donald Trump is jealous of how much hair he has. He wishes it was real.

Dick: Oooooh. Awwwwwwww, see?!

Maddox: He fancies himself…

Dick: See, now who's the conspiracy whackjob?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That hair is real! I've seen it. I've seen it in person.

Maddox: It…it looks…

Dick: (interjects) I know a wig, alright?! (Maddox laughs) I stood…I looked that man in the eye from a foot and a half away. I can spot a wig at half a pace.

Maddox: It looks real shitty. Um…he fancies himself a savior of the poor. This is according to Rolling Stone. Trump said recently that (goofy voice) "The people that like me best are poor people and middle income people."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (goofy voice) "The rich people don't like me. I would save middle class." He said. "I know what to do. Our jobs are all being taken out of our country."

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Wow, what a b…oh, really? You think it's true?

Dick: Well, yeah. Everything's manufactured in China. You don't want that manufacturing done in the United States?

Maddox: Yeah. You know w…you know who's manufacturing it in China, Dick? I got a clip here. Listen to this.

(Clip starts. "…has a line of clothing. Now, where were these made?"

Trump: "These were made…I don't know where they were made, but they were made someplace. But they're great. It's ties, shirts, cufflinks, everything."

Maddox: His own tie.

"Sold at Macy's and they're doing great."

Dick: Yeah.

"Number one selling tie anywhere in the world." Male announcer: "Number one selling tie…"

Dick: I have one!

"…anywhere in the world."

Trump: "Normally I wouldn't wear that shirt."

Male: "You wouldn't wear that shirt?"

Trump: "We also have them in white. In beautiful white."

Male: "Where are the shirts made?"

Background voice: "Bangladesh."

Male: "Bangladesh."

Trump: "Well, that's good."

Dick: Yeah.

Trump: "We employ people in Bangladesh, that's…"

Male: "Ties? Where are the ties made?"

Trump: "They have to work, too."

Male: "These are beautiful ties."

Trump: "They are great ties."

Male: "The ties are made in where, China?"

Background voice: "China."

Male: "Ties are made in China."

Dick: Mhmm.

(Audience laughs, applauds, clip ends)

Maddox: Jackass.

Dick: Ugh, it's so weird that people…that, like…a certain type of person latches onto that he manufactures his goods in China.

Maddox: (scoffs) You mean people who aren't hypocrites?

Dick: Well, you realize that he wants to change the laws so that all American companies don't do that, right?

Maddox: That all American companies…

Dick: (interjects) Like, to be competitive in the current market, he has to do that.

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: And, like…who runs their business based on…like, martyring principles?

Maddox: Uh, lots of companies, Dick. And they're very profitable.

Dick: No, they're not.

Maddox: Yes, they are.

Dick: No…

Maddox: (interjects) In and Out Burgers is one of them. You c…li…when I brought in McDonald's as an example a long time ago…

Dick: Yeah…

Maddox: And they're like (goofy voice) "Well, yeah. They're using cheap ingredients 'cause they're trying to make the best profit and the best product and the best tasting, blablablabla, BULLSHIT!" In and Out Burgers, meanwhile…they make fresh products. Their burgers are fantastic. Their employees are well taken care of. They're happy to work there.

Dick: Well, they're n…they're better off.

Maddox: Yes…

Dick: They're not well taken care of.

Maddox: They are well taken care of!

Dick: No.

Maddox: They get benefits. They get…some of their managers make six figures! They get time off. They…they're happy. It's always service with a smile. (Dick grumbles) Any time I go to In and Out Burger, it's not that sl…that slumped-over tombstone of a person like at a McDonald's…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: …or Burger King. Who's just waiting to go home and jerk off and do a… (stammers) a bag of meth and forget that today ever happened.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's not the feeling I get when I go to In and Out. Their products are fresh. They have…yeah, maybe they're not going to be the empire that McDonald's is, but they have tight control over it, because of their principles.

Dick: But that's…that's…well. But they're a specific restaurant. Like, that…that doesn't work for McDonald's. I…I don't know! I don't wanna get into, like, the basic economics of how to run a company.

Maddox: He's just greedy!

Dick: Like, he's trying…how is it…he's making a product, and so, like, all of the things in your apartment are made in China. How is he…how is it greedy to use the manufacturing process that's available to all companies?

Maddox: Not all companies do that, though, Dick. Um…

Dick: American Apparel doesn't, for sure.

Maddox: American Apparel, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? There's a lot of American brands.

Sean: But that's deep financial shit, though. Right now.

Dick: Yeah. And that's part of their branding. Like, his branding is elegance and style and class.

Maddox: Ohoho.

Dick: Which he has loads of. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: Well, you know…(Dick cracks up) You know what? Don…you know what Donald Trump doesn't have loads of? Money.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He's not even that rich.

Dick: He's got…he's got 8+ billion dollars.

Maddox: That's what he says.

Dick: I've seen his tax return. His tax return was in Crippled America. It was in the back.

Maddox: Ohhh…(laughing) Okay. Crippled America.

Dick: I got it Day One.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: His book's Crippling America.

Dick: Was up all night reading and masturbating to Crippled America.

Maddox: I bet. Yeah…

Dick: How rich do you think he is?

Maddox: Ehhh…everyone estimates him being about 4 billion dollars.

Dick: Oh, everyone. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everyone except him.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: Who would know his actual money.

Maddox: Forbes, Wall Street Journal, http://www.fortune.com, and speaking of Fortune.com…excuse me, Forbes. This is…actually, yeah. This is according to fortune.com, here. It says, "Index funds are friends, not foes." So they did a little analysis, 'kay? Donald Trump, uh…isn't a self-made man. He inherited a lot of his money.

Dick: No…

Maddox: Went bankrupt several times.

Dick: He didn't inherit his money.

Maddox: He…he got…he got, uh….

Dick: His dad gave him a million dollar loan when he started out. (Maddox scoffs)

Sean: No, no, no, no, no, no. He got…

Dick: (interjects) He didn't…

Sean: He inherited 40 million dollars in the seventies.

Dick: No.

Sean: Yes, yes, yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But not before he was rich. (Maddox snorts)

Sean: No, that's well-documented. (Maddox laughs) And then when he went…

Maddox: He became rich because of it, shithead!!

Dick: No, no, no. Not before he was a…he…he got a loan of a million bucks and started building his empire, and then he got that. I think.

Sean: Okay. Yeah. It was…

Dick: (interjects) That's what I'm going with.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. He's a POOR millionaire. He's…he just got a million dollar loan. Poor guy.

Dick: Look, he had a head start, but that's…you know. That's the American Dream.

Sean: But then…yeah.

Maddox: I…that's not the American dream.

Sean: Then he got a huge chunk of change. I think they said 40, and some sources say close to 200 million.

Dick: Yeah, the American dream is you bust your ass and then you can help your kids get a leg up, and they bust their ass, then the next thing you know, one of 'em's president.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And his name's Donald Trump. (Sean laughs) That's the American dream.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And he has a hot-ass wife. Is that it? Are you jealous of his hot-ass wife?

Maddox: Uh, no. I think Trump is a very miserable, unhappy man. (Dick guffaws) Trump's…this is according to Fortune.com. It says, "Trump's net worth has grown about 300% to an estimated 4 billion since 1987."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "According to a report by the Associated Press, the real estate mogul would have made even more money if he had just invested in index funds. The AP says that if Trump had invested in index funds in 1988, his net worth today would be as much as 13 billion dollars!"

Dick: That's not true.

Maddox: If he just…if he…(cracks up)

Dick: No, I've read…I've read what you're talking about. It's…if he didn't spend anything, and if he started with the entirety of his dad's fortune, which he didn't.

Maddox: Ech…

Dick: That's just like a dumb…like "Oh, hey, look at this!!"

Maddox: He's gotten bail…he's gotten…(laughs)

Dick: Look how stupid he is!! Like, if he'd invested in the S&P!!

Sean: No, that started since, like…uh…

Maddox: 1988.

Sean: Yeah. 1988. That's what that was…speculating that he…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That he'd started then.

Maddox: And he said…it says here…other billionaires net worths have beaten the stock market's growth in that time. Bill Gates, for example, saw his growth increase 7000% since 1988 to 80 billion. Warren Buffet's wealth grew 2,600% in the same period, to 67.8 billion! Trump, meanwhile, LANGUISHING with 4. Guess what? Guess what?

Dick: So, he's not rich enough to be president? Like Obama wasn't black enough to be president?!

Maddox: He…he keeps bragging. He keep bragging…(Dick and Sean giggle) that he's, like, really rich. He's not! He just…he's not that rich!

Dick: He flies around in, like, a 747 with his name on the side! What do you drive?! How many…is your name on the side of your car, or your bicycle?! No!!

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs)

Dick: He's rich as shit! He is rich as shit! Are you kidding me?

Maddox: He's richer…the…(stammers) he's richer than you, but he's not rich.

Dick: Yeah!!! (laughing)

Maddox: What…what number do you think he is on the world's top 500 billionaires.

Dick: I dunno, 400?

Maddox: Heh. Almost.

Dick: 300?

Maddox: 388.

Dick: (laughing) Oh my God! My mind is blown!

Maddox: 388. He's not…he's not even in the top 100 of billionaires!!

Dick: He's not…(laughing)

Maddox: He's not that fucking rich!

Dick: Why would that matter?!

Maddox: Because he keeps bragging about it!!

Dick: He has a shitload of money, Maddox!! (yells)

Sean: Well, that's your…I think…part of your point…(trying to talk while Dick yells)

Dick: He's on the list of billionaires!

Sean: Part of your point is that his performance…

Dick: Are you kidding me?!!?

Sean: …doesn't match his mouth.

Maddox: Right, exactly, Sean. Sean understands, the voice of reason.

Dick: Wait, what performance? Sean, are you trying to stump as well?! I'll fucking rain down on you as well! (yells)

Sean: There's gonna…(Maddox laughs)

Dick: (interjects) I'll rain down stumps upon you like…like, um…what is that guy…like Johnny Appleseed tearing up the WEST!!! (yelling)

Sean: (interjects) Alright, here…here's one. You know that he was also bailed out by 70 banks, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah! Oh, yeah.

Maddox: And he's had it…

Sean: His company…yeah. Second and third mortgages. And deferred payments, and all that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And he's had three or four of his…his giant properties go bankrupt. He's not a good property manager. He's not a good businessman. He doesn't know shit about anything. He's very conservative in his investing. (Dick chuckles) And by the way, Dick, I'm surprised that you would be…you would be in support of a guy like Trump, because he wants to raise the tax on the rich!

Dick: No, he doesn't.

Maddox: Yes, he does!

Dick: Oh, okay. (giggles) If you think…if you think anyone wants to raise the tax on the rich, you have got…you are buying an ad that's being sold to retarded people.

Maddox: (interjects) Well, you're…

Dick: He's not raising the tax on the rich.

Maddox: Guess what, my friend. You're the retarded person, 'cause listen to this clip.

(Clip starts, Trump talking: "I would let people who pay hundreds of millions of dollars a year pay some tax, because right now they're paying very little tax, and I think it's outrageous."

Male voice: "Right, so that would affect not just hedge fund people, that would also affect people in limited real estate partnerships, of which you are in a fair number."

Trump: "I'm okay."

Dick: Yeah, that's fine.

Male voice: "So you're propos…you're proposing you'd like to raise taxes on yourself, in this instance."

Trump: "That's right. That's right. I'm okay with it.")

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: That's not "the rich". That's a very specific set of people.

Maddox: (laughing) Oh!! Well, just a second ago, you were like, "He's fucking rich! He's fucking rich!" and then he said he wants to raise taxes on himself and now you're like, "Well, he's not rich." Idiot!!

Dick: No, no. What he's talking about is a specific set of people. He's not talking about raising taxes on all the rich.

Maddox: Yes, he is.

Dick: No…he's not. (giggling)

Maddox: He actually said that. He said that he's not just looking to raise taxes on the very rich, hedge fund managers.

Dick: Yeah…

Maddox: He says, "including real estate managers, real estate moguls like himself".

Dick: Yeah, that's two people.

Maddox: He's not very rich.

Dick: That's two types of people.

Maddox: Yeah, the rich.

Dick: He's not looking to…(scoffs) okay. You think that's all rich? Not all rich…not all rich people made their money that way.

Maddox: But he…he's gone on the record multiple times, Dick, saying that he wants to raise the tax on the rich.

Dick: (interjects) On SOME rich!

Maddox: Why don't you just admit that you…why don't you just admit that there's something you disagree with on Trump.

Dick: Oh, there's things I disagree with, but I think you're phrasing his platform in a weird way by saying he wants to raise taxes on "the rich". Like, he wants to shut down certain tax loopholes. He wants to reappropriate corporate wealth that's overseas and charge them, like what? 15…10%? It's either 10 or…2 or 10 percent tax on it. I guess that's "taxing the rich", but I think it's a good idea.

Maddox: Great. (Dick scoffs, Sean cracks up) So you're…you're in favor…you're in favor of taxing the rich now?

Sean: Were you reading your (inaudible)?

Dick: Yeah, he's reading shit, like always.

Maddox: No!

Sean: Oh, the noise stopped. Great.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. Okay. (grins) My turn to talk again. Go ahead. What's next…what else does Rolling Stone think about Donald Trump?

Maddox: This isn't Rolling Stone. Are YOU listening?

Dick: What's next?

Maddox: Anyway, Dick…uh, yeah. 'Cause you're…you're talking out of both sides of your mouth. I know you're against taxing the rich. He's fucking said it multiple times, and every time…look. I'm gonna give you guys a little backstory about the Biggest Problem in the Universe.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Long time ago, when we first started recording this podcast, the first six episodes. I would always say these things on air where I would say, "Oh yeah, there was a study that found this interesting fact." Or "There's this research that found this interesting evidence that corroborates what I'm saying." And Dick's tack of debate…is to deny. When I…when I didn't have those studies. So then I thought, "Okay. I'm gonna bring in these studies." And then I…and then I…I thought…let's see him deny these, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: How's he gonna deny these?! And then once I started bringing in the studies… he said, "I don't believe those studies exist." And then I started bringing in the studies, and then he changed his tack to, "Well, I don't believe the studies." Like, there's no winning with you!

Dick: Yeah, I don't believe some studies.

Maddox: Ye…I literally told you that Donald Trump has been quoted MULTIPLE times saying he wants to raise money on the rich, and now you're just talking out of both sides of your mouth! Just admit…

Dick: (interjects) Maddox, I want…I want you to listen very closely. He described two scenarios of rich people that he wants to raise taxes on.

Maddox: Not just…that's one quote, Dick. I'm saying multiple times in different quotes. Look it up.

Dick: O…if you think Donald Trump wants to raise taxes on all the rich, then why would he be running as a Republican?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Like, his tax plan definitely cuts taxes. He's against the estate tax. His…the highest tax bracket in his plan is lower than it is right now.

Maddox: Republicans don't like him.

Dick: (scoffs) Okay.

Maddox: They…they don't.

Dick: (stammers) Was I still talking out of both sides of my mouth again?

Maddox: No, but you're denying that he said these things. Like, if you just…if you disagree with me, that's fine. But look it up! At least look it up. Don't just deny blankly.

Dick: Okay. Everyone look it up. Alright. I'm sorry.

Maddox: Alright. Here's…look. We can all laugh about Trump, right? He's kind of a joke candidate. Up until…

Dick: (interjects) Absolutely false.

Maddox: (giggles) Up until…Dick…he's run at least three times for president. I believe three times.

Dick: He's never run for president.

Maddox: Yes, he has!!

Dick: He's always talked about it.

Maddox: He…he elect…he ran, uh…he ran in the…he stumped last time.

Sean: He…he ran.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But he's never run this late in the game.

Maddox: No, that's true. That's true, Sean. But every time he…

Dick: (interjects) He didn't even file his…his paperwork last time, to run.

Maddox: Well, yeah.

Dick: In 2012, or whenever the last time was he talked about it.

Maddox: Because he's disingenuous. He used it as a platform to promote The Apprentice.

Dick: A brilliant business move.

Maddox: Well. Okay. 'Cause…'cause a billionaire needs to make…needs to make some chump change money on TV, right?

Dick: Ehhh, hey. A buck's a buck. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: Well, alright.

Dick: I don't know. Wha…(giggles)

Maddox: So, uh…he was in an interview with uh…60 Minutes. And he was sitting down with the guy, Bob Woodruff, I think is…is that the 60 Minutes guy?

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: And uh…and Donald Trump was getting increasingly frustrated in this interview, 'cause Woodruff wouldn't take him seriously. He's like, "Why won't you take me seriously as a candidate?" and he goes, "'Cause you're not running."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And he says. "Yes I am." He goes, "Trump, you said this last time, and you said it the time before. And you're saying it now."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "And every time, just before it comes around for the…the main, uh…the main GOP…"

Sean: The primaries?

Maddox: The ma…yeah. The primaries.

Dick: The thingie.

Maddox: He drops out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Every time, before the primaries, he just drops out. Like, he doe….he just…that's what he's gonna do this time, too. (Dick guffaws loudly) I don't…I don't think he's gonna run!

Dick: You wanna bet on that?! You wanna…you're…you think that Donald Trump, who's polling at, like, 36%, for four…for over four months has been in the number one spot…is going to…"drop out" by February?

Sean: I don't think he's dropping out this time.

Dick: Nooohoho!!!

Sean: Not this time!!

Maddox: Well, uh…he's a loose cannon.

Dick: Why would he do that?!

Maddox: 'Cause he's saying things like this, Dick. This is why it's no longer funny when Donald Trump…(Dick groans) Donald Trump's no longer a joke anymore. Because, uh…in Washington Post, this week…um. They said this. They said, "On the Syrian refugee issue."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: "The Republican presidential candidates favor going further than the House bill by blocking all or some of the migrants. So far, the Paris attacked who have been identified have all been European."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…all the Republicans right now are scaredy-cats, pushing these…this legislation that…you know, the coward's dilemma, where they're all Islamophobic and they're trying to prevent any kind of Syrian refugees into this country.

Dick: Yeah. Not all…I mean, there's a lot of people who do not want refugees in this country. I'm one of them. I don't want a bunch of refugees in America.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Because…well, first of all. Not everyone in the world is entitled to be an American citizen. Um…I think they will hurt our poorest classes. We're just injecting the United States with a shitload of poor people. That fucks over American poor people.

Maddox: Yeah. You think so?

Dick: (scoffs) Well, what else is the…outcome of that?

Maddox: Well, lemme give you…

Dick: Hey, here you go, LA. Here's a shitload of new poor people. Go compete for jobs! You think…what are you…none of those people are springing up Maddox Clone websites and competing with YOU. They're competing with people who are dead broke! I don't like that. I don't like that it overburdens our Social Security systems, either.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Healthcare, and whatever.

Maddox: Well, lemme…

Dick: (interjects) I don't like it!

Maddox: Lemme tell you…lemme tell you how…another outcome from this scenario, okay?

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Uh…'cause my parents were Syrian immigrants to this country.

Dick: Legally?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: My parents were Syrian immigrants to this country. And they were poor as shit. When my dad came to this country, he was…I believe around 18 years old. He joined the US Army, worked for less than a dollar a week. He was poor as shit most of his life, and…he would work for jobs, because people discriminated against him a lot.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Like, he would walk into places and ask for a job, and they'd say, "Go back to your country." Because he had an accent.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: He looked American. He looked white. But…he was discriminated against. So my dad, instead of working for money, worked for tools. And any place he went, he would work on auto body, he would work on trucks. He'd work…uh, welding. He'd do anything he could to make a living, and he would accept broken tools as his payment. And he would

take those tools and he would fix them. And he finally got enough money to rent a shop. A garage. Which was something like…I dunno, like, 35 dollars a month to rent this garage, where he would work on people's cars. He didn't have a place to live, so he slept in that car. He worked…like that for a long time, until he finally saved up enough money to buy a truck. And then he took that truck and he started driving. He…he became a truck driver for a long time. And then he became a boxer for a little while. And then he…he saved up enough money to buy some property. And then he built a house on it. And when I say he built a house, I don't mean he hired a contractor. I don't mean he hired an architect. I mean he built it with his hands. He lived in a log cabin in the backyard of my house, that he built himself while he built the house that I grew up in. With his bare hands. He worked really fucking hard. And then he had some kids, and some of his kids have grown up to work for the government. One of my…one of my brothers is working in counterterrorism. I can't go into much detail than that. Uh…one of my other brothers is the VP of sales of one of the largest software companies in the world.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And this very podcast you're listening to wouldn't exist if it weren't for Syrian immigrants. So I don't take it lightly when…when these Republican shitheads are sitting there, fearmongering. And I'm not saying that their concerns are completely invalid. Because, yeah, you might get some bad people coming in through those borders. Let's not discount that. But there's some good people, too. And you're turning away your backs on immigrants to this country, which, unless you're Native American, we're all immigrants to this country.

Dick: Play some applause sound effects! (Maddox giggles) Why don't you have that queued up?!

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: There you go. (giggles)

Dick: Jesus Christ! Look at the personal attachment you have on this issue.

Maddox: Anyway. It…it means a lot to me, and I…I talked to some of my relatives over the weekend.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Um, over the week. 'Cause I was gonna post this big…post about it on Facebook saying, "Hey guys, we should support the Syrian refugees." But it's a more complex issue than that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because even some of the Syrians I talked to, because I have relatives. I have family in Syria right now. Um…even some of my relatives I've talked to are struggling with what to do with this, because, as some Republican outlets have pointed out, rightly so, none of the Muslim countries are taking these Syrian refugees.

Dick: No! Not even the ones who are rich as fuck!

Maddox: Right. Which is really disappointing.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: And it's disheartening. So the only argument that you can fall back on is that we are better than them.

Dick: Well…or dumber. And not negotiating and making them take them in. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: (interjects) Or…

Dick: You can make people take them…

Maddox: Braver.

Dick: I mean, look, man. Uh, that shit, to me…is, like, magical words that people wear. Like, bravery, and what was the other one you used?

Maddox: What, the cow…

Dick: Smarter?

Maddox: The Coward's….

Dick: What are we better than for these countries that are not taking in the refugees?

Maddox: Virtuous.

Dick: We're more virtuous than them?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That doesn't mean shit to me. I…I do not wanna risk it. (Maddox scoffs) I…look, I'm the bad guy. I worked at a toy store in high school, uh…during Christmas. When it was closing time on Christmas Eve, I was in charge of shutting the gate and telling people we're fucking closed, we want to go home.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Somebody's gotta do it. It's ugly and it's sad, and um…yeah. We'll probably lose good people, but I don't want 'em here.

Maddox: Yeah, well…um…your right to live here is predicated upon some immigrants coming here at some point in their lives.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And…for you to say that you deserve it more than them simply because it's always been that way is bullshit, because none of us are Native American. None of us are…

Dick: Well…

Maddox: …have a natural right to be here.

Dick: The border crossed my people, first of all. (Maddox scoffs, Sean giggles) Mexico was minding their own fucking business and you guys drew a BIG line around us and said, "Welcome to the USA." So…if anyone's full of shit here, it's not me.

Maddox: Yeah. Um…

Dick: (interjects) It's a circumstance that has brought them to our borders, and it is a…it is one that pulls at the heartstrings, but we cannot take in…that whole tired, unwashed masses…stinky masses, whatever is on the Statue of Liberty…

Maddox: Huddled masses.

Dick: Bring us your stinky…(Sean giggles) huddled masses.

Maddox: Your tired and your poor. That's what it said.

Dick: Your tired and your poor.

Maddox: It didn't say stinky.

Dick: That ended with Social Security. Now…the wall is fucking closed now. 'Cause it costs TOO much.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, you're not factoring in the benefit to the economy that they might add.

Dick: S…all…

Maddox: (interjects) If you think that it's all…

Dick: Potential.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) But everything's always potential, Dick. When you have a child… you're banking on that child's potential to grow up and become someone who's not a shithead.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Someone who's not a leisure zealot.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: If you guys remember from last week. People who are zealots about leisure, who don't do anything?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're drains on the economy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I can point…I can tell you right now, just on my Facebook friends list…like, on my top 10 Facebook friends list. Like…five or six people are not contributing jack shit to the economy.

Dick: That's it?

Maddox: Well, on my top 10 list.

Dick: Don't you know a lot of improv people?

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Dick: What the hell are they contributing? That's…your dad…

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: Your dad lived the American dream. You come here, bust your ass…your son does improve. (Randy, Dick and Sean crack up)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm being serious!

Maddox: Um, so here's where it gets dangerous with Donald Trump, kay?

Dick: Oh, I forgot we were talking about Donald Trump.

Maddox: Over the weekend, Donald Trump…excuse me…oh, yeah. He said…he suggested closing down Mosques and increasing surveillance of Muslims. He said in an interview with Yahoo News published online Thursday that "We're going to have to do certain things that were frankly unthinkable a year ago."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: "When pressed on whether such measures might include tracking Muslim Americans in a database or noting their religious affiliations on identification cards, Trump said…'We're going to have to.' 'We're gonna have to look at a lot of things very closely.' 'We're going to have to look at the Mosques. We're going to have to look very, very carefully.' Later Thursday, Trump told NBC News that he would certainly and absolutely create a database of Muslims in the United States."

Dick: Uh, I don't think he said that again.

Maddox: Dick!!!

Dick: I think that's a…no…

Maddox: (stammers, yelling) That's what I said earlier!!

Dick: No, 'cause I read this story. I read this story. And it's the reporters saying that and him talking to them while he's signing his books. Like, he's not saying…go ahead. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Say whatever you want about him.

Maddox: You just deny, dude. Like, look. Verify…here's what I want you to do.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Do me a favor. If you disagree with what this news is saying, then prove it, 'kay? 'Cause I don't care about whether…what you think he actually said.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because this is quoted two different sources! Yahoo News and NBC News!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Two different sources said that he said this. You think that they're just spinning what he said here?!

Dick: I think even in the context of you…of what you READ, it doesn't make sense.

Sean: Well, and he can always sue for libel, right?

Maddox: Of course he can!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…and…Sean, if it was just one outlet, like Yahoo News saying this, that's fine, but it's…NBC News as well. They quoted him as saying this. I'm sure I can get a sound byte of it too…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: … if I look hard enough. And then…(stammers) but it's not even uncommon, what he's saying. This is the Republican…this is from, uh…Washington Post. They're saying…about the Republican frontrunners, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They said, "One of the frontrunners of the Republican presidential race said Thursday he would absolutely want a database of Muslims." Oh, they're talking about Trump here. "And, uh..special ID cards noting their religion." So that's three sources now, Washington Post…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, you're saying that Donald Trump wants ID cards…

Maddox: For Muslims.

Dick: …For Muslims?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I have a really hard time believing that. I guess I gotta look it up, but…

Maddox: (interjects) Another…

Dick: If you can find a verbatim quote of him saying…

Sean : (interjects) Can you see the question coming next? If they have to identify themselves with ID cards?

Maddox: What's that?

Sean: Who's gonna compare them to Nazi Germany?

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: Oh no, they already did!

Sean: I was gonna…okay.

Dick: They said, "How is that…" in this interview…in this interview of a reporter talking to him while he was signing books, they said, "How is that different than Nazi Germany?" and he said. "You tell me." And then went back to signing books.

Maddox: Yeah. He did say that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Another top candidate likened Syrian refugees, who are largely Muslim, to dogs. 'Some of them might be rabid', he said, which was a reason to keep them all out." That was Ben Carson, I believe.

Dick: Trump said that?

Maddox: No, Carson said that.

Dick: Oh, well…

Maddox: I believe Carson said that.

Dick: …Carson said a lot of weird stuff.

Maddox: "…and a third stood up in the Senate on Thursday and called for banning refugees from five Middle Eastern countries." He was explicit that the point was to keep Muslim refugees out while letting Christians from the same places in."

Dick: Well, that's rough.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a rough deal.

Maddox: It's really rough.

Dick: Um, you know. What can you say?

Maddox: It's a tough, complex situation, but where Trump stops being a joke and starts being a risk…

Dick: (interjects) I will…I will say that…

Maddox: …is when he starts saying shit like this.

Dick: Well…yeah, okay.

Maddox: I…here's a direct quote from Donald Trump. He says, "There should be a lot of systems beyond databases. I mean, we should have a lot of systems."

Dick: Yeah. Like, that's…that's not bigoted and…

Maddox: (interjects) You're not for a Muslim database.

Dick: Whoa, wait a minute. There are databases on everyone.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: What…what do you mean, a MUSLIM database? Like…this is when things get fuck-y, because you hear that phrase and you automa…YOU have an idea in your head what that is. But what does it mean? Like, there is a database that has everything on everyone. It's called a census. They come and they ask you everything that you do. Do you mean some kind of, like, weird, uh…McCarthy-esque list of people that get harassed? Because there's…there already are no-fly lists that are databases on people.

Maddox: Right, right. But that's based on intelligence. I'm talking about a total government national registry with names, social security numbers, date of birth, fam…familial affiliations, addresses…of Muslims.

Dick: Of Muslims ONLY?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I thought that database already exists.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Like, remember, you're talking to somebody who doesn't want public roads! (Sean giggles) I want everybody driving through people's yards!

Maddox: (sighs) Gah…(Sean laughs) Right.

Dick: Like, this is…(stammers) I think you're describing something that already exists.

Maddox: I d…I mean, what are you basing that on?

Dick: The DMV.

Maddox: No, that's not a list of Muslims.

Dick: So this would be another one that is specifically for Muslims? That sounds retarded.

Maddox: Specifically for Muslims.

Dick: Like, I…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Well, but the implication is that it's sinister.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: That they're surveilling the people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I don't…of course I don't…

Maddox: (interjects) Well, he said…he said that. He wants mosques surveiled. Which, if you…as…(stammers) in our intelligence community, I think there probably are a lot of mosques anyway, if they feel like, that there is a national security risk. If they find that some of the people they're snooping on are going to mosques, then they're probably going to survey those mosques.

Dick: Of course. That's why it's weird to bring up, 'cause it sounds like that's something that already exists. Like…(stammers) according to a lot of these research, er, these survey points I read, it was, like, a 40% of Br…young British Muslims, like, think Sharia law should replace the national law, and they should have separate courts. Like, yeah, you're gonna get looked into. If you…if your..if your mosque…if stuff like that's getting said at your mosque, uhhhhhhh. That's..the way it works. That's the way intelligence works.

Maddox: Yeah…(uncertain) um….

Dick: I want them to get a warrant. I want everybody who is American to be entitled to due process. But they're gonna get investigated.

Maddox: Yeah. That's not the same as a national registry of Muslims. It sou…it harkens back to…the Nazi era, where Hitler started making a database of Jews, and it is VERY, very similar to that. And I…I know it's tired and played-out to bring up the Hitler argument and the Hitler comparison, but this is literally Hitler stuff. It's…just making a big list of

people based on their religion. Which, by the way, I have another video coming out… (giggles)

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: About, umm…ummm, grocery store coupon cards. And I talk about how there is a list like this, not very specific, it's just…it's just by region. It's not even close. But there's a list like this for Jews. Uh…in America.

Dick: It's called The Hollywood Reporter. (Maddox and Sean crack up) Right, Randy?! Right?! Right?! (Maddox sighs)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Dick chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah. Um…

Sean: Oh, industry jokes. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, no. There's a list like this for Jews and it's done by region, but, uh…

Dick: (interjects) This actually exists?

Maddox: It's not so spec…it exists. And, uh…I (stammers) I talk about it…I'll talk about this a little bit more some other time, but uhh…yeah. It's used more for holidays, so that telemarketers know when to and when not to call a specific region.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: During a specific holiday.

Dick: That's for your convenience.

Maddox: Well, sure.

Dick: That's nice of them.

Maddox: I mean, it's for your convenience now, but what if…what if an anti-Semitic hacker found that list?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah. That would be…that would be bad.

Maddox: That would be pretty bad.

Dick: Would an anti-Semitic hacker need that list to tell? Like, couldn't he just, like…(Sean giggles) do a search by, like, Stein?

Maddox: Oh, boy. Okay.

Dick: Or something? (giggles) In the phone book? I mean, right? Or Zweig?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, man. Donald Trump. That's my problem. Vote it up. Donald Trump's a piece of shit.

Dick: That's it?!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Donald Trump. Fuck Donald Trump. Yeah, that's it. What's your…

Dick: (interjects) I think you just want somebody who…I think you just want a bald guy in the Oval Office. You can't…you want, like, a Bernie Sanders, or, like, a Hilary Clinton. You want a bald man in the White House.

Maddox: I can't imagine any bald president, other than Patrick Stewart. (stammers) Although, a few people suggested…I did a Periscope the other night while I was taking a shit, and someone suggested I shave my head…with Harry's razors. (giggles)

Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. (Maddox still giggling) Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. Hey, when did shaving become so expensive?

Maddox: I think…always, it's been pretty expensive, right? (giggles)

Dick: Yeah, I went to…I went to Ralph's the other day to fill up, and it cost me $700 to get…(snickers) (Maddox and Sean crack up) With Harry's, why pay $32 for an eight-pack of blades when it's half the price at Harry's. Go to http://www.harrys.com and you get five bucks off if you type in our promo code. Uh…Harry's is less than two years old and is already disrupting the shaving industry. That's true. I see them all over the place online.

Maddox: Yeah, Harry's really made ripples in the shaving industry. Everyone's taken notice. Uh…even…even, uh…we won't mention any competitors, but…

Dick: No, fuck the competitors.

Maddox: All the competitors. No. I'm not…'cause there are no competitors! It's all Harry's. Which, by the way, they sent…uh, they sent me a new shaving kit!

Dick: Oh, they did?!

Maddox: It's fanta…yeah. Did you see it?!

Dick: I think we're supposed to talk about that next time.

Maddox: Ohhhh, okay.

Dick: It's like their holiday kit.

Maddox: Alright. Well, we'll talk about that during the…(giggles) during the next episode.

Dick: Although, it is Christmas. It's been Christmas for three weeks, already. Or four weeks by the time this airs. It's half the price of the other big blades. They ship for free to your front door. Who wants to go to the store? You gotta put pants on. They might have piss driblets all over them.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Stay home, order from bed. Order from your computer. The starter set is an amazing deal. You get a razor, moisturizing shaving cream, and three razor blades. How about that deal?

Maddox: Those blades are fantastic, guys. Thank you for supporting the show, it really means a lot. And thank you Harry's, for supporting us!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, Harry's really likes us. I think our fans…our fans have responded more to Harry's than any other…I think any other podcast that they've had. I'm gonna go on the record as saying that. With ab…with absolutely zero verification.

Dick: Yeah. Way more than Marc Maron's podcast!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You think anyone's buying Harry's razors because of Marc Maron? I dunno. They probably…I dunno if they're a sponsor for Marc Maron. I'd better shut up. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Um, alright. My problem…um. My problem is having to shit after you get out of the shower.

Maddox: Oh…(giggles) (Sean groans) (Sean and Randy laugh)

Dick: That is…man!

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: That is the…I had a big problem, but we are…(cracks up)

Sean: You should just go back to bed at that point. (Dick cackles) Just call it a day.

Dick: Right?! It's the worst!! Like, what did I…(yells)

Maddox: I like it.

Dick: I went through all this trouble!! You like…

Maddox: I like it!

Dick: You like when you have to shit when you get OUT of the shower? First of all, your butthole's all rubbery.

Maddox: (interjects) That's…

Dick: It feels weird coming out. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: That's what I like about it!

Dick: It's weird coming out. I don't wanna think about my asshole and the sensations in my asshole that much, right?! You like that feeling?!

Maddox: Well, I like it because when I get out of the shower, my butt's gonna be wet for about 35 to 40 minutes afterwards, right? My butthole, is like, a little moist. And then when I…

Dick: (interjects) I'm gon…wait, I'm sorry. 40 minutes?

Maddox: About 40…

Dick: Your asshole is moist for 40 minutes after the shower?!

Maddox: I dunno. I don't check. I don't…I don't go down there!! (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, but you pulled a number off of your head pretty quickly!

Maddox: Well, based on the…

Sean: You might want to check for toxic mold. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Shut the fuck up, Sean!

Dick: Black mold! (Background laughter) (Maddox cracks up) Black mold coming out of there…it's a biohazard.

Maddox: Please. It's African American mold. (they laugh) So, I…(laughs) I…I take a shit and here's how I know that it's wet that long.

Sean: (in background) Oh, Jesus.

Maddox: Because when I take the…when I take the dump, it…it comes out smoothly! It's great! It's like…it's like..um, uh…I don't wanna use the word "lube", but it's lube for your poop.

Dick: You can use lube.

Maddox: It's poop lube.

Dick: What?

Sean: This is WAY more gross than the time you talked about shitting in the pile of leaves as an 8-year-old.

Maddox: Do you wanna hear the details, Sean?

Dick: It's gross? You gonna throw up again?

Maddox: I'll make you throw up!

Sean: No! S…stop. (Maddox cackles)

Dick: Look. It's a…it's a huge problem. You've gotta shower all over again. Right?! Do you go…do you commit to showering all over again? Because it's like, "Well you know what? It's still wet in there. Um…I…I had a fresh shower here. What am I, walking around all day with a poopy butthole?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think so. I'm right here. I'm gonna jump back into the shower. I gotta take two showers outta this shit. And then…(stammers) the second shower is never as fulfilling. Like, you feel like half of you is one shower behind! It's unsettling. It's an unsettling way to start the day.

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: AND you're all wet, so you're getting poop driblets all over in your underpants if you decide NOT to take the second shower, right?!

Maddox: Y…

Dick: Ohohoh!!!

Maddox: You know, Dick…I'll….(Dick and Maddox crack up)

Sean: That's why you should just strap on your dad's underwear and call it a day.

Maddox: Yeaaah. (laughing) Like it…like it's ever mattered to you, Dick. You've shit your pants more than any…almost more than anyone I know.

Dick: I don't…I don't enjoy doing…(Sean laughs) I enjoy doing it on my terms!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I shit my pants on MY terms, alright?

Maddox: You know what the worst part of what you're saying is, though? When you wipe your ass, after you've gotten out of the shower? You get that…that…the toilet paper rolls up. It breaks apart!!

Dick: (yells) OHHH! It breaks apart and it gets on your hands! LIKE FUCK!!

Maddox: Yeah, it gets on your hand…

Dick: Now I gotta…now I DEFINITELY HAVE TO TAKE A SHOWER!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't wash poop off a hand!!!

Maddox: It's that…and it looks like that really twisted-up, tight toilet paper, that's, like, kind of broken apart, 'cause it's wet.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's all over your fingers, and it's brown, and you can smell it…(gags) (Sean gags) SEAN!!! (Randy laughs)

Dick: And then it gets lost up in your butthole!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, well…great.

Maddox: I'll find it tomorrow!

Dick: This is gonna come out tomorrow when it dries out!

Maddox: Exactly. And those are the worst. You know what? They get curled…girls, generally…well, most of the girls generally don't have to worry about this, but it gets wrapped up in your butt pubes.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, it does.

Maddox: Yeah. And you just have to yank 'em out.

Dick: Dingle…dingleberries are a separate problem, though. Bring that in….bring that in..

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: By the way, everyone, enjoy your…I hope you're listening to this during Thanksgiving.

Maddox: Enjoy your Thanksgiving, guys.

Dick: And enjoying your Thanksgiving meal.

Maddox: Happy Thanksgiving. I'll post my rice recipe on the website. Ungrateful Dick.

Dick: Yeah. (Sean giggles) You gonna make that again this year?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: No, I'm never making that rice for anyone other than me.

Dick: The rec…the recipe's real simple. It's just a bag of rice. You pour it in a bowl. That's it.

Maddox: You fucking asshole. (laughing) Stupid ass.

Dick: Throw in some almonds and then, uh…get up on a soapbox and tell everyone how stupid they are. Done. (Sean and Randy laugh) (Dick giggles)

Maddox: What a bitch!

Dick: You should tweet that to Penn Jillette. Tweet the recipe.

Maddox: Penn Jillette? Maybe. He's on…he's on a diet. He's been on a very calorie-restricted diet. That's how he lost a lot of his weight. I…in fact, I was Googling it, 'cause I was looking to see what he looks like, 'cause I haven't seen him in a while. And…there was this Telegraph article talking about how much weight he lost.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And it was all just calorie restriction.

Dick: Probably magic. It's probably an illusion.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I was actually looking for a bunch of quotes to, uh…to use against Penn, like, "Oh I bet he said some stupid shit." And I watched, like, fucking 40 minutes of it, and he didn't say anything stupid, I'm like, "Ah, I'm tired of this."

Dick: What, on…(Maddox laughs) on Eff You?

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: Or on…on your episode?

Maddox: Uh, not…like, after the episode, 'cause I wanted to make a compilation of stupid shit that he said. Uh…

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: And he said…he said a bunch of stupid shit, but…

Dick: (interjects) Well, he's a libertarian!

Maddox: Well, there's that.

Dick: I mean, you love…you love that.

Maddox: Yeah, but, uh…well, yeah. That's a whole different…we're not getting into the libertarian thing.

Dick: Ever again. (Maddox giggles) Look, that's my problem. It affects…it affects..

(Sound clip: Rand Paul: "I want a government so small, you can barely see it.")

(Maddox and Dick giggles)

Dick: I don't know why that amuses you so much.

Maddox: (giggles) 'Cause it's so stupid. It's so dumb!

Dick: It affects everyone.

Maddox: What does?

Dick: Having to shit when you get out of the shower.

Maddox: Oh, I thought you were talking about libertarianism. (giggles)

Dick: Libertarianism affects no one. It only affects the listeners of this show.

Maddox: It affects…

Dick: (interjects) Who are bothered by it.

Maddox: theor…it theoretical people, Yeah. Not listeners of the show, but pe…like, actual theoretical people. Look, man. Uh, shitting after you get out of the shower. Why don't you just…you can't tell you're gonna have to shit in five minutes?

Dick: No!

Maddox: Why don't you just wait?

Dick: No. You can't always tell. What are you, like, Nostradamus of poop? (Sean giggles) Sometimes it's not working. You're like, "I gotta get going. This shit is not cooperating today. I'm just gonna take a shower." Then your…then you're 95% of the way through your shower, like, uh…soaping your ankles, or whatever. (they giggle) And you're like "SHIT! Now I gotta take a shit! Here it comes! I gotta jump out here and sit on a toilet, wet. Great."

Maddox: Ohhhhh, the wet toilet's really bad, too.

Dick: Great start of the day.

Maddox: 'Cause you know…if the toilet has any kind of germs or anyth…you're slipping around on that, and I imagine…

Dick: Yes! Yeah.

Maddox: …everything has a thin layer of poop particles everywhere.

Dick: It does! Everything everywhere does! And now your body's all wet, touching it! It's gross.

Maddox: Yeeeah. (sighs) That does…that is disapp…plus, it's really steamy in there, too, because then you're gonna have the poop particles in the s…and the steam mixing together.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Big…

Dick: And it's getting all over your hair.

Maddox: Steamy shit.

Dick: All the poop steam is getting in your hair.

Maddox: I don't have to worry about that. (Dick laughs)

Dick: You say that like you're bragging. (Randy laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it's cool!

Dick: I read somewhere that Donald Trump has never shit after he showered. I don't know if that's true. (background giggling) But I read that.

Maddox: It's 'cause…he does all his shitting out of his mouth.

Dick: Ohohoho!!!!!!

Maddox: Verbal diarrhea.

Dick: Good.

Maddox: Yeah. He's such an idiot. Such a meathead.

Dick: Oh, man. (grins)

Maddox: You know, Dick…

Dick: He's so great.

Maddox: …I think I know what you're doing with Donald Trump.

Dick: What do you think I'm doing?

Maddox: 'Cause I was gonna do…I was gonna do the same thing with, uh…what's her name? Michele Bachmann. Last…the last time she was running for president?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She is…such a shitshow. She is such a loose cannon, that I was going to create a PAC to support Michele Bachmann, because I just wanted to see her run up against Obama.

Dick: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Maddox: I…I mean, there's no fucking way in Hell she would win, but I thought it was hilarious. I wanted her in the race as LONG as possible, because she was just such a fucking crazy, loose cannon!

Dick: She has crazy eyes, too.

Maddox: Oh, she has super crazy eyes. She did that…post GOP talk that one time, where she wasn't looking at the teleprompter correctly?

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: So she was looking just slight…like, one or two degrees off away from the teleprompter…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And it was so unsettling. It…there's this…you gotta look this up. Michele Bachmann teleprompter.

Dick: Yeah, her eye…her gaze reminded me of too many girls that I've banged. (Maddox chuckles) That's a bad sign. I do not want to look into the eyes of the president and imagine girls I've banged.

Maddox: What do they…look in cross directions? Like, what's going on?

Dick: Crazy eyes.

Maddox: Oh, crazy eyes, yeah.

Dick: Crazy, loopy eyes. Like talking, but nobody's behind the wheel of this freight train.

Maddox: Yeah, no…I…I stopped talking to girls like that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. I meet them in bars! I met this girl at this bar…no, it was a comedy club.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Uh…and I…(giggles) I met her because she bumped her…giant, enormous, beautiful perfect ass into me.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: I'm like, "What is this?"

Dick: I thought that was gonna be giant something else.

Maddox: (laughing) Wh….

Dick: Dammit.

Maddox: What? Penis?

Dick: Noooooo!!! (Sean laughs)

Maddox: What?

Dick: NO!!!

Maddox: What were you gonna think I…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean?! (cracks up laughing)

Sean: I knew…I knew he was gonna say…(background laughter, Dick is killing himself laughing) that. (Maddox laughs) And I knew you…

Dick: What the hell?!!? Giant penis?!

Maddox: What did you think?!

Dick: That would be a weird story!!!

Maddox: I don't know. What are you…what…

Dick: Chicks don't have penises!

Maddox: What?! (laughs)

Dick: I thought you were talking about her tits!

Maddox: Oh, no, no.

Dick: I thought you were gonna say "her big, beautiful tits".

Maddox: No, her big beautiful, perfect, butt.

Dick: Penis.

Maddox: Butt. (Dick giggles)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: No. I have the perfect penis, buddy!

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I wonder what Donald Trump's penis looks like?

Maddox: Oh, gross!! It probably looks stupid, like his face.

Dick: Probably glorious.

Sean: It probably has an amazing hairdo.

Dick: Yeah, probably. (grins)

Maddox: He probably…he probably has a really big peehole.

Dick: He probably tattooed his own face on the tip of his dick. With that face he always makes, that AWWWWGHH face? (Sean giggles) Like, that's the tip?

Maddox: Have you see the Conan O'Brien skit where he, um…does the mouth over talk with..

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's great.

Maddox: Like, (stammers) it looks exactly like every time Donald Trump talks.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Donald Trump talks like the Conan O'Brien skit.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's ridiculous. Um, anyway…this girl bumped her beautiful, big butt into me. And…we started talking. And…uh, gave her a ride home, yadda yadda. We're setting up a date. And then, uh…she asked me a question. She says, "Would you stop going out with a girl if by the fourth date, she hasn't put out?" I said, "Yes, of course. Absolutely."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And pretty much just like the way I said it. And she said, "Oh." "Oh, well I'm at the point in my life where…"

Dick: (interjects) Oh, God. Stop. I'll stop going out with you…right now!! (Maddox giggles) For talking like this!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Get outta my car!!

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I John McClain-ed it outta that car. I rolled…(Dick scoffs)(they giggle) did a dive roll out of the fucking side. I'm out!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: See ya, hottie! With your perfect ass! Good luck being single for the rest of your life!

Dick: I would love to see what this girl looked like.

Maddox: You know what? Um…she was like a…she was like a 7 or an 8. Probably a mid-7.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Uh, but that ass, man.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dat ass, do. (Sean snorts, giggles) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Uh,well, in response to your question, I am not doing with Trump what you were doing with Michele Bachmann.

Maddox: You really like Trump?

Dick: Yeah. Second Amendment. I wanna see him…can you imagine…him putting senators on blast for fucking with his plans that he's trying to get through? Every single day he's putting people on blast. (Maddox sighs, giggles) It's glorious! It's glorious.

Maddox: He's…he's a loose cannon. He has no plan for this country. No vision. I genuinely believe he is an actual bigot. I think he's absolutely prejudiced.

Dick: Why do you think he's a bigot?

Maddox: (giggles) Because he wants to…he's…he's blaming Mexicans for rape and… and…

Dick: Illegals, though. Not Mexicans.

Maddox: Oh, just the illegals.

Dick: Illegal immigrants.

Maddox: Ohhh, okay. (sarcastic)

Dick: But you know that, like, federal prison's chock full of, like, has a shitload of illegals? Do you know that?

Maddox: Well, yeah, bu…

Dick: There's stats on that.

Maddox: Because they're…illegal and they're getting caught.

Dick: No, they're there for, like, violent crimes. Like, it's…there's a huge, disproportionate number of illegal immigrants in federal prison for violent crimes.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: Like, there's a shitload of them.

Maddox: Okay. Are they Islamic?

Dick: Um, I dunno! We gotta get that database up and going. (Sean cracks up) To see who's Islamic and who's not! (Maddox snorts) Shit, man! (snaps fingers)

Maddox: Ahhhhhhhhh.

Dick: What do you mean, are they Islamic?

Maddox: Are they Islamic?

Dick: Do you…wait, lemme ask you this? Do you have any problem with illegal immigration at all?

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Are you pro or against it?

Maddox: I'm not for it.

Dick: You're not for it.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I think it can cause problems. It can overburden our system.

Dick: Too much of it?

Maddox: Too much of it can, yeah. But, uh…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I…I think that you can ebb the flow of illegal immigration by creating a more streamlined process for people to come into this country legally and productively.

Dick: Okay, how do you stop it, though? From coming in?

Maddox: Well, I'm not sure…I'm not sure…

Dick: (interjects) Put up, like, a bunch of piñatas near the border so they get distracted? (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, boy. (Dick laughs) I think before…

Dick: I can say that kind of shit, Maddox, come on!!

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah. Please.

Dick: Border cross me, bitch!!

Sean: Put out some…picnic tables.

Dick: Yeah, picnic tables.

Maddox: Say one sentence in Spanish, dickhead.

Dick: Um, fuck you. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Oh no, he speaks it.

Dick: Yeah, come on.

Sean: He speaks it.

Dick: I don't wanna show off.

Maddox: Do you really?!

Dick: Uh..a little. Enough.

Maddox: You don't speak Spanish.

Dick: I speak enough.

Maddox: Huh. (background giggles) Um…no. I think that…

Dick: (interjects) I can only do when it requires me to talk to babes. Then I can speak Spanish.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: Otherwise, no, I can't.

Maddox: Well, they did that study in Georgia, where…actually, it wasn't even a st…I think it was in Georgia, they banned any…they…they went…(stammers) they had a really aggressive anti-immigration policy.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And it was a local thing that they experimented in Georgia, and they made sure none of the plantations for picking fruit or agriculture or crops or anything like that hired any illegal immigrants. And they found that they couldn't employ anyone. And then millions of dollars of crops went to waste, because the…there was no one to do that job. They s… they keep saying, "Well Americans will do that job." Turns out they won't. And millions of

dollars of crops went to waste. They rescinded that law, and then plantations went back to hiring illegal immigrants.

Dick: I…yeah. I don't wanna get into that…

Maddox: So, so…

Dick: …on this episode. I see what you're saying. Were you done? I'm sorry.

Maddox: Well, I just wanna say…

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Um…you need to find out what that optimal level is…

Dick: Of slave labor?

Maddox: Where you have…(Sean giggles) It's not…it's not quite slave labor. (giggles)

Dick: Well, we're not paying them minimum wage, so…

Maddox: Well…

Dick: …that's fucking slave…can they unionize? Do they have any rights at all? Then that's fucking slave labor.

Maddox: They have some rights, uh…but, I mean you can't just kill them! (Dick cracks up) You can't just…you can't just use them as…as…

Dick: (interjects) Oh yeah? Why?! Why? Because when you kill 'em, where are they gonna go? They're gonna go to the cops and say, "Uh…who was this guy?" "Uhh, he was illegal and so am I." Like, there's, like, a huge incentive for them to not report violent crimes.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause they wanna stay here.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's…it's horrible.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. I don't know.

Dick: Hey, it's very complicated. Easy fix, though. Build a big fucking wall.

Maddox: No, you…ugh, geez. (Dick guffaws) What are we, East Germany, then? What are we, Israel and Palestine, building a giant fucking wall?

Dick: Israel has a huge wall.

Maddox: Yeah, exactly. You don't wanna fucking…we don't wanna turn ourselves into Israel.

Dick: Oh. Uh, there's…there's a lot of walls around the world, though. (Maddox giggles) Mexico has a wall, for example.

Maddox: Okay, great. (giggles) This…this room we're in has walls!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We should build more walls.

Dick: Why don't you knock these walls down? Anybody can come in and take a look at your stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause I don't think walls…

Dick: Illegal immigration is like pooping after you shower. That poop tries to sneak across the border.

Maddox: Umm…(scoffs) Dick. I think that there's so many bigger problems. I think for all the money that illegal immigrants may cost America.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Um, if you start looking at the top, at…the corruption that's going on in Wall Street. It's…a drop in the bucket compared to the BILLIONS of dollars of waste and corruption that's going on…

Dick: Corruption in Wall Street?

Maddox: Oho, my God.

Dick: That's not the government, though.

Maddox: Insider trading, and all this other shit. If they went after those guys…

Dick: Probably high-frequency trading would be the biggest.

Maddox: I'm sorry?

Dick: High-frequency trading?

Maddox: What is that?

Dick: Know what that is? Look it up. You'll…you'll really love it.

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Alright. That's my problem.

Maddox: What? High-frequency trading? (giggles)

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. Shitting after you shower. That's my problem.

Maddox: My problem is…

(closing riff starts)

Maddox: …Donald Trump. Vote it up.

Dick: Donald J. Trump. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: What's the 'J' stand for? (Dick chuckles) Jerk!! (laughs) He's a jerk. (Dick laughs, groans)

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, I just called to let you guys know how big of idiots you were…"

Dick: Thanks.

"And I forgot to tell Sean how cool he was. So Maddox, Dick, go fuck yourself. Sean, keep up the good work.")

Sean: Thanks, buddy.

Dick: Oh, good for you, Sean. Fuck you.

Maddox: You know, we don't have to take this shit!!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: We don't have to take this shit from our engineers tag-teaming with the callers now!?! Is that what's going on!?

Sean: I'm emailing a LOT of people.

Maddox: Was that your friend, Sean? Have you ever had any of your friends call in? Don't lie.

Sean: No. No, no. Honestly, I haven't.

Maddox: Mmm. (skeptical) Your dog?

Sean: I was trying…no.

Maddox: Has your dog called in?

Sean: I was trying to think if…I was trying to think if I have any friends. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: But you called in Maddox.

Maddox: I called into the show…okay, let's hear this.

Dick: Yeah, you're trying to pull bullshit.

Maddox: Let's hear this bullshit.

(Voice mail: male voice imitating Maddox's goofy voice: "Hi, this is Maddox. This is how I talk."

(They all laugh)

"I just thought I'd call into my own show and let Dick know how fucking awesome he is."

Dick: Oh, WOW!

Maddox: Ugh…

"Sean rules. And I suck."

Maddox: This is lies. This is not me!!!

Dick: Secret voicemail.

"I'm gonna go fuck myself.")

Dick: Awwwwwww.

Maddox: Well that's…that part's true.

Dick: That was nice of you.

Maddox: I'm the…I'm the best lover. (Sean giggles)

Dick: I'm sorry, what? (Maddox giggles)

Sean: Just ask my Casper. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Shut up, Sean!!! Not funny.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hi, my name is Andrew, from Oregon. Uh, a coworker recently introduced me to your guys' show and I just wanna let you guys know that listening to your show has made me a better man, because you're both such fuckups!"

Dick: Oh. (pained)

Maddox: Ugh!

"Maddox, go fuck yourself!") (they all laugh)

Maddox: Great. Nothing constructive.

Dick: You got…you fucked up the…you fucked up the catchphrase, you idiot.

Maddox: What? Oh, yeah, what? The Dick, go fuck yourself?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Guy's a moron. Made you…(stammers) uh, listen. Just 'cause you think that there are people out there who are worse off than you, doesn't make you better, idiot! It just m…(stammers) you're still the same shitty level! Just because there's a more broken car than the one you have, doesn't mean your car's awesome!

Dick: Yeah. That's true.

Maddox: Moron.

Dick: Good point.

Maddox: And also, we're not that broken car.

Sean: But it does raise your self esteem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice: "I cr…can't wait to…(cracks up)…"

Maddox: Yeah.

"Oh, Maddox. I can't wait to hear your video……..(long pause)"

(Maddox laughs)

"About you on Penn and Teller. I meant…I've just been, you know, fucking clenching my hands…wringing my towels…" (Maddox and Dick laugh)

"For like…I don't know how long it's been. Definitely more than a couple of years, like you said. It's probably at least been six years."

Maddox: Just about.

"Since you've been on Penn and Teller."

Maddox: Yep. (they giggle)

"And now, the exclusive we've all been waiting for…" (Dick and Sean crack up)

Maddox: Shut the fuck up, you idiot!

"Oh, my GOOOOOOOOD!!"

Maddox: Moron!!

"You're finally gonna talk about it." (Dick cackles maniacally)

Maddox: Yeah.

"Like a rape victim."

Dick: Ohohohohoho!!! (laughing)

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Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 81

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Prison Shanks, to Robbed Banks! (Dick chuckles) With over 4 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: We have some more in-studio guests today, observing. We have Tyler and Randy! Welcome back, guys.

Dick: Hey, guys.

Maddox: Episode 81, guys.

Dick: You should change that to "the show where we discuss everything from politics to politics"! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: How'd we do last week?

Maddox: Speaking of…

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe…last week, was Shitting Yourself After You Shower…Shitting After You Shower.

Dick: Having to Shit After You Shower.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: That's a universal problem!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You've experienced it. We've all experienced it. The only man on Earth who hasn't experienced it is Donald Trump, I'm sure. (Maddox scoffs, laughs) 'Cause he's such a good manager.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He can manage his own sphincter and bowels.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (disgusted) (Dick cackles) He's a…

Dick: (interjects) That's what we don't have in the administration, right now.

Maddox: He's an expert at expelling shit from his body. (Dick cackles loudly) For sure. For sure. That idiot…like, every week…(Dick continues to laugh) Every week there's something. (Dick sighs) The newest controversy with that dickhead…did you see him mocking that New York Times reporter?

Dick: Oh, stop, stop…oh, what. That's hilarious. You don't think mocking the handicapped is funny? Who am I talking to?!

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean giggles)

Dick: Please! I'll vote twice for that guy! I want him to come up in a wheelchair! (Maddox laughs) (handicapped person impression) "Hey everybody, I'm Donald Trump! I'm gonna give you a speech!"

Maddox: Oh, my God.

Dick: I'll vote, vote, vote, vote! (laughing)

Maddox: Well, you got me there, Dick. That is…

Dick: Yeaaaaah!!

Maddox: That is by far…

Dick: Get the fuck outta here with that!

Maddox: …the most compelling…the most compelling argument I've heard for Trump.

Dick: That's…and that's the future!! That's gonna be the entire GOP after this election, they're all gonna be like Jackass, trying to one-up each other like that! Was he a problem? In the end, was he a problem at all? Did he clear zero?

Maddox: Yeah, he did clear zero, yeah.

Dick: Aaaaagh, dammit!!!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. He did. He did.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: He's definitely a problem, Dick. And…and I looked it up, so again, last episode… I talked about Trump and uh…and how he wanted to raise taxes on the rich. You said that was an article that CNN wrote for retards.

Dick: No, no, no. Wait a minute. (background giggles) You said that he wanted to r…(trails off, laughing) First of all, CNN writes everything for retards.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yes, that's true. (Sean laughs) You said he wanted to raise taxes on the rich…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I said his…his tax policy breakdown would definitively lower taxes on the rich, like, his highest tax bracket is much lower than what the rich pay right now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: By and large. He…he wants to close some loopholes, like, hedge fund managers and whatever. Realty stuff. But I'm…you know. What do you…what do you say? Don't close loopholes? I like that he's closing loopholes.

Maddox: Nah, I…I looked it up. I…I like those loopholes that he wants to close. Those are…popular loopholes that politicians have proposed closing for years.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…and then I looked at his tax bracket, and it would indeed lower taxes on the rich; however, it just sounds like doubletalk, because he's talked in the past about raising taxes on the rich and certain brackets of the rich, like, uh…you know, hedge fund managers and people who are in real estate, etc. But I looked it up, 'cause I know I'm not crazy.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And back in 1999, he did propose the biggest tax hike in US history, ever.

Dick: He did?

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: Did he want to tax handicapped people?

Maddox: No…(laughs) (Dick guffaws) No, that wouldn't be that much. Vote down Paralysis.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Uh, here's…here's the quote. Here's what he said…

Dick: Oh, no, okay.

Maddox: Back in 1999. Listen to this.

(Sound clip: Donald Trump: "This would be a one-time tax. 14.25% against people with a net worth of over 10 million. 10 million dollars or more."

Dick: Huh.

"It would pay off, in its entirety, the national debt of 5.7 trillion dollars. You'd save 200 billion dollars a year, so taxes for the middle class would go way down, so this would be very positive for everybody, including the rich, the 1% that really are paying the tax."

Dick: Wow.

(Male voice: "In fact, by our estimates, you would pay somewhere in the neighborhood of 700 million dollars or more."

Dick: Oh, my God.

(Donald Trump: "That's correct."

Male voice: "I've never known Donald Trump to willingly give up 700 million dollars."

DT: I think it would be great for the country.")

Dick: All these numbers.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Gonna start jerking off again.

(DT: "I think it's a proposal that would be very strongly looked at and considered.")

(Dick sighs)

Maddox: 700 million dollars tax! And so..um, I looked…I did some math, and I…I calculated what his…

Dick: (interjects) Your favorite thing to do. In bed. (Maddox laughing) You're doing math on some chick's back in her I…(Sean cracks up) you're like "OH I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING! Give me your lipstick while I'm banging you doggy style! I'm gonna do some equations on your back!! Aaaaaaaaahh!!" (Maddox giggles) That's how I imagine you do it.

Maddox: Here's a derivative on your back, baby. Um…no. so, I was doing some…I did some math, and I calculated his net worth at that time of that interview.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And it was about 500 billion dollars. Or excuse me…

Dick: 500 billion?!

Maddox: Not 500. It was 5 billion dollars.

Dick: 5 billion dollars.

Maddox: So it was about 5 billion dollars at the time of that interview.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And…so that…he would be paying close to…(stammers) like you said, 15%. 700 million dollars. And then the guy followed up the question, he said, "Well, a lot of multimillionaires and billionaires don't have a lot of cash reserves."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "They have those in assets. How would you propose they pay that tax?" and he said…Donald Trump's answer was…what? What do you think?

Dick: Uh…I don't know.

Maddox: Selling off assets!!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: He…(laughs) expects people to sell their property to pay a tax!!

Dick: I don't know that any of this is true, though, 'cause that Muslim ID badge shit wasn't true. You looked that up, right?

Maddox: I looked it up. He said…

Dick: (interjects) Like, he definitely said…

Maddox: He said he denied it. Yeah.

Dick: He did not say…did you l…did you watch the video of that guy sandbagging him?

Maddox: I watched the…the video, and it did look like the…the reporter was trying to get him with a "gotcha".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Isn't that kind of shameful though, you think? Like, that that's what our journalism is? Let's generate a headline by, like, sandbagging a g…you can…you can, like, not be political and think that that's kind of a shameful way for journalists to act.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Absolutely. 'Cause they're always looking for those "gotcha" moments. Um…

Dick: Eh, it sucks!

Maddox: No, but uh…

Dick: (interjects) And then everybody gets all pissed off. Like, everybody gets all divisive and draws their party lines over something that nobody even said! It sucks.

Maddox: But…but then, but then, um, the follow-up questions, like, when…when…I don't…I don't know if Trump was fully aware of the questions that were being asked of him.

Dick: No. Absolutely not.

Maddox: Um…but he…he…when he was asked where we should get this registry, he sai…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You know, the reporter suggested mosques, or someplace? And he goes, "Yeah, we should look at everything."

Dick: Well, look at everything. (Maddox giggles) What's wrong with that?

Maddox: (giggles) But then, but then…

Dick: (interjects) Let's look at these handicapped people! What are they doing!?

Maddox: Here's what was telling about Trump, though. It took him TWO days for him to denounce the idea that he would even be behind a national Muslim registry.

Dick: Yeah. I know what you mean. Somebody on 4Chan, after you posted the Donald Trump episode, of course, poll…/poll….huge Donald Trump hotbed of support.

Maddox: Yeah. Of course.

Dick: Right. On 4Chan. Somebody on one of those threads called me a fairy. I was in there 10 seconds later, denouncing that. How the fuck am I a fairy?! (Maddox laughs) On this thread?! The guy said I performed at UCB and that's basically like taking a cock up the ass. (Sean giggles) And it was, like, well, I mean, alright…

Maddox: I mean, you can't…

Dick: That's…

Maddox: You can't deny that.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) I can't deny that.

Maddox: Hey! We got a package from our beautiful, lovely, talented transcriber, Laurie Foster. Laurie sent us a very special gift, Dick. (grins)

Dick: Oh. Cool.

Maddox: Um. I'm…I'm holding here a little jar. And it has on it a drawing of the White House. It looks like a White House on it.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And…

Dick: It looks like a child drew it.

Maddox: And inside it…

Dick: Did a ch…did Laurie draw that, or did a 6-year-old draw that?

Maddox: This is definitely F work, at best. (Dick giggles) At best. Um…and then she…

Dick: It does, doesn't it?

Maddox: She attached a note…yeah. It looks…she attached a note here, that says, "This was the smallest government I could find. Hope it's okay." (Dick cracks up) And inside it… are a bunch of little politicians…we have here…

Dick: Oh. What do we got here?

Maddox: We have here a bunch of little politician action figures.

Dick: James Buchanan.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. Started the Civil War, did he? Is that right?

Maddox: Uh-huh. We h…(giggles)

Sean: Bucha…well, Lincoln was in office.

Dick: Yeaaaaah. He ended it, buddy.

Maddox: We have…

Sean: (interjects) He was…he star…he was in for the start!

Maddox: …Monroe.

Dick: (laughs) Oh, he was in right before Lincoln?

Sean: Yeah. The South seceded. I can't remember which state.

Dick: Oh, that's right.

Sean: But yeah, he was elected in 1860.

Dick: James Tyler.

Maddox: Ah, we got…

Dick: 30 days…

Maddox: We got Harrison

Dick: Fascinated.

Maddox: We got Taft. We got all the…we got all the classic presidents. (giggles)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: In this little…little White House. It's a very small government, Dick. You should… you should love this.

Dick: I love it.

Maddox: John Adams. There you go…we got the wh…we got all the governments in there.

Dick: How many of these people made fun of the handicapped? That's who I…that's what I want to know.

Maddox: Dick, uh…is that a small enough government for you? Or is that…is that not small enough?

Dick: No. It's getting better.

Maddox: Is it…yeah? That's…

Dick: Yeah. I like a government that I can, uh…hold hostage with a magnifying glass.

(Sound clip: Rand Paul: "I want a government so small you can barely see it.")

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Stop with the politics! (Maddox chuckles) Alright, here's some voice mail.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, uh…big fan of your show. And Dick…you're such a fucking idiot. I've never heard of such a huge IDIOT…"

(Sean and Dick laugh)

"…in my life. I can't believe it. Really, it's…"

Dick: Why? Because of my pooping?

"You talk about global warming, and you're like…"

Dick: Ohhh.

"…and you're like, 'Yeah, we need shorter shorts.', yeah, well, fucking die from flooding."

Dick: Yeah, we do!! (they all laugh) Die from flooding?! (Maddox laughs)

"**It's not a joke. Everything…"**

Sean: Easier to wait around in!! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah!

"I…I c…I'm overwhelmed. You talk about Donald Trump like it's…oh. You know, whatever, yeah, man. He's just speaking his mind. NO! It's all…bullshit. I can't believe it. I…(stammers) I'm speechless."

Dick: Well, you got stumped! That's why.

"Are Americans all like this?"

Dick: That's why. (Maddox chuckles) That's a…

"I'm shocked."

Dick: Evidence of a stumping.

"Fuck you.") (they laugh)

Dick: Guys…

Sean: He didn't sound speechless.

Dick: We're gonna…we're gonna die in flooding, 'cause of global warming? Is that the…is that the word now?

Maddox: No, no. He…he wants you…

Dick: It's gonna come like a tidal wave?!

Maddox: (giggles) He wants you to die from flooding. (Dick laughs) Different.

Dick: Oh, is that…is that what he said?

Maddox: Yeah. He can…he wants you…

Dick: I thought he was saying we were gonna die from flooding because of global warming.

Maddox: No, no, no. He said..

Dick: (interjects) Which I would be…which, like, that would be…we'd all be caught with our pants down, pretty much. You'd have millions of people caught with their pants down if global warming…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Killed us with tidal waves.

Maddox: Yeah. It'd be hilarious.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: No, but he was saying, "Die from flooding." And he didn't suggest that it would be because of global warming.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: But he's just saying, like, in general, he wants you to die from a flood.

Dick: Oh, okay. Uh, let's see. I got another one here.

(Voice mail: male voice: "All right. Dick, what kind of stupid pooping in the shower bullshit is this?"

Dick: (giggles) It's a problem.

"Like, haven't you ever heard about, you know, maybe holding it for two seconds?")

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it's a lot…(giggles) a lot of your problems, Dick…(Dick giggles) is like, uh…you know. I…I forgot…

Dick: Poop-related?

Maddox: On…yeah, no. Um…one of 'em was "I forgot my fly down", or something. What was it?

Dick: Yeah. Leaving your fly down.

Maddox: What was it? Leaving your fly down.

Dick: That's a good problem.

Maddox: Like, the solution is, like…don't.

Dick: Be vigilant all the time. Never screw up. That's the solution?

Maddox: It's…(giggles) It's…it's a problem that has no repercussions.

Dick: Leaving your fly down?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's embarrassing. What's a…what's a bigger repercussion than you personally being embarrassed?

Sean: Well, he did it on stage.

Dick: You did? Maddox, you did?

Maddox: Yeah, remember? I talked about it?

Dick: Oh, yeah. I remember.

Maddox: Yeah. The…the improv show I did, yeah.

Dick: Alright. I got…I got two more…two more about the refugees, and then I'm done. Then I got a song from Wauterboi.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Dick. The last time we turned away refugees, they all died in the fucking Holocaust. (Dick giggles)"

Maddox: Yeah.

"How about you show some fucking compassion?"

Maddox: Mhmm.

"Come on.")

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Yeah, Dick.

Dick: I got lit up. I dunno if I can play one…are these downers?

Maddox: You, uh…you…you said…one of your arguments last episode was that…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That…not everyone's entitled to be an American.

Dick: Correct.

Maddox: Right. But what makes you entitled to be an American?

Dick: I was born here.

Maddox: But…that doesn't mean anything. You're…

Dick: Well, legally.

Maddox: Just because your parents arbitrarily fucked on this piece of dirt…

Dick: Yeah, that's…(giggles)

Maddox: Doesn't give you any…like, what did you do personally to earn the right to be here?

Dick: No, it literally does. It literally makes me…an American. Nothing else does.

Maddox: No, I know. I know, but…legally. But I'm saying, like, what difference does it make…

Dick: (interjects) It's like having a dick makes me entitled to be a man. That's it. Like, I'm an American. I was born here.

Maddox: I think that…I think the case could be made that…the more you do for the country, the more entitled you are to be a part of that country.

Dick: Well. Okay. Uh, well…I've got…(Sean laughs) I'll just play this song for you. (laughing)

Maddox: Alright. Moving on.

Dick: This is from Gr…this is from **Grant Mooney.** (laughing) You're gonna like this one! St…don't…don't throw a fit as soon as you hear it!

Maddox: Oh, it's gonna be bullshit.

Dick: 'Cause I think you're gonna like it.

Sean: Why are you doing this?!

(Clip starts, Titanic song is playing…)

(Maddox and Dick laugh)

Dick: I'm playing it for Trump.

Maddox: It's bullshit already!!

Dick: I promise you'll like it.

"Penn Jillette's an asssssshoooole…."

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: See?

"He can go fuuuuuck himself."

Maddox: Ahh.

"His TV show sucks and…"

(they crack up)

"…he deserrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrves it…."

Maddox: Ahh. Beautiful song.

"He….should…get launched into spaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaace." (they crack up)

"Teller, you can go on and….go on and….go fuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuck yourself.")

Dick: Aww, there you go.

Maddox: Aww. Beautiful song. (laughing) Beautiful song, and a nice gesture for a man who apologized. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. That's…NEVER apologize! That's when people start piling ON!!!

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Uh, I still hate that song, but that is the best version of that song I've ever heard.

Dick: Alright. You wanna do some…you wanna get right into the problems? Randy's here. Randy's being very strict about making us do four problems today. Is that right, Randy? You said there's…you said…and I quote, "You dumb fucks have been jerking yourselves off, reading comments, flattering comments about yourselves instead of giving people what they want, which is problems." Is that true or false? Giving me the thumbs up like that's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. You want me to go first?

Maddox: Go for it.

Dick: Alright. I got a r…I got a real big problem. Way bigger than having to shit after you've showered.

Maddox: Oh, so, anything. (they all laugh)

Dick: Yes. Um…has this ever happened to you? Someone is…you're meeting up with someone and they say, uh…you say, "Oh, oh great. Where are we meeting? When are we meeting? Where are we meeting?" "Oh, it's uh…uh, you know Bar One, in North Hollywood." "Great. I'm gonna…I'm gonna hang up." That's what I'm thinking in my head. Great, you've told me the location. Now, I'm gonna hang up and look for the directions, and here's when the problem starts. They say, "Oh, yeah. This is how you get there. You're

coming from Hollywood? What you wanna do is get on the 101…" and I start plugging my ears, because I do not wanna hear…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The human driving directions they're giving me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's it! The conver…the transaction is…is done. I don't wanna hear…I don't wanna hear your specific version of how to get there on the ro…like, do you not…do these people not have…uh, Google Maps, Ways, Yahoo Maps? Mapquest? Did they stop using the Internet in, like, 1998? When…when these things…when COMPUTERS took over the ability to give driving directions?

Maddox: Yeah. How old was this person you were talking to?

Dick: Well, I'm gonna get to this. I got a good story about my life coach and I…um, screwing up. Well, we went to shoot guns. We had a…we had a gun weekend all planned out.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, we were pretending to…

Maddox: (interjects) Sounds romantic.

Dick: Yeah. We were both pretending to be Sarah Conner.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We were gonna go out in the desert and we were gonna shoot a shitload of guns, like, distance shooting. You know?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, sniper stuff. (grins) Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, we were gonna be, like, "Oh, man. We're gonna, like, start training for the apocalypse." Right?

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: We go…we had, like, 20 people. Going. Like, this whole…

Maddox: (interjects) The zombie apocalypse.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: Planning for…or any kind of apocalypse. Maybe a libertarian apocalypse, actually.

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: Libertarians finally rise up!

Maddox: All you need is a magnifying glass. (laughs)

Dick: So we have this…we've planned this. We never plan anything. Like, a lot of times, we just show up at a place.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And we don't even know how we got there, 'cause we don't even plan where we're going.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: We've been planning this trip….we'd been planning this trip last weekend for, like, three weeks. Like, texting each other about it. "Hey, what kind of guns…what kind of guns do you want to shoot?" Like, what kind of guns is everybody else bringing? (conspiratorial) Like, "Oh, check this out, somebody's bringing a .50 caliber rifle." Like, "Ooooh!" We're emailing this woman who's putting it together. The real Sarah Conner. We're emailing, like, "Hey is it okay to bring, you know. Questionable guns?" Quote unquote illegal guns?

Maddox: Okay, yeah. (sighs)

Dick: And she was like, "Don't worry, there will be tons there." There will be tons of cops there, and they'll have the most "illegalest" of guns. So we're like…"Oh, my God!"

Maddox: So the cops…the cops just, like, confiscate, uh…exotic weapons and stuff, and then they bring them to shooting ranges and fuck around with them, right?

Dick: Oh, they totally do!

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: That's…yeah, that's absolutely a real thing.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: So…my life coach and I, we get so excited, the week before, we go to…we go to zero in our AR-15s. Right? So they're more accurate.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: As if the gun is the issue.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And not the two dummies who've maybe put 200 rounds through it, right?

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: We're going to the firing range, and my buddy's like, "Hey, can you Google how to zero in an AR-15 on the way there, so when we get there, we can get out our micrometers and our allen wrenches and, like, fix the iron sights on an AR-15." Like, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. We got it. We get there…we do a little pre…a little pre game, right? For the next week.

Maddox: Ye…okay.

Dick: So, you know…you understand what's hap…

Maddox: You've been drinking for a week, yes.

Dick: We're very…we're very excited.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay. (giggles)

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We're…(stammers) I'm…I sent a girl home the night before we're going on this shooting trip, because I'm, like, "Baby, I have so much stuff to do. I've gotta set out all the bullets." (Maddox chuckles) I've gotta set out my hunting…my shooting clothes. I've got a shirt with ann…a bald…a bald eagle on it, with the sleeves torn off.

Maddox: Yeah. Sure. (background laughter)

Dick: That I got at…(laughs) that I got at Wal-Mart. I'm like, "I got all this stuff I gotta prepare for! I can't have you here, queering up my brain with your feminine wiles." Right? Get outta here.

Maddox: Minutes. Minutes of work you have to do!! (Dick laughs) You have to take 'em out of the closet!

Dick: Maddox! I gotta…(Maddox laughs) I've never PLANNED for something on this scale before! This is like a wedding for me…like, I've never planned for anything before! What?

Sean: Now would you finish cooking the chili and get the fuck out of here?! (they laugh)

Dick: So I'm…I'm texting my life coach. And we're…we're IMing all night. We're up until like 3 in the morning.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: …"Oh, we gotta get bullets. We've gotta get…we gotta get some .38 special…we gotta get a box of .38 special rounds. I wanna see how accurate my Magnum is at 100 yards. How accurate do you think you're gonna be? Do you think you could hit a target at 300 yards? Blablablabla."

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. You guys are…you guys are, like, turning this into some, like, chick session. Like, girls who…who don't plan this much for baby showers!!

Dick: We were giddy!! We were giddy with excitement! (Maddox laughs) About going shooting! Right!?

Sean: They're out there shooting at sand.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) (Dick scoffs) Hey!! (laughing) Careful what you shoot at! Hey… sounds like you guys were about to shoot some loads out there. Jesus.

Dick: Oh, God. Yeah. We were shooting loads at the t…we're sending…we're texting each other until, like, 3…sending each other Trump videos, you know, getting really…(laughing)

Maddox: Uh…yeah. (laughs) And if any listeners wanna know where the shooting range is, follow the drizzle of cum from…(laughing) from Dick's apartment. (background laughter)

Dick: So…

Sean: It's like the worst Hansel and Gretel episode ever.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Dick: So I look at the email of where this place is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it looks way out in the sticks, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm going…"Um…I don't think my sports car with the Persian racing rims (Maddox snorts) can make it out in the sticks, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's got a low clearance.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sports car.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's meant to drop panties. It's not meant for offroading. (Maddox laughs) Right?

Maddox: Okay. (grins)

Dick: Or…or boxers. Whatever.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You know, whichever way…you swing.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: That's fair.

Dick: So…life coach goes, "Oh, just look at…read the email. Read the whole email." Something I never do. So I read the email and it says…"Here's the place. If you have an SUV, get off the freeway, make an…hook an immediate left."

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Right? And you can take a shortcut, 'cause it's a dirt road.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But…if you drive a regular car…keep going straight. You gotta do…it takes you a little longer, but you'll get there. Right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So I'm like OH!!! OH. GREAT. Perfect. Right? No…no reason to worry at all.

Maddox: You're thinking you have the regular car instructions, so you should be able to get there just fine.

Dick: Yep. The computer….the map says, "Hey Dick, you might wanna check this out. 'Cause it looks…it looks like it's out in the sticks. This might be a problem for you."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here comes the human. Comes along. "Hey…no problem." Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: No problem. So I'm like, "We're good to go." Alright?

Maddox: Alright. (giggles)

Dick: I'm up early. Earlier than I've ever been in my life. I tool over to life coach's house. Pick him up. We look…we look at all of our guns. We talk about which one are our favorites. We load 'em in the trunk. We got two coolers. We got a cooler of sausages and beer for the trunk. We got a cooler of road sodas for the car. Right?

Maddox: Lots of sausages in this car.

Dick: Yeah. And beer.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: We find…we stop at an ammo store.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We pull in, like, $250 of ammo. Most…a lot for that day of shooting, but then some for personal consumption. Right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, some…some for us.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Some for our stashes.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: We're flirting with…there's a girl behind the counter there.

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: We're talking to her…we're being real…real cool, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Real cool. Load up on some burritos. Head out into the desert. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Right? We're playing the end of Terminator 2, I'm humming it in my head as we're going out. Dun-dun-dun-dun-dun. Like, going down to Corona, you know?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, my God. Okay. So we get off…we get off the freeway. Sure enough, there's the exit on the left. Dirt road. Look at this dirt road. Look at these chumps with their SUV. Would be nice to have an SUV and take this shortcut, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But we don't. We're in a regular car, like the girl said. Go about 50 more yards. Big sign. "End of Road".

Maddox: Hmm!

Dick: There in front of us…is another…exactly the same, identical, dirt road.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So we're fucked!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So that's the end…that's the end of our shooting trip! That's the end of three weeks of planning! Is two dirt roads that look like they've been beat up with a sledgehammer by Paul Bunyan. (Maddox giggles) And me, with my Persian Racing Rims, and about…fff…I don't know. $2,000 of guns in the back seat, with my Trump hat on, and my torn-off sleeves of my bald eagle shirt, looking like a jackass, saying, "Well, so much for that! Thanks for the human driving directions! Thanks for weighing in!! Thanks for…thanks for remi…telling us that we COULD go offroading one way, but instead, if we would like, we could take the long way, which is…JUST as much offroading as the first way!! But you could try to do it in a car.

Maddox: So did you not go? Did you actually just turn around?

Dick: No, we sat there…uh, we called everybody.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: To come pick us up, right?

Maddox: Ohhhhh, okay.

Dick: Drive down the two miles to come pick us up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nobody's answering their phone…

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: 'Cause they're having too much fun shooting guns.

Maddox: And there's no service up in the hills.

Dick: No, there's service. They're just having too much fun.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They've abandoned all of their devices.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Their clothes, probably.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: They're no…never thinking about work again. They're never coming home. It's like Neverland.

Maddox: It's like a y…a very violent yoga retreat.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Where you don't have electronics on you, you're not bothered by anything.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You just want to…zo….you want to have a very zen, violent moment.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So we're sitting there, you know, feeling like losers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With a trunkload of guns.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm trying to convince my life coach to put in more…like, dude…send…e-mail everybody, e-mail everyone in the universe to come pick us up, right?

Maddox: Right. (giggles)

Dick: So I see two Mexican dudes across the street in an old pickup truck.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm like, "I know what to do." (Maddox chuckles) I know what to do here. So I get out, I'm like, "Here, here, here. I'm gonna fix this." So I pop off my Trump hat, throw it in the trunk, like, they don't wanna see that.

Maddox: No. (giggles)

Dick: Right?

Sean: Hostages.

Dick: What?!

Sean: Hostages.

Dick: Hostages, the Mexican guys?

Sean: Yeah, this is what's gonna happen.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no.

Sean: Oh, damn.

Dick: So I walk up to them, I'm like, "Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, senores." Hey, Que paso? Que paso, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Que paso? What's going on? What's going on? Nice truck. Um…tr…(stammers) I'm gonna get a ride from these guys.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Uh…so I get to…I get to, um…mi amigo yo are looking for the…pis…looking to use our pistolas, right?

Maddox: (giggles) Okay.

Dick: You guys? Pistolas? They're like "Uuhhhhhhhhh, nononononono, not us. Not us."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It sounds…it sounds scary. To be fair. A bunch of strangers come up to you on the freeway. "Hey, I got a trunk full of pistols, can you give me a ride?" (laughing) "No! Fuck off! I'm calling the police."

Dick: Well…(stammers) it's an easy 40 bucks. Just gotta drive up the road.

Maddox: (chuckles) Just take me and all my contraband back here. Take me and all my… my arms up the hill, and uh…you got an easy 40 dollars! What?!

Dick: Yeah. Would you do it? I would!

Maddox: No, absolutely not.

Dick: Oh, well.

Maddox: Yeah. Did you…so did they?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Of course not! (scoffs)

Dick: They said their truck couldn't take it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Said the suspension was bad. It's like, "Oh, really?"

Maddox: That's what I would say, too.

Dick: You're…you're the only two Mexican guys on the planet worried about the suspension of their 80's Toyota, fuck you!! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Yeah, so you ended up not going? What happened? Eventually one of your friends came down to pick you up?

Dick: No, we just left.

Maddox: You just left?!

Dick: Yeah. We just drove home with our tails between our legs.

Maddox: You didn't do it?!

Dick: No, what are we gonna do?!

Sean: Walk!?

Maddox: Walk!!

Dick: WALK!?

Maddox: It's two miles!

Sean: It's two miles!

Dick: With…with…100 pounds of guns on our backs?!

Sean: Don't take 'em all!!

Maddox: Yeah. Leave behind a couple!

Dick: Oh, don't take 'em ALL?! What's even the point, then!? (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah…just take…take your AR-15 and a couple clips, and I'm sure they have ammo up there.

Dick: This is…you're describing a scenario of how people get killed. Like, this is how a drone attack happens.

Maddox: Yeah, if you're…if you're…

Dick: (interjects) "We spotted two assholes wondering around a neighborhood in the desert with, uh…Duke Nukem's arsenal strapped to their backs."

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Take them out.

Maddox: If you…(stammers) you're not black, so you don't have to worry about getting accosted by police officers for carrying a gun around. You guys are all Second Amendment nuts and they…they just come by…

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: They're like, "Hey, what's going on over here?" "Just uh…Second Amendment, sir." "Alright, carry on."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (giggles) And then the black dude does it…

Dick: It's true. It's a good point.

Maddox: There's a video on YouTube. A black dude does this…it's in, uh…Phoenix. Exact same demonstration. Police come, like, four, five different cop cars come, guns drawn, "Get on the ground!" "Get on the ground!" Putting guns in his face, and then they find out, "Oh, he's a Second Amendment dude". And then they let him up. But…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Total…total exact same situation.

Dick: Human Driving Directions.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Leave it up to the computers. I never wanna get directions from a human being ever in my life ever again, don't ever give them.

Maddox: Well, had…had…had the…had you followed the computer, you would've gone down the SUV route and been fucked just as well.

Dick: Yeah, but it would have been dirt! I would have known it was dirt. The computer would say, "You can't drive your car here. Get a better car."

Maddox: So you…thought…

Sean: Yeah, but not all…not all dirt roads are super hilly, or you know, jagged, or whatev…

Dick: Oh, I wouldn't even have risked my car on any kind of dirt road.

Sean: Oh, really?

Dick: Those tires are, like, 800 dollars!

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: #notalldirtroads.

Dick: I don't even pull over to the side of the road. I just stop right in the middle of the road if I'm experiencing a problem. (background laughter) That's how protective I am of my tires.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (giggles) Rain-slick Dick over here. (Dick giggles) Real protective.

Dick: I'll take up two lanes, in fact, so that people have to go way around me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: That's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah, um…usually, I found that the only people who still gave MapQuest directions were girls that I dated. Um…uh, over the age of 25.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: For some reason, 25 is the cut-off point between the MapQuest generation and then the post-MapQuest generation.

Dick: Yeah, I agree with you.

Maddox: So, pre-MapQuest…pre-MapQuest generation is, uh…excuse me. Post-MapQuest generation is anyone younger than 25. And then post 25, you'll still find people who occasionally use MapQuest! The shittiest map service. Prints out ads on the map, and then…they have all these, like, paper printouts, I'm like, "You have a phone! You have a smartphone! It has GPS on it!"

Dick: Yeah, but there's…there is something comforting about those MapQuest printouts. You know? It's like a nostalgia factor.

Maddox: I hate them so much. They're just…

Sean: What about landmark directions?

Dick: NO!! No human directions, ever! I don't want any help or hints on how to get there!

Sean: No, if…like if it were Maddox, it would be, like, "Okay, pass the rusty Schwinn chained to the mailbox, and then third bike rack on your left."

Maddox: Fucking Sean.

Sean: And then you're there.

Maddox: Shitty. Real shitty, Sean.

Dick: Alright, go ahead. That's my problem.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. That's your problem? Alright. Time to get to a real problem, Dick. Superhero Obsessions!

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhh.

Maddox: Alright? Superhero Obsess…oh, that's a real fucking problem.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Yeaaah.

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: Oh, thank you. Right. So, Dick. I was looking into this. And I wondered why…it just seems like everything is fucking superhero all the time now. Um, so…you guys, we…we talked about this a little bit before the show, but, uh…before we started recording, but there's this new show on…I don't even know what channel. Is it on Netflix? It's…it's, uh, Jessica Jones.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: All I've heard for the last, I don't know. Three, four weeks on Facebook and Twitter. "Oh my God, Jessica Jones is so good." "Oh, Jessica Jones is the best superhero TV show I've ever seen."

Dick: That's a superhero?

Maddox: It's a superhero.

Dick: Sounds like just a talk show host. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah! J…like Jenny Jones.

Dick: Jenny Jones. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or a weight loss program.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, she doesn't need to lose weight. She's played by, uh…what's her name, Kristina Ritter?

Dick: They all need to lose weight.

Maddox: Ye…(giggles)

Dick: Come on.

Maddox: Fucked. She's played by Kristina Ritter. So, Kristina Ritter…she was…uh, she was, uh…what's his name's girlfriend in Breaking Bad for a little…for a hot minute. Who…

Dick: Oh, Pinkman?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: That drugged out…

Maddox: Pinkman's girlfriend. Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, she died of a heroin overdose.

Dick: Oh, yeah. She was hot.

Maddox: She was hot, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway. She's Jessica Jones.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, I heard so much fucking hype about this show, I finally decided, you know what? I'm gonna sit down and I'm gonna watch some fucking Jessica Jones, because I plug my ears and hold my nose every time another one of these things come up, (goofy voice) "Oh, you gotta watch Daredevil. It's the best superhero TV show since Marvel's… ever made. And so I…I plugged my ears and held my nose and I ignored that shit, and it fucking went away, thank God!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This Jessica Jones shit seemed like…a juggernaut. Like, there was no stopping the momentum of this fucking show! So I watched three episodes, back to back. Three episodes. I binge watched three episodes. And…I'm so fucking bored. I am so bored. The cha….there's nobody likeable in this whole universe.

Dick: What is it…what kind of superhero is this?

Maddox: Ohh. She's a superhero. She has super strength, and she, like, jumps really high, and then she can run fast.

Sean: But she drinks, like a fish, Dick.

Dick: Oh, really?!

Sean: Oh yeah.

Maddox: She does, yeah.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhhhhh!!!! (interested) Really.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: No, she's belting it down all the time.

Dick: Does she knock people out when she's drunk, and jump over shit? That's what I would do.

Maddox: She has a lot of drunken sex. There's that.

Dick: Well….

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't…

Maddox: She hooks up…so, anyway. Her…her backstory is, she went to the same high school as Peter Parker, so she was in the same high school as Spider-Man, and you know, came from that universe. And…she has these superheroes, but she kinda keeps them subdued. She…she becomes a private investigator.

Dick: Oh, God, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. And it just becomes a slow…

Dick: What is the point of this show? Why is anyone watching it?

Maddox: 'C…cause…I don't know. Everyone's raving about Jessica Jones, so I watched it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And she is so unlikeable. Everything she says is sarcastic. Have you ever been around one of these fuckers?

Dick: Oh, a sarcastic woman?

Maddox: A sarcastic a…like, someone who can't not be sarcastic.

Sean: Yeah, weekly.

Maddox: Who's just…(cracks up) (Dick giggles)

Dick: Yeah, it's a nightmare.

Maddox: Shut up, Sean. And I mean that sincerely. (background laughter) Uhh…but I've been around my friend's, like, 17-year-old daughters and 14-year-old kids, and stuff.

Dick: Ugh. How long…(Maddox laughs) Tell me about this daughter you were around.

Maddox: And…and it seems like…

Dick: What was her dad like?

Maddox: It seems like…(Dick cracks up) Wasn't in the picture, Dick. Your perfect girl.

Dick: Ohoho. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Um…seems like this is, like…

Dick: See you in six months.

Maddox: The…the most…the most standard operating procedure for these kids is to be sarcastic. And all she does throughout this entire series is roll her eyes. (Dick scoffs) And by…she rolls her eyes and then says some sarcastic fucking quip. Why can't she be sincere just once!? Deliver one sincere line!?

Dick: Is there a bad guy, a guy like you? (laughing) Just flipping out over her quips and eye rolls!? (Maddox cracks up) That'd be a good super power!

Maddox: Her bad guys are…

Dick: (interjects) Like, he takes on…

Maddox: Yeah. Her curmudgeonly Armenian neighbor.

Dick: Yeah. (they all laugh) Who's, like, a villain. And all of his…all of his world domination schemes get blown 'cause she, like, annoys him. (Maddox laughing) He's, like, in there giving a speech to the UN, like, "I want 100 million dollars and all the Syrian refugees." And then he can't stop thinking about, like, what she said next door, like, "That bitch. I…I know she stole my mail."

Maddox: (sighs) She's so annoying. She's so annoying. So anyway, by the end of the third episode…it has kind of an interesting supervillain. The supervillain's pow…it's this guy named Dr. Purple or Mr. Purple or…and his whole thing is he wears purple. And so, uh… he…(giggles)

Dick: Does not sound interesting. (giggles)

Maddox: He has the power of manipulation. Which a lot of people are saying…

Dick: It is you!!!

Maddox: Ye…fuck you.

Dick: Okay. (cracks up)

Maddox: He has the power of manipulation, so he's able to…to…control people and make them do things they don't want to do. And then there's, like, some rapey undertones. In fact, I think she gets raped at some point by this…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, what else would you do if you had that power?

Maddox: Mr. Purple. I…I don't know. Not that, you sick fuck. Like, maybe rob a bank. Anyway, yeah. So…so Mr. Purple. Um…so, he has this power that he manipulates people, and it's like…

Dick: (interjects) Okay,wait a minute. Can I say real quick?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I wanna hear about what you think about superhero worship, not this shitty show.

Maddox: Oh, we're getting to it. Yeah.

Dick: Like, I don't…I mean…(stammers) I'm not gonna watch the show.

Maddox: Oh, it's awful. Um…you know what? It's not awful. It's just boring. Uh…I'll just say that. It's not the worst thing I've ever seen, but it's definitely boring. So, um…this guy… he has the power of manipulation. And everyone's like, "Oh, I've never seen a superher…a supervillain with that power. It's so clever. It's so creative." You know what, guys? It's fucking done a billion times. In Leprechaun…(background laughter) Leprechaun in the Hood…

Dick: Yep. Yeah…

Sean: That's where he goes. Leprechaun. (everyone cracks up)

Dick: That's where it's…obvious. It's been done before. Remember Leprechaun 4? In the Hood? (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Leprech…(cracks up) Yeah, Leprechaun in the Hood!

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: That movie. Like, he manipulates people…

Dick: Remember that one episode in the third season of Street Sharks, everyone!? (Maddox laughs) Everyone knows it's been done before!

Maddox: It's been done, guys. They ripped it off from Leprechaun in the Hood. So… (laughing) the leprechaun is able to manipulate people with his magic. His magic mind, right? Anyway. So, Mr. Purple does the same thing. Kind of interesting. The end of the first episode is interesting, and it's all been downhill from there. And then there was, like, a couple of hot chicks making out at one point.

Dick: Ohhhhhhh. (sexy)

Maddox: And that's…and then that's it. Like, it only happened, like, for a split second. You don't see any boob.

Dick: Oh. (disappointed)

Maddox: And then…by the end of the third episode, you finally find out what the bad guy's weakness it. So imagine…

Dick: (interjects) Getting kicked in the nuts.

Maddox: No. (background laughter) Well, that…maybe. We won't know, 'cause they never fucking hang out together in the same scene. So, um…by the end of the third episode. Think about this in terms of movies, right? If this was a movie, it would be a three-hour-long movie.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Imagine watching a three-hour-long movie where nothing is resolved and you only find out that there's a bad guy who has a weakness by the end of the third hour.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Bullshit.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: I could watch Ooga Booga twice in that time. (they all laugh)

Maddox: (sighs) We're talking about different kinds of bullshit right now.

Dick: So what about superhero obsession? I know a guy, no bullshit…I know a guy who dressed up like Batman at his own wedding. How's that for superhero obsession?

Maddox: Do I know him?

Dick: Noope.

Maddox: Yeah, I would have been at this wedding otherwise. Um, yeah…

Dick: As what, Robin? (cracks up) Or Mr. Freeze?

Maddox: Fffffunny….

(Sound effect: Ba-dum-ching cymbal)

Maddox: Funny jokes. Keep the…keep the jokes coming, guys. I'm loving these jokes. (Dick laughs) They're great. These are great…great jokes. Um, so, superhero obsession. I looked into it and I looked around online, and there's some theories as to why there's so much superhero media right now.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: So there's a theory that after 9/11, Americans have taken to superhero movies, because it offers us an escapist fantasy of mythological beings who are able to tackle problems larger than ourselves. So I think that, um…something has changed in our culture and society…

Sean: (interjects) I thought that's what God was for.

Dick: God's not powerful enough.

Sean: Ehh.

Maddox: I mean…

Dick: God can't jump that high and get that drunk. (Sean laughs) God doesn't have cool gadgets, like a Godarang that he shoots bad guys with? (laughs)

Maddox: Well, it's interesting you mention that, Sean, because this is…

Dick: (interjects) God's on their side too!!! Sorry for interrupting.

Maddox: These…these superheroes are exactly like an analogue to the old Greek mythological gods. So all…the old Greek mythological gods were essentially superheroes. Neptune, Apollo……

Dick and Maddox: Hercules. (they both crack up)

Dick: So you're saying terrorists caused this!?!?!?! (yells)

Maddox: Ahh. Yeah.

Dick: The reason there's all this…all these shitty Marvel movies is because of terrorists?!!?!?

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Dick: Go vote up terrorists, you motherfuckers! (yelling)

Maddox: So I looked it up. I looked it up, and uh…I was…I was curious if there's any… weight to this theory. And I looked on…I looked at all the superhero movies released since, like, the beginning of time, according to Wikipedia. And there were…in the 80s, there were

17 live action superhero movies. Okay? Only 17 in all of the decade of the 80s. Then in the 90s, there were 34. Then, after 2000, it jumped up to 55.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then there's another 32 new superhero movies slated for release over the next five years.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: So over the next five years, this…this decade, we're on…we're on track to have the biggest superhero decade ever, and this is just live-action movies. This isn't even TV shows.

Dick: You know what? I would…at this point, I would rather watch a rom-com than a superhero movie.

Maddox: Uh…a lot of 'em are rom-coms, essentially.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Spider-Man. Come on.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Get outta here. Spi…

Dick: (interjects) Do you know anybody who's really into superheroes?

Maddox: Yeah. It's fucking everyone, man. And…and people put way too much weight on what superhero movies mean, and the implication and the (goofy voice) message, and the symbolism, and all this other bullshit…

Dick: What do you mean? What do you mean by that?

Maddox: Well, for example, um…there was an episode…so the new Supergirl series came out. The new Supergirl TV show.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the Internet screamed bloody murder, because it wasn't whatever they were expecting it to be. She wasn't strong enough or she wasn't indep…like, I don't know what they were expecting…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Because…the show…was made kind of like a teen drama. Like, she had a…a crush on a boy in..in her school or her work, or something like that. I think it was her work. She had a crush on a boy and she was thinking about her boy…and she wanted to impress him, and sh…you know, and the superhero thread was just kind of…almost like an afterthought to the series.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's by Warner Brothers. And people were saying, (goofy voice) "Oh, well why don't they make her a strong superhero?" Strong female superhero. Guys, you can't win with these people, because on one hand, if you take a super…a superhero. A female

superhero, like Superwoman. Right? You get criticized because you're…you're making a miss…a male superhero. You know what I mean? They're just taking a male superhero, not changing anything, and then making her female and saying, "Well, there you go. There's your female superhero."

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: So that's one criticism.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: And then if they make it…distinctly different…

Dick: Yeah, there's not, like, a Wonderman. Where's that guy?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like Wonder…a man, but Wonder Woman?

Maddox: I think they did actually make a Wonder Man. Didn't take off.

Dick: Did he have bracelets? (grins)

Maddox: N…(laughs) No, I don't think so.

Dick: Did he have a little lasso?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Skirt? Heyyyyyyy. I'll make you tell the truth! (singsong)

Maddox: You know what's interesting. That whole lasso thing. Uh, the guy who created Wonder Woman was really into, uh…bondage. And there's a l…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, really.

Maddox: There's actually a lot of covers of the old Wonder Woman comics that are…that have her completely bound up and wrapped up in, like, all these, like, really sexy poses.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: 'Cause the guy was, like, just kinda perving out. It's kinda interesting. Anyway, um…I think the superhero fad is associated with infantilism.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because a lot of people…I was looking on this website, http://www.kqed.org. Um…radio program, actually. And they talked about why we're so obsessed with superheroes, and one of the first reasons they said is escapism. This is from their website. It says, "Simply put, these films are fun. They're exciting. It's 120 minutes of pure, transcendental escapism. A mini-vacation from your life. With so much going on in the world, acts of terrorism, home and abroad, immigration reform, widespread poverty, and global climate change, superhero movies provide a utopian script for life." So it's kind of… you know, that was problem with infantilism, is that people are avoiding responsibility and avoiding confronting their problems in life with this childish bullshit. And I talked about the coloring books? I just went to Barnes and Noble the other day, and they have an entire section of adult coloring books. It's, like, their number one seller right now. Because…

people are saying that adult coloring books are good for therapy. And, uh…so on and so forth. You know, everyone's got…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, whatever. They're good for whatever you got.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Step right up! We got…(Maddox laughs) revitalizing, tantalizing coloring books!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Cure all your ills!

Maddox: That's what it is!

Dick: Put vigor back into your step! Yeah..

Maddox: It's…it's avoiding adult responsibilities and problems with childish gimmicks and toys.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: It's infantilism. I think that superhero…obsession is a subset of infantilism. Go vote up infantilism, people!!

Dick: How come there's no R-rated superhero movies?

Maddox: There are.

Dick: W…really? What?

Maddox: Spawn. There you go.

Dick: Aw, Spawn sucked, though.

Maddox: Nah…

Dick: It was so emo.

Maddox: You know, Spawn the movie, the live-action movie sucked, but the HBO animated series was SO good. And nobody watched it.

Dick: Yeah, but…

Maddox: It's so good.

Dick: Why isn't there, like, a superhero movie where the superhero's, like, "Hey, Lex Luthor. Fuck you!!" Like, you know?

Sean: They're looking for a specific rating.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But they got a…they got a lot of these stupid movies. One can't be an R?!

Sean: Big Box Office, man.

Dick: Ugh, it's stupid.

Sean: Every movie needs to be big.

Maddox: Not only are they not making R-rated superhero movies, but they're making… they're taking old R-rated superhero movies like Robocop, and then making them PG-13 to make more money!

Dick: Oh, yeah. What about Deadpool?

Maddox: Yeaaaaah! Deadpool. Deadpool's rated R, yeah.

Dick: Randy's telling me about Deadpool.

Maddox: That's coming out.

Dick: I saw the comer…the trailer for it, though. It made me not want to see it.

Maddox: Ummmmmm, yeah. Deadpool's….Deadpool's hit and miss. But there's some… there's some really funny, uh…Deadpool comics, and the video game is pretty funny in bits and pieces. But yeah. There are…there are some R-rated superhero movies, but by and large, they're rated PG and PG-13 because they wanna get the biggest cash grab they can. Then another theory is that it's a reflection of our secret desire to be saved. Some people think that, you know, it's almost like this weird psychosexual thing going on, where…this is from the article. It says, "We play so many roles in real life, parent, partner, worker, student, caretaker, breadwinner, wouldn't it be nice to let someone else steer the automobile called your life?" So it's kind of like this, um…this resignation of responsibility. Again, infantilism. Where you…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: …allow someone bigger and stronger than you to take care of you.

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Unpack that one. And then, finally, there's the Hero's Journey story that we all just like. Um, there are these classic story, uh…what are they called? Story tropes?

Dick: Stories.

Sean: Arcs?

Maddox: Story arcs. Yeah…I think it's a story arc. They're just…classic Greek story arcs, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That, uh…and the hero's journey is one of them. It says, "The myth of the hero's journey is familiar. It all started with Greeks and their stories of heroes like Hercules. In the Middle Ages, Germanic audiences cheered in the mead halls, pounding their beer steins on the table as Beowolf slayed Grendel. Frodo saved Middle Earth in Lord of the Rings, and Luke Skywalker used the Force to battle Darth Vader and the Emperor, etc, etc. Every generation has their hero's journey." And I'm so fucking sick of hearing about Star Wars already.

Dick: What do you want instead of all these superheroes?

Maddox: Just regular…

Dick: What would you rather have?

Maddox: R…regular movies. Remember movies?

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: L…like, uh…Pulp Fiction.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Here's an insurance salesman who ponders the meaning of life. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. Would you go see that?

Maddox: Actually, uh…

Dick: Would that be better? (grins)

Maddox: Groundhog Day is one of my favorite movies.

Sean: Me, too.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. And the…speaking of insurance salesman, he had…there was an insurance salesman in that movie.

Sean: That's right, he gets punched in the face. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It was a great movie. I'd like a movie like Rambo. Where's Rambo First Blood?! We don't see that anymore!!

Dick: Yeah. We gotta have another Vietnam.

Maddox: (laughs) Great. Vote Trump. (him and Dick laugh)

Dick: Alright. Um…hey, I just wanna remind you that today's episode is brought to you by Harry's. You go to http://www.harrys.com and enter promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM and you get…5 dollars off your order? Yeah. $5 off your first purchase. So Harry's sent us…by the way, we had a call with Harry's. Wasn't that fun?

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeah.

Dick: We had a call with Harry's. They wanted to congratulate us on how good our ad reads are.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: That's what I got outta that call. Is that not…Randy, was that not what they wanted to tell us? Basically? Pretty much? Yeah.

Maddox: They…they loved us. Uh, yeah. That was the first time we talked to the client, and I tried to finagle a trip to Germany out of it. (laughs)

Dick: Yes. Yes. While using the wrong name of the guy we were on the call with.

Maddox: Wait, wait, what did I say?

Dick: You called him Rob the entire call. That was not his name.

Maddox: I thought we were talkin' to Rob.

Dick: No! Rob was on the call. Rob represents Libsen, the hosting company.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We were talking…that is not the guy who we were talking to the whole time!

Maddox: Oh. I couldn't tell whose voice it was. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Clearly! He probably could, though.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, whatever.

Dick: He probably knew what name was his! Anyway…

Maddox: I got called the wrong name on that…(Dick cracks up) Whatever! You know what?! We're not going to Germany either way.

Dick: Oh! Immediately. Immediate…straight out of the gate (background laughter) with so much confidence! "Hey Rob!" I was like "Ooooooooooohhhhh, not the guy's name!!" (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. I thought that was Rob. (background laughter)

Dick: No!!!

Maddox: No. Huh.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Well, you know what, guys? (Dick laughs) When there's…when there's six people on a conference call…

Dick: Just use whatever name you want!!! (cracks up)

Maddox: It doesn't matter. (Dick laughing) It doesn't…you're talking to somebody…unless someone has a real distinct voice. Dick, you and I are the only two people who should not get mistaken on the show, because we have the podcast, and everyone listens to our voice, and they know what it sounds like! This fir…this dude, I talked to him for the first time in my life, how am I supposed to recognize his name? I don't know.

Dick: Why do you want to use his name, then?! Why do you come out immediately with, "Hey Rob"? Why don't you just say no…no name at all?! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah. I…I thought he introduced us to the phone call. (Dick cracks up) The conversation…he was chaperoning. He was MCing the phone call.

Dick: He was! But the other guy was talking!

Maddox: Anyway. Go to http://www.harrys.com (they all crack up)….

Dick: Use promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM. Look, we got…they sent us their holiday kit. Which is pretty slick, right?

Maddox: Yeah. It's very click.

Dick: Talk about the feel of this razor. I love…I do genuinely love my Harry's blades because of the…cut of the blade. There's a lot of razor companies out there, but I actually prefer the Harry's…the way it feels on my skin. Um…you looking for a good gift, pick up one of these holiday packs for dad.

Maddox: Or your mom!!!

Dick: Or a guy…or your mom!!!

Maddox: Mmmm?

Dick: Let's…let's see what the ladies think of Harry's. Ladies use shit razors!

Maddox: Yeah. Or your girlfriends, guys. Y…you know what, ladies? I'm gonna speak to the lady listeners. All three of you right now. Okay? I…I know it's winter season, and you're putting on pants and shit. Uh…and you think you don't have to shave.

Dick: We're talking to the ladies now. (laughs)

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Look, ladies, we know you put on pants and shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Whatever you got!

Maddox: Whatever you got, right? Your hose. It's…I don't wanna feel like…(laughs) I don't wanna feel a lumberjack when I'm, uh…reaching down to go to, uh…to go to pound town. (cracks up)

Dick: Is that…(guffaws) Right.

Maddox: http://www.harrys.com ….(cracks up laughing) http://www.harrys.com/biggest .... (he says the wrong address here, ignore this)

Dick: Yeah, lemme see here. Um…

Maddox: Biggestproblem, right?

Dick: Yeah. http://www.harrys.com. Use promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM and get $5 off your first purchase. In the holiday kit, we have daily face wash. You wanna try that? You wanna see what this tastes like? (Sean laughs) We got, uh…aftershave lotion. Makes you smell nice. We got the razor. We got a…it's not holiday-themed. The razor. You're not gonna pull it out and it's got some stupid Sanrio surprise character on it with a Santa hat. It's just regular classy theme. (Maddox giggles) Little carrying kit.

Maddox: No Hello Kitties.

Dick: No. No. Go to http://www.harrys.com and check it out. Alright.

Maddox: It's a real classy box, guys. This looks nice. For real. Could be for guys or girls. Buy it for your mom.

Dick: Problem number two from me?

Maddox: Yeah. Let's hear it.

Dick: Here…here it is. This comes…this comes from a listener. Oh God. I should say…my problem last week, having a shit after you shower?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was actually said to me by Eric Beer…Baron Saiyan…Eric Beirbaron Saiyan. I didn't think of that.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: I didn't think of a problem that clever.

Maddox: Thank you, Eric.

Dick: Just wanna make sure to credit this guy.

Maddox: Oh, it was great. Great problem.

Dick: Or Subaru Parts Jesus. (stammers) The guy…his name's like a rapper. I don't know why he does that. But I just wanted to make sure…so here's another problem from a listener.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This came in from **Sam Jacobs**. Um, her boyfriend…someone who sends stuff in to the show…Horsecock…you know him? He teamed up with, uh…Butt Sanchez.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And they sent us all that salsa.

Maddox: We haven't heard from Butt Sanchez for a long time!

Dick: I have. He sent me a bunch of emails, pissed off about Trump.

Maddox: Aha!!

Dick: He sent, like, a big paragraph about how Trump is a piece of shit.

Maddox: You blew it. He is.

Dick: And I'm a piece of shit.

Maddox: You are.

Dick: Yeah. I didn't bring it in, though.

Maddox: You blew it. (laughs) We're alienating the most Butts of Sanchez's listening in our audience.

Dick: Yeah. So, um, this girl **Sam Jacobs**, whose boyfriend Horsecocks is a big listener of the show. They're both listeners of the show. Uh, she's got something called…let me find

it. She's got something called FSGS. It's a horrible kidney disease. Dammit, I wrote it down, but I can't find what it is. Um…her kidney's fucked.

Maddox: I'll look it up over here.

Dick: I wrote it down here somewhere, just can't find it.

Maddox: It's real easy to typo that FSGS. (giggles)

Dick: What'd you type?

Maddox: (giggling) No.

Dick: Come on.

Sean: Out with it.

Maddox: One letter away from a hate crime. (laughs)

Sean: Oh, g…yeah.

Dick: FSGS. What is it?

Maddox: It's, uh…focal…(laughing)

Dick: Oohhhh. Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Focal segmental…(has trouble reading) glomerulosclerosis.

Dick: Yeah. That's what it is. Look, whatever. The girl's kidney is fucked. Okay?

Maddox: Yeah. It's the leading cause of kidney failure in adults. That sucks.

Dick: I dunno what the kidney does, but you need it.

Maddox: Uh, it…it looks like it's a neco…it's a nephrotic syndrome, so it's a b…

Sean: There are two of them.

Dick: They're both fucked. Hers are both fucked.

Sean: You can live with…you can live with one.

Dick: What do you mean, h…anybody can…

Sean: You can live with one kidney, but I would assume they're both fucked.

Dick: Well, guess what, Sean?

Sean: What?

Dick: There's not enough organ donors out there.

Sean: Yes.

Dick: That's my problem! That's my problem this week. There's not enough organ donors.

Maddox: Not enough organ donors.

Dick: There are…125,000 people on the waiting list right now. Two…two football stadiums of people on the organ donor waiting list.

Maddox: Wow. Almost as many Syrians as trying to get in. (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah, uh…every day, 80 people get organ transplants, but 22 people die every die waiting for organ transplants.

Maddox: Yeah, that sucks.

Dick: Just waiting for organ…how does it…does that seem possible?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How many people die every day?!

Maddox: That seems very accurate, actually. But…about 22.

Dick: 22 people dying every day waiting for organs when SO many people are getting killed. Where the hell do their organs go?

Maddox: Well, I thought about…so, here's my own personal take on this. A long time ago.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Um…this is my..my own…when I was younger, I was super into conspiracies. I… I even drove out to Area 51. I think I mentioned this on the podcast, but I drove out to Area 51 to verify its existence, and you know, to spend some time by the black mailbox and do all this shit. And really into UFOs and the Harper Project, and…and, um…

Dick: What were you hoping to see?

Maddox: MK Ultra…all the shit.

Dick: At Area 51.

Maddox: Area 51?

Dick: Yeah, what were you hoping to see there?

Maddox: Well, I was just looking to verify that it existed.

Dick: The…

Maddox: (interjects) And see if the technology and the rumors that I heard was out there, and it definitely was. I saw a black helicopter.

Dick: What was…okay. Black helicopter?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What else?

Maddox: Verified. I saw…

Dick: 'Cause I know nothing about, like, conspiracies like this. What were you hoping to see and what did you verify?

Maddox: I was hoping to see the black helicopter.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I saw a black helicopter. They sent one up to intimidate us. Totally worked.

Dick: (giggles) Okay.

Maddox: (giggles) We fucking hightailed outta there so fast. Um…I saw…the White Rangers. They have these HUGE satellite dish, like, globes on top of their cars. Um, the security team out there? Then…

Dick: What does that do?

Maddox: I don't know. No idea.

Dick: Aliens?

Maddox: N…I don't think it…I don't think it was alien technology out there.

Dick: Is that something? Oh.

Maddox: Um, but there was…there were all these Joshua trees. And you guys, if you don't…if you aren't familiar with what Joshua trees look like, Google it. There were a bunch of fake Joshua trees in the desert. These looked like, uh…they were decoy Joshua trees that had antennaes and shit coming out of it. There were cables EVERYWHERE in the desert. I found so many cables when I was just walking around out there. Um, I wanted to verify that there was that fence, that old, restricted, Keep Out fence from Area 51? Found that.

Dick: So you went to a military base and found a fence.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. You could…you could drive up to the security post, but if you get that, they'll probably arrest you. And you have NO rights once they arrest you. It is not America. You are…

Dick: What do you mean?!

Maddox: They…you have no rights. Like, there's some special classification of..of, uh..when people get arrested at Area 51, if you trespass into their territory, even get close enough, they can…

Dick: (interjects) If you, like, jump the fence and get in?

Maddox: If you j…if you get in their restricted area, yeah. Correct.

Dick: Okay. So that's trespassing on a…military base.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: (snorts) Mmkay.

Maddox: But…not only that, but, um…if they arrest you for any reason anywhere in the vicinity, they can say that you were trespassing, and you don't really have evidence. You don't have any rights. They can…you don't get to call your lawyer. You don't get to call anyone. They decide….it's all determined from within whether or not they release or when they release you, or how many fines or penalties you have to pay, or whether or not you have to go to jail. It's entirely up to them.

Dick: You know what? You know who'll tell us what's going on in Area 51?

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Trump.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Will tweet that shit immediately. Guys, he will be Instagramming in Area 51, in his tour. Tell me that you don't think he would do that!

Maddox: No, I…I think he would. He's a…reckless.

Dick: Theeeeeeeere you go.

Maddox: Um, so, Area 51. The whole reason I mention that is 'cause I was REALLY into conspiracies way back in the day, and still, I read every conspiracy theory. I know eeeee… all the ins and outs of the 9/11 conspiracies. My own personal conspiracy, back when I was, uh…more of a dipshit conspiracy theorist, is, um…I voted "no". I always checked "no" on the organ donor.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: On my driver's license.

Dick: Why? 'Cause I did, too. Why?

Maddox: Okay. I wanna hear your reason.

Sean: 'Cause they're…'cause they're not gonna save you, you think.

Maddox: (giggles) More insidious than that, Sean, I think that they're gonna…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, is that your reason why?

Sean: No, that's what I thought he was gonna say.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Okay, one lunatic. That's a good lunatic reason. (Maddox laughs) That's a good lunatic reason.

Sean: Ahh, fuck it. People need kidneys.

Dick: Yeah, that's true. I would…if I was a doctor, I would do it.

Sean: He's gonna be par…he'll be paralyzed anyway.

Dick: Like, eh, fuck this guy!

Maddox: This is…

Dick: We could save eight people with this guy's body!

Maddox: This is even more insidious than that. It's next level. So, I thought that some rich person could pay for that list of organ donors.

Dick: Okay…(giggles)

Maddox: And…hunt you down…

Dick: Dumber already.

Maddox: Right? Hunt you down. Maybe you have an accident. (Dick guffaws) Oh, this guy had an accident. I need an organ.

Dick: Strangled himself right outside a hospital.

Maddox: Yeah. (they laugh)

Dick: What are you gonna do?

Maddox: Weird.

Dick: He flew to Baltimore, where my daughter's dying of a heart transplant…and strangled himself. Fuck. Took all this aspirin right before he did it!

Maddox: He…he tripped down the stairs right into this bucket of ice. I dunno what happened. Broke his neck! (laughs)

Dick: You thought that would happen? That a rich person would assassinate you and harvest your organs?

Maddox: Hey. It's my dipshit conspiracy theory. There you go.

Dick: Do you still think that?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Are you an organ donor now?

Maddox: Uh…I'm not sure. I…I don't remember.

Dick: I think you would know. Let's see that license.

Maddox: Probably. I don't know.

Dick: Let's see that license. (grins) I wanna see your license, too, Sean.

Maddox: I would fully…(giggles)

Dick: Are you an organ donor?

Sean: No, I'm not. But I will be. I gotta renew it.

Dick: You're not an organ donor!? (yells)

Sean: No, and I don't know why!

Dick: This fan…this fan…needs a kidney. Okay?! This fan is dying.

Sean: The next time around, I totally will be. I dunno why I don't.

Dick: Oh, you better. You better, Sean. You better check that box.

Maddox: What's your reason, Sean?

Sean: A lot of…none. I don't have a good reason.

Maddox: Mmmmmm.

Dick: Randy, are you? Prove it.

Maddox: Alright. We're taking…we're taking driver licenses out.

Dick: I wanna see your driver's license, too. I wanna make sure.

Maddox: Fine.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: We probably need more executions.

Dick: Randy, check.

Sean: You know that a lot of death row inmates, like, end up donating their eyes and stuff like that.

Dick: Oh, yeah?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Did they fall off a truck? (giggles)

Maddox: There was that, um…

Dick: Those eyes fell off a truck? Mmm.

Maddox: There was that person, too, who donated their entire face. Someone got a full face transplant recently. How's that for a donation, huh?

Dick: And they got a good-looking face.

Maddox: It's decent, yeah.

Dick: Did you see that? I wanted to look just to see if the guy was, like, good-looking before the face got face-offed.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, it's no me.

Sean: Was that the result of a…was that the result of a monkey attack?

Maddox: I think it might've been.

Dick: No, he got burned. The guy got burned.

Sean: Oh.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, his face got all fucked up. Got all melted.

Sean: Not a monkey…

Dick: (interjects) The monkey started the fire, though. (they all crack up) It was pissed off!

Maddox: As…as they often do. (Dick cracks up)

Sean: Then he took a picture and owns the copyright.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: I don't know. This doesn't say anything.

Dick: Organ donor? I don't…Maddox, I don't see organ donor on this thing. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. That means I am.

Dick: That means you're NOT an organ donor! (yells) (they crack up) You motherfucker!

Maddox: What about you, dickhead?! Why aren't you one?

Dick: I am an organ donor. I wasn't for the longest time.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Because of m…(laughs) it was an affront to my libertarian principles…

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: That I couldn't…that I couldn't sell my organs. (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: Like, I couldn't sign something and get cash now…

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: So, like, look. You give me…you give me 50 grand, and when I die, you can have whatever you want. You can take my dick.

Maddox: Huuuh.

Dick: You can take my kidneys.

Maddox: Worthless. Worthless.

Dick: Whatever you wa…(guffaws) whatever you want!

Maddox: Your liver's shot!

Dick: You can eat it. You can play with it. My liver's probably a genetic anomaly! I'm probably a superhero. (Maddox laughs) Some…Liver Man.

Sean: He just hangs it over the shower every morning, lets it dry out.

Dick: Yeah, I wring it out.

Maddox: His liver? Yeah.

Dick: But…then I saw a very special episode of House…(background laughter) wherein…(Dick cackles)

Sean: That was the promo, too, right?

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Sean: Next, on a very special episode of House.

Dick: Wherein House, like, told…House went on some speech of why it's important to be an organ donor, and I was like, "You know what? Tomorrow when I get up, and sober up…"

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: "…I'm gonna go sign up to be an organ donor, because there's a guy like House out there who's bemoaning the lack of organ donors."

Maddox: This is the big idiot equalizer, right here. (Dick cracks up) Like, idiots who vote for Tr…who are, like, super into Trump? Are also, like, watching TV and getting advice from House. (stammers) It's a wash. It's a wash. I'm done.

Dick: I'm sorry, you thought a rich person was gonna assassinate you and steal your BRAIN?!

Maddox: Oh, that's crazy. Yeah…

Dick: That's crazy!! (yells)

Maddox: 'Cause rich people have stolen billions of dollars from investors. They wouldn't… they wouldn't knock off one Armenian!!

Dick: Why would they go for the organ donor list?! Why…if they're gonna murder somebody, they'd just murder a homeless person! They wouldn't look for a list of organ donors and go after them, they'd just go murder someone! (yelling)

Maddox: No, because, you fucking idiot. (Dick laughs) They'd have to know your blood type. They have to know that it's a match! That's why. They te…they do testing beforehand. They invite you to a party, huh? They get your…(Dick guffaws) they give you a cocktail. (background laughter) They swab the rim of the glass, they check your DNA!! (Dick still cracking up) They check for genetic defects, they make sure it's a perfect match, then, BAM! Next thing you know, you're knocked off! (Dick dying of laughter) You're missing a kidney, 'cause some rich fucker stole it!

Dick: The Big Lebowski…he's a good doctor, and very thorough…(Maddox cracks up) with setting you up, "Oh, whatever!" I just got too drunk at this guy's party! Now I'm going to a doctor!!

Maddox: Makes sense. Makes sense, guys. That's a conspiracy theory! That's not even on Wikipedia. Add it!

Dick: I still think it's bullshit that you can't sell your organs. (background giggles) It… (laughs) it would fix homelessness. There's, like…like…the ramp of people waiting for organs…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is sloping up every year. Like, more and more and more people need organs, but the list of transplants, like, hovers around 5,000. Like, it's not moving up. So let's pump some money into the system! Lemme…I'll give you…I got two GREAT kidneys. For…I don't know what it would t…two million bucks? Boom. You got it. Out the door.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) You know, uh…you know what, Dick…

Dick: No problem!

Maddox: You could do that in China…

Dick: But that's illegal.

Maddox: Just go to China! Our fucking laws can't reach over there! You just go to China, you come home with a couple suitcases of cash. You're set, for life! For half your life, or whatever.

Dick: Oh, is that true?

Maddox: Yeah! You can do anything in China, man! They're fucking creating chimeras. They have a cloning lab now…

Dick: Oh, great. This is…

Maddox: They're making, like, two-headed p…

Dick: …from a guy who went to Area 51 and is impressed at the fence.

Maddox: Wait, wha…

Dick: I don't know if I can believe what you're saying.

Maddox: Oh, I…I hopped the fence, buddy.

Dick: What do you think they're doing in Area 51?

Maddox: Ah, jack shit now. They're probably just doing, uh…

Dick: (interjects) What do you think they WERE doing? I'm sorry. Now, nothing. What do you think they were…(Maddox laughs) in their hayday of making aliens, what ewre they doing?

Maddox: No, no, no. I don't think that there was alien shit in there. (Dick giggles) The…the professor who was pushing that theory the hardest…

Dick: (interjects) Vampires!

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: Was it vampires?

Maddox: No. The professor who was pushing that theory the hardest was this guy named Richard Hoagland. And…I went to one of his talks for the first time when I was in…at the University of Utah, and I thought, "Wow, I'm so excited, 'cause I've been reading this guy's works for years. This guy's writing for years." And I thought, "This is a real professor."

Dick: Right.

Maddox: "He's gonna come and tell us about his theory on the…uh, the face on Mars, right?"

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: And I thought…(cracks up)

Dick: So fucking stupid! Did you believe that, too!?

Maddox: I…I just wanted…

Dick: Did you think it was weird?

Maddox: Well, 'cause I read Richard Hoagland's writing, and I thought that he sounds like a legit…'cause he used to work at Area 51.

Dick: It's okay to say, "I wanna know." "I want to ask questions!"

Maddox: Yeah!! I was curious.

Dick: That's it. I wanna know.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like Charlie Sheen, and 9/11.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Now he's got AIDS, coincidence?

Maddox: Ooooookay. Great. (scoffs)

Dick: I don't think so.

Maddox: Alright. (Dick and Maddox crack up) (Maddox sighs) Dumb, dumb. Alright. So I went to…see this professor, Richard Hoagland.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Dr. Richard Hoagland around here, yeah. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Double doctor. I want them to start calling themselves Dr. Dr. Richard Hoagland.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: I've got TWO doctorates!

Maddox: If anyone listens…

Dick: Not enough! (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: If anyone listens to Coast to Coast AM, he's on…like, all the time.

Dick: I love that show! (crying from laughter)

Maddox: And that should tell you…that should tell you everything right there. So, this guy…he started, like, talking about these theories about, like, the, uh…geomagnetic force fields, and, um…

Dick: Yeah, mhmm. Mhmm.

Maddox: And how there's these…so his…his entire talk was mostly centered around Earth and how there are these…

Dick: Mole people.

Maddox: No, no, no. These…uh, what are they called. They're these geophysical shapes, right?

Dick: Clouds.

Maddox: Like tetrahedrons, and…

Dick: Okay. (laughs)

Maddox: And pentagons, and they're…they're, like, these mystic shapes that, uh…that have…that show points of power and energy on Earth.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And he said, "Well, it really correlates, 'cause there's one at the Pentagon. (Dick guffaws) There's one at Napoleon…"

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it's the shape of the Pentagon? (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) And there's one at the…at Napoleon's tomb…(Dick guffaws) And then there's one at, like…

Dick: Yeah? (laughing, high-pitched)

Maddox: At New York City.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then there's one in Chicago…it's like…it's like, yeah. You're just looking at a map and just picking big cities, idiot.

Dick: Picking out shapes.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) And there's one at the pyramids, of course! In Egypt.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the ones at the pyramids…coincide with the pyramids on Egy…err, on Mars.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Uh, ohh, wow….

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: So, and my mind is…is blown at this point by..by stupidity.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I'm like, "Oh, my gosh. I can't believe I read this guy's…"

Dick: (interjects) "What have I done?!" (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, what have I done? (Dick laughs) Can I get a ref…is it too late to get a refund!? Can I get my parking validated? (Dick laughs, sighs) It's under an hour. I left from the talk early. It…I…I felt like, so…ashamed of myself.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: For falling for this quackery. Uh…and then, from that day on, I think I started looking at conspiracy theories way more critically.

Dick: Aaaaaaahhh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That makes sense.

Maddox: 'Cause…(stammers) man, that Dr. Hoagland guy…(giggles) he is on…a next level of bullshit. It's some crazy, crazy shit.

Dick: You ever see anybody leaving one of your book signings looking like that? (background laughter)

Maddox: No, never!!! (Dick cracks up) They're all dumbfounded and panties are drenched. Every single time. (Sean groans)

Dick: Even on the men.

Maddox: Yeah! (Sean giggles) Especially the men. (Dick clears his throat) Um, Dick, I wanna mention something, before we move on from this problem.

Dick: Uhhhh, okay.

Maddox: There is a website called http://www.nephcure.org, it's for the…it's kidney international. http://www.nephcure.org. If you guys…are interested in being an organ donor, or helping out, or maybe even contributing to this…this cause, it's, uh… http://www.nephcure.org. Looks like it's the…one of the biggest, uh…advocacy websites for kidney cures. So check that out.

Dick: Make sure you get a little…little money for your troubles, though. Get a little some… maybe a new car. Something like that.

Maddox: Who, me?

Dick: Make sure you do, if you're gonna help.

Maddox: Oh, for your kidney. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (stammers) It's really one of the things that actually warms my cold, broken heart, is, uh…(belches) (cracks up)

Dick: Jesus Christ. (they all crack up)

Sean: Jesus.

Dick: Any…anyway.

Sean: Get any on ya?

Maddox: So th…(cracks up) One of the things that warms my cold, broken heart is when I see these stories in the news where someone, um…like, a customer going in to a coffee shop for years.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Turns out he needs a kidney, and the barista behind the counter, their friend, says, "You know what? I'll give you my kidney." It's just…it's just one of the most selfless acts you can do. I really like that stuff.

Dick: Yeah, uh…so here's…here's what I found that was interesting for this problem. So this girl…this girl **Sam Jacobs.** Uh, she has…AB negative blood. And…and a great rack. By the way. So she need…that's, like, a rare blood type for…for a kidney that she needs.

Maddox: Oh, okay. That's why you need the database.

Dick: Well, there's a thing called a kidney chain. So people wanna donate, but they don't have the right matching kidney.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, this girl, it's impos…she's…like, she's…she spent 10 months in the hospital last year. Impossible for her to get a kidney, 'cause no one has it, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So…they get on a…on a list, and they partner up with people, and if somebody comes in to give their, like, kidney buddy, the right kidney? Then that person will give somebody else who matches their kidney.

Maddox: Oh, that's cool.

Dick: So it's like a chain.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of giving organs over.

Maddox: That's nice.

Dick: All for free, but…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the…I thought that was interesting.

Maddox: Yeah, that is interesting.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno man. As soon as you start to add money into the equation, then you start to create a market for it, and that is really scary shit.

Dick: Riiiiiiight. Okay. (sad) Well…

Maddox: There's this…there's this hotline. You know that…there's that horror story, that sketch or whatever…um, where people are afraid, they wake up in a bathtub full of ice, and they reach down, they feel a scar, and their kidney's been stolen.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's like a classic, like, horror trope, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um…I don't think that's ever happened. And there's…but, just to be safe, I think the European Union set up a hotline for people in case they ever find themselves in that kind of situation. That they can call. And I think, umm…I heard this on NPR a long time ago, that nobody's ever called that hotline.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. But, uh…it's a really scar thought. Oh, good…good problem, Dick. http://www.nephcure.org if you guys want to contribute or donate or anything like that. But, uhh…

Dick: What, donate a kidney? People are gonna be listening to that 10 minutes and say, "Oh, I gotta donate a kidney."

Maddox: Yeah, why not? I heard it on a podcast.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Alright. I got the real biggest problem in the universe, guys. Superhero Obsessions. But next to that…Lines!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Lines! Is the biggest problem.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Oh, that's a good problem. Lines.

Dick: Did you have a Black Friday issue, or something?

Maddox: No. (giggles) No, although I did go to a store on Black Friday, just to see the, uh…the madhouse, you know.

Dick: What store?

Maddox: I went to Best Buy.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I…I walked in and it just looked dirty. Everything looked dirty.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know? And there's a billion fucking sales associates running around, asking you if you want anything. I'm like, "No, man, I can see all the shit you got!"

Dick: (yells) "I don't want anything! I came in here to look at the spectacle! I don't wanna buy anything!"

Maddox: Yeaaaah. (laughing)

Dick: Leave me alone!!

Maddox: Yeah, my…my th…(they laugh)

Dick: You idiot! You're the idiot! (they crack up)

Maddox: My thumb is hovering on the record button, you know, in case any fights break out or anything like that.

Dick: Jesus Christ. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah. No, there's nothing. It's just a bunch of, like, cheap, shitty TVs that no one wants.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: And TVs are so cheap already, anyway. I…I don't even know what the going price of a TV is anymore. I walk in, it's like, 300 bucks. I think, "Is that a good price? I don't know. I guess." They're all about that cost, right?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: It's all bullshit. Anyway, man. No, lines. I hate writing them. I hate it when people cross them. And I hate waiting in them. Lines are the worst, guys. I feel like…some people love to wait in lines, right? There's this…a type of person.

Dick: Huh. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. There's a type of person who loves to wait in lines. They see long-ass lines to a club and they're completely okay with spending a third of their night waiting in line just to make it…make the club look cool. All you're doing is advertising for the club.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: People who wait in lines? All those clubs are half-empty, anyway. And it's always half-empty.

Dick: Sometimes, they're completely empty.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sean and I played at the Viper Room.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…my sister got there first, and they made her wait outside to start a line, like befo…while we were getting ready to play to a COMPLETELY empty bar.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it's all advertising.

Dick: It sucked.

Maddox: It's…it's bullshit. They're just using you. They're using your feet. You're…and you're a sucker if you're waiting in them. I…I won't wait in a line that's gonna take more than 10 minutes, with very few exceptions. Um, I…if you get to a club around 11 PM, right? And you have to wait in line for an hour…you only have two hours inside to get a drink, or do ANYTHING. So that means 33% of your time was spent standing on a sidewalk like an asshole! And if you're a girl wearing heels, that means you've probably flung them over your shoulder and you're standing barefoot in loogies and gum! It's awful!

Dick: Gross.

Maddox: It's the WORST. Vote up High Heels, guys.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That shit. (stammers) 'Cause it's always girls who can't wear them, standing around?

Dick: Did you do this math on a girl's back, like I was saying, with lipstick? I spent 30% of my time in line…derivative…two-hour night…

Maddox: No…no. Um…(giggles)

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Here's…here's a little fact about yours truly. I almost always skip airport lines. Like, I HATE them and I won't stand in them, 'cause everyone's an idiot, except for me.

Dick: Okay. How do you skip them, though?

Maddox: Everyone…(scoffs) I just walk up to the fucking front…

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And I look…here's the only time I won't skip an airport line, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: If…if I look at the line, and it looks like everyone in there is studious and paying attention…(Dick giggles) and diligent.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: They're getting their shit done. They're paying attention. They're not fucking around on their cell phones. They're not chasing their kids around. They're not picking up their skis like clumsy idiots, right? If they're all paying attention and they're…they're going as soon as the teller or the machine is empty…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They're stepping up to use it, I'm not gonna skip that line, because that's unfair.

Dick: When you say skip, you mean cut, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But, more often…like, 9 times out of 10, I'll walk up to an airport queue, and I'll look, and the guy at the front of the line is fucking around. Like, just checking his cell phone, or talking to his wife, or his kids, or whatever. And the person at the front, who's helping, saying "Next." "Next." "Next."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You know what? I'm next. 'Cause if you don't go? It's your fault, right? You're holding up the entire line, and the person behind you, if he doesn't say anything, it's HIS fault.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And if the person behind him doesn't say anything, it's his fault. It's everyone's fault but mine!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I'm gonna go. I'm gonna eat your lunch!

Dick: So everyone in line is responsible for the actions of one person. Is what you're saying.

Maddox: In that case, yes.

Dick: Do you walk right up from the back? (giggles)

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I just walk right up…

Dick: I'm surprised you haven't started a problem with this, uh…behavior.

Maddox: Naaaaah. No!

Dick: I really am. (giggles)

Maddox: You know why?

Dick: Is there any…(giggles) Go ahead.

Maddox: Because these same knuckleheads who are not paying attention, aren't gonna be calling me out. They're not even calling the person in front out.

Dick: Well, you…it just takes one.

Maddox: What?

Dick: One guy who walked out of the airport bar, and sees a guy cutting the line.

Maddox: Well, if you're in the airport bar, you're already through security, so it doesn't matter.

Dick: Oh, that's true.

Maddox: Yeah. That's not gonna happen.

Dick: When I said airport bar, I meant the sidewalk. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Yeah, um…also, uh…queues with cars. Like, if a car is trying to get out…like, if there's a big line for an exit, I almost always skip ahead, right? And there's some dipshit not paying attention…

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: Testing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick. Masterson. You. Texting.

Dick: Texting in a line?!

Maddox: Oh, YEAH.

Dick: Buddy, I'm…I'm the zipper master. (Maddox laughs) I never let one second go through, zip, zip, zip, one right after the other. You're fucking up the process.

Maddox: No!

Dick: Guys like you are cramming…like USUAL…your aggressive driving is hurting everyone!

Maddox: No, it's hurting no one!! Here's the thing. If I'm…if I cut into a line, it's always because there's slack in that line, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If I come up to the fr…and sometimes, this backfires. Like, I would say, 20% of the time, this backfires.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But I'll drive up, you know, to pull my asshole move, and I just, like, you know. Jut in where some idiot's not paying attention.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…sometimes there won't be that slack, 'cause it's all bumper to bumper and they…you know, everyone's driving efficiently and everyone's paying attention.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'll say, "Oh, good for you." I'll just take the next exit. I'll…go 10 minutes out of my way.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know. That's on me. That's my fault. That's when society is doing it right, and I deserve what I got.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't try to jut myself in when the line is efficient. I only do it when it's inefficient. And I'm the person making it efficient. I expect people…I…you know what I would like, once? For once in my life? When I cut in front of someone in line, for them to turn around and say, "Thank you."

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) I'm sure this…I'm sure you think that a lot, though.

Maddox: I do!

Dick: Like, you want people to thank you for things that you're doing that are extremely rude. (they all crack up)

Maddox: It's not rude! What's rude is you're holding up…the society! You're holding up everyone!

Dick: Yeah…

Maddox: People have shit to do!

Sean: And it's a teaching moment.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Is it, Sean!!

Dick: That's better. (grins)

Maddox: Sean…90% of what I do in life is a teaching moment. I feel like I'm teaching pe…

Dick: (interjects) That's it? 90%? What's the other 10%?

Maddox: Just for me, baby! (Dick laughs) No…

Dick: (interjects) It sounds a bit like a child, though.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Complaining about lines.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, people are…what? Waiting? Waiting too long in lines? I took my nephews in town for Thanksgiving, last weekend.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or, last week, and he really wanted to go to In and Out. He's three years old. Really wanted to go to In and Out. Um…of course, at In and Out, the popular fast food restaurant in California, it's only in California, there's always a line, 'cause it's very good. And everyone's okay with that, but the whole time we were waiting in line, he's complaining about it. Saying, "Hey cars, move forward! Cars, move forward! Why won't all these cars move forward?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And we had to explain to him about lines.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Now I feel…I feel like I'm in the same position.

Maddox: Mhmm. Were you telling your nephew that, "Sorry, some people are idiots and they're not paying attention, and that's why there's delays."

Dick: What's it gonna cost you, though? Like a couple…ten seconds here and there?

Maddox: It could be an hour or two.

Dick: Somebody's on their phone for an hour while the kiosk is up there, empty!?!? (yells) Couple seconds!

Maddox: Man, I tell…I tell you what. I would've missed…I would've missed so many flights if I didn't cut lines. Like, I…I remember one time, I was in…ah, shit, where was I? I think I was in Hungary, trying to get to Greece, right?

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: And I walk up, and it's just…

Dick: What a…living the high life, jet-setting Maddox!

Maddox: There were…(giggles)

Sean: Loaded up with plastic explosive in Hungary. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: What the fuck is your problem!? (they crack up) So I was trying to get to Greece, and I walk up to the terminal, and I see, like, just this…enclave. It just looked like a tour group from Egypt.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And no one spoke English. English is the international language, people. (Dick guffaws loudly) Like, just speak it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Just learn Eng…you gotta learn English.

Dick: Yeah. Okay.

Maddox: Right? You just have to.

Sean: I can't believe you're one of those guys.

Dick: Yeaaah. (giggles)

Maddox: I don't think that you…you should…I don't think that you should have to, but I think that you should. It's like…definitely beneficial.

Dick: What?

Sean: It's an advantage, sure.

Maddox: I think the two…the two languages everyone should learn is English and Chinese. 'Cause Chinese is gonna be the next superpower. So…

Dick: Why should everyone learn Chinese?

Maddox: 'Cause we're gonna be doing a lot of business with China, and we already are.

Dick: Who…who "we're"? You gonna…you're gonna be doing business with China? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. I already have.

Dick: When!?

Maddox: I already have! I…

Dick: (interjects) Did you need to speak Mandarin to do it?

Maddox: No, but it helps a lot. If you speak any Mandarin…Chinese people…by..by and far are the most grateful, appreciative people when you speak a little bit of their language. It goes SO far.

Dick: Can you give us a little bit of Mandarin? What did you say to them?

Maddox: Sure. Ni Hao Ma. Xie Xie.

Dick: Ohh. And they're like, "Ohhh, Maddox. You filled our minds with such a kindness, 'cause you tried to speak our language!" (background laughter) We'll do anything!! (laughing)

Maddox: Well, you laugh, but it…it really goes a long way. I remember even…even in the back of a taxicab, I…one time, um, I was travelling somewhere, and I met this Chinese dude…and he was really feeling, uh…homesick, and I just spoke a few words of Chinese to him, and his face lit up.

Dick: Like an angel.

Maddox: He was…SO happy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, it really means a lot. But…

Dick: (interjects) Well, don't learn Spanish, 'cause that won't help you get a ride to the gun range.

Sean: Then Maddox took him to a Panda Express. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Ugh, Sean. (disgusted) (they laugh) No, but, uhhh…I had… I have a Chinese friend, one time, straight from China, came over, and was REALLY offended when she saw Panda Express.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: 'Cause she said, "How dare they? They can't use a panda on that." I said, "Why not?" And she goes, "That's China's animal!" and I'm like, "Well…" (Dick laughs) "Welcome to America!"

Sean: What…

Maddox: (laughing) She was really pissed off.

Sean: Alll….all three of them?

Dick: What, the pandas?

Maddox: What, the pandas?

Sean: The pandas.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Nah, they got a bunch. They're on the rebound, I think.

Sean: Are they?

Maddox: Yeah, I think so. They're not…I mean, they're not doing great. They're not doing, like…they're not, uh…we're not back up to the American Buffalo number. The American Bison.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which has rebounded because we started eating them! If we…dude…we started eating pandas, you'll see a rebound.

Sean: You know a lot of those are hybrids, though.

Maddox: What, the pandas?

Sean: A lot of them are cross-bred with domestic cattle.

Maddox: What, the bison?

Sean: Yeah. There's not nearly as many, uh…bison as you think.

Dick: We got electric buffalo here?

Sean: What's that?

Dick: We got hybrid buffalos here?

Sean: Yes.

Dick: Mmm.

Sean. We do.

Maddox: Hmm. They're doing that shit in China.

Dick: Well, I do think it's, like, a problem for three-year-olds. Who don't understand that lines are kind of a necessity.

Maddox: Lines are only a necessity when everyone is efficient and everyone's doing their part.

Dick: Would you have a problem with being able to pay to skip the line?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Or is it only…oh, you would?

Maddox: I absolutely would.

Dick: So YOU can skip the line with impunity, but if I gotta slap down 20 bucks to skip a line, that's a problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. (giggles) Wh…you don't see a problem with that?

Maddox: No, because then…then you're just creating an underclass system. And people…people…like, the only time I think that people should skip lines, again, is if everyone's being inconsiderate in that line. If everyone's being inconsiderate, why should I…why shouldn't I be inconsiderate back to them and just cut in front of them? Because they're fucking around anyway. I remember one time I cut a line…

Dick: (interjects) This is how you get stabbed.

Maddox: Nah. I cut a line…

Dick: (giggles) Go ahead. (laughs)

Maddox: I cut a line one time and I s…because I saw…I saw someone at the front, texting…(Dick still cracking up) right?

Dick: Yeeeeeeeah? (grins)

Maddox: This chick. Texting.

Dick: About how he really wants to stab somebody. (laughs)

Maddox: No, I do the…I…I saw this chick texting in the front of the line, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I went up to the kiosk, I checked in, got my boarding pass, turned around, picked up my bag and looked at her, and she's still texting! I'm like, "Fuck you, bitch! I did…I did my part!" This is exactly why I exist! People like me exist to take advantage of the slack that these dipshits are creating!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's inefficiency and I hate it.

Dick: Yeah. I dated a girl who would throw a literal tantrum if there was a line.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Like, stomping her feet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was…um…

Maddox: Lines are bad.

Dick: It was the girl version of this, I guess. I don't know.

Maddox: Pfffff. (background giggling)

Dick: It was difficult.

Maddox: Sounds sexy as shit.

Dick: Well, she was that.

Maddox: Yeah. Ahaaaaa! That's me! (laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Um, and I'll just end on this note. I sometimes appreciate the aesthetic of a line. So…there we go.

Dick: Do you ever keep lines at your book signings? I imagine you wouldn't. It's just a huge mob of people wanting you to sign their book, right?

Maddox: No, actually…there are lines at my book signings, yeah.

Dick: Oh, dear.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) There are lines…

Dick: I guess we've…(cracks up laughing)

Maddox: You know what, though? I tell…when I te…when I have…

Dick: (interjects) What if somebody cut in that line, would you send 'em back? Would you just sign their book?

Maddox: Yeah, I'd probably send 'em back. 'Cause there's no…

Dick: You don't reward that behavior.

Maddox: There's no…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause that would fuck up the system, right?

Maddox: Because there's no inefficiency in my line, fucko! All my fans are smart! They're reading my book, they're…they're waiting in line! There's no slack in that line!

Dick: What if they're reading the book!? How could they stop reading the book…when they're in line!? They're sitting there with nothing to do and they have that tempting tome in front of them!

Maddox: They do. They read the book, but they're also looking up. They're constantly glancing. Glancing. Glancing! Those are my fans.

Dick: Yeah. I thought I had you on that one. (Maddox belches)

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Alright. Let's wrap it up.

Maddox: Alright, man. My problems this week were…

(closing riff starts)

Maddox: Superhero Obsession and Lines.

Dick: My problems are Human Driving Directions and Not Enough Organ Donors.

Maddox: Vote up Lines.

Dick: Oh God, I've got something funny here. So, Weird McConaughey called in a LOT of times, and I've tracked his…I've tracked his progression one night, from a sober individual, into the weird McConaughey that we all know and love.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Do you wanna hear that? So here's…here's McConaughey at 10:45 in the evening.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Alright?

(Voice mail: Male voice: Maddox, I just listened to your…story about your dad. And that's pretty awesome. Why the fuck do you not have your dad on the Biggest Problem?"

Dick: Coherent, right?

"He could bring a problem in…"

Maddox: Yeah, pretty coherent.

"He could tell stories…"

Maddox: Yeah.

"It's be hilarious, I'm sure he fucking has some fighting stories…"

Dick: You got an idea…and proof that the idea is good.

Maddox: Yeah.

"Some fucking…hooker stories."

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

"All the good stuff.")

Dick: Starting to get weird.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: (stammers) I mean, a lot of people have asked me about having my dad on the show…I…I can't, guys.

Dick: They're all trying to fuck you. Trust me. (they both crack up)

Maddox: No…my dad's deaf. Otherwise I'd totally have him. He's basically deaf. Yeah.

Dick: Does he…do sign language?

Maddox: Uh, no, he doesn't. It's actually a war impairment. He's a disabled veteran from uh…from fighting in Korea.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He could still do sign language, though.

Maddox: He's like….he's, like, 80% deaf.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: He doesn't know sign language, no.

Dick: Does he compose…sonatas, like Beethoven?

Maddox: No. No, he doesn't.

Dick: No? Alright.

Maddox: But it's very difficult to…talk to him on the phone. Sacrifice for this country. So there you go.

Dick: Here…here is…I find dads in general are tough to talk to on the phone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? I don't know.. (stammers) Okay, here's Weird McConaughey 30 minutes later.

(Voice mail: creepier male voice: "Maddox… (Maddox snorts, laughs) **after that story, I don't know how your mom doesn't give your dad blowjobs every day.** (they all crack up) **")**

Dick: He was doing lines of something. Here is him, 30 MINUTES LATER, 11:45!!

(Voice mail: creepier male voice: "Hey Maddox…I know how your _____diet. It's because you eat his shit. (Dick giggles) **You shit eater.")** (they all crack up)

Dick: Here's the final…here's the final one, uh…30…30 minutes after that. At 12:15. And that's our time, too. This might be 3:15 his time.

(Voice mail: still creepy male voice: "Hey guys…I think…(giggles) (they laugh) **I think…hold on. I'm gonna call back.")** (they all crack up)

Dick: And he never did.

(File ends)

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(Biggest Solution theme riff starts)

Today's show is brought to you by our OWN bonus episode.

(Sound clip starts)

"Dick: Do you…do you see your computer as an extension of your dick? That's a real question."

"Dick: Have you ever named a computer?

Maddox: Oh, I name all my computers.

Dick: Okay. There we go. (they laugh)

Maddox: I name my hard drives. Are you kidding me?

Dick: (inaudible) You name your hard drives? (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah! My E Drive is called Fat Bitch."

"Maddox: We're doing the big apple contest.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: The big apple-eating contest we teased a long time ago.

Dick: Thank God.

Maddox: It's happening.

Dick: We can finally determine scientifically whether or not Red Delicious apples are mealy as fuck."

"Dick: Disgusting. That is mealy as fuck.

Maddox: I don't know how you fit it all in that tiny little mouth of yours! (laughing) Mimimimimimimi!!! (they laugh)"

"Maddox: If I created keys that worked for their house, right? Perfect replicas of their keys, and then didn't use them.

Dick: Hmm. And that's okay?

Maddox: That's…that's a better analogy. Yeah, why not? (Dick cracks up)

Dick: You need to go to jail."

"Maddox: I did get kicked out of, uh…high school, and uh…band, from touching a computer.

Dick: Kicked out of high school?

Maddox: No, uh, suspended.

Dick: SUSPENDED?! WOW!!!

Maddox: I…I got suspended and I got banned from ever touching a computer again.

Dick: For what?"

"Maddox: Uh, income-based fines.

Dick: (giggles) Ridiculous.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Yeah. Ridiculous. Lemme tell you ridiculous, asshole!

Dick: Ooookay. Yeah."

"Maddox: I appreciate the Hoover Dam more because there are ghosts. The ghosts of the fallen construction workers.

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Who…Hoover Dam!!

Sean: You must…

Dick: Falling off of it?

Sean: You must jack off at the Great Wall. (they crack up)

Maddox: Shut up, Sean."

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Long Goodbyes, to Telling Lies! (Dick chuckles) With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: Sean, our audio engineer. Guys, 5 million downloads! We did it!!

Dick: Yeeeeeeeeeeeeahahahah!!! Alright!

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: We finally cracked that 4 million ceiling.

Dick: Great!

Maddox: Finally.

Dick: Congratulations.

Maddox: Thanks.

Dick: You smell terrific. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Is that, uh…because I just had nuts in my mouth? (they chuckle)

Dick: Hey, speaking of embarrassments. That apple test…that we did in the bonus episode…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I don't wanna give away any spoilers, but that did not go well for you, did it?

Maddox: (stammers) You know what? Eat shit! (Dick laughs) Eat shit, Dick! And Sean! That was the most bunk t…you know what? Yeah. No spoilers! (they crack up)

Sean: I was just gonna say that. (they cackle)

Dick: Look, you've had 24 hours to buy it!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, Sean brought in some of the apples for that test. We won't give anything away…

Dick: Thank you so much, Sean. For buying those apples.

Sean: Yes, you're welcome.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Thanks for pickin'…you…yeah, you know how to pick 'em, Sean.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Although…although.

Sean: That's…yeah. I knew this would be my fault.

Maddox: (laughs) Oh, it's everyone's fault but mine, buddy.

Sean: Uh-huh.

Dick: Randy fucked up as well.

Maddox: Randy fucked up. YOU FUCKED UP! Sean fucked…

Dick: I fucked up?!

Maddox: Oh, you fucked up!

Dick: What did I do?

Maddox: You were the biggest fuck up!

Sean: If it doesn't go his way, the whole fucking thing is rigged. (Dick chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah. We're deleting that episode. (Sean laughs) No, you're deleting it, Sean! So, uh…I will say this. I have a new favorite apple. And it is not what you might expect.

Dick: Ohohohoho!!! (Maddox laughs) If there's ever a reason to buy bonus audio content…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's to find out what….

Maddox: What my new favorite apple is.

Dick: What your new favorite apple is.

Sean: It's called the Bohemian Sandy. (Sean and Dick chuckle)

Maddox: No…….(stammers) shhhhh…fuck. Alright, guys. Laaaast week, the biggest problem in the universe…

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Was…Not Enough Organ Donors!!!

Dick: Oh, that's good.

Maddox: Hey!!

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: That's actually a real problem! I'm surprised. That's great.

Dick: Thank God we didn't bring in something stupid on the same episode, to…to give Not Enough Organ Donors a chance to shine.

Maddox: Oh, yeah? To counter that out?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, followed by…Human Driving Directions.

Dick: That's a…that's a big problem! Everybody hates that!! (Maddox belches) Everybody hates human driving directions.

Maddox: And then…Superhero Obsession, which…(stammers) wait, before we move on, though. The…human driving directions, Dick. Someone linked to a song by Psychostick. Um…about human driving directions. Have you heard the song?! I…I p…

Dick: (interjects) No, but this is about to be a big problem of mine. People showing me songs online.

Maddox: Why is that?

Dick: I just…it's like…making me…it's like holding me hostage. Taking my time from me. Making me sit there…and then the pressure to react!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is also tremendous! I'll bring it on another episode.

Maddox: I don't think…I don't think there's any pressure for this song, Dick. I think you'll like it. I linked to it on the front page of our website, if anyone wants to listen to it. But… check this out. Here, I'll just play a little bit.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Listen to this.

(Clip starts: Psychostick singer screaming "GIRL DIRECTIONS! GIRL DIRECTIONS!"

Female voice: "Okay, so this is how you get here. You're gonna want to take the 202, to…the 101 North…

Dick: 202.

"…Don't get on the 60, though, or else you're totally gonna be going the wrong way."

"**GIRL DIRECTIONS! GIRL DIRECTIONS!!"**

Dick: Oh, girl directions!

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

"You're gonna wanna get off on exit Coleman-Fowl. Um…er, no wait, that's at McEllo.. it…it's Mcsomething. And then you make sure…that you stay to the left while you're turning right, 'cause you're gonna need to go left right after you turn… oh, wait, hold on. That's my other line."

"GIVE ME THE FUCKING ADDRESSSSSSSSS!!!!" (Maddox and Dick crack up) **"JUST GIVE ME THE FUCKING ADDRESS, YOU BITCH!! GIVE ME THE FUCKING ADDRESS!!!** (they laugh) **I'M USING A GPS!!"**

"GIRL DIRECTIONS! GIRL DIRECTIONS!") (clip ends)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway. That's the song. The…I figured you would appreciate that.

Dick: I have a problem with both of them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: From men and women.

Maddox: Yeah. W…

Dick: 'Cause guys always wanna give you a shortcut. It's like, "Okay."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "You don't have a shortcut."

Maddox: No.

Dick: I know...I know that your shortcut necessarily means you take twice as long to get there.

Maddox: The only time I've gotten directions that were human driving directions was where they acknowledged that the GPS is better in GENERAL, but they said, "For some reason, the GPS is not finding this address." And, uh, it was like a new buil-

Dick: (interjects) Oh, it was a new street or something like that?

Maddox: Yeah, new street, new building.

Dick: Yeah, that'll happen.

Maddox: Yeah. Um...anyway! Then followed by Superhero Obsession. Everything was a problem last week. Superhero Obsession was another problem. Uh, it came in third, and then Lines came in fourth, but still a problem.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause it's also a solution.

Maddox: Lines?

Dick: At the same time. Yeah.

Maddox: How is that a solution?

Dick: Well, it...'cause...without a line, you'd have a mob.

Maddox: Yeah, or take a number. How 'bout take a number?

Dick: That's a...that's a line, though.

Maddox: No it's not! You just sit down! You take a number. You're not standing in a line, you're sitting down!

Dick: Are you sitting in a circle? You're sitting on a bench.

Maddox: You're sitting on a b-...

Dick: A bench is a line.

Maddox: No! You're sitt-... (stammers) Have you ever been to jury duty?

Dick: No!

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Dick: Remember? I ignored the notice. And I've got several more notices that say they're gonna arrest me, and I've also ignored those.

Maddox: Okay. Well, for anyone who's not a felon... (Dick and Sean laugh) If you go to jury duty, you just sit down in a big room with a buncha seats, and -

Dick: (interjects) In a box.

Maddox: Yeah, a big box!!

Dick: Or do you? I don't know.

Maddox: Vote... (cracks up) Vote up b-...vote up boxes! Or square tubes, or whatever it i-... (giggles) (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Oh, someone said that they were surprised you didn't like lines.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause a box is basically six lines. Right? Or 10 li-...I don't know. How many...

Maddox: It says here -

Dick: (interjects) How many lines do you need in a box?

Maddox: I got the comment. It's Alonzo Larios. He says, "I'm surprised Maddox brought in lines as a problem, as boxes are nothing more than several lines joined together." (laughs)

Dick: Uh, here was a good one. Krag Zargon...although I think I disagree with him politically, for the most part. "This episode: Dick tries driving to a shooting range..." Which I did. I told the story last episode where my life coach and I tried to go shooting, and we were stymied by dirt roads. The last two miles or so of our trip was dirt roads that my car could not traverse. Uh, and we did try, but we failed. "This episode: Dick tries driving to a shooting range, but is surprised to find that the road was made by libertarians. " (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: That's a libertarian road, man!

Dick: That's true!

Maddox: Can't make 'em do anything! Don't wanna intrude in their lives. (giggles)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Just, "Oh, go ahead! Make a fuckin' roa-..." Ah, sure! Fuck it. No...no oversight, no regulations...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...no laws. (Dick shrugs)

Dick: I think Krag said it better. (everyone laughs) I also screwed up by saying "horsecock." I brought in Sam Jacobs, who needed a kidney.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Uh, she commented on the post page.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She was promoting her...uh, food truck.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Instead of... (chuckles) ...her kidney. I thought she woulda gone for the kidney post, but she went with the food truck post.

Maddox: Ohh, was that...?

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: I saw the food truck thing in there. I didn't understand what the, uh, the reference was.

Dick: Hey, you know? You got your moment in the comments, right? You gotta go for what's important to you.

Maddox: Well, you know what? Maybe she's trying to get a successful business to help pay her medical bills, hmm?

Dick: That could be. I don't know.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: I hope she is successful. But her boyfriend, Horsecock, is not the one who sent us the barbecue sauce. I accidentally slammed, uh...that was Dr. Smoothrod.

Maddox: Ohhh, Dr. Smoothrod.

Dick: I fucked that up.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. It was not Horsecock. It was Dr. Smoothrod.

Maddox: I'm...completely lost. What are...who are we talking about here? (cracking up)

Dick: Dr. Smoothrod sent us the barbecue sauce.

Maddox: He is Butt Sanchez's friend, right?

Dick: Yes, and now people are saying that after Butt Sanchez's tantrum after the Trump episode, he should be referred to as "Butthurt Sanchez."

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up) (Sean laughs loudly in the background) Yeah. Yep, yep.

Dick: Which, I don't know.

Maddox: And for anyone who's just listening to the show, Butt Sanchez is a longtime listener.

Dick: Yes. (chuckling)

Maddox: He and his friend Dr. Smoothrod sent us a care package a long time ago with a bunch of barbecue sauce that broke in the package.

Dick: Did the one...? The barbecue sauce that survived, have you...have you eaten any of it?

Maddox: Not yet! I can bring it out right now.

Dick: Oh, I ate some of the ones that he said are specifically for me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where he called me a pussy or something like that, and he said, "This one's for you." I love it!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's great! I put it on everything. I made some wings a couple weeks ago, me and the lady.

Maddox: Oh? (smiles)

Dick: We pulled out the "Colon Cleanser"...barbecue sauce?

Maddox: Oh yeah? (Sean laughs in the background) Is that your idea of a romantic, uh, romantic dish? "Here, lemme make some hot wings, baby."

Dick: Yeah, baby. Clean that out.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: Clean that...clean that out.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Blow it all out.

Maddox: Then you have...then you... (cracks up)

Dick: I got some serious pipe to lay.

Maddox: Ew. (giggling)

Dick: I'mma put on a construction helmet and liber-...show you how a libertarian lays some pipe. (laughs) (Sean grimaces and laughs)

Maddox: Ugh.

Sean: ALRIGHT. Come on! (in background)

Maddox: That's...that's a -

Dick: (interjects) There's no oversight HERE. (everyone laughs more)

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: No regulations here!

Maddox: No regulations either.

Dick: In this pipe-layin', darlin'. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeeeah! It's leaky... (both giggle)

Dick: Yeah, OH yeah. (Maddox laughs) (Sean grossed out and laughing) Leakin' the whole time!

Maddox: Sprays...oh, gross.

Dick: There's gonna be some environmental disasters here. You're gonna have to throw these sheets away.

Sean: Ugh. (in background)

Maddox: Still drizzling. Always drizzling. I got a comment from, uh, Ángel... (pronounced "An-juhl") or is it...it might be "An-hel." He's, uh -

Dick: (interjects) It's probably "An-hel."

Maddox: I think it's "An-hel." (Dick laughs) Or it might be. It's Ángel Andrés Cataño Flores.

Dick: Okay. Joke name.

Maddox: He says...Sean, this is for you: "Happy not deleting the podcast for 50 episodes straight, Sean!"

Sean: Heeeey! (happy)

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: Things are lookin' up. (Dick scoffs and laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He says, "Happy deleting-the-podcast anniversary, Sean!" A lot of people commented. That's the anniversary.

Sean: Really??

Maddox: Yeah, that was the anniversary.

Dick: Yeah. Or this one is, because we can't tell based on the deleted episode.

Maddox: Yeah. Or -

Dick: (interjects) Like, there's no anniversary mark that's clear-cut. It...was it the deleted one, or was it the next one?

Maddox: Right. And we may never even know, because this episode may get deleted. (Dick laughs) We don't know.

Dick: We don't know.

Maddox: We don't know. Sean...

Dick: Nothing is certain.

Maddox: That's, uh...what is that, 52 weeks with no accidents! Right??

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: 52 weeks, no... (cracks up)

Sean: "No accidents."

Dick: No accidents. (smiling)

Sean: It's like I'm fuckin' being potty-trained. (Maddox and Dick giggle)

Maddox: Sean, next time you delete a fuckin' episode, we're gonna rub your nose in it. For sure.

Dick: (scoffs) Oh, good luck. (both laugh loudly) I've tried to...I've broke...I really fucked up my hand punching Sean in the ass, one Super Bowl. (Maddox giggles) Do you remember that?

Sean: No.

Dick: When me and you got in a fight?

Sean: No.

Dick: After Super...I was really pissed off...I think I lost a bunch of money, and the special episode of "House" that was on after the Super Bowl was not up to my expectations, so me and you started getting into a wrestling fi-...fisticuffs match, and I punched you really hard in the ass and fucked up my hand. He's got a rock-hard ass over here. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Wow!

Dick: So be careful.

Sean: This story is not gonna play well for us in the comments.

Dick: What do you mean? What's wrong with punching your male friend right in the ass?

Sean: You got a wrestling match, and that's...yeah.

Maddox: Oh, between havin' nuts in my mouth and your ass, I'm... (laughs) ...sure we've given them a heyday with, uh...

Sean: Uh-huh.

Maddox: With soundbites they can use to make shitty, snarky songs about us. Which -

Dick: (interjects) Hey...

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: I've got a...real quick, last comment. Um, I wanna try to help you, Maddox, with, uh...with your future.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (skeptical)

Dick: 'Cause you talked about lines and how you enjoy cutting them.

Maddox: Ye-...uh...

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Not "enjoy." (Dick scoffs) I do everyone a favor. It's a benefit!

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you selflessly...

Maddox: Selflessly, yes.

Dick: ...cut lines when you think the line isn't moving pro-...? Uh, Sean's brother Brandon actually sent me several articles where people have been stabbed cutting lines.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How do...

Maddox: You know, there are idiots out there! You can't control vi-... (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Everyone's a...you can't control every violent ape that's standing around who has a fuckin' disproportional, unreasonable response to someone cutting in line. What, you STAB them? What the fuck is wrong with you?!

Dick: Well, y-...yeah! That was the...that was the point we were...I was trying to make.

Maddox: And by the way, I don't cut; I skip. I don't...

Dick: What is that?

Maddox: I'm not CUTTING in line. I think cutting in line is rude! People are standing in line behind you and you just come up and cut in line?

Dick: So what is skipping the line?

Maddox: Skip it! I just go...I just go inside.

Dick: Oh, you go directly to the front...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...without waiting in line at all?

Maddox: I just...I don't...I mean, it's not even the front. I just, like, COMPLETELY circumvent the line. No, I'm not standin' in lines.

Dick: "Argument over cutting in line at a McDonald's leads to a butt stabbing in Florida."

Maddox: Uh-oh. That...you know you -

Dick: (interjects) This could be your future! I'm the ghost of Christmas line-cutting...line-skipping future over here.

Maddox: You know that guy wasn't Sean. He wouldn't have gotten through that, uh... (laughs) That hard, thick ass of... (giggles)

Dick: No, that blade would've bent like Superman if you tried to stab that ass.

Maddox: Right off that hard ass. (Dick laughs)

Sean: Fuckin' Kevlar with a trauma plate. (Maddox laughs more)

Dick: Yeah! A gyro line? You... (grumbles) I don't know.

Maddox: What's a gyro line?

Dick: Do you like gyros?

Maddox: What is that?

Dick: A line to get gyros.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: A trial...the man accused of fatally s-

Sean: Gyros? (pronounced "heroes")

Maddox: Oh, gyros! Did you... (laughs)

Dick: Is that how you say it? Gyros? ("heroes")

Maddox: Gyros.

Sean: Yeah, it's Greek.

Dick: Gyros?? Euros?

Maddox: It's "yeeros."

Sean: Yeah, like -

Dick: (interjecst) Like "Nguyen"?

Sean: What?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like "Nguyen"?

Maddox: Not at all like "Nguyen."

Dick: No! Like, 'cause Nguyen has a 'G'.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you say it like "yuh." So it's "yeeros"?

Maddox: It's...yeah, it's the Greek gyros. "Yeeros." "Yeeros"

Dick: Okay, so similar. (Maddox scoffs and laughs) Not "no, not at all."

Maddox: Well, the..."Nguyen" is a Vietnamese pronunciation.

Dick: So these are "Nguyeros"?

Maddox: "Yeeros"!

Dick: Do I have that right?

Maddox: Gyros.

Dick: Cut in line at a popular midtown...*gyro* (pronounced correctly)...and chicken cart; told the officer who arrested him that he was acting in self-defense. (Maddox snorts) Took place around 4 AM.

Maddox: Self-defense, 'cause he cuttin' in line for a gyro?!

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox giggles) 'Cause they just...they just ignored him, but after they drove off with their food, this guy chased him in his "white Lexus SUV." I don't know why they put that in the article.

Sean: Hm. (in background)

Dick: And pulled him out at a red light, and uh...and stabbed him.

Maddox: Entitled! Entitled shithead. That's why. It's the same as the Mercedes driver I talked about in the Bonus episode.

Dick: Yeah. (unsure)

Maddox: Oh, which, um...I forgot to play this during the bonus episode, but it's pretty cool, so I'll play it now. This is a song...

Dick: Oh! Okay.

Maddox: ...that a fan sent in. It's from @gooseboat. He sent this to me on Twitter. He did a chiptune mix of the bonus intro. This is kinda cool! Check it out.

(8-bit rendition of "The Biggest Solution in the Universe" theme riff)

Dick: That is cool.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Aw man, that'd be a good game.

Maddox: Right??

Dick: He's takin' you back.

Maddox: I just wanna be fighting the mother alien in "Contra."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Aw, that'd be so cool.

[remix fades out]

Dick: Who would be the bad guy for the solutions episodes? Who's the most voted-down...? Probably Uber. Probably my surge pricing thing.

Maddox: Surge pricing...

Dick: Solution.

Maddox: Uh, it would be...it would be -

Dick: (interjects) Ronald Reagan?

Maddox: Ronald Reagan, yeah.

Dick: Possibly is a bad guy for the solutions video game.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, bad guy. Bad pr-...bad solution.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ah, let's see...I got a comic from James Callan. He sent this in...he sent this in a while ago. Uh, "Yo Dick, they say you should paint what you love, and nothing gets me rock hard like libertarian theory and Honeycrisp apples. Check it out." In light of the apples test. I don't know if you wanna see this.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Pretty cool. "Mad Maddox II: Attack of the Libertarian Apple Consortium."

Maddox: It shows Dick sitting in a yoga pose with his... (cracking up) What's that, the peace...? Almost like the Buddha fingers, up in the air?

Dick: I don't know what that is.

Maddox: Like you're about -

Dick: (interjects) It's two fingers straight up. It's -

Maddox: (interjects) Like you're about to finger an elephant's pussy. (Dick chuckles) And then I'm standing -

Dick: (interjects) An elephant?!?

Maddox: An elephant, yeah. (Dick laughs) And...and -

Dick: (interjects) Why an elephant?

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: Why an elephant?

Maddox: (stammers) I don't know what kinda women you're dating these days. And then... (laughs with Sean)

Dick: (chuckles) You think...fat women will stand up, and you maneuver under them, and...? (smiles)

Maddox: Well, if they lay down, then...I dunno. Um, what am I...? I'm standing in the back with my hands on my -

Dick: (interjects) You're wearing a "Contra" shirt.

Maddox: Oh, "Contra." Okay.

Dick: And you're really pissed off about apples, for some reason.

Maddox: Yeah, really pissed off.

Dick: And I got...there's an "anarchy" -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, this is the comic! Okay, yeah. It's the full comic.

Dick: Yeah, this is the comic. I mean, we can po-...I'll post the comic on the website. I don't know if you wanna go through any of these on the show. This guy, this gentleman with a mustache says, "I love apples, but there are so many choices! How do I know which apple is right for me?" (Sean giggles in the background) Then... (cracks up) Then you swoop in with, "I've got your apples right here, buddy!" You do sound like that.

Maddox: Yeah, that sounds like me.

Dick: That's a pretty good likeness.

Maddox: That's a pretty good likeness, yeah.

Dick: There you go. Then...

Maddox: Ohhh, that's so cool!! (both laugh) My... (giggles more)

Dick: Maddox is coming in with one eye bulging out of his head. (Sean and Maddox laugh loudly) Muscled like, uh, one of the...who's...? Like, the -

Maddox: (interjects) Like Zangief!!

Dick: Yes, like Zangief, but not as much hair.

Maddox: It says, "RED DELICIOUS IS BACK, BABY!!! YEAH!!! YOU CAN TASTE THE...POLY..."

Dick: "Polyphenols." (smiles)

Maddox: "...THOSE POLYPHENOLS???" (giggles) That's cool, and I'm punchin' some SUCKER.

Dick: And then he tries to eat one of the R-...and he goes, "It tastes..." The guy says, "It kinda tastes like mealy garbage." (Sean laughs in the background) Which it does. "Can I just pay more for an apple that tastes better?" Maddox says, "No."

Sean: Hm. (in background)

Dick: Or do you wanna read that line?

Maddox: Yeah, no, j-

Dick: (interjects) This is the gr-...this is the most accurate dialogue of you I've ever seen in my life.

Maddox: Okay. (irritated)

Dick: Here, I'll...then there's this close-up of Maddox with what he must think is a clever look on his face. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, it looks real... (cracking up)

Dick: And he reads the following... (laughs)

Maddox: ...real clever. I like it a lot! It says, "Actually, that..." (both giggle)

Dick: Already gold!!

Maddox: Yeah. It says, "Actually, that's what we smart people call a 'sunk cost fallacy.'" Yeah!! It's a sunk cost fallacy!

Dick: Oho, my God. (chuckles)

Maddox: "Sometimes paying more doesn't get you a better product. That means Red Delicious apples don't taste like mashed-up caterpillar colons." That's right!! That is...that does sound like somethin' I would say.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Very accurate picture. James Callan, was it? Huh?

Dick: Yeah. "Don't talk about supply and demand..." He continues talking about the economy on this one. (Maddox giggles) Then I show up... (chuckles) ...with a libertarian, uh... (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, Captain Libertarian.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning) With a WWF belt on.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: With a big capital 'L.'

Maddox: Yeah, we'll post that on the website. That's funny.

Dick: The 'L' stands for "fuck the government." You know, it continues. There's a little tease.

Maddox: 'L' stands for "loser." Loooosers. Losertarians! That's what they are. (cackles) Losertarian!! That's pretty good. (Dick sighs) Hey. **(buzzer sound effect)** Whoops. (background laughter)

Dick: I'll play you some voicemails. Here.

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect)

Dick: Ah, 'ding.' Well done. (Maddox snickers) **[plays first voicemail message]**

Voicemail (male caller): So I like how Maddox, the most sarcastic and bitchy person on the Internet...

Maddox: Bitchy?! (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: ...doesn't like a character in a show because she's too sarcastic and bitchy.

Dick: The way you say it!! (giggling)

Voicemail: Are you fucking kidding me? If you saw a girl like that in real life, you'd probably jizz right into your "Lobo" underwear. (everyone bursts out laughing) **What a schmuck. And you really think I'm gonna take your opinion seriously on films or TV when you mention Leprechaun 4: In the FUCKING Hood?** (more laughing) **Ughhh. Get a LIFE.**

Maddox: Oh... (giggles more)'

Voicemail: And Dick? You're okay.

[message ends]

Dick: Oh. (smiles)

Maddox: Ohhh, he -

Dick: (interjects) So that's because he didn't like that superhero show Ricki Lake last week, or something like that?

Maddox: Yeah, Jessica...Jessica Lake, Jessica J-..."Jessica Jones."

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: That's what it was, yeah. Which a lot of people in the comments, and this totally backfired, but a lot of people in the comments were like, (switches to idiot voice) "Hey, uhh, Maddox, I looked up 'Jessica Jones' 'cause you talked about it on the podcast, and...I watched I buncha episodes and now I really like it." (cuts off voice) I've created fans for this fuckin' show now!

Dick: Maybe it's good!

Maddox: With Dr. Purple. And then people are like, "Hey Maddox, he's not Dr. Purple, IDIOT." (angry voice)

Dick: Oh, we got a new fan voice! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's my bitchy fan voice!!

Dick: Ohhhoho.

Maddox: (yells) 'Cause you guys are bitchy! I'M not bitchy! YOU'RE bitchy.

Dick: Ohohohoho, okay. (laughing uncomfortably)

Sean: You know what? Just because you talked about it last week, I did watch a couple... (Maddox groans) I think I got through, like...2 or 3.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And she IS sarcastic with every line.

Maddox: Yeah! It's just totally unlikeable, right?

Sean: Yeah!

Maddox: They even call it out in Episode 1 or 2. The guy...one of her neighbors, she said something sarcastic to him and he says, "Sarcasm is a way of distancing yourself from other people."

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah, and that's all she fuckin' does in that show!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She distances and distances. I get it, okay? You're a bruised apple. (cynical) (Dick laughs quietly) Alright? You're a Honeycrisp. We get it.

Dick: Yep, we got it. (both laugh)

Sean: Mhm. (sarcastic) She's not likeable.

Maddox: I got a co-...no, not likeable at all.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I got a comment from Alexander Prenter. He says, "**Maddox:** 'Super heroes are like the Greek gods and legends.'...and then he proceeds to name Roman gods and heroes. GET IT RIGHT FUCKFACE!!"

Dick: What, we named...Roman gods? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I guess we named Roman gods. Oh, yeah, big fuckin' difference. (Dick laughs) They all...they're basically the same ones. They changed their names. They have the same super powers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Same SHIT. And by the way, I got so much flak in those episodes about... (switches to idiot fan voice) "Uh, Maddox, infantilism! You're complaining about infantilism, yet you play video games!" (cuts off voice) Still, you idiots -

Dick: (interjects) Here, let...I'll play that voicemail about that.

Maddox: Oh, great. Let's hear it!

Dick: If you wanna respond to it.

Maddox: Let's hear this BITCH. **[Dick plays next voicemail message]**

Voicemail (male caller): Hey, Maddox! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Dick: Uh-oh.

Voicemail: (speaking slowly) This is my problem with your...um, super hero obsession problem. (brief silence)

Maddox: Yeah?

Voicemail: You see... (silence) You think...

Maddox: Augh, spit it out, man. (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: ...escapism is a form of infantilism.

Maddox: Never said that!

Voicemail: But every fuckin' hobby is escapism. Escaping your ho-...I mean, escaping your problems...

Maddox: No.

Voicemail: ...to specifically, you know, relieve stress or somethin'. Whatever you like, your hobbies.

Dick: That's kinda true, right?

Maddox: No.

Dick: No?

Maddox: Mm, no.

Voicemail: I'm pretty sure Dick doesn't...I mean, doesn't shoot guns specifically to think about all of the... (inaudible) ...comin' to America, man! No! (Dick laughs) **He's like, "You know what? It makes me happy, and I don't think about my problems."**

[message ends]

Dick: Yeah. What do you think about that?

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical) Well, okay. So I never said that, um, escapism was a problem.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: And I never said that infantilism was necessarily escapism.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So for example, a hobby that is not escapism, or doesn't necessarily have to be one, is building a ship in a bottle. Right? A lot of people like to do that, it's relaxing. But it's also not...you can still pay attention to your kids and your life and your worries. Like, you can still have that, um...

Dick: While you're building the ship in the bottle. (grins)

Maddox: While you're building a ship in the bottle!

Dick: How... (laughing)

Maddox: Because it's -

Dick: (interjects) How many people do that, do you think?

Maddox: Ah, I don't know. I think it's an older-person hobby.

Dick: I think... (giggling)

Maddox: Or like, putting together puzzles.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It might be relaxing for you, but you're not doing it to avoid your responsibilities. You don't -

Sean: (interjects) Do you like to sit and scrimshaw, too? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: What is that?

Dick: What is that? Oh, yeah.

Sean: It's carving on sperm whale teeth.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: What?!

Sean: Yeah!

Maddox: I never even heard of this.

Sean: It's an old sailor thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: No, that's wei-...no. That's weird. Um...

Sean: Look it up!

Maddox: That...I don't need to. You just told me. (laughs)

Dick: Well, look it up for fun.

Sean: Some of it's cool! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: It's my new hobby! I'll just look up things that Sean says.

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: Um, yeah. You know, hobbies can be satisfying and rewarding, not necessarily infantilism. Escapism, uh, is totally...I'm not criticizing the superhero genre for escapism. And by the way, I still like lots of superhero stuff, but infantilism is more nuanced than that. It's not any certain...it's not one specific thing that you do; it's how you do it, and why you do it. Right?

Dick: Yeah. Lemme ask you this.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: If we...if I brought video games in with the same logic as the superhero obsession, what would your thoughts on that be? Seems like...seems like people are mostly hitting on the point that you criticize other hobbies, and yet have escapist hobbies of your own.

Maddox: No, it's not that I...I'm not criticizing these hobbies for being escapist. The...if you brought in video games, 'kay?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Here's the problem with, uh, that I have with video games, is when people project way too much social influence at the behest of video games, because of and as a response to video games.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: That's when I have a problem, because that's...that verges on video game worship. Like for example, there's a lot...the big trend in video game criticism right now is feminist critique of video games.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And they say that it has a huge influence on society and culture, and it affects the way we think about women, and it affects the way we think about gender, and... (Sean groans) All these thi-...

Dick: Dude, "Xtreme Beach Volleyball 3" got really...got shut down in the US!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How 'bout that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: My favorite game series.

Maddox: So putting that importance on this medium, which...I mean, there's, first of all, no evidence. You don't have any evidence to show...and it's really difficult to prove! How do you even show that somebody playing a video game that doesn't have a strong, uh, female role, or maybe has women characters as decoration, or whatever...whatever weird argument you'd wanna make, right? You have to then take...draw a line from that argument and make a thread all the way to some real-world repercussions, and that is a very tenuous and difficult argument to make. That's the problem...and that's when video game worship can become a problem. And this doesn't really have much to do with

infantilism. Infantilism is the avoidance of responsibilities and...and pressures as an adult in favor of doing childlike things, or regressing your state to a childlike mentality.

Dick: Alright. Um...wanna see my Christmas tree? I put... (both laugh) I put a Christmas tree up.

Maddox: Alright, let's see your Christmas tree, Dick.

Dick: I made all the ornaments myself. You wanna get a load of this?

Maddox: Let's see this.

Dick: I think fans will like it too.

Sean: Did you just hang beer cans on it?

Maddox: Ohhh, jeez! Is that...?? (both laugh loudly) Dick's got this tr-...for a Christmas tree, which, first of all, looks...a little too stubby. It's a little too stubby around the bottom.

Dick: Christmas trees are expensive, man!

Maddox: They are expensive. But I mean, you gotta spend SOMETHIN'. And then at the very top he's got Donald Trump. (laughing) Donald Trump with the...wearing his hat that says "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN." (Dick and Sean laugh)

Sean: Oh, God! (in background)

Dick: That's my tree topper.

Maddox: Trump is such a JACKHOLE. (Dick guffaws) He's such a fuckin' idi-...every week -

Dick: (interjects) Trump on a tree, man! That's great!

Maddox: Trrrru-...Trump on a Tree. (grins) (Dick laughs) Is that like Elf on a Bench? Or what is it, Elf...?

Dick: Elf on the Shelf.

Maddox: Elf on the Shelf, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Alright.

Maddox: Trump on a Stump!!

Dick: You wanna get some...you wanna get some problems goin' here?

Maddox: Let's get some problems. What's your first problem, Dick?

Dick: My first problem is Daylight Savings Time.

Maddox: Daylight -

Dick: (interjects) Or as Sean corrected me before the fuckin' show started, Daylight SAVING Time. I -

Sean: (interjects) I was bein' really pedantic yesterday.

Maddox: Yeah, you were.

Dick: Ohh, my GODDD.

Maddox: I was gonna make a point to always say it "Daylight SAVINGS Time," because it bothered Sean.

Sean: It doesn't bother me.

Dick: Look...

Maddox: Hm, huh! (giggles)

Dick: (chuckles) Look...

Sean: Go ahead! Say it! I'LL say it.

Dick: Look...look.

Maddox: What?

Dick: N-...why...why are we giving ourselves an hour of jet lag twice a year? Why are we doing that? Why are we doing this? Nobody likes this. Daylight Saving Time, do you like it? Savings Time. "Saving" sounds weird! It's gotta be "Daylight Savings Time."

Sean: No, I know. No, it was...started as "saving," but I know. Everybody says "savings." I do too.

Dick: Everyone fuckin' hates it. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you like it??

Maddox: No.

Dick: Do you like...do you like eating dinner in pitch black?

Maddox: No, it's awful.

Dick: For half the year?

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's awful, and it's stupid.

Maddox: It's silly.

Dick: I hate it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a huge problem. WHY...why...why are we doing this? Allegedly to save energy??

Maddox: Eh, I've heard a number of different reasons. I have heard reasons from harvesting, uh, what...it's a relic from harvesting days.

Dick: That's false. I looked it up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's false.

Sean: Nononononono, you're thinkin' the wrong way. Yeah, the...farmers are against it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, and then I thought about it in terms of actually having more daylight, et cetera, et cetera, but then...to me, it's just a big delusion. We're just hoaxing ourselves.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We're thi-...we're convincing ourselves that we have more daylight hours just by changing our entire fucking time system.

Dick: Well, why wouldn't all these factories that are supposed to be saving all this energy just opt to start work at different hours?

Maddox: Yeah! There you go.

Dick: Like, they're the one paying the bill.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So they're like...this is how this conversation goes: "Hey, um...hey, uh, GE, you guys could save a lot of money if you just started work an hour earlier. How 'bout that?" And GE's like, "Go fuck yourself."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "We know how much we're spending in money." "Okay, well, this is what we're gonna do. We're gonna change e-...we're gonna change TIME."

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: "So that you don't have a choice."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: What are you gonna do, tell everyone to come into work late? Like, what... (stammers) What kind of scam has been perpetrated on us?? If you really think about how stupid and farcical this whole time shifting thing is?

Maddox: Yeah. It's insane!

Dick: It's a fucking joke!!!

Maddox: And the amount of time it takes to just change the time on all these fucking devices...we've got easily over 300 to 600 million electronic devices, and that's an underestimate, I'm sure.

Dick: Dude, let's say it's 10 minutes, that you gotta change every device?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's like a billion dollars.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For everyone who has to do it. How much... (stammers) I don't know what you could make in 10 minutes, but cut it off your schedule and see how much it is. It's a shitload of money.

Maddox: It's a shitload of money, shitload of time, and for what? I've heard all these explanations and reasons, and none of 'em are true. It's just a relic. Actually Arizona, the state of Arizona in the US has held out. They refuse to do Daylight Saving Time.

Dick: Arizona and Hawaii.

Sean: Hawaii, as well.

Maddox: And Hawaii.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Good. And there was one other...there's this weird -

Dick: (interjects) I grew up there! It was awesome!

Maddox: What, in Hawaii?

Dick: In Arizona.

Maddox: Oh, Arizona?

Dick: Yeah! Moving to LA was like, "What the fuck is this?!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "What do you mean, 'Daylight Savings'?" So how much better does this make everybody else than Arizona?

Maddox: I feel like half the year, it's too dark, and half the year is...is lighter than usual.

Dick: I got a...awesome graph for what you're talkin' about. Okay. This is Daylight Saving Time as it's currently observed. It's got the hours for an acceptable sunrise time. Like when the sun rises, is this an acceptable time for the sun to rise?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And when the sun sets, is this an acceptable time for the sun to set? 'Cause it feels like...for half the year, it feels like we're living in Alaska, here.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It sets at like 4:30.

Maddox: It's awful. It's like Sweden. (laughs) In Sweden, the sun sets at like 3 PM.

Dick: It's depressing, man!

Maddox: It's depressing. Wait, so what is this, a survey?

Dick: So...

Maddox: They asked people what the acceptable time range is for a sunset or sunrise?

Dick: Well, I think this is like saying, um...if it's...if a reasonable sunrise time is defined as 7 AM...

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: ...the grid, as it gets purple, means it's worse.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So if you're living in a purple area, you will hate life.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And if you're li-...and contrary-wise, if you're looking for sunSET at a reasonable time, this is where you live. And you'll notice here that we live in orange.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So we're fucked. In fact, the entire West Coast is orange.

Maddox: Um, okay. It could be...it could be worse, but uh, yeah. We're not in the purple area.

Dick: Well, sure.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It could...yeah, it could be worse!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We could start 8 to...we could say, uh, 5...we could call 1 AM "5 PM". How 'bout that?

Maddox: We're about right in the middle, yeah. We're about right in the middle, I think.

Dick: Yeah. So HERE is...here's another interesting graph. Here is what it would look like if Daylight Savings Time were abolished. Look at that.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Less purple!

Maddox: Less purple.

Dick: A lot less purple.

Maddox: It'd be better for most people. It doesn't look like a lot of change for us because it's orange, still. But, uh, still, I...you know, at least it's better for more people.

Dick: Yeah, and here's what it would look like if there...if Daylight Savings Time were always in effect.

Maddox: Oh, it's awful.

Dick: So Sean was telling me...oh, no n-...but look at the sunset time! Dude, FUCK sunrise.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who cares about sunrise?

Maddox: Yeah, no one's up.

Dick: Nobody.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Start work later.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's all you got...in fact, go from 8 hours a day of work to 6 hours a day. Start at 10, leave at 5.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: Right? Easy solution for that.

Maddox: There was a study done a while back, too, about the time that we all go to work. Uh, because we all have rush hour traffic, and that's why they call it "rush hour traffic," 'cause everyone's goin' to work at the same time. They did a study, and they found that if they staggered the time that people went to work, even just by 30%? Like you know, for some people?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: It would cut down on traffic so much. It would save millions of dollars, people would be happier...

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: Shorter work days, all these things...all these things that factor into it, and this is another one of those things. Like, we just cut it out, it's just gonna be less stress for everyone.

Dick: Stop changing the fuckin' time!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We don't need it! There's no reason to do...why do we EVER...like, why is this just accepted as a thing we all have to do the next time it rolls around?

Maddox: I'd be curious to see...I mean, they always do it on Sundays now so that it's not going to impact people's workdays as much, but I'd be curious to see the amount of...like a dollar figure on how much money and time is wasted with people missing schedules.

Dick: I got all these fuckin' stats for you, dude.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear this. (chuckling)

Dick: I got all these fuckin' stats: heart attacks increase by 25% the morning after.

Maddox: What?!?

Dick: Yeah! Heart attacks. And then they drop by a comparable amount when we skip back.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Like, you push it fo-...when you push the time...

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: The time goes backwards, everybody panics. Right? 'Cause you don't get -

Maddox: (interjects) Everybody panics. You lose an hour!

Dick: People are havin' heart attacks!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It is literally KILLING people.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Changing your fuckin' clock. As it should be.

Maddox: By wh-...you said by 25%, increase?

Dick: 25% compared to other Mondays.

Maddox: That's significant.

Sean: I'll bet you have...I'll bet you have car accidents on there, too.

Dick: I do. And...so the heart attack risk *falls* by 21% later in the year. So we're increasing heart attacks by 4% every year.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: For whatever the purpose of this dumb holiday that we do is!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, wrecks: 17% increase in traffic fatalities on Monday after the clocks spring forward.

Maddox: Wooow.

Dick: So now technically, that's moving into Daylight Savings Time, but I don't care, because this is changing the clock. Daylight Saving Time means changing the clock. Like, it... (stammers) Leave it...it doesn't matter when it is, Daylight Saving Time.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: The fact that we have to change the clock one way or the other is called "Daylight Savings Time."

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: But leave it on or not, the problem is that we fuck with the clock, and fuck with the thing that's most important to people!! Like, I'll give up sleep for sex, but I do so at a tremendous penalty for the rest of the next day.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're tryin' to stay up at night...

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: ...maybe you drank a little too much whiskey, tryin' to get to some...tryin' to get this leather... (Maddox snickers) ...to turn into somethin' more? Tryin' to get some rebar outta this leather? (Maddox laughing) You know what I'm talkin' about?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "Aohh, fuck. I'll keep at this for another couple hours."

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Eh, the old...

Dick: But the next day -

Sean: (interjects) The old whiskey dick.

Dick: (chuckles) The old whiskey...yeah.

Maddox: The old whiskey dick.

Dick: Happens to all of us.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Happens to all of us.

Maddox: WD.

Dick: Uh, airlines: costs...it costs $147 million for airlines to move...so we elongated Daylight Savings Time at one point.

Maddox: I don't remember that. Was it during our lifetime?

Dick: Me either. I th-...yeah, I think it was in...

Maddox: I mean, what...

Dick: ...2007.

Maddox: When I was a kid, none of this really mattered as much, because...I mean, it sucked to have to wake up early to go to school, or...you know, for some reason havin' extra hours.

Dick: Speaking of school, uh, observed SAT scores were 2% *lower* in areas where students had to deal with Daylight Savings Time.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Versus not. So, I guess just Arizona and Hawaii.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But that's pretty...that's pretty telling. We're making kids dumb by screwing with their sleep. (Maddox chuckles) It is making kids dumb, and it is saving a negligible or negative amount of money.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because people are running their AC longer and their gadgets and lights and shit when they get home. There you go, man.

Maddox: That's, uh...so is there a reason? In all your research, did you find a reason that people...that politicians say we're still doing this?

Dick: No! No. The reasoning given at the outset was to save money and, like, factories and manufacturing.

Maddox: It's...

Dick: However, I don't thi-

Sean: (interjects) And fuel.

Dick: Yeah, and fuel...and fuel for lighting.

Sean: Sure!

Dick: Yeah. But I -

Maddox: (interjects) Ohh, I see. So -

Sean: (interjects) Came back in World War II. We had it around the turn of the century, I think.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It was...uh, maybe around the time of World War I -

Dick: (interjects) But people said, "No, fuck you. We're not doin' it."

Sean: Yeah. It was repealed or cancelled, and then back to World War II.

Maddox: So the argument can be made that if the day...if the workday started when there's more light out, and it gets warmer sooner, it'll save money in heating and cooling costs.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Is that what the argument is?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Oookay. Yeah.

Dick: However, studies in Indiana and pla-...studies have shown -

Sean: (interjects) Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. No, you're s-...it's at the end of the day. That's what...when you spring forward, it saves it at the end of the day. You're not saving the fuel at the beginning.

Maddox: Well, if the day start-...if it starts to get warmer...like, let's say you move...you spring it forward by an hour, and then you go to work when the sun rises up, right? And then it gets warmer during the day, so you have to spend less money on heating costs, and then when you roll back an hour, it gets darker quicker.

Sean: Right.

Maddox: Right? And then you have to spend less money on cooling costs.

Dick: Mhm.

Sean: Yeah!

Maddox: So, somethin' along those lines.

Sean: I mean...

Maddox: That's the argument, right?

Sean: That makes sense.

Maddox: But it's a wash with all this other...with all these other statistics.

Dick: Oh, it's totally...and it's...even in the cases where it works...

Maddox: It's even worse, yeah!

Dick: ...it's like .18% of energy costs were saved in the middle of the country, where energy is FREE.

Sean: Yeah. It's a way bigger pain in the ass than any benefits. It doesn't even sound like there's any benefits.

Maddox: No. I used to write for a TV show on Current TV, which is...I don't even think it's around anymore, but -

Dick: (interjects) They were bought by Al Jazeera, weren't they? Somethin' like that?

Maddox: They WERE bought by Al Jazeera, yeah. I...it was Al Gore's network.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: For a long time, and they wanted me to come in and write on one of their shows for a long time, and...I wrote for them for a little while, and they had this...the show that I worked on did a segment about this, uh, this state with 3 different counties, where one was Daylight Saving Time and one was not, and then another one was also Daylight Saving Time and on the border of Central and Mountain Time. Some ridiculous thing. So in that state, you could have... (chuckles) You could have, um, 4 different time zones, depending on where in the state you were.

Dick: Great. (sarcastic) Yeah.

Maddox: So they... (laughs) So they did a whole bit where they would jump on one side of the county line and they'd be back in the future. (both cracks up) And then they would ask, like people for stock tips and things like that. It was kind of a funny segment. But it just goes to show how crazy and ridiculous things can get, especially when people...you know, choose to opt in and opt out of these, uh, these Daylight Saving Time regulations.

Dick: Yeah. $400 million is what it costs. People getting fucked u-...people's sleep schedules getting fucked up, missing work, wreckin' their cars, having...

Maddox: That's pretty significant. I think -

Dick: (interjects) $400 million? Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. That's pretty significant. That's a big -

Dick: (interjects) Each year?!

Maddox: Big chunk o' change. The only one... (chuckles) The only of those stats that I thought was not very compelling was the 2% about the SAT scores. Kinda negligible. But the rest of that stuff -

Dick: (interjects) But it's our kids!!

Maddox: Oho, that... (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Oh, my GOD.

Maddox: Oh! (dryly)

Dick: Oh m-...if it was 2% of kids getting molested, THEN you'd have a big problem with it. Right?

Maddox: It IS 2% of kids getting molested! (giggles)

Dick: By the government.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (Dick laughs) The worst kind of molestation, right Dick? (smiles)

Dick: Okay, here's, uh, here's...here's a positive, though.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: $200 million of sales of barbecues happen because of the extra month of Daylight Savings.

Maddox: Umm, how...what?? Why?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Because there's more daylight? Is that what it is?

Dick: I guess so.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: That's what the barbecue consortium says.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: They were lobbying for more Daylight Savings. (laughing)

Maddox: Oh, were they really? (grins)

Dick: Fuckin' barbecue people.

Maddox: The fuckin' barbecue people!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, Big Barbecue.

Maddox: Big Barbecue. (laughs)

Sean: Always tryin' to fuck the little guy.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Look, let's just fall back every year. Fuck leap year. No more leap year. We'll just fall back with the clocks, and every 4 years everything'll work out. Or who CARES if it doesn't work out?!? Who...why... (stammers) Why do we have to keep track of time at all?!

Maddox: So fuckin' satellites don't fall out of the sky, Dick! It's pretty important! (everyone cracks up) We need...we have to have very accurate time so that shit stays in the sky.

Dick: I don't think they have Daylight Savings. Satellites?

Maddox: Satellites?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, man. They're...ice-cold calculating machines.

Dick: We gotta...Trump's gotta get on top of this, Daylight Savings.

Maddox: Ohh, boy.

Dick: I want him to come out ver-...when we spring forward, I want his Twitter to be lit up with, "The Chinese started Daylight Saving Time."

Maddox: "I don't want Daylight Savings. It's not good, and we should kill the families of the people who invented it." (surly Trump voice)

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: That sounds like...

Dick: We should.

Maddox: That...you know, that might very well be the next Trump headline.

Dick: Good!

Maddox: Every week, some...

Dick: I would support it.

Maddox: ...jackassery comin' outta that guy's mouth. "Make America Great Again." (muttering)

Dick: Big problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Big problem! Everyone hates it!!

Maddox: Yeah! Uhh, yeah, I can't...I can't defend it. So, although...so $200 million-plus for barbecue sales.

Dick: Why would you wanna defend it?! It's horrible!

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's a pain in the ass!!

Maddox: No. There's no...there's no upside except for the barbecue thing. So you have, um, $200 million in sales in barbecues.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And then you have $400 million in costs, so it's a $200 million cost net.

Dick: Cost, yeah.

Maddox: Right. But the death thing is very -

Dick: (interjects) I don't think that $200 million in barbecue sales happens every year, though.

Sean: Well, there's gotta be other, you know, industries or businesses that benefit from it.

Dick: Who?!?

Sean: I mean...well, it's...

Maddox: Sunscreens.

Dick: Who would benefit from a random change in time??

Maddox: Sunscreen companies. How 'bout that? (smiles)

Sean: There you go!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I like it. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Beachwear companies. Skateboard shops. Oh, people w-... (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah. Well, maybe. I don't know. (muttering)

Maddox: "Hey, we got an extra hour. Let's go buy a skateboard." (giggles) You know what really sucks about this, though, Dick? And I'm surprised you didn't bring THIS up, though, is it screws with last call at bars.

Dick: I was gonna bring that up.

Maddox: When the fuck is it last call anymore? In fact, it was just Daylight Saving Time and I was at a bar, and everybody was confused! Everyone...there was a beeline at the bar for people asking them what time the la-...the cutoff is. No one knows anymore!

Dick: Well, you get an extra hour of drinking in the fall..

Maddox: Do you?!

Dick: Yeah, 'cause the clock goes backwards.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: EXCEPT, it goes backwards at like 3 P-...3 AM.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it fucks you!

Maddox: Yeeeeah!

Dick: Because it goes after last call, it ticks back.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Again, this is...every state gets to pick its own thing, whether they even wanna do it or not.

Maddox: Yeah. They do that specifically to fuck drinkers.

Sean: Is it -

Dick: (interjects) Fuckin' Schwarzenegger should've fixed this when he was in office. That son of a bitch. (under his breath)

Sean: Is it Lake Tahoe? That, uh...where it goes from Pacific Time to Mountain Time and there's bars on both sides, and people on the later side go back over to the California side?

Dick: Wow.

Sean: To drink an extra hour?

Dick: I didn't know that happens.

Maddox: Oh, I heard somethin' like that.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hmm. (shrugging)

Maddox: Huh! Interesting problem, Dick.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Good problem.

Dick: I got some graphs and some stats. Did a pretty good job.

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: On this one.

Maddox: I really liked it, and you even found some counterarguments to your own argument! Holy shit! (grins)

Dick: Yeah, that was dumb. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Oh, the GOLF industry says that the additional month of daylight has meant another $400 million in revenue. So, golfers and barbecue salesmen. That's who this helps.

Sean: Yeah, 'cause you can play...you can play longer later before it gets dark.

Dick: Oh, God. Fuck...fuck these people.

Maddox: Okay. Guys, I got the real biggest problem in the universe, and this may be exacerbated by Daylight Savings Time. I don't know.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Slippery slopes!

Sean: Mmm. (in background)

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Slip and fall. This is a big problem.

Maddox: Guys, they're murder on your back, am I right? (laughs to himself)

Dick: What? (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Slippery slopes! They're murder on your back!

Dick: Oh. Yeah, yeah, yeah. (Maddox giggles more) (Sean groans)

Maddox: There are types of slippery slopes, guys. There are, um -

Sean: (interjects) Can we do that again?

Maddox: What's...? (giggles) You wanna... (inaudible)

Sean: That joke.

Dick: No, he was kidding.

Sean: I'm being an asshole.

Maddox: Yeah. (grumbles) That's new. Alright. (laughs with Sean) Guys, lots of things make floors slippery, like oil, huh? Food...food spillage? Wa-

Dick: (interjects) Wait, do you mean literally slippery slopes?

Maddox: Well, those are problems.

Dick: Okay. (Maddox giggles to himself again)

Sean: That's...I...that's not what I thought he meant either.

Dick: God dammit. No, me either.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Water, ice; these are all things that make floors slippery!

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: But the worst kind of slippery slope is a rhetorical one.

Sean: Oh, okay.

Dick: Yeah. (muttering)

Maddox: Ehh? (smug)

Sean: Goooood.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) Am I right? **(applause sound effect)** Yeeeeah. Rheto-

Dick: (interjects) I hate these fully. (Maddox laughs) I hate these...these things.

Maddox: Why do you hate these...these things?

Dick: Anytime someone online brings up, like, "That's a fallacious something," I'm like, "Oh, fuck you."

Maddox: Why?

Dick: "Go...go eat them."

Maddox: Why?? Why do you...? Why -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you knew what they...either you knew what they were trying to say or you didn't. I think people abuse it. They're like, "Oh, slippery slope! Slippery slope!" Like, "So what? Is it necessarily bad that it's a slippery slope? Do you know what he's trying to say?" It's fuckin' t-...it's hard to have an argument in 140 characters.

Maddox: Well, yeah. Twitter's...Twitter's a shitty format to have any kind of conversation or debate. I hate talking on Twitter.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But when you're arguing with someone and they make a fallacy, especially a slippery slope one...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...eh, things can get really...really dangerous. And by the way, I just did a quick Google News search on the words "slippery slope," and there are SO many headlines across the country of both political sides blaming each other...

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: ...for making slippery slope arguments. One of the biggest problems with slippery slope arguments -

Dick: (interjects) Do you wanna define what it is first?

Maddox: Yeah, let's define it. Good...

Dick: I didn't wanna derail your thing. It just annoys me.

Maddox: No, that's a good call. Um, this is from the website Nizkor.org. It's the...it's one of the first links that come up when you search for it. It says, "The Slippery Slope is a fallacy in which a person asserts that some event must inevitably follow from another without any argument for the inevitability of the event in question."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And this is from YourLogicalFallacyIs.com. This is a fun website. It's really snarky. When someone makes a logical fallacy, you just send them, "Hey, your logical fallacy is: Slippery Slope."

Dick: Oh, this is exactly why I hate them.

Maddox: Oh, it's so much fun. (grins) (Dick laughs) It's so much fun. Listen to this one. This is from that website. It says, "The problem with this reasoning is that it avoids engaging with the issue at hand, and instead shifts attention to extreme hypotheticals. Because no proof is presented to show that such extreme hypotheticals will in fact occur, this fallacy has the form of an appeal to emotion fallacy by leveraging fear. In effect, the argument at hand is unfairly tainted by unsubstantiated conjecture."

Dick: Mhmm. (wearily)

Maddox: That's what it comes down to. And the important key here is an EXTREME hypothetical. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So if something...you're afraid of something happening because of some extreme outcome. And one of the classic examples we have that, uh, in politics today, is about gay marriage. Well, I mean, that debate is settled now. (Dick cackles)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But -

Dick: (interjects) What is the...what is the slippery slope fallacy for gay marriage?

Sean: Farm animals are next.

Maddox: Yeah, exactly!

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: That's what it is, Sean!

Dick: You marry farm animals?

Sean: Just...marry everything!

Dick: Kids will get turned gay?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah?

Sean: It rubs off. You didn't know that?

Dick: I don't know. Does it??

Maddox: Big Gayness?

Sean: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, it doesn't rub off. (scoffing)

Sean: No, that's what...I've heard you can catch it in the air.

Dick: Even a little bit?

Maddox: You can catch... (cracks up)

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: A little...I mean, you can rub a gay...a gay person.

Dick: Off.

Maddox: Is that what...? Off? Yeah, you can...

Dick: Yeah. (grins) (Maddox giggles)

Sean: I'm so sorry I said that.

Maddox: Yeah. We're gettin' a lot of soundbites from this one.

Dick: You don't think there's a kid who would maybe see it and go, "Oh, I'd give that a shot"? (Sean snickers)

Maddox: Uh, I... (stammers) I have a friend who was curious as to -

Dick: (interjects) Oh boy, here we go.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: "I've got a FRIEND...who was really curious about rubbing a gay guy off."

Maddox: It was a guy I know. (grinning) (Dick giggles) No, but for real, this friend of mine, uh, was really open-minded about his sexuality, and he thought, "Well, I might...maybe I'll...maybe I'm gay!"

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: "Maybe I'm, uh..." You know, and he decided to -

Dick: (interjects) Question everything! That's critical thinking, right? (Maddox laughs) Every straight guy who follows this show should be blowing guys every once in a while. (grins) Maybe they're gay!!

Maddox: You gotta know for sure! (Dick guffaws) Only one way to find... (laughs)

Dick: That's the straightest thing you can do, is suck a guy off...

Maddox: Suck a g-... (cracks up)

Dick: ...and then keep being straight.

Maddox: Yeah!! Oh, that's a fu-...that's a fuckin' fact. (Dick cackles) **('ding!' sound effect)** That's the...that's the TRUTH. (giggles)

Dick: Line 'em up!

Maddox: If you blow a dick... (Dick laughs) ...and you're straight after that?

Dick: You are straight.

Maddox: You are STRAIGHT. You're the s-...

Dick: You're straight. (grinning)

Maddox: You're straighter than any straight dude who's NOT blown a dick, for sure.

Dick: Yeah! (Sean giggles in the background) (Maddox cracks up) That's true!!

(brief silence as Maddox can't stop laughing)

Maddox: Uh... (guffaws) So I have this friend who said, uh...one day he said, "You know what? I don't know if I..." He said, "I'm...I've always FELT straight, but maybe I'm gay. I don't know!" (Dick giggles hysterically) And he decided...yeah. He decided to...

Dick: You have weird friends!! (squeaking)

Maddox: ...look at gay pornography.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay? And, which -

Dick: (interjects) Then he's gay.

Maddox: You know, uh... (Dick laughs) You know...yeah, and he looked at gay pornography, and then he also decided to try to masturbate to it. (Dick chuckles uncomfortably) And he said he couldn't, and he said, "That's when I knew I was straight." I'm like, "Wha-..." (breaks down laughing) Well! Well, that's a really weird way to go about -

Dick: (interjects) So does that...does that mean...? Yeah, if he would've...if he would've been able to masturbate to gay pornography, would he have started dating guys?

Maddox: I don't know. I think he was -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause that's... (chuckling)

Maddox: I think he w-

Dick: (interjects) That's a big leap!

Maddox: I think he was also going about it wrong. I don't think you sh-

Dick: (interjects) Masturbating?

Maddox: Well, a lot of things.

Dick: Okay, like what?

Maddox: Well, first of all...

Sean: (interjects) You think you've gotta go the full pull? (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: What...what do you mean, Sean??

Dick: What does THAT mean?

Sean: I mean, like with...with a real person?

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah! Trying to kiss a guy is less gay than looking at gay porn and trying to masturbate to it. Like, wouldn't that be -

Maddox: (interjects) Is *less* gay?! Or more g-...it's more gay.

Sean: I will say this.

Dick: I don't know!!

Sean: He wasn't afraid to find out.

Maddox: Yeah, he wasn't afraid to find out. He's definitely not a homophobe, so there's that.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: You know? He's, like, gettin' up in there.

Dick: Yeah. He gets...

Maddox: He's, like...he's watchin' it!

Dick: Okay. (shrugging)

Maddox: That's pretty deep...that's pretty deep gay territory. Actually, the first gay...the first porn I ever watched was gay. Lesbians!

Dick: Lesbians.

Maddox: Yeeeah!

Dick: Yeah. (hesitant)

Maddox: Couple o' gay-ass lesbians... (snickers) ...scissoring! (giggles) It was so cool. Anyway, um...oh! It was, uh, "Sex-Starved Fuck Sluts 13." That was the p-... (breaks down laughing)

Dick: Oh my GOODNESS.

Maddox: That was the first...one of the first pornos that my friends and I all chipped in to buy. Um, anyway! So, he...you kn-...there's a real simple test if you're gay.

Dick: (interjects) "Chipped in to buy." So you shared this with everybody?

Maddox: Eh, yeah, I...yeah.

Dick: Did you watch it together?

Maddox: Uh, the first...yeah, the first time. Yeah.

Dick: I've never done...I don't think I've ever done that. Watched porn with a guy?

Maddox: Yeah, it's a really weird f-...yeah, it's really weird for a lot of people to hear that, uh, that I've watched porn with my guy friends, 'cause they all think that we have to sit there with boners and rubbin' one out. I'm like, "No, we're not getting boners!"

Dick: Well, wait a minute. You're not getting boners??

Maddox: No, I wasn't gettin' a boner! I wasn't sittin' there with a hard-on watchin' this thing, and...

Dick: Why are you watchin' it, then?

Maddox: It's...hilarious and fun.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: And then boobs. Like, there's a lot of reasons to watch porn. Sometimes it's just on in the background! Got a couple of pornos goin'. What?

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah! (Dick snickers)

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: We used to have our "Corn-and-Porn Wednesdays." That wa-... (laughs)

Dick: And you'd watch porn with your friends?

Maddox: Yeah! We'd get soup and then watch porn! It was... (laughs with Sean)

Dick: I think that would make me very uncomfortable. Like, I don't want my porn sweats coming out and getting...and my pheromones soaking into the air, and then Sean's touching them, with...like, walking through a mist of my musk. This...this all sounds disgusting!

Sean: Can just hear **Maddox:** "MOM!!! MY SPAGHETTI-O'S!" (Maddox and Dick laugh) "And my pornography!!" (more giggling)

Maddox: You make it sound like it's so weird, but it's not THAT. It was at my friend's house, and his parents were out of town. We just watched pornos!

Dick: Just throw on some porn! (smiles)

Maddox: (stammers) We'd make, uh...it was the "Corn-and-Porn Wednesdays," and we would go to the grocery store, the Food 4 Less. We'd buy...I'd buy a can of stew, or some corn...and some corn...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I'd put the corn in the stew, I'd have some soup, and we'd watch porn! It was, like, a thing. We just...

Dick: Yeeeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Soup would also be the last food I would eat.

Maddox: Eh, I was hungry.

Dick: With...okay.

Maddox: I really like soup!

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Yeah. Back then, I ate soup a lot. Anyway. So back to slippery slopes. (both laugh) I got so many stories about this porn thing. Alright. Um...so the problem is, it's a barrier to action. A slippery slope, right? Because you can't solve problems until you overcome ideological hurdles, and one of them that stop progress dead in its tracks is the fear that acknowledging a point in a debate or allowing something to happen will necessarily lead to some other possible outcome. And the gay marriage one we talked about, which is...you know, it might lead to people marrying animals, their parents, their cars, or bologna, or whatever the fuck people say. The people... (Dick giggles) Yeah.

Dick: Bologna?!

Maddox: Whatever. You know, people are afraid someone's gonna marry...which, again, who cares?

Dick: What would be wrong with that?

Maddox: Yeah, exactly.

Dick: Marry some bologna!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No big deal.

Maddox: "Oh, it hurts the sanctity of marriage, and then..." (idiot voice) I don't know what then.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then what? Gay people are getting married. Are straight divorces goin' through the roof? They can't go any higher...much higher, before it's past the 50% tipping point!

Dick: Straight divorces?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I think they're past that. 50%? In young people? Definitely.

Maddox: I...actually, last I heard, about 51%. Just on average?

Sean: I can't remember who said it. I think it was...it was a comedian. He said, like, if you're a hardcore Christian and you're completely against gay marriage, he said, "You have nothing to worry about. Like, God's not gonna let 'em in." (Maddox snickers) You know? Like, he's...

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: You're not gettin' into heaven! Don't worry about it.

Maddox: I argued for a Defense of Marriage activist. Like, you know those DOMA people?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Defense of Marriage Act? I argued with them. I said, "Hey, um, if you're worried about protecting marriage, why don't you try...why aren't you lobbying to ban divorce?" Right? 'Cause that'll... (chuckles) That'll save a lot more marriages than...um, than allowing gay people to get married.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No answer to...no answer to that. (Dick shrugs) They're like, "Oh yeah, we're tryin' that too, but first let's just try to ban gay marriage.

Dick: Well, yeah, 'cause it's about gay marriage.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, so in most...this is, uh...this is, again, from Nizkor. It says, "In most cases, there are a series of steps or gradations between one event and the one in question and no reason is given as to why the intervening steps or gradations will simply be bypassed. The 'argument' has the following form: if X has occurred, or MIGHT occur," right? "Y will inevitably happen." And Y is usually some extreme...position. Right? Like...

Sean: Yeah. They don't acknowledge any of the bumps in the road going down, or the slope.

Maddox: No.

Sean: There's no roadblocks. No pushback from any other group or anything.

Maddox: No. It's, um…it's actually the root cause of a lot of fear-mongering online. People…use this for fear-mongering. Like, if we let people do…I dunno. If we let…if we let them…(sighs) Like, well…(stammers) you know, not to get political again, but…

Dick: Uh-oh. (giggles) What?

Maddox: No, but the…the re…the refugee argument, or even, like, terrorist argument, you know, if you want to…it's kind of, like, fear-mongering to scare people about a certain group of people, right?

Dick: Yeaah. (skeptical)

Maddox: If…whatever that group may be. In w…in the fifties, it was Japanese people around World War II. We can't let them in our country, they're the enemy, right?

Sean: Well, it was…it was communists in the fifties, and Japanese people in the forties.

Dick: Oh, let's not do politics. Is there any other slippery slope fallacy, or is it just all politics?

Sean: Guns. Gun control.

Dick: Guns are pretty political. (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would say.

Sean: Well…

Maddox: Well, it…it comes up a lot in political debates, and this is the problem, because it shuts down the conversation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, for real, this is what's shutting down the conversation, is slippery slope arguments like this. Like, um…yeah. Guns is a big one. 'Cause the…'cause people…gun advocates don't want to give an inch, because they're afraid you'll take a mile.

Dick: Well, that's true.

Sean: They're afraid that government stormtroopers will kick down your door.

Maddox: (giggles) Well, there you go.

Dick: Yeah!! I…it is true, like, the…

Maddox: Why is it necessarily true, Dick?

Sean: It just reverts to Nazi Germany immediately.

Dick: Because everyone's a crazy asshole.

Maddox: Mmmm. (skeptical)

Dick: Like, everyone's out there trying to make a name for themselves and scaring the shit out of everyone.

Sean: I think they're almost by definition political.

Dick: It's a huge problem.

Sean: Because there's always a group pushing it.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: That fear, or whatever. So I don't think that happens without it being political, to some extent.

Maddox: So there's an argument…there's this article on this website called http://www.registerguard.org. I don't even think it's a news website. But it says, **"Zero tolerance on hate speech is a slippery slope."** And that's kind of an interesting… position to take.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What do you think about hate speech?

Dick: I hate it!

Maddox: (giggles) GOOD! Done. Moving on.

Dick: Hate speech? Like…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: Well, hate speech. Like, uh…

Dick: Gimme…gimme, like, fice or six examples of hate speech. (giggles)

Maddox: Oh, no problem. (Dick guffaws) I can rattle of TWENTY right here, buddy!

Dick: Yeah? (grins) Like Chinese people are too good at math? Would that be an example of hate speech?

Maddox: That is a stereotype. Uh, no. Hate speech would probably…would be more along the lines of insightful, like, "We should kill all gay people." "We should…we should export Chinese immigrants…or Vietnamese…" This…that would be, like, borderline…

Dick: That's hate speech?

Maddox: I think so. It's…it's…

Dick: I dunno. I have a tough time with all these, like, thought crimes.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Like, if you're inciting violence, there's already laws…

Maddox: Inciting violence.

Dick: There's already in…laws protecting that. Like, there's already laws about that.

Sean: Well, historically…

Dick: You don't need their motives. Called into question.

Sean: Sorry.

Dick: It's okay, what? Historically what?

Sean: Historically you'd have the, uh…like, the Christians would put on the, uh…I think they're called passion plays, to incite violence against the Jews?

Dick: Yeaah!!

Sean: Passion of the Christ is based on one of those.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I looked up the…the definition of hate speech awhile back, too, and it's not…it's kind of, like, a murky area legally, but, uh…

Dick: Yeah, I don't like that.

Maddox: But, it…(stammer) it ultimately comes down to this. If you are inciting, uh… inciting some kind of violence or violent action, or um, some kind of, uh…um…response towards a large group of people. You're stereotyping them, a large group of people. That would be…that would be considered more or less hate speech. And…

Dick: (interjects) But what about the Iron Sheik? He was…that was awesome. He was awesome stereotype.

Maddox: Uh……pfff. (giggles)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: I…I'm sure everybody agrees with that.

Dick: Yeah! He was great!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Come on.

Maddox: Oh, it's interesting. I read this sociological article about wrestling and how it reflects our times…(Dick giggles) and how…every…in every era of wrestling.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No matter who our political enemy is perceived to be…they always t…drum up an enemy in wrestling…

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: Who represents that political enemy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like..

Sean: (interjects) Who is it now, Captain Safe Space?

Maddox: (laughs) It should be!

Dick: Oh, man! That would be GREAT!!

Sean: Is he the champion?

Maddox: That'd be incredible. It's, uh…yeah. In South Park it's…it's, uh, Reali-Tee. What's his name?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know. That…that episode they did. Um, anyway. This is from this article at the http://www.registerguard.org. It says, **"Zero tolerance on hate speech is a slippery slope."** And I don't know what exactly that means, because he didn't give any examples of tolerable hate speech. Uh, because I don't know…I don't know! This is kind of, like, one of those areas. What should you tolerate when it comes to hate speech? It says, **"It's gotten to the point where even admiration for non-European culture is denounced as bigoted if that admiration blossoms into so-called 'cultural appropriation'. Ethnic food fads are denounced for their insensitivity. Recently, the website http://www.everydayfeminism.com offered the Feminist Guide to Being a Foodie Without Being Culturally Appropriative."**

Dick: No eating sausages? Stuff like that? In this foodie guide?

Maddox: Uh, no, well…there was this article that, uh..that went out recently about how there's this college campus that banned yoga. They banned this yoga…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, I saw that.

Maddox: (giggles) This yoga class because they felt like it was culturally appropriating someone else's culture.

Dick: Yeah, I hate that shit.

Maddox: And whitewashing it…

Dick: (interjects) I was gonna bring that in after Burning Man, 'cause, like, there was always a big stink about people wearing headdresses as feathers, 'cause it's culturally appropriating Native American headwear, or something?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um…man, I…I don't care if people are offended by their culture getting appropriated. I guess that's part of it.

Sean: I think we've gone WAY overboard with the political correctness.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, me too. But this isn't political correctness.

Sean: Mmmmmmyeah, it kinda…

Dick: This is a slippery slope.

Maddox: It…it is.

Dick: Oh, it is?

Maddox: This is where you get in…yeah.

Sean: It's…it's intertwined.

Maddox: Yeah, it's intertwined. 'Cause this guy says here, um…this is something I notice. It happens generally more with…with the left. When…when they start to…criticize people as being blanketed…blanket bigots. And being, um…the most extreme version of whatever they're saying.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like, if someone says something that may be perceived as prejudiced, you just jump to the ultimate conclusion, which, ultimately, is Hitler. You're…(giggles) you're…(stammers) it's only a matter of time before Hitler comes up in that conversation.

Dick: You should start there from now on.

Maddox: Start with Hitler?

Dick: Every argument, just start with "You're Hitler. Here's why."

Maddox: (giggles) You're Hitler.

Dick: "Here's why." First of all, we had Chinese food yesterday. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: But it…it goes on…

Dick: (interjects) Hitler fed the Jews the same thing every day. Nothing.

Maddox: Oh, that's…that's true. That's a bad meal.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (giggles) It's…it goes both ways, though. Because on…on the…the, uh…the far right, too, there are all sorts of banners and memes, and things floating around on the Internet, of Obama, Photoshopped as Hitler.

Dick: Well, he is Hitler.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (giggles)

Dick: Obama definitely is Hitler.

Maddox: There you go. Obama definitely is Hitler. George Bush was Hitler. George W. Bush…CLINTON was Hitler. Everyone's Hitler!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Hitler.

Dick: Isn't that more…that's way more fun political theater.

Maddox: Oh…I can't…

Dick: Than not…than trying to avoid Hitler.

Maddox: I can't wait. If…if Hilary gets elected, you…(stammers) I…I'm going to count down the number of seconds it's gonna take before someone makes a Hitlary campaign, or Hitlary pun.

Dick: Oh, it already exists.

Maddox: They're gonna have a hayday with that name. Hmm?

Dick: That definitely already exists.

Maddox: Hitlary?

Dick: Then you could be Super Hitler. Then they're gonna have to come up with a bigger Hitler.

Maddox: Like Robo Hitler.

Dick: For Hilary. Yeah.

Maddox: MECHA HITLER!! (Dick giggles) (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: That's the entire dialogue. Just Hitler comparisons.

Maddox: Just Hitler. Yeah.

Dick: It's perfect.

Maddox: Yeah! So anyway, this article goes on. He says, **"By all means, we need more civilized confidence, but demonstrating it only to denounce partisan opponents isn't confidence at all."** What he's talking about, this, uh…this slippery slope thing. Um, it goes on both sides, but, uh…lately, it's been politically more…more liberals and the left accusing…like, using these slippery slope fallacies.

Dick: Gotta have their sp…their safe spaces. Eh?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Captain Safe Space. Can't survive. People challenging his ideas.

Maddox: Even Obama came out to denounce that, um…here's what I'm tired of. I'm tired of people…getting offended for other people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…that needs to stop. Like…look, man. You think that, uh…it's bad to have a Native American costume for Halloween?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Great. You're not Native American. Shut the fuck up.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Let's hear from the Native Americans. 'Cause guess what? Not all of 'em may share your opinions. I have a number of friends who are Chinese or Japanese…

Dick: Okay. (grins) Said every racist, ever. (they crack up) Then what?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: And then?

Maddox: And then…

Sean: Some of my best friends are…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Um, no. But I have a number of friends who are Chinese and Japanese, and… when there was that big uproar. I think it was last year, when they said kimonos, (goofy voice) were, like, the big naughty thing you shouldn't wear anymore, because it's culturally appropriating…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's insensitive, bla, bla, bla. I asked some of my Japanese friends, I'm like, "Do you care about this?" And they said, "No, it's kind of flattering that people would want to dress up as…in this Japanese…garb."

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And it…they don't speak for all Japanese people, but neither do the ones who are offended.

Dick: Well, we need the Emperor of all Japanese people to call in.

Maddox: Yeah. We had the Emperor of all White people.

Dick: And give us the official position. I don't…is that slippery slope, though? You got a lot of things mixed together in this one. 'Cause that seems like outrage porn. A lot of it seems like outrage porn. Like, people are just drumming up headlines.

Maddox: Well, the only reason that that could potentially be a problem is if…you know, the slippery slope argument there is, well, it's racist and it may lead to more racism. Uh…may lead to some racist extreme example.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Uh, but there's a lot of slippery slope arguments. I mean, you know, the gun debate's another one. Abortion. Uh, we allow abortion in this country. Why can't we just kill anyone? And then they justify…

Dick: It's a good question! Let's start doing that.

Maddox: (scoffs) Sure.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Retroactive abortions!

Dick: Yeah. It's a great idea. (grins)

Maddox: I…that's part of the regressive…

Dick: (interjects) Non-voluntary euthanasia!

Maddox: Yeah, that's part of the regressive platform! I suggested that. Up to the age of 18. I think 18's the cut-off point.

Sean: There you go.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a good age to abort someone. Up..up to 18, of course. I'm not a monster. Anyway, that's my…(giggles) That's my problem. Slippery slopes. Slippery slopes.

Dick: Hey, well…this, uh..episode is brought to you by..(Maddox cracks up) Casper. Get $50 toward any mattress purchase by visiting http://www.casper.com/biggest and using promo code BIGGEST. Casper is an online retailer of premium mattresses for a fraction of the price. We've had a lot of fans buy Casper.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. They…gotta send the reviews in though, guys.

Maddox: Yeah! Tweet…

Dick: (interjects) Tell me what you think about it! I don't wanna know that you bought it. I know the ads are good. I know the product is good, according to Maddox, at least.

Maddox: I love it.

Dick: Send in your reviews, for God's sake.

Maddox: Send it to…not just us, but also tweet it at Casper, because they read all these tweets! They actually…

Dick: (interjects) I want a whole review. I want a whole review. Go ahead.

Maddox: It's a small company. They actually…they do pay attention to the feedback they get. They care a lot about their product and the customer service is really good, and uh, you know. They'll take care of you.

Dick: Speaking of small. The PRICES are so small, you can barely see them!! (Sean cackles) (Maddox chuckles) Mattresses can often cost well over 1500 bucks, but Casper mattresses cost between $500 for a twin size mattress, $600 for a twin XL, hmm hmm. (snarky) $750 for a full-size, $850 for queen size, and $950 for a king-size mattress. I bought my mattress…the mattress I have now at a mattress store…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, for, like, 2 grand. Upwards of 2 grand? And I am…man. I am not satisfied with it, after several months of being on it? It's digging into my back. It's horribly uncomfortable.

Maddox: Do you have springs in it?

Dick: I dunno what's in it. What am I, a mattress engineer?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, no.

Dick: I dunno what they put in it. It's digging into my back, whatever it is, and it, like, slopes in the middle!

Maddox: Oh, you got a slope already?!

Dick: Oh, I got a slope already!! Right?!

Maddox: Ugh.

Sean: It's amazing how quick that happens.

Dick: Yeah, it sucks!

Sean: Even with expensive mattresses.

Maddox: Do you…and then you have to rotate them every…what, month is it, now?

Dick: I dunno.

Sean: Yeah, see? Yours won't do that.

Maddox: No. I haven't had that problem at all, and I sleep in the same exact spot INTENTIONALLY! Trying to see how…how resilient this mattress is, and it's fucking resilient, man!

Dick: Mattress is made in America. How about that?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Risk-free trial and return policy. Try sleeping on a Casper for 100 days with free delivery and painless returns.

Maddox: 100 days?!

Dick: And it comes in a box! It will explode out of the box. It will blow your mind.

Maddox: So cool! Post your videos on…I…I wish I recorded that. I dunno why I didn't have the foresight to record this cool…I didn't think it would that cool! And also, part of me didn't believe it would actually inflate into a king-sized mattress! I was like, "There's no fuckin' way!"

Dick: How big was it when it arrived?

Maddox: It was the size of…I would say, like, three printers on top of each other.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So it was a good-sized box.

Dick: Alright. Check 'em out.

Maddox: You could put…if you curled up into a fetal position, you could probably get inside this box.

Dick: Hmm. Weird.

Maddox: A skinny guy. A skinny guy could.

Dick: Like Charles Manson.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. You ready for my next problem?

Maddox: Like Charles Manson. (giggles)

Dick: Walking. I got a lot of flak last week…

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: When my life coach and I couldn't get to the gun range…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Because we were foiled by two miles of dirt road.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: I talked to him afterwards. After getting all the flak online, I…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: …texted him, like, "Hey, can you check the map for me? Uh, I really hope it was more than two miles, 'cause a lot of these comments are saying, "Hey Dick, why didn't you just walk?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And…I…have to admit that that did not occur to me. We just…sat in the car…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Trying to use our cell phones and our devices to alert…to send out the virtual flare. The "Help Me" signal.

Maddox: Couple of goofy idiots!

Dick: Yeah. So I said, "Hey buddy, check that map. It's gotta have been, like, 5 miles. I wanna go into the podcast saying it was, like, 5 miles, 10 miles, something like that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you c…you're not walking 10 miles.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Right, to shoot guns? And he's like, "Got it, got it, got it." So he texts me back, "Hey, I checked the map. It was….almost 1 mile." (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT. It can't be that much off the road, 'cause there isn't even…that much LAND anywhere in LA.

Dick: Uh, it wasn't in LA, it was in Corona. I'm PROUD of the fact that we did not think of walking.

Maddox: (scoffs) Why?!

Dick: Walking is something that savage apes do.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay.

Dick: Walking is something that babies do.

Maddox: Vote up monkeys!

(Sound effect: Monkeys hooting)

Dick: And they get congratulated on it. Walking is…walking is for primitive people. When I see food, I don't start stabbing at it with my hands, right?

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: Because that's…that's disgusting.

Maddox: Hokay.

Dick: That should be looked down upon. I look for a fork.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: And if I don't find a fork, I wait a little bit.

Maddox: The civilized Dick, yeah.

Dick: I don't star…yes. I don't start shoveling mashed potatoes into my…or cereal.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Into my mouth.

Maddox: Ooooooohhh. Mhmm.

Dick: Right? Or soup, in your case?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't…what are you gonna, start digging, sucking it out of the bowl?

Maddox: I use a…

Dick: With your porn on in the background? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I use…I use a spoon or a ladle. Unless you're drinking miso soup, then yeah, you just sip it right out of the bowl.

Dick: I don't walk.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: Walking is just basically falling down.

Maddox: Um….

Dick: And st…and failing at that.

Maddox: Uh, hmm.

Dick: Alright? That's how you walk!

Maddox: That's a really…

Dick: You lean forward, and you're falling, and you use your feet to catch yourself falling! It's constant failure.

Maddox: Uhhhhh, hmmm.

Dick: You think about that! Imagine walking! What do you do?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: You don't…you're not moving around like a Gumby. Like, sliding around. You're leaning forward and then catching yourself as you fall.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (struggling)

Dick: That's embarrassing. You should be embarrassed walking, period.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's why we didn't walk. And I'm proud of it.

Maddox: 'Cause you're…embarrassed walking.

Dick: 'Cause I'm embarrassed by it.

Maddox: You walk all the time. You walked into the studio.

Dick: I would drive from bed to the bathroom if I could.

Maddox: Yeah. I would too, if I had a segway.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'd get on…(giggles)

Dick: Okay? That's the future.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll take Elon Musk's little…stupid tube around.

Maddox: But if I didn't have a segway and I had…uh, I was in my bedroom, and I had a shitload of guns on me…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I was really excited…

Dick: Tell me more. Yeah.

Maddox: (giggles) And I was really excited, and I put in all this time and effort and preparation, and sent email back and forth, and watched a bunch of Trump videos to pump myself up…

Dick: Great, yessss. Yeah!!

Maddox: To go shooting in my bathroom…

Dick: Let's do it.

Maddox: Or wherever.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I would walk.

Dick: You would walk?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Man, I dunno.

Maddox: It's the cost of admission, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, well. (grins)

Maddox: For using your…I know Mr. Leg Day over here.

Dick: You know who else walks?

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: People with AIDS. (Maddox giggles) AIDS walk. (Sean laughs, disgusted) AIDS walks happen all the time.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Well, the majority…

Dick: (interjects) You know? Come on.

Maddox: …of the people who walk in AIDS walks don't have AIDS, Dick.

Dick: Is that true? We don't know that for sure!

Maddox: Yes. We d…(giggles)

Dick: You gotta get tested. Get tested, everybody. (Maddox giggles) Make sure. (Sean giggles) You know who else walked?

Maddox: Wha?

Dick: Famous for walking? Forrest Gump. A retarded guy.

Maddox: (scoffs) Uh…

Dick: Right?! (Maddox giggles) That's who walks.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Not me. I don't walk.

Maddox: There was the Million Man walk, right? The Million Man March?

Dick: No, they marched. They marched.

Maddox: They marched. (giggles) You're okay with marching!?

Dick: Military marches?! Oh, I woulda marched up there with all those guns so fast!!

Maddox: Yeah. That's true. You do goose step a lot.

Dick: Marching is fine.

Maddox: Yeah, you do goose step a lot, Hitler! Hitler!! (giggles)

Dick: You know who else? You know who walks?

Maddox: Who?

Dick: Dogs.

Maddox: Ugh, I don't like dogs.

Dick: Dogs all have to go for a walk. You don't like dogs.

Maddox: No. I…no, man. Oh, man. I got a new fucking dog problem, it's coming in. But yeah, dogs do walk, and so do their owners. You like dogs, though!!

Dick: I love dogs.

Maddox: Why? They walk!! They walk more than anyone.

Dick: I don't like them because they walk. I don't like that.

Maddox: You like them in spite of their walking.

Dick: I want that…yes. I wanna hook them up to a drone and send the drone on the walk.

Maddox: You know, I saw this video of a cat…there was…someone was trying to get a cat to exercise by putting it on a treadmill…

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: And the cat just sat down. And then…fell off. And they kept picking it up and holding it there, to the point where its legs were, like, hitting the treadmill, just let it drag… (giggles)

Dick: Kay. Funny. I like that. (they giggle)

Maddox: The cat just let its legs drag…and they kept putting it on the treadmill, cat would just keep falling off. Cats refuse to walk.

Dick: Michael Jackson. Famous for moonwalking.

Maddox: Moonwalking. That's cool.

Dick: Pedophile. Right? (Maddox and Sean laugh) I don't wanna be in that…I don't wanna…

Maddox: Alleged.

Dick: I don't wanna be…yeah. Alleged. Right. Right, of course.

Maddox: Alleged. I know people who stayed at the…um, the Neverland Ranch.

Dick: How old were they?

Maddox: They were children, and they didn't get molested.

Dick: Wait, are you serious?

Maddox: Yeah. For real. I know…I know kids who…they're grown-up now. They're in their mid-20s, but they…they stayed at the Neverland Ranch, and they said Michael Jackson was a total gentleman.

Dick: How did that happen?

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Total gentle…(giggles)

Maddox: I don't wanna give away who…who it is. It's like, you know, kind of a big…

Dick: It's Asterios. I knew it.

Maddox: It's no…(giggles)

Dick: It's Asterios Kokkinos!

Maddox: It's not…I'm not…

Dick: That explains a lot.

Maddox: I'm not speculating about any Asterios molestations that may have happened, but…no. This is, um…it's somebody who's a celebrity now and was a celebrity then. I don't wanna talk about it. I…I don't wanna gi…I don't wanna say who it is. But…

Dick: Well, you didn't need to say the celebrity part! Now that…that makes it even more exciting! (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: I can't…I'm not gonna…I'm not actually gonna say who it is. But…(stammers) I do know…

Dick: It is a man?

Maddox: Uh…ye…(stammers) two…two different people.

Dick: Two DIFFERENT people!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's not Macauley Culkin.

Dick: Is it Macauley Culkin?

Maddox: It's not…it's not Macauley Culkin. That's all I'm gonna say!

Dick: Oh, good guess. Good guess.

Sean: No, he was there. He testified, like, in Jackson's favor, a lot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, good.

Sean: He said, "No, no. I spent tons of time there, and nothing ever happened."

Maddox: Yeah. Nothing ever happened. I dunno. Anyway. So…so…so that's…we'll put that in the "maybe" column, Dick. Moonwalking, still cool.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And not nece…you're not necessarily a molester if you moonwalk.

Dick: The Hollywood Walk of Fame. A big…joke.

Maddox: (sighs) That is a big joke, yeah.

Dick: Tourist trap. It's a big joke.

Maddox: Yeah. Yep.

Dick: I don't walk.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Okay? Nobody should walk.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Drive everywhere. If you can't get somewhere with your car, not worth seeing. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Machu Picchu. Stupid. (Sean cracks up) I've seen it 10 million times on Tinder, don't need to see it.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Well, it is annoying seeing it on Tinder all the time.

Dick: If you can't get there in a car…not worth seeing.

Maddox: Hmm. Okay.

Dick: Great Barrier Reef. Who cares? Seen Finding Nemo. No big deal. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah, well. Finding Nemo was computer-generated, Dick.

Dick: Probably is better than the original.

Maddox: Yeah, you got that…you got me there, actually. (giggles) It probably is.

Dick: Yeah. Mhmm.

Maddox: The original does take a lot of effort.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But, um…here's the thing, Dick. You can get to the Great Barrier Reef without walking. Someone can just take you in a helicopter and lower you with a crane into the ocean with your snorkel on.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Just above sea...you know? You just look around?

Dick: Good point. Good point.

Maddox: Right? Okay?

Dick: Yep.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Then you have to take Great Barrier Reef off…I'm gonna see if you scratched that off.

Dick: I didn't even write…I just came up with that off the top of my head. I'll scratch something off, though.

Maddox: There you go. (chuckles)

Dick: In Africa alone, women spend 40 billion hours a year…this is true. Walking for water.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh.

Dick: Walking for water!

Maddox: Their legs!

Dick: Ret…ridiculous.

Maddox: That's all legs…

Dick: Why don't they drive?

Maddox: That's all leg day, Dick.

Dick: You know what they could do with that 40 billion hours?

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Imagine how much of that January Jones TV show they could be watching with 40 billion hours. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Ja…Jessica Jones. (giggles)

Dick: Imagine how much of your website they could be reading.

Maddox: Oh, they could be reading a lot of my website.

Dick: 40 billion hours.

Maddox: Instead of looking for water…(giggles)

Dick: Instead of looking for water, 'cause they have to walk!! (Maddox laughs) That's why it takes so long!!! 40 billion hours a year, these women are WALKING AROUND!! LOOKING FOR WATER!

Maddox: Hmm. Well, that's a lot of hours.

Dick: Walking!! Horrible. Big problem.

Maddox: It's…okay, Dick. It's a solution…to getting places and things that you want.

Dick: Walking is?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Ugh. It's an embarrassing solution.

Maddox: Embarrassing. (giggles)

Dick: Six…six kilometers a day, they're walking to get water.

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: Injuries…shin splints. (Maddox chuckles) You ever had shin splints? (giggles) You could get that walking.

Maddox: I've heard…I've heard about shin splints.

Dick: Runner's knee?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Stress fracture?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Plantar fasciitis.

Maddox: Yeah, that's a thing.

Dick: I dunno what that is, but it fucks up your feet.

Maddox: I've seen it.

Sean: Pussyfoot.

Dick: (giggles) Pussyfoot?

Maddox: Pussyfoot? Is that what Dick got when he didn't go shooting?

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: What is…oh, you do pussyfoot around things.

Dick: Here's…here's a guy. Here's the very first person who walked around the Earth on foot. (paper shuffling) Uh, he…was shot and killed by bandits in Afghanistan. 'Cause he was walking!

Maddox: Not because he was walking! Because there were bandits in Afghanistan!

Dick: Shoulda been in a Humvee. (Maddox giggles) Shoulda been flying over Afghanistan in a plane!! Not walking.

Maddox: Well, Christopher Reeve couldn't walk.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: You thought that was…you think that was a solution?

Dick: Christopher Reeve not walking?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, did he do it on purpose?

Maddox: Uh, no. It was an accident.

Dick: Did we test that? Didn't you have some kind of theory that he was playing up his paralysis? (they giggle)

Maddox: No, I didn't. (giggling)

Dick: To get money into his foundation?

Maddox: We…we don't know what the horse's motives were, which I SUSPECT WAS BAD!! (Sean giggles)

(Sound Effect: Horse Neigh)

Maddox: Fucking horses!!

Dick: Probably because the horse was being made to walk too much. It got pissed off.

Maddox: No. The horse just…the horse…you can't even trust a fucking horse. You can't! They'll nip at ya! They'll nip at your ears! You…you know, Sean doesn't have an ear. One of his ears is bitten off.

Sean: Yeah. It's gone.

Maddox: It's gone. (giggles) So…Dick. I don't understand. You can't…now you're contradicting yourself. This is h…

(Ritzy theme song plays, DICK…VERSUS…DICK!!)

Maddox: This is a huge Dick versus Dick! A HUGE one!!! Alright. On one hand, you're saying walking is a problem.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But on the other hand, you're saying paralysis is a problem! Which is it!!

Dick: Oh…you could do a lot more with your legs than just walk. You can't dead lift if you're paralyzed.

Maddox: Hmm. You can't dead lift with your legs if you're paralyzed. But, um…

(Theme ends)

Dick: (giggles) Go to your problem! That's it. My problem is walking. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Doesn't matter.

Maddox: Alright. Alright. Then vote down Paralysis and vote up Walking, or vote up Walking…

Dick: (interjects) They're not mutually exclusive!

Maddox: They…literally are.

Dick: No, you can do more things than walk if you're not paralyzed. That's true. You don't need to think about it. (cackles)

Maddox: Uh, yeah…(Dick still laughing) Oh..okay. So you're saying paralysis is a bigger problem than walking.

Dick: Uh……..yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I'll give you that.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Not for me.

Maddox: Not for you, no.

Dick: But, you know.

Maddox: You'd rather be paralyzed than walk.

Dick: I would vote both of them up.

Maddox: You'd vote both of them up.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Which is a bigger problem?

Dick: I dunno, that's up to the fans.

Maddox: Well, I guess we're gonna find out! Tune in…

Dick: We're gonna find out.

Maddox: …next week, guys! (chuckles) Find out which is a bigger problem!

Dick: Take your walking and shove it up your ass. (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Fine. Maybe I will. I got the real biggest problem in the universe this week, guys. It's…the Inability to Disconfirm!!

(Sound effect: Ding!!)

Maddox: Yeah!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: There's a problem. (giggles)

Dick: You got a mouthful problems today.

Maddox: Yeah, it's a mouthful of a problem. But at least it wasn't a well-planned, poorly-executed gun trip.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Because you wouldn't walk a MILE. (giggles) Put all that leg day to use. Walk… you know.

Dick: What's your problem?

Maddox: Yeah. My problem. The inability to disconfirm. So this is…I…I read this article awhile back about…it was actually about this whole outrage porn and this overly PC culture that we're in right now.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Where even…even President Obama has spoken out against it, because he says…essentially, people who are always looking for safe spaces and 'no free speech' zones, and…and places where they're…you know. This…this over infantilism, I think it…it has something to do with it. When people don't want to be challenged and don't want to have their assumptions…questioned. Uh…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And confronted. And it talks…

Dick: (interjects) That's the ability to disconfirm?

Maddox: No. I'm getting to that.

Dick: Inability?

Maddox: I'm getting to that. Um…these people who have these problems, uh…exhibit symptoms of a cognitive disorder. And the inability to disconfirm is one such cognitive disorder. This is from the website, uh…I think it's http://www.cognitivetherapynyc.com - it's this assessment article, and it talks about what it is. It says **, "You reject any evidence or arguments that might contradict your negative thoughts." For example, when you have a thought that "I am unlovable", you reject as irrelevant any evidence that people like you. Consequentially, your thought cannot be refuter. You say, "That's not the real issue. There are deeper problems." "There are other factors", etc, etc."** So anytime you find evidence that contradicts what you believe, you just eject it. You don't…

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: …acknowledge it, you don't consider it. This is kind of interesting. They did a study…um, called "When Superstition Fails, Reactions to Disconfirmation of Paranormal Beliefs". So they tested people who have paranormal beliefs, you know. People who are… you know, people who listen to a lot of Coast to Coast AM. (grins)

Dick: Well, people who are on it. Sure.

Maddox: People who are on it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I listened the other night and this guy was talking about, um…I think he saw Bigfoot in his tent.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And he was afraid to open his tent, because he thought it might be Bigfoot.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And so he…

Dick: (interjects) Well, you gotta be safe.

Maddox: He…(cracks up)

Dick: Might be Bigfoot!

Sean: Turn on his wife. His wife joined him on the camping trip?

Maddox: No..he didn't even check. I think he just waited…he just went…

Dick: (interjects) So it could have been Bigfoot.

Maddox: It could have been Bigfoot, yeah. Um…so they did this test, it says here. This is from…well, I'll link to the study. It says here, **"Previous research has suggested cognitive distortion of counterattitudinal information by believers, but not by skeptics of paranormal phenomenon. The present study sought to extend these results using a different mode of information presentation and measuring emotional arousal as well. Fifty undergraduates completed the Belief in Paranormal Scale and were divided into believers and skeptics on the basis of a median split of their scores."** So, **"…they read an abstract either supporting or challenging the existence of ESP and completed the Multiple Effect Adjective Checklist."** So basically, they're going through this checklist to see whether or not they have paranormal beliefs, right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Both believers and skeptics showed increased emotional arousal when presented with counterattitudinal information. So when they found information that was contradicting their beliefs, they both showed, like, the same arousal in their…in their brain, in the same regions.**"…But only believers showed selective learning of the information. Findings are discussed in light of dissonance theory and selective learning."** That's really fascinating stuff. So, essentially, what happens is…when you confront somebody with evidence that contradicts their preconceived beliefs and notions, they have the same amount of arousal as someone who doesn't accept that information, but their conclusion is contrary to that evidence. Like, they just…continue to believe what they believe. This is actually the root cause of anti-vaxxers. So…they did all those tests and they sent out all those different methods to try to persuade anti-vaxxers into vaccinating their children, and no matter what evidence they showed them, it not only didn't persuade them, sometimes they doubled down and became even more staunchly ideological in their beliefs.

Sean: Well, because they're…you just said it. They're believing, they're not thinking.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: True.

Maddox: They're believing. Right. **"The inability to disconfirm is a type of automatic thought. It's a type of confirmation bias."** And then there's some…this…this has, like, so many applications in so many things, like, for example, in marketing….I read…this is from a book called Marketing Theory: Philosophy of Science and Perspectives. It talks about advertising deception and people who have the inability to disconfirm are the most gullible and the most dupable when it comes to advertising. It says, **"A critical research issue, though one which has received surprisingly little attention, deals with whether deceptive advertising is capable, not only of initiating trial purchases, but also of sustaining repeat behavior. The logic of disconfirmation theory is insightful**

in this regard. Disconfirmation theory suggests that disconfirmation of expectancies would lead to change in cognitive structure, a change in behavior, or both." And then they found…that doesn't happen at all. So this happens when people get addicted to brands and they find that the brand is not that good, or it's not fulfilling their expectations, they continue to buy that brand. And this has implications in people who are stuck in abusive relationships, you know? Sometimes you see, uh…a woman who's been in abusive relationships. She's been beat by a man for a long, long time…and obv…it's obvious to everyone outside of her that she needs to get out of that relationship. But to her…she has the inability to disconfirm, so she…rationalizes these bad things that happen. She refutes any evidence that counters her beliefs, and accepts her preconceived notions.

Sean: Yeah. "He hits me because he loves me."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why's it gotta be a she?

Sean: What?

Dick: What if it's a guy?

Sean: It doesn't have to e.

Dick: What if it's two guys?

Sean: Doesn't have to be.

Maddox: It could be two guys, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Could be two guys. What if it's a guy and his bologna?

Sean: Hohohooo.

Dick: He's beating up his bologna every night.

Sean: Exactly. Smack the bologna around.

Maddox: His bologna needs to get up and pack its bags and walk away, Dick!

Dick: So…people are suckers?

Maddox: (giggles) So people are…

Dick: (interjects) Is that basically what all that said?

Maddox: People are suckers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, um…this has…this has huge implications in so many areas of our life. So, I talked about abuse. I talked about…purchasing things. I talked about believing in hypothetical things and…and ESP, and paranormal phenomenon…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And believing in all these things…

Dick: God.

Maddox: Well…it…it depends. (stammers) We're gonna get into a whole philosophical argument there.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: But it does extend to religion, and uh…political party, too.

Dick: Of course it does.

Sean: Like, your political party…uh, they say, is most formed by what your parents were.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And even though it might have things later on in it that you don't agree with, a lot of people won't change. They'll just kind of ignore those things.

Dick: How could it not be?

Maddox: I don't know, Sean.

Dick: Just like your sports team.

Sean: What's that?

Dick: Just like your sports team.

Sean: Yeah. Oh, no, no. I mean, like, I have different political beliefs than my parents do, but I also try to think about things.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Well, my dad's a libertarian.

Sean: Is he?

Maddox: Oh, he's a staunch libertarian.

Sean: Really?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: You have a lot of libertarian-leaning tendencies.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: And I don't think you see them, but…

Maddox: You can…you can call them that.

Dick: …you do.

Maddox: Yeah, no. It's funny. I got an email last episode. Uh, I didn't bring it in, but this guy said, "Maddox, uh, you criticize libertarians. You've criticized liberals. You haven't really….you criticize Trump, but it's like, we don't know…we don't know what you are. Like, why don't you take a fucking stance?" And this guy's, like, really pissed.

Dick: No, don't.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, well, it's because I think that, uh…that one of the…and I'll bring this in. I think that political labels are one of the biggest problems in the universe, because it stops thinking. It stops the critical thinking. It all…it allows you to dismiss anything that isn't already aligned with your point of view. So if you…it becomes like a sports team, right? Aw, I'm a Raiders fan, I…

Dick: Yeah…

Maddox: I think that…the, um…(cracks up)

Dick: Here we go. (they both laugh) What is your favorite part about the Raiders?

Maddox: I almost said Chicago Bulls. I…(stammers) I'm a Raiders fan. I'm not a fan of the Chargers. The San Diego Chargers, right?

Dick: Okay, yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: That's a classic…rivalry.

Dick: Not a classic rivalry. (grins)

Maddox: Oh, it is!

Dick: No, no. It's not.

Sean: No…

Dick: Broncos.

Sean: Raiders and Broncos is a classic rivalry.

Dick: Yeah, that's a classic rivalry.

Maddox: Well, that's ANOTHER one! There's lots of classic rivalries!!

Sean: Nobody gives a shit about San Diego.

Dick: Nobody gives a shit about the Chargers. (grins)

Maddox: The White Sox and the Yankees! That's a classic rivalry!! The Red Sox! All the sox!!! (laughs)

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: Whatever. (laughing)

Dick: Good example.

Maddox: Yeah. Um…so, yeah. Anyway. Uh…when you…when you have this…this affiliation with, uh…large political group or anyone, it inhibits your ability to…look at things critically, because you're…you're likely to dismiss them. It becomes one big ad hominem attack. In fact, um…I try not to do this. When someone sends me a link or a source…to a right-wing website, instead of just dismissing it as being…you know, if it's against a liberal stance or vice versa, a liberal website like Huffington Post or a conservative website like Fox News. I'll look and see what they're saying first. And I'll say, "Well, they might have… you know. Not everything they say is necessarily tinted with that political point of view. And

if it is, I can always Google it and see what…what less biased sources say, to see if there's any merit to what they're saying. But most people don't do that. Most people…

Dick: That sounds like a huge waste of time.

Maddox: Why is it a huge waste of time?

Dick: Like, going through all this shit to look at ALL of the evidence individually? Just send me the link, if it's on HuffPo, like, well, wait till it shows up somewhere else. Has it bee on Drudge Report? No. Then I'm not interested in seeing it. (Sean laughs) That's my motto.

Maddox: Well, that's why I do the Google search.

Sean: Drudge Report and Breitbart.

Dick: Yeah, and Breitbart.

Maddox: Breitbart. Oh, my gosh. Um…

Dick: Yeah, so what's the…what is the real…is it not critical thinking? What's the summary of this? Like, I get that people are suckers and they write off things…

Maddox: Well, in so many ways. So, we talked about belief in paranormal. We talked about being in abusive relationships. But, uh…cognitively, and why this shows up so much in Cognitive Behavior Therapy…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Is because…people will sometimes have these beliefs that they are bad people, and no matter what you show them, they're unable to believe any different.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because they have this…they're stuck in this negative feedback loop. The circuitous thinking, where they think "Everything I do, or everything I am is bad and negative, nobody likes me, etc, etc." And their inability to disconfirm leads them down that path and all they have to do is step outside of that little circle and realize that there's a lot of evidence, contrary to what you may think. Contrary to your negative thoughts and your negative thinking. If you just step outside and take a look a little bit more critically.

Dick: There's a lot in support of it, too.

Maddox: Well, that…(stammers) I mean, that…you could make the case…I mean, there's a…there's a positive and negative way to look at just about everything.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's why…when I brought in Death as a problem, I acknowledged some of the good…good aspects of death, but there's a lot of negative ones, that I think far outweigh the good ones.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Um…there's good…there's a good and bad way of looking at a lot of things. You could look at, um…the death of someone as, you know, someone's passing and you're sad for them, but you can also…

Sean: But then you're like, "Hey, they're out of their credit card payments."

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: There you go, Sean. Perfect example!

Dick: I don't have to buy them any Christmas presents!

Sean: There you go.

Maddox: Yeah, there you go, Dick! Another perfect example.

Dick: Great.

Sean: (giggles) Have another vase for the fireplace.

Dick: Yeah, I could sell all this shit!

Maddox: There's…there's more air to breathe.

Dick: Well…okay.

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: That's stretching it.

Maddox: Yeah?

Sean: I always liked his car.

Dick: Oooooh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Gimme that car.

Maddox: Yeah! And if…if he was a drain on the economy, or she was a drain on the economy in a hospital bed somewhere, hey, less hospital bills.

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: Oh, look at that! Rosy glasses. It can stifle person growth. That's a problem. Inability to disconfirm. Uh…you should look into it. It's actually really fascinating stuff. I started reading…it's just a huge rabbit hole of cognitive behavior therapy and cognitive dissonance theory, and all this stuff! There's tons of literature about this…about this out there. I was really surprised when I started doing research about this stuff.

Dick: Well, if it shows up on Drudge Report, I'll check it out.

Maddox: Ohh, great.

Sean: No, I like this, because it's so pervasive.

Maddox: It is very pervasive. It's a huge, huge problem. It affects a lot of people. Um… even people…even people you wouldn't think that, uh…are affected by this. Like…you know, (stammers) at some point, you can always…you can all be susceptible to this. Um… and…and it's also the inability to…the inability to disconfirm is…um, also the tendency to believe that things will always be bad, you know? Um…like, if you walk down an alley and

there's…you hear, like, footsteps behind you, or something. You know…it would be silly to say that you're always going to feel that anxiety. Obviously, you're feeling anxiety because there are footsteps behind you. Once you walk out of that alley and you're no longer in that situation, you're not gonna feel that same anxiety, right?

Dick: Are there people confused about that? (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: No, but that's…(Dick giggles) that's an example…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, that's…

Maddox: That's an example of why I'm saying how ridiculous it is to be…to have this… these fears that it's always going to be this way.

Dick: What fears are you talking about?

Sean: Look. It's…it's a slippery slope. (they giggle)

Dick: Yeah, it is a slippery slope.

Maddox: Yeah, it is a slippery slope, Sean! (grins) The fears I'm talking about is that I'm never going to find a partner in a relationship. I'm never going to get a good job.

Dick: Yeah. Well…that's true.

Maddox: I'm never going to…uh, get out of my situation that I'm in right now.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: I'm never going to solve my financial problems.

Sean: Dude, stop reading my thoughts!

Dick: That's…yeah. These are all…

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: But these are all mostly true.

Maddox: See, that…that there…that…

Dick: (interjects) People are not…people don't fix their finances.

Maddox: They do! They fix their finances all the time.

Dick: (interjects) No, they fucking…not according to the fucking numbers!

Maddox: I have a lot…look.

Dick: People have negative savings rate. Baby boomers have saved 10 grand in the bank. That's a massive failure! Odds are, you will FAIL at finances.

Maddox: There you go. There's some negative thinking.

Dick: That's the odds!

Maddox: But you're looking…but there's lots of evidence…if you look for it, there's evidence that counters what you just said.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: The Internet can be a place where people with kind of out-there beliefs find other people, and they just reaffirm each other's opinions. So you just stop thinking. It's like, "Oh, well all these people think exactly like I do. It must be this way."

Maddox: Well, yeah. That's…that's confirmation bias.

Sean: Yeah, that's true, but…

Maddox: It's related. It's related.

Sean: It's related, right?

Maddox: Yeah. It's definitely related. When I was doing research, uh, a lot of the articles started talking about…

Sean: (interjects) Because they can just ignore anything…

Maddox: Exactly. Absolutely. It's…a lot of the…

Sean: (interjects) Holocaust deniers!

Maddox: Holocaust Deniers. (Dick cracks up) Yeah. (giggles)

Sean: See, I'm doing the Hitler thing! That's…

Maddox: Yeah. Holocaust Deniers. Um, yeah. This, uh…it is related to confirmation bias, and uh, one of the studies…Wikipedia has a really good, uh…um…description about this. It's actually related to confirmation bias. But it's also, you know, your inability to accept evidence that counters…that contradicts what you're saying. You have to…acknowledge evidence that contradicts what you're saying, because then you…if you don't, you can get stuck in this rut of, like, "I'm never gonna find someone." Like, just like how ridiculous it was to give that example of feeling anxiety that somebody's walking behind you down an alley, and then constantly feeling that anxiety throughout the rest of your life? That's absurd, because when you change your situation, you will no longer have that anxiety. But people who…have this inability to disconfirm are always afraid of having that anxiety in spite of the fact that their situation changes. Yeah, anyway. That's my problem!

Dick: Alright. One problem you can definitely fix is having a shitty mattress. Right? (conspiratorial)

Maddox: Yep!!!

Dick: http://www.casper.com , use promo code "BIGGEST". Is it biggest or biggestpro…

Maddox: Alright guys. My problems this week were…

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: The Slippery Slope and an Inability to Disconfirm!!

Dick: My problems were Daylight Savings Time, and Walking.

Maddox: Thanks for listening.

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys. Uh…if you have to shit in the shower, then just go ahead and shit in the shower. You can stomp it down the drain…"

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick giggles)

"Not your problem anymore. No one's ever gonna find out. Just move on with your fucking day.")

(Dick and Sean crack up)

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: That guy just shits in the shower! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Problem solved.

(Voice mail: male voice: Hey what's up, guys? Maddox, I'm a long-time fan. Dick, you're my new role model."

Dick: Ohhh, that's great.

"Let's get into the shit. I got a fucking fan problem for you guys, if that's cool."

Maddox: Hmmkay.

"The Present Year Argument. (Dick laughs) **I'm hearing this shit all over now. Oh, it's 2015! Ban guns! It's 2015! Gender norms! It's 2015! It's 2015!!! People fall back on this limp-dick, chickenshit excuse whenever their argument on our society not being progressive enough doesn't hold any fucking weight!!! I'm just real heated up about this right now, because I saw some friends on Facebook bitching about the amount of mass shootings this year, and only saying "It's 2015!"**

Dick: Should have stopped there.

"It's 20-fif-fucking-teen!! By the way, the legal definition of a MASS shooting in the US…"

Dick: Oh, boy! (scoffs)

"…is four fatalities, which, I don't know about you guys, but I wouldn't consider four a "massive" number."

Maddox: (giggles) You would if it was your family!!

"…Maybe that's just me being an asshole, though." (they giggle)

Dick: Well…

"Uh, anyways, that's all I got. Dick, you're cool, but go fuck yourself.")

Dick: Awww. Yeah, I do hate that argument.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I see it…

Dick: It's 2015!!!

Maddox: I saw a lot of people commenting about it. The re…I think the reason it's there is because, uh, in the eighties and nineties, we always thought of the future as the year 2000 or 200x, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: 2025, 2015, those were all big years, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I think that people are saying, "Oh, it's like…it's 2015! We are in the future!! Where we thought in the past we would…we should have solved these problems."

Dick: Yeah. Still annoying.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, Dick. Is a life coach…just a euphemism for boyfriend?"

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs)

"Small-faced fuckboy?" (Sean and Dick crack up) **"What the fuck? Go fuck yourself."**

Maddox: Yeah.

"Sean, you're pretty cool.")

Maddox: Wow! (Dick giggles)

Dick: I don't know.

Sean: Hey, thanks man. I was just gonna call that guy a homophobe, but…

Dick: He IS a homophobe! (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Now he said I was cool, then…no. He's all good.

Maddox: Oh, good.

Dick: That's…that's a slippery slope, Sean.

Maddox: It is.

Sean: That's how easily I'm bought off.

Maddox: It's Nazi-ism. You're Hitler.

Sean: Maybe worse.

Maddox: You could have friends…

Dick: Super Hitler? (grins) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Mecha Hitler.

Dick: You're like Voltron of Hitlers. All five Hitlers combined.

Sean: I'm like…I'm like…Stitler. I'm like Stalin and Hitler combined.

Maddox: Stalin, Hitler.

Dick: Captain Planet Hitler.

Maddox: Pol Pot. Who else?

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Marx…all, you just, like, combine…and then Mao. Mao is the chest.

Dick: No, it has to be all Hitler!

Maddox: All Hitler.

Dick: Those guys are…whatever. They're…we don't even know who those guys are.

Maddox: What?

Sean: What?

Dick: People don't know who those…only Hitler.

Sean: I'm pretty…

Maddox: (interjects) Only Hitler, yeah.

Dick: Only versions of Hitler.

Sean: I'm pretty sure they…

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The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 83

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase.

(Theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Bad Investors to Child Molesters. (everyone laughs loudly)

Asterios: Oh, my GODDDD!! MADDOX!

Maddox: With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick!

Dick: What's up, buddy? (laughing)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: And joining us is Asterios, Mysterios, Boisterous Coconuts.

Asterios: The Digital Cyberdemon. (smiling) I think that's all my nicknames. Hey, everybody. How you guys doin'?

Maddox: Welcome back.

Sean: Is it bad that we all laughed our asses off at "child molesters"? (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Well...uh, I think juxtaposed with "bad investors," you know.

Sean: Yeah, we'll...we'll go with that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That vote was confusing. The child molesters vote? Pedophiles, that you brought in?

Maddox: Why is that?

Dick: Like, I wasn't sure if we were supposed to vote that up or vote that down as a problem.

Maddox: Down! Er, no no, up! Up!! It was a problem!

Dick: Okay, already, I'm... (Maddox laughs) You're...

Asterios: Greeeat.

Dick: Again, you're sending a mixed message. (grins)

Asterios: Again. You want us to vote up Pedophiles?

Dick: Right. Except you brought in, and you mostly talked about, the DEFENSE of pedophiles.

Maddox: I didn't defend pedophiles!

Dick: You kinda did!

Asterios: Well...

Maddox: Mmm... (skeptical)

Dick: Non-offending pedoph-...you brought in...

Maddox: No, no, no.

Asterios: Remember how you were like, "The pedosmile is great"? I try to smile like that all the time. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Asterios...

Asterios: I'm a huge fan of Jared.

Maddox: No, you were listenin' to the Marc Maron podcast, buddy. (everyone laughs)

Asterios: Ohh, my God!!

Maddox: SHOTS FIRED! (giggles)

Asterios: How is your one-sided war with a much more successful person doing?

Maddox: Hey... (laughs with Sean)

Dick: I got the last word in that, so I won.

Asterios: Oh, there you go!!

Dick: That's... (chuckles) ...how I see it.

Maddox: Yeah, yep, yep. (laughs)

Asterios: So, so far you've beaten Penn from Penn & Teller and Marc Maron.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: That's right, yeah.

Asterios: That's not...that's a good record!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who's next?

Maddox: Who's next? (smiles)

Dick: "Who's next?" That's our motto. (Asterios giggles) For this show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Who's next?" Who –

Maddox: (interjects) We should go after, like, a big game show host or something. You know... (laughs)

Dick: Alex Trebek?

Maddox: Alex Trebek!

Asterios: That Canadian fuck!

Maddox: Yeeeeah.

Asterios: Let's get that guy.

Maddox: Oh, he's a CREEP. I've heard creepy stories about him.

Asterios: Have you seen that YouTube video where he's, like, super drunk and refusing to do promos for "Jeopardy"? He's just like, "Fuck it! Just go!! Just go. Tape, tape. Just GO."

Dick: Trebek?

Asterios: Trebek!

Maddox: Trebek.

Dick: Trebek is awesome, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I've been to –

Asterios: (interjects) Tell me why you think he's awesome.

Dick: Okay, I...because I've been to a "Jeopardy" taping.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: My friend was on "Jeopardy," and uh, he...here's the one story about Alex Trebek. He gets up during the commercial break, and he's like, "Everybody, give me your questions. I'm here to answer questions." Right? So the first question is this woman from the Midwest, I'm guessing, goes, "Oh, my mother...", who's sitting next to her. She's like, "She's 90 years old, and she's a huge fan of yours. Can she just get up and get a picture with you?" and he goes, "No. Next question." (everyone laughs loudly)

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: Ohohoooooooh!!

Maddox: There's a guy who's, like, a career game show contestant, and he just goes around from game show to game show, and he has this loop that he goes through different countries, because they put a blacklist on you for like 9 months or somethin'?

Asterios: Ohhh, right. For 5 years, or this...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hmm.

Asterios: ...that, or whatever.

Maddox: So he just, like, goes from country to country playing different game shows, and he said...I heard an interview with him one time on a podcast, and they asked him, "Who was the worst game show host you ever met?" and he said, "Alex Trebek, by far."

Asterios: Wooooow!

Maddox: He said he's the meanest.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: He's just like...he's...ugh.

Dick: Oh yeah, he's awesome. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, he's a machine.

Dick: I feel like in another universe, you could be that guy, Maddox.

Maddox: Ohh.

Asterios: Well, you're already halfway there!

Maddox: I'm workin' on it. (cracking up)

Asterios: You're a game show host!

Maddox: Yeah. (giggling)

Asterios: Oh, speaking of game shows, real quick, 'cause I know we don't have time, but uh...if you're bored on the Internet, Google "Asterios + Let's Make a Deal". 'Cause I went on "Let's Make a Deal," and I won.

Dick: You did?

Asterios: Yeah! Uh, I got...

Maddox: Heyyy! (happy) **('ding!' sound effect)**

Asterios: I'll tell the story super dooper quick.

Maddox: (applause sound effect)

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: Um...so long story short, I dress up in a giant, uh, bee costume.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Asterios: Where I make my hair gray and I make my beard gray, and I say I'm Grumblebee the Old Man Bee. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Oh, wow.

Asterios: Who likes to complain.

Dick: That's... (chuckles)

Maddox: "Grumblebee." (giggling hysterically)

Asterios: Grumblebee. And so they call me up –

Dick: (interjects) "Jackpot," they think. (smiles)

Asterios: Yeah!!

Dick: "Look at THIS loser. We gotta get him on TV."

Asterios: Oh my God, are you kidding me? And they were like...here's what they told us beforehand. They're like, "We're looking for people with a lot of energy, so make sure to

dance around a lot during the commercial breaks." (Dick and Maddox keep laughing) And I was like, "Wait 'til they see this dancing." I'm doin', like, the Cabbage Patch. I'm like, uh...I'm doin' the Running Man in my seat. I'm just like, "I know they're lookin' at the b-...at the old man bee." And so they call me, and they call me to play, literally -- this was weird -- like, an improvised game where they wanted me to do a bunch of improv into a microphone, where the hosts were speaking gibberish and it was my job to tell the host what was happening in a fake news report. So long st-

Dick: (interjects) Wait, WHAT?!

Asterios: Yes! I'm not kidding. It was –

Dick: (interjects) This is...

Asterios: Yes.

Dick: ...on the set of "Deal or No Deal"?

Asterios: On the set of "Deal or No Deal," they play this game called, uh...

Dick: "Bullshit"?

Asterios: No, "Let's Make a Deal." Uh, "Let's Make a Deal."

Dick: Oh, "Let's Make a Deal."

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: They play a game called "Let Make a Deal News." So, "Let's get to the 'Let's Make a Deal' action news desk, with our correspondent Grumblebee!" And they're like, "What's in the news today?" And I look over all the teleprompters, and they're all blank.

Dick: Oh, God. (Sean laughs in the background)

Asterios: So I go, "Oh, they want me to improvise..."

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: "...what's in the news." So I make up a story that actually works really well in "Let's Make a Deal" continuity about an invasion of Zonks that are ruining everybody's great deals around the country.

Dick: Oh my God, this...that makes... (mumbling)

Asterios: But long story short, I made up so much crap about Zonks and the mythology of Zonks and their continuity and history, (Maddox giggling) that what's-his-name...what's the name of the host? The African American gentleman?

Dick: Bill Cosby? Was he the host?

Asterios: Uh... (cracks up) No.

Maddox: No, no. (laughing)

Dick: Wasn't he?!

Asterios: Worse.

Maddox: No, the guy from "Family Feud"?

Dick: Hitler??

Asterios: Yeah, the guy f-...no. No, the guy from, uh, the...the improv game.

Dick: Steve Harvey.

(from background: "Wayne Brady.")

Asterios: Wayne Brady! Exactly. So –

Dick: (interjects) Ohh, he is worse.

Maddox: Wayne Brady, yeah.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: He's worse than Bill Cosby. You're right. (snickering)

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. (Maddox and Dick laugh) So long story short, Wayne Brady between the commercial breaks is like, "You gotta stop acting like an asshole. You are ruining the game."

Dick: Whoooooa!!

Maddox: Whoooooooa. (in unison)

Asterios: He tells me this to my face, and I...I fell for it! I was like, "I'm sorry, Wayne Brady."

Dick: Ohhhh!

Asterios: "I'll behave."

Dick: Fu-...HE'S next.

Maddox: Holy shit, yeah!

Dick: He's next!! Wayne Brady's next.

Maddox: We're taking Wayne Brady down a notch.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck him! You're ruining the earth, Wayne Brady. (Asterios cracks up)

Asterios: EXACTLY!!

Maddox: Yeeeah.

Dick: Asterios is helping your dog shit game about Zonks and whatever the FUCK you're talking about. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! You throw...and by the way, they don't know anything about you, so they're just throwin' this to, like, potentially a random person who's had no improv experience. "Go ahead, make our show entertaining! Here you go, idiot."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I think the idea was that you...they expect the person to crack and not know what to do.

Maddox: Ohhhoho.

Asterios: And then everyone else sort of makes a game out of his mistakes.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Asterios: But the problem was, I was just like, "Well, we need a story here, with characters and beats."

Maddox: You gave them what they weren't expecting, which is a performance!!

Asterios: And they got SUPER mad.

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: And they got –

Dick: (interjects) They aired it?!

Asterios: Yes! They...it's on YouTube!

Maddox: We're gonna link to...we're gonna post this!!

Dick: There's a YouTube of you talkin' about Zonks for a minute and a half? (laughing)

Asterios: Yeah!! You can look at it right now! (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: We're going to post this.

Asterios: I got to the final round because I was the most successful, so I'm just...so there's 3 acts of me acting like a bumblebee, and Wayne Brady just CLEARLY hates me.

Maddox: Bravo. **('ding!' sound effect) (applause sound effect)** Asterios, that's an incredible story. We're gonna link this on the website. It'll be on the page.

Dick: He's jealous!!

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I know!

Dick: Wayne Brady is jealous of YOU.

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: Because you –

Dick: (interjects) How does that feel?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Pretty good!!

Maddox: Yeeeah.

Asterios: Now that we're talking about it. (giggling)

Sean: Yeah, this is a...this is a guy whose entire career is based on not scaring white people. (Dick and Maddox giggle)

Asterios: Yeah! Oh my God, you're right!

Maddox: Guys...

Asterios: He's "one of the good ones." (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Dick: So is yours!!

Asterios: I think it's on his resume.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: Yeeeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I'm the mixed-race pleasant face. Asterios Kokkinos. (grins)

Dick: That's a hell of a notch in your belt.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For you...

Asterios: Now I feel good about it!

Dick: Yeah, man!!

Asterios: 'Cause of your spin!

Dick: Oh, he's jealous!

Asterios: Oh my God, you're RIGHT.

Dick: He's so jealous of you. He found someone more lovable than himself.

Asterios: He got scared. (hushed)

Maddox: That's not hard. Alright. But guys... (Asterios laughs) Moving on. **(drumroll sound effect)**

Asterios: Let's go. I'm sorry.

Maddox: The biggest problem from last week...Daylight Saving Time!

Dick: Yeah. That's a big problem.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, well, then –

Dick: (interjects) You don't have to be upset by that! That's a big problem.

Maddox: It's a problem.

Dick: Okay. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah. And then, uh, the Inability to Disconfirm.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And then the Slippery Slope Arguments.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Pretty neck and neck. And then Walking, dead last. Not even a problem, Dick.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Not even...a lot of people called you out for a Dick Versus Dick. They said, uh, your...your problem is Everyone Needs to Lose 20 Pounds, but then you shit on walking, which is a way that people can lose weight.

Dick: Nuh...no. The only way you can lose weight is deadlifting.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: That... (laughs)

Asterios: That and caloric restri-...that and caloric restriction. (giggling)

Dick: No, you...you gotta eat if you're gonna deadlift, Asterios.

Asterios: I forgot how to...how important...

Dick: You gotta eat pizza after pizza. (Asterios laughs) No walking. Drive to the gym, take a Segway up the ramp, that's why those ramps exist... (Asterios still giggling) ...and start deadlifting. That's how you lose weight.

Maddox: Well, we've all had donuts, and none of us are losing weight this morning. I got a comment from Alonzo Larios. He says, "Gotta love how Dick instantly fell into both of Maddox's problems when it came to gun control. What a fucking Hitler." He called... (cracks up)

Dick: Was I talking about gun control in the last episode?!

Maddox: No, 'cause I mentioned...we were talkin' about slippery slope arguments and how the gun control one is a big one, because people who are gun control advocates...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: People who are...people who are –

Dick: (interjects) People say they have small dicks, and that's not true. (Maddox giggles) Right? Is that what you're tryin' to say?

Maddox: No, people who are opposed to gun control say that if you give an inch, they'll take a mile. Like, that's the argument.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, I think...the most recent argument being the...the terror watch list. It's like, you know, "Obama wants people that are on the watch list not to have access to guns.

Dick: Yeah. (scoffing)

Asterios: And gun advocates say, "Well, then, what's next?"

Dick: Well, they al-

Maddox: (interjects) (chuckles) That's a slippery slope argument.

Dick: They...yeah. They also say that you can just put anyone on that list. (Asterios gasps) There's no qualification –

Asterios: (interjects) Oh my God!

Dick: You can just put –

Asterios: (interjects) What if Obama puts everyone on the list?! (Maddox laughs loudly)

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: AND THAT'S HOW HE TAKES OUR GUNS!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Slippery slope!

Dick: That's what'll happen.

Asterios: Waaait a minute!!

Dick: That's what would happen!

Asterios: Wait a minute.

Dick: That's what would happen. (grinning)

Maddox: This is one slippery slope, fellas.

Dick: That's what would happen!

Asterios: What a trick-...OOOOOOGH.

Dick: One by one!

Maddox: First thing...

Dick: One by one. (laughs with Maddox)

Asterios: The Anti-Christ himself.

Maddox: They put a couple of terrorists on there... (laughs more)

Asterios: IT'S OBAMA.

Dick: It's...it's copy and paste! One 'Ctrl-C, Ctrl-V'. Now no one can have guns.

Asterios: Ohhhhh. (hushed)

Dick: Congratulations!

Maddox: Everyone's on the No-Fly List, right?

Dick: Yeah. (grins) Everyone!

Maddox: The terrorist watch list, yeah.

Dick: Everyone!

Maddox: Yeah. And that's how we lost the Second Amendment, kids! (Dick and Asterios laugh)

Asterios: Through the TSA!

Dick: Copy…copy and paste!

Asterios: Wow.

Maddox: Slippery slope.

Dick: Killed it! Alright, I got a voicemail.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You got another comment? Or you wanna do the voice mail?

Maddox: No, no, go ahead.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hi, guys. Maddox is Hitler, because he's..(Maddox laughs) **trying to lead the Red Delicious apple from its place of downtrodden-ness to a superior…"**

Maddox: Idiot.

"…race of…(Dick guffaws)"

Dick: Of apples.

"apples."

Dick: That's true!

"Using half-baked scientific experiments…"

Dick: You're the Hitler of apples! (giggles)

"…from the bonus episode to prove his weird theories."

Maddox: Dumb shit. Moron!

"And it only took me four voice mails, and this isn't even that funny."

Dick: Yep. (scoffs) (Sean and Maddox laugh)

"The show's great, guys, keep it up.")

Dick: I brought in those other four voice mails, by the way.

Maddox: Oh, we're gonna hear those!

Dick: So…we made a determination that Maddox does not agree with.

Asterios: Okay, so…if people listen to the episode…

Dick: The bonus episode.

Asterios: So…the bonus episode. If you spend $2, you'll FINALLY get the answer…

Dick: Yes! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: To…watch the…so…(inaudible, speaking quickly)…I gotta spend this two bucks!

Dick: Exactly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And. AND. If you remember, a listener reminded me of this, but we had a little wager.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: On that test stuff. And the loser had to read an apology written by the winner!

Asterios: Yes, I remember this.

Dick: That was the wager! Do you remember that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 250-word apology!

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So I think next bonus episode…

Asterios: Someone…

Dick: Someone is gonna have to read SOMEONE's…(Maddox laughs) hilarious apology!! (grins)

Asterios: Oh, my God. I can't…you can't miss this.

Maddox: Okay. Next bonus episode, there will be an apology read, and we don't know who's going to read it. (Dick laughs)

Asterios: There WILL be an apology READ!!!! (growls)

Maddox: Could be Sean. We don't know. Alright.

Dick: Alright. I got another voice mail here.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: Weird Matthew McConaughey: Hey, Dick. Did you ever think about shooting your guns in the air? (they giggle) **And your buddies might hear ya? I mean, probably not if you didn't think about walking, but…"**

Dick: Yeah.

"…you know, innovation, talking to Mexicans…(long pause) (they giggle) **wearing your eagle shirt…sucking a guy's dick…"**

Asterios: Can we hang up on this caller?

Dick: No. We never hang up on…(inaudible)

"All things that came across your mind, but not walking. Or shooting your gun.")

Maddox: I'm not sure if this guy is high or just an idiot, 'cause it sounds like he's laboring to put the next…not even sentence. The next WORD in sequence.

Sean: No, it depends how drunk he is.

Asterios: True.

Dick: Well, yeah.

Sean: You heard the progression throughout…

Dick: (talking over Sean) And he's three hours ahead. That was Weird Matthew McConaughey. He's a regular caller.

Asterios: Ohhhhh!!

Dick: I got about six other calls from him.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: All similar in cadence to that one. (Asterios laughs) But he gets…he gets hammered, and I can see when the calls come in, and as it progresses throughout the night, they get increasingly like that.

Maddox: And we see the time stamps on these calls, too.

Asterios: That's great.

Maddox: So we'll see, like, 6 AM, 3 AM, like, whenever. And what city they're calling from.

Dick: But he does have a big fan. Listen to THIS one.

(Voice mail: female voice: "I just listened to Episode 13, the solutions…and Weird Matthew McConaughey…(giggles) has to be my favorite listener…(they all laughs)**… the whole fucking time….(laughing)"**

Dick: This is Mrs. Weird Matthew McConaughey.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

"(laughing, inaudible)"

Maddox: We gotta put these two in touch.

Dick: Was that…yeah, right?! (they laugh) She sounds just as high as him!!

Maddox: That was almost an "O" at the end.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Mmm. (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: Um, I got a comment here. So this is kinda funny. Uh…anything…anytime I brought up Trump on this show, and libertarianism…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, thank God, I've been waiting to talk about Trump on the show all week. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Oh, good. OH, GOOD! (Dick laughs) Love that guy. Love that guy. I've been called a lot of things. So if I ever shit on anyone conservative, I'm IMMEDIATELY liberal! And if I ever shit on someone liberal, I'm IMMEDIATELY conservative.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And now, I'm accused of being a libertarian. (laughs) (they all crack up)

Dick: We told you!

Maddox: We've come full circle!!

Dick: I told you that you have libertarian tendencies!!

Maddox: I know! I do, I took the test, and I'm about 67% libertarian!

Dick: Well…

Asterios: I don't wanna be left alone.

Maddox: Sure, who doesn't?!

Asterios: It's like, yeah, who doesn't want to be left the fuck alone?!

Maddox: Of course.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, this guy **Garrett Voight.** He says, **"Does Maddox secretly read libertarianism.org?"** And then he posted this big quote, it's like, **"The black and white aspect of politics also encourages people to think in black and white terms. Not only do political parties emerge, but their supporters become akin to sports fans, feuding families, or students at rival high schools."** And he just goes on. And he posted a link to the website.

Dick: What was your point?

Maddox: Now, I'm libertarian.

Dick: That was your point, though.

Maddox: That was my point, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Totally.

Dick: They agree with you on that.

Asterios: I wanna say something real quick about Trump. Do you think that, like…

Dick: (interjects) Ohoho, nothing is real quick about Trump on this show.

Maddox: Hopefully his candidacy will be.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: I'll try to be real quick, then. Do you think that there were, like, also people during Hitler's rise that were like, "This guy's hilarious!"

Dick: Here we go!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, that were just like, “Oh, look at this funny mustache!”

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: “He gets so mad!”

Dick: Well, it was Charlie Chaplin’s mustache.

Asterios: “And look, I don’t agree with everything he says. It’s like he’s talking about stopping Muslims from coming into the country.”

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: He’s getting pretty out there, this guy.

Dick: How is that out there? Shut the borders down!! (Maddox laughs) Nobody has the right to COME INTO THIS COUNTRY!

Asterios: Well…if you…

Dick: (interjects) Sorry…sorry it makes you guys SAD to admit that, but no one has a RIGHT to come in here!

Asterios: Well, how about this…

Dick: (interjects) Who’s not vetted the shit out of!!

Maddox: How is that a libertarian principle, shithead?! How is that not intrusive?

Dick: Libertarianism applies to OUR country!!

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhhhh.

Dick: It’s our country that we run like this!

Asterios: How…how about this? Don’t you think it would be slightly different if he was like, “No more immigrants, period.” As opposed to saying “No Muslim immigrants”. Do you know what I mean? It’s like, I can see what you’re saying if he was just, like, “No more immigration until we solve everything.” Well, that’s sort of…that’s a very conservative opinion.

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: Saying “No more Muslims”, is kinda out there.

Dick: Well..

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) And let’s see how this…

Dick: (interjects) Makes headlines.

(they crack up)

Asterios: Well, yeah, no shit it makes…so did Hitler!! Alright, whatever.

Maddox: I'm posting…I'm posting a new video about this. It's a really short one, 20 seconds…

Asterios: About Trump? Cool!

Maddox: About Trump. It's a 20-second piece in response to what he said recently about that stuff. But, yeah. It'll be real funny to see how this plays out.

Dick: What a liberal. (laughs) What a liberal you are. (Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Trying to stump! You guys don't realize that you cannot stump him! There's no brakes on the Trump Train.

Asterios: I know he's unstumpable, but it doesn't mean we can't try!

Dick: I don't think you know that in your heart, that he's unstumpable. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: You think I think I'm gonna stump the Trump? You can't stump this guy!!!

Dick: First of all, you went after Wayne Brady, now you think you can go after Trump! You're getting too big for your britches!!

Asterios: Oh, no. You gotta find intermediate steps. Take out Drew Carey next.

Dick: Alright, I got…

Maddox: Dick, you…

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I was gonna ask you. Do you have…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. I got a special…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I got a special bit just for you, Asterios. Um…you'll recognize the music.

(70's porno music starts)

"The Biggest Problem in the Universe presents…Erotic Stories from Real Men."

Dick: This is the first erotic story I've brought in that makes me want to throw up. Uh…it was left by…it was left by…**Carlos Vega.**

Sean: Is it about Maddox shitting in a pile of leaves and wiping his ass?

Dick: No. (Maddox laughs) No, no, no. **Carlos** says, **"Sup Dick and Maddox. It's Carlos, the guy with the eight-year-old sheets. By the way, I finally bought some new sheets, after my ex found me out because I got her into listening to the podcast."**

Dick: Well, sorry, buddy. We're gonna read this comment now.

Maddox: Yeah. (Asterios laughs)

Dick: "I finally caught up on all your episodes, and after listening to Maddox's "friend"'s story about his sexual experiment, it reminded me of one of my own

experiences." This is about…we talked…well…you'll see what we talked about last week to spawn this. **"Four months ago, I moved to San Francisco."**

Sean: Ahh!! (they all laugh)

Asterios: It's already getting hot!

Sean: It's how allll experimentation stories start!

Dick: Oh, it gets better. (Maddox laughs) **"I was swiping on Tinder. Got a couple of matches. I started talking to this one girl who eventually admitted he was a crossdresser."**

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Dick: "I was like, hey bro, that's cool. I don't roll that way, but we can be friends. I'm open-minded." Hohohoho!!!

Maddox: Alright! (they giggle)

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: That's pretty cool. Budding friendship.

Dick: Yeah. (grins) (Maddox laughs) Yeah. Established on Tinder. **"A week later, I was drinking at a bar and he messaged me at 2 AM saying, "You want to hang out?" I replied, "Is this a hookup?" He said "Yes."**

(Sound effect: Boner boing)

(they laugh)

Dick: "I was feeling pretty drunk and horny, so I figured I'd experiment.

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Asterios: Okay!!

Dick: "The pictures looked enough like a pretty girl. So I made it clear that I was straight …(Maddox cracks up) **and I didn't feel comfortable doing anything with his penis."** (they all laugh) He made it clear! He made it clear!

Asterios: Yeah. (they keep laughing)

Dick: Made it clear while being drunk at 2 in the morning! "Hey look, buddy. Is this a hookup? I just want to be clear that I'm straight."

Maddox: (cackles) I'm straight.

Dick: And I won't be doing shit with your penis!! (Maddox dies of laughter)

Asterios: There's a lot of…

Dick: (interjects) You gotta draw the line somewhere!!!!

Asterios: Aren't there a lot of Craigslist post that say, like, "I'm looking for a bunch of completely straight dudes to jerk off with me."

Dick: I have no idea! You tell us.

Maddox: Yeah, you tell us, Asterios. I've never heard this before. (cracks up)

Asterios: Yeah, obviously you guys don't go on the weekends. Just Google it! (they laugh) I'll forward you guys some things.

Maddox: Huh. Please don't.

Dick: "So I made it clear that I was straight. He said it was fine, and to bring condoms." (Sean and Maddox crack up) Multiple. Multiple condoms.

(Sound effect: Fart)

(they crack up)

Dick: "I take an Uber over and was let in his place. As soon as I was right there in front of him, I just couldn't do it."

Maddox: Aww.

Dick: "Even with the alcohol in me, I saw him as another man, and felt immediately uncomfortable."

(Sound effect: Losing boner boing)

Dick: "And honestly…(Maddox and Dick giggle) **felt bad for leading him on. I apologized and walked out, and went home embarrassed and ashamed."** Oh, there's nothing to be ashamed about here!

Asterios: You should've…look! I think…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, here we go!!!

Asterios: …he should have given him a quick handjob.

Dick: Who?!

Asterios: Just to…I think the straight guy…look. Some sort of handjob should have been exchanged. But I'm saying…

Dick: (interjects) Well he SAID he…

Asterios: (interjects) …if you're gonna go all the way over there and get this…

Dick: (interjects) Cross dresser.

Asterios: I guess he identifies as a man.

Dick: That's what he said. Yeah.

Asterios: You get this man all worked up. Just give him a little release and get outta there! You don't need to do the whole thing!

Maddox: Yeah. It's the bro code.

Dick: But he said he wasn't doing anything with the penis!

Asterios: I know! Look, I'm just saying..

Maddox: Yeah. He's straight.

Dick: (giggles) He said he was straight! (they laugh)

Asterios: Be a bro. Do your bro a solid and give him a handjob. That's all I'm saying. If he was a real bro, he would have done it!

Maddox: Well, read the rest of the comment.

Asterios: I'm so…okay!!

Maddox: Yeah, let's…you'll hear it. You'll see.

Dick: "I used to say things like if it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, then it's a duck. Confident in myself that I could do anyone that appeared feminine and attractive." Oh wow, okay. Interesting way to look at it. **"The experience made me realize that I am 100% without a doubt, completely mentally and biologically straight."**

Sean: "Because I almost jerked a guy off." (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Almost fucked a crossdresser!

Sean: "Because he looked like a chick."

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Heyyyyyy, there you…and I read that comment, I commented, I said, "That's the straightest thing I've ever heard."

Asterios: Absolutely.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: There's nothing straighter than that.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, he…he went the distance with his straight…he put his straightness to the test!

Asterios: That's true.

(Porno theme starts again)

(Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Yeah.

"You've been listening to a presentation of…Erotic Stories for Real Men."

Dick: Alright, let's go. Somebody do a problem.

Maddox: Alright, guys. I got a problem.

"Brought to you by the Biggest Problem in the Universe."

(song ends)

Maddox: Alright, guys. I got a problem here, alright? Maybe the biggest problem in the universe!

Dick: Okay.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Dick: Hah!

(Sound effect: Cymbal)

Maddox: Star Wars Merchandising!

Dick: Hmm.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Sick of it!! (background laughter)

Dick: Sick of it?!

Maddox: Fucking tired of Star Wars merchandising.

Asterios: Tell us…

Dick: (interjects) Like the toys?

Asterios: Tell us about it, buddy.

Maddox: I got a pretty stinky eye from Asterios, over here.

Asterios: No, I'm withholding judgment until I hear your whoooooole problem.

Maddox: Oh! (pleasantly surprised) That's very…thank you!

Dick: Oh. I think you just did.

Maddox: Asterios. (laughs) Very open-minded of you, Asterios, thank you!

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: Uh, basically, I'm tired of Star Wars everything. You can go to the store and find Star Wars-branded clothes, toys, video games. I understand that, right?! That makes sense! 'Cause, you know, the property appeals to kids and kids like to wear their superheroes and play with their toys. Awesome. Fine.

Dick: Kids who are 30? (Maddox cracks up) Yeah.

Maddox: No problem with that, right? There's no problem there. And then there's the cereal. Okay. No problem with that, either. You know, I've had branded cereal all my life. The toys are fun. It makes sense. Sure!!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Fuck it! Toys. Cereals. I get it. But then there's Star Wars condensed soup. There's Darth Vader Spaghetti-Os. (giggles)

Asterios: Yeah! C-3P-Os!!! They're delicious.

Maddox: Yeah. Ohhhhhhhh. (disgusted) (Dick cracks up) Fucking! Of course you know not only the brand, but the actual marketing slogan that you use…

Asterios: (interjects) What's the difference between that an alphabet soup, other than the shapes are…

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: You know what? I'll let you say…I'll let you finish your problem.

Dick: Yeah! I agree with that.

Asterios: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

Maddox: C-3P-Os? They're just fucking Spaghetti-Os, man!!! They're just called… (giggles)

Asterios: Yeah! They're Spaghetti-Os, but better!

Maddox: Ugh.

Asterios: They found a way to make Spaghetti-Os better. You're eating little, adorable droids!!! (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: No…

Asterios: (interjects) You get to have littler adventures in your soup!! (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: Of course, of course, of course. (grins)

Asterios: Okay, you know what?! You got…I'll let you roll your problem out. I'll withhold judgment.

Maddox: Yeah! No judgments, no judgments, yeah.

Dick: No, but see, Maddox is very…(Maddox laughs) he's very protective of his soup. That's what you don't understand. (Asterios and Maddox cackle)

Asterios: Why are there these Star Wars Love stamps on my correspondence?!!?

(they laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: What about the little X-rated droid, R2-DP? (Dick laughs) (Asterios gasps)

Maddox: Ohhhh. Sean.

Asterios: I love that.

Maddox: So you can get Yoda branding, if you prefer. There's Yoda-shaped pasta in high-sodium tomato and cheese sauce that they're LITERALLY shoving down our throats now! This fucking Star Wars merchandise!!

Asterios: Hey, you ever had low-sodium soup? It tastes terrible.

Maddox: Nah, I…

Asterios: (interjects) There's a reason they put so much sodium in all soup.

Maddox: There's a middle ground!

Asterios: It's the only way to make it taste good.

Maddox: No! There's a middle ground. It's like Coke.

Asterios: (interjects) Eh, yeah…

Maddox: (interjects) Coke…a bottle of Coke is, like, 300, 400 calories. Whatever it is! A bottle of Coke is like 300 calories, and it has like 30, 40 grams of sugar? I'm like "Guys, why not just a LITTLE bit of sugar?" (Asterios sighs) You don't have to, like, fucking go apeshit with it. What, Asterios!? Defend your high-sodium soup!!! (laughs)

Asterios: All I'm saying is, there's no difference between Star Wars soups and non-Star Wars soups. They're all high-sodium soups! (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: You can't throw Star Wars soups…

Dick: That's true.

Asterios: It's not like they put midichlorians in there that have extra sodium! You're not gonna get gout because you ate some goddamn Yoda pasta!!

Maddox: Yeah, the difference…

Asterios: (interjects) You're gonna eat a lot of pasta, you're gonna get…(yelling) Alright, I'm sorry. I'll let you finish.

Maddox: Yeah. No judgments, right?

Asterios: No judgments.

Maddox: No judgments. (laughs) Okay, so we still don't know what Asterios' opinion is on this problem. So we'll get to that. Then there's the Darth Vader Burger at fast food chains in France. Remember the Burger King spooky Halloween burger with the black buns that made everyone's shit turn green?

Dick: Yeah, they're gross.

Maddox: Yeah, remember that?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: It's the exact same thing. Now it's rebranded as the Darth Vader burger at the Quick Chains in France. Les Quick. There's also the Jedi Burger, which, according to ABC News, looks very much the same as a regular burger. (laughs) (Sean laughs)

Dick: Oh, that's it? It's just called a Jedi Burger?

Maddox: It's just called a Jedi Burger. Here's what's on it. The burger has two beef patties, a slice of cheese, onions, mayo, relish, and pickles. Oh, I'm sorry. I meant Yoda Pickles.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: They invented a new process to brine the pickles to look exactly like Yoda's wrinkly skin. Oh, well, that's clever.

Dick: They made pickles that look like scabs?!

Maddox: No. Pickles ALWAYS look like Yoda! They're just wrinkly fucking cucumbers! That's what Yoda is!

Dick: Are they in the shape of Yoda?

Maddox: No. They're just pickles. I mean, yeah, they could say, "Oh now they're Yoda pickles!"

Dick: Well, I would like to eat a shape of Yoda pickle. That sounds fun! (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Asterios: Listen!! (they laugh) If you're gonna start limiting the way that fast food brands can experiment and brand with their food…

Dick: (interjects) You're basically Hitler.

Asterios: Here's what you're not gonna get.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: You're not gonna get the Baskin Robbins Shrek Ogre Sundae.

Maddox: Good!

Asterios: Okay? You're not gonna get Gandalf's Gobble Melt. (Maddox laughs) You're not gonna get all these wonderful branded foods…WHY do you…you're trying to shut down burgers!? Really!?

Maddox: I'm not…this is the same thing as…

Asterios: (interjects) This is the biggest problem in the universe?!!

Maddox: Asterios, if you go on any other day of the year, you can just get the exact same Jedi burger. It has fucking onions and cheese on it. What makes it Jedi!? There's nothing Jedi about it!

Asterios: Who cares!? I want to order a Jedi Burger?!

Dick: Yeah, but it's not as fun!! (they all talk over each other)

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.

Asterios: I want a Jedi Burger all the time!!

Maddox: Good!

Asterios: If it's the same thing, I'm BUYING the branding!

Maddox: I know!!

Asterios: I'm trying to commune with this franchise I like by eating a hamburger!

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Asterios: How does that hurt you?

Maddox: I'll tell you…it doesn't hurt me, Asterios. It hurts you. And I'll get to that in just a second.

Dick: Well, it obviously hurts him, 'cause it's a fast food burger. (Maddox cracks up) Let's start there.

Asterios: Yeah! Really…you…

Maddox: (interjects) And these kids….these kids they're marketing to who don't know any better drink…eating these high-sodium garbage.

Dick: Again. 30-year-old kids.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Look, if you…all I'm saying is…(Dick and Sean laugh) if you start attacking… (Maddox and Dick laugh) Older than 30. If you start attacking branded foods…

Maddox: Yeah?

Asterios: You're not gonna get Nintend-Os.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You're not gonna get Legend of Zelda cereal. Super Mario Brothers cereal.

Dick: Oh, that was a GREAT cereal!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You're not gonna get Batman Returns cereal!

Maddox: Ooooh.

Asterios: The legacy that branded foods has had on our lives has been as immense as it is wonderful. (Maddox laughs) And if you start attacking Star Wars branded food, you're attacking all branded food.

Dick: That's true. That's true.

Maddox: #YesAllFood.

Asterios: What's wrong with you today?!

Dick: It's true. What IS wrong with you!?

Maddox: I'm gonna get to it, Asterios. I'm gonna get to exactly..

Asterios: (interjects) WHY DON'T YOU GET TO IT, ALREADY?!?!!?

Maddox: Well, it….

Dick: (interjects) What about the Maddox branded hot sauce?

Maddox: I'm still going through this.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly!

Dick: How is that any different?

Asterios: How is that any different?!

Maddox: Guys, I'll tell you exactly how it's different in just a second.

Dick: Oh, yeah, here we go.

Asterios: Alright!

Maddox: Lemme go through this. There's still…there's still more…(they all talk over each other)

Asterios: Making me SO mad today!

Dick: Give it a 10-minute technical difficulty break.

Maddox: You're gonna get to it. This from metro.co.uk. They're going through all the different, like, ridiculous Star Wars food items now. (Dick snorts) And there's one that actually makes sense here, but it's not this. There's a Chewbacca-themed spice latte CoffeeMate creamer. Coffeemate fucking creamer!?!!? Chewbacca-themed!? OKAY.

Dick: Is it brown!?

Maddox: It just…huh?

Dick: Is it brown?

Maddox: Yeah. It just has Chewbacca's face on it.

Asterios: Hazelnut?

Dick: Ohhhhh.

Asterios: What's wrong with that?

Maddox: No, it's spiced latte…creamer.

Asterios: Would you rather there be no one's face on it!?

Maddox: YES!

Asterios: Then how are you having fun with your coffee!? (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Because it costs more! All this branding costs more, shitheads! It costs more! We're paying more for this branding!

Asterios: Waaaaah, waaaaah, waah.

(they all talk over each other)

Maddox: They're paying for that…

Dick: (inaudible) paying more.

Maddox: Yes, we are!!!

Dick: No.

Maddox: Because they pay a licensing fee. And you think that…

Dick: (interjects) Lemme tell you what Maddox wants.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: In his food.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: He wants…it to be exactly like it is on TV. Where…(Asterios laughs) a beer just has the word "beer" on it.

Asterios: Yep.

Dick: All cereal is just white boxes that say “cereal”. You have no choice in anything. You walk into the store, THEY fill your cart up for you.

Asterios: Yep.

Dick: And then you just walk out.

Asterios: Sounds like Cuba to me.

Maddox: That’s not at all what I want! But the non-labelled branding, actually, I did think about doing that. I want to create a store with non-branded items. So yeah.

Dick: Yeah, see?

Maddox: You come in and…(Dick laughs) I’m okay with that. That’s fun! And you do have a choice!!

Asterios: Yeaaaaaaah! I can’t wait to eat Cereal-Os. (Dick, Sean, and Asterios laughs) And drink milk-branded milk!!

Maddox: Then you can draw whatever you want on the box! You don’t have…like, there’s no place to draw on the boxes. On cereal box….

Asterios: (interjects) I DON’T HAVE TIME!!

Maddox: Asterios, that’s a fucking lie!!!! (laughs)

Asterios: I don’t have time to make my own food creative! Look, the other day…I bought a can of shaving cream that had Dennis Nedry’s face on it.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: From Jurassic Park?

Asterios: Yes! Because remember how in Jurassic Park…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Nedry stored the embryos in a can of Barbasol? Barbasol made, like, special, like…”Haha, there’s dinosaurs hidden in here.” Shaving cream.

Dick: Oh, that’s cool.

Asterios: And I was like, “I’m buying this one!”

Maddox: Hmmmmm.

Asterios: Now I get to pretend I’m in Jurassic Park every time I shave!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: Now every time I shave I pretend that I’m gonna get covered in dilophosaurus spit and die in a mud pit and have the embryos disappear until they’re found in Jurassic Park III.

Maddox: Yeah, well, it'd be better if you pretended like you were a supporter of the show and went to http://www.harrys.com/biggest!!!! (cracks up) And save $5!!!

Asterios: Look, I put it…

Maddox: (interjects) Hold on. Here's what…here's the Star Wars.

Dick: (interjects) If you want to pretend to live with dinosaurs, use promo code BIGGEST …(they crack up) to save $5 off your first purchase.

Maddox: Here is an actual Star Wars food-related product that I am 100% on board with, 'cause it totally makes sense.

Asterios: Sure.

Maddox: There's a Pop Tart with Han Solo frozen in carbonite made out of frosting.

Dick: That's great!!!

Asterios: That's awesome.

Maddox: Yeah. Look at this picture.

Dick: That's fun!

Maddox: Look at this picture. It's kinda hard to tell, but I have…it's Han Solo in frosting.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Which is the only Star Wars food item that actually makes sense. That's fun and it's practical. You know? I get it.

Dick: (interjects) You have really high standards for your, like, marketing.

Maddox: Yeah, I do.

Asterios: (interjects) Yeah, what about Darth Taters?

Maddox: Ugh, please!

Asterios: Luke Piewalkers!! R2 Fruit Chews!!! Stewbacca! (Maddox laughs) Nien Nunb's Chicken Drums!! Yoda Soda!!!

Maddox: Yoda Soda. (laughing)

Asterios: Shaak Ti's Ice Tea!!! Don't you drink or eat any of these things!? (Maddox dies of laughter)

Maddox: No. Not if…

Asterios: Salacious Crumb Cakes! Landos Flan Do's!!! What are you EATING?!

Maddox: Yeah!! You know what, Asterios? Just normal food that isn't a pun of a Star Wars character. That's it!

Asterios: Anakin's Bran-A-Thins!! (Maddox laughs) You're not EATING THESE?!!?

Maddox: Anyone could do these!!! Ugh…(stammers) Death Star, okay, what…(Dick cracks up)

Asterios: Obi-Wan KenKobe Beef…

Dick: Yeah, you nailed it!!!!!!!! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Yeah, great job, asshole!!

Dick: Grand Moff Takeout.

Asterios: Obi-Wan Ken Kobe Beef Medallions!!! (they all crack up) Emperor Palabeans!!! How come you're not eating these foods!!? (Dick claps) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Ugh, great. Awesome.

Asterios: What's wrong with you?!

Maddox: Uh, okay. How about Ewok's Pea-Woks? Uh, they're just a can of peas with Ewoks on em, eehhh, beh, beh, beh.

Dick: Pea Woks? (cracks up)

Maddox: Pea Woks. (laughs)

Asterios: That's not a food!

Maddox: Peas are foods! PEAS ARE FOOD!

Asterios: No, what you wanna say…you probably wanna say something like…

Maddox: (interjects) Wayne Brady. (laughs)

Asterios: Yeah, exactly.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: How about Chewy Caramel Bacca…Caramels. Beh, beh, beh.

Asterios: I already said Stewbacca, asshole!

Maddox: Stew…(cracks up)

Asterios: Chewbacca, Stewbacca!

Maddox: Stewbacca.

Asterios: I already said that.

Maddox: Oh, that sounds real hearty.

(Sound effect: Fart)

Maddox: (laughs) Listen to this, though. Um, then there's Star Wars cookie cutters. The Darth Vader cookie cutter makes it look like a little gingerbread girl. Like…I got a picture here. Look at this. This is…in the corner. In the lower left hand corner, there's a little Darth Vader. It looks like a gingerbread girl.

Dick: Looks like Cathy.

Maddox: They don't look…(cracks up)

Asterios: Yeah. You gotta decorate them with icing. You can't just pull a cookie…a gingerbread cookie doesn't look like a gingerbread cookie until you put his little

gingerbread buttons on him, his gingerbread bowtie, and his little gingerbread smile!! (Maddox guffaws) You need to stop with this problem now, before I continue to humiliate you.

Maddox: Okay. Asterios, I teased this, alright?

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: I said, “I’m going to tell you what the problem with this is”…and it’s going to hurt YOU, Asterios, and everybody who loves branded food and products, right? There’s something called “the Frozen effect” and this is from forbes.com from an article titled “When Disney Movies’ Merchandising is Too Much”. And they talked about how Frozen merchandising accumulated 107.2 billion dollars in retail sales. That’s more than the GDP of Morocco, Slovakia, Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic! That’s like saying, “Hey, Dominican Republic, you know all that product you’ve been producing domestically? Every single bottle of rum? All those bananas? Tobacco? Refined petroleum and medical instruments?”

Dick: Like, nothing.

Maddox: Yeah. We spend money…we spend more money on shitty Frozen merchandise than everything…every single citizen in your country makes COMBINED.

Asterios: You know what?!

Dick: So what?

Asterios: Maybe the Dominican Republic should fucking get off its ass and make some products people want to buy! (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: Okay, I’m sorry that we all like the snowman from Frozen! How about instead of making refined petroleum, they make Uncle Owen and Aunt Beru’s Pumpkin-Flavored Dunkaroos?! (they all crack up) Wedge Antilles’ Aunt’s Chili, huh!!? (Maddox and Sean laugh) Mon Mothma’s Prawn Cakes!! Just get off your ass and do something!

Maddox: Yeah, make a pun-based food item! That’s how you make the real bucks!

Asterios: Nute Gunray’s Bun Tray!! (Maddox cracks up) Get to work!!!

Maddox: Fuck you, Asterios!!

Asterios: Senator Flan-adala!! General Grievous’ Fennel-Encrusted Eaglesses! (Maddox and Dick crack up) Get off your ass and make something people wanna buy!!!

Maddox: Asterios, I don’t even know where you’re getting all this shit!! Are you just rattling these off?!

Asterios: This is the food I eat every day!!! (yells) (they crack up) How can you…don’t you guys eat Qui-Gonn Jin-flavored pizza?!

Maddox: No!! It’s just pizza!!

Asterios: What’s wrong with you people!?

Maddox: I do! It's just pizza, Asterios!

Asterios: Ugh, I hate you guys.

Maddox: It's just fucking pizza with sausage on it! How about that, huh?

Asterios: I'm sorry, Sean. I hate you, too, now. I hate all of you guys!! I don't even know why! I'm just disappointed in humanity and you guys are represe….

Sean: (interjects) What the hell did I do?

Asterios: I don't know! I'm just mad at everything right now.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I need to take a…I need to take a minute.

Maddox: Good! Then while you're taking that minute, stew on this Asterios, this is from the article. It says, "Frozen seems to be too much of a good thing. It brought the understanding back to retailers that they can sell character license throughout the store, but was also seen at freezing out other attractive licenses because retailers were too overwhelming in their support of Elsa and company at the expense of placing other licensed goods on the shelves." Now, you think, "Well, that's fine. 'Cause the market determines what's popular." Right?

Asterios: Yes.

Maddox: But the problem is, Disney has purchased so much property. They own Marvel now. They own Star Wars. They own Elsa. They own all their other Disney properties. So if you are a creator whose property is owned and purchased by Disney, and you want to sell some of that merchandising? Disney and Disney alone determines how much money YOU make, because they determine what they're going to market, and if they want to have a whitewash in the store of everything Star Wars or everything Frozen, too fucking bad! Now you can't buy any other merchandise for any other brand, 'cause Disney's determined that Frozen's number one.

Dick: How is that a problem? (grins)

Asterios: Just look and use the Internet if you want to buy your shit.

Maddox: I just explained exactly why.

Asterios: If you wanna buy your Breaking Bad action figure…

Dick: Tchyeah.

Asterios: Get him on Amazon. I mean, honestly…I know a thing or two about toy determination in the retail space, because of my commercial work.

Dick: No surprise.

Asterios: And it's…look. A lot of the shelving space is determined by the retailers themselves. Wal-Mart, Target, some of…these bigger brands actually have a really big say in what toys show up and what toys don't. Also, as a Disney stockholder, I want them to buy more and more. As soon as Disney bought Star Wars, I'm like, "I'm buying a lot of Disney stock." It's gone up 150%. It's fantastic. I hope Disney…

Dick: (interjects) That's a good move.

Asterios: I hope Disney ruins everything.

Maddox: Yeah, well…guess what? They're ruining Star Wars. You're short-sighted. Here's why. With…

Dick: (interjects) They ruined Star Wars?!

Maddox: Yeah, and I'll tell you why. Well, we'll get to that.

Dick: I might place the blame of ruining Star Wars on somebody else.

Maddox: This is…continued from an article. It says, "With Frozen, we may now be seeing what LIMA, it's a Licensing Industry Merchandiser's Association, respondent called "brand fatigue". Oversaturation of entertainment and celebrity properties was mentioned as a negative trend, minimizing available shelf space for all, though Disney does not seem to be suffering." Now here's what happens. When you start to see Star Wars showerheads in the shape of R2-D2 and Darth Vader…

Asterios: Awesome showerheads.

Dick: Yeah, cool.

Maddox: You're pretty much past the hump of brand fatigue. And this is from Moz.com. It talks about why no one pays attention to your marketing. There's this article. So if you have too many messages on a medium, right? Or the value provided is too low or infrequent to deserve attention, like, I can go to the dollar store right now and buy a 24-pack of Star Wars branded water bottles for a DOLLAR.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: It's a good deal.

Maddox: That brand association has been devalued to nothing, because I'm buying essentially…

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute.

Asterios: (interjects) Oh, so you give a shit…so now you give a shit about…

Dick: (interjects) Why are you worried about their brand?

Asterios: Right, exactly.

Dick: Why are you worried about…

Maddox: (interjects) I'm not. I'm telling you how people like Asterios, who like Star Wars merchandising…in the end it's gonna nip you in the bud, because they're devaluing the brand by making it so cheap.

Dick: But how's it gonna nip HIM in the bud?

Asterios: Yeah, I get Star Wars water.

Maddox: 'Cause you like this stuff.

Asterios: And Star Wars showerheads.

Maddox: You'll get it now, but you won't be able to in the future when it kills the brand. (Dick giggles)

Asterios: Yeah, but listen. What…the solution to…it's like, yes, this happens with licensed properties. At some point, the Ninja Turtles waned in popularity from the 80s. Yeah. This is what happens. G.I. Joe gets less popular. He-Man gets less popular.

Maddox: But why? Why?

Asterios: Uh, it's definitely not 'cause there's too much He-Man stuff.

Dick: (interjects) Well, hopefully…

Maddox: (interjects) Brand fatigue.

Asterios: It's because people grow up.

Dick: Grow up.

Maddox: No.

Asterios: It's because…

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: …the storytelling gets bad.

Maddox: Clearly, they haven't, Dick. (giggles) Clearly they haven't grown up if they're still buying, uh…what's the Dunkaroos one?

Asterios: Uncle Owen and Aunt Beru's Pumpkin Flavored Dunkaroos. (Maddox laughs) Look, here's what…

Dick: (interjects) A lot of us do.

Asterios: Yeah. All I'm saying is, Star Wars has been selling merchandise, like, really well for decades now. If your problem is you're worried that…

Dick: (interjects) Star Wars is not merchandising enough.

Asterios: …is that Star Wars merchandise will get worse? Look, don't worry. It's already… yeah.

Dick: I'm sure they got a couple guys at Disney trying to figure it out.

Asterios: Yeah. They'll fix this problem.

Maddox: Well, no. Disney right now…I mean, the entertainment industry, for movie and TV, is hurting. Really bad. Most people outside of the industry don't know this, but, like…

Dick: (interjects) Good!

Maddox: …TV is essentially dead.

Dick: (interjects) Also good!

Maddox: Whether it's good or bad is irrelevant. Right now, the industry's really hurting. So Disney…this is, like, one last hurrah as a big cash grab to merchandise as much as they possibly can for the Star Wars franchise. And I mean, if the movie comes out and is

anything less than stellar, it will kill this brand, especially with how much merchandising there is.

Asterios: No…

Dick: (interjects) I think they put three movies through that were dog shit and they STILL couldn't kill the brand.

Asterios: Yeah, that's…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, I don't know that they were dog shit, Dick. (Asterios and Maddox laugh) Listen to this. This is the final point, here. It says, "The messaging can't be effectively tuned or controlled by the user." When you have an oversaturation of a brand campaign that is so overwhelming that people get sick of it, like I am now, it becomes something that you resent after a while. And then…this is from marketingweek.com. "The biggest factor that's missing in all this stuff, I think, it authenticity." (Dick giggles) And they didn't say this specifically with regards to Star Wars. They just said this with all brands. They said, "With the research showing that extensive exposure to brand message is causing fatigue, creating authentic experiences for consumers should help refresh the interest." And that's why I said the Pop-Tart with the Han Solo frozen in carbonite is one of the few items on this list that is an authentic Star Wars brand, because they are actually making it a non-trivial aspect of the product. It's not just slapping a logo on the side of a can of soup that you can buy any other day and say, "Oh, not it's a Star Wars…wait, what was it? C-3P-Os!" Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Well, those are fun, though.

Asterios: Delicious soup.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: For delicious people. I think that…(they giggle) Look, buddy. I could take a big dump on these Pop-Tarts, too. It's like, if anyone wants to be a contrarian and take a dump on something fun, they can do it. I can be, like, "Well Han Solo's a really cool character. He's a smuggler. He shot Greedo first! Doesn't it devalue him as a character to put him on a Pop-Tart?" (Dick laughs) Why do I want to eat Han Solo? Isn't it weird that I'm eating my hero? If anything, I wanna eat Jabba! Like, you can make some argument about all this shit. It's like…look. I just think that everyone's excited about Star Wars, and you're being a bit of a contrarian about it.

Dick: Well, it seems like your argument is that it will devalue their brand, and then Asterios won't have access to all these products anymore?

Asterios: In the long run…

Dick: (interjects) Like, why do you give a shit about Disney's brands?

Maddox: I…because it doesn't just affect Disney. It affects a lot of things. Like…this kind of oversaturation of brand marketing almost killed…in fact, it did KILL the video game industry!

Dick: Ahh, here we go! Video games!

Asterios: We're talking about Atari?

Maddox: In 1984…

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: The Atari…so, when ET…the ET movie came out, Atari decided that this was gonna be the biggest fucking movie, and they were gonna make this game, and they pushed it through before it was finished, and made this shitty product. And they decided that this game was gonna be so popular, that they printed more cartridges of the game than there were SYSTEMS to play it on.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And they…

Dick: (interjects) People might buy two!! (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: One for saving and one for playing!

Dick: Yeah, for playing. Like with our bonus episode. I always encourage people to buy two, just in case!

Maddox: No, I…

Dick: (interjects) I don't know how computers work! Maybe something will happen to those MP3s! (him and Asterios talk over each other)

Asterios: If you put it in your Dropbox, it might disappear forever!!

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: So…so the video game industry was killed by this oversaturation and this marketing, to the point where it took a company like…a a juggernaut like Nintendo with their product to be able to resuscitate it. But…that's potentially what can happen. 'Cause here's the thing. I like…I like the original three Star Wars movies. And the prequels are awesome. They're the best movies. (Sean groans) And, uh…(laughs)

Dick: That's not surprising.

Maddox: And I like these things. I genuinely do. But this oversaturation is going to kill the brand, and I'm telling you. You know what? I'm the ghost of Christmas…Future.

Dick: Future. Mhmm.

Maddox: And I'm telling you what the future looks like, and it's a Star Wars-less future, buddy! (Dick scoffs) And I wouldn't want to live in that future, either. But I do. I kinda do.

Asterios: Yeah, I know you do!!!!

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Asterios: That's the problem!!

Dick: Yeah. I think you hate it!

Asterios: Just say, “I’m annoyed by all these nerds…”

Maddox: I am!!

Asterios: “…waving their lightsabers around.”

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Just say that!

Maddox: I am.

Asterios: Don’t attack the branding!

Maddox: I am. I am, Asterios!!!

Asterios: Be like, “Other people’s excitement bothers me and confuses me!”

Dick: Yeah. That’s true.

Asterios: “I don’t like that all these nerds are happy.”

Dick: That’s what it is.

Maddox: Guys.

Asterios: I’m unhappy! How come they’re not unhappy?! Lemme complain about it.

Maddox: No, it’s too much, man! Every time, like, Game of Thrones comes around…every idiot on Facebook…their analysis of the last night’s episode. Huh, bluh, bluh. I just tune it out, I’m like…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. That’s…

Asterios: (interjects) Yeah. That’s what you do.

Dick: That’s how we bond with each other as hu-mon beings. (they laugh)

Maddox: Oh, don’t…

Dick: Mr. Roboto.

Asterios: Hu-mons.

Dick: We talk about things that are going on, and stuff we like.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, it’s…

Dick: (interjects) And we eat that stuff, too. We want it in our bodies.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So it can be a part of us.

Maddox: They make…like, some…

Asterios: (interjects) It’s brandedly delicious!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: This person…it's not an official branded product, but there's a guy…I think an artist in Hungary who made Star Wars-themed dildos. So you can fuck yourself with Star Wars, too, now. Go ahead, Dick! Fuck yourself! (laughs)

Dick: Hey, but you know when you don't want to get fucked is on the price of your razor.

Asterios: That's true.

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: Right?

(Sound effect: "Ding!")

Dick: This episode is brought to you by Harry's. (Maddox giggles) Use promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM…

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: …to save $5 off your first purchase. Look, the holidays are coming up. This holiday season, Harry's has something for every guy out there. Whether it's a Secret Santa gift for your office…you know about those? You know what Secret Santas are, where you get everybody a present and it's a huge pain in the ass? 'Cause you don't want to spend too much money, but you don't wanna look cheap, right?!

Asterios: Exactly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You get their ass a nice Harry's Holiday Set for $15. Save $5 when you use our promo code, right?

Maddox: Do they have a Harry's phaser razor, Star Wars-themed razors? Buuuuuuuh. (laughs)

Dick: No.

Asterios: I hope so.

Dick: Because they're a great company that cares about your shave.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They don't care about branding.

Maddox: No gimmicks.

Dick: They do, however, have a great holiday pack. Asterios, I want you to look at this.

Asterios: Tell me!

Dick: This is the Harry's Holiday Kit.

Asterios: Lemme take a look at this.

Dick: I wanna give this to you…

Asterios: Oh, thank you.

Dick: 'Cause you look like shit. (Asterios and Maddox laugh)

Asterios: I feel like shit!

Dick: No one's gonna tell you that, but you gotta…you need a nice shave.

Asterios: Oh, my God!

Dick: It'll make you feel better about yourself.

Maddox: You guys can't see this. Asterios came from a night of heavy drinking at a bowling alley.

Asterios: And heavy pot smoking.

Maddox: Oh, heavy pot smoking.

Asterios: At the bowling alley after-party. Alright, so I'm seeing a daily face wash. I haven't washed my face in a few days. I think my face could probably use the power of cooling peppermint and eucalyptus to gently exfoliate all the Star Wars cereal off my cheeks and lips!!

Maddox: All is a little aggressive, I don't know. I mean, it might take a couple of sessions.

Asterios: You're…okay. And so here we go. Alright, so this Harry's razor comes with this nice, cool little blade, kinda like a Montblanc pen.

Dick: Oh, it's true.

Maddox: Now Asterios, I want you to hold that ra…

Asterios: (interjects) Oh, it's heavy, like…

Maddox: Feel…right?

Asterios: Like…it's like a gun.

Dick: It's gold like C-3PO.

Asterios: It's gold like C-3PO, but it's almost heavy like sort of, Han Solo's Blastek Blaster.

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, there it is.

Dick: That's true. That's true.

Maddox: This is not…

Asterios: (interjects) Oh, it's got a real power to it!!

Maddox: They're not Star War…Disney is not paying us for this free product placement!! (Dick giggles) We're not getting paid by Disney.

Asterios: I'm seeing one, two…five blades?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is that how many it has?

Asterios: Yeah, I'm counting 'em right now.

Dick: I dunno how to count the blades.

Asterios: There's five blades on this guy. That's great.

Maddox: That, you know what? They could do with three. With the quality of those blades?

Dick: Maddox, you're telling all these companies how to run their businesses today!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Disney…this is how you should do marketing! A billion dollar marketing initiative!! Harry's got too many blades in the razor!!

Maddox: No, I…

Dick: (interjects) You should be a consultant!

Maddox: I like…I like the number of blades. I think it's a perfect razor the way it is.

Sean: And then everyone should do the opposite. (Dick chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, hey. Visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase.

Maddox: So thank you for supporting us, guys! Thank you to Harry's for supporting the show. Awesome. Alright. Asterios, you…you have a problem?

Asterios: Yeah. And you know what? I think we can probably go through mine real quick, because it's…I don't think we're gonna argue about this too much. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: What show are you on, buddy? (they laugh)

Dick: We had an entire episode arguing about apples.

Asterios: Okay! Well…but look. Apples are one thing. I don't think anyone in this room thinks the prequels are awesome. And my problem is Prequel Apologists.

Dick: Star Wars prequels.

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeah.

Asterios: Star Wars Prequel Apologists. Yeah. Be…(stammers) I suppose the Godfather prequel was even better than the original, so let's not say all prequels are bad. (Dick chuckles) Um, there's an easy way to get hits now on the Internet.

Maddox: Yup!

Asterios: It's to put out a think piece or a podcast that's like…"Let's take a second look at the prequels!" "Let's reconsider the prequels."

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: There's this article on the AV Club. I…it's called "The Star Wars Prequels Don't Deserve Your Hatred". And it came out a month ago. I see this every day on Facebook. I've only clicked on it now for the purpose of this podcast, 'cause every time I see that headline, I'm like, "That's fucking clickbait."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I hate that annoying clickbait bullshit.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: And it's just like…people…comedians have made a lot of money shitting on the prequels for decades. I mean, the first one came out 15 years ago. Because they're bad movies, and so now there's no more money to be made in it. So all these fucking think piece blogger "Gotta get hits" assholes are writing like, "Ooh, let's reconsider."

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: "In many ways, like, isn't this unrestrained genius kind of interesting?" And bla, bla, bla.

Dick: Oh. (scoffs)

Asterios: And it's just annoying.

Dick: What are their points? 'Cause I hate, like…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: I'll listen to the Mr. Plinkett reviews.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I listen to those…

Maddox: Red Letter Media. Yeah.

Dick: Well, do you know…have you ever heard his reviews of the prequels?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: They're like an hour and a half long for each movie.

Maddox: They're so good.

Dick: And for some reason, they're so satisfying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll just listen to them on a loop all day.

Maddox: The first time I saw his reviews, I recommend everyone go check out Red Letter Media's Star Wars reviews of the original three movies. I saw that he went in depth reviewing each movie, and each one of these videos is like an hour and a half long.

Dick: Oh, yeah. It's great.

Maddox: There's no fucking way I'm gonna watch this shit!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then I watch a few minutes, and I ended up watching all three. And they were so satisfying, because he really breaks down everything wrong with that movie. And one of the big things, Asterios, back to the branding thing.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Is his criticism of the original three…the prequels. Was that George Lucas let the outside world seep into the Star Wars universe. So Darth Vader was originally not a main character. Not a very big character in the original three movies. And because he became so popular after the movie, George Lucas retroactively made the movies about Darth Vader. And that kind of seeped into the universe. That's where that branding also hurt the actual franchise.

Asterios: I'm not gonna…I wouldn't blame the branding on that, because…(Dick laughs) between Star Wars and Empire Strikes Back, people were like, "Oh, we like this Darth Vader guy." Yeah, in Star Wars, he's like the muscle. He's the enforcer. Like, in Plinkett and the Red Letter Media reviews, Mike Stoklasa calls him, like, an S.S asshole would be for the Nazis.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Just a guy that does the dirty business of the Empire.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: But after Star Wars, people were like, "This Darth Vader guy's pretty fucking cool!" So in Empire, he's the main bad guy now. He's not…he's not answering to General Veers, or he's not answering to Admiral…um, I forget the name of the admiral. He's like choking these motherfuckers out left and right. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: In Empire. And then obviously, in Return of the Jedi, which is not as good of a movie, he…you know. He's the Emperor's hand.

Maddox: Mmm.

Asterios: You know. He's sent to…

Dick: (interjects) When is he Luke's dad? 'Cause that was obviously thought of afterwards.

Asterios: Oh, yeah. He's definitely not Luke's dad in the first movie.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Absolutely not.

Dick: Right, yeah.

Maddox: So, Asterios. Right now, everything you're doing is…are you defending the prequels?

Asterios: No. How is that…

Dick: No, those are the originals.

Asterios: How does that sound like that at all?

Maddox: Because…because the criticism of the prequels is that George Lucas let the outside universe of this Darth Vader hysteria seep into the story and made it more about Darth Vader.

Asterios: Well, but the thing is, you COULD make a compelling story about Anakin Skywalker; he just didn't do that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: The problem with the prequels isn't that they decided to focus on Anakin Skywalker. The problem is that they…is that it's bad storytelling. Like…you could do any… like, you could give me…like, something that Bob Odenkirk says is, like, "Hand me the script to Casablanca and watch me turn it into a huge piece of shit."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, you can ruin any story.

Maddox: Not Mad Max, 'cause there is no story!! (Asterios laughs) That's why it's the best, man! That was the best m…100 out of 5 stars! I still like that movie.

Asterios: Well, I'm not gonna argue with you. But yeah. Here's something from the AV Club. Here's a line: "They're far better, far more fun space operas than their damaged reputation suggests."

Dick: Space operas?

Asterios: "For that matter…" I mean, they are space operas, but…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: 'Cause it's like soap operas but in space.

Dick: Ohhhhh.

Asterios: Like Star Trek was a space opera.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: Star Wars is considered a space opera.

Maddox: Babylon 5.

Dick: Ohhh.

Asterios: Babylon 5 is the biggest space opera.

Maddox: Battlestar Galactica. Huge space opera.

Dick: Whoooooa.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly, 'cause there's a lot of sex and relationship shit, and people talking.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Um, you know. This article also says, "For that matter, they're also better written than they're given credit for." And it's like, "No they're not."

Maddox: No.

Asterios: These are bad movies. And if you liked them, it's because you were 12 when they came out, and you liked being a kid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And…so…okay, look. I'm not gonna say the Goonies is amazing. I like the Goonies.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: So it's like…just write your fucking blog piece about that, bloggers. Just go, "Yeah, I was 11 and I wasn't that judgmental of the media I consumed." And okay, yeah, I guess I like it. I guess I like it a little more than an adult who saw it.

Maddox: It's just…

Dick: (interjects) I had a friend who was my age, still…who kind of liked them, and it really made me lose…it lessened my opinion of him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: What was…

Dick: (interjects) Just because he liked the prequels. It was like, "Hmm."

Asterios: What was his reasoning? Like, what did he say?

Dick: I think he just liked lightsabers.

Maddox: I…

Asterios: (interjects) That's the thing.

Maddox: I worked with this guy at my old job who is…as fanatical as a Star Wars fan gets. You know those guys on TV…I didn't realize this about him at the time, but I was…I was kind of…I made an offhanded comment one day about how there are these really fanatical Star Wars fans who have entire rooms of their houses dedicated to the action figures.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And they just have…it's just like a storeroom for action figures.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And he got really defensive. He goes, "What's wrong with that?" And I thought, well…

Dick: (interjects) It's weird.

Maddox: Yeah, it's super weird.

Asterios: Mmm.

Maddox: And also, it's, like, kinda creepy. And then I found out that he was one of these guys, and that he rented this apartment that he didn't live in.

Asterios: Oh, no!

Maddox: It was a separate apartment in a different state. (Dick giggles) That he had just filled with Star Wars action figures.

Dick: Ahh. Your friends, man.

Maddox: And he had…yeah. (they crack up) He had two or three…

Dick: Corn and porn…(Maddox laughs) Apartments for their action figures. That he probably housed his real doll in as well, when people weren't looking.

Maddox: I don't know.

Asterios: That he put Yaddle's face on.

Maddox: No, uh…

Asterios: (interjects) Yaddle is the female Yoda, by the way.

Maddox: Oh, thank you. (laughs)

Asterios: You're welcome.

Maddox: Thank you, Asterios. (Sean laughs) Um, no. So he had all these action figures. And he had, I think, two or three of every single one. One to open and play with. (Dick laughs) And one to….(Asterios groans) one to keep forever. And then one to sell or trade. (Dick sighs) So he had, like, three of every single one. And there's this huge, like, subculture of these people who go around doing this. And he was a huge defender of the prequel. He was a huge prequel apologist.

Dick: How would he play with them? Like, he would open it up to…

Asterios: Pew, pew!!!

Maddox: Just, like, put 'em on…(they all talk over each other)

Asterios: Take that, Mace Windu!!

Dick: Would he do that?!

Asterios: Pew, pew!! (laughs)

Maddox: I mean, he put 'em up on his desk at work as…as decoration sometimes. I…I didn't…I think I saw…

Dick: (interjects) Talk to them? (grins)

Maddox: I think I saw him, like, carrying one around one time, but I don't know. (Dick guffaws) I don't know. It's kinda weird, but…

Asterios: (interjects) Was it in his back pocket next to his slingshot?

Maddox: (laughing) (Sean laughs) No, it was not like that. It was almost like a fanaticism. And this is where I'm talking about…

Dick: Like a rosary!

Maddox: Um…I don't know if he worshipped them.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: But he did carry them around a lot. And I…

Asterios: (interjects) To put in his butt. Yeah.

Maddox: (giggles) This goes back to last week's problem. The inability to disconfirm. These are people who are such fans of the franchise…

Asterios: (interjects) Oh, yeah.

Maddox: That they cannot disconfirm their belief that the entire franchise is good, and nothing that comes out of it is bad.

Asterios: Yeah. Well, because you don't want to believe that the thing you like could possibly be bad. It's sort of why people stay with shitty, like, spouses, or girlfriends, or boyfriends.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: 'Cause you're like, "Well I've put in all this time. I would hate for all that time to be wasted." It's the…it's the…

Maddox: (interjects) Sunk cost fallacy.

Asterios: Sunk cost fallacy, exactly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: That's why a gambler keeps gambling.

Maddox: Mhmm. Yeah.

Asterios: It's like…we'll see…I can kinda relate. I remember being 17 and walking out of Star Wars: Episode 1, and going, like, "I think that was good." Like, I think I liked it.

Dick: Star Wars 1, with the kid?

Asterios: Yeah, well just because I was a teenager and it had not occurred to me that Star Wars could be bad.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, that was the farthest thing from my mind, so…so I kept having to come up with ways where I was like, "I guess I liked that." (Dick chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I guess I liked that scene. You know, it's kinda like when someone's losing their religion. (Maddox laughs) Like, at first they're like, "Well, that's weird. Oh, but Jesus said this." "Ah, but that's weird."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: It's like…it's a slow descent into, like…into realizing, like, "Oh, no. I've been lied to." (laughs)

Dick: So when was the moment that you decided there was no George Lucas? (Asterios and Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Don't tell me that! Um, I think…

Dick: (interjects) What was the progression of, like, as a fan?

Asterios: Well…

Dick: (interjects) ‘Cause I saw the first one and I was like, this is dogs…like, the first ten minutes, you’re like, “Oh, this is horseshit.”

Asterios: You’re probably smarter than me.

Dick: It’s horrible. Not smarter, I just don’t have a fanatic devotion to Star Wars.

Asterios: Yeah. Yeah. I was…I went nuts for it. I mean, I’ll tell you honestly, one of the big things that’s kind of helped me…because for a while, I just ignored the prequels. I was like, “I don’t like them. I don’t know why. Whatever.” Like, they didn’t bother me until I saw the Plinkett reviews. Uh, you know, at redlettermedia.com. And he dissected…

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: Like, from a filmic perspective why these movies are bad. These characters have no motivations. This plot makes no sense. And after that, I was like, “I’m SUPER mad.” Like, now I get it.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Asterios: It’s like he unlocked the mystery of WHY they were SO terrible.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: He…he really went in depth. You know, I’ll tell you the exact moment that happened for me when I became disillusioned with the franchise, is the first time I saw… like, um..(stammers) it was the prequel movies. I got early tickets. I went opening night.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: Oh, my God!!

Maddox: And I’m going opening night for this new movie, too!

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Oh, absolutely.

Dick: You guys are BOTH huge Star Wars fans!

Maddox: I’m a fan of the franchise! I liked the original three movies. But then this is the moment. So…

Asterios: (interjects) Yeah, you sound like it.

Maddox: So there’s the Grievous…who’s the general?

Asterios: General Grievous.

Maddox: Grievous. General Grievous.

Dick: Dracula.

Maddox: Right? Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Robo-Dracula.

Maddox: No, no…who are the…the first two guys with the Asian accents.

Asterios: The Neimoidians!

Maddox: Neimoidians! Yeah.

Dick: How did…which guys? How did they sound?

Maddox: Like a really racist…(Dick guffaws)

Asterios: (interjects) They do.

Maddox: Kinda…not racist, but, like, a very stereotypical Asian accent. Like…

Asterios: (interjects) They're supposed to be like the Japanese powers in World War II.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, that's how they go. They essentially made this guy like Hirohito. Like, that's absolutely true.

Maddox: So I heard that, and I'm like, "Oh, this is…"

Asterios: (interjects) Newt Gunray.

Maddox: Newt Gunray. That's..yeah.

Asterios: By the way, which is Newt Gunray…that's Newt Gingrich, and Gunray is Reagan backwards.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhhhhhh.

Asterios: That's George Lucas taking a potshot at your conservative heroes!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well. (chuckles) How'd that work out for him!? (Asterios and Maddox laughs) Stumped!!!

Maddox: And there was another one, too. He used…he intentionally gave the line "Only Sith Lords see things in absolutes."

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And that was a potshot at George W. Bush at the time, because George W. Bush, after 9/11, came out and said "You're either with us or against us." This, like, black and white, good or bad, Old West point of view.

Dick: Yeeeeeeeeeeah!!

Maddox: And George Lucas took a potshot at George W. Bush in the third movie, too.

Asterios: They absolutely did, yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause…yeah. So anyway, um. The moment I became…

Asterios: (interjects) It didn't work out that well for him!

Dick: No. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: The actual moment that I became disillusioned with the franchise, though. And this was, like, a SHOCKING thing for me. Is when I first saw Jar Jar Binks on screen.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everyone in the theater, like, became quiet, and we looked around.

Asterios: Wooooooowww.

Maddox: And everyone's, like, looking at each other. Yeah! We're like, "Is this REALLY happening?" Is this what this franchise has become?! This is…this is an actual thing I'm supposed to consume as part of my media of this entire, rich franchise!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Where there's all these great puppets and creatures, and this rich diversity! Now we got fucking Jar Jar Binks?!

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And this is how bad the Star Wars apologists have gotten, Asterios. Now there's this article…

Asterios: Oh, yeah. (conspiratorial)

Maddox: Floating around on the Internet about how they're trying to, like, fix the prequels retroactively by saying, "Oh, well Jar Jar's actually a really clever character because he's actually a Sith Lord." And there's all these THEORIES…

Dick: (interjects) What? (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: There are all these fucking theories where people spend HOURS of their lives dissecting these movies and trying to retroactively justify Jar Jar Binks as a character in this universe. Here's this, um…YouTube video…by, I think it's **Vincent H.** Says, "**Is Jar Jar a Sith? Crazy theory might be true."** (Asterios chuckles)

Dick: Might be true!!

Asterios: I better click!

Maddox: Yeah. Then there's another one by Shotanna Studios. The exact same thing, they just ripped it off. There's one "**Jar Jar Binks is an evil Sith mastermind Theory"**. Another one by **DashStar.** There's another one on cracked.com…**"Why Jar Jar Binks is more evil than you'll ever know."** It's all these click bait-y things. Yeah.

Asterios: All click bait. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Here's a little excerpt from the Jar Jar Binks theory. Listen to this.

(Clip starts, male voice: "You may have heard already about the theory that's blowing up around the Internet right now."

Dick: Oh, my God.

"About how Jar Jar Binks may actually be a Sith master. So I decided to make this video to explain every single detail for you. So here it is. This is the COMPLETELY airtight, absolutely foolproof case for why Jar Jar Binks is the most powerful Sith master in the universe.")

Asterios: And for why Kelly should let me go to the prom with her!! (Maddox laughs) Number one: I'm cool!

Dick: How do you guys feel when listening to this? Do you feel like…

Asterios: (interjects) I wanna give this guy a swirly!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay. Alright.

Asterios: Yeah, what, are you kidding?

Dick: Do you feel any camaraderie with him at all?

Asterios: No.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, do you identify with what he's saying at all?

Asterios: Lord, no.

Maddox: Uh-uh.

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: Because he's just trying to make a buck off this dumb Jar Jar thing!

Dick: I don't know! That's cynical. I think he sounds genuine in this…retarded video.

Asterios: Alright. (cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, it goes on, man.

Dick: Don't you? Doesn't it sound genuine to you?

Asterios: Wellllllll, listen to him. You know, let's find out.

Maddox: It's an eight-minute-long v…we're not gonna listen to the whole thing.

Asterios: Oh, thank God.

Dick: Thank God.

Maddox: He just goes on. Like, listen to his voice and cadence and how, like…it's almost conspiratorial. (Asterios laughs) Listen to this, and then go listen to, like, any of the 9/11…

Dick: (interjects) It's the audio version of a pedo smile!! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Yeah, it does sound like that!! It absolutely does. (laughing)

Dick: It sounds like a guy I would say, “Okay, cool.” And then turn around and go, “Hey, don’t let any of the kids go near that guy.” (they crack up)

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, anyway. This video goes on, man. He just, like, rants about this. Yeah, listen to the cadence. It’s almost exactly like those 9/11 truther videos.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Listen to the conspiratorial tone.

(Clip continues: male voice: “Jar Jar executes a 20-foot twisting somersault through the air…(Dick giggles) **that if performed by any other character, you would assume they were either a Jedi or a Sith. As we know, the Jedi themselves are inspired by Shaolin monks.”**

(Dick laughs)

Maddox: As we know.

“The recent theory is that Jar Jar is based off of another traditional martial arts discipline called Zui Quan. (Dick laughs) **Jar Jar almost singleh…”) (cuts off)**

Maddox: Anyway, it just goes on, man.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: It just goes on and on.

Dick: ISIS is right. (Maddox laughs) We gotta be wiped off of the face of the Earth if this is what we’re doing.

Asterios: Yeah, I know. There’s so many times when, like…(laughs) Yeah!

Dick: Like, I get it! I get it.

Asterios: Exactly!

Dick: I get it. Radicalize me right now! (Sean laughs)

Asterios: This is why they hate us!

Dick: Send me the bomb!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I’ll take this guy out. (groans)

Maddox: Anyway. Good problem, Asterios. Prequel Apologists.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: I’m…we’re all tired of ‘em.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that video, by the way, has 2 million views in one month, and every other copycat video…

Asterios: (interjects) Of course it does.

Maddox: …also has, like, at least 100,000 or 200,000 views.

Dick: What's the problem with them, though, Asterios? Why do you hate them so much?

Asterios: With the prequels?

Dick: No, with the people who apologize for 'em.

Asterios: Because I honestly…I don't think it's genuine. I think it's just a pose. I think it's a way to get some content out in the month before Star Wars comes out.

Dick: Mmmmm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Because no one's gonna click on "Here's why the prequels are bad." Because at this point, we've had…I mean, the first…(stammers) Episode 1 came out in 1999. It's 20..15. We've had…16 years to know why it's bad. So now they gotta come up with why it's good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And that's the only reason they're doing it.

Maddox: It's a way to capitalize on the upcoming Star Wars movie. Anyway, hope you guys appreciated…(Dick cracks up) the Star Wars-themed episode!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Brought to you by the Biggest Problem. Dick, what's your…

Asterios: (interjects) I wanna talk about Star Wars anyway!!!

Dick: Here's my…here's my problem.

Maddox: What's my problem, Dick?

Dick: Geriatric Action Heroes.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Okay. Why is that a problem, Dick? (laughing)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: What is the feeling that you got when you saw Han Solo lumbering out of the Millennium Falcon in the commercial?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I…I…

Asterios: (interjects) You mean sadness?

Maddox: Cringey.

Dick: I heard, in my heart, I'm like, "Please God, don't let him go on an adventure." (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's gonna break his…he's gonna hurt himself!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, what universe is a…is there no router that needs to be reset on the Millennium Falcon? (Asterios chuckles) By the way? 'Cause that will stump a 70-year-old, for sure. All day. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: It's 'cause they're trying…

Dick: (interjects) "The hyperdrive doesn't work." "Yeah, Dad, you gotta unplug it and plug it back in." (Maddox laughs) "We've gone over this a hundred times, Han Solo. Pull the plug. Plug it back in."

Maddox: I would pay to see that scene. It's because they're trying to sell Millennium Centrum. (laughs) Millennial Centrum to old people. Geriatrics. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: They're trying to sell Star Wars-themed adult diapers. (giggles) Yeah.

Maddox: Adult diapers.

Dick: You have blue milk of magnesia.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Is that a thing?!

Asterios: Nice! Yes, that's great!! (Maddox laughs)

Sean: "And who made the oatmeal so fuckin' spicy?!" (they laugh)

Dick: Yeah! I mean, I hope there's no…

Asterios: (interjects) Steel-cut…lightsaber cut…sorry.

Maddox: Lightsaber-cut oatmeal, yeah.

Dick: There's no rebelling that needs to be done after, like, 9:30. 'Cause that's when he's gonna be konked out.

Asterios: No, he's gotta go to bed. Or Dancing with the…Dancing with the Hollow Stars is on.

Dick: Is gonna be on!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Asterios: Dancing with the Sith!

Dick: Him and Chewie are gonna be watching that in their recliners…uh, ranting about which judge they hate.

Asterios: Yeah, and then talk about how hot the girls are and then falling asleep before the show ends. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah! I hope that a blaster is harder to lose than…glasses. (Asterios and Maddox laugh) Which MY dad has lost three pair in one week!!

Asterios: It's like…ah, your glasses are on your forehead, and your blaster's in your holster, Dad. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Yeah! We gotta go! We gotta go blow up the Death Star! Where's Han Solo's blaster?! Fuckin' lost it again!! (Asterios laughs) Why is a 73-year-old man on this adventure with us?!

Asterios: We gotta give him a blaster chain that we clip to his pants.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean and Maddox laughs)

Asterios: So he doesn't leave his blaster at the hyperspace Denny's!! (background laughter)

Dick: Tchyeah!!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: In the clip, there's a commercial where he goes, "Oh yeah. All the stories are true."

Asterios: "It's TRUE."

Dick: It's all true.

Asterios: It's all true. (gravelly)

Dick: Yeah. Uh…you would've been telling them all day, every day.

Asterios: To everyone! (laughing)

Dick: To everyone. You'd be telling them 10 times a day, 8 days a week…until the sun exploded. Everyone would know these stories!

Asterios: Yeah. Or until the Sun Crusher artificially blew up a sun early with hyperspace proton torpedoes.

Maddox: Nerd. Nerd.

Dick: I got a stats for you. I got a stats for you. The average age of an action hero today? Lemme see. 48.

Asterios: Oh, that's bad!

Dick: 48. 10 years ago, it was 35 and a half.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: It's Stallone! It's Bruce Willis…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's all of these geriatric fucks who shove themselves…you wanna talk about shoving down our face…why…why do they only put these guys, these OLD assholes, in these roles?!

Asterios: Because honestly…'cause…kinda like to back to something that Maddox said before, it's like…Hollywood's making less money. They're less willing to take a risk on a new face.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: They would rather…they would rather kind of do a limited budget Stallone movie, 'cause they'll be like, "Well, at least people know who he is" than try to build a new star. It's fear.

Dick: You know what? That's…that's the easy answer.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: And that might be right.

Asterios: Alright. (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: But this is…see, that occurred to me.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: Right off the top. Like, okay, that could be it. It's a safe bet.

Asterios: They're bankable.

Dick: However, costs a lot. It costs a lot to pay those guys!

Asterios: Not anymore!

Dick: Well, okay…this is an alternate theory. (Maddox giggles) Maybe everyone needs a dad?

Asterios: Ooooooohhh.

Dick: Maybe everyone in society needs a dad? That's alternate theory number two! But I don't know. I don't kinda…I don't buy that one!

Asterios: Alternate theory number three, you're appealing to multiple market segments. Because old pe…'cause like, look. My dad saw Rocky in the 70s when it came out. So, like, maybe they think that my dad'll go see Creed AND a young kid who's into Michael B. Jordan will go see Creed. Like, maybe it's multiple quadrant marketing.

Dick: It's old people porn. It's baby boomer porn!

Asterios: That's what it…that's the RESULT of it.

Dick: That's all it is. That's all it is.

Asterios: The result of it is, like, I can still get my dick hard. Yeah.

Dick: These fucking baby boomers have midlife crises every 40 seconds.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: And they constantly need to be told that they're still worth something.

Asterios: You still got it!

Dick: You still got it! These kids don't know how to punch like you do at 70! Here's some cortisol shots! You're gonna need 'em to walk into the theater!! (background giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, man. The…uh…

Asterios: The sixties never ended!!! Incense, peppermints, da-duh-da-da! (sings) (Maddox laughs) Yeah. He's absolutely…you know what? You're absolutely right about that.

Dick: Oh, they need it! They need it.

Asterios: Yeah, I know. Of course they do!!

Maddox: One of the saddest things I've ever seen is the…the draped leather…leathery skin…(Asterios groans) on Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Asterios: Yeaaaaaaaaah.

Maddox: In Expendables 2.

Dick: Hold on, I got a great picture for you.

Asterios: He looks like a fucked up crocodile!!

Dick: I read a…(they all talk over each other)

Maddox: Like Leatherface was trying to make a full bodysuit! (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: Exactly!!

Maddox: Made out of, like, old Arnold Schwarzenegger that stayed out in the sun too long. (laughs)

Dick: I read a piece about how empowering it was that Sylvester Stallone was still doing Rocky movies while I was doing research for this, and they said, "Wow, even at whatever, 60-something, his physique still looks great." So I pulled up the shots of Rocky. (Maddox laughs) This was Rocky in the 80s.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah, he looks great.

Dick: Looks great, right? I wanna be that guy. If I was a chick, I'd want him to fuck me, right?

Maddox: Nice and tight. Yeah.

Dick: Here's…here's the Rocky they're talking about who still looks great. Holy shit.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh, man. That looks like a bag of smashed potatoes.

Asterios: Aaaaaaaaahhh. Yeah.

Dick: It looks like the Ghost of Christmas Aids. (they crack up) It's embarrassing. It's embarrassing to me that these old men are doing this and that other old men are encouraging it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We…men as a whole get blamed, like that age gap shit, where it's like, "Oh, Tom Cruise is trying to bang a chick in a movie who's 25 years younger than him!"

Asterios: No shit!

Dick: I don't want to see that either! Okay?

Asterios: What?

Dick: No!!! I don't wanna see Tom Cruise's stapled ass trying to plow Emily Blunt, a young, nubile female!!

Asterios: But…

Dick: Do you wanna see that?!

Asterios: Counterpoint to that. I want to think that I could bang people in their mid-twenties until I die.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And if the media tells me it's possible…I'll consume that media.

Dick: Really?!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Asterios: Because I don't…

Maddox: Correct.

Asterios: Because I'm afraid of…

Dick: You BOTH wanna see that?!

Asterios: Look…hey, look.

Maddox: I want that fantasy!

Asterios: Look. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Why?!

Asterios: Look, buddy. I'm telling you why this works. I'm not saying it's correct.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I'm just saying…you can see…you can see why you would want to go watch a movie where you're sitting in the audience, you're some fat fuck, shoving popcorn in your mouth, being, like, "My dick still works! I could still pork young, hot girls!"

Dick: As an old man, yes. (Maddox chuckles) But not as a 30-something year old!!

Asterios: I know. I'm just…I'm just explaining the appeal of it.

Maddox: I'm…there's two things that go into that. There's that study they did recently, where they looked at the median age of men that women are attracted to, and it correlates directly, like, linearly with their age. A 35-year-old woman is attracted to a 35-year-old man, more or less, like, give or take three or four years.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Men, all the way across the board, up until like, 70. All attracted to the age of 21. And I think that…you know, the reason probably has more to do with our biology, because…

Dick: Well, because they've never dated one. (Maddox laughs) That's the real reason.

Maddox: Well, just…we're talking about physical attraction. I think it has more to do with our biology, because they are the most fertile, and as a species, we exist to propagate, so you want to have sex with the most fertile type of person. Uh, and men unfortunately, for women, don't have that stigma associated with them, because they can reproduce forever. So…

Dick: You know how old Bruce Willis was in Die Hard?

Asterios: Oh, no. Oh, in the first one?!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: What was he…it was after…maybe 31, 29.

Dick: 33. A normal age.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: A normal age for a guy to be running around, fighting terrorists. 33.

Asterios: How old was he in Die Hard 4 when they went to Russia?

Dick: 300. (Asterios and Maddox crack up) The Rock, Nicholas Cage. 32. Also. So imagine The Rock with no Nicholas Cage, just Sean Connery. That's what all action movies are now.

Asterios: Oh, God, you're right.

Dick: These disgusting old men. We're watching…these old guys in Hollywood give a handjob to our dads. (Asterios cracks up) You're still worth something. You can still do it like these young guys.

Maddox: I dunno. My dad doesn't watch anything. He's just like a dinosaur. He doesn't listen to anything, he doesn't watch anything, except occasionally the news, or boxing. And that's it. So Dick, as someone who has, like, more of a normal dad, would your dad watch this stuff and, like, you know. Would it appeal to him? Is he the target demo for this? 'Cause I…

Asterios: (interjects) It…does he…did he go see like Spectre? Or…

Dick: Sure. Well, it's even…yeah, I think he has. I think he did see Spectre.

Asterios: Yeah, ‘cause isn’t that guy…

Dick: How old’s Daniel Craig?

Asterios: Isn’t Daniel Craig in his late forties? Doesn’t he bang, like, a 22-year-old girl?

Dick: TOO FUCKING OLD!!!

Asterios: Doesn’t he bang, like, a girl half his age in Spectre?

Dick: Probably.

Asterios: ‘Cause the joke in Spectre was, like, James Bond is, what? Saving his own daughter? Like, why is he with this super young girl?

Dick: Here’s something else I found. So, my dad’s the kind of guy who can never sit still. Like, he’s always running, hiking, doing all these crazy, sweaty things.

Asterios: Wow.

Dick: For who knows why. The…the average age of an Iron Man competitor is 43.5. And runners running the London marathon in their forties finish a minute faster than runners in their twenties.

Maddox: Wow!

Dick: So these…these old guys have some kind of, like, weird fixation on virility.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: That I don’t think…

Asterios: I’ll never die.

Dick: I don’t think we have. No.

Asterios: Oh, no. God no.

Dick: They had some heyday in the seventies.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: That they’re always trying to relive. And we never had a heyday. I’ve never been happy one day in my life.

Asterios: Me neither. (Sean giggles)

Dick: No. So there’s gonna be nothing…in thirty years, there’s gonna be nothing to relive.

Asterios: I just wanna be in front of a bigger computer 20 years from now.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: That’s what I’m hoping for! Lemme say this, though, about these Star Wars movies, which again, I haven’t seen. I don’t even have my ticket to Star Wars 7 yet.

Maddox: Really?! I do!! (laughs)

Asterios: I know you do! If you have an extra, I’ll take it! I’m just…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh shit, yeah, maybe.

Asterios: I just didn't wanna have to fight the crowds. I was like, "I'll see it on Sunday." Just 'cause I was burnt by the prequels.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I don't wanna, like, get myself excited again.

Maddox: Dude, I got D-Box seats, and I got an extra ticket for you.

Asterios: I'll buy it off you.

Maddox: Alright, cool, yeah.

Asterios: We're going together. Alright, excellent.

Maddox: Done.

Asterios: But, um…(Maddox giggles) Here's what I'll say. At least in Star Wars…

Sean: They just executed the most lame high five I've…EVER seen in my life.

Asterios: I told you. We're nerds. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: It was a Force high five.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, I'm not gonna pretend I'm not a fucking nerd.

Dick: Just go like that. No touch.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Um, here's what I'll say, though. Hopefully, at least in Star Wars movies, it'll be like, "Yeah, Han Solo's like a general, and Princess Leia's a general, and Luke Skywalker's an old Jedi Master." And hopefully, 'cause it's like…what the Star Wars movies did, the new one, is…the trailer's all about these three super young characters. Poe Dameron, Rey, and Finn.

Maddox: Sure. Sure.

Asterios: Like these, like, young, cool…characters. And I'm just hoping…

Dick: (interjects) Why are they cool? They don't ever say anything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I dunno, they seem cool to me. Poe Dameron's an X-Wing pilot. That's intrinsically cool.

Dick: Who's…wait, which one is that?

Asterios: Poe Dameron. I think he's the…he's, like, Iranian. He's the Middle Eastern X-Wing pilot.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: He wouldn't be allowed in America.

Asterios: No, he certainly…but he could fly in. He could hyperjump into America.

Dick: Eh, prove he deserves it.

Asterios: Um…

Dick: America's a privilege. Don't you two forget that. Take this privilege for granted.

Maddox: Sure. (scoffs)

Asterios: I'll I'm saying is…(giggles) All I'm saying is that…'cause you look at a movie like fucking Indiana Jones.

Dick: Awful.

Asterios: That's way worse to me, because you're making Harrison Ford the action star. Like, hopefully in these new movies, he'll just be a supporting character. He'll give some good advice.

Maddox: Yeah, well, you know, there might be two things going on with that. Like, they could easily cast one of these old guys, uh, Dick, in one of these movies. To pass the baton onto a younger dude. And I think they've tried that, but the problem is that I think egos get involved.

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: 'Cause Sylvester Stallone's not gonna be, like…

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: He's not gonna do a movie that's going to end his franchise of Rocky and pass the baton. Although, they tried to do that!

Asterios: Well, he just did with Creed. It's like now he's the Mickey.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, is he?

Asterios: And…yeah. I mean, that's one of the example of it working. There's a term, I forget who coined it, but it's called a legasequel, which is a sequel in which you pass your legacy on to someone else. But it's very rare that it works. Like, in Creed, apparently that's the most successful Rocky movie of all time from a financial perspective. But you look at again, Indiana Jones 4, he tries to pass the baton on to Mutt Williams.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And it absolutely doesn't work, because his ego gets in the way. Or in, um, Die Hard 4. It's him and his son running around Russia.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Asterios: And they try to pass the baton off, he's like, "You're the new McLain." And no one…

Dick: No.

Maddox: No one buys it.

Dick: 'Cause I don't need my action hero to have his fucking dad along on the adventure!

Asterios: Yeah, I know.

Dick: That's it!

Asterios: Yeah, I know. I know. You're not gonna hear any argument from me.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's like a fishing trip with explosions.

Dick: It's old guy porn, guys. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Not…

Dick: (interjects) We're watching porn for old men.

Maddox: Vote up Non-Porn Porn!! (they all laugh) Yeah. Uh, good problem, Dick. So would you say that this applies to the new Star Wards franchise? 'Cause Harrison is in it.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause all it is, is Han Solo.

Maddox: But didn't he break his hip, or something? (laughs)

Dick: Yes!

Asterios: Yeah, he did.

Dick: Yes. Every time I see an old man on a movie, I'm worried…I KNOW he's gonna hurt himself!!

Asterios: He hurt himself…he was out for six…he was out for seven weeks 'cause he fucking hurt himself on the set of Star Wars!

Dick: And you can't stop 'em! Old men are like toddlers! Like, they start as toddlers, they're running around hurting themselves. Then they go through life, they have a job, they have a career and everything. They hit 60, they become toddlers again! They're running around like crazy, trying to hurt themselves!

Asterios: But can you imagine us in our seventies and our sons trying to take our car keys away from us? And us just being, like, "Get out of my fucking house!"

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Asterios: "I will drive…I will DIE in my car!" It's like…male stubbornness never dies!

Maddox: Oh, no. That's what happened to my dad! My dad…my dad is what…he's, like, 86, 87 years old now. And the doctor's like, "You can't drive anymore, man." Like, the last few times I rode with my dad. Like, I'm not a worrywart when I'm driving with someone. (laughs) My mom screams at everything. And then, this is like the first time…I was like, "Uh, yeah, dad, maybe you want to drift back into the lane you're supposed to be in." (Asterios laughs) You're, like, driving towards traffic in their lane!!

Asterios: I'm tryin' to Tokyo Drift, son, shut up!!

Dick: Yup!

Maddox: Oh, and he was so pissed when we…when we took the keys.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: He was like, “You will NOT take the key away.” And he’s like walking everywhere, being a real rebel. (laughs)

Asterios: It’s like a drunk girl who won’t let you have her keys!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: ‘Cause she thinks that you’re, like, trying to step on her privilege or something. It’s like, just give me the fucking keys, Julie. You’re gonna die.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That’s gonna be Han Solo and Boba Fett. Cruising around the Galaxy, running into planets. (Asterios and Maddox crack up) Too fucking old to be in a movie.

Maddox: Their old Cadillac X-Wing.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: But just imagine, like…imagine, like…

Dick: (interjects) With the feelers on the side to knock on the asteroids. (Sean laughs)

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With the little antennaes coming out the side of the wheels.

Asterios: Just imagine Han Solo behind the controls of the Falcon, going, like, “Pew, pew, come on, Chewie!” and then you look up and it’s, like, “Autopilot On”. (Sean and Maddox laugh) And it’s like, “Just let Dad think he’s driving!” (Maddox laughs) Yeah, you’re doing the Kessel Run, yeah! In under 12 parsecs!

Maddox: Wow!!

Asterios: Yeah, Dad!!

Sean: He’s got the crocheted blanket over the back seat. (Asterios and Maddox laugh)

Asterios: He has a dream catcher hanging from the rearview mirror. (laughing)

Maddox: His libertarian newsletter. (cracks up)

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: Alright, Dick. You got anything else?

Dick: You have anything you want to plug?

Asterios: Yeah, thank you, Dick. You can pick up my comics. The Enemies of Twenty-Something Mega Man, or The Enemies of Twenty-Something Mega Man Two. Go to http://www.devastatorpress.com/megaman2. I made these 12-page comics based on the assholes we meet in our twenties, so Mega Man has to fight Couch Surfing Man… Unnecessarily Complex High Fives Man. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Vapes at Inappropriate Times Man.

Maddox: Movie theaters.

Dick: Oh, man. (grins)

Asterios: Yeah. Unsolicited Financial Advice Man.

Dick: Anytime! Well, don't give away the whole book, here!

Asterios: Oh, you know what? You're right! I guess I should stop here. But go to http://www.devastatorpress.com/megaman2. Print copies are finally out for the sequel. They're only 5 bucks.

Maddox: Yeah! Great. Uh, yeah. That was teased a long time ago, and you could only buy digitally. Now it's finally available in print. We'll link to it on our website!

Asterios: Thank you!

Maddox: Thanks for coming by, Asterios!

Asterios: Thank you guys for having me!

Maddox: Always a pleasure. Oh, and thanks to Harry's for supporting the show.

Sean: Eh, I'm gonna wait for the prequels. (they crack up)

Asterios: Goddamn it!

Maddox: Alright, guys. My problem this week was…

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Star Wars Merchandising.

Asterios: Star Wars Prequel Apologists!

Dick: Geriatric Action Heroes!

Asterios: See you next Tuesday!

Dick: I got a bunch of Japanese emperors. Do you guys want to pick the best one?

Asterios: Sure.

Dick: Like, six people called in claiming to be the Emperor of Japan.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: I can stop 'em whenever you want.

(Voice mail, male voice (terrible fake Japanese accent): "Hello, Maddox and Dick Mas-tuh-son. This is ze Emperor of Japanese-u people. (they laugh) **Zis white people wearing ze kimonos is SHAMEFUL cultural appropriation, much like claiming you drive like the samurai!! You drive like ze ignorant asshole, Maddox!** (they laugh) **And Dick Mas-tuh-son. Fuck you-son.")**

Dick: Okay, that was pretty good. (grins)

Maddox: No, I drive like a samurai! Like, the samurai ethos exists outside of Japanese culture, guys!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: It's a set of rules! It's a set of conduct, right?

Asterios: The Bushido code.

Maddox: The Bushido code. Right!

Dick: I could imagine you doing that at 70.

(Voice mail, male voice (terrible fake Japanese accent): "Oh, herro, Dick and Maddox. (they laugh, Asterios groans) **This is the Emperor of all Japanese people."**

Dick: Pretty good.

"This is how I talk." (they crack up) **"I was listening to your podcast."**

Asterios: Oh, God. (laughing)

"And I am very disappointed that there are soooooo many pussies getting offended. You see, in Japan, we ROOOOVE America. (they laugh) **We are very happy that you love us, too. Why not commit more, though? Maybe buy stock in Japanese market.")**

Dick: Okay. I got two more.

Asterios: Alright, let's keep goiiiiiiiiiing.

Maddox: Oh, my God. Yeah, let's hear it! Sure.

(Voice mail, female voice (no accent): "Hey guys, this is the Prime Minister of Japan."

(they crack up)

Maddox: Ohhhhh!!

"I just happen to speak English and have the voice of a girl. So I heard that Dick wanted to hear my opinion about some dumbass Americans wearing kimonos."

Dick: Pretty good.

"You really wanna know what I think? I don't give a fucking shit, asshole. I have more…"

Dick: Okay, it goes on like this. (they laugh)

Maddox: What?! Well, you cut off the Emperor of Japan!!

Dick: Alright, alright, alright. Here, here, here.

Maddox: Very disrespectful.

"…important things to worry about. While you're out at bars trying to get laid, all I need to do is snap my fingers and move on with my life, 'cause I'm the Prime Minister of Japan."

Maddox: Okay, we got it. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

"Go fuck yourself, you small-faced _____. (inaudible)"

Dick: That's not what I'm trying to do at bars. I'm trying to get drunk.

Maddox: Trying? You show up that way, man.

Dick: Last one.

Maddox: You save a boatload.

(Voice mail, male voice (terrible Japanese accent): "Herro, Maddox-kun and Dicku-san. (Maddox laughs) **This is the Emperor of ARR the Japanese people, and this is how I talk-u."**

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. (they crack up)

"…(inaudible while they laugh) I am a veeeeeeeryyyyyyy offended my wife Topegu is wearing her kimonos. They are a part of our curture. And when you wear a kimono, you are erasing are curtural identity!! Prease do not-a do it! You are surrying the great rrregacy of our peopre!!!! Thank you. And get raped-u.") (they all laugh)

Asterios: I think that's the best one!

Dick: That was the best one.

Maddox: That was…yeah, that was the most Mexican of Japanese emperors we've had call into the show. (laughs)

Dick: Alright, uh…I got one more. (Maddox snorts, giggles) No, I'm done with Japanese people.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I just wanted to end the show on a high note.

Maddox: Alright.

(Voice mail: tiny female voice: "Hey, I just wanted to thank you guys for doing the show every week. It's one of the few things in my life right now that's kinda keeping me going. I've been going through a lot of hard stuff lately, and…yeah. I guess that's it. I just wanted to say thank you. And you're hilarious, so please don't stop. Fuck you, Dick!")

(they all laugh)

Maddox: Very touching!! (laughs)

Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 84

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Anal Probes to Homophobes! (everyone laughs) With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. (Dick still laughing) I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: Sean, our audio engineer…

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: And the Sneaky Greek is back. Welcome back, gentlemen.

Asterios: Well, thanks for having me.

Dick: Snuck back in. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. (Asterios giggles) Sneaking ri…sneak right back in. (sighs) Ah, boy. Gentlemen…

Sean: Not on time, but he snuck back in! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: That's…that's the problem! That's my problem this week! Late Assholes!

Asterios: I'm sorry! I'm sorry!

Dick: Who make EVERYONE reschedule the podcast…(Maddox cracks up) so everyone has to wake up early to do the research that they didn't wanna do the night before, 'cause they were too drunk! And then shows up late! Shows up late with their dick in their ass! (yells)

Asterios: I have no excuse, but I have a pretty long dick if it reaches all the way back in my ass.

Dick: Oh, you're disgusting.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: You're a disgusting, shameless man.

Maddox: That's a good spin, buddy. I didn't see that coming.

Asterios: Right? Thank you.

Maddox: No one ever does when you have a dick in the ass. (giggles) (Asterios laughs) When it's your own.

Dick: I'm gonna tell Randy to chew you out for that. I'm gonna say, "Randy, Asterios was late. Can you call him and yell at him?"

Maddox: Handy Randy. But there was…

Dick: Pretend you're Wayne Brady and chew…lay into him. (they laugh)

Maddox: Oh, speaking of…I got a comment about that. But before we get to that, guys…

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe from last week.

(Drumroll ends)

Maddox: Star Wars Prequel Apologists!!

Dick: Really?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: It's…it's a big problem.

Dick: 'Cause they're scumbags.

Maddox: Followed by…

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Followed by Geriatric Action Heroes. Those were neck and neck. They're…the votes were…they were only 6 or 7 apart this morning.

Asterios: Yeah. Neck and wattly neck.

Dick: Ohhh. (disgusted)

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: So we both won.

Maddox: (sighs) Yeah, ex…

Asterios: Except I have more votes than you.

Dick: Kind of.

Maddox: People…you guys…lemme explain the show. (Dick cracks up)

Sean: You are the last winner.

Maddox: To new listeners and also…

Dick: Oh yeah!?

Maddox: …my cohosts Dick and Asterios, and Sean, the audio engineer, for…for people who don't understand this show yet, alright? What we're doing…(Asterios giggles) is we're ranking the problems to see which one is bigger over time so that we can determine which one is biggest.

Sean: I don't think WE understand this show. (they all laugh)

Asterios: Well, what came in third? (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: The third biggest problem…the third biggest problem last week was "Too Much Star Wars Merchandise".

Dick: Awww.

Asterios: Interesting.

Maddox: Which…yeah. You know what? I…I had all the momentum when the week started, and then the audience turned on me.

Asterios: Yeah, when they listened to the episode…(Sean laughs) and they realized that I made a good point that an R2-D2 showerhead is actually pretty fucking cool. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: If you think that's cool, **Alex Oliviera** on Twitter sent a really cool Star Wars brand merchandise. It's an R2-D2 catheter….

Asterios: I did see that, yes.

Dick: Did you see that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I did see that.

Maddox: That's not real. That can't be real.

Dick: You're right, that probably isn't real.

Maddox: No. (they all crack up)

Asterios: Wait, I thought you both…does each of us think that the other two are dumbasses? (laughs)

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Asterios: Feel like a Mexican standoff of assholes?

Maddox: Yep. Yep.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's exactly what this is, Asterios. (giggles) Just a bunch of low opinions floating around here. (they laugh) I got a comment from…speaking of, uh, I got a comment from **Jon Bromley.** He says, **"I don't give a fuck about Star Wars, but everyone commenting sounds like a bunch of fun-sucking shitlickers. People like stuff, get over it. Not everyone in the world can be a miserable piece of shit like you."**

Dick: That's true.

Asterios: I agree.

Maddox: I assume he's talking to me.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (stammers) I'm okay with it - guys, I like Star Wars!! I…I…like…I like food. I like, uh, lots of things.

Asterios: You just don't like people. That's the problem. (Maddox cracks up) Like, yeah…if no one…if you can enjoy Star Wars without people posting about it on Facebook and kind of ruining it for you, you'd love Star Wars, right?

Maddox: Ruining what? Like, you mean with spoilers?

Asterios: The annoying fans. Nah, not spoilers…

Maddox: Oh, the annoying fans?

Asterios: I mean, the fans…the fans annoy you. That's the problem.

Dick: It sickens you that you feel something in common with these people you consider lower than you.

Asterios: These plebes!! The hoi polloi. (Maddox cracks up laughing)

Dick: That is…that is exactly what it is.

Maddox: No, that's not what it is! (Dick laughs)

Asterios: You see a part of yourself in them, and it disgusts you!

Dick: It disgusts you, 'cause it's human.

Maddox: You know…you know what it is?

Asterios: They're your dark reflection, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No. No, I'll tell you…

Dick: (interjects) They're like that scene when Luke goes into the tree.

Asterios: Uh-huh.

Dick: And no one knows what it's…what's happening.

Asterios: It's only what you take with you, is in the tree.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No. Guys, you…have you ever…

Asterios: (interjects) Whatever it turns out…(cracks out)

Maddox: (interjects) Have you ever….

Asterios: You wanna finish this…(inaudible) (everyone talking over each other)

Dick: No, no. Go ahead. Go ahead.

Asterios: I'm sorry.

Maddox: Have you ever…have you ever eaten so much of something for so long that you just become sick of it, and you can't eat it for years.

Asterios: Yes, pussy.

Dick: Pussy.

Maddox: (they all laugh) Okay. In unison. (Dick cackles) and I don't believe either of you!!!

Dick: Yeeeeeeeeeeaaaaaaah!!!

Asterios: Yeaaaaaaaaaaaaahhh!!! (gunshots)

Dick: Bro down!!! Asterios, get your nipples over here, let's rub nipples together, man!

Asterios: Yayyyyyyy. They're already hard.

(Sound effect: Boner dying)

Maddox: Gross.

Sean: That was a better high five.

Dick: Thank you!

Sean: Than what happened last week. (Asterios guffaws)

Dick: I know how to high five. Get the fuck out of here!

Asterios: The Force high five? Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. We were…we were trying to be real quiet with that high five. (laughs) That was like, like, a genuine…whatever. Anyway…

Sean: So quiet, it hit air.

Maddox: That's what…that's what this is…the cantaloupe was that food for me. When I was a kid, my mom only bought cantaloupe.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And for years, that's all I ate. I became so tired of it as an adult. And that's what Star Wars has become. It's this thing that…everyone's shoving down my throat, and I'm tired of seeing and hearing about it. Except I'm still going to see the movie.

Asterios: Tonight, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. You have a ticket…

Dick: (interjects) This guy…this guy agrees with you.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Star Wars, as a whole, is garbage." (they giggle) **It's infantilism based on a fucking children's movie. And a cultural quicksand that sucks in and ruins everything it touches.**

Dick: Ohoho. Cultural quicksand.

Asterios: Wow.

Maddox: Wow.

"Every second you dipshits talk about it, the world becomes a shittier place."

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: But you're talking about it! (Maddox giggles)

"Fuck you.")

Dick: But this guy's talking about it, too. Oh, you're not above anybody, sir.

Maddox: Yeah. (they all laugh) No, I get…I get that. Sometimes, you have to, um, you have to break a few eggs to make an omelette.

Dick: Uh, some of the characters from Star Wars called in. (Sean laughs) You wanna hear them?

Maddox: Oh, yeah, great.

Asterios: Sure, of course.

Dick: This guy, who I'm sure everyone remembers.

(Voice mail: male voice: (terrible imitation of a Japanese English accent) "Oooooh. Herro. This is-a that one Asian alien from Star-u Wars Episode 1, the Phantom-a Menace-u. (they laugh)

Dick: You remember him.

"(inaudible) the rated podcast recruited help of the (inaudible) with-a Dick Masteru-son's proberem of Geriatric Action Star-su."

Dick: Yeah. They're a big problem.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

"You see, the best part of the prequels were the fights that Yoda had with Count Dooku and ze emperor-u. Those scenes were totarry awesome… (Dick giggles) **and Christopher Ree is, rike, 90, while Yoda, is, rike, 800.** (they laugh) **Aruso, both of them could probably beat Dick's (inaudible) ass…**

Dick: Okay. Thank you.

"From here to Naboo."

Dick: Thank you, Asian alien.

"Uh, go fuck yourserf-u.")

Dick: Thank you very much. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: Huh. That was the…one of the Asian…what are they called? The…the Nimrods?

Asterios: The Neimoidians.

Maddox: Neimoidians.

Asterios: You knew it.

Maddox: Yeah-

Asterios: (interjects) And then you tried to pretend like you didn't. (Maddox laughs) What are they called, the…the Neimoidian…(stammers) Leonard Nimoy? (giggles) I mean, uhhhhh…(dorky voice) (Maddox laughs) C'mon!!!

Maddox: I am not…I am not…

Asterios: (interjects) You can't lie to me! You're seeing it tonight in D box!!

Maddox: Yeah, well….(laughs) Hey, uh…I wanna say this, though.

Asterios: Yeah?

Maddox: About the Neimoidians.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: There's this, uh…there's this incredible video I saw on…on YouTube a while back about this girl who is obsessed with Neimoidians. And I'm talking about…

Asterios: Ohh. Yeah.

Dick: Those are the Chinese guys?

Maddox: Yeah. The Chinese guys, yeah.

Asterios: Trade Federation.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This girl…and this is not…this is, like, some next-level shit. Like, the most obsessed you can be about something. She…she knows their history…(Dick laughs) She has every piece of art about them. She makes her own custom Neimoidian masks and then just wears them around her apartment. Like, her house.

Dick: Does she bang in them?

Maddox: I don't know.

Dick: Does she do the voice while she's wearing them?

Asterios: No, see, that's the thing. She's just, like, very calm about it. She's like, "So this is my Neimoidian. And sometimes I put him to bed. And, you know…"

Dick: Oh, whoa. (giggles)

Asterios: "I was told I couldn't bring him to Christmas, but I wanna bring him to Christmas." And it's just, like, these 10-minute long videos.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And she's made so many of them.

Maddox: In earnest, too.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Asterios: Yeah. It's…

Maddox: They're all in earnest.

Asterios: It's…real scary.

Maddox: Yeah. You gotta watch this thing. It's insane.

Asterios: We should just put some up on the page, 'cause they're terrifying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Have you seen those guys who, like, marry the real dolls?

Asterios: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: That makes sense, though!

Sean: In Japan, yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you can fuck that.

Asterios: Yeah. In a couple of different holes.

Dick: You can't fuck one of these Neimoidians.

Sean: But, like, he takes it to the park…and, you know, everywhere else.

Dick: You gotta show her a good time.

Sean: Just like a girlfriend.

Asterios: (they all talk over each other) Well, you gotta air her out. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You gotta air her out.

Dick: She'll make it…she'll make it worth your while.

Maddox: She's gotta dry off. (giggles)

Asterios: Yeah. (they all laugh)

Sean: I just realized what you said, you gotta AIR her out.

Asterios: You do.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick giggles) Gross. Smells like farts.

Asterios: I don't know how I know that. (mysterious)

Maddox: (laughs) I got a comment here from **Mo Ramsey.** He says, **"Asterios has that 'Aw, damn, Scooter. Better look grateful on TV' look on his face."**

Asterios: I did.

Maddox: I posted…

Asterios: Have that look.

Maddox: Because last episode, Asterios, you talked about being on Let's Make a Deal.

Asterios: Yes.

Maddox: And I posted that clip on the website. Hilarious.

Asterios: Thank you.

Maddox: And you can totally tell…right after the commercial break…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Your…your wind is knocked out of your sail, buddy. You can tell.

Asterios: Yeah. 'Cause I felt…

Dick: (interjects) Is that right?

Asterios: Yeah. I…I…said it on the podcast. He got in my head.

Dick: Wayne Brady.

Asterios: Wayne Brady. I was like, "Maybe I am acting like an asshole. Maybe I am ruining Let's Make a Deal, the cultural institution that is Let's Make…" I don't know why. He got me. I felt…I fell for it. I was suckered into it. But I'll tell you the…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, I…I can see why. 'Cause you do have a tendency to ruin shows. (they all laugh)

Asterios: OKAY! Thanks.

Dick: Like you do…

Maddox: Wow. (laughing)

Dick: You ruin…you go a little over the line on this show very often, and I think you do ruin it a little bit.

Asterios: Alright. Well, listen. Lemme tell…well, for all those people that think I ruin shows. Here's…the ending to this story. To this, uh…Let's Make a Deal thing. (Dick guffaws)

(they talk over each other, it's inaudible)

Dick: 'Cause I wanna see now if you listen to this podcast, if it affects you for, like, the next five minutes.

Maddox: Nah.

Asterios: So anyway…so I win the scooter.

Maddox: That's what he does. (giggling, noise)

Asterios: I win the scooter, but at the time, I was, like, technically homeless. Like, I didn't have a place to live. I was crashing on couches. I was looking for an apartment for me and my wife. So I didn't have a place to store the scooter. So I had to sell the scooter back to the dealership for cost, and I ended up getting a 1099 for like $4000.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And I got, like, $1200 for the scooter when I sold it back at cost.

Dick: Ohohoho, what?!

Asterios: So being on Let's Make a Deal COST me money.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, man.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhh. You…

Asterios: (interjects) And that's the end of that chapter.

Maddox: Awwwww. That sucks. And you know what? The grand prize for that…episode, too, was that, uh…sneaky….

Asterios: (interjects) $25,000 Greek trip.

Maddox: Yeah. Which, I…how do they rack up 25 grand for that? I couldn't…

Asterios: Well, see, that…that's the thing about game shows. You have to pay the taxes on the prizes. And because they wanna make these prizes seem awesome, they find a distributor or a manufacturer that'll give them an MSRP that's wildly inflated. That scooter I won, you could buy it for $1300. The MSRP, $4000.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: That's what they were…so it's like…if I'd won that Greek trip, I would have had to pay $8000 in taxes on it.

Maddox: That's insane. And there's no fucking way! There's nothing you could…you would have been way worse off with that grand prize.

Asterios: Oh, absolutely!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Because, guess what I could do for eight thousand dollars. Go to Greece!

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Asterios: Like, I can go to my family's house in Greece for a MONTH!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Instead of, like, some bullshit creepy cruise where you turn around and all of a sudden, Wayne Brady's serving you bad shrimp. (Sean laughs) It's just, like, no way, man.

Maddox: That's what he does.

Dick: And doing a dance. And a song. That you can't shut off.

Asterios: Yeah. Yeah, oh, God.

Dick: Wayne Brady owes you that money. That's my position.

Asterios: I think so!

Dick: Wayne Brady personally owes you 400 bucks or 500 bucks. Whatever the taxes are on that.

Asterios: Yeah! And I like to think everybody that's been tweeting Wayne Brady a lot of…a lot of really insulting things, uh, thank you guys for doing that. That has actually made me feel better.

Dick: What is…what is an entertainer, anyway? Wayne Brady is not a comedian.

Asterios: No.

Maddox: No.

Dick: He's just an…"entertainer". (mocks)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Asterios: He's a host. What is a host?

Maddox: He's a soul patch.

Dick: He's like the Kardashians of comedy.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: What does he do, sing shitty songs and do a little stupid dance?

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: What's an entertainer?

Maddox: A little Irish jig.

Dick: An entertainer, it's like the elevator music of comedy.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: An entertainer.

Asterios: Absolutely.

Dick: It's just filler!

Maddox: It's the greatest common den…

Dick: (interjects) He's the cantaloupe.

Maddox: Yea…(giggles)

Asterios: Ohh!!

Dick: Wayne Brady is the cantaloupe of people.

Maddox: Can't have another bite. Uh, you know what, Asterios? He got in your head. So I'm saying, as the Biggest Problem in the Universe listeners and hosts of the show, let's get in his.

Dick: Let's get in his head. (they talk over each other)

Maddox: Let's think about…let's hatch a diabolical plan to get into Wayne Brady's head. And it has to be, like, one or two degrees separated, too, so he never sees it coming.

Asterios: Yeah. Yeah. Let's do this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what? We need…I've…I've learned this from watching Trump. All these months. We need to…(Sean laughs) we need to coin a phrase for him. That's what Trump does. Like, he says Bush is low energy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Clinton has no stamina. We gotta find a phrase to describe Wayne Brady that hurts him in his heart.

Asterios: Like an un-entertainer.

Maddox: Oh, the Un-Entertainer! Yeah, Wayne Brady, the Un-Entertainer, kinda like Pepsi, the Un-Soda, or whatever?

Asterios: Mhmm. The Un-Cola.

Maddox: The Un-Cola. That's the one. Wayne Brady.

Dick: The On-Entertainer. Okay. The Un-Entertainer.

Maddox: Oh, that'll get him. (laughs) (they all talk over each other and it's inaudible)

Dick: I dunno if that passes the Trump test, but…

Asterios: Hashtag…

Maddox: Ugh. (groans)

Dick: …we're gonna have to go with it.

Asterios: It was my first pitch! I figured we would kind of, like, feel it out! (they crack up), like, I would pitch something, you would pitch something…

Dick: (inaudible, talking over Asterios) correct me, you dipshit! See what I mean?! Ruining podcasts!!

Asterios: Oh!!! (growls) Rrrrrrrrrraaaaaaaaaaaaah!!!

Maddox: No, it's great.

Dick: Leave it…leave it in. I don't give a shit.

Asterios: Alright.

Dick: Um, okay. Do you want any more voice mails, or do you wanna get to a problem?

Maddox: Um, yeah. Uhh…let's hear one more voice mail. You…we got more Star Wars characters, right?

Dick: Yeah, we do.

Maddox: Let's hear one of these bozos.

(Voice mail: female voice: "Hi, this is Princess Leia from Alderaan. I thought this podcast was gonna be about the biggest problem in the universe, but so far it's just been a bunch of gripes from a pair of stuck-up, half-witted, scruffy-looking California nerf herders. (they laugh) **_____ universal probably mentioned were**

earthquakes, which we call Alderaan quakes, by the way. But Maddox ruined it with his stupid broken windows fallacy…

Dick: Ohoooo.

Maddox: Ohhhh.

"You think Star Wars merchandise is a problem? How about Death Stars, asteroids, or illegal aliens? Think bigger, guys."

Maddox: This fucking nerd. (Dick cracks up)

"And Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: That is…that is nerdy.

Maddox: Yeah. (goofy voice) What about Death Stars? What's the other one? Asteroids?

Dick: Asteroids.

Maddox: Asteroids are a big problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Mmm.

Maddox: I think asteroids are the biggest problem in the universe.

Sean: What about reading your voice mails? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Reading…oh, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, she did…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, Sean, I appreciate reading your voice mails.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright, guys. Uh, you got one more?

Dick: No, no. Go…oh! I do have some fanart. Uh, **Phil XG** sent these in. And I brought 'em in now, because they're of Asterios, too.

Asterios: Oh.

Dick: So…this guy made, I guess, emojis for all of us?

Maddox: Oh, yeah!! I saw this.

Asterios: I love this guy.

Dick: There's Maddox's.

Maddox: Yeah, it's…

Dick: (interjects) Looks pretty cool.

Maddox: There's Ma...there's me. Um, it…I have a goatee and I'm wearing a cape, and it says #InternetFamous.

Asterios: And you got a crown on.

Maddox: I got a crown, yeah.

Dick: Here's Sean's. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Sean…got, like, a…

Dick: I dunno why you're drooling.

Sean: (laughs) Why am I drooling?

Asterios: 'Cause you're stoned, buddy.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Oh, God. No, you…if you're stoned, you don't drool.

Asterios: Oh, we g…

Dick: (interjects) Well, you would know!

Maddox: Sean knows. Sean knows! (laughs) Sativa Sean would know. (laughing)

Dick: Here's, like, a handsome Asterios. I don't know what the hell…

Maddox: That's a really handsome Asterios.

Dick: Yeah. There's a handsome Asterios. And then…here's me, which kind of pissed me off. This does not look anything like me.

Maddox: Yes, it….(cracks up)

Dick: No, I mean, the face should be smaller, if anything.

Maddox: Yeah, I can still see your eyes. That's way too big. (laughs)

Asterios: (they all talk over each other) That's a pretty big face.

Dick: I look like Prince Valium here. (they laugh) Fuck this!

Maddox: It's a picture…it's a little emoji of Dick with, like, a…looks like Marcia Brady hair from uh…the Brady Bunch.

Dick: Oh, fuck you.

Asterios: Mmm.

Maddox: Like an old sixties…(cracks up)

Dick: Alright.

Asterios: Yeah, you do. You look like one of the characters on That 70's Show.

Dick: I'll put those on the website.

Asterios: Well, three out of…three out of four ain't bad, but smaller face next time. Well, let's get to some problems!

Maddox: Let's get to the problems, guys. I got the real biggest problem in the universe this week. Home Schooling! Eh? Yeah!! (Dick laughs)

Asterios: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Yeah. Home schooling! There we go. Ah, thank you, Maddox. Very good problem. Very good, very good.

Dick: You are home school. (they all crack up) You are the human home school.

Maddox: What does that even mean?!

Dick: I thought you would…I figured you would love home school.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: 'Cause then…'cause you can train kids, like, in your own little personal clones of you.

Asterios: Well, shouldn't…

Dick: (interjects) Like, you control everything that goes into their brains and everything that comes out of their mouth.

Maddox: I…

Asterios: (interjects) Well, shouldn't you love home schooling 'cause it's the ultimate Libertarian experiment, where it's just, like, "I get to do WHATEVER I want with my kids. I'm not gonna let the school board tell me what to do what I want with my kids. I'm gonna keep 'em in my…teach 'em how to do this and that." I mean, libertarians should love home schooling.

Dick: Yeah, I don't have a problem with it.

Maddox: Ah, there it is. (giggles)

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: And there it is. Well, I do. I have lots of problems with it. (Dick and Asterios crack up) Home schooling is like home surgery. Parents aren't qualified to do it. (they laugh again) Do I need to go on? That's pretty much it, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That's…that's the whole argument in a nutshell.

Asterios: Ehhh. (laughing)

Maddox: It's like home surgery. There's only one exception that I'd be for home schooling, and that's if your parents are teachers and one of the rooms in your house is a classroom, and you have 20 or so other classmates from the neighborhood who come over every day, and you call it a school. (Dick guffaws) Having your parents assess your cognitive ability is like having your parents assess your athletic ability. I played baseball on a team when I was a kid. A long time ago. Where the…coach of the team was also the dad of one of the teammates.

Dick: That's…that's all teams.

Maddox: Yeah. And guess who was MVP?

Dick: You?

Asterios: Really?

Maddox: No! The shithead whose…yeah! The kid! The kid's…(stammers)

Asterios: Can you be any more obvi…that's terrible.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, the coach's kid!

Dick: Well, what if he was good?! You don't know!

Maddox: Yeah. I do know.

Asterios: Mhmmm.

Maddox: He was ranked 6th.

Dick: Of what?

Maddox: On our team. He was ranked 6th overall.

Dick: What do you mean, ranked?

Maddox: Well, they ranked…they ranked him based on…

Asterios: (interjects) What, hitting, and catching, and…

Dick: (laughing) How do you RANK catching?!

Maddox: Yeah. Just performance.

Asterios: By…by…

Dick: Errors?

Asterios: Getting the most outs!

Maddox: Yeah. How many outs you have.

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Here we go.

Sean: Well, how many times does the ball hit…(they all talk over each other)

Asterios: Look, I'm a sports expert!

Dick: What's your fucking position? If you're a catcher, you're probably gonna have a lot of catches!

Asterios: Well, was he the catcher, because that would…that would make sense if he was the MVP.

Maddox: No. He was not the catcher.

Asterios: That guy's catching, like, constantly. (giggles)

Maddox: No…(stammers) he was in the most coveted field, too. They put him in…what was it?

Dick: Shortstop?

Maddox: Shortstop? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He would put him in shortstop every time.

Dick: You make a lot of outs in shortstop.

Maddox: Yeah, well, he didn't. And, uh…this kid was ranked 6th. And he never hit any home runs. There was one guy on our team who was ABSOLUTELY, hands down, the MVP, other than me. Which was, uh…this kid who hit, like, three home runs throughout our season. No one else on our team did.

Dick: But home runs are not a gauge of how good of a player you are.

Maddox: He was also great in outfield. He was also great as a pitcher. He did a bunch of different positions when we were practicing for the preseason.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh…and this guy was, like, hands down the best. The best. He was the fastest runner. He was the only one who hit home runs. Uh, he saved…he saved several of our games. Like, he's clearly the MVP.

Asterios: Yeah. I'm gonna…look, I'm gonna say I believe you on this one.

Maddox: Thank you, Asterios!

Dick: (laughs) Oh, the argument of, uh…he was the fastest and the other guy was ranked 6th?

Asterios: (yells) I don't know, don't you think that some asshole dad who wants to live vicariously through his son would make his kid MVP?! Come on!!

Dick: Alright. I don't wanna get lost in this MVP shit.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. Let's talk about home schooling!

Maddox: What are your criteria, Dick? What's a good….what's a good baseball player? (Asterios cackles)

Asterios: Is this gonna be the new…

Dick: (interjects) Guy's playing shortstop…that's…you're right in line for the MVP. I'm more curious about how he got ranked 6th. That's what I wanna know.

Maddox: We all had our ranking, and it was similar to…it was pretty much in line with our batting order.

Dick: What do you mean?

Asterios: Wait…now I'm…

Dick: Yeah, now, yeah, see?

Asterios: …leaning over to Dick's side.

Sean: Are you equating, like, batting average, to where you hit in the order?

Maddox: I just remember seeing the ranking when they determined, like, who our MVP was, and they…and they had a ranking. And he was ranked 6th based on overall criteria.

Dick: I don't know what that overall criteria is.

Maddox: Look, I don't either, man. This was when I was a kid. I don't remember.

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: Anyway. He was not…he was easily not the best player on our team.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, um. Very suspect. Anyway, uh…so, back to education. And home schooling.

Asterios: Sure.

Maddox: And why it's a big fucking problem. Alright? Education….I think, is one of the pillars of society. I think it's really, really important.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Without education, people can't be aware of threats of our government. They can't function well in society. They'll be ignorant and fearful, incompetent to do work. Unable to think critically. Fearful of things and phenomena they don't understand. Vaccinations. Science, nature. They will fall victims to zealotry. I think that, uh…I brought in, a long time ago, anti-intellectualism. And I said that one of the big threats of anti-intellectualism is the rise of zealotry. And…it all has to do with a lack of fundamental education. A really good core education. I think. Um, there's no quality checks for the education they receive at home. If you have kids home schooled, there's no quality checks.

Asterios: Well, well…

Dick: Uh, it's…

Asterios: Lemme…like, I don't know. At least in New York State, where I grew up, the home schooled kids would have to be able to pass the state exams. And I remember that because, like, you know, we would all get bussed to some school, like, all the districts would get bussed to some school, and it'll always be, like, these two weird kids that no one had ever heard of, that were, like, the home schooled kids.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, and they had to pass exams. They always did really great on the exams, but we were always like, "Oh, those poor bastards."

Dick: Oh, so they did great on the exams.

Asterios: Well, here's the thing I…

Dick: (interjects) Okay.

Asterios: My problem with home schooling is that you don't properly socialize these kids.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: These kids are kin…are, like, socially inept. They don't know how to talk to people, how to talk to girls. If you've ever gone to college with a kid who was home schooled, you know…there's something they…they don't know how to interact. They don't know where the boundaries are. It kind of sets them on a bad foot for the rest of their life, and like, that's the problem with it. Like, school kinda sucks. Like, you can learn math in a room with 30 people or math from your mom. They're both shitty, but, you know, those home schooled kids are gonna miss out on all those great experiences like making out with girls, and like, all that stuff that I didn't do either, but, like…

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: You know, like, uh…go to the prom with girls…

Dick: I love that…

Asterios: …which, again, I didn't do, but, like, you know. If I was cool, I could've.

Dick: So they're weird.

Asterios: That's what I'm saying.

Dick: They're just weird. They're awkward as kids and in college, the ones you know couldn't, what? Socialize?

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: As…as well as everyone does in college. Like, it's ba…it's Lord of the Flies, and these kids…I…I get what you're saying.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: And I…I like…I think it's fun to stereotype as well, like, I like making fun of them, 'cause they seem weird.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: But I dunno that it's true. Are they really fucked for their entire lives 'cause they…

Maddox: Yes. They are.

Dick: …didn't socialize in class?

Maddox: Yeah. I'll tell you…

Dick: (interjects) Isn't home school partially socialized…like, don't a bunch of kids go to a home school, typically?

Asterios: Well, sometimes, but…

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's not just your own family.

Asterios: Well, sometimes, but you can also…if your family's particularly fearful of the government, or of…or wants to raise you in a religious way, they can just home school their…you can be in a school with just your little sister.

Maddox: Right. Here's the long term repercussions of that lack of socialization. Students at home never have to worry about time management, because they're never tardy to class. They miss out on group assignments where they discuss and debate ideas with other students, which makes them less capable of dealing with conflicts that will arise in the workforce when they work with other people professionally. They don't have those tools necessary that you develop when you're debating ideas with your classmates and working with others on projects to be able to resolve conflicts, and find compromise, and be able to get to that next step. That's what home schooling leads to. These people suffer professionally because they don't have those tools developed. Because their parents were…

Dick: (interjects) Isn't this entirely conjecture, though?

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: Like, you're saying they don't have these skills, but you're not measuring it in any way.

Maddox: No…

Sean: (Interjects) Oh, don't tempt him with stats. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Well, I would love to hear one!! I mean, these are pretty big claims. Like, kids are not prepared. But then you go Asterios, "They always ace the tests". Okay, they're just weird. Fuck 'em, then. Fuck every…fuck everything you believe in! Fuck the way you were raised, 'cause you're "weird". 'Cause you don't fit in with the rest of us…

Asterios: (interjects) Do you know a lot of home schooled kids?

Dick: …binge-drinking assholes! I…pro…no. I, uh…

Asterios: (interjects) Well, yeah, exactly. I know a couple.

Dick: I know a couple.

Asterios: Do you know any…do you know any home schooled kids?

Maddox: Yeah, in Utah. There was a couple of kids who were home schooled.

Asterios: Yeah. Look. I'm not…I'm not…I don't wanna hop on this podcast to throw home schooled kids under the bus. It's not their fault that their parents are so fearful of the outside world that they're like, "We gotta lock up our kids!" "We gotta make a classroom in our garage around our kids, because the outside world is scary." And then they grow up… look. I know this is all opinion and conjecture. But it's my opinion.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Asterios: And I just…I feel bad for home schooled kids!

Maddox: Well, here's the thing. You can find out what exactly the effect is. And a lot of times, you can just go to YouTube and just type in, "Home School Confessional".

Asterios: Oh, God.

Maddox: And it'll be a kid…yeah. It'll be a kid talking about how they were totally taught ass-backwards beliefs about science and creationism and all these, like, crazy things. And saying that…that…there was a story on This American…I think it was This American Life a long time ago.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That I heard. Where this…this girl kind of grew up, um…uh…where was it? She…she grew up in a very sheltered environment where she was just sexually sheltered. And she just was always taught that she should be…(stammers) stay away from boys. Boys are bad. She shouldn't kiss them. And then it wasn't until her, like…she was way late into her adult life, like, 27 or something. Where she got in her first relationship. And her parents had indoctrinated her into marrying this guy. And then it became…it was, like, this weird sexless relationship. And it fell apart completely. And then she…she realized, like, half the shit her mom told her was just lies and bullshit. Another example. There was a girl who…

Dick: So that's home school?

Maddox: She was home schooled. Another example. There was a girl who was, um…had a very feminist mother. And…this mother of hers was really radicalized, like, a radicalized feminist. I'm not talking about even, like, Internet…like Facebook feminist? She was a part of, like, some weird, underground movement. Where she…uh, was anti-government. Anti-men. Uh, like, refused to spell "women" with an "e". Always spelled it with a "y". And taught her daughter this. And her daughter grew up and finally, like, got an education in college outside of her mother's reach, and realized, like, half the shit her mom had told her all her life was just wrong. And she said lots of guys she talked to were really nice to her and not…you know. She shouldn't be fearful.

Asterios: I mean, not Dick, but lots of guys.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (background laughter)

Maddox: Anyway…

Dick: They're not wrong.

Asterios: Well. (scoffs) L…(stammers) I mean, I mean, to kind of…

Dick: (interjects) Is this home school, though?

Asterios: (they talk over each other, completely inaudible)

Dick: Like, is that what we're saying? But no. Is this home school? Not "was she home schooled?" "Is this home school?" Do people who put their kids through home school, is it because they're crazy? I'm asking that genuinely. Like, is everybody…

Asterios: (interjects) That's honestly what I think…

Dick: …who home schools their kids terrified of men and the government? Or something?

Asterios: Or…or women. Or religion. Or a lack of religion.

Dick: It's crazy religious?

Asterios: I mean, why else would you….

Maddox: Mostly, yeah.

Asterios: Why else would you do it? I think the thing that we can all agree on. And look, again, I don't have stats. Like, um…

Maddox: I do. It's 85%.

Dick: Of what?

Maddox: 85% of the…the people who home school do it for…because they want to do religious teachings. Rather than…

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Science or anything like that.

Dick: Wow.

Asterios: Yeah, and…(stammers) I mean, think about it. Like, if all of the information you get is filtered through one person…and how long are you in school? 12 years? 13 years? For like 13 years, and those people are also your parents, they're telling you, like, when to go to bed, they're telling you when to eat? Like, that really fucks you up. That's, like, some cult leader shit.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: It has to do with the type of person that wants to home school their kid. I get…

Asterios: (interjects) A controlling person!

Maddox: It's very controlling.

Sean: No boundaries.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: And here's the other thing that you kind of don't…don't…that you kind of take for granted in school. Is your ability to challenge your teacher and know that their ability to punish you is capped. With a parent, that's not the case.

Asterios: Oh, God. You're right.

Maddox: Right? Children who learn at home may not be willing to challenge their parents, because they know that the parents have far more authority than teachers do to punish them punitively. Interrupting or challenging a parent may result in the kid being grounded or abused, whereas in school, the type of punishment is limited in scope. You have to go to sit in the office. Okay. That's a different kind of punishment. Whereas at home, you might get smacked or abused.

Asterios: Oh, God. Imagine living with the principal?

Dick: Abused. (giggles)

Asterios: That's not funny! (background laughter)

Dick: Well, I mean…(laughs)

Asterios: Dick, why is that funny?! (yells) Oh, my God!!!

Dick: You better not…you better not interrupt during this Math lesson, or I'm gonna molest you! Like…(laughing) that's the punish…(Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Geeeeeez.

Dick: One more…one more check minus, and you're getting molested!!

Asterios: Oh, okay. That is funny. (Sean laughs)

Dick: That is funny! Come on!!

Asterios: You know what? I didn't let you say your joke. (Dick cracks up) That actually is funny.

Maddox: You didn't let him get to the molesting. (they all crack up) The molestation punchline.

Asterios: I didn't let him take it further. (laughing)

Dick: It's just that that was so casually thrown in there, like, you had a good point. About the scope of authority. But then, you threw in the abuse part at the end, and that kinda made it a little extreme.

Maddox: Well, that's because in the Guardian, the UK paper. (Dick giggles) They've written a lot about home schooling, and they…that's one of the big pieces of legislation they're passing, is to have more regulation over home schooling, because they found that some parents were…were really abusive and didn't want…like, wanted complete control of their kids' lives.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Would keep them at home so they could continue to abuse them.

Dick: So, what? They're making it illegal to not send your kids to school?

Maddox: No, they're just adding more regulations so that they would have to have weekly checks.

Asterios: More checks.

Maddox: Yeah, weekly or monthly checks. So…so someone came by and make sure your kid doesn't have a black eye. Like, that sort of thing.

Dick: Oh,I don't like that.

Maddox: Well, I…(scoffs) what do you like, better, Dick?

Dick: Sending a cop to your house just in case you might be beating your kid?!

Maddox: Yeah, but what's the…

Dick: Are you kidding me?

Maddox: What's the alternative?

Dick: Not doing that!!

Maddox: Not what?!

Asterios: Well aren't you the guy that wants to keep Muslims out of the country just in CASE they do something wrong?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: No.

Asterios: I mean, I mean…if we're…well, don't you like Trump?

Dick: No. I wanna…shut down. Again…

Asterios: You wanna shut down ALL immigration?

Dick: You wanna talk about politics. I don't see a problem with shutting down, uh…Muslim immigration in order to vet them properly. I don't think they're getting vetted properly right now.

Maddox: They are!!

Asterios: Well…

Maddox: They…

Asterios: (interjects) Well, then, why don't we vet these home school teachers properly?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Why don't we send a cop over to the house to make sure they're not molesting their kids!!!!

Dick: You're talking about assuming Americans are doing something wrong!!

Asterios: You're talking about assuming Muslims are all doing something wrong!!!!

Dick: Those aren't citizens.

Asterios: Oh…

Maddox: (interjects) What difference does it make?!

Asterios: Because they're citizens then they're not…we're talking about danger. We're talking about danger to…citizens. You wanna protect American citizens? The British government wants to protect British citizens.

Dick: By assuming they're doing something…Asterios, I have a big problem with the government sending a cop to your house just in case they think you're doing something wrong!!

Asterios: What if there's a preponderance of evidence that says that in these home schooled situations, a lot of wrongdoing is happening? What if you could prove it? Then wouldn't you want cops to be sent there?

Dick: Holy shit. I don't even know where to start with…

Asterios: (interjects) Well, why don't we start with the facts?

Dick: …what an egregious assault on liberty that is! Sending a cop to your house because…because maybe your profile…like, your social profile, or your activities say you're doing something illegal? I got a big fucking problem with that!

Asterios: I…

Dick: What's next?!

Maddox: Lemme…here's a consistency check. Uh, the NRA recently came out with, um… some…some, uh…video saying that we…there are all these guys who are being arrested on streets who have illegal guns, but they're just being let back into the system.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which I don't believe…I don't believe that, at all.

Dick: No, felons have…they walk around with guns.

Maddox: Well, sure they do. But if cops…and he was suggesting that we should just round them up and arrest them, but we have this thing called "probable cause" and the 4th Amendment, where we can't just unduly search and seize property from citizens, unless we have probable cause. So I think what Asterios is saying…

Dick: (interjects) You…you misunderstand that video. Just real fast. That's not what they're saying. They're saying that when felons are arrested and they're found with guns, they should be locked up for that crime.

Maddox: They are.

Dick: They're not. They let them go.

Maddox: Wh…(stammers) what do you mean? Cops…cops…(stammers) don't give you a break when you're rolling through a stop sign. Now they're letting felons go around with illegal guns?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No. W…(stammers) what evidence is there for that?

Dick: First of all, they're felons. They've waived…

Sean: You're talking about the courts, right?

Dick: Yeah. They've waived…a lot of rights. As felons. Including the right to vote!

Maddox: Yeah. Okay. But if they…so these felons are just walking around with illegal weapons, and cops pull 'em over, find the illegal weapons, and say, "All right, on your way."

Dick: Yeah. Already, we're at a point where we're comparing felons to parents who wanna home school their kids.

Sean: No, I think it…

Dick: (interjects) That's where we're at.

Sean: I think the cops take 'em in. I think the courts let 'em go almost right away.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, look. This is…this is in the UK, what they're considering with their legislation, and it's controversial.

Dick: Ugh. Wow.

Maddox: But when I was doing…when I was doing…no, I'll…I'll give you that. It's a controversial statement, because I wouldn't want…I wouldn't want to live in a world where any cop can come over to your house and knock on your door, uh…presuming that you may be doing a crime, and do an investigation. That's why we have the 4th Amendment. I'm totally opposed to that on…on that kind of fundamental…you know, unless they have a reason. Unless they have evidence, like Asterios was saying. But, uh…when I was doing research for this problem, what was really fascinating is the amount of home school lobbyists who have completely whitewashed Google.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: It is REALLY difficult to find ANY factual information about home schooling or the effects of it, or anything like that. You REALLY have to be precise in your search queries, otherwise you're just gonna get a whole bunch of shit to home school lobbies. And every single one I…I read…

Dick: Whoaaaa.

Maddox: Here's what I…here's when I know something is bullshit.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: When…like, 9 of the 10 top links for home schooling are completely positive about home schooling.

Asterios: Yeah. Google bombing.

Maddox: Like, they…yeah. They're Google bombing. And…and I read these, like, supposed studies, and the studies are really using relaxed language, not academic language. They're not using statistics. They're not citing sources. They're not, uh…cited anywhere. They're not published in any journals. They're just saying things like, "Yeah, homeschooled students do overwhelmingly well in the work force. Like, using unscientific words like "overwhelmingly".

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: You know? Uh…it's really difficult to find. So I had to really dig and find some articles that were written by journalists and not this home school lobby. To find out what was really going on. And I found one on the New York Times. It says, "Home schooling: More pupils, less regulation." Earlier I said that parents aren't qualified to teach their kids most of the time. Uh, "14 states do not specify any subjects that families much teach."

Asterios: Oh, wow.

Maddox: Let that sink in for a second. 14 states right now, where you home school your kids? You have NO regulation at all. You can teach them whatever the fuck you want.

Asterios: Or nothing.

Maddox: Or nothing.

Asterios: Yeah.

Sean: I was just gonna ask what are the criteria that parents have to meet to home school their kids? And you're saying it's different in every state.

Maddox: It's…it's different…it's, first of all, it's really lax regulation. There's almost no regulation for home schooling. And only nine states require that parents have at least high school diplomas or equivalent in order to teach their kids.

Asterios: Wow. Out of 50 states!! (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. Out of 50 states…

Asterios: Oh, my God.

Maddox: …only nine state that you have to have a GED to be able to teach your kids. And then…

Asterios: (interjects) It's like, if your kid went to a high school, and you found out that their teacher did not graduate from high school. You would be super pissed off.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. Of course. Like, I…I don't see why…I don't see why we shouldn't apply at least SIMILAR standards between home schooling and public schooling.

Dick: Well, prove that you should.

Asterios: Well, don't you…

Dick: (interjects) Like, prove that all…like, okay. So they don't have GEDs. They don't have degrees. Like, what exactly are they not teaching these kids? How is it a form…how is it so agg…such an egregious form of child abuse that the government needs to get involved?

Asterios: I'm not s…

Dick: (interjects) So what if they're teaching them religious shit? Everybody gets indoctrinated with some kind of crap! So what if they're not…like, they're teaching them the…creationism versus evolution! I wouldn't teach my kids that! But what's the effect? Like, I get the little arguments, like, the appeals to emotion, like, "Well, they can't fit in." "They can't do this." But can they go be a farmer? What's the abuse?

Asterios: Well, list…listen. I mean, I think when Maddox was talking about abuse, he was actually talking about physical abuse, like…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Because these are…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, no, no, no. But, skipping that, what is the…

Asterios: Okay. Well…

Dick: What is the harm?

Asterios: Okay. Well…

Maddox: (interjects) I'll tell…(stammers) I got…

Dick: Go ahead.

Asterios: No, sure.

Maddox: I got some actual stuff here. (stammers) But…

Asterios: Sure. Well, listen. And again, this is just my opinion. 'Cause Maddox did a lot of research.

Dick: Well, let's hear the research, then.

Asterios: Like, a…well, look!!

Dick: (interjects) Not the opinion.

Asterios: Look, I'm sitting here! I was…(stammers) lemme give my opinion.

Dick: Go ahead.

Asterios: My..uh, my opinion on it is that these kids don't have a choice. It's kind of the same issue with kids who don't get vaccinated. It's not their decision to grow up sheltered. It's not their decision to not be taught the basics. Like…it puts them on the wrong foot, because it's…it's a decision that their parents made for them based on their parents' own biases. It affects them for the rest of their life. Now that's my opinion. Let's hear the facts.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: I would love to hear that opinion without equating it to vaccines. Which are 100% harmful.

Asterios: You don't think a lack of education…

Maddox: Wait, you mean not…you mean lack of vaccinations.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. Well, I'm just saying a lack of education is harmful, too.

Maddox: Yeah, because…

Asterios: (interjects) I'm not saying it's the same as catching the mumps, but I'm just…I'm saying…they're both bad.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: And there's a really high overlap between people who are duped into, uh…New Age healing, uh…you know, remote healing, and things like that. And anti-vaccination movement.

Asterios: Cold lasers.

Maddox: Cold lasers! Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, but those are…educated people get duped into that shit!

Maddox: No, they're not. They're absolutely not.

Dick: Cold lasers. Maddox, it's covered by healthcare!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: It's used by all…rehab facilities! (yelling) And it's TOTAL bullshit!

Maddox: Yeah, well…I'm talking more about remote healings and psychic healings, and things where, first of all, you can't even…you can't even point to an object or device that was invented to facilitate that. Like, at least "lasers" is a thing. (Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay. (grins)

Maddox: It may be ineffective…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You know? (Asterios laughs)

Dick: It may not work, but at least it sounds sciency. So that's…

Maddox: (interjects) It's manufactured…(laughs)

Dick: (interjects) So we all educated ourselves to at least get to that level.

Asterios: Also, there's a cool laser in the room. (they laugh)

Maddox: Well, but also, you…when you brought in that problem, Dick, and I thought it was a great problem…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But when you brought in that problem, one thing we didn't really discuss is the placebo effect. Which is…is very real. So, doctors may know that this is bullshit.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And they still use it because they know that a certain percentage of their patients do get better due to the placebo effect.

Dick: Ugh, God.

Maddox: I mean, I know, but…

Asterios: The crazy patients! Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Exactly.

Dick: So…so let's pay for it. Why not? (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Guys, there is…the bottom line is this. There is no quality checks for home schooled education. None. If I'm in an accident and the paramedics arrive, I don't want some bozo who was homeschooled to operate on me in a life or death situation. I don't give a flying fuck if their parents think they know what's best for their child, because there is no reason to believe their parents know what's best for ANYTHING, let alone themselves! Most people I meet in life are broken, drunk, depressed idiots who have financial troubles, broken relationships, psychological disorders, and are addicted to substances, or smoking. Frankly, I don't trust parents…

Asterios: (interjects) Ma…Maddox. Can you please st…I'm right here. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Asterios…

Asterios: Were you not expecting me to be here today? When you gave that description? (giggles) (Maddox laughs) When you wrote that?

Maddox: I…look, guys. I don't trust parents to know what's best for their kids. I just don't. They're not doing what's necessarily best for their kid; rather, they're just acting out of narcissism and ego and self interest.

Asterios: Or fear.

Maddox: Or fear!

Dick: Oh, you guys! (giggles) Shitting on parents. This is so crazy.

Maddox: They might…no! But…(stammers) but Dick, like, you like your parents. You would say you have good parents, right?

Dick: I would!

Asterios: You're very lucky.

Maddox: Yeah. You're very lucky. That's not always the case.

Dick: Yeah, no shit.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That's not always the case.

Dick: But you're talking about so…someone who's….(stammers) you're…the implication here…is that someone cares less about their spawn than some random 20-year-old just out of grad school.

Maddox: No, no, no, no, no. That's…hold on. First of all, I'm not saying that parents…

Dick: (interjects) Plenty of abuse has happened in public school, by the way.

Maddox: Well, lemme…

Dick: (interjects) Plenty!

Maddox: Yeah. That's…(sighs)

Asterios: (interjects) Yeah, but don't you think…but, I mean, there's more eyes to catch it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: There's more checks and balances. There's more adults…

Dick: (interjects) I'd love to see a number to go with any of this shit, other than "I hate home school". (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Well, I'll get to that.

Dick: "Because they're weird."

Maddox: No, I'll get to that. Um…(stammers) here's the problem, though. These…these parents, who are well-intentioned, and they care a lot about their kids, might still be ruining their kids lives and not even realize it, because they themselves might not have the education to realize it. They may be too proud and stubborn to admit that they might not know what's best for their kids, let alone themselves. And I don't want someone who has an eating disorder to teach kids about nutrition. Their beliefs don't trump facts. I don't want someone who believes humans and dinosaurs existed together to teach kids about paleontology or biology! I don't want someone who's afraid of vaccinations to teach kids biology! They're not fucking qualified! And this is from, uh…I…idebate.org. There's a debate about all these topics on this website. Ant there's arguments for and against.

Dick: Can I say this?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't want someone making $40,000 a year to teach my kids about money.

Maddox: Okay, well…

Asterios: Well, then, why don't you help teachers get paid more?

Dick: Why don't I teach 'em…because I don't…I DEFINITELY don't fucking want that! (yells)

Asterios: I know you don't!

Dick: Why don't I teach 'em about money at home, then!? I'm such a crazy parents! (Asterios laughs) Who doesn't know what I'm doing!

Maddox: Hey, but…getting a public education or getting an education through a standardized system where there's national standards on what you should know doesn't preclude you from teaching your kid whatever goofy bullshit you want in your own time.

Dick: Hah. Okay.

Maddox: You can still do that!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, there's nothing saying…anyway. This is from the idebate.org. It says. **"It is presumptuous for parents to think that they know how to teach children better than that accumulated wisdom that they teach teachers in school. Just because a child is a product of that individual, does not mean that the education and knowledge of the parent surpasses that of professionals in the field who have spent years training."** That's…that's what it comes down to. I…if I want a doctor. If I go to a doctor. I want to

make sure he has his entire wall covered in plaques and degrees and papers and things from accredited universities. And there's no guarantee that doctor's gonna be good, and there's no guarantee that that doctor's not gonna make mistakes when it comes to my healthcare. But you know what? The longer he studied and the longer he spent in school, I trust that he knows something I don't. And he might be able to do a better job than some bozo who thinks they know what's best for me.

Dick: Do you think that…home schooled kids are infiltrating the medical profession?

Sean: I was just gonna ask that. I don't think you can home school…

Dick: 'Cause this medicine and EMTs keep coming up.

Asterios: (interjects) Yeah, but you can see….I'm sorry.

Dick: But there's a huge…there's an ocean of regulations and schooling that needs to happen before someone becomes a DOCTOR.

Asterios: Yeah, but why…then why wouldn't you want at least a..a similar set of regulations for what you could teach your kids, like…like you understand that, like, by saying a completely unregulated school environment should exist, you know, is the same as…I don't see why it's like…(stammers) you know, we…I'm sorry.

Dick: (interjects) I would just love to hear a number. To go with any…I would love to hear…

Asterios: (interjects) This is…(stammers)

Dick: …how home schooled kids do! To see if it's really a problem! Look. They're weird. I'm gonna…if you wanna have…you wanna have a witch hunt? I'll be the first in line to grab a torch.

Asterios: I don't…it's not their fault!!!

Dick: That's all. Okay.

Asterios: Their parents are weird! These kids are victims!!

Dick: So far…so far. The only…the only negative consequence of home schooling that we've gone over…is they're weird, and maybe they can't be adjusted to the real world. But, for God sakes, if that's true, there better be a fucking number attached to it. Like, there should be MILLIONS of…how much money do home schooled kids make? How often do they go to college? What…how often do they go to jail? All of these things should be documented!! 'Cause we know that they didn't go to school!! (yells)

Asterios: Well, don't you think Maddox looked for his information?

Maddox: I…I did.

Asterios: He's already stated that, like, this stuff is really whitewashed on Google. There's a reason a lot of this research isn't done.

Dick: So this is a cover up!!!??

Asterios: No…I'll…it's the same reason that…listen. I don't wanna get off on a rant here, but you know how our government isn't allowed to judge the health effects of guns?

Dick: What?

Asterios: Uh, the CDC is precluded by Congress from measuring the health effects of firearms, because the firearms lobby has forbidden them from doing that research.

Dick: What do you mean, the health effects?

Asterios: Um, you know. The deaths, and…listen. I'm sorry. I'm not an expert. I'm just trying to give you some anecdotal…

Dick: They definitely measure that.

Asterios: Well, uh…lemme give you another bit of anecdotal evidence, then. Let's ignore that gun thing, 'cause I don't wanna get down a gun hole. But, um…(Sean laughs) Let's, uh…let's…during the Bush administration. The second Bush administration. He…heavily restricted research into global warming. You know, he said, like, there's some areas that the government is now allowed to study anymore. Medical marijuana, like, the government was not allowed to study the positive effects of medical marijuana until last Saturday.

Maddox: Well, that was for…

Asterios: (interjects) You know, when Congress finally lifted that restriction.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Well, but Asterios, for…to…to…to…(Asterios stammers)

Asterios: (interjects) I'm sorry. Lemme just wrap this up.

Maddox: Okay, yeah. Finish the point. Yeah.

Asterios: So, what I'm trying to say is…if there's not a lot of research on the positive and negative effects of home schooling…Maddox, you don't think this guy's trying to do all the research he can? He brings in sheets and sheets of paper. If this information isn't out there, maybe there's a reason for it. Maybe home schooled teachers kinda don't want this stuff studied. Maybe they don't want Big Brother looking over them. Maybe it's sort of like a…maybe because a lot of these home schooled teachers have, like, a very religious bent, there's not a lot of incentive for the government to go out and study the effects of home schooled kids versus public schooled kids. Maybe it's kind of a thing where we all just kind of want to ignore it, because looking into it is trouble. Because even in this conversation, we're talking about stepping on a parent's rights. We're talking about libertarian ideals. We're talking about interfering with the way a parent raises their kid. This is already a tricky area. Maybe politically, there's not a lot of incentive to looking into the positives and negatives of home schooling. It's easier just to talk about potholes, or stopping the Muslims from coming in. Or any other…kind of bullshit that you can get elected on. Like, what are the benefits of talking about home schooling if you're an elected official?

Dick: If you're an elected official?

Asterios: That's what I'm…yeah.

Dick: Holy shit, I would think teachers at the MINIMUM should be bringing this up. Hey, we're doing a good job because of this! Look at the scores of our kids! Look at the lives of our kids versus the kids that are s…uh, schooled at home.

Asterios: (interjects) You think te…

Dick: Colleges! Every goddamn day, a college comes out with another study about how much more money you make by going to college.

Maddox: Well, (stammers) they…teachers do speak out against this, but to your point, Asterios, as to why we don't have this much information about it. Is because it is so unregulated, and how do you…how do you measure something that…is unmeasurable? Like you…people who home school aren't reporting statistics! It's kind of like trying to take a census of the number of people who aren't reporting to the census. You don't know, because they're not in a system. Like, they're COMPLETELY out of the loop! So if you have kids who were home schooled, you just take them out of the system, and then that's it! They never hear from them again. They never have these assessments. And some… some states, as you heard, have r…requirements that you have to have a basic GED. They have to pass the GED, essentially.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But if you do that, you're not getting into Stanford. Your parents can assess whether or not you've dec…you've determined…here. I got this right here. This is from the New York Times. It says, **"Pennsylvania educators fought the recent changes, which eliminated the requirements that families submit their children's portfolios, as well as the results of standardized testing in third, fifth, and eighth grade, to school district superintendents."** They fought that. **"The new law also allows parents to certify that their children have completed high school graduation requirements and to issue home-grown diplomas without any outside endorsement."** So your parents can arbitrarily decide when you have earned a diploma, and then what stan…what are… what are higher educations…(stammers) institutions supposed to do?

Asterios: So you could give a diploma to a baby.

Dick: Who cares?! You can still be a mechanic without going to college! There's a shitload of jobs that are very necessary and well-paying that you can do without going to college!

Asterios: This isn't blue collar versus white collar! Like, I don't think any of us are trying to engage in a class debate. Like, you know, my dad was a house painter. Maddox's dad works with his hands, too. I…(stammers) it's like, I don't think anybody's making fun of…of working class people in this conversation. But, like, to have absolutely no standards. To essentially be able to write down on a napkin "You've Graduated" and hand it to your kid and say, like, "That's your diploma". Like, the fact that these parents are fighting for the ability to do that…

Maddox: To limit…

Asterios: (interjects) W….

Maddox: To limit their child's future opportunity to go to schools. If I'm…If I'm gonna grow up. I want…my parents to have made the right decisions.

Asterios: (interjects) (talking over Maddox) And to limit their own accountability, by the way!

Maddox: What's that?

Asterios: As teachers. You know, it's like…what are they trying to hide here? Why do they want this law passed?

Maddox: Well, this is a…this is…

Asterios: (interjects) They're trying to hide their own shitty teaching? What is…

Maddox: (interjects) I'll just...end on this note. This problem's going really long.

Asterios: I'm sorry. I know we're going too long.

Maddox: I…I…I just want to end on this note. Uh, **"…one home schooled child**"…this is from the New York Times. **"…was given a workbook bought at Sam's Club by his mother. Then she asked her child a few questions about birds, and after 10 minutes, Ms. Wiles declared that he was losing focus. So she decided to give him a break and sent him upstairs to play Minecraft for…for a while, and then she said, 'His brain is so unique.' Ms. Wiles said."** (Dick giggles) **"That's one of the great things about home schooling. We work all year round, but I can tell him to go burn off some energy and play MInecraft."**

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Well now, I'm like, "Home schooling…" (they laugh)

Dick: Yeah! See?!!

Asterios: You get to play video games at school!?

Dick: You wanna go to sit at school for eight hours, instead of playing Minecraft and doing a workbook from Sam's Club?

Asterios: Noooooo. (Maddox laughs) From Sam's Club. (giggles)

Sean: He gets a diploma written in crayon with, like, a banana sticker on it, or something.

Dick: Why not!? Then he can go get hired at McDonald's and have a perfectly fulfilling life working his way up into management!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Sounds great! What's the big deal?! (Asterios laughs) Someone's gotta do it!!! It's better than being $100,000 in debt, going to Stanford, and studying, uh….basketweaving, or feminist studies!!! Then what?! (they crack up) That's fucking…(yelling)

Asterios: Now who's….

Dick: Hold on! Hold on! Hold the fuck on!! (they all yell over each other) (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Now who's appealing to emotion!?!?

Dick: That's child abuse! You wanna….(they crack up) send your kids to school!? Send your kid to school?! Eight hours a fucking day, doing nothing but letting some 23-year-old lecturing them about how they're the bad guy, then they get their tuition paid to go to Sanford!? And they study feminist studies, and then what!? That's child abuse!!

Asterios: Where's your statistics on this basket weaving and feminist studies!? I wanna hear numbers!

Dick: It exists!

Asterios: I get that it's your opinion…

Dick: It exists!!

Asterios: Oh well, where is it? 'Cause if you don't have the statistic right now, your entire opinion isn't valid.

Dick: That's…that's child abuse, motherfucker! That's child abuse. (Asterios laughs)

(They all talk over each other)

Asterios: You can just keeping saying it!

Dick: Letting your kid get a Liberal Arts degree…(Maddox laughs) And encouraging them…is child abuse. And there's…by the way. There's a…there's not a small chance of that happening, if they go to school. Political science. Communications. These are all real degrees.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That thousands, hundreds of thousands of young people get…(Asterios cracks up) every year, that limit their opportunities because they're a FUCKING JOKE! (yells)

Maddox: You know…you know…

Asterios: (interjects) Thank God for home schooling to save us from the dirge of political…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Of Political Studies majors! Ohhhhhh.

Maddox: From the scourge..(laughing)

Asterios: God bless you, home schoolers!! You stop more lesbian basket weaving classes! (Maddox cracks up) Those lesbian baskets, by the way, are fantastic. They carry over everything you need to move in with your lesbian girlfriend after the first date! (background laughter)

Dick: What are you gonna do then, Maddox? When an EMT drives up and instead of being home schooled, they've got a Feminist Studies degree!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're gonna…they're gonna knock you out in the ambulance and cut your dick right off!

Maddox: Yeah. You know…

Dick: (interjects) That's a way bigger problem than home schooling.

Maddox: They're not gonna drive up in an EMT because they're gonna look at their resume and their credentials, and their GPA, and be, like, "Oh, this guy's a bozo. Out!" Whereas someone with a home school…

Asterios: (interjects) Also if they're a woman driver, they're probably gonna crash that EMT into, like, the side of a building. (Maddox laughs) Or into, like, you know, a pretty-looking man. Like, they're like, "Ooh, pretty." Boom.

Dick: Well…look. Home schooling, public schooling, whatever kind of schooling you got, you need to shave.

Maddox: That's true. Everyone needs to shave. Yep. (laughs)

Dick: You need to look your best. 'Cause you need to look your best, especially if you have a high school diploma that's written in crayon. (Asterios cracks up) That's why today's episode is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. Guys…guys. Harry's is a superior shave than any other razor. In the universe.

Asterios: Well, the blade is so good, they bought the factory.

Dick: They bought the factory. High-quality, high-performing German blades crafted by shaving experts. It's about half the price of other big branded blades. And they ship for free to your front door. The starter set is an amazing deal. For $15, you get a razor, moisturizing shave cream, and three razor blades. Use our promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM you get $5 off your first order.

Asterios: I wanna say…thank you guys so much for the shaving kit I got last week on the show.

Maddox: Thank Harry's!

Asterios: Well, (stammers) and thank you guys, at Harry's. But thank you guys for not hoarding it for yourselves.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Because..I used it. And I was, like, "Oh, my God. I'm, like, an adult." Like, I hadn't, like, shaved shaved…

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: …in years! I'm absolutely not kidding. Like, done the lather. Put on the aftershave after. You, the thing. The this. The that. And I was just, like, "I feel like such a grown-up."

Dick: You feel like a man.

Asterios: I was like, "I don't feel like a scrub anymore."

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: You feel like a man. Look, that's what you could teach at home school. You have a whole… a whole period. How to be a man. You gotta shave. Here's how to tie a tie.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: I got outta college, I still didn't know how to tie a tie!!

Maddox: Yeah, that's…

Dick: I had to go on YouTube!

Asterios: What, you just…you clip it on. What are you talking about? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. There you go.

Dick: Harry's is less than two years old and it's already disrupting the shave industry, offering a better shave experience and a better value than the giants, who I will not name.

Asterios: But they are running scared. I see Twitter ads all the time from…the…the brands that you expect to see in the shaving space, the people that you see down at CVS.

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: And all they're doing is attacking Harry's, because they're scared.

Dick: Satisfaction guaranteed. Oooh. I didn't know about that.

Maddox: Satisfaction guaranteed. If you don't like the product, they'll…make it right.

Dick: Yeah, I don't know what that means.

Maddox: I don't know…

Dick: Could be hard to satisfy. (they talk over each other, then laugh)

Maddox: Don't worry, they'll take care of you. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. Go to http://www.harrys.com, use promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase.

Maddox: No, I will say this, though, about Harry's. They are very responsive to their customers and tweets on Twitter. So, uh, if you guys like the product, and, you know, tweet it at them, they'll…they'll tweet back and they'll like your, uh…they'll favorite your tweet. There you go. That's something. That's…

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That's validation from a big company!

Asterios: Unlikely Wayne Brady, who's not responding to any of the tweets the fans are sending him.

Dick: Mmmmmm.

Asterios: Calling him bitchmaid, or…(Maddox laughs) a wet bitch. I didn't…

Maddox: Wet bitch?

Asterios: There was a term…some…someone called Wayne Brady a moist bitch. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: He is! He is.

Asterios: And I was like, "I've never…"

Dick: He is a moist bitch.

Asterios: Now…now it makes sense!!

Dick: He is a moist bitch.

Asterios: But I'd never heard that insult before and I was like, "This is delightful. What a great day."

Maddox: What is that?

Asterios: I don't know! But I love it.

Maddox: Dick, what's a moist bitch?

Dick: He is. Oh, man. I d…we don't…I don't wanna do it during this ad.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I'll tell you…(they laugh)

Maddox: http://www.harrys.com !!

Asterios: So you're not a moist bitch if you go to http://www.harrys.com and use promo code BIGGEST.

Dick: You wanna go…BIGGESTPROBLEM.

Asterios: BIGGESTPROBLEM, ah, I'm such an asshole! I'll go next, yeah.

Dick: Do your problem.

Asterios: Alright. Um, so…with home schooling, we're talking about potentially…we may agree to disagree, but our argument is…we don't want a pervasive environment where there's constantly an authority figure looking over these kids. Sorta like Santa Clause.

Maddox: Aaaaaah…

Dick: Is that your problem?

Asterios: You know, like Santa…yeah. Well, my problem today is the Elf on the Shelf.

Maddox: Elf on a Shelf?! Asterios, that's a delightful toy! That keeps children in line.

Dick: Oh, no, no, no, no.

Asterios: It keeps children in line! That's the problem!! (Maddox laughs) For the longest time, I didn't know what the elf on the shelf was. It came out in 2005.

Sean: I still don't know what it is!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I'm gonna explain it to you!

Dick: I just found out recently.

Asterios: Yeah. I'm gonna explain to you what it is. Uh, oh, by the way. When the elf on the shelf came out…(giggles) the book was called "The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition". (they crack up) So it was like, "Okay, I'm just dumb for not knowing what this

tradition is." And then I look it up, and it's, like, no it's not! Some asshole just invented it and called it….

Dick: (interjects) No, no, no!! I know that's not true, because I know somebody who had it when they were a kid.

Asterios: Oh, really!?

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: But was the book that came out when they were a kid also called that? The Christmas tradition? Because, like, Santa Claus was just manufactured by Coca Cola. I mean, there's that…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, what?

Maddox: Yeah. So the modern, red, jolly Santa Claus was manufactured by Coca Cola to sell Coke.

Dick: It wasn't a real guy?

Maddox: It was a real guy, but…

Asterios: Well, Saint Nicholas…

Dick: Are you saying that Santa is not real on this podcast? (Maddox laughs) You should put a spoiler alert.

Asterios: We're just saying he's not…into Coke.

Maddox: The modern Santa Claus.

Asterios: As much as the real Santa.

Dick: What was the original Santa Claus? (they all talk over each other)

Maddox: The original…the original Santa Claus was, I believe…he was a monk? Or no, he was a priest in, um…what was it, Austria, or Germany. And he would leave candy in the shoes of children who left their shoes outside. And he kinda did it secretly.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And his name was, uh…Kristoff. Uh, uh…Christopher.

Dick: Christoph Waltz.

Maddox: Yeah, something like that. Christoph Klaus or something like that. And then Coca Cola took that…that old story and then spun it into this mythology of Santa Claus and made the big, red, jolly man to sell Coca Cola.

Dick: And the sleigh and the reindeer, and shit?!

Maddox: That all kind of…yeah. That all kind of emerged.

Dick: COKE made that up!?

Maddox: Coke…Coke created the modern Santa Claus, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: Well, isn't Santa delicious, just like the delicious taste of Coke?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Don't you love both? Don't you love a…(giggles) piping hot cup of Coke at Christmas? (Sean laughs) Sitting in front of the fireplace? Well, look. According to Wikipedia, which again, is wrong a lot. (Maddox chuckles) The Elf on the Shelf was, uh… was written in 2004 and, uh…was first released in 2005. Um, you know…I don't know if it's based on something, I'm just kind of reading this off Wikipedia. But here's what the Elf on the Shelf is, regardless of when it came out. What you do is you tell your kids, "Hey, I got this little toy elf here. It's like a little stuffed elf."

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: And you're like, "This is one of Santa's scout elves." (Dick groans) This elf reports back everything you do.

Dick: He's a sleeper cell for Santa. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: He's a…he's like the NSA for Santa!

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Asterios: And you're, like, "I'm gonna put this elf up on a shelf in your room. And anytime you do….something naughty, this scout elf is gonna tell Santa Claus. And by the way, if you touch or move this elf, you break the seal of Christmas magic…(Dick guffaws) around this elf."

Maddox: Wooooooooooooowwwwwwww…

Asterios: And so if you're not good…the elf's gonna tell Santa and you're gonna get terrible presents. Isn't that fucking awful!?

Sean: Do you know how shitty the parents have to be to let an inanimate object control their kids?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: Incredibly shitty!!

Maddox: A bunch of home schoolers. (they all laugh)

Asterios: That's what I'm saying!!

Maddox: That's what can happen! Teach 'em whatever you want!!! Hey, I'm…I'm supposed to…(laughs) stay in line, otherwise this magical elf is gonna…is gonna terrorize my life!

Dick: Talk to Santa.

Maddox: And this poor kid, imagine a kid's intellect, like, being, like, ancient Aztecs or Incans who are afraid of eclipses and didn't know why weather patterns occurred and they were just afraid, like, superstitious. You're essentially raising a child to be superstitious of

everything, and if the child dares touch that thing…the child might die, so…the child might not experiment with that!!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Your…hold on.

Asterios: Or the elf might die!!

Dick: Your leaps…(Maddox laughs) that you make. About parenting. Are…uh, gigantic.

Maddox: What…that could happen!!! (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Yeah, I know, but the idea that…

Asterios: (interjects) Are you saying it couldn't happen, Dick?

Dick: Yeah. Go…what's…what else is wrong with Elf on the Shelf? (grins)

Asterios: Oh, well…well…I don't like…

Dick: 'Cause my sister's doing Elf on the Shelf this year, I think.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: Yeah. She sent me a…she sent me a text asking if I would buy the…this Elf on the Shelf thing on Etsy.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: 'Cause she was too busy to do her own online shopping, I guess.

Asterios: Too busy to go to esty.com. Google Elf on a Shelf.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Put in your address.

Dick: Oh no, she sent me the link. I'm like, "What the fuck are you talking about?"

Asterios: That's half of the…that's half of the thing! (giggles)

Dick: No, hey…she's on another level of…of delegating.

Asterios: Mmm. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Always testing. She's always testing everyone to see what they will do for her. By sending them, like, links, like…"Hey will you buy this for me?" "Buy this for me. I don't have time to do it right now. Can you just buy it for me? I'm driving."

Asterios: I only have time to find the link, text it to you, tell you…and tell you what to buy and where to send it.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: That's all I have the time for. Well, look. My…look, my problem with the Elf on the Shelf is simply this. If I were a little kid who was jerking off a lot and I got this elf watching over my shoulder. Every time I tried to jerk off, I'd be, like, I'm not gonna get presents. But of course I wanna jerk off. I'm a little kid. (Dick laughs) So I'm jerking, I'm jerking, I'm jerking…

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute! Wait a minute!!! (Maddox laughs) Wait a minute!

Maddox: Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

Dick: Wait a minute!! (laughing) How old are you in this scenario?

Asterios: Well, I'm 4 or 5. Why do you ask? (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh, maaaaaaaaaaaan.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: He's jacking off at 12, still scared to death of Elf on the Shelf.

Asterios: Yeah! Now every time I'm about to…you know. Finish into a woman…

Dick: Polish your candy cane.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. Every time, like, I'm about to, like, finish, like, the sexual act of coitus…

Dick: (interjects) Every time you're about to chest your nuts. (someone snorts)

Asterios: I feel super duper guilty about it, and I just think, well, Christmas isn't gonna come this year. Even though I did. (Maddox cracks up) And I just feel super…I don't know. Am I the only one?!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Applause)

(Maddox dies of laughter)

Asterios: If I'm the only one, I'll shut up. (Maddox still cracking up) I just assume this is the problem with Elf on a Shelf!

Maddox: Talk about a stuffed stocking. (they crack up)

Asterios: Um, look. I don't…here…I don't like that parents are trying to, like, trick their kids into behaving by threatening them. It's just, like, just give the kids a toy. Being a kid is fucking hard.

Dick: Have you ever raised a kid?

Asterios: All the time. (they laugh) Um, another one of these…I call them, like, behavior modification dolls?

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: Another behavior modification doll is this thing called "The Switch Witch". Have you guys ever heard of the Switch Witch?

Dick: I've heard of a switch.

Maddox: No. I don't…

Asterios: Okay. Yes, going out to pick a switch.

Dick: Well…

Asterios: I really great behavior modification technique. But the Switch Witch…alright, so your kids go out for Halloween. They get allllllll this fucking candy. They come home with this big bag of candy. And then you tell the kids, "Alright. Take one or two pieces of your favorite candy, and then we're gonna…and then the Switch Witch…we're gonna put the Switch Witch out with your candy bag overnight." And the kids are, like, "Okay, I'll take a single Snickers Bar."

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: "Yay, I'm gonna go to bed." And then the next morning…

Dick: (interjects) The most well-behaved kid EVER.

Asterios: This is the fantasy you're selling when you sell the Switch Witch.

Dick: Yeah. Okay.

Asterios: The next morning, all your candy is gone. Because the Switch Witch has taken it and has replaced it with healthy foods, like apples.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh. (groans)

Asterios: That's terrible. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Stupid! That's awful.

Asterios: That's awful!!

Maddox: Yeah, that's a bait and switch.

Dick: Oh, man. (grins)

Asterios: So parents are hiring dolls, saying these dolls are magic…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And using them to ruin fun things like Christmas and Halloween! How is that not a problem?!

Dick: You…kids…

Sean: (interjects) Because they can't parent their kids themselves!

Dick: No, no, no. No, no.

Asterios: Yeah, so they gotta buy a doll to do it! (yells)

Sean: They need to blame…yeah. They need to blame something else.

Dick: I…disagree.

Sean: 'Cause they don't wanna take away the kids' candy. And tell 'em it's bad for 'em.

Asterios: I would have given you an Xbox 360, but the Elf on the Shelf said you were jerking off, Asterios! So therefore, you're not gonna get your Xbox 360!!!

Dick: Kids…

Maddox: (interjects) Why…why do you disagree, Dick?

Dick: Kids are terrorists. You have to do…you have to use everything in our arsenal to deal with them. (Asterios giggles) 'Cause they don't wanna do anything. They're like people, except they can't hit you when you tell them to do things.

Asterios: Thank God.

Dick: Switch Witch, Elf on a Shelf, man, there should be…there should be little…there should be robotic, like, moving elves to help sell the illusion that these kids need to behave.

Asterios: Yeah, why not put a drone in your kids' room? (Sean laughs)

Dick: I…I'm all for it! Do it! (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: As long as you're okay with the kid shooting it?

Dick: Yeah! Hey…they'll do it anyway! They'll do it anyway.

Asterios: Okay. (cracks up)

Dick: You have no…(stammers) (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: What about, like…

Dick: (interjects) My nephew lost my….

Asterios: Wait, what…what happened?

Dick: Oh, my nephew destroyed my drone.

Asterios: What?!

Dick: I had a little…I had a little drone. I was playing around with it. Flying it around?

Asterios: Yeah, looking in girls' windows.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Little one. Little one. Didn't have a camera on it. So I'm flying it around and he goes…he was, like, two and a half at the time. And he was like, "I wanna fly it!" I wanna fly it! I'm like, alright. Here.

Maddox: That's…that's on you!! There you go! (laughs)

Dick: Oh yeah, no. It's completely on me. I'm like, "Oh, here you go."

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: So he takes it and just jams on the "up".

Maddox: Yeah. (Asterios laughs)

Dick: Jams on the "up", and the drone shoots up like a rocket. And I'm like "AAAAAAAH, NO, NO, NO, NO!!" (they laugh)

Asterios: Ohohoho, no!!!

Dick: And he's running around, and, like, freaking out, because I'm yelling, and now he's freaking out and frozen with his thumb on the "Up". Drone's gone. By the time I get it back

and shut it down, the drone was in the jetstream. Who knows where it landed. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Ohohohooooo.

Dick: It was like, well, I hope that was fun. (Asterios guffaws) 'Cause there it went.

Asterios: And then later that day, the kid forgot that even happened, 'cause they're a kid. (giggling)

Dick: Oh, yeah. Five seconds later.

Asterios: Chicken fingers, hooray!!!

Dick: Like, no…

Maddox: Always shoot drones. So Dick, you're in favor of Elf on the Shelf and the Switch Witch, right?

Dick: Oh, man, yes.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: What…what…

Dick: (interjects) When you have not had…when you have not slept in months.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you're…you've realized…you realize that you've sunk the entire rest of your life into these little motehrfuckers, and all they do is drive you crazy, do anything! Do anything. Any kind of trick you wanna pull on these…on these assholes. (Asterios cackles) You know what? Maybe the Tooth Fairy now, is an out-of-control 800-pound gorilla, and if you don't eat healthy and if you fuck up with your tooth somehow, she's gonna come in and beat you up when you sleep! For it!

Maddox: What about…(Asterios guffaws) what about…what if there was, like, a Boogeyman? Like a societ…like a Boogeyman that went around in society, and…uh, like, dressed in blue. And that came knocking at your door, and said, "Hey, are you abusing your kids?" You know. Just the specter of the…this Boogeyman. Oh, and we'll call them "cops". (laughs) We'll have these cops come over!

Asterios: Spooky.

Maddox: Yeah. That's real spooky, isn't it?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, that's…

Maddox: (interjects) I mean, isn't it….isn't is essentially, like, isn't this the same thing as, like, having this, like, um…it's like parental….you're okay with, like, overbearing…

Dick: (interjects) Parents parenting their kids? Yeah, I'm okay with that.

Maddox: Yeah. Overbearing authoritarianism. (Dick laughs)

Asterios: Maddox, I think you're ruining our case a little bit with this. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. This is…(trails off, laughing)

Asterios: But lemme try to…lemme try to coast us back here. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Oh, you thought that was weird?

Asterios: Dick, I can't believe that you're in favor of giving kids less candy and less toys. That's what…

Dick: Asterios…(laughing)

Asterios: That's…that is the ultimate effect of your argument. And if you're the kind of guy that doesn't want kids to have candy and toys…I guess I can respect…I guess we have to agree to disagree. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Tchyeah. (scoffs, giggles) Well…

Asterios: Merry Christmas.

Dick: Nobody needs 8 pounds of candy.

Asterios: I do!!!

Maddox: Don't tell me what I need or don't need! (silly voice) (Dick laughs) (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: Yeah, doctor who's telling me I have high cholesterol! Shut up.

Dick: Is that it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, that's it. Elf on the Shelf.

Dick: Is that your problem?

Maddox: Elf on a Shelf.

Asterios: That's my problem.

Dick: Pretty big problem. Uh, my problem is Christmas Trees.

Maddox: Christmas Trees!? Wait a second!

Asterios: Mmmmm.

Maddox: Two…(laughing) two Christmas-related problems?!

Dick: Yeah, who showed up…(Asterios and Maddox laugh) Who showed up to this party without their tie on?

Maddox: Oh yeah, I guess it is…you know, it is Chr…what is it? It's Christmas?

Asterios: It wouldn't be…it wouldn't be a Christmas episode without a half an hour argument about politics. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I mean, that's how Christmas is at my house!!

Maddox: Merry Christmas, fuckfaces! (laughs)

Asterios: Oh, God. Oh, my God. Two years ago, the Obamacare…ah, forget it. It's, yeah. (Maddox laughs) But I wanna hear about Christmas trees, 'cause I like Christmas trees.

Maddox: Christmas trees.

Asterios: So I wanna hear the problem with them.

Dick: I like Christmas trees, too. But…liking them distracts me from the prob…the huge problem of them. I like them. They're a testament to man's superiority over nature.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: That's cool.

Dick: You go out, you dominate Mother Nature. You just chop it down at will. Then you take it home and you dress it up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To add insult to injury.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Right?

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I like the way they smell. Okay? But they're a huge fucking pain in the ass. Your dog pisses on 'em. You gotta water them all the time.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: They dry out…what do…I got a Christmas Tree in my apartment right now, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Many..many stories up. Old building.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: When that thing…after Christmas, I have no idea how I'm gonna get rid of it. I'm just gonna have to throw it out the window. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. That's what you do.

Asterios: You simply have no choice.

Dick: I have no choice! (Maddox laughs) I had to do that with a mattress before!

Asterios: Mmhmm.

Maddox: You threw a mattress out the window?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You didn't get a couple of your friends to come over? "Hey, let's get this…"

Dick: No, I don't do that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't like roping friends into manual labor.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.

Dick: So I dunno what I'm gonna do with this tree. I'm not gonna ca…how do you carry out a dead, dried-up Christmas tree?

Maddox: You put…you put a big bag over it. And then you just…

Dick: A BAG! Where am I gonna get this gigantic bag!!

Asterios: Well, what if you lit it on fire?

Maddox: Stores. (giggles)

Asterios: I mean, wouldn't that get rid of it? What if you burnt it up?

Dick: That's true. That's true.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I'll call the Fire Department preemptively.

Maddox: You guys, it's not…I got a Christmas tree last year. The first real Christmas tree I ever got. And I wasn't planning on buying one, because they're very expensive.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: That's another problem!

Maddox: Yeah. They're very expensive. And I was walking down the street, and I saw this Christmas tree…this, like, PERFECTLY good Christmas tree thrown out next to a dumpster! So I walked over and picked it up…

Asterios: You ARE like Charlie Brown!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, I took it…

Asterios: (interjects) You're bald….

Maddox: It was…shut up, Asterios!!

Asterios: People make fun of you…(Maddox laughs)

Dick: You probably couldn't kick a football…

Maddox: I can kick! I can kick, buddy! That's the one…(Dick giggles) I'm good for a kick!

Dick: Do you wanna make a bet number two? (they crack up) The apple bet didn't work out so well for you!!! (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway. I brought home this Christmas tree and it was…swell. This was a…

Asterios: (interjects) You're always wearing the same T-shirts. I'm sorry.

Maddox: Yeah?

Asterios: Please continue. (giggles) Please continue.

Maddox: Well, you got me on that one.

Sean: So you picked up a discarded tree?

Maddox: Yeah. It was great!!

Dick: Garbage.

Maddox: Here's the thing, Sean. No, it wasn't garbage!

Sean: Was it after Christmas?

Maddox: No, it was just before Christmas, and the reason it was thrown out, it was, like, a fresh tree, perfectly good tree. And the reason it was thrown out is because it was just before the holiday break and this company was taking off…obviously, until the next…until the new year. So they didn't want this tree sitting there, drying out for two weeks in their offices.

Asterios: Ohhhhhh.

Maddox: So they put this tree next to the dumpster, and I picked it up, I'm like, "Wow, this is a really great tree." It was a big size. It was beautiful. Uh, brought it home. That was my Christmas tree. And then…and then when it was drying up and ready to toss out, I just put a big bag over it. Right out.

Dick: Where'd you get that bag?

Maddox: Just go to, umm…(Sean cackles) the…the grocery stores. They have these things called grocery stores…

Dick: Where do you get a 7-foot bag?

Maddox: No, you just get…they get, ummm…you can get, like, even Saran Wrap'll work. You just wrap it around a few times.

Dick: Ugh, Saran Wrap. I'm wrapping up a tree. Just throw it out the window. (annoyed)

Maddox: (giggles) Well, or that.

Dick: It's Hollywood. They'll figure it out. Some bum will live in it. Maybe a family of bums. (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: What if you chop it up into pieces in your apartment and then throw the pieces at strangers on the street, from your window?

Dick: Like a corpse?

Asterios: Kind like, yeah, exactly. Like you're…kinda like a Christmas tree sniper. Like, you know, people who look bad. You know, people that you don't like. You know, just, like, the look of them.

Dick: Look, they are very expensive.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. They're expensive.

Maddox: How much did you pay for yours, Dick?

Dick: $120.

Maddox: Whoa, man! That's an expensive tree.

Dick: Yeah. I tried to negotiate with the guy, too.

Maddox: Yeah, you should.

Dick: Yeah. I was with this girl, and I was like, "Oh, check this out. Check this out. I'm gonna negotiate like Trump with this guy."

Maddox: Ahhhhhh.

Dick: Right? Well, "Hey buddy, how much is this tree?" And he's like "(inhales) eh, 12 bucks a foot". And I'm like, "Well, how about, uh, eight bucks a foot?" And he goes, "No, we can't do anything like that." "Well, then I'm outta here." How do you like that.

Maddox: Aha.

Dick: And he goes, "Okay." (Maddox laughs) I'm just kidding. Let's go…I'm back in. 12 bucks is fine. Um, what about the stand? I need a stand. He's like, "That's 2 bucks." And I'm like, "How about you throw it in?" And he goes, "No." (they laugh) Okay.

Maddox: Great negotiation. So you bought a 10-foot tree, paid exactly what he was asking for it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 120 bucks.

Dick: No, it wasn't even 10 feet! I dunno how it got up to 120 bucks!!

Maddox: Yeaah.

Dick: There was a bunch of other…fees and shit!!!

Maddox: Taxes and shit? Oh, they probably have, like, a conv…a cleanup fee, and a restoration fee, and all this other…

Dick: So this is what the…so, by the way, the reason that they're so expensive this year… guess what? The drought.

Maddox: Oh.

Asterios: Ohhhh.

Dick: So they planted 90%, I read, of their…90% of their seedlings they planted died this year. "We simply couldn't water them on time." This is what the farmer says. "I'm afraid, when it's all said and done, that we didn't raise our prices enough. Because of the higher costs for labor, fuel, and fertilizer, we'll be significantly lower. In fact, we may be in the red." The poor Christmas tree farmers. They LOST money on this deal, you guys!

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: We should be grateful that they provided these outrageously expensive trees!

Maddox: They're in the…

Asterios: (interjects) That sounds…that sounds like a lot like a car salesman being, like, "We're selling this to you at cost."

Dick: Yeah! (laughs)

Asterios: Like…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, we already bought the goddamn tree! Don't rub it in!!

Asterios: "We're not making any money and we're taking a bath on this deal." (whines)

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Fucking assholes.

Dick: 8 million dollars. 8…800 million dollars. What we spend on real trees. And another 2.6 billion on artificial trees.

Maddox: That's the…

Dick: During the holiday season.

Maddox: Yeah, that makes sense.

Dick: How about that?

Maddox: Why not artificial trees? 'Cause I grew up with an artificial tree that we brought out every year, and man, I loved the smell of that thing. It smelled like mothballs. And… (laughs)

Dick: And plastic? And…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Mothballs? (giggles)

Maddox: Plastic and mothballs. But that smell was really comforting to me. 'Cause every time we pulled it out of the box, I'm like, "Oh, it's Christmas. That's the Christmas smell." And it was all…we had those old, seventies…

Asterios: Ornaments?

Maddox: Lights. Yeah, the ornaments with the bubbling lights? Like, the little, um…

Dick: Oh, those were cool.

Maddox: Those were really cool!

Dick: You can't get them anymore.

Maddox: No. They're fire hazards.

Dick: Now it's just chintzy LED lights.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, we had an artificial tree, too, for most of my childhood, and I liked it a lot. Like, people always make fun of artificial trees. I dunno why. It's, look at me, I would bring it up from the basement, like, half of it's already decorated, 'cause I was the one that put it away next year, just, like, shoving it down the stairs…(laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, I like artificial trees.

Dick: You know how many fires Christmas Trees cause?

Asterios: Oh, no.

Dick: Every year?

Maddox: How…I bet it's as…

Dick: (interjects) 250,000.

Maddox: 250,000 fires!?!

Asterios: A quarter of a million fires? (laughs)

Dick: No. It's actually 230.

Maddox: 230 period?

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) Yeah. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I was gonna say, 250,000!!! (laughing)

Asterios: I was…I was absolutely willing to believe, like, a 100,000% markup on the amount of fires. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: 'Cause I'm, like, of course they do! They're big matchsticks!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: They say almost all of those fires are from overloaded sockets.

Asterios: Ohhhhh.

Sean: Because especially with the lights that we use now, they're not hot enough to light a tree, no matter how dry it is.

Dick: No.

Sean: You can grab those lightbulbs at any point, no matter how long they've been on.

Asterios: Ugh, stupid LED lights!

Maddox: Oh. I'd be curious to see…what the decline, if any, there was in fires. House fires. Since we've switched mostly to LEDs. Do you have anything like that, Dick?

Dick: No, I don't have anything like that. I do have the, uh…the invention of the Christmas tree, though.

Maddox: Yeah! Where did…'cause I've heard conflicting things. Where…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah! And I don't believe a lot of them!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Like, one story I read said, "Well, Martin Luther, you know, was walking home…(Maddox giggles) probably drunk. (Asterios laughs) And he saw…he saw a bunch of trees and the stars were shining through them. And he was so impressed with their beauty that he brought one in and wired a bunch of candles to it, to recreate the effect." Can you imagine, like, how much of an asshole you would have to be to do that?

Maddox: The Lutheran? Martin Luther? That guy?

Dick: Yeah. Martin Luther. The guy nailing his…his…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: His complaints on churches.

Maddox: His decree, yeah.

Asterios: Was one of the complaints that trees are too expensive?

Dick: Uh, I don't think so.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: So he comes in…th…(stammers) and wires candles to it. I gotta assume the guy has…lives with some people, right? Obviously drunk. This is obviously a drunk move. "Oh, (slurs) there's all these stars. I thought, why don't I bring this tree in, and just wire a bunch of candles to it." Well, you got a pine tree. That's gonna be a problem if you light a bunch of candles and tie it onto the..

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, what are you doing? You're bringing the forest into the house.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We have spent centuries trying to get out of the forest and build houses that have no forest in them. You're bringing the forest back into the house.

Dick: So I don't believe that one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, then…THEN. I read another story that said German pagans worshipped, you know…worshipped the Norse gods, and that Thor…Thor's symbol was the mighty oak, so this guy, Saint…Saint Bonerface, I think? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Saint Bonerface, that sounds…

Asterios: Saint Bonaface? Saint Bonaface?

Dick: Well, I dunno how you pronounce it.

Asterios: Okay. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Uh…he cut down the oak tree to spite them, and replaced it with a pine tree and said that the triangle shape represents the Holy Trinity. So, out of spite.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: We have the Christmas tree. I…that makes sense.

Asterios: I like that!

Maddox: I like that a lot, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that makes sense.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think some drunken asshole was walking home from nailing his list of gripes to a church, and then said, "Oh, look at all these stars and these trees. I'm gonna bring that in, and uh…create this effect in my house."

Maddox: Huh. Yeah, um…I like…I like that explanation a lot.

Asterios: Yeah, me too. 'Cause it means every time we put up a Christmas tree, we're giving the middle finger to Thor.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeeeeah.

Asterios: I like that.

Maddox: Fuck Thor! Long live Odin. (Asterios and Maddox laugh) I…

Asterios: Well, even Thor and Odin fight! I mean, come on.

Maddox: I'm a big fan of Odin.

Asterios: You can be in favor of one and not the other.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm in favor of Odin. Um…you know that year that I brought home that Christmas tree…that, uh…that real…that's the only time I've ever had a real Christmas tree.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uhh…when I was bringing it home, my…you know my crazy next-door neighbor, the, the hippy bitch?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: She…she yelled at me. She goes, "Oh, why don't you cut down more trees?!" and I just…I was so tire…I was, like, tired and exhausted just…I blurted out. The first thing out of my mouth, I just said, "Shut up, bitch!" and just kept dragging my tree home! (laughing)

Sean: She goes out of her way to fuck with you!

Asterios: Yes, she does.

Maddox: Oh, she's awful. Not just…everyone. Everyone! She's just a terrible, terrible witch. I can't wait 'til she dies. And…and, and…this is the first time I'm announcing it on the podcast, but when she does…and hopefully soon, I'm going to have…maybe a fan get-together. A fan meet-up.

Asterios: Oh. That's a great idea!

Dick: Oh, cool.

Maddox: We'll have a big…yeah. A big party, uh…to celebrate her passing! I think it'd be fantastic. We'll make cookies. We'll make pine tree cookies! How about that?

Dick: That would be fun.

Asterios: When she dies of natural CAUSES, everybody.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. (giggles)

Asterios: I know there's some HUGE fans of the show…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You should go to her estate sale and buy her car, just to burn it.

Maddox: Oh, my God.

Dick: Or buy…buy a bunch of stuff of hers just to burn it.

Asterios: Because some of that stuff, they'll sell for a penny just to get rid of it.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And then you can pee on it, and poo on it.

Maddox: Yeah. O…I mean, that's, like, bringing garbage to the dump. You know what I mean?

Asterios: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, Dick, uh, sorry. Go ahead.

Dick: Ornaments. All these fucking plinky dinky ornaments that you gotta put on the tree every year. And then put them away. All of Mom's precious ornaments that you can't give away.

Asterios: They're so fragile, too!

Dick: They're so fragile.

Asterios: It's like if you…it's like if you drop this thing, it's, like, "No, you made that in second grade for me."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And it's, like, "Now it's gone forever, much like my baby is."

Maddox: And they're so…

Asterios: (interjects) And then your mom looks out the window and goes, "It's gonna be a cold Christmas this year." (Maddox laughs) 'Cause you dropped an ornament. You're absolu…you are making such a good case about this.

Dick: They're a big…like, I like them. But there are a lot of underlying…

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Problems.

Asterios: They're problematic.

Dick: With a Christmas tree. They're ONLY problems!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, you know, Dick…uh, two things I realized. First of all, you don't know the true cost of ornaments until the day after Christmas.

Asterios: Oh, right.

Maddox: Because they mark those fuckers up, like, 20 dollars for, like, 10. I'm like, "I dunno. Is this a good price? Does it cost 2 dollars per bulb? I mean, I can buy an actual lightbulb with filament in it that's, like, a dollar.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: This is costing me 2 dollars and does nothing. It just sits there!

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: Uh, then…the day after Christmas, it's, like, 99 cents for, like 10.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm like, "Oh, that's the real cost. That's actually what it costs."

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: Um, the other thing, Dick. I just remembered that the reason I brought in that superhero worship problem a couple of episodes back, and I completely forgot to talk about it, was because there were so many superhero ornaments this year.

Asterios: Ohhh, yeah.

Maddox: And they…these ornaments! These motherfuckers…(Dick sighs)

Dick: Ugh, that bums me out.

Maddox: The superhero ornaments?

Dick: That there's superhero ornaments.

Maddox: Yeah, and get this. They cost, like, 7 dollars for a little inanimate one without joints.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: One that you just hang there! That costs more than the ACTUAL superhero that you could tie a string around its neck.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, you're right. For a couple…for a couple more dollars, you could hang Captain America from your tree!

Maddox: The actual Captain America action figure.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Rather than the shitty ornament that does nothing and it's just molded plastic.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: You know how much we spend on these shitty ornaments? Six billion dollars.

Maddox: Holy cow.

Dick: On Christmas decorations.

Asterios: Oh, my lord.

Dick: LED lights. 16-foot-tall inflatable Santas. Predecorated Christmas trees, like…I think they're professional versions of the one you have, Asterios.

Asterios: Yeah. They don't look as good, probably.

Dick: Yeah. And, uh…and they're crooked. They're all crooked. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Ooh.

Dick: You get that tree in there, you think it's gonna be a testament to your strength, but really, it's just a reminder of your incompetence.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And the general failure that is life.

Sean: You talking about real trees?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: I imagine the fake ones are crooked as well. Nothing's perfect.

Sean: Maybe. But there's always a bad side, too.

Dick: Ugh.

Sean: You gotta figure out which side to put to the wall…

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Sean: Or into the corner.

Dick: It's embarrassing.

Maddox: 'Cause there's always a patch, like, trees…natural trees always have, like, some weird bra…like, area that didn't grow in fully.

Asterios: Can I tell you guys about the worst Christmas ornament I've seen before we wrap up?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: This…this was sold last year, uh…in Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan, you know, the big scene at the end is where Spock sacrifices himself to shut down the warp core? And him and Captain Kirk touch hands through safety glass.

Dick: Gaaaaaaaaaaaay.

Asterios: As Spock dies. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Yeah. (they giggle)

Asterios: Like, yeah.

Dick: Can you imagine doing that with, like, your friend?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I see that…this is…this is part of my problem last week with geriatric action heroes. That all new action heroes are these…pussywhipped…

Maddox: Pussies.

Dick: Underwear models.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're all these…they're just…they're, there's not an ounce of masculinity in them!! It's…and every single interview about their role is, "How did you get those abs?"

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck your abs! I want a go…

Asterios: (yelling))(interjects) I was paid millions of dollars to…to get into shape!!

Dick: I want a guy who is an asshole! Like, every single…(stammers) male action star who's new starts the movie pussywhipped. He starts the movie pursuing some girl who does not wanna talk to him. Have you noticed that?! Jurassic World? Chris Pratt is after that…uh, redheaded chick in the beginning? He's like, "How about we go into my, uh…little trailer here and fuck?" And she's like "Not if you were the last man on earth." He starts Guardians of the Galaxy wanting to bang that green broad, which we ALL do!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But he's like…Indiana Jones II. Willy. Fuck you, bitch. I don't…I don't wanna hook up with you. (Maddox laughs) I don't run with you. I'm Indiana Jones, motherfucker! I don't have time for you! Then they both HATE EACH OTHER!! Okay?! That's…that's what being a man and an action hero is about!! UGH!!! (Sean laughs) But that's…that's the world! That's the guys we look up to! (screaming) These slavishly drooling men! Who are pining over these chicks who don't want to talk to them! WHICH ALREADY IS WEIRD! That starts

weird!! Saying that that's normal that you wanna pursue this woman who has nothing… who wants NOTHING to do with you!? And THAT'S OKAY?! That's weird in and of itself!!

Asterios: But she's the prize you win at the end for saving the world.

Dick: That's even more disgusting!!!

Maddox: Ohohoho. (laughing)

Asterios: You get to win her pussy! Isn't that great?!

Dick: Oh, it…

Asterios: (interjects) Isn't it great when women are prizes for men who've done a good job?

Maddox: No, but it goes the other way too, Asterios. And this is something that I'm…I'm making a video about.

Asterios: Ehhhhhhhhhhhhhh, I'm getting….

Maddox: No. No, no, no!!

Asterios: I'm gonna get killed for that one comment!

Maddox: Nononononono!!! Here's what!! (stammers) You cuck!!! (laughing)

Asterios: I know, exactly!!! (yelling)

Maddox: (laughs) That's what they call…

Asterios: I'm gonna get killed for that one comment!

Maddox: A couple episodes ago, I mentioned, like, Dick, when you were going up to the shooting range, I'm like, "Oh, why don't you just go up there with one of your guns and a couple of magazines." And some guy was just like…just jumped down my throat.

Dick: You said "clips".

Maddox: Yeah. I said clips?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (stammers) So, yeah. That was what the guy was like…"Hey Maddox…it's clips. Or, it's magazines, not clips!!"

Dick: It's magazines.

Maddox: "You fucking liberal SJW cuck!!" (Dick laughs) Like, just, like, JUMPED down my throat! It's like, you socialist!

Asterios: Oh.

Maddox: I'm like, "Get the fuck out, dude, calm the fuck down!!"

Asterios: I wanna…

Dick: (interjects) Maddox, I mean, you obviously don't even know which way to point a gun. (they laugh) You don't know the difference between a magazine and a clip.

Asterios: Uh, to wrap up that Christmas ornament. Long story short, there's a Christmas ornament of Kirk and Spock holding hands as Spock dies. You can hang that on the tree. But to go to the magazines versus clips thing…I saw this thing on Reddit. Okay, so during the…

Maddox: I saw this. (grins)

Asterios: During the France terror attack, there was a guy who was on Reddit and he's like, "People are shooting at us. I don't know if I'm gonna make it. I might die." The guy updates. He…he goes, "There's clips…this guy just keeps loading clip after clip into his gun." And seven people go, like, "Please stay safe, but also, it's a magazine." (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Fucking pedantic nutjobs!!!

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Fucking assholes! There's…there's another thing I saw just recently on Reddit. Um, it said…it was a link that said, "Here's the most popular magazine in the Middle East." (Asterios laughs) and you click on it, it's, like, an AK-47 magazine. (they laugh)

Asterios: Very, very popular magazine! (laughing)

Maddox: And for people who don't know, still, I'm not talking about the one you flip through. The one you load into the gun.

Dick: Oh. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You thought…(stammers) it was like, yeah.

Dick: I thought you were talking about a gun magazine.

Maddox: No, no. It's not a gun magazine. It's just a magazine.

Dick: It's just a gun magazine.

Maddox: That goes into a gun. Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: I think…(stammers) I think the next step in that Spock and Kirk…

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Like, holding hands….it's gonna be straight up Midnight Express, where Spock takes his shirt off and rubs his nipples on the glass so Kirk can do it from the other side. (Maddox laughs) That's what it's gonna…like, why…who…(stammers) holding hands?!?! (Asterios cracks up) They're holding hands!? They can't give an affirmative nod to each other, like a man?!!? WHY ARE WE CELEBRATING THIS SHIT?!?!

Asterios: Yeah. If my friend's ever dying through glass, I'm just gonna give him the gun finger, and go, "Bro up, buddy."

Dick: Are you..are you gonna reach out and hold his hand?!

Asterios: If he reaches his hand out, I'm not gonna be, like, "Pfff. No homo, buddy."

Dick: I'm gonna rub my balls on it. (Asterios laughs) Oh, yeah, you like that? Take this, huh? Go, get outta here. Go save everybody, God.

Maddox: Okay. What if your friend was dying, and he was like, "I just want too…like, a full-on tongue makeout." Like, would you…would you do…Asterios?

Asterios: Would you be a bro?

Maddox: I know, Dick, you would say no.

Dick: Of course not! I would knock his ass out!

Maddox: Okay. That's…

Dick: (interjects) I would say, "Fuck the ship! Boom!!" (laughs)

Maddox: (laughing) Asterios, would you make out with your…your dying best friend?

Asterios: I would tell him I'd be right back. And then I wouldn't come back. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Lie…oh, you would lie to him.

Asterios: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Applause)

Maddox: The Sneaky Greek! (laughing)

Dick: What would you do? You would probably be the friend.

Maddox: H…uh, no, I would say, "Okay, just shut your eyes." And then, zip. (giggles) (Asterios laughs)

Dick: No, I could see you doing that if you were dying. Like, trying to trick somebody into kissing you. (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: Oh, yeah, I would.

Dick: Yeah. (they all laugh) I'm gonna die, but I…I need you to kiss me. I want you to kiss me. Just to screw with…

Asterios: Alright.

Maddox: Alright, guys.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: My problem this week was Home Schooling!

Asterios: The Elf on the Shelf!!

Dick: Christmas Trees. See you next Tuesday. Go buy Asterios' Mega Man comics, for God's sake.

(Voice mail: male voice: "I can just imagine Maddox sitting in the movie theater when Jar Jar Binks comes on…and he's looking around at all the other fucking geeks… (Dick giggles) **and they all have tears coming down their face…**(Maddox and Dick giggle)**and Maddox has tears coming down his face. Sorry. (giggles) And they're just fucking crying into their popcorn…**(Maddox guffaws)**wondering what happened**

to their precious, shitty franchise. (they laugh) **That…I don't even fucking get. Die Hard…except for the last one…was a better franchise than Star Wars will ever be."**

Dick: I agree with that.

"They should do some fucking prequels on that shit."

Dick: No, they should not do prequels on Die Hard.

Maddox: No, dude.

"Fucking John McClain and his little fucking Johnny McClain."

Dick: That is the wrong takeaway from that.

Maddox: Over the line.

"Kicking bitches in the face and walking on…other broken glass and shit.") (Dick and Maddox giggle)

Dick: I think he fell asleep. Alright, one more. Some guy…this is more Star Wars stuff. Some guy was criticizing our, um…where we said that Darth Vader was the father and when did they decide that.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, God…it's more fucking fan theory. Okay, let's hear this nerd.

Dick: Well, (stammers) I think he's right.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Oh God, you fuckers. Alright. (sigh) So… (Maddox giggles) **recently, there was an article released."**

Maddox: Exasperated.

"Luke Skywalker, Mark Hamill. Stated that he had to hold in a secret for at least two years. And that secret was that he knew that Darth Vader was his father, mostly due to the fact that during the scene between him and Obi-Wan Kenobi, they c…they actually mention it, but they cut it out from both the script and the movie. So yeah. They knew. So…"

Maddox: Hmm. (Dick giggles)

"You, Mike (inaudible)"

Maddox: So why would he mention it if it was cut out of the script?!

"And all you fuckheads were wrong. Go fuck yourselves. (sigh) All of you.")

Maddox: No, no, no, no. Uh-uh. That's bullshit!

Dick: Oh, you have an opinion?

Maddox: Ye…(cracks up) (Dick laughs too) Uh, tune in next week to hear it!

Dick: I mean, you…he really upset you, this guy talking about Star Wars.

Maddox: He's so full of shit!! These fucking apologists, man!! (Dick laughs) They (stammers) they put way too much…look, George Lucas didn't know shit when he was recording that shit. Otherwise, he wouldn't have had Luke and Leia kiss!

Dick: Kissing. Yeah.

Maddox: Kissing, yeah!

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: He didn't know SHIT about that franchise! He didn't expect it to be that successful! He didn't expect jack shit! And he's retroactively adding all this shit. It's just like Tommy Wiseay from The Room. He's like, "Oh, I was making a dark comedy, eeeeeeehhh." (goofy voice) No, you weren't. You just made a shitty movie.

Dick: I wonder if you stacked Tommy Wiseau up against George Lucas, who would make a product that you wanted to watch more.

Maddox: It's a toss-up.

Dick: Like, without…studio intervention.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, because I would rather watch Tommy Wiseau's new sitcom than the prequels.

Maddox: True.

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Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 85

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Drunk Drawers to Star Wars! (Dick laughs, says "Oh, man.") With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. (Dick sighs) I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer…

Sean: Hello!

Dick: Oh, fuck Star Wars, man.

Maddox: Wh…right out the gate!

Dick: Dude. Uh…somebody owes me 30 bucks back.

Maddox: Wait…sounds like you owe yourself 30…how did you spend 30 dollars on tickets?

Dick: Disney…Disney owes me 30 dollars, PLUS the 20 that I spent on refreshments.

Maddox: Wha…how?

Dick: Plus, my time! Plus wasting two hours of my time, or two hours and twenty minutes of my time at midnight, last night. That movie fucking sucks!

Maddox: Wow….

Dick: Look, it was horrible! It was horrible, it was horrible! Please don't see it! Please, God, don't see it. Whatever you do, don't go see this fucking movie. It's horrible!

Maddox: You…

Dick: (interjects) It's HORRIBLE!

Maddox: Okay. Y…

Dick: (interjects) It totally negates all three of the first movies! T-totally! 'Cause everything's exactly the same!!! They come back, and the…(stammers) the entire Galaxy is still fucked. Do you…(stammers) is that a…(stammers)

(Sound effect: Horrific, piercing baby cry)

Dick: Is that a baby, or a horse?

Maddox: It's a baby. (giggles)

Sean: I know, I couldn't tell! (in the background) (laughing)

Dick: What is the fucking point if the movie starts out whe…(stammers) you won. Everybody risked their lives. A bunch of Bothans were lost to…to get the plans for the Death Star. A bunch of people died to kill the ultimate evil and take back the entire galaxy

for the forces of good…and what did it do? NOTHING. Everybody still lives in squalor, and there's still stormtroopers and assholes in weird cloaks doing shit! They didn't even change the fucking name of the good guys! They're still called the Rebellion!! What are they rebelling against?!

Maddox: No, they're not called the Rebellion. They're called, um…it's, uh…

Dick: (stammers) Ths…it's the Republic. But it's the Re…the Rebel factions of the Republic. How are they Rebels?! Is there a democracy or what? Who the fuck is anyone!? (angry) And why are they doing anything?!

Maddox: Uh…(scoffs) you better be careful, buddy, 'cause you sound a lot like a Starlord right now.

Dick: A Starlord?

Maddox: Yeah. The Starlord.

Dick: Why, that the movie was horrible?!

Maddox: I shit all over Galaxy…Guardians of the Galaxy, and everyone jumped down my throat, and here you are shitting on one of the biggest blockbusters…

Dick: Not one fucking protagonist. Nobody in that movie wanted to be there. Black guy! Coward, wanted to go home. Chick, wanted to go home and deal with her crippling emotional issues. (whines) You…you've…you're meeting Han Solo. You're getting ready for the adventure of your fucking lifetime…(yelling) and you wanna go home to wait for your parents?! Fuck you, then!! Where's the regular person!?!?!?! Where is the regular guy who wants to go on the adventure of a lifetime throughout space!!! And meet a bunch of stupid muppets!! Where's ME?! Where's me in the story!? (Sean laughs) Nowhere! It's a total piece of shit that J…who wrote it? J.J Abrams?

Maddox: No. I don't….

Dick: Who wrote it? Whoever…whoever wrote it just wanted to write a story about a fictional little girl that they wish they had! Which is that chick. Who does everything perfectly all the time and uses a lightsaber for the first time to beat up a Sith master!? (yelling) Like, that goofy, stupid, I…hey! Hey! A Sith master who gets beat up by a janitor, and a woman who's never touched a lightsaber before, who for some reason, existed in the middle of nowhere and was not a prostitute! (Maddox scoffs) She's a scavenger! Somehow…somehow that logic makes…(Sean cracks up) Dude, fuck that movie. That's the…it's the first profession. I didn't invent it. I didn't invent it, but it's there for a reason.

Sean: Do you know how many pissed-off emails people are gonna get for spoiling this?

Maddox: Yeah, I…

Dick: Oh-

Sean: Or YOU'RE gonna get.

Maddox: No, (scoffs) uh, Sean, I…I spoiled this on…on Twitter, pretty bad. So I took…

Dick: Wait, wait, what?

Sean: Oh, fuck it.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: What did you do?

Maddox: I spoi…(laughs) I Photoshopped a picture of a coffin with the name of a character that dies on…

Dick: Han Solo!

Maddox: In the movie.

Sean: Oh, shit.

Maddox: No, no, no. So everyone got pissed off at me, and I just wanna take that back. For anyone who saw that on Twitter, I'm sorry. Han Solo does not die in this movie. (they crack up)

Dick: Wait, WHAT?! Are you really apologizing?

Maddox: No, I'm saying, yeah. Han Solo definitely does not die in this movie. I'm sorry if… if I upset you. That is definitely not a spoiler. You're fine.

Sean: I like how that kid looked like an emo version of Rocky from Mask. (Dick sighs)

Maddox: Yeah. There's even a Twitter account called "Emo…"

Sean: It was like the all-ugly cast.

Maddox: Emo Kylo Ren.

Dick: It was the all-ugly cast.

Maddox: No, there's a twitter account right now, it's a parody called Emo Kylo Ren, uh… where he…he just writes really angsty messages to Hot Topic and things like that. And to his parents. Yeah, I…

Dick: (interjects) It's a case of daddy issues. Everyone in that whole fucking movie has daddy issues. Girls, waiting for dad. Guy, hates his dad, wants to kill him.

Maddox: I…I thought the movie was okay. Uh, it was just fine.

Dick: Ugh…(giggles)

Maddox: It was fine. I'm not…you know, I…I feel like I'm in that little, um…(belches) that little island in the middle, where nobody, like…I don't love it and I don't hate it. I'd give it a solid 6/10. It was fine. I fell asleep during the movie. (Dick cracks up) I don't fault that. I don't…

Dick: Damn you and your ratings! (grins) You told me you brought…we had an argu… Maddox and I had an argument for like an hour and a half about whether Bridesmaids was good. 'Cause I thought it was…uh, the worst movie I'd seen since Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Uh…before Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Now it's…now it's the second worst movie I've ever seen. And you said it was good, and then I said, "Well grade it with a number, like on 1 to 100." And you said, "Oh, I'd give it about a 50." (Maddox laughs) Like, okay, then we concur…that's awful! You fell asleep during this movie..

Maddox: No, I didn't give it a 50…

Dick: …that you think is okay.

Maddox: No, I'd give Bridesmaids…(stammers a bunch) I like Bridesmaids…is it Bridemaid? Or Bri…bride. Whatever.

Dick: Doesn't matter.

Maddox: I liked that movie better…I liked it better than Star Wars. Um, but yeah. This… Star Wars was FINE. It had very high expectations. I don't know if I liked it, or if I hated the prequels that much, that it makes this movie not suck as much shit. I don't know.

Dick: To have a movie…you need somebody who wants to be in the movie. That's it.

Maddox: Everyone wanted to be in the movie!

Dick: Nobody wanted to be in that movie.

Maddox: Daniel Craig wanted to be the movie so bad…

Dick: (talking over Maddox) No, no, no, no, no!!!

Maddox: …he was a stormtrooper!

Dick: No, no. You need a CHARACTER.

Maddox: The characters wanted to be there!

Dick: No, they didn't! They all wanted to leave!!

Maddox: Admiral Ackbar wanted to be there!! That guy hasn't been employed in years.

Dick: (giggles) Yeah.

Maddox: He's doing shit since the last movies! Since the…the whatever…(stammers) the Death Star blew up. The last one.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, yeah, I know this time, they got the Planet Destroyer, and it sucks up…

Dick: Star Killer. St…it kills whole stars, Maddox.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah.

Dick: That's so big.

Maddox: Yeah. Kills stars and then kills planets!

Dick: You know, I'm surprised…

Maddox: (interjects) I get it.

Dick: …that Admiral Ackbar didn't just pop on the screen and go, "It's a trap!" "Hey, everybody, it's a trap! Facebook me and Instagram your favorite star memes to Star Wars while you're watching a fucking movie!"

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: You're watching a fucking movie! You're watching a fucking movie! That was the entire movie for me, was just constant…you're watching a movie! You're watching a movie! Like, fuck off! I get it!

Maddox: Ohhh, you're a hater.

Dick: You already got my money! Just gimme a good movie!!

Maddox: You're a hater. It was not…it was not terrible. It had…look. It had this movie…

Dick: It wasn't terrible, but you fell asleep in it.

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: So how would you know?

Maddox: I've fallen asleep through lots of good movies. And I don't fault it to the MOVIE. (Dick giggles) I don't fault the movie…like, I was just tired. And I had those D Box seats, so…(stammers)…

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: For those who don't know…yeah. The D Box seats are…are…

Dick: Is it…

Maddox: It's like that 4D movie experience now. That they're marketing it as.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: That right? Where you feel…your seat shakes, and it vibrates, and it goes up and down and all this other bullshit. And I turn my sensitivity up ALL the way.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: So there's a scene where…

Dick: (interjects) So you had like a vibrator?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You were watching this movie, riding a vibrator? A Sybian?

Maddox: Oh, it was violent.

Dick: (laughing) That sounds real cool!

Maddox: It was, like…it was like sitting on a rodeo bull, watching this movie. And so…(stammers) and it's weird what they decide to aug…accentuate with the…with the vibrations.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So there's this part where, uh…what's her name, Rey? At the beginning? The chick? Um, she takes something and puts it in her holster, and the seat shook so violently…(Dick guffaws) I…like, it startled me! (Dick laughs) It was the most violent…like, almost like someone just came behind you and just took your seat and just shook it as hard as they could!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like, what the fuck?! If someone was doing that behind me…like, kicking my seat? I would lose my mind! And now people are paying a premium…(laughing)

Dick: People are paying money to get their seats kicked!

Maddox: Yeah, basically. (laughs)

Dick: That's the next step. 'Cause they're not gonna make good movies anymore. They're…they're all just going…it's more special effects, now in-theater effects. Soon they'll have, like, analog, personalized effects. Where a guy will just sit behind you and jiggle you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or laugh at you. Look, a guy will be sitting there, waiting for you to comment in his ear, and then go, "Oh, good one. Good one." (Maddox giggles) "Good joke." "Good joke."

Maddox: Just, uh…get a little affirmation for all your…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: All your…your witty quips.

Dick: More…more like something's awakening!! Oh good, yeah, yeah, yeah. (Maddox laughs) Good one. Good one.

Maddox: Ahh, that's real funny. Yeah. The fifth…the fifth D experience.

Dick: Anyway. (sighs)

Maddox: It was FINE, man. What do you expect?

Dick: Fuck that movie.

Maddox: They had high…look. For a movie with as high expectations as this movie…uh, they did okay. Like, they could have done way worse. They could have been…as bad as any of the prequels. It wasn't. It wasn't. It wasn't great, the dialogue was a little clunky. Um, some of the scenes didn't need to be there. The whole…the whole first opening act with, uh…what's his name? The pilot. You could cut that entire thing out of the movie.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He had NOTHING to do with the movie.

Dick: Nothing to do with anything.

Maddox: But, uh…you know.

Dick: And what…WHY…(voice cracks) WHY did they need the Force to torture that girl? They put her in the torturing room to get the information out of her, and he's like, "Huh, I'll use the Force". Doesn't work. Like, huh, I guess we're fucked, then. What h…do they not have knives in the fu…in a long time ago, in a galaxy far away?

Maddox: Yeah, maybe they don't. I don't know.

Dick: I don't know. Fu…

Maddox: (interjects) That's why everyone uses, uh…lightsabers instead of swords.

Dick: Don't go see it. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Okay. (scoffs)

Dick: Do yourself a favor. Don't go see it. Don't…I convinced my brother in law to run away from home, essentially, at midnight. To go see it, 'cause his wife was sleeping. His wife was knocked out for, like, 10 minutes. I'm, like, "Hey, let's go see…let's go see Star Wars right now while the warden's asleep."

Maddox: Ahhhhh.

Dick: And he's like, "Oh, I dunno. If she wakes up, she'll be pissed." And I'm like, "Ugh. You do wanna come see the Star Wars movie with me." (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Well…speaking of the Force.

Dick: Speaking of…home school? (Maddox cackles) Speaking of problems? Why? What were the problems?

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: Did you just say brother in law, and then his wife?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, which means…

Dick: I mean, that's technically accurate, isn't it? What do you wan…oh, my SISTER, Sean? (Sean cracks up) SO sorry. My SISTER.

Sean: It was weird.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: Yeah. Hey, speaking of weird, guys.

Sean: It was weird.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The biggest problem from last week…in the universe. Was home schooling!!

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Disgusting.

Maddox: And then…Elf on a Shelf. Yeah, I agree. Home schooling is disgusting. (Dick laughs) And then Elf on a Shelf. And then…dead last. Not even a problem. In the negatives. Christmas Trees.

Dick: Awwwwww.

Maddox: Christmas trees, Dick.

Dick: That's bullshit.

Maddox: So, Dick. Last…last episode when I brought in home schooling, we…we debated a lot of stuff, and…

Dick: We debated, like, what is a stats and why didn't you bring in any?

Maddox: I did bring in some. I mentioned that 85% of the people who are home schooled do it for religious reasons. And that it's really difficult…uh, I did way more research, uh… just to…just to confirm, like, how scarce these studies were about home schoolers.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And the few studies that I found were all writte…were all done by people who worked at ecclesiastical schools. Like, uh…like archdiocese schools, Catholic schools. Big advocates for home schooling. And they were also kind of…championing the religious aspect of it. They were saying, "Well, it's a good thing because you can teach them religious studies at home." Etc, etc. That doesn't necessarily invalidate the home school learning experience and in doing more research, I found that the majority of people on YouTube who are home schooled…liked the experience. (stammers)

Dick: Sure. Sounds awesome.

Maddox: And of course. Yeah. (giggles) Of course. Of course they liked the experience.

Dick: They don't have to deal with a bunch of shitheads screwing around in class, making unfunny jokes.

Maddox: Well, yeah, you…

Dick: (interjects) While you're trying to learn. While I'm there trying to learn about spelling.

Maddox: Ohh. (scoffs) Sure. (giggles)

Dick: And reading. Teach me how to read, please. And spell.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This bullshit I will never need to know in my entire life.

Maddox: Oh, sure. (giggles)

Dick: Teach me about you and your, please, so I can get on Facebook and look smart. "That's the wrong version of your." (whiny voice) "That's the wrong version of your."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I learned it in school, 'cause I was paying attention." (whiny voice)

Maddox: Yeah. Don't be a mushmouth. Learn! Learn fucking grammar so you don't sound like an idiot! Um, what I did find, in fairness, is that the majority of people who do…go to college, go onto college, who have homeschooled, uh, do well in college. And they do well on their ACT and SAT tests. Um, however, they're…they're only testing people who…get to that point, where they're in college. Like, again, it's hard to test people who aren't in the system.

Dick: Like who?

Maddox: If you're dropping out before that…and also, they count home schooled students as anyone who's had any amount of home schooling, so if you did one grade at…at home because you were moving, or you were travelling some place, or you were sick for a year, whatever. They count you as a home schooled student. So it's kinda wishy washy. It's all over the place. However, I had some clips I didn't get a chance to play last episode.

Dick: Oho. (groans)

Maddox: This is from a kid named **Mika Buzan.** On YouTube. And he…loved his home schooling experience. And he talked about how, uh…it was kind of a culture shock for him when he…when he transferred to a private school. Listen to this.

(clip starts) "Hello. I'm Mikey Buzan, and I was home schooled."

Dick: Fix your fucking audio, Michael.

"Yep. I'm a home schooler. But home schooling was definitely…it's, like, the best time of my life, and that all changed when I went to private school in 7th grade."

Dick: Ohhh. (fake concern)

"Complete culture shock to my home schooled brain."

Dick: (snorts) Just…like everyone.

Maddox: Uh…(stammers) well…

Dick: Oh, there's more? Go on.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Let's hear this. Let's listen.

Dick: I don't wanna pause the video.

"I'd gone in the with expectations that everyone was gonna be, like, home school people at Good Shepherd Academy, but they weren't. There were all these social rules… (Dick giggles) **and there was a dress code, and…"**

Dick: That sucks.

"Heavy emphasis on grades, and it was really…"

Maddox: Oh, no.

Dick: That sucks as well!

"It was very confusing. I…it was the worst year of my life, actually. 7th grade."

Dick: Yeah?

"Yep. Hated it.")

Dick: Sucks.

Maddox: Yep. Hated it. Now, listen to this…

Dick: (interjects) A tie with every other year.

Maddox: Here's…here's what happened…(Sean and Maddox giggle)

Dick: Worst year of my life.

Maddox: Here's what happened to him…(Dick cackles) Here's when he showed up to the first day of…of class. His first outside home school class.

Dick: Can I guess? Did he get his pants pulled down?

Maddox: (laughs) Well, he wasn't wearing pants. Listen to this.

Dick: Oh.

(clip starts) "I showed up with a…pink and purple backpack and I had duct tape wrapped around my shoes, 'cause I wanted to be like Sonic."

Dick: Gaaaaaaay. (laughs)

"I had a Pokemon shirt on."

Dick: Awwwwww! (Maddox laughs)

"And I had shorts, which were against the dress code. This a private school. There's, you know, a dress code, and all these rules, and…"

Dick: He wanted to be like Sonic?

"It was so confusing."

Maddox: Yeah.

"It was…not a good time.")

Maddox: He showed up to his first day of school…his first day of class…dressed up as Sonic, because he hasn't been socialized, and he doesn't know these are social rules!

Dick: Oh, PLEASE!!!

Maddox: What do you mean, oh please?!

Sean: This is obviously a joke!

Maddox: No, it's not!! The…this guy has lots of YouTube videos. Look up his YouTube channel. He's ALWAYS advocating home schooling and he's talking about all these things that he did. He's just a…he's just a…(stammers) a weirdo!

Dick: So home schooling is bad because he didn't learn how to conform to your expectations?

Maddox: No, it's not about conforming to expectations.

Dick: Uhhh…

Maddox: It's about understanding social norms. You don't show up to a bar wearing shorts and flip flops and expect to get in! Because you know that socially, that's not accepted.

Dick: I do! I've been denied from many bars for wearing shorts and flip flops!

Maddox: There you go!

Dick: Never at the Pacific Dining Car, which is why I go there.

Maddox: Garbage.

Dick: Why is…what is the deal with Sonic and autism? (Maddox laughs) Who do autisms like Sonic so much?

Maddox: Okay, it's not…(Sean cracks up)

Dick: Sean, do you have any opinion on…(Maddox laughing) why does every…autist… how do you…what's the correct term?

Maddox: Autist.

Dick: Autismo?

Maddox: Just autist. (Sean giggles)

Dick: Why does every autismo…

Sean: I believe it's autisms.

Dick: Like Sonic the Hedgehog so much? Does…

Maddox: (interjects) I…I think Sonic's cool. (Dick cracks up)

Sean: They just…they just draw him over and over again. And make…

Dick: Yeah, they do!!! (laughing)

Sean: And make 3D models.

Dick: They do!!!!

Maddox: No, they don't!!! SEAN!!! (they crack up) They don't!!

Dick: But even this guy!

Maddox: They make….just, really cool kids sometimes make Sonic!! They make really cool 3D renders of Sonic! Sometimes! Sonic's awesome.

Dick: (interjects) Hey…

Maddox: He…he DOES have to go fast! Sonic's the fastest! (laughing)

Dick: He's got _____on the autism!!! That's how he's chasing him!!! (they all crack up) I'll get you, Sonic!!

Maddox: Shut up. What an asshole. I think Sonic's great. I love Sonic.

Dick: I…

Maddox: (interjects) Wait, wait. I got another clip.

Dick: Oh, another clip of this guy.

Maddox: Yeah, wait, wait. I got another clip. He's not this guy. This is another one…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Dick, this…this kid. Now, I'm not sure if you have a time machine hidden somewhere and you went back in time and made this YouTube video, but this sounds so much like you.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sounds cool?

Maddox: He's a real cool kid. Cool with a K. His name's **Trevor Moran.** Uh, here's his video. Listen to this. He's talking about the virtues of home school. Listen to this.

Dick: Okay.

(Clip starts, with light music in the background. "What's up, everybody? It's Trevor Moran."

Dick: It's cool.

"TGIF and the theme this week on O2L is…"

Dick: Yeeah!

"Home schooling versus public school."

Dick: Yeaaaah! (laughs)

"A lot of you guys already know this, but I am actually home schooled. I do online school."

Dick: Actually!

"Praise the lord, it is the best thing.."

(file is inaudible as they all crack up)

Dick: Ohoho!!!

"…do this because I'm so busy. And it's good that I can miss days and work on the weekends."

Dick: Yeah!!!

"And it's just…it's a big bundle of fun. Let's start off with pros and cons."

Dick: Ohooo! (laughing)

"A pro of home schooling. You can eat whenever you want!"

Maddox: Yeah!

"Can you do that a public school? Mmmmnope!"

Dick: I don't think so! (grins)

Maddox: Nope! (laughs)

Dick: Bro!

"Pro number two of home school. I don't have a specific time to wake up or arrive anywhere! Plus 1 for Trevvy!!"

Dick: Boom! That's a pro, bro! (they laugh) **(file continues as they laugh)**

"…I got nothing.")

Maddox: Yeah. He's got nothing as a pro for public schools. This kid…

Dick: There is no pro.

Maddox: It's…that was like the…

Dick: (interjects) Public school sucks!

Maddox: That was like the verbal version of riding on a skateboard.

Sean: That kid was weird from the word "go". I believe he is home schooled.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (giggles) Guys…that kid was cool.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. They all are. They're all weird.

Sean: The other guy I'm not convinced of.

Dick: You guys aren't fucking cool! That kid is cooler than both of you!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's got a sick-ass soundtrack. He's making his own TGI Friday variety show! (giggles) On YouTube!

Maddox: Yeah. No, he is cool. He's…he's too cool. Too cool for school.

Dick: Yeah. He's cooler…

Maddox: (interjects) Literally.

Dick: Cooler than shit. How about that?

Maddox: He's literally too cool for school! (laughing)

Dick: You wanna be cool as shit? That kid's cooler than shit!!

Maddox: Yeah. He's…I think he's exactly cool AS shit.

Dick: I brought in…I got a bunch of…pro home school and anti home school voicemails. The problem is, everybody had such a personal connection with home schooling.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They all were…they're all enormous voice mails. Um…I'll play…I'll play this one. Tell me if you wanna hear more.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, this is that fuckhole who called in last week."

Maddox: Sounds like he was home schooled.

"So, I'm listening, and although I'm very proud to have been a caller featured on the show, I'm also a home schooler, you fucks!"

Maddox: Yeah, I can tell, because of your voice.

"And lemme tell you. Uh… (Maddox makes stupid sounds) **I was in college by the time I was 15."**

Dick: Cool.

"Computer science. I was getting shots handed to me left and right by jocks."

Dick: Drinking!

Maddox: Yeah.

"And I was banging girls who were over 18." (Maddox giggles) **"Granted, they looked like fucked-up squirrels, but…"**

Maddox: So you were sexually abused. Go on.

"I had my moments. Okay?"

Dick: Oh, please.

Maddox: Statutory rape.

"And I had those moments because I was fucking home schooled. And Asterios, you're alright. You're the sound of reason on this fucking vessel of bullshit."

Dick: Whaat?!

"It's a tight ship, but you guys sure do sail on a sea of bullshit."

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Asterios disagreed with you, you idiot!

"Alright. Peace out. Bye.")

Maddox: Yeah. Well, there's your home school education!

Dick: Home school. Banging broads at 15.

Maddox: So he was statutory raped.

Dick: And drinking. That's awesome!

Maddox: Statutory raped. Uh, illegal alcohol consumption. (Sean giggles)

Dick: Ugh. Age is just a number.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) (background laughter) Yeah, age is just a number that can get you thrown in jail, right Jared?

Dick: Like someone's gonna…it's TOTALLY different when the chick is older!!! Come on!!

Maddox: Naaah.

Dick: 15? A 15-year-old dude and an 18-year-old chick? That's…is that wrong?

Maddox: There's something…there's something psychologically not baked with…

Sean: (interjects) Where's the abuse?

Maddox: With adolescents.

Dick: Exactly. Thank you, Sean!

Maddox: No, there's something psychologically not baked with adolescents, that makes them kind of fucked up.

Dick: Ohoho. (giggles)

Maddox: And it makes you fucked up to have sex with them when they're that young.

Dick: Yeah. (grins) But an 18-year-old chick. They're rock solid.

Maddox: No, I don't think so.

Dick: Every single 18-year-old chick I've ever talked to, they've just got it all figured out.

Maddox: I…I wouldn't hook up with an 18-year-old. Just…(stammers) at a glance, I probably wouldn't. Um…it would have to be…I mean, no. It's just…weird and creepy.

Dick: Um, well it is easier. Here's a list of people who were home schooled. Lewis Carroll. You know him?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alice in Wonderland.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uh, Andrew Jackson.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You think you're better than him? Andrew Jackson.

Maddox: Yeah, I do.

Dick: Mozart.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Home schooled.

Maddox: Well…(giggles)

Dick: Were you aware of that?

Maddox: Yeah, but…

Dick: You think Mozart was in public school getting held back instead of at home writing symphonies?

Maddox: Hold on. Mozart's an exception. He…

Dick: Hoooooooooo!!! (laughs)

Maddox: He had talent coming out the ass. If you are…a prodigy and you're writing full symphonies by the age of 6, yeah. You're…you get a free pass. You can…you can drop out of traditional school and focus on your career.

Dick: Okay. Taylor Swift.

Sean: Well, what was…

Maddox: Taylor…

Dick: (interjects) How about exactly the same, pretty much. (Maddox giggles)

Sean: What was the normal education back in those days, though?

Dick: Oh, stop, Sean!! Who cares?!

Maddox: It was mostly home schooled anyway, yeah.

Dick: Who cares? Who cares? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Alright, so, you won.

Maddox: And his dad was an instructor, too. Mozart's dad.

Dick: Emma Watson. Hot as shit. She was home schooled.

Maddox: Well. Al…yeah. Also a pain in the ass. Big pain in the ass. Uh…I got a comment from **Josh Giovelli**. He says, **"Hey Dick. The effect on these kids is that they grow into adults that don't have necessary skills and knowledge to function in society, or the scientific education they missed out on leads them to realize that they want to be a scientist, but they're 28, missed the free ride for years of college, they have bills, and can't afford the classes, and just want to get a simple degree to get a leg up in the career they wish they had a chance at earlier in life. If that sounds very specific, it's because it is."** And he says, **"I know and believe a parent should be able to parent as they see fit, but there's a limit. We don't allow parents to mercilessly beat their children as a form of discipline, and with good reason. Controlling every facet of their education has the potential for abuse."** I…I totally agree with that. If you…

Dick: Yeah. (sighs)

Maddox: If you are getting your lecture and lesson plan from a parent who is also responsible for feeding you and giving you your vacation and toys and allowance and everything else, it puts an intense pressure on you to not dissent and not challenge anything you're taught.

Dick: Yeah! (giggles) That should be! You should have pressure on you to do well in school. And by the way, not everyone is terrified of their parents like you are!

Maddox: I'm not terrified of my parents.

Dick: This is…every example you give is these authoritarian parents! A lot of parents raise and teach with love. Like, the opposite of what you're describing.

Maddox: Well, just because you have good intentions doesn't mean that you're doing the right thing. Um…here's the problem. A lot of people don't understand, really, what a good teacher really is. I…I used to date a teacher, for a long time. And I'm very close to a lot of teachers. And this specific school, the teachers are required to make lesson plans every single night. And they go home, and this isn't, like, some worksheet that you're getting that day. They're making custom tailored lessons for you, based on their pedagogical experience. They look online to see what other teachers are doing, what other schools have done, what works and what doesn't, and then they custom-tailor their lesson to the classroom. And if there's any student who doesn't understand it, they are trained to recognize that. Parents are not. Just like that girl who I quoted in the New York Times article, who said that, "My child is very gifted and has a very special brain…" and whatever. You…it's the Dunning-Kruger effect, but it's even worse, because it's your own spawn, who you are predisposed to thinking higher of than other children, because you created it! You can't…you can't just avoid that cognitive bias. You need someone who doesn't have skin in the game on that level to be able to tell your kid, "Hey man, you're fucking up." "Hey buddy, you need to study this a little bit harder and you need to do this thing. You need to do that thing." Parents aren't doing that.

Dick: I'm amazed we can get that for so cheap.

Maddox: Well…Dick…

Dick: It's a miracle. We can get all that stuff for what? $40,000 a year? What a great deal.

Maddox: I mean…I mean, what's the going…what do you think they should get paid?

Dick: I just think it's…it's very impressive that we've figured out to how to hire all these custom-tailoring learning solutions for developing minds for such a cheap price.

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: It's great.

Sean: He thinks it doesn't exist. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Yeah, I know. I know.

Dick: Hey, I…

Maddox: (interjects) Dick thinks…Dick thinks that, like, money necessarily correlates to..like, the people who are teachers…

Dick: (interjects) No, I'm just happy!!!

Maddox: No, no. But the tea…

Dick: (interjects) Can we get it cheaper?!

Maddox: No. The people who are teachers are not doing it for money.

Dick: No shit.

Maddox: Because they could go into the private sector.

Dick: I wouldn't even call that money.

Maddox: They could go into the private sector and make way more money doing anything they wanted to.

Dick: Well, that's an assumption.

Maddox: No, they could. I had a teacher at the University of Utah. He was WAY overqualified for teaching at the school. He was a fellow at Princeton.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: In..physics. And he is one of the…is…the professors who was instrumental in creating blue laser. Blue laser technology. For Blu-Rays. This was back in 1996, I was talking to this guy, and he was teaching my class. The only reason he was doing it is because he liked to ski. He wanted to be in Utah because he liked to ski.

Dick: Laziness.

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's why he became a teacher?

Maddox: No, it's not laziness, Dick. Uh, the teachers who are teachers are doing it because they have a passion for teaching.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They actually…like to do it. And you can tell. There is a WORLD of difference between a good and a bad teacher.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: A good teacher likes to be there and enjoys teaching.

Dick: Meanwhile, parents have kids, 'cause they hate kids, right?

Maddox: I'm not saying you don't love your kids. (Dick laughs) Just because you love someone, doesn't mean you know what's best for them.

Dick: I'm winding you up! (stammers) I get what you're saying!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: It's fine. I just do…do you have more points to make on home schooling?

Maddox: I do…(stammers) the bottom line is this. I read all the comments. Some people said they had a great home schooling experience and they went on to have very successful careers.

Dick: Which is what the numbers say.

Maddox: Others…

Dick: Like, you have to admit, the stats say they do better than…

Maddox: (interjects) There are…there are no stats, Dick.

Dick: I got…dude, I got a peer reviewed study, done by, uh…lemme find this guy.

Maddox: Is it Michael Cogan?

Dick: No, I don't know. Lemme find it. Um, Eric…Eric something. I'll link to it. Um…

Maddox: What's the name of the study? Let's hear it.

Dick: It's got…let's see. "Major findings include the achievement test of scores of home schooled students are exceptionally high. The median scores are typically in the 70th to 80th per….25% of home schooled students are enrolled one or more grades above their age level public and private school peers." That's a big…that's a pretty big stat. A quarter of them come in an entire grade level above their public school counterparts?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, but those are only…the parents who are reporting their students as being home schooled. Some…some of them never make it that far. And those students who don't, you don't ever hear about them.

Dick: They get shipped to China to make iPhones? What happens to 'em?

Maddox: No, they become…they, I don't know. I don't know what happens to them!

Dick: "The median income for home schooled families is significantly higher than all the families with children in the United States." "Almost all home schooled students who come from…(stammers)" I don't know. It's a big…there's a lot of factors in this. Um…he does bend over backwards to say it's not conclusive that home schooling is better, although that's what the numbers are saying, here. (conspiratorial)

Maddox: Yeah, no. First of all, Dick…home schooling isn't even practical. A practical option for most people, because parents work. Parents have shit to do.

Dick: Yeah, they work to pay taxes to build public schools.

Maddox: No, they…sometimes work to put food on the table, as well. They're not just working to fund public schools. And…by the way, there are good and bad public schools. There's good and bad home schooling experiences. I'm not denying that. And…and someone on Twitter tweeted at me and said (goofy voice) "Hey Maddox, can't you see any advantage to home schooling? Can't you see any pros for it?" I'm like, "Of course I can." There's lots of pros to home schooling. If you have a good teacher. If you have good parents who are trained. But that's not…that's not what I brought in. I brought it in as a problem, and I'm not gonna argue FOR home schooling when I think it's a problem.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, I got a…I got a prank email.

Maddox: Oho, let's hear your prank email.

Dick: I'm done with home schooling. Do you have more to say about home schooling? (mutters)

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: Like, we get this prank emails all the time, where people send in stuff that's obviously fake, 'cause they want it to get read on the show, so then they can go in the comments and say, "Ha, ha, ha."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "You guys reacted to something that's obviously fake. You're stupid."

Maddox: I can spot those.

Dick: I'm gonna read this one…yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Tell me…(stammers) I spotted this one immediately.

Maddox: Yeah, I…

Dick: So see if you can do the same. It says, **"Dear Dick, Maddox, and Sean."** Uh, it's from Mia. **"I started listening to your show when I was diagnosed with cancer."** Okay, already probably fake.

Maddox: Well. (giggles)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: I dunno yet.

Dick: (Sean giggles) **"You guys really pulled me out of a state of crying from unhappiness to the point of tears from laughter."** So, right? She was depressed, and this podcast turned that depression into merriment and laughter?

Maddox: That doesn't sound fake to me.

Dick: That sounds totally fake.

Maddox: No.

Dick: This is obviously a fake email. **"I'm happy to say that I'm now still in remission and am so excited to see what next year holds in your continuing regular and bonus episodes."** Which you can buy on the site for $1.99. That's not in the email. I'm adding that. **"I just want to thank you so much for being such a welcome form of happiness in a pretty shitty time of my life. Yours truly, Mia."** So, better luck next time Mia. (Maddox laughs) With these joke…these joke emails.

Maddox: Great. That was not a joke email, Dick. That sounded like a sincere email. You're welcome, Mia. Glad that the show offers you some reprieve from your suffering. (giggles) That sounds awful. Um…but, uh…no. But seriously, thank you for listening and we're glad that we have listeners out there.

Sean: And Dick is an awful person.

Maddox: Yeah, well, I mean..

Dick: (interjects) Ohhh!! I'm the awful person just 'cause I can spot a fake!? (Sean and Dick laugh)

Maddox: That's not a fake. (giggles) Hey, uh, before we move on to the problems…I got a…I got a song, Dick. This is from **Christopher Strand.**

Dick: Oh, cool. I like that guy.

Maddox: Yeah. Listen to this. New song from Christopher Strand. It's, uh…it's about my wedding services, because I did that wedding veil review a long time ago.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: So it's a commercial for my wedding services. I think you'll enjoy this.

(Clip starts. (Wedding March on organ starts) Male voice: "Are you about to get married? Do your beloved friends and family sound like this?

(Maddox goofy voice) "Uh, well, I wanna eat, but I don't wanna be the first. Ugnnnnnh!"

(Dick and Sean crack up)

Dick: Oh yeah, that's right.

"(male voice) "Then you should call Maddox's Wedding Services. (Maddox giggles) **He doesn't mind opening trays of food.**

Maddox: "If I show up at a party and I see a big table full of trays no one's touched? Uh, aluminum foil on top? Guess what?! I'm opening them!"

(Dick cracks up, Maddox giggles)

"And I'm gonna eat! I'm gonna be the first to eat!"

Dick: So specific!!!

"(Male voice: "He'll tell those picky eaters and vegans 'No.'

Maddox: "You're a picky eater? Stay home. We're not gonna invite you."

Male voice: "No one's dancing? Maddox has it covered."

Maddox: "This fucking, uh, dipshit wedding I'm at! No one's dancing 'cause they fucking planned it shitty and they ordered… (Dick cracks up) **they invited a bunch of shitty, coward guests who aren't dancing! I'll fucking get up there! I'll dance! Great!"**(Maddox giggles)

Male voice: If this sounds like what your wedding might need… (Maddox and Dick laugh) **Visit maddoxweddingservices.biz. Like this satisfied customer!!**

Dick: "There's Maddox, out there by himself before the bride and the groom have their first dance, 'cause he doesn't understand wedding protocol!!" (they all laugh in the background) **Dancing some weird, Middle Eastern dance!!** (they all laugh loudly) **Screaming at the band to play!!! And that they're all cowards!!**

Male voice: Ten out of ten! Unsure about the wedding night?

Dick: Ten outta ten.

Male voice: Call now, and ask for the Bags of Sand Package. (Sean cracks up) **For advice from self-proclaimed Sexpert.**

Maddox: "You guys don't even understand the level of expertise when it comes to sex that I have!"

Male voice: Don't let your special day be ruined by… (Dick cracks up) **"Special People". If you call Maddox the Wedding Guy today, he'll turn your wedding from this…**

(Wedding March plays louder, loud yawn sound)

Male voice: "Into THIS."

(Wedding March plays on an electric guitar/organ instead)

Maddox: "Cool."

Dick: Cool!

Maddox: Yeah.

(electric march continues to play)

Maddox: Sounds like that home schooled kid from earlier made this song! (they laugh)

Male voice: Yeah! Now that's more like it. Don't be a jerk. Let Maddox do the work. (Dick and Maddox laugh) **(begins to speak faster for the subtext: "By hiring Maddox's Wedding Services you agree to provide Maddox with the following: Bicycle Parking. Soup. A bottle of hot sauce. Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey. Food allergies will be tested.")**

(clip ends)

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: Ahhh. (sighs)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Says a well-adjusted, socially-adjusted man from public school! (laughing)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Alright, Dick. You got a problem?

Dick: Oh, yeah. I got a…oh, I got a quick one. Um…Spending Too Much on Christmas Presents.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: We're past Christmas, right? This is…I'm not gonna…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm not gonna bring in Christmas presents all year.

Maddox: This is our first post-Christmas episode.

Dick: So, my life coach…(giggles) Uh, I call my life coach up. Like, last week. Week and a half ago. Maybe two weeks ago. Because my…my cousin in Nebraska wants to go hog hunting.

Maddox: Cool!

Dick: And here is the…here is the catch. We can get a helicopter. We can go helicopter hog hunting.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: Hunting bigass boars and hogs and javelinas, or whatever they've got, wherever we're going, from a helicopter.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: I dunno. I mean, that's cool!

Dick: Like, pretending we're in Vietnam, right? Blap-blap-blap-blap-blap-blap-blap-blap!

Maddox: Sure, okay. (giggles)

Dick: Right? (giggles) Okay. (Sean laughs) For, like, $1500. So I'm like, "Oh, my God." Calling my friend up, like, "Dude, we're going…we're going hog hunting. This is gonna be amazing." Right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: These guys are from the mid-West. They're bringing mid-West guns. I'm embarrassed to bring my guns to this.

Maddox: Yeah, what do they got, muskets out there?

Sean: Except there's a dirt road to get there. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Sean…Sean…

Maddox: Dick gets stuck and turns around! (laughing)

Dick: We have a helicopter, Sean!!!! You prick!!!

Maddox: Ahhh. (sighs, laughing)

Dick: We can fly over any dirt road!

Maddox: Yeah. There might be currents.

Dick: We're gonna drive into the helicopter!

Sean: You have to get to the helicopter.

Maddox: Yeah, there's a dirt road to the helicopter.

Dick: Yeah. Nah, helicopters come pick me up, I imagine.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: So, my life coach says, "Ah, I can't. I'm saving…I'm saving money. I can't do this. I don't know what's become of me in my marriage and in my old age, but I can't do that. I'm saving money." And I'm like, "You're saving 500…you're…you're bailing on hog hunting to save $500? Like, okay. (sighs) I mean, if that's what…if that's your guiding principle, this is once in a li…have I ever asked you to go helicopter hog hunting before?" RIGHT?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is a memorable experience.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Wouldn't you wanna do it?

Maddox: Uh, (stammers) I would rather go hog hunting on ground, by foot, like God intended, rather than this remote control BULLSHIT…(Dick giggles) Where we're sitting there with technology.

Dick: Whoa, whoa. Remote control?

Maddox: What, do we need, like, stealth…stealth bombers to kill these fucking pigs?! (yells) They're just pigs, man!! Give me a crossbow, and put me in a swamp somewhere, and I'll fucking kill a hog!

Sean: Wait, do you think there's a drone involved?

Dick: What did you mean, remote control?

Maddox: Well, it feels like remote control. If you're just sitting in a helicopter, the pilot takes you to a hog. There you go. Here…(stammers) you feel like a lazy idiot. Like Dick Cheney, doing that…shooting ducks at that reserve, where they're driving 'em around in a Jeep. Get the fuck out, fatass, and walk around! Kill them like you're supposed to!! Jump on its back and stab it in the next with your arrow! (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Okay. That's what I thought.

Maddox: Yeah. (they crack up)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, he bails.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Well, whatever. Solo mio. I'm gonna go by myself. I'm gonna go have a helicopter hog hunting trip all by myself. Me and my cousin are gonna go. Fuck you! So I get a text from my life coach, uh Christmas Day, and he goes "Oh no. I really fucked up."

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: "This is the fuckup to end all fuckups." I'm like, "Oh, what did you do?" He said he waited 'til the last minute to buy his wife of, like, two years. A Christmas present.

Maddox: Uh-oh.

Dick: He said I was really…I was really under the gun. I was really pressed for time. And she's always been talking about wanting to get a hot air balloon ride. Alright? So he popped on the Google, Hot Air Balloon Ride. And he goes, BOOM. Purchased. He goes, "It was more than I wanted to spend." Right?

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: "It was more than I wanted to spend. I was already really far in the hole on it." Like, he wanted to spend a couple hundred bucks, 'cause he's trying to save money. He ended up spending, like, you know. Like, 800, 900 bucks on this…on this hot air ballon ride.

Maddox: That seems like a LOT.

Dick: Seems like a lot, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So she opens it. They're all over at her family's house. She opens it, and she goes, "Oh my God. A hot air balloon ride? And in Napa Valley?! This is great!!" and everybody's like, "Oh my God! What a…what an expensive present!! What a wonderful present that you just got her! I can't believe you would spend that much on it!" and he goes, "What do you mean?"

Maddox: Napa Valley.

Dick: Where's…isn't Napa Valley, like, an hour away?

Maddox: Wine country.

Dick: He said, "No, it's nine hours away. It's next to San Francisco, you dumb shit." (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's where, like, people go on…it's where bachelorette parties from, like, the OC go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To drink all weekend.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And blow a ton of Daddy's money.

Maddox: It's e…it's implied that you're gonna stay at some fucking winery! Yeah!

Sean: Well, this guy was home schooled. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah, was he REALLY?! (cracks up)

Sean: No.

Dick: No, no, no. He wasn't. He wasn't.

Maddox: I bet he was! (laughs)

Sean: No, he was not.

Dick: No, no.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: So he's texting me this while she is on the Internet looking up, like, um, vacation bungalows in Napa Valley. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah.

Dick: For, a thou…1 thousand a night, like…

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, a thousand, twelve hundred a night, with, like, luxury…

Maddox: Stupid.

Dick: …romantic bungalow cruises.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: So this idiot just dropped…can't go hog hunting for a couple hundred dollars, but just dropped, uh, 3k on his wife's Christmas present.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Talk about spending too much money on Christmas.

Maddox: Stupid!

Dick: That's all…

Maddox: Big mistake. Hey, uh…you could…you could solve…it sounds like his gift was a solution to both problems. Because he could have taken his wife hog hunting in a hot air balloon!! (Dick cracks up) HUH!? Take that hot air over to the Mid-West! That's a….now that's fucking hog hunting, because then you don't really have control over the hot air balloon. The wind's blowing you whichever way you to, oh, my gosh.

Dick: Okay. (giggles)

Maddox: You're blown away from the hog? You gotta get better aim!!

Dick: So you think…so the technology is the issue for you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You don't want too much control.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You wanna even the score.

Maddox: I…I think that if you…yeah.

Sean: There's an element of risk to it. You don't know who's gonna win. (Dick laughs) You could kill the hog, or…you could fly into power lines and die.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, Sean! There you go!

Dick: Yeah. Or you could drink too much and fall out of the basket.

Maddox: Hilarious. I…think it would be so funny if you d…if you broke your neck hog hunting. 'Cause that's a story that everyone's gonna ask. I mean, not you, obviously. But they're gonna ask your friends, like, "What the hell happened to Dick, that idiot?"

Dick: What do you mean "Not you, obviously"?

Maddox: 'Cause your…your neck is broken.

Dick: Yeah, but it's gotta happen to one of your friends.

Maddox: Yeah, but it…

Dick: (interjects) You would say that to anyone that you were telling the story to!!

Maddox: Dick, I would be the friend. Your friend, who would tell your friends, later, after you died hog hunting.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: After you died hog hunting and broke your neck! And I'd be like, "Yeah, he fell out. He got too drunk."

Dick: Oh, I get it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I get what you're saying.

Maddox: I would be that guy.

Dick: I just don't know why you said, "Not you, obviously" to me, when it would always be one of your friends doing it. Like…

Maddox: No, I'm saying not you…not you specifically, like, whoever died. You wouldn't be telling that story, obviously, 'cause you're dead.

Dick: Oh, oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. That's what I meant. Yeah.

Dick: I thought you meant you didn't want me to die. I misr…(Maddox laughs) I misinterpreted…I misinterpreted what…(they both laugh)…you were saying.

Maddox: Ahhh, hog hunting. Yeah, man. Um, there's also this…this company that has made this new type of…tracking system for…it's a scope that does auto tracking for guns. Real guns. And they call it democratizing precision. Or democratizing aim.

Dick: Oh, that's cool.

Maddox: And…so what it does is it, uh…it's basically this little monitor as your scope that tracks motion of the target. And…

Dick: Whoaaaaaaa.

Maddox: When it moves a little bit, you press the trigger once to track it, and then you press it again to fire. And it automatically calculates the right trajectory and aim and adjusts just slightly so it hits your target, like, 90% of the time.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: I think that…

Dick: I need two of those.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) I would…I would never…(stammers) I would never take something like that hunting. I think that takes…everything out…basically, you're just pressing a button and then killing…(stammers) killing meat. I think that's stupid.

Dick: Yeah, but it doesn't give you something cool to say after you've done it. That's still in…that's still on you.

Maddox: Oh, great.

Dick: You need, like, a gun that'll also spit out, like, a cool catchphrase. (grins) (they laugh)

Maddox: I'm sure that's…that's version two. It's gonna say "Good Job" on the screen, or a little LED, like, "Way to go, man". Or a…(giggles) Maybe it'll be written by that cool kid who was home schooled earlier. Trevvy Trev.

Dick: I liked that guy. Alright, that's my problem. Everyone's probably feeling a little bit of buyer's remorse right now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? We all get excited for the holidays, and spend too much. And (stammers) and you never get the reaction you want!

Maddox: No, man.

Dick: For these presents.

Maddox: Back in Utah, I used to spend thousands of dollars on my friends. And…I think I mentioned this on the podcast, I'm not sure, but it always left me feeling empty inside.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Like, I…I would spend so much money, and I never felt like they fully appreciated the gifts I bought them, and I never felt like…like, you know, I…I expect them to just open up my gift and think, "Oh, wow, cool!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know…that…

Dick: When you would never do that…like, you don't go to the store and buy, like, a video game, and then get it in the car and go, like, "Oh, my God! Wow! I just bought myself this video game!" Like, you want a reaction that's totally unnatural.

Maddox: Oh, Dick.

Dick: When you give somebody a present.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong buzzer')

Maddox: No, that is exactly how I react when I get in my car. Are you kidding me!? (Dick laughs) I bought a video game this weekend! (Dick guffaws) I was so excited! I sat in the car looking at the cover and, like, poring over the back. (Dick laughs so hard he squeaks) I still…I put the game in my system and then I go to the Options every single time. First, I wanna see all of the options, right?!

Dick: Oh, God. (laughing)

Maddox: It's like a new car! I wanna, like, feel it. Like, oh, what…what can I tinker with here? What's going on over here? And then I never change anything, because I wanna try the game…

Dick: As they intended.

Maddox: As they intended! The native experience.

Dick: Yeah, as they intended. Like listening to an LP.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (Dick laughs) I go through that ritual. No, no, you got me wrong, buddy. (Dick laughing) But as far as…as far as spending money on friends goes…like, I decided a long time ago. I sent an email to all my friends saying, "Hey guys.."

Dick: Oh, okay. (scoffs, laughs)

Maddox: "I'm no longer…I'm no longer buying Christmas gifts this year. Don't buy me anything, please."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I changed my policy to, "If I see anything that I think you might like throughout the year, I'm just gonna buy it for you." I've done it for you, Dick. I got you some, uh…action figures a long time ago.

Dick: Yeah, those are cool.

Maddox: Yeah! Because we…Dick and I are both huge fans of…what's his name…

Dick: Angry Youth Comic. Ryan…

Maddox: Ryan…

Dick: North?

Maddox: Yeah, Ryan North, Angry Youth Comics. They're hilarious.

Dick: And we got s…we found this. We were walking to this comic store, and we found these in the very back. And they're, um…they're obscene. Like, they make…they make no sense from one panel to the other. The stories just go in tangents and they're highly scatological.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, in three panels, someone'll be swinging from a rope like Tarzan, and the rope is made out of feces.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then they'll…they'll swing, and like, their erection will go into, like, Hitler's ass.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: That's, like…that's a possible comic. I'm just making that up. But we got so excited about these comics, we started showing them to everybody to be, like, brand…like, "You gotta look at this comic that we secretly found!"

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: And everyone hated them.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: And didn't think they were funny.

Maddox: I have alienated myself from certain people in my life because I've showed them this comic and really pushed it a little too hard. Uh, (stammers) (background laughter) like, these comics are a little bit racist. There's…there's one, umm…(they both crack up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're…like, they can be…like, some of 'em are, like, uh…you know. On that… on that line, and maybe they fall over the line a little bit.

Dick: Little bit more racist than the Star Wars aliens.

Maddox: (laughs) Well…

Dick: Right? Little bit.

Maddox: No. I w…I think the Star Wars aliens are a new bar.

Dick: On the same level!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. Alright.

Maddox: By the way, did you see the Neimoidian clip we posted on the website?

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: That girl…she made those full-size Neimoidians…and the way she, like, caresses the body, ugh, kinda weird.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Uh, anyway, man.

Dick: I did the best reaction for…uh, the best dollar to reaction I got? I got my nephew little Lego men from the Lego movie.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which…(stammers) were like 3 dollars apiece, right? Nothing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nothing, right? Everybody's showering this guy with gifts. And I get him just little Lego guys, right? He opens it up. He's 3. He goes, "Oh, my God." (Maddox and Dick laughs) Takes 'em out one by one. I was like, "Oh, my god, alright."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Rein it…curb your enthusiasm, there. You're embarrassing yourself.

Maddox: Yeah. That's when you nailed it. Yeah, I got a girl a toaster one year. She hated it.

Dick: Awful.

Maddox: That was…SHE WAS SAYING she wanted a toaster for years! (background laughter) And then I f…I got her a toaster, hate…I got her a toaster oven! It's one step better! (giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that was like, the big gift. And huge letdown. (background giggling) And by the way, I spent, like…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's a huge letdown, man.

Maddox: Yeah, but that was in addition to, like…I spent…like, $800 that year for Christmas.

Dick: Oh, my God!!!

Maddox: And that was, like, one of the gifts I got. And I got, like gift cards, and movies, and…and clothes, and it's just…I feel like nothing really clicks! (yells) Nothing ever hits. I throw everything at the wall, nothing sticks! Everything falls flat. So I…you know, I decided a long time ago…I'm gonna spend the money on me. And I've been so much happier. I spend money on myself and I love myself and I know exactly what I want, and I feel great! I…I travel the world. I went to Paris, the first year?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I told my friends I wasn't buying a gift.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I took the budget I had for Christmas gifts. Spent it on myself. And I went to… London and Paris. And I had the best time, man.

Dick: Uh, great…life tip, then.

Maddox: Yeah. Merry Christmas to me.

Dick: You got a problem? We're…

Maddox: I do. I got a p…I got a big problem, Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's called…Filter Bubbles.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Yeah. Filter Bubbles. Uh, this is something…it's not really clear what it…what it means, um…

Dick: (interjects) Can I guess what I think it means?

Maddox: Okay, what?

Dick: Those…those pictures…like, the guys will take a picture of a girl in a bikini, and they'll put big circles on it, and fill in the area between the circles, and it tricks your brain into thinking that they're naked.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, yeah.

Dick: Under the p…under the circles. It's weird. It's a weird phenomenon. But I wouldn't say that's a problem. 'Cause I think that's a solution.

Maddox: Yeah. You're…it's implied nudity.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a little bit closer. It's asymptotically a little bit closer.

Maddox: Well, those are definitely filter bubbles, Dick, but…

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: …not the filter bubbles I'm talking about.

Dick: Oh. Okay.

Maddox: I got something, uh…a little bit smarter than that. This is…(giggles)

Dick: Well, I don't…you didn't figure that out, did you? Those guys figured out how to trick your brain into thinking you're seeing a naked girl.

Maddox: Yeah. It's click bait. Real…real special. Real special clickbait.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: 'Cause I've…I've clicked on it before. Um…(giggles) but anyway. A filter bubble…this is from Wikipedia. **"A filter bubble is the result of a personalized search in which a website algorithm selectively guesses what information the user would like to see based on information about the user, such as location, past click behavior, and search history, and as a result, users become separated from information that disagrees with their viewpoints, effectively isolating them in their own cultural or ideological bubbles."** So, this is a huge problem, because…most of the Internet is starting to do this. Sites like Google. I mean, that right there, is like 50% of most searches.

Dick: So, wait, wait. Lemme a…so if you're, like, on Google, searching for, like, a certain type of politi…like, if you're searching for information about Hillary Clinton all the time, it'll then suggest, like, information about global warming, or something like that?

Maddox: Pos…uh, possibly. Like, things that might be related to that…

Dick: (interjects) Like, if I'm searching my Google search. If I'm searching for, like, a Trump rally, it'll say, like, "Here, you also might like helicopter hunting." (Sean giggles)

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Is that an example of what you're talking about? It's like the same filter.

Maddox: Possibly, but if…if you search for Trump rallies, or if you search for Hillary Clinton rallies, or whatever…

Dick: (interjects) If this is a KKK joke, I swear to God, I will pop you. (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Oh, by the way, I posted that animation. I made an animation about Trump.

Sean: (laughing) I was gonna make that joke. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: I will pop you in your ass again, Sean. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: You were gonna make a KKK joke?

Sean: Uh, yeah. Something like that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: I posted this thing, 'cause, like, Trump wanted to ban the Muslims. And people were like (goofy voice) "Uh, Maddox, uh…Muslim…Islam isn't a race, idiot."

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: But the KKK hates Muslims. They hate Jews. Those aren't races. They hate… actually, they hate most Christians who aren't part of their specific cult! Anyway… (stammers)

Dick: Well, who doesn't? (Maddox laughs) Like what I like, or I'll kill you.

Maddox: Guys…se…here are the sites that do this, right now. Google, Yahoo is doing it. Facebook. Facebook's a big one. YouTube. Netflix. Netflix suggests only movies that they think that you might like.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhhhh, I see what you're saying, okay.

Maddox: Ehh? So, and news…

Dick: (interjects) It does happen in Netflix.

Maddox: Yeah. And news websites, and even advertisers do this. There's this guy named Eli Pariser. I…Pariser? Or Parriser. Either way. He made a…he wrote a book about filter bubbles and he did a TED talk about it. He quoted Mark Zuckerberg, and this is…this is essentially, in a nutshell, what the problem is. Mark Zuckerberg said, " **A squirrel dying in your front yard may be more relevant to your interests right now than people dying in Africa."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that, right there, is this problem in a nutshell, because it makes…it…it brings your worldview…it makes it a little bit smaller. And that's why they call it filter bubbles,

because you are in this little bubble where your…things that affect you are very narrow in scope, and…

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute. Can I…ask a question?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is…is that Zuckerberg quote saying that that's good, or bad, that the s…'cause I'm more interested in a squirrel dying in my front yard than people dying in Africa for, I think, good reasons.

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Like, the squirrel dying in my front yard might affect me. My dog might eat it and get sick. Uh…I have to take care of the squirrel who's dead in my front yard.

Maddox: 'Kay. Well, you don't have a dog or a front yard, so that's irrelevant. But, uh… (giggles) Mark Zuckerberg's…

Dick: (interjects) OKAY! (giggles) Gotta go fast!!! (they both laugh) Nevermind! You got me! Stumped!! (laughing)

Maddox: I'll tell you why…I'll tell you why it's a problem. The…Mark Zuckerberg didn't say that as if it was a problem. He was saying that as justification for making the Facebook algorithm that gives you this filter bubble.

Dick: Oh, okay. So he was…kind of agreeing with me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Um, this is from Eli Pariser. He says in the Atlantic, in an interview he did with the Atlantic, he says, " **Since December 4th, 2009, Google has been personalized for everyone. So when I had two friends this spring google "BP"**", you know, the oil company.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: "One of them got a set of links that was about investment opportunities for BP."

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: "The other one got information about the oil spill."

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: "Presumably, that was based on the kinds of searches that they had done in the past." If you have Google doing that, and you have Yahoo doing that, and you have Facebook doing that, and you have all the top sites on the web customizing themselves to you, then your information environment starts to look very different from anyone else's. And that's what I'm calling the filter bubble. That personal ecosystem of information that's been catered by these algorithms to who they think you are.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Not necessarily who you actually are.

Dick: Curated.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: By these algorithms.

Maddox: Well, yeah. You could…I mean…curated…curated implies some intelligence. Some autonomous being deciding something for you. This is like an algorithmic…it's not quite CURATED, so much as analyzed.

Dick: Well, I'm just thinking, like, Drudge Report. Like, I go there to get news. And that's… it sounds like the same thing. Like, I'm only getting news that Drudge…ultra-conservative Drudge wants his readers to see.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That would be part of a filter bubble? Or are you saying it's only algorithms.

Maddox: Well, you are voluntarily going to Drudge Report, so that's not part of the filter bubble.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: If you go to…if you go to a conservative website voluntarily and you're doing that on your own, that's just you doing that. But…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Here's…here's an example of a filter bubble. Like, if you're…searching Facebook. If you're looking on Facebook in your news feed.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Facebook very, very precisely and very specifically shows you articles and news stories that they think that you might want to click on, that might interest you.

Dick: Oh, that…it is funny to see what people's news…ads are, and what their news feeds are.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then make fun of them about it, like, if all they have is, like, celebrity stuff, or like, pregnancy stuff. (giggles) It's like, "Oh, what were you searching for recently?" (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, exactly. Yeah, it suggests…especially when it suggests things for, like, single people…like they think that you're a loser.

Dick: Ugh. It's so embarrassing.

Maddox: Or…(giggles) or sometimes they get your sexuality…your sexual orientation wrong.

Dick: Gay singles?

Maddox: They give you, like gay shit. (giggles) Here's a bunch of dildos!

Dick: That worried me. I used to watch Adult Swim a lot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, back in the Adult Hunger Force days?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they would always show these ads for…

Sean: (interjects) Aqua Teen.

Dick: Yeah, Aqua Teen Hunger Force. Thank you, Sean.

Maddox: Aqua Teen, yeah.

Dick: Um, they would always show these gay sex chat lines. And it took me, like, a couple months. And I'm, like, "Wait a minute. Is this…who's…am I supposed to be interested in this? Should I check one of these out?"

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: What's…why are these all these gay sex chat…'cause somebody did this research. Right?

Maddox: Yeaaah. What…what else is in your search history, Dick? We don't know.

Dick: That was a TV. (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Oh, the TV was doing it.

Dick: Yes! The TV ads were saying that.

Maddox: But those aren't customized.

Dick: Yeah! Somebody bought the ad space!

Maddox: Ahh, they must have done that…

Dick: (interjects) Is that similar?

Maddox: They must have gotten some demo info. Yeah, it is similar.

Dick: That's what I'm saying! What's the…what is this?

Maddox: But it's less reactive. At least that one…like, marketing people are looking at demo info, but still. I don't like it. Here's…here's the danger of filter bubbles.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Kay? Algorithms deciding what you should or shouldn't be exposed to will narrow your scope of thinking. You won't be exposed to new ideas and you will only see information that reaffirms your point of view. It's basically algorithmic confirmation bias.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Conservatives will only see posts from conservative websites and Liberals will only see news from Liberal websites. And I…I already see it happening on Facebook. As Maddox, like, my Maddox account? I have about 5,000 friends, and, like, 24,000 followers on my news feed, and it's a wide swath of people from all political viewpoints. I consistently see Conservatives only posting links to conservative websites, like Newsmax and Fox News and far-right bloggers. And Liberals only post to liberal websites like Huffington Post and Mic.com and far-left Tumblr accounts.

Dick: And CNN.

Maddox: CNN isn't…I would say CNN is left-leaning. I don't put them in far left.

Sean: MSNBC is far left.

Maddox: MSNBC is left, yeah.

Sean: Maddox, people do this anyway. People filter themselves.

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's…I was gonna ask. Is this the chicken or the egg?

Sean: To reaffirm their life opinions.

Maddox: Well here's…here's where it becomes, uh…nefarious, Sean. I…I conducted an informal experiment on a few of these people to casually track the amount of dissent they receive with each post. Uh, so I had a theory a long time ago that the more staunchly partisan someone's viewpoint was on Facebook, the more likely it would be that people who oppose that point of view would hide or unfollow posts from that person, rather than engage in a protracted political debate with a friend or colleague.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And over time, I…I watched. I tracked a few of these people. Over time, I hypothesized that you would see less and less dissent in the comments of status updates, which is probably because more people who disagree with them are hiding them. So the only people who…who are left commenting on their status updates are people who agree with you, creating a reaffirmation filter bubble. Everyone in your world seems to agree with everything you say or post, so you might think that your opinions are more popular or widely shared than they actually are.

Dick: Yeah, I'm not…I'm not trying to discount what you're bringing in as a problem. I just wanna know if you think it is the chicken and the egg. Like, this is…people do this. This exists. 'Cause this is what people like. Like, they…even if you ignore the Internet, they're gonna go to…they're gonna go to a watering hole where they can talk to people who share their beliefs. They're not gonna…like, people don't wanna be filibustering in any medium. The Internet or not. They wanna hear…kinda what they think. They don't wanna get into long arguments about everything, right?

Maddox: Well this didn't…this didn't always exist. Uh, this…this has made things way, way worse. Because it's one thing to not be exposed to those ideas because you're choosing

not to. Because you still might have the chance of being exposed to an idea that you…that doesn't reaffirm your worldview.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: In fact, back in the day, when people got most of their news from, uh…from network television news, they were exposed to things from the left and things from the right. But now, with so much choice, um…and it's artificial choice.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're…you're not…you're only seeing ideas that reaffirm your worldview. And…because it's happening subconsciously on…because it's invisible and it's happening behind the scenes, you might think that…that's what everybody thinks. It's a huge problem. Um…

Dick: Oh, that's definitely true.

Maddox: Yeah. This is…again, from the same guy, Eli Pariser. In, uh…The Economist. He says, **"A world constructed from the familiar is a world in which there is nothing to learn. Since there is an invisible autopropaganda indoctrinating us with our own ideas.** " I think that's a huuuuuge, huge problem. When you're being indoctrinated by your own ideas. That's why…generally speaking, I rarely…I rarely ban or delete or unfollow people who I disagree with and dissent with. I…I decided to consciously stop doing that a long time ago, because…

Dick: (interjects) What, on Facebook?

Maddox: On Facebook. Yeah. Or social networks. Because if I did, then Facebook would then alter what I saw. And I…it would be disingenuous. It would be…it would be dishonest.

Dick: I don't know, man. I don't…I…I block…or I, like, unfollow people on Facebook.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, who always post political shit?

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Uh…I'll, I'll definitely do it immediately if it's left-leaning more than right-leaning, but I kinda just hate it overall. I don't think that that's bad, necessarily.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: (interjects) I'll also do it if I, like, followed a chick to stalk her and she starts posting pictures of her and her boyfriend, like, oh, unfollow, unfollow, unfollow. (Maddox chuckles) But I don't wanna unfriend her.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause then I lose her…sphere of friends.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah. Smart.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Dick tip for you. (Sean laughs) (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Um, Dick, I think that this has…greater repercussions than just politics. I think that, um…a long time ago, I was gonna write this article, uh…with regards to music and why I didn't believe that most people actually know their musical tastes. I don't think that most people actually know what their musical tastes are, because most people used to get informed about their music choices by listening to the radio or MTV. But that totally undermines authentic, cultural trends, because the music they promote is set by the agenda of the record label, who's trying to make as much money as possible. So if the re…if the record label has an artist they really want to promote heavily.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They will pay radio stations. And it's called Payola. This is an illegal practice. They will pay radio stations to heavily play that track. And then, now they do it with, like, backdoor deals, and perks.

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, why would that be illegal? Paying for a play?

Maddox: Because it becomes monopolistic. When you have a few record labels who control all the..

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: …all the distribution, and they are…they are, uh…paying someone to…to play a record. It b…(stammers) also because the radio waves are…are…contr…are regulated by the FCC.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: They should be…ideally, for everyone. That's why they have to play public service announcements.

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: Because a certain amount of their time, they have to play for everyone. Everyone should have access to those airwaves. It's not fair for someone to just come…'cause there's a finite amount of radio airwaves.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Right? Um…and it's in radio stations' best interests to have a handful of popular songs that sell really well, because they don't have to spend as much money on marketing to promote an unknown artist, and it gives them more power to negotiate when it comes to signing artists, because they have all that money and power by creating a monopoly. So… when artists come to a re…a record label. The record label says, "Well, we own all the distribution. We own all these radio stations. We have all the power." You have no leverage to negotiate anything.

Dick: Yeaaah. Fuck you. (they laugh)

Maddox: Great. No, man. I think they're literally fabricating our tastes in music, and TV shows, and…uh, it's cr…these filter bubbles…

Dick: (interjects) But isn't that, like, what launched the whole hipster movement? Like, honestly. This idea of manufacturing taste, that's what gave birth to people just hating things that were mainstream. That's what caused…uh, going back to vinyl. That's what caused, like, "Oh I don't like…" like, that's the meme of hipster. I like something because no one else likes it. Right?

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: Surely there's…like, that's what you're describing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is they hate it, too. And that's where it all came from.

Maddox: Yeah, it could be. I mean, that's…that's a different argument. That's a cultural… we're trying to get to the genesis of a cultural movement of hipsterism. I…I don't know. That may be the case, but, uh…this filter bubble thing. Back to the filter bubble. Is…is really insidious. Because, uh…when you start to limit your worldview, and you…you basically stop growing as a person. When you stop challenging yourself. When I see a news story. One of my favorite…outlets to go to when a news story breaks is the Google News homepage. I go to the Google News homepage, because it shows all the different news outlets from allll around the country, covering the same exact story.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And you can see very clearly and obviously which ones have a political spin. A political angle. Like, I can see how Fox News is going to publish a certain headline, versus CNN or MSNBC, or Huffington Post. Huffington Post is always left-leaning.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fox News is always right-leaning. NewsMax is always right-leaning. I can see very clearly how each news outlet covers the same…the same story. And then I sometimes click on both to see if they cover all the same facts and the details. And..and uh…

Dick: (interjects) And how they present them.

Maddox: And how they present them.

Dick: Yeah, it's funny.

Maddox: It's always, like…(stammers) when Fox News reports something that's…that's not very popular with conservatives. They will post the bad news, or the dissenting opinions, in the third or fourth paragraph.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Versus, uh…versus, like, a left-leaning website. Huffington Post. It'll be right in the headline.

Dick: No, I'll give you a great example. Uh…Hillary Clinton had headlines praising her for wanting to shut down ISIS's access to the Internet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's like, "She wanted to engage Silicon Valley's top whatevers to figure out how we can use the Internet." And then, like, the very next day was, "Blustering Retard Donald Trump wants to shut down parts of the Internet by asking Bill Gates. What an Idiot."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, well wait a minute. Aren't those…(Maddox laughs) Aren't those kind of the same? Like, how are you reporting that one like that, and the other one like that?

Maddox: Yeah, but Dick, that's a bad example, 'cause in essence…

Dick: (interjects) How is that a bad example?!

Maddox: In essence, if they wanna do the same thing, fine. But the way Donald Trump said it, it was like, "I'll call up Bill Gates." Like Bill Gates has any control over the fucking Internet. Bill Gates doesn't even work in computers anymore! He's running his philanthropy firm. Donald Trump sounds like a moron when he says, "I'll call up Bill Gates." The way he phrased it…

Dick: Clearly, the headline was targeted to you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Clearly, right?!

Maddox: The way he phrased it…no. No. The…

Dick: (interjects) That's what they were trying to confirm is your suspicion that he said it stupidly.

Maddox: He…he literally said that, though.

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah, again, like…

Maddox: (interjects) Do you think the way he phrased it was smart?

Dick: Of course not.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: He…the way he speaks is to appeal to, like, a fifth grader.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: That's wh…do you think that's not an act?!

Maddox: The way he…the way he…

Dick: (interjects) The way he talks?!

Maddox: No, it's not an act. I don't think so.

Dick: Oh, my.

Maddox: He is so consistent, Dick. Like, he is…he's always BIG and NUMBER ONE. The BEST. (goofy voice)

Dick: Yeah. Well…

Maddox: Yeah. I don't think it's an act. I don't think so.

Dick: Okay. (sighs)

Maddox: You think it's an act? (surprised)

Dick: Well, how could an actor ever be president, right?

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) (laughing) Um here's the thing with, uh…(stammers) I've never seen him break that character.

Dick: Uh…well. I don't know what to tell you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's very good at it.

Maddox: Well, that's an interesting theory, Dick.

Dick: I don't wanna go off into a Trump Hole, though.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Black hole. The blackest of black holes. It's a Trump hole.

Dick: Should be the whitest, 'cause you think he's a KKK member. (Maddox laughs) The whitest of white holes. (grins)

Maddox: Oh he's got a black hole inside somewhere, buddy. Alright, anyway. That's my problem.

Dick: That's a good problem.

Maddox: Filter bubbles.

Dick: I, um…gosh. I don't know. What's the…what's the effect? How can we measure this? 'Cause there's definitely an ideological divide happening, right?

Maddox: Well, you're…yeah.

Dick: How do we…how do we fix it? What do we do?

Maddox: Well, for one, I…I try to…I try to limit the amount of…that this filter bubble could have an effect on me. So, um…YouTube is a great example. If you watch…one video on YouTube of…political in nature. That's all YouTube will recommend.

Dick: Oh, DUDE! This girl came over to my apartment and watched a stand-up. Like, a stand-up special.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Now, all I get on my YouTube suggestions are stand-up specials. And I HATE stand-up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I do NOT…I would rather do anything than watch stand-up. I'd rather watch Star Wars again then watch stand-up. But now…because of your filter bubbles…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: All I got is…look at, uh…Aziz Ansari, or whatever.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: On the stand-up.

Maddox: There you go! There you go. And then…

Dick: (interjects) So it is a big problem! I agree with you.

Maddox: Yeah! And then…and then…(stammers) like, I watched a couple of Let's Plays for this guy, who I can't stand. And that's all YouTube recommends anymore, and I watched, like, all of 'em. 'Cause I'm like, "Well that's on now, I guess I'm gonna watch it, 'cause I'm too fucking lazy to go in and clear my browser cache, or browsing history" So now…

Dick: You can't! Google owns it now. Google's got it! They got your search!

Maddox: Uh, you can. But it's really hard. Uh, what I do now, though…

Dick: (interjects) You gotta hack. You gotta hack the Google. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: What I do now when I want to watch something that…that may start suggesting other things like it…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I'll do it in an incognito browser.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Or I'll have a separate browser with a separate cookie space entirely, that I don't use for ANYTHING except for searching for things that I don't want to show up in my feed forever! I'm so tired of it!!

Dick: I try to do that with porn. I look at all the weird porn in another browser…(Maddox giggles) and then I look up decoy porn in my regular search history.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: 'Cause if anybody looks at the regular search history and they don't see any porn, they're gonna be suspicious.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: But if they see normal stuff, they'll be, like, "Okay".

Maddox: I use ad blockers as much as I can. Ad blockers, uh…limit the amount of influence. And that's the other thing, too. Is that you can get stuck buying the same brand forever, because that brand is targeting you and following you around on the Internet. If you look at a type of shoe on Zappo, uh…zappo.com. You know, the shoe website.

Dick: Mhmm. I've heard of it.

Maddox: Um, they have track, uh, tracking ads that start suggesting that type of shoe everywhere you go. So you start seeing it everywhere. (stammers) I hate being psychologically manipulated like that.

Dick: You really do. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I really do. And I found out recently…I have a friend who…who worked in retail for a long time. Uh, she was the manager for Abercrombie and some of these other companies. I found out that they have a very specific playlist of, like, 12 to 20 songs, during certain times of the year.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And they have a certain tempo that they're all going for. And they found that this is the tempo…this is the beats per minute that is most conducive to shopping. And they tweak it here and there.

Dick: Ehhh.

Maddox: They…they tweak the scents of the store. The smell of the store.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I hate the psychological warfare going on. (Dick laughs) Because I feel like we're all kind of, like, subdued slaves. Who are walking around just, like, meat with money. That they are just taking from our pockets.

Dick: We should have an…we should have an ad company. Where you start with this, and then you leave the room. (Maddox giggles) and I sell. From this point on. (grins)

Maddox: Alright, here we…

Dick: (interjects) Okay, so speaking of all that stuff, here's what we wanna do.

Maddox: Everything he said is true. Here's how we use it to manipulate. (laughs)

Dick: I, uh…I watched this. On my dad's Netflix, back when we shared the same account. I watched some sex romp comedy called, like, Sexpot DDD, 'cause I was dating this girl whose friend was in it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And it never…all…then his Netflix was ruined.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, he turned it on at home and it was like, "Oh, you like Sexpot DDD?"

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: "I bet you would like…One in the Pink."

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Like…and he's, like, "What the hell? What did you do?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I gave you…you had that login for one day and you ruined it with your sex romp comedies?"

Maddox: Yeah. That happened to me. I had a Netflix account where I was curating my list for YEARS. I was like, "I just wanna see cool horror shit, and sometimes anime, and then a bunch of sci-fi shit and documentaries." That's all I wanted to see.

Dick: That would be in the NERD category.

Maddox: Yeah, well, whatever.

Dick: Just type it in at the beginning. (Maddox cracks up) Nerd Extra Poindexter Model, please.

Maddox: And then, like, kung fu movies.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I thought, that's all I wanted to see, right?

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: So then…so this girl came over one time, uh…who I dated. And she watched… like, while I was out…I, like, ran some errands. Came home, my Netflix queue was COMPLETELY ruined!!

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: With a bunch of cute, pink bullshit. It was all pink! Everything was pink, and I'm like, "What the f…what is any of this?! What is all this bullshit?!" It was all, like, documentaries about butterflies and ponies!

Dick: It's enough to give you a headache. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? You know what else gives you a headache?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Concussions.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (laughs)

Dick: That's my problem. I think we can all agree that the future of our NFL stars are the most important problem facing the United States, right?

Maddox: Ugh. (Dick cackles)

Dick: Right!?!?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Is that crazy?!! Is it fucking crazy that anyone cares about ex-NFL players' mental health? Like, that it's, like, investigations and cover-ups, and that we're doing these studies to see what the long-term effects of concussions are on their mental well-being? It… horrible.

Maddox: Well, I…

Dick: (interjects) We don't need a study to show that! You're bashing your head against other giant men every day, all day.

Maddox: Yeah, but the NFL is denying that there's…that this effect exists.

Dick: Hah! Who cares?!

Maddox: Well, because the…

Dick: (interjects) Like, what…

Maddox: (interjects) I think you would care, because the end result of this…

Dick: (interjects) No, I don't care!

Maddox: The end result of this is pressure put on the NFL to make the game safer. And it's gonna make it less enjoyable for guys like you, who like to watch it.

Dick: Well, you know…you know what the end result is, and this is why I brought it in. 'Cause I wanted to zing this one by you. So if…if mothers think that football is not safe. They are not gonna let their little kids do it. Right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: These little kids will not get into football.

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: And will not go to high school and play football.

Maddox: okay.

Dick: Where the entire public school system worships football like it's the third coming of Christ.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?! So I think…what, go ahead.

Sean: Well, that's already happening. Lots of parents are not allowing their kids to play football for that exact reason.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm bringing in Concussions as a big problem.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: 'Cause it is a huge problem! And it happens to kids, all…lemme get the stats here. Lemme get my precious stats. I'll go straight to the youths. Per year, high school athletes sustain 300,000 head injuries. A year.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Right? 90% of which are concussions. By the…by the beginning of high school, 53% of athletes will have already suffered a concussion!

Maddox: So what are the…reper….

Dick: (interjects) 300,000!!!

Maddox: What are the repercussions? Of concussions?

Dick: Yeah. Concentration and memory complaints. Problems.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…irritability and other personality changes. Sensitivity to light. Sleep disturbances. Psychological adjustment problems and depression.

Maddox: Geez, have you had concussions, Dick?

Dick: Many. (Maddox laughs) Yeah. Have you ever been knocked out?

Maddox: Uh…once or twice.

Dick: Once or twice.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. You've had a concussion then, too, there, daddy-o.

Sean: You're talking about CTE. The end result. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: N…well, that's the end result…well, CTE is even worse.

Sean: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Lemme find these. That was…that's just for a concussion. Like, there's no clear line between, "Well, you get knocked…it's not a video game. You get knocked on the head one more time, and all of a sudden, you're a huge, raging asshole with mental problems!"

Maddox: Well, it's more…it's like…(stammers) it's something that accumulates over time, right? It's an aggregate effect where if you get a lot of concussions, then these problems start to develop.

Dick: Yeah. Then you get…

Maddox: (interjects) 'Cause everyone's had, like, one or two concussions.

Dick: Yes. I got stats on that, too. Hold on. 2.5 million people a year. Uh…are associated with traumatic brain injury, which is, like, a superset. Er, a subset of concussions.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You get a concussion, it's not necessarily…it is…I forget which one it is.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Traumatic brain injury…yeah, you got hit in the head.

Maddox: That would be a subset.

Dick: You fell over.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're trying to…trying to kill the third Death Star. You're Han Solo. You tripped, like an old man. You fell over, you hurt your head. You're a little kid, you can't walk around… you get assaulted. Somebody throws a beer bottle.

Maddox: You're shooting a pig out of a helicopter, you fall out!

Dick: Exactly.

Maddox: Concussion time.

Dick: Big problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here is the…so, you can get, um…chronic traumatic encephalopathy. That's what all the NFL guys are getting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Uh…originally called Punch Drunk Syndrome. Nobody's investigat…nobody needs to investigate that for boxing, by the way.

Maddox: They do. They have. That's why boxing regulation has, uh…they started limiting the number of rounds, 'cause boxing used to go on for, what, like, 20 rounds or something like that?

Dick: Go on for days.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, they limited it.

Sean: No, infinitely.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: In the first…yeah. They'd go 100 rounds. It was 'til somebody couldn't get up.

Maddox: Right. And so that's when…like, people…they noticed that, like, there's some serious injury going on after, like, so many rounds. Then they tried to limit it to now, what, 12 rounds?

Dick: Am I…yeah. Am I off base in thinking that…like, am I giving people too much credit when I think, "How the hell did nobody think this would affect their health?" Like, what do you want? You're getting paid millions…this is why you get the money!

Maddox: Well, the NFL has been shown to suppress, uh…suppress data that shows that their players have been suffering from traumatic brain injury, and things like that. Because the NFL knows that the next thing is regulation or pressure. Public…public pressure to, uh…to make the game safer. Which is gonna make it less interesting!

Dick: So, do you think people just don't wanna HEAR about the effects of concussions, or are they actually don't know? Do you think they actually could look at what's happening in a football game and think, "Well, who knows if there's brain damage going on. I don't know!" Could go either way on that!

Maddox: No. No. They know. It's like the tobacco industry.

Sean: I think some people don't know, uh…how far it goes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Like, CTE is a relatively new diagnosis, and the person has to be dead to diagnose it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, death is the worst diagnosis! You don't want, either. Death is way worse than CTE.

Dick: An incorrect diagnosis of death would be the worst possible diagnosis. (background laughter) Yeah. Second only to, uh…first over…right over pregnancy. That's probably the worst diagnosis of all. 33% of sports concussions happen at practice.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Stop practicing. (Maddox and background laugh)

Maddox: There you go. Great.

Dick: Let's everybody stop practicing! What, practicing is a way of cheating, isn't it?

Maddox: No.

Dick: In your worldview? I would think that…you just show up, and whatever you got on game day, that's what you are!!

Maddox: No…(laughing)

Dick: Whether you're sixth, or first, or you're the coach's kids, practicing is just another form of steroids!!

Maddox: If that's what…it all comes down to expectations! If you have the expectations that the person you're going up against isn't going to practice, then yes, practicing would be cheating. But if…everybody goes to play…(Dick giggles) football games with the expectation of having practiced.

Dick: Okay, so Rocky IV, Ivan Drago was cheating.

Maddox: Well, he was taking steroids, yeah.

Dick: But he was also practicing, and he knew Rocky didn't have a practice facility.

Maddox: Rocky was also practicing. He was running through the snow and dragging boulders.

Dick: He had to jerry-rig that stuff, though. (Maddox laughs) He had to A Team it. They put him there on purpose to screw him over.

Maddox: Yeah. That makes him smarter.

Dick: Yeah. Alright. That's…that's why it's a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah, um…

Dick: Kids are getting beat up by it, man. Kids…kids are…they can get amnesia.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the last thing we want. Amnesia?

Maddox: Well, kids can't remember shit anyway. They're dumb!

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Kids can't remember shit! I talked to a kid. He forgets what I'm saying halfway through the sentence.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Stupid kid. Their brains have been rattled too much. They need a…they need to bake a little bit more. Their head needs to get harder.

Dick: 1 in 5 high school student athletes will sustain a sports concussion during the season. 1 in 5! That's way more than are home schooled! And you thought home schooling was a big problem for child development! How about beating their heads around?

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno. One is, uh…one is…one is physical abuse and one is psychological. Home schooling…(laughs) home schooling is psyc…like, letting a kid do whatever they want and letting them think that they're the king of the castle and they can eat Froot Loops in bed and play Minecraft, uh, for four hours a day, and then deign to do a homework assignment? That's worse than a concussion!

Sean: (in background) MOM! SOUP!!!

Maddox: Shut up, Sean! (they all laugh) She brought me the soup voluntarily! That's what it was. I was just sitting down there.

Dick: God, you should run North Korea. (Maddox laughs) If that's your version of volunteering.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: You screaming at someone until they bring you soup?! (background laughter)

Maddox: Nooooo! She would…(they all laugh) I didn't scream until she brought me…(stammers) she would…she would LOVE to bring me soup! That was my mom's favorite thing. She would come down…(laughs) she would come downstairs with a big, steaming bowl…

Dick: I…what a woman.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Sean: It's also…

Dick: (interjects) She could get so much pleasure out of bringing a man soup.

Sean: It's also how he learned to spell.

Maddox: What?

Dick: How?

Sean: Alphabet soup.

Dick: ABCs? Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Alphabet soup? No, I never got alphabet soup. It was always weird soup.

Dick: Impulsive behavior, depression, or apathy. Short-term memory loss. I guess these are all symptoms of CTE. It's a big problem, Maddox. I know you're not on board, but…

Maddox: No, it's a problem. I…I…

Dick: (interjects) Hundreds of…hundreds of thousands of youths every year.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Getting their heads busted around.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, so…what's the solution? Like…seriously? Is it, uh…stop football?

Dick: I asked my…I asked my brother in law that, 'cause he played football in college. He played at UCLA and he played in high school. He was a big star in high school. Uh, he got injured towards the end of his high school career. Ended up marrying my sister.

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: You know, can't win 'em all. (Maddox laughs) (Dick guffaws) Now he's got two kids. Um, he said "Taking their helmets away", which I thought was interesting. 'Cause they get those helmets on, and the helmets make it worse, 'cause the helmets are supposed to stop your skull from getting cracked.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: But you put the helmet on, you think you're invincible. You go spearing in to other dudes, bashing your head against theirs to try to kill them, and your brain still gets all the negative effects of the collisions.

Sean: They found that in college hockey versus the NHL.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: College wears full face masks, and so they go crazy. High sticks, butt ends. Everything is coming up, all the time. In the NHL, you know that a stick is gonna…you know, it's gonna lay somebody open pretty good. And everybody just…you know. You try not to high stick!

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: So in college they don't have all the equipment, and it's safer?

Sean: They have more equipment.

Dick: They have more equipment, sorry, sorry. Reverse.

Sean: Yeah. They wear face masks. Full masks.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah…

Sean: (interjects) And so they're more careless with the sticks.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, it's counterintuitive, but I've seen this…this actually affects people who ride bicycles too, as well.

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: I…I read a study…(Dick cracks up) Oh, yeah. (background laughter) Oh, go on with your stupid horseshit football problem! Shithead!! What?!

Dick: Maddox, I'm trying to end football for you!! So other high school nerds can get their Computer Departments paid for!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Instead of it going to, uh…football stadiums!

Maddox: Dishonest. Disingenuous.

Dick: How is that disingenuous?! (incredulous)

Maddox: You're not…no…you love football!!! You (stammers) you would not forgo a football team in high school for a better computer programming class.

Dick: Oooh. That's a tough…there's a lot of assumptions in that question.

Maddox: N…no is the answer. No.

Dick: No, I don't know about that. The problem is, where are you gonna get a computer teacher who can teach these kids?

Maddox: W…well these days, anywhere. (stammers) It's way more prevalent today than it was way back in the day.

Dick: Farm it out to India.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) Anyway…

Dick: Skype 'em in. Anyway. What were you gonna say about bikes?

Maddox: Uh…cyc…cyclists, uh…there was a study awhile back. So…(goofy voice) I got this email from someone a while back. It's just…all the same, tired, bullshit arguments about cyclists, like (goofy voice) (noises) "If you guys…if you guys want to be…if you guys care about your lives so much, then why don't you always wear helmets? Unnnh." But they didn't…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they look stupid.

Maddox: Well, they did studies, and they found that people…that cyclists, counterintuitively, who don't wear helmets are way safer cyclists.

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Yes. And I know firsthand, 'cause this happened to me. I…I rarely wear a helmet. Sometimes I wear a helmet if I'm going to be riding at night on a…(stammers) in terrain that's unfamiliar to me, where I might actually fall or hit something.

Dick: Wait…do you wanna cut that part about you wearing a helmet? Are you sure you wanna leave that in the episode?

Maddox: What, why?

Dick: I'm just kidding. (Maddox scoffs, giggles)

Maddox: Fucking asshole. Um, so I…I rarely wear helmets, and one of the times that I did, I was riding through…I was riding with this, uh…with this mob. And I was riding through a parking lot. A parking garage. And we were all kind of pressing the button for the little gate to come up and come down so we could get through, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I was just careless. I didn't even look up. Didn't even care. That was one of the few times I wore a helmet, and the thing came down and bonked me on the head, really hard. And, uh…had I not been wearing the helmet, I probably would have cracked my head open. This thing hit me so hard. But if I wasn't wearing the helmet, I also probably would have been a little bit more cautious. And they found that, um…the argument is this, essentially. If you're going to wear a helmet predicated upon the risk to your health or personal injury? People who walk should be wearing helmets, because you are WAY more likely as a pedestrian to get in an injury…a life-threatening injury than a cyclist not wearing a helmet.

Dick: Oh, that's funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (giggles) I dunno. Fucking laws.

Maddox: Yeah. There should be working helmets, how about that?

Dick: There should be.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: Everyone should be wearing them.

Maddox: Everyone should be wearing hel…um, Dick…about the concussion thing in the NFL.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: One of my favorite Onion headlines of all time, I think happened, uh…last year after the Superbowl. It said, uh, the ticker tape confetti that they were raining down after the Superbowl victory was…made completely of shredded concussion studies.

Dick: Oh…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Concussion studies? (grins)

Maddox: Concussion studies, yeah.

Dick: I don't…I'm just shocked. Ever since this controversy started, I'm shocked that it gets any attention at all.

Maddox: What, the concussion?

Dick: It's like how the hell did anyone not know this? (giggles)

Maddox: Well, I mean people know, but now it's becoming…it's coming to the forefront. People are talking about it more.

Dick: I guess so.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it's gonna make a…it's gonna make the NFL safer. And less interesting to watch. So…

Dick: Well, that's my problem. Concussions.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 4…wait a minute…5.3 million Americans live with traumatic brain injury-related disabilities.

Maddox: Yeah, but…

Dick: (interjects) That's a lot.

Maddox: …how many of those are due to concussions?

Dick: 100%.

Maddox: (scoffs, laughs) There you go. 100%.

Dick: That's what it says.

Maddox: That's not what it says.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, yeah, Dick. I think it's a real big problem.

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: To people. I mean, if it makes the NFL any less interesting to watch, nobody would watch it. 'Cause already, it's so fucking boring. So…that's a huge problem.

Dick: Well…(sighs) Okay. (Maddox laughs) What do you got?

Maddox: (sighs) My last problem, Dick, is Envy!

Dick: Envy.

Maddox: Envy, yeah. And jealousy. Originally, I brought it in as jealousy. I was gonna bring jealousy in as my problem.

Dick: Those are two very different things.

Maddox: Yeah, they were, and, um…most people, including myself, uh…got them conflated. Uh, as the same…as the same problem. But when I looked into it, envy…envy is…well, it's a toxic emotion. It's distinctly different from jealousy. And envy is what occurs when you desire something that someone else has, but you lack it. And jealousy occurs when something you already possess is threatened by a third person. So that's the…that's the distinction.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is fr…according to Psychology Today. Uh, they said, **"Envy is a two-person situation, whereas jealousy is a three-person situation. Envy is a reaction to lacking something. Jealousy is a reaction to the threat of losing something."** So essentially what I just said. So, yeah. That's a…that's a distinction. However, they are related, and that's why I kind of, uh…lumped them in as the same problem. Or, uh…yeah, I brought them in together, rather.

Dick: Wait, is it…are they together?

Maddox: Jealousy and envy, yeah.

Dick: You're bringing in what, slash? Jealousy/envy?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhhhh, man. (disappointed) What a vote grab!

Maddox: Well. Then don't vote for it. I don't give a shit. (Sean laughs) Envy was one of the original deadly sins in Christianity. The…uh, I looked into this, like, where the concept of envy came from. Uh, the concept comes from the fourth century monk Evagrius Ponticus, who listed the eight evil thoughts in Greek. The fifth one was translated as sadness, so originally when they didn't have a word for envy, they just called it sadness. In a group of ancient texts called the Philokalia. It's a…it's an old set of texts that were written as guidelines and instructions for monks who wanted to practice a contemplative life.

Dick: Sadness.

Maddox: Yeah. The term…the term translates to "sadness at another's good fortune".

Sean: Mmm.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a good feeling.

Maddox: Sadness…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, at another's GOOD fortune.

Maddox: At another's good…yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: So, the opposite of schadenfreude.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Yeah. So you…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I probably experience that a couple times a day.

Maddox: Sadness at another person's good fortune?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I feel…I…I don't feel sadness. I feel annoyed sometimes, when someone's too happy around me.

Dick: Like, when someone posts on Facebook that they..

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: …just got married, or they bought a…got a car, or any kind of good news.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm like "Ah, fuck you."

Maddox: No, it's…there's one person. Uh, you know, I said I don't like to really hide or unfollow too many people on Facebook.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh, it's very rare when I do, but, um…one person I did was this girl I met a long time ago. Who I was gonna go out on a date with. Uh, we, like, hung out once. Didn't happen. Whatever. So then I saw her Facebook status updates. Every fucking day, "I'm so blessed." Blessed, blessed, blessed.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Oh, my friends are the best. My life is the best. I'm so fortunate. I'm so happy. Bla, bla. Just…(stammers) to the point where it almost sounded like she was trying to convince herself.

Dick: Mmm, sure.

Maddox: And I had to see this shit in my Facebook feed?! Fuck you! I hid her! I hid her forever. I haven't seen…I haven't heard from her. I don't even remember her first name. Started with an 'L'. Anyway, um…(laughs) Yeah. Uh, that shit ANNOYS me so much. When someone's a little too happy. Shut the fuck up.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is from the book by Bertrand Russell. He wrote a book called The Conquest of Happiness. He wrote about envy. He says "Envy is one of the most potent causes of unhappiness." And, I…I think I agree with this. He says **, "Envy is one of the most universal and deep-seated of human passions. It's very noticeable in children before they're a year old."** They found that even children, so…social psychologists have..have, uh…there's a big debate on whether or not envy is a cultural phenomenon or whether it's…biological.

Dick: What?! There's a debate on that?!

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: How the fuck is that possible?!

Maddox: Well, there's a huge debate on it. What do you mean, how is it possible?

Dick: (stammers) They…it's…that's not just built in? You don't just, as a human, look at something, you're like "Ahh, I really want that. Fuck you."

Maddox: Well, because certain cultures…

Dick: I'm gonna take that thing.

Maddox: No. There's…there's certain cultures. Uh, they found the prevalence of envy and jealous is WAY less than in others. There's this video where Jimmy Kimmel does this prank every year. Where he has parents pretend like they ate all the kids' candy, and then, you know, record the kids' reactions.

Dick: Oh, yeah, it's funny.

Maddox: Yeah. And…and the reactions are all over the map. Some of 'em are super angry. Some of 'em are aggressive and hostile.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Some of 'em are just sad. And then some of 'em kind of have, like, this really weird, warm compassion, saying, "It's okay." (Dick laughs) And they immediately…they immediately forgive their parents.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That, like…you know. That, like, sweetness and tenderness versus the anger and hostility.

Dick: Which would you be?

Maddox: Um, if you want to…

Dick: Which one would you be?

Maddox: Uh…(stammers) I'd probably be sad.

Dick: If they ate your candy.

Maddox: If I was gonna be honest, I'd probably be sad. I'd…and you know, I'd be sad, and also, I'd…(stammers) I'd just, uh…draw another line in the wall, yeah, there's another one. Of course. Of course you ate my candy.

Dick: Oh, so you'd be…

Maddox: Defeatist.

Dick: Aggressive in, like, a manipulative way. Like, here's all the fuckups…(Maddox laughs) eating my candy, there's one!! There's one.

Maddox: No, it's not manipulative!

Sean: One day I'm gonna start a podcast! (they laugh)

Dick: I'm gonna talk about this time.

Sean: Gonna air the grievances. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: No, it's…it's more like, "I saw it coming. Of course." You know, like a…

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Like, yeah.

Dick: You're disappointed.

Maddox: Disappointed. That's what I would be. Very disappointed. Heavy handedly disappointed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, man.. yeah. There's a lot of debate about this.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: The very slightest appearance of favoring one child at the expense of another is instantly observed and resented in children.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: This is, uh…from the book. It says, **"Distributive justice, absolute, rigid, and unvarying, must be observed by anyone who has children to deal with. But children are only slightly more open to the expressions of envy and of jealousy, which is a special form of envy, than are grown-up people. The emotion is just as prevalent among adults as among children."** So the perception of justice that is doled out unevenly.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Creates envy and jealousy.

Dick: Lemme shorten that for ya. Uh…who's heard this? "Why did you like that bitch's status on Facebook? Nyahnyahnyahnyah." (Maddox laughs) (sighs) Uhhh, fuck you.

Maddox: Uh, this is from "psych.psu.edu". There's a publication…uh, it's, uh…sex differences and jealousy in couple relationships. And, uh…this…this talks about jealousy specifically. Yeah.

Dick: Oooh. Who wins?

Maddox: Well, uh… **"…evolutionary psychologists have distinguished between two kinds of jealousy, sexual and emotional. Sexual jealousy is evoked by the perceived threat concerning a partner's sexual infidelity, whereas emotional jealousy arises from the perceived threat of a partner's emotional infidelity. Sexual jealousy is reportedly more common in men than in women, and across a wide variety of cultures, men are more likely than women to divorce partners who are sexually unfaithful, and even to batter and kill such partners."** That's why it's a big problem.

Dick: Men are more willing to do that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: In other words…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I would think that.

Sean: D'uh.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox giggles) Seems pretty obvious.

Maddox: Well, yeah, but it's a big problem. Like, that…that in itself is a big problem. And men are way more likely…

Dick: Wait, which part?

Maddox: Well, the se…

Dick: (interjects) The jealousy, or the…

Maddox: The battery and killing. (giggles) That's a big problem.

Dick: What about the cheating?!

Maddox: Well, the cheating's a problem, of course, but…(stammers) on the scale of things, if someone cheats on you, you don't…you're not justified in killing them!

Dick: Oh, that's a good point.

Maddox: (scoffs) Thank you.

Dick: Well, you know. There's probably a debate about that, too.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Thank you..no!! (background laughter) So, the reason there is a debate on whether or not it's biological or it's cultural…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Is because the argument that, uh…that biologists have made…uh, like, anthropologists and people of that nature, is that…there is a reproductive advantage to men who are jealous sexually of their women. Like, sexual infidelity? Whereas women… they argue…have a biological imperative to be jealous of men who are emotionally unfaithful.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Because if their…if men are emotionally unfaithful, they're going to be less likely to provide for the women.

Dick: Presents.

Maddox: That's the argument that they make.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So anyway. That's why there's that debate. Uh, "Envy is often a sign of narcissistic personality disorder." Did you know this?

Dick: Nope.

Maddox: Yeah. This is interesting. Uh, this is from Wikipedia, on envy. It says, **"Individuals with narcissistic personality disorder are often envious of others or believe that others are envious of them. A narcissist may secure a sense of superiority in the face of another person's ability to use contempt to minimize the other person."**

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Yeah. (stammers) It's kind of a way that narcissists kind of, uh…look at another person and write them off, and minimize them. By being envious of them.

Dick: Have you ever been envious of anything?

Maddox: Uh, yeah, I have.

Dick: Like, if anyone had, like, beautiful hair.

Maddox: No!

Dick: And you're like, "Ah, fuck that guy and his hair." (background laughter)

Maddox: No, dickhead. (Dick giggles) Um, in Hinduism, envy is considered a disastrous emotion. This is a real big one in Hinduism. Hinduism maintains that anything which causes the mind to lose balance with itself leads to misery. Uh, and a lot of the…a lot of that stems from desire. Like, want is sadness.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who…(stammers) that's a Dalai Lama quote, isn't it?

Dick: Specifically? That's, like, the oldest Buddhist thing ever.

Maddox: It's paraphrased.

Dick: That desire is…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: …the root of pain.

Maddox: Desire is the root of sadness.

Dick: Siddhartha?

Maddox: Yeah. Envy leads to anger, which leads to aggression. This is a huge…

Dick: (interjects) Can you do that in a Yoda voice?

Maddox: This is why it's a huge problem. Wha? (giggles)

Dick: (Yoda imitation) Envy…anger to leads. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Well, uh…

Dick: Fuck Yoda, though.

Maddox: Yeah. You're such a hater! Star Wars hater. Anyway, um. This is, uh…this goes back. I…I just have this quote from, uh…William Shakespeare. Um, I think he was a writer. (giggles) From Julius Caesar. He says, uh…this is a quote from ,uh, yeah. Julius Caesar. It says,

"Why, man, he doth bestride the narrow world

Like a Colossus, and we petty men

Walk under his huge legs and peep about

To find ourselves dishonorable graves."

Dick: Mmmm.

Maddox: That was a statement about the jealousy. And that led…in the story, to a murder. This always…like, the…the final outcome from all these stories in antiquity and literature is murder. When…when people become envious of others.

Dick: Yeah, sure. Isn't it…isn't there a good side of envy? Like, if you're seeing a guy playing guitar and getting all this attention, and you're like, "Fuck, I want that. I'm gonna go do what this guy's doing."

Maddox: It could be.

Dick: Or, like, Maddox gets all this attention from chicks. I'm gonna go buy one of his shirts, so I can be more like him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And get some attention.

Maddox: It could be, if you have a healthy approach towards that. Like, if you…if you envy somebody's stature. And you try to become more like them, without trying to also destroy them, then that's a healthy way about it.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: If you are inspired, then, that's not called envy, that's called inspiration.

Dick: Well, you gotta destroy 'em. There can only be one.

Maddox: No. (laughs) (background laughter) No, dickhead.

Dick: Yeah. What are you supposed to…how are you supposed to know you became them, unless you destroy them?

Maddox: No…(giggles) You're not supposed to…

Dick: (interjects) That doesn't make any sense. What you're saying logically doesn't make any sense.

Maddox: You're not supposed to. You can coexist. I…I've actually dealt with this with a lot of fans over the years. So, um…

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like…like Misery level?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Kathy Bates? Really?!

Maddox: Oh, for sure. Yeah. For sure. There's been some REALLY creepy shit…

Dick: What happened?

Maddox: …that's happened to me in the past, which I won't even go into right now.

Dick: OHHHHHHHHHH! Come ONNNNNNN!!! (disappointed) That's fascinating!

Maddox: Nooo. The episode's gone way too long, but uh…

Dick: Ahhhhhh!!! (growls)

Maddox: I'll hint at it. I'll talk about it some other time. But, uh…yeah. Some fans who've been trying to bite my style for years.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: They're…they're basically….there are basically two kinds. There's ones who are trying to BE me.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And they are doing it in a really fucked up, wrong way. Like, they don't understand what I'm about, so they…do it in the way that they think, which is WAY off base.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Um, and they…if they don't get the same success that I do? They resent ME for it.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And then there's the type that tries to do what I do, doesn't quite get it, but then they discover their own voice, and they start their own career, and I've gotten so many emails from writers over the years, who've said, "Hey man, you inspired me to become a writer. I tried to be like you back in the day, and I…I did essentially what you just said, which is…"

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. Inspiration and envy. Two sides of the same coin, I think. A little bit.

Maddox: Uh…could be. But you could also be inspired by nature, which you don't envy. Although I do have contempt for.

Dick: I do envy nature. Sitting there all day with no conc…no cares in the world.

Maddox: Yeah? With the assholes buzzing about in helicopters trying to kill the pigs?

Dick: Yeah. Mhmm. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Anyway. That's my problem, man.

Dick: Alright. I do wanna hear what you were envious of. Was it a computer?

Maddox: No, um…most of the envy I've experienced was…was when I was younger. Uh, when I was younger, and I saw…you know. I grew up in a lower middle income household, so I didn't have a lot of things. And so, when I grew up seeing a lot of the kids around me being way more affluent and having a lot more than I did, part of me became envious of that.

Dick: Hmm!

Maddox: But I didn't want to destroy it. I want…(stammers) I think more…more along what you said. At the time, I wanted to have that as well, and I aspired to have it. Uh, and then

over the course of my life, that's changed. My priorities and goals have changed, so…uh, right now all I really live for is experiences. I don't care about things that much.

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: But anyway, man. That's my problem.

Dick: How about jealousy? Jealous…jealous guy with girls?

Maddox: Rarely. In fact…

Dick: Rarely?

Maddox: …it was a point of contention with, uh…one of my relationships, where…

Dick: (interjects) You were jealous, or she was jealous?

Maddox: No, no. Uh, neither. Well, she was jealous for sure.

Dick: Oh, nobody was jealous.

Maddox: She was…

Sean: She wanted you to be jealous.

Maddox: She wanted me to be jealous, Sean!!

Dick: YEAH! Isn't that CRAZY?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I was…I RARELY ever get jealous, and she…it upset her. And she actually confessed to me one night. She said, "Hey, um…it really bothers me that you're not jealous."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "When other guys flirt with me, or whatever." And I was like, "Yeah, well, I dunno. I just am. I'm real secure."

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: So. Yeah, uh…that's…that's…

Dick: (interjects) It's them. It's their fault. If you're jealous or not. They bring it outta you. Some girls really…really work it outta you.

Maddox: No. (giggles)

Dick: And others don't.

Maddox: No. If they're…trying, of course, anyone could do it.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: If they're TRYING. Uh, but then they're just shitty people, trying to upset someone. But anyway…uh, so my problems this week..

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: …were the Filter Bubble and Jealousy/Envy.

Dick: My problems are Spending Too Much on Christmas Presents…and Concussions. See you next Tuesday.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Dick, what happened to you, man? You used to be cool. (Maddox and Sean laughs) **I have this retard cousin who's home schooled.** (Dick and Maddox laugh) **And she can't even fathom that I'm not religious because that's all that she has ever seen in her life."**

Dick: Yeah, that sucks.

Maddox: Yeah.

"All that she does is go…learn from a bunch of other Christian fucks."

Dick: Yeah.

"And all these teachers that God is everything."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like Isaac Newton.

"And then she asks me about public school. I told her that they don't teach the Bible. She was shocked! I then asked her if she was aware that I'm not religious…"

(Dick guffaws)

"And the idea of someone not being religious wasn't even something that she could comprehend. How can you defend an institute…"

(Maddox and Dick giggle)

"That fucking produces such goddamn morons?!" (Dick and Maddox crack up)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

"I thought your book was real good."

Dick: Aw, thanks.

"But now I'm not too sure about you."

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick and Sean laugh)

"Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Maddox: Yeah, Dick.

Dick: Wait, which is the system that produces the morons?

Maddox: (stammers) Home schools.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was confused.

(they talk over each other, inaudible)

Dick: How could I…(laughing)

Maddox: Dick, of all people, is confused about the institute that produces morons. Uh, Dick, you know who else home schools?

Dick: I mean, the Bible has as good of stories as, like, the stories they make you read.

Maddox: Oh, great.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: Where the Red Fern Grows?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like that's any better than, like, Samson and, uh…whatever.

Maddox: Comparable.

Dick: The giant was?

Maddox: Very comparable. Yeah. We should all read the Bible in schools.

Dick: Or David and Goliath.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a good story.

Maddox: (goofy voice) Oh, okay.

Dick: That's as good as, like, uh…Call of The Wild.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, why do I have to read Call of the Wild? Like that's better than, you know, Jesus teaching all the things you teach? That's it, they're horning in on your game here.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: With your tolerance and whatever else.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You were saying on the bonus episode.

Maddox: You know who else home schools, Dick? ISIS.

Dick: Do they?

Maddox: Mhmm. Yeah, man. That's all they're reading is the Quran all fucking day! They're not being taught critical thinking!

Dick: You know what?

Maddox: They're sure as shit not being taught about our values and our ways of life! Or liberty or democracy or any Western philosophies or principles that…that prevent terrorism! Yeah. ISIS is also being home schooled.

Dick: And they're achieving their goals.

Maddox: No, they're not.

Dick: Well, that's…

Maddox: If their goals are to get SCUD missiles shoved up their asses, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) That probably is one of their goals.

Maddox: Okay! (Dick laughs) Bunch of pussies.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Nothing good but grades come from home schooling. If you wanna turn your daughter into a whore…"

(they both laugh)

"Or your son into a killer."

Maddox: Yep.

"Home school that motherfucker."

Maddox: That's a fact.

"'Cause that's what you'll get. Nothing's weirder than home schooling."

(Dick cackles)

Maddox: That's the fucking truth.

"It's like being locked in a closet. (long pause) It's just like being locked in a closet. That's the end of that fucking statement."

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

"Vote it up, bitch!!!")

Maddox: Yeah, thank you, weird Matthew McConaughey.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: What time did that one come in?

Dick: Oh, I didn't mark that one down.

Sean: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah, man. Uh, weird Matthew McConaughey is against you on the home schooling.

Dick: There's a lot of votes here…uh, voice mails. I just wanna compile them and put them up somewhere. There's too many to play.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) I thought it was really interesting last time, Dick, that you…you asked for…evidence that home schoolers are weird.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And not socialized properly. Are you seriously asking for evidence that…

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: …someone who has no experience being socialized in social situations is not gonna be good at it? Well, there's the evidence.

Dick: No, I would like a guy who tells stand-up comedy while he's dressed as the Green Lantern and a guy who makes all of his Halloween costumes to please explain to me what is a weirdo. (background giggle) That's what I would like.

Maddox: What are you talking about?

Dick: I would like two comedians to tell me what well-adjusted even means.

Maddox: What does that have to do with anything?

Dick: That you guys are saying home schooled kids are weird.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: You're WEIRD AS FUCK! BOTH OF YOU ARE WEIRD! (background laughter)

Maddox: Well, yeah, sure. But, uh…in different ways. I'm talking about, like, in social situations. I know not to do certain things in social…I'm not gonna show up to my first day of school with duct tape and a pink backpack and dressed as Sonic the Hedgehog.

Dick: What's wrong with that!? (giggles) (Maddox cracks) He doesn't wear the right clothes for you!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Ehhh, Dick…(giggles)

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(Biggest Solution theme riff starts)

Today's show is brought to you by our OWN bonus episode.

"Dick: And that was the bet. That if you were wrong in that, you would have to read an apology written by me.

Dick: I have in my hand…hot off the keys. Probably the only apology that you might ever say.

Maddox: Fuck it. I'll read it now. I just want to get this shit over with!!"

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"Maddox: You let a dog outside, it's gone forever.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ooooooooh. Okayyyyyyy. Rrrrrrrrrrr?! (goofy voice) I'm gonna go run under a tire now!"

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"Maddox: Jews.

Dick: No!

Maddox: Jews invented sandwiches.

Dick: That's what they want you to think. (Maddox laughs)"

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"Dick: I know I'm right! I don't need a computer to tell me I'm right about sandwiches!!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's my passion in life, is sandwiches! I eat two every day to help keep me strong!

Maddox: O…okay, Dick."

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"Dick: We're having another fucking box argument! (Maddox laughs) A sandwich…

Maddox: You don't know what…do you know what is a sandwich?!

Dick: A sandwich has to have two pieces of bread!

Maddox: No, it doesn't.

Dick: Yes it does!

Maddox: What about a club sandwich!? Three …three pieces of bread, dickhead!!"

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"Maddox: Chicks in Athens don't like to wear pants.

Dick: Wh…why?

Maddox: I saw more…more beaver in Athens than I've seen in Colorado."

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"Dick: So would you credit your Sonic successes? Would you credit math to your Sonic renders?

Maddox: Oh, 100%, yeah.

Dick: Oh, that's good to know.

Maddox: That's why you should learn math.

Dick: Vote it…up. (they crack up)"

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"Dick: Do you…do you not wear underwear?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: I went through a …okay. (laughs) (Maddox cracks up) I'm sure every…you don't need to be coy! Everyone's not…biting their lip, waiting to see if Maddox ACTUALLY wears underwear or not!"

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Financial Ruts to Deez Nuts! (Dick and Sean laugh) With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer…

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back, guys.

Dick: That's a good one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, wow! We have…made HISTORY in the bonus episode for this week! Maddox read not only one, but TWO apologies.

Maddox: Two apologies. Two apologies, that's right. Uh…one of 'em was totally HORSESHIT!

Dick: Yours.

Maddox: Written by…written by, D…no! One of 'em was written by a New York Times bestselling author.

Dick: Mhmm. (giggles) 'Kay.

Maddox: A very handsome man, of great stature! Big penis!

Dick: That was the other one.

Maddox: Doesn't wear pants, or panties! (Dick laughs)

Dick: I don't know why you would specify 'doesn't wear panties'. (grins)

Maddox: Some people wear panties. (Dick and Sean laugh) Not…not me.

Dick: Chicks! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, chicks wear…chicks wear panties. (laughs)

Dick: And little girls.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No one was thinking that.

Maddox: No types of pants. No types of pants being worn!

Dick: Or panties. (guffaws)

Maddox: Or panties.

Dick: (cracks up) Okay.

Maddox: One of 'em just a real great guy…and the other one…

Dick: (interjects) Also doesn't wear panties. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: We don't know! We don't know.

Dick: Nobody…(laughing) Let's go through who's on the show who doesn't…does not wear panties! (grins) Randy, you got some panties on today!? Why are we talking about wearing panties?!

Maddox: We have our manager Candy Randy in studio.

Dick: Handy Randy!

Maddox: Handy Randy.

Dick: Handy Randy. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Handy Randy. (laughing) Yeah, Handy Randy, that's good.

Dick: Sean, you got panties on over there?!

Maddox: We don't know.

Dick: Is that some kind of audio engineering trick?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Ohh, okay. (Dick and Maddox laugh) That makes sense.

Maddox: Yeah. He…seems like a silk panty kinda guy. (Dick scoffs, giggles) Yeah, so, anyway…two apologies were read because of the apple fiasco last episode…you know, we don't want to give away any spoilers. We don't know…

Dick: I think it's…I think we've passed…yeah. We don't wanna spoil our bonus episode…

Maddox: No.

Dick: Of who won the apple debate, but we will spoil the fuck out of Star Wars.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (they laugh) Right? There's too much at stake with the bonus episode.

Dick: (guffaws) Yeah. That's our 2 dollars!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Your enjoyment of Star Wars, fuck it. I got a lot of hate about Star Wars, too, by the way.

Maddox: Okay. Well, we'll get…

Dick: (interjects) A lot on both sides. A lot on both sides. A lot of people agreed with me.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Good. Well, we'll get to that in just a second, but, uh…first we gotta get to the biggest problem in the universe from last week!

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Was Filter Bubbles!!!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah! That's a gr…that's a BIG problem, man. Trumped everything else. And then, followed by Concussions.

Dick: Yeah? Alright.

Maddox: And then Envy and Jealousy. And then Spending Too Much on Christmas Gifts. Everything in the positive territory, but dead last was Spending Too Much on Christmas Gifts.

Dick: Well, that's alright. Envy and Jealousy…I do…I wish you would have split those up, though. Envy and jealousy.

Maddox: Envy and jealousy?

Dick: And I'll tell you why. 'Cause I would like all the sins to be brought in at some point.

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Dick: You know, gluttony. Uh…

Maddox: (interjects) The Seven Deadly Sins?

Dick: Yeah. The ones that make you go to Hell. Gluttony, Sloth…what's…what's..Greed. What's the other one? I'm sure there's another one. Is there?

Maddox: There's…there's, like…

Dick: Maybe there's just six.

Maddox: There's gotta be one…

Sean: Rage.

Dick: Rage?

Maddox: Rage?

Dick: Oho. That's a…(angry) that's a SIN!!!? (they laugh) WHAT?!

Maddox: Yeah. The um…

Dick: (interjects) God does that all the time.

Maddox: When I started doing research about envy, I saw so many different articles talking about jealousy and..and a lot of this comes from the seven deadly sins and ancient texts, uh…like, uh, texts that monks used as guidelines for their lives.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they talked about envy and jealousy in kind of, like, the same type of, uh… same…they're…they're related. They're related problems. That's why I brought them in together.

Sean: Oh, sorry. It's…it's…

Dick: (interjects) They're so different, though.

Sean: It's Wrath, I believe, actually.

Dick: Oh, Wrath.

Maddox: Wrath.

Dick: That's totally different than rage.

Maddox: Wrath is fun, though.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Well, so…okay, Dick. We got a…a shit ton of voice mail about Star Wars. Let's see the…hear these nerds bitch.

Dick: Ohoho. Okay.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Uhh…yeah. Hey, Dick. Um, the reason Rey, in the film, actually knew how to use a lightsaber…"

Dick: The film.

"Was because she was trained…"

Dick: The film, you guys.

"…that's why when she touches the lightsaber, there's flashbacks to the massacre… (Maddox groans) **that Kylo Ren committed…"**

Dick: Right?!

"…at the academy. Uh…"

Dick: What?!

"…it definitely wasn't her first time…it was her first time using it in the wild, but um…"

(Maddox makes 'unh, unh' grunts)

"…repeatedly throughout the movie, you saw Han Solo pick up, for the first time, Chewie's bowcaster…"

Maddox: Ugh. (Dick laughs)

"…and he would reference how powerful it was."

Maddox: Shut up.

"…uh, this was actually…"

Dick: Yeah, like six times.

"…a reference to when he…when Chewie actually shot Kylo Ren…"

Maddox: Ugh.

"…it was supposed to, uh…imply that it was a serious injury."

Maddox: This is like nails on a chalkboard to me.

"…also, when, um…"

Dick: Yeah, but Han Solo, like, shot a medicine ball-sized hole in Greedo.

"…Finn, the stormtrooper was fighting Kylo Ren before Rey was in the forest, he also hit him…I think it was twice, in the shoulder. With the saber. So Kylo was…"

Maddox: Sequel apologists. (Dick laughs)

"…not only extremely, extremely wounded, but…the fight was pretty one-sided. I mean, she wasn't kicking his ass or anything. She was backing away slowly, blocking his advances. And he was advancing quickly."

Maddox: Was he hitting on her? (laughs)

"…so, I mean, you may have just been blinded by your usual rage, but…"

Maddox: Hey, gurl.

Dick: Maybe I was blinded by my rage.

"…it's…some points were pretty easy to skip over, but still. Go fuck yourself.")

Dick: If…if you think The Force Awakens was good, that's your side. That guy's on your side.

Maddox: No!

Dick: It wasn't good.

Maddox: Guys, I…I thought the movie was just okay. Six out of ten. And this shit annoys the shit out of me. Shut up! No one cares. I saw this huge fucking article defending Star Wars and how the character's not a Mary Sue, or whatever. B…from this nerd. Saying that, uh…Chewie's lightsaber…er…laser beam crossbow, fucking bullshit.

Dick: Mhmm. Crossbow, yeah. Mhmm.

Maddox: Yeah. It was so powerful.

Dick: So powerful.

Maddox: And he went…he went on for two paragraphs describing how powerful this crossbow was.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: I'll tell you why! As justification for why Rey was able to beat Kylo Ren, because "Oh, he got hit by, essentially, a laser torpedo!" (goofy voice)

Dick: But then…so the justification is that the bad guy was very weak?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like…then why…

Maddox: He was injured.

Dick: Then why am I…then why am I afraid of this at all?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, why take a bad guy and just…like it was, like, in…remember that Rocky remake when Rocky was so old that he fought that young…that new, young, up-and-coming guy..in, like, the Rocky…like, I dunno. What is it, 6?

Maddox: Like, 5 or 6. Yeah.

Dick: 5? Yeah. When the guy breaks his hand, like, coming out in the first round. So it's an old-ass 60-year-old Rocky fighting basically a one-armed guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, what kind of perverse movie am I watching here?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: An old man fighting a cripple? That…why don't you just…why don't you show me that movie!? Rocky comes out of retirement to fight a trash-talking man with one arm! Which is basically what that fight was.

Maddox: Yeah, what's the…what's that trope called? Is it Deus Ex Machina? Where… where, uh…they have the…the contrived…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, it's not…yeah.

Maddox: No. You know what I'm talking about? Like, the contrived plot element? Like, "oh, well now you can solve this problem because the bad guy's weakened."

Dick: I don't know. Here…here's another guy, uh…who's commenting on me not liking Star Wars.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Uhhh…Dick, go fuck yourself.")

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: I think. I assume that's what he was talking about.

Maddox: Could just be in general.

Dick: Alright. We…is that enough about Star Wars?

Maddox: Ah, yeah. Please. Um…

Dick: I don't care about it anymore.

Maddox: So, Dick. I have a lot of packages. Uh…

Dick: Well, I've got more voice mails if you wanna hear those first.

Maddox: Okay. Let's get..let's get to the voice mails, then we'll get to the packages.

Dick: Okay. Here's one…you remember that prank email we got about the cancer?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: From last week? Well…

Maddox: Last week.

Dick: A couple more pranksters called in.

Maddox: Let's hear these pranksters.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, uh…my name is Wendy. This is how I talk. (Maddox giggles) **I just wanted to share with you a very true story…"**

Dick: It's not even famous.

"…about, uh…10 years ago, I was diagnosed with butt cancer. (Dick snickers) **That's, uh…cancer of the butt."**

Dick: Uh-huh.

"And, uh…wasn't doing too good."

Maddox: Asshole!

"Uh…recently, I started listening to your podcast, and uh…my doctors say that my butt cancer… (Maddox sighs) **that's cancer of the butt, of course…"**

Maddox: This guy's just an asshole!

"…is in remission, so…"

Dick: Yeah. More jokes!

"…you know. Your podcast, uh…cured my cancer. Uh…that's a true story."

Dick: Oh.

"…just wanted to share that with you."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Great. This guy…

"And, uh…hey, Dick. (long pause) Go…(cuts off)")

Dick: Oh, cancer got him! (Maddox laughs) Cancer caught up with him, finally!!

Sean: Fuck that guy!

Maddox: Yeah. What an asshole.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's shitting all over a sincere…I thought that email was sincere last week.

Dick: Ohohoh!! Sucker born every minute! (laughing)

Sean: It was.

Maddox: We had an email. And then this guy just making a mockery of our sincere fan's gesture of saying that she found reprieve in this show while she was going through, uh… cancer therapy.

Dick: Well…

Sean: And he used cancer. He didn't draw a parallel with anything else.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Okay, here's one that I think is…

Maddox: (interjects) Not clever.

Dick: …actually real.

Maddox: Okay.

(Voice mail: male voice, sounds kind of like foreign Julia Child…"Hello?! Is this the Maddox, Dicks Masterson show?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. (trying not to laugh)

"I just wanted to know that…um…I know you guys get a lot of silly pranks on the show. (someone snorts) **But I just wanted to call and thank you guys, 'cause, like, a year ago…when I started listening to the show…I got diagnosed with cancer in my dick…and the doctor said I couldn't jerk off anymore…** (Dick and Maddox laugh) **and he said he might have to chop my dick off."**

Maddox: Idiot!

"But after listening to your show…and laughing, and crying, and jerking off… (Maddox laughs) **all my cancer in my cock went into remission."**

Dick: Oh, good! (grins) (Maddox laughing)

"So um…I just wanted to thank you guys again for talking about things…"

Maddox: Fucking dickhead!

"And to let you know…(breaks down) how you helped so many people in the world get cancer…"

Dick: Yeah. He's crying! He's overcome…(Maddox laughs)

"So I hope you guys have a ni…(chokes up) a nice day."

Dick: Ugh, man.

"And a happy New Year to the show and stuff."

Dick: Ugh, painful listening to a man cry.

"And thank you Maddox…and thank you Dicks Masters…and thank you Sean… (they giggle) **and thank you Mysterious Cocoa Balls…**(giggling) **Okay…I think that's about it."**

Dick: I think the meds are…getting to him at the end here.

"Bye!")

Maddox: What a stupid bitch.

Dick: It's beautiful.

Maddox: Listen! If you were going to make a graph and, uh, like, make an Excel spreadsheet in your life, with all the things that you **Dick:**, and then a little…a time amount, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: A time column.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Some…non-zero amount for that guy is going to be "called into a podcast to tell them about my dick cancer going into remission."

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) Lemme…I'll tell you exactly what the non-zero amount is…uh, a minute and seven seconds. That's how long.

Maddox: So one minute and seven seconds of his life was spent calling in a podcast to talk about his imaginary dick cancer. What a fucking idiot!

Dick: One more imaginary cancer! (Maddox laughs) **Nathan Jones. "I'm so glad you can see right through these chumps who want you to read their shortness of breath cancer stories. That gimmick occurred to me and I almost tried it. I was gonna make**

up some story about how the chemo drugs required six days of hospitalization. In my case, my treatment started Sunday, meaning your show dropped midway through the stay. For me, it was something to look forward to when you have been stuck in the same room for three days." That's illegal. Probably didn't happen. **"Though I was motivated enough to make this fake Oncology report with the names of oncologists."** He made a…he went all the way through making a fake Oncology report with doctors you could look up with fabricated backgrounds.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, WHY?!

Dick: "That or I…and I even found a picture with a pelvis removed to match up with the Oncology report." Here's the picture of his cancerous pelvis. Get it? It's an x-ray of a penis. Right?

Maddox: I…I don't see…

Dick: Hilarious guy.

Maddox: …any penis in there. Where's the penis?

Dick: Well, it's x-rayed. You have to use your imagination.

Maddox: Is that what it is?

Dick: That's why it's a prank! Yeah. It's a third…it's like a third beat of a prank, here.

Maddox: But it…it looks like I see some tumors there, guy. You might want to actually get this checked. This is not him, actually, right?

Dick: No, well, this is all this big fake cancer thing he was saying that he was gonna do by making up fake Oncology reports and being in the hospital for six days.

Maddox: But then he did. It's like, "Hey…hey guys, uh…I was gonna shave my head as a prank, uh, and then I shaved my head." And it's like, "Well, so you did it."

Dick: Well, he says he got cancer around the same time as the Biggest Problem came out, so.

Maddox: Is this real?! I don't even know what's real.

Dick: Of course it's not real!! None of this is real!

Maddox: Okay. (scoffs)

Dick: It's all things just people made up to get their names read on the show!!

Maddox: Bunch of assholes.

Dick: Nathan Jones, And making fake x-rays of their wieners!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So we'll look at it. Then he goes, "Hahaha! You guys looked at my dick!"

Maddox: Ah, great. See? I told you at the top of the show! From Financial Ruts to Deez Nuts.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Big problem.

Dick: Well…there you go. What do you got?

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: That's all of my fake cancer stories.

Maddox: Dick…(sighs) I got…a LOT of packages from fans over the Christmas break. HOWEVER! However…(giggles) this is the first, uh…this is our post…it's been post-Christmas now, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: We're in the new year, and I didn't get a call…I usually get a call from my package lady. She called me after the break.

Dick: Well, they're very busy before the holidays.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Well, I go down there, you know…a few days after Christmas.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Thinking I'm gonna get, like, an envelope. You know. A letter. Or something. And there's this PILE of boxes waiting for me. And she goes, "Don't you want your packages?" (Dick laughs) And I said, "Yeah, of course I do, but you usually call me, and you didn't this time, until after!"

Dick: Is that on you?

Maddox: No, I'm gonna blame it on her.

Dick: That's on them?

Maddox: I never check anything, man. I never check anything.

Dick: Oh, okay. Okay.

Maddox: Anyway, so. I have a song. We're gonna open up all these packages. I have a song here…to play during these…

(Christmas piano theme starts)

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Oh, that's nice.

Maddox: Very appropriate.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Theme-appropriate song.

Dick: Is this royalty-free?

Maddox: (pauses) Yeah.

Dick: Pause. Little bit of a pause there, Randy! (laughing)

Maddox: I didn't know what you were talking about. Um, yeah. The song's fine. Uh…this first package is from Candace. Uh…Candace…I first, uh…she's a fan, actually, from, uh… from Twitch from a long time ago, and she listens to the podcast now. And she sent us a card. On the card is a bunch of, uh…what are these, uh, World of Warcraft characters? I'm not even…

Dick: No, those are just monsters.

Maddox: No, they're…they're actual characters from…oh, it's a Blizzard. Yeah, it's, uh… Blizzard. They're Blizzard characters.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: 'Cause on the back, it also says Blizzard Entertainment. (giggles)

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: The card says, **"Happiness is always remembering. Even the naughty can play nice."**

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: And then that's the card. And she wrote, **"Merry Christmas, assholes! Enjoy the cookies. There's a special gingerbread man for Dick so make sure he gets that."**

Dick: Oh! Does it have a little tiny face on it, Candace?!

Maddox: I dunno, Dick! I don't know!!

Dick: Does it have a little gingerbread man face, with a frowny face?!

Maddox: Let's not spoil it!

Dick: Oh, boy. I can't wait for this fucking hilarious joke!

Maddox: She says, **"Thanks for the great episodes. XX, Candace. Go fuck yourselves."** Let's see…she…we got a…we got a little box here.

Dick: It says "Not Hot Sauce" on the side, as well.

Maddox and **Dick:** "So open however you'd like."

Maddox: Okay. So, thankfully, it's not a drippy box of hot sauce. (laughs)

Dick: Courtesy of Butt Sanchez and Horsecock.

Maddox: We have…we have in this…we have a bunch of cookies.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: They…they're really well-done cookies!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Look at this thing!

Dick: That would have been really nice and festive to get over the holidays. (grins) (Maddox cracks up) Tell your…tell your Korean, uh…

Maddox: My Korean package lady.

Dick: Yeah, tell, uh…Kim Jong…

Maddox: (interjects) To step it up.

Dick: Kim Jong Incompetent over there…

Maddox: (interjects) Okay, that's…(Sean laughs)

Dick: What?! He's Korean!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What?!!?

Maddox: Yeah, barely. Alright. We got, uh…all these cookies. We have bo…little boxing gloves? They…they look like mitts, but I'm gonna say they're boxing gloves, right?

Dick: Probably…(background laughter) Uh, yeah. They're boxing gloves. (trying not to laugh)

Maddox: They're boxing gloves. (Dick laughs) Right?! Little boxing gloves? Some Christmas boxing gloves? We got a stocking here. It says there's one for Dick. There's one for…Sean.

Dick: Oh, cool.

Maddox: There's one for me. There's one for Asterios, even!! Boisterous got one!

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: And all these cookies. And we got gingerbread men. Here's…here's one.

Dick: Oh! Is that mine?

Maddox: Nope, I don't think so!

Dick: It looks great. It looks totally normal and fine.

Maddox: I don't think so. Here's another one. Is this one Dick's? Um…no…

Dick: No, it looks fine. That one probably is for me.

Maddox: Oh! There's one here that says Dick on it. Let's see…there's…

Dick: Goddamnit!!!! (Maddox and Sean crack up) Goddamnit!!

Maddox: Teeny, tiny, little face! (laughing)

Dick: Goddamnit!

Maddox: Those are really precious. Really precious eyes you got there, Dick.

Dick: Well, thanks a lot, Candace.

Maddox: Yeah! And then we have, uh…oh, man. You we…you really went all out, Candace. We got a little candy cane in here.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A Candace cane, huh? No? Okay.

Dick: Well….

Maddox: Anyway. Uh, thank you Candace. Awesome, we'll be eating those, and I'll post pictures on the website. Next package. Came with a letter. This one is from **Logan.** He says, **"To Maddox. Thanks for the years of content. Best Page in the Universe helped me realize from a young age that there is a lot of dumb shit out there, and to watch the fuck out for it."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "The podcast has made Tuesday cool for the first time ever and is probably the only media that makes me actually laugh out loud. For you, I give a T-shirt of the only film you have ever provided a written review for." Let's see. What's the T-shirt he…

Dick: Mad Max.

Maddox: Mad Max? Is it?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, it's…it's Iron Maiden.

Dick: No, that's the Doof guy on Mad Max.

Maddox: Oh, Dufour.

Dick: The warrior.

Maddox: It's an Iron Maiden parody of the…the…yeah, the Doof guy from ….oh, wow!

Dick: That's pretty cool.

Maddox: It's pretty badass man, thanks! He says, **"Fireball whiskey."** We got some Fireball in there. "… **And a kickass comic with ridiculous art and a Polaroid from the Dogma Continuity books, used while filming of George Carlin dressed as a cardinal and covered in blood.** "

Dick: Oh, wait, what? (giggles)

Maddox: I don't…I have no idea what that is. **"I figured you might be a fan of his. Long live the Best Page and Biggest Problem in the Universe. Logan."**

Dick: You got some airport bottles of whiskey.

Maddox: Wow, got a couple bottles of w…dude, I'll put this in my coffee. Are you kidding me?

Dick: And you got a…(Maddox belches) Is that the George Carlin blood thing?

Maddox: Oh, my g…this is the goriest fucking thing I've ever s…look at this. Look at the cover of this thing.

Dick: It's pretty cool.

Maddox: Yeah! It's this giant demon holding…what is he holding? Something in a headlock, and there's, like, nipples on the cover. I have no idea what I'm looking at. This is amazing.

Dick: Uh, this is what he wrote me. **"To Dick. Here are some gifts for the American man who just wants the essentials."** That's true.**"Clothing, booze, a lady, and small government.** (Maddox laughs) **A badass shirt, and a patch with very clear messages about which side of the line you stand on."** Is that…what is this? Oh…(laughs) A patch that says "Don't Tread on Me" with a snake on it. You guys…and a shirt that says, "I'll keep my guns, money, and freedom. You can keep the Change." (Maddox laughs) Yes, that's right. That's a reference to Obama.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For those of you who didn't catch the subtlety of this T-shirt with an Amer…with a bald eagle on it.

Maddox: Yeah. Very…yeah.

Dick: I'll wear the shit out of that.

Maddox: Very libertari…very small government.

Dick: Uh…**"Real whiskey, a handy portable magnifying glass to find your preferred size of government."** I'm gonna need a bigger magnifying glass than this to find my preferred size of government.

(Sound clip: Rand Paul: "I want a government so small you can barely see it.")

Dick: Yep, or…ugh. **"…Or your face while you're shaving."** Fuck you.

Sean: Oh, God. (in the background) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: "Also, a genuine Polaroid photo of Selma Hayek in her prime." Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

Maddox: Whoa, that's a real?

Dick: Whoa. That's a real…

Maddox: That's a real Polaroid?

Dick: …Polaroid of Selma Hayek. Looking at the camera.

Maddox: Wow! What a hottie.

Dick: Like she…wants you.

Maddox: And she's got one of those, uh…Indian, um…dots on her head.

Dick: Uh, alright.

Maddox: Or is that part of the…the photo? I can't tell.

Dick: Uh…I don't…I don't care. I'll take it.

Maddox: Yeah. It's hot!

Dick: Looks like she isn't…wow, that's great!

Maddox: Where's my Polaroid?! Is there…

Dick: (interjects) Polaroids are…I know…this is a good thing about Polaroids. I know that no one else has this picture.

Maddox: Yeah. That's authentic.

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: (interjects) And it says…

Dick: (interjects) And…and Polaroid's gone!

Maddox: And it says the number '32' underneath it. No, you can still get Polaroid, but it's expensive.

Dick: Oh, that's cool! Um…**"looking longingly into your eyes, to use however you please."**

Maddox: Mmmmm, masturbate.

Dick: Dot, dot, dot.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: "Merry Dicksmas. Logan."

Maddox: I think that implies masturbation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I…I have here…look at this…I'm looking at this art book that he sent me.

Dick: Well, thanks Logan.

Maddox: It's fucking amazing. This artwork is so crazy and detailed. This…there's a picture in here of a…of a (giggles) knight in shining armor, with his horse motorboating a girl with her boobs out, and the horse is cumming all over the floor. (laughs)

Dick: Oh, it is!! (groaning in the background)

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Kind of a small, shrivelly horse dick, though.

Maddox: It's hilarious.

Dick: I don't like that.

Maddox: And then…and then there's another…(giggles) there's another one in here, with a guy…(cracks up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A guy who has a giant boner…

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: With a girl who's, like, literally impaled on it, and it says "Guh guh guh guhhhhh." (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (chuckles) She's dead. It's coming out of her mouth. And he's also spearing his own asshole with some kind of a baton!

Maddox: Oh, my g…this artwork is INSANE! It's…

Dick: It's disgusting.

Maddox: It looks like it's all done with…with marker.

Dick: Uh, no bullshit, I'm gonna put this "Don't Tread on Me" patch on my AR-15, uh… case.

Maddox: Hah. (scoffs) Great.

Dick: I've got one other patch on that from the American Laser…that laser shooty-down plane. The Boeing YAL…YAL-1.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm sure. I…I got the…oh, wow. I got the Polaroid of George Carlin. He's…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's the one you were talking about.

Maddox: Yeah. He's covered in…like, it looks like blood shot? What…what…what…

(background: "That's from Dogma.")

Dick: That's from Dogma.

Maddox: Dogma? Oh, I never saw Dogma. That's the, uh…the Clerk movie…the…what's his name? Kevin Smith movie?

Dick: Kevin Smith, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah. He introduces the "Buddy Christ". You know what that is?

Maddox: Oh, that's right.

Dick: Yeah, it's awesome.

Maddox: Yeah. That's where that comes from.

Sean: To hip Jesus up a little bit. (they all talk over each other)

Dick: Alright, Sean. Read your letter.

Sean: Alright.

Dick: From Logan.

Sean: "To Sean. Didn't really know what to give you, so here's my prized Tommy LaSorda mint in box garden gnome." (Dick guffaws) No, that's cool. "**Tommy LaSorda being the Dodgers manager back when they were actually winning World Series'**." This is actually fuckin' cool. Uh… **"Pretty great, right? Also, a music notation book for your masterpiece. Thanks for all your wiseass remarks, one-liners, and shitting on Dick and Maddox. Oh, and for all the sound engineering stuff, too."**

Dick: Oh, man. Music book? This is, like, the worst gift you could ever give Sean. (background laughter) He's…he'll kill himself before he finishes completing this music book. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: "Please bring a problem in; Don't Put The Problems On A Pedestal. All the fans want it so bad." (they laugh) (Maddox clapping)

Maddox: Yeah, we're bringing that problem in…(stammers) next week.

Dick: Putting the problem on a pedestal? (grins)

Maddox: Problems on a Pedestal.

Sean: You already did. Well, it was, like, perfectionism.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: No, I will.

Dick: You have to…why don't you bring in a problem in, like, the 100th episode or something?

Sean: That might happen. Logan, thanks a lot, man. This is really cool.

Maddox: And…and you have some whiskey here. We got some Jameson? Or is that for Dick?

Dick: No, that's for me.

Maddox: Oh, okay, Dick. You got some Jameson.

Dick: All…all the whiskey's for me.

Maddox: Guys, uh…for the record, I appreciate Jameson too. Just saying. (Dick chuckles) Jameson is a delicious whis…it's my favorite whiskey.

Dick: But do you need it to live?

Maddox: Look…

Dick: (interjects) That's what the real question is. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Look, I like Fireball. Yeah. Uh, okay. And what else do we have here? We have a…a letter This is from…is there a name on this, Randy? It just looks like a…oh, is this… (crumples) Oh, okay. This is the next package. Here. We have here…it says it's from a fan. **"Maddox, thank you for doing your show. I love listening to you and Dick talk about different topics, even if I don't always agree with them. You two bring a realism to entertainment that the world desperately needs, and your show is one of the very few things I have to look forward to every week. So once again, thank you both and Sean for doing such a great job. Keep up the good work."**

Dick: And curing all this cancer, too.

Maddox: Apparently. **"There are two sets of packages inside. Please give Dick his as soon as you can. One of his may be a good source of inspiration for him. I don't**

know if you're opening presents on the show again, but if this makes it in time, I thought it would be cool to hear you opening these on the podcast. Not sure how you guys are doing that, but I intend for these to get to you before you record it Friday the 18th. (Dick laughs) **There's a package in there…"**

Dick: Well, you…YOU succeeded. What is that guy's name? (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: It just says "a fan"

Dick: Yeah. Well, an act of God.

Maddox: And act of God.

Dick: Got in the way.

Maddox: He did send it to us before Friday the 18th, and I have a package here that says "Open First" on it.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: It's a green…it looks like a canister of some type.

Dick: Mhmm. (crumpling in the background) What if it's just, like, a Zyklon B canister. (Maddox cracks up) This show would get real…real heavy…(laughing) real…it's a commemorative Zyklon…(giggles)

Maddox: Okay. It says here, "Super high protein powder.." (laughs)

Dick: Good, good, good, good, good.

Maddox: There you go. 24 grams of protein.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's got a cyclist on it, 'cause cyclists need a lot of protein, Dick. (Dick giggles)

Dick: What are you giving it to me for?

Maddox: I think that's yours.

Dick: No, that's…(background chatter)

Maddox: Oh, he got a bunch of…okay. Cool! Give it here. Cyclists. It must…(stammers) msut be my…oh, what does it say? For you…for your next leg day. It must be you, Dick. What? (background giggle) Oh, 3.99…there's a manager sp…he left a price on it. It says Manager Special $3.99.

Dick: What a cheap asshole.

Maddox: Thanks!!! (laughs) For your clearance protein!!! (laughing)

Dick: So there's…what? There's no…there's no, um…whose is whose? Are those all…are those all Maddox's? (background chatter) Oh, okay.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Go..go ahead. Open all your presents.

Maddox: Here, here. This one says "Open Second".

Dick: Wow. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Real…uh…real strict present opening, this guy.

Maddox: Well, he…planned ahead.

Dick: Or this fan, who knows. It could be a man or a woman.

Maddox: Yeah, could be…well, judging on this…based on this wrapper, maybe a wom… okay, here we go.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It's…it's a condom…sex toy condom. Sex Toys Try Me Buy Me. It's how to hit the spot. And it looks like a dil…it's a dil…it's a pink dildo.

Dick: It's a dildo? It's got a note on the side.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Let's see. The note here says…

Dick: It better not be for me.

Maddox: "Next time, just use this to literally fuck yourself." (giggles) **"If you ever want to talk about Libertarian theory again rather than wait for votes."** (background laughter and Dick laughing) Fuck you!! You know what, fuck you!!! (Dick laughs) This is bullshit! This is the shittiest Christmas gift I've ever gotten! Christmas is RUINED!!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright…

Dick: And it's a condom.

Maddox: Third…third gift. Open third, it says. (crumpling) See, another hilarious gag joke you got…you sent me. More dildos to fuck myself with. (crumpling) (Dick giggles) Yeah. There's a price tag on this one, too.

Dick: Yeah, you know, you should leave the price tag…

Maddox: (interjects) It's a high…it's a high-vacuum penis pump. (Dick guffaws, background laughter)

Dick: I guarantee you will use that thing.

Maddox: Free cock ring included. (laughing) (Dick cracks up) Yeah, so what if I will? I'll use it right now!!

Dick: Oh, well. (giggles) Please wait.

Maddox: It says here…there's a note on the side. It says, **"Try using this next time before you bring another limp-dick problem on the show like Monkeys, Expensive Steaks, or Fries."**

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: You know what?! This is not a gift!!

Dick: Fries was shit.

Maddox: These are not gifts! (yells)

Dick: Yeah, they're n…(background laughter)

Maddox: They're pranks!

Dick: I don't wanna open mine, now. Can I just send mine back? (laughs) In a big Fuck You box?

Maddox: Yeah. Return to Sender!!!

Dick: "Dick, open these whenever you want. They're your property now, so you can do whatever the fuck you want with them. I am remaining anonymous at the moment, but I have left a secret clue in here that only the sender could know about, and I will reveal myself in the…" What is this, the fucking Riddler? (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: "I will reveal myself when the time is right." (giggles) (Maddox still laughing)

Maddox: When the time is…who are you, Bane!? (Dick laughs)

Dick: When will the time be right!? Open First. He is like the Riddler! This is…and it's not even…he didn't even write "Open First", he, like, printed it out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm surprised he didn't go magazine letter postings like a ransom note.

Maddox: I know. Creepy. **"IF YOU CARE ABOUT GOTHAM…"** (Trying to do a Bane voice, sounds more like Yoda)

Dick: "You'll open this first". "YOU'LL OPEN THIS COCK PUMP FIRST, BATMAN!" This is, uh…The Raid: Redemption on Blu-Ray.

Maddox: Oh, man!! I LOVE THAT MOVIE!

Dick: Wow, that's a great present! (grins)

Maddox: Why didn't you send that to me, dickhead?! (Dick cracks up)

Dick: I haven't seen this, either.

Maddox: Man, fuck this guy!!! This is the shit…

Dick: And I love Dredd…

Maddox: This is the shitt…

Dick: (interjects) So I will love this!

Maddox: No, that's way better than Dredd. Dredd's a ripoff of that movie.

Dick: Awww, you better…

Maddox: You know what? Fuck you, man!!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: …watch what you're saying.

Maddox: Fuck you for sending Dick…I get dildos and Dick gets one of the best movies ever made. (Dick cackles)

Dick: That's the free market in action.

Sean: Dick in…

Maddox: Fuck you! (scoffs)

Sean: Dick didn't bring in Libertarianism as a problem.

Dick: Yeah. You pissed off Libertarians, Maddox.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: What, a second one. Oh wow, another cool…oh, the Raid 2!

Maddox: Oh, man!! I haven't even seen the Raid 2!! (background laughter)

Dick: Wow. It's…it's even better.

Maddox: This is bullshit!! Dick, did you send this!? Did you send this to yourself!?

Dick: (laughs) No!!!

Maddox: Are you fucking with me?!!

Dick: I'm…look, if the time was right, I would reveal myself that I did, but I didn't. (grins) I wrap presents much better than this. (crumpling) Open third. Alright.

Maddox: This has gotta be a girl. This…this is a girl who sent these in, 'cause these presents are very delicate. (crumpling)

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Oh, there's a hat in there.

Dick: Alright. A "Obama's Last Day Countdown" hat! 01/20/17!!! It says "Obama's Last Day" on it! (laughing)

Maddox: Oh, great.

Dick: (cackles) Ohhhh, yeah!!

Maddox: Awesome. You can wear that on your tractor when you go fuck yourself with it.

Dick: Coool…(cracks up) Cool, man!!

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: Cooooool.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Yeah, I'm gonna count down!!

Maddox: Rad. You should…you should wear that hat while you take your Centrum.

Dick: (giggles) What?!

Maddox: It just s…it's, like, such an…such a, like, old dad type thing, you know? Like… like real staunch, old…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: GOP guy. Would be wearing that kind of hat. Stupid.

Dick: Yeah. I think it's cool.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. Here's…last…is this the last present for me? (crumpling)

Maddox: (sighs) We got a T-shirt.

Dick: This is a T-shirt that says "Feminism: The Radical Notion That Women Are People" Lot of truth to that.

Maddox: You know what? (Dick giggles) I think that, uh…

Dick: Oh, is this…this fell out of that? Oh, okay. This is, um… **"Dick, when I saw this shirt on Facebook, the first thing that came up in the article was about how some broad was offended."** Alright. (giggles) **"So I clicked the link and began laughing hysterically at the sight of the shirt, instantly thinking, "Man, I gotta get one of these." However, after reading the article below the picture, I discovered that this is not a joke shirt and is, in fact, a sincere feminism T-shirt."**

Maddox: Yeah. That's what I thought. It's a sincere feminism T-shirt.

Dick: People wear this for real?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh. The reason…

Maddox: It's…it's being sarcastic.

Dick: The reason…oh. I se…I get it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. They're…now I get it. The reason…(Maddox and Dick giggles **) "The reason the woman was offended can be found in the article I have included in the package. I am curious to know if you had the same guttural response when you first saw the T-shirt that I did. If I'm missing something here, to me it seems like another clear-cut case of women not knowing what they're doing and being confused."** Oh my goodness. Wow.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: (giggles) Well, I love it.

Maddox: Ugh. (sighs)

Dick: Thank you, mysterious Riddler.

Maddox: Thank you for taking time away from your MRA meeting to, uh…(Dick laughs) to send us these packages. Idiot.

Dick: Secret gift. Oh, you're just…why don't you use that cock pump and then see how you feel?

Maddox: I will. To fuck his mom! (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Secret gift. Ron Paul 2008. (Maddox giggles) It's a button, Ron Paul 2008.

Maddox: Great. You know there are libertarians running, too, Dick.

Dick: What, for…

Maddox: In this election. Not Trump.

Dick: Is Gary Henderson running again?

Maddox: No! Rand Paul.

Dick: Oh, yeah, but he's not running as a libertarian anymore.

Maddox: Yeah, he is.

Dick: No, he's running as a Republican, bro.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: And I don't think he's running anymore.

Maddox: Alright. I got another package here…

Dick: (interjects) And he's not…he's not nearly as big of a libertarian as his dad was.

Maddox: Yeah. He's, uh…he's a real tiny libertarian. All of 'em are. (Maddox and Dick laugh) I got a package here from…uh, this was just sent from Amazon. It is…it's just for me, it looks like. (crumpling) It's…let's see here. Oh, there's a note inside. It's…there's a Chris…it's **Chris Rodrigue.** It says, **"Hey Maddox. This is the first volume. Hope you enjoy it. From Chris."** And it's the…Illustrated…the graphic novel Transmetropolitan. You know, I've heard a lot…a lot of people have recommended this to me. They say that, uh…the main character in this, uh, graphic novel is very similar to me.

Dick: Oh yeah?

Maddox: He's kind of, like…yeah. He's kinda misanthropic.

Dick: He like soup a lot?

Maddox: Hmm?

Dick: He likes soup? Soup and sand?

Maddox: He looks real cool.

Dick: Two S's.

Maddox: I don't like sand, idiot.

Dick: He does look cool.

Maddox: He does look like he likes soup a lot, though. Thank you, Chris! I'll give it a shot! Awesome.

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: Is that…is that it…Handy Randy, do we have any more packages? That's it? Alright.

Dick: That's it?

Maddox: Guys, thank you so much.

Dick: Thanks.

Maddox: Thank you, uh, Candace, for the cookies. Thank you Logan. Thank you to the anon….no, go fuck yourself to the anonymous fan.

Dick: No, thank you very much to the anonymous guy.

Maddox: Eat shit!

Dick: When the…I hope the time is right is soon, but not too soon.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For you to reveal yourself.

Maddox: The nerdy Bane of fans. I bet it's you, Dick. You send yourself a lot of shit.

Dick: It's not me!! (giggles)

Maddox: I bet it's Butt Sanchez up to his shenanigans again.

Dick: I don't buy…Blu-Rays. I pirate everything! I wouldn't even do it for a joke!

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Alright. You got a problem, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, sure. So I was gonna bring in…I was gonna bring in, uh, cold and flu deniers. You know, those people who…they get sick, they're obviously sick, and you say, "What, are you sick over there? You coming down with something?" They'll say "No. No, I'm not. It's…just today."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "It's allergies."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because it's so fucking annoying. And then they expose you. Then they act like someone who's not infected.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Then you're like, "Well, uh, what am I, gonna have a big argument with this asshole?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "About that he's obviously sick? Like, why…what do you mean, you're not sick? You're obviously sick." You're…

Maddox: (interjects) You know what…you know what it is, Dick? It's the exact same phenomenon when you call someone and wake them up, and you say, "Hey, did I wake you?" they go "Oh, no, no, no, no! I've been awake for hours!"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "I've been awake for days!" I've never slept in my life!" (Dick laughs) "I'm always awake!" (they crack up)

Dick: How…how dare you think that you caught me at 3 in the morning sleeping?!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: What are you suggesting?!

Maddox: No, no. Of course not. I'm not sleeping. (Dick laughs) It's the same people!

Dick: Which is everyone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I think we…I think we all do this.

Sean: Yeah, but they're saying that so YOU don't feel bad.

Maddox: I know. But the…but you know they're lying.

Dick: Oh, is that…is that why, though?

Maddox: Yes.

Sean: Yes.

Dick: Because…no, because…

Sean: (interjects) They don't want you to feel like an asshole because you did wake them up.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Well, I'm not gonna say that's for everyone, but when people call ME and I pretend like I…'cause it's the same thing about pretending I'm not drunk. Like, if someone is like, "Are you drunk?" I'm like…(pauses) "No." (background giggle) "What do you mean?" (Maddox scoffs) "Of course not. What, do you want me to do some math for you?"

Maddox: No, but that's…that's…

Dick: (interjects) Go and walk a line for you? It's like…it's the same feeling. I just don't wanna get caught doing something.

Maddox: I think that's a little bit different, not being drunk. 'Cause it's also 'cause people think you're being an asshole when they ask you if you're drunk. Uh…'cause they're…

Dick: Uh, really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think that's a little presumptuous of you.

Maddox: Yeah, no, it's not. (Dick cackles) It's exactly that's the reason. But Sean…that's absolutely right. And you know what? It's incon…it's kind of inconsiderate to ask if you just woke someone up, because you don't wanna hear the answer. They don't wanna tell you the answer. You're just trying to…hear what you…you're trying to hear that bullshit excuse that they weren't sleeping. So then they…so then they feel good about themselves, like, oh, okay, it's okay, because…

Dick: (interjects) No! I feel like I got them on s…like, if I call somebody and they sound sleepy, I'm like, "Aha!!" I got you, you son of a bitch!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Were you sleeping?" They…and they know I think I got them. That's why they lie their way out of it.

Maddox: Well, I stopped lying and I started telling people. I was like, "Yeah, I was lying down." And then it gets really awkward on the other end, they're like (stammers) "Oh, uh, do you want me to call you back?" I'm like, "Obviously not, shithead. I'm already awake. What difference does it make? Also, don't ask! You know I was, my voice sounds croaky as shit!!! Anyway.

Dick: I do…I do the pretending like I'm asleep, in case I wanna get off the call.

Maddox: Oh, that's smart, yeah.

Dick: Sometimes, like, I'll pick up the phone and be, like, (sleepy) "Hey." And they'll be like, "Oh, my God, were you sleeping?" And I'm like, "Yeah, yeah, yeah. I was sleeping." But if it's somebody I wanna talk to, I'll be like (sleepy) "Hello?" "Oh, sorry, were you sleeping?" "No, no. I'm fine. I just answered the phone like that in case…you know."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Just to, like, get you off my back for a little bit.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause I don't want a voice mail or anything like that. Alright, anyway.

Maddox: Good problem. Good problem, Dick. (they crack up)

Dick: So then I looked into it! And this…this phenomenon of people being sick and going to work is a HUGE fucking problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's called presenteeism.

Maddox: Mmmm.

Dick: I didn't know that. Presenteeism is…is…listen to this. **"It's said to cost US companies nearly 180 billion dollars every year in lost productivity."** 'Cause people go to work sick, saying that they're not, 'cause they don't wanna get caught being sick because then they have to admit that they're human.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which is what I think the reason is.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? They don't have to admit a weakness. Like, "No, no, no, no. I'm fine." "I'm like a person on TV. I never get sick!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't get sick by…by magic. What do you…what do you mean…what even is sick? Germs? What is that? That probably doesn't ex…they go to work. They get sick. They can't function. They get everybody else sick and fuck up everyone's day because of it.

Maddox: Right. I…I looked into this, actually, Dick, and…it is a…it is a huge problem because it turns out that the productivity declines because people aren't able to keep their eyes open, or concentrate, or focus on anything. Uh, it's something like 80% of the people…er, they're 80% less efficient? I read this somewhere.

Dick: I read that they're…60…they're working at 60%.

Maddox: Yeah. 60% capacity. And…they're not getting as much work done. Plus…

Dick: (interjects) And it's self-reported. So, I call bullshit already.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because…I think a normal person every day is working at about 60%.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: At their 100%.

Maddox: Man, ugh.

Dick: Lot of percents flying around.

Maddox: I…yeah. I wish I could relate to this problem. I've never been sick. (Dick cackles maniacally)

Dick: Bop you right in your face! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Never been sick in my life. Never had a sniffle.

Dick: Yeah. No?

Maddox: Never. Not a cough. Nothing.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: So, yeah. I just can't relate to this at all.

Dick: I've…I've been sick for most of this week.

Maddox: Yeah? What…what…what'dyou have?

Dick: I had, uh…(stammers) it's gross. I had the bug where you been…you throw up for 12 hours and, like, your stomach hurts afterwards, like, for days.

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: Like you feel like you've been doing…

Maddox: Leg day. (giggles)

Dick: No. Cardio bar. No…(giggles) Pilates. Really intense leg day with your stomach.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Okay. Uh, presenteeism is what it's called. Exceeds the cost of medical and disability benefits at that scale. 180 billion dollars. Which many employers don't recognize as having a negative financial impact on their business. And how do you stop it? Right? Like, shouldn't everybody know, "Don't go to work when you're sick"?

Maddox: Here's how you stop it, Dick. You stop being an asshole as a boss. You stop making people feel like they're beholden to you for every fucking thing. They have to come in to work. They're…you need to start encouraging people to take time off when they're feeling sick. You stop…you stop being so skeptical and cynical.

Dick: So you blame the boss?

Maddox: Absolutely. 'Cause I've been sick…(stammers) almost, uh…(stammers)

Dick: (interjects) Uh-oh. Uh-oh. Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You've been sick!? Or not?!

Maddox: Ah. Lemme finish this. Lemme finish this.

Dick: Leeeeet's not be flip-flopping.

Maddox: I've been sick and tired of these excuses that people give. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: You fucking idiot. (they all crack up)

Maddox: But, uh…I have known coworkers. Okay? A friend of mine…

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: …was sick one time. (cracks up)

Dick: He really…(laughing) He really likes soup.

Maddox: On a Friday. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, soup makes you feel better. Look, a friend of mine was sick on a Friday one time.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And was reluctant to call in sick to work because he knew his fucking asshole boss was gonna be skeptical and think that he was just trying to get an extended weekend.

Dick: Ah, see, that's paranoia, though.

Maddox: So he came in to work. Hmm?

Dick: That's paranoia.

Maddox: It's not paranoia.

Dick: That's a weird paranoia.

Maddox: Because every time…every time someone did call in sick to my work at my last job? Everyone…(stammers) it was on a Friday. Everyone would stand around, like, "Hey, where's so and so?"

Dick: Where's Maddox?

Maddox: Oh, oh he's…(laughs)

Dick: I mean, "Where's Maddox's friend?" (Maddox laughs) Maybe you would say, "Hey where's my friend, that guy I'm talking about right now?" (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! (laughing) That's what I'm saying. (they crack up)

Dick: That's what I would say. (Maddox keeps laughing)

Maddox: No, dickhead!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is a friend of mi….a good friend of mine would call in sick on Friday.

Dick: No, I understand, I understand.

Maddox: And we'd all be standing around saying, "Hey, where's so-and-so?" and someone would say, "Oh, they got an extended weekend. They called in sick." Everyone just immediately assumes if you call in sick, you just wanted a day off. And by the way, guys, what's the big fucking deal if you're sick OR you have a day off?! As long as you have a few extra sick days at the end of the year in case you actually need them! Fuck off, man!

Dick: Well, they combine them anyway! Sick days and personal time off days are like one big lump sum!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A lot of the time now.

Maddox: Yeah. Although…although…

Dick: So…

Maddox: Some places are dickheads about it, so if you have two weeks of vacation and a week of sick time, they won't let you take your vacation and your sick time together. They…it's just these little rules.

Dick: What, consecutively?

Maddox: Yeah. They just…

Dick: (interjects) Where is that?

Maddox: A LOT of places are like this.

Dick: That would be very weird.

Maddox: No, s…see, if you happen to take a vacation, and you become sick on that vacation, which I, again, have no idea what it's like. But if you do…

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah. It's rough, Maddox. I'll tell you that.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) And at the end of your vacation, you come home…and you realize, "Oh, shit, I'm sick. I have the sniffles." Or, like, whatever that feels like. I don't know what are the symptoms are of..of a sick. But if you have those symptoms and you actually do have to take time off from work…then people will be skeptical. They'll think, "Oh, he's just trying to get an extra week of vacation." Just stop being assholes!

Dick: Okay. Well, lemme…lemme tell you what the survey says, uh. For this, uh… presenteeism.

Maddox: Presenteeism, yeah.

Dick: So…the fear…the fear of falling behind at their work and missing deadlines, according to this study, this NSF study, was reported by 42% of Americans who come to work sick.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what they…that's what they're afraid of. Falling behind on their stupid work. Is what…so they're coming to work and basically working a half-day, being miserable, and FOR SURE infecting everyone else.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, this is…this is what the viruses want you to do. Right?

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: Go to…I'm gonna stay home! And the virus'll go "No, don't do that!" (high-pitched Elmo-like voice) Go to work!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And spread it to as many people as possible.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: They're hurting you! They're…that's as…that's as selfish as it gets! They're for sure infecting you with the misery that they have!! That's what the human condition is, to me!

Maddox: Yeah. You know…

Dick: (interjects) Go ahead. It's like what?

Maddox: Most people get sick around the holidays, because it gets a little bit colder outside. Your immune system has to work harder. Your…

Dick: And you're around people.

Maddox: You're around more people.

Dick: It's colder, it gets you together.

Maddox: Right? It gets you together. Mandatory holiday shifts contribute to that, guys! Vote up mandatory holiday shifts! That's essentially what this is!

Dick: Oho. Don't…don't do that.

Maddox: Yeah. That's…that's exactly what this is.

Dick: Vote them down.

Maddox: Bunch of dickheads forcing you to come work when you don't feel like it. You know, Dick? For the first four years of my job, my last job.

Dick: Telemarketing job?

Maddox: Yeah. At the telemarketing company? The first four years…

Dick: (interjects) I wish we had music to play when you tell telemarketing…like an office… like an office call center?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Tsshh…king-ching. Hello, hi. How can I help? Er, it would be an Indian, I guess. Like "Oh, hello. How can I help you?" (terrible Punjabi accent) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: We'll work on that. But, uh…for the first four years I worked there, I didn't take a single day off. Not a single day.

Dick: Why!?

Maddox: Uh…just w…

Dick: (interjects) Didn't you have any sick days?

Maddox: Just worked through. No, I didn't…first of all, I didn't need 'em.

Dick: You didn't have any vacation days?

Maddox: I did…I did have vacation days, but I just…it was also one of those things, like I said, if you took any time off, people would think that you were lazy and they would look down on you and they would judge you, and…it was one of those things where, um… yeah. It was…it was a work environment that was almost like a Gestapo. Like, you… (giggles) you didn't…you didn't feel like you were…

Dick: (interjects) It really sounds very close to the Gestapo.

Maddox: Oh, you had to see it, buddy.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) Voluntarily coming to work sick. Go…go ahead, sorry. Go ahead.

Maddox: No, the…the grey walls in this facility.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh…the, uh…(giggles) it was not…it was not the best work environment. I'll say that. Yeah!

Dick: And you would go to work sick because everyone was…

Maddox: I've never been sick, but, uh…

Dick: …judgmental.

Maddox: I never took time off for, like, vacation or anything like that. But they never paid us, either.

Dick: Well, then, this was a…I don't know. This wasn't a job.

Maddox: Gestapo.

Dick: Yeah. This was a…some kind of Soviet gulag or prison camp.

Maddox: Soviet gulag, yeah.

Sean: Where they kick in your door and drag you out of bed sick.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Just to come to work.

Maddox: I remember…actually, when I eventually did go on vacation after my first FOUR years working there? I had to…log in remotely through, like, with every…(stammers) every country I went to, I had to log in remotely and still do work remotely. I was always on call.

Dick: (stammers) See, I wish they would teach kids how to respect themselves. When it comes to work.

Maddox: Yeah. How so?

Dick: Like this…this mental…this mentality you have that you're applying to work here, like, you're not taking vacation days and not taking sick days? Like somebody's gotta tell you, "Hey, this is your life. Don't do that."

Sean: You know what? I think you hit on something. And I think this mindset starts when you're a kid in school.

Dick: Oh, it's got to! Right?

Sean: Because, yeah. If you miss a day, you're under so much pressure from the teachers and your parents to, "Oh, you gotta make up that work you missed yesterday!" And then you get that day's assignment.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: I always remember that. I…maybe it's just me, but I think they kind of pound that into you as a kid and it carries over like "You have to be there, so you don't miss something", or not be able to get behind in your work.

Dick: Yeah, I remember that too, like, feeling not so great, and having to…argue with my mom that I was too sick to go to school.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, she sent me…I remember very…very clearly. I think I was in sixth…fifth or sixth grade, and I was like, "Hey mom, I'm not feeling great. I don't wanna go to school." And she's like, "Well, no. You gotta go. You gotta go to school." You know. School. You can't miss anything. You can't…they're gonna teach you how to spell pineapple today.

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: You gotta…you gotta be there for that. You gotta be there for all these great insights that they're gonna have about, um, Maniac McGee.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In reading.

Maddox: Yeah, that's important, Dick.

Dick: Your whole fucking life's gonna be ruined if you miss that! So, it's like…

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: Well, I don't know…I don't have the…I can't stand here and filibuster you all day, mom, I don't have the resources to do that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're the one with the car. I'm just a kid. So she dropped me off. I walked about 10 steps and threw up all over the place.

Maddox: Ha-ha!!

Dick: And I remember turning around and seeing her lights as she just drove away! (Maddox cackles) It's like, "Well what the fuck?!" so I had to go sit for most of the day in the nurse's office, 'cause I was obviously sick. But you're totally right, Sean! Like the… (stammers) why was it so important that I go and not miss out on that day when I was obviously not feeling great/

Maddox: 'Cause maybe that…

Dick: (interjects) That's a sick mentality!

Maddox: No! 'Cause maybe that day, Dick, they were teaching you indefinite articles!

Dick: They cover it…they cover it every year! (Maddox laughs) That's how school works! They cover the same shit every year! I get what you're saying.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Dick: I get the joke. I get…I get what you're saying.

Maddox: No, man, um…

Dick: I get "a joke".

Maddox: Here's…here's the thing. You can call in sick when you're a worker bee. With my…with my job, I had such a unique position. I was…I was wearing a lot of different hats

and NOBODY in the company knew what I was doing or was capable of replicating it. I was literally the only person.

Dick: Your ego! That's how they got you.

Maddox: No, it's, uh…I mean, my ego exists regardless.

Dick: Yeah, but it doesn't matter…even if you do all these things, it's of benefit to them, not to you that you gotta show up like that.

Maddox: Well yeah, of course. Yeah. I was, uh…I had all the job security in the world because I did so many things for the company and nobody really knew what I was doing. Nobody knew how to replicate it and step in. So there was like…there was nobody who could step into my shoes other than possibly my boss, who still didn't fully…uh…he didn't fully understand the technology I was using. He wasn't familiar with it.

Dick: Good.

Maddox: He was working in a different skill set than I was.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…he was a really sharp guy, but totally different skill set. That's why…if you're a worker bee, you can call in sick, but if there's no one to…to fill in, it's like who does Obama call in for a sick day, uh…Biden? Okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, his whole cabinet.

Maddox: Ehh…

Dick: He's…if I don't want the President making decisions when he's in the pitch of fever hallucinations.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would like Obama to call in sick. You know.

Maddox: All I'm saying is if your job is…so unique that no one can replace it and no one can fill in for you, you kind of have to do the job no matter what.

Dick: No! This is how they get you, though. They get your ego like that, by telling you you're irreplaceable, that you gotta show up…anyway. A survey by Staples found that 90% of office workers went to work sick in 2012. Man, that's horrible.

Maddox: That's a lot.

Dick: That's horrible.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's really gotta be changed. Okay, here's where it gets bad. Uh…in medicine. During one year, 80% of physicians went to work sick. With an illness they would've sick listed one of their own patients for.

Maddox: Physicians?

Dick: Yeah, physicians.

Maddox: You know what?

Dick: Who all have direct contact with people!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's, like, a virus's wet dream, right?

Maddox: I don't…I don't agree with that. However…

Dick: With that stat?

Maddox: No, no. I believe the stat. But I don't agree that they're coming to work with it, right? But I understand it. Because as a physician, it's gotta make you a little bit cynical. 'Cause those guys…those guys are exposed to all sorts of germs and bacteria. It's gotta be, like, a bacteria trough in their offices, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: With all sorts of sick people coming in. They get sick and they might feel a little cynical and spiteful. They'll say, "You know what? You fuckers made me sick. I'm gonna make you sick right back."

Dick: So…

Maddox: (interjects) And also…

Dick: (interjects) So the a...

Maddox: …they get paid for it, too!

Dick: The opposite of the Hippocratic Oath, you think they're following.

Maddox: Yeaaaaah! (laughing)

Dick: Never do any harm! A physician's first instinct is to do deliberate harm.

Maddox: A little bit.

Dick: (guffaws) A little…a little bit of deliberate harm. (grins)

Maddox: Hey. You get a cold, you're not gonna die. Other than the 33,000 people who do every year. But other than that.

Dick: That's horrible! (Maddox chuckles) So, I found…I found this study that was kinda interesting. In 2005, they took a nursing home, uh…with three nursing home residents. Sorry, 100-bed nursing home and, like, 12 employees. Um…three residents and one staff member got sick, and the staff member kept coming to work and infecting people. And it took…let's see. It took, like, a month for it to clear out. Over the course of the next 10 days, 'cause the staff members would not stay home?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They kept coming in and infecting people. All…tw…twenty-three residents and eighteen staff members developed symptoms of nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Cha, cha, cha. (lewd) (Sean laughs) And no matter what they would do to encourage them to stay home, they would still come in to work, 'cause they had to do their jobs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Coming in to work, making everybody sick. Old people, too! Which…who could die! When they get sick.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah. There's a really interesting RadioLab episode called Patient Zero, which everyone should listen to right after they listen to this podcast. It's REALLY fascinating. About how…I forget the specific, um, illness that was spread, but they ch…it shows how they traced these things to Patient Zero.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: In, uh…and they also talked about how they traced Ebola to the…uh, group of monkeys. Almost the exact group of monkeys they found, uh…in Africa. Where Ebola came from, and that theory, and AIDS, and all these other things.

Sean: AIDS, too.

Maddox: Yeah, AIDS. Yeah.

Dick: There's another AIDS?

Sean: No, no, no.

Maddox: No, no. Not AIDS 2.

Sean: They traced it back to some small village in Africa.

Maddox: AIDS as well.

Dick: Oh, phew! (Maddox laughs) Whoa, that was a close one! (background giggles)

Maddox: AIDS: The Sequel.

Dick: Just when we cured this one, they got another one coming out!

Maddox: Yeah. The sequels are always worse. (chuckles)

Dick: Sequel's gonna be all emo. (Maddox laughs) And not gonna make sense.

Maddox: Yeah. Any…any…

Dick: It's gonna have laser shields that don't protect against light speed, even thought light speed is the primary mode of travel in the whole Galaxy.

Maddox: Oh, my God. Yeah. Who cares, guys? It's a fictional…they can make anything up! It's a…it's a world where the Force exists with midichlorians, and whatever the fuck contrived, bullshit thing they want to say, they'll just say a sentence and it'll…it'll justify

anything they fucking want! Shut up! It doesn't matter! None of this matters! None of this fucking matters! It's a stupid movie, get over it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You got anything else, Dick?

Dick: Of COURSE, yeah! (Maddox chuckles) Food workers. How about that? That's another hazard.

Maddox: That's a huge one.

Dick: Yeah. Um…they say…let's see. "51% of food workers who grow and process food to cook and serve said they always or frequently go to work sick."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How about that?! They're touching your food!

Maddox: I know.

Dick: I mean, I brought this in because a couple nights ago, let's see, it was Sunday night. I was out eating some sushi with my brother in law. I get hit with the…I get…(stammers) hit with the most intense, horrible stomach pain and weakness I've ever felt halfway through sushi. I had to go into the bathroom and just lie down. I couldn't take it.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: I couldn't…I couldn't move. I didn't want to live anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I tried to c…I tried to flush my head down the toilet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Tried to drown myself in the toilet, but it didn't work.

Maddox: That doesn't take a lot of water. (cracks up)

Dick: Great. (Maddox still laughing) And I was…it was a horrible…it was a horrible next 12 hours.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was, you know. Peeing out of my ass.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Which you don't ever want pee out of.

Maddox: No!

Dick: Right? I was throwing up so hard that I got a six-pack. (Maddox chuckles) And I think…(stammers) some fucking food worker that must have done it to me!! That must have done me wrong! One of these 51% of food workers must have done it to me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And I got no sympathy from my fucking family! 'Cause they're just worried about the kids getting sick.

Maddox: Of course. Yeah. That's all parents care about is their kids. Kids, kids, kids!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why don't you worry about ME for once, huh?!

Dick: Yeah. So I got sequestered up into the room…up into my own room, like the Big Lebowski. I couldn't leave. I had to text for food.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And water. Horrible exp…horrible experience.

Maddox: I had a remote control that brought me food whenever I wanted.

Dick: That brought me food. Awww! It was like a real Gestapo situation. (laughs)

Maddox: Bring me my soup!! (cracks up)

Dick: In there.

Sean: Back in my day, I had to yell for my soup!!

Maddox: Yeah. I had to use a broom! Bal…banging on the ceiling.

Sean: You kids today with your electronic gadgets.

Maddox: Get a megaphone. (grins)

Sean: With your WHEEL and your FIRE!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 9 out of 10…9 out of 10…well, this is the interesting…this is the…cognitive dissonance part, right? 9 out of 10 workers polled said they feel responsible for the safety and well-being of their customers, but they still go into work sick.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fucking su…and all these…all these articles are, like, "Well, it's because they're not getting enough sick days," "It's cause they're not getting enough money."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, but then…but EVERYBODY does it!! Like, every single person ALL UP THE CHAIN does it!!

Maddox: It's cultural and it's guilt-based, man. I've been to some Norweigan countries, and…uh, Nordic countries, rather, and they don't have this c…it's, like, culturally, it's different.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: When people are sick, they are encouraged to stay home and they are sent home. Their boss comes up to them with a very sympathetic tone, and says, "Hey, you're

not feeling too well. Why don't you take the day off? Come back tomorrow when you're feeling a little bit better."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: No one ever fucking does that.

Dick: Bro! This is another survey. 41% of employers send people home when they're sick. Like, going in to them and saying, "You gotta get the…hey, idiot. Get the fuck out of here. You're sick!"

Maddox: It shouldn't get to that point, though. It shouldn't even get to the point where they come into work sick.

Dick: I think it's…I think it's people's crazy backwards slave mentalities that are makin' 'em go work like this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think there's a lot of logic…look, that's…that's my problem. I think it's a big problem.

Maddox: You know…guys. So, the takeaway from this is, if you're sick, stay home. Lay down on a mattress. Get some rest. Get a good night of sleep.

Dick: You know what the most…the most restiest mattress is? (Maddox chuckles) Is a Casper mattress. This episode is brought to you by Casper. Go to http://www.casper.com/biggest and use promo code BIGGEST to get $50 off your first purchase. Casper is on online retailer of premium mattresses for a fraction of the price. I brought in a fan review for after I cover these bullet points. Mattresses can cost well over 1500 bucks, and also they could still suck for that price.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I bought an expensive mattress and it fucking sucks. And I'm not happy with it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm sleeping in, like, around the sides.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Now. Just to kinda even it out.

Maddox: The only fresh…fresh spots.

Dick: Yeah. Exactly.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause you get that..what is it? The valley.

Dick: Yeah. You get a valley.

Maddox: You get the mattress valley. Yeah, you don't want a valley in your mattress!

Dick: How's your mattr…you got your mattress a while ago, didn't you?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Your Casper mattress? How's it holding up?

Maddox: I…it looks consistent all around it. Everywhere…everywhere on my mattress, it's like a plane. You could put a level on there. You should use this mattress as a level. Next time you wanna…

Dick: (interjects) They should use that as their slogan.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "You could put a level on it." (Maddox and background laughter)

Maddox: You're welcome, Casper.

Dick: You could put a…you got a mattress? You could put a level on it.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Check it! Check that bubble.

Dick: Check it. (grins) Uh, Casper mattresses cost between $500 for a twin. Gosh, uh, $850 for a Queen size, $950 for a King size. Is that the one you got, King size?

Maddox: Yeah. King size, and then you get $50 off, so that's 900 bucks for a brand new mattress that's gonna last you forever.

Dick: Risk-free trial and return policy. Try it for 100 days with free delivery and painless returns. Here, I'll play you this guy's take on it. I hope he isn't an asshole about it.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, what's going on, guys? This is Joe. Uh…Dick, you said you wanted a review on the Casper mattress. I actually bought one…on the show's recommendation. And let me tell you what. It's the best night of sleep I've EVER had."

Dick: Whoa!!

Maddox: Heyyyy.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

"I spent four years in the Marine Corps, so I spent a lot of time sleeping on the ground, so this mattress is one of the nicest things I've ever laid my back on."

Maddox: Well, okay.

"I liked it so much, I called my old squad leader and had him buy it, and HE loved it. Alright, thanks guys." (background chatter)

Dick: It's an Army command, coming through!

"Uh, Dick…Trump 2016, what's up!!")

Maddox: Ohohoooo.

Dick: Oho, well! An additional ad!! (Maddox laughs) Who would've…who would've seen that coming?

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Get outta here! (laughing) Sorry. Sorry about that, Casper. We won't sully your image with that guy. With that bozo.

Dick: Ahh. http://www.casper.com/biggest. Use promo code BIGGEST. Get $50 off your first purchase.

Maddox: Dick…Dick, a mutual friend of ours came up to me and he…he said he was thinking about getting a Casper mattress awhile back. He's like, "Yeah, you know, I wanna support you guys. I'll use your promo code and everything." And I'm like, "Yeah, yeah. Check it…give it a shot." He came up to me and goes, "Hey man, so, I got my Casper mattress and you guys weren't joking. It's a really good mattress." I'm like, "Yeah, no shit, of course." I wouldn't…first of all, I wouldn't say that to you both on-air and off-air if I didn't believe it. Uh, this is a…they're really high-quality mattresses. Thank you, Casper, for supporting the show.

Dick: I would.

Maddox: Yeah. Great, Dick.

Dick: Okay. (laughs)

Maddox: Awesome.

Dick: (laughing) Next problem.

Maddox: Awwwesome. Alright, Dick. I got the REAL biggest problem in the universe this week. This is gonna catch some people by surprise, in that it's still a problem, but Sandy Hook Conspiracy Dipshits.

Dick: Oh. That's…that's still a problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Still a problem.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Unfortunately.

Dick: Mmmm.

Maddox: So…as a refresher for most people who live outside the US, you might not be following US news as closely as most Americans.

Dick: From 2009. (giggles)

Maddox: It's, uh, 2012.

Dick: Oh. 2012.

Maddox: Story's from two thous…what is that, four years ago now.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Four years ago, the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting occurred on December 14th, 2012, in Newtown, Connecticut, when a 20-year-old named Adam Lanza

fatally shot 20 children and six adult staff members. Prior to driving to the school, Lanza shot and killed his mother at the Newtown home. As first responders arrived at the scene, Lanza committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Dick: Awwwwwwwww.

Maddox: Very, very tragic story.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The incident was the deadliest mass shooting at a high school or grade school in US history, and second deadliest mass shooting by a single person in US history.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah. Really, really tragic. It was a very controversial time in our…in our country. Lot of debate about gun control. Uh…lot of people REALLY massively upset, because…20 children. 20 children were killed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: At this shooting. Terrible tragedy, right? (stammers) It was sickening. It was sickening.

Dick: That's a big problem. Mass shootings.

Maddox: Yeah. (sighs)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Well, it's n…you know, if you're talking about a problem, and how big it is.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: In terms of our emotional response to it…

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: It seems like a big problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But if you put it in context of how many people are killed, that's another way to look at it, because if you want to just save lives, there's a lot of things we can put our attention towards.

Dick: I wanna save guns!

Maddox: Yeah, I know you do.

Dick: That's…why it's a big problem.

Maddox: So there's this article that was originally…it originally appeared in a website called The Trace, which I tried to go to, but, uh…there's no trace of it. (giggles)

Dick: (giggles) No s….(they both giggle)

Maddox: The website seemed to be down at this time. (Dick laughs) So it was, uh…

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: It was…(laughs) (Sean laughs) You're welcome for that one.

Dick: Yeaaaaah. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. That's what joke writers do. (giggles)

Sean: Can we just…can we take a moment to recover?

Dick: Yeah. Let's take a moment of silence.

Maddox: There we go. Yeah. Let's eat some of these cookies. Candace's cookies.

Dick: Good cookies, too. I just ate one.

Maddox: They're good. Yeah, we just had some cookies. Thank you, Candace. They're really delicious.

Dick: Would have been even better a week and a half ago.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…(giggles) You know what? They needed to stew inside a shipping container for a little while.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh…they're very professionally done. I'll take pictures of 'em. Anyway. This…this article is…has been republished in the…

Dick: Now I'm glad I ate Asterios', see? There was a thought process there.

Maddox: Yeah. Dick…immediately ate Asterios'. (Dick cracks up) What a hater. Sorry Asterios. Anyway. This article was reprinted in Vice. Vice magazine. The Vice website. It's called **"Taking on the Sandy Hook Truthers: What Kind of Person Calls a Mass Shooting a Hoax?"**

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: I think that's an important question to ask. What kind of person calls a mass shooting a hoax? 'Cause they're very similar to the 9/11 truthers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's something wrong with these people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…they're not critical thinkers. I know you guys think you're being critical, and you're not…you know, you're one of those people who think, "Ahh, you're not gonna pull the wool over my eyes! I know better than you." And you are IMMEDIATELY skeptical of every mainstream news outlet.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: You know what, dickhead? You should start being skeptical of your alternate news outlet. Because mainstream news outlets? If journalists misreport something, chances are they're gonna get fired. Look at Brian Williams!

Dick: Well…he's coming back, though.

Maddox: Bri…yeah, but he's been gone for a year!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: People don't take that shit very lightly. And he only fucked up once! Or twice!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You lose your job!

Dick: That we know of.

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: (interjects) But I agree with what you're saying. There's at least some checks and balances.

Maddox: There's checks and balances.

Dick: In mainstream me…minudi.

Maddox: Because when…when a news outlet loses its reputation, people stop trusting it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's all they got.

Sean: The Times of London, when they printed in the late seventies, those Hitler letters?

Maddox: What…what was this?

Dick: Whoa, what?

Sean: They were…forgeries.

Dick: Ohhhhhhh, that's a….(inaudible, Maddox talking over)

Maddox: They printed forged Hitler letters.

Sean: Yeah. And they didn't do their, you know, due diligence to really vet those things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I wanna say it was the Times of London.

Dick: What did the letters say, like, "Teeheehee, my name is Hitler!" (goofy voice)

Sean: I don't remember. It's…(scoffs)

Dick: You know, that would be a fake, right?

Sean: It was a long time ago, but that…I mean, that almost ruined them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It can take down an organization, whereas an alternate news website, like InfoWars, these fucking shitty…worldtruth.tv websites.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: All these conspiracy dipshits! They all…oilempire.us..that was one from a long time ago, that I don't know if they're still around. Hope not. When you go to these websites and you look for sources.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: To see where their sources are coming from, because they make outlandish claims. They link to…websites that link back to them. So I…I was reading an Infowars article one time…(giggles) and it said some outlandish claim about 9/11. I clicked on the source. It took me to oilempire.us. Oilempire.us talked about this crazy theory, and then they linked right back to Infowars. I'm like, "Oh, perfect! You guys are just jacking each other off!"

Dick: Rock solid, man.

Maddox: Bunch of jerkoff dipshits! Anyway. A guy named Wolfgang Halbig. He's a 60-year-old security consultant. Is the leader of the Sandy Hook Conspiracy Theorists. He thinks that 26 victims of the shooting were fictional.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Didn't happen! One of the…one of the victims was the son of a guy named Lenny Posner, whose six-year-old was shot and killed that day. Posner dropped off his son at school on December 14th, 2012, the day of the shooting. His last words to his child were, "Have a fun day." They were just listening to Gangnam style on the radio on the way over, and uh…his son really liked that song. He watched his child head inside the school with his brown backpack for the last time. But ever since his son's death, conspiracy theorists speculated that Sandy Hook was a False Flag operation. You guys know what a False Flag operation is?

Dick: Yeah. Taking your guns!!

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Stage it so they can go after the guns! That's what it is.

Maddox: Well, the False Flag…that…that term was popularized and coin…I think it was coined, too, around the time of the Cuban missile crisis.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Where this, uh..American general or American major, commander, whatever. I don't know what his rank was, but he floated this crackpot idea where we would stage an attack off the coast of, uh..Tonkin, I think? Um…or maybe that was the…the ship. I don't know. It was off the coast of Cuba, essentially. As a precursor to lead us into war with, uh…with Cuba, or um…I'm not remembering the specifics, but essentially, it's called a False Flag attack, where we stage some kind of attach as a precursor indicating us to do something.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They think that the government might have staged it as a precursor for more gun control.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or to go to war.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Or to push extra surveillance measures.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Are you a conspiracy dipshit, Dick?

Dick: No. I don't thi…I like reading about them, but, uh…no. A guy killed a bunch of kids. Pretty easy.

Maddox: Ever since, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Straightforward.

Maddox: This is from the…yeah. This is from the Vice article. It says, **"Ever since his son's death, Posner has been dealing with the hoaxers. It was his habit to regularly post photos of Noah…"** his son's name was Noah. **"…a happy boy with soft blue eyes and white smile, on his Google+ page. He would put up pictures of Noah hugging his twin sister or playing on the beach, or showing off his tooth he lost less than two weeks before he was murdered."**

Dick: Convenient. (they chuckle)

Maddox: "The hoaxers would see these images and offer comments like 'Where's Noah going to die next?'"

Dick: Oh, my Goooooood.

Sean: Wow.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Ugh. (shudders)

Maddox: Another commenter, seemingly believing that Posner had been recruited to help perpetuate the myth of the shooting, asked, "How much did you get paid?"

Dick: How much would it cost? How much would it cost you to join in on a government conspiracy like that?

Maddox: Well, it depends what's…

Dick: (interjects) They wanted you to pretend to be someone's dad.

Maddox: Oh. What's the false flag?

Dick: School shooting.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Oh, it depends what they're going after?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay. What if they're going after, uh…uh…, oh, shit. They're trying to get more bicycles. More bicycle lanes out there.

Maddox: Oh, buddy.

Dick: I don't know. What do you want…what do you want there to be?

Maddox: Uh…pfff.

Dick: I don't know what your politics…more minimum wage?

Maddox: I…(stammers)

Dick: What do you want? What do you want?

Maddox: You know, it's…it's a pipe dream, but I really would like to see a smaller government one day.

Dick: Okay, so then they're gonna say alright…(Maddox laughs) "We're gonna go shoot up a bunch of kids to make the government smaller. Are you in?"

Maddox: If I…if…if the metric that I measured it by was that I could barely see them, I would be all on board.

Dick: Oh, all jokes. (Maddox laughs) Never takes anything seriously.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (laughing) OKAY. (they both crack up)

Dick: Now get back to your PROBLEM.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) So, Posner, this guy…the…the dad of this son. Decided to confront these guys. With something that…

Dick: (interjects) Great.

Maddox: …most of these dudes never do.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Because he…was tired of it and he was really upset. And he…he decided that his son's name was being tarnished. His son is being accused of…first…of, like, being part of this CRAZY fucking theory.

Dick: Yeah. (scoffs) Mhmm.

Maddox: So he…this is from the article. It says, **"He hoped to sit down with Halbig at a coffee shop near his home in Orlando, Florida. He wanted to talk to him face-to-face about Noah, who is his only son and never far from his mind. He posted online his son's birth and death certificates."** He thought that would assuage them. He thought, "Ah, here you go. Here's my birth and death certificates."

Dick: Nooo. Who does he think he's talking to?

Maddox: Aha. Trump, apparently.

Dick: Anybody could whip those up in an…in an afternoon.

Maddox: Tchyeah.

Dick: I could get you a death certificate by 3 PM, Randy.

Maddox: Yeah. Apparently, you can get death cer…you can get a birth certificate from the President of the United States. Eh, could be fake. It's…it's a forgery. He was born in Nigeria.

Dick: Well..

Maddox: He posted online his son's birth and death certificates.

Dick: You said it, not me. (Maddox giggles) Kenya.

Maddox: Barack HUSSEIN Obama!!!! (Dick laughs) He shared the medic…the medical examiner's report and one of Noah's report cards. The hoaxers said the records were counterfeits. Of course!

Dick: Yeah, that's what they do.

Maddox: Of course they're counterfeits.

Sean: These people just…they have no problem making incredible leaps of logic.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: To fill this in.

Maddox: With no evidence.

Dick: Yeah, but they need it. 'Cause wouldn't it…wouldn't the world be better, in a way, if it was true?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Like, don't you…well…can't you see any reason why, emotionally, they would want it to be true? That this was, like…this was a plan and that this is not the world. A bunch of kids just didn't get killed randomly? But rather, the government is SO powerful and so good that they set up this crazy, complex scheme to take THEIR guns, where these people are the proprietors of information that nobody else has. Like, that…that to them…that's a motive to want that to be true.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: No. Okay.

Maddox: No, Dick! These guys are not good guys.

Dick: They're just crazy. Oh, I'm not saying they're GOOD, but…

Maddox: They don't have any…this is not any kind of, um…wish for a world that was better than a world that exists where we have people shooting 20 kids.

Sean: Yeah. If it wasn't kids, it would have been something else.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That was just the mechanism.

Dick: That's not what I'm saying.

Maddox: These guys…I know what you're saying. No, I know…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: What Dick is saying is…he's…he's saying…

Sean: I do, too.

Maddox: He's suggesting that these people are concocting this as a way…as a defense mechanism to not acknowledge that we live in a world where monsters like this exist.

Dick: Well, that's PART of it. But it's also, they wanna be the victim, in some way.

Maddox: (interjects) I think it's not…

Dick: (interjects) Like, can you see that in their mind, they would want it to be true?

Maddox: I think it's not about being a victim so much as narcissism. They think that they're important. They want to feel like they're part of it. They want to feel like that they are part of something bigger than themselves. And they are part of this. They are on the forefront of the…of the researchers…

Dick: (interjects) That's what I just said!

Maddox: Who are going to…no, but…narcissism is the driving force here, Dick. It's not that they are victims. I don't think these people think of themselves as victims. But they are…they think of themselves…they're so delusional about their importance.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That they think that they can concoct these theories as a way to…make themselves have higher stature. Like, you know what? I..I'm a…I got this, like, dead-end fucking job. I'm sitting around on my ass with nothing going on in my life.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Other than to harass these poor victims. These poor, grieving parents.

Sean: A lot of these people are not as smart as they think they are.

Maddox: No!

Sean: They're not where they want to be in life.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: And they have to come up with this kind of shit as an excuse…

Maddox: To feel important.

Sean: For not looking at themselves in the mirror.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: They want the answers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And they're "the smart one" among all their "dumb friends".

Maddox: Yeah. They're also people who…they…they GREATLY overestimate their intelligence. They think they're critical thinkers. By…by questioning the official story. Fine. You wanna question the official story? Good. Fine. Be a critical thinker. But then, when you find the evidence to your answer…don't keep looking for some evidence to support your foregone conclusion. Because if you do that, you'll become one of these deniers, where ANY amount of evidence will not satiate you. NOTHING will ever satiate you! A birth certificate could be faked! A death certificate could be faked! Everything could be faked! Maybe you were faked, asshole! Maybe your fucking birth certificate's fake! What makes you think you can trust ANYTHING?! Who says your parents are your parents!? Maybe you look like 'em, maybe not! Doesn't matter. There are people who are lookalikes. You can…you can question everything in life, and nothing can necessarily be true!! If you wanna be one of these idiots.

Sean: Now, in this case, it might be because they're afraid the government will take their guns.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, that…

Sean: (interjects) And that's probably…who knows, can you…

Dick: (interjects) Eh, it plays a part of it.

Sean: Yeah. Can you see, uh…are you able to tell…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: What organizations these people are linked to?

Maddox: Yeah. It says here…um…

Dick: ISIS. (background laughter) They're all ISIS members.

Maddox: So this, uh…this Posner guy. He said **"He remained undaunted. He thought that perhaps if he could show Halbig the documents in person, he and the rest of the hoaxers might at last relent."**

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: "I wanted to be as transparent as possible", Posner says. "I thought keeping the documents private would only feed the conspiracy." You know, much like…much like the…the birthers!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Very similar. **"When Posner did not receive a reply from Halbig, he contacted Kelly Watt, one of the more aggressive hoaxers who showed up on his Google+ page. Watt wrote back on Halbig's behalf. He said, "Wolfgang does not wish to speak with you," her note said, "…unless you exhume Noah's body and prove to the world you lost your son."**

Dick: Well…what else you gonna do?

Maddox: That's the stan…there'…(stammers) they want this poor fucking guy to dig up his son's GRAVE to prove that he died?!

Sean: Well, then they'll say it won't be his son?

Dick: Well, where did you think it was gonna go, engaging with them? Like, here's a birth certificate and death certificate. What. (stammers) Hey! Way to go, you cure insanity, dude! Where do you think it's gonna go!? Of course they're gonna go there. And after you dig it up, they're gonna want you to cut it into…they're…they just always want more!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who's the crazy one, now!? You're trying to talk sense into people who are insane!! You're a fucking idiot!

Maddox: I don't think he's an idiot. I think he…he…

Dick: (interjects) He's traumatized, clearly.

Maddox: He gave them…he gave them the benefit of the doubt.

Dick: Ho! That's…..okay.

Maddox: He…he…you know, I like to do that too, sometimes, when someone is really skeptical of something I'm saying, I assume…I like to think that people, generally, have good intentions. Generally speaking, most people do. Even people who do heinous things. Because ultimately, when you do something that hurts somebody, or does some…has some negative repercussion. It's usually not out of malice when you start. It becomes that way after the fact when you look at…when you look at things, and you realize, "Well, I was acting out of anger. I was acting out of emotion. I was hurt. I didn't…I was trying to…" It's more about self-preservation than it is malice a lot of times. But anyway…this, uh…this goes on. It says, **"Less than a month after the shooting, a video called 'The Sandy Hook Shooting Fully Exposed'"**, that's the name of the…the video. **"…had received 10 million views on YouTube."** Okay?

Dick: Wow….

Maddox: So these fuckers are not only traumatizing and harassing these poor, grieving parents…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're making a mint off of it, too.

Dick: Oh, you think they got ad revenue for that?

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: 10 million at about 1.5 cpm? That's, uh…yeah. You're looking at…you're looking at about 15…15 grand.

Dick: Hmm. Would that finance the movie?

Maddox: Possibly.

Dick: How well-done was the movie?

Maddox: Uh…I dunno. I didn't…I didn't watch it.

Dick: What kind of 3D modelling and effects are we talking about?

Maddox: You know…it's on par with, like, Zeitgeist and all the other, you know, bullshit conspiracy theory videos.**"An infamous conspiracy theorist names James Fetzer called the Newtown attack a FEMA drill to promote gun control.** (Dick snorts) **"The National Rifle Association laid the groundwork for such sentiments."**

Dick: Yeah. Did you see the one where they got one of the parents, uh…laughing right before he does a press conference?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's one of their smoking guns.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know. Look at this guy, yukkin' it up. And then he starts acting and gets real serious.

Maddox: Right. It even talks about this here. It says,...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "To press their case, hoaxers designated themselves experts on physiology of grieving."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "The parents didn't appear sad enough in interviews, they argued. Therefore, they could not have possibly lost children." Suddenly, they're experts on grieving. They know exactly how people deal with trauma.

Dick: They're experts on everything, man.

Maddox: They know how people…yeah. They're experts on everything. By the way, http://www.snopes.com, uh, one of the first links when you search for the Sandy Hook, uh, shooting…it's, uh…there's an article that says **Sandy Hook Exposed? "Video documents that the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School were a staged hoax: The verdict is false."** (scoffs) Big red false. Snopes looked into it. It's false. Um, this goes on… **"Halbig became known for asking a set of 16 questions that he argued PROVED the event was staged. Carried out by crisis actors whom the government pays to pose as victims during emergency preparedness drills. Halbig claimed the authorities could not provide him with the answers that, in fact, were available to the public in the Connecticut State Police report on the shooting. For instance, he wanted to know why paramedics and EMTs weren't allowed to enter the school."** They were. Of course they were, you fucking idiot. **"…and why helicopters weren't used to transport victims to the hospital."** Well, with the exception of four wounded individuals who were taken by ambulance, the rest were dead, you fucking idiot!

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: They're not gonna take dead people to hospitals to work on them. They're dead at the scene, you fucking idiot!

Dick: Next time.

Maddox: "Supplied with those facts, he and the hoaxers insisted that they had to be fiction given their source. The whole point, after all, is that the government can never be trusted." Okay, you're a fucking idiot. That's it.

Dick: 10 million views on that thing? So how many people are Sandy Hook Conspiracy guys, do you think?

Maddox: They're not a lot, but they're…

Dick: Can't be a lot.

Maddox: They're…a small, loud, obnoxious pocket of the deepest, darkest hole of the Internet. I hate these guys. They're such fucking incorrigible, idiot, dipshits!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: They're absolutely terrible people. They're making money off the back of the suffering victims. They're not adding…they're not making the world a better place for ANYONE.

Dick: I gotta see that making money thing. You think they're ma…you think there's a financial aspect to this?

Maddox: If you watch a YouTube video and you see an ad…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Someone is making money on it.

Dick: Yeah. How much money went into the…the video, though?

Maddox: Well, probably not much, 'cause all these videos are so poorly researched and poorly made!

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: They're not…first of all, all these fucking conspiracy videos…almost none of them have a HOST. None of them have a face you can pin to it.

Dick: (laughing) That's true!

Maddox: No one's standing in front of anything. (Dick laughs, sighs) They're all just doing this with voiceover and Internet clips.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're just looking at grainy video footage of CNN and pouring over the first few minutes of news reports that come in.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know…the…the news reports that are the most confusing, where nobody knows what the facts are.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Someone might've said they heard a bomb. Someone might've said they saw a…second gunman. Those are the news reports they cling to voraciously.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And even after retractions have been published, it's too fucking late, because they look at these little blogging websites that pick up the new stories MINUTES after they've been published, even with the factual errors that have been retracted later, but then they ALWAYS point to these blogger websites that don't have those retractions.

Dick: Well, there's stuff like that for James Helms, too. Everybody says there was a second gunman.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who escaped.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that James Helms was just drugged in his car, and that's where they found him. And he's like a plant.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a CIA plant. Uh…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I do like…I do like reading them. They're fun. It's like fun escapism. 'Cause it's crazy in a way that someone couldn't write. Like, I'll fall…I'll fall asleep during Force Awakens. Somebody tried to write something interesting, I'm like, "Ugh, I can't take it." But these guys write something that they, like, really put their lives into, and I'm…I'm fascinated by it.

Sean: So some of these school shootings happened under Bush.

Maddox: Yeah, of course. There've been…

Dick: Columbine, didn't it?

Maddox: Yeah. Columbine happened under…

Dick: Was it?

Maddox: Oh, was it Clinton?

Dick: Clinton?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, my God. That was a long time ago.

Sean: But of course, these kind of groups were completely silent. 'Cause they're so afraid of…taking their guns.

Dick: No, it's the same people.

Maddox: Oh!!

Dick: It's all overlap. Like, everyone who's really in…

Sean: (interjects) You think the same people went crazy under Bush?

Maddox: It's not as loud under…under governors that they view as being…uh…

Sean: A little more pro gun.

Maddox: Yeah. A little bit more pro gun. But, uh…yeah. You know, it's still there. There's that undercurrent. But it's not nearly as loud. You're right, Sean. But, uh…yeah. When… anytime there's a Liberal president in office and a school shooting happens, these conspiracy dipshits rear their ugly fucking heads, and I mean ugly metaphorically and literally. They're just assholes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they…they…concoct these theories because they're either afraid of gun control…but it's not all gun control. These guys are also, uh…you know. Some of the same people as 9/11 truthers.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: You know what, guys? Take..take inventory of your life. Right now. And if you believe in more than one or two seriously huge conspiracy theories? You're a conspiracy dipshit.

Sean: Kill yourself.

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah, well. No one will believe your fucking death certificate, asshole! Yeah, kill yourselves, and we'll just sit there and mock your fucking family, dickheads!! Which I wouldn't do. It's just a fucking awful thing!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's just an awful thing, these assholes. Anyway, um. Yeah…in conclusion, just rot in a pit.

Dick: Yeah, you're really angry about this. Why?

Maddox: It pisses me off so much, man.

Dick: It's so old, though.

Maddox: It's…

Dick: Like, you can't stop them. They're just always there.

Maddox: You know, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) This is what the world is.

Maddox: No, Dick…(sighs) that's a very defeatist attitude. It doesn't have to be.

Dick: Maddox, this is…well, what are you gonna do, kill them?

Maddox: These people…no, you…

Dick: Like, they're crazy.

Sean: (interjects) Well, it's a…

Maddox: (interjects) They need psychiatric help.

Dick: Ugh.

Sean: It's what a small percentage of the world is.

Dick: Psychiatric help is not a magic pill. It doesn't fix people.

Maddox: Well…(giggles) It literally does, sometimes, Dick.

Dick: It doesn't! (stammers) That's not what…a psychiatrist or a psychologist's job. You're not gonna send all these people to counselling, and they're going to be better. Like, that's just not realistic.

Maddox: There is…

Dick: (interjects) So what's the solution?

Maddox: No. There are ways to get through to people like this. Like anti-vaxxers, for example. Uh…people have done lots of different studies and tried lots of different techniques, and they're starting to finally find ways to get through to them.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Like, to have that defeatist attitude, like, "Oh, that's just the way the world is!!" You know. There's…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, who…that's the way it is.

Maddox: Rapists and killers and there's nothing we can do about it! No, there is. You can reduce it.

Dick: Well, that's a little bit different than raping and killing. Thinking that there's a giant conspiracy in Sandy Hook.

Maddox: Well, whether or not you do something actively with your body, like, assault somebody, or you tacitly…you do it indirectly by harassing them.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I think that's a…that's a…you're splitting hairs.

Dick: (scoffs) Well, okay. (unconvinced)

Maddox: You can…you can…

Dick: (interjects) That splitting hairs is called the law.

Maddox: You can cause someone a lot of mental grief. Well, there are anti…bullying laws.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Uh..anti-online harassment laws.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Anti-stalking laws. Stalking is…psychological warfare, essentially. You're not…

Dick: (interjects) Well arrest them for what they're doing to this guy, then. But then he goes and has a press conference with what…what are you doing, man? Sounds like everybody needs to go to a shrink in this scenario.

Sean: Yeah, well, he was trying to reason with people who can't be reasoned with, so… (Dick groans loudly)

Dick: Come on, man.

Sean: He probably learned his lesson on that.

Dick: I hope so.

Maddox: Yeah. He's…he's given up here.

Dick: I hope everybody learned that lesson in this one.

Maddox: But he has…he has..I think he did form a group. I think the article goes on. He did form a group with other parents and uh…and grief counselors and people who are trying to solve…essentially solve this problem, to stop these…these, uh…these social parasites from harassing people like this.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Because it's a really disgusting thing, and they're making a mint, like I said. These YouTube videos, with 10 million views? If they're monetized, someone's making money off of it.

Dick: It's just 15 grand.

Maddox: Just 15 grand?

Dick: They're not making a mint.

Maddox: What are you tal…these guys are all liv…they're just living in their little, uh… (stammers) trailers in the mid-West, or wherever the fuck they're living. They're not making 15 grand doing anything else. 15 grand's a lot of money.

Dick: I guess. You could eat for a year.

Maddox: It's…(giggles)

Dick: In the mid-West.

Maddox: It could be half of someone's income.

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: Yeah, well…it's…it's really tragic. And the only reason I brought this in now… after 2012 is when the shooting happened. Is because this is STILL GOING ON, today. These idiots are unrelenting.

Dick: Yeah. Well…

Maddox: Anyway. That's my problem.

Dick: Alright. Uh…Conspiracy Dipshits. Also vote it up.

Maddox: Sandy Hook. Sandy Hook Conspiracy Dipshits. Well, yeah. It's a subset.

Dick: Vote 'em up both.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Vote up both.

Dick: Let's see which…which conspiracy dipshit reigns supreme on this show!! You gotta bring in Holocaust Deniers…

Maddox: Oh, they're coming.

Dick: You gotta bring in…what other conspiracies…Flat Earth Society people? I would LOVE to have one of them on the show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They are FASCINATING.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Flat Earthers?

Maddox: Raelian people.

Dick: Raelian people, another great one!

Maddox: I…I talked about that during the Conspiracy Dipshit one. Um, there's also… there's also the…

Dick: (interjects) People who believe in God!! Bring them in, right?!

Maddox: (interjects) There's also…

Dick: (interjects) Crazy, a magical wizard in the sky?! (giggles) Right?!

Maddox: There's also this…

Dick: (interjects) Crazy.

Maddox: There's also the skeptical, um…the people who are skeptical of medicine, people.

Dick: Ho…homeopaths?

Maddox: Uh, yeah.

Dick: Or, like, Jehovah's Witness people?

Maddox: But, like, the hardcore…the hardcore homeopaths.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, uh…and people who are into alternate medicine. Man, that's…that's hurting some people, too, man.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I can talk about some serious, serious damage that's done to people.

Dick: Woooh, let's not be serious about it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can we talk about it in a funny way?

Maddox: Well…(scoffs)

Dick: Somebody lost their dick, or something? (background giggle)

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Have weird-sounding muppets, now?

Maddox: Hey, we got these people who are causing people grief!!

(Sound effect: Fart)

Maddox: Whoaaaaaaaaaaaa! (goofy) (they laugh)

Dick: Hilarious!

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. You got another problem?

Dick: Alright. Aaaaaaah, no.

Maddox: You got a quick one?!

Dick: No.

Maddox: No? Alright. Let's wrap it up here, then. My problem this week was Sandy Hook Conspiracy Dipshits.

(Closing riff starts)

Dick: My problem is Presenteeism, another kind of denier.

Maddox: Yeah. Thanks for listening.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Ummm, did I just hear Maddox, uh, talk shit about somebody who wears a Sonic T-shirt to school…"

Maddox: Okay.

"…when he was.."

Dick: That's you.

"…the person that wore a shirt with tanks on it to a business dinner with the CEO of his book's publishing firm?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's right, I remember you said you did that.

"'Cause I'm pretty sure that's what I thought I heard." (Dick and Randy laugh)

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, idiot. First of all…

"…and Dick, you're a cool guy.")

Dick: Ohohohooo!!! I would never wear a tank T-shirt to a dinner with the CEO of anything.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause you wouldn't be invited. Only cool guys with tank shirts get invited!

Dick: Maybe I'd be a waiter! (grins) (they laugh) I wouldn't sure up to work in a tank T-shirt.

Maddox: Yeah. You'd show up to work sick!

Sean: I love how in that entire scenario that the publisher never clarified "a dinner jacket".

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Sean: You might wanna get a jacket. You might wanna get a jacket. Well, at least the way you told it.

Maddox: He…no. He didn't. He didn't clarify dinner jacket.

Dick: Do you think that's necessary, Sean?

Sean: No, I meant dinner jacket, with…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: No!

Maddox: Of course it is!!

Sean: (laughs) It depends on…

Dick: Ahh, when you're dealing with writers, yes. I think you're right.

Maddox: But it was also New York, and it was raining that day, and I assumed that he meant a jacket because it was raining outside? And I said "No. No jacket, no umbrella. I don't…I don't use any of those things. They're stupid." And then I show up to this…(Dick cackles) you know what? But the s…it's not just a Sonic shirt that guy showed up to school with. He had duct tape on his shoes. He was making Sonic shoes! He…like, that's…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah. That's WAY worse.

Maddox: We're…we're talking about social norms here, okay, guys?

Dick: Uh-huh…

Maddox: So you're….you're strengthening my case.

Dick: Here's one.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Uhh, hey guys. Um…this is ____. Um, a couple of things. Uh, Hitler was home schooled, so…"

Dick: Oh, shit.

Maddox: Yep. There you go.

Dick: Well…

"…um, I think that's enough evidence…"

Dick: It is.

Maddox: You're Hitler.

"…to suggest that if you home school, you'll become Hitler."

Dick: I guess that's it.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I wasn't home schooled.

"I can actually confirm this, because I was home schooled. And I am Hitler. Uh, that's all, uh…go fuck yourself…

Dick: Hmm.

..Dick.")

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) He had to specify who he was asking to fuck himself.

Dick: Yeah, they do. They have to.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, Hitler was home schooled…

(Voice male: male voice (loud): "You know, I always kinda thought of envy as kinda like…"

(Maddox sighs)

Dick: Sorry.

"…the better between envy and jealousy, envy is kind of better, because, like, envy is, like, you're, like, "Ohhh, so-and-so got, like, a new car. Oh, I wish I had that."

(they laugh)

"…but then jealousy is when you're, like…pissed that it…like, they have a new car. It's like…"

Maddox: Uhhhh, no.

Dick: No. (they laugh and talk over the voice mail_

"…that kinda goes from, like, (inaudible) oh, maybe I should fucking kinda turn this into somethin'. (they giggles) **You know, a little fucking motivation to get your shit together. Or whatever. Work harder.** (more giggling) **(long pause)**

Also, the, uh…(giggles)

(Dick and Sean laugh)

"There was a drop in that…uh, also, the…Facebook…(stammers) that shit is, like… pfff."

Maddox: The Facebook.

"…I think, like, 80% a façade, when people are, like, "I'm so happy." "I'm so happy." 'Cause I know…a few people who post shit, like, (inaudible)…that night" and then, like, mere hours later, they're, like, you know. Their fucking life's falling apart. Whatever. Divorce and whatnot. (Maddox giggles) **And then they're on Facebook, like, "Ohhh, I'm fucking having a great day!!"** (they giggle)**"I found some Oreos at the**

bottom of my bag!" (they laugh) **"I'm goin' eat some now!!" "hashtag YOHO!"** (more giggles) **)**

Dick: Yoho. Not Yolo.

Maddox: No. Oh, great. Thank you. Very insightful voice mail. Thank you for that voice mail.

Dick: Do you w…do you wanna hear one later in the night? Oh God, that's a big one from him.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, speaking of Die Hard, did you guys ever play the, uh, first PlayStation Die Hard game?"

Maddox: Yeah! It was great.

"It was awesome."

Maddox: (Dick guffaws) Oh, it was so fun!

"And they made a sequel for…I dunno if it was PlayStation or a future model, like the PlayStation 2 ."

Maddox: I think it was (inaudible with the voice mail)

"But, uh.."

Dick: It was (inaudible).

"It was not good. They fucked that one up. And, then, uh…"

Maddox: Is this weird Matthew McConaughey?

Dick: Yeah. (chuckles)

"…the 64 fucked up, um…"

Maddox: Why is he talking about this?

Dick: I don't know!! (cracking up)

"…Perfect Dark. The sequel to Perfect Dark…"

Maddox: I mean, I would love to talk about this, but this is so weird.

"…I think they sold to Xbox. Microsoft. And, uh… (Dick cracks up) **they fucked that one up too. (exhales)"**

Maddox: Is he jerking off? What's he doing? (background laughter)

Dick: I dunno. Hanging out.

"…(inaudible) Perfect Dark 2…and Die Hard 2…"

Dick: L-I-V-I-N. Callin'. C-A-L-I-N.

"…the video game. And maybe the movie…") (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Creepy Matthew McConaughey. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Oh, maybe this one. It's short.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Dick, you are such a fricking retard!"

Dick: Frickting. (Maddox laughs)

"You're trying to describe what's wrong with…"

Maddox: Fricking retard. (giggles)

Dick: Fricking.

"…the Force Awakens, and yet you're actually saying the good things about a New Hope. You're sitting there complaining about not having a person to go on the hero's journey with. You're talking about the fact that there's still a Resistance. You sound like a moron!" (they all crack up) **(growls in frustration)")**

Dick: He's really upset.

Maddox: Sounds like he rubbed one out, too!! (laughs) You sound like a moron, UNGGGGH!!!

Dick: Angry masturbating…(Maddox laughs) Oh, wait! This one's good. One last one.

(Voice mail: male voice: (voice sounds like Mickey Mouse) "Well hello, dickheads! It's me, Mickey Mouse!! (they laugh)**"**

Maddox: Of course.

"I just wanted to call in and talk to Dick. Listen, Dick. You happen to not like the movie very much…but (inaudible) I ain't giving you your goddamn 30 dollars. Fuck you, bitch! Because I will not shit, and you (inaudible) You're the guy that spent 30 dollars. So fuck you!! How about a penny for your goddamn thoughts so you can jam it up your ass. HaHA!! HAHAHAH! (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Well…

"..and you know what?! You seem to be terrible at paying attention to plots, because (inaudible) didn't realize Kylo Ren is not even a fucking master, you dickhead! He's kind of, sort of, a Sith. Not really. (Maddox giggles) **And also…in the last fight, he got fucking shot!!"**

Dick: You think he wrote this down?

Maddox: Yeah, of course.

"…in the goddamn liver! You fucking dick!"

Maddox: See?

Dick: He got shot.

Maddox: It's…it's…the shot thing.

"(inaudible) Maybe…Rey was a little too overpowered. But hey…"

Maddox: (mutters) Shut up…

"…(inaudible) Luke Skywalker is a bit of a lame ass fucking hero. We needed someone to REPLACE someone as lame as him, to take up the torch, and someone,

quite frankly, pretty hot, too. I mean, come on, man. Look at her. Di…Daisy Ridley? She's pretty fucking gorgeous. Am I right? Ha HA!!"

Dick: No. (Maddox laughs)

"Anyway, uh…just wanted to say, uh…go fuck yourselves! Bye!! Oh, also, fuck you too, Maddox! Guardians of the Galaxy is fucking good shit! That's my movie! Fuck you! (Dick giggles) **I own your childhood!! AHAHAHAHAHAHA!")** (they giggle)

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Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 87

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Smelly Conventioneers to Missing Audio Engineers! (Dick laughs loudly) With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean is missing this week.

Dick: Sean is missing. Sean is missing and I feel responsible for that, because he's my friend, and, um…I brought him in here to help us.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But he's not here, once again, uh…he's in jail.

Maddox: He's in jail. (giggles)

Dick: Yes, he's in jail.

Maddox: We got a mug shot from him.

Dick: He farmed the wrong ass. (Maddox giggles) And he got sent to jail. But I have a replacement. He's, a…is a nice young man. Nice young Asian man, so he knows his shit.

Maddox: Whoa, alright.

Dick: A replacement audio engineer. He was my Lyft driver.

Maddox: Okay…(giggles)

Dick: I would like to…yeah, you know. They're chatty.

Maddox: Di…

Dick: (interjects) I'd like to introduce him to you.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: I…I have full confidence in his abilities.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: It's D…w…DJ Tim…

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

Tim: Yo, what up? DJ Tim Changzzzzz in the house, how ya'll FEELIN' tonight?!

Maddox: Dick, what the fuck is this?

Dick: Okay, yeah. But settle down. We talk…

Tim: (interjects) How ya'll feelin' tonight?

Maddox: This is your Lyft driver? What the hell are you doing?

Dick: Yeah. Settle down. (Tim giggles) It's not a DJ type of atmosphere.

Tim: Good to see everybody here.

Dick: It's just an audio engineering…he's a real DJ, though.

Tim: Yeah but I'm…I'm a DJ, though. You can find me at https://twitter.com/TimChangzzzzz. Hit me up, please y'all, I need this money right now, dude. Just hit me up. I'll get all the music for you, man. I'll hit your bar mitzvahs, dude, I'll hit your quinceaneras, dude. Just hit me up.

Dick: So…yeah, okay.

Maddox: So, Tim, you…you are…(giggles) you are a Lyft driver by day, and what? You're a side DJ?

Tim: I'm a Lyft driver by night.

Maddox: Okay.

Tim: Because no one will hire me at night.

Dick: And an asshole by day? What are you…(giggles)

Tim: At nightclubs…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Tim: I never did a nightclub gig, but I'd be down for it.

Maddox: Oookay. (wary)

Tim: Right? But during the day…if your kids have a birthday party, like, I'll hit y'all up, you know…

Maddox: Oh. So you're doing, like, the birthday…birthday party circuit right now.

Tim: Yeah, you know, I'm humble right now. I'm a humble dude right now, so you know… I'm…I'm gonna start small.

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: Start during the day, but one day, you know, I'm gonna go cr…cr…cr…

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

Dick: Alright…(Maddox laughs)

Tim: Crazy.

Maddox: Alright Dick, I don't know what the hell you're doing here. So, Tim, uh…the problems from last week. The biggest problem in the universe.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: According to voters. Was Presenteeism!

Dick: Oh, really?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hey, alright!!! (grins)

Maddox: Followed by Sandy Hook Conspiracies. We only had…Sandy Hook Conspiracy Dipshits, I should say. We only had those two problems last time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, but uh…yeah.

Dick: Surprisingly prescient. Like, I thought…I hadn't thought about Sandy Hook in two years, and then you brought it in, and the very next day, somebody gets fired because of it.

Maddox: Yeaaaaah. Someone got fired because of it, AND it was all over the news. And so last night, I was listening to Coast to Coast AM, and…(giggles) almost every single call was a…

Dick: (interjects) Was about Sandy Hook?

Maddox: …Sandy Hook Conspiracy Dipshit. And…this is such a h…becoming such a huge problem, because all the callers were from disparate areas in the United States. There was a call from Kentucky. Call from Iowa.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Call from Idaho. Mississippi. All over the United States, in different…you would hope that it's just one group of people somewhere, squirreled away.

Dick: Like in the back woods somewhere?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, but they're all over the place. Well, that's the Internet. The Internet allows you to just be crazy all over the place.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Somebody sent in…a video, proving it. Did you…did you watch that guy's video?

Maddox: What's the video?

Dick: Somebody emailed both of us and said, "Here's why we are asking questions about Sandy Hook." And I was like, "Oh, God."

Maddox: Oh, yeah! I saw that.

Dick: Did you watch the video?

Maddox: Insane.

Dick: (sighs) It…

Maddox: It's…this video…this fucking video…first of all, suggests that the Sandy Hook Conspiracy Theory has something to do with the MK Ultra conspiracy.

Dick: Well, let's just start with the Crisis actors.

Maddox: Oh sure, yeah.

Dick: So…the video is one of the parents at Sandy Hook, or, a grandparent.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Talking about the loss of the kid.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And then it shows the same guy in his commercial roles, like, decades ago.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where he was a commercial actor.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You know. Um…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they're like, "Well see, there you go."

Maddox: "There you go, he's an actor."

Dick: Like, well…yeah. I think…

Maddox: (interjects) Nothing bad can ever happen to actors! Right?! Except…like, except every single headline at TMZ!

Dick: Everything.

Maddox: Or…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Perez Hilton. This…these fucking shitheads. "Oh, you've…this guy used to be an actor, therefore he's a crisis actor." These guys are EXPERTS. And they're, like, "Well, why didn't he have more tears?" And people say that about Obama, too, it's like, "Why didn't he have tears about this other…this other thing? Or that other event?"

Dick: Ugh, Obama. Too many tears. (Maddox chuckles) Too many fucking tears, man.

Maddox: Oh, that's…that's the OTHER criticism.

Dick: Get the hell outta here, crying on television like that. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: So…

Dick: (interjects) Can you imagine…(stammers) can you imagine that?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Being on TV, crying?

Maddox: Over dead children?

Dick: Ugh…HEY, over anything!! Over anything! (Maddox laughs) What do you…what are you doing?! They're not…

Maddox: I don't know.

Dick: They're not your kids!

Maddox: I've never cried before. Um…this is from…

Dick: Not even as a baby?

Maddox: No. No, never.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: My mom told me. Um, this is from…this is from the New York Times. Uh…over the weekend…we mentioned this just now, but the Florida professor who cast out on mass shootings is fired. Now, he wasn't fired for that reason.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: He was fired for another reason.

Dick: Molesting kids. (giggles) What was he fired for?

Maddox: He was fired because he didn't disclose his outside businesses to the university.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And he has…a lot of different conspiracy theories. And he…and he TEACHES them in his class, too! And the university said to him, like, "Look, if you wanna talk about this batshit stuff in your class, that's fine, just make sure you say that it doesn't represent the university." He didn't do that. Um, and he didn't disclose it as a side business, so he got fired for that.

Dick: College, man. Is that, like, an Al Capone thing? You know what? I don't care. I don't care about that guy.

Maddox: Uh, and then one other thing. This, uh…I looked on YouTube and you know how last time we talked about these conspiracy theories, uh…theorists making a mint off of these other people suffering with their horseshit.

Dick: Well, you did, but I would like to see some numbers on that.

Maddox: Well, here you go. I got…

Dick: (interjects) Seems like a labor of love, to me.

Maddox: No. I have…I have here, the YouTube ad…the YouTube video with two ads plastered on it. One is on the bottom, for, uh…LLC with free processing to incorporate a business. Another one is for gun safes! A huge selection, up to 50% off. Call us. And it's a gun safe ad.

Dick: Well, you gotta be safe.

Maddox: (scoffs) Great.

Dick: You gotta be safe with your guns. Tim Chains, what are you…are you running any ads on these conspiracy whackos' videos for your bar mitzvah services?

Tim: I feel like there's a conspiracy against me in my life right now, man.

Dick: What is that?

Tim: I feel like…look. Alright…(Dick giggles) I've been attending Santa Monica Community College for the past fo' years. Alright? (Dick guffaws) But I have not graduated yet… (Maddox giggles) I have not graduated yet. I feel like my teacher's holding me back.

Dick: Tchyeah.

Tim: She knows I'm good.

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: She knows I'm good, but she's not letting me, like…she won't let me go back into the studio.

Maddox: How many years have you been…

Tim: Fo'?

Maddox: Four? (guffaws) Why can't you enunciate "R"s, Tim Chains?

Tim: Fo' years!

Dick: Well that was…that was, like, a few more vowels in that "fo". (Maddox giggles)

Tim: Look, man…I need to get back into school. I totally relate to that dude you were just talking about earlier about the university shit.

Dick: Ohhh. You relate to that guy?

Tim: I relate to that dude.

Dick: Okay, why?

Tim: Because I got kicked out of my college. Right? Was that…(stammers) was that what the story was about?

Dick: I have no…yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: He got fired…he got fired for…

Dick: He got fired.

Maddox: …espousing crazy…yeah.

Dick: You got kicked out of college as well.

Tim: Yeah, there you go.

Dick: Why?

Tim: I don't know why he kicked out, but I know why…

Dick: Why did YOU get kicked out?

Tim: I was sleeping with the teacher. (they laugh)

Dick: Okay. I don't believe that.

Tim: Man…

Maddox: Tim Cha…(laughing)

Tim: Not on…not on purpose, though, like, you know.

Maddox: What do you mean, not on purpose?! (laughing)

Dick: Not on purpose? You weren't sleeping with the teacher on purpose!? (grins)

Maddox: Was it a…(inaudible, talking over each other)

Tim: Look. I'm not trying to…

Maddox: She came over and accidentally banged you? What happened?

Tim: It was just…it just happened, you know? It was just like…I was just…(stammers) I was asking her, like, "Yo, how do I use Garage Band better?" (Maddox giggles) and then she was like…

Dick: (interjects) What class was this for?

Tim: This was…this was radio class!

Maddox: Okay. (cracks up)

Dick: Why is there radio class!? (laughing)

Maddox: (laughing) Radio class, huh? Tim's radio class.

Dick: Okay, radio class.

Tim: Radio class!

Dick: You asked her…how do I use Garage Band more better?

Tim: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then what happened?

Tim: And then she started, like, "Yo, like, lemme…lemme come…come after school." (Dick guffaws) Right? "I'll give you a session."

Maddox: Mhmm.

Tim: "Alright? Cause I know you care about the…I know you care about the business."

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Tim: And I'm like "Alright." So I came over, and I don't know, like…I started frisking her…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What the…what does that mean?

Maddox: Like, for a gun? Like, what were you…

Dick: What do you mean, you started frisking her?

Tim: I was friskin' her. She got, like, nice boobs. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Okay.

Tim: Alright?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Tim: And I was like…

Maddox: Everything makes sense up to now, Tim.

Dick: So you frisked her for the boobs?

Tim: Yeah. Well…

Dick: She was smuggling boobs?

Tim: She had nice boobs, but I feel like she let me, you know? I would never do that…

Dick: Well, I hope so.

Tim: She…she let me. And then she started…she kissed. She kissed me first, after I frisked her first.

Dick: Okay.

Tim: Then just…started fucking. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Okay, Tim. (laughing)

Dick: That's it. Thank you.

Maddox: Thanks…thanks, Dick, for bringing in your Uber driver. It's working out great.

Dick: Here's…**Joseph Dunbar** said…

Tim: Lyft…Lyft driver. Lyft driver. Lyft.

Dick: "Your caller at the end of the show is…" Yeah, Lyft. Get it right. (Maddox giggles) **"…an idiot. Hitler did go to primary school. What Hitler did do was outlaw home schooling in 1938, which is what Maddox wants to do. Maddox = Hitler."**

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: There you go. The Hitler war continues.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Um…this one was funny. Did you see this guy on Twitter? He was a f…he was furry, though. He had a fursona. Luka, the fox?

Maddox: No, I don't know what that is.

Dick: He put a quote from you, from the bonus episode, which you can get on our website right now for $1.33! It's a deal.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's a deal.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a hot deal. Um…it is a picture of…you. Saying "I think you should embrace your pain sometimes. I think it can teach you something." Which you said in the bonus episode.

Maddox: Right, yes.

Dick: Uh, right next to it is a picture of Charles Manson.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who said, "Pain is not bad, it's good. It teaches you things." (stammers) a slightly pithier exact version of what you said.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: How does that make you feel?

Maddox: Here. Lemme tell you…lemme give you another version of that quote that…that millions of people wear on T-shirts.

Dick: Here it is.

(they talk over each other, everyone is inaudible)

Dick: Same smile. You smile exactly like Charles Manson as well, talking about pain teaching you things.

Maddox: First of all, I don't. Charles Manson isn't showing any teeth.

Dick: Right, Tim?

Tim: Yeah, that's true, dude, that's true.

Maddox: Shut the fuck up, Tim Chang!!! (Dick cracks up) There's …that's not true! I don't…first of all, Mari…uhh…Charles Manson…

Dick: Charles Manson.

Maddox: …isn't even…isn't even showing any teeth in that smile. It's kind of, like, a weird grin. Anyway.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Here's another version of that quote, that millions of people wear on T-shirts all the time. And, uh…you hear it in gyms. "No pain, no gain."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Is that a…an abstract concept, that people aren't familiar with? No pain, no gain. You gotta work hard for something, and sometimes you endure pain to get to a better place.

Dick: I think it's the teaching part that makes people weirded out. Pain, no gain is in the context of, like, exercise.

Maddox: Everything!

Dick: You're saying..

Maddox: (interjects) No, everything in life! Everything in life worth having is worth struggling for.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: That's…that's essentially the gist of that…that statement.

Dick: Alright.

Tim: Truuue.

Maddox: True…that's right, Tim Chang! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You've struggled for your garage band…(stammers) you got proficiency in Garage Band…what was this class again? Uh..radio…radio class?

Tim: Radio. Intro to Radio.

Dick: Radio.

Maddox: Intro to Radio, huh? And this…(stammers) this is, like, a contemporary class that's being taught right now at Santa Monica Community College?

Tim: It's taught at every…every school.

Maddox: How many credit-hours is it, Tim?

Tim: Like, three? (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Okay.

Tim: Like, three cre…yeah. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Three cr…yeah, I know what you MEAN, yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: TIM CHAAAAAANGGGGZZZ. Pew, pew, pew, pew!!!

Dick: Okay. (Maddox laughs) Great. Here's some voice mail.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, guys. I have got to congratulate you on…once again solving a problem!! Through your show."

Dick: Great.

"I.."

Dick: Cancer again?

"…have been telling everybody about the biggest fucking problem in the universe not getting enough boobs in Snapchat."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. Big problem.

"I have to tell you…after telling at least a good 15, 20 people to listen to this podcast, I have been getting incrementally more boobs in my Snapchat!!"

Maddox: Incrementally!

Dick: That's good!

Maddox: Mhmm.

"Along with horses and dogs and other dipshit items."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, you know, that's…that's your fault.

"But boobs, nonetheless. Dick, Maddox…you guys have won a complete victory in my book. I don't know. And…"

Dick: Well…

"Sean…"

Dick: (giggles) Trailing off.

"You're a pretty cool guy too.")

Dick: Ah, well he's not here. He's in jail. Okay.

Maddox: We'll have this…this…that voice mail transcribed and sent to Sean in jail.

Dick: Yeah, pretty good. I like that about this show. That you can complain about something and then make your friends and family listen to it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's ABOUT them.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But you don't have to confront them directly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can just say, "Hey, why don't you go check out this episode?" Right?

Maddox: Yeah! Uh…

Dick: It's very convenient! That's how life should work!

Maddox: Yeah, I…I have sent these episodes to friends in the past, where I thought, "Ahh, maybe they could get something from this." But nobody ever thinks you're talking about them.

Dick: Ohh. That's been your experience?

Maddox: That's been my experience with my whole career. And my whole website.

Dick: You should bring that in as a problem. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then send it to those people.

Maddox: It's funny, 'cause some of my fans are astute enough to pick that up. They…they say that…"Maddox…" they write in the comments sometimes and say, "Maddox, half the people you're…who are commenting here are people you're talking about." And I think, "Yeah, I know." They..(stammers) it's amazing how it works! It's insane.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: 'Cause I'm talking about these same dipshits, and they're commenting!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Same people.

Dick: Alright! You wanna do some problems?

Maddox: Yeah, man. I got a problem. I got a real doozy. I got a real doozy over here. This is, um…this is a problem that, uh…that affects mostly larger cities. Larger, urban cities. It's Street Art Abolitionists.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: Oh.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Yeah. Smart. Real smart.

Dick: I…I hate those guys. If I know what you're talking about.

Maddox: Well, what I'm talking about are people who cover up street art.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Murals. Uh…murals are essentially…the first…the first murals were cave paintings, guys. And if we didn't have those, we wouldn't have any kind of historical record of cavemen.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (giggles) What are you…

Tim: That's true.

Dick: I'm…I'm with you! Alright.

Maddox: Thank you, Tim Chang.

Tim: I used to live in a cave.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (giggles) (Dick guffaws)

Tim: It was for real!!

Maddox: Tim…okay. Where was your c…where did you live in this cave?

Dick: What cave did you live in? What are you talking about?

Tim: Uh…Huntington Beach. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: What s…

Tim: Huntington Beach.

Maddox: That actually sounds reasonable. There's probably..

Tim: There are caves in Huntington Beach.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You mean, literally, you lived in a cave?

Tim: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Tim: For, like, several weeks, but you know. I'm good now.

Maddox: Did you leave any murals? Any…any marks behind?

Tim: That kind of mark, you know what I mean?

Maddox: Okay, yeah.

Dick: Well…

Tim: Yeaaaaaaaah.

Maddox: Alright. We need a UV light to see that.

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

(they crack up)

Maddox: Okaaaaay. Fucking Tim Chang. So fucking annoying!

Dick: Yeah, so…(grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um…what, are you imagining cavemen walking by the ancient murals and scrubbing them off?

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The, uh…real…

Dick: (interjects) Real killjoy.

Maddox: Bureaucratic cavemen.

Dick: They killed all those guys, back then.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Somebody fucks with your art in your cave…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You kill that guy.

Maddox: Well, there's this…there's this new trend; I've been seeing these pictures pop up on Reddit, where a mural will be covered up, and someone will go, in response to it, and spray paint. It says…it says here, "This wall used to have art on it. And now it's covered in dicks." And then they spray paint little dicks all over the wall. (Dick chuckles) And they've been doing this all over the world where people cover up murals.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…I looked into why this could be a real big problem. And surprisingly, um… this is…this is something that occurs not just with street art, but historical. Historical art. Historical murals. And there's two controversies right now in the news, actually. One from Kentucky and one from Idaho. And it's interesting how they parallel each other, but they are unrelated in the artwork they're talking about. This one…this first clip is from the University of Kentucky. Listen to this. From, uh..WKYT.com. Here we go.

(Clip starts: male reporter: "A controversial mural inside a building on UK's campus will soon be covered up. That move comes two weeks after students expressed their concerns about it."

Female reporter: "UK officials say the mural in Memorial Hall shows the history of Lexington, but they also say something about it must change.")

Maddox: So, the mural they're talking about. I looked at it, and it's, uh..it's a mural that was painted in the late, uh…the turn of the century, around that time.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Like, the 1930's, something like that?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It shows the history of Kentucky, more or less, but um…a black…

Dick: Any lynchings?

Maddox: (giggles) No. There were no lynchings. But a black student did notice that there were some depictions of slavery in the mural.

Dick: Well, it happened.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: It happened. Um, and…and the argument is that…that it should be kept up. And I looked into it, and I thought, "Well, I'm fine with it being kept up, so long as it's in an appropriate area, like a museum, or some place where people go to see that sort of thing." So I looked at the building that it was in…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, this is just a mural. This is just a painting on the side of a building. That you're talking about.

Maddox: It's not on the side of a building.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's in the lobby of a building.

Dick: Oh, okay. Don't they have the right to put that there?

Maddox: Well, sure, but it…

Dick: (interjects) Is this a ruckus?

Maddox: It should be…it should be in an appropriate building. I thought…

Dick: (interjects) So this…this belongs in a museum? That's what you're saying?

Maddox: It…it…well, hold on. I looked into it to see what the building was that it was in? I thought, "Well if it was something like a dorm, (giggles), or, you know, like, a frat house, or a cafeteria or something, maybe you can move it to a better place." This is in the University of Kentucky Memorial Building.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The memo…it's a very appropriate building, I think, for this mural to be in.

Dick: Oh, sure.

Maddox: That's…that's kind of what people go there…to see. Is the history of Kentucky and to remember fallen soldiers, and things like that. I think it's…pretty appropriate there. But, uhh…the University of Kentucky right now…uh, I think…I don't know if they've already bowed to the pressure to remove this mural…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But, uh…but they're considering it.

Dick: But that's not street art. Is it?

Maddox: It's not street art…but, essentially…I looked into what street art…

Dick: I mean, you're talking about, like, graffiti, like, Banksy. Like, I love that shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People taking the…I dunno. I wish I knew how to do it. Tim, you probably know how they do this. You get, like, a photocopy. Like, a giant, 6-foot-tall photocopy, and they put 'em on, like, those electric booths. Like, they'll take, like, a big picture of…they'll take, like, an evil-looking picture of some political figure. You know, they…they, like, wash it on!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: Like, all that glue, and they spread it on. And it looks cool!

Maddox: It's…it is cool, and it's…it's a type of social dissent that, uh…that really undermines authority, I think. Because it's illegal. It's illegal.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: But it's also free speech. And it's…it's protest. A lot of times, it's protest against some ugly, intrusive ad, a lot of times. Um…

Dick: Oh, you think so?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Okay. What about just graffiti? Let's get the scale, here.

Maddox: No. Graffiti is not street art.

Dick: You don't like graffiti?

Maddox: No. Graffiti is noise.

Dick: At what point does the graffiti become art?

Maddox: When it's art. When it's a…

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: When it's a depiction of something. When it's a mural. Um…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Or, if it's done in a stylized fashion. If the street art…if…if they write something in a stylized way.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I guess it's a function…I don't wanna have a strict rule, but it's a function of how much time and effort they put into it. I think.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Um…

Tim: I put a lot of time and effort into my DJ work, man. (they giggle)

Maddox: Tim, it doesn't sound like that.

Tim: And I wanna rem…

Maddox: (interjects) That intro sounds like shit!

Tim: WHAT?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That intro…

(Sound effect: TIM CHANGZZZZZZZZZZZ, Pew, pew, pew, pew!!!)

Dick: Sounds great! What are you talking about?!

Tim: That's…that's the first draft, right there…

Maddox: You didn't…(giggles) You just…(Dick cracks up)

Tim: It's still a good…it's still a good intro…it's still a good intro.

Maddox: You did that with your mouth, dude. There's no instruments or sound effects in there!

(Sound effect: TIM CHANGZZZZZZZZZZZ, Pew, pew, pew, pew!!!)

Maddox: Yeah, okay. We hear it, Tim. No, you don't have to play it anymore.

Dick: Yeah!

Tim: My mouth is my paintbrush. (Dick guffaws, Maddox cracks up) My DJ set is my canVAS.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Someone should cover up your mouth. Remove that mural.

Dick: So who are you talking about here?

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: I don't know…you're talking about the people who…have a problem with murals?

Maddox: Well, yeah. So, a lot of times in…in cities…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh, what people will do to assuage graffiti, by gangs, is to put up some street art. Some murals. And they will…a lot of times, they will commission these very same artists, these graffiti artists, to put up some actual street art. And that's…that's something they do to…because the alternative is to have a bunch of graffiti everywhere.

Dick: Or just a bunch of BORING, grey walls. Fuck that!

Maddox: Yeah. Or boring, grey walls. And it represents the community. And this is actually…uh, there's a book called Viewpoints: Visual Anthropologists at Work. This is kind of funny, here. It says here that a lot of the times, the street art they do encourages cooperation amongst gangs, so…

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: …gang members have to respect each other on some level to say, "Okay. Well, this is actually art." Right? 'Cause sometimes the reason people graffiti is because it's a protest against, uh..a lack of art. And the only thing we see in our outside world is commercial messages.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: There's a city in Brazil that outlawed any kind of commercial messages.

Dick: No ads?

Maddox: In…in public. Yeah. No ads.

Dick: Hmm. (unhappy)

Maddox: And, uh…a bunch of journalists went down there to check it out, and they said it was really refreshing, because you would step outside and be in an urban environment without being constantly bombarded with commercial messages.

Dick: Oh, man. I wish there was the opposite of that somewhere.

Maddox: There is. It's called New York.

Dick: Where, like…no, no. Ten times more! A hundred. Like, even every square inch of the asphalt had an ad on it. (Maddox scoffs) That would be, like, a utopia for me.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: I just wanna see it.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: So much…you can't even close your eyes without seeing an ad.

Maddox: I mean, basically, it's every Nascar uniform. Every Nascar uniform. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, those look real cool, yeah.

Dick: That would be awesome!

Maddox: Bunch of suckers walkin' around with Pennzoil ads all over them. But, uh… anyway, this book, Visual Viewpoints…excuse me, Viewpoints: Visual Anthropologists at Work…they talk about, uh, cooperation amongst gang member. This is..(giggles) this is actually kind of funny, how…how old this writing is, but it says, **"…though many murals are anonymous, others include the artist's organization's name somewhere in the work. For this reason, some pictorial murals constitute very large gang markers. Neighborhood organizations and schools have taken up this tradition and have used murals effectively to delineate their sphere of influence. A good example of the relation between clubs and murals is the case of Adam, A Mural Called Human Support. Adam is the leader of a local neighborhood club of homeboys, or homies…** (giggles)**…"**

Dick: Mhmm.

Tim: Yeaaah.

Maddox: And they put homeboys and homies in…(Dick cracks up in reaction to Tim) (Maddox cracks up) Tim Chang…

Tim: With my homies. My homeboys, dude. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: What do you do with your homies?

Tim: Man, we kick it, dude.

Dick: Yeah?

Tim: We play football.

Maddox: Tch, oh yeah?

Dick: You play football with your homies?

Tim: We play football, yeah.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah. Your homies come over and play football, huh?

Tim: Yeah.

Dick: Where do you…what kind of football do you play with your homies?

Maddox: Yeah. Touch football, or…?

Tim: Well, yeah. Nah, like, full pads, helmets. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Uh-huh. Full contact.

Tim: We do…I mean, we do it back at my high school, but you know.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick giggles) Okay, Tim. Tim Chang. Thanks.

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

(they crack up)

Maddox: Okay. You don't need to play that fucking drop, dude! (Dick giggles) You just talked about football. (laughs)

Dick: Full contact. You and your homies…(Maddox laughs) go to the locker room at your high school.

Tim: Yeah.

Dick: And suit up. For a friendly game of full contact football.

Tim: That's right.

Dick: What, 5 on…2 on 2? How do you…

Tim: Three on seven sometimes…(Dick guffaws) I'm a quarterback.

Maddox: Oh, yeah? (giggles)

Tim: And then my boy Carl…

Dick: Yeah…(laughs) (Maddox cracks up)

Tim: They the receivers. And we don't need no fucking…we don't need no fucking linemen, dude.

Dick: You don't need a ref, or anything?

Tim: Man, we be refs, dude.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: Oh, yeah, okay. (they all talk over each other and laugh) I imagine that's a very fair game of full contact football you're playing.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Tim: I love it.

Maddox: Are you, uh…are you skins or shirts?

Tim: Man, I'm always skins, dude.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (laughs)

Tim: Do you see these skins right here?

Maddox: Yeah. Put…put your pants back, on buddy. Alright. Um..so anyway. This, uh…it goes on. **"A team of muralists who wished to paint the name…"** Thank you for that, uh…interjection, Tim, about your homeboys. (Dick cracks up) **"A team of muralists who wish to paint in the neighborhood negotiated with Adam. He and his crew marked the side of the mural, indicating their support and intent to defend the painting from marking by other clubs."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "They assisted with production and continued to defend the painting once it was complete. The approval and cooperation of Adam was a totally necessary prerequisite to completion of the mural and its long-term survival once finished." So..these anth…these social anthropologists are looking at these murals and they see, um…a lot of times, you walk by…some street art in a city. And it looks cool. It might be some…crazy depiction of Mickey Mouse or something like that.

Dick: There's a great Trump one on the 10 right now. The 10 freeway?

Maddox: What is it?

Dick: Oh, uh…he looks like a total asshole. It's…it's this HUGE mural of Trump. It looks awesome!

Maddox: So it's just a photorealistic picture of Trump?

Dick: Um, even better. It's, like, how…how he is in people's minds. They've gotten like, you know, an engram of him on the freeway.

Maddox: Someone made a depiction of Trump made entirely of dick pics.

Dick: I saw that.

Maddox: Have you seen that? Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. It's cool.

Maddox: Um, so…they're…they're talking about the design of these um…these murals, in this book. And they say that, **"Totally abstract murals are most often defaced unless the representation has ethnic significance."** So a lot of times, these murals that people put up do have some kind of significance to the culture they're in. **"For this reason, it is probably abstract principles and the way in which they edit pictorial or realistic images that underly the kind of open-endedeness in mural symbolism that leads to slippages in ethnic identity, degree of breadth, and intended audience, dimensions within the messaging, and other communicational qualities of…"**

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: Y-yeah. I mean, it's just a v…

Dick: (interjects) That's just 'cause they can't already deface an ethnic portrayal, like, what are they gonna go draw a mustache on Caesar Chavez? He's already got one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't deface it.

Maddox: No, no. They're…they're saying that…that these murals represent the ethnicities. The ethnicities and the communities that they're in. Um…so…why it's important is to tie it back to the cave paintings, is because…

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: …cave paintings stand as some kind of historical record.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Of the people who put them up. Uh…

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Even…even insofar as their skin tone, or their height, or the type of animals they used to hunt, or whatever. Um…modern-day murals are in some way…like, modern cave paintings, I think.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah. That's the argument I would make.

Dick: Alright. Well..it sounds like murals is more of a solution than a…than a problem. These Street Art Abolitionists. I do hate those guys, because I don't understand why… what's so great about having a boring-ass wall. Like, what's so great about it? Just cover the graffiti up with more graffiti? Who cares?

Maddox: Well, look. If it's the side of your building, and it's your business, you have the right to represent it how you want. Right?

Dick: Sure, it's your business. Yeah.

Maddox: But a lot of times, these street artists make these murals in the back alley of these buildings. Where nobody's gonna go back there except garbage men. And… occasionally kids walking home on their way to school.

Dick: What?

Tim: What the fu…only garbage men?

Maddox: Tim, will you hang out in back alley…of course you do.

Tim: I hang out in the back…man, I do my art there, man. I DJ…

Dick: You DJ in back alleys?

Tim: …to nobody sometimes in back alleys. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: With no equipment as well? (grins)

Tim: Hey, man. You don't need equipment. You need HEART.

Dick: Alright. (giggles)

Maddox: Okay, Tim…

Tim: You need to believe in yourself sometimes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Otherwise you can't anywhere in life.

Dick: Tchyeah. (grins)

Maddox: I don't believe that you're able to pay tuition. That's what I believe.

Tim: I don't pay tuition.

Maddox: Okay. Of course not. (laughs)

Tim: I use someone else's ID to get into school. (they crack up)

Maddox: Oh, yeah, who? What's his name?

Tim: Car…(they laugh) Carl.

Maddox: You don't look like a Carl, Tim Chang!!

Tim: I…what is that supposed to mean?! That's racist! (Maddox laughs) May-dolf!

Maddox: What's his last…okay. What's his last name?!

Tim: Chan? (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Carl Chan? That's your friend's name?

Maddox: Okay. (cracks up) Carl Chan.

Dick: That's your homie's name?

Tim: Carl Chan!

Dick: Carl Chan.

Tim: I'm Asian, so I gotta use an Asian last name.

Maddox: Okay. That's fair…that's fair.

Dick: Oh, that's racist.

Maddox: You know what? I thought it was gonna be a Carl Johnson, or something like that. That's fair.

Tim: Yeah…

Maddox: Okay, yeah.

Tim: No, I'm not a racist, damn, what the fuuuuck?

Maddox: (laughs) Okay, sorry Tim Chang. Sorry to offend you. Um…

Dick: Tim Chains!! Tim CHAINZ.

Maddox: Tim Chainz.

Dick: Yeah. If you don't say it right, he's gonna keep playing the fucking drop.

Maddox: Oh, please no. Okay, um. I got a comment here, excuse me…

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

Maddox: Oh, God.

Dick: Is that…is that your problem?

Maddox: Tim Chainz? Uh, yeah. Hold on.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I got one more clip to play. This is from Idaho. So I mentioned at the top, uh…the universities of Kentucky and Idaho are also debating this at the same exact time. Listen to this.

(Clip starts, female reporter: "Debate on what to do with two controversial murals depicting the history of Idaho begins tomorrow. The murals are located inside the ____County Courthouse in downtown Boise, and some say those paintings are inappropriate and discriminatory against Native Americans…"

Maddox: Yeah, so I…(scoffs)

"…while others say they're a part of Idaho history. New Channel 7's Kim Fields.")

Maddox: Great. Uh…so..(stammers) I looked into…

Dick: (interjects) What if it's just, like, an extremely racist painting? (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. I got…I got it right here. Um…this…that's from KTVB, actually.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So here's…here…I looked into it, and here's what the mural depicts.

(Clip starts again: female reporter: "…says the concern was the daily public display of the murals, one of which depicts white settlers lynching a Native American."

(Dick snorts)

Maddox: Yeah. Wow.

Dick: Oh. Okay. Well…(giggles)

Male voice: "Public display of these on a daily basis does not provide any context…"

Dick: (scoffs) No.

"…and actually goes against our educational mission of provided a well-permitting and inclusive environment for our students and faculty staff.")

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that's…not exactly welcoming. (grins)

Maddox: No.

Dick: A big lynch mob.

Maddox: No.

Dick: In the act of lynching.

Maddox: Yeah, but this…

Dick: (interjects) A minority.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. But the debate is, "Do we then whitewash our history?" Because this is some…this is a bad part of our history that..

Dick: (interjects) I don't…yeah.

Maddox: …exists.

Dick: I don't know if it's whitewashing to just take down a painting of a murder! Like, greeting you on a building as you enter it. Where was this?

Maddox: In the courthouse.

Dick: Yeah. In the courthouse?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't want…(Maddox giggles) I don't want people going in and having thoughts of racial discrimination one way or the other, crammed into their brains.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, as s…as..as nuanced as the mind is, like, where a….where a refrigerator being open on a TV ad will contribute to a loss of sales, you know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: As fine-tuned as the brain needs to be, I don't want a giant, white lynch mob being the first thing…the last thing that they see before they go decide someone's future!

Maddox: Wait, wait…

Dick: Right?

Maddox: So you're telling me if a Native American was going to that courthouse for a trial…uh, that he would feel unwelcome if he saw that mural? You're…

Dick: (interjects) I'm saying that anyone going in to court, I don't want them thinking that.

Maddox: You think that a lunch mob might persuade a jury…

Dick: One way or the other!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think it might be…on their mind.

Maddox: To…like…

Dick: (interjects) You know?

Maddox: Could it possibly persuade them to…acquit the person?

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: That's part of it!

Maddox: Thank you for being open-minded about it.

Dick: What do you…me?!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: What do you mean? (grins)

Maddox: No, I'm just joking, Dick.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Of course. It's ridiculous, yeah. No, I totally agree with you.

Dick: Okay. I don't think that's street art, though! I mean, that's, like…artistic censorship.

Maddox: Yeah, but, uh…these…these murals aren't just put in buildings. They're sometimes done on the side of buildings, on the outside, in public.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Where people can see them. And…over time, they stand as historical representations of our culture.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's why social anthropologists look at these murals, and for the…uh, the significance that they have for the culture that we live in.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway. That's, uh…that's my problem.

Dick: That's your problem.

Maddox: Street Art Abolitionists. And when they cover it up, they just cover it up with paint, POORLY. A lot of the times, they won't even cover the whole thing in the same coat of paint, so there'll be just these patches of different colors.

Dick: Oh, buddy, here…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, here's where it works for you. Two examples. Number one, have you heard of Wanksy, the guy who draws dicks on potholes?

Maddox: Sounds hilarious.

Dick: So…the pothole situation is so bad, you can't get anybody out to fix your pothole.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: He would go spraypaint a cock around the pothole so the city would HAVE to come fix that.

Maddox: Yeaaah.

Dick: 'Cause everybody's complaining about it…

Maddox: Oh, that's great!

Dick: And while they're…and in order to fix it, they have to fix the pothole.

Maddox: That's brilliant.

Dick: So this guy just goes around drawing c…yeah. It's brilliant. I'm thinking of doing it in Hollywood.

Tim: Have you guys…heard of Changzsty? (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Oh…(giggles) No. Who's Changzsty?

Tim: That's me.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Tim: Tim CHANGZZZZZZ. Alright, look. I do graffiti. So I know what you guys are talking 'bout.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Tim: Alright? I've done it. All over Venice Beach.

Dick: What…what are you doing?

Tim: What do I do?

Dick: What do you do?

Tim: I draw…a red question mark over everything. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Oh yeah? (giggles)

Tim: 'Cause, like, I'm like the Riddler. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Tim: From…from the Batman.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, we know where the Riddler's from.

Dick: The Riddler, yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Tim: One time, though, I…

Dick: (interjects) But why is it red? The Riddler was green.

Tim: Yeah, that's the Riddler. I'm…I'm Changzsty.

Maddox: Changzsty, okay.

Tim: I…I like red.

Maddox: So you do these question marks over everything, and what's…what's the social message, here?

Dick: Like, question…question everything? Question where you…

Tim: Why, Tammy? Why, Tammy? (Dick snickers) Why'd you kick me out of…why'd you kick me out of community college? (they giggle) Why'd you kick me out of community college?

Dick: Dumber…dumber than I thought it would be. (Maddox giggles really hard)

Tim: It's not dumb! (Maddox cracks up) Tammy, if you listening right now…

Dick: No, she's not…

Tim: I love you.

Maddox: She's not listening. Tammy's not listening to the show. (cracks up)

Dick: Here's my problem.

(TIM CHANGZZZZZZZ. PEW, PEW, PEW, PEW, PEW!!)

Maddox: (giggles) That's not even the horn. That's not a horn sound effect.

Dick: Here's my problem.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So, it's my mom's birthday when this episode drops.

Maddox: Oh, Happy Birthday!

Dick: Yeah. So, I said, "Look, you…"

Maddox: (interjects) Mrs. Masterson. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah. You got one chance. You got a…you can give me a problem.

Maddox: Yes…

Dick: Give me a problem for the show. As soon as I tell her, everybody in the background, "Do this, do this, do this." And she was like, "Mmmmm…." Very sweet lady. Right?

Maddox: Mhmm. Mhmm.

Dick: This is her problem. Backseat Drivers.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Total nightmare. They'll ruin your f…where do they get off? Where do these people get off? You're giving…you are…you are donating your time and energy to driving these people around. And they will not…shut up. And leave you alone.

Maddox: Oh, buddy. You're looking at the biggest…

Dick: (interjects) The WORST backseat driver.

Maddox: The biggest backseat driver in the universe!! YEAH!!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Maddox, I gotta tell you. (Maddox chuckles) When you…when you backseat drive, not only do I wanna go slower out of spite?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I wanna steer my car into a fucking concrete embankment, it drives me so…so insane.

Maddox: Yeah, it's great.

Dick: Backseat driving.

Maddox: I am the BEST backseat driver. I'm so great. Okay, what do you got?

Dick: So she drives…she drives my dad around all…this is another one of those instances where hopefully someone listening to the show will change their behavior. Because I passive aggressively bring in this as an issue.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: On the show.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: She drives my dad around.

Maddox: Alright. (giggles)

Dick: Every…everywhere.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause my…my dad will try to get out of driving at all costs.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, he'll negotiate…if you're gonna meet somewhere, he'll say, "Let's meet in the middle." "Uh, let's meet 60% closer to me." "Let's meet down the street." "What do you say you pick me up?"

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah, that's how it goes. So he…he gets driven around everywhere. Won't stop backseat driving. The whole time. This is…this is what Wikipedia says about backseat…

Maddox: (interjects) I like your dad.

Dick: Backseat…(giggles) Yeah. (Maddox cracks up, evil laugh) You would love it. You guys should both be backseat drivers together.

Maddox: Yeaaaaah! Tag team!

Dick: This is what Wikipedia says. **"A backseat driver is an asshole most commonly found in the passenger seat of a vehicle who can't control their thoughts and**

impulses from escaping their mouths like a kind of verbal diarrhea." Like a two-year-old. Me, me, me, me, me.

Maddox: It doesn't say that on Wikipedia. It doesn't say that.

Dick: That's what it says. **"They make excessive comments on the driver's actions and decisions in an attempt to control the vehicle."**

Maddox: To…to…safely get…

Dick: (interjects) And they can suck my cock, that's what Wikipedia says.

Maddox: Okay, it doesn't say that on Wikipedia. It…it…you know, sometimes backseat drivers do that because…the…actual driver is driving too fucking slow, and is too much of a big pussy to honk their horn when some dipshit is clearly texting in front of them, 'cause we don't have some place to be, apparently! And commerce has to come to a grinding halt because this shithead has to send off a text! That's a backseat driver! Saving lives!

Dick: (stammers) You wanna know something interesting?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: How about this? One in seven motorists report having a road accident or a near-miss caused by the distraction of a backseat driver.

Maddox: Distraction?

Dick: One in seven. No, this is specifically backseat driving.

Maddox: Mmmm. (skeptical)

Dick: This is not just distracting. This is somebody driving you so insane…because they wanna shave a couple SECONDS…because they're a deranged person.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who wants to feel important! Like THEYYYY know. They know. They're like these Sandy Hook guys! They know the secret to getting somewhere on time!! (Maddox snorts, laughs) They've got secret information on the map, they can't wait…they can't be delayed!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In their important lives!!

Maddox: Right!

Dick: By 10 minutes!

Maddox: That sounds like me!

Dick: By 2 minutes!

Maddox: That's me!

Dick: By 7 seconds!

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: They sit there going, "Mememememe!!", telling you how to drive! They're causing… they're causing…let's see. What's 1/7th of accidents? There's 100…there's 1.3 million deaths from car accidents every year? 1/7th of that.

Maddox: So, like, 13%, 12%, something like that?

Dick: It's like two and a hun…yeah.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: 180,000. 180,000 deaths, these people are causing!

Maddox: No, that's…that's, that's, that's, ahhh, daaa, Daa. That sounds like bullshit!!

Dick: Backseat driving.

Maddox: 180,000…

Dick: 1 out of 7!

Maddox: Per…in the US? Or that's worldwide?

Dick: No, that's worldwide.

Maddox: Okay, worldwide, maybe.

Dick: Worldwide.

Maddox: But…(stammers) that doesn't sound…like, they didn't go to Africa and survey these people on backseat driving. And by the way…by the way..

Dick: (interjects) They get backseat running in Africa.

Maddox: Okay. (scoffs)

Dick: Guy runs behind you, says, "You're running too slow!" "Run in the left lane! Akimbo!!"

Maddox: Dick…Dick, look.

Dick: "Get your knees up! You're gonna get winded!" (Maddox giggles) "Have a drink, you're getting dehydrated!!" That's what it's LIKE!! Dealing with fucking backseat drivers!!

Maddox: Dick, look. They cause some accidents. You gotta break some eggs. Look, no pain, no gain.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Me.

Tim: I have…I have never died driving Lyfts.

Dick: Do you get backseat drivers in Lyft?

Tim: Every time.

Dick: Every time.

Tim: It doesn't bother me.

Dick: Well, that's your job.

Tim: I'm a great…I'm a great Lyft driver.

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: So please use the promo code TC…(Maddox giggles) LFYT30, you get $5 off your next Lyft.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're referring…it has to be…

Tim: And I get credit for that.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Tim, we're gonna cut that ad out of this. Lyft is not a sponsor for this episode.

Dick: Uh, let's see. You're 60% more likely to have a serious crash…hang on, lemme get some good stats here.

Maddox: Gotta break some eggs, buddy. I don't know what to tell you, man! No pain, no gain!! You…(stammers) if you want to get where you're going fast, you get me as your passenger, and I'll tell you how to drive.

Dick: Look, if you wanna get…if you want to make someone a road rage, just tell them how to drive. That's how you get someone real pissed off. 51% of people reported getting angry behind the wheel, purely as a result of backseat drivers. 40% reported being made anxious! You're making the problem worse!

Maddox: You know what the pr…

Dick: (interjects) They ALREADY drove cautiously. Now you're freakin' em out!!

Maddox: Sounds like the problem here is drivers who have anger management issues. Right? Drivers who are easily distracted.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: If you are so distracted by a passenger who…out of the goodness of his heart, just wants to help you not drive like a grandma.

Dick: Yeah. Do you respond well to it?

Maddox: Then maybe you should…you should turn of…I…(stammers) never get it, because everyone knows I'm driving the most efficiently as possible!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The most efficient ways possible. I'm cutting people off left and right! Driving like a samurai through traffic.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Like a hot knife through butter, that's what I am in traffic.

Dick: Partners are the worst.

Tim: Hell, yeah.

Dick: Partners came…

Maddox: Yeah!! (giggles)

Tim: I'm a samurai, too. Not 'cause I'm Asian! I'm like a samurai, though.

Maddox: Yeah?

Tim: Also when I drive Lyft. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Oh, you drive…

Tim: Use my promo code…

Maddox: Okay, Tim! (laughing)

Dick: Do you drive like a samurai as well?

Tim: Yeah.

Dick: How would you define that?

Tim: I actually…I have a sword.

Dick: You drive with a sword.

Maddox: Oh, you actually have a sword.

Tim: I actually have a sword.

Maddox: This is not even a metaphor. You just have a sword in your car. (Dick giggles)

Tim: I literally have a sword in my car.

Dick: Always…always dumber than…(Maddox giggles)

Tim: In case…in case anyone tries to attack me.

Dick: You have a sword.

Tim: Yeah, in my trunk. (Maddox snorts)

Dick: Okay.

Tim: It's a samurai sword.

Dick: Are you trained in swordplay?

Tim: 17th century…Kyoto…weapon.

Dick: Is that the only town in Japan that you know? Kyoto?

Tim: Tokyo. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: Keep going.

Tim: Kyoto, Tokyo.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nagasaki.

Tim: Hiroshima. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, great.

Dick: There you go. Now you're thinking.

Tim: Hiroshima.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Name two more Japanese cities.

Tim: S…(cracks up) (Dick and Maddox crack up) Sashimi, man!

Maddox: No, sashimi is not a city, asshole!

Tim: Sashimi's definitely a city!!

Maddox: No!!!

Dick: Partners came out on top, was the worst backseat drivers. (Maddox giggles) Then mothers! 27% of people reported partners. Then mothers is 17%. Fathers at 14%. Children at 14%. I dunno what children are getting in on this game.

Maddox: Children backseat drivers?

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: You know you're a shitty driver when your kid's telling you to hurry the fuck up!!! I..Dick…do you have any stories of, uh…you and I? Where I was a backseat driver?

Dick: You're ALWAYS a backseat driver! (Maddox cracks up) It's a fucking nightmare! I don't know why it's SO important that everyone drive…that I drive efficiently when you're in the car!

Maddox: 'Cause…you…'cause I am your passenger…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you should respect my time and get me where I'm going as fast as possible. (tries not to laugh) Even though you're driving and doing me a favor.

Dick: No! It's the…(Maddox laughs) It's the psychology of it! There's something wrong with backseat drivers' brains!

Maddox: What?

Dick: There's some…there's s…I brought in a bunch of, like, actual…psychologists weighing in on this topic, too.

Maddox: Oh!! Let's hear these assholes!

Dick: It's be….this is what…this is what you're saying when you're a backseat driver.

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: "I don't trust you to handle this on your own." It's like…oh, is this a ding?

(Sound effect: 'Ding!")

Maddox: Ding, correct, yes. Absolutely.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I…agree with that 100%!

Dick: It's driving. How do you not trust someone to handle it on their own?

Maddox: 'Cause they're shitty drivers! I have friends who've gotten in tons of wrecks, Rain-Slick Dick!! And I don't necessarily trust that you know exactly what you're doing, 'cause sometimes, I'll point out something. I have prevented accidents as being…by being a backseat driver! 'Cause I see my friends fucking up, like, "Hey man, there's a car right fucking there!!"

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: "Why don't you swerve, or hit on your brakes, or honk, or something!" No, they just…(goofy voice) "Unnnh…uhhh…you know, I'll just slow down a little bit." And I'm like, "Well, they're not gonna stop. You gotta honk!"

Dick: Yeah. Psychologist Ryan Howes says they offer unsolicited advice in an attempt to combat their own feelings of powerlessness.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Correct. (giggles)

Dick: Like, the realization that they cannot…(cracks up) Yeah. See?

Maddox: That's absolutely correct. (laughing)

Dick: It's a deep…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a deep psychological dysfunction that you people have. That you're trying to get over…that you're trying to work out on us.

Maddox: It's not…it's not dysfunction!

Dick: It's like a…it's like an addiction.

Maddox: He just…(stammers) he just enumerated the exact phenomenon that's going on. That's not dysfunction. He's just STATING what it is.

Dick: Okay. (grins)

Maddox: I agree with it.

Dick: Here's…here's a good one. Another psychologist conducted a study in which subjects were told that a…that a sample of their blood would be taken. They could prick their own finger or have an experienced technician do it. People who fit…this is…okay? Prick your own finger, or we're gonna have a phl…phlebologist, or whatever they're called…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We're gonna have a professional do it for you. People who fit the profile of a backseat driver did it themselves, 'cause they're fucking stupid!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Okay. See, that's where I disagree. I would always…

Dick: You would prick your own finger, according to this study.

Maddox: No, I wouldn't. I wouldn't prick my own finger.

Dick: They just…they can't give up. They can't give up that control, these backseat drivers.

Maddox: No, no. It's not about…it's not always about control, man. I know when to…wrest control and when to give it up…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And when to…you know, sit back and relax. Here's the thing. If I'm driving, I have certain friends who are such poor drivers, I…I literally have to pull my cell phone out of my pocket and tune out what's going on…

Dick: Figuratively? (giggles)

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: I need to tune out of what's going on.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that I don't lose my fuckin' mind.

Dick: And you need…you need, like, a pacifier to distract yourself, 'cause you have these…these deep psychological problems that these…that these learned people are describing!

Maddox: (stammers) It's not that, Dick. It's like…I have the exact same problem with drivers who are slow when I'm the passenger…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: As I do watching someone else compute.

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: It drives me outta my fucking mind…

Dick: Yes, this is a defect with you!

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's what these people are saying!

Maddox: (giggles) (Dick cracks up) I understand what they're saying…

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They're just stating what it is. They're not stating what the psychological phenomenon is that is the dysfunction supposedly, alleged dysfunction! But here's the problem, Dick. When I see someone reach over for their mouse.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I start to get anxiety. Because I know what I'm in store for is 1 to 3 seconds of them slowly dragging that fucking cursor…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Across their desktop.

Dick: Not a big deal. (grins)

Maddox: And then…hunting for that little X to click. Oh, and then they start doing that little circle with their hand, you know?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The little circle?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Where they're…where it's essentially like a binary search for that X.

Dick: Getting comfortable.

Maddox: And they're getting a little bit closer…

Dick: Getting comfortable with the mouse.

Maddox: Yeah, getting comfortable.

Dick: You know. No big deal.

Maddox: Where's that cursor, again? Uh…and they look around on the screen. And…oh, there it is. Okay, I see the cursor now. (Dick giggles) And then they slowly drag it across their desktop, and I'm like, "Oh my God, when is this gonna end?" and then they reach the X, they overshoot it a little bit, by a few pixels…(Dick giggles) and then they move back a little bit more, and then they finally click it, I'm like, "Oh, thank God!! You did that one fucking task, and it took five seconds of your fucking life! This is how you want to live your life!? Like an asshole, clicking Xs all the time, with your mouse? Hit Ctrl-W, shithead!!"

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Or ALT-F4…

Dick: Eh…

Maddox: Or Shift+Space+C!!

Tim: Damn, chill out, dawg. (Maddox and Dick crack up) Fuck, man.

Maddox: Shut the fuck up, Tim Chang!!

Tim: You got a lot of problems…

Maddox: You're a mouse user, bro!!

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

(they crack up)

Maddox: You fucking asshole!! (cackles)

Dick: Psychologist Stephen Rice says the backseat driver is an individual who has a strong need to feel influence, and they're always looking for ways to express that need. It's an addiction.

Maddox: It's not that, bro.

Dick: That's an addiction.

Maddox: It's not that. You know what?

Dick: Here's what another guy says…

Maddox: Okay…

Dick: What? What, what?

Maddox: I was gonna…

Dick: (interjects) You gonna give another computer…

Maddox: I…no. It's not a computer story. I was in a Lyft one time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the driver was driving like a fucking badass. He was like, making U-turns and shifting into high gear every time, and slamming his brakes. I'm like, "Dude, you're driving like a badass."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I gave him a three dollar tip! On a six dollar ride. 'Cause he kicked ASS at driving.

Dick: (scoffs) Okay.

Maddox: Yeah! So, sometimes…sometimes when I see someone driving like a badass, I acknowledge it, and I don't backseat drive. I backseat compliment.

Dick: Yeah. This is part of the dysfunction.

Maddox: Nope! (laughing)

Dick: The celebration of aggressive, poor driving. Uh…where does a meddler's deep-seated desire for control come from? That's what these psychologists…these learned men…

Maddox: Mmm-mmm.

Dick: Multiple learned men are just saying, if you grew up in an environment that was chaotic, it's almost a defensive sort of reaction, Burgher says. **"We've seen this in homes where a parent has an alcohol problem, for example. Those children tend to develop a need to control for themselves."**

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I definitely…

Dick: (interjects) Or a traumatizing life event.

Maddox: I definitely grew up in a chaotic lifestyle…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, Dick, it's not just…um…you know. This is something that I do.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Again, to save lives.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: And to get to our destination quicker.

Dick: Costing people. 1…1 in 7 people reported getting in a wreck because of a backseat driver.

Maddox: No pain, no gain. (Dick laughs) What can I say? What can I say?

Dick: Alright, uh…I got one more thing. Here was an example from Wikipedia. About backseat driving.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Want me to read this?

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

Dick: This is a…very small article on Wikipedia. This was the example they gave of backseat driving.

Maddox: Okay! Let's hear it.

Dick: This is totally real. **"A couple of episodes in Power Rangers Zeo…**(Maddox laughs) **shows examples of backseat drivers with Rita Repulsa and Goldar in the motor home base they share with Lord Zedd, Finnster, and Rhedo."** This is Wikipedia. I…

Maddox: I…I believe this.

Dick: This is the company that's asking for donations to keep their top-quality research…

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: …accessible at all times. Fucking example of back… **"…on their way back to the palace, Rita's constant demanding lands the base a flat tire, which she and Zedd blame on each other."**

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: "After getting the tire fixed and back driving, Goldar shows up." Do you know who these people are? **"…with the map that Zedd needs and unintentionally proceeds**

to be another backseat driver, by overly trying to help them with the map that lands the motor home base with yet another flat tire. Surely, Rita and Zedd blame him for the mess."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ah, there you go, Dick.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: There you…that's the quality..

Dick: (interjects) That's a perfect example! (giggles)

Maddox: That's the quality of people who have problems with backseat drivers.

Dick: Rita Repulsa.

Maddox: Dick, uh…you and I have been driving before, where I'll see someone do something insane in front of you, and you just…I look over to you, and you're like, "Ahh." Chill…just chill Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sitting in my car.

Dick: Doesn't bother me.

Maddox: Doesn't bother me.

Dick: It doesn't bother me.

Maddox: I'll get there when I get there, I guess. And I…it drives me nuts, and I reach over and I…

Dick: (interjects) I don't know why!

Maddox: …hit your horn! I honk your fucking horn!!

Dick: You deserve the death penalty for that.

Maddox: That's fucking awesome!

Dick: No! (giggles)

Maddox: And then…I did it to another friend. I was in his car one time. And this c…this person in front of me…swear to God, 15 seconds, sitting there. And I'm…I'm sitting there, sweating bullets at this point. (Dick guffaws) 'Cause…'cause I'm looking…

Tim: You're sweating right now. (giggles) You're sweating right now, dude! (Dick giggles)

Dick: Yeah! You're sweating right now!

Maddox: Yeah, I know, Tim! So I'm sitting there, and I'm looking at him, and I look at his face, and I look at the horn, and I look at his face, and I look at the horn, you know, like you do.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Like, "Hey, bro, hit the fucking horn and let's get this train going, huh?!" And he… nothing! And finally, I lose my m….I roll down my window, I honk his fucking horn, and I yell out and shake my fist at the driver! (laughs) From the passenger side! I'm like, "Hurry the fuck up!" And I…and I get…and I sit back down in the car, and he looks at me, and I look at him, and I honk his horn some more, until this…this lazy slack-eyed idiot…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: …starts to drive.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: What's wrong with people?

Dick: …you got a good look at his face. Was he clean-shaven? 'Cause if he wasn't…he should pick up some Harry's razors. Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. It's a new year. It's a new year and it's time for a fresh start.

Maddox: New year, new you!

Dick: I'm having a fresh start. I'm clean shaven.

Maddox: You look…yeah!

Dick: I am hung over, so I fucked that up a little bit, but it's still a new year.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: It's time…it's time to stop overpaying for a great shave!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. They're German engineered blades, five-blade cartridges, oh my God, that's a deal. Close, comfortable shave, no cuts or burns. That's true. I can vouch for that. Quality is guaranteed. A full refund if you're not happy. Where can you get that? Where can you get a full refund if you're not happy?

Maddox: No…I can't think of one place that does that.

Dick: Nowhere on Earth.

Maddox: Nowhere else. Nowhere else.

Tim: DJ Tim Changzzz services.

Dick: Oh, really?

Tim: Full refund if you're not satisfied with my services.

Maddox: Can we get a refund for this episode? (Dick giggles)

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

Dick: Over 1 million guys have already made the switch to Harry's. Thousands more switch every day. Why pay $32 for an eight-pack of blades when you can get them for half the price at http://www.harrys.com and they ship right to your door. You don't gotta deal with that case!

Maddox: Ships right to your door. Tim, do you shave?

Tim: I don't shave.

Maddox: Yeah?

Tim: I like to keep my hair around. It makes me remember things. (Maddox giggles) (Dick snorts) You know, every hair…

Dick: No, I have no idea what you're talking about.

Tim: …is a piece of history.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah! So they're…you're basically the opposite of a Street Art Abolitionist, with your face.

Tim: That's right. Abolitionists are bad people. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: BIGGESTPROBLEM…

(Sound effect: 'Ding'!)

Dick: To save $5 off your first purchase. Go to http://www.harrys.com.

Maddox: Thank you Harry's for supporting the show, and thank you guys for supporting the show. It really helps out. Dick, I got a real big problem.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay? I recently released another video.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: About…how Disney ruined The Little Mermaid.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: It's doing really well on YouTube. Setting the Internet on fire.

Dick: Oh, as they do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh, so I wanna bring in Disney to expand on that point a little bit. Disney is my problem.

Dick: And they ruined the Little Mermaid because they made it, like, nice. They gave it a nice ending.

Maddox: They shat all over the original story.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right? I had an argument with a mutual friend of ours, a long time ago. And he was talking about how much he liked The Little Mermaid. And I said…

Dick: (interjects) What the hell kind of conversation was this? Guy's talking about how much he loves The Little Mermaid? (giggling)

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Yeah. The Disney version of The Little Mermaid. Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: And he was saying that, uh…that he really liked the Little Mermaid because it was a good story, and this and that, and I told him…(stammers) I said, "Do you know the original story of The Little Mermaid?" and he said, "Yeah." And I said, "Okay, well the original story has an ending that's really tragic."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: The…mermaid dies at the end of The Little Mermaid. The original Hans…

Dick: Doesn't she turn into foam or something like that?

Maddox: …Christian Anderson…yeah. She turns into foam.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's the story. She turns into foam and gets a soul and goes up to Heaven. It's kind of, like, a…

Dick: Almost a better ending.

Maddox: What, the…?

Dick: They had a fling. Turns into fo…I wish all romances ended like that.

Maddox: Most of my…(giggles)

Dick: Bitch just turned into foam! I went to go check on her in the shower and she turned into a bunch of foam! What are you gonna do?

Maddox: Hey…all my romantic encounters end in foam, if you know what I'm talkin' about. Tim, do you know?

Tim: Wha…what do you mean? (Dick guffaws, Maddox laughs) What do you mean, man?

Maddox: Of course. Thank you Tim Chang. Tim Chainz.

Dick: Tim Chainz.

Maddox: Tim Chainz. (guffaws)

Tim: Tim Changz.

Dick: Oh I get it. It's, like, Two Chains. (Maddox laughs)

Tim: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Good job, Dick. (laughing)

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

Dick: I get it now. Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Real clever. Um, yeah, anyway. So the original Hans Christian Anderson story has the Little Mermaid, uh…essentially, she has to…she makes the wager with the evil queen.

Dick: Ursula.

Maddox: Ursula. No, it's not Ursula…

Dick: Ursula the Sea Witch.

Maddox: …that's the Disney version.

Dick: Ehh…

Maddox: Yeah. Based on Divine, the…the…

Dick: (interjects) Transsexual.

Maddox: I don't know if she's transsexual, so much as she's just a…

Dick: Drag…queen?

Maddox: She's a drag queen, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Drag queens are not necessarily transsexual. So it's based on…

Dick: Phew!

Maddox: Based on Divine.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. The original story had her make the wager where she would come to land, she would lose her voice, and then she had to marry the king. The prince.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Otherwise, the day after, the prince married someone else? She would die.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So she made that wager. She went up to land. And the prince mistakenly believes that another woman saves his life.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Because after she spent all night with him saving him, you know, nursing him back to health on the beach.

Dick: Ahhhhhh. (lewd)

Maddox: So, the original story has this happen, right? And…when the mermaid is bringing him back to health, right? Um…she hears some women coming down from a temple up the hill. And then she…runs off and hides. She swims off, rather.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And, uh…and when the prince comes to, he sees this other woman nursing him to health, and he thinks that SHE is the one responsible for saving his life.

Dick: Logical.

Maddox: So…he marries this other woman! And the mermaid is distraught, and then she has one chance to save her life.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Her sisters sacrifice their hair for her, gives it to the evil queen.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then they give her a magical dagger, that if she kills the prince and then sprays her feet with blood…

Dick: Oh. (giggles)

Maddox: Because the or…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The original story also had it so that, uh…it felt like she was walking on knives the entire time.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh…which doesn't really add anything to the lesson.

Dick: This isn't a movie that I wanna see.

Maddox: Well, it's…

Dick: You know, if I gotta be honest with you.

Maddox: Well, have you seen the original 1975 version?

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's a…it's a really well-done story, and the story is so much more powerful than Disney's slap-dick ending, where instead of having the princess sacrifice herself, because she realizes it's not the prince's fault. Sometimes you don't always get what you want.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: You don't always get who you want. And just because you sacrificed a lot for that person…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Doesn't mean they're gonna like you back. And it doesn't mean that you're always gonna be their first choice.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's an important lesson that is…that ONLY exists in this one children's story that's been completely whitewashed from history. And I did a little research, and I found before 1989's Disney version, almost every animated version of this…of the story…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Had the same exact Hans Christian Anderson ending. And after 1989, almost every single version has had the Disney ending, or some variant thereof.

Dick: Yeah, that's, like, depressing, though, man.

Maddox: Doesn't matter if it's depressing. You learn an important lesson. You…

Dick: (interjects) I dunno if that's true.

Maddox: Wha…(stammers)

Dick: You learn that lesson?

Maddox: Yeah. That's what I learned when I was a kid.

Dick: From that story?

Maddox: That's why it stuck with me. Yeah!

Dick: And then you…

Maddox: It stuck with me.

Dick: …what? You decided, like, not to change? And…was that the lesson that you learned?

Maddox: No, the lesson is that sometimes, just because you like someone and you make sacrifices for them…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They might not like you back.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: That's an important lesson that is completely lost in…in modern children's literature. If everything in children's literature…the only thing the Disney version teaches kids is entitlement.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You get what you want. Everything has a happy ending. There are no life lessons in that.

Dick: Well, wait a minute! What about Aladdin? 'Cause, Aladdin tried to act like something he was not, and Jasmine was not into that. He had to go back to being Aladdin.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Before she was into him. So that's a pretty good…lesson. Right?

Maddox: Ughh…(thinking)

Dick: Aladdin had to be himself!

Maddox: I…I don't know. I haven't seen Aladdin in a long time. I'd have to go back and look at that.

Dick: Well, it's a good movie.

Tim: I made some sacrifices back in my day, guys.

Maddox: Oh yeah? What'd you sacrifice, Tim?

Tim: Look…

Maddox: Tim Chainz.

Tim: Tammy Trujillo.

Maddox: (giggles) Tammy Trujillo.

Tim: I loved her, alright? I luh-ed her. (Maddox giggles) Aight?

Dick: Accent is all over the place. (laughing) Alright.

Tim: I luh-ed her SO much that I sacrificed my virginity. (Dick and Maddox guffaw) I was planning on fucking when I got married. (they giggle)

Dick: You were? Why?

Tim: Christianity, homie. (Maddox cracks up) Jesus, one love.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Correct. Correct, Tim Chainz. I agree with that. Christianity…(giggles) Christianity, homie, is the correct answer.

Tim: Thank you so much, Madolph.

Maddox: It's Mad…Maddox. (Dick silently giggling)

Tim: Same difference, man.

Maddox: No.

Tim: OxyMO-ron.

Maddox: (giggles) No…it's not an oxymoron. (laughing)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Jesus….(laughing) Uh…yeah. I dunno, man. Um…so Disney's done this with SO many different stories throughout…(giggles) throughout history. Hans Christian Anderson stories.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Even Frozen is based on a Hans Christian Anderson story, did you know that?

Dick: Oh, God, I hated that movie!

Maddox: The Ice Queen.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Um…yeah, Disney…Disney does this. They just take…and here's the thing. If Disney was trying to supplant this story with…this message, with another message, right? I would understand that.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But they are…just taking The Little Mermaid and trying to make it as mass-appeal and commercial as possible.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's all they're doing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Their only motive here is profit. They don't give a shit whether or not anyone learns anything.

Dick: Oh, I don't know. That's a little bit cynical.

Maddox: Disney's only motive is profit!

Dick: They gotta make it…no!! No.

Maddox: What else is there?!

Dick: They make good movies!

Maddox: I'm not saying…

Dick: (interjects) I think they put a lot of heart in, like, Toy Story 3, and I don't think their ONLY motive is profit.

Maddox: Look, man. I'm not saying Disney doesn't make good movies. If Disney makes good movies or not is irrelevant as to whether or not those movies have messages. And a lot of people like the original Little Mer…the Disney version of the Little Mermaid. I'm not saying it's not…an entertaining movie. People are entertained by it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: People like the stupid songs in it.

Dick: Stupid songs. Come on. They're great.

Maddox: They're stupid. They're stupid songs.

Tim: Under the Sea. Man, I'm about to go pee. Yeah. DJ Tim Changz!! Hit that shit!!

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

Dick: So you would…(giggles) (Maddox giggles) You would prefer it if they kept the original message, Disney?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Big animated splendor, multi-million dollar budget, and Ariel just bursts into FOAM after walking on knives for the whole movie.

Maddox: Well, the knives part I…a lot of the animated versions, including the one that I am championing here, is the 1975 version, a lot of them don't have the walking on knives part. And I thought about it, and I thought, "Well, the original one that I'm championing didn't have that. That diverged from the Hans Christian Anderson tale as well."

Dick: Right.

Maddox: However, that doesn't…that doesn't change anything. That doesn't change the message. By not having that in there, it doesn't change the message, because she still sacrificed something and she didn't get what she wanted, because she sacrificed. So, uh…you can still have that same tragic ending. I mean, where do you draw the line, at some point? Do you…do you rewrite Romeo and Juliet to have a happy ending? Oh, they wake up together and they live happily ever after!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: You…you rewrite the Hunchback of Notre Dame, which, again, a Hunchback.

Dick: How did they change that?

Maddox: Uh…I'd have to look into all the details, but they…uh, most of the…most Disney fairy tales are based on past properties. And they whitewash them. They make them…palatable for consumers. Mass-appeal as possible.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Completely eliminating the message. And here's something else I learned. This is from, uh…uh…you know the show Adam Ruins Everything? Adam Conover?

Dick: I have not watched it.

Maddox: Actually, a few people on Twitter have mentioned that we have both covered a lot of the same topics.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh, it's pretty…it's pretty fascinating, 'cause we…(giggles) we kind of, like, look at the same things to kinda tackle. Um, these, like, uh…these social phenomenon. But he talked about how Disney has ruined copyright law in the United States.

Dick: There you go! That's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They keep extending it, right? To keep their precious Mickey.

Maddox: Right, so…under US copyright law, I think it's, what, 70 years?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That after 70 years, your claim to a copyright expires. And that copyright property goes into public domain. And without that, we lose out on a lot of art and history, like, for example Hans Christian Anderson's tales. Which Disney relies HEAVILY upon.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: To build their empire. Without Hans Christian Anderson's stories being in public domain, Disney wouldn't even have the opportunity to make The Little Mermaid. Or Steamboat…uh, what's the original Mickey Mouse cartoon?

Dick: Steamboat Penis.

Maddox: Steamboat Willie, I think, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Steamboat Willie?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I…(stammers) I get the joke. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Good job, Dick.

(Sound effect: Baby laugh)

Maddox: Uh…(giggles) Steamboat Willie.

Dick: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

Maddox: No, Tim Chainz.

Dick: That wasn't your joke, Tim!

Maddox: That wasn't yours, Tim.

Tim: That was my joke, now, copyright!! (they laugh) 2016!!

Dick: So would you be okay, Tim? Would you be okay with, in 70 years, your likeness, uh…becoming public domain?

Tim: Man, that's like…man, that's like the greatest way to, like, you know, pay tribute to someone, is someone just trying to be like me. That's what I want.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Tim: Yeah.

Dick: So you think. You'd just shoot it out of a cannon.

Tim: Yeah, man.

Dick: Like the Playboy bunny.

Tim: I shoot it out a cannon.

Dick: Okay.

Tim: My dick. (background laughter)

Maddox: Mmmkay.

Dick: How about you? 70 years? You okay with people making knockoff Maddox shirts, and…?

Maddox: Yeah, I think so. Because if you have a lifetime…essentially, I think they chose 70 years because it's…it's a lifetime. For somebody to…uh, to capitalize on their work, and to make as much money as they can during their lifetime. And then afterwards, that property becomes public domain. Imagine…imagine a song from the thirties. The 1930s.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Essentially, all those songs from the 1930s should be public domain, because most of those people and their children have long since passed on. And…that art shouldn't be locked up forever. Because, again, when you free these things open to public domain, you have companies like Disney that come along and can use those stories. And other people can use those stories to make their own empires.

Dick: And ruin them!

Maddox: And make many more jobs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well…ruining them…yeah. They…they…

Dick: (interjects) I mean…

Maddox: In this case they clearly did.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But…Disney's so hypocritical in their stance on copyright, because they keep extending the public domain date. I think right now it's set to 2026 or something like that? 2019? So…it's not just affecting Disney, it's affecting everything else that came out after Mickey Mouse.

Dick: Yeah, I don't have a big problem with that.

Maddox: Why not?

Dick: I think you and I just disagree on that. Well, they…you wrote the song. You drew the mouse. Why does everyone deserve to have it? Fight tooth and nail to keep it. Your kids… your kids' kids, they should all fight tooth and nail to extend it as long as possible.

Maddox: So you're completely dismissing the argument that Disney wouldn't even exist today as it is. You know, the Little Mermaid saved Disney's company? They were going bankrupt.

Dick: Oh yeah?

Maddox: And The Little Mermaid, based on public domain, saved that company. So to suggest…

Dick: I don't think Disney has a problem with ripping off regular copyrighted properties, though. I don't think…I don't think a copyright would prevent them from making The Little Mermaid. Like what, is Hans Christian Anderson gonna sue Disney? Phew, good luck.

Maddox: No, but that's…that's irrelevant, whether or not they rip off other copyrighted works is irrelevant. We're talking about specifically public domain. And the only reason is because Disney…look. Disney hasn't created anything new since Mickey Mouse. And they're not even DOING anything with Mickey Mouse. Every now and then, a new game… a video game comes out, or something. But when's the last time you saw a Mickey Mouse cartoon?

Dick: Oof. The last time I saw…I don't know.

Tim: Saw it yesterday.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, you didn't, Tim Chainz.

Dick: There's constant new Mickey stuff. There's new Mickey shows. Like…Mickey's Clubhouse. All those motherfuckers are around.

Maddox: (giggles) Mickey's Club…that's a…I mean, that's a branded Disney…there is… there was a Disney cartoon. A Mickey Mouse cartoon that came out awhile back. Disney's afraid…

Dick: No, there's TONS of new Mickey stuff going on. Like, there's…for…for kids?

Maddox: Not movies.

Dick: It's like a machine.

Maddox: Not movies.

Dick: Oh, movies. I…yeah. I guess not. I don't…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm sure there is. I'm not up on all the little kid stuff. But there's…tons of them.

Maddox: I mean…(stammers) if Disney…I have a theory that…

Dick: Cars was new…all the Pixar stuff's new.

Maddox: That's not Mickey Mouse.

Dick: No, but you said when was the last time they did something new?

Maddox: Mic…Mickey…that's Pixar. Pixar created that. That's not Disney. Disney can…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: …come by and acquire all these things, right? They're not creating anything new with Mickey Mouse. They're not creating any new movies. And I think it's because they're afraid of making a flop and hurting the company's brand. And hurting the company's image.

Dick: You mean, like, a blockbuster Mickey movie?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, I don't…

Maddox: (interjects) Like, something on par with The Little Mermaid.

Dick: I don't know if they EVER did that with Mickey.

Maddox: Yeah, of course they did. There were lots of old Disney Mickey Mouse movies. Fantasia?

Dick: Shorts! They made a new Fantasia, 2000. With Donald Duck!

Maddox: Did they? Well, with Donald Duck, but…

Dick: But Mickey's always only been in shorts.

Maddox: No. Fantasia was a full movie.

Dick: No, but Mickey was only in one of the interludes. The mic…the Sorcerer's Apprentice?

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: That's only one song.

Maddox: Well, how many movies has he appeared in since?

Dick: Um, I don't think Mickey was used like that. I think he was, like, a short. He was used, like, Steamboat Willie style, where it's a short before a bigger movie. They always throw him into that.

Maddox: Well, he was the star. He was the star of a lot of their cartoons. Originally a lot of their cartoons.

Dick: Sure. He still is!

Maddox: I haven't seen a Disney…I haven't seen a Mickey Mouse cartoon in a long time.

Dick: You don't have kids, man! Those kids love Mickey's Clubhouse shit.

Maddox: Not Mickey's…Mickey's clubhouse is not animated.

Dick: They do all the dance….yeah, it is!

Maddox: The…

Dick: (interjects) What…what do you think, it's live action?

Maddox: What…are you talking about the old…the one with, like, Britney Spears as the star?

Dick: Do they rea…in every single generation of kids HAS a Mickey's clubhouse.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Like, you don't know about it, but it's different for every one.

Maddox: Yeah, maybe you're right. Maybe you're right about that. I don't know. Uh, but, uh…but regardless. The public domain argument, right? They…they have locked up all these properties in public domain. If they were just doing it with their company, that's a different case. If you wanna make that argument…maybe there's a case for that.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: But they're changing ALL law. All copyright law in the United States, for everything, regardless of whether or not people are alive or care about their properties, or want these things to be in public domain. Regardless of that.

Dick: Yeah, I don't mind that. I dunno why you have a problem with that.

Maddox: Well, again, because Disney's hypocritical and they have used pub…if they don't have a problem with public domain being..uh, being basically evaporated. If they don't

have a problem with that, then they should stop using public domain properties for their advantage.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: It's hypocritical!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Furthermore, Disney has now bought up Marvel. They have a…acquired Pixar. I think they actually…is Pixar still part of Disney?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Pixar is part of Disney. Marvel's part of Disney. Plus all the original Disney properties.

Dick: Star Wars!!

Maddox: Star Wars. They picked up Star Wars. So if you go to a toy aisle or if you go to a comic book store, pro…anywhere from 70% to 80% of the…IP you see in there is owned by one company. And when you see this…what Disney has done to the Little Mermaid by abolishing these stories because they might be uncomfortable for children, and they have that same philosophy with everything else across the board…maybe…maybe Wolverine stops killing people! Maybe Wolverine starts getting tame in Marvel comics. Maybe Star Wars becomes a little bit more whitewashed. Over time, this aggregate influence ONE company has on all of our culture can be incredibly damaging and limiting to our culture. I…that's what…that's the real problem I have with Disney. They have WAY too much of a monopoly on our entertainment. Way too much!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And nobody's looking at this! We're only looking at monopolies when it comes to software, to cars, to railroads, and things like that, but when it comes to entertainment, everyone turns a blind eye to Disney. Dis…this one company…

Dick: (Interjects) Well, they turn their open eyes to Disney, 'cause they love this shit. And that's…

Maddox: (interjects) I'm talking about looking at them critically.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, people are consuming these Disney products. But at what cost? Because our culture's becoming dumber, I think. Because of companies like Disney. Because they have a monopoly on EVERYTHING. They are the filter that we get all our messages from. All our kids are learning their important life lessons from one company!

Dick: I don't know, man. I…see a lot of property coming through with the kids. You know, I got nephews, so I see all the…their little trends that they go through?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not all Disney. They get…they get some weird stuff. They got…they got dinosaurs that are also cars. (Maddox giggles) They got a…my nephew's got a toy of a

dump truck that's a stegosaurus, and you pull on the tail and it shits out a trash can. Like projectile pooping.

Maddox: Yeah. That's an important lesson.

Dick: That's not whitewashed! (giggles) It's…they're into WEIRD things.

Tim: -Year-old, Madolph. Lemme ask you a question, is that cool?

Maddox: (giggles) Maddox…Maddox is the name.

Tim: Lemme just ask you a "for real" question, alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Look. If Disney ask you…

Dick: Ax, do you think?

Tim: If Disney axed you…

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: To play Beast in Beauty and the Beast…

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Would you say yes?

Maddox: No, I don't…what are you walking about, the play?

Tim: For…for…

Maddox: The play that came…

Tim: Nah, man, the cartoon.

Maddox: (Dick guffaws) The cartoon…

Tim: If they asked you to play Beast from the cah-toon.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Would you…would you say yes? And they paid you a lot of money.

Maddox: Yeah, of course. Yeah.

Tim: So you a fucking hypocrite, then! (Dick cracks up laughing)

Maddox: No. I'll tell you…I'll tell you why. (background laughter) I'll tell you why.

Dick: A surprisingly cogent argument. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick cracks up)

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

Maddox: (laughing) Because I'm a subversive motherfucker. And you get me in there, and I'll put in some messages. I'll get…I will put up a stink and change the script, and I'll put in some fucking messages in that story, buddy.

Dick: Like drawing dicks in the cartoon?

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's what they…no, that's what they do, in Little Mermaid!

Maddox: Yeah, I know.

Dick: There's dicks on the box…there's dicks in the..

Maddox: Actually, that's pretty funny. That's…that's a sign…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, no? That's what you're describing.

Maddox: That's a sign that…yeah. I agree.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a sign of artistic dissent.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: When he drew that dick on the cover of the Little Mermaid, and then Disney backtracked, like, "Oh, it wasn't a dick." They whitewashed their own cover! Like, guys..

Dick: (interjects) Well, yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: It's part of…

Dick: What are they gonna say, there's a giant dick on their cover?

Maddox: Yeah, but the little kids don't know what that is! They're just looking at that and it's like a giant shiny dong, and the only way you're gonna know what it is, is if you know what a dick looks like. Kids don't know that!

Dick: Half of them do!!

Maddox: (giggles) The boys?

Dick: Yeah! (they both laugh)

Maddox: Don't worry about it, man. It's…it was hilarious. Artistic dissent is great. Of course. I would always…I am…I am a stealth operative, buddy. That's why I would work for Disney.

Dick: What would you do? What's, like, an example of the stealthful dissent, the artistic dissent you would do as…in the cartoon?

Maddox: Well..(stammers)

Dick: Of the Beast?

Maddox: I'll give you an ex…I dunno. I'm not in that position, but I'll give you an example of how I did..

Dick: (interjects) Oh, just, you know, for fun.

Maddox: I'll give you an example of how I did dissent at one of my old jobs. At the telemarketing…I worked for a telemarketing company.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And when Congress passed this law that was the "Do Not Call" Act, uh…I think that's what it was called. Where…telemarketers could not actively call people who didn't opt in or work with another company, so it…basically eliminated outbound telemarketing calls.

Dick: Great!

Maddox: Great, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So there was this petition that started going around in telemarketing circles. And it was all the telemarketers and their managers and supervisors and people who worked at these companies…signing a petition to send to Congress to abolish this…this law.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They say it's gonna hurt our business, etc, etc. When it came to me, I not only didn't sign it, I removed names from that list before I passed it out.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: (stammers) Because I knew the industry I worked in was shitty.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I would forego my job just to see the shitty industry crumble. That's how I felt.

Dick: Oh, you were hoping it would crumble.

Maddox: Yeah, absolutely.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I knew…(stammers) it was my way of paying for my website and going to college, but I knew it was a shitty industry.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: So. That's why I worked…that's…does that answer your question, Tim Chainz?

Tim: No, man.

Dick: No, it didn't answer my question either.

(they talk over each other)

Maddox: What? What was your question, then?

Dick: What kind…no. no.

Tim: You didn't answer the question, like, how would you do it in Beauty and the Beast?

Maddox: I dunno, man. I'd have to think about it!! Putting me on the spot here. I don't know.

Dick: Alright. Alright.

Maddox: How would you do it? How would you do it?

Dick: You got more about Disney?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: I would whisper things like, uh…"I love Gaston". Like that.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: And see if they can sneak it in there.

Tim: I would be, like, "Yo, what up, Beauty? You should hire me for your DJ…DJ services, man."

(Dick giggles)

Maddox: Mmkay.

Dick: That's pretty subversive.

Maddox: DJ…(stammers) uh, what's her name? Tammy?

Tim: Tammy Trujillo.

Maddox: Tammy Trujillo. Yeah.

Dick: You got stuff about, like, slave labor or anything like that for Disney!? Any kind of unethical business practices they're engaged in?

Tim: Ohhh.

Maddox: Of course, yeah.

Dick: Oh, my God, the biggest problem with Disney. Every chick has to go to Disneyland. Right?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How many…and then you're slapping down a hundred…two hundred bucks just to get in the door?!

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Just to get in the fucking door?! Then they run up with those cameras, click, click, click, click, click, click!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You gotta remember this beautiful, um…uh…(stammers) highway robbery! You gotta remember this stick-up! This romantic stick-up, where this chick's stickin' you for two hundred dollars!! (upset)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. Is that your problem?

Maddox: That's my problem. Disney.

Dick: Disney. Well..

Maddox: One company has way too much power over our…they have way too much power and influence over what kids learn and see. They are the filter.

Dick: Yeah, okay. I don't…kids get ….kids get access to a LOT of entertainment.

Maddox: (stammers)

Dick: They're on there all day, man.

Maddox: But there's no metrics. Like…(stammers) If you…like I said. You go to a store. Go to Target, and, like…count the number of Disney properties that are toys. Versus any other company.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: The Japanese version of the Little Mermaid? Another version came out just after the 1989 version. It was a series, and the end message. It was like a…a Little Mermaid series with, like, 27 episodes, something like that. They were trying to get this golden tablet. The Little Mermaid couldn't get it. She didn't turn back into human. And she and the prince were sitting on the beach, and she says, "Well, sometimes you don't always get what you want." And the prince said, "I guess you're right. We don't always get what we want." That's it!! That's the important lesson. That's completely whitewashed from the Little Mermaid. That's my problem with Disney.

Dick: Alright! My problem…last problem is, umm…I dunno. I'm not gonna say it's worse than Disney, but I am interested to see where it's gonna fall in the votes. It's a problem that everyone can relate to. I had a big occurrence of this, this week.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Losing Your Remote.

Maddox: Oh, great. (scoffs)

Dick: Losing The Remote.

Maddox: Losing the remote.

Dick: Losing the remote.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: It's a problem that's plagued us since the beginning of time.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Losing the remote.

Tim: Yeah, I feel you.

Dick: It will for…yep. Yep.

Tim: I feel that.

Dick: It will forever plague us. Remotes are getting smaller, ladies and gentlemen.

Tim: True!

Dick: True. The new Apple TV remote is so small, if that thing…if that thing goes sideways, you can't see if it's right in front of you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the future. That thing falls between the cracks of a couch cushion like…like it's greased up. It's gone! You put it down on the couch, disappeared.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Forever. Forever. And then you're knocking buttons around. You're sitting there, just trying to relax.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: After a podcast.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: TV's fucking changing its own channels, because you're sitting on the remote.

Maddox: You can't lift the cushion and just grab it.

Dick: Well, you don't know where it is. That's the problem. I'm…I lost a…every time I lose the remote, if I don't…if I don't find it…within, like, five seconds, I start to panic.

Tim: Anxiety.

Maddox: Bec…yeah. That's…that's right.

Dick: Extreme anxiety.

Maddox: That's right, Tim. Tim Chainz.

Dick: 'Cause you don't know if you…

Tim: (interjects) I learned that word today.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you don't know if you're ever gonna find it again. Have you ever lost a remote for good?

Maddox: Uh, no.

Dick: I wish Sean was here. 'Cause this..this happened to us when we lived together. Sean was convinced that someone stole our remote. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, as a joke, or they had some kind of, like, stolen remote reselling ring?

Maddox: But doesn't Sean also have dogs? It's possible the dog took it, chewed on it somewhere.

Dick: Um, well we didn't have dogs then.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I don't…I've never seen that happen, either. I've had dogs my whole life, never seen them abscond with the remote.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The average time spent searching per week for a remote is 5 minutes…5.35 minutes.

Maddox: Whoa! I guess I was all wrong about this problem. (background laughter) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: That amounts…that amounts to 278 minutes! That's…that's more than 4.5 hours a week.

Maddox: Good! Do something else.

Dick: That we spend looking for remotes.

Maddox: No, not…4.5 hours per week!?

Dick: Over an average lifespan, the number is 370. That's this study. 370…what is this? Hours?

Maddox: (stammers) I don't know.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah! That's two weeks.

Maddox: Two weeks.

Dick: 370 hours. The average person spends in their lifetime, looking for a lost remote.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's TWO WEEKS! TWO WEEKS!

Maddox: I mean, by choice. No one's forcing you to look for the remote.

Dick: GOD IS!!

Maddox: No one's forcing you to watching T…no…(giggles)

Dick: What are you gonna do?!

Tim: You gotta find the remote!

Dick: Yeah, you gotta find that remote, man! It fucks with you like a sliver in your brain!!

Maddox: Well…(unconvinced)

Dick: All day when you can't find that remote!

Tim: Madolph, you don't unnerstand, alright? Losing a remote is like losing Tammy Trujillo.

Dick: Yeah! (giggles)

Tim: Alright?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Exactly like that, Dick.

Tim: It's like losing her.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Because she was gonna be the one to get you to the top.

Dick: It's like a piece of your soul, Tim Chainz!

Tim: My soul.

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: White soul. (they giggles)

Dick: I don't know what…

Tim: TIM CHAAAAAAAAAANGZ. PEW, PEW, PEW, PEW, PEW!!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Stupid. So stupid. (laughing)

Dick: You're not white. (giggles)

Maddox: Get a sound effect, man. License…license the horn. You can get an air horn from several…

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (laughing) I'm sorry I spoke. Great.

Dick: Men spent an average of 18.5 days looking for a lost remote. While women spent just under 12.5 days.

Maddox: That…that sounds…

Dick: So men are doing all the…all the work. In the remote game.

Maddox: Yeah. That sounds like stubbornness and control. Where's the psychologist talking about that shit, huh?

Dick: Missing a remote?

Maddox: Yeah. That…how about that? That's literally you being…feeling powerless to control something! How's that for psychology, huh?! Shithead?! Yeah!!

Dick: I think it's literally being powerless.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're…you're…literally feeling powerless and are powerless to control something, so you're spending all your time…instead of going out and doing something else…Or, how about this, get a fucking system. Put the remote in the same spot every time. I do that!

Dick: Oh, please!

Maddox: I never lose…I NEVER lose my remotes!

Dick: Here's…well, here's what else you could be doing with your time. Here's what people spend their time doing. Just to put this in perspective.

Maddox: Okay, alright. (giggles)

Dick: You spend…you spend three months of your life in traffic. Okay?

Maddox: Yeah, thanks to people who don't have…

Dick: Traffic, horrible.

Maddox: …backseat drivers!

Dick: Okay. Traffic is horrible, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Three…three months! That's on par with two weeks of looking for my…you spend… you spend 17 days of your life kissing.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: I'm sorry, 14. That's two weeks. So you spend as much time kissing in your life, as you spend looking for a lost remote.

Maddox: I don't…my numbers are way different.

Dick: You spend no time on the remote, and…

Maddox: All my time kissing.

Dick: All your time kissing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What a romantic man. (Maddox giggles) Women spend one year of their life deciding what to wear. How about that?

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: And we spend 48 days having sex.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: So there you go. What are you supposed to do if you lose the remote? Like, at what point do you just quit and buy a new one?

Maddox: Uhhhh…

Dick: 'Cause that's the thought. That's the panic that's in our mind. As soon as it's gone.

Maddox: I guess.

Dick: What do I do?

Maddox: You get another one. Or you use the…the manual controls on the TV.

Dick: That doesn't exist anymore on some of these things.

Maddox: They…they do. They do. Even…even TVs that you don't think they do…usually on the bezel, there is some kind of control.

Dick: Of course, on the TV, but we've got so many boxes now. You got a cable box. There aren't buttons on it anymore.

Maddox: I dunno, man.

Dick: Chromecast doesn't have buttons on it! You're fucked if you don't have the remote!

Maddox: But Chromecast is controlled through your cell phone or your PC, so…

Dick: Oh my God, I don't even know. I don't have one. (background laughter)

Maddox: This is all converging very, very rapidly. Everything that has a remote control, uh..to it can be controlled by your cell phone. Either now or eventually. In fact, back in 2003, I had a cell phone, my Nokia E90. It had an infrared port and an app on it, that was completely free. All the apps were free on Nokia, way back in the day. Where, uh…well, most of 'em. Um, you could control anything you wanted with your…with your cell phone. I had so much fun at bars turning off the TV. Changing the channel. Turning up and turning down air conditioners. That shit was fucking awesome!

Dick: You could turn up air conditioners?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: How?!

Maddox: I have a remote control air conditioner right now. They…they make those things. They make remote control…I have a remote control fan! In the corner of this room.

Dick: Yeah. Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That you can control with your phone?

Maddox: You can control anything, as long as it has infrared.

Dick: Well…that makes the remote even more important.

Maddox: Uh..(giggles) no, I…it makes it less important!!

Dick: Especially if it's your phone! Especially if it's your phone. You're gonna lose that next.

Maddox: Well…people lose their phones all the time.

Dick: Alright, that's my problem.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles) Good problem, Dick. Alright. Got anything else?

Dick: Nope! Uh…thank you, Tim Chainz. Do you have…

Tim: Yeah. Wait, I got a problem. Damn!

Dick: You have a problem?

Tim: Y'all gonna just skip me?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: What's your problem, bro?

Dick: Yeah, we're definitely skipping you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Look, normally I'd say my problem is why Tammy didn't take me back, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Tim: But my real question is, "Does jet fuel melt steel beams?" (they giggle)

Dick: That's your problem?

Maddox: Is that your problem? (laughing)

Tim: That's my problem. Does it melt steel beams?

Maddox: That's a dank meme, bro.

Tim: Hey, man.

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

(Maddox cracks up)

Dick: That's not going on the list. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Nice try, Tim Chainz.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Alright guys. My problems this week were Street Art Abolitionists and Disney.

Dick: My problems are Backseat Drivers and Losing Your Remote. Thank you Tim Chainz. You have anything else to plug?

Tim: DJ…Tim Changz DJ Services @outlook.com. (Dick giggles) Email me. Hit me up with some song requests.

Dick: Alright. (Maddox giggles) We got another…another question of the week in here.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey fellas. Question of the week, here. (clears throat) What do you think would allow you to see more titties?"

Maddox: What the f…

"Being able to turn invisible, or being able to turn into an animal? (Maddox snorts) **Not an insect. Just animal."**

Dick: Not an insect. (grins)

Maddox: Not an insect. Good.

"A few things to think about."

Maddox: Yeah.

"One…if you're a dog or a puppy…"

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

"Girls love puppies, as Dick as said. They'll probably bring you inside and you can chill out, as long as you don't piss or shit on the floor. (Maddox giggles) **You can probably see some titties."**

Maddox: This is really well-thought out. (grins)

"Also, if you're a bird…(giggles) you can fly right the fuck up to a window…"

Maddox: Yeah, you could. (Dick giggles)

"You don't have to be a bird to do that, but it probably helps."

Maddox: It does help.

Dick: You do…you definitely have to be a bird. (laughing)

Maddox: To fly up to a window.

"Things about being invisible. Obvious things: It's easy. The things to think about, though, are footprints.."

Maddox: Mhmm.

"And knocking shit over."

(Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Those are the things to think about, yeah. (laughs)

"(inaudible) …to get into being invisible, unless the doors are locked, whereas being a puppy, someone would just let you in. (giggles) Maybe… (Dick laughs) **being able to be an invisible puppy would probably be the best option, but that's not a choice.** (Maddox laughs) **Discuss it."**

Dick: It's not a choice.

"And get back to me.")

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it's…

Dick: (interjects) What do you think? Would you see more boobs if you were invisible, or if you were an animal, not an insect?

Maddox: Uh, always invisible. Always. Because, here's the thing. Seeing boobs is half the battle. The other half is jerking it! So how are you gonna jerk it as a puppy or a bird?!

Dick: That's a good point.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah. Didn't think about that.

Maddox: Didn't think about that, Matthew McConaughey.

Dick: He didn't think that through, weird Matthew McConaughey.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Alright, let's see. I got, um…I got some fuckups. Those are usually funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice: "I don't know what you guys…whatever. Fucking (inaudible). So what you guys didn't realize… (Maddox giggles) **is the fucking fact that the reason people…the bosses don't allow you to come…whatever, fuck. Fuck. I can't speak. I'll call back again. Fuck.")**

Dick: Well…(Maddox cracks up)

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: Don't bother!

Maddox: Idiot!

Dick: It's not getting on!! (laughs) (Maddox laughs) (Tim laughs) Uhh….oh, okay. So the mysterious gift giver? The Riddler?

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: We know who it's NOT.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: We're narrowing down suspects.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, it's Butt Sanchez. Um…I'm just calling to confirm that the package was NOT me."

Dick: Thank God.

"Um…and there's three things about that package that gives it away that it's not me. Number one…I'm a sincere person. Um, I'm not gonna send you a bunch of dumb shit like that? I'm gonna, like, at least try to send you something cool. I know last time wasn't…"

Dick: What do you mean, man? All of that package was cool.

"…great, but, um…Two. I'm not a Republican, like, uh, I think that Obama hat was, like, really dumb. And um…"

Maddox: This is the evidence. He's laying out his case.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

"blech, fuck. Sorry. (giggles) Um…thre….fuck. What was my last one? Oh yeah."

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

(they both giggle)

"…I'm not a mens' rights activist, like, I think that shit's dumb, so…yeah. That package is not me. I'm sorry."

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Okay.

"Bye guys. (inaudible)")

Maddox: But we would've believed you if you just said you didn't do it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't need to present a case, like, to a jury. A sequestered jury.

Dick: Um, okay. Last one.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Dick. I don't even have to happen to work in the food industry and I go to work sick all the time. (Dick laughs) **You know why?"**

Maddox: Great.

"They don't fucking pay me if I don't come in."

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: That doesn't make you a good…that doesn't make it okay!

"If I don't get paid, how am I supposed to buy…things like…like Harry's razor blades, or your stupid bonus episodes?")

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's not stupid. You're stupid!!! Ass.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: Yeah! It doesn't make it okay if they don't pay you!

Maddox: Dickhead.

Dick: That's not a go…that doesn't remove you of the moral responsibility to not infect people with your disease!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Every single person! "Well, they don't pay." Oh, well, that's exactly what the Nazis said! That's EXACTLY what they said! "Well, I gotta go. I gotta shovel these Jews into the ovens, or else I don't get paid!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You don't…

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Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 88

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Varicose Veins to Tim Chainz! (Dick laughs loudly, Asterios chuckles) With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back, Sean.

Sean: Thank you!

Maddox: And very special guest, Asterios Boisterous, the Sneaky Greek Coconuts! (Asterios chuckles) Welcome back.

Dick: Heyyyyyy!

Asterios: Hey, everybody. Hey, buddy.

Maddox: We have a…we have a full studio. And in-house today, we also have a guest. Paige, thank you…

Dick: A superfan.

Maddox: Superfan, Paige! Thank you for joining us. Welcome to the show.

Asterios: Talk, say hi into the microphone!

Paige: Hi, fellas. Thanks for having me.

Dick: OooooOoooh. (lewd)

Maddox: Oh my gosh, sounds like a voice actor.

Dick: Beautiful voice.

Asterios: Can you do that…can we get a second take that's even sexier somehow?

Paige: (sexy voice) Hi, fellas. Thanks for having me.

Dick: WHOA!!!! Do you have a shooting load in your pants sound effect, over there?

(Sound effect: Boner Boing)

Dick: That's close enough. (giggles)

Maddox: There you go. (laughing)

Asterios: Perfect! Halfway there.

Maddox: Ahh, alright. Well, welcome to the show, guys. Uh, Sean…you were missed. Welcome back from jail, you went to jail.

Sean: Is that where I was this week?

Maddox: According to Dick. That's what Dick said.

Dick: Yeah, you were in jail.

Sean: Everybody should try it, like, four or five times. (Asterios guffaws, Maddox chuckles)

Dick: Jail?

Sean: Yeah. You gotta know if you like it or not.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Sean: I don't know, man. I've been up for days.

Maddox: Okay.

Asterios: Alright, let's talk.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe from last week…

(Cymbal)

Maddox: …was backseat drivers!

Dick: Yesssssss!!

Maddox: And then Disney…Street Art Abolitionists following that, and then Losing the Remote. Which, Dick…

Dick: Mmm?

Maddox: I have to call you out on something. (Asterios giggles)

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: I HAVE to.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I don't have a CHOOOICE.

Maddox: I don't have a choice, Asterios!!!

Dick: Like a fucking judge or a bailiff. (Asterios guffaws) Like…"begrudgingly, I have to bring up some minor inconsistency in your comedy argument."

Maddox: Yeah! (they laugh)

Dick: What could it possibly be?

Asterios: "It simply brings me no pleasure to raise this; however…"

Dick: Mhmm. Go ahead. (annoyed)

Maddox: It pains me to say this, Dick. (Asterios and Dick laugh)

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: Fuckin' asshole! (laughing)

Maddox: (sighs) Ah, I love me. Alright. Uh, it's…it pains me to say this, but…

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

(they crack up laughing)

Maddox: Dammit!! DAMMIT!!!

Dick: I got…he sent me his sound effects. (grins) I got those now.

Maddox: Tim is not here…(Dick laughs) That's not fair! Strike that! Strike that from the record, Sean!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, here we go. Uh…so I looked into your source, the 1 in 7 drivers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You brought in a horseshit PR ad. That was an ad for an insurance company. Did you know that?

Dick: Yeah. (they crack up)

Maddox: Okay. No need to go on, then.

Dick: Yeah, I did. (grins)

Maddox: It was an ad for an insurance company.

Dick: Well, I think it's…I think it's true, though.

Maddox: It's not. It's not.

Dick: You know, that's still…it still could be true. Who knows? (grins)

Asterios: But…but don't ads get to the greater truth of everything?

Maddox: No….

Dick: Yeah, exactly. Exactly.

Asterios: I mean, yeah. You know? It's like, uh…I mean, just think about it. Uh…

Dick: Like, isn't Disneyland the happiest place on Earth?

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: Is that NOT true?

Maddox: Wh…

Asterios: And the iPhone. It just works.

Maddox: Sure!!!

Dick: Yeah, it does. It just works.

Maddox: Yeah! Except it overheats. It freezes all the time. Apps don't load. It crashes. It reboots. It vibrates when you set it on silent. It ruins the podcast when you don't want it to!!!

Dick: I don't think it ruins the podcast!!

Maddox: Well, you know.

Asterios: Isn't this podcast being recorded on an Apple laptop right now?

Maddox: Yeah, that crashes all the time!

Asterios: Ahhhhhhh. (Maddox laughs) I dunno.

Maddox: Yeah!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Asterios: 'Cause that laptop's responsible for your successful podcast, is all I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah. (inaudible while they all talk over each other)

Asterios: By the way, speaking of…

Dick: …the music you listen to, also.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. Oh, speaking of Disney. I went to Disney World last we…I haven't…I'm two episodes behind. I apologize. I went to Disney World two weeks ago. Had the fucking time of my life! What don't you guys like about Disney World?

Dick: I didn't have a problem with it.

Maddox: I…never complained about Disney World.

Asterios: Okay, good.

Maddox: I've never…first of all, I've never been to Disney World.

Asterios: Alright.

Maddox: Uh…and Disneyland…

Asterios: (interjects) It's awesome.

Maddox: Some of the rides at Disneyland are fun.

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: It's…you know.

Dick: Which ones…which ones…

Asterios: I saw the Electric Light Parade…

Dick: …are your favorite?

Maddox: I like, uh…what's it, Scream Mountain? Star Mountain? Space Mountain. Space Mountain! That's the one.

Asterios: Hyper…now it's Hyperspace Mountain, because Star Wars is takin' it over.

Maddox: Oh. Of course.

Asterios: It's made it better. Like it makes everything better. Showerheads, foods…

Maddox: Ohhhh. Yeah, your bottle of water! Which, you can go to the 99 Cent Store and pick up a bottle of water that's branded with Star Wars. Changes absolutely nothing. Cheapens the brand!

Asterios: Only 99 cents, that's a steal. I'll be right back, guys. I gotta go to the 99 Cent Store and buy some midichlorian-infused water!

Dick: I got some comments about backseat drivers.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Uh…**Phil Rules said, "You made the joke about backseat running in Kenya."** Right? 'Cause that's…backseat drivers, I think, are…I think have a brain dysfunction.

Asterios: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Like, I think they should be into BDSM.

Asterios: They need control. They need…yeah! The DSM-7 just came out. I tried…

Dick: Right between Tourette's and being retarded. Right?!

Asterios: I don't know if…I don't know if being retarded is in the DSM-7.

Dick: I don't know. I'm not a doctor, but it should be in there. That's my point.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: Is backseat driving should be in there. It's a mental deficiency.

Asterios: If I'm driving and someone…

Dick: (interjects) That should be treated with intense shock therapy.

Asterios: Well, I…(giggles) I…again, you're right for a little while and then you're wrong again. Uh, look. If someone's backseat driving me, it fucking drives me crazy. It'll probably make me drive worse. Like…

Dick: Well, 1 in 7 people say that they do drive worse, according to that advertisement that I brought in last week.

Asterios: Sounds like a…

Maddox: You know…

Asterios: …solid statistic, at least for me.

Maddox: Yeah, it's not. And I looked into your other source, Dick. The Psychology Today article? NO studies cited in there. Not a single study was cited in there. It's just all anecdotal and it's…(stammers)

Dick: No, it's experts' opinions.

Maddox: I…don't want anecdotal evidence, here.

Dick: It's not anecdotes!

Maddox: It IS!!! It is entirely anecdotes!

Dick: A psychologist says, "You might be codependent."

Maddox: But you didn't link to any studies!

Dick: They're psychologists giving their opinion about a mental disorder of backseat driving.

Maddox: That doesn't mean they're right!

Sean: They've studied this for years!

Maddox: No, but they…they…I looked…I looked for the specific studies. (Dick giggles) There were no linked studies. I didn't see anything in there.

Sean: So if somebody gave you advice, like, on you.

Asterios: (interjects) I'm sorry. Lemme…

Sean: Would you go, "You need to…"

Dick: (interjects) Where's the study?

Sean: "…do an extended study on me."?

Maddox: Not necessarily. But if you're…if you're saying this is a solid gold hard evidence, right? That this is…

Asterios: (interjects) Like the hard evidence Dick always brings in.

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: On a comedy podcast. (Dick laughs) The unimpeachable Dick Masters…his name is DICK MASTERSON!!! Why are you trusting him!?!?!

Dick: (interjects) How could there be evidence for a psychologist's opinion?

Maddox: It's called studies. They would link to studies that they've done with tests, and variables…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, I know! I…there was one with the blood thing!

Maddox: I checked! That wasn't a study! It was an anecdote.

Dick: No, no, no. It wasn't an anecdote, it was a study of…it was a survey…I'm sorry. Not a survey. It was a study of people who would rather take their own blood. They would rather prick their own finger or have a certified technician do it. And backseat drivers would rather do it themselves.

Maddox: Right. That wasn't a study. It was an anecdote in Psychology Today, and the guy's name is Burgher, Professor Burgher, and I looked it up, and the only thing he's known for…he did a recreation of the Milgram experiment. But that study's not linked anywhere. It's not..it's not there. I looked into it.

Dick: Someone loves doing…someone loves being a backseat driver too much. That's what this is.

Maddox: Yeah. So here's the…

Dick: (interjects) You really need to be a backseat driver.

Maddox: All the people…

Asterios: (interjects) You're being a backseat driver to all of his stats!! (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Yeah, you are! (laughing)

Maddox: I don't even know what that means.

Dick: Exactly!

Asterios: It got a laugh! (Dick cracks up) So don't worry about it! (laughing)

Maddox: I…I…so, here's the thing. When I backseat drive…(Dick groans) I usually only do it…

Asterios: (interjects) Mhmm…

Maddox: Look, it's a little annoying when people are hounding you to go a little bit faster. I get it. That's fine.

Dick: Yeah. Okay.

Maddox: But I usually only do it when I see a serious potential danger.

Sean: Oh, yeah. He's a considerate backseat driver.

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: You're right! Thank you, Sean!

Dick: It's for all of us. It's for all of us. Like there's a UFO about to crash into you, watch out.

Maddox: Yeah, Rainslick Dick, maybe you should listen to advice!!

Asterios: OHOHOHO!!! (laughing) My God!

Maddox: Maybe you should listen to your advice. Here's the thing. I got…

Sean: (interjects) That's called a warning.

Maddox: What?

Sean: What you do. If you only do it in case of emergency.

Dick: Yeah, that's not backseat driving.

Maddox: (they all talk over each other) Exactly! Thank you, Sean. That's exactly what it…I warn them!!!

Dick: It's a warning of imminent danger. You don't do that.

Maddox: I warn them. I do. I do.

Dick: Reaching across the seat to honk at a guy who's not making a left is not a warning of imminent danger.

Maddox: That's not what happened. (background giggling)

Asterios: Did you…did you do that?

Dick: That is what…he did it to ME in my car.

Maddox: Noooooo!!!

Asterios: Ohoho. This is great!

Maddox: No, that's not what happened.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, he did.

Asterios: May…may I just say that regardless of whether or not he's got a bunch of facts…(Dick snorts, laughs) I mean, can't we just all agree that backseat drivers are annoying and it's a problem?

Maddox: They can be! Look, I've been annoyed by them.

Asterios: They can be. (giggles)

Maddox: I've been…no, they can be. And I've been driving one time. And someone in the backseat, literally in the backseat was, like…

Asterios: Uh-huh.

Maddox: "Hey, uh..be careful, uh, you know, you're driving pretty aggressively."

Dick: You're gonna spill your soup.

Maddox: And I…no. (background laughter) I wasn't carrying soup.

Asterios: My correspondence is gonna fly out the window! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: I…I stopped and I asked the person. I said, "Um, have you ever been in an accident?" And, uh…

Dick: Okay, that's weird.

Maddox: …and she goes, "Yeah." I said, "Well, I haven't."

Asterios: Wooooowwwwww.

Maddox: So…

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Yeah, I think I know what I'm doing.

Dick: Someone's not getting a BJ that night.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) I guess so.

Dick: Awesome!

Sean: OR…you should have said, "You wanna get in another one?" (they all laugh)

Asterios: I thought that's what you were gonna say! I thought you were gonna go full on Breaking Bad and cause a car accident. (giggles)

Maddox: No. I…I…

Asterios: To win an argument!

Dick: Here's a guy that agrees with you. **Ivan Riley** says, **"I saved my family's lives with backseat driving. I live in the UK and we drive on the correct side of the road…"** Fuck you. Uh **…"We were in France and my dad was driving on the wrong side of the road. I told him when I realized. He had no fucking clue that there was another car. Big problem, but sometimes, it can save your life."**

Maddox: It totally can. Especially with my dad. My dad is…all over the road when he drives.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: So we need to…we need to tell them.

Dick: So father like son.

Maddox: No. My dad…my dad is…you know, I'm an aggressive driver, but I'm safe. But my dad is, um…I wouldn't even say aggressive. It's almost like, um…he's in and out of lanes. That sort of thing.

Asterios: He's like a weaver.

Maddox: He's too old. He's 87 years old.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: So he's gonna be all over the pl…yeah.

Dick: Ooh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I have a…just a quick question, before we move on. If you…gave your dad advice from the backseat about how he should drive, how might he react? (Dick snorts)

Maddox: He probably wouldn't hear me. He's, like, mostly deaf in one ear. He probably wouldn't even hear.

Asterios: Aw, okay. So he wouldn't punch you in the throat and throw you out the car.

Maddox: No, I don't think so.

Asterios: Really?

Dick: He should.

Maddox: No.

Asterios: Mkay, well he should.

Maddox: I got a comment here from **Damien Graves.** He says, **"I haven't laughed so hard in a while. You can tell Dick brought him just to annoy Maddox."** He's talking about Tim Chainz.

Dick: Oh, yeah. He was great! What are you…as an audio engineer, did he do a good job filling in? Was the fidelity of the recording okay?

Sean: Well, yeah. 'Cause I set up all the gear. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I mean alright. Let's not get into…let's not start taking credit for another man's work. Tim Changz did a great job.

Sean: Did…did he push the button?

Dick: Uh, I pushed the button.

Sean: Okay, good.

Maddox: Well, I…I thought he was just really annoying with those sound drops. Uh, I got another comment from **Duncan Maballs.** He says…

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

Maddox: Dammit! (Dick cracks up)

Asterios: Ahh. That's his latest Tim Changz sound drop, sorry.

Maddox: It's haunting me!! **Duncan Maballs** says, **"I think I might set that Tim Changz sound clip at my text tone."** There's a lot of people who were asking for it. You can… (stammers) go ahead and play it once!

Dick: Nah, I got some voice mails about Tim Changz.

Maddox: Good!

(Voice mail: male voice: "Goddamn it, Maddox! I'm 20 seconds in and I'm already hearing some Blasian-ass guy from…from (inaudible) of his DJ and his skills and all that fucking shit!! (Dick giggles) **Goddamn it! Get Sean back!! Sean, bring your white, pasty ass back up to the goddamn radio! Don't you ever get replaced by this guy!** (Dick laughs) **Alright? Dj Will Chainz, or whatever. GOD! Fuck you guys!** (Maddox giggles) **Fuck you Dick…uh…have an asshole. Bye!")**

(they giggle)

Dick: Have an asshole!

Asterios: Have an asshole!

Maddox: Have an asshole.

Asterios: Bye-bye! (Asterios guffaws)

Dick: Alright, here's a voice mail.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Never have DJ Tim Changz… (Dick guffaws) **zzz..zzzz…on your show again, ever."**

Dick: I liked him.

"He's the Jar Jar Binks of your show."

Asterios: He was great.

Dick: Oh, nerd!

Asterios: Mmm.

Dick: Nerd alert.

"Bring back the ass farmer as soon as possible.")

Maddox: He sounds so flustered. (he sounds bored out of his mind) (Dick giggles)

Asterios: What did you think of Tim, Paige? What did you think of Tim Changz? You're a fan of the show.

Paige: I really liked it. I liked the BRRR, BRR, BRR part the best!

Maddox: Ugh, geez, Paige!

Dick: You liked this part?

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

(Asterios giggles)

Maddox: Oh, my gosh! No more!!

Asterios: Huh? We have a fan of the show right here. She liked them, just sayin'.

Maddox: I got a comment from **Matthew Gordon.** He says, **"Tim Chainz. I almost stopped listening when I heard Sean was gone. Now all I want to do is sign up for radio class to work on my garage band skills."**

Dick: Have you been to radio class?

Sean: No.

Dick: Is it a thing?

Sean: I have no idea.

Dick: (giggles) Okay.

Sean: Radio class? I dunno. Maybe at, like, a community college, or something.

Dick: Uh, I got some voicemails for Asterios, too. I saved them.

Asterios: Oh, wow.

Dick: For the next time you would come in. It's…people really like you.

Asterios: Oh, great.

Dick: Yeah. Lemme see. Lemme see, here. Okay. Here we go.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, this is Amanda Todd. This is how I talk. Just wanted to ask if you guys could please stop bringing in Asterios Kokkinos on your show… (Maddox laughs)**"**

Dick: Oh, shit, that's the wrong one.

"Make him go back home to his wife and help hold her purse…"

Dick: I'm sorry. (giggles)

"I mean, Christ. He makes me wanna drink another gallon of bleach again."

Maddox: Do it!

Asterios: Yeah, that'd be great.

"And Dick…thanks for supporting Trump.")

Dick: Ohhhh, alright. Well, that explains a lot.

Maddox: Ohhhh. A Trump supporter doesn't like Asterios. That explains everything!

Asterios: I…

Dick: Uh, go ahead.

Asterios: No, I just don't know why you would bring on a voice mail that would hurt my feelings.

Dick: Uh…oh.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I…

Asterios: (interjects) Hopefully the rest of these are more positive.

Dick: That was an accident! Uh, well this one…your mom called in.

Asterios: Oh, oh. Cool, mom!

Dick: So she's…yeah. She's only positive.

Asterios: Well, yeah.

(Voice mail: clearly male voice, similar to Dr. Girlfriend: "Asterios, this is your mother!" (Maddox giggles) **"We've been talking lately and he told me I don't know how many times…you know…this is a big, big problem in the universe, which doesn't make sense to me. Why would you be a big problem? You're my baby."**

Asterios: That's right. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

"Anyway. I only heard you on a couple episodes, unless you're cleverly disguising yourself as this…Nick Gasterson, with this…this…(stammers) This Mad Ox guy. Anyhow. I just wanted to say that how come I haven't heard you on it?! You're not lying to me again, are you?"

Asterios: No, Mom.

"You're paying your bills, right?"

Asterios: Yeah.

"Cause last time we talked, you asked me for money for things that you said you were doing a long time ago."

Asterios: I'm just…yeah.

Dick: That's not…

"Anyway. I would like to encourage anybody listening right now to support my baby and go to www.youtube.com..."

Dick: Okay.

"And look up Admiral Ackbar's Snackbar.")

Dick: Alright, alright. Enough with the…

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: She sounds like a nice lady.

Asterios: Well, she is nice!

Maddox: You know…you know who…

Asterios: She's my mom!

Sean: I didn't know your mother was an old Jewish woman!

Asterios: Well…

Maddox: (giggles) You know who she sounded like?

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " And who are you, GAY?")

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: " Crazy.")

Maddox: (laughing) Angelo's Mom!

Dick: Sounds a little nicer than Angelo's mom.

Asterios: Uh, yeah. Mom…thanks for calling. That's nice of you. And I would hope that people go to my…that was really nice. Thank you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ah. She plugged Admiral Ackbar's Snack Bar!

Asterios: She plugged Admiral Ackbar…well, she's my mom. I hope she would. That's cool.

Maddox: Oh. Very sweet of her.

Dick: Hey, I actually have to call YOU out.

Maddox: Okay!!!

Dick: About something. (giggles)

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Cathy. (cracks up)

Dick: Here's a…here's a comment…

Asterios: (interjects) Cathy!!

Dick: …from **Brandon Ellis.**

Maddox: Is that…the way he shook his head looked like a Cathy comic.

Dick: Yeah. (Asterios snorts) **"How can Maddox bitch at the minutiae of five lost seconds using a mouse, but then scoff at Dick's stats about time loss looking for a remote?"**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How about that?

Asterios: Oooooh.

Maddox: I…I brought…(giggles)

Dick: I know you're a fan of efficiency. I would have thought you hate lost remotes!

Maddox: Yeah. I brought that comment in, too, actually. Because…I think that lost remotes, first of all, they never affect me. I never lose my remote. It's always in the living room. Why would it ever be anywhere else? I don't go to the bathroom and take the remote with me. I don't go into the kitchen and make a sandwich and take the remote with me. I don't take the remote anywhere outside of the living room, 'cause it's pointless. There's…I never lose it. And second…it's an incompetence problem. (Asterios cracks up) You know, any time I've had a friend who constantly loses keys or a cell phone, or whatever the fuck it is, I tell them the same thing, same advice. And I'm gonna tell it to you, and anyone else who's losing the remote. Get a system. Figure out…(Dick giggles) put your thing that you're losing in the same place, always!

Dick: Hold on. Lemme write this down. (they crack up) Number one. Get a system.

Maddox: Yeah. You that?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You got that, Brandon Ellis?

Dick: Well, let's go slow. Lemme just start working on that one. Get a system.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm not gonna do that.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Alright. You wanna get to some problems?

Maddox: Let's do it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Go ahead, Dick.

Dick: My first problem is…it's a big one. This way…way bigger than half of the problems on the top 10 list. Okay? I'm dead serious about that, so pull up the webpage and get ready to vote. This is not a joke. The problem is "Not Enough Toilets". Don't play a fucking…(background clapping) don't play a stupid sound effect. (clapping continues) This is absolutely true…this is a huge…

(Sound effect: Booo!)

Dick: Goddamn it. (Maddox cracks up)

Asterios: Wait, why did they..why were they clapping and then booing? They sound like a real confused audience.

Dick: This is a…this is a serious problem. This is a human health issue! This is a health issue. This is not just because I almost piss in my pants every time I'm out in Hollywood and don't wanna go on the street with all the bums. Right? This is not a personal gripe!

Sean: It's probably an economical problem for you.

Dick: What do you mean?

Sean: Well, I mean, if you were to save, like, 10 pair of underwear every year…

Dick: Okay. No, nevermind. (Sean and Maddox crack up) I forgot I…sorry I asked.

Asterios: Can I…hey, I'm so sorry. I just…I wanna bring something up real quick. It seems like you pee and poo your pants a lot. Like, more than a lot of people do. Do you think you pee and poo your pants more than the average person?

Dick: I would…no, not pee.

Asterios: Oh, just poo.

Dick: Yeah. I…(stammers) I shit in my pants way more than an average person, sure.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Why…what's going on?

Dick: It's a…mixture of liquor and overconfidence. Oh! Alcoholism! Is this, like, an intervention!? (Asterios guffaws) What do you mean, what's going on?!

Maddox: Yeah, Dick, Sean's not recording this, actually. (Asterios cracks up) This is an intervention.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We call came here today…

Dick: What do you mean, what's the problem!? (Asterios laughing)

Maddox: Mrs. Masterson, come on in!! (they crack up)

Dick: Is it…is anyone confused on that?! (Asterios and Maddox continue to laugh) Yes. It causes permanent running damage to your…you know, insides.

Asterios: Okay!

Dick: Rot…rotgut, I think they called it.

Asterios: Look. I'm new to alcoholism. And I'm just kinda looking for some tips.

Dick: Oh, buddy, you're gonna love it.

Asterios: Okay! (background laughter)

Dick: Embrace it! Embrace it, don't be ashamed of it. You shouldn't be ashamed of shitting your pants now and then…

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: It's good. It builds character!

Asterios: I carry around…birthday cake flavored vodka in my briefcase now. Like, is that, like, a good start, do you think?

Dick: No. You got…it's gotta be regular vodka.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: But that's a good start.

Asterios: Because the birthday…it tastes REALLY good. (grins)

Dick: Yeah, that's…that's wrong. You shouldn't be happy when you drink.

Asterios: Ohh.

Dick: It shouldn't taste good. It should taste painful.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: You need to be imbibing the pain.

Asterios: Oh!!

Dick: Right? It's…you gotta graduate to Scotch or something like that.

Asterios: I have a lot of strawberry daiquiris, too.

Sean: And you…and you have to find a drink that you can order anywhere in the world and it'll be there.

Dick: Exactly.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: Exactly.

Asterios: Alright.

Dick: Anyway. 2.4 billion people on the planet do not have access to adequate sanitation.

Maddox: So this is not largely an American problem, right? This is mostly, like, third world.

Dick: This is…I would say it's 50/50.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: This is a…this is a…this is 2.4 billion people around the world don't have access to adequate sanitation, and also…in America…people are pricks about using the bathroom.

Asterios: What do you mean?

Dick: Well, like, you go…you know. You go into a McDonald's. Or I…I was in a Popeye's, for example.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Walk in, like, "Hey, can I use the restroom?" "No, customers only."

Asterios: Ohhhhhhhhh, yeah.

Dick: Oh, man. Come on. Fuck you.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Dude. I am the bathroom circumventer, man. I am the bathroom cockblock circumventer. You cockblock me in the bathroom, I'm gonna shit. I'll find a way!

Dick: What the hell does that mean? What do you mean?

Sean: Yeah, right out in the leaves. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Shut up, Sean…I'll give you a description of that, Sean, make you vomit! Make you dry heave all over the place!

Sean: I almost did.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: For real.

Asterios: The bathroom circumventer. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I feel like that's a nickname you've had for yourself for a while. (they laugh) Like, it just rolled off your tongue!

Maddox: Uh, no. I find a way to get to use their bathroom.

Dick: What does that mean? What do you mean? What do you do?

Maddox: Well, uh…I tell them…first of all, if they say they don't have a bathroom, I'm like, "Come on, man. Where do you shit?" Right? (Asterios laughs) Where do you go? Where do you go to the bathroom?

Dick: Where do you go?

Maddox: And I tell 'em, "Look. I know…I know your concern. I know you're afraid that you're gonna walk in after I'm done and there's gonna be just, like, shit smeared all over the walls.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And on the mirror, and underneath the door handle.

Sean: They're more afraid of you planting explosives.

Maddox: Shut up, Sean! (Dick cackles) Not funny, dickhead!!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Ass! Go back to prison! (laughs)

Dick: Not all…(they crack up)

Asterios: If only he'd gotten his ass farmer's license like a real ass farmer did, he wouldn't have gone to jail.

Dick: Yeah. It's not all Muslims, Sean. Go…what's the…(Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Ugh. (sighs) No, you know what? I go to hotels. Fancy hotels. And I look like I belong. I walk into a fancy hotel, they say, "Right this way, Mr. Maddox." Right…go ahead. Go take a shit.

Asterios: They know your…they know your name?

Maddox: They know my…yeah. They do.

Dick: They don't have a problem letting you use the bathroom at a fancy hotel!?

Maddox: Yeah, I just walk right in. I go…I always go to a hotel. I go to a restaurant. A McDonald's. A Carl's Jr. A Chevron.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Any of these places.

Dick: That's a bit of a walk for people in India. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Okay, that's what I…that's what I got. No, you're right about the bathroom circumventing thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's also a big problem. I was in…I was in a Popeye's a couple weeks ago, and this bum was…asking if he could use the bathroom, to the guy behind the counter. And he's like, you know, he's in bad shape. He's a bum.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's tons of bums in Hollywood. He says, "Can I use the bathroom?" And the guy said, "No, no. Customers only." 'Cause they got a token system there, so you can't circumvent it, unless you try to piss through the keyhole.

Maddox: Right. (Asterios giggles)

Dick: Or whatever.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Cause they got a token system. Uh, no. Customers only. So I was like…I was right there…looking at the guy. Weird…(stammers) I felt this weird feeling…I don't know how to describe it. Like, I want…like he was feeling bad and I wanted him to feel less bad.

Maddox: Empathy.

Asterios: You talking about empathy?

Maddox: Empathy is the word you're lo…yeah.

Dick: Is that what that is?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. And I was like, "Aw man. Like, give…give me the token." I was like, "Hey, just hold on. Dude. Give me the token, I gotta go. I'll give it to him. And we'll be fine." Right? Then the system will be in place. And he's like, "No we can't. Cause they mess up the bathroom."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They, the homeless people. And I was like, "Oh, c…" So, I turned to the guy, and I said, "You're not gonna mess up the bathroom, are you?" (Asterios cracks up) And he goes…he goes, "Fuck this shit!" And I said, "Okay, the system works. You're right."

Maddox: Yeah. Of course he's gonna mess up the bathroom. (Asterios laughs)

Dick: I'm…I'm sorry that I almost caused you a bunch of labor…cleaning this maniac's feces.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And urine off of the bathroom. You're right. I'm sorry. Fuck you. Go in the street. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Well.

Asterios: Uh, since I've been back in Los Angeles, I've been going to a lot of coffee shops n' shit, and, uh…a guy definitely walked into a café the other day…a homeless guy, carrying an entire giant couch cushion over his…over his head, like, on both shoulders. And he walks in, and he's like, "I wanna use the bathroom."

Dick: Okay. (giggles)

Asterios: And the manager goes, "You need to leave right now." (they giggle) And he went, "Alright." And he just walked out. (background giggles) And I just love the image of the cushion man and this manager do this dance, like, five times a day.

Maddox: Yeah. And he knows…he knows he's not welcome.

Dick: He knows.

Asterios: He's just being a jerk.

Dick: He's got a hobby.

Maddox: What a…can I tell you one of the few times I was not able to circumvent…

Asterios: Oh, no.

Maddox: Uh, the bathroom cockblocker?

Dick: It wasn't a fancy hotel?

Maddox: It wasn't.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: It was in Hawaii, on the big island, which I recommend no one go to.

Dick: I think that is just a giant bathroom. (Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Maddox: You would think! But there's, like, fucking nowhere to pull off on the big island.

Sean: The big island's great!

Maddox: What do you like about it?

Sean: It's…

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute, you don't need to answer that. That's a tropical paradise! (Asterios cracks up) What do you mean, what do you think about it?!

Maddox: No, no, no!!! No. I'm ta….Oahu's great.

Asterios: Defend Hawaii, please!

Maddox: Honolulu's great, it's fun. Maui's great. But the big island, you go there, and it's like a giant fucking…it's just a volcano. And you can hike down it…

Asterios: Just go to the bathroom in the volcan…what's your problem?

Maddox: 'Cause it takes fucking forever to drive anywhere, 'cause there's TWO LANES, and everyone's driving in the left, slow as fuck!! And no backseat drivers are telling them to speed the fuck up so I can get there and take a shit in the volcano!! (yelling) I can't do anything!!! So…I land in Hawaii, okay?

Dick: Haole.

Asterios: I was about to call the Haole!! (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: I am not…

Asterios: (interjects) You gotta be more ono, buddy.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Oh, no I don't!

Asterios: Goddamnit, Maddox!

Dick: You gotta watch Lilo and Stitch!

Maddox: Yeah, I've never seen it. So, I landed, right? And the first big city outside of the city near the airport, right?

Asterios: Mmm.

Maddox: I'll never forget this fucking stop, 'cause these…these pricks, uh…would not let me use their bathroom no matter what, and they said there's Porta-Potties outside. And I went out there, and it looked like fucking…like, if they made a new Silent Hill game, and they wanted to amp it up…(Asterios laughs)

Dick: Oh, man. Alright.

Maddox: They would…they would have to, like…they would have to make it 10 times worse than anything you've ever seen in Silent Hill to make it look like this bathroom. Like, bl…

Dick: Like scary?

Maddox: Like, poopy handprints on the wall!!

Dick: Oh, oh, oh, oh.

Maddox: Just like someone SHIT themselves and then slapped their hand on the wall!

Dick: Yeah, okay. (grins)

Maddox: To leave the biggest handprint possible made out of PURE SHIT!! It's everywhere! It's even on the ceiling!! (Dick cracks up) I just looked inside the door, I'm like, "How the fuck!? WHY?! Why the fuck are you putting poop on the ceiling? It's gonna drip on you, idiot!!"

Sean: It's like the Manson family's retarded siblings.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I was so pissed. So I went in there, I'm like…I use my usual line, I'm like, "So where do you shit?" And then the guy's like, "Uh, we don't have a bathroom." Same line. I'm like, "Yeah, probably in the coffee. Tastes like shit!" (Asterios giggles) No! Don't go there…it's this tiny little town with one fucking grocery store. Fuck that place! Fuck that island.

Dick: Okay. (Maddox cracks up)

Asterios: Alright. (giggles)

Dick: One billion people on Earth still defecate in the open.

Asterios: Oh, gosh.

Dick: Uh, that's…more people have access to cell phones than have access to toilets.

Asterios: Jesus!

Dick: Think about that. That's horrifying.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: Not enough toilets is a big problem. Women and girls spend 90…lemme make this relatable for you, Maddox. Women and girls spend 97 billion hours looking for somewhere to go to the bathroom. (background giggles) That…all that time is time they could be spending watching your YouTube videos.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, that's true!!

Dick: That's true.

Sean: Is that per woman?!

Dick: Uh…yes.

Sean: Yes. (Maddox giggles) That's what I thought.

Dick: Every day…

Asterios: Sean had the biggest shit-eating grin on his face when he said that!!!!

Dick: Every woman spends 97 billion hours…

Maddox: Hey. I got three little words for you.

Dick: Three little words.

Sean: I knew he'd say yes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Hey, guys. Pop a squat. Huh? Ladies? I…

Dick: Well, see…here's…

Asterios: (interjects) A billion people DO pop a squat…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here's the problem. The reason they're doing this is because they're trying to stay away from sexual predators.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: They're trying to find a spot where they can use the restroom…'cause you're vulnerable when you go to the…you know, when you go to the bathroom, you're sitting in that stall taking a deuce, there's a moment there where someone could just come in and grab your pants! In the stall. Tear your pants off, and then they have your wallet! What are you gonna do, chase them!? You're gonna run out of the bathroom chasing them with no pants!? It's the perfect crime!

Maddox: I've thought about that, yeah. (Asterios laughs)

Dick: Go to the airport…you've thought about this as well!

Maddox: I…yeah. If I was gonna be a criminal, I would totally rob people while they're taking a shit!

Dick: And…and…

Sean: That's why you should always take a shit running at full speed. (Asterios cracks up)

Dick: Sure. You can pretend to be the bathroom attendant, right? "Oh, sir. Right this way." That's the perfect alibi. You grab their pants.

Asterios: Oh, my God.

Dick: Throw them in the trash. Then you put your…you…you, like, I dunno. Put some kind of sneaky burglar gloves on. The guys runs out and the guy…went that. He ran out of the restroom with your pants.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Point 'em that way. Look. I'm…it's very vulnerable, going to the bathroom.

Asterios: Look..look…

Dick: That's all I'm saying.

Asterios: Look, I agree with you. I just wanted to point out that it's interesting to me that you both have independently thought a great time to rob someone would be while they were on the toilet.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Asterios: You both thought that at different points in time.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Is that…

Asterios: It's just interesting to me.

Dick: Is that not a normal thing to think?

Asterios: I've never thought about it.

Dick: You've never thought about that?

Maddox: You never think…

Asterios: Never thought about the best time to rob someone!

Maddox: Asterios…if you…

Asterios: (interjects) While they were going number two!! (laughs)

Maddox: If you want to be prepared, you have to think of the scenarios!

Dick: Yeah, exactly.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: Okay. Alright.

Maddox: That's why…that's why Dick did it, too, right?

Dick: What?

Maddox: To…to be prepared.

Dick: You always have to be prepared.

Maddox: Yeah. Always…(stammers) you're a Boy Scout! That's what they teach you… what..what badge…you get a badge for that.

Asterios: There's…you get some…

Dick: (interjects) I don't know.

Asterios: You get a merit badge for figuring out ways to rob people on the toilet?

Dick: Yes. The psychopathy badge.

Asterios: Oh, okay. (grins) Well, I didn't get that badge, but…

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Well, I'm…

Maddox: (interjects) The psychopathy badge. (giggles)

Sean: What the fuck was that? (giggles)

Asterios: It's a good reference to something. It sounded smart. (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: I don't…I don't know, Sean. (laughing)

Asterios: (interjects) Psychopathy! Psychopathy!!

Maddox: No, no. (laughing) He's not t…(laughing) He's not talking about that.

Asterios: Oh. Why, did someone fart into a microphone?

Sean: (giggles) Might as well have?!

Asterios: What happened?! Did I do something!?

Sean: I…well, I hope you wouldn't know.

Dick: I have no idea what's going on. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: It's fine, go on.

Asterios: Okay.

Sean: (laughing) Fucking Maddox.

Dick: Poor sanitation increases the risk of disease, malnutrition, especially for women and children. God! I don't know why. That's just what they say! Uh…diarrhea. Let's see… (background giggling)

Asterios: Hey guys, uh…(Maddox giggles) I just…

Dick: (interjects) The second biggest killer…

Asterios: Yeah?!

Dick: …of children in developing countries is diarrhea.

Asterios: Diarrhea, huh? Wait…

Dick: And that's obviously… shitting in the open is a huge cause of diarrhea.

Asterios: So diarrhea is a big…so, like, poop…poop-related issues is, like, a biiiiig problem.

Dick: Well, it's like the Oregon Trail out there.

Asterios: Oh yeah, exactly.

Dick: You know. You get…

Asterios: You get dysentery.

Dick: …diarrhea. Dysentery. You're dead.

Asterios: Yeah. Do you know anything about…about, uh…butt problems? Uh, do you have any comments on that, Maddox?

Maddox: No, I got a real…I got a real solid gut!! I…I never have any butt problems.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: My butt works just fine. Although, uh…what? (giggles) What, Sean?

Dick: Why are you guys giggling?

Asterios: I think…

Dick: (interjects) Clue us in. Somebody just say what happened.

Asterios: I think…Maddox farted big time.

Dick: Ohhhhhh!!!

Maddox: Yeah, it was a pretty big fart. (Asterios cracks up) Not enough bathrooms, it's a big problem! Vote it up, guys! Dick, I'm with you!

Asterios: Now you agree with him. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Good.

Maddox: I…(laughing)

Asterios: Now that it directly affects you.

Maddox: Oh, it affects all of us in just a minute, buddy.

Asterios: Oh, NO!!! (laughs) Goddamnit! We gotta get outta here.

Dick: It's destroying our cities, too.

Asterios: What? How?!

Dick: People pissing in the cities. Listen to this. There was a dude in San Francisco, driving down the street one day, maybe going to an anti-gun, gay parade, or something like that? I don't know where he was going. They didn't say.

Asterios: It's a pretty packed parade!

Sean: A gay parade. (giggles)

Asterios: Anti-gun gay parade!!

Dick: I don't know.

Asterios: Against global warming!

Dick: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Probably.

Asterios: Sure.

Dick: And then all of a sudden, a street light falls on his car while he's driving and totals it. No backstre…no backseat driving in the world could prevent that, right? A street light falling on your car?

Maddox: Ah, maybe. You say, "Hey, pay attention, stop texting."

Dick: You grab the wheel?

Maddox: Yeah, I'll grab the wheel!

Dick: And swerve?

Maddox: I'll save you!!

Dick: Well, it turns out, the street light had become so corroded.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because bums were pissing on it.

Asterios: Oh, my God!!

Maddox: Mmmmmm.

Dick: That it just dropped right on this guy's car.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So our infrastructure is falling…things…roads could be falling apart! Bridges could be falling apart because of guys pissing on them!

Maddox: Dick, I was going to mention this. Because I see this as a big problem, but not from humans, but from dogs. Because I walk around everywhere in…look. Here's the thing. In Hollywood, everyone is FUCKING obsessed with their dogs. They have…dogs, dogs, dogs, dogs. Everywhere dogs! They carry them with them to grocery stores! To department stores. To restaurants!

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: To..to the doctor's office! Oh, I gotta carry my poodle with me, you know, because everyone…everyone is too emotionally fragile and they need their comfort animals with them.

Dick: It's disgusting.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And then those…those dogs are always the ones pissing all over posts. And signs. And lamps, and things like that.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Not b…bums go in alleys.

Dick: Uh, no. Bums go right…bums..(giggles)

Asterios: Yeah. Have you been to…

Dick: …don't have a lot of shame, man.

Asterios: Have you been to San Francisco? One time, I saw a guy peeing into a baby carriage. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: That's…

Asterios: (interjects) I'm absolutely not kidding.

Maddox: Asterios, that was…(Dick talks over him, inaudible) Why didn't you say "Hi."

Dick: Were you at a anti-gun gay parade when you…(giggles)

Asterios: Well, I was there, so, yes. (giggles) Um…yeah. No…

Maddox: (interjects) That was me, buddy! Why didn't you say hi to me? (laughs)

Asterios: Oh, I woulda said hi. We coulda gone to the…the Tender Loin and hung out. Um…I have to agree with…I gotta agree with all of this. This is all ridiculous!

Dick: Look, here's what needs to happen. Here's what needs to happen.

Asterios: Oh, wait, what's gonna happen?

Dick: There needs to be some kind of innovation in the field of pay toilets in big cities.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: Eh…yeah.

Dick: Okay? You know what I'm saying?

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: There needs to be…

Maddox: Well, there is.

Dick: Well, what?

Maddox: Are you gonna talk about that?

Dick: I have no idea what you're thinking.

Maddox: Oh, absolutely, yeah. In…in London and Tokyo, they have pay bathrooms. And you pay a premium for it, because they're really clean. They're kept up. They're really nice, they're private, and they're in the middle of uh…middle of the urban environments that you need to use a restroom. You pay a dollar or two, you go in there, you use it. You leave, and someone goes in there and cleans up after you. It's…it's wonderful. It's a really good system.

Dick: That sounds great.

Maddox: Right? Paid..paid…

Dick: (interjects) I don't know why it doesn't work here.

Maddox: You, uh…you spent some time in Japan…in Tokyo, right? They have these… these restrooms, right?

Paige: Yeah. And it's exactly as you described. You pay and you…use the restroom. And, uh…it's really incredibly clean and really nice.

Maddox: Have you ever used one?

Paige: I have, umm…

Dick: Number one or number two?

Paige: Both.

Dick: Okay. It's important.

Paige: And I highly recommend the talking…

Asterios: The combo!

Paige: …the talking toilets are super great. The super toilets. They're…

Asterios: Wait…what do the talking toilets say?!!?

Paige: The super toilets, uh…it's like a bidet, and then it, like, sings to you, to cover up all of your, like, splashy, poopy noises or whatever?

Dick: Ohhh.

Asterios: Alright. I'm gonna make some…

Dick: Cool!

Paige: It's gorgeous. Really lovely.

Asterios: I'm gonna make some noises right now. Sing the song.

Paige: No! Nononono. There's no specific song, like, sometimes , like, it's birds chirping, or the sound of, like, a brook. It's really lovely. Um, but the worst part, uh…is squatty potties. Those are gross.

Asterios: What is…

Paige: Those are always disgusting.

Asterios: …a Squatty Potty?

Maddox: Oh, you're not a fan of Squatty Potty?

Paige: They're absolutely revolting.

Maddox: You know what, though? Those are the most hygienic, they found.

Paige: They are.

Maddox: (stammers) Dick, have you ever…I was gonna ask you about this. Have you ever used a squatter? You know, just a hole in the ground.

Dick: A hole in the ground?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To shit in?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yes, I've done that.

Maddox: What do you think of those?

Dick: Um, I find it to be undignified.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay. Well, I'm…

Dick: (interjects) I would like to sit on a toilet. Like a man. (background giggles)

Maddox: I'm c…I'm curious…(Asterios guffaws)

Dick: I want my legs to go numb when I take a shit.

Maddox: Yeah. (Asterios laughs) Sure.

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't wanna shit like an animal.

Maddox: Ah, I dunno, man. I think it's kind of…efficient. It's like…(Asterios giggles) you know, I'm about efficiency.

Dick: Mmm, yeah.

Maddox: And there's no…

Dick: (interjects) It's very..it's very efficient, believe me.

Maddox: There's no…the hole?

Dick: Yes. The hole.

Asterios: Wouldn't the most efficient thing just to wear an adult diaper everywhere?! Like…that astronaut lady?!

Sean: He should just get a colostomy bag and be done with it!

Asterios: Yeah, Mr. Efficiency!! That's the Linux of bathrooms, is a colostomy bag!!! (Sean laughs)

Maddox: You know what, Sean?!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Correct! I will get a colostomy bag! That's a brilliant idea, asshole! I will! (background giggles)

Asterios: It's also a brilliant idea FOR your asshole. I'm sorry. (Maddox laughs) Let's move on.

Maddox: I'll throw that bag at you, too.

Asterios: Oh, my lord.

Maddox: You know what? I…(laughs)

Asterios: (interjects) Oh, that gives you an offensive weapon you can carry around at any time!!!!!

Maddox: Yeah. And also, how cool would it be to look someone directly in their eyes while you're taking a shit?!

Dick: Okay, wait. I have stats on that!! (Asterios laughs) Uh…(Maddox cracks up)

Asterios: Goddamnit.

Maddox: Oh, I'm so happy to hear this.

Asterios: We have to end the episode here!!!! (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In…in London, somebody built…somebody built toilets with one-way mirrors in them. (Asterios gasps) Where the mirrors would become one way, and you could look…is that what…is it called a two-way mirror or a one-way mirror when you…

Asterios: It's a one-way mirror.

Maddox: One-way mirror.

Dick: Okay, a one-way mirror where you're sitting on the toilet and you…you're basically… you feel like you're totally out in the open.

Maddox: Oh, that's cool.

Dick: You can see everything around you, but nobody can see in.

Maddox: That sounds like it m…

Dick: Or so they say…

Maddox: I would call that a masturbatorium. Yeah, what?

Asterios: Uh, I'd like to, uh…I'd like to bring up. There was another bar in London…uh, where, in the women's bathroom…not in the toilets, but, like, where the women could, like, put on makeup, like above the sinks…there was a one-way mirror, and businessmen could pay a bunch of money to just watch all these, like, hot girls do their makeup and talk and chat and all that. And then women didn't know about it. (giggles)

Dick: You sound way too excited for this anecdote.

Asterios: Uh…well, I'm just saying it's one of my dreams. (Dick laughs) But um…it's just, like, isn't that…that's creepy as hell. Yeah. Just wanted to bring that up.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Crazy!")

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: That's my stats.

Maddox: (chuckles) Good stats.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Good stats. I like it. Um…I used a…a squatter one time. So I've used it in different countries. And one time I used one and it was SO gross. This…this particular one was pretty gross. Because it was just…literally a hole in the ground that went right into the sewage system. And you could look down and the light was right overhead? So it…it shined, like, a spotlight right down the hole. And you could just see a stream of sewage going right down below you. I saw…I'd look down, and I saw toilet paper. I saw neighbor's poop. I saw everything.

Dick: You saw a baby.

Maddox: Nawww. I mean, um…

Dick: Couple gerbils.

Asterios: A food baby?

Maddox: A food baby, for sure.

Asterios: Perhaps.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, look. It's a…it's a big problem.

Asterios: I…

Dick: (interjects) Come on. More people have access to mobile phones than have toilets. We have people running and spending 97 billion hours of their lives looking for toilets?! That's ridiculous!

Asterios: Yeah. I don't think anyone disagrees with you. I think that is a big problem.

Dick: Good.

Sean: Isn't part of your problem just, you know, proper sanitation? Or…sanitary conditions?

Dick: Sean, it's Not Enough Toilets.

Sean: Like, in the Third World and stuff. (Asterios giggles) Alright.

Dick: There's not enough toilets. I don't c…you know what? Go…grab some toilets from some remodels around Silver Lake. Fly 'em to Africa. Set the toilets in the middle of the Serengeti and just let someone build some plumbing onto it. That's all I'm saying. I just want the toilets to be there, so someone will hook them up! If you bring the toilets, the…

Asterios: (interjects) If you build it, they will…

Sean: (interjects) The infrastructure follows.

Asterios: …they will poop.

Dick: The infrastructure will come.

Sean: Got it. It makes…

Dick: (interjects) I'm sure of that!

Sean: It makes perfect sense.

Dick: Thank you.

Sean: They're not gonna waste just a bunch of sitting shitters, right?

Dick: They're gonna be curious. They're gonna wanna know what these things are! You know what…um…speaking of a great idea…today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. Asterios, have you used…

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: …your holiday kit? At all?

Asterios: Yeah. You see this…

Dick: That we gave you?

Asterios: …hot, smooth, shave I've got here?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, it looks great.

Asterios: Yeah, 'cause I used Harry's razors. No, actually, look. I love that kit that you guys gave me. It's the second kit you guys have given me, and again, it's the only grown-up thing I do, is shave! With that kit. Like, everything else I do is like such a fucking big kid! (laughs) But, like, when I shave with that kit, I'm, like, "Oh, I'm a fucking grownup. This is nice."

Dick: Well, it's a great shave, and it feels great to do. It's German engineered, five-blade cartridges…close…a comfort shave. No cuts or burns. Quality guaranteed! There's a full refund if you're not happy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So if you get this blade, and you…and you don't like it. You don't like the way it feels on your face, right? 'Cause it's very important, the feel of the blade on your face.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: It's very important. If you don't like the way it feels, the quality is guaranteed. Full refund if you're not happy! Where else…where can you get that?

Maddox: Yeah. Harry's…Harry's takes care of you.

Dick: You can't…yeah. You can't buy a car and take it back if you're not happy.

Maddox: Ummm…I think there are anti-lemon laws.

Asterios: Well, if it's a lemon…

Maddox: If it's a lemon.

Asterios: Well, alright. Let's talk…

Maddox: (interjects) Harry's doesn't sell you lemons.

Asterios: No, of course not!

Maddox: They sell you a clean shave! You're gonna appr…you're gonna like the way YOU feel!

Asterios: I'm looking forward to that getting cut out of the podcast…(Maddox laughs)

Dick: Which part?

Asterios: The…(they talk over each other)

Maddox: None of it!!

Dick: No, none of it gets cut out!!

Maddox: It's ALL staying!

Asterios: Lemme just say this. Like, uh…before I used Harry's razors, I would just use, I dunno, crappy razors I'd buy at CVS, or whatever. And, like, the problem with those crappy razors is that, like, you know. You use them a couple of times, they get all, you know, clogged up with gunk. You gotta throw 'em away. These Harry's razors, I've noticed…they rinse out, like, so easily. It's like…yeah! Sean's nodding!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's like every time…

Sean: (interjects) Yep, they actually do. I noticed that, too.

Dick: They do.

Asterios: Yeah, it's…it's like every time I rinse it out, it looks like a brand new razor, like…

Dick: (interjects) I don't have to hammer it on the thing!

Asterios: Yeah!!

Dick: Like I'm trying to get sand outta my shoe after coming back from the beach! It's like, SLICK! Right out!!

Asterios: Yeah, exactly.

Sean: And usually the five-blade ones clog up, too, 'cause they're so close together? But these don't.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Well, these Harry's razors are great. Go to http://www.harrys.com and use promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to get $5 off your first purchase.

Maddox: Thank you. Thank you for supporting the show, guys! Really appreciate it. And I should say this, too. Harry's sent me a postcard for…

Asterios: What?!

Maddox: For Christmas.

Asterios: Oh, that's nice.

Maddox: Yeah, they just said, "Thanks for supporting the show…thanks for all that you do." And thank you as well for supporting our show. We really appreciate it, guys.

Dick: I didn't get a fucking card.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Asterios: Was it add…it was probably addressed to you both.

Maddox: It was addressed to me. No. It was just…it said, "Maddox."

Dick: Both. No. Yeah.

Asterios: Interesting.

Dick: Okay. Well..

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I dunno. (mumbles)

Maddox: Yeah, well. (mumbles)

Asterios: Maybe you should…

Dick: (interjects) Write my own card, then.

Maddox: Well…

Asterios: Do it myself!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Do you wa…I'll write you…I'll write you a postcard, Dick!!

Dick: Nah, it's too late.

Maddox: Okay. (background giggle) Asterios!!

Asterios: I got a problem.

Maddox: What is it?

Asterios: Alright. I think this is probably another problem that we're not gonna disagree on. Uh…Last Call at bars.

Maddox: Oh, Last Call!!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: I'm leaving.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Asterios: Yeah! 'Cause we're done. It's the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: That's the biggest problem in the universe.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly. Now, look. I'll bring up some stats, or whatever, but I think it's just really fucking annoying. Like…you're talking to some girl, you're hitting it off…you know, she's not quite drunk enough yet to, you know, kinda look past your face or body…

Dick: Oookay.

Asterios: And then all of a sudden, it's 1:50 PM, uh, 1:50 AM, and she gets outta there! I…I ran outta time with this chick! I need more time, goddamn it!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sure.

Asterios: I was nervous!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's on you…that's on you, though, buddy. I stopped going…

Asterios: (interjects) I blame bars!!

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Asterios: Nothing I do is my fault! The end.

Maddox: Ah, alright.

Dick: Yeah, I'm with you.

Maddox: Well, I guess there's that.

Dick: On everything you said.

Maddox: Uh, no. I stopped going to drink dates, uh, with women.

Asterios: What?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What?

Asterios: Why?

Maddox: This is a theory of mine.

Asterios: How do you date girls, then?

Maddox: Bec…well, I…I take them to brunch, or lunch, and it's…

Dick: Ugh, my God…

Maddox: a MUCH better date. And I'll tell you why. I'll t…you know what? I'm not gonna go into all the details. Look, man. (Asterios and Dick groan)

Dick: Drink dates!

Maddox: I'm not gonna…I'm not gonna…no, drink dates are awful. And here's why.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: You go…you meet the girl at…uh, say, 8:00, 9:00, whatever, for drinks.

Asterios: Uh-huh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it puts an artificial time limit on the date. I've gone on dates that have lasted, like, 5-6 hours, and we ended up hooking up that night. And then, uh…hung out the next day and went to the beach, and all this other shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those are fun dates! And those are all ones that started earlier, because at night…at 9:00, you know that Cinderella's gotta get back home in her carriage. So…tick tock, fucker!!

Dick: At what time? 9 o'clock?

Maddox: Ahh, usually midnight, the date wraps up, or even last call. And it's like, "Oh well, should I, shouldn't I, uh, I don't know." You have that artificial time limit going.

Asterios: Yeah, but that…

Dick: (interjects) Well, that's a pretty big artificial limit. Five hours!?

Maddox: Well, it depends! Sometimes it's not five hours.

Asterios: (interjects) In New York…

Maddox: 'Cause then you gotta wake up early the next day, too.

Dick: Well, here's a…okay. Lemme ask you this. Here's a little problem with your, uh, brunch dates. Uh…(Asterios laughs quietly) it relegates all your dating to the weekend.

Maddox: Oh. Depends…depends on the type of women. (Dick scoffs) Depends on what they do for…for a living.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Uh, if you…

Dick: So if they don't have a JOB…(Maddox laughs) then they're…then your brunch date's really perfecto.

Maddox: Yeah. (Asterios laughs)

Dick: But if you're dating, like, a professional woman…

Maddox: I have done…I have done, uh…a brunch date in the morning and a lunch date in the afternoon, and an early dinner date all in the same day before.

Dick: That sounds like a fucking nightmare to me.

Asterios: What about the artificial…

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: Three dates in one day?

Maddox: I was full.

Dick: One…man, one date and I'm ready to blow my brains out.

Sean: Sounds like the Jenny Craig meal plan, or something. (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: Yeah, did you have a delicious shake for dinner? (giggles)

Maddox: No, I ended up…(Asterios giggles) I ended up dating one of the girls. She was very lovely. We…went out a couple times, and…yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: Lemme just tell you, just a flip side of it.

Dick: Well…

Asterios: Sort of how inept I am. There's a girl who I was interested in, but she's an alcoholic, and so I can't go out for a drink with her.

Dick: So last day really sucks…last call really sucks for her.

Asterios: Yeah, so I was just, like, I can't. I don't know how I would ask this girl out. I give up. I was just, like, "But if I can't get a drink…"

Dick: Oh, really?

Asterios: "..with her, what would I do?" and then I was, like, "Too hard. I'm tapping out."

Dick: Oh, man.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: No bowling?!

Asterios: 'Cause I was, like, "I'm nervous!"

Dick: Any..anything. Horse race, bowling?

Asterios: Mmmm, well, bowling. Yeah. I'll figure it out later.

Dick: Laser tag? Go to a comic store? I don't know, what kind of girls are you dating, here?

Asterios: Well…

Dick: What did she like?

Maddox: Dick, this is some REAL backhanded comments that Dick is making.

Dick: What?!

Maddox: Laser tag, comic book store?! (giggles)

Asterios: Those are all cool things!!

Dick: Yeah! That's what…I…

Asterios: Wait, was he insulting me?!

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah!!

Dick: That's not an insult!!

Asterios: Goddamn it, I love laser tag and comic book stores and bowling!! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah, we know!!! (laughs)

Dick: That's…

Maddox: We know, buddy! (laughs) (Asterios groans loudly)

Dick: That's not an insult if you like those things.

Asterios: I got razzzzzed!!! (frustrated)

Maddox: Dick, have you ever gone to laser tag with a girl on a date?

Dick: Oh, no!

Maddox: No. (Sean laughs) No. That's…

Asterios: Why not? It sounds cool!

Dick: No, I…well, laser tag sounds like a…

Asterios: (interjects) You could show her how good of a shot you are…

Dick: …horrible thing to me.

Asterios: You could beat a bunch of 12-year-olds.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Doesn't that sound cool?

Dick: Um, no.

Maddox: On a first…I dunno, man. Like, here's the thing. That's…that's something you do once you're in the relationship, 'cause then you're…you're bored, and you're sitting around, like, hey…

Dick: (interjects) Also no.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: No. You make a good point, Dick. (laughs)

Asterios: Well, lemme talk about last call.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Please. Please. (they laugh)

Asterios: We've gone so far afield.

Dick: I wanna help you with where to take women, though! 'Cause I'm sure that's a big… that's probably a bigger problem to a lot of people than last call.

Asterios: I'll take any advice you can give me as to where to take girls. I don't know what to do.

Maddox: Kite…kite flying. Go to the beach and fly a kite. It's super fun.

Dick: Yeah, there you go. That's a good one.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah.

Dick: Go to the dollar store. Chicks love the dollar store.

Maddox: Actually true.

Dick: You say, "Baby, you can pick out five of the finest things here."

Maddox: Five things.

Dick: Pick out five toys.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Get them a jumbo Snickers bar…

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: Christmas ornaments…

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: In January…

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: (Asterios laughs) Glue! A big bottle of non-Elmer's glue.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, man!

Dick: Like, a glue label that I've never seen before.

Maddox: Glue the shit out of things!

Dick: A four-pack of duct tape.

Asterios: Like Felmer's glue, or something?

Dick: Some soap. They got great soap at the dollar store.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: They l…they love this stuff!!

Maddox: Yeah, dude.

Dick: They LOVE shopping at the dollar store!

Maddox: Listen to Dick.

Asterios: Here's how gullible I am…I'm probably gonna do this.

Dick: Do it!

Asterios: And you're gonna get a text saying, "Thanks for nothing."

Dick: Yeah, great.

Asterios: She had a terrible time. (they all laugh)

Dick: That's on you.

Asterios: This alcoholic chick I took to the dollar store…well, moving on. Uh, so…

Sean: (interjects) I figured that out, though. I figured that out for you.

Asterios: How?

Sean: So you said she's an alcoholic. So you take her TO a bar, and for every drink you order, you order two for her! (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Asterios: I don't wanna cause a relapse…

Sean: Oh, oh…oh. Okay.

Asterios: I feel like if she's going out with me, she's already hit bottom, so…but, alright. Let's talk about last call.

Sean: I got it. I thought you meant current.

Asterios: Well, let's talk about last call. (Sean giggles) So in 200…2000(stammers) … look. You know what? I don't even need that many stats. Just think about it like this. Alright? Uh…you know, I had to go to driving school once 'cause I got a ticket. And I was told that on Friday and Saturday nights, one in three drivers in Los Angeles is legally drunk. One in three drivers in LA is legally drunk.

Dick: Legally?

Asterios: So…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Well, think about this. If all those drivers are on the road at the same time, then a) they're gonna cause a lot of accidents and deaths…

Dick: Sure.

Asterios: But b) it's like a shooting gallery for the cops! They're…they know the exact time that all the drunks are on the road!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And so if you've had a couple to drink…you get out of the bar, they catch you! You're popped ten thousand dollars! Game over! That's terrible!!

Dick: I…I'm sort of with you on that.

Asterios: Mr. Slick, what do you think?

Dick: Yeah. (inhales) Well…I think having a last call encourages people to get shitfaced.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: I think it makes drunk driving a lot worse.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I don't have any stats to back that up, but I think the…I think as that number, um, lowers from, like, 4 AM to 2AM, 1 AM, like, you go to London…what's last call in London, like…11 PM?

Asterios: (interjects) Well, here's the…no. No.

Dick: Or something ridiculous?

Asterios: It used to be 11 PM, but in 2005, the British government passed a thing called The Licensing Act. It's probably the only good thing Tony Blair did. Which let bars stay open for 24 hours. Now, because that happened, alcohol consumption per person fell 17%, AND, uh…violent crime was down 40%. Fewer binge drinkers. Less fights! Because…there we…because a bunch of…

Dick: (interjects) Because you're not unleashing them on the pop…

Asterios: (interjects) Yeah!!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: A bunch of drunks didn't go streaming out of bars, angry they couldn't drink anymore, frustrated that they couldn't get laid, and get into a bunch of fist fights!!!

Dick: Can't find a cab.

Asterios: Yup!!

Dick: Can't get into Ubers, or you're, like, surcharged up the ass at 2.

Maddox: Yeah, surcharges.

Dick: No, that's…there's a lot of wisdom in that.

Maddox: It…yeah. This artificial time limit isn't just bad for dates and dating and getting laid, but also just for social life, and drinking and driving, and all of these problems that arise from it! Yeah. It…(stammers) look, man. America needs to…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah.

Maddox: …follow in Europe's footsteps.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: When it comes to alcohol.

Asterios: Absolutely.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: When it comes to alcohol.

Asterios: How about when it comes to…

Maddox: (interjects) For sure.

Asterios: …last call?

Dick: Well, wait a minute. Don't they have a very, very early last call in Europe?

Maddox: Depends on where you go, but in most places…first of all, uh, the legal drinking age is a lot lower.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: So kids…kids have started drinking when they're 16, and when they get to college, they're not binge drinking. They don't give a shit about alcohol, 'cause they know it's always been around. They're like, "Yeah, we can have a wine if we want, or whatever."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, it's not this, like, fetishized thing.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: Where it's…you know, it's…it's like if your parents tell you not to go out with this girl, it's all you're gonna think about.

Dick: Sure.

Asterios: Like, you know, if someone says, "Don't t…" you know, "Don't touch that." Of course you're gonna wanna touch it. It's like, you know, kids in Greece or in France who've just, you know, had a glass of wine or whatevers…you know, they're…(stammers) when they get old enough, it's not like this thing that they overdo.

Maddox: Yeah. It's been socialized. And it's not this big, taboo thing that they're waiting for.

Asterios: Yeah, you love socialism, right?

Dick: Welll…yeah. But I also love really partying and getting shitfaced.

Asterios: European socialism? (giggles)

Dick: Like, I don't know if being exposed to alcohol at a younger age would make me not want to party my shit off in college.

Maddox: Well, it's also…it's also that thing where people who are sexually repressed…

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: When they finally do hit it…

Asterios: I know.

Maddox: Right?

Asterios: Rum springa!!

Maddox: They go nuts!!

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. They go…they go nuts with it. They overdo it. It's…it's anything that you..that you repress so much that you finally have a little taste of, and then you go overboard with. If it's something that's slowly introduced…yeah, okay. It's no big deal. I get it.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's kinda like…candy. As a kid, it was a big fuckin' deal! Oh, Halloween, here it comes! I'm gonna get as much as I can in my pillowcase and go home and eat it all…and (stammers) get a billion cavities and be a fatass! But now, as an adult, I can get candy

anytime I want! Sometimes I just buy it and throw it away, in front of kids! I'm like, "Yeah, this is what I can do as an adult."

Dick: Take a girl on that date.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Buy candy and throw it away in front of kids.

Asterios: That actually sounds pretty cool.

Dick: That's how you…that's how you'll meet your soulmate.

Asterios: I might do that.

Dick: You just do what you…you do your secret desires and see if she's into it, like, "Ah, keep walking."

Asterios: I'll go to the dollar store…

Dick: You know. Swipe left.

Asterios: I'll go to the dollar store, get a bunch of off-brand knockoff candy, like Swix. Or Flickers bars.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Throw it away right in front of the kids. And if the chick's into it, I found my soulmate.

Dick: Well…Maddox, you mentioned America.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: And I'm glad you did. Because last call is very offensive to my libertarian sensibilities.

Asterios: It absolutely is.

Dick: It's a…it's about freedom, quite frankly. We should be rioting in the streets about this. The government does not tell ME when to stop drinking!! Only the police do that. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: So, I heard an interesting anecdote. I don't know, Asterios, if you told it to me, or Dick, you told it to me. But I heard the last call in…was invented…it kind of came about in World War II because people wanted their factory workers to not be hung over the next day.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they imposed a last call…so people would stop drinking, and then get a good night's rest so they could continue making bombs or missiles the next day.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or…er…uh…

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Asterios: So it's Hitler's fault.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: So last call is Hitler's fault.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Fucking Hitler!

Asterios: So that's how…that should tell you everything you need to know about last call.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, it should.

Asterios: And it…just one last thing, like, just the disparity of last call laws is kind of ridiculous. Like, uh…for example, you know, in Nevada…bars can stay open 24 hours. In New York, they stay open until 4 AM. If you are unlucky enough to have been born in Mississippi, it's mid…it can be midnight. In Delaware, it's 12:45 AM. Just like a luck of the…like, roll the dice as to where you're born, it determines, like, how late you can stay out and party and have fun. Um…and in Louisiana, alright, well, there's no…set statewide closing time. Bars can remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, unless you're a city that has between 51,000 and 57,000 people in it. In which case, a local ordinance can be passed that mandates that bars close sooner than 24 hours. It's, like, all these little tiny stupid laws that affect how much fun we have. In Utah, the Zion curtain! Can you explain what that is?

Maddox: Yeah! I mentioned this in the Utah episode, when I brought in Utah as a problem? There's this thing called a Zion curtain that Utah legislators started to impose on restaurants. They said that if you had a liquor license, which is also difficult to get…to come by, but if you do, you had to create…you had to mix any cocktails behind this…kind of, like, shaded glass wall. Like a glass…

Dick: Ooh.

Maddox: Kind of like a frosted glass curtain, either an actual fabric curtain or glass that's frosted. And you had to make the drinks back there before you brought them out into the open, so that the impressionable young eyes of children don't see the alcohol and then become alcoholics, because they saw you mixing a fucking drink that they don't even know what's in it.

Dick: (giggles) Oh, that's not why we're alcoholics.

Maddox: Yeah, well…

Asterios: And you're not allowed…and in Utah, like, until very recently, you weren't allowed to serve alcohol before someone ordered their dinner, right?

Maddox: Yess, there's all sorts of crazy laws.

Asterios: Some ridiculous, stupid l…yeah.

Dick: I wish that…ah…yeah. I mean, that does sound kinda nice sometimes.

Asterios: What?

Maddox: What?

Dick: You know…

Maddox: To not…

Dick: You haven't eaten…

Asterios: (interjects) You need the government to stop you from ordering drinks too fast?! Libertarian!?!

Dick: I'm not sa…I'm saying…(laughs) I'm saying it…

Asterios: (interjects) Is that what you want?! You want the nanny state?!!?

Dick: I'm saying probably more than 50% of the time, if I'm drinking before dinner, I'll say, "Aw, man, I wish I wouldn't have had three of those before dinner, 'cause I'm getting a little loopy, here."

Asterios: You don't just drink instead of eating dinner?

Dick: Uhh…yeah. That's called a liquor loop.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly!

Dick: That's when you get on liquor loop.

Asterios: Yeah, that's what I do. I conserve my calories for alcohol. It's great.

Dick: You know what I really hate about last call is…the bartenders and the wait staff. Like, you can…they start getting antsy.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: At, like, 1:15.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: You know? And they feel…'cause our last call in California is at 2. And they'll…you can see them start wrapping up. Like, you can see them ending the party. And it turns into this…tug of war, where you're, like, "No no no no no no no. We're still having a good time. We want to party riiiiight up until 1:50, or God forbid, 2!!" Right?

Asterios: (laughs) Yeah.

Dick: Like, God…God forbid we get kicked outta here at actual last call. But it's especially in, like, chain restaurants?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the big ones? (stammers) You know how…

Asterios: It kinda gets…

Dick: I really hate…I really hate the atmosphere after 1:15.

Asterios: Yeah! Yeah. It's…it's like the party died, 'cause everyone's trying to get to the next…everyone's trying to go to a house party where they can drink, you know, everybody splits.

Maddox: Yeah. There's speakeasies.

Dick: Oh, and that's the worst, man.

Maddox: Mhmm. Speakeasies. And then people are rushing, and there's that bigass line at the grocery store, and not enough tellers, because everything's MOVED to fucking automated checkstands!

Asterios: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: And you can't buy alcohol at those, Dick.

Asterios: With an automated checkstand. Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, exactly! I've been online at Ralph's. On a long, long line to buy alcohol.

Maddox: (interjects) Ra…Ralph's is a grocery store in California.

Asterios: Oh yeah, sorry.

Maddox: For people who don't know. Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, Ralph's is a grocery store. And I've been online, like, a long, long line at 1:50, and I remember the teller was like, "Anyone that I don't ring up by 2:00, the computer will not let me sell you alcohol, period."

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: And it's, like, well…what's 2 minutes? Is 2 minutes gonna kill somebody?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And…I mean…you know, finally, I guess the last thing I'll say about last call is, like, think about this. If you're a bartender or if you're a waitress. It cuts into your hours. Like, if you could work until 4 AM, 5 AM, 6 AM, keep pulling tips, you know, uh…keep serving drinks and all that. You'd make more money! It'd help the economy! The restaurants would make more money. The servers would make more money. Everybody would make more money!! It's better for everybody!

Maddox: That's…vote Asterios 2016. That's his plan for reinvigorating the economy.

Dick: I would vote for that.

Asterios: Oh! That's what…that's what Tony Blair did, by the way, in 2001. He sent out a text message, like, right before the election that was, like, "Don't forget. If you vote for me, I'll impose…(stammers) I have 24-hour drinking." And everybody voted for him! (grins)

Dick: And did he?!

Asterios: It was like one of the most…yes! Exac…it was one of the most, like…

Dick: Oh, my God.

Asterios: …brilliant political maneuvers of all time!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Bravo.

Dick: I think you just predicted a Trump tweet.

Asterios: Oh, my God. If Trump…

Dick: On, like, November 3rd…

Asterios: I would…I might actually vote for Trump. I'd be, like, "Well that directly affects my life, so…"

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: "..I'm gonna vote for you."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, but I could see Trump also adding something to the tweet, like, (goofy voice) "Uh, if you have a wheelchair, try to get to the, uh…(Asterios cackles) you might not be able to make it in time. Uhhhh." Anyway. Uh…

Dick: A wheelchair?

Asterios: So..wait. So he's tweeting the word 'duh'?

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Okay. I gotta follow this guy.

Maddox: I…have you seen his tweets?! (laughs)

Asterios: I haven't. I guess not.

Maddox: I…there's this website. It's like, fake Donald Trump tweets.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: And I have to double check and see if these are real or not. I..(stammers) every single one, I'm like, "Yeah, I could see him saying this."

Asterios: I bet they're all actually…I bet the joke is they're all real.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. They might be.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: They might be.

Dick: You should follow him.

Maddox: You guys, speaking..(giggles) Yeah. I will not. Speaking of invigorating the economy, I got a real biggest problem. It is Lottery Winners!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Yeah. Lottery winners. (grins)

Dick: Oh, I'll…you're talking to one.

Maddox: You won…you won in the lottery?

Dick: Yeah. I'm a lottery winner.

Maddox: Okay, so we just…

Dick: (interjects) The big Powerball, that 1.5 billion?

Maddox: Yeah. You won?

Dick: I won four bucks.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay.

Dick: I'm a lottery winner.

Maddox: Great. Great, Dick.

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: Didn't you win 8 dollars playing that lotto?

Maddox: You bet your ass I did!

Dick: Okay, so you got two. Did you win anything?

Asterios: Well, it seems like…no, I lost.

Dick: Did you play?

Asterios: Yeah. I sp…I lost 4 dollars.

Dick: You only bought two tickets?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: What a sucker.

Dick: What a sucker.

Maddox: Idiot!!

Asterios: How much did you…

Dick: (interjects) How do only have 4 dollars?

Maddox: What a moron!

Asterios: How many tickets…(they all talk over each other)

Dick: What did you have, four single dollars in your wallet?

Asterios: HOW MANY TICKETS….yeah.

Maddox: Dumb shit.

Asterios: I had just…yeah! I went to Cheetah's, asshole! (Dick laughs) If you most know. I went to Cheetahs.

Dick: How'd you have any left, then?

Asterios: And I got a fucking lap dance from a woman named Hot Wheels!

Dick: And you got change!? (Maddox laughs) (Sean laughs)

Asterios: I got a lap dance from a woman named Hot Wheels! You wanna know why she's named Hot Wheels? 'Cause she's a former Junior Olympics roller skating champion, (someone groans) and she roller skates around the stage in a bikini, and she does all these pirouettes around the goddamn pole, and she's fantastic!!

Dick: I…I don't like the backs…I don't like stripper backstories. Go!

Maddox: That…that sounds good….

Dick: (interjects) But did you win anything?

Asterios: No.

Maddox: It sounds like…it sounds like she roller skated into your heart, buddy.

Asterios: Well, I'm still…yeah.

Maddox: Hot Wheels.

Asterios: Hot Wheels, if you're out there, say hi to me.

Maddox: She's probably a listener of the show. But anyway guys, back to lottery winners. Kay? I got…this is the real biggest problem. Now, I chose lottery winners and not the lottery.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: Yeah, yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Because the lottery's a choice.

Dick: We…we know. (grins)

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Sean: Because it was weird.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: What was…what was weird?

Asterios: Wait. How many…wait…real quick question. How many lottery tickets did you buy for the Powerball?

Dick: 20 bucks' worth!!

Asterios: So you lost 16 dollars?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Kay, so I only lost 4 dollars.

Dick: Well, no. Technically I lose, uh…30…36 dollars. 'Cause I also played the week before.

Asterios: Okay, so…

Maddox: Okay.

Asterios: I only lost 4 dollars, and I'm a sucker? That's what I'm clarifying.

Dick: Yeah, man. I had a lot of fun thinking about all the…thinking about all the bridges I would burn with my…100 million dollars.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, me too. (Asterios snickers) I…I was thinking about, like, unfriending all my, like, all these people…

Asterios: You can do that now. You don't have to be rich to cut assholes out of your life!!

Maddox: I…I know, Asterios, yeah…

Dick: (interjects) But you need to replace friends with money.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: That…does sound nice.

Maddox: You do.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: You're at least purchasing the fantasy.

Maddox: Of what, unfriending people?

Dick: Of…yeah.

Sean: Of, like, doing whatever you would do with hundreds of millions of dollars.

Asterios: (yells) So I'm dumb 'cause I only bought 4 dollars' worth of fantasy?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I should've bought more fantasy?

Dick: More. Yes. More.

Maddox: Dumb!

Asterios: Okay. Alright. Alright.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Dumb. Asterios. Dumb.

Dick: You're less likely to win. (Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Maddox: Yeah! You…you missed out, dude!! (Asterios laughs)

Asterios: Wait, so instead of my odds being 1 in 1.7 billion…

Dick: 2!

Asterios: 2 in 1.7 billion…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, it's 2 in like, 217 million.

Maddox: It's 2 in 200 m…it's 292 million.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You would have been 4, or 10.

Dick: 10!

Maddox: Dick was 10! 10!!

Dick: And then I bought a secret lottery ticket on the way home. (Asterios and Maddox laugh) Like a…like a…like a boot holster, you know? (Asterios cracks up) Like, a secret gun in my boot. So I checked the first 10…I checked the first 10.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm like, "No, those are losers. Now let's go for the boot."

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: The boot pistol. Yeeeeeeah!!

Asterios: Oh, my god! (laughing)

Dick: Pull this bitch out also, loser.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You had a hold-out weapon! (squeals)

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Alright, so, so far my advice is to…

Dick: It's fun!

Asterios: …take girls to the dollar store and buy as many lottery tickets as possible.

Maddox: You know what?!! Do that!!

Dick: (they all talk over each other)

Maddox: Go to a ….go get a scratcher on a date. Go get some scratchers and say, "We're gonna split everything right now." And then you're buying dinner with the winnings!

Dick: No, no. Lemme tell you…lemme tell you for real.

Asterios: Alright, what do you do?

Dick: If you're…if you're trying to s…if you're trying to woo a woman.

Asterios: Uh-huh.

Dick: And you're…you know, a lot of these guys are in a position where they're trying to woo her, right?

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: Where…a lot of questions I get from guys, they're like…they don't…they think she's on the fence. Maybe she's leaning away. Which is normal, 'cause you know, chicks have to lean back and get…get a gauge on you. Right? Like, they need to judge you as a man to see if you're worth investing their time in, right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: This is the…the dynamics of dating, right? So…to get 'em to stick around, you buy a lottery ticket together on your date, right? (Asterios gasps) And then you…well, you know the drawing isn't until Saturday. So you got an excuse to talk to her…on Saturday, right?

Asterios: I…I have a question. What if…what if I win the lottery?

Dick: Oh, then you just never call it again. You block. Block her.

Asterios: Got it.

Dick: You know, change your name. You could get a whole new identity with Powerball winnings.

Asterios: I have a lot to learn. This is really cool.

Maddox: Dick, this actually, is like, the smartest thing I think you've ever said.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: It only costs 2 bucks!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Correct!

Asterios: All you need is 2 dollars and a dream.

Maddox: Really smart.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright. Guys, back to lottery winners. You've heard of the stereotypes of lottery winners, right? Losing all their money and going bankrupt. But I, for one, think that lottery winners are great people, who are very handsome and successful. And wise. They definitely…they definitely know the best way to spend their money, as evidenced by their purchase of lottery tickets! (Asterios cracks up)

Sean: Is this another iTunes?

Maddox: No!!! No!! No, Sean! I…look, I'd just like to say that, uh…I put forth a humble suggestion that if any of our listeners are…lottery winners, that you invest in yours truly. Might I suggest a small contribution of $800,000 to Maddox Empire to further my agenda to educate the masses. My goal is to diminish the influence of lesser minds in our lives, and I'll do that with your money.

Dick: Wait, are you shilling to the Powerball guy?

Maddox: Yeah, absolutely.

Dick: Oh, okay. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah. Correct. That's all I'm doing right now.

Dick: Why'd you bring him in as a problem, then?

Maddox: Well, 'cause they're problems. And I'll tell you why. Let's…first, let's talk about odds, though, right? In the New York Times, they just released this. They said, "The odds of being struck by lightning this year are 1 in 1.19 million, making it about 246 times as likely as winning the Powerball jackpot. That means you have 246 times more of a chance of getting struck by lightning than winning the lottery. "With an estimated 1 in 12,500 change, an amateur golfer is about 23,000 as likely to make a hole in one. So if you became a golfer.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you just struck a ball, you have a 23,000x higher probability to make a hole in one.

Dick: You'd have to be a kind of a good golfer, though. You can't just walk out there and…

Asterios: Uh…

Sean: (interjects) Not true. There's a lot of dumb luck in those. A lot of hacks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Really? People running up like Happy Gilmore and just swatting at it like they're chopping down a tree, hole in one?

Asterios: Well, Happy Gilmore had a lot of hockey experience.

Dick: Get the fuck outta here.

Sean: No, it happens.

Asterios: I mean, you have to admit. Uh…it sounds like you're…these are statistics for the lottery, though. It sounds like you have a problem with the lottery.

Dick: Yeah. Sounds like you're bringing in the lottery.

Maddox: No, no, no. I'm getting to that. I'm getting to that.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: So I…I just looked into the odds first to see, uh…to set up the…psychology of somebody who would buy one of these tickets.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Um…

Asterios: Like you. You bought a bunch of lottery tickets, so…

Dick: Yeah, it's awesome.

Maddox: I…I spent the same as Dick. I mean, I did a little bit better, actually.

Dick: No, I spent 2 more bucks than you, 'cause I got that secret one. (Asterios guffaws)

Maddox: Oh, that's right, yeah.

Dick: That's the one that God doesn't know about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You guys are so proud of wasting money on the lottery!!!

Dick: Oh. (scoffs) 22 dollars is the bare minimum of money that I've wasted, are you kidding?

Asterios: (laughing) What's the most money you've ever wasted in…in one go? I just wanna know.

Dick: My watch.

Asterios: How much is your watch?

Dick: It's a nice watch.

Asterios: I don't know what a nice watch costs.

Dick: Like 3 grand.

Maddox: WHY WOULD YOU SPEND 3 GRAND ON A WATCH?!

Asterios: You have a THREE-THOUSAND DOLLAR WATCH?!

Dick: 'Cause it's awesome.

Maddox: Is it? It just tells the time.

Dick: It's showy as shit, man.

Maddox: Ye…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, it's heavy.

Maddox: You don't even wear it! I've never even seen you wear a watch!

Dick: I have it on right now.

Maddox: No, I've NEVER seen you wear a watch, I've known you for years!!!

Dick: I dunno what to tell you. Take a…take a better look at what's sitting across from you sometime, man, it's…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah. There's no watch.

Dick: You'll see that beautiful watch.

Maddox: I never see that watch.

Dick: Oh, you should see chicks light up when they feel it, like, "Oh my God, is this real?"

Maddox: You…you not only…

Dick: (interjects) It's so heavy. They love it. (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: You're not…Dick, you're not only not wearing the watch now, but you don't even have the tan mark of wearing a watch.

Asterios: It's…it…

Dick: Oh…

Asterios: It sounds like he only wears it on special occa…it's a three thousand dollar watch.

Maddox: Well, is that true? Do you only wear it to, like, special dinners and things like that?

Dick: No. I wear it, uh…whenever I go out. I mean, I wear it whenever I go outside. It's a watch. I don't like digging in my pocket for my cell phone like a child.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Like a millennial. To see the time. I like turning my wrist and seeing what the time is.

Maddox: Alright, well, uh…I dunno what to tell you, Dick, you could've bought a lot of those watches with the money you could've won from the Powerball.

Dick: Oh, I woulda got…I woulda got one of the watches that has meteors in the face.

Asterios: What are you talking about?!

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. They got a watch that's got a meteor face. The face has meteorites in it.

Maddox: Oh, oh. It's made out of the meteor…yeah.

Dick: It's made out of a meteorite.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: How much does that watch cost?

Dick: Like 20 grand, 25 grand.

Asterios: Alright.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: So there's a goal for you. Sell a lot of Mega Man comics.

Maddox: Lot of things to piss your money away on. There's an article in Time.com. It says, "Here's how winning the lottery makes you miserable." Uh…so they're talking about… there's all these articles coming out about people who've won the lottery. From Time, they said, "So many of them wind up unhappy or wind up broke. People have terrible things happen to them," says Don McNay, 56, a financial consultant to lottery winners and author of Life Lessons from the Lottery. "People commit suicide. People run through their money. Easy comes, easy goes. They go through divorce or people die." And then there's an article in New York Daily News (.com). It says "The Curse of the Lottery: Tragic Stories of Big Jackpot Winners". And it says here, "Nearly 70% of lottery winners end up broke within seven years."

Asterios: Oh, my gosh.

Maddox: Broke, in seven years.

Dick: How many..what percent?

Asterios: 70%.

Maddox: 70%.

Dick: I'm surprised it's that low.

Maddox: About three quarters. And it says, "Even worse, several winners have died tragically or witnessed those close to them suffer." And it says here, "You would be blown away to see how many winners wish they'd never won." Says Edward Ugel, author of "Money for Nothing". One of those unlikely winners was a guy named Abraham Shakespeare.

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: "Just weeks before Shakespeare was killed, he told his mother he wished he had never won. Shakespeare hit it big for 30 million dollars in 2006, causing friends and family to hound him for money." So then he befriended, like, all these fake people started showing up in his life, and he fell for one of 'em.

Dick: Sounds like family is the problem!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Not lottery winners! It sounds like another one of your problems is the problem.

Maddox: Go vote up families! (laughs) Yeah, man! Go vote up families, that's what I told you, man. Uh…Episode #1. That's what I brought in, families. But he said he befriended a person named Dorice D.D Moore, who tricked Shakespeare into believing he was trying to protect him. She was trying to protect him from greedy people around him. Moore convinced this poor guy to transfer his assets to her before he went missing in 2009. Then in 2012, she was sentenced to mandatory life without parole for his murder by a judge who called her cold, calculating, and cruel.

Dick: Ooh.

Maddox: This lady got this…this poor guy to transfer his funds to her. And then killed him, so she could keep it all.

Dick: Sounds like, uh…women might be the problem.

Maddox: Ohhh. (groans) (Asterios laughs)

Dick: Witchy…witchy women.

Asterios: So far…

Dick: And their devious ways.

Asterios: Those femme fatales.

Dick: Those…yes. D.D…what was her name? Didi Lichtenstein?

Maddox: Dorice…(giggles) Dorice D.D. Moore.

Asterios: Didi might stand for Double D's.

Dick: So she's a triple D.

Maddox: Triple D.

Asterios: Yeah. Oh, my God.

Dick: Yeeeeeeeah!!

Asterios: Look, I…look…

Dick: (interjects) That's a problem.

Asterios: I just wanna say…I feel like the only hard statistic you've brought in for this is that 70% of lottery winners go broke.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: I feel like the rest of this is, like, a lot of, like, faff and story.

Dick: Story.

Asterios: It's just, like, all you needed to say was that 70% of them go broke. That's a huge fucking problem! If you win the lottery, you are almost guaranteed to lose everything you own.

Maddox: Right!

Asterios: That's a big problem.

Maddox: Right, right, right. Um…but more than that, it's…it's…

Asterios: (interjects) What?! You don't think that's a big problem?! Losing everything you own? Going completely bankrupt?

Maddox: Suicide.

Asterios: Because you bought a piece of paper that had a bunch of numbers on it one day?

Dick: No…I don't think it's a big problem that you won the lottery and you don't know what you're doing with your life. And, like, what is it? Fuck your life up back to being someone who plays the lottery?

Maddox: Ye…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, what is…like, okay, a couple guys killed themselves? I dunno if that's a big problem!

Maddox: Look, money…can be chaos. Alright? Money is power. Money is freedom. But money can also be chaotic. If you suddenly get an injection of money. You don't know what to do with it and it came in from nowhere. And you suddenly sit there and you start to fantasize about the things that you could spend the money on. You're not…you're not apt to spending that wisely. You might buy things that are bad for you, or you might invest it in some poor things.

Dick: I mean, look. 70% of people are bad with money. That's what that tells me.

Maddox: Um…

Dick: (interjects) Like, and that's…that's still…that's why I say it still seems low. Like, I would think, like, 99% of people are bad with money.

Maddox: But, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) 99% of people don't save.

Maddox: But, Dick, it's not just that they're bad with money. 70% of them also get…I mean, this includes people who get killed, like this poor guy. He wasn't bad with money, per say, he just got killed.

Asterios: You mean got murdered.

Maddox: Yeah, he got murdered.

Dick: For the money.

Asterios: That's…okay. See, when say, "Get killed", I…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, people get murdered for shoes, and rims, though, also. Like, it sounds like an idiot.

Asterios: Yeah, but it turns you into a big tar…well, look. Granted, the guy's an idiot, but it turns you into a big target.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I mean, you got all that money, that's…

Dick: I guess.

Maddox: And you lose friends. People always hit you up for money. It's gonna change your life. Sometimes in ways that aren't good. Uh…there's another example here from this article, it says…

Dick: (interjects) So wait. I'm sorry. Is winning the lottery the problem?

Maddox: No. Uh…lottery…no. Lottery winners. Lottery winners are the problem. That's wh…

Dick: (interjects) Okay, but what are they…

Maddox: I'm getting to that.

Dick: Okay, okay.

Maddox: I'm getting to that. I'm getting to that. I wanna read this other example. This guy named David Lee Edwards. He lived in human feces before his death. Edwards, a former drug addict and felon, won 27 million dollars in 2001 while unemployed in South Florida. He quickly blew through the money by purchasing a 1.6 million dollar house in Palm Beach Gardens, uh, three racehorses…(Dick laughs)…a fiberoptics company…a Leerjet, a limo business…

Dick: Oh, cool!

Maddox: …a 200 thousand dollar Lamborghini Diablo…

Dick: Nice.

Maddox: And a multitude of other luxuries.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then Edwards and his wife returned to drug use and had numerous run-ins with the police for possession of crack cocaine, pills, and heroin. He lost all of his money in just a few years, and ended up living in a storage shed surrounded by human feces.

Dick: I think crack did that to him, not money.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That's a guy with HUGE problems, even before he bought the ticket.

Dick: Tchyeeeeah.

Maddox: Sure. Sure.

Sean: Now…now, he just, instead of living in, like a 74 Dodge, he's living in a Lamborghini, I mean, it's…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: He had a nice, like, fantasy week…or month. Or however long he had that money.

Asterios: But doesn't that…but doesn't that seem, like, poetically just more terrible to, like, have had everything and lost it all?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, I kinda…look.

Dick: (interjects) I don't give a shit.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: No! I'm just saying, like, I don't feel anything for somebody who makes a shitload of money, then blows it all doing crack and harassing the police and being a menace. And then living in a storage shed like Howard Hughes with his own feces. Like, this is a lunatic. Okay. (Asterios guffaws)

Asterios: (laughing) Alright. Well, look. I'm not specifically talking about this guy. I'm just saying, like, isn't it kind of better to have never had a taste of that good life if…

Maddox: (interjects) Yes.

Asterios: …you're just gonna end up somewhere worse?! Like…

Maddox: Abs…absolutely, Asterios.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: I believe this.

Asterios: But it's an opin…it's not a stat. It's just my opinion. If you disagree, you disagree.

Maddox: No, I agree with that.

Dick: If that were true, drugs wouldn't be so great. You know?

Maddox: No, I'll…I'll t…

Asterios: (interjects) What do you mean? I'm sorry, I don't…

Dick: Well, the…the high of this guy's crazy lifestyle was more important to him than, uh… something more conservative. Something that didn't involve violence and crack. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: People…people who are dr…

Dick: You know? (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: People who become drug addicts are not happy people. They're not people who are doing this because they're having a…a…carefree lifestyle.

Dick: You're talking to a guy who shits his pants 'cause he drinks too much.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: You don't think I know that?!

Maddox: Yeah, but…but this guy in particular. When…sometimes people have this fantasy of winning lots of money, they think money's gonna solve their problems. But this guy was depressed and had problems beforehand. And he just won money, and all that did is maybe give him a little bit of joy in the interim, but the drugs finally eventually caught up with him.

(Asterios and Dick talk at the same time)

Asterios: Sorry.

Dick: …applies to, like, actors and actresses to me. Like, they won the lottery, actors and actresses won the being famous lottery. It doesn't seem to…they still…the bad ones still seem to be drug-addicted maniacs. You know? It seems like the same thing. It seems like now we're just paying attention to it, 'cause he's rich.

Maddox: I think it's a little different, because actors and actresses work hard for it. So…a lot of the time.

Asterios: Unless you're…unless you're super hot like Cameron Diaz and you just get, uh, promoted from an extra to…the costar of the Mask.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uhh…Cameron Diaz had a long career before that. Although, I'm not a fan. Not a fan of Cameron Diaz. I wrote an article a long time ago where the happiest day in my life was when Cameron Diaz broke her nose during a surfing accident. That was the happiest day of my life…still. It's still the happiest day of my life. (Asterios giggles) Um…I…

Asterios: I…just before we move on, real quick.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You mentioned shitting your pants.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Should I carry around, like, extra pants?

Dick: What, for yourself?

Asterios: Yeah. Like…

Dick: (interjects) Or for me?

Asterios: No, for me. Like, should I…like, in the trunk or, like, do you keep extra pants?

Dick: Oh, no. No.

Asterios: Okay. 'Cause I'm just…you know. I was wondering.

Dick: What are you getting at?

Asterios: Well, 'cause I'm…

Dick: (interjects) You wanna…you wanna adopt that kind of drinking into your lifestyle?

Asterios: Well, I'm sort of…I'm on the way. I'm on the way down.

Dick: Here's what you do.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: All the fast food you get, just throw it into the passenger side of your car.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: Then if an emergency hits you, you just grab some of those bags. (Asterios gasps) And sit on that.

Asterios: That's awesome!

Dick: So you don't fuck up your car.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: There you go.

Asterios: That's great.

Dick: A little Dick tip for you.

Asterios: Thank you.

Maddox: Guys, I…have an article here from the New York Times. And…(giggles) they're… (they all laugh loudly)

Dick: You've never done that?!!?

Sean: I've never done that.

Dick: Oh, man! You haven't lived!

Asterios: I'm just gonna…I might just…I might try to do both. I might try to keep a pair of pants in the trunk. Some trunk pants.

Dick: No, that's…'cause then you're admitting you have a problem. (Asterios giggles)

Asterios: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: Go, what's…what's the New York Times…

Asterios: I'm sorry.

Maddox: Yeah, can we…

Asterios: I'm so sorry.

Maddox: Can we…are we done?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Should we…okay. I got an article here from the New York Times. So, some of these articles have gotten really snarky. Like, near the…near the end. As the Powerball started to really gain speed and momentum. This one's from the New York Times called, "You will not win the Powerball Jackpot."

Dick: Oh, God. Okay.

Maddox: And…(giggles) (Asterios cracks up) I love…I love the title.

Dick: Opening so many eyes with that.

Maddox: No, it's…it's funny. It's kinda like shitting on everyone. It says, "But keep in mind, your six numbers will not match and your finances will stay put, minus 2 dollars, most likely. Sorry. We would like to comfort you by pointing out that the odds of hitting the jackpot are 292 million, which are really, really bad odds. The odds of being struck by lightning, as I mentioned, is a 1 in a hundred…1.19 million. Um…and then there was… okay.

Dick: (interjects) I hate articles like that. And I hate the people who write them. Like…so then why do anything? Like, why do we spend money to do anything? It's all for entertainment. Like…2 dollars for the amount of excitement you get…like, you might win the lottery? Is probably the highest ratio of excitement to money on Earth. I…(stammers) just, these…thse smug pricks that write these articles about how you're so…it's a tax on the poor. You're so stupid that you don't know you're gonna win…we all know that we're not gonna win. It's that pretending, for a couple days!! That is what makes it worth 2 dollars. Fuck you!

Asterios: Yeah, I actually have to totally agree with that, 'cause I spent 4 dollars on two lottery tickets, and I kept them around in my wallet, and I was just so, so excited.

Dick: It's fun!

Asterios: I woke up the next day, I could…I couldn't wait to Google it. Actually, I… (stammers) I had bought the ticket on a date. And, like, now it's this nice little memento. It's just, like, oh my God, this cute little thing. Oh, here's my numbers. Here's her numbers. It's like this cute little thing.

Dick: It's great.

Maddox: Yeah, I used to be…

Asterios: (interjects) It's like why does everything have to be, like, such a fucking killjoy?

Dick: That's an investment!!

Maddox: No, no, no. It's not. It's not.

Asterios: Yeah, it's just a game. You're just playing a dumb little game.

Sean: It's a waaaaaaay better value than seeing a movie.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Right. But…here's the thing. I used to be one of these people who, uh…was adamantly opposed to the lottery, and in many ways, I still am.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: But, uh…I get it. This argument has been made many times by many different people that it's entertainment for a couple dollars. I get it. Fine. That's…I don't have a problem with that. But the question is…

Asterios: You bought a bunch of lottery tickets!!

Maddox: Of course.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: But the question is, why don't you play week to week? Is this just because of the jackpot amount? Is that what made you excited, uh…to play?

Dick: Yeah, 'cause you're not a gambling addict.

Asterios: Oh, I wanted to be…it's, like, I wanted to be, like, part of the zeitgeist.

Maddox: Okay.

Asterios: It was like everyone was super excited by this Powerball thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I was like, "Well fuck it, I'll do it too!"

Dick: If you're talking about the lottery…you can't talk about your lottery ticket with your mom, like, when it's not a gigantic jackpot!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause that's kinda sad.

Asterios: Yeah, that's true. (guffaws)

Dick: And it's, like, "What are you doing?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Why are you not part of this collective thing that we're doing?"

Maddox: Guys, I buy that argument. That's fine.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: I…I don't disagree. Um…so…this…this one last article I wanna mention, again from the New York Times. This is my favorite snarky article. It says, "Dear Powerball Winner, take our advice and take the annuity." So you have a choice when you win the

Powerball. You can get a one lump sum payment, which a lot of people opt to do, because they just want to go nuts with that money. But this New York Times article said, you know, again, they're talking about how you're not gonna win it, but if you do…take the annuity. And I gotta read this. This says, "There are big tax advantages to the annuity. The main one is that taking the annuity is basically like letting the government hold on to part of your prize for a while and invest it for you, and the government does not pay tax on that investment income. Of course, once you get the annuity checks, you'll have to pay income tax on them, but if you take the lump sum cash prize, you'll pay tax twice - once on the prize when you win it, and then once again on the income you get by investing it." Which is a good point. Then the article goes on, it says, "But if you don't want…" Excuse me. "But what if you don't want an ultra-safe investment? I don't know about all your risk preferences, but I do know that you buy lottery tickets, so maybe you'd prefer to take the cash option and gamble in the stock market for a higher average return. But this leads us to the biggest advantage of the annuity - protecting you from yourself." And this is the…the root cause of the problem, here. And why I brought in Lottery Winners and not the lottery specifically. Because the lottery winners are the problem. They…when they have all this money, there's no safeguard to protect them from themselves and their own bad decisions.

Dick: Wait, but how does that make THEM the problem?

Maddox: Because they're making bad decisions. It says here, "Again, I don't know all about you, but I do know that you buy lottery tickets. So let's consider the possibility that you are not one of your generation's greatest financial minds."

Asterios: Ohohhoo!

Dick: Oh, yeah! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Gimme a fucking break!!!

Dick: You know what!? (they all yell over each other)

Asterios: You're an asshole!!

Dick: You're a…you're a writer for a newspaper. You don't know SHIT about money!! (Asterios cracks up) Like, how much could you POSSIBLY make writing…what paper was this?

Maddox: New York Times.

Dick: New York Times. What do you make, $80,000 a year?

Maddox: Ah, no!!

Dick: How much of your I…

Asterios: WAY less.

Dick: Way less than that?

Asterios: Yes.

Dick: $60,000?

Asterios: No. It's like $42,000 a year.

Maddox: No…

Dick: (interjects) You probably get paid by the word, fuck you!!!

Maddox: They make…they make…

Dick: (interjects) Fuck you, telling anybody what to do about money, you smug asshole or bitch, either one, I don't know which it is. (Sean laughs)

Asterios: It's probably…it's probably a freelancer that got paid $100.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: To be perfectly frank.

Maddox: You guys are awfully butthurt at this writer. Here's the thing…

Dick: Ugh, it's so smug.

Maddox: Sometimes.,,,

Asterios: (interjects) It's real smug!! (yells)

Maddox: Sometimes…of course it's smug, that's why it's hilarious, and that's why I brought it in!! You're talking to the smuggest motherfucker in the universe!!

Asterios: When you're smug, it's funnier than that. That's just…that's just dickish.

Maddox: Ahh. Well, I love it. It made me so happy reading that. (laughs) He goes on and says, "We all know the stories of people who win huge fortunes in the lottery and then lose them. The great thing about the annuity is that no matter what stupid choices you make this year, you'll have an enormous check waiting for you next year, all the way until 2045." That's sound financial advice!!! You wanna call this guy smug and stupid for working for the New York Times?! For earning a living wage!? Oookay, go ahead! But that's sound fucking advice! Protect you from yourself by taking the annuity, dickheads!! And by the way…(stammers)

Asterios: (interjects) Well, why don't you just suggest that we ban all lotteries?!

Maddox: Why!?

Asterios: If you're looking to protect people from themselves…

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: The lottery's the problem!!

Dick: The lottery's the problem.

Asterios: Exactly! Wouldn't that be the ultimate way to protect people from themselves!? (yells)

Maddox: No, no, no. They should choose…they should still have the choice. I'm…I'm for them having the choice to…look. If you want to fuck up your life and take a bunch of money and go nuts with it, and go broke in seven…in seven years. Those are the statistics! You're way more likely to go broke after winning the lottery than any…any other point in your life.

Dick: Sure, that's fine.

Asterios: Look. Look.. There's a po...

Dick: (interjects) What's the problem?

Asterios: There's a poetic irony to bringing in lottery winners. It's like…it's like okay, careful what you wish for. 'Cause if you get it, it'll destroy you. When God…when God seeks to punish man, he answers his prayers.

Dick: What would you do if you won the lottery?

Asterios: I…if I won the lottery, I would tell absolutely nobody.

Dick: Oh, that's weird. Alright.

Asterios: I would tell…I would just die, and then a charity would get a huge check one day from the Boisterous Coconuts Foundation.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhh, shut up!!! The charity would get a huge check!

Asterios: After I spent a lot of it at Cheetahs. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: On Hot Wheels, huh?

Dick: Yeah, that's the charity.

Asterios: I would have Hot Wheels move in with me!!!!

Dick: Charity's her…Charity's Hot Wheels' friend.

Maddox: A stripper's bank account charity, huh?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: hey, here's the thing. I looked into…one of these cases of a lottery winner who didn't fuck up his life. There's this guy in…I believe in Idaho or Colorado. He won the lottery. He won 220 million dollars. Some crazy amount.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: What he did…is he first, you know, spent…he didn't tell anybody for, like, two weeks. Or a week. A week or two weeks. He finally told his dad, and that's it. And then he sat there thinking about, like…having all these fantasies about how he's gonna spend it. And then finally, once he got done with all those fantasies, he decided to keep his feet planted to the ground. He hired a lawyer. He hired an accountant. He hired a public relations person, and then decided to invest the money to grow it. And then he…he kept driving the same car he always drove. He bought a really expensive bicycle, because he wanted a really nice, high-end bike, but that's about it. He kept the same house he always had. And then he went to work for another year, because he enjoyed his job. Sometimes, Dick, people work because…not because of the money they make, but because they enjoy what they do. Like these New York Times writers.

Dick: Why are you directing that at me?

Asterios: Yeah, I don't know, it sounds…

Maddox: 'Cause you were shitting on this New York Times writer! And teachers! "Oh, they only make $42,000 a year! Well, people do things because they like it!

Dick: That's not very much.

Maddox: Of course it's not very much, but that's not the point! The point is, people do things because they enjoy doing them.

Dick: That's why they get paid so little, 'cause they get something beyond money for it!!!

Asterios: (they talk over each other)

Dick: That's how economics works!

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: It's a vocation. As a comedian, I don't get paid a lot of money…

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: But I get a lot of joy out of it once a year.

Maddox: Right, right, right.

Asterios: And the rest of the time, I hate myself.

Dick: You would probably pay to BE a comedian. I bet if a theater said, "You know what? Every time you go up, you gotta give us 20 bucks."

Asterios: They do that! Those are called Bringer shows. Comedians do that all the time. The only way you can perform is if you bring five audience members and if they pay 10 dollars.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Of course…

Maddox: (interjects) A lot of comedians pay for it!

Asterios: People in entertainment…people pay to be part of entertainment constantly. It's the scam of entertainment. But…

Maddox: (interjects) No, but criticizing this New York Times writer for giving financial advice for…

Asterios: (interjects) You're real butthurt about us criticizing this bitchy and/or cunty writer!

Maddox: 'Cause it's such a cheesedick…it's so…it's such a cheesedick move, man. Look, he's giving sound financial advice. I actually agree with this guy.

Dick: (interjects) Oh…

Maddox: (interjects) And yeah, his tone is smug…

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute. Sound financial advice to people that he says are never gonna need it? He starts that article by saying none of you…"Hey everyone, I don't know if you can hear me from this giant pedestal I'm standing on so far above you…"

Asterios: In his big glass house!!

Dick: Yeah. "None of you are gonna win. You're all stupid. But here's…here's some advice that applies to NONE of you!!"

Maddox: Eh, statistically, yes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Don't you hate clickbait?

Dick: With a rational mind, you'd call it hypocrisy…

Asterios: 'Cause that's all that is. It's fucking clickbait.

Maddox: This is not clickbait.

Asterios: Oh, this is not clickbait! This article that came out during the week of the largest Powerball jackpot of all time!!! (yelling) What's the headline called?!

Dick: It's not clickbait.

Maddox: It's…

Asterios: (interjects) What's the headline?!

Maddox: It's NEEEEWSSS, Asterios. This is the New York Times!! (Asterios raspberries) (Dick cracks up)

Asterios: What an asshole!! (yells)

Maddox: They're talking about…(yelling)

Asterios: (interjects) You couldn't just bring in the lottery! You had to bring in some fucking tricky dick fucking…

Maddox: No…(Dick laughins)

Asterios: …weirdo goddamn cut the mustard…

Maddox: You Sneaky Greek. You sneaky Greek!

Dick: That's what I said! (Asterios groans)

Maddox: I don't have a problem with the lottery. I used to. I don't anymore. I thought about it and I thought, "You know what, Dick? Your argument is…is…"

Dick: (interjects) Correct.

Maddox: …pretty sound.

Dick: 100% correct. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Asterios, your argument is pretty sound.

Dick: That's the word you're looking for. (laughs)

Asterios: Yeah. Smart. Well-reasoned.

Maddox: No, it's not smart. It's…

Asterios: Not weird!!!

Maddox: It's not…

Asterios: (interjects) It's not some sort of huge stretch!!

Maddox: It's…I will give you reasonable. (Asterios snorts)

Dick: Human.

Maddox: It's a cheap way to get…

Dick: It's human.

Maddox: It's a cheap way to get an hour or two of entertainment.

Asterios: It's human. (laughing)

Dick: It's human. You get three days' worth of thinking about it.

Asterios: I felt so cool!!

Dick: Talking to friends about it.

Asterios: I'm gonna keep that lottery ticket forever! I just feel really cool about that lottery ticket.

Maddox: But…but, but…when's the last time before this one that you invested in a lottery, Dick?

Dick: Like, two or three years ago it got up to, like, 300, Erin: 600 million, or something like that.

Maddox: Yeah. Same with me. So, once every two or three years.

Dick: Yeah, that's great.

Maddox: Yeah, but that's once every two or three years…

Dick: It's like leap year. It's fun to talk about it every four years.

Maddox: But…but these huge jackpots that come along, where everybody invests and has fun investing in, right? (Asterios chuckles) They don't happen frequently enough for it to even matter. It's not like…

Dick: (interjects) I don't know how to qualify that.

Maddox: Well, you qualify it compared to movies. You've compared to movies, you say… Sean, you said a movie…(stammers) it's a way better investment of your money for entertainment in terms of how much money you spend and how much entertainment you get, and I agree with that.

Dick: Like, society is, like, a tapestry of these events, though. Like, these…these events… (Asterios cracks up) in the zeitgeist. It's…they all…

Maddox: (interjects) What other…but what other one is there like the lottery that you…'cause like you guys said, for the amount of money you invest, you don't get as much entertainment with anything else. There's nothing else like that!

Dick: They're all different, that's the point.

Asterios: Wait, what about Star Wars!? I was excited about that for months and months and months.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And then I spent 18$ on it. I loved it. You hated it.

Dick: I hated it.

Asterios: But…but…

Dick: (interjects) But I liked hating it!

Asterios: Yeah, exactly.

Dick: I liked ranting about it!

Asterios: It gave you a fun opinion to have after.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And it gives you water cooler talk. It's just like, we all had fun.

Maddox: Right. No one's disputing that.

Asterios: What's the problem? (exhausted)

Maddox: The problem…

Asterios: (interjects) That if you win the lottery, you have a 77% pe..(stammers) percent chance to go bankrupt? I agree.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it's a big problem for lottery winners.

Maddox: Correct.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: So if you win the lottery, vote it…right? Right?

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: It's a big problem FOR lottery winners.

Asterios: Winning the lottery…

Dick: (interjects) Is a problem for the people who won.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, potentially. Yeah.

Asterios: Potentially? 70%.

Dick: Well, it sounds like…

Maddox: (interjects) 70%.

Dick: …most of the time.

Asterios: That's a 7 in 10 chance!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: That's a hu…there's not a lot of potential not to have that happen. Yeah, I agree.

Maddox: Yeah, it's…it's…kind of a bad thing.

Asterios: It's just…it's just a lot of (giggles) the stats are about how lotteries are shitty, and it's like, "Just say you don't like lotteries!"

Maddox: No, no!! Not a single…hold on. All I said…all I said here was that lotteries are difficult to win. I didn't say that they're shitty.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: I didn't disagree with your guys' assessment that for 2 or 3 dollars, it's a lot of entertainment. I give you that.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm not disputing that.

Asterios: Did we just…

Maddox: (interjects) That's why I brought in specifically…

Dick: (interjects) What about scratchers?

Asterios: …hour arguing? When we all agree? Is that what happened?!

Maddox: No!! This…tangent came about because you guys shat all over this guy!!!

Dick: Yeah, he's an asshole!

Asterios: You're being so defensive of this guy!! (yells, laughs)

Maddox: No, but…but the arg…I don't like it, like, you shit on teachers for saying, "I don't want someone who makes 40,000 a year teaching my kids about finances."

Dick: I don't!

Maddox: That's irrelevant.

Dick: How is it irrelevant? (laughing)

Maddox: Because you don't need to make a lot of money to give good advice.

Dick: Ehhhhh. Okay. It helps.

Maddox: Sure, it helps.

Asterios: Look, I don't…(they all talk over each other) think we should push it on teachers, either.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Yeah, I don't know if it was…I don't know if that's called shitting on teachers.

Maddox: No…

Asterios: We're shitting on shit-eating bloggers who eat shit all the time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This…I don't think this guy's a blogger.

Asterios: Their mouths are covered in shit from all the shit they eat.

Maddox: No…and also, I think New York Times writers make a lot more than that.

Asterios: Let's find out this guy's…let's look it up right now. What's this guy's name?

Dick: Alright. Is there more…is there more for lottery winners?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: No, lottery winners…

Dick: (interjects) What would you do if you won the lottery, by the way?

Asterios: Yeah, what would you do?

Maddox: If I…if I won the lottery…

Dick: (interjects) You'd get the annuity, obviously. You'd take this guy's sound financial advice.

Maddox: The…the annuity makes sense.

Asterios: This 23-year-old blogger got paid $100. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: No.

Asterios: Who doesn't have health insurance, still on his mom's health insurance, thanks Obamacare.

Dick: Thanks, Obama.

Maddox: Guys, it's the New York Times. It's not some fucking fly-by-night magazine!!

Asterios: You…it's not the 1970's anymore!

Dick: Whoa, wait a minute. Wait a minute. Maddox! All those papers exist to sell ads.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You should hate them. All they do is write this SHIT to get clicked on, so you look at the ads.

Maddox: No, there was a…

Dick: (interjects) None of it matters!

Maddox: There was a study awhile back that, uh…so, when my first book came out…

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: I had…I worked with a couple of different publicists. And…

Dick: Ahhh. New York Times bestseller. I get it.

Maddox: No, no, no.

Asterios: Ohhhhhhh, you're defending the old grey lady.

Maddox: I like the New York Times!

Asterios: Alright.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I think that…look…(stammers) whether or not I'm a New York Times bestseller is irrelevant. It's not like I have any association with them. I don't give a shit.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's…I was also a Wall Street Journal bestseller! I was also a…a Reader's Digest bestseller! I was a bestseller across everything!

Dick: That's a good magazine, though.

Asterios: His dick is getting so hard right now. (they all laugh) Saying all these fucking stats!

Maddox: Look, I love myself. But, um…here's…here's the thing.

Dick: Reader's Digest, really?

Maddox: Yeah! Everything. All…all across the board.

Dick: I didn't even know they had a list.

Maddox: Uh…USA Today. I think their bestseller list. Uh..all…Newsweek. They all have bestseller lists. They only one anyone ever mentions is the New York Times.

Dick: What about News Max?

Maddox: And it's irrelevant. Um, no. (giggles) No.

Asterios: What about breitbart.com?

Dick: Yeah, were you on their bestseller list? (grins)

Maddox: No. So…New York Times…

Asterios: The Blaze? (giggles)

Dick: I might have been. The Blaze. (they giggle)

Maddox: New York Times…there was…there…look. I talked to a lot of publicists back in the day.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And…

Asterios: (interjects) You're talking to one now.

Maddox: Publicists' job is to place your…your article…(stammers) like, kind of like an ad for your book or your product. Right, Dick? That…that insurance ad that you brought in last week?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: That was put in that magazine…in that newspaper by a publicist.

Dick: I mean, that probably wasn't even a newspaper.

Maddox: Publicists…no, D…the Telegraph is. Publicists…

Dick: (interjects) But I don't know if it showed up in the newspaper, I'm saying. It's probably just online, kinda thing.

Maddox: The print one? I dunno. The publicist's job is to do that. To place these puff pieces into newspapers to get them a lot of traction and basically, it's like a stealthy ad for your product, right?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And there was a study done awhile back, where across the board, almost every single newspaper was susceptible to these PR pieces, because publicists sometimes tried to do it in very stealthy ways. They'll hire a journalist to write this little piece for your product, and then pitch it to the New York Times. And they're legitimate journalists, but the New York Times sniffs them out and keeps them…keeps them from being printed and published in their magazine. That's why I respect the New York Times.

Dick: Paper. Yeah…

Maddox: Is because they are the least likely to print any kind of puff pieces from journalists and PR pieces. If I see an ad, I want to know it's an ad. If I came in and started shilling Harry's and I didn't disclose to my listeners that we were being paid for that? That's fucking dishonest. I have a problem with that. But I don't…(stammers) and similarly, that's why I have a problem with magazines and newspapers who do that with PR puff pieces when they don't do their due diligence to research the source. New York Times does their due diligence. That's why it's a respectable magazine. Er, newspaper.

Dick: You would say they're the Harry's of newspapers.

Maddox: No, I would not.

Dick: 'Cause Harry's is a great product. (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: Yeah, absolutely.

Maddox: Harry's is a great product.

Dick: Let's not…let's not get off track here.

Maddox: Anyway…

Asterios: Yeah. It's the razor of record.

Maddox: That's…that's my problem, guys. (Dick laughs)

Asterios: Yes! Alright, well, then…

Dick: Alright.

Asterios: Well, my problem is Last Call!

Dick: Uh…my problem was Not Enough Toilets!

(Closing riff starts)

Dick: Holy shit!! Affects billions of people!

Maddox: And my problem is Lottery Winners!

Dick and **Asterios:** See you next Tuesday!

Dick: Alright, I got a voice mail from weird Matthew McConaughey. You remember last week, when Weird Matthew McConaughey sent in that…the question. The question of the week. Sean, you were absent for this one. The question of the week was from Weird Matthew McConaughey. "Would you see more boobs…"

Maddox: Oh, right.

Dick: "…if you were invisible, or if you were a dog?"

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: Ohh. That's a good question.

Dick: Asterios, what's your answer for that one?

Asterios: Uh, I assume…I assume a dog, because an invisible man still has to open doors, close doors, like, invisible man is gonna get caught at some point.

Dick: Smart.

Asterios: If you're getting naked in front of a dog, you're just gonna do that a lot.

Dick: Reasonable. And Maddox, you said a man…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Because then you can jerk off.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Okay. Well, he…

Asterios: Well, is your cum visible?

Dick: Well…

Maddox: (interjects) No, it's invisible cum.

Dick: Let's not get…let's not get off into the weeds, here.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: This is 'cause weird Matthew McConaughey called in and gave what he considered the correct answer.

Asterios: No, sure. Okay. I'd love to hear it.

(Voice male: male voice (Weird Matthew McConaughey): "Hey, guys." (they giggle) **"I'm back again. Maddox, you really fucked up on that answer."** (they crack up) **"Being invisible is the wrong answer. And this is why. You said you could jerk it. Aaaaaaand, you couldn't as a puppy. But that's wrong, dude. As a puppy, you could just give yourself a blowjob, basically."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

"No one fucking even minds dogs licking themselves."

Maddox: But you're a child. You're a baby.

"They do it all the time."

Maddox: Gross.

"But if you're invisible and you're fucking standing, like, three feet from the woman…" (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: What?!

"Hey, she's gonna hear all that fucking jerking!"

Asterios: Yeah! Exactly. (Maddox giggles)

"And you know it's gonna sound like hair…wet hair, basically."

Asterios: What…

(they talk over each other)

Asterios: I don't know about that last part.

"And second of all, when you cum, as the cum leaves your body, it's gonna become visible again."

Maddox: Nooo.

Asterios: Checkmate, Maddox!

Dick: There you go.

"How the fuck do you explain that?" (Dick and Maddox laugh)

"If you're a doggie, or a…or a cat…or, uh…any sort of animal, no one's gonna really fucking question that."

Dick: No one's gonna question it.

Maddox: Yeah.

"…fuckin'…just go hide in a corner, cum on the wall, and fucking leave." (Dick giggles)

Asterios: Checkmate.

"Dumbass.")

Maddox: You…(laughing) no one's gonna question a puppy sitting in the corner giving himself auto fellatio, who's not sexually mature.

Dick: No! They do it all the time! (grins)

Maddox: They're not sexually mature. Puppies are, like, you know. Like any other animal. You're not sexually mature. So you're…he's suggesting to you that you become a puppy, watch a girl's boobs, and then suck yourself off. By the way, I don't want my own weiner in my mouth, bro!!

Dick: Why? It's in your hand!

Asterios: He's not suggesting that you become a puppy.

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute. Wait a minute. I wanna…(giggles)

Asterios: The question was…okay, no, I'm sorry. You're right. I cut you right off 'cause I was…we were both disgusted with him for different reasons. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. You wouldn't want your weiner in your mouth?

Maddox: I don't think so.

Dick: You don't think so? You never thought of it?

Maddox: I've thought of it. I think of it all the time.

Asterios: You want your weiner in someone else's mouth.

Maddox: Someone else's mouth, yeah, all the time.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: I mean, if you're…if you want it in their mouth…

Asterios: If you could give yourself a…

Dick: …you should be willing to put your own weiner in your own mouth.

Maddox: Noooooo, Noooooo.

Asterios: You should put your mouth…you should put your mouth where your weiner is.

Dick: Yeah, exactly. (giggles)

Maddox: No. No…I'm not gonna put my mouth where my weiner is.

Asterios: You sound sexist, Maddox. And that's all I'm gonna say. (they laugh)

Dick: That is…that is VERY sexist!! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Yeah, that's all I'm gonna say.

Maddox: Sexist against myself?! Who am I sexist against?!

Asterios: I'm just gonna say you're sexist and I'm ready to move on.

Dick: I mean, you don't have to swallow, but you just gotta get it in your mouth.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, there's gonna be precum!

Asterios: Just pull out!

Maddox: I don't want to taste my own precum!!! (giggles)

Dick: Probably tastes like cinnamon!

Maddox: Ohhhh, that's true.

Dick: With all the cinnamon you eat!

Asterios: With all the Fireball whiskey you eat.

Maddox: Shit, Dick. That's a good point.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Asterios: Alright. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: There you go! You wasted all this time going to Starbucks, you could stay home blowing yourself. (grins)

Maddox: Suck…suck myself off. (Asterios and Maddox crack up)

Dick: You gotta start coming to pilates with me!!

Maddox: Ugh. (sighs)

Dick: I got, uh…okay. Here's…here's someone talking about the Little Mermaid. You were harsh. You were hard on the Little Mermaid. You had a video about it too, about the Little Mermaid.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. The Disney version, yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, Maddox!"

Maddox: Yes? (giggles)

"I have a counterpoint to your Little Mermaid point!"

Maddox: OKAY!

"Goes like this!" (they giggle) **"Part of your world…Under the Sea…and fucking..Kiss the Girl. Three great songs in a great animated movie…"**

Dick: Undeniable.

Maddox: Alright.

"I'm sorry…"

Maddox: Sure.

"That your fucking precious Hans Christian Anderson bullshit story got ruined."

Maddox: Yeah.

"And your childhood was raped."

Maddox: Right. (Dick giggles)

"Vote up infantilism!!"

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs)

"You pussy-ass bitch! (laughs)") (they all crack up)

Maddox: What a fucking asshole idiot!! First of all, dickhead, those songs wouldn't exist without Hans Christian Anderson, fuckface!

Dick: Well, okay. Alright.

Maddox: That's all…that's all I need to say!!! Those songs…

Asterios: (interjects) But they're not…

Maddox: Disney…

Dick: (interjects) But they're integral to the Disney version of The Little Mermaid.

Asterios: But…

Maddox: Their Disney is just…

Asterios: (interjects) All music wouldn't exist without…it's, like, yeah. Art is built upon art. It doesn't mean that the art that came later is worse than the art that came before.

Dick: And that art was pretty good.

Maddox: Sometimes it is, Asterios!!! Sometimes it is!!

Asterios: Well, of course SOMETIMES IT IS!!

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhhhhh. They made some…some cute songs that I can market and sell albums. (goofy voice) Bleeeeeeeeeeeh!!!! Jizz all over my face.

Asterios: They're great. They're great songs.

Dick: Ohhhhhhoooooooo. That's very cynical. Those are great songs.

Maddox: Yeah. Ohhh. (groans)

Asterios: Those are actually really…and look. I'm not just disagreeing with you for the sake of a podcast. Like, Alan Menken wrote some really good songs.

Maddox: I'm not do…look, lots…a lot of people like those songs. That doesn't change the criticism that I had for the Disney version of The Little Mermaid.

Dick: Wait. Wait a minute.

Maddox: No lessons!

Dick: A lot of people? Are you gonna sit here and say that you do not like the song Kiss the Girl?

Maddox: No, I hate that song.

Dick: I…I find that very hard to believe.

Maddox: I hate the way…I hate the way the frogs kinda croon in that song. I hate the way the crabs' lips go (goofy voice) "Nnngh, kiss the girl."

Dick: Well, ignoring the animation. Just the song.

Maddox: It's not a good song, no!

Asterios: (sings) Well, you're dying to try, but you don't know why…

Maddox: No. (annoyed)

Dick: …know why. You gotta kiss the girl.

Asterios: You gotta kiss the giiiiiiirl.

Dick: That's romantic as shit, man.

Maddox: Bullshit. It's not romantic. No, it's not.

Dick: You should sing that to a girl on your brunch dates.

Maddox: I will not.

Dick: That'll end real quickly.

Maddox: No. (stammers) You know what? I take umbrage with that song…because he's manipulating the situation!!

Asterios: You take um…

Maddox: (interjects) Yes, I take umbrage!! (yells)

Dick: Who's he?

Maddox: He is manipulating…the fucking crab! He's suggesting…

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: The crab is wingmanning the hell out of Ariel!! (yells)

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhh. Kiss the girl? Kiss the girl?

Asterios: EXCUSE the crab for wanting Ariel to get a little bit of action!!

Maddox: No, he's not. Really? The lyrics say "kiss the girl", dickhead.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Who is he talking to? The prince!

Dick: The guy.

Maddox: The guy!!

Asterios: It's like…it's like if…(stammers) your friend leaves the room and the girl is left behind and you're just, like, "Hey, isn't that…my friend's pretty cool. He's a nice guy." You're wingmanning. You're trying to gin up the situation!

Dick: No, it's the other way! Your friend is the girl, and the guy…that she's…that she's with is really nervous, and you're like, "No, she likes you."

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: I know she likes you.

Maddox: Guys, if I was sitting in your ear, on a date, constantly saying. "Hey man. Kiss the girl. Why don't you grope her? Why don't you touch her?"

Asterios: If you say it like that, you…

Maddox: "Why don't you grab her thigh?" OH, if I sing it?!!?

Asterios: You fucking backseat driver pervert!!!

Maddox: It makes it okay?! It makes it okay if I sing it, you dick?! If I…(goofy voice, sings) "Hey man, why don't you grope the girl?" Woooohoooooooowoooooohoh (sings)

Asterios: If you sound like Sebastian, yes!!!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Fuck you!!!

Dick: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. (they all talk over each other)

Asterios: With a singing voice like Sebastian, yes!!!!

Dick: No, that's…that's absolutely true.

Maddox: Ooookay.

Dick: If you can sing it, and it doesn't sound creepy, it's not creepy. It's not as easy as you think to write a song about…

Asterios: (tries to do a creepy Sebastian, sounds like French Batman) "….you gotta kiss the…" of course that's creepy!

Dick: Yeah, that's creepy.

Asterios: You gotta sing it…

Maddox: You guys are creepy as fuck.

Dick: Okay. One more. One more.

Asterios: Agree to disagree. Alright.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, I thought that Dick's problem about the remote control was kind of, um, a weird one."

Dick: Weird?

Maddox: Yeah.

"And then I looked it up, and iPhones don't have an IR blaster, you stupid fuck!!!")

Maddox: I'm the stupid fuck!?

Dick: Weird?! No, he's talking to me. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah…oh. He's…he's talking to you?

Dick: He's calling me a…yeah! Relax! (grins)

Sean: He's just so used to it! (they laugh)

Asterios: You've got so much umbrage today! OH, MY LORD!!

Dick: Yeah!!! (Maddox laughs) You gotta…you gotta blast some of your IR.

Maddox: Maybe I'll be an invisible dog. Suck myself off. (Asterios snorts)

Dick: Alright, one more. I mean, I didn't think losing the remote was weird. It happens to everybody, but that guy thinks it's weird. Weird.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That problem is weird. (Asterios laughs) Never encountered that before in his life. Lost…lost remote.

Asterios: Sorry we're not perfect.

Dick: What a WEIRD problem.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: It's in the living room.

Asterios: With your wild stuff. Alright, let's keep going, sorry.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Maddox, you fucking dope!!"

Dick: This one's about you.

"I'm still mad about your Little Mermaid shit! First of all, Disney's Little Mermaid has a fantastic message, or an interesting one. It's about…the Little Mermaid, Ariel, discovering that all the bullshit that her parents told her as a kid, is lies, and doing her own thing and turning her back on her own society!"

Dick: That's true!

"That's fucking cool, man!"

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: No. That's…how is that a good lesson?

"Secondly, fuck your copyright shit! You can copyright deez nuts!! (they crack up) **And thirdly…have you been on the Little Mermaid ride at Disneyland?!"**

Maddox: No. (annoyed) (Asterios cackles)

"It's fucking magical. Where's your fucking Hans Christian Anderson ride?"

Maddox: God. Idiots.

"Up your butt?"

Maddox: Yeah, it stole it!!! (Asterios giggles, snorts)

"With fucking other dudes? Ah, that's homophobic. I don't wanna go there. Fuck you, Maddox." (Dick laughs)

Dick: Too late, you did.

Maddox: Thank you. (laughing)

Dick: You did.

Asterios: So how would the Hans Christian Anderson ride end? A woman committing suicide on a big rock?

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaah!!

Asterios: Welcome to Disneyland!!!

Maddox: You would…and with a…(stammers) maybe a preachy sermon, right? Where you learn a less…

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Jet Fuel to Steel Beams! (Dick chuckles) With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back!

Dick: Both of those, big solutions. (Maddox laughs) Jet fuel and steel beams.

Maddox: Jet fuel and steel beams. It depends on the context, Dick! I think there's a bunch of, uh…

Dick: (interjects) When you COMBINE them! (grins)

Maddox: When you combine them, yeah.

Dick: Big problem.

Maddox: That's what they want you to believe.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Sean: The people are the problem.

Dick: The people…who?

Maddox: What do you mean?

Dick: The people that want you to believe that?

Sean: Who are putting those two together and saying 9/11 didn't happen.

Maddox: Oh, the neckbeards!

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: The conspiracy dipshits! Yeah, we already brought that in as a problem.

Dick: Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Okay.

Sean: Exactly.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Okay. Let's all settle down. Let's all just calm the fuck down. Who…what were the results from last week?

Maddox: Dick, the biggest problem in the universe…

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: …from last week…

(Cymbal)

Maddox: Was Not Enough Toilets!

Dick: Oh, good.

Maddox: Followed by Last Call.

Dick: Good. It should be.

Maddox: And Lottery Winners. Why…why should it be?

Dick: It was in the negatives, right? Not a problem?

Maddox: Not a problem at all.

Dick: Lottery winners.

Maddox: People say, yeah.

Dick: Lottery winners, not a problem at all.

Maddox: Yeah. Not a problem at all. No, Dick…I…I agree. You know, Not Enough Toilets is a real big problem. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Yeah, it is…it is a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeeeeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's so big…we brought it in twice!

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Yeah. I got a segment for you Dick, uh…I did this on my…

Dick: (interjects) Is it some variation of Dick Versus Dick?

Maddox: YouTube…(grins) No!

Dick: Like every single one of your segments?

Maddox: I…there's only one Dick Versus Dick. Well, there's Dick on Dick and Dick Versus Dick. Those are the only two, but, uh…I have a segment I do on my YouTube channel called, "I Liked it Better When..."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I…it's what My Little Mermaid video is based on. Here's the segment.

(Harp Music…"I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN!!")

Maddox: Alright. So, I…I…remember when I was listening back to this last episode, I was listening to some of the stats you brought in, and I thought, "Wow, that sounds really familiar." You know? 1 in 5 kids…uh, people having problems with diarrhea. Then I remember…way back when, in Episode 66, I brought in a problem that sounded pretty similar. Listen to this. Let's see…let's see if you guys agree.

(Harp Music)

Maddox: This is from last episode.

(Dick: "The second biggest killer…

Asterios: Yeah?!

Dick: …of children in developing countries is diarrhea.

Asterios: Diarrhea, huh? Wait…

Dick: And that's obviously… shitting in the open is a huge cause of diarrhea.

Asterios: So diarrhea is a big…so, like, poop…poop-related issues is, like, a biiiiig problem .

Dick: It's a big problem. C'mon. More people have access to mobile phones than have toilets.

Sean: Isn't part of your problem just, you know, proper sanitation, or…sanitary conditions?

Dick: Sean, it's Not Enough Toilets.

Sean: Like, in the Third World and stuff. (Asterios giggles) Alright.

Dick: There's not enough toilets.)

(Harp Music)

Maddox: Now we're going back to Episode 66.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Here's what…here's what we said.

(Harp Music)

(Maddox: "1.8 million people die every year from diarrheal disease."

Dick: Uh-oh.

"Maddox: 90% are children under 5, mostly in developing (belches) countries. (laughs)"

"Maddox: 2.5 BILLION people. Billion!! Lack access to improved sanitation. More than 35% of the world's population."

"Dick: How many people around the world is that, that have to deal with, like, walking around in their own shit, then?

Maddox: 2.5 billion.

Dick: That's a lot. 2.5 billion people don't have toilets?!")

(Harp Music)

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh. Oooooh? What do you think?

Dick: So who brought…who brought that in, originally?

Maddox: Shit. Me. I did.

Dick: Oh, shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: Well, you're always bitching about a lack of stats, so can't he use you as a reference?

Dick: Yeah, it's a good reference. (Maddox chuckles)

Sean: He knows you did your due diligence. That's research!

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: He wasn't…he wasn't citing me as a source.

Dick: I went to the greatest source on the planet!

Sean: Well, it…

Dick: You! Right?

Sean: It's implied.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Don't all stats come from you? Aren't you the Alpha Omega of research and stats? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: I try to be.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah. No, I've, uh…

Dick: Just like all the greatest scientists in history? (grins) Ones without a college degree?

Maddox: Uh…(Dick cracks up) You're getting in some home schooling agenda!! Which, by the way…

Dick: That's not…no. (laughs) That has nothing to do with home schooling. I'm just busting your balls.

Maddox: Well, I…I…oh. Okay, well, I do…

Dick: (interjects) So an asterisk on this one, you think? Not enough toilets? 'Cause I ripped it off?

Maddox: Nah, I…no. It's…it's not…I think the most interesting thing that you brought in with the Not Enough Toilets problem was the part about…'cause yours also included urine. And that was interesting.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: With the…cause I always thing about…

Dick: Mine also included rape.

Maddox: Whaaaat?

Dick: That was a pretty big part of it.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah. That's true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's true. Yeah, no. It was different enough. But there were some similarities that were…

Dick: (interjects) If feminists were as concerned about women finding toilets in the third world as they are about recovering that 4% of the wage gap that they're…if they were more concerned about the safety of women worldwide than MONEY, maybe we could do something about it. That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, it's a big problem. But, uh…you know, the signpost thing is something I think about a lot when people urinate on them?

Dick: Isn't that interesting?

Maddox: It is interesting, but I think it's more dogs that do it. 'Cause I see dogs peeing on…every signpost all the time, with impunity, whereas bums try to at least…you know, at least do it when people aren't around, usually.

Dick: But that's the cover, isn't it? The signs. The buildings are the cover for the bums. They just, like, cozy up to the building.

Maddox: Right. Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's what I mean, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, anyway…anyway, Dick. Um, also…so, I got…I got some comments, here. I got one from Henry…

Dick: (interjects) You got me!

Maddox: Henry Kooker. Henry says, **"So while everyone was dreaming about winning the lotto, Maddox was doing research on past winners to see how the ones that didn't fuck it up did it, so when he won, he would know exactly what to do. I'm not sure if that's intelligent or absolutely insane. Maddox is the only guy…** (Dick chuckles) **…who is constantly making battle plans in the event of unlikely scenarios."** You know, uh…(giggles) every now and then, I'll read a comment that I feel, like, totally gets me. And that guy…(giggles) that guy totally got me. I do like to plan a lot in advance of things. Especially unlikely scenarios.

Dick: I got an actual…an actual, uh…lemme see what this guy's job title is. A former financial advisor who has a Master's in economic policy.

Maddox: Uh-oh!!

Dick: I got…the email…the subject line of the email was "Here's Why Maddox is Poor".

Maddox: Okay. (giggles) (Sean laughs)

Dick: And then he goes…then he goes on to attack your, uh…your annuity problem.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: So, what happens...**"What happens if the lottery…"**, he says, **"…can't afford to pay you in the future?"** I don't know Powerball works, but Illinois had to stop paying its winners, 'cause they went bankrupt. Like, then…then what? It happens with pensions all the time.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: I didn't think about that.

Dick: Bankrupt. The happening. It happens, man.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: You know? You don't know!! You gotta get that money now. (stammers) **"You're still counting on some other entity not ever declaring bankruptcy."** Ummm, let's see.

Maddox: Ye…yeah. Hold on. Can I respond to that, or do you wanna read the whole email first?

Dick: Go ahead. Well…

Maddox: That…(stammers) first of all, dickhead, okay? G…oh, great point!!

Dick: (interjects) Masters in economic policy, this gentleman.

Maddox: Oh, Masters? You know what? Suck my dick, how about that for a masters? Masterson?

Dick: Ohhhh.

Sean: Yeah, what a hack. He needs to be Czar of Economics, or something. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Emperor!

Maddox: It doesn't matter! It's all the appeal to authority fallacy. Just because…look.

Dick: (laughs) It's not appeal to authority!!

Maddox: Yes, it literally is!!!!

Dick: (laughing) Okay.

Maddox: You're saying…you're saying because this guy has studied at…(stammers) some prestigious university, or he has a Master's in economics, he's an expert!

Sean: I mean…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, he's an expert!

Maddox: It doesn't mean he's always right!

Sean: No!

Maddox: And lemme tell you why. Lemme tell…

Dick: He's brought in stats, though.

Maddox: Lemme point…lemme point out..

Dick: Like, he's built a whole case.

Maddox: Okay. And lemme point a very simple rebuttal to that, 'kay?

Dick: Okay. (grins)

Maddox: Where are you gonna put that money that you win from the lottery? In a bank? Yeah. Banks never go bankrupt. Your money's totally safe there!

Dick: Here. I'll get straight to the point with what he says…

Sean: (interjects) In a coffee can in your backyard. (they laugh) Everybody knows that.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: It's **Andrew Rank**, by the way. This gentleman who's perpetrating these outrageous fallacies via email. His appeal to authority. Um, he says… **"The single best investment would be to go to an online brokerage and buy a bunch of low-fee ETFs. Your actual allocation would be based on your age, risk tolerance, etc. So that's what I'd do."** That's what he said. That's what he says you should do.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Take the money out. You got 30 years, basically, to double your money in the lottery.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And he says, **"Just go get a bunch of low-fee ETFs. No problem."**

Maddox: Right.

Dick: No big deal. Don't take the annuity.

Maddox: But wasn't…(giggles)

Dick: And that's why you're poor. That's the analysis point.

Maddox: That's why I'm poor, because I haven't won the lottery and then invested in ETFs. Is that why? I…I…agree…

Dick: I don't know if it's both of those reasons…

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: But that's what he says why.

Maddox: What's an ETF? Did he explain what that is?

Dick: Would you even believe him? It's just another appeal to authority!

Maddox: Look, I'm not g…I'm not going to believe this guy because he's…uh…an expert in his field, necessarily. Uh, it depends on what he says. Like, even…even a…

Dick: I find that fascinating, by the way.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: What you just said. That I won't believe in someone 'cause he's an expert in his field. It depends on what he says.

Maddox: Yes! Yes.

Dick: That means…the final decider is you.

Maddox: You realize, Dick…

Sean: You are the expert.

Dick: Yeah. You're more qualified than the expert.

Maddox: No…(stammers)…

Dick: (interjects) That's what people who don't believe in global warming say.

Maddox: I'm able to…Dick…Dick. Uh, no. (stammers)

Dick: That's true!

Maddox: People who don't believe in global warming don't believe the evidence, okay? If somebody…I'm…I'm more interested in his argument and his evidence. Not everything that guy says is going to be correct! There's lots of famous psychologists and economists that people disagree with all the time!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And just because they're an expert, that doesn't mean they don't make mistakes. Just like that faulty thinking. Like, seriously. Where are you gonna put that money that you get in the lump sum? Into a bank. And we know that banks aren't reliable.

Dick: ETFs.

Maddox: Yeah, but, w…and then what? And what happens to that financial institution? Are those immune to going bankrupt? Is there a financial institution that is immune to going bankrupt?

Dick: I don't know. What does Bernie Sanders think? (Sean laughs) That's all that matters. That's all that matters to me when it comes to money.

Maddox: Do you think I'm a Bernie Sanders supporter?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I don't think he goes far enough for you. (Maddox laughs) What were you gonna say? (laughs)

Maddox: Um..no. There's…there are plenty of psychol…in fact, I brought in a psychologist, Dick. Today. In my problem, I'm gonna talk about a psychologist…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who…uh…is an expert in his field!

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: Made a bad call.

Dick: Well, it happens.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Well, this guy…here's something interesting about this guy, uh, Andrew. Andy. He's had a couple of professional athlete clients, which he says is similar to lottery winners, of course. And he says, sure enough, they can't keep their hands off the principle. And that's the whole…that's all you gotta do. Keep your hands off the principle. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And then you can…then you can live on it forever, make millions of dollars forever, but they can't do it.

Maddox: Eh, you know…you know, Dick, that article that you guys, uh…shat on so much. The guy…the thing the guy was saying is…again, I don't know all about you, but I do know that you buy lottery tickets, so let's consider the possibility that you're not one of the generation's greatest financial minds.

Dick: Ohh, boy.

Maddox: You guys had such a problem with that.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And…

Dick: Yeah, 'cause he was such a prick!

Sean: It's because he was such a…

Maddox: (interjects) Of course he was a prick!

Sean: …fucking prick about it.

Maddox: Of COURSE he was a prick.

Dick: Why of course? He's a journalist!

Maddox: But the…the greater message here is not just about lotteries. It's any time you come into a big lump sum of cash. So I…I didn't even get to all my research last time, uh… I'm gonna skip some of these comments..

Dick: (interjects) What about if you come into a big lump sum of ass? Then what should you do?

Maddox: You should cash that in.

Dick: You should cash that in immediately.

Maddox: Tap those funds.

Dick: Mhmm. (Maddox snickers) Don't take that on annuity.

Sean: Big penalty for early withdrawal. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Ahaaaaaaaaaaaaa!!! (laughing)

Maddox: Always make a deposit.

Dick: Okay, what is the stats that you wanna read? (grins)

Maddox: Always make a deposit. Yeah. So, uh…I got an email from **Chris Primer.** He says, **"Fuck Dick Masterson and Asterios!!"**

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: "And the snarky comments about how much money a New York Times writer or teacher makes. It's as if you can put a price tag on the value of information based on how much the person giving you the information makes." Um, I won't read the whole email.

Dick: Please.

Maddox: He sent it to me in email. But I do have another…before I go on, I do have another nickname for Asterios from **Matt Maffit.** He says, **"Okay, biggest problem in the universe is Bozo Cocoa Puffs."** (they giggle) Anyway, Bozo Cocoa Puffs…

Dick: (interjects) You wanna hear some voice mails?

Maddox: Oh, hold on. I didn't get to the…

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: …the research.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: So we ran outta time.

Dick: Oh, as we're gonna do again. (chuckles) (Sean laughs)

Maddox: We are. We definitely are, this episode. Uh, there's a Wired article called "The Psychology of Lotteries". Why do people play the lottery?

Dick: It's fun.

Maddox: On…

Dick: (interjects) Because we hate everyone and every part of our lives and we want to escape it.

Maddox: Well, that's not why the majority of people play. Uh…you and I, Dick…

Dick: Eh…

Maddox: You and I…you and I are not regular lottery players. Sean, you're not a regular lottery player, right? Because…

Dick: (interjects) He's too handsome.

Maddox: We don't have…(giggles) we don't have the psychology of a regular lottery player.

Sean: I didn't even play this last one.

Dick: Oh, shut up! You didn't?!

Sean: No!

Dick: You didn't at ALL?!

Sean: Nope.

Maddox: What an idiot. You could've been a billionaire!

Sean: Yeah. (laughs) Well, I would have just fucked it up if I, you know, took the lump sum, anyway.

Dick: Yeah, you…you would have just wasted it?

Sean: Oh yeah, totally.

Dick: What would you have done with it?

Sean: First thing I would have done was just hammer the principle, right away.

Maddox: There you go! Lottery winners, vote it up!

Sean: Yep. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Uh, this article says…

Dick: (interjects) Hammer the principle…(laughing)

Maddox: (laughing) It says, "On the one hand, the answer is obvious enough why we play. We're happy to spend 3 dollars for approximately 15 seconds of irrational hope for the pleasure of thinking about what might happen if we'd suddenly won millions of dollars. In this, uh, particular case with the billions of dollars, everyone played because it was a big event, right?

Dick: Yeah, it was fun.

Maddox: A big national event. But most people don't play like that, Dick. Uh…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It says in this article here, **"On average, households that makes less than $12,400 a year, so, people who are in poverty…**

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: "…Spend 5% of their income on lotteries! 5%. And approximately half of Americans buy at least one lottery ticket at some point. The vast majority of tickets are purchased by about 20% of the population, and these high-frequency players tend to be poor and uneducated, which answers why critics refer to lotteries as regressive taxes. In 2006, a survey found that 30% of people without high school degrees said that they played the lottery as a wealth-building strategy." And they specifically looked at the psychology of people who play, and they said a 2008 paper by a team of Carnegie Mellon behavioral economists helped explain why poor people are so much more likely to buy tickets. The problem is, it turns out, is feeling poor. And it actually changes your psychology. It changes your thinking.

Dick: Yeah. That's why we were telling you you should have brought in the lottery. It's a poor tax. No, that's the…in summary, it's a poor tax. I don't think there's anyone that disagrees with that. That's why the LOTTERY is the problem! Not the winners!

Maddox: Hmm. I don't know.

Dick: That's what…that was our point! Or…or gambling addiction! Or poor…poor mental… any of those! Poor psychology! Any of those things.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…yeah, maybe. But…I think lottery winners specifically is poor psychology. I think it's…it's worth bringing in separately from…'cause I really don't think fundamentally there's anything necessarily wrong with the lottery, so much as the way it's conducted. Right now, lottery…

(Sean and Dick mumble inaudibly)

Maddox: The lottery is marketed to poor people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're not…they're not showing the lottery…you know, showing someone on Wall Street putting down his New York Times, sipping his coffee, and then scratching a ticket, you know. (giggles)

Dick: Well, lemme…lemme zing you with this one.

Maddox: In a high rise. Yeah.

Dick: If there was nothing wrong with the lottery, it wouldn't be illegal to have them. Did you know that? That it's illegal to do your own lottery, except if you're the government?

Maddox: Well, that's because the government…

Dick: (interjects) Doesn't it sound fishy?

Maddox: The government wants to keep total control on that shit.

Dick: Allllllll the poor…they want all the scamming to be done by THEM.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They…yeah. There's like…at one point…anyone could have a lottery. And it was…it was mass chaos.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There was cats and dogs living together.

Maddox: Cats and dogs.

Dick: Gay people were having kids.

Maddox: What?! (laughs)

Dick: This was in, like, the 1800's. It was chaos! (grins) (background laughter) Railroads were being built God knows where…what if Bill Gates wins the lottery? Is he a problem, then, or is he still…you brought Bill Gates in as a solution in our bonus episode that you can buy on the website for, I think, $1.33 right now.

Maddox: Yeah! $1.33. No, I…I don't think…I don't think Bill Gates would play the lottery.

Dick: I think he won the lottery.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: Let's say that.

Maddox: Eh, no. (giggles)

Dick: No?

Maddox: Let's not. (laughing)

Dick: Alright. You want…you want some voice mails, or what?

Maddox: Let's hear it. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Let's see here…

(Voice mail: male voice: "Fuck you, Dick Masterson!!"

(Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Oh.

"Fuck you, you greedy, bigoted asshole!"

Maddox: Bigoted asshole. (laughing)

"Stop making me use shitty Paypal to buy your shitty bonus episodes, or I'm gonna fuck your sister!"

Dick: Awww.

Maddox: WHOA!!

(inaudible))

Dick: Jesus!! Well, you can use BitCoin. Right? I mean…

Maddox: Yeah, you can use BitCoin! Yeah! Isn't it also on iTunes?

Dick: It is on iTunes.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But there's a lag where it's (inaudible, mumbles)

Maddox: Ah, I know.

Dick: But, go check it on iTunes.

Sean: Yeah, the last thing you need is another nephew, too. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Ohoooo. Fuck you! Oh, Hot Wheels called in! Do you remember, the stripper…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, the stripper, Hot Wheels! (laughs)

Dick: …that Asterios was talking to, forever?

Maddox: Oh, yeah? She's a big listener? (giggles)

Dick: She called in. Hot Wheels called in.

Maddox: Let's hear this. (laughs)

Dick: Maybe Asterios probably plugged the show to her.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Trying to show off, like the bigshot that he's trying to pretend to be, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I'm on this…I'm a cohost of this podcast, Hot Wheels."

Maddox: Uh-huh. (grins) Yeah.

Dick: "Babe, go check it out. Go check out me busting hot jokes all…" So she called in.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: blatantly male voice: "Hey guys, it's Hot Wheels, the rollerskating stripper." (Maddox cracks up) **"Uh, just calling up to clarify that I'm a dude, not a chick."**

Maddox: Whoa.

"Not too sure why Asterios was saying I'm a chick."

Dick: Oh.

"He was pretty drunk, though, so maybe he didn't know what was going on. But, uh…just let him know, uh…he owes me a thousand bucks for all the weird shit he made me do. (Dick guffaws, Maddox chuckles) **Alright, thanks a lot.")**

Dick: Probably plugged that stopper up his ass. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, he wanted to plug Hot Wheels right before he plugged Hot Wheels, you know what I mean? (lewd)

Dick: Here's a great…here's a great voice mail of failure. A series of them.

Maddox: Oh, please. I love these.

Dick: That I'm gonna play. About Disney.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Maddox, what the fuck is wrong with you?"

Maddox: What the fuck is wrong with you?!

Dick: Oh, something.

"You're talking about how…Disney is…whitewashing the fucking…moral of the story?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh-huh.

"What, you think they should have a graphic…fucking knives stabbing foot scene?"

Maddox: No, idiot! No.

"Fuck, shit, and fuck.")

(Dick cracks up)

Maddox: You dumb shit! (cracks up laughing)

Dick: I don't know why he messed that up! (laughing) You wanna hear it…like, I don't know why he thought he messed that up. You wanna hear the second take?!

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear the second take.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: 'Cause he…he said his own lesson!

Dick: Yeah!

(Voice mail: same guy: "Maddox, what the fuck is wrong with you? (they giggles) **"You're talking about how Disney is whitewashing the fucking moral of the story…"**

Dick: Stop after you make the point!

"Do you think…they're trying to market to kids, okay? Do you think they should be talking about how…she…feels all this pain and shit, huh?"

Dick: Stop, right there?!

"Huh?"

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: Huh?

"Think about your…god fucking dammit.") (they crack up laughing)

Dick: I don't know why!! (laughing) One more! One more.

Maddox: What an idiot! (laughing)

Dick: Third time's the charm!! (laughing)

(Voice mail: same guy: "I just wanted to say I'm sorry to whoever has to go through these…because… (Dick guffaws)**"**

Maddox: That's EVERYONE.

"I'll write it down next time.")

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. No, don't write it down, just, you know. Quit while you're ahead.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Moron!!! Aha, what a dumb shit! First of all, I already addressed that point in the last episode.

Dick: Hold ….yeah, okay. (skeptical)

Maddox: But…but, **Pierce Edwards** says, uh…this is a good point, I forgot to mention this, but… **"…I don't know what I take issue with more, hearing more Tim CHANGZZZZ shit at the beginning of the episode, or hearing Dick and Asterios jerk each other off to Little Mermaid songs at the end? Those songs potentially could have remained in the movie and still retained the hardships of the original."** Totally true.

Dick: Hey, um…speaking of Tim Changz and songs…

Maddox: Oh, NO!!!

Dick: One second…no, it's a good one!

(Song starts: Dick: "Tim Chainz." Maddox: "Tim Chainz." (horns start) Tim: "DJ Tim Changz in the house, how ya'll feelin' tonight?! (laughing) Maddox: "What the fuck is this?" (beat starts) Dick: Okay, yeah. Maddox: Mmkay. Tim: For real!! (song continues with various voice clips from Maddox, Dick, and Tim, interspersed with Tim's PEW PEW PEW PEWs))

(they laugh)

Dick: That's enough. I'll post the full thing.

Maddox: That fucking…you know, when I come home and I stumble home drunk and..the podcast is still playing on loop…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: As it often is. In my apartment.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh…it…it would sound exactly like that episode. Like, if that episode was playing and I came home, stumbled drunk? That's what that sounds like.

Dick: Wow. You and Asterios, you're really hitting the sauce lately, huh?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's going on with you two? (grins)

Maddox: I'm just thirsty. (they laugh)

Dick: Men remaining men.

Maddox: Dick, I…(laughs) I still….the packages keep coming in, Dick.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: I got a couple more packages!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Uh…one of 'em really late from Christmas. This one I know was meant to be sent on Christmas, because there is a card attached that has a tree…a tree cut out. It says, **"Merry Christmas."** So…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, it's a Valentine's Day tree.

Maddox: Yeah. Valentine's Day tree. Or he's early for next year!

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: This…this comes…this hails all the way from Germany! From a listener named **Fabian.** He says, **"Dear Maddox. Merry Christmas to you and the whole podcast crew. I really appreciate your thoughts on depression and self-esteem. I'm looking forward to reading your new book, and of course, seeing you stream more often. Lemme know if you like the German chocolates."** And he sent some German chocolates.

Dick: Did he hide any immigrants in them?

Maddox: Nope, I checked. (Dick guffaws) No…oh, oh, nice. Nice, Dick. Real…

Dick: They gotta get rid of 'em somehow.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs) Some people welcome them, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, oh, yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Uh..he says, **"Lemme know if you like the German chocolates. Feel free to share. Best regards, Fabian."** And he sent this…he sent his email address.

Dick: Oh, that's great.

Maddox: Yeah. So…so Fabian sent a box of…it says "Nuspergbach" "Nuspergbach."

Dick: Nusbergenbachen.

Maddox: Knusker…

Dick: Knusperberch.

Maddox: Okay. So there's…(laughs)

Sean: Chocolates.

Dick: Nailed it.

Maddox: And then we got some choc…German chocolates.

Dick: Edganussforhuuts.

Maddox: He sent two boxes of these. You guys are welcome to have one…

Dick: Looks like he ate some outta that one. What the hell?

Maddox: Yeah. It's the sa…it's the same box. So here's…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but why the hell are there missing out of that one?

Maddox: 'Cause I ate them!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: There's…there's two boxes. You're welcome to have that. There you go.

Dick: Oh, thanks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wow. Thanks, Fabian.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaah! Fabian!

Dick: Awesome.

Maddox: So, I got another package, too. This one is from a guy named Cody. He says, **"Hey, Dick and Maddox. Thanks for an awesome show. Hope you can enjoy these games, especially dog football. It's four players."** (giggles) And he sent me…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's good.

Maddox: Jerry Rice and Nidus dog football on the Nintendo Wii.

Dick: It's like Airbud without the charisma.

Maddox: Yeah, it's…(snickers)

Dick: Right? That dog looks like an asshole.

Maddox: Looks like garbage. Uh, thank you. And then…but then he also sent us a real game called Lords of The…

Dick: Fallen.

Maddox: Fallen. Lords of the Fallen here.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: I'm looking at the back of this. I've never heard of this game, and it looks like Dark Souls. It looks cool as shit.

Sean: Was that Tom Selleck on the cover?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No…I…is it?

Dick: Yeah, that's Tom Selleck's dad. (Maddox laughs) On the cover of that game.

Maddox: On the cover of this game, there's this dude who looks like a bald Tom Selleck.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: With tattoos all over his face, like, prison tattoos.

Sean: Well, but his head is cropped, so you can't really see how much hair he has on top, at least from here.

Dick: Just put a Tigers hat on him.

Maddox: That's a trick. Yeah, that's a trick bald people do, Sean. I should know! (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Sean: Well, you don't do it very well.

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: You gotta walk around with, like…a permanently affixed crop in from of your head.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Like a shoulder harness, with a picture frame that just crops out the top of your head! So people are trying to always look under your cropped out frame.

Maddox: That'll be my Halloween costume.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, like, people walking around with, like, Tinder borders. Mine'll just be a black frame, and it says, "Not Bald". (they crack up)

Dick: And it's, like, inappropriate for you to try to look up my frame.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Right?!

Maddox: Whoa, whoa, whoa, hey!!

Dick: Whoa. (grins)

Maddox: Who do you think I am, Hulk Hogan?

Dick: Buy me…buy me dinner first. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Alright, let's get to some problems, Dick.

Dick: Good. Thank God.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. I got a REAAAAL big problem this week. Uh…this may be the biggest problem I've ever brought in to the show. I have SO much to cover. So much ground to cover. It's not the biggest problem in the universe in my opinion.

Dick: Oh!! (disappointed)

Maddox: But…

Dick: Soft sell.

Maddox: …it is…a very big problem. And it is…Affluenza.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Okay.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Affluenza!

Sean: But wait…wait, wait, wait…

Dick: (interjects) You're gonna have to define it. Yeah.

Sean: No, I gotta run back to my car and get my soapbox. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: You know?! Fuck you, Se…that's two in a row, Sean!! (Dick still laughing)

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Wow! You're really on a tear!!

Dick: Hoooo, you had…

Maddox: (interjects) Thin ice!

Dick: You had me for a second. I thought you really had to go outside for something. (grins)

Maddox: Gimme your sh..I wanna cut your shoe!!

Sean: Why?!

Maddox: 'Cause you're a dick! (laughs) I don't know.

Sean: My shoe…that's..that's random.

Maddox: Yeah, I know. I just want to cut an article of your clothing. Anyway…

Dick: Ohh! Is that, like, a cultural thing? (grins)

Maddox: No!

Dick: Cutting shoes? (Sean laughs) Do you, like…

Sean: (interjects) He's gonna hide a bomb inside.

Dick: Armenians, like, they cut…they cut your shoe? (Sean giggles)

Maddox: No, it's…

Dick: (interjects) If they're angry at you?

Maddox: I just looked over to Sean and literally the only thing I can see, because he's buried in equipment, are his shoes. I'm like, "Ah, gonna cut his shoes."

Dick: Ahh. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Fair enough.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Affluenza, what is that?

Maddox: Affluenza, Dick. So when I looked up this term, because I've heard of it a lot in the news with regards to a specific case. And I'll get to that in a moment, but…uh, I looked it up just to be sure where this term came from. According to Time Magazine, it was originally coined in 1954; however, a PBS documentary in 1997 came out with that same name, called Affluenza. And back in 1997, this is what it meant. It was originally a term used to criticize excess consumerism. PBS released that documentary that I mentioned, in which it talked about how too much consumption leads to stress and unhappiness in our lives.

Dick: Mmmm.

Maddox: It's from this PBS documentary. Um, it **says "The percentage of Americans calling themselves "very happy" reached it's highest point in 1957 and has remained fairly stable.."**

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: "…or declined ever since. Even though we consume twice as much as we did in the 1950's, people were just as happy when they had less." So this is…this is all from the documentary.

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute. Wait a minute. They consume twice as much now?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, twice as many things are bought?

Maddox: At least.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: That in…that's total overall consumption.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's, uh…consumer goods, houses, cars, all those things. Those are…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, cars, man.

Maddox: Those are durable and non-durable items. We just consume a lot more. We consume over twice as much**. "A typical…"** Again, this is from this documentary. I'll link to it on the website. Guys, all these, uh…all these videos and things that I'm gonna talk about this episode, I'm gonna link to on the website. **"A typical three-car garage today is comparable to the average home in the 1950's, or about 900 square feet."** So we use that same amount of space today just to park our cars that people used to just LIVE in in the 1950's.

Dick: Should be bigger. I wanna park my car in a car. And then park it in a garage.

Maddox: Buddy, you wanna drive a Maybach.

Dick: Yeah. I wanna…yeah, sure.

Maddox: Those things are huge! Have you…have you ever seen…

Dick: Maybachs?

Maddox: Yeah, Maybach?

Dick: Yeah. They're very expensive, though.

Maddox: Very expensive.

Dick: Yeah. I just want size.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I want, like, Optimus Prime. I wanna park my car in the semi, and then have the semi park in a hangar.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: That's the future.

Maddox: Well, there you go. And then you can drive slow as shit!

Dick: Yeeaaah. (grins)

Maddox: I didn't think it was possible for you to drive any slower, but driving a diesel carrying a car into a hangar, I think you would finally top yourself, Dick. **"Americans carry 1 billion dollars in personal debt, not including real estate and mortgages. In 1996, more Americans declared bankruptcy than graduated from college."**

Dick: Hmm? Sounds about right.

Maddox: More people declared bankruptcy than graduated from college in 1996. Since 1950, Americans alone have used more resources than everyone who ever lived before them. (Dick cracks up) Think about that! That is an astonishing stat! That's…the combined Third World population of EVERYONE!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's including the Romans at the height of the Roman Empire!

Dick: Yeah, well, they didn't have big machines.

Maddox: No, but they…they still…I mean, that was a HUGE empire!

Dick: Yeah. Big empire.

Maddox: They took over all…pretty much all of Europe, at one point.

Dick: They would have done it if they had our stuff. They would have consumed a lot. Don't…don't…give them credit! They could have consumed a lot of stuff in their orgy domes gladiator games.

Maddox: I dunno, man. People…I dunno. I don't know what they would have done. (giggles) Let's not speculate as to the…

Dick: (interjects) Okay, that's true. (Maddox laughs) Let's get an expert in here.

Sean: Let's just use a really weird stat.

Dick: Yeah, that is kinda…kinda bizarre.

Maddox: No. It's…it's saying that we consume…Americans consume more resources than everyone who ever lived before them since 1950.

Dick: Yeah, but we can…but we, like, have more power generation capabilities.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: SO…it seems like that would always increase as the power consumption goes up. Like, if you want space travel to be a thing, people jumping around the galaxy is gonna make our energy consumption look like a blip on the radar.

Maddox: Well, sure.

Dick: Yeah. So that seems natural.

Maddox: Um, but consumption does sometimes go down, too, because…with the advent of new technology. For example, email, and email, I think, has cut down on a lot of paper…paper mail being sent. Like, the US post office has complained for years that people don't send as much traditional mail, and that's due in large part to technology.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Um, it says here…**"…of the Americans who voluntarily cut back their consumption, 86% reported feeling happier as a result."**

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: That's also an astonishing statistic. So they had…they did an experiment in this documentary, they talked about it. And by the way…the documentary is very dated. The one that's on YouTube is from 1997 and it feels very 1997, because their research and their stock photos come from the 1980's.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: So you're gonna…you're having all these, like, computers that are big, square, boxy computers. Lot of denim on demin.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um…so that's what…affluenza originally meant.

Dick: An excess of consumerism.

Maddox: An excess of consumerism.

Dick: And how it's driving happiness down!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause everyone hates it. They're in a rat race! Watch Fight Club! That's what we need to do!! We need to live…have strips of leather! That's our clothing! We have one set

of clothing our whole lives! We don't have a car! We have a bicycle! We ride two bicycles at the same time in tandem, to pretend like it's a car. Right!?

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: No!!! (giggles) That sounds like an extreme. That sounds like an extreme. I think that…that the truth is usually somewhere in the middle. Um, so…I looked into this a little bit more, because the definition of affluenza has changed over time. This is no longer what people refer to, necessarily, with affluenza. I brought this in just to give you guys some…

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Some background. Some context.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right. There's this documentary that came out, uh…awhile back. Uh…I don't… I'm not sure. It wasn't a documentary, it was just a segment, I think, that they had on News Hour. But it said affluent people are more likely to break the law, more entitled to public resources, and more likely to cheat at games. This leads to my problem of affluenza in a moment, but this is from News Hour. So I wanna give you some contest for this, uh…first problem.

Dick: So, wait, now it's about rich people?

Maddox: It's not about all rich people, but…

Dick: (interjects) Well, it's about rich people.

Maddox: …this is an interesting study. I'm talking specifically about affluenza, and affluenza is a very specific condition that affects certain rich people. But here's…

Dick: Hmm…

Maddox: …here's just to give you some background into the psychology. This is from PBS News Hour. Listen to this. This is about drivers.

(Clip starts: Male reporter: "You're supposed to stop for a pedestrian at a crosswalk, and in a recent study, some 90% of drivers did, except for those driving luxury cars."

Dick: Ohhhh.

Male reporter: "They were almost as likely to run the intersection, as wait for the person to cross the street."

Second male voice: "Drivers of those BMWs, those Porsches, those Mercedes, were anywhere from three to four times more likely to break the law than drivers of less expensive, low-status cars.")

Maddox: What do you think of that, Dick?

Dick: Did the pedestrian get hit?

Maddox: No. They had people who were waiting to cross, and they just counted the number of times that cars stopped for them versus cars that didn't.

Sean: (interjects) I think…

Maddox: And the cars that didn't were overwhelmingly luxury vehicles.

Sean: I think German cars are the problem. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: German cars.

Dick: It's all Fabian. It's all his fault.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah…yeah, I don't…

Maddox: (interjects) They did find…

Dick: (interjects) I don't really know about the research…the hit piece research of a local news organization…

Maddox: (interjects) It's not…it's not…

Dick: (interjects) Like, the law is you can't go into the crosswalk if there's somebody in it. Which everybody does, all the time, so…

Maddox: (interjects) Dick…uh…(stammers)

Dick: (interjects) yeah. I guess they "broke the law".

Maddox: No, empirically, uh…I've found that to be the case, too. When I'm walking around, after I heard this study, I started paying attention to the types of cars who stopped for me, and the ones who didn't. And overwhelmingly, I have found…and this is…this is true in this study, too. They found that BMW drivers specifically are the WORST offenders. BMW drivers feel the MOST entitled.

Dick: Hmm. (laughs)

Maddox: They're the MOST entitled!

Dick: You might find another correlation other than wealth in this instance.

Sean: Yeah, what kind of sample size could this possibly be!?

Dick: And…just because you have a…"luxury car", especially a BMW, doesn't mean you're necessarily affluent. Like, the…the definition of affluenza as it is, is an excess of consumerism? Means that people spend WAY beyond their means.

Sean: Right.

Dick: Like, people are driving cars around that they…they have no business owning.

Maddox: Yeah. You guys…you know, you might…you might be right. You might be onto something. Those are all valid points. Um, but they did a study where they give rich people in a waiting room candy that was meant for children, and another study where they were playing a game for a $50 cash prize. Wealthy people took more candy and were way more likely to cheat.

Dick: Pfff, good!!

Sean: That's a bunch of Montgomery Burns'!

Dick: Yeah! (giggles)

Maddox: Listen…listen to this. Listen to this.

(Clip starts: Male voice: "Wealthier participants took two times as much candy from children… (Dick cracks up laughing) **…as did poor participants. Another experiment tested honesty with reporting dice scores when cash was on the line.**

Male voice 2: People all the way at the top who made 150, $200,000 per year…were actually cheating four times as much as someone all the way at the bottom, who made under $15,000 a year, just to win credits for a $50 cash prize.")

Dick: Sounds like we figured out the mystery of the poor.

Maddox: That they don't cheat enough?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hey! If there's money on the line, why the FUCK are you telling the truth about the dice you rolled? 50 bucks!? Don't even give me dice! I rolled all sixes. How many sixes do I need to win the 50 bucks? That's how many I rolled. Yahtzee! I'll call it all day long! (giggles) Like, what kind of a moron do you have to be to sit in a controlled environment where you can win 50 dollars from some STUPID scientist and not just tell him what he wants to hear! Who are you serving? What master are you serving? Stay poor!

Maddox: Dick, you don't believe in ethics? (giggles) You don't believe in…

Dick: (interjects) The ethics of dice games!?

Sean: Ohoho. (laughs)

Maddox: No, the honor code?

Dick: Are you fucking insane? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: (laughs) Don't you know who you're talking to!? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick cackles) I do.

Sean: Are you new to the show?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why, would you do it?! Would you sit there…(stammers) you're in an empty room! It's just you. You can fill out a form of what number you rolled on that die, and that determines how much money some stupid grad student in a lab coat hands you when you walk out the door, you're gonna write down 3? When 6 gives you 50 bucks!? That's fucking retarded!! (yells)

Maddox: I mean, well, if you believe that, Dick, then what's stopping you from just robbing a bank? What's stopping you from…

Dick: (interjects) Because the risk…

Maddox: (interjects) Hold on. Hold on. What's stopping you from being in a jewelry store, looking at a watch, a nice expensive $3000 watch.

Dick: Mhmm. Yeaaaaaaah. (grins)

Maddox: And when the teller turns his back, just swiping it!? What's stopping you from taking a handful of candy from a liquor store when the clerk turns around!? What's stopping you from stealing anything at that point?!

Sean: Science.

Dick: Because…yeah. The risk to reward is not under my threshold. In the matter of the jewelry store.

Maddox: So unless there is some punitive consequence, you're telling me that you would break EVERY law?

Dick: No, that's not what I said at all.

Maddox: What laws would you break without a punitive consequence?

Dick: What do you want me to do, list them?

Maddox: Well, what do you think…'cause clearly, stealing is not an issue for you.

Dick: Um, no. I steal shit with that pap…with that plastic bag ban all the time.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, fuck you. Fuck you, I have to pay 10 cents for his bag? You could easily pay the 10 cents. This butter is falling into the bag.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Go fuck yourself.

Maddox: I agree. I agree with that, actually, 'cause they are ripping us off, that's a huge ripoff.

Dick: Yeah. So what do you mean, list all the laws? Like..(stammers)

Maddox: Well, no, but…stealing in general, you don't have a problem with stealing in general.

Dick: I don't know how you could…how someone could answer that.

Maddox: It's…I'm just asking..

Dick: (interjects) It's illegal.

Maddox: Would you steal…would you steal more of…like, I'm trying to get to the bottom of this.

Dick: Would I download a car? Absolutely.

Maddox: 'Cause…cause…

Dick: (interjects) I…I pirate shit all the time!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I don't care!

Maddox: Okay. Without a punitive respo…consequence. Would you steal, or not? 'Cause that's what the…you're saying the study, that rich people are three or four times more likely to cheat at this game to win $50. People who make over…

Dick: (interjects) Cheating is not even illegal.

Maddox: People who make over $200,000, right? I'm not talking about illegal. I'm talking about right or wrong. We're talking about ethics, here.

Dick: No. (scoffs) Then..then it's a conversation that I cannot have.

Maddox: Alright. (giggles)

Dick: Because I don't understand…I don't understand even the conceit of ethics!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's either…it either fits your tolerance of risk versus reward, or it doesn't.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Especially at…at some point, um…even the nature of the business you're doing becomes a grey area.

Maddox: Like, what do you mean?

Dick: Mmm…I don't wanna sidetrack the whole conversation.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: What…

Maddox: So, uh…this goes on here, and…and this guy who made this study was criticized as being a Liberal.

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: 'Cause that's the first thing…'cause people…(stammers) people tend to think of rich people as conservative and…middle class people as being more Liberal, or…or poor people as being more Liberal.

Dick: Definitely poor.

Maddox: That's not…that's not the case at all. Uh, being Liberal or Conservative…(stammers) surprising…actually, not so surprisingly, if you think about it, has more to do with where you live, because people who live in rural areas, like in Montana, uh, where the population of the entire state is, what, like, under a couple million. Versus people who live in highly concentrated areas like Los Angeles or New York or Chicago, or Stockholm…they tend to be more Liberal, because as you have more spaces that are…common use. That the public has to use. People tend to favor legislation that defines the rules of conduct on how and when people use those spaces. And that's why people tend to think, well, you know, big cities are Liberal. It's not because they necessarily have something inherently

Liberal about them, it's that they need those laws and regulations to define the rules of conduct for common use. For things that are common use, like public area…

Dick: (interjects) That's a theory.

Maddox: Versus conservative areas, like Montana. Uh…people are more self-reliant. They don't have as much common use. They don't…your next closest neighbor might be 20 minutes away. So you don't need the government to come in and tell you what to do and when to do it. That's why…that's why there's Liberal and Conservative. So it's kind of surprising that they accused this guy of being Liberal. Here's what he said.

(Clip starts: Male Narrator: "So, experimental evidence that rich people are more likely to break the law while driving, help themselves to candy meant for children, cheat in a game of chance, also to lie during negotiations, and endorse unethical behavior, including stealing at work."

Male Voice 1: "We published these studies in relatively obscure scientific journals, and literally the next day, were getting hundreds of emails from around the world, and a lot quite hostile."

Male Voice 2: "I've gotten, uh, a lot of vitriol and hate mail from people calling me out for junk science, and having a Liberal agenda."

Male Narrator: "Hey, but wait. Didn't those who complained have a point that the research was done at a famously, some might say, infamously Liberal university?"

Male Voice 2: "I regularly hear the Berkeley idiot scientist…"

Dick: Oh, boy. (annoyed)

Male Voice 2: "who's finding…what they expect to find. Our findings apply to both Liberals and Conservatives. It doesn't matter who you are, if you're wealthy, you're more likely to show these patterns of results."

Male Narrator: "Results consistent across 30 studies run on thousands of people all over the United States.")

Maddox: Thirty different studies on thousands of people all across the United States found the same consistent results, regardless of political affiliation.

Dick: Yeah, you're…you're saying it, but I think you've failed to convince that these results are in any way bad. Uh…

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, whether…I…I can't…

Dick: …they're taking candy meant for kids…how much candy do these kids need?

Maddox: (interjects) I mean, I don't know…

Dick: (interjects) Like, the kids are probably assholes. I'll take the whole bowl!

Maddox: Sure. I mean, sure. But the other things, like lying during negotiations, being more likely to steal…

Dick: (interjects) That's an incredible skill! You should lie at ev…if you walk into a negotiation, you need to have…you need to have, in your mind, that you think you have a

better offer from somewhere else. Like, this is…this is stuff that rich people know from their upbringing!! This is WHY they stay rich! Because they understand things. You're negotiating! It's 100% about bluffs! What the fuck is….there's no best price of anything! It's what you're comfortable walking away from!!

Maddox: Well, lemme ask you this, Dick. Do you think that it's good or bad?

Dick: I don't…what the fuck does that even mean?

Maddox: (giggles) You can't answer that question.

Dick: Good or bad? Look…if you're…

Maddox: You can't answer that question.

Dick: If you're poor…if you're poor, these are the reasons why you're poor! If you're poor, you need to look at the behavior of these rich people and realize that everything in the world is a scarce resource, and rich people know how to compete for it better than you! That applies to every single part of their thinking, whether they're taking candy from kids or lying about a dice game to make fifty dollars! This is what you should be paying attention to if you're poor and you wanna get ahead. Whether it's good, that would be good for YOU. You will improve YOUR life if you adopt these strategies. It's…it's bad for these dumb shits giving out 50 dollars, I guess. It's bad for these imaginary kids who are not getting their fucking candy for free!!

Maddox: Dick, if…first of all, if more people…I'm not saying if everybody, 'cause that's a slippery slope argument. 'Cause I don't think everyone would ever do this. But I'm saying, if more people, like, even the majority of people CHEATED at jobs and they cheated when it came to stealing, and they cheated when it came to ethics, and they just grabbed as much as they could, you realize that would be pure chaos!

Dick: They are doing it nonstop!

Maddox: No, they're not!

Dick: (interjects) They are…

Maddox: (interjects) The majority of people are not, Dick!

Dick: (interjects) How many people are listening to this podcast at work right now!? That's theft!

Maddox: The majority…no it's not! Not necessarily…

Dick: (interjects) They're stealing time! They're getting fucking paid for it!

Maddox: (interjects) Depends on your job! Depends on your job! If you're an illustrator, if you're somebody who does a creative task. If you're somebody who models, does 3D modeling or texturing, or painting, or whatever it is…

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Sometimes you don't have to have that cognitive part of your brain occupied by your task at hand!

Sean: (interjects) That's…

Maddox: 'Cause you can listen to a podcast and still work, and drive!

Sean: That is how you get shitty Sonic the Hedgehogs!! (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean! Sean!!

Sean: Being distracted when you're using a 3D modeling program.

Maddox: I'll cut your other shoe, too. (Sean laughs) So, Dick, if everybody…

Sean: (interjects) I need new shoes anyway.

Maddox: The majority of people do NOT cheat! The majority of people are NOT rich. The majority of people, if they stole…

Dick: No shit.

Maddox: …and they cheated. And they just grabbed for themselves, you realize that that is not only unethical, but it is also counterproductive to the evolution of society. They have found that even in species of fruit bats, that altruistic behavior increases the chances of the entire species surviving longer! You found…they found this to be the case…

Dick: (interjects) Fuck the species.

Maddox: This found…why, Dick? (frustrated) Why?! Why…

Dick: 'Cause, what does it matter?

Maddox: Why do you hate everything and everyone so much? (Sean laughs)

Dick: I don't hate everyone and everything, I just don't care about the species. Like, wha…

Maddox: (interjects) You wouldn't be alive today if someone earlier…some society collectively…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: …didn't make these altruistic decisions…

Dick: (interjects) False!

Maddox: Deciding not to…

Dick: (interjects) False. Totally false.

Maddox: Not to steal. Not to cheat. Dick, we all agree…on certain rules…

Dick: (interjects) I'm not the man to defend it, but…

Maddox: (interjects) Hold on, lemme finish this point.

Dick: (interjects) Economic is based on…is being as selfish as possible.

Maddox: Lemme finish this point.

Dick: (interjects) What you're saying is false.

Maddox: L..lemme…no, that's not true. That's absolutely not true.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Lemme finish this point. If we didn't all agree upon a certain set of rules of conduct that we all abide by, even if it's just the honor system, because at some point, Dick, honor has currency! And you know it does!

Dick: No.

Maddox: You know it fucking does! You have your own honor system! You totally do. I know…

Dick: (interjects) And it's expensive. You're paying for it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's an ego thing.

Maddox: Well, you just said no, and now you're saying yes. Make up your mind. You have an honor system, and everyone in society does. And if we don't agree by certain rules of conduct that we all play by, then everything falls apart. What can you rely on if you don't have rules?

Dick: So what are you saying? No stealing candy? (annoyed) From kids?

Maddox: What is your…(Sean laughs) Where is your…

Sean: (interjects) Is that what you took away from all that?

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) Don't do…don't do these things. I got it. I mean, I've read the…I've heard of the Bible.

Maddox: It's not…just the Bible, Dick. This is…

Dick: (interjects) Don't kill.

Maddox: This…this…they even found this…

Dick: (interjects) Listen to your parents.

Maddox: They even found this to be the case in fruit bats. And they found…

Dick: (interjects) So rich people are worse than fruit bats. I got it. What's next on the anti-rich people…

Maddox: (interjects) That's not…

Dick: It's an expensive soapbox. That's all I'm saying. Treat your…treat yourself.

Maddox: That's not my point. That's not my point.

Dick: Treat yourself. Be a little more aggressive.

Maddox: Well, this leads me to the…the modern definition of affluenza. Which leads me to a guy named Ethan Couch.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He's a teenager who…killed four people while drunk driving. This guy had very rich parents and, uh…

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: His dad…his dad owned a sheet metal business in Texas. Um…they have a huge, sprawling mansion…

Dick: (interjects) It's Texas, though.

Maddox: Yeah, but it's…I mean…this…this thing is pretty…

Dick: (interjects) They weren't that rich.

Maddox: Dick…I…look. That rick…

Dick: (interjects) I'm just saying!

Maddox: Relative to what, Dick?! In Texas…look, you can be, uh…you can take a middle class person in LA and plop them down in the middle of Utah or Wisconsin.

Dick: And they look rich.

Maddox: Sure. But the…like, he's rich. Obviously.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: In Texas.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Right? It doesn't matter. Like, he's not rich in New York. It's irrelevant. He's r… this is a very rich family. They had money…'cause here's the thing, Dick. Just because their business might be valued at a certain thing, doesn't mean they don't have investments or inheritance, or maybe they also struck the lottery, or something else. They're very rich.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: They have multiple HUGE mansions in Texas. This kid, uh…when he was 13 years old. Or, no. I think at the time, he was, like, 14 or 15 years old. He was drinking..

Dick: (interjects) Very young.

Maddox: Yeah. He was drinking in a house…in one of their houses, that he was supposed to be cleaning up. And he had a bunch of his friends over. He was showing off. Uh…one of 'em wanted to go to a convenience store. So he hopped in his pickup truck, and his friends told him not to. They said, "Dude, you're way too drunk. Don't do this." Uh…and he's like…

Dick: (interjects) Gotta prove 'em wrong! We've all been there!

Maddox: He got…he got angry. (Dick chuckles) He got angry and his friends, and insisted on going down to the convenience store. Uh, so he hopped in the car, along with 8 other people. There was, uh…there was I think five in the cabin…

Dick: (interjects) Were you the prosecuting attorney at his trial?

Maddox: No, I didn't…

Dick: (interjects) This feels like a closing statement. (Maddox giggles) "Ladies and gentlemen…" I mean, he was already convicted.

Maddox: Uh, no. Well, I'll get to that. But five people in the cabin…uh, in the cab, and then two people in the back. In the flatbed.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: He was playing chicken with oncoming cars.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Back to the Future taught us that lesson. He shoulda watched that.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: Don't play chicken.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With Needles.

Maddox: Well, or drunk…drunk drive.

Dick: Yeah, but they didn't teach that lesson in Back to the Future. They taught no chicken.

Maddox: So, he was coming around the bend. There happened to be a car pulled over on the side of the road. It wasn't even around the bend. He lost control 'cause he fishtailed trying to avoid some car that didn't swerve. Um, he fishtailed. Was in part of the ditch. And there was a car that had pulled over earlier because they had a flat tire. And the woman outside was, uh, looking for some help.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So the residents inside this house. There's this house, that she pulled over in front of, where it was a guy, his wife, and his daughter. His wife and his daughter ran outside to help this poor woman. And then, during that time, uh…another car pulled over to help them out, too. Uh, a pastor. A youth pastor. He told, uh…he told this kid that was with him, "Stay in the car. Lemme go check on this real quick." So four people standing outside, trying to help this…this lady with her flat tire. And along comes this idiot, barreling down the highway. And slams into all four of them, killing them.

Dick: Dead!

Maddox: Killing them. And then the car flipped over, the truck flipped over, all said, 14 people were injured. 14 people were involved in this accident. 9 of them injured. 4 of them dead. And then when the judge…

Dick: (interjects) Gotta hang him, right? He got hanged for that.

Maddox: You would think. (scoffs)

Dick: No, not really.

Sean: Wait, that's only 13 people you accounted for. What happened to the other one?

Maddox: The driver. The driver.

Sean: He was fine?

Dick: Ugh. (groans)

Maddox: He was fine.

Sean: Oh, okay.

Maddox: The driver, also..

Dick: (interjects) He walked away. I think he talked to one of the…his parents as he left.

Maddox: He did! He did. He walked away…

Dick: (interjects) He walked away drunk.

Maddox: He…he…he snuck out of the vehicle and walked away, and he came up to some of the victims who were still alive. (stammers) And he told them. He said, "Hey listen. Remember my name. My parents will take care of this. They'll get you out of this." (Dick cackles) Yeah.

Dick: Are they necromancers?! (grins)

Maddox: (scoffs) You would think! I don't know. No, they're…they're just rich, Dick.

Dick: Money only goes so far.

Maddox: They're just rich.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um…he said, "My parents will take care of this."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So, his parents did. They hired the best lawyers they could. And these lawyers they hired also had this doctor. And the doctor diagnosed this kid with "affluenza". He says that…

Dick: (interjects) Sure, that sounds good.

Maddox: He says that his, um…his upbringing as a rich person, with rich parents…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Sheltered him from…morality and ethics, and the rules of conduct, and…any kind of, you know, repercussions or consequences. And he argued that in court. And the judge gave this kid a slap on the wrist.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Didn't give him any jail time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Gave him, like, some community service.

Dick: No, no, no, no. You're mischaracterizing now.

Sean: Don't you see that in poor…in poor people…

Dick: (interjects) Well, hold on. Of course you do. Let's…let's go over the facts, here. Because I'm very familiar with this case. Um, let's start…let's start with the…the judge's slap on the wrist. 10 years probation, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She said that she did not consider the affluenza defense as valid. Like, I get that it's great outrage porn, and it's something for ever….and it obviously is stupid. But this is a… the defense attorneys do ANYTHING to get their client off. Like, that's their job. And… and…(stammers) like, that's the entire purpose. They'll being in experts. It's a Twinkie defense. Uh…he's…he's too rich to know what he did wrong. Um, he's a teenager who was drunk, right!? This is the defense. But the judge said explicitly, she did not consider the "affluenza" defense as valid in any way. So…just so we know. Like, just so we're clear on that. 'Cause it was…the outrage porn storm on this was, like, a Fujiwara 5, right!? Everybody was losing their minds about affluenza and rich people getting off!! But she did say that explicitly. Then, she also went on to say, "He's a teenager. He clearly, clearly needs therapy." So her…her intention was…now this is…now, judge, obviously, she can make a mistake, and I'm not saying I agree with this, but her intention was to get this "child", child who did something atrocious while being drunk, which is why we don't let kids drink in the first place, right? Like, that's…that's kind of an important…as someone who's very familiar with behaving like an asshole while drinking!? (Sean giggles) I can say that, as a child, in NO way can you handle being that drunk. Especially around your friends, and especially when he's already dealing with so much parental neglect. That was…that was her intention. To get him therapy that his rich parents could afford. She'd done it before in the past, where she tried to get people ther…now…now you could make the argument that it was also racist! Which may very well be. Because…

Maddox: (interjects) Wait, why? Why?

Dick: …a similar thing happened to a black kid, before.

Maddox: Okay. Right.

Dick: But she sentenced him to, ummm…I THINK prison.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Because of that. I don't know if she even gave him the option.

Maddox: No, that's true.

Dick: Not that he…he wouldn't have had the option.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause his parents couldn't afford it. But you've got…you've got a LOT of things coming together in this trial. I think it's a shame that what people got out of it was this "affluenza" idea, when that's…that's the entire point of a defense attorney. Like, of course they're gonna go for that. The…those are the facts. She…that's what she was trying to do. Completely outside of r affluenza. Now. NOW. It backfired. Let's start with "it backfired". Let's start with "it didn't fucking work, because the mom tried to take the kid to Mexico!!" They got arrested trying to escape to Mexico, like, three weeks ago!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Did you know that?!

Maddox: Yeah, that's why I brought this in. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, my fucking God! Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. He just got caught. This is from Yahoo News. Um, he just got caught. He's recently back in headlines, because he got arrested trying to flee in Mexico. **"Couch and his mother Tanya were arrested in Mexico last month following a more than two-week manhunt. His mother was deported to the United States last month."**

Dick: And it's horrible…and this is all happening to a kid! Like, a teenager!

Maddox: Dick, this ju…no, but you are…you are TOTALLY giving this kid a free pass because he's supposedly a kid. They try…teenagers under the age of 18 as adults all the fucking time! And this judge did the exact same thing to a black kid!! Why the double standard?!

Dick: Well, I just explained…

Maddox: (interjects) Why this piece of shit!? And…and her…and his parents…this kid's parents…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Were put under oath!! And they asked them a series of questions, like…"Where did this kid get this idea that he can live his life with impunity?" And here's what his dad said. Here's some interviews from…

Dick: (interjects) Well again, he was very drunk.

Maddox: Here's his dad's philos…it's not just being drunk, Dick. Even…even outside of being drunk, he has a history of behaving like this. Entitled shithead!!

Dick: Look, lemme start…

Maddox: (interjects) Listen, look…

Dick: (interjects) No, no, hold on. Lemme start, first. You wanna throw a kid in prison? I don't care. Do it.

Maddox: Okay. Here's…here's a clip that sets up this kid's mentality based on what his parents taught him.

(Clip starts…Male interviewer: "Did you teach Ethan that wealth bought privilege?"

Ethan's father: "I don't believe I ever intentionally tried to teach him that."

Dick: Of course it does.

Male interviewer: "Did you teach Ethan that indeed, because your family was wealthy, that the rules didn't apply to you?"

Ethan's father: "Mmmmmmmm….nnnnnnever.")

Maddox: Okay, so that's what his dad says, "mmmmmmmmmnever." (goofy voice)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Idiot.

Dick: But the first one's true. Wouldn't you say that wealth buys privilege? That's the…like, that's one of…they're one and the same.

Maddox: It can, but you don't necessarily have to teach your kids that.

Dick: (interjects) But how do you…

Maddox: (interjects) You don't have to teach your kids that just because you're wealthy, you can have excess privilege! And what he's talking about isn't just privilege in general, Dick. He's talking about privilege outside of the norm. Outside of what you would expect. If you…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah but it's…go ahead, sorry.

Maddox: You can teach your children humility.

Dick: Well, yeah. But, I mean, let's not tell kids that they're stupid. Like, part of the reason that this is so outrageous is because of the AWFUL defense that poor people get in court! Like, simply looking at going to court, wealthy people are going to have MASSIVE amounts of privilege. Like, if poor people got the same privilege of a proper…

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: …defense in court!? They..they wouldn't go to jail.

Maddox: Dick, I'll cede you that point. No big deal.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Whatever. If you can…you can teach your kids that, uh, "Yeah, you're rich, so you have more privilege." But the other part…

Dick: (interjects) Of course.

Maddox: …of it is about being…impugn..

Dick: (interjects) But she said no.

Maddox: About having…about having impunity.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: To…rules and laws.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And his dad…his dad denied it, but here's…here's what…

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Here's a couple of things that happened. This from, uh…yeah. Listen to this. Check this out.

(Clip starts: male narrator: "And get a load of what he allegedly said during at 1992 stop for, you got it, a DUI."

Maddox: This is his dad.

Dick: Well…

Male interviewer: "Did you tell the arresting officer "I make more in a day than you make in a year?"

Dick: (chuckles) Yeah.

Couch's Father: "Probably."

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Male narrator: "His parents happily handing over the keys of their trucks to their 13-year-old, something that, at the time, caught the attention of one of Ethan's teachers."

Male interviewer: "And what did she say?"

Male voice: "Mrs. Anderson said he's not allowed to drive to school."

Male interviewer: "And what was Fred's response?"

Dick: "Fuck you!"

Male voice: "Something to the effect that "I'll buy the school", or something along that line." (Dick laughs loudly)**)**

Maddox: Now, listen to this thing. Listen to the end of this clip, okay? (Dick still laughing) Hold on. Listen to this.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

(Clip starts again:

Male interviewer: "And when he didn't buy the school, he pulled Ethan out of the school?"

Male voice: "Yes, he did."

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Male narrator: "After that, Ethan's parents opted for home schooling.")

(they both crack up laughing)

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Ahhhh. What a fucking asshole!!!

Dick: Ahhhhh. Yeah.

Maddox: Idiot, shithead!! These are the type of people…(stammers) you know, they pull their kid outta school!

Dick: (interjects) That's rich people!

Maddox: So first, look at the lessons. So fuck this judge, and fuck you for defending her or him in ANY capacity!!

Dick: Maddox, I'm just telling you what happened.

Maddox: No! Fuck this judge, because she KNEW this!! This is not…this is on public record, okay? That…that her parents…why would you give these parents, who raised this delinquent shithead, the benefit of doubt, that they would give this kid the therapy he needs?! (angry) And by the way…the therapy that he supposedly needs?! They put him in a fucking resort in Malibu for a week…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: …after the court case.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (stammers) Where he got pampered and massaged.

Sean: But as a judge, are you allowed to bring past transgressions?

Dick: Or your parents' transgressions? Of course not.

Maddox: (they talk over each other) You're allowed…you're allowed to…

Sean: (interjects) You just have to deal with the facts of the case, right?

Maddox: Sean…Sean, you're allowed to assess the flight risk. And her justification for giving this kid 10 years' probation and a slap on the wrist was because, ummm, he was supposed to get therapy and he needed help. Poor kid, oh, poor fucking victim!! And, by the way, if he needs therapy, if he needs help, what does he need help from? Affluenza.

Sean: But he had never…he had never run before. There's the flight risk.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But h…but she knows…

Sean: (interjects) I know he had the potential to, with more money…

Maddox: (interjects) It's not just that, uhh, Sean. She knows the justification for this, right? Is that his parents allegedly would take care of this kid, make sure he got the therapy that he needed…they have a TRACK RECORD of abusing their power, abusing their wealth, abusing the laws of the land, and he KILLED FOUR PEOPLE!!

Sean: Yes, again, I don't think she can bring in that past stuff about the dad saying you can buy your…I'll buy the school, all that kind of stuff.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: In this case. I'm not sure…I'm not sure.

Dick: No.

Sean: But I don't think that you can.

Dick: It's…

Sean: (interjects) But I'll tell you, like, another thing…um…I believe that rich people probably feel a little more entitled as far as…

Dick: (interjects) Of course!!

Sean: (inaudible while Dick talks) Yeah, it's like, "No, I don't have to stop for this guy." "No, no, no. I can buy this. I pay your salary." All that kind of stuff.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: But…like, a guy like Warren Buffett is so much wealthier than this guy, it isn't funny. I mean, again, like Dick said…

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: As far as, like, his company's sales…

Dick: The sheet metal company?

Sean: It's…it's under 10 million a year.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: That sounds like a lot. That ain't shit.

Maddox: I know. I know, Sean.

Dick: He's probably barely in the 1%.

Sean: That ain't shit.

Maddox: Look, I…I understand Sean. Look, that's why I brought in affluenza specifically, and not rich people, because I don't think that…that all rich people are like this. I know…I have a lot of people…I have a lot of friends who are wealthy and well off. Some of 'em are shitheads, and some of 'em are great!

Sean: I think these people's…I think this guy's parents are TERRIBLE.

Dick: Horrible! Horrible, obviously.

Sean: And he learned, either from direct statement, or, more importantly, example, 'cause you don't have to tell a kid things. They can watch how you behave, and that definitely imprints on them.

Dick: Mhmm.

Sean: You know, a counterpoint guy, like, uh…Warren Buffett. He says his kids are not getting much, and they have to work, and they will always have to work.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: That's what he says.

Maddox: Right. Yeah, of course.

Sean: And people take him at face value.

Maddox: Of course.

Sean: He's supposed to be a pretty genuine guy.

Maddox: Right. He's one of the good ones.

Dick: He seems like it.

Maddox: He seems like it, yeah. He seems like one of the good…same with Bill Gates, too. Um…there are rich people who don't behave in this outlandish, monstrous behavior.

Dick: I think you've got that reversed. There are rich people who behave in this outlandish, monstrous way.

Maddox: No!

Dick: Just like there are poor people…what do you mean, no?

Maddox: It's the majo…it's the majority, they found.

Dick: The majority of rich people are like this? See, that's…

Maddox: (interjects) They found…

Dick: …when you get crazy, man!

Maddox: No, but that's what the studies say, Dick! Look into this!

Dick: No, the studies say cheating on a dice game?

Maddox: It's not just that! They're more likely to lie in negotiations…steal…

Dick: (interjects) That's a good…again, that's a good thing.

Maddox: Condone…condone unethical…(stammers) it's not. It's literally not. The definition of…

Dick: (interjects) Well.

Maddox: …the largely accepted…

Dick: (interjects) Don't do your own negotiations, then.

Maddox: The largely accepted…lying…lying during a negotiation…uh, I think you are conflating that with making a good case for yourself. (Dick scoffs) You can make a good case for yourself. (Dick chuckles) But if you outright lie, like, say, "Hey…uh, buy this car." And the car is a lemon, and you try to sell that car? That's lying during a negotiation. That's not…

Dick: (interjects) But that's a crime.

Maddox: That's not making a good ca…right!! That's what I'm saying!

Dick: Well, that's a lot different than a LIE.

Sean: Here's something that goes to YOUR point. And it's that when people get in real trouble, where there might be, you know, jail time involved, I think people in general will take whatever outs they can.

Dick: Of course!

Sean: And that money, it's like, if I can throw money at the problem and make it go away, I'm going to. So as potential consequences get more severe, they're going to do that,

which means things like lying. Bribery. Stuff like that. And it's just because they have the means to do it.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: So that m…I guess that makes them less ethical people in that respect.

Maddox: Um, it's not always…it's not always the case, Sean. Sometimes…

Sean: (Interjects) No, I didn't say always!!

Maddox: Right, right, right. Um, but I have two more cases here. So this…affluenza is the problem, and it's not just this kid….this kid, Ethan Couch, um, is the one that pop…this phrase became popular with.

Dick: Yeah, it's, uh…

Maddox: But there's two more…two more…

Dick: (interjects) Everyone will get pissed off about it. In the news.

Maddox: Right. But it's n…because it is outrageous, what happened.

Dick: Well yeah, but it's a defense attorney. I mean, it didn't have any impact on the judge's decision. She says it in her own words.

Maddox: (interjects) It…(stammers) it did.

Dick: I don't know how it can get more clear…

Maddox: (interjects) It clearly did. It clearly did, Dick! And why did she believe…

Dick: She says…(giggles)

Maddox: Why did she believe…look, I'm not a fucking idiot! If I was…look, just knowing…

Dick: (interjects) Prove it!

Maddox: Just knowing what I know…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Knowing what I know about this case, and knowing what I know about her…(stammers) this shithead's parents…like, first of all, if you end up in my courtroom because your son, due to lack of supervision, got drunk and killed four people…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I know something about you, as a parent! And that you're a fucking idiot, and you're delinquent, and you raised your child deliquently!!

Sean: (interjects) And that may…

Maddox: And neglectfully!

Sean: And that may or may not be…

Dick: (interjects) Bad parents. (grins)

Sean: …due to money. That may or may not be due to money.

Maddox: (stammers) Money is irrelevant at this point, Sean. All I'm just saying, the facts of this case is…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This kid ended up in her courtroom for killing four people. So I know all I need to know about YOUR parenting ability!

Sean: So if they're rich, it's called affluenza, if they're poor, it's called entitlement. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: No, it's…the rich…

Sean: (interjects) I mean…(they all talk over each other)

Dick: Yeah

Maddox: The affluenza is entitlement.

Sean: It's the same behavior.

Dick: It's the same behavior.

Maddox: No, no. Affluenza is entitlement. Poor…poor…

Sean: (interjects) I know…

Maddox: (interjects) Poorness has more to do, Sean, a lot of times, with depression. And lack of means. And…and being desperate, and suicidal, and frustrated.

Sean: No, but I'm saying when poor people do the same thing…

Dick: (interjects) It's called something else.

Sean: Which they can't…it's always, yeah. It's called something else. And you hear that sometimes, too…

Dick: (interjects) And they go to jail.

Sean: …where it's, like, "My kid has never done anything! He wasn't in trouble. He was blablablablabla."

Dick: (interjects) The victim of the system!

Sean: And they just…yeah, exactly.

Dick: Victim of the system.

Sean: So you hear that too!!

Maddox: Right. Well, rich people get far more impunity in society.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: When they get in trouble.

Sean: Totally agreed.

Maddox: And here's two more cases.

Sean: Yes.

Maddox: Real quick.

Dick: Of COURSE.

Maddox: This is from, uh…the Bill Maher show. Listen to this.

Dick: Uh-oh. I don't know if I can listen to this.

(Sound clip: Bill Maher: "This is the youngest heir to the Hilton hotel fortune, Paris Hilton's brother, Conrad Hughes Fuckface Hilton III." (audience laughs)

Dick: Oho, well.

"Who…who last year, was on a flight from London when he, get this, tried to smoke pot and cigarettes up to 20 times in the bathroom… (Dick laughs) **disabling the smoke detector, physically fought with the flight crew…"**

Dick: Ooohhhhh.

"And then told them, "I could get you all fired in five minutes. I know your boss.""

(Dick cracks up laughing)

"And when told he was upsetting the other passengers, said, "I will own fucking anyone on this flight. They are fucking peasants."

Dick: Yeah.

"And when the crew finally had to physically restrain him, he said, "My father will pay this out. He's done it before."

Dick: Ugh, that's embarrassing.

"What about poor Kylie Jenner. When she turned 16, she got a $125,000 Mercedes, and crashed it into some other motorists who didn't understand she was in a hurry. And here she is, this week, a month after her father's deadly accident, texting while driving.")

Maddox: Piece of shit. Pieces of shit. Just entitled rich people who have…(stammers) this affluenza. Because these people have the exact same upbringing, where they are taught that they can act with impunity. The laws don't apply to them. And they're entitled to everything, even other people's lives. How is that a libertarian principle? Life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness? They're taking people's lives!

Dick: What are you talking about, libertarian?

Maddox: Because it has to do with FREEDOM. It has to do with liberty! They are literally taking other people's RIGHTS!! (yells)

Dick: Yeah, um…they're committing crimes.

Maddox: Yeah! And the only reason they're crimes, Dick, is because we as a society have all agreed upon a basic fabric of ethics. We've all decided this thing that we do is wrong or right. There's NO other reason we can or can't do anything in society other than we collectively have agreed that some behavior is bad, and frowned upon, and we shouldn't do it.

Dick: Yeah. I don't think anyone's debating that, um…it should be legal for these people to have murdered the victims of this car crash.

Maddox: Well, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Is that what you think we're saying?

Maddox: You…earlier, said that you should steal and cheat.

Dick: So do you think I think that if you're rich, you should just drive on the sidewalk, like Grand Theft Auto?

Maddox: I don't know what you think, Dick?

Dick: Is that what you…

Maddox: (interjects) I asked you…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's…so you're saying you don't know, maybe I do think that. (goofy voice)

Maddox: Well, I asked you earlier!

Dick: (interjects) Maybe I do think rich people should be able to drive on the sidewalk. That's what you're fucking saying? (grins) Okay.

Maddox: I…I asked you earlier, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) That sounds reasonable.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: What else?

Maddox: I asked you earlier what specifically…what laws you think you should specifically be able to break. Or which ones…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, the law book's pretty big.

Maddox: Well, okay.

Dick: Obviously, I think you should be able…obviously I don't care about smoking weed. Um…

Maddox: But, to you, it's like a cost versus risk, right?

Dick: Yeah, I don't think I'm gonna get popped smoking weed in my apartment.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Um…I'm willing to break that law. What other ones you got? The law…look. There's a lot of laws out there.

Maddox: Sure. Sure. Um…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, my problem here, today. Is…

Dick: (interjects) What, you got more?!

Maddox: What?

Dick: I mean, you asked me what I do and do not believe…

Maddox: (interjects) I'm not gonna go through the entire law book, but…

Dick: Well, why'd you ask me which ones that I think you should break?

Maddox: Because you're okay with stealing.

Dick: I dunno, oh, I'm OKAY with it. It happens. What do you want?

Maddox: It doesn't just happen. (scoffs) It's not something that happens, it's not like a (inaudible, talking over each other)

Dick: (interjects) People are doing it…people are doing it all day, every day.

Sean: (giggles) He's a victim of the system!

Maddox: He's a victim of the system. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I j…yeah, officer. Just…this…this stolen thing just ended up in my pocket!

Dick: I…I've stolen lots of things! I…I don't know what to tell you. Clearly, by my behavior, I…do it. I don't want it done to me.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Well, there you go.

Dick: Oh, NOOOOOOOO!! My affluenza has taken control of my brain! I'm in…I'm infectious. You better watch out.

Sean: I do agree that rich people are probably…most likely, more of them are more entitled. And you see it…

Dick: (interjects) Well, yeah.

Sean: One of the things that I hate the most is a crowded parking lot and a fucking Mercedes parked across two spots.

Maddox: Right. (Dick laughs)

Sean: I fucking hate that!

Dick: You should key them. See, that's a law that I'm fine with you breaking! (Sean chuckles) Like, again, it's all…it's a very…it's all in context. You should key that car, would you agree with that? That…(stammers) if you saw someone key that car, you'd go, "Oh, good, fuck them."

Maddox: Uhhh, it depends.

Sean: I would!

Maddox: I…I think that…

Dick: (interjects) Ah, see, it depends!

Sean: I would.

Maddox: I think that…I think that…uh…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. Good for you, Sean. Be honest.

Maddox: No, I…it depends. I mean, I've keyed cars.

Dick: Why did you key them?

Maddox: Uh, this one time…

Dick: (interjects) Is it because you're wealthy?

Maddox: No. This one time, uh, this, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Thought you were above the lawwwwwwwwww.

Maddox: This car…this car pulled around the corner in the rain. And, uh…this was in a predominantly gay area. I was…I was getting lunch, and I saw this car splash these, uh… these two skinny gay guys. (Dick cracks up)

Sean: Was the car…was the car a Probe?

Maddox: No, it was not. (Dick giggles)

Sean: It wasn't a Probe?

Dick: Like, drive through a puddle?

Maddox: It was not a Probe, Sean. I get your joke. (Sean giggles) Um, but this car was, like…it was a big pickup truck on a lift.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: And he almost..he almost hit these guys, too. They were crossing the road…

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: And he just whipped around the corner, almost hit them, splashed them, and they guys were like, "Hey!" And then the guy got out of his car, the driver.

Dick: Uh-oh. I bet I know what's happening…

Maddox: This tattooed…this tattooed fucking idiot. Like, gets out of his car. And starts calling them the "f" word.

Dick: The "F" word?!

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Friends?!

Maddox: Yeah, friends. (Dick cracks up) He started calling them friends. (Dick laughs)

Sean: Listen, friends!!!!!!!!

Maddox: Listen, friends!!

Dick: Listen, you friends!!

Sean: I get to do what I want!!

Maddox: Listen to your pal!

Sean: Driving a Probe!

Maddox: Yeah. You guys look real happy. You guys are a real couple of gay guys. Couple of real gay guys.

Dick: Is it the…is it the mythological F-word, or the other one?

Maddox: It's the bad one.

Dick: Oh, I don't know which one that is.

Maddox: So he got outta the car.

Dick: Alright. (laughs)

Maddox: Starting cussing these poor dudes out.

Dick: (sighs) Ugh.

Maddox: And these guys, like, they look like wimpy dudes. They're not gonna fight this dude, who's obviously a hotheaded idiot.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So, uh, I saw him, like, pull into the parking structure. Normally, I wouldn't really give that much of a shit, but…he pulled into the parking structure that my car was parked in.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: And I thought, "Oh."

Dick: Convenient!

Maddox: We'll see, we'll see, you know? If I finish my meal in time, we'll see where, uh… you know. We'll see what's what.

Dick: See what God wants me to do.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I walked up there, saw his, uh…his car. His truck.

Sean: Took out my bicycle lock! (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: You know what? Fuck you, Sean!! No, I took care of that car. I took care of that car.

Dick: What do you mean, you took care of it?

Maddox: Hah! Don't worry about it?

Dick: Like, it's sleeping at the bottom of the ocean?

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: You can't admit that you keyed it? What did you…

Maddox: (interjects) I gave him a good….

Dick: …do, slash the tires?

Maddox: I gave him a good paint job, Dick!!

Dick: A talking-to?

Maddox: Nah, he just…he just got a new speed…speed streak. But, um…

Dick: …(interjects) You're like the Casey Jones for gay people.

Maddox: This guy…this guy…this guy was a piece of shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, uh…he had this…he had this…this girl with him, I think, and she looked so embarrassed at his behavior. Uh, and…I've seen people who are abuse victims. She looked like an abuse victim.

Dick: Probably was!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'll say…I dunno, man. This guy was a real…

Dick: (interjects) I think 100% sure she was.

Maddox: This guy was a real hotheaded idiot.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And those…those gay dudes that that guy bullied will probably never know. Probably never know.

Dick: Well, you did it!

Maddox: Yeah, but there…there was like, a…I'm like a mischievous Santa, I feel. (Sean chuckles) I feel like I give you gifts of vandalism…

Dick: (interjects) It's called the Grinch!!

Maddox: And crime…

Dick: That's who that is! (Maddox laughs) That you're referencing. (Dick giggles)

Sean: You're a modern-day Robin Hood.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, thank you, Sean!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're like Harvey Milk.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But more effeminate. (guffaws)

Maddox: Ooookay. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Defender of gay rights. Harvey Milk.

Maddox: Yeah, well…I…I'll tell you what, Dick. I have to shave all the time.

Dick: Yeah, you have to…

Maddox: (interjects) How effeminate is that?

Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. Do we have new Harry's stuff?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I can't get enough of this Harry's stuff. I need a new blade!

Maddox: We do.

Dick: I think my blades are still good, but I want another one, 'cause I wanna use two blades at the same time!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I wanna see what…so that's…that's my advice to listeners. Don't just go to Harry's and get $5 off your first purchase with the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM and buy ONE razor, buy TWO!!! Buy two! You gotta have a backup! Maybe you lose the razor like I lose the remote! Then you need a backup razor! That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah, of course.

Dick: Look, these are German engineered, five-blade cartridges. A close and comfortable shave with no cuts or burns. I can vouch for that. The quality is guaranteed. You get a full refund if you're not happy. Where…where else can you get a full refund if you're not happy?

Sean: You DO need two. Because a lot of people out there have boyfriends or girlfriends who they don't live with, right? You're spending nights over there, they're spending nights over there, you don't have to bring two razors back and forth. Leave one in the medicine cabinet. 'Cause if you forget your razor, you're, like, fuck!

Dick: That's a Sean Tip.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's a great fucking tip, Sean.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: There's a Sean Tip!

Sean: Two sets of bathroom items.

Dick: So if you're a girl and you want the guy to stay over, maybe you throw…maybe you put a little Harry's box on the sink. Here you go. This is for you.

Sean: There you go. Uh-huh.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Very smart.

Maddox: Smoothest legs. You'll get the smoothest legs you've ever felt! (laughs)

Dick: Over 1 million guys have already made the switch and thousands more switch every day. Why buy a $32 pack for an eight-pack of blades when you can just get 'em for half the price at http://www.harrys.com? How about that?

Maddox: It's a great deal! Thanks for supporting the show, guys. Thank you, Harry's, for supporting us.

Dick: Alright! Okay, here's my problem. It's very simple. This is actually a listener problem, too, uh…Taylor Castillo sent it in to me. But I agree with it. I agree with it 100%. People Who Talk About Their Dreams.

Maddox: Hmm. Why…Sean, Sean, you seem to have a problem with that, right off the get-go.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Why?

Sean: (sighs) It's like…it's like somebody describing a movie…every little detail and nuance of a movie that you don't give a FUCK about.

Dick: That you do not give a fuck about at all.

Sean: You would never see.

Dick: And no thought went into it at all.

Sean: It only means something to THEM, as it relates to them.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: You have your own shit. Keep it to yourself.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: It…it's based on nothing. It's just a…series of emotions that they had. That they're…dumping on you!!

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: With no…no order. No structure. And…no…no sign of when it's ending or where it's begun, or the significance of it, AT ALL! It's…"Here's a bunch of random shit that my brain dumped on me, that I'm now dumping on you."

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: "Get ready for it."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Get ready for this, 'cause I'm about to waste two minutes of your life! And then I'm gonna stare at you like a slack-jawed asshole, waiting for you to react to something that my brain invented while I was sleeping! That means absolutely nothing and should have no emotional impact on anyone, ever.

Maddox: HMM. Okay. So these are…not your friends you're talking to?

Dick: Um…no…

Maddox: (interjects) Do strangers come up to you and just tell you about their dreams?

Dick: Oh, man. I, uh…I can't…I can't think of an instance of that.

Maddox: Yeah. It doesn't happen! It's usually your friends. And why I don't mind so much, like…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, right, okay. Yeah.

Maddox: It really depends on the friend and whether or not they're a good storyteller, and whether or not they can relate it to me or their lives. I have friends who tell me about their dreams who just ramble on. And then I have friends who tell me about their dreams, and they're really fascinating.

Dick: They're fascinating?!

Maddox: Oh, absolutely.

Dick: What's fascinating about them?

Maddox: Well, sometimes, you…

Dick: (interjects) I'm interested.

Maddox: Sometimes, they make causal connections. Uh, sometimes people have dreams about precognition. Actually, like, two thirds…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, wait. What's the causal connection? What do you mean?

Maddox: Like, causal connections between…you might…(stammers) like, when you're dreaming…

Dick: (interjects) Like, I had a dream that you offered to buy me dinner tonight.

Maddox: Nope! (giggles)

Dick: Hint, hint, hint. What do you think about that?

Maddox: Uh, when you're dreaming…it's a lot of times, your subconscious mind working out problems in your real life, and those causal connections sometimes can be made while you're dreaming. I have…I have dreamt, uh… a lot of great ideas, that I get up and I write down, and it's not incoherent. I wake up the next day and I read it, and I'm like, "Oh, my God, that was a really good idea!"

Dick: Hmm. You're a pro dreamer.

Maddox: I'm a pro dreamer, buddy! (grins)

Dick: You are…

Maddox: (interjects) I dream like a samurai!!

Dick: Yeah, and then you talk about it. (Maddox laughs) And you bring it in to the real world.

Maddox: Uh, I do, but in a very…coherent way.

Dick: Not me. I'm disgusted by dreams. I wake up, like, "No, no, no, no, no." That didn't happen.

Maddox: (interjects) Well, do you have dr…

Dick: That doesn't…we don't do it.

Maddox: I imagine all your dreams are fucking nightmares, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: Where everyone's just stealing from you. It's this, like, chaotic world that you've created…

Dick: It's a lot worse than that.

Maddox: Yeah, this, like…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (Dick giggles) This nightmare world that you've created where everyone's just stealing from you all the time. You have to live in a guarded fortress, and there's, like, dog shit and street signs falling over fucking everywhere! (Sean laughs) Uh, yeah. And…and… Rainslick…

Dick: (interjects) Why are you so pissed off? (cracks up)

Maddox: I just…I know. I know. I know. 'Cause I can see your world.

Dick: Why are you still pissed off about the affluenza thing? (grins)

Maddox: Oh, 'cause it's fucking awful, man.

Dick: I'm not…(laughs)

Maddox: I…(stammers) it got me so fuming reading about this dickhead. Just the impunity he had.

Sean: (interjects) I bet that guy…

Maddox: The entitlement.

Sean: …he calls huuuuuge conferences of people together and talks about his dreams.

Maddox: Talks about his dreams. (grins) (Dick laughs)

Dick: That's all he did when he took the stand! All he did was filibuster.

Sean: Locks…locks the doors!

Dick: For 30 hours. Talking about his dreams.

Maddox: He does…all…yeah. His vacant, fucking, 50-yard stare.

Dick: So…do y…so you LIKE hearing about people's dreams. Okay. Maybe this isn't gonna be interesting, then.

Maddox: Depending…

Dick: Would you rather hear about someone's dream, or would you rather hear about their dog?

Sean: Ooh. (in the background)

Maddox: Oh, man. Easily the dream. I…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, fascinating!!

Maddox: HATE hearing about dogs.

Dick: Me too, but…a dream is so much worse for me.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. No.

Dick: A dream is, like, making me…it makes me wanna slit my throat, like, from two seconds into it.

Maddox: Dick, at…at some level. If somebody's telling me…recounting a dream. There is…there's a chance. There's a possibility. There's a hope that something in the dream is… (stammers) a person. Someone is…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: …in the dream that I can relate to.

Dick: Oh, I see.

Maddox: Talk about. Think about. You know, have some kind of human-level relation to. But when it's a dog, at the end of the day, it's something cute they did, or something stupid that they ate. Or…uh…a fucking trip to the vet. Oh, my God. Trips to the vet stories?! The WORST!!

Dick: Hmm. Okay.

Maddox: Ugggggh!! Poor fucking, uh…Dumpy. Took him to the vet, 'cause he swallow… well, g…what did he swallow? (goofy voice)

Dick: Screwdriver.

Maddox: Tennis ball. Screwdr…I hope. Yeah.

Dick: Whatever. (grins) Yeah, that is a tough one, when they're talking about taking dogs to the vet. 'Cause you never wanna…the only thing I'm thinking is, "Well, don't spend that much money on your…" obviously, put it down, but you can't say that, right?

Maddox: I…I always…

Dick: You're like…"Oh, yeah. Sounds like a REAL tough decision on whether you should spend 6 grand on your dog or not." (Maddox laughs) WHOA!! Yeah, what a brainbuster!

Maddox: I always jump to the conclusion…see, I…I skip the awkward part where I have to suggest they put the dog down…(Dick guffaws) and I just assume that they did.

Dick: You just…you suggest it to them?

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, I always do.

Sean: Don't f…don't f…

Dick: Aw, that's awful.

Maddox: I say, "I'm sorry you had to put your dog down." (laughs)

Sean: Don't forget the months of acupuncture after the $6000 surgery.

Dick: That they have to go through?

Sean: That they're gonna have to go to.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Sean…Sean, you would…

Sean: (interjects) The herbal supplements.

Dick: What about you? Would you rather hear a dream, or someone talking about their dog?

Sean: It's a toss-up. I mean, I like dogs. Some anecdotes I find funny.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: Because I've had dogs. I've been around dogs that do that. But…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. You're not…you're not wrong saying that.

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, no, no, no.

Dick: You've just been influenced by the prior answer.

Sean: Not the…see, and…I see Maddox's point about the, uh…about the dreams, too.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: It's a very small percentage of the time, because we do have common dreams. Uh…you know, anxiety dreams, and such. I know the teeth falling out or broken is a common one.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Or your dick falling off. That's bad.

Maddox: Never had that dream.

Dick: Never?

Maddox: Nope.

Dick: Oh, my God. I've had that.

Maddox: Mine's sturdy. Mine's sturdy, man. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I don't wanna…I don't wanna accidentally talk about my dream, though. That's the risk of bringing this problem in is…

Sean: I know!

Dick: …you can't discuss it without talking about your dreams, so I'm part of the problem, once again.

Sean: That's the first thing I thought.

Maddox: I…I've had dreams where…

Sean: (interjects) Like, "Fuck, we're gonna talk about dreams."

Maddox: I've had dreams where other men in my dream, their dicks were falling off, and they looked to me, 'cause mine was, like, hard as a tree stump!!! You know? Like a redwood?

Dick: You had dreams about other mens' dicks?! (laughing)

Maddox: And then they're like…(cracks up)

Dick: I don't think I've ever dreamed that.

Maddox: No.

Sean: You gotta share some, Milton Berle? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Oh, shut up! (laughing)

Sean: People out there going, "Who the fuck's Milton Berle?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Google it.

Dick: What about, um…what about a kid telling a story? Do you like that?

Maddox: Oh, the worst! Oh, my gosh, no.

Dick: Okay. Would you rather hear an adult tell a dream, or a kid telling a story, because the adult dream, to me, is like the dumbest part of your brain. Like, below a child. Telling a story to you. And I wake up and go, "Oh, great. Thanks for that stupid story about nothing."

Maddox: Dick, you need better friends, man. What ki…I don't know…like, these aren't strangers…

Dick: (interjects) What are you talking about? Friends?

Maddox: These aren't strangers who are coming up to you to tell you about their dreams. They're always your friends. And if you choose friends who are idiots…

Dick: Well, I mean, actually they're…it's more like ex-girlfriends.

Maddox: There you go!

Dick: But I didn't want to be sexist when I brought this in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I've never heard a guy tell me about his dreams. (giggles) Those are my friends.

Maddox: Well, when I tell…when I talk about my dreams, I never…I almost never say that they're dreams. I just tell them about interesting things that I discovered.

Dick: Like, that you had four arms, and you…(Sean giggles) drove a biplane through a giant gorilla? (Maddox giggles) What are you…what kind of interesting things are you talking about when you do that?

Maddox: I don't really talk about those dreams, usually. I talk about dreams where…where I learned something or I make a causal connection, like I said.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: One time…one time, in my dream, I…I dreamt an entire rhyming poem. And I know…

Dick: (interjects) Already I want to kill myself.

Maddox: I know. I wanna kick my own ass!

Dick: Yeah. So you know it's a problem!

Maddox: No, no. But…but here's the thing. I…I remember getting up and writing it down, like, you know, 3-4 AM, bleary-eyed, and then waking up the next day thinking it's gonna be total…uh, total gibberish. And I looked at it, and it rhymed, and it made sense! And I thought, "Wow, holy shit, that's a r…that came to me in a dream!"

Dick: What was the poem?

Maddox: Um, it was about flight. And I'll never say it. I'm never gonna…I'll kick my own ass.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: 'Cause I'll kick my own ass.

Dick: It's funny, though!

Maddox: No.

Dick: What was the point of the poem?

Maddox: I don't remember. I wrote it down somewhere. I don't remember it off the top of my head.

Dick: Flight. Good solution. Go vote it up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What about…let's see. What about…what about hearing someone talk about THEIR kids or hearing someone tell you about a dream they had?

Maddox: Uh, dream. Always.

Dick: The DREAM!!

Maddox: I'd rather…

Dick: Again!

Maddox: Yeah. I'd rather…'cause…

Dick: (interjects) So you're not on board with this problem at all.

Maddox: No, not at all.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Um…(stammers) also, because if something's that annoying, it's like, at most, two minutes of your life. If you want to be polite. If you don't want to be polite, you can immediately shut them down and say, "I'm not interested."

Dick: Uh…well, that could go for either one.

Sean: I vote kids, for sure.

Dick: You vote hearing about kids?

Maddox: Kids?

Sean: Oh, yeah. I like kids.

Dick: Yeah. They're great.

Maddox: Oh, I hear about kids. All the fucking time. I see them…their pictures in my Facebook feed all the fucking time.

Dick: That's what it's for.

Maddox: I am so tired…I am so tired of kids. I'm so…vote up kids, people. Please.

Dick: You know, I'm…I'm interested. What should Facebook be? 'Cause we brought in Facebook and we talked about it. No pictures of kids…

Maddox: No.

Dick: No political opinions, right? That's awful.

Maddox: No.

Dick: No. "I'm so happy and blessed." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's…what's left?

Maddox: I'll tell you…you know, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) Wh…I got a new job!!!

Maddox: You know, a long time ago when I brought in Facebook as a problem…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, I…I…that's, again, a huge problem. I didn't even get to all the stuff I wanted to talk about, but…I brought in an article from a website called "Wait, but why?" and that website talked about the…I think five or seven types of annoying Facebook posts. And it talked about how a lot of the posts we put on Facebook are either posturing somehow, or…or imagecrafting.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh…they are annoying political opinions. They're bragging. Uh…so…then I thought about it. I thought, "Well, yeah. Those all sound pretty true." And in the end, I realized, like, I have…I rarely post anything on Facebook anymore. And it's because of this reason. I don't think Facebook should exist.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: I think Facebook is awful.

Dick: So, nothing.

Maddox: I think Facebook is contrary to a net-neutral web, because Facebook is not running itself net-neutral. But that's a whole different topic.

Dick: That's a whole different topic.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What about people talking about the music they like, versus talking about a dream? I would rather even hear…and I HATE listening to people talk about music they like. I'd rather listen to that than a dream. That's how much I hate hearing people talk about dreams.

Sean: I would hands down.

Dick: Which one?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I'm ALWAYS interested in what music people like.

Dick: Okay, interesting.

Sean: I've discovered…yeah. Absolutely. I've discovered cool shit that way.

Maddox: I'm interested in that insofar as they give me an answer that's more than just "everything". No one likes e…

Sean: (interjects) No…

Maddox: Every time! Every single time! (Dick laughs)

Dick: I've never heard that.

Maddox: These…oh, my G…you've never…(they all talk over each other)

Dick: What kind of music do you like?

Maddox: You've never met a girl? I…

Sean: That's an incredibly boring person.

Maddox: I know that sounds sexist, but, like, it's not. Just, like, girls…girls and guys. Like, I've met these people. Especially in bars, in casual conversations, I ask what kind of music they like?

Dick: Everything?

Maddox: If they say "everything", I know everything I need to know about you, buddy.

Dick: Yeah, they don't wanna talk to you.

Maddox: No, it's not that.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: 'Cause…'cause I'll press them, and my first question is always this, "How about death metal? You like death metal?" "Oh, uh..everything but death metal." I'm like, "Okay, how about…"

Dick: Oh. (interjects) So everything on Top 40 stations?

Maddox: Yeah. "How about country, do you like country?" "Oh, you know, not really." And…and one of these people I specifically pressed who said "everything". It was a girl. She said, "Yeah, I like everything." I said, "Okay, so, um…no death metal. No country. You don't listen to jazz. You don't listen to classical." She goes, "Oh, no, I like classical." I'm like, "What, which composers?"

Dick: Who are your favorites?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The big ones?

Maddox: Mozart and Beethoven.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Those are the two. And then I'm like, "Okay, so you don't listen to classical." You know what…here's…here's…for anyone…

Dick: (interjects) You know what? Get outta here!! (Maddox laughs) Get out…what are you even doing here? Get outta here!

Maddox: Get outta my…

Dick: Yeah!! Yeah!!! (Maddox laughs) Get out of this bar!

Maddox: Get out of my bedroom! (laughing)

Dick: How about the retelling of a reality TV show? Would you rather hear that, or a dream? I'll take that over a dream. And that sounds like poison.

Maddox: Ooh. Oh, that's a toss-up. Honestly, that's a 50/50. That's a toss-up.

Dick: 'Cause it's the same thing! It goes nowhere…there's no story. None of the actors have any point or purpose.

Maddox: The problem here sounds…

Dick: (interjects) None of it's relevant.

Maddox: The problem here sounds, Dick, like people who don't know how to tell a good story.

Dick: Uh..and you think they draw that out of a dream?

Maddox: No, I think that people who don't know how to tell a good story, it doesn't matter what they're talking about…I have a friend, uh…

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, but…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: If the writing, you know, i.e the dream is shit, and a bunch of non-sequiturs…

Dick: (interjects) It's always shit.

Sean: Then…telling a story is sort of irrelevant.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sean, what's interesting to me about a good story is how the storyteller relates it to the situation and the context that they're in. So, for example, last night I was at a bar with some friends, and something came up. We were talking about flights, and that led the conversation to passengers. And that led me to an anecdote about a shitty passenger experience I had. Out of context. (Dick giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That might not be that interesting and it might seem awkward to just bring it up in the middle of a conversation, but a good storyteller knows how to make those connections. And same thing with their dreams.

Dick: I like that your contribution to that conversation was a rage-induced…(they giggle) complaint about a shitty passenger.

Sean: I think that's more a good conversationalist.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Because you're listening to what they're doing and then you're drawing something from…you know, your own mind, and referencing that in the conversation.

Maddox: Corr…correct. And that…

Sean: But the story in and of itself, standing alone, may not make any sense. Or may not be particularly interesting.

Maddox: Well, that's why a good conversationalist, Sean, can make those connections, and only talk about their dreams when it's relevant to the context or situation. Like, Dick…if you and I are talking…I don't think I've ever, in the entire time I've known you, told you

about any of my dreams. Because it's never come up. If I dreamt something about you specific…

Dick: (interjects) I don't remember. I would have blocked it out if you started with, "I had this dream…" Like, if I was at Martin Luther King Jr's rally…(Maddox laughs) I would have just left. I would have just said, "No, no, no, no, no. I'm out. I'm out."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm gonna go fight for civil rights…I'm going to Malcolm X. (Sean laughs) You..whatever you were gonna say, I don't care!

Maddox: Well, here's what's fascinating to me about dreams. And why I don't mind them so much, is because I did some research, and according to some statistic, I forget the website. It said, "Two-thirds of people claim to have precognition in their dreams."

Dick: Oh, God. Kill me.

Maddox: And that's…that's a little bit different than déjà vu. But precognition…and that's a really interesting phenomenon. I know there's some science that goes into why we feel déjà vu sometimes, or why we have that precognition, but, uh…it's really fascinating to me when it happens. (stammers) Has that never happened to you, Dick?

Dick: I think it's the absolute WORST of narcissism and pop psychology, is a dream. And talking about what the dreams mean, and trying to relate them to people, and getting into this endless cycle of self-analysis over NOTHING. Nothing in your fucking brain. When everything in your life can give you these tips of what you're doing wrong, and you're going into these random thoughts that NOBODY underst…it's like a field where you can say whatever you want, cause there's….'cause nobody has any idea why it's happening.

Sean: Well, I don't think they mean nothing, but you don't have to inflict them on other people. That's something you need to figure out. How it relates to you, yourself.

Maddox: Use your judgment, people. Um, I looked into why people talk about their dreams, and there's a lot of reasons. First of all, it's to overcome anxiety. Sometimes people have anxiety in their dreams. Most people, actually. There's a study awhile back, someone claimed that while you're snoring, you're not dreaming, 'cause, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Ugh, God!

Maddox: Uh, you don't have…you usually dream during REM. The REM phase of sleep? Uh…rapid eye movement phase of your sleep. And…they found…they said that most people feel anxious when they dream. And sometimes people talk about their dreams, because they're trying to work out their anxiety.

Dick: They should be buying less stuff, according to affluenza. It's the consumerism that's causing them anxiety, right?

Maddox: Could be!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Could be.

Dick: That's why…I do think affluenza's a big problem in that respect, too.

Maddox: Um, sometimes people…people talk about dreams to remember important details they may have…they may have seen. You know, like me. Like, I wrote down a full rhyming, uh, poem in prose. They work out problems.

Dick: Is that important?

Maddox: What? To write…

Dick: (interjects) That you wrote down a poem?

Maddox: Oh, absolutely. Huge…a huge portion of my inspiration in my work comes to me from my dreams.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: Doc Brown.

Maddox: And I never talk about it, I just..I just use it. I never talk about it.

Sean: I dream that one day…I will finish my next book!

Maddox: You know what, fuck you, Sean! (Dick cracks up) You are on a tear!!

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: You are pissing me off so much this episode! I'm gonna break your fucking… where's your car?! Do you have a truck outside!? It's gonna get keyed, FUCKER!! (yells)

Dick: Alright. That's my problem. People Who Talk About Their Dreams. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Aren't you glad I'm back?

Dick: I am.

Maddox: No!!! Alright guys, my problem this week was Affluenza.

Dick: See you next Tuesday.

(Voice mail: Female voice: "Hey. This is Tyler. Um, I am a literature professor from Texas, and my emphasis is on fairy tales and pop culture, so it was interesting to hear Maddox bring in Disney as a problem. Couple of problems, though…"

Dick: Uh-oh.

"…with his problem."

Maddox: Oh, okay! (mad)

"First of all, he said…Maddox, you said that people aren't doing this research, which is not true. Um…"

Dick: Oh, she took that personally.

"In academia, they've been doing research on Disney and fairytales for a very long time. There's even a famous book called, "Breaking the Disney Spell" by Jack Zipes. He has many other books on Disney…"

Maddox: Fa…famous book.

"Also, I was wondering why you were just harping on the Little Mermaid, because…"

Dick: I was wondering that, too.

"…literally any tale that Disney has picked… (Maddox sighs, Dick giggles) **whether it's a Perrault…uh, Charles Perrault tale, or Grimm's, or…"**

Dick: Oh, showing off!!

Maddox: Ugggggggh!! (Dick laughs) LiteraTURE.

Dick: Showing off! (they talk over the voice mail and it becomes inaudible)

"…every single tale. It's not just the Little Mermaid."

Maddox: Yeah.

"So, I think it really would have driven home your point more…"

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Okay.

"…if you'd brought that up also."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah? You fucked up! (laughs)

"And the last thing…Disney is kind of trying to backtrack now, um, with movies like Maleficent and the new live-action Cinderella, because they realized they fucked up all the tales the first time they did it."

Dick: No. They did not realize that.

Maddox: So you just…yes they…

"Now they're incorporating all the original folklore back into the movies that they're publishing in the 2000s."

Dick: That's not why they're doing it.

"So…love the show. Thanks.")

Dick: Thank you!

Maddox: Thank you, Tyler, the litera-tuuure professor. So here's the thing that bugs me about…

Dick: (interjects) You wanna out-namedrop her? Come up with some bigger, more obscure names than she did.

Maddox: Sure. Um, so what bugs me about academia and…Dick, this is…this is, I think what bugs you about academia? Maybe I'm right. Maybe I'm wrong. Is that academics, sometimes, get so staunchly positioned in their universe.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Their little social bubble of other academics.

Dick: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

Maddox: Where they always talk about this stuff. They..they don't…they lost perspective. They lose grip. They don't realize that the majority of people don't talk about this stuff. The majority of people don't look at these…issues critically. And they're not looking at these stories! That famous book that you mentioned? No one's ever fucking heard of it, outside of your social circle! Outside of academics! Outside of people who are versed in literature. Children's literature. Critical literature. Critical writing! Critical analysis! Those are the people who know about these books that you're referencing.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And these stories! And by the w…and the other reason I didn't cover these other topics and Disney…(stammers) I know about most of them. Is because it's a 6-minute YouTube video! What do you w…I…I don't have time or resources…

Dick: (interjects) I think she was talking about the show, too.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: You covered it on the sh…you also covered it on the show.

Maddox: Yeah, but…

Dick: (interjects) You went into the Little Mermaid a lot on the show.

Maddox: Again, I only have a limited amount of time. If you want me to spend an entire hour dissecting Dis…(stammers) multiple hours dissecting each and every Disney story, I could.

Dick: Yeah, that's…I think she does.

Maddox: Okay. You got it!!! (they laugh)

Dick: Oh, here. Weird Matthew McConaughey also called in criticizing your tax…your financial plans for lottery winners.

Maddox: Okay.

(Voice mail: Weird Matthew McConaughey: "You don't always take the annuity. And this is why. (long pause) 'Cause A…how fucking long are you gonna live? (they giggle)

Dick: That's the reason. (giggles)

"You're…forty…and I don't know how fucking old you are. But let's say you're 40."

Dick: Let's say.

Maddox: An old age.

"You got, like…statistically, like, what, 38 years?"

Maddox: Hey, that's actually pretty accurate.

(super long pause)

"That's kind of a long time (they all crack up). **But what if, like, let's say…then the annuity would have been, like, 930 million, and, like, if you spent a crazy amount of money a year…as long as you fucking…(inaudible) you'd still have plenty of money.** (they guffaw) **I don't know. I don't know. "**

Maddox: I don't know. (imitates) Sounds like he's about to…

"Anyhow…"

Maddox: Oh, okay. (they laugh)

"I think…yeah. I don't know.") (they crack up laughing)

Dick: I don't know!! So you've got…everyone all over the spectrum disagrees. The financial analyst.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: With the Master's in economic theory.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Disagrees with you. And all the way down to Weird Matthew McConaughey. They all disagree.

Maddox: You know…who's that financial analyst who sent that in?

Dick: Uh, Andy.

Maddox: Andy.

Dick: Andrew.

Maddox: Listen, Andy.

Sean: You're no New York Times writer! (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: No. No. Yeah, you know, I would like to see some statistics. If…the majority of lottery commissions go bankrupt, that's sound financial advice.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I would buy that.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Otherwise…otherwise, I don't see why it's any more a risk than leaving it in a bank account, or buying stocks, or getting the annuity.

Dick: Well, as long as people don't realize how easy it is to rob banks with their jetpacks, then you're good. I think.

Maddox: Oh, buddy. You're in trouble! There's…every day there's new jetpack news.

Dick: Here's…here's one more from Matthew McConaughey. Weird Matthew McConaughey.

(Voice mail: Weird Matthew McConaughey: "Hey Maddox. I like how you pretended you didn't know what your own precum tasted like…"

(Maddox and Sean crack up)

"The dude just shits in leaves. And experiments with pinching the end of his dick… (Maddox laughs) **is also a guy…who has probably licked his finger…**(they laugh loudly)**after touching the tip of his dick…during whacking it. Or extreme excitement.** (Maddox guffaws) **Uh…also…he's probably tasted it…**(they all laugh) **after a blowjob…"**

Dick: That's true!

"And he doesn't even fucking know about it." (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: He's got you there!

Maddox: No, I do…(laughing too hard)

"Or just pretended he didn't know about it."

Dick: Yeah. Just pretended! (Maddox laughing)

"Be, like, no, it's all good…that's not my cum…it's just…she must have been chewing some weird gum earlier…" (they all laugh loudly)

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Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: And with us…with us this week is Robin. Robin Higgins, welcome back to the show, Robin.

Robin: Thanks for having me.

Maddox: Thanks for joining us! Fan favorite Robin. That you…you made a name for yourself last time, because you talked about your erotic Star Trek fanfiction.

Robin: Mmmhmm.

Maddox: Is that correct? Am I mischaracterizing?

Robin: Nononono, that's correct, yeah.

Maddox: That's exactly what you talked about it. (Robin giggles)

Dick: I think you made a name for yourself for more than that, though.

Maddox: Nope! (laughs) No, you were a fan favorite. Everyone loved you on the show, and…

Robin: That's awesome.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did any guys contact you? Do you have any, like, guy superfans?

Robin: Uhhhh.

Dick: 'Cause I know someone on this show has women contacting him…(Robin giggles) to get in touch with him, right?

Robin: Ummm…

Dick: If you know what I mean.

Robin: I do think I know what you mean. Uh, no. Not…that would be…no. No one's contacted me.

Dick: No guys have tried to, like, impress you with their science jokes?

Robin: Also, to be fair, I never check social media.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Robin, I know for a fact some guys have tried to reach out.

Robin: Yeah?

Maddox: 'Cause I saw some creepers on Twitter hitting you up.

Robin: Really?!

Maddox: They're like "Robin.."…they were, like, "Robin, your voice is so sexy. I can't believe you're into science."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And…

Robin: Oh, my God. I gotta check Twitter.

Maddox: Star Trek.

Robin: I haven't checked it since…like, I check it once a year, yeah.

Maddox: For real? Oh, you got a billion love messages in there. And then, like…you know. A bunch of creepers.

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Would you consider dating a guy who approached you on Twitter first?

Robin: Uh…I guess. Is he 6 feet tall or taller?

Dick: They're all 6 feet tall and taller on Twitter, yeah.

Robin: Okay, then yeah. (giggles)

Dick: That's the beauty of it. Just never meet them in real life. What would it take? I'm asking seriously. It's…you know, it's the modern world.

Robin: Yeah, I don't care. That's like the Internet. The Internet's a thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: I'm…yeah. I mean, like, I do a pathetic amount of online dating, so it wouldn't… that'd just be another…

Dick: (interjects) Well, here's the thing. Any amount of online dating is a pathetic amount. (Sean giggles) So I have no idea how much online dating you do.

Robin: Really?! No. What?! It's fine.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Wrong! Wrong. It's not.

Dick: Yeah, it is. It's pathetic.

Maddox: It's how people meet sometimes, it's great.

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: It's still pathetic. (giggles)

Maddox: You're on fucking Tinder!

Dick: It's still pathetic. (scoffs)

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: It doesn't matter. (Robin giggles)

Maddox: Alright, guys…

Dick: (interjects) A lot of things are pathetic.

Maddox: Dick, Robin. The night that we recorded our infamous Smash Brothers competition, Robin was also doing a show that night, and you did a set that…uh, was one of my favorite things I've seen in a long time on stage. It was a Wheel of Fortune bit that you did.

Robin: Mhmm.

Maddox: That was whether or not Pat Sajak and Vanna White had hooked up. And you went into, like, 60 minutes level of inquiry as to the analysis as to whether or not they hooked up, and you even came down to a date range.

Robin: Yeah. Possibly.

Dick: May or may not.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Have hooked up.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So you just finished this sketch, right?

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I just recorded it. And so…yeah. It's really long. It's 10 minutes long, 'cause it just was…I treated it like a research project, and I was like, "Whatever." This is just, like, if you wanna really, really know the answer to this question as far as what the Internet has given us, then I made it…this long video.

Maddox: And what do you think? Did they hook up?

Robin: I do think they did.

Dick: Well, don't…well, wait a minute. Don't blow the ending.

Robin: Well, it's…yeah. I won't blow, like, the piece of evidence that, like, makes me pretty sure, but you can just skip to the end of the video if you wanna see it.

Maddox: You have the smoking gun.

Robin: I have the smoking gun, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: There's no…they're not gonna ever confirm or deny. But…well, they're gonna deny. They're not gonna confirm, but I think it happened.

Maddox: You have Vanna White's vagina.

Robin: Yeah, yeah. Yeah. I've got that. (Maddox laughs) That's one of my three most treasured items.

Maddox: Gross. Okay, guys…last…(laughs) last week, speaking of, uh…vaginas.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Last week….the biggest problem in the universe.

(Sound effect: Cymbal)

Maddox: Was Domestic Violence!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…followed by Unappreciated Artists. Or Artists Who Get Screwed. And then, dead last, was Crickets!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Crickets.

(Sound effect: Ba-dum ching! Drums)

Dick: You wanna get some cricket sounds? (laughs) Is that what you're looking for?

Maddox: Oh.

(Sound effect: Crickets chirping)

Maddox: (laughing) That was so worth it. Yeah, no. You were saying it was not a problem.

Dick: 'Cause people eat them.

Maddox: Well, some people eat them, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Dirt-poor people.

Maddox: No!! Protein. It has protein.

Dick: Wait a minute! Didn't you say you were gonna eat the cricket that you caught in your house?!

Sean: Yeah, did you find it?

Dick: Did you find it!?

Maddox: Yeah, I finally found the cricket.

Dick: Did you eat it!?

Maddox: Not yet.

Dick: What do you mean, not yet?

Maddox: You know, I'm not gonna spoil the ending to…I'm making a video about this cricket, okay? It's my…it's my sendoff letter to this cricket. And the cricket may be alive. Maybe it's not. Who knows? You'll have to watch the video. I'm doing a video about it.

Dick: Are you gonna eat it, though?

Maddox: We'll see! We'll see, Dick.

Dick: Well, you said you would eat it!

Maddox: Well, I don't know!

Dick: You've said you were gonna do a lot of things, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You said you'd watch Titanic, you didn't do that. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Right, Robin?

Robin: Can I just say that the stupidest part…well, no. The second-stupidest part of Snowpiercer was how upset they were when they find out they'd been eating crickets for, like, 10 years or 20 years, or whatever.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: And it's just, like, "What the fuck did you think you were eating?" Also, crickets are not that gross.

Maddox: Crickets are not gross to lots of people.

Robin: Also, it was in a gross gel bar. Like, what did you think was in that gel bar, bitches?! Like, they're, "Oh, OH MY GOD. NOW we have to murder everyone! We've been eating crickets on this apocalypse train!"

Maddox: So for people who haven't Snowpiercer, they're these people on this apocalypse train and they have to eat…they'd been eating this food that they didn't know was crickets all this time. And they got really super upset, right?

Robin: VERY upset.

Maddox: Yeah. Which, I just bought…for real. I bought cricken…cricket protein bars from Amazon. They sell…it's a very sustainable, it's a very clean source of protein that you can get.

Dick: Yeah, big solution.

Maddox: I guess, yeah. Crickets?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Eating them is a big solution.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not living with them. That's a huge fucking problem! Dick, uh…last week, so, you brought in Domestic Violence.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Lot of people really thought that was a good episode, myself included. I thought it was a great episode, great problem. I'm glad you brought that in. Uh, we got a lot of comments in there saying that they really like the show. Very, very positive. And a lot of people commented about their own personal experiences with domestic violence. Uh, thank you for sharing those. There were some voice mails we got. Some of them were very long and emotional and personal, and I decided not to bring all of those in, but…I did look up some of these statistics about domestic violence. And this is kind of fascinating, because all domestic violence surveys and statistics kind of presume a heterosexual frame of reference, right? A heterosexual point of view. Um, this is from the CDC. It says, "The prevalence of rape, physical violence, and or stalking by an intimate partner, for women… lesbian women. Was 43.8%." And bisexuals was 61.1%. The highest group who experienced this kind of harassment and abuse are bisexual women, followed by lesbians, and then heterosexuals. So lesbian and bisexual…relationships are much more likely to experience domestic violence and sexual abuse. And for gay men, it's 26%, bisexual men it's 37%, and heterosexual men is 29%. So across the board, bisexual people experience violence way more frequently than heterosexual couples. Kind of interesting.

Robin: Yeah. I wouldn't have ever, like, thought about that.

Maddox: And then I looked into the statistics a little bit further, to see what they actually meant by domestic violence, because sometimes, when you talk about domestic violence, it's kind of conflated with verbal abuse. Or, they call it "verbal violence". Which isn't, you know, physical violence. They said, "The lifetime prevalence of severe physical violence by an intimate partner, for example, being hit with a fist or something hard slammed against something, or beaten." Was, for women, 29% lesbian, bisexuals are 49%, and heterosexuals are 23%. So again, bisexual and lesbian women are way more likely to get abused than anyone else.

Sean: So the moral of the story is, "Being gay is bad for your health." (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Good job, Sean.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Ass. Alright.

Sean: Aw, I thought I was getting a Ding and a Hand Clap.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Nooooo. (Robin laughs)

Dick: No!

Maddox: Uh-uh.

Dick: Somebody called in with…I think…what was it, the bonus episode, or was it last episode, when we were talking about what is a…how do you stop at a stop sign? Do you remember that one?

Maddox: Yeah! I…

Dick: (interjects) Somebody called in with a definition of how you determine if it's a stop.

Maddox: 'Cause I don't understand what it even means to stop.

Dick: Well, are you being sarcastic?

Maddox: No, no!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause there is that infinitesimal moment…like, how much time has to pass for you to have stopped?

Dick: No, no, no. You're off…you're off already. This guy tells you exactly what it is.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Yeah, I guess in that Maddox School of Samurai Driving… uh, they don't actually talk about what a stop is without trying to explain the space-time continuum and physical properties of time. So…I remember learning it when I was like, 15, in driver's ed."

Dick: I don't remember it.

"And this is the exact same thing that cops look for. So…does your front bumper go down and then come back up? That is the definition of a complete stop."

Maddox: No!!! (laughing) That's such bullshit!!

"You fucking idiot.")

Dick: Wait, wait…

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: Why is that bullshit?!

Maddox: That's such bullshit! Because you have to have enough momentum…first of all, that depends on the dampering of your springs, big solution, vote it up! It depends on the dampering of your springs. Also, it depends on the speed that you're going! If you're not going fast enough to jar your car, then that means you didn't stop!? That's fucking bullshit!

Dick: (laughs) Oh, my God!

Maddox: Your…your bumper doesn't have to go up and down! That's absurd! I'm gonna veto that. I'm gonna veto that.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: What will you NOT argue with? That guy…that's, like, a very clear explanation of your momentum coming to a stop, grinding into the springs, and then popping back out. (grins) Like…

Maddox: Right, but if you're traveling around 5 miles per hour, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) It will definitely do that.

Maddox: No, it won't. Your bumper will not…at 5 miles per hour!? Even Randy's shaking his head.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: No way! Sean, what do you think? If you're going 5 miles per hour, is your bumper going to go up and down perceptively?

Sean: I think on most cars it will. But not on a sports car with a stiff suspension on it.

Dick: What, like, an F1? Like a Formula One?

Sean: Like, an F…yeah.

Dick: That's what you're talking about?

Sean: F1 probably won't move.

Dick: Yeah, okay. (grins)

Sean: But here's the thing. You're probably…if you're driving like a normal person, you're probably approaching that stop fairly quick, 'cause people don't like to be inconvenienced. So you're cruising up at, like, a normal speed…you hit the brakes a little bit, it probably goes down.

Maddox: (interjects) At 5 miles per hour, Sean?

Sean: No, I think it's going faster than 5 miles an hour.

Maddox: No, no, but…they're not gonna make a law that depends on…on the dampening of your shocks. (Dick guffaws) They're not going to make a law like that.

Sean: Agreed. Agreed.

Maddox: That's absurd.

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Sean: No, I…I think if you…

Maddox: (interjects) Sports cars!!

Sean: Let's put it this way. I think if you really look for it, you can see it, but I don't think that's really a criteria.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: For somebody giving a ticket.

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Yeah. You think some eagle-eye cop is sitting there?!

Dick: You don't think…

Sean: No, I think they can see if you stop, or not.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Sean: It's just a judgment call. It's like, "Did you stop, or didn't you?"

Maddox: Right. That's what it is, Sean. It's a judgment call.

Robin: It's like pornography. You know it when you see it, if it's a stop or not. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, exactly.

Dick: Alright. I got some…I got something about artists. Oh, here we go.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, this voice mail is for Balless Coupled Nuts."

Dick: I don't think that one's gonna stick.

"How the fuck can you sit there and say that artists are getting the shaft by this big, fucking production company that's taking their idea and selling it as their own and not giving them any fucking profit, while also peddling your Mega Man-themed book, you talentless hack. (they laugh) **Fuck you! And Dick, go fuck yourself.")**

Dick: Awwwww. I think that guy just wanted to remind everyone that they can buy Asterios' Mega Man books.

Maddox: Yeah! http://devastatorpress.com/megaman. We're gonna link to it on our website! Thanks for the plug, dickhead! (Robin laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) Alright. Uh…oh, okay. Here's the last one. Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. What state is Chicago in? Just a geography quiz?

Maddox: Uh…Illinois.

Sean: Yeah, that would be Illinois.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. That's…wait, what?

Sean: Illinois.

Maddox: Illinois.

Dick: Okay. Who said "Illinoise" just then.

Sean: Nobody.

Dick: Well, 'cause I got a lot of voicemails like this.

(Voice mail: male voice: "This is Matt from DC. Quick message for Maddox, author of the article 'I am a Genius and You Are Not.'"

Maddox: Yeah. That's me.

"Illinois. Ill-i-noy. Ill-i-noy. Ill-i-noy."

Maddox: YEAH, OKAY!!!

Dick: Illinois.

"Illinois, you piss-drinking ape.")

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Did you say Illinoise last episode? (Sean laughs) 'Cause a lot of people called in about it, I didn't know if you said Illinoise.

Maddox: Wait, are we talking about the state that Chicago is in? Illinoise. Illinoise, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Are we talking about Ilinoise?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is that annoying enough, dickhead? I'm gonna pronounce it Illinoise for the rest of my life! (Robin laughs) Fuck you! How about that?! I'm never gonna pronounce it right.

Sean: My brother moved to Ar-Kansas. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Oh, that's really annoying, Sean. (laughs)

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. You got anything else? I don't.

Maddox: No, that's it. Dick, you got a problem for us.

Dick: Yeah. Wasting Food.

Maddox: Wasting Food!? Big problem!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Okay, why are you bringing this in? 'Cause this made headlines recently, if it's what I think it is.

Dick: France…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Said that you can no…I'll just skip right to that. France has become the first country in the world to ban supermarkets from throwing away and destroying unsold food. That's my favorite part. They have to give it away to charities and food banks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So did you…do you know how much food we throw away, every day?

Robin: A shit-ton. So much.

Dick: A shit-ton.

Robin: So much.

Dick: We throw away…the civilized world throws away the ENTIRETY of the amount of food that the uncivilized world MAKES. It's something like that. That's not exactly what it is, but…

Robin: (interjects) That sounds about right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, that's about right.

Dick: More than 40% of our losses, uh…occur at the retail and consumer level…the total, yeah. The total waste of food by consumers is 222 million tons. That's equal to the entire food production of sub-Saharan Africa.

Maddox: That's…that's a shit-ton.

Dick: That's a lot.

Maddox: And I read this statistic too, recently, Dick. That..we produce enough food…right now, the Earth's population is about what? 7 billion?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And we produce enough food to feed 11 to 12 billion annually, and there's still about a billion people starving. Or people who…they're not starving, but they're malnourished and they don't have enough food.

Dick: Yeah. Here's…I think this is what you're saying. One in four calories are never eaten, that we make. So one in four of the calories that are being made in food, we just throw away. And not JUST throw away! That's the part that I love about this law that they passed. It's not only that they can't throw it away anymore, it's that they can't throw it in the dumpster, and then pour bleach on it.

Maddox: Yeah. (they laugh) Yeah.

Dick: So that homeless people, when they come to try and eat, like, the misshapen apples, and, like, the slightly old salads?

Maddox: Stale bread, yeah.

Dick: They get a mouthful of bleach instead.

Robin: That's so sad!

Dick: That's standard practice! (laughing) (Maddox laughs)

Robin: WHY?! (laughing) Why?!

Dick: Who knows?! Who the fuck knows!?!?!

Maddox: Okay, I…no, I have some insight on this, actually.

Dick: 'Cause people would be eating out of the trash, otherwise. Otherwise, all the moms with…shopping on Sundays with their kids are just gonna take that shopping cart and go straight to the dumpster instead, and shovel food out of it.

Sean: If you feed 'em, then they stay.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: Then you end up paying for…

Dick: (interjects) They're gonna set up camp!

Sean: Gonna pay 'em for vet bills…(Dick and Robin laugh)

Maddox: (interjects) Sean, that'…

Sean: And all kinds of shit.

Maddox: That's a very cynical approach, and that may have something to do with it. But I asked…when I was a kid, I wondered this very same thing. I saw, at the grocery store, my local grocery store, the guy behind the counter taking huge loaves of bread at the end of the night, putting it in a giant bag, you know, it looked like a transparent trash bag. And I asked him, I said, "What are you doing with all that bread? Are you going to take it home?" and he goes, "No, we just throw it away." I said, "Why don't you give it to homeless people?" and…

Dick: (interjects) No, no. (chuckles) Can't do that.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, he explained to me, the food that you give to homeless people has to be clean and regulated. You can't give them bad food, because otherwise it's a liability. And also, if they come to your property and they hurt themselves in your dumpster, or whatever, that's also a potential liability. So it's kind of…it kind of has to do with these laws that are on the books, to protect homeless people. Because essentially, if you open up a soup kitchen, and you are feeding them moldy bread and food that had turned, and food that was bad…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You'd get arrested.

Sean: What does it have to be, like, free-range, certified organic now?

Dick: Yeah. It does. For the homeless people? The food has to have better living conditions than they do.

Sean: Gluten-free options.

Dick: Yes.

Sean: For the homeless.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: That makes sense. It's just all about…we'd rather not provide this huge service, 'cause it would put…you'd get sued.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: You just…people don't want to get sued.

Maddox: That's all it is right now.

Robin: That's what that whole thing is.

Maddox: Yeah. That has a lot to do with it. Which is sad, because this could…this could potentially solve a huge problem. Also, there's another reason.

Sean: I wanna see that lawyer! (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Oh, they exist. Oh, they're out there.

Dick: Yeah, that's every lawyer, Sean.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's true. That's their job.

Maddox: Yeah. Go back and listen…

Dick: (interjects) Supporting the law.

Maddox: Go back and listen to…

Sean: (interjects) I'm talking about homeless people.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Go back and listen to Episode 87 with Affluenza. That lawyer would fucking do it for sure.

Dick: That's his job!

Maddox: Yeah. I'm saying, they would do it!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But there's another reason, too. And…when I worked at KFC a long time ago, that was my first job ever. I worked at KFC. (grins) And I was a cook, and at the end of the night, same thing. They would take a lot of the chicken and they would strip it and put it in the barbecue sauce for the next day. Like, the barbecue sandwiches are the previous day's chicken that they cooked.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's actually not bad. It's actually a really good practice. However, there is a lot of food that they don't keep and that doesn't hold, like biscuits. I think chicken wings was another one, and a few other things. And they would throw that away. And I said, "Why don't you give it to a homeless shelter?" And they said, "Because…"

Dick: (interjects) Can't do that.

Maddox: "For the same reason we don't allow the cooks to take it home anymore." They used to. Because cooks, at the end of the night, sometimes intentionally overcook or overproduce product to give it to homeless people or to take it home themselves. (Dick laughs)

Dick: I…I love the absurdity of this. That's why I find it so funny. I brought in Hunger, 'cause I think it's a huge problem, but the idea…the idea that we make 25% of our food just to throw away. Like, the idea that I go to Ralph's and…the store. The supermarket. And overpay for an apple that looks perfect. And, like, all the ones that don't look perfect are thrown away, and that part of the money I pay for that apple goes into destroying those non-perfect apples. And then part of the tax I pay on that apple goes to the government so they can give poor people money…SNAP…to go into the same store and buy a perfect apple while we're just bulldozing perfectly good food into a landfill…is hysterical to me! Like, it's too much! It's too much. It's no longer a tragedy. It's crossed the line for me. Like, that absurd idea.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: You guys REALLY talk about apples a lot on this show. (they crack up) Like, a lot.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Robin chuckles)

(they talk over each other)

Dick: Is that one a strike?

(horrible piercing sound)

Dick: Yeah, that's a strike.

Maddox: Okay, there's the strike. We can't mention apples anymore on the show, according to Candy Randy.

Robin: That lasted zero episodes. Haven't you mentioned it every episode since that happened?! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, exactly.

Dick: You get three strikes though, and then you're out.

Robin: (interjects) You didn't even know you were mentioning apples. (laughs)

Sean: You're working on strike two right now!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Robin: No!

Maddox: You're working on it!

Robin: No…

Sean: The taser comes next.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Oh, yeah. I forgot, also. So, my goal last time I was on the show…was to get a problem that just goes in the positive. My goal this time is to get in a big screaming fight with somebody. So…

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Oh, really?

Robin: I'm gonna be looking for my opportunity.

Maddox: You came to the right show.

Robin: 'Cause I listened to it, and I was like, "This is just a nice little conversation."

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Every other episode is just SCREAMING at the top of your lungs! (Maddox laughs) So that's my goal. So I'm gonna look for that opportunity.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Well, you experienced sexism. That's probably why you didn't get into a screaming fight.

Robin: Oh, yeah, yeah. You wanna be nice to me. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: That's why I wore this shirt. I'm wearing a…

Dick: (interjects) An Ace Ventura shirt.

Robin: An Ace Venture shirt, yeah. So you won't view me as the lovely object I know I am, under it. (giggles)

Dick: So you dressed down?

Robin: Yeah, yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Okay.

Robin: I'm also really hung over. Like…really hung over. (giggles) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: The cause of dogs. It's now why…here, you're gonna be into this one. It's now widely believed by scientists that the domestication of the dog was related to food scraps.

Robin: Oohhh. Then we can't get rid of it! I love dogs!

Dick: So…here's your first screaming match!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: NO! (Dick laughs) MORE BLEACH ON FOOD. Less dogs! I am for this. I changed COMPLETE reversal! I think this is a huge SOLUTION. (Robin laughs) Putting…wasting food is awesome, 'cause then you can put bleach on it, and fuck those dogs!! I'm so tired of everyone and their fucking dogs, man!

Dick: No, this is cavemen. Cavemen would waste food…

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Throw it at food scraps. They would throw it aside, and that's…dogs domesticated themselves, by starting to tag along.

Maddox: Oh, really?

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: That makes sense.

Maddox: Mmmm. (skeptical)

Dick: Prehistoric food waste.

Maddox: They're parasites, that's what they are. Parasites! Evolution's parasite!

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Cuddly parasite.

Maddox: I guess parasites are also evolution's parasite. (Robin laughs) But dogs! Dogs are also evolution's parasite.

Dick: Alright, um…

Maddox: Uh, Dick, so I have an…I have a personal anecdote with this specific problem.

Dick: Getting food out of trash?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: You mean? Okay. (Robin giggles)

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Go ahead.

Sean: It was right next to the Christmas tree!! (Dick laughs)

Dick: He got a whole feast out of the garbage!! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Laugh it up! But it was a perfectly good Christmas tree! I brought home a Christmas tree last year.

Dick: Out of the garbage. Out of the garbage.

Maddox: Yeah. It wasn't…it was leaning against a dumpster! (Robin guffaws) It was a perfect…perfect…

Dick: (interjects) That means it was trash. Yeah.

Maddox: It was a perfect Christmas tree! Here's the thing, kay, dickheads!? (background laughter) There's this corporation…corporations shut down two weeks before Christmas because it's fucking Los Angeles and they…and everybody just shuts down early, and they go home, and they don't wanna come back to a dead tree in their lobby.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So this tree that's been…that's, like, just freshly cut, barely used. They put it outside…

Dick: (interjects) (laughs loudly) Barely used?!

Maddox: Barely used!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, hardly any kids hugged it! And so I saw this…perfect good tree, and I brought it home. No big deal. Okay.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: But back to food. (background laughter) My dad…so there's a personal anecdote. I've talked about my dad a bunch on the show. My dad is…like, 80…he's 87

years old. He grew up, part of his life, through the Great Depression. So he has this mentality where he doesn't…it's almost like this abused mentality where, um, he doesn't feel like he needs to eat apples from the tree. I had an orchard in my backyard where I grew up, with lots of apple trees.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And…he would…he would eat the apples that fell on the floor. On the ground, before…

Robin: (interjects) I'm sorry. It's just immediate air horn, right? What are we doing here?! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, I know.

Dick: Talking about apple! That's all we do the strikes on. (they laugh) Is apples.

Maddox: He would eat food that had spoiled on the ground before he ate it from the tree, because he didn't want anything to go to waste. Including food from the garbage.

Dick: Ohhhh, whoa. Okay.

Maddox: So, my mom…my mom…would throw out food all the time in the garbage, and my dad would go out to the trash and just hunt through it and eat it, 'cause he didn't want it to go to waste. And my mom started pouring bleach and detergent…(they crack up)

Dick: Oh, my God!!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Well, your mom's going to jail now! She lived in France. You can't do that.

Sean: Did she use a squirt bottle and spray him in the face every time he goes near the garbage can?! (they laugh)

Maddox: No! But it's been the source of a lot of fights in my family, 'cause my dad would try to eat this food my mom was throwing away.

Dick: As…as it should be.

Maddox: Yeah. (they crack up)

Sean: It's like the Armenian George Constanza. (they all laugh again)

Maddox: My mom…my mom just started pouring detergent on it when she would throw it out. And it's…and I get her point of view, too, because sometimes the food has spoiled and it's gone bad, and she knows that if my dad gets sick eating that shit, then it's gonna cost us way more money, and it's gonna be a huge headache taking care of him!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I get that!

Robin: They do that on the Kardashians, too. Sometimes they'll get gifts of cupcakes and stuff they like…(Maddox and Dick crack up) And they take one bite, and then, it's like, "I can't get fat." And they have Windex…

Dick: (interjects) Get fat?!

Robin: (giggles) You think all the Kardashians are fat?

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Well…

Maddox: Well…

Robin: …take a look. There's a lot more than you think. There's like 10 Kardashians, they're not all fat.

Dick: Oh, the ones I don't know are not fat?

Robin: Anyway.

Dick: Okay.

Robin: So…they'll take one bite, and they're just, like, "I can't have anymore." And then they spray this delicious cupcake with Windex and throw it in the trash. (giggles)

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: Oh, so they don't get tempted to take it back out of the trash.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe it's an Armenian thing.

Dick: Maybe. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, I can say that. (laughs)

Dick: These stats are all over the place, that I got. One trillion dollars of food gets wasted every year. (laughing)

Maddox: That's…that's absurd.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: This is an absurd problem, but here's the other problem, Dick. When people talk about starvation…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: This is not a problem of not enough food. This is a problem of bad distribution, and politics. We don't have totally free trade in the world, and we have subsidies. We have food that's subsidized.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And we have…we have countries…like, for example, we produce way more corn than we need here in the United States. And we just put it in silos sometimes. There's just giant piles of corn in silos, and we can't do anything with it, because first of all, it's too expensive to export, and a lot of countries have tariffs against certain types of products. Like, for a long time…Japan, uh, wouldn't import US beef, and so the US started putting taxes on soy, I believe, to kind of put the thumb on the scale to force Japan

to start importing US beef again. So there's a lot of politics and things that are involved in this problem, I think.

Dick: We do it with homes, too. A lot of empty homes out there. Lot of homeless people and empty homes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That no one's living in.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: But they would wreck the homes. I mean, let's be honest.

Maddox: What, squatters?

Sean: Cover it in bleach.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. Cover it…(giggles) we gotta cover those homes in bleach.

Sean: Perfectly good homes, covered in bleach. (Robin giggles)

Maddox: There was that story, I think, a while back, where a guy in Arizona, he was a squatter, and he just walked into this home that was empty, and he started living there. And he started…he just…he bought a car. He started showing up there all the time, and he lived there for, like, two, three years, until finally someone kicked him out.

Sean: Well, it happened a ton when the banks took back the properties.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And they couldn't market them. There were more properties than…you know. They would sit vacant for…years.

Maddox: Yeah, Sean. I go back and forth on that. Um…whether or not squatters are entirely good are entirely bad. Because I lived in a neighborhood once with a squatter house. It was a very obvious squatter house, 'cause the bank was trying to sell it and nobody wanted the asking price. There were a lot of offers on the market, but no one gave them the offering price. So the house started becoming run-down, because squatters kept breaking in, and it became a prostitution ring. There was a trans prostitution ring in this house.

Dick: Ohhhhh. (lewd)

Maddox: In my neighborhood.

Dick: Wait, a trans pr…you mean…

Maddox: (interjects) It was trans.

Dick: Trans…exclusive?

Maddox: Trans…transgender. There were a lot of…I don't know why, it just became a trans prostitution ring.

Dick: That story had…

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Dick: I was angry…and then the prostitution spiked me up!

Maddox: Mhmm. Yep.

Dick: And then you hit me with the trans! (Robin laughs) It was a real roller coaster!

(Sound effect: Boner sproing)

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Awww. Then a weeee-owwww. (Robin laughs) Alright.

Maddox: Alright, guys. Good problem, Dick. Is that it?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You have anything else?

Dick: No, I don't have anything else. Um…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But I just want to remind you that today's episode is brought to you by Audible! Get a free 30-day trial at http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest. Free 30-day trial. That's pretty good. You can't get a free 30-day trial on an apple, can you?

Maddox: No. Not…

(horrible piercing horn sound again)

Maddox: There it is!!

Dick: No is the answer. It's not a trick question. Guys, Audible is offering free 30-day trial membership. http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest and browse over 180 audio programs. You can listen to them just like you listen to this podcast, on your phone, or whatever. Whatever other device you might be listening to this on.

Maddox: Your Apple watch, if you have a few minutes of battery life.

Dick: Yeah. You can read about Steve Jobs. An autobiography by Walter Isaacson. Would you ever read an autobiography about Steve Jobs?

Maddox: Uh, possibly.

Dick: Just to get ammo about him? (Sean grunts in agreement)

Maddox: Yeah, I like to learn…I like to read about people I don't like, sure.

Dick: Do you, really?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, first of all, I think Steve Jobs, again…I think that he didn't invent shit, but he was a brilliant marketer. He was a brilliant businessman. I think that there's a lot to be learned from Steve Jobs. He gets credit…he gets undue credit. Um…and he also gets due credit. I just think that people…people cherish and lionize Steve Jobs for the wrong reasons. I would totally read a book about Steve Jobs.

Dick: What if that book starts like that? He gets undue credit, and he gets due credit. (they both laugh) That's a good start.

Maddox: Sounds like a New York Times bestseller.

Dick: They have erotic stories, too.

Sean: He's like the modern Ben Franklin.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. You ever written an erotic story, Robin?

Robin: Written an erotic story?

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Besides the Star Trek play? No. (giggles)

Dick: Oh, yeah. Well, you should turn that into an audio book. (Robin laughs) Throw it up on Audible. Audible.com.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: There you go. Head to http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest.

Maddox: Thank you, Audible!

Dick: To get your free 30-day trial.

Maddox: Yeah. Free 30-day trial. Thank you Audible, for supporting the show. Lot of our fans used Audible last time when we…had them on as a sponsor. A lot of people really liked the service. Thank you for supporting us. Alright, Robin. You got a…you got a problem this week. I heard…a big problem.

Robin: I do have a problem.

Maddox: What is your problem?

Robin: My problem is that, uh…No One Teaches You How to Fuck Good. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Oh, no!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: No one teaches you how to fuck good.

Robin: Lemme break that down.

Sean: Have you met Dick Masterson? (Robin laughs) You just turned over the keys to the asylum to the lunatic!

Dick: It's true. That's true.

Robin: So…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what my book is all about!

Sean: It's all fun and games…

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: That's what every email I write is about, too.

Robin: So, I'm not talking about picking up women. I'm talking about…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, neither am I! (laughs)

Robin: Okay, great.

Sean: Somebody out there's gonna take this advice and then end up in the ER with, like, a bowling pin jammed up their ass, or something.

Maddox: Yeah. (they giggle)

Sean: I take no responsibility for this.

Robin: Alright.

Dick: Go ahead.

Robin: Here's my explanation. Look at what we're doing right now. We're sitting, lovely chairs. With microphones, recording a podcast. Very complex, right? We're speaking in English. So many concepts. How do we learn how to speak in English? How do we learn how to use microphones? 'Cause someone taught us. 'Cause someone…the only…like, if we had to invent. If it was just you and another 14-year-old, and you're gonna try to invent how to speak in English, you would be horrible, right? You would never learn anything.

Dick: Mmmm.

Robin: Like, that's the main way we pass down information from generation to generation. That's how we get everything! That's how we get cars.

Dick: Thousands of hours on how to construct a thought and a thesis.

Robin: And it's just like, "Here's how you say…" Yeah. We need the word "chocolate".

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Here it is. Just say, "chocolate" when you're looking at that thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: Um, anyway, every generation of people…'cause you just don't talk about sex, you just…eventually roll into bed with somebody, and you both try to figure it out together. And some people pick it up, and you're like, "Okay." You learn the techniques. And some people don't. And you just fuck bad. And that's what it is. And…

Dick: (interjects) And then you're stuck with it.

Robin: And then you're stuck with it. And also…you don't get any…it's really hard to get…there's no feedback.

Dick: Can't get feedback.

Robin: There's no classes.

Dick: Absolutely not.

Maddox: Mmmm. Well….

Robin: So what I think is that there just should be, like, how you get, like, a generic puberty book and it's just, like, "Here's what's gonna happen in your body." And it doesn't help. Like, those puberty books aren't that great, right? But they give you information.

Dick: Mmm.

Robin: Like, you're, like, pubes are gonna show up at some point, right? There just should be, like, a boring porn that everyone watches that's just, like, a couple of things. Just a couple of things to set you on the track of just, like, not being the worst in bed and having to figure it out by yourself.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Yeah. Robin, I think I know…for guys, how to solve this problem.

Robin: Uh-huh.

Maddox: For guys, you need to have sex with a woman at least 30 years old.

Dick: Oh, God. (background giggles)

Maddox: At least 30…

Dick: This is the worst.

Maddox: No!

Dick: This is why there's no book, because we're already on very different wavelengths. Why? Why, why?

Maddox: 'Cause a lot of the women I'd hooked up with, in the past, especially the younger ones, were absolutely inexperienced in the sack, and awful. It was awful! That's why I said high school sex is garbage. You guys think you're…yeah, your bodies are great, but the sex sucks. And then, I finally had sex with a woman in her thirties. And… she was a no-bullshit type of woman. She's like, "Do this. Don't do that. Stop it. Shut up." Like, she told you exactly…(trails off laughing)

Robin: Well, yeah. You got lessons.

Maddox: And take that outta your mouth! (they all laugh)

Dick: It sounds like YOU were the problem, though. In all the instances leading up to this. How can you do that many things wrong?

Robin: It's, like, both people, though. It's…

Maddox: Yeah, it is.

Robin: Okay, there's also, just like, the lack of good things. There's just a bunch of garbage, just, like, you know. No technique.

Dick: No what?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: What kind of technique are you looking for?

Maddox: Yeah, Robin. What are you…

Dick: Gimme three. Gimme one. Let's do around the horn. What do you like?

Robin: Lemme, like…

Sean: (interjects) Different people want different things.

Robin: Break down…

Maddox: Different people want different things. (they all talk over each other)

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: We're going around the horn!

Maddox: There's no such thing….

Dick: Give us one.

Robin: Okay, okay. One thing, like…

Dick: (interjects) One thing. Favorite thing.

Robin: It takes guys a long time to learn, "Use your fucking hand when you're going down on somebody." Like, don't just use your tongue.

Maddox: Ah-ha! Robin!

Robin: That's…that's…what?

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: I know…so, I've been with women who like that, and I've been with women who don't.

Robin: Okay.

Maddox: And they will very verbally or physically restrain you if you…if you get a little too handsy down there.

Robin: Okay, well, whatever. At least know it's on the table.

Maddox: It's on the table, I agree.

Robin: Don't just…yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Okay. I'll give you that.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: I mean, if you're performing oral as a man, you're making a mistake already, right? (background laughter)

Robin: Okay, great. Great.

Dick: 'Cause that's not what they want, in their mind.

Maddox: No.

Dick: They don't want you to submit to them. They want you to be always be dominant.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. So what's yours? What's your first tip?

Maddox: Again, I'm…

Dick: (interjects) This is the book. This is the book.

Maddox: It depends on the woman.

Dick: Well, you can't put that in a book! That's not a lesson! That's not how you teach somebody to do…you can't say, "It depends on them. Good luck!" You gotta give 'em something!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You gotta say, "It's dangerous. Take this tip." Robin gave a great one.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Use your hand. Okay.

Maddox: (interjects) I would say…

Dick: (interjects) Alright. If you're into that kind of thing.

Maddox: I would say, if you're starting out, it's someone, the first time you're having sex with them. You…ramp up. You gotta be really gentle, and then see what their tolerance is. What their tolerance level is?

Dick: Hohoho. Okay. (giggles)

Maddox: And just ask them. Just ask them. Some women have really sensitive, uh..sensitive nipples. Sensitive clit. But you have to…

Robin: Whoa.

Dick: It's getting steamy in here. (Maddox laughs, Robin giggles) With these specific terms that you're using!

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: That YOU asked for.

Dick: Wooooohohohoho!!! I'm getting…what?! Okay!

Maddox: (interjects) No, some wo…

Dick: (interjects) Okay. Ramp up.

Robin: Ramp up.

Maddox: Some women are very sensitive.

Dick: Ramp up on the nipples.

Maddox: And then other women…other women have, like, piercings down there, and it's like sticking your dick into a tackle box! (Sean cracks up)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And you can just…

Dick: Dick into a tackle box. (they all laugh) Alright.

Maddox: So you can just hammer away like a jackhammer and, like, nothing. It's like nothing. So anyway, that's my tip. Ramp up.

Dick: Okay. (they talk over each other)

Maddox: Well, so…

Dick: That's a great tip!

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Maddox, that's a great tip!

Robin: What's your tip?

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: Well, I wanna get Sean first.

Robin: Okay.

Sean: Okay.

Dick: See, he's eager. Look at how eager he is to show off his tip. (Robin chuckles)

Sean: You move the mouse to your left hand. (they all laugh)

Dick: That's a great tip. I do it too!!!!!!!!!! (laughing)

Sean: Maddox is not amused. (they all laugh)

Dick: Why would you move the mouse to your left hand?! (grins)

Sean: Most people are right-handed!!

Maddox: Move the mouse…? (confused)

Sean: It's a…

Dick: (interjects) Explain it. Explain it.

Sean: It's a jerk-off joke!

Dick: Yeah, okay. That's what I thought.

Maddox: Ohhh, I see, okay.

Sean: This is not high-brow humor, here.

Maddox: Okay, I get it. Okay.

Dick: Okay.

(they all talk over each other)

Maddox: No, I…I get it, Sean!

Sean: Low-hanging fruit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Otherwise you…

Sean: (interjects) Reinforce the levy with those sandbags!!

Maddox: That's funny. (laughing)

Dick: You build up too many muscles…you build up too many masturbating muscles in your left arm…

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, you gotta…right.

Dick: If you don't move it to your other hand. I totally get it. Okay. My tip. Don't let them look you in the eyes. (Robin scoffs)

Maddox: Hah, okay. (they all crack up) You're not having a lot of daytime sex…

Dick: Don't let them look you in the….what do you mean?!

Maddox: Well, if it's dark, you don't…it's not a problem.

Dick: Oh, no. I turn that thing on like Abu Ghraib. (they all laugh) In my bedroom, there's lights…it's like Fenway Park in there. Like, many, many, many lights.

Robin: But no eye contact.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No eye contact at all. They like that! (background cackle) It gets them…'cause then they gotta use their imagination to see what you're feeling. You know? They can't look at your eyes and see nothing. (Maddox and Robin laugh) This is a pretty good guide.

Robin: I have another tip.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: I thought of it. Um…no…like, little…if there's…if you need to change positions and there's a couple of second pause?

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Or there's, like, a little awkward thing that happens? No bits. (Dick and Maddox crack up loudly) And what I mean….

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(still laughing)

Robin: They're like, "Oops, sorry about that. Oohh, oho, oho!! Oh, hahahahaha!!"

Dick: Okay.

Robin: Like, ooooooooh. Oooooh.

Maddox: Takes you out of the moment, doesn't it?

Robin: It's real bad. Shut the fuck up, unless it's dirty talk.

Dick: So Michael Winslow is not your ideal man. (they all laugh) What kind of bits have you had pulled on you in the act of lovemaking? (Maddox cackles)

Robin: Just, like…just like awkward things like that, "Oh, oops! Whoooooooa!!! (cartoony) Oops!! Hahahahaha." Like, little awkward thing. You're feeling nervous.

Dick: Laughing. Laughing, yeah.

Robin: That, like, something happened. It's like, yeah.. okay. It's a bunch of bodies smashing. There's gonna be a little weird, awkward thing once in a while.

Dick: Yeah. Okay.

Robin: Ignore it. Just, like, move on, yeah.

Maddox: Robin, I would add, on that note…also. Farts or queefs. If that happens, don't… don't bring attention to it. Don't make it a big fucking deal.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: Like…(cracks up)

Dick: Okay. I'll add an "especially in the case of…" although, I don't think a fart and a queef is quite the same. I think a fart would be…

Maddox: Close.

Dick: You could probably bring attention to that. (they laugh loudly) Would you…

Robin: I've never experienced a fart. (laughing)

Dick: Me either. (laughing) Me either. But I'm imagining it now.

Maddox: Well, depends on the kind of sex you're having!

(Sound effect: Fart)

(Maddox and Robin laugh)

Dick: After a nice brunch gumbo….(they all laugh)

Maddox: Yeah, maybe. Maybe!!

Dick: Farts and queefs. Okay.

Maddox: It's a real hot, spicy sex.

Dick: Maddox, what's your next tip?

Maddox: Ah, my next tip. Okay.

Dick: (interjects) By the way, this is a man who finished on a woman and shouted, "Goal!" (Robin cracks up)

Maddox: We both shouted "Goal" at the same time, to be fair.

Robin: That sounds…

Maddox: (interjects) I should…

Robin: Like, I believe that. (laughs)

Maddox: I shot entirely…I made it right into her bellybutton, Robin. It was a perfect…it was perfect.

Robin: But…

Maddox: (interjects) Every last drop.

Robin: But where…but, okay. But were you an…

Dick: (interjects) It was perfect in every way, except sexually. (they all laugh) Logistically…parabolically.

Maddox: Okay. Another thing I like to ask is…if this is a woman who I may be going out on a couple of dates with, and we've hooked up a few times. I…I, first of all, I've been fortunate enough to have none of the women except for one fake an orgasm in my life. Because…

Dick: Okay. (sighs)

Maddox: I asked them. I said, "What…?"

Robin: You ask every person? (giggles)

Dick: Wouldn't it be easier to fake…to lie than it was to fake the entire orgasm!?

Maddox: I've…I've experienced only one fake orgasm, and I told the girl, I'm like, "I don't care." You don't have to. It doesn't hurt my ego if you don't…if you don't get off, that's fine. Especially the first few times you have sex with someone, they're often nervous, and they're not going to get off until you build a certain comfort level.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Because people aren't comfortable enough to tell you what actually does it for them, and when you build that comfort level, that's when people will be more honest, and that's when you're more likely to experience a real orgasm with a woman.

Dick: So what's the tip? Don't fake it?

Maddox: No, the tip is to ask them what gets them off and whether or not they've gotten off during sex. 'Cause a lot of women haven't. A lot of women cannot get off during sex.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Especially uh, purely vaginally. Purely, like, with penetration.

Sean: That's right.

Dick: Hah! Ooh boy, these clinical terms again! (grins) (they laugh) Getting me nice and steamy!

Sean: Sometimes just orally.

Maddox: Yeah, sometimes just orally. And sometimes…

Dick: No, that's a myth that they tell you so…that's a trick! (Robin laughs) 'Cause they're trying to trick you to go down on them. I know that fucking trick!

Robin: But Dick, then you don't have to look them in the eye, going down on them.

Sean: Women who are multi…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I'm trying to give real advice here. (Dick laughs)

Dick: You fucked up.

Sean: Yeah. I forgot what show I'm on. I was gonna say, women who are multi-orgasmic…

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Sometimes they don't like oral.

Maddox: Yeah! That's true.

Sean: Too sensitive.

Dick: Okay, so what…I'm sorry, go ahead.

Maddox: And myself, I'm not crazy about blowjobs, 'cause sometimes blowjobs suck. And I…(Dick inhales) this is a tip for guys. Guys…

Dick: Was that a pun? (they all laugh)

Maddox: This is a tip for guys. Guys, if a woman…like, don't be an eager beaver. Eager Eddie, with blowjobs, that you're so happy you're getting one that you're just gonna take anything you get. 'Cause that's how…then the woman never improves! If the blowjob sucks, tell her, "Stop using your fucking teeth." How about that?

Dick: Well, okay.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Wait, well, what's your tip?

Robin: See, that's why this, like, boring porn needs to exist that just has an example of someone seeing a normal blowjob, and then it has a little PowerPoint button that says, "Don't use your teeth."

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Everyone just needs to, like…this thing just needs to be a boring thing that you watch.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: It doesn't exist.

Dick: Well, I like the teeth, though. I wanna pretend that she's building a dam.

Maddox: You like…

Dick: And, like, this the first log.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: And she's chewing on it. (they laugh)

Maddox: Ugh, gross. Robin, is teeth…this is something I kind of wondered with women, too, because I've never…I've never done it, but is teeth ever a problem for women? Like, guys with their teeth?

Robin: Oh, I've never experienced that. That sounds horrifying.

Maddox: Okay. See, 'cause guys have experienced it, and they know not to!

Dick: Ohhh.

Robin: See, that's..yeah. I don't really understand why a woman would use teeth, but, uh…a guy using teeth, that gets really close to, like, your guys' number one problem, right? Of female genital mutilation. (Maddox laughs) Like, that's horrible.

Maddox: That is.

Robin: You're, like, one clamp down away from that being gone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that's the excitement. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: I looked up the stats on UNICEF.

Dick: Terror.

Maddox: Yeah. This is according to UNICEF and the CDC. They actually did this research, they did a study. They found that when women are subjected to female genital mutilation, they do gnaw it off. They do use their teeth. The doctors.

Dick: Is that true?!

Maddox: No, of course not!!! (laughing)

Dick: Oh, my God!!! What a weird joke!! (they all laugh) Okay, so your tip was no…what, ask them…

Maddox: Ask them what gets them off. That's my tip.

Dick: Ask them what gets them off. Ah, I don't know, man. That's putting a lot on them. That's on you, you gotta figure that out.

Maddox: Yeah. And another thing, too, about women, is sometimes they can only get off in a certain position or a certain way. Even if it's just laying down on their back, ir of they're on top, whatever it is, that's what they associate with getting off, and that's the only way they can get off.

Dick: Okay. Sean, what's your tip?

Sean: Alright, well…Dick'll hate this, but it goes to honesty.

Dick: Yep.

Sean: Don't fake things. Here's the other thing. Get outta your head.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Yeah.

Sean: Get outta your head.

Robin: Yeah, you have to be stupid. You can't be using your brain.

Sean: No, it's a basic thing.

Robin: Yeah.

Sean: If it feels good to you, feels good to her, or him, you're there.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Like it's…everybody's different. Don't overthink it.

Dick: What do you recommend to get out of your head? What's a tip on how to get out of your own head? Then you really start freaking out. Look at…I see that jamming up in your brain gears right now. (Sean laughs) Even trying to think of an idea of how to get outta your head.

Robin: Just gotta be drunk. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Just gotta be drunk. I've found that, uh…

Sean: (interjects) That works for a while.

Maddox: Like, first of all, don't be self-conscious about your body. If you're in the sack with someone, and you're already naked or you're getting your clothes off…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Guess what? They're into you. They want to have sex with you, 'cause you're in bed with them, naked. And if they're…if they're doing it with you, then don't be so self-conscious about yourself. Just be confident. Do your thing, and don't worry about it. But, uh…

Sean: (interjects) Probably easier said than done, but you've gotta find a way to just get outta your own head if you're one of those people who overanalyzes everything.

Maddox: You know what I like to think…

Sean: You'll enjoy it much more.

Maddox: This helped me a long time ago when I first started having sex. You know, if I felt self-conscious. I would think of the other person and how self-conscious they must feel, 'cause they've never seen a giant monster cock like mine. (Robin laughs) So they must be really intimidated. Yeah.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do girls have a problem getting out of their heads?

Sean: Where are those crickets? (they crack up)

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean.

Robin: Ummm…definitely at first, for sure. Yeah. The first time I ever came during sex was, like, a couple years into college, and it's actually because I was…I think I was taking this dude's virginity. And the reason that I was able to finally cum is because I knew that he didn't have an expectation of, like, me to cum.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Robin: And so I wasn't having an anxiety attack about it.

Maddox: Interesting.

Dick: Oh, wow. Okay.

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: So otherwise you'd be freaking out because you…

Robin: (interjects) He also had, like, a really good dick. It was big.

Dick: How big? Like a Pringles can?

Robin: Oh, God, no.

Dick: Like a pool noodle?

Robin: No.

Maddox: Like an….(they laugh)

Robin: Did I mention this last time?

Maddox: Like an organic banana, or conventionally grown?

Robin: (laughing) With the weird, like, lumps?

Maddox: Yeah, you know what I mean.

Robin: Umm…I did see a Pringles can dick once, and I had to send him home.

Maddox: Yeah. That shit'll tear you up.

Robin: Yeah. I was just, like, "No." It's a no.

Maddox: Did you…did you do anything with him?

Robin: I gave it a handjob and it was…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, you give him a handy and send him off.

Robin: It was crazy. Yeah, he had to leave.

Maddox: Yeah. You had…(giggles) You have to go.

Dick: Okay.

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: My tip?

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Put your phone so the face is down. (Robin giggles) 'Cause the last thing you want…

Robin: That's actually not bad.

Dick: Is a text coming in from another girl.

Maddox: Another girl, yeah.

Dick: In the middle of having sex.

(inaudible while they talk over each other)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And she sees…that, and, like, "Who the fuck is this?!" And you're like, "Oh, fuck! I gotta make up a bunch of lies while I'm in the middle of having sex?!" (Robin laughs) Alright. These are pretty good tips, guys.

Maddox: Good tips.

Robin: What's this list going to?

Dick: This is the book! I'm gonna put it up on Audible.

Robin: Oh, okay. Wait, no! So I also…I came up with a problem, and I also had…

Sean: (interjects) It's called "Tips to Ignore".

Maddox: Yeah. (Robin laughs)

Robin: I also had a business idea for you two.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Okay.

Robin: And so this is…we're leaving bit territory. This is legitimately, I think, a good business idea for both of you. You guys should REALLY write a book together about how to pick up women.

Dick: Oh, that'd be a good book.

Maddox: Ahh.

Robin: You should absolutely.

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: You got Maddox with the quality, Dick with the quantity.

Dick: Mhmm. (they all crack up)

Sean: Coming to you in 2025!!!

Dick: America's built on quantity.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Robin: And, yeah. I think it would be…you could make it funny, AND make it helpful and informative. 'Cause you guys are both, like, weird nerdy dudes that are constantly fucking hot women!

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Thank you.

Robin: Like, you guys really consistently…

Dick: Thank you very much.

Robin: It's like a nice, rotating pool. Of very attractive women.

Dick: Oh, please.

Maddox: Just a train through my bedroom.

Robin: It just is. (they laugh) No, seriously. You must know the secrets, you've somehow figured it out.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it's the train that stops in Pound Town. That's…(they laugh) I need a sign that says that.

Dick: Pound Town?

Maddox: Pound Town. Yeah.

Dick: Over your bedroom?

Maddox: Hanging over the bedroom, yeah.

Robin: Bedroom?

Maddox: Hanging on my bed…(giggles) Make it real welcoming to all these, like…hot women.

Dick: Pretty good tip. (Robin giggles)

Maddox: Um, okay. Yeah, Robin, thank you for the suggestion.

Robin: Mhmm.

Maddox: We will…we will consider it. Add it to the pile. (Robin laughs)

Dick: Did you have any more? For your problem of No One Teaches You How To Fuck Good?

Robin: Uhhhhh, no. That's it. It just should be a thing. Just, like, part of sex education.

Dick: And this…this list we put together didn't make you second-guess your idea of making it into a book?

Robin: No, that is…those were pretty good, I thought.

Dick: I feel like this is, like, the evolution debate in textbooks. You know? Like, if there was actual learning material on how to have sex.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It would be, like, a big debate if creationism should get in there. If evolution should…(Robin giggles)

Maddox: Well, Robin, you…

Sean: (interjects) There HAS to be a shitload of books on this subject!

Maddox: Yeah. Here. I got…I got…

Robin: I don't want it to be a book, though.

Dick: Three little words.

Robin: It needs to be a boring porn.

Sean: Oh, you want a boring porn.

Robin: That tell…so you watch it, what's happening!

Sean: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, um…Robin, I got three little words for you.

Dick: Three little words.

Maddox: Kamasutra. There is…

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: (giggles) There is that book. (Robin laughs) So there's the one.

Dick: That is boring.

Maddox: No, the Kamasu…have you seen the illustrations?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: First of all, hilarious. And also, kinda fappable. Kinda fappable. If I was in prison and that's all I had…(Robin laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'd bust a nut all over those Indian texts. (giggles) (background laughter)

Dick: Well, you know else you would want in prison? Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. Oh, my God. German engineered, three-blade cartridges. A close, comfortable shave. No cuts or burns. Quality guaranteed! It's a full refund if you're not happy. How about that?

Maddox: Great blades. Yeah! Thank you…thank you for sending us…Harry's has been sending us some packages, and when we have guests on the show, we're gonna give 'em some packages. Uh, Robin, do you shave your legs?

Robin: I do.

Maddox: Cool. (Dick laughs)

Robin: I'm not gonna g…I was offered a package last time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: One of these days.

Dick: Get it?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mhmm. (giggles)

Dick: A fan sent in an email about Harry's razors. Speaking to the quality of the blade! **Chris. "I spend a fortune of my worthless Canadian dollars, which only became slightly more affordable with the discount I received from your show. When I tried a Harry's razor for the first time today, I was blown away with how close the shave actually got, and began to resent my old razor."** Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Seriously, fuck that razor. **"My face is usually stubbly a few hours later and it's over 12 hours later, and my face is still smooth."** That's true. The Harry's razor do do that. **"Thank you guys for referring me to an actually good product instead of slinging snake oil. I'm planning on moving out…"** Blablabla. More stuff. **"Maddox, you should make more 3D renders for us to laugh at. Cheers, Chris."**

Maddox: Laugh at? (annoyed)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Excuse me, laugh at?! You mean, learn from!? That was a typo! Learn from.

Dick: That's maybe what he meant. I don't know.

Maddox: It's bullshit.

Robin: I went on an Internet date with someone who works at Harry's.

Maddox: Did you really?

Dick: Really?

Robin: Mhmm. Yeah. He works in some kind of…like, part of the computer sciency part of it.

Dick: Did he give you a discount with our promo code?

Robin: No. I…

Maddox: Was he smoothly shaved?

Robin: I didn't like him. I don't know.

Dick: Biggest problem?

Robin: I was distracted.

Dick: That'd make a great blade (inaudible)

Maddox: Thank you for (inaudible)…

Robin: The fact that he's not smooth with women just shows how dedicated he is to his job.

Maddox: Mhmm. You have to be smooth with your face if you're not smooth with women. It's one or the other. You gotta compensate. Guys, I got a…

Dick: (interjects) Every guest tries to ruin the ads.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Is that ruin…how is that ruining it?!

Maddox: Alright, guys. I got the real biggest problem in the universe this week! Q-Tips!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Q-Tips!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Ahh. Who uses Q-tips in this room, huh?

Robin: I love Q-tips.

Dick: Me.

Maddox: Pretty much everyone, yeah. Well, they're a big problem. Q-tips are an anomaly, 'cause you constantly want to use them, but you're not supposed to. It's like masturbation. People always warn you about it, but it feels good, and you can't stop doing it. Except instead of cleaning out wax from a hole, you end up having to clean up a mess you made all over your curtains, blinds, windows, and binoculars.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Hmm? (laughs) (Sean laughs) Am I right? Huh? Guys? Sean, I know you know what I'm talking about, Sean.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's an article from the Washington Post called, "The Strange Life of Q-tips, the most Bizarre Thing People Buy". And it really is a bizarre thing you buy, because according to this article, it says, "Q-tips are one of the only major consumer products, if not the only one whose main purpose is precisely the one the manufacturer explicitly warns against. The little padded sticks have long been marketed as a household staple, pitched for various kinds of beauty upkeep, arts, crafts, home cleaning, and baby care. And for years, they have carried an explicit caution on every box of Q-tips, which comes with this caveat. It says, 'do not insert inside the ear canal.' (Robin laughs) But everyone, especially those who look into people's ears for a living, know that many, if not most, flat-out ignore the warning." Guys, this is a big problem. The boxes, first of all, didn't start warning you about not putting them into your ear until around 1970. Uh…Q-tips.

Robin: What were they originally for?

Maddox: Well, originally they were for…I think they were for baby care. That's…

Dick: For what on the baby? (Robin laughs) The ears?

Maddox: Mmmm. (they all laugh) The baby's ears.

Dick: Well, like, what else is there?

Maddox: I don't know. I think they were for…the article mentioned it. But do you guys know what the "Q" in Q-tip stands for?

Robin: Uhhh…

Sean: Quality.

Maddox: Quality. It is quality, yeah.

Robin: Ohh. (laughs)

Maddox: They stand for quality tips. That's what my penis is called, too. It's a quality tip. (Robin giggles)

Sean: Yeaaaaah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah. (they laugh)

Dick: Are these the bits that you're talking about not to do during lovemaking? (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Hey baby, you want some quality tip?

Robin: Yeah, I would not like that.

Dick: You wouldn't like that? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What if there's a woman who does? She likes a real…she's a real chuckle fucker.

Robin: Ugh. She doesn't know.

Dick: She doesn't know how to…?

Robin: She doesn't know.

Dick: Yeah. I'm with you.

Maddox: "The first commercial Q-tips were introduced in the market in 1923 and were called Baby Gays.

Dick: Sorry? (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, that's…gay. Baby gays. Yeah. (they laugh) Baby gays. They were made of wood and not double-sided, and yeah. They were for babies. That's originally what Q-tips were for. Some of the old boxes…

Robin: (interjects) For what on the baby!? For what on the baby?

Dick: Yeah. For what on the baby?

Maddox: I don't know, man. I don't have a fucking baby!

Dick: Well, this is your problem!! (Robin giggles)

Maddox: I don't have a baby, though! How am I supposed to know what the fuck…

Dick: (interjects) Guess! What do you think it would be for?

Maddox: Their pee hole. Cleaning out crust from there?

Dick: Uuuuuuh, I don't know about that. That's gross that you would say that.

Maddox: Their but…their buttholes. Maybe their buttholes get a bunch of crusty diarrhea around it. I don't know!

Dick: They do. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Do they?! I don't know, man! I don't know anything about babies.

Dick: Of course! They have wipes. You need a whole towel to take care of that.

Maddox: Gross. Um…(giggles) so some of the old boxes of Q-tips used to say things, like, "For adult ear care". So they used to market it as a product for your ears. The company knows what people use them for, but they have to be really coy in their advertising now, so they started changing their tack around the nineties. Here's the TV spot from 1980 with Betty White, where they come as close as they can to suggesting you should use them in your ear, but they don't actually say it. Listen to this.

(Clip starts: Betty White: "Q-tips has a nice soft cushion of cotton right here at the tip, so they feel nice, soft, and safe when you use 'em on your eyes…or on your nose…on your ea….or even when you drop 'em on your foot!"

Maddox: And she drops it!

(male voice) "Q-tips. The safe swab.")

Dick: Oh, they couldn't say "ear"?

Maddox: They didn't say "ear". They came as close as they could, literally. The first syllable.

Dick: But could they not say ear?

Maddox: No. 'Cause they don't want to…

Robin: 'Cause they get sued if people jam 'em in their ears.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Right? And they go deaf?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is that true, though?

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Or is that just the joke of the ad, that she's dropping it…

Maddox: Oh, it's absolutely true. They want to market it for your ears, but they know that people are injuring themselves.

Dick: So how come they can't say, "Hey, you could use this to clear your ears." But America's Funniest Home Videos can say, "Hey, take a picture of you almost getting shot or running over your kids in a car, and then send it to us for maybe money." Like, how can they get away with that, but they can't say to use this cotton device to clean in your ear. (Robin giggles) What's the sense?

Maddox: I think America's Funniest Home Videos does say, "Don't try this at home."

Dick: No, they say, "Do it and we'll give you money!!"

Maddox: They don't say…

Robin: They say, "if it happens, it happens."

Maddox: Yeah. "Send us your funny videos." They don't say "hurt yourself." (Dick laughs)

Robin: Also, what Funniest Videos have people almost getting shot in them? (giggles)

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: All of them, Robin. The funniest videos.

Dick: Yeah. The ones that didn't get on TV! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Those are the good ones.

Maddox: There's a funny compilation of them called, "The Faces of Death." (cracks up) There's, like, four volumes. Um, so the Washington Post article goes on and they talk about the addictive quality to Q-tips, and they liken it to cigarettes. **"The cigarettes analogy is an apt one. We continue to twist Q-tips in our ears thanks to a simple truth: it feels great. Our ears are filled with sensitive nerve endings, which send signals to various other parts of our bodies."** Oh, Robin, is that a sex tip? (Robin giggles) **"Using Q-tips leads to what dermatologists refer to as an itch-scratch cycle, a self-perpetuating addiction of sorts. The more you use them, the more your ears itch, and the more your ears itch, the more you use them. "** And this vicious cycle, I looked into it. There's another article on this website. It's http://www.wbur.org. So this vicious cycle, the more you use it, the more you need to use it. According to this website, "The wax in your ear waterproofs your ear canal and keeps water from going in, so when you clear out the wax, more water gets inside, and the more you feel like you need to use it." It's this insane addiction cycle with this.

Dick: Oh, so you shouldn't be using them at all on your ears?

Maddox: No! Never.

Robin: So you shouldn't clean your ears?

Maddox: You don't need to, because the wax comes out on its own naturally.

Sean: Yeah, 'cause of the way the skin grows.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It brings it out.

Maddox: It's supposed to be there. It's a natural antibiotic, too. Earwax?

Robin: Mhmm.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah, next time you…yeah.

Dick: So we're hurting ourselves by cleaning our ears out?

Maddox: Yes. (giggles) Yes.

Sean: You can jam it too far in, too.

Robin: But it's so satisfying, it looks so gross when you get a lot, and you're like, "Yeah, I really did it today."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) I know!

Dick: What about blowing your nose? Is that bad for you, too?!

Maddox: No, because the mucus inside your nose collects the…it's supposed to come out that way, or down your throat. You could swallow it too, I guess. But the mucus inside your nose collects bacteria and collects all sorts of things that we're not supposed to have in our body, like spores and fungus and dust particles.

Dick: Paper clips.

Maddox: Paper clips, sure. Penises. Who knows. Quality tips.

Dick: Uh, that's totally legal to have in your body, I don't know what you're talking about.

Maddox: Uh, people have been led to think…this is from Washington Post again. **"People have been led to think that it's normal to clean their ears. They think that earwax is dirty, that it's gross, or unnecessary, but that's not true at all."** There's a Dr. Fitzgerald, they interviewed him. He said, **"He likens earwax to tears, which help lubricate and protect your eyeballs."** Robin. Mhmm. Lubricate. (Robin giggles) **"Wax does something similar for the ear canal, where the skin is thin and fragile and highly susceptible to infection."** So when you put the Q-tips inside your ear, you can even scratch your ear canal, and then get infected. And all these doctors they interviewed said that most of the patients who come into their office with ear problems have it because they've been using Q-tips!

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: But, here's the problem. They don't even know the extent to which people are injuring themselves from Q-tips, 'cause the Consumer Protection Safety Commission doesn't track cotton swabs, and neither does the FDA, because they don't classify as a medical device. They're in this, like, weird grey area of unregulated limbo. Small government, Dick, hmm? Go ahead, Randy! I don't give a shit!

(Piercing horn sound)

Dick: Well, I don't…(scoffs) (they all laugh)

Maddox: Randy scrambled so hard to get that horn, he fell off his chair. (Robin laughs) I don't blame him.

Dick: I…

Maddox: (interjects) **"More than half the patients seen in otolaryngology…"** it's ear, nose, and throat doctors. **"Regardless of their primary complaint, admit to using cotton swabs to clean their ears."** So because of these…what? You were gonna say something?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Because of these…(Dick cracks up, Maddox starts to laugh) So because Q-tips are a problem and people know that there's this weird fixation on earwax that people have…(Dick giggles) there have been a number of different companies that have tried to produce different products to get earwax out of your ear. And here's one called Wax Vac. And it's exactly what it sounds like. (Robin giggles) Yeah. Listen to this. Here's the ad. I found this ad for Wax Current with influenza and pneumonia vaccines. Listen to this.

(Clip starts: male narrator: "We all know we shouldn't use cotton swabs to clean or dry our ears."

(Male 2): "What?!"

(Narrator): They even warn us. But we do it anyways.

(Male 2 yells loudly)

Narrator: "Stop. There's a…"

Dick: Ow?!

Maddox: That was a guy…(laughing)

Dick: What the hell?

Maddox: That was a guy who put a cotton swab in his ear and yelled OW! (Robin and Maddox crack up) Here, listen to this.

Sean: But he couldn't hear himself doing it. (Dick cackles and Maddox and Robin giggle)

Narrator: "Introducing Wax Vac, the safe and effective way to clean and dry your ears. Wax Vac will help your whole family feel better and keep their ears healthier. Here's how it works. Unlikely cotton swabs, which push dirt and harmful wax further into your ear and can puncture your eardrum…Ouch!...(Maddox giggles) **Wax Vac gently draws dirt particles and moisture out of your ear rather than pushing it in! There's nothing else like it. Wax Vac is…"**

Dick: I believe that.

Maddox: Yeah. (Robin giggles)

"…safe. Its unique safety guards…(Maddox talks over the recording)"

Maddox: Did you hear that? They show you how quiet Wax Vac is. Listen to this.

"…quiet. Listen. (quiet buzzing sound) Safe. (Maddox laughs) **Its unique safety guard prevents it from going too deep like an ear thermometer."**

Maddox: Huh? Going too deep? Robin, sex tip? (Robin giggles)

"…effective. See how gently it vacs water and dirt, leaving your ears clean and dry. You just empty it out when you're done. Doctors…"

Maddox: Oh, and, by the way, that part of the commercial, the emptying out when it's done, they have this weird little funnel, and they dump it out, and it's like this waxy-colored water. This, like, liquid water they're dumping out into the sink, and it makes me want to throw up. It's so disgusting.

"…everywhere warn against using cotton swabs to clean your ears."

Doctor: "Don't use a cotton swab in your ear, because it can cause significant damage." (they giggle)

Maddox: He's a doctor.

Dick: Significant damage?!

"No one likes water in their ears. Don't pound your head, use Wax Vac instead."

Female: "I know I shouldn't use cotton swabs to clean my ears. Wax Vac seems like the perfect solution."

Narrator: "Stop using other ear cleaners that don't work, and stop using cotton swabs that can damage your ears!"

Man: "OW!!")

Dick: What other…(Maddox giggles) what other ear cleaners are there?

Maddox: There is, um…so I went to my doctor awhile back, and I do a checkup, whatever. He says in one of my ears, there is a whole bunch of impacted wax.

Dick: I'm sure there is, if you don't fucking clean your ears!!

Maddox: No, I do! That's the problem. I use Q-tips, and I found…

Robin: Yeah. It jams it down.

Maddox: Yeah. I use Q-tips all the time, and it just, like, jams the wax inside your ear. And I went to a doctor a long time ago, when I was a kid, and I don't know why doctors don't always do this, but he looked inside my ear, and he said, "Oh, you got a huge wax buildup. Lemme get that out of there." And he reached in with these, like, rubber-tipped tweezers. And pulled out this, like, giant ball of wax.

Dick: Ugh, I'm gonna throw up.

Maddox: I'm, like, how the hell…yeah, I know. It's disgusting. My brother. My brother, a long time ago, when he was, I think in fourth grade. Told my mom one day that…after he got out of the shower, he used a Q-tip in his ear, and he said, "Mom, the end of it came off in my ear." And my mom didn't believe him. She's, like, "Whatever. That's not possible. That doesn't happen." And he goes, "It did." And my mom didn't believe him, for years.

Fast forward to 10 years later. My brother's, like, dicking around in his ear one day, and he pulls out this Q-tip…(Robin gasps) This end of a Q-tip. It was in his ear for, like, 10 years!

Robin: No. That's a nightmare.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: Q-tips are a huge problem. They're like…most ear problems that you have. Most ear infections are caused by dicking around with your ear. Putting Q-tips in there. And it feels good, so that's why we keep doing it. And I myself…since…I was gonna bring this problem in last week and the week before, we just kept running out of time. But I… tried to…

Dick: (interjects) So many people suffered in that time. (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick cracks up) Well, I tried…I know how much of a problem this is, and I tried to wean myself off of Q-tips, and I can't. I can't help it. I need to either stop buying them, or I don't know.

Dick: Wait a minute, but why does it…you keep saying that it feels so good to, like, wiggle the Q-tip around in your ear.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think I experience that.

Sean: It does.

Dick: It does?

Sean: Yeah, to me it does.

Maddox: Lot of people.

Dick: Do you guys have dicks? What, your ear feels that good? Are you, like, a Ferengi? Right? Robin? (grins) (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Mmm. Yeah. (laughs)

Sean: No, it feels good.

Dick: How do you do it that it feels so good? Like, what am I doing wrong?

Sean: Well…

Dick: I wanna get addicted to this.

Sean: You've gotta jam it so far in, you get around the corner.

Dick: WHAT?! (Sean laughs)

Robin: Is that what you really do?!

Sean: No. Don't do that.

Dick: Ohhh. What do YOU do?! Why does it feel so good for you?

Maddox: ‘Cause you have a lot of nerve endings inside your ear. It’s a very sensitive… uh, some people even say it’s an erogenous zone. Have you seen the movie…

Sean: I don’t know about that.

Dick: What’s that? (they all laugh)

Maddox: (laughing) Correct. True. True. Um, there’s a movie called The Intouchables. And it’s based on a true story about this guy who got paralyzed. He became a…I think he’s a quadriplegic. And he…at some point during the movie, this guy who is kind of his caretaker asks him, “Do you have any kind of sexual pleasure?” “Do you still date?” and he goes, “Of course. Of course I still date.” And his penis still worked. But he said that what gives him a lot of pleasure on date is if girls played with his earlobes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Because he…the ears are very sensitive. Earlobes are very…they have a lot of nerves up there, so it feels good.

Dick: Like the Q-tip does, though.

Maddox: Yeah. Especially inside your ear. It’s very, very sensitive. And it needs to be, if you think about it.

Robin: I’m more with you.

Dick: You don’t get it, right?

Robin: Mostly what I just want is, like, how much yellow shit can I get?

Dick: Yeah.

Robin: And then I’m like, “oooh, that’s what I did today.”

Dick: Good one. Nice.

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Nailed it.

Robin: Mhmm.

Dick: Trash. (they giggle) I don’t get the vapors and have to lay down after I clean my ears out. (they all laugh) Oh, mercy, myself! Ooooooooooh! Twiggling my ear around!

Maddox: I clean my ears and I’m spent, man. I wake up with, just tissues everywhere. (laughs)

Dick: So do you not clean your ears anymore?

Maddox: No, I do. I try. I tried replacing Q-tips with just…I would just get a little bit of toilet paper or something and just try to, like, clean around it, but…

Dick: That sounds more dangerous. Then you got your fingernail in there…

Maddox: No, I don’t get in deep enough. So the toilet paper…it’s almost like…they say that you should never put anything sharper than your elbow inside your ear. But your finger doesn’t get in too deep, unless you have really pointy fingers.

Dick: Sharper than your elbow!?

Robin: What?! That makes no sense.

Dick: That's nothing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: That can't go in your ear.

Maddox: Exactly. That's the point.

Robin: Oh, it's just like a little joke?

Maddox: I guess. I don't know.

Robin: Man, well…

Maddox: A little ENT humor.

Dick: ENT joke.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Robin: This is very informative.

Dick: Is it?

Robin: But mostly I'm upset that I just haven't got into a screaming fight. It's been, like, a nice, relaxing podcast.

Dick: What do you have a strong opinion on?

Robin: Ugh, but see, that's gonna go from 0 to 110.

Maddox: Let's hear it. What do you got?

Dick: That's a screaming fight!

Robin: No, I mean, if we, like, really dissected, like, how much you seem to hate women, like, that'd probably cause a fight. (giggles)

Dick: Me?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't HATE women.

Robin: Sure.

Dick: I just wouldn't hire one. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. There it is.

Robin: Um, but yeah, no, we're not gonna get into that.

Dick: Well…

Robin: I dunno. Yeah. Well…goals for next time.

Maddox: Goals for next time. Didn't happen this time, Robin.

Robin: No.

Maddox: You know what you need to do, is bring in a really moderate problem.

Robin: Mhmm.

Maddox: That nobody can possibly argue with.

Dick: Yeah, like apples.

Maddox: And then Dick will find a way. That's…that's what you gotta do.

Dick: ME?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, I don't know. He's the expert.

Maddox: Um, guys. Real quick, before we wrap up. I got a package, I forgot to mention this at the top of the show. I got a package from a fan named **Cody.** Cody sent this in for Valentine's Day.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah. He says, **"In the spirit of the season, I've included Maddox's first love, Quartet for the Sega Master System."** He sent me a video game. It's a game called Quartet. It's one of my very first…it was my first favorite video game. I loved this game for years and years. It's for the Sega Master System.

Sean: Is he gonna send you a Sega Master System next?

Maddox: No, I still have mine.

Dick: Yeah, Sean.

Maddox: Of course, Sean.

Dick: You idiot. (laughing)

Maddox: Dipshit. Of course I have a Sega Master System!! I have all the Sega systems, even the 32x. It's awful. **"Second, I've included the thing that Maddox loves more than anything in the world, hating rich people."** (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. It's true.

Maddox: "Please enjoy 'Who Wants to Beat Up a Millionaire' on the Sega Dreamcast." He sent…I didn't know this was a real game.

Dick: That's cool.

Maddox: "Keep doing what you guys do." He sent this game called, "Who Wants to Beat up a Millionaire." I've never even heard this. It's…I guess it's a Dreamcast game. I'm gonna have to look this up.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: You heard of this? No, I don't think anyone's ever heard of this.

Dick: No one's ever heard of it.

Robin: It's crazy.

Maddox: Who Wants to Beat Up a Millionaire. And then Quartet for the Sega Master System! One of my all-time favorite video games. Oh my gosh, it even has the booklet! Thanks, Cody. Thank you so much.

Dick: Cool.

Robin: Oh, wait, I thought of just a 1-minute screaming fight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: Dick! I am a teacher. I make $30,000 a year!

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: I'm good person!! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, fuck you, Dick!

Robin: I'm a useful human! I teach chemistry to people that need to know chemistry. (laughing) The fact that I'm poor is, like, fine! You went on such…also, you need to reveal exactly how much you make a year, 'cause you seem to be filthy rich from all your little comments!

Dick: Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

Robin: You're just, like. "Oh, you only make 80 thousand! Hohohohoho! You're a garbage human! Hohoho!!" (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I don't think it makes you a garbage human. I mean, human. You're starting high already.

Robin: Uuuuuummmmmmm. Yeah. How much do you make every year?

Dick: I'm not getting into that. Only two people will ever know how much money I make.

Robin: Uh-huh.

Dick: Even if I get married. Okay?

Robin: Uh-huh.

Dick: Let's say that.

Robin: Ugh, don't get married.

Dick: It would be…

Maddox: (interjects) So that's never gonna happen.

Dick: Yeah. So…my…my dad and my accountant.

Robin: Uh-huh. Okay, great.

Dick: That's it. Nobody else.

Robin: Well, anyway, I'm a good person.

Dick: That's how it should be! That's how it should be, by the way.

Maddox: Why? Why?!

Dick: You would…no, no, no.

Maddox: I am…I am for…

Dick: You don't want anybody to know how much money you make.

Maddox: There's this movement in the UK right now, with the whole gender wage gap thing, it's starting to get momentum, and these, like, feminist groups want to push corporations to release everyone's salary. Which I am totally in favor of.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Because then…and a lot of people are in favor of, because then you can see if this actually exists. This gender wage…I mean, we already know. But it adds another layer of transparency. Are you in favor of that, Robin?

Robin: Uh…I could s…that'd be useful for me. I don't know. Yeah. I mean, like, I would enjoy that.

Maddox: Yeah. So, but, back to your point. You know, teachers who earn less don't necessarily…like, why do you teach? What is your motivation? It's not money.

Robin: Well, I wanna be doing comedy. (giggles) I'm teaching part time…(cracks up)

Dick: Okay, so. I just learned of this term recently. Would you consider it a fall-back?

Robin: Uhhhh, I don't know. I guess. No, but I really like it. I don't know.

Maddox: You can like two things, yeah.

Robin: But, no. So you said many times that people that make 30 thousand dollars a year and they're teachers are, like, bad and stuff.

Dick: I didn't say they were bad.

Robin: Now, you yell at me!

Dick: Wait, wait, I didn't say they were bad.

Robin: Uh-huh. What'd you say?

Dick: Do you think that I think they're bad 'cause they don't make a lot of money?

Robin: Or, like, stupid. And shouldn't be able to teach about finances.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think they should tell anyone about finance.

Robin: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Because they have no experience with it. Unless you're tal…

Maddox: (interjects) Hmm.

Dick: Unless it's someone who's specifically trained…

Robin: No, you said you couldn't hire good people, like, if anyone works for that, they're not good at their job.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: I'm…

Dick: I didn't say that either. I said it's lucky that so many teachers do SO much work for such a very small amount of money.

Robin: No. No.

Maddox: I don't think you said that, Dick.

Robin: That's not what you said. That's not what you said.

Maddox: You're such a bullshitter!

Dick: That's what I said! That's what I said!

Maddox: No, you didn't say that.

Dick: What'd I say? Play it back?

Sean: That is exactly what he said.

Dick: That's exactly what I said.

Sean: And then I laughed like a jackal.

Dick: Yeah, because…

Robin: (interjects) And you said it SO sarcastically.

Dick: Well, yeah. I say it so sarcastically, because they get…

Robin: (interjects) You're like, "Oh, you must get really GOOD people if you can get em for 30 thousand dollars a year!!!!!"

Maddox: Yeah, you said it like that.

Dick: Oh, oh, oh, oh, yeah! I absolutely think that there are a ton of shitty teachers! And a ton of them should be fucking fired immediately, but the teacher union is so powerful and it's so difficult to fire them, because the ENTIRE profession is run by people who get off with just helping kids! And money NEVER enters their mind! So the whole profession is rolled…is full and poisoned by the useless!! So many teachers are worthless and should be fired fucking immediately, but they never will be, because the union is SO powerful! And it will never be toppled, because its enemy is teachers who don't know how to fight an enemy like that! It's a huge problem! (screaming) But! But, you just shovel praise on 'em. You know, what, teachers? You're all great! You're all great! We're gonna shovel this praise on you! You never give 'em any fucking money, and they will never GET any money, because it's worth it to hear that they're good people. That's all they want. That's why the system sucks, to me. That's why. That's why I say it's great that we can get such an important job done for so…

(Randy's piercing horn sounds)

(Sound effect: Electricity)

Maddox: Yep. (laughing)

Robin: Whoa!!!

Dick: She asked. The guest asked!

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: What do you want me to say?!

Maddox: It is a big problem, Dick. We should fire these unqualified teachers, but you can't fire parents.

Dick: You can't!

Maddox: You can't fire parents.

Robin: I feel…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, you can't fire the teachers, either.

Maddox: No, of course you can.

Dick: OHOHOHO!! (laughs) Go look up a teacher's union.

Sean: No, in California, it's like the first or second most powerful union in the state.

Dick: It's so ridiculous.

Sean: It gets governors elected.

Maddox: Right. Right, of course, but…

Sean: (interjects) The Service Worker's Union and the Nurses' Union, believe it or not.

Maddox: Yeah. And the police union. I…I understand. But this is being conflated with… it's starting to get political. It's starting to become, like, the libertarian agenda!

Dick: How is this a libertarian agenda that the teachers need to be fixed? That the entire profession needs to be fixed?

Maddox: Well, because what would you do, bust up the union?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. There you go!

Dick: If your…you know what?

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Hey! Here's solution number one. All the teachers, you all pick 10% of your teachers that need to be fired immediately, and they will be fired.

Maddox: What do you have to say about this?

Dick: 'Cause they're all gonna be right.

Maddox: What do you have to say about this, Robin?

Dick: Do you have 10 teachers at your school who need to get fired?

Robin: Ummmm, well charter schools don't have union obligations.

Maddox: Right.

Robin: And there's a lot of those. So what you want is actually already happening.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: And I would argue, that…sorry. (yelling) I WOULD FUCKING SAY THAT…

Dick: Mhmm.

Robin: Okay. So your big thing is that the teachers, "Oh, no! Oh, no! Some poor people that only make 30 grand eventually actually have one fucking thing that's backing them up! Oh, no! Fuck that! I hate that somehow, teachers got a little bit of power, sometimes!" Also, we already have this in charter schools in America. They're completely unregulated, and you know who fucking teaches at charter schools? The WORST fucking people who just got out of Teach For America. They're 23 years old. They're the WORST fucking teachers. The WORST teachers are new teachers, because you don't know what the fuck you're doing. You're really just doing it for two years so you can go apply to medical school, 'cause you got a shitty MCAT score in the first place, and so you need to have something that shows you "care about people", so you're doing some shitty thing. You don't care about having benefits, because you know you're gonna dip and go back to grad school. You don't care about teaching people, you don't care about teaching, especially poor people, or people who, like, have nothing. So you're just in this charter school. You don't care about your union. You're letting…you are a shitty, shitty, shitty teacher, and then you quit. So we've already seen what happens when we get rid of the unions. That's what happens. You let a bunch of, like, shitty teachers who have no rights, and then everyone who has rights are these people who are the administrators in these private schools…they're public. They're taking our tax money, but they're basically private, and they can assign their salaries to any of their administrators. So you hire your fucking cousin, you say, "Oh, hey Jerry. You've never worked a day in your life, but I'm gonna hire you as this vice principal."

Dick: (interjects) You're talking about unions.

Robin: Charter schools.

Dick: Charter schools. I don't know anything about charter schools.

Robin: You're gonna sit…that's what it is. That's how to get rid of teacher's unions.

Maddox: Ro…ro…

Robin: Charter schools exist to get rid of teacher's unions.

Maddox: Robin, uhh….

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: I'm gonna have to call you on this one. 'Cause I'm very…I was…again, I dated a teacher, and I know a lot of people who are at a charter school. And I looked into this, and there's good charter schools and bad charter schools. The one in particular that I have experience with SPECIFICALLY targeted people who couldn't get into any other schools. Very at-risk children, who lived in single-household families. Single-bedroom families with five or six other children. And they…some of the criticism charter schools get is that they can reject students who are not performing, or that the teachers don't work as hard, or whatever. But the teachers at this school are…bust their asses. They work 14 hours a day.

Robin: But you just said that there are good charter schools.

Maddox: Right.

Robin: And there's a lot of really shitty ones, because it's up to some random person who says, "I'm gonna open a school today." And that person can be completely unqualified, and it's up to them whether or not it's good. Where, at least the public school system, even though it has lots of problems, at least there's consistency in it and there are checks and balances, and there is, like, a way that things go. And you can't just be a crazy person and just decide to start your own school.

Maddox: Well, yeah but…

Dick: (interjects) Why would that be bad?

Maddox: But the performance…matters, Robin. 'Cause the performance…of course, Dick.

Dick: Why the fuck would that be bad?! Why not change up the entire curriculum and teach better things to kids?!

Maddox: You don't understand…

Robin: But it's not better, it's just grinding for test prep. It says, "You're gonna sit here. You're gonna learn how to answer A, B, C, D on these English and Math questions."

Maddox: No, no. That's…

Robin: You're not gonna do anything. (they all talk over each other)

Maddox: That's not at all, Robin.

Dick: So stop doing that, too.

Robin: A lot of them are.

Maddox: No. But this charter school in specific, they have entire parts of their curriculum dedicated to critical thinking. They make the kids argue different points of view that they disagree with. This is a REALLY good charter school that I'm thinking of.

Robin: Yeah, there are REALLY good charter schools, but there's also a shit ton of really, really bad ones.

Dick: Horrible ones. Well…

Robin: That are just not anything.

Maddox: But shouldn't it come down to performance?

Robin: (interjects) But how do you measure performance?

Maddox: Shouldn't it come down to whether they have results? They use…they use Common Core.

Robin: Because all it is…but that's the thing…if all you do is grind and learn how to answer multiple choice questions, that's not a real education.

Maddox: No, they don't do that.

Dick: It's got nothing to do with life, either.

Maddox: No, they don't do that. They don't grind just for the national test.

Robin: Your school that you're talking about.

Maddox: Right.

Robin: But a lot of them, that's literally all you do. You don't even have anything besides just studying for that.

Maddox: I think the problem with that, Robin…

Dick: Oh, you should have brought in Common Core. That would have got you a HUGE argument, no matter which way you took on it.

Robin: It's too late now.

Dick: Ah, next time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Next time, bring in Common…

Maddox: Next time.

Dick: We'll save it for you!

Robin: I got to scream, though.

Dick: You get to bring it in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Robin: That was fun.

Maddox: You got to scream, there you go.

Robin: I got to see you get red in the face, Dick.

Dick: How was it?

Robin: It was all great.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Stick around, I'll get red in the face again. (lewd)

Maddox: Uuuuuuuughhhhhh. (background laughter) Alright, guys. My problem this week was Q-tips.

(closing riff starts)

Dick: My problem was Wasting Food. Food waste.

Robin: My problem was No One Teaches You How to Fuck Good.

Maddox: Thanks for listening.

Dick: Thanks, Robin. What do you want to promote?

Robin: Oh, my…YouTube page with my Wheel of Fortune video.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: What's your YouTube page?

Robin: It's just RobinHiggins. But yeah.

Dick: How do you spell Higgins?

Robin: H-I-G-G-I-N-S.

Dick: I was way off.

Maddox: We'll link to it on the website.

Robin: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. We're gonna link to it on the website.

Robin: What was your possible other guess?

Dick: I got it wrong at H. (background scoff) Oh, here. Weird Matthew McConaughey called in with something that's relevant to your problem, Robin.

(Voice mail: Weird MM: "Hey, Maddox. Saw your Periscope. Quite a nice assistant you got there."

Maddox: Thanks.

"What does she assist you with? (Maddox giggles) **Putting your dick back in after it slips out?** (they all giggle) **You know what I'm talkin' about. When you're plowing her, like Unnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnh. Then your dick slips out, 'cause you're going so crazy at her, you just fucking lose…your motor skills and dick skills and it slips out, you know what I'm sayin'?"**

Maddox: Yeah.

"And then…you're gonna put it back in, but then the girl, like, reaches underneath her leg, and like, grabs your dick and puts it back in for ya, and you're like 'Goddamn. MVP.' (Robin giggles) **MVP.** (Maddox laughs)**"**

Maddox: Most Valuable Penis.

"And then she gets tired of fucking you. And then you're shot.")

Dick: Oh, well. Is that a move that you think should be taught? In the guide?

Robin: Yeah. Oh, I don't allow them to put it back in.

Dick: WHOA.

Maddox: Whoa, Robin.

Robin: Yeah. I strongl…'cause, like, they're gonna jab it in the wrong way. There's, like, a 50% chance you're gonna have something jab on the side of me.

Maddox: Oh, you like to guide it.

Robin: Yeah.

Maddox: You are kind of like…you're a tractor beam for peen.

Robin: Exactly.

Dick: Oh, you thought she meant not back in at all?

Maddox: Yeah, not back in at all.

Robin: Oh!! Like, that's it! You fall out!! (they all laugh)

Maddox: Come back in here, stud, you're not going anywhere.

Robin: Get out! (laughing)

Dick: Talk about getting in your head! (laughing) Oh, my God!!! You better fuck me right, or I'm gonna kill your family! (Robin laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, okay. Uhhhhhhh….(they all laugh) Better get in here.

Maddox: Mhmm. It happens.

Dick: Oh, man. You gotta get some more messages out of this show. Out of these appearances.

Maddox: Oh, you get them. Just check them.

Robin: Now I feel like I don't wanna check them.

Dick: You know what? I bet guys are intimidated to message you, 'cause you're so smart and well-spoken.

Robin: I also wanted to mention, 'cause earlier, I had said "If they're only 6 feet tall or taller." That that's how tall I am. I…I get really upset at girls that are, like, 5'2" and they're like, "I only date 6-feet-tall guys." Like that.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Robin: Like, no. Fuck that.

Maddox: Robin, would you date a guy shorter than you?

Robin: I've only dated one person taller than me, ever. (giggles)

Maddox: Oh, okay. So…so no.

Dick: So you learned your lesson? (they laugh)

Robin: Oh, it's just like a goal I have, to date tall guys, but I can never make it happen.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I'm gonna put together a list of guys who wanna date you based on this show. Would you be open to that?

Robin: Yeah.

Dick: Would you be open to a nice Biggest Problem Valentine's Day…

Maddox: Oh boy.

Dick: Treat…from some of these gentlemen? (Robin giggles) There's a lot of good people listening to this show.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Artists…uh, video game buying guys.

Robin: Yeah. Go for it. Mhmm. You be…you wanna be my Cupid?

Dick: They give good presents!

Robin: That's fine.

Dick: Yeah, I do.

Robin: Mhmm.

Maddox: How about that dude in Germany? He sent me a box of chocolate!

Biggest Problem in the Universe – Episode 92

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Crib Death to Crystal Meth!

Dick: Ohhhhhhhh.

Maddox: With over 5 million downloads (giggles), this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back, gentlemen. Episode 92.

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Creepin' up on that one hundo!

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Sean, are you gonna bring in a problem for that one? By the way?

Sean: Well, probably not, given my track record.

Dick: Ohhhh. (sad) You're fucked.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: We'll see.

Dick: What a pussy.

Maddox: Maybe Cool Sean will make an appearance.

Dick: Yeah. Maybe Cool Sean…

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, where is he?!

Dick: …is cool enough to bring in a problem.

Sean: I thought…

Maddox: (interjects) He's banging…he's banging some chicks in a hot tub, Sean.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Cool Sean was supposed to back, like, you know, several episodes ago.

Dick: Alright, well, that's on…

Sean: (interjects) Several dozen episodes ago.

Dick: Yeah, that's on me. Okay. (giggles) Let's calm down. (Sean giggles) How did we do last week, between Q-Tips, Food Waste, and Nobody Teaches You How to Fuck Good.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. The biggest problem from last week was Food Waste.

Dick: That's good.

Maddox: Cleaned house. And then No One Teaches You How to Have Sex Good. No one teaches you how to fuck…

Dick: (interjects) How to fuck good.

Maddox: How to fuck good, is how Robin…

Dick: (interjects) That was what she said.

Maddox: Yeah. And then dead last was Q-tips, which was in the negative, which nobody thought was a problem, apparently. (annoyed) 'Cause you guys are all idiots!

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: I warned you! I warned you. Go vote up Q-tips. Q-Tips are the new Monkeys.

Dick: I got some comments on that.

Maddox: The Q-tips?

Dick: Yeah. **Zack Zintel** says, **"Hey, Maddox. Q-tips may not be great for your ears, but they're good for cleaning video game cartridges."** (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, that's true! (grins)

Dick: That's true! That explains the negative! **Jamie Pennington** says, **"Maybe if you don't jam it in your ear like you're loading a musket, you won't injure yourself."** (they all laugh) **"Don't be a spaz and do it gently."** Uhh..I gotta agree with that. I did look up what you were saying. No doctors wrote in, unfortunately. I did look up what you were saying, and right past, like, the article of doomsaying that you're gonna make yourself deaf by using a Q-tip.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: At the very end, it's like, "If you must use a Q-tip, just put the cotton part in your ear." And I was like, "Oh, okay. Well, I do that." Like, I do that. Like, I don't jam it…I'm not spelunking with my Q-tip. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, but…(stammers) think about how you're gonna get wax out of the ear. Think about the process.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The Q-tip is not a hook. It's just a knob. You're just PUSHING it into your ear. (Dick groans) You're just compacting it into your fucking ear. And all these doctors are

saying people go into the offices and they're constantly having problems with compacted ear wax and ear infections, and the tips getting dislodged…

Dick: Just the tip…yeah.

Maddox: Just the tip getting dislodged in your ear. (Sean chuckles) Big problem.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I got a comment…

Dick: (interjects) I think you're taking lessons from Trump, over there. "People are CONSTANTLY saying…" "Doctors are CONSTANTLY having all of these problems!!" (grins) I didn't hear a number, though.

Maddox: It's a big problem! (imitates Trump)

Dick: Yeah. (laughs) Huge problem! My…

Maddox: (interjects) Q-tips are nasty. They're nasty. (still imitating Trump)

Dick: I'm not saying it's the biggest problem, but it's one of the biggest. That's one of his moves.

Maddox: It's one of the biggest problems. (Trump) They're nasty. They're bad. (Dick laughs) They're bad things. They're not good.

Sean: It's YUUGE.

Maddox: It's HUGE. Q-tips are huge.

Sean: No, yuge, with a "y".

Maddox: Yuge. (laughs)

Sean: That's how he says it.

Dick: What else you go?

Maddox: I got a comment from **Anthony Giuliano.** He says, **"Someone said it in another episode when Dick said that people making X amount of money shouldn't be teaching about finance."** And he made a good point. He says, **"Someone being able to live comfortably off of $30,000 to $40,000 is exactly the type of person I want teaching me about personal finance."**

Dick: Oh, well you're in luck. There's a lot of people in the world living on, like, 20 cents a day. Go get some lessons from them on your "personal finance."

Maddox: Yeah. I mean…

Dick: (interjects) Like, he is…

Sean: (interjects) Well, I'll tell you what. You can't do that in big cities.

Maddox: No.

Sean: Not without help. Not without a roommate.

Dick: No, of course not.

Sean: Not without a wife or husband.

Maddox: Not in big cities. But also, the cost of living is different in big cities. You…the economy…

Sean: Well, that's what I mean.

Maddox: …scale changes. You make more, you spend more. You know.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Well that's it, but I'm talking about his $20,000 to $30,000, or whatever. Yeah, you can do that maybe in the mid-west or the south.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But you can't do that on the coast.

Maddox: Right. He's talking about the average. Like, in the mid-west. I mean, studies have shown that…

Dick: (interjects) Uh-oh.

Maddox: …people live happily and comfortably at around $75,000 a year. And more than that doesn't increase…

Dick: That sounds about right.

Sean: No, that's…

Maddox: Doesn't increase your happiness.

Dick: I read something else.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It can rent some first-class affection.

Dick: Are you talking about hookers?

Sean: Yes.

Maddox: Okay, Sean.

Dick: Yeah? You ever…you know what?

Sean: Sorry, go ahead.

Dick: That reminds me of something. Do you remember when we went to the Red Light District?

Sean: Sure.

Dick: Yeah. And Sean…Sean was the only one who would go ask a hooker how much she cost? This was a LONG time ago.

Maddox: Where was this?

Dick: Do you remember that? In Amsterdam.

Sean: I was just curious.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Sean: I wasn't gonna do it. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: No, no, no. None of us were. We were all just curious.

Sean: Mhmm.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: (chuckles) Sure.

Dick: Yeah. We were all just very curious about it. (grins)

Maddox: I would put money that you've been with a hooker, Dick.

Dick: No, no, no. Come on. Come on.

Maddox: No?

Dick: Let's…let's get back on track here.

Maddox: Okay, what were you gonna say? You said…

Dick: (interjects) With affluenza, yeah. I read this other study that said the reason money doesn't make people happy is because they're not spending it on the right things after a certain point.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Which was interesting. Um…(stammers) but that seems like that whole affluenza thing. I don't wanna get into that. I have way more important issues to talk about.

Maddox: Oh yeah? I do, too.

Dick: Like what is a stop.

Maddox: (stammers) More of this?! Okay, let's hear this horseshit!

Dick: Yeah. More of this. (grins) Here's…this guy is a professional driver who disagrees with you, okay?

Maddox: (laughing) Professional driver? What the hell?

Dick: With…with a resume.

Maddox: Is this Tim Changzzz calling in from Lyft, 'cause that's also technically a professional driver. (chuckles)

Dick: He's already discredited. I don't even wanna play his voice mail.

Maddox: Yep. (laughing)

(Voice mail: male voice: "As a professional driver, I worked for 30 years driving professional in a fleet vehicle. I have a completely clean MVR and was trained how to drive by multiple people. Um…"

Dick: An old man. (giggles)

"The definition of a stop, to come to a complete stop at a stop sign, is very simple. One, you don't move. That's it."

Dick: That's a professional driver.

Maddox: Yeah. Taught by multiple people.

"Don't move. Come to a complete, whole stop. Wheels aren't moving. Nothing is moving. And then once you've gone…")

Dick: No, alright. Here, I got another one.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Goddamnit, Maddox!! You have no fucking idea if your bumper is gonna move up and down when you come to a stop at 5 miles per hour!"

Maddox: Idiot.

"You're SO sure, but you didn't do a single test. You just used the weird video game physics engine in your brain…"

Dick: Yeah, it's true. (Maddox cracks up)

"To come up with some bullshit."

Dick: He's got you there.

"I was just driving, listening to the podcast, and I tested your stupid argument, and guess what? My bumped moved up and down. Fuck you."

Dick: Yeah. Of course.

Maddox: Yeah, but that depends on your shocks, you fucking…you fucking chimp!! Your shocks….

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're not gonna make a law based on the stiffness of your shocks, idiot! (Dick giggles) They're just not. That's just absolutely…can we throw that out the window? Look. You wanna tell me that stopping means coming to a full stop for some amount of time that's greater than an infinitesimal amount of time. Fine. I'll buy that argument! But don't fucking feed me this line of shit that your bumper has to go up and down!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're not gonna make a law based on the stiffness of your shocks, idiots! You're all idiots!

Dick: No, hold on, Sean.

Sean: Okay, go ahead.

Dick: Because…unless your socks are made of a cinder block, your car will go down and up when you stop.

Maddox: Not necessarily in a perceptible way!

Dick: Yes. Absolutely, yes.

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: (interjects) Absolutely yes!

Maddox: It depends on the speed, your momentum, the inertia that your car has.

Sean: It also depends on how hard you put on your brakes.

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: 'Cause I can do it at idle speed, basically.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Where you just let your foot off the brake and the car goes.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah, you make the car dance! A-lum, a-lum, a-lum. (making car bounce sounds)

Maddox: Sure, Sean.

Sean: More than perceptibly.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And also, if your car has hydraulics in it, and you happen to hit that button as you stop!? (Dick cracks up) What, are the cops gonna be like…

Dick: (interjects) This is real!! (laughing)

Maddox: "Well, his bumper moved!" (stupid voice, inaudible) "Buh, buh, buh, buh, bumper!" Idiot!

Dick: Oookay.

Maddox: You guys are all idiots! (stammers) (laughs)

Dick: Doubling down! (grins)

Maddox: I already thought low of you guys, and now I think less.

Dick: If there's any engineers in the audience…(Maddox laughs) who wanna rev up their Wolfram alpha accounts, send it…send in the explanations!! I got one for Robin. Robin, what a great guest.

Maddox: Great guest. People…

Dick: (interjects) She always brings in sex problems, but she's a very smart woman, as well.

Maddox: Those aren't mutually exclusive! Smart people like to bone, and she posted her video on…we posted the video on our website. Check it out. The Wheel of Fortune…her Pat Sajak Vanna White boning theory. And she has the smoking gun in this video. And our fans loved the video.

Dick: Yeah. Oh, yeah.

Maddox: I highly recommend you check it out.

Dick: Yeah. It's not one of these, like, meta pieces.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You know, that these comedians do, they think they're so fucking funny.

Maddox: Oh, God, yeah.

Dick: And self-aware.

Maddox: Right. Oooh…

Dick: (interjects) I don't even know if I'm joking or not. That's how funny I inherently am. Robin's not like that.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Well, here's a voice mail for her.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Maddox, Dick. I love you guys, but seriously, fuck Robin for being heightist. (Dick and Maddox giggle) **None of us short guys can do anything about our height, except stupid things like wearing lifts in our shoes."**

Dick: Well, you can do that.

"It's a big fucking problem that I know you guys don't have, but if your dating criteria…"

Maddox: This guy sounds like a short guy.

"…demands 6 feet plus only guys, then you deserve to be used up like a disposable fucking whore."

Maddox: Whoaaaaaaaaaa!!!! (Dick laughs)

"Heightism fucking sucks. Nobody talks about it. There's jack shit us short guys can do."

Maddox: Whoa!! (Dick cracks up)

"So fuck you, Robin. No wonder your sex life sucks!")

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhh!! (Dick laughs) Inappropriate!!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: You know what? Fuck that guy.

Sean: Fucking swinging for the fences, there.

Dick: That's how you get voicemail on the show, guys. (they laugh) Just so you know.

Maddox: Bitter, angry. You can hear the desperation in his voice!

Dick: Well, he's got a point. You know, all these chicks who say there's a height requirement to ride this ride.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, maybe the ride's a little old. Maybe the ride's been ridden a little too much for me.

Maddox: Blame society, what can I say? This is a cultural phenomenon.

Sean: They asked Nicole Kidman about divorcing Tom Cruise, and she was like, "Eh, at least I can wear heels now."

Maddox: Ohohoho. (laughing)

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: Just for the record, 'cause Robin's not here to defend herself, she didn't have a height requirement.

Maddox: No.

Dick: That was you and I that added that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To her re…like, all she…she said she's only dated one guy taller than her, and that turned into a hundred guys saying, "What a bitch! She's got a height requirement!!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like…guys. (Maddox laughs) I'm sick of being called a white knight on this show.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. You. (laughs)

Dick: Mostly because…well, you remember we did the live episode?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then it's like, "Dick Masterson goes full white knight." And it's like, "Okay, motherfucker."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I was on an internationally-syndicated talk show for five hours, doing…saying more misogynist things than you've ever imagined in bed, by yourself." You wouldn't say these things, you pussy.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Don't you ever call me a white knight! (Maddox chuckles) Right? And I don't wanna be called a white knight now, but Robin did not say she has a height requirement.

Maddox: Mmm, sounds like something a white knight would say. (they all laugh)

Dick: I mean, you can't win, these fucking kids!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What a white knight! What a white knight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, kid, you wouldn't DREAM of saying the things that I say on television! You wouldn't say 'em to a child!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You fucking pussy!

Maddox: Yeah. We brought in the Social Justice Warrior problem, and all these, like, same idiot pussies are like, "Oh, yeah, good problem. Yeah, social justice warriors are a big problem." But then, when you mention ANYTHING in the opposite, or if you argue any other point, suddenly you're a social justice warrior liberal cuck! That's what they call you. That's all they have. It's the only ammo they have.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's Confirmation Bias. Big problem!

Dick: You are a liberal, though.

Maddox: Fuck you!!! (they laugh) Alright.

Dick: You wanna hear one…I got…

Maddox: Let's hear it, yeah.

Dick: One more. One more. Uh, there's another Robin one. You wanna hear more about Robin, or you wanna hear more about brakes? (laughing) (background laughter) Or Q-tips? (Maddox sighs, annoyed) Here's…let's hear another Q-tips one!!

Maddox: Okay.

(Voice mail: male voice: (goofy, stupid) Ooooohhheheeewww!! (they all laugh) **I can't put Q-tips in my ears!!! What am I supposed to be using 'em for?! (inaudible) (crying) this is a big problem!!! Waaaaaaaaah. (normal voice) That's what you sound like. You're such a fucking idiot. They're Q-tips. They're fucking cotton swabs, dude. You apply shit like liquids with them to other shit, like…"**

Dick: Various alloys.

"…maybe a wound, or something. I don't know. You could use them for all sorts of shit. Are you that fucking retarded? It's cotton on a fucking stick!!")

(Dick giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, I get it, dipshit! But that's not what people use it for! We're having an "is" "ought" argument, you fuck!

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: You need to look at how people are using them, not what they should be or could be using them!! Dickfuck. It's not (goofy voice) "Uhhh, Maddox, you can use 'em to clean cartridges!" "Uhh, Maddox, you can put aloe on my wounds!" Why don't you put aloe on that sore ass of yours after I kick it, bitch? (Sean laughs)

Dick: Battle of the retarded voices!!! On this show. (Maddox laughs) Immediately. "Ooooh. Unnnnnnnngh."

Maddox: "Unnnnnnnngh." Alright.

Dick: I don't know how people use q-tips now.

Maddox: They put 'em in their ears!

Dick: I'm all confused. I don't know.

Maddox: Look, man. Look. Chicks use them sometimes to clean off makeup.

Dick: Makeup. Okay.

Maddox: I get it. Yeah. Which they should. You know.

Dick: Yeah. They should do a little more cleaning up of the makeup.

Maddox: Yeah, more cleaning up.

Dick: As far as I'm concerned.

Maddox: It's a little too thick, ladies.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Eh? Right?

Dick: Yeah. Take one from us. (Maddox chuckles) Go…be naturally beautiful!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Duh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Guy who hasn't shaved in three days. Alright. I got…(giggles) We ready to move on to the problems?

Dick: Not time for the Harry's ad yet!!! Settle down!!

Maddox: Nope. (laughing)

Dick: With your references!!

Maddox: I caught myself!! (they laugh)

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Alright, guys. I got a big problem!!

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: This week.

(Sound effect: Cymbal)

Maddox: Internet addiction!

Dick: Oh, God.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Yeah. It's close to home. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Internet Addiction, guys. Now, this sounds like one of those, like, goofy problems, but I watched a documentary…

Dick: (interjects) No, it's the opposite!

Maddox: You think it's…

Dick: (interjects) I'm sorry, I must disagree with you already! (Maddox laughs) But this is a major, major problem!

Maddox: That's how I can get you to support my problems, is if I come out of the gates shitting on them, and then you'll start supporting 'em!

Dick: Wrong! (they crack up)

Maddox: Alright, guys. Internet addiction. Yeah, it is a big problem. Internet Addiction Disorder was originally proposed as a satire of the way people use the Internet back in 1995.

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: Which, by the way, guys? 1995 is the same year I got my Xmission account and created my email address that I still use today.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My email address is…what, 20 years old now. 21 years old.

Dick: Wow!!

Maddox: Yeah. My email address is old enough to drink, now. Anyway, there's a… (laughs) There's a psychiatrist, his name is Ivan Goldberg. He introduced the concept on his website, but shortly after he did, stories started flooding the news about kids who had serious psychological addictions to online gaming and the Internet.

Dick: This was in '95.

Maddox: Yeah, '95, this happened.

Dick: Wow, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, the Internet really sucked in 1995, too.

Maddox: No, it was pretty cool. I would say.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You know what? It got…it got really..

Dick: (interjects) I don't know if cool is the word you're looking for. Maybe another one.

Maddox: I really liked the old Internet.

Dick: Better?

Maddox: I connected to it…with dialup.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And there were very few websites, and it was super fast, super easy to access, because it was mostly text-based. There were no images. There was no bullshit.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: 'Cause I had to surf the Internet using a text browser.

Dick: Mhmm. Sure.

Maddox: And I would hop on IRC. I was able to…this is kinda funny. So my parents, to punish me, when I was 16 years old. Would take away my computer monitor.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Which…pissed me off, because I legitimately used my computer to do homework. I would type up all my homework assignments and do programming, and things like that. So because I was using a text-based modem to connect to the Internet, I knew how to do that blind. Without seeing the screen at all.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I wanted to test my theory one day, 'cause I was so bored. I would sit down in front of my computer with no monitor, 'cause my parents were just being dicks. And I turned on my computer, and I'd listen for the memory test beep, and then I'd listen for the second beep when DOS loaded up. Then I knew which directory to go to, to launch my program. And I even knew the shortcut codes to dial in to my Internet service provider. Then I heard my modem kick on, and then I thought, "Well, I don't know if I'm actually logged in or not." So I thought, "I'm gonna hop on IRC." IRC is Internet Relay Chat, for anyone who hasn't used it.

Dick: Who's cool.

Maddox: Yeah. The majority of people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I hopped on IRC, and I thought, "I wonder if people can actually see me in the channel even though I can't see them." And I said, "Hey guys. I'm typing this to you blind. If anyone can read this, send me a Ctrl-E character." Which makes your PC beep. And all of a sudden, I hear a little Crtl-E. A little beep. Like, "Wow, that's kinda cool! I can hop on IRC blind!"

Dick: Yeah. Did that show your parents?

Maddox: No. (they laugh)

Dick: Hey parents, fuck you!! I beeped at my Internet friends without my monitor!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: You better think of a better punishment!

Maddox: I can still get on the Internet.

Dick: You better start taking away the soup. (background laughter)

Maddox: Why don't you take away my keyboard? My fingers?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, yeah. These…so, stories started actually flooding the Internet about people who are addicted to it. Already. Like, back in 1995, when this guy came up with this theory…

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Um, in 2009, a 19-year-old kid named Ben Alexander got addicted to World of Warcraft and was playing it for 16 or 17 hours per day. He used it as a crutch for his intense social anxiety, according to CBS. And here's a clip from NPR about it. Listen to this kid. He actually had to go to a rehab facility in Seattle and this is…this is the kid. Listen to this.

(Clip starts, male narrator: "Ben Alexander says he's an addict."

Ben: "Hi, I'm Ben, and I'm a gamer."

Narrator: "He says around the time he went off to college, he got involved in an online game called 'World of Warcraft'."

Ben: It fairly quickly got out of hand, to where I was missing classes and… spending entire days just playing, and not doing anything else."

Dick: Neeeeeeeerddddddd!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Narrator: "About to flunk out, he asked his folks for help. His family is now spending $300 a day to keep Alexander away from the Internet."

Dick: Oh, God!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck you.

Narrator: "He's the first client at a start-up detox program called Restart."

Female: "We know that people tend to get hooked by things that are rewarding, but unpredictably so. And the Internet is just built around that principle."

Narrator: "The Internet can be habit-forming, she says. Just like booze, or gambling."

Female: "If you do it compulsively and in spite of the negative consequences, then we'd say that's an addiction.")

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: So, that's an addiction. If you do it habitually and compulsively in spite of the consequences. That's how she defines an addiction.

Dick: Yeah, but not if it's funny while you're doing it. (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: What do you mean?

Dick: Like, I tell…I like to tell a lot of jokes while I'm drinking.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I get a lot of good stories out of it.

Maddox: Yeah, well…

Dick: That's not an addiction if you do it, like, and you learn a little lesson at the end of every night.

Maddox: You're do…(laughs) You're doing it…(background laughter)

Dick: And people are like, "Man, that guy was a real blast to hang around with." That's not an addiction.

Maddox: Yeah, but you're doing it during your addiction. You're doing it during your alcohol addiction.

Dick: Ach, I mean, I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm not a doctor.

Maddox: Okay. (grins) No, that lady psychologist…a lot of psychologists disagree. It's still a contentious issues. It's being debated whether or not this should be recognized in the DSM manual. You know, the psychological manual.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Where they diagnose people. Um, but that psychologist thinks that it is a problem, and…because, in 2009, this happened again. A 22-year-old mother in Jacksonville, Florida, killed her three-month-old son after his crying interrupted her Farmville game.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She shook the baby, then went outside to smoke a cigarette to calm down. (Dick snorts) and came inside and shook the baby some more, before going back to her game.

Dick: To make sure it was dead?!

Maddox: No, she didn't think it was gonna kill it.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah. Her child. But she killed her child.

Dick: She killed it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: That was according to mashable.com. And then in 2010, a Bulgarian city council member lost his job and got demoted because he couldn't stop playing Farmville during meetings!

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: This guy lost his job!!! Like, he was so addicted to it! And then his defense, when they brought it up to him, they said, "Well, Councilwoman so-and-so is on level 40, she's higher than me." So why aren't you going after her?! (they laugh) Idiot.

Dick: How many people are driving around, playing Farmville? Facebook? That's what I wanna know.

Maddox: Y…

Dick: (interjects) That's very dangerous. Those people should be ashamed of themselves.

Maddox: Very dangerous.

Dick: Driving around…on the Internet. With their internet addictions.

Maddox: I feel like I'm listening to a confession here. (Sean giggles) I…I saw a dude on the freeway the other day, who was…driving very slow. And swerving a little bit, and I thought to myself, "I guarantee this shithead is texting while driving."

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And I…drove up next to him, and sure enough, he was…his face was down in his lap the entire time.

Dick: Yeah. (scoffs)

Maddox: Looking at his phone. I honked, looked at him, and then I pointed to my eyes, like, you know, the eagle eyes, the…

Dick: (interjects) The international sign for "I'm looking at you."

Maddox: I'm looking at you.

Dick: I'm looking at you. Yeah.

Maddox: So I pointed to my eyes, and then I pointed to the road with my fingers.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And he looked at me, and he nodded…and then…

Dick: (interjects) And he said, "You're watching the road! I get it, buddy! I'm watching my phone, no big deal!" (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: He…he nodded, and then I went up past him. I sped up. And then he sped up to catch up to me, and I thought, "Oh, here he is, he's gonna flip me off." And I look over to him, and he gives me a thumbs up, and an okay sign. He learned his lesson! I actually helped that guy. He's like, "Yeah, you're right."

Dick: No, he was saying, “Take your thumb and shove it up your butthole.” (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, okay. (they laugh)

Dick: That’s what he was saying.

Maddox: Well, jokes’ on him.

Dick: I think you’re soft selling this problem, honestly.

Maddox: No, there’s…I got more. There’s…there’s tons.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Another father abused his child because his kid interrupted his game of Everquest. The kid was locked in a closet for more than 24 hours, and then he came out fabulouuuus. (gay). (Sean and Dick chuckle) No, just kidding. His child had a broken collarbone and a punctured heart, and he actually died.

Dick: Wait, sorry, what?!

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Dick: How did he get…

Maddox: His father…

Dick: (interjects) How did he get that playing Everquest?

Maddox: His father slammed his kid into the closet for 24 hours.

Dick: For playing Everquest?

Maddox: ‘Cause the kid was crying that he was hungry and wanted attention.

Dick: Oh, and the DAD was playing Everquest.

Maddox: The DAD was playing Everquest, yeah.

Dick: So he locked him up like Matilda so he could keep playing Everquest?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: How did that happen to the kid in the closet? He must have hit him first.

Maddox: He sl…yeah, he hit him. He slammed the kid into the closet, and the kid had a broken collarbone and a punctured heart.

(background: “Jesus.”)

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah, got arrested. Uh, for playing Everquest. And then a Korean couple. This is just…this is a worldwide phenomenon. A Korean couple also let their child starve to death while they raised a virtual child online in some stupid game.

Dick: Yeah, well…

Maddox: They go…

Dick: (interjects) That's smart. Probably a better return on the virtual child.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: New one comes out, ugly like you, stupid like you. The virtual one, you just put cash into it, it gets smarter and better.

Maddox: Right? So these, uh…this Korean couple, they'd go to Internet cafes for hours to play games, and they'd pop in occasionally to feed the kid powdered milk. And in a statement, the father said, "I am sorry for what I did and I hope that my daughter does not suffer anymore in Heaven."

Dick: Oh, my God!

Maddox: Talk about leveling up, huh? Huh? (giggles)

Dick: What a weird quote.

Maddox: No? Yeah. Yeah. I mean, these people are addicted to the Internet.

Dick: I still think you're soft selling it!

Maddox: Well..what do you want…(stammers)

Dick: 'Cause these people are one-offs!!

Maddox: What do you wanna add?

Dick: Uh…how about that every motherfucker on Earth wastes, like, what percentage of their day on Facebook?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How about…you remember that domestic violence story that I brought in?!

Maddox: Which one?

Dick: I…I bet that was caused 'cause that girl is addicted to Instagram.

Maddox: Which domestic violence story?

Dick: Well, the one where that girl came up to my apartment after she got her ass kicked.

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Dick: She would NEVER get off her phone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People are glued to their fucking phones. That is Internet addiction.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That promise of having some connectivity with another human that the screen brings you!? That's what Internet addiction is to me, 'cause you're constantly jonesing for it. This is coming from an addict. That's the feeling is, "God, just please give me more of

this so I can get that high that I want." None of it's giving it to me. I'm gonna keep drinking. I'm gonna keep snorting blow. I'm gonna keep shooting it into my arm. I'm gonna keep looking at the screen and scrolling, and scrolling, and scrolling, even though I NEVER get off from it! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the addiction part. And everybody's got it. Huge problem.

Maddox: HUGE problem. It is similar to…the dopamine hit that you get from heroin. Uh, the first time people take heroin, allegedly, I've never done it. Um…

Dick: Everything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's similar from the hit you get from everything. The entire addiction center's wired like that.

Sean: Caffeinated soda.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Everything releases that dopamine.

Dick: Cleaning your ear with q-tips!

Sean: It's the reward thing.

Dick: Seriously!

Maddox: It does become compulsive. It does become compulsive. To the point where I personally…I have become, at times in my life, addicted to Facebook and Twitter, especially because of what I do. It's so difficult for me to ignore it, because part of it is having to post things on Facebook and Twitter, if I post a new article or if I have to interact with someone to bring in comments for the show, or whatever it is…uh, it becomes compulsive. So, sometimes I'll just be pulling up Facebook, and I hate it, I hate everything I'm reading. I hate all your stupid opinions!!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I hate all your kids. I hate all your dogs. I hate everything and everyone on Facebook, but I can't stop looking at this garbage. And all the stories are stupid bullshit! #trendingtopics, which is always about Mark Cuban's stupid fat face. (Dick giggles) And then I read this shit, and…and sometimes when I'm reading it, I get bored while I'm reading Facebook, and I open up a new tab…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I go to Facebook!

Dick: I need more Facebook!!

Maddox: Ugh!! Like…

Dick: (interjects) I'll be on the computer, like, "I'm gonna shut the laptop down. I'm gonna go to bed. I'm just gonna pop up my phone for a LITTLE bit more Internet."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just a little bit more. Just a nightcap.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm done getting shitfaced at the bar, I'ma go home and have a couple beers in bed. That's how bad the addiction is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you've got a built-in rationalization. You…you are in the red.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There is a scale of addict…possibility of being an addict. You are in the red.

Maddox: Nah, I'll cop to that. It's very difficult, to the point where…

Dick: (interjects) To the point where your book is super fucking late…(Maddox giggles) because you're on Facebook all day, dicking around!

Maddox: Yeah, let's not talk about that. (Dick and background laughter)

Sean: But he…you know what? He does it for the fans.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, yeah, exactly. (grins)

Sean: He does it for the fans.

Maddox: Thank you, Sean. It's my sacrifice. That's how I give, alright? So…I would create a script. I created a script a long time ago that would block Facebook and Twitter on my computer.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And I'm a lazy person, so I like to make an efficient way to do that, so I don't have to always go into the long directory in Windows to block it my host's file.

Dick: You have a shortcut? Desktop?

Maddox: I created a shortcut, yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: I created a shortcut for it. And then I realized I was using the shortcut anytime I wanted to check Facebook.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was super easy. So I deleted the Facebo…the shortcut. And then made it super difficult for me to block and unblock it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that's actually helped. That's what I recommend to everyone. Block Facebook. Block Twitter.

Dick: Lemme tell you why this is the most dangerous problem and addiction that there is. Because all of the other drugs. Every other thing that people abuse to get high is to stop loneliness. And the Internet offers the problem of ending loneliness. You're not dulling it! You're not dulling the loneliness with liquor or drugs! You're gonna fucking end it, because there are people on this screen you can actually interact with.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Huh. Dick, I was…that's actually surprisingly astute, coming from you.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: How's that for a backhanded compliment? (laughing) No, but for real, that's the heart of the issue, here.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Is loneliness. I thought you were gonna say…(stammers) be wildly off the mark here, but that's exactly what it is.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Uh…(laughs) Another 22-year-old Korean man killed his mother because she nagged him for playing too many games. He then went to an Internet café and continued to play, right after murdering his own mother.

Dick: Is this, like, on another timeline, do you wish that was you?! (they laugh) Taking tips from that guy?

Maddox: Nah, man. Um…then in 2005, a man collapsed in the city of Taegu for playing Starcraft for 50 hours straight. He went into cardiac arrest and died at a local hospital. He went into cardiac arrest while playing a game for 50 hours.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then, I knew…my brother had a coworker a long time ago, who was severely depressed, and the last time anyone saw him was…he called in sick to work, or something like that. He took a Friday off and he spent 72 hours in his apartment alone, didn't leave, and the next time anyone discovered him was dead, because he just spent all that time playing World of Warcraft. Didn't get up, didn't leave.

Dick: Didn't order any food?!

Maddox: Didn't eat. I guess not, I don't know.

Dick: How did he die?

Maddox: I don't know all the details, it was a long time ago.

Dick: Ceiling fell on him. (they laugh)

Maddox: It was a warlock. A warlock spell. I don't know how he d…(laughs)

Dick: What do you mean? That's how he died?

Maddox: That's how he died. In the game. Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Oh. Well, I mean, like, how are you in the civilized world and you die in 72 hours in your apartment?

Maddox: No, I think…

Dick: (interjects) It seems weird.

Maddox: Now that I remember…now, I think I remember, I think it was a suicide.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Because he wanted to join a clan to do a raid together.

Dick: Ohhhh, yeah, okay.

Maddox: And they did it without him, or…I mean, this is, like, serious, serious stuff. I have a friend who was visiting Los Angeles and she…she said she had to leave early. And she said she had to go back home, and she had an important thing going on. And I said, "Well, you're already here, there's all this fun stuff going on this weekend, what's so important that you have to go back so quickly, so suddenly?" And finally, she confessed. She goes, "Well, I have a raid." And I'm like, what? A what? She goes, "It's a World of Warcraft. I've scheduled a raid and I have to be there for it."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I'm like, are you…(laughing) Are you out of your mind!? You go back home to play a raid in World of Warcraft?!!?

Dick: Yeah. Don't you wanna go to this adult coloring book polyamory party with me? (they laugh)

Maddox: Fuck you. In…in China, the addiction is so bad amongst its youth that they've opened up over 400 rehabilitation centers to help these kids. 400 of 'em!

Dick: Do they work?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: I don't think rehab works.

Maddox: …to an extent. Some of 'em do. Some of 'em do.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah. There's a documentary called Web Junkie. It came out in 2014, I believe. It's a fascinating look at what goes on behind the scenes for these kids. So, some of these kids in the facility played for 40 days in a row. One kid spent $8500 in a month in an online game. And some of these kids are so addicted that they don't even get up to go to the bathroom, because it'll affect their performance. So they wear diapers.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: They sit at these Internet cafes in diapers.

Dick: Diapers, that's cool.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's wrong with that?

Maddox: They don't even wanna get up.

Dick: Nascar drivers wear diapers, too, presumably.

Maddox: Do they?

Dick: Do they? Yeah? Don't they piss in their…don't they have, like, piss suits?

Sean: I don't know. I think they do. I think they do.

Dick: Yeah. Astronauts piss in their suits. That's cool. So what? What's wrong with that? (Maddox scoffs) (Dick laughs)

Sean: You should wear 'em!!

Maddox: Sure.

Sean: Dick should wear 'em to save his underwear.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I mean, how do they rationalize it?! Like, at what point are they just playing computer games and all of a sudden, they're sitting there, like, "Well, you know what? I guess I'm just gonna put a diaper on today." Like, this is the day. Today's the day I'm starting to wear the diapers.

Maddox: Yeah. They…I don't know how they rationalize it. These kids, first of all, none of 'em…they speak just like addicts. In this documentary. I highly recommend you guys check it out. It's called Web Junkie. It's about one of these rehabilitation centers in Daxing. It's a province of Beijing, in China.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: And they rationalize it by saying, "I don't have a problem, I just like to play video games." And…they don't even realize the insanity that's coming out of their mouths. One of the kids was, like, "Yeah, I only play 10 hours a day." ONLY?!

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: Only play 10 hours a day? Another kid was crying and screaming on the phone with his mother, saying "Please bring me back home, I promise I'll just play 4 hours a day." (scoffs) He said he's gonna cut down to 4 hours per day if she brought him home. And then these kids, some of 'em got so desperate to escape from this facility that they would sneak out the window. They put, like, light bars and stuff on the window. It's not quite bars, it's kind of like a metal mesh, so they couldn't get out the window.

Dick: They put, like, children's playground equipment that they have to climb over. (Maddox chuckles) And do basic exercise to get out of the facility. (Sean laughs)

Sean: Yeah, which none of them can do. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: They're all terrified of. They won't get near it.

Maddox: Yeah, they all look pretty pasty. Uh…they all look like gamers. And so this kid… one of the kids, like, I guess removed the metal mesh and climbed out the window. Seven of 'em escaped. And the facility was panicked.

Dick: Yeah! (giggles)

Maddox: All the instructors were running out, they're like, "Oh my God, these kids escaped." So they were looking for the kids.

Sean: They caught 'em three days later, like 50 yards from the facility, like, wheezing.

Dick: (laughs) They sprinkled…they sprinkled, like, PSPs around the perimeter of the facility just in case there's any breakouts! (Maddox and Sean laugh) And they trap 'em, like land mines, like, "Uaaaaaaghhhhhhh!!"

Maddox: You guys are actually not too far off. (Dick laughing) They caught the kids three or four hours later at an Internet café.

Dick: At an Internet café!? (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Fuck you kids!!! (laughing) You fucking suck!

Maddox: These poor kids are so addicted, they got on…they took a cab. The first cab they could find, and took it straight to an Internet café.

Dick: Straight to an Internet café.

Maddox: Yeah. It's so sad, man. These kids…I mean, it's a serious addiction. And then the parents are at a loss for what to do. There's psychologists in the school and they're even not sure whether or not this is an official diagnosis, because it's…it's mixed. The psychological community is mixed on whether or not to diagnose this as such.

Sean: But it's addict behavior.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: It's very severe addictive behavior. And so they encourage the parents, even, to come down to the facilities and stay with the kids. And it's so sad. One of the kids was… just felt really unloved and detached from his parents, so one day, his dad…the kid's dad, wanted him to stop playing a game, 'cause he'd been playing for five or six hours. He said, "You need to turn it off and go to bed." The kid wouldn't do it, so the dad came over and just turned it off.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And the kid lost his fucking mind, and ran over to the window and was trying to throw himself out the window. (Dick cracks up) And the mom…

Dick: (interjects) That's funny.

Maddox: The mom…the mom grabbed the kid and pulled him back in. He was half out the window. And the dad…I mean, it became really intense. The kid was like, "Do you

want me to die?!" and he goes, "Go ahead, kill yourself." And the dad was upset. The dad had…was at wit's end. So this is a very last resort thing that they're doing.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Is putting these kids into these rehab facilities, because they don't know what else to do. And there's a scene in the movie where the kid has to tell his father that he loves him. And the father…they both, like, break down. It's so tough to watch, because the father doesn't know what to do, and the psychologist in the school eventually talks to the parents and they have a couple of theories on why this is happening, especially in China. It's a big problem in China. And they said that part of it…

Dick: (interjects) Is it 'cause China sucks?

Maddox: No.

Dick: And, like, life sucks there, so it's better, so they like escapism more? Like, that specific kind?

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: No.

Dick: I would want a fake world if I was, like, breathing in soot.

Maddox: It's not…I mean, that's not the c…this is still a minority of people who have this problem.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: But the…the psychologist's framework for why this is happening in China more than other places is possibly in part due to the one child policy. So the children…they said that the children are just looking for some kind of online connection.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And they finally got one of the kids to confess. He said, "When I'm online, I can talk to someone else who understands me, and gets me, and they are my buddies, they are my friends online." And so they have an intense addiction, not necessarily to the game, but to the social aspect of it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: With other people. Because these people in real life have no social skills. They're not able to look anyone else in the eye. They're not able to make friends. They're not able to be productive and keep jobs and stay in school, that sort of thing. These are people who have, maybe a psychological disorder, but it's very deeply steeped in loneliness.

Dick: Everybody's got it. And…when they have those friends, like, those text friends, 'cause I get a lot of emails from guys who are trying to pursue these weirdo long-distance relationships. It's like, "Well, we talk every day." It's like, "Dude, none of it's real. None of it's fucking real." Like, the idea you have in your mind of these words you're reading on

the screen are, like, this weird, idealized conception you have of another person. They're not like that. Like, this is a fantasy. You are living in a fantasy.

Maddox: That's what the instructors and parents would tell the kids in this facility.

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: That this is not real. This is fantasy. But the kids actually think the opposite is true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They say that reality…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they're stupid.

Maddox: Yeah, they say that reality is more fake than the online virtual world. And if you think about it, if you have time to craft your statement and image to another person online, you can make it look and seem however you want, and make it seem…it's an idealized version of you.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Like, if you stutter in real life, you're not going to stutter online if you're typing.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: If you don't look good in real life, you can make your avatar be whatever you want in real life.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: That's why when I brought in the Oculus Rift, I know. I know myself and I know that this is a very…I have a somewhat addictive personality when it comes to technology. I know that I'm gonna get sucked ALL the way in.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Full in.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I can't wait for it. And I've never played World of Warcraft SPECIFICALLY because I know that I might get addicted to it.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: I've avoided it entirely. Because I know that it's…it's one of those things that can just suck you in and not let you out. And I just want to end it on this one last note. One of the fathers was so desperate to get his son back from an online game that he hired assassins to kill him…(Dick cracks up) (Maddox laughs) IN the online game.

Dick: Right, right, right.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: We all went there! We didn't need…

Maddox: Okay, yeah. (laughing)

Dick: We all knew that was where you were going!! (laughing) Ohh, OHHHHHH!!!

Maddox: Ohhhhhh!!! (they laugh)

Dick: As in the GAME, oh, I see. I see. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So I saw this news report. And it's actually in the trailer…at the end of the credits in this movie, Web Junkie?

Dick: Yeah. Huh.

Maddox: The news report talks about this father who hired these assassins, and the kid got suspicious because these guys were following him from server to server…

Dick: Oh, my God, that's funny.

Maddox: And there's, like, five or six of 'em constantly killing his son and only his son. (Dick guffaws) And finally he…

Sean: (Interjects) Did he call the virtual cops?! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (laughing) He called the Tumblr police.

Maddox: Yeah. No, he called his own assassin crew. No, he actually confronted these guys and he's, like, "Guys, leave me alone. I don't have a problem. It's not an addiction." And of course they all say that. They all say that. And they think that these facilities are trying to brain…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, they do. It's disgusting.

Maddox: (laughing) They think that these facilities are trying to brainwash them.

Dick: The kids think?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That the facilities are trying to brainwash them?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well…I mean, that's true.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You gotta fight a brainwash with a brainwash. The best way to get over drugs is Jesus.

Maddox: Uh…okay. (giggles)

Sean: Well that's…yeah, it's super common. Yeah, trading one thing for another.

Dick: Yeah! (scoffs) Yeah.

Sean: Extreme behavior.

Maddox: I guess, but…

Sean: (interjects) But see, those sudden changes almost never last.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You have to learn it over a gradual period of time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, Sean, these facilities, what they do is they take the kids and they have them in a very rigid, structured environment where they have times that they have to do things. They have to do very basic tasks. They teach them how to make their bed, and these kids, a lot of times, in these Internet cafes, they'll go 30 days without showering.

Dick: Oh, my God!!! (laughs)

Maddox: They're basically like homeless people.

Dick: That's disgus….well, it's like an opium den.

Maddox: Yeaah.

Dick: It sounds like.

Maddox: It's…weird. It's a culture that we don't really experience in the US, because we don't have that dense impacted environment of people who a) don't have a huge living space, and b) don't necessarily have enough money to invest in a high-end computer, so Internet cafes are very popular in certain provinces in China, and certain provinces…it's actually big in Japan as well.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: People just spend days living in these cafes.

Dick: You know what these kids need?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Burning Man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No phones, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No Internet! No, like…

Maddox: No showers.

Dick: Uh…you can rig up a shower. (Maddox scoffs, Sean laughs) But you go…this is honestly true. 'Cause I think the Internet, mostly socially, only serves to make people feel bad about themselves. And going without it for, like, ten days, or a week, or whenever I go, I feel like a better person after I do it. Like, I do think Internet addiction, whatever degree, not to the degree where people are going in closets and getting their heart stabbed, or whatever happened to that gay kid. (Maddox giggles) I think it's ruining…it's ruining people's lives. Like, it's making life WORSE.

Maddox: Why? Because…

Dick: For everybody. More miserable, more disconnected. Like, um….the urge to compare yourself to the time everyone else is having is always there. Like, okay. Here's a study that I read that makes me think of it. Guys were asked to rate the attractiveness of, like, their partner, or a girl. Based on not seeing anyone at all.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And also seeing a bunch of, like, hot chicks.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And they always rated their partner or the selected girl WAY lower after seeing a bunch of hot chicks.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Like…it's making everyone more dissatisfied with their lives.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause all you see is a flood of other things.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, it's not even necessarily an…not even, like, a palpable envy. It's just you SEE them. You're exposed to 'em. And it makes you appreciate everything you have way less.

Maddox: Yeah. People go out and they have a fun time on their vacation, and they post all those pictures, and you see those pictures and you compare them to your life. And you realize, "Well, my life kinda sucks in comparison."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And some of those…

Dick: (interjects) You download the pictures of THEIR wife in a bikini.

Maddox: Yeah. (background laughter)

Dick: To use later.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you're like, "I think my wife's hotter, but I don't know now. I got this other fucking picture."

Maddox: Or something these pricks come back from an awesome vacation at Burning Man and all they post are fucking pictures of Burning Man!!

Dick: Yeah, it's horrible. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: (they talk over each other)

Dick: I hate it too! I hate it too, but I like being totally disconnected.

Maddox: You know what, Dick?

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Vote up Facebook. That's exactly the problem! Vote up Facebook. I brought it in as a problem.

Dick: Yeah, but they're making Oculus Rift.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: But they remind you when your friends' birthdays are. That's pretty useful.

Maddox: Yeah, so does a calendar. (they chuckle)

Dick: Alright. Speaking of waste of paper.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Calendars.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Uh…(Maddox laughs) My biggest problem in the universe is Receipts.

Maddox: Receipts!

Dick: Yeah. How many receipts…how many receipts have we got in our lives? Like a billion? How many times have you ever used a receipt, twice?

Maddox: Yeah, maybe.

Dick: Three times?

Sean: Very rarely to return something.

Dick: Never. Never.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But I have a whole c…I have a trash bag of receipts dumped out in my car that looks like I'm…looks like the guy from Seven's notebook library got shredded into my car. I always have clumps of wadded up paper in my jeans. I'm…you get receipts that are three feet long that you have to fold up like a wallet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And stick in your pants. Why? Why do we have…why do we need proof that we bought this thing?

Maddox: Do you…have you heard that Mitch Hedberg joke about donuts?

Dick: No, what is it?

Maddox: He had a joke where he said, "I walked into a donut store and bought a donut, and he gave me a receipt." And he thought, "At no point in my life…"

Dick: At no point in my life.

Maddox: "…do I need to issue documentation that I purchased this donut."

Dick: No!

Maddox: He said, “You give me donut, I give you cash. End of transaction.”

Dick: That’s it!

Maddox: I don’t need documentation of this purchase.

Dick: No. Why does McDonald’s even give them?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When is the one instance in history where someone has needed to prove that they bought an apple pie?

Sean: You know, Starbucks asks you whether you want a receipt or not.

Dick: That’s more offensive!!! They…it should be on YOU! The onus should be on you for asking something that’s totally weird.

Sean: Yeah, that’s true.

Dick: “Hey, can I have proof that I bought this latte?” Like, “I guess I could get a manager to, like, fill out a permission slip that you purchased a coffee here.”

Sean: Well, you would only need it if you need to be reimbursed. Like a runner for a recording studio or something like that.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: You go out and get coffee for all the clients and the band and the engineer and producer and stuff, and then you bring it back and they reimburse you.

Maddox: Correct.

Sean: That’s the only time you would need a receipt.

Maddox: Right. That’s the time…and also, the IRS is a big problem here, because if you have to write things off…

Sean: Oh yeah, write-offs.

Maddox: If you take a lot of clients out for dinner. If you buy products for your business, or whatever it is. You have to have documentation that you purchased it, because apparently, your bank statement is not enough?!

Dick: Well, exactly! Like, every time I go…if I ever want to return something, I’m like…”Oh, you got the receipt?” “No. You have my credit card. You do it.”

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You do the fucking legwork.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Dude.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Don't put this on me! You wanna know how much…I did some, like, like…ecology? What do you call it, when you're trying to save the environment?

Maddox: Uh…(they giggle) you're just an environmentalist?

Dick: What is that called? I did some pussy research.

Maddox: Pussy research, yeah.

Dick: Oh, environmentalist research. (Sean giggles)

Sean: Pussy research!! (giggles)

Maddox: Environmentalist pussy research.

Dick: Here's how much waste goes into receipts every…

Maddox: (interjects) Did you…did you…

Dick: (interjects) 640 tons of paper was used for receipts in 2010.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Yeah. That's a lot.

Maddox: That's bonkers.

Dick: That's 10…that's 11 billion trees. I don't even know how many trees that is! That's a lot of trees! (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: I think it's 11 billion.

Dick: It's a lot of trees.

Maddox: (laughing) Um, Dick, if you…

Dick: That's one tree for every seven people on Earth! WHOA!!

Maddox: More than that. It's like…1….1 point…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, you're right.

Maddox: Like, 1.3. 1.4. Something like that.

Dick: You're right.

Maddox: Dick if you…are you in favor of emailed receipts?

Dick: No. Those are more offensive to me!

Maddox: Why?

Dick: I don't want the receipt in the first place.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: I definitely don't want you to have my email address.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Dick: Because the whole point of the fucking receipt game is that they print coupons on it now!!!

Maddox: Yeaaaah. I hate it.

Dick: Like, CVS figured it out, that they can scam you into…the system. By giving you, like, these little pittance amounts off of, like, bubble gum or lotion, or whatever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Never anything good. They're never giving discounts on whiskey or beer.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: What's worse is that they give you discounts to competing products! "Oh hey, we noticed you're buying q-tips. Why don't you buy this other brand of q-tips?" "We noticed you're buying this shampoo. Buy this other shampoo." I don't fucking want this other shampoo! (annoyed) And it's this endless reel of coupons that just prints out!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I was at…

Sean: (interjects) Why would you pick shampoo? (Dick cracks up loudly)

Maddox: 'Cause it always seems to be shampoo…

Dick: (interjects) The coupons.

Maddox: Coupons. Yeah.

Dick: The coupon is always worthless to you.

Maddox: Yeah, it's worthless.

Dick: That's what you're getting at. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: Oh, I see what you're saying, Sean! FUCK YOU, SEAN! It's not funny! (Sean cackles)

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: It's not funny, asshole!

Dick: No, I agree with you! I agree with you! 'Cause I'm always getting shit like, "Here's 30 cents off a douchenozzle."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or condoms. (Maddox laughs) Like, I don't fucking…what in my buying history of grapefruit juice, whiskey, and, like, laundry detergent, makes you think that I want any of this shit? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Some coupons for Prozac? (laughs) (background laughter)

Dick: 1.2 billion gallons of water to process all that paper into receipts. WHOA.

Maddox: That's a LOT. Yeah. That's a lot of water, a lot of paper being WASTED on this shit.

Dick: And the thermal ink is BPA-based. You know what that…

Maddox: Is it really?

Dick: Yeah. So it's, like, making you less of a man.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: That's what that…that's what BPAs do.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: They shrink your dick, or something. I dunno what they do. They're very bad to have around kids, though.

Maddox: Well, they're…so there was that big movement to get BPAs out of plastics and things like that awhile back, right? Are we talking about the same thing?

Dick: Yeah, yeah . So they said, "We did it. We fixed 'em." You know what they replaced 'em with?

Maddox: Yeah, something way worse.

Dick: BPCs.

Maddox: Yeah. Which is…

Dick: (interjects) And they don't know what they do.

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: Well, we got rid of those BPAs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And everyone's like, "Awesome, we nailed it."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Way to go, Social Justice Campaign! (grins)

Maddox: Same thing with this…with the whole gluten thing. Everyone was trying to replace gluten with something else in the products, and they were trying to find things that make your food kind of have that elasticity to it that gluten would add.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the things they're adding to the food are WAY worse for you!

Dick: Yeah. Rubber.

Maddox: Just about, yeah.

Dick: We did it. Fixed it.

Maddox: It's like these weird polymers and chemicals and things that don't exist in our universe, and now they're putting them into the food. That doesn't necessarily make 'em bad. I'm not one of these "natural" apologists, where everything has to be natural and from the Earth, 'cause there's a lot of things from the Earth…the majority of things from the Earth will KILL you.

Dick: Molten lava.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Put that in your fucking burger, idiot.

Dick: (giggles) Oh, man. I really hate receipts. Nordstrom's has it figured out.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: They put a stick on your item.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: And then they scan the sticker if you bring it back.

Maddox: Dick, were you gonna…are you gonna mention this? The most egregious thing, to me.

Dick: What?

Maddox: About receipts, is when they wanna check them as you're leaving the store.

Dick: Didn't even think of that, but yeah. I'm incensed by that.

Maddox: I am INCENSED. It's fucking total bullshit.

Sean: Yeah. Home Depot. Best Buy, places like that.

Maddox: Best Buy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But the SMARMY Best Buy fuckers piss me off the MOST, because they see you!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Best Buy, the way they have their lines set up to check out is through this maze, which I've been wanting to do a video about this. They create this maze…

Dick: (interjects) You don't like that maze?

Maddox: No! This maze of merchandise, which is a fire hazard! It's a fucking fire hazard!!

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: They're not allowed to CORRAL you through a maze of merchandise! Of film, and snacks, and DVDs that no one fucking wants.

Dick: It's true. (grins)

Maddox: And all these last-minute purchases.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Batteries. All this shit! They're corralling you through this maze of bullshit, so you're standing there for a fucking hour!

Dick: It's a death trap!

Maddox: Yeah. It's a death trap.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If they set up the store like they do those fucking mazes that they have? That they herd people through? They would get shut down in an instant.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But for some reason, all the fire codes overlook this big fucking maze that they put in at the front of the store. So those Best Buy fuckers see you walking through this maze for an HOUR, until you get through to one of their dipshit checkers, who don't understand how to check people out, and someone…OH GOD, they're paying with a check, so you're gonna be there for another fucking hour! And then you finally get to the front, and then, "Oh, can I check your receipt?" (angry) Shithead!! Didn't you just see me walk through the whole fucking line!? What are you gonna check for?! No, you can't check it!! Did you see me shoplift!? Then FUCK OFF! You can't check my receipt!

Dick: Yeah, and their reason is always, "Well, we're just trying to make sure that you got charged for the right things." Right? Have you ever asked 'em?

Maddox: That's…

Dick: (interjects) Cause I always like to get in people's faces, you know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, when that first started happening, I was like, "Why are you checking my receipt?"

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Well, we do it for you. To make sure that you got charged for the right things."

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Like, really? You guys got hired for MY benefit?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Was there, like, an epidemic of people getting overcharged for items here?

Maddox: Yeah. Mhmm.

Dick: At Best Buy?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: And they determined that paying the dumbest people in the world to read a piece of paper and then glance at a bag like they're, uh…Gizmoduck pretending that they can, like, count up everything that I have and verify that the….

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, no, it's not. You're just doing this…I think you're doing it so you can secretly profile people who are shoplifting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Like not…not me. They're just glancing at mine. But, like, you know. Like a young black kid comes through. I think they're putting a little bit more scrutiny.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And, like, holding him up a little bit so they can get a bead on what's going on there. Um, yeah. I hate receipts.

Maddox: It's like having a beard after 9/11. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't…You guys probably don't know this, but if you look at all ethnic, right after 9/11, I went to an airport, and I got so many "random" screenings, and I would walk over to the line of random screenings, and everyone in the line looked like a Sikh. (laughs) I thought, "Oh, you guys are also RANDOMLY being screened? Okay." (chuckles)

Dick: Well, you guys should've looked into some razors! This show is brought to you by Harry's. Visit http://www.harrys.com and use promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase, whether or not you're Muslim!! (Maddox laughs) You can use a Harry's razor to shave your beard. It's a GREAT feel. It's the quality of the blade that I cannot stress enough. They're German engineered, five-blade cartridges. A close, comfortable shave with no cuts or burns. You wanna go to CVS and dick around with receipts the size of the Bible in your pants? Or do you wanna place an order, online, not have to deal with anyone offering you a receipt, and just have it arrive at your doorstep?

Maddox: Yeah. That. I want that.

Dick: That's obviously the choice.

Maddox: I want the second one. (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah. Why pay $32 for an eight-pack of blades and a receipt, when you can just get them for half the price at http://www.harrys.com.

Maddox: NO RECEIPTS! (laughs)

Dick: And no receipts. They won't even email you a receipt! That's not true. They'll obviously email you a…

Maddox: (interjects) They'll send you a receipt, yeah.

Dick: Because you can get your money back if you're not satisfied.

Maddox: Hey, you…you know what? They…Harry's leaves the choice up to you whether or not you want to print that receipt!

Dick: Yeah! (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. (background giggle) What other company does that? (they all laugh)

Dick: You know what? I want them to start writing receipts. That's how to fix this. Or I'm just…maybe the solution is to just throw the receipts!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, get it out of the machine, and then rip it up into pieces and throw it all over the store.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like there…at what point does this cost more for you to clean up than it does for you to make?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I wanna find that point.

Maddox: Yeah. It's probably already past that! Those POS machines, they have to have those thermal ink printers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: To print those…those are expensive.

Dick: Those cancer printers.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. And all the time, they have to go get another reel of paper. I wonder how many hours or productivity is wasted every year on refilling those fucking cartridges!

Dick: Billions!

Maddox: Yeah. Billions.

Dick: Billions. Not the biggest waste, but one of the biggest.

Maddox: One of the biggest. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah. That's the move. That's the move.

Sean: See, Harry's spends that time just making better blades.

Dick: They do make great blades. Go to http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase.

Maddox: Sean brings it back! I was waiting for it!! Thank you, Sean.

Dick: What's your next problem?

Maddox: Thank you, Harry's, and thank you guys for supporting the show.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It means a lot. And keep the tweets coming. Harry's loves them. We love 'em. Uh, it's awesome product, awesome merchandise. Guys, great job! However, I got a real buzzkill. I got a real buzzkill of a problem.

Dick: You do?

Maddox: Yeah. CONFIRMATION BIAS!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: That's a big problem, though.

Maddox: Big problem!! (giggles)

Dick: You wanna bring in, like a small problem? (giggles)

Maddox: Nah, I can run through this pretty quick.

Dick: I don't like when you run through it, though. You have so many good observations on things.

Maddox: I d…thank you, Dick. (they laugh) (Dick starts to cackle)

Sean: This is how well I know Dick.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Sean: Not even half a percent of that was sincere in any way.

Maddox: I know. I know. I know. (Dick laughs, sighs)

Dick: Ahh, come on.

Sean; Sorry to pull the covers, but…

Dick: Half a percent.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How many percents are there total?

Sean: Not that many.

Maddox: Lot of backhanded compliments in this show. Dick, this is from Science Daily. I know you'll love this observation, since I have so many good ones. Uh, this is from **Science Daily**. It says**, "In psychology and cognitive science, confirmation bias, or confirmatory bias, is the tendency to search for an interpret information in a way that confirms one's preconceptions, leading to statistical errors."**

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Big problem!

Dick: Yeah. It's the basis of friendship, though, really. When you think about it.

Maddox: Confirmation bias? (background chuckles)

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) I don't wanna hang around people that disagree with me… too much.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, confirmation bias is a big, big problem. It's a phenomenon wherein decision makers have been shown to actively seek out and assign more weight to evidence that confirms their hypothesis and ignore or underweight evidence that could disconfirm their hypothesis."

Dick: Mmmm.

Maddox: This is…in essence why people believe in goofy shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's two big reasons. First, they don't research it. Second, confirmation bias.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: When they do research it, this is especially true of you conspiracy dipshits. The Sandy Hook truthers. The 9/11 truthers.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: The Oklahoma City Bombing truthers.

Dick: Yeah. I know what you're saying.

Maddox: All the birthers.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: If you have some goofy belief, like, especially for conspiracy theories, they'll go to websites that specifically reaffirm their points of view. Look, guys, if your website…if your source has the word "world" or "truth" or ".tv" in it, it's bullshit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm specifically referring to worldtruth.tv.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Uh…(laughs) There's also Infowars. All these conspiracy websites. Now, here's…oilempire.us….

Dick: (interjects) Huffington Post.

Maddox: Yeah, Huffington Post is garbage!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Here's how you can tell if your website is garbage. If you go to one of these websites, say they're an alternate news website, like worldtruth.tv or Info Wars. Look at the research that they have in there, right? They make a claim, and then they have to link to a source. I mean, they usually don't, but if they do make a claim and they, once in a blue moon, link to a source. That source is usually another conspiracy website. So I did this research.

Dick: That links back to them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I did this research a while back, and I clicked on one of these links. It took me to another conspiracy website, and I looked at the source for them, and their source is the other conspiracy website! They're just pointing to each other!

Dick: Rock solid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Solid studies.

Sean: People don't follow through. They find the answer they're looking for, and then just stop there.

Maddox: Yes.

Sean: It's like finding your car keys.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: You don't keep looking afterwards.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Hah, that's a good point. Yeah.

Sean: I hope.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: When I'm doing writing or research, it's very rare that I don't look for information that is a conflicting point of view. Because you have to be prepared for that argument. 'Cause it's gonna come up.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, for example, when I wrote the…my article about I Fucking Love Science, a long time ago. Where it said, "You don't fucking love science, you love science photography." In that article, I predicted the argument people were gonna make was, like, "So what?" People would just like science photography, what's the big deal? And I addressed that argument in the article.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Before people even brought it up to me. You have to do that research, because otherwise it doesn't…your argument is not going to be strong.

Dick: I know what you're saying. I did the same thing when I wrote…when I wrote Men are Better than Women, I read this book called, "The Top 1000 Female Inventors" in history.

Maddox: There's such a book?

Dick: No.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Just kidding. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, I didn't think so. (Dick laughs) 'Cause when I wrote the Alphabet of Manliness, in my Enlightenment section…

Dick: You like that one, Randy? (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. No, this is actually a fact. I wrote this and I talked about this on public radio, on PRI? NPR, PRI?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I went on this and I did an interview. And I told them how when I was doing research for my book, I was actually looking for female inventors, 'cause in my enlightenment section, I said everything…everything anyone has invented worthwhile was invented by a man. And then I…I thought, "Well, just out of curiosity, I wonder what female inventors there are." So I went to the Wikipedia page of female inventors. Guess what? Doesn't exist.

Dick: Awwwwwww.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: That's too bad.

Maddox: This was in 2004, when I wrote this book. That's when I looked for this Wikipedia page of female inventors. It didn't exist back then, and it doesn't exist today!

Sean: You're kidding.

Dick: It doesn't exist today?

Maddox: Nope. It still doesn't exist.

Dick: It hasn't…has someone tried to make it and it got deleted?

Maddox: No! There's no…there's black inventors. There's Muslim inventors. There's even a page for ARMENIAN inventors! There's no female inventor page on Wikipedia!!

Dick: What did they invent? How to make a BMW blue?

Maddox: No, shithead!! (they crack up) First of all, it's Mercedes. Dick.

Dick: Oh, you're right. I'm sorry. SORRY for shitting on your heritage and culture!! (Maddox and Dick laugh) How to hang blue curtains upside down!

Maddox: No, dickhead, that's PERSIAN, asshole!! You're getting all your stereotypes wrong!! (Dick laughs) (Maddox chuckles) No!

Dick: Wait, why isn't there a page on female inventors?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause there are…there are SOME.

Maddox: Good question.

Dick: Like, but…why isn't there a page on it?

Maddox: Yeah, well…so I looked into it, and I did a lot of research to try to find these female inventors. There are some.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, the woman who invented…the person who invented Teflon, I believe, is female.

Dick: Yeah, Kevlar also.

Maddox: Kevlar? Yeah. Kevlar. The board game Monopoly. Although I don't think she got credit for it. And then the person who invented the straw hat was a woman.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Because most of the things that were…

Dick: Ada Lovelace invented…you know. Computers.

Maddox: Yeah, there is…there was a…who was it? No, she did a lot of the programming for…

Dick: Hedy Lamarr, I think, too.

Maddox: Yeah. She did a lot of programming for…what was it? The…

Dick: (interjects) Couple of radar things.

Maddox: Yeah. So anyway, I was on NPR, and I mentioned this fact.

Dick: Oh here you go, wait. Randy's pulling this up. He says there is one.

Maddox: What, for…

Dick: (interjects) It says "Category: Women Inventors"

Maddox: Where? Lemme see.

Dick: He's pulled it up on his phone.

Maddox: Oh, maybe they just added it.

Dick: I'm looking at it. Don't grab.

Sean: No, but there's no drop down.

Dick: What do you mean, there's no drop down?

Sean: I mean it's blank, that section.

Dick: Oh, no, no, no. There's a lot of em on here.

Maddox: Let's see! I'm curious when….I'm curious when that was created.

Dick: Here's one: Thomas Abbott. Uh-oh. That doesn't sound…

Maddox: (interjects) No, that doesn't…

Dick: (interjects) I'm just kidding. No, that's not really on there. But there it is. Go look at it.

Maddox: Category. Women inventors. Oh, this is…yeah, this is new, actually. Pages and women.

Dick: Look, we did it. We did it, guys.

Maddox: 132 pages are in this category out of 132 total. This list may not reflect recent changes. I'm curious…

Dick: (interjects) 132.

Maddox: I'm curious when this…'cause this didn't exist when I was doing the research for my book.

Dick: Okay, so…solved that problem.

Maddox: Anyway, so I mentioned this on public radio, and I got an email from this nice old lady who said that female inventors do indeed exist, and she wanted to send me a book. She sent me this book, it was something like 1800 pages. This giant book about women in history. And she had bookmarked one or two pages about the inventions that they created.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Uh, and that was it. Even this book…that's all they had in it.

Dick: Well, they've been busy with a lot of chores.

Maddox: Anyway.

Dick: Let's be serious.

Maddox: Um…

Dick: No, that's true. Like, the invention of the washing machine and the dishwasher freed up their time. (background groans) No, that's NOT sexist!! That's not…that's literal…that's true!

Sean: That they invented the washing machine and dishwasher?

Dick: The invention of, like, the thing…machines to take care of basic household chores.

Sean: Oh, oh, oh! Sure.

Dick: Like, that's a tremendous amount of work! I mean, I don't wanna get off onto a tangent.

Sean: I thought you were…no, no, you're right. I thought that you were saying that they invented those things.

Dick: No, I don't think so. Go ahead, go ahead.

Maddox: Real quick though, Randy interjected with some information about the…the female inventors Wikipedia page. It actually didn't exist until 2012.

Dick: Okay. Thank God.

Maddox: This is a relatively recent phenomenon.

Dick: Okay. (giggles)

Maddox: For six years in between the time that I wrote that note, what was that…

Dick: (interjects) Your book?

Maddox: Eight years. Eight years it took, when I was doing research for the Alphabet of Manliness, there was no Female Inventors Wikipedia page.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So women figured out how to use Wikipedia in that time.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Dangerous. Dangerous signs….ahead. (giggles)

Maddox: So confirmation bias, guys. Big problem. (laughing)

Dick: And you can tell, because this conversation would have gone a lot different if Robin were in the room. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Chemistry teacher, Robin. Very smart. Anyway, there's a book called, "You Are Not so Smart". It's actually a really fascinating book about cognitive biases. I recommend everyone check it out. Anyway, there's this section they wrote about confirmation bias. And it says, **"The truth is, your opinions are a result of years of paying attention to information which confirmed what you believed while ignoring information which challenged your preconceived notions."** So he gave an example of the movie…he said **"Sometimes you might think of an old movie."** Like the Golden Child. The Golden Child is a movie with…

Dick: (interjects) With Eddie Murphy?

Maddox: Eddie Murphy, yeah!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The Eddie Murphy movie. He says, **"Have you ever had a conversation in which some old movie was mentioned, something like the Golden Child, or maybe even something more obscure, and then you're flipping through channels, like, the next day, and you might see that movie playing, and you read some news story about it the day after, and then you see some of the actors in it, in another movie? This isn't the universe trying to tell you something. It's called the Frequency Illusion, and it's a confirmation bias."**

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: It's also like, in…Curb Your Enthusiasm…Larry David…there's this episode where he starts driving a Prius, I think a silver Prius.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then everywhere he goes, he starts seeing silver Priuses.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And he always waves to the other drivers. That's confirmation bias.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You notice the car that you're driving on the road way more frequently than any other car.

Dick: Yeah, that's pretty annoying to hear about.

Maddox: Yeah. Um…

Dick: It is.

Maddox: Confirmation bias is annoying, and it's annoying enough when you're arguing with idiots online, but it has some real world implications that can cost people billions of dollars. This is from a study from the University of Iowa, from Science Daily. They found that once people reach a conclusion that they aren't likely to change their minds, even when new information shows that their initial belief is wrong, and clinging to that belief sometimes costs real world money. Equity analysts who issue written forecasts about the stock market may be subject to this confirmation bias, and they do not let new data significantly reverse or revise their initial analysis.

Sean: It's almost like your ego gets in the way.

Maddox: Yeah! It has…it has something to do with that, Sean. Uh, confirmation bias in student traders participating in the Iowa Electronic Markets over a 10-year period, during which they bought and sold real money contracts to predict the four-week opening box office of receipts. Eh, Dick? Big problem. For new movies. The students analyzed markets for a total of 18 movies.

Dick: Oh, I get it. I got it.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They analyzed the market for 18 movies released between 1998 and the year 2008, and the research shows that even as the key first weekend box office receipts were reported, the prices that they predicted stayed remarkably stable as traders ignored new value-relevant information and continued to rely on their initial estimates. This is…that has huge implications on the stock market. If these investors, right? They believe in a drug, or they believe in a product, they're going to push it through to the bitter end.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And part of it has to do with another cognitive bias called "Escalation Commitment", which refers to the phenomenon of investors rationalizing their bad decisions in investments, in spite of increasingly negative outcomes. It's related to the sunk cost fallacy, and has implications in business, politics, and gambling, and it's also called the "Irrational Escalation Phenomenon".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Huge problem. This phenomenon was also seen in the US. Uh, the US's involvement in Vietnam through the 60s and 70s. We spent so much money and blood and tears and sweat in Vietnam.

Dick: We watched our buddies die face down in the muck.

Maddox: Face down in the mud.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. On marked gra…(giggles)

Dick: At _____, and _____. And Da Nang.

Sean: You're not wrong, Walter. You're just an asshole. (they laugh)

Dick: Yeah, I get what you're saying. I think that some of this comes from, like, a human trait that is good. Wherein you just can't give up. Like, the idea that it's gonna turn around at the last minute, you know? You could say that…I get in the long run, maybe this shows that confirmation bias is bad. I don't know! I don't know if you're bringing in those stats or not, but certainly, achieving something great takes a tremendous amount of dedication in the face of adversity. That's what I'm…that's the point I'm trying to make. And that drive, that makes tremendous things, you know. The drive that you could accredit for shit like setting off on huge explorations, like finding the country. Going to the moon. All this great shit that we've ever done, maybe comes from the same place a little bit, I think. Just…the idea of…"You know what? Despite what I see in front of me, I have faith that this is gonna get better. I'm gonna keep doing it." Do you think? A little bit? Two sides of the same coin? And don't you fucking dare say "No" in like two seconds, like you always do.

Maddox: No, I…(they crack up laughing) Uh, no. I think that confirmation…so, here's the thing, Dick. You mentioned something. That confirmation bias can work to your advantage sometimes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's optimistic and pessimistic confirmation bias. This actually dovetails perfectly into this next source.

Dick: Uh-oh!

Maddox: This is from a book called Ethics and the Global Financial Crisis.

Dick: What was the first word?

Maddox: Ethics. Yeah, I know you don't know what this is, Dick! (annoyed)

Dick: What's eth…

Maddox: (interjects) You don't know ethics or empathy! "The research on judgment aggregation makes abundantly clear that the order in which boards or other bodies deal with a particular item on the agenda radically influences the ultimate decision." So this is a type of confirmation bias. They talk about optimistic and pessimistic confirmation bias in this chapter.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they found there's…there's research that shows that merely presenting. The order in which you present information changes the outcome.

Dick: Sure, yeah.

Maddox: Because whatever information you hear first, you're more likely to believe than any information that comes after.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Even if they're weighed equally.

Dick: Yeah. And rhyming it! Rhyming it helps, too.

Maddox: Rhyming it?

Dick: Even if the rhyme's stupid.

Maddox: That…that actually may be the case, because in the OJ Simpson trial, what's his name…

Dick: (interjects) Doesn't fit, you must acquit!

Maddox: You must acquit, yeah!

Sean: I was just gonna say. But the opening…his plea was absolutely 100% not guilty.

Dick: What do you mean?

Sean: That was powerful. That's what he said! And that was…

Dick: (interjects) Oh that's what OJ said?

Sean: And that was Johnny Cochrane's…yes!

Dick: Oh.

Sean: Instead of "not guilty", he was very adamant about not being guilty, and that was…

Dick: Ohhhh.

Sean: You know, you think back to that, that's a pretty heavy statement. It's like, "Who would lie about that?" If you…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: …you know, gild the lily to that extent.

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: Yeah. That is a lot of gilding on that lily. Uh..(giggles)

Sean: Fuck you!

Maddox: (laughing) Fuck you, Sean!

Dick: Hey, you know what? Make Maddox frown. Vote this problem down.

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick! (Dick cackles) Eat shit.

Sean: Did you try to push the buzzer? (they laugh)

Maddox: No, I didn't. I was thinking about it. Um, so the German Parliament in 1991 changed the order of proceedings during the vote that determined the future capital of unified Germany, and the outcome of which city got funded changed depending on the order that they presented it in.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Research in psychology has shown moreover that the mere order in which one receives information influences the beliefs one ultimately forms. The effect is an interplay of confirmation bias and the sunk cost fallacy and other phenomena." So supposed that I'm neutral with respect to whether a product should be marketing, and I that I receive optimistic information concerning the product. Then I am on the whole more likely to disregard negative information about that product.

Dick: Sure. That's confirmation bias?

Maddox: That's confirmation bias.

Dick: 'Cause you heard the first one first?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Oh, alright.

Maddox: And that's why it's notoriously difficult to get people to stop using the fucking iPhone, even though it's a garbage phone. Today…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, here we go. (annoyed)

Maddox: Today, objectively, it's a garbage phone. The battery doesn't last long. It overheats. There's a lot of features missing from it. It's an outdated phone and they're still playing catchup with other phones on the market.

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but cool people use it.

Maddox: No. No cool people use iPhones.

Dick: Movie stars use iPhones.

Maddox: Zero. Zero. You like movie stars?

Dick: Well, they use them.

Maddox: They're not cool.

Dick: They're talking about them.

Maddox: Tchyeah.

Dick: Musicians are talking about iPhones. They're not talking about Androids. Please.

Maddox: No. That's not true.

Dick: Right? I'm doing a jerk-off motion, you can't see it.

Maddox: Yeah, no, you're…

Dick: (interjects) I'm explaining to the people at home.

Maddox: Nah, cool people use Nokias. (Dick giggles) Nokias…Sonatas…

Dick: (interjects) Survey says……..BAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH. ('Wrong' buzzer imitation)

Maddox: Yeah. No. Nokias are the coolest.

Dick: Alright. Is that your problem? That's a pretty good problem.

Maddox: Anyway, man. Yeah. Confirmation bias. Huge problem. And…it affects us all. Especially when you're arguing with people online.

Dick: I got a real important problem, but, I mean, I don't have the time for it.

Maddox: (scoffs, snorts) Let's get to it.

Dick: It's called Burning Your Mouth on Hot Food.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: On food that's too hot. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: Too Hot of Food To Burn Your Mouth On?

Maddox: Yeah. Another…

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Another incompetence problem.

Dick: What do you mean, incompetence?

Maddox: It's a problem of incompetence.

Dick: Maddox, who can resist a hot pizza? You think that's incompetent?

Maddox: You just wait, like, 30 seconds.

Dick: But then it's too cold, and it's disgusting.

Maddox: No, it's not too cold.

Dick: You could've had it when it was perfect and melty and cheesy.

Maddox: Is it perfect, or is it too hot, Dick?

Dick: That's the risk you take! You have to b…'cause you don't know until the top of your mouth melts off! Whether it was too hot or not. 'Cause you can touch it with your fingers, but that's different skin! Like, there's…science has no way to tell you that…or the soup? Is that better for you?

Maddox: Yeah, fine.

Dick: The soup might be too hot. The coff…the tea might be too hot? The coffee might be too hot?

Maddox: Dick…it's never a problem. You take a spoonful of soup, and you blow on it until…you blow on it until you feel like it's too much. And then you put it in your mouth and see the temperature…

Dick: (interjects) Burned.

Maddox: And then blow it a little bit less next time, and a little bit less, until you get just the right temperature.

Dick: Maddox, you already burned your mouth.

Maddox: No…yeah, I…

Dick: (interjects) As soon as you put it in your mouth, it's burned.

Maddox: I never burn my mouth, buddy!

Dick: I got an explanation from a dentist why that's the case.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: It's because the skin…the masticatory mucosa is keratinized, stratified, squamous epithelium, and it's only a couple millimeters in thickness.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: So it burns very easily. That's what hangs off the roof of your mouth when you burn your mouth. Disgusting!

Maddox: Crystal clear.

Dick: And then you're stuck…you can't escape it! You can't escape it for a week! It takes, like, a week to heal, and it's in there dingling and dangling around!

Maddox: Yeah, so just don't be a dumb shit and burn your mouth.

Dick: Okay. Don't be a dumb shit.

Maddox: Don't be a dumb shit! (giggles)

Dick: Don't be a dumb shit and be a confirmation bias!! Like…

Maddox: What?! (laughs)

Dick: Don't be a dumb shit and just look at all opinions equally. What's the difference?!

Maddox: No, these are…ugh.

Dick: What's the different? Don't be a dumb shit and stay on the computer until you're dead!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Whaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa….

Maddox: No!! It's…it's a…

Dick: (interjects) Don't be a dumb stick and jam a q-tip all the way into your brain!

Maddox: Is this a big problem, Dick? Are millions of people just burning their mouths, ‘cause they’re idiots, so they put food in their mouths too quickly?

Dick: Billions!

Maddox: Billions? (giggles)

Dick: Of people are burning their mouths ‘cause they put food in their mouths too quickly.

Maddox: Yeah. Not raw. Not the raw diet idiots. Those blowhards.

Dick: Here’s some solutions for if you burn your mouth.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Some ice.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: What’s the point of that? It’s too late. (Maddox giggles) I already burned my mouth, I don’t wanna suck on a bunch of ice.

Maddox: Yeah, and also, ice makes your mouth feel even worse sometimes, because it’s too cold!

Dick: Yeah. It’s much too cold. You’re making it worse. And it’s still gonna be in there for a week.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Being raw and shitty. Drink milk, this dentist says.

Maddox: That’s true.

Dick: What am I, a baby? (Maddox scoffs, laughs) Drinking milk over here?

Maddox: You drink it with a nice beverage.

Dick: Gargle with salt water. No one’s doing that. Dentists always say to gargle with salt water. No one ever does it.

Maddox: (sighs) Yeah. I’ve done that before. When you have toothaches, it sometimes helps.

Dick: That’s like a cartoon. A toothache?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Gargle some salt water?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: No, it helps with that.

Dick: Oh, I gotta mention. This problem was sent in by…Known As The Pro. Sent me that one.

Maddox: Known As The Pro.

Dick: These fucking names. Alright, that's my problem. Let's wrap it up.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles) You got anything else, Dick?

Dick: No, I don't think I really need to sell this one. Everybody knows…a hot pie? Put a hot pie in your mouth?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Burned it. Gone.

Maddox: You mean like a Hot Pocket, type thing?

Dick: A hot…oh, my God!!

Maddox: Hot Pockets!

Dick: All the worst of these!

Maddox: Yeah, Hot Pockets…you know, it's…yeah. Hot Pockets are the WORST offenders when it comes to burning your mouth. That's something you can't really tell the temperature until you bite into it.

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Thank you for giving me that, at least.

Maddox: I'll give you that. I'll give you that. I'll give you that, Dick.

Dick: You prick. (they laugh)

Maddox: I mean, what's…this is such a silly…(laughing) What's the worst you've ever burnt your mouth!?

Dick: That's why my face is so small!! (they laugh) I burnt the whole thing off, I had to get a face transplant.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Alright, Dick. Good job!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Big problem.

Dick: Play the music. It's a big problem. (Maddox chuckles) It's obviously a big problem. How many…look, are you more at risk of getting your mouth burned on hot food, or by getting addicted to the Internet?

Maddox: Internet.

Dick: I'm never gonna play World of Warcraft. Never.

Maddox: But you're addicted to Facebook!

Dick: I am n…I NEVER go on Facebook! NEVER!

Maddox: Okay. I don't know what you're addicted to, Dick!

Dick: LIQUOR!!

Maddox: Yeah, there you go.

Dick: And drugs. (laughing) What do you mean, you don't know what I'm addicted to?! (they laugh)

Maddox: Okay. I think that the Internet addiction…look. Burning your mouth is a minor inconvenience. I don't think anyone's ever died from burning their mouths, and if they have, it's probably on the order of tens of people! But Internet addiction is something that they now have to address in rehabilitation. AM I REALLY DEFENDING THIS?!! Do I have to argue this point!?

Dick: Yeah, 'cause I think you're wrong! I think burning your mouth is a way bigger problem than some people in China getting addicted to the Internet!

Maddox: Yeah. Great. We'll see what the…how the idiots vote this time. (Dick laughs) And go ahead! And punish me, punitively! Vote for Dick's pro…I don't give a shit!! You guys are all morons! (angry) I've already written you off, especially with that whole brakes fiasco! You guys are all idiots! Morons! Dipshits!

Dick: Send Maddox south!

(Closing riff starts)

Dick: Vote for Burning Your Mouth!! (rhymes)

Maddox: Yeah. (background laughter) Go fuck yourself, Dick! (Dick laughs) Go fuck yourself well!! (they all laugh)

Dick: That didn't rhyme.

Maddox: Yeah, it didn't rhyme! (they laugh) I don't give a shit!!!

Dick: Ah, okay. Oh, my God. I got the most…okay. I'm just gonna play this. It's the most interesting thing. This guy made a…Brent Moran. Uh, results of drinking and programming. Made with Markov processes run on transcripts of the show, simulating Maddox's speech patterns. He simulated your speech using a Markov process.

Maddox: Fucking nerd!

Dick: The predicted t…okay. (sighs) Okay.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You're calling someone a nerd?

Maddox: Well he predicted that, I'm sure, with his Markov model. Let's see what…what do you got?

Dick: Let's see. So this, for the people who don't know, this is a predictive text based on what Maddox has said on the show.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Okay. Here's the…I have two. Here's the first one.

(Clip starts, Maddox's robot voice:

"Hi. I'm virtual Maddox. This is how I talk. (Maddox giggles) **Okay, but there are pedophiles out there. People get busted for, you know, child porn, and being attracted to kids all the time. They buy shows, and this is something that iPhone users cannot seem to, because…"**

Dick: It's true! (Maddox laughs) Yeah.

"…they love Jon Stewart so much. And say, "Oh, I won. I earned this." (Maddox laughs) **'Cause I didn't. You didn't."**

Dick: That's true!

"If you benefit from nepotism, you didn't earn your credit. That's what Nic Cage has done. That's what Sophia Coppola has done.")

Dick: That sounded like you!!!

Maddox: Hmmmmm.

Dick: That was three pretty big you-isms!!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, he mentioned three of my problems I brought in. I don't know…

Dick: (interjects) You talk about those all the time!! iPhones…

Maddox: (interjects) I've never mentioned Nic Cage on the show, or Sophia Coppolla. What are you talking about?

Dick: Well, you probably did on the Nepotism problem. These are from ALL transcripts of the show, he ran this on.

Sean: Yeah, you definitely did. I can remember that conversation.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Oh, okay, maybe. Look, I don't give a shit. (Dick laughs) Shut up, Sean!!!

Dick: There you go!! (giggles) Citation needed.

Maddox: Tired of your little jabs! And also, one other thing, I don't think I start a sentence. If I'm gonna make a point, I don't say "You know…" That's more of a Dick-ism, I think.

Dick: I don't say "you know".

Maddox: You say "You know". And you also say, "That's my point." You say that a lot.

Dick: I say that, sure.

Maddox: And then you say…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause that hammers it in.

Maddox: "All I'm saying is." Yeah, and then you say, "All I'm saying is…" and then you repeat yourself. That's your Dick-ism. Does he have a Markov model for you?

Dick: No, no one cares how I talk.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (scoffs)

(clip starts, Maddox's robot voice:

"Hi, I'm virtual Maddox. This is how I talk."

Maddox: It's not how I talk.

"A vinyl moron…between every beat of a song, there is silence, right? Well, there is a reason. That was 11, and that's because there were 11 tracks on the U2 album. Yeah, well, I'm not saying CEOs shouldn't make any money, but this is a huge big deal."

Dick: Oh, talking about CEOs.

"Right, of course. Right. Yeah. Okay. Well, because it's costing them 8.5 million to clean up. So that's without the ban. It's costing them almost nothing in fuel. Right. Because unless this bag weighs more than, like, 20, 30, pounds, which most of them, like, a little carry on, they're starting to create a new technology that…yeah.")

Maddox: Oh, my gosh!

Dick: That is exactly like listening to you, isn't it?!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Fuck you, Dick!! (they crack up)

Dick: There's a lot more, but I'll…

Maddox: (interjects) All that guy…

Dick: but I'll put it on the website.

Maddox: All that guy did was just take quotes of mine, of course it sounds like me. They're…they're direct quotes of mine.

Dick: Look, I don't know. I don't know how he…how he established his processes, or whatever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe he can explain it.

Maddox: He just took sentences that I've said and then strung them together. I…I remember some of those quotes VERBATIM.

Dick: You're calling him a fraud?

Maddox: I don't know what the point of the experiment is.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: If you're trying to mimic someone's speech patterns, it's pretty easy to do if you listen to a couple of their sentences.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because they…(stammers) especially what's important to me, what's interesting to me about that is the cadence and rhythm with which someone talks. You, Dick, have a much slower cadence than I do.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause I'm thinking a lot.

Maddox: And you can see it. Oh, yeah. (they all laugh)

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Problem: **Being Black** [00:12:01]

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Problem: **Google Delegators** [01:15:08]

Biggest Problem in the Universe – Episode 93

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Being Black to Radio Shack! (Dick and Sean laugh) With over 5 million downloads (giggles), this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back, guys.

Dick: Hey! Radio Shack. Big problem.

Maddox: Radio Shack.

Dick: I think we can all agree with that, right? (laughing)

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, yeah. Nonstop. Nonstop problems.

Dick: Oh, man. So many receipts come outta that fucking place!

Maddox: They do generate a lot of receipts.

Dick: How'd we do?

Maddox: Huge, huge problem.

Dick: Speaking of receipts.

Maddox: Speaking of receipts, Dick.

(Sound effect: Drumroll….cymbal)

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe last week was…Confirmation Bias.

Dick: Nooooo.

Maddox: Followed by Internet Addiction.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then Burning Your Mouth on Hot Food.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: And surprisingly, Receipts…everything was a problem last week.

Dick: Yeah, it is!!

Maddox: Right?

Dick: That's a success! We did it!! We didn't fuck up!

Maddox: These are the problems we discussed last week. Everyone agreed that everything was a problem, but Confirmation Bias was the biggest.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Followed by Internet Addiction.

Dick: Isn't that ironic, though?

Maddox: How's that?

Dick: Like, that confirmation bias being a problem would be voted all the way up? I mean, aren't you kind of, like, voting up that it's…like, isn't that biased in and of itself?

Maddox: That confirmation bias is a problem?

Dick: Yeah, that's like slacktivism being a problem.

Maddox: Only if you…

Dick: (interjects) Okay, you're voting it up, though! Of course you think it is.

Maddox: Only if you thought that confirmation bias was a problem before you listened to the show.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And before we move on, I need to also introduce…we have a guest in-studio today, Denzel, welcome to the show!

Denzel: Hola, hola!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Hey!

Maddox: So, Denzel…

Dick: (interjects) Denzel is a very good friend of mine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Let me say that.

Maddox: He's a long-time fan of the show. A friend of the show. I'll say that. He came to the live taping of our show, the YouTube episodes that everyone hated. (Denzel laughs) He was there for that.

Dick: Did you hate those?

Denzel: No, I liked it. I liked it a lot.

Dick: Okay, good answer. Good answer.

Maddox: Yeah, but he's here. He's here right now. You know. We'll see the comments. (Denzel laughs) With your shadow accounts, see what comments you leave. But also, Denzel…very talented IT worker. You work in that industry, right? In that field?

Denzel: Yes.

Maddox: And he…

Dick: (interjects) And there's a very special reason why he's here. Can I say? Can we tease that? (Denzel chuckles) Right up front?

Maddox: Well, before…we'll get to that.

Dick: We'll get to it!

Maddox: I'm still doing the intro.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He also helped a friend of the show, Tom Phillips, from gameobliterator.biz, create his website.

Denzel: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah. Tom Phillips, who if the listeners remember, sent in some game reviews.

Denzel: Right.

Maddox: And we sent him to Germany, to E3 over there.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, yeah. He helped create Tom Phillips' website. Thank you, Denzel.

Dick: It's a great website. It looks really awful.

Denzel: Ohoho! Man.

Dick: That was the point of it, right?

Denzel: Yes.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: You nailed it.

Denzel: Oh, thank you.

Maddox: Tom Phillips designed it. So what'd you want to say, Dick? You wanted to tease that he's here for a very important reason.

Dick: He's here for a very important reason! That we'll get to.

Maddox: Okay. (Denzel laughs)

Dick: We'll get to.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I like to tease, man!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, you got any comments before we…

Maddox: (interjects) I do. I got a comment from **Jackson McIver.** It's an email he sent me…

Dick: Jackson McGuyver? Or McIver?

Maddox: McIver.

Dick: Oh. (disappointed)

Maddox: McIver.

Dick: Lame.

Maddox: He says, **"You don't pay more…"** so, he's talking about the problem of Internet addiction, and why Internet addiction is such a big problem. I didn't even get to this in the episode, but he says, **"You don't pay more for taking on more Internet, like you do when you buy 16 beers instead of three."**

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: So that's a good point. 'Cause you have Internet as much as you want It's a one-time fee and you can use it 24 hours a day if you want. **"There's no physical aversion to too much Internet. You don't get full, you don't get too drunk, and you don't pass out. You don't overdose and die and you don't go blind from fapping too much."** And then also, he said, **"If you're fapping while on the Internet, you're triggering the most powerful instinct in your brain; the instinct of reproduction."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So we are linking the Internet with our own survival.

Dick: Yeah. You get carpal tunnel, though.

Maddox: It says here…

Sean: Well, that's…first of all…

Dick: (interjects) You will get carpal tunnel.

Sean: That's what the Internet is for.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And then also, people do die. You said…you had examples last week.

Maddox: Yeah, that's actually true.

Sean: I mean from, like, I know there was an Asian kid who didn't get up to take a piss?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: For, like, 48 hours or something like that.

Maddox: Yeah, multiple people die, yeah. Kids…kids die because parents slam them into closets. Uh, **"Your brain thinks it's time for the Internet, which means it's time for sex, which means 'It's time for my literal reason for existing'. Why aren't you on the Internet? Go on the Internet. Check the Internet. There might be new tits you haven't see on the Internet."**

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: You need new tits. I'm sick of the old tits. Go get new tits.

Dick: Have you ever tried masturbating without the Internet?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's hard. (they all laugh)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It is! It is.

Maddox: I felt…I felt naked without the Internet. Like, when I was masturbating without it?

Dick: Were you naked?

Maddox: I was naked, but, like…

Dick: Okay. (Maddox and Denzel chuckle) Also, metaphorically, you felt naked.

Maddox: Also. (laughs) I felt metaphorically naked as well, yeah.

Dick: I find myself…if I don't have access to the Internet and I have to masturbate, I have to think about getting on the Internet. (Sean laughs) I fantasize about what I would be looking at on the Internet.

Maddox: Yeah. Mhmm. I…I imagine myself hitting Ctrl-T to open up a new tab.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or Ctrl-Shift-N.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah? For the Incognito Window?

Dick: Uh-huh. That's all….

Maddox: Denzel, you know. Denzel's nodding.

Denzel: Yes.

Dick: How many free previews can I watch at this site?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Denzel:, Oh, dude. That's why you open and close the incognito window, so you can use as many free previews as you want!

Dick: OH, MY GOD!

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You've just increased my jerking off powers!!

Denzel: Yeah!

Dick: You could totally do that!

Denzel: Super clutch.

Maddox: Dick's gonna think about you, Denzel, next time he jerks off.

Dick: I will now.

Denzel: Good. More people should.

Dick: Great. Alright, here's some comments on burning your mouth.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Maddox likes to…complain that, you know, burning your mouth is a big problem. There isn't a big problem, but…then says the q-tips, those are huge problems, people are going deaf. (Maddox groans) **Well, I've burnt my mouth on food, and I've never gone deaf thanks to a q-tip.** (Denzel chuckles) **So… you know. Point one, Dick."**

Maddox: Yeah.

"Maddox, you're fucking retarded."(Dick cracks up) **And you should, like, go to school or something. Do what the smart people do."**

Maddox: Yeah.

"Fucking retard."

Maddox: Mhmm.

"Sean, bring in a fucking problem.")

Maddox: Yeah, Sean!

Dick: Yeah, Sean.

Sean: I got a LOT of emails this week!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I got a shitload of e…did you do this?

Dick: Do you know why? Yeah. 'Cause I put on the intro for the last episode, "Will Sean bring in a problem? Will a bunch of people find his email on the WHO page and pressure him into it? We'll find out on the next episode. (Denzel and Maddox laugh)"

Sean: You can tell I never go to the site, huh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, so that guy's an idiot. I don't know. I don't know if what we just heard was brilliant satire, or…just the ramblings of a dullard. And I think it's the latter.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because…because…if it was brilliant satire, he would be using confirmation bias to call in and make the case that q-tips never have made him go deaf, whereas he has definitely burnt the roof of his mouth on hot food. Also, it's an incompetence problem. I saw a comment on Soundcloud. Someone commented, and they said, (goofy voice) **"Hey Maddox, um, so…burning your mouth on…on hot food is an incompetence problem, but jamming a q-tip in your ear is not?"**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (goofy voice) **"How is that not an incompetence problem?"** You guys are all idiots. You didn't pay attention to the part of my problem where I said it's an addiction.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: They are saying that it's comparable to smoking a cigarette. And I've been trying. Since I brought in that problem, trying not to use q-tips, and I keep forgetting it's an impulse at this point. And it didn't use to be so bad, but there's this little tingle in your ear, and you have to itch it! Every single time, you feel it!

Dick: Really? I've been trying to use them like you do. Where I can, like, get off from it?

Maddox: Yeah. (Denzel laughs)

Dick: I can't figure it out. Like, I still just use it to get the water out of my ear. And then I throw it away.

Maddox: See, there wouldn't be water in your ear if you didn't take the wax out. The wax prevents water from going in your ear.

Dick: No, no. Like…around, like, my ear…like, the parts of my ear that are, like, flappy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I'm taking my headphones off right now so you can see. Right there.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. You don't use a towel?

Dick: Well, yeah. But you can't get a towel in there.

Maddox: You don't need to. You just wipe it off with a towel.

Dick: Look, you and I are gonna have to shower together. (Maddox and Denzel laugh) So we can get this all figured out. I don't know what the fuck you're doing in there. I don't know what I'm doing wrong. I gotta watch and take notes.

Maddox: For the bonus…we're gonna do it for the bonus episode coming up!

Dick: Yeah. Alright, I got another voice mail here.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, it's Dustin from Grand Junction, Colorado! I just wanted to say that…Dick's rants are amazing."

Dick: Oh, thanks.

"And...as a (inaudible) of a child who is hard of hearing and has to have hearing aids..."

Maddox: Q-tips. (giggles)

"...I would love so much for somebody that is proficient in sign language to do one of Dick's rants in sign language."

Dick: Would that be funny?

"I would do it myself..."

Dick: That'd be pretty funny.

"...BUT, that having been said, I'm not female, so...when you see a female, like, signing really hard - "

(message cuts off)

Dick: Oh, I guess he signed...

Maddox: Yeah, that's... (laughs loudly)

Dick: He signed off on the call there. Alright, guys. (grins) But that was...that's where the call shoulda ended! Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everybody's call...

Maddox: Yeah, we get it.

Dick: ...should be cut in half.

Maddox: There you go.

Sean: Wouldn't the sign language for one of Dick's rants just be, like, a big middle finger? Just static?

Maddox: It'd be a lot of waving, a lot of...you know, a lot of this, uh, you know, putting your hand up to the forehead and pushing your hair back, and... (stammers) Sweat, we'd need a lot of sweat. Is that...what's the sign language for "sweat"? It's just actual sweat, right?

Dick: No. That's...none of that's how sign language works. (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: I think it...I think it i-...it is. Yeah.

Dick: (laughing) No. It's not like...it's not like a pantomime. (everyone laughs) Of what I'm...doing.

Sean: Yeah, he's playin'...playin' charades.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, I saw...I saw the guy -

Dick: (interjects) It's, like, words.

Maddox: I saw the guy at Nelson Mandela's funeral in Africa...

Dick: Ohh. (chuckling)

Maddox: ...who was signing. He was doin' a great job.

Dick: Ohhh!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright. Well, that's -

Sean: (interjects) Nobody remembers that, but I know what you're talkin' about. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: That's a great segue to start our problems!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Because I...look, I...you know, everyone knows that all I care about is helping society. (Denzel laughs) And addressing big problems. That's why I brought in Domestic Violence. We fixed that!

Maddox: Ohh, sure.

Dick: That's why we brought in, uh, Female Genital Mutilation. Fixed that!

Maddox: True, actually.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Nigeria banned it.

Dick: Yeah! All here!

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: So, I wanted us to have an episode in this February...Black History Month, right? Everyone knows that.

Maddox: Everyone knows it's Black History Month.

Dick: Yeah, but what does that even mean? Does it...it's not like Breast Cancer Month, where it's just, like, an excuse to put a black guy on a package and sell it! Right? (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. No.

Dick: 'Cause that's what Breast Cancer Mon-..."Here, put a pink ribbon on some orange juice. Here you go! You're thinking of tits now, when you're buying orange juice." They don't do that for Black History Month, do they?

Maddox: Yeah! I want there to be black people on more of my products! (Denzel laughs)

Dick: (guffaws) Yeah! I want there to be OJ on the OJ!

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: So I can think about black people while I'm buying the OJ.

Maddox: I want Cosby on my pudding! (giggles)

Dick: Yeah!!

Sean: Well, you already have...you already have Uncle Ben and Aunt Jemima. (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, that's it. That's two products.

Dick: Okay, okay. Hold on.

Maddox: And those are year-round, Sean!

Denzel: Oh, shit. (grinning)

Maddox: I want specific Black History Month products.

Dick: Yeah, I want endorsements!

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: For the month!

Sean: I'm so glad he laughed at that. (Denzel and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Yeah. Okay. So Denzel is a black guy.

Denzel: Yes.

Dick: Let's...yeah.

Denzel: Confirmed.

Dick: Right out in the open.

Denzel: You can see it.

Dick: For everybody to know. Because some people thought Tim Changz was a black guy. He's not a black guy.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You can't tell over radio.

Denzel: No.

Maddox: And he...and...

Dick: He's just a skinny weirdo.

Maddox: And he's not a DJ. Fuck you, Tim Changz. **(buzzer sound effect)** (Dick and Sean laugh)

Denzel: Aw. That's a bummer.

Dick: So, I wanted us to have a problem that dealt with racial relations in the world and in the US, but I wanted it to come from someone who's experienced them and who's educated about them. Right?

Denzel: Yes.

Dick: And it just so happens that Denzel is both an engineer AND a Black Studies major. Correct?

Denzel: Ex-Black Studies major.

Maddox: Ex...

Dick: Whoa. EX-Black Studies major?

Maddox: Mhm.

Denzel: Yeah. Uh, so...funny story. I was gearin' up to back to school, and then my mom passed away. So...

Dick: Oh. (bummed out)

Denzel: I just said, "No, I'm not gonna go get this dumb degree anymore."

Maddox: You were done with it?

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: I still keep up with all the stuff, because it's still an important part of my life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: Seeing as how I used a lot of my years and time on it. Outside of, you know, closing the Incognito tab and reopening it. Um... (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Outside of jerking off, you mean.

Denzel: Outside of jerking off, yes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: We all have that in common.

Denzel: Everybody needs a hobby. Right?

Dick: Mhm. (chuckling)

Denzel: So...

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: It's very important to me. Um...

Dick: What is?

Maddox: Well, what's the...so, let's hear...so for the first time ever on this show, we're having a guest go first, and we'd like to hear...what is your problem this week? The biggest problem in the universe.

Denzel: Uh, being black.

Maddox: Being black.

Dick: 'Kay! Okay.

Maddox: Okay.

Denzel: Yeah. As mentioned at the top of the show, uh, it's tough. Because I don't actually believe that being black is a problem.

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: It's people reacting to me being black...

Dick: Sure.

Denzel: ...that's a problem. And...it's tough to say. It's tough to say, like, why I ha-...why these problems exist, but they do. And I don't think there's an easy solution for any of it.

Maddox: Wait, what about this, Denzel? For the semantics of your problem, because you...you went back and forth at the top of the show before we started recording about the wording of "Being Black," because "Being Black" implies that being black is the problem, as opposed to people's reactions. So what about...what if the problem was "Black Reactions"? Right? (Denzel laughs) 'Cause it could be...it could work either way.

Dick: That's WAY...that's way worse!! "Black Reactions" is a way more insulting pro-... (cracking up)

Denzel: Oh my goodness.

Maddox: No, I don't think so!

Dick: ...like, controversial problem.

Maddox: I think it's clever.

Dick: Only because you're picturing it in the one way you're picturing it. Picture it the wrong way.

Maddox: Yeah, I did, and then you listen to episode; people are like, "Oh, this show's really clever."

Dick: Okay. Well... (Maddox and Denzel laugh)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So for your problem, I've got a sp-...I've got a special thing here. 'Cause I would like to try to make it through the whole episode without being called a racist. (Denzel laughs) Right? But I'm gonna need your help...

Denzel: Tough...tough call.

Dick: Yeah. I don't think I'm gonna make it. I'm gonna need your help on that. I've brought in some race cards, here. (Denzel and Sean laugh) They work...they're four pieces...

Denzel: Oh, my goodness!

Dick: They're four pieces of construction paper. Green, yellow, orange, and red. Like the terror alert?

Denzel: Mhm.

Dick: You're familiar with the terr-...everyone knows the terror alert. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, of cour-...very helpful. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Very helpful to know whether we're always in the process of being attacked by terrorists. Right?

Maddox: Right. I like to go out on...I go out on days that are orange or yellow, never red. I stay home when it's red.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a thermometer of how good a job the NSA is doing, right?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Like, if it's an orange, the NS-...that...presumably, the NSA is like, "Oh, we're...we really fucked a lot of things up this week. Let's try to do better."

Maddox: Or they ARE doin' their job. I think if it's red, they're I-...they are...they're on high terror alert. We know what the color is! Yeah, so it's very useful.

Dick: Anyway. We're gonna start off on green. I feel like that's a good start. If we...if anything starts getting...if I start approaching being a racist, you st-...you pull the green and make it yellow.

Denzel: Okay.

Dick: Okay?

Denzel: Okay.

Dick: Alright. I'm gonna leave that up to you.

Denzel: See, I'm very liberal when it comes to this sort of thing. If...basically, the only way you're gonna get to red is if you say the N-word, or...something VERY -

Dick: (interjects) The actual N-word, or the phrase "the N-word"?

Denzel: The ac-... (stammers) Can I say it? No?

Dick: Well, YOU can do... (Maddox and Denzel laugh)

Maddox: YOU can say it!

Dick: You can say whatever you want, Denzel! That's kind of the point, isn't it? (grins)

Sean: It's really the least we can do. (everyone laughs)

Denzel: Ohh, my goodness.

Maddox: Denzel, here's the thing. You can say it, but just be warned, buddy, 'cause I'm...my hand's near that red card too. Alright?

Dick: Uhhh...

Denzel: Okay, okay.

Maddox: I'll be pullin' the red card. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: What are you??

Maddox: What?

Dick: What are y-...you're gonna...you're gonna say I'm a racist?

Maddox: I'll tell...I'll pull that red card!

Dick: Or you're gonna say HE'S a racist?

Maddox: I'll say anyone's a racist.

Denzel: Oh my goodness.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiles)

Dick: Okay, so if anyone's a racist -

Sean: (interjects) How condescending is that?! (Denzel laughs) Don't get offended on behalf of other people.

Maddox: No, I'm not!

Denzel: Oh, jeez. Yeah.

Maddox: But I'm just calling it -

Denzel: (interjects) That's a huge problem, Sean.

Maddox: It is, Sean.

Dick: Okay. Well, let's...

Denzel: I'm glad you brought that up.

Dick: Let's hear your problem.

Sean: Yeah?

Denzel: So -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, let's get to the problem, yeah.

Denzel: So initially, uh, when I was doing the research, it was full of a lot of stats, and I ran it by Dick and Dick said, "You know what? You gotta make it more relatable." So I brought in a bunch of anecdotes. One of the problems that I have regularly is with racial profiling. Right? So...uh, racial profiling with the police is probably a good thing, for the most part. Because -

Dick: (interjects) Sorry, say that again?

Denzel: Racial profiling is probably a good thing, with the police.

Dick: Okay.

Denzel: Uh, mainly because...I mean, look. If you're a cop, it's tough, because you can't just pull people at random, right? And...I mean, you could, really, but the issue comes with

what neighborhoods you're patrolling and who you're looking at for crimes. And yes, the statistics will back up, like...in high-crime areas, there are a lot of minorities living in those areas, so if you're stopping a high number of minorities, you're probably in those neighborhoods.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: So if you look at stop-and-frisk, AKA Terry stops, which in New York is when without probable cause, police officers can kind of just stop you and search you.

Dick: Mm.

Denzel: You gotta have your ID on you at all times, and...if they find drugs on you, then you're arrested. But with the statistics that I found from, um...NYCLU.org, a non-profit that monitors police activity in New York.

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: Uh, so...they found that most of the people that were getting stopped during stop-and-frisk cases, 81% of them were innocent.

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: So...

Dick: Hmm.

Denzel: Chances are...and of that, it's 54% of the people stopped were black.

Dick: Mhm.

Denzel: Uh, it's around 9,000 people.

Maddox: That's a hu-...that's a huge number. And also, Denzel, you said something that we kinda glossed over, that they stop and frisk people without probable cause, which is unconstitutional. You're not allowed to do that. You have to have probable cause. It violates the Fourth Amendment.

Denzel: It does.

Maddox: The Fourth Amendment...yeah, you have to have probable cause. You cannot unlawfully search or seize anyone's property in the United States. And the stop-and-frisk procedure, uh, I think it was...was Giuliani the one who enabled it? Yeah. Giuliani made the case that stop-and-frisk reduces crime, and stop-and-frisk...and some...there are these videos that are startin' to surface on the Internet of some of these kids who have been stopped and frisked, and they told the cops, "I haven't done anything wrong. Lay off. Don't bother me. You're not allowed to seize my property," and the cops...and they're secretly recorded, but these cops start cussing out these kids and threatening these kids in a way that is right of mobsters. Like, mafia people aren't this ruthless and brutal with their threats. You know? These are really nasty guys. Like, the threats that they're gi-...that they're, um, that they're issuing here. Not all the cops, obviously, but like...you know, "#notallcops." (laughs with Denzel)

Dick: Enough of them.

Maddox: Well, any...ANY is too much.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Because these are the people that we have entrusted...these are the people that we have put in power, with authority that not regular citizens have, and for them to abuse that authority is an EGREGIOUS travesty. Because when your caretakers violate your trust, who do you turn to? What authority is there beyond the authority?

Denzel: None. And the problem...one of the biggest issues that I have is that you're not allowed to, like...fight against cops. You're not allowed to...if somebody's...if a cop says something patently false to you?

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: You're supposed to just stand there and agree. Otherwise...I don't believe personally that you really have a choice when you're dealing with cops, so if a cop pulls me over and says, "Can I search your car?", he's saying, "I'm searching your car."

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: And I can say, "No, you're not," but then he can detain me until he can -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, so you think you have to tacitly agree to police searches?

Denzel: Uh, it -

Dick: (interjects) Is that a race thing, or you just think that...?

Sean: He's -

Denzel: (interjects) It might be. It might -

Sean: (interjects) The cop is gonna find a way to get in there. If he wants in the car, he could name a number of things.

Denzel: Exactly.

Sean: Then say, "Oh yeah, now I have probable cause." Right?

Denzel: Exactly.

Maddox: Even so much as rolling down your window, because the cop can simply say, "Oh, I smelled marijuana." Whether or not the cop actually smelled marijuana, if it came down to it in court, the cop is never gonna get in trouble for lying about that because there's no eviden-...there's no way to test his olfactory nerves to see if he actually smelled marijuana or if there was marijuana in the car. Well, regardless of whether or not he found it after the fact, because if he searches your car because he thought he smelled marijuana and he was wrong, because there was no marijuana in the car, well, you know what? The cop says, "Oh, my mistake. I guess it wasn't marijuana I was smelling." He can lie and give any excuse to search your car.

Denzel: Exactly.

Dick: (skeptical) Yeah. I guess, uh, I'm more of a prick to cops? Like...

Denzel: See, you can get away with that.

Dick: Well, I...yeah, that's what I'm leading into.

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: Like, how much of a prick can you be to cops?

Denzel: I haven't tested it. (Dick giggles) I'm never going to. Because, you know, cops are people too. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: And I don't necessarily go around messing with people that I know I can't take in a fight.

Dick: Mm.

Denzel: Because they have guns. So, let's say I start poppin' off all wild to a cop.

Dick: Mhm.

Denzel: And he...he's like, "I've had enough of this." He pulls out his taser, his pepper spray, his gun, or anything. I could end up in a really bad spot.

Dick: Sure.

Denzel: And it's easier to just go with the flow.

Dick: Well, you also said that you...I mean, I don't wanna put words in your mouth, but you said you agreed with racial profiling a little bit at the beginning.

Denzel: Y-...I mean, yeah, because there's no easy solution, right? There's...you...I wanna say, like, "Yeah, spread it out all equally," but if there's a high crime rate in an area?

Dick: Mhm.

Denzel: It's your duty as the police and by being tax funded. You have to go out and see what's going on in that area. And -

Dick: (interjects) I got some stats for ya. Just to agree with what you're saying. Called "concentrated poverty."

Denzel: Yes.

Dick: So I was looking at poverty rates of, like, black people versus everyone else, and uh...this idea of concentrated poverty, wherein it's not, like...you think...you imagine a poor area, and you think everybody's in there poor, but that's not the case. Turns out that an area that's predominantly poor is by an OVERWHELMING majority black. Where poor white people will be spread out all over the city. Right?

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: So I think that's in agreement with what you're saying, about why if you're policing one small area, like, you're...yeah.

Denzel: Yeah. I mean...go ahead.

Maddox: Do you...maybe you have some, uh, some stats on this too, Denzel. But, does...I think part of it has to do with a history in our country where we have...we have, in the past,

segregated black communities into red zones, and this is very apparent in Omaha, actually. I don't know if you guys have ever been to Omaha in Nebraska, but you can see this clear demarcation in the city where there's the black neighborhoods and the white neighborhoods, and the black neighborhoods...they just look different. You can SEE. You can see the line, that the houses are more dense, the trees are -

Dick: (interjects) They got muppets all over them. (Maddox and Denzel laugh) Yeah, I know. I've seen that...those areas.

Maddox: The trees...yeah.

Sean: Isn't that where the phrase -

Dick: (interjects) Everyone's learning how to spell.

Sean: Isn't that where the phrase, like, "the other side of the tracks" comes from?

Maddox: Oh, I don't know. Maybe.

Denzel: Yeah, I've heard...

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: I've heard that.

Sean: Yeah.

Denzel: As well.

Maddox: What do you know about that, Denzel? 'Cause I'm sure you've done some research in your black...uh, black history studies.

Denzel: So, there...there are a lot of causes. And honestly, I can only speculate, because there's not necessarily a way to pin down the root cause of it, but if you look at it like racist...uh, rental and leasing agreements, or biases in who people who are renting out apartments and leasing apartments will rent to.

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: So you...let's say, like, me for instance. Granted, like the stereotype says, I have terrible credit, but...for, uh, various reasons. So if I try to go rent out a place, credit notwithstanding, they can say no for whatever reason. They can say, "Your credit's not high enough," and...I think, what, 750 is a good score?

Dick: Yeah, it's a great score.

Denzel: Uh, 700's alright, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: Alright, so.

Maddox: Even 600, you're doin' okay.

Denzel: Oh. Alright, so I DO have...I have -

Dick: (interjects) 750? You got a 750 credit score? That's great. 700?

Denzel: I have, like, 680.

Dick: Oh, yeah. That's fine.

Maddox: Yeah, you're fine.

Denzel: Okay. So, I've been denied based on my credit score. So I...like, a 680, you guys telling me that 680 is good is great news for me.

Maddox: Yeah!

Denzel: But there...if you say no, and you say...you cite my credit score, but my credit score is actually, like decent, it's plausible to say that you're denying me for another reason.

Dick: And where is this at?

Denzel: I live down in San Diego.

Dick: What do you think they're denying you for?

Denzel: I...

Dick: What reason?

Denzel: You know, it could be a number of reasons. It could be that I'm black, it could be that I'm young.

Dick: Mm.

Denzel: Like, if I'm...if they feel like...if the combination of me being black and young in that apartment leads to them believing that I'm gonna wild out and throw vicious parties every weekend and, like, be playin' loud music all the time?

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: Then they could say, like, "We don't wanna rent to you."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe the landlord was a really hot babe in her 20's, and she was just too tempted by you.

Denzel: Oh. (laughs)

Maddox: Right? She doesn't want you as a tenant because she'd be too tempted passin' by your...your room every day.

Denzel: I -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause he's black?

Maddox: No, because he's Denzel.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Denzel: I'll take...

Maddox: Handsome guy! (giggles)

Denzel: I'll take either. (laughs)

Dick: Hey wait, that's a good...that's a good question, because that was one of the funniest things, I thought, on your list, was online dating.

Denzel: Yeah. Yeah! If you...so if you go online, there are a few sets of statistics that have come out from OkCupid, and...there's another site that covers...it's like, Kernel Mag? Ever heard of it?

Dick: It doesn't matter.

Maddox: No, never heard of it.

Denzel: Ah, it doesn't matter. Alright, so...basically, what they've come out to say is that on websites, interracial dating is becoming something that's not so common.

Dick: Mhm.

Denzel: And they released that stats in 2009, and I think they updated the stats in 2014 that say, like...basically, if you're...if you're white, you got it. Like, it's poppin' for you.

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: You got...you can get as many dates...like, people are more likely to respond to you if you're white, but if you're black or...uh, I believe Indian was the other race. Like, you're not really seein' much or returnin' anything.

Dick: Ehhh. That sucks!

Denzel: Yeah.

Sean: Well, here's the thing. We know that if you were born a white male in the United States, you have hit the world lottery.

Dick: Says Sean.

Denzel: Yeah? No.

Maddox: Eh, yeah, says Sean.

Dick: Yeah, says Sean. (laughs quietly)

Maddox: Well, here...I mean, here's the thing.

Sean: (interjects) No, you have! You have every advantage that society can possibly give.

Maddox: Yeah, kind of, but also...like, tell that to a homeless white person. A homeless white male. Uh, you know. There's...there are...you know, if you just wanted to say in general -

Sean: (interjects) Do you think he has...don't you think he has more opportunity than a homeless black male?

Maddox: Well, possibly, yeah. Um...it depends.

Dick: Denzel, what do you think?

Denzel: I think the...the white guy's got it.

Dick: Yeah?

Denzel: Yeah. If you're homeless and black...mm, you're probably not gettin' as much love as...as your white counterpart.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: No, that's true. It's probably...you do have a lot of, uh, a lot of disadvantages. But I remember another one of my black friends a long time ago said if he had an opportunity to be reborn, he said he would choose to be a white male.

Denzel: Hmm.

Maddox: Because he would be -

Dick: (interjects) What if it was Hitler? (Denzel laughs)

Denzel: Hey, Hitler had it -

Maddox: (interjects) He...he said, "Especially Hitler." (laughs)

Denzel: Yeah. Hitler had it goin' for a few years. He was a terrible person, but...he had ev-...he could've eaten anything he wanted in Germany.

Dick: Well, he did a lot of bad things. I don't know if you'd say he was a terrible person. (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: He made...

Dick: He made a lot of bad decisions.

Maddox: He made a lot of...he made a lot of bad art, guys. (Denzel laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Can we all agree that his art is not that great. F.

Dick: What else...what's the cruz of your...? Like, I get that the...I mean, we've gone over racial profiling and over credit scores, but what really...what do you think is the crux of your problem?

Denzel: So, when looking at this problem, I feel like for the most part, it's what I have to deal with personally that really gets me.

Dick: Which is what?

Denzel: Uh, so it's a lot of, just...I don't wanna say microaggressions, because that's kind of a loaded term, and...pretty bullshit, but -

Dick: (interjects) Well, then say that. (Denzel laughs) Yeah.

Denzel: And...it's -

Maddox: (interjects) You're white kn-...you're a real white knight, Denzel. (laughs with Denzel)

Denzel: Yeah. I'm out here white knighting for the black folks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: Everywhere. (background laughter)

Maddox: You're the whitest knight there is. (both crack up)

Sean: Isn't that, like, a position in the KKK?

Dick: Oh, that's a card!! That's a card! That's a card.

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: You're gonna...

Dick: Go to yellow.

Maddox: Orange!

Sean: Seriously!

Dick: You got an orange card.

Maddox: Orange card, Sean.

Denzel: Orange card.

Maddox: Orange card.

Dick: Inappropriate.

Maddox: Mhm.

Sean: What? I wanted to get it for, like, the Aunt Jemima thing. (Denzel and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Okay, red. You're re-...I'm callin' the red card, Sean! You get that for Aunt Jemima. There.

Sean: I'm totally takin' Dick's bit. (Maddox giggles)

Denzel: It's, uh...

Maddox: Yeah, you are.

Dick: They're there for everyone.

Maddox: You're takin' Dick's tip. (giggles loudly)

Sean: I said "bit," you asshole. (Denzel laughs)

Dick: So what are the microaggressions that you're so obsessed with?

Denzel: So... (everyone cracks up) So, here are a few anecdotes from my life that I've had to deal with.

Dick: Okay.

Denzel: Uh, so...as...when I was living up here in LA, we went to this bar, and outside of the bar there was this, uh, family. Like a...there was a grandmother, I think, and a child. So...and they speak Cantonese, and my buddy speaks Cantonese. So the kid asks his mom, "Mommy, is that man made of chocolate?"

Dick: Okay. (chuckling)

Denzel: In Cantonese.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: And it was really adorable.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: And my friend tells me, and the mother turns -

Dick: (interjects) And you said, "Come over here and taste and find out." (Denzel and Maddox laugh)

Denzel: It's a child.

Dick: And then the cops showed up and started being dicks and racist for no reason.

Maddox: Frisking you, mhm.

Denzel: And, uh...the mother's response to the child was like, "No, honey. That's a n*****." (Dick laughs uncomfortably)

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Denzel: And I was like... (chuckling)

Maddox: Wow.

Denzel: And this was...this exchange happened -

Dick: (interjects) Uh, Denzel, that's ve-...that's very inappropriate. (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Red card.

Dick: I'm gonna give you a red card.

Maddox: Denzel, you got a red card.

Dick: Mhm.

Denzel: Yeah, yep. (background laughter) And, like, I regularly...I...for the most part, I do my shopping exclusively online.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: Because I legitimately, when I go into a place, I'm followed around the store.

Maddox: Yeah!

Denzel: It's RIDICULOUS.

Maddox: I was just talking to a black friend of mine the other day who said that she was walking around in a store and they follow you around, and it's different, because you can...you can sit there and you can observe them, and this isn't confirmation bias, either. Just go do it. Like, look inside...like, go to Abercrombie & Fitch. Walk into the store...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and watch how these...the, uh, these store clerks react to different customers.

Denzel: Yeah. I went to -

Dick: (interjects) Where were you at?

Denzel: Uh, so first place was...I was in, uh, an REI.

Dick: Okay.

Denzel: And the second place was the Apple store.

Dick: And they follow you arou-...at an Apple store, they follow you around?!

Denzel: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Oh, of course, fuckin' Apple!

Dick: Oh my GOD.

Maddox: Those fascists.

Sean: REI?? You thi-... (chuckles) You're gonna sneak out with, like, a tent under your shirt or something? (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Denzel: Right? That's exactly...like, "Oh, I'm gonna break into the jewel case and steal a knife and start stabbin' up employees."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: Like, it's crazy, because when I was in the Apple store, I was wearing a hoodie, standard hoodie. It's got the kangaroo pouch in the front, and I could see this guy who's standing maybe like 10 or so feet away from me.

Dick: Right.

Denzel: He's, like, tryin' to get a look inside of it, and I'm like...after a certain point, when I notice somebody's doing something, like, I don't necessarily call them out, but he was looking inside, so I just take all the shit out of my pockets and I show him. And it's, like, my cell phone, my keys, and...

Maddox: That sucks.

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I've never been followed around like that, but I know...I'm 100% sure, if I'm gonna get treated like a criminal, I will behave like a criminal.

Denzel: Oh, dude.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Like, it takes me...it co-...it takes every ounce of my willpower to not behave poorly all the time. (background laughter) If someone like that would nudge me a little bit over, it would be...fuckin' bedlam. I'll be like, "Oh, yeah! No, you know what? I'm walking out with this monitor. Go ahead! What's the protocol for that? You figure it out, tough guy! 'Cause your job is not loss prevention. It's serving customers. This isn't your stuff."

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you're not protecting your stuff. This weird part in your brain thinks that you should be protecting this shit, but that's not your job.

Denzel: Not at all.

Dick: So let's...let's see.

Sean: So, I have a, uh...a note from Randy the racist. (everyone laughs) And he's saying, "Isn't that racial profiling that you didn't think was bad?"

Dick: Well, that's...

Denzel: No. See, the difference -

Dick: (interjects) I was gonna guess...I was gonna ask you too. Like, do you think that's engrained racism, or do you think they've had experience with...like, black crime?

Denzel: I...

Dick: Like, predomi-...a predominant amount of black crime.

Denzel: So...it's funny, because the Apple store that I was at in particular...and that's a good question, but the Apple store in particular, I was...it's in a very, VERY white neighborhood. Very white neighborhood, and...like, it's near UCSD. And...so, I think it's more so engrained racism.

Dick: Hm.

Denzel: Because not a whole...like, I've l-...I lived down the street from that mall for, like, 8 or so years, and I used to go to that mall every day, and it's rare to see more than, like...10 or 15 black people in an 8-hour time span at that mall.

Dick: Mhm.

Denzel: And I would just buy Apple products online. Like, I don't know who's physically going into Apple stores other than me on that day, but...it's weird.

Maddox: Or maybe don't deal with that horseshit and stop buying Apple products. How 'bout that?

Denzel: Yeah. I mean...

Maddox: How 'bout that?

Denzel: I would...

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: If that were the case, then I would have to stop buying a lot of products.

Maddox: Well, here's the thing. For...all joking aside, seriously, everyone should stop buying Apple products. For real. (Denzel laughs) (Dick protests) No no, let...hear me out!

Dick: Where's the strike?

Maddox: Hear me out. Because...they block my website in their stores.

Dick: Oh, yeah. (exasperated)

Maddox: They censor ME. (Dick laughs) Fuck Apple, and fuck you for supporting Apple. That goes for everyone who has Apple products. Everyone listening right now in this room, and everyone who's listening at home, fuck you. 'Cause if it...if Apple had their way, you wouldn't hear this podcast. You wouldn't hear...you wouldn't see my website, and they completely whitewash it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fuck that company. Fuck Apple.

Denzel: That's a...that's a weird personal issue. (laughs) (background laughter)

Maddox: (yells) You know what, Denzel?? Your ability...

Dick: Yeah, you get it. You got it. (smiles)

Maddox: Your ability -

Sean: (interjects) That's a common theme.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what, Denzel? Your ability to even say that sentence would be gone if Apple had their way.

Denzel: Fair enough.

Maddox: Mhm!

Denzel: I mean, it's not that the Internet exists and you have plenty of platforms to publish things on.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: And need to be in Apple stores. (smiles)

Maddox: No. (Denzel laughs) You don't need Apple shit. Apple's garbage. Anyway. Uh, so moving on. Denzel, um...so a lot of times, people...racist people...Donald Trump tweeted a tweet a while back where it was -

Dick: (interjects) Do you think Donald Trump's racist? Let me ask you that.

Denzel: Uhh...

Dick: Speaking on behalf of all black people. Do you think Donald Trump's racist? (background laughter)

Denzel: So, as the authority on myself -

Maddox: (interjects) The ambassador of blacks, yeah.

Denzel: Yes.

Maddox: Yes, uh-huh.

Denzel: Yeah, the ambassador of black people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yes.

Denzel: Honestly...no?

Dick: Okay.

Denzel: I think he's just doing it to get a rise out of people.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: There are a lot of people -

Dick: (interjects) Getting a rise out of suckers. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: Uh, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, here's the thing. Donald Trump...I don't know...we don't have enough to evidence to conclude that Donald Trump is racist. However, he does retweet a lot of racist people. People who are actually...uh, members of the KKK, people who have affiliations to neo-Nazis and the American white supremacist party, and all these other different, uh... (stammers)

Dick: So, guilty by association?

Maddox: No, I don't think he...I don't think he is guilty by association.

Dick: Well... (shrugs)

Maddox: I'm just saying, one of the things he retweeted a while back was this statistic which says...uh, all...you know, the number of black criminals is higher than the number of white criminals, and the number of, uh...you know, Mexican criminals, et cetera, et cetera.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: You look into those statistics; it's very easy to refute, because it's not true. The majority of crime that occurs to white people is done by white people, because they are the majority of the population. However, there is a disproportionate amount of black people who are in prison and who are incarcerated. Just by being pulled over, you are way more likely to be incarcerated as a black person than a white person, because you have a much higher likelihood of being pulled over in the first place, AND the punishments are much higher against black people once they are incarcerated. And some of that may have to do with...here's...I took a class in college called "Education and Society."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And in this class, we talked about a very interesting phenomenon, which is...they studied black students who went to different types of schools. Private schools, public schools, schools in inner city areas that were impoverished, and schools that were in affluent areas, and they expected that the black students who went to the affluent areas with good parents who tried to take an interest in their lives and tried to educate them...they found that sometimes those students still struggled. And there's a profe-...I think he's a professor or a sociologist. His name is John Ogbu. Are you familiar with his work? John Ogbu, I highly recommend everyone read this guy's work. It's pretty telling. It's pretty informative. What he found is, when they interviewed these black students who were not doing well on tests, they asked them why and they said because they didn't want to. And they viewed the test as, um...they associated that test with assimilation. Cultural assimilation. And the more likely the kids were to answer this way depended on how non-traditional their names were. So if their names were somethin' like "Obama" or, um...

Dick: "Denzel."

Maddox: Den-...yeah, possibly "Denzel." They were more likely to do poorly on tests because they viewed that as cultural assimilation. And so they rejected it as, uh...as part of their heritage, that they felt that they were plucked...you know, at some point they were plucked from Africa, brought here as slaves, and...and as that, they were trying to, uh, become white, and they viewed that the test itself was one instrument with which white people tried to assimilate them. What -

Dick: (interjects) So what do you think about that?

Maddox: Yeah, what do you think about that?

Dick: What's the deal?

Denzel: I th-...that's...

Dick: It's definitely true, right? (Denzel laughs) To some...to some degree? To some degree?

Denzel: That's, uh...that's a reach. That's a reach.

Dick: Yeah? Interesting. Why?

Denzel: It's...uh, I feel like that...I mean, like...

Dick: I'll tell you this. I know some white people who say the same thing.

Denzel: It's...

Dick: That they don't wanna succeed also because it's rejecting their poor heritage. (Sean laughs in the background)

Denzel: It's like...ah, I don't know.

Dick: It's true! That's true.

Maddox: It could be...that could be the case, yeah.

Denzel: It just comes off as an excuse to me. So in school, I did pretty...moderately? Mainly because I wasn't...like, I didn't wanna be there.

Dick: Mhm.

Denzel: Until I switched to a charter school, and that...actually, my grades shot up, because -

Maddox: (interjects) **('ding!' sound effect)** Charter schools.

Denzel: Yeah. It was -

Maddox: (interjects) They're awesome.

Denzel: They...yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Some of 'em are awesome.

Denzel: Like a w-...

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, screw you, Robin.

Maddox: Yeah, Robin.

Dick: Mhm.

Denzel: Work at your own pace, and kinda dictate when the work gets done and how fast, and...a lot of it was just like, you know, "I can do the work faster. I don't need to sit here and wait for you to get there."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: And that's -

Dick: (interjects) But what do you think of that rejecting the culture thing?

Denzel: The rejecting...that just...I mean, that sounds very Hotepian to me.

Dick: What's that mean?

Denzel: Uh... (guffaws) It's a -

Dick: (interjects) Like Bubba Imhotep?

Denzel: (chuckles) No. It's a...it's a sect of people who are just, like, very, uh...focused around the roots of black people in Africa.

Dick: Mm.

Denzel: And it reaches levels of, like, Five-Percenterism.

Dick: Okay, lemme...

Denzel: Where it's like everybody's a god.

Maddox: What does that mean?

Denzel: It's an ideology.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Denzel: Where it's basically like...every person is a god.

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: And so they...they talk to each other in a specific manner, and it's, like, a crazy ideology. It's not quite a religion.

Maddox: M'kay.

Denzel: But it's very popular among black people.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Oh, interesting. Hm.

Denzel: Or it was, in the mid-'90s. Have you listened to a lot of, uh...like, mid-'90s rap music?

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: You'll hear people refer to each other...like, "Whassup, God?" Like, that...

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Ohh, I see. Interesting.

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: Hm!

Dick: So lemme throw those...'cause I did bring in those homicide numbers.

Denzel: Mhm.

Dick: From the FBI. Uh, white on white homicides: 2,500. Black on black: 2,200.

Maddox: Well, yeah, because -

Dick: (interjects) That's a lot.

Denzel: Yeah, definitely.

Dick: What's goin' on there?

Maddox: But -

Denzel: (interjects) So...

Maddox: Yeah. Go ahead, Denzel.

Denzel: So, when you grow up in an impoverished area...

Dick: Mhm.

Denzel: ...you don't know what you don't know, like, about the outside. Right? So you'll get stuck in a cyclical...uh, ideology when you're living in, like, kind of a beat-down area, where you sell drugs to earn money, because corporations have pulled out of the area that you live in because it's so run down and poorly kept, and...the schools are closing down, so you have nothing to do all day. Right? So if you live in an impoverished area, you gotta get

paid somehow. Right? So you sell drugs, and when you sell drugs and when there's a lot of money involved, the likelihood of getting shot or being hurt goes way up. There's a reason why...at least when I was a kid, my mom used to tell me all the time, like, "If you get involved in this kind of stuff, you'll either end up dead or in jail." And there's a reason why there are young OG's on the streets, right? I'm not saying that I'm from the hood or anything like that, and that I've got experience with gangs and drug dealing, but the reason why there's young OG's is because the older people are either dead or in jail. That's not something that's made up.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: Right?

Dick: Right.

Denzel: So you go out and you sell these drugs, you get this money; you get killed.

Maddox: There's also that staggering statistic that, uh, that said...it was a REALLY high percentage of black male...uh, black males who are of the fathering age who are just in jail right now. Some ridiculously high amount, I heard. Right? Do you have that? Do either of you have that statistic?

Denzel: No.

Dick: No, I thought it was like 40% of the jail population is black. Like, I don't know...

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: You mean percentage of the population that's in jail? Yeah.

Maddox: Specifically father-aged black...uh, black men. I read some statistic a while back that talked about how a lot of kids might be raised without a father figure, because a lot of 'em are just jailed.

Dick: I got that one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, so this is another of the...single-parent families. So I think...I think if you don't have a dad, you're fucked. Like, I see...every...any time I see, like, rampant crime or anything like that, it's like, "Well, yeah! Your dad's not around? You're totally fucked." Sucks not to have a mom! Absolutely would be horrible. Right? But you don't have a dad?? Oh my god. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: Especially as a boy.

Dick: Especially as a boy! Like, you got no...you got no god! You have no th-...you have no thread of punishment or autho-...is this...is what I'm saying crazy?

Maddox: I don't know that it applies.

Denzel: Mmm...

Maddox: I know a lot of guys...I know a lot of friends who are single...they have single parents, both male and female, just a mother or a father independently, and they're...they seem to be fine. They have different challenges.

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: Well, here's the stats.

Sean: (interjects) Confirmation bias.

Denzel: I mean...

Dick: (chuckles) Yeah, that's true! Indian...single-parent families. Indian: 52%. Asian: 16%. Black: 67%. (incredulous) White: 25%. So we're talkin' about 3 TIMES the amount of kids without a dad around. What the hell?! How do you stop that? (Denzel laughs) Right??

Denzel: Oops. Uh...

Dick: How do you knock those numbers down?

Denzel: I...

Dick: 'Cause I think that's a...I think that's a big problem.

Denzel: That is. I mean, I too...uh, grew up without a dad in the house.

Dick: Oh shit, man.

Denzel: But he lived really close anyway, so it's not like I never saw him.

Maddox: It was a separation situation?

Denzel: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Mhm.

Denzel: Exactly.

Maddox: Yeah, I...there's also those statistics, too, where your parents are separated and you get joint custody and st-...and, uh...

Denzel: Mmm...so I also have a friend who, uh...he's a young Jewish fellow who grew up without a dad, and he turned out completely fine. I feel like it's got...it's got a lot to do with the environment that you're in.

Maddox: Sure.

Denzel: And it's...if you grow up in a poor environment, like, there's a good chance you're just gonna...your life is gonna be terrible.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: So some of these statistics, people try to tout, like, "Oh, well, there are more black people in jail. Therefore, they're creating crime," and they try to pin it to the skin color, which...if you think about what that actually means, think about what they're actually saying, is that the amount of melanin in your skin... (Denzel snickers) ...directly correlates

to how likely you are to commit a crime. No other fact. And then, some of these people who -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but I don't think they're saying th-...only that.

Maddox: Well, the...yeah. Well, I'm getting to that. What else they're saying is, they try to make a scientific case for why they think that black people are more likely to commit crime.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they resort to phrenology. Do you know what -

Dick: (interjects) There's a lot...there's much more sophisticated reasons than phrenology. You remember what I said about how concentrated poverty is predominantly a black problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, overwhelmingly? Have you ever heard of lead poisoning?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Have you h-...you have?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Well, what is it then?

Maddox: Lead poisoning causes cognitive disorders and cognitive disabilities. If you get lead in -

Dick: (interjects) MAJOR ones. Like...

Maddox: Yeah. If you get lead in the water...like right now in Flint, Michigan, there has been lead poisoning in the water supply, which the...if kids drink, it causes severe cognitive impairment that is irreversible.

Dick: Yeah, and aggression problems. Like, it turns you into a criminal.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: Lead poisoning.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you've got cities that are CRAMMED with poor black people, poor black kids growing up in an environment over the last 30 years where we're pumping lead into the air out of our cars. Right? Before unleaded gasoline?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: This is a real thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So saying that it's just their skin color is a little...you know, cherry picking, 'cause this is a r-...THIS is real. This is real, that we...that all these black people are crammed together in these cities, and then we're pumping brain-killing poison into it. Like...

Maddox: Well, yeah. Dick, the point was, though, phrenology is a..."phrenology," I think is how it's pronounced, is a discredited, pseudoscientific theory that someone came up with in the 1800s, where they studied the skulls of black people versus white people, and they said, "Aha, there's some differences." Which is just insane, because...first of all, the differences are not consistent. They're not measured. They cherry pick different types of skulls, and they've found no difference in the t-...in the skull shape and how likely you are to commit a crime. It's a long-discredited theory. But these are the theories, rather...like, what you said right now -

Dick: (interjects) I've never heard phrenology being used to...

Maddox: Yeah, that's because it's a discredited pseudoscience.

Dick: No, no! I mean, I know what phrenology is, but I haven't heard of it since, like, the 1800s.

Maddox: Oh my gosh. Look at my Twitter feed! I'm talkin' to all these racist dipshits all the time. (Denzel laughs) All they're saying is phrenology this and phrenology that. I'm like, "Dude..." And I look at their profiles, and they're all...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They all have ties to white supremacist groups.

Dick: I don't know. You gotta stop listening to white supremacist groups.

Maddox: I don't!

Dick: This is...I'm talkin' about NPR. That's what they're sayin'.

Maddox: Well, NPR...so what's interesting is, who's the guy who had that racist outburst? The, uh, the...he used to own the Clippers. Sterling! Donald Sterling.

Sean: Oh, yeah.

Denzel: Yeah, Donald Sterling.

Maddox: Donald Sterling was...like, everybody had a big shitfit because -

Dick: (interjects) Did you think that was racist?

Denzel: Yes.

Dick: You did?

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: Yes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: He didn't want his girlfriend to be seen with black people?? Yeah, that's p-...that's...

Dick: Ehhh, yeah. (hesitant)

Maddox: (stammers) Hey, yellow card, Dick!

Sean: With Ma-...with Magic Johnson.

Dick: No, I don't... (Denzel laughs) No, you don't get to give those out!

Maddox: Denzel, hand this to Dick. (laughs loudly)

Dick: Well, your...your girlfriend's seein', like, younger guys. You're gonna say anything!

Maddox: He specifically said blacks!!

Denzel: I feel like if you're Donald Sterling, you should have that expectation already for your relationship. You're not paying for exclusivity; you're paying for discretion, at a certain point. So she should be able to see whoever she wants. Saying that you don't want Magic Johnson at your games is...Magic Joh-...I'm sure he's a nice guy! He smiles a lot.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: He's a...he's fun. And he...you're discriminating against a man with AIDS??

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: HIV?

Maddox: That's doubly racist.

Denzel: It's terrible.

Maddox: You're a racist if you discriminate against people with...

Dick: Racist against AIDS?

Maddox: Yeah, racist against AIDS. (grins)

Dick: Yeah? Yeah.

Maddox: But here's the thing, guys. What's being lost in the woods here, or lost in the weeds, is...Donald Sterling, what he said is...is chickenshit. It's the tip of the iceberg.

Denzel: Oh yeah.

Maddox: Donald Sterling's real crime is that he's a slumlord.

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: Donald Sterling's REAL crime is that he helped create these conditions for these poor inner-city black kids, because he specifically discriminated against black people in his housing projects.

Sean: Well, and other minorities too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And he knew that they would not have the resources to fight him on it.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Sean: If they're Hispanic...

Maddox: Right.

Sean: ...they may be illegal.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: If they're black, they're probably not gonna have the funds to hire a lawyer and fight him on this kind of stuff, so he was just...you know, he maximized his profit by doing super unscrupulous things.

Maddox: And especially if you're -

Dick: (interjects) Perfect crime.

Maddox: And especially if you're black and you might have any kind of warrants out for you, for ANY reason, not...even not showing up for jury duty, or...you know, having a parking fine you haven't paid. If you're...if you have that, right? Because you happen to be poor, and you can't afford to pay these outrageous parking fees, then you're not gonna be going to the police for their help in, uh, in housing discrimination issues. You're not gonna be going to any authority. You're gonna take care of it yourself. And also there's a sense of pride at some point, where if you have a problem at some point, you have to take care of it yourself as opposed to just always going to the police, or always going to some authority, who may or may not do anything. And more likely than not, they're not gonna do anything. Donald Sterling's a very powerful, rich man. This shit that he said about black people? Who gives a shit. That's NOTHING compared to the slumlord, uh...and he actually settled a huge lawsuit back in the '90s, I believe, right? About this very issue. That's being swept under the rug because of what he said. Like, let's not lose sight of the forest for the trees here.

Denzel: Yeah. I mean, Donald...the funniest part is, at least to me, is the justice system isn't necessarily built to distribute justice. Because, like, if you have enough money, you can hire enough lawyers to basically bankrupt anybody who's suing you.

Maddox: Affluenza. Vote it up, people. **('ding!' sound effect)**

Denzel: Yeah! I mean, look. If you -

Dick: (interjects) Well, except the government.

Denzel: Yeah, with the exception of the government.

Dick: You're talkin' about civil...yeah.

Denzel: But then you have to rely on the government to be competent enough to do their jobs. And that's tough.

Maddox: Fascinating problem. I also have a little bit of, uh, statistics to add to this. Did you know that it costs more to adopt a white baby than it does a black baby?

Dick: Yeah!

Denzel: That's...gross.

Maddox: Yeah. People looked into it, and people are tryin' to find any kind of non-racial explanation for this.

Dick: No.

Maddox: And the... (chuckles) The -

Denzel: (interjects) It's a...

Dick: Well, who's adopting the babies?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is it mai-...?

Maddox: It's...you know, it is mostly white people, but, uh...

Dick: Of course they would want...

Maddox: But there are so many...there are a lot of instances of black people adopting white kids. And the am-...that is such a fascinating phenomenon to me. I would love to interview...I'm actually doing research right now to get in contact with some of these kids who were raised by black parents, but they're white. And the looks they get when they're out in public, uh, even...there was one anecdote I read where someone even said that they were approached by another couple in public and asked if they needed help, if they were being kidnapped, if everything was okay. (Denzel laughs) They're like, "Yeah, they're - "

Sean: (interjects) I read that.

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! The kid...the guy was like, "Yeah, they're my parents. Everything's fine. They're my parents." They're like, "Well, how...how?" (Denzel laughs) It's like, "How 'bout mind your own fuckin' business? Everything's okay."

Denzel: That's...that is -

Dick: (interjects) It would be weird to see. (chuckling)

Denzel: I mean, look...

Maddox: It's unusual!

Dick: I mean, yeah. You'd wanna ask. (grinning)

Denzel: Hey, you're not a cop.

Maddox: Yeah! You'd wanna ask...

(talking over each other)

Dick: I'm curious.

Maddox: Hand Dick more cards! More cards. (Denzel laughs)

Dick: Why?! That's not racist!

Maddox: That's racist! Red card!

Dick: Why is that racist??

Denzel: I guess -

Maddox: (interjects) You wanna ask...?

Denzel: The whole thing, at least for me, is like, when I'm in public, I wanna be left alone. Like...

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: For the most part. And I understand there's a social contract that you sign invisibly when you leave the house.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: Somebody can talk to you, people can do whatever they want. But ultimately, I don't wanna be followed to my car anymore, I don't wanna be followed to my apartment anymore, I don't wanna be followed around stores anymore, I don't wanna have things thrown at me while you shout, uh, the N-word.

Dick: When has that ha-...when does that happen? How often has that happened to you?

Denzel: Oh. So, it doesn't happen to me much anymore, or it hasn't happened in a while. I had an old lady spit at me and call me a n***** recently.

Maddox: Holy shit.

Dick: Recently?

Denzel: Yeah. Uh, it was...

Maddox: (interjects) Was it my neighbor?

Denzel: ...last summer? (guffaws) No. (Maddox laughs) (background laughter) No. It was, uh, it was a lady walking through my old neighborhood. I went to go visit a friend and she, like, did one of... (spitting noise) ...and called me a n*****.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: We've all seen "Blazing Saddles."

Denzel: And then...

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Oh my gosh. That would...how does...how do you...how are you not punchifying everyone all the time?

Denzel: Because you...so, you can't react to that.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Denzel: Because...like, the first time you react to something like that, it's like, "Oh, he's the angry black guy! He's a savage!"

Dick: Yeah, that we've all heard so much about. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Prove their suspicion.

Denzel: Yeah!

Sean: When Branch Rickey used to own the Dodgers...and in the modern era, Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947, and Branch Rickey said...you know, he had been wanting to bring a black player into the majors for a long time, and there were some great

players, and Jackie Robinson was a great player. First ballot Hall of Famer. But he had to find the person he knew could take it and be better than any of his white teammates for exactly what you said.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: So it's like, "Oh, there's the angry black guy. See? I was right the whole time." So he had to stand there and get spit on, get called the N-word, have things thrown at him, get death threats, all that kind of stuff, and he had to be BETTER than that.

Dick: Hmm.

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: I have a quick question, Denzel, before we wrap this up. This has been a fascinating problem. Thank you for bringing it in. Um, do you think that there ha-...that we live in a little bit more of a post-racial society with a black president?

Denzel: Uh, because of the black president?

Maddox: Yes.

Denzel: No.

Maddox: Okay.

Denzel: No. Absolutely not.

Maddox: Do you feel that anything has improved?

Denzel: Oh, yeah. Things are constantly improving.

Maddox: Okay.

Denzel: I mean, by virtue of me being able to sit in the room with two...what, you're Armenian?

Dick: We have one white person...

Maddox: Arme-...I'm Armenian.

Denzel: Armenian, half Mexican, two white guys, a white woman...like, I...just by virtue of being able to be in the same room and we're not, like, constantly shouting racial slurs back and forth?

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: Yeah, we've made a lot of progress.

Maddox: This is a new -

Dick: (interjects) It'd be funnier, though.

Maddox: It's a new policy.

Dick: If we were doing that.

Denzel: Yeah!

Maddox: This has been a r-...

Denzel: Randy, Asian man...

Dick: You...sand devil! (guffaws)

Sean: (laughs) He just called Randy a white guy.

Denzel: Sorry.

Dick: No, he's pointing behind him. Weren't you?

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, behind him. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sean: Ohh! Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: Uh, Asian gentleman, black lady...

Maddox: We've got a full...we got a full studio.

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, we got a full studio.

Denzel: I mean, things are constantly getting better, but it's...everybody -

Dick: (interjects) What's the solution? What's the quick fix? (Denzel laughs) I don't want the...

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (chuckling)

Denzel: There is no quick fix. There is...

Dick: There's gotta be a quick fix!

Denzel: No.

Dick: There's a quick fix to every problem.

Maddox: Dick, I got it.

Denzel: Kill all white people. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: I got the solution: no more racism. **('ding!' sound effect)** Huh?? How 'bout that? BAM. Done.

Dick: Nahhh, that's never gonna happen, though. (Maddox laughs)

Denzel: No, it's...it's tough, because everybody's gonna have, uh, some sort of prejudice down the line. Like, if you have one bad interaction with a black person, that could color your...your outlook on all black people for the rest of your life.

Dick: Sure.

Denzel: All it takes is, like -

Maddox: (interjects) That's confirmation bias, though. That is literally confirmation bias.

Denzel: Yeah! Yeah. I mean...

Maddox: You had that one experience with...so, um...and I see it go both ways, too. I read this account, this anecdote of a friend of mine who posted on Facebook that he was in San Francisco, and he walkin' down the street...it was actually a friend of a friend. He was walkin' down the street, and he saw these, uh...these teenagers walkin' towards him, and some of 'em were black, some of 'em were Hispanic, and he thought, "You know what? I'm not going to cross the street. I'm not going to...I'm not going walk on the other side of the street in spite of how menacing they looked." And these kids jumped him and stole his cell phone. (Dick cackles)

Denzel: Jesus.

Maddox: And this kid...this guy's world view was profoundly changed after that incident, because he had to have facial reconstructive surgery. He got beat so badly. He had scars, he had stitches, um...he was really messed up. And it was a really sad thing for me to read and witness, because this was a guy who said, "I am definitely, profiling from now on." He says, "I don't care about..." He said, "I was very liberal and progressive, I thought, and I thought that profiling is not fair and it's not right," and he changed his mind after that day. And I don't know how I feel about it, because -

Dick: (interjects) Well, isn't he an idiot for, like, tryin' to convince himself that his gut is wrong? Like, just because you feel menaced in a situation, doesn't mean it's because you're a racist. Like, there's a big difference between, "Oo, uh, I got a bad feeling about this. I'm gonna cross the street and get away from these gentlemen," versus "I'm gonna follow this guy around the Apple store 'cause he's black."

Maddox: Yeah, that's a good point.

Dick: It's a BIG difference. I feel like...you're shakin' your head?

Denzel: I...okay, so one...you said they were teenagers, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: Never trust teenagers.

Maddox: No.

Dick: NEVER trust teenagers!

Maddox: No.

Denzel: They are...they're full of hormones, they could break at any moment, and -

Maddox: (interjects) They're idiots.

Denzel: You just...walk across the street if you see a pack of teenagers. You don't want those problems.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, their brains aren't fully cooked yet.

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: Exactly. Exactly. And -

Maddox: (interjects) Don't mess with them, don't date them... (Denzel laughs) ...don't listen to them...

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: Just bad news. Yeah.

Denzel: Yeah. So also, to a certain degree, you're...uh, responsible for your own safety. Right? So -

Maddox: (interjects) To a degree, yeah. Uh...yeah.

Denzel: If you're walkin' down the street and your gut, like Dick was saying, is saying, like, "Erm, maybe you should get outta here," you should do that. And...same reason why women will switch the arms that their purse is on when they see me walking by. Like, I can't be mad at that. They're looking out for themselves.

Dick: That happens to you?!

Denzel: Yes. Yeah! Wouldn't -

Maddox: (interjects) I...yeah.

Dick: Well, that sucks.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Sean: That wouldn't happen to me.

Denzel: No.

Dick: No, I get a smile. Big ol' smile. (Denzel snickers) From every chick. I'm serious!

Sean: Yes, you do. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling) Uh... (background laughter)

Dick: I get a little dance, too.

Maddox: Mhm. (skeptical)

Sean: Denzel... (Dick makes weird little noise) ...do you ever walk by somebody's -

Dick: (interjects) Like John Travolta.

Sean: Do you ever walk by somebody's car and have them lock the doors?

Denzel: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Denzel: Yeah, but I mean, like...it happens to -

Dick: (interjects) Have you ever had them hit a button and, like, Batman armor goes around their car? (Denzel laughs)

Denzel: That'd be nice. I want that car.

Maddox: It's Blackman armor. (laughs with Denzel)

Sean: See, he deals with those little things that I don't think about.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, me too!! That's why I wanted him to talk about this problem! 'Cause I got all these dumb stats, but they don't matter.

Denzel: It's...there's a lot in my day-to-day that I have to put up with, but it's just, like...I mean, ultimately there's nothing I can do about it. Right? Like, I could go talk to the person and we could try to work out, like, why they're feeling this way, and...you know, try to have a "Kumbaya" moment and say, "We should come together and not be mad," but ultimately, that's not my job.

Maddox: So Denzel, thank you. That was a fascinating problem. Thank you for bringing that in. And for Black History Month, guys!

Denzel: Yeah! Yeah. And just...I just wanna note to anybody listening, this is not me saying, like, "Yo, feel bad for black people. It's terrible out there." It's more so me saying, "This is what...I'm making you aware. This is what it is."

Maddox: "Here's what we're dealing with."

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, some of us. "Here's what some of us are dealing with on a day-to-day basis."

Denzel: Yes.

Maddox: Just be understanding. And I think that goes a long way, Denzel, towards...towards, uh, maybe helping solve this problem, because things are improving. Things are getting better.

Denzel: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Hey, I know how to solve another problem. Black, white, Asian, whatever, purple you are? You need a good shave.

Maddox: Amen to that.

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Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: ...to buy your razors, Denzel, someone's gonna follow you around the store, right? For our black listeners? This shows up right at your door!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nobody's gonna follow you to your own door. (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: No hassle.

Dick: Are they? Is that...has that ever happened to you?

Maddox: No.

Denzel: No.

Dick: Gremlin pops outta the toilet and follows you to the front door? (Denzel laughs more)

Maddox: No hassle, no microaggressions, and no micro-cuts or abrasions.

Denzel: Ooooo.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Denzel: Ooo!

Dick: Factory-direct prices cut out the middleman. Ships right to your door. They sell their bl-...their blades are sold at half the price of the leading brand! Fuck the leading brand. (papers shuffling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's http://harrys.com. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah. (Denzel giggles) (background laughter)

Dick: Promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM".

Maddox: Unless Harry's... (chuckles) Unless Harry's becomes the leading brand, in which case, http://harrys.com/biggestproblem.

Dick: Fuck the SECOND guy, then.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs with Denzel) Guys, I got a real...I got a real problem.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: Thanks, Denzel, but I got the real biggest problem...

Dick: Good.

Maddox: ...in the universe. Wallets! **('ding!' sound effect) (applause sound effect)**

Dick: Ohhh.

Denzel: Okay...

Maddox: Ahahaaa, yeah! Wallets. (smiling)

Denzel: Okay.

Dick: I agree with you right away.

Maddox: Oh yeah??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, good! Wallets are bullshit, guys. Wal-...did you guys know that the word "wallet" comes from the 14th-century Latin word for "slow-thinking, underachieving dullard who's a slave to convention"? (Denzel laughs) Yeah, that's true. (background laughter)

Dick: Is that...what do you mean?

Denzel: A slave to convention. (grinning)

Dick: How true is...what do you mean by "true"?

Maddox: Like, 100% true.

Dick: H-...? Okay.

Maddox: Just look it up in the dictionary.

Dick: Eh...

Maddox: It's a slow thinker.

Dick: I'll just believe you.

Maddox: A slope-headed moron. Yeah, thank you.

Denzel: Slope-headed?

Maddox: Yeah. (smiles) Sl-...a slopey...slopey-foreheaded morons.

Sean: Whooooa.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Ohohooooo!

Maddox: Wait, that's not rac-...is that racist?!?

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, it is!!

Maddox: YOU'RE a slope...WHAT?! (giggles)

Dick: It's racist!

Denzel: I mean, like...I think that's...

Sean: Yeeeeeeah.

Denzel: That's, like, an old racial slur for Asian...

Maddox: (shouts unintelligibly) It's not a fuckin' racial slur!!

Dick: Ohhhohohoho, you are so busted!

Denzel: ...Asian people.

Maddox: NO! Is it?!? (background giggling)

Denzel: Look...

Dick: Here you go!!

Maddox: I'm...okay, let's take a verdict. Everyone...by show of hands, who thinks that has any racial connotation?

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Okay, fuck you guys!!

Dick: Of course it does. (grinning)

Maddox: That's bullshit! (Denzel laughs) It's sayin-...what...what is the ra-...?!

Dick: Of course it does.

Maddox: 'Cause it...it refers to, like, cavemen! Slope-headed foreheads! Cavemen.

Dick: Oh, so you're saying that saying originated with cavemen?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like a bunch of Neanderthals and...

Maddox: Neanderthals!

Dick: ...Cro-Magnons were sitting around and they said, "These slope-headed Neanderthals."

Maddox: Nooo!

Dick: "They're always fuckin' things up." (background laughter)

Maddox: We...WE say that about people, like you're...you're cave-like.

Dick: Ahh.

Maddox: You're like a Neanderthal. Right??

Denzel: Troglodyte.

Dick: Always givin' people more credit than they deserve.

Maddox: Is that...right?!

Dick: Nooo. (laughing)

Sean: "Slope" refers to Asians. (Maddox yells unintelligibly)

Maddox: NO, THAT'S...SEAN, N-...not the -

Dick: (interjects) Not s-...not "slope-headed."

Maddox: Nope! Yeah, Sean.

Denzel: Not "slope-headed." Oookay.

Sean: No, not "slope-headed."

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: But still, let's...

Maddox: Slope-hea-...what is "slope-headed"...what race is "slope-headed"??

Dick: Let's hear the wallet... (Denzel laughs) Let's hear the wallet problem.

Maddox: Does anyone have that? No one has that. You guys are all chickenshit.

Sean: I haven't heard "slope-headed."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Which I...I don't think, but I mean, if you just...

Dick: That's because you don't talk to your racist Twitter followers all the time. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like this guy.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, guys. A wallet is basically a purse for men. (background snickering) (giggles)

Denzel: Go on.

Sean: Okay.

Dick: 'Kay. (smiles)

Denzel: I mean...

Maddox: You may think it's manlier because it's in your back pocket, but that's not manly. It's a purse. It's a purse, guys. It's a purse!! You're carrying around a purse! Everyone's carrying around a purse. And everyone has too many cards!

Dick: What are you...what makes it a purse?

Maddox: That it carries your shit with you, and you're putting it in your back pocket.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Women can have small purses. I've seen 'em snatch that purse and -

Dick: (interjects) I've seen a purse so small, you can barely even see it. (grins) (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Mhm! It's the government of purses. Um, so anyway, yeah. It's just a purse. And everyone has too many cards. Everyone, I want you to take our your wallets right now.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: All the... (stammers) Sean, Denzel? Everyone...uh, Dick -

Dick: (interjects) Randy.

Maddox: Rand-...Candy Randy Bo-Bandy, take out your -

Sean: (interjects) Hey!

Maddox: Take out your purse.

Sean: Where's my wallet?? (Dick cackles) Denzel? (everyone laughs loudly)

Maddox: Red card!

Denzel: Oh, shit. (laughing)

Maddox: Give fu-...

Denzel: Red card.

Maddox: ...fuckin' Sean a red card over there!

Denzel: Red card.

Maddox: Yeah. Give that...more red cards!!

Denzel: Red card.

Maddox: Hand him all the red cards! (Dick giggling hysterically)

Denzel: Oh my goodness. (cracks up)

Maddox: Plaster...plaster Sean's apartment with red wallpaper. Holy shit, Sean.

Denzel: Oh, shit. (quietly, laughing)

Sean: Uh, lemme just break in. "Slopehead" is a racial slur...

Dick: Yep!

Sean: ...for Chinese. (Denzel laughs)

Dick: Ohhhhh, alright!

Maddox: I bet not a single one of you motherfuckers were thinkin' that, were you?

Dick: Sean, that's the first thing he said!!

Maddox: (yells) Well, that's not what I meant!! Clearly! (Denzel giggles) A slopehead is a Chinese?! Since when??

Dick: (chuckles) Since the 1800s, probably?

Maddox: Randy, is that Urban Dictionary? Fuck you, Randy. (background laughter)

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: I trust...I trust the Racial Slur Database.

Dick: Okay, you enormous racist. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: It says...Urban Dictionary...it says "Chinaman." (Denzel guffaws) But I said "Chinese" to make it legitimate.

Maddox: Oh, it says "Chinaman"?

Sean: Yes.

Maddox: Okay. Well, that makes it less racist, I think. 'Cause two racist words cancel each other out.

Sean: Ahh.

Maddox: Yeah. That's true.

Dick: Well, next week we'll be bringing in "Being Chinese." (Maddox and Denzel laugh)

Maddox: I know a couple Chinamen. So anyway, uh... (giggles with Denzel) So anyway, guys, wallets. Wallets are purses for men. They're purses for everyone.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They're stupid. Here's the thing, guys. Everyone has too many cards in their wallets. Why the fuck are we carrying around so many cards? How many cards do you have in your wallet, Dick? Sean? (Dick sighs quietly) I want you guys to count right now how many cards you have, and how many of them do you actually use? I'm gonna bet...I'm gonna guess...

Dick: Alright, I got one...

Maddox: ...each of you have 8 or 9 cards.

Dick: One, two, three, four...

Sean: I have four.

Denzel: I have four as well.

Dick: Did you count every card?

Denzel: Or five.

Dick: Like, insurance cards too?

Maddox: Business cards count too! Insurance cards count.

Dick: Who do you think has the most cards?

Sean: No business cards.

Dick: In here?

Maddox: I think...I think you do, Dick. I think you have the most cards.

Dick: Maybe you're right.

Maddox: Unless Randy's pulling his wallet out. What do you got here?

Denzel: I have a total of five cards in my wallet.

Maddox: Denzel has five cards.

Dick: What do you got, Sean?

Sean: I'm just kidding. I have a fuckload. I'm not taking them out.

Dick: Oh, take them out!!

Maddox: Ahahahahaaaaa, yeah. (smug) You know, what would you estimate, Sean? Just hold your wallet up. Let's take a look at your wallet here. Look at that shit, man! You have, like, at least...at least 20 or 30 cards in there!

Sean: No, not 20.

Dick: What do you have in there??

Sean: Probably like 15, 20? I've got...

Dick: Take some out. What do you have?

Sean: I've got a debit card, two credit cards, a driver's license...like, a thing...a card for, like, GNC? Like a...

Dick: How do you know all of them off the top of your head like that?

Sean: Because I use them all the time!

Maddox: No. Those...the only cards -

Sean: (interjects) A Vons card. You know, 'cause you gotta...

Maddox: You don't need that. You don't need a Vons card.

Dick: You gotta get those deals, son! (grins)

Maddox: No.

Sean: No, that's true. You can type in your phone number.

Maddox: Type in your phone number.

Sean: You're right.

Maddox: Guys...how many do you have, Dick?

Dick: Uhhhh...

Maddox: What's the total count here?

Dick: One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, niiiine...I got some checks in here also.

Maddox: Oh, my GOOOOSH.

Denzel: Oh my god.

Maddox: Look at this shit!

Dick: This is an overseas check I've been carrying around for like 3 years, 'cause I can't find a bank that will cash it. (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: I have those too. From, uh, from Amazon.

Sean: I have a £5 note.

Maddox: Uh, great. Very useful, Sean.

Sean: It's the only thing in my wallet.

Dick: Oh, man.

Sean: 'Cause I don't carry my money in my wallet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I carry it in my front pocket.

Maddox: Yeah, me too. So -

Dick: (interjects) I got a driver's license, then I got a fuckload of money. (Denzel cracks up)

Denzel: Why do you have a second wallet in your wallet?

Maddox: Ohhh my god, you have a second wallet in your wallet, Dick! (everyone else laughs)

Dick: Yeah! 'Cause -

Maddox: (interjects) What the fuck is this?!

Dick: In case I need to, like, get into action real fast, I can bust this second wallet out of my wallet!

Maddox: Ughhh, godddd. (Denzel laughing) Yeah.

Dick: Like Optimus Prime, and then I can go incognito...

Maddox: This is like...

Dick: ...and leave my wallet behind, like if I need to leave my wallet with someone, I say, "You take this wallet...uh, and hold it here for me. I'm gonna take the stuff I need."

Maddox: Yeah. (surly)

Dick: "And go...into action."

Maddox: Well, speaking of taking the stuff you need, that's not this wallet-ception you have going on here... (Dick giggles) But what you do... (stammers) I started to look at my wallet critically a long time ago. Probably about, uh, 6-7 years ago, when I pulled out my wallet and I was cleaning it out, and I was takin' all these cards out. There were, like, old business cards of people I've met at parties, there were old...grocery store coupon cards, and Blockbuster cards, and my university ID cards; all this shit. I thought, "My god, the only thing I ever use in my wallet is my driver's license and my one or two credit cards. What if I just started carrying around my one or two credit cards and my driver's license?" And that's my wallet today. Here's my wallet. I'm pulling it out...bam. Right here. It's like 3 cards. That's like -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, but you don't have a wallet. You just have cards in your pocket.

Maddox: Yeah! 'Cause I don't...it's not a hassle and I don't lose them, and it's not uncomfortable to sit on. They don't look like a giant bulgy pile of shit in your pants that makes you look frumpy as FUCK. You guys...you all look like...you all look like morons with your giant wallets walkin' around. You got big...big old bundle of bullshit in your pocket.

Sean: If I'm well dressed, I will not carry a wallet in my back pocket. 'Cause you're right, it does look bad.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Put it in the front pocket.

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: But...

Dick: That's what the suit's for.

Maddox: Then it's, like, bulgy as fuck!

Sean: Well, then it...well, sometimes, but you can see it if you're wear-...say you're wearing a dress shirt. Not, like, a full suit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But you're wearing a dress shirt, might be tucked in in your pants. You'll still see the...if you put it in your front pocket, you'll still see it.

Maddox: And you sit down on this thing, it gives you back problems. These giant-ass wallets everyone's sitting on, that you got so much meat in those wallets, you're sitting down on them; it's uncomfortable. You got this big bulge in your pants. You can't...you shift to the other side, and your butt can't get comfortable, and it's leavin' a big dent, and it's wearing down your jeans, you've got a hole in your pants...

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Guys, rethink the wallet! Be smart. I'M THE GENIUS. What I did is I just took my driver's license and two credit cards, 'cause Sean, I bet after the first four or five cards that you named, you can't li-...name the rest of the cards in your wallet. You gotta...you got so much shit in there.

Sean: I have a few business cards to, like, uh...music places. They do repairs, or whatever.

Maddox: So write...so scan them, take a picture of it, throw it away! Done.

Sean: You know, that's a...it's a good idea!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I'm totally on board.

Maddox: So here's what I do.

Dick: (interjects) Wait, wait. You're on board with the having, like, a fistful of cards in your pocket?

Maddox: It's not a fistful! I have three cards!

Sean: No, you can have a...you can have, like, a...they make metal clips.

Dick: Ohh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah! You can get a clip -

Dick: (interjects) Do you have that?

Maddox: No, I don't need it. I don't need it. It's three cards, guys. If you can't -

Dick: (interjects) Do you have any money??

Maddox: I do!

Dick: In your pocket?

Maddox: So here's the thing. Here's how...here's how brilliant my plan is. 'Kay? So I rethought the wallet. Wallets keep cash and credit and your driver's license in it. That's all you ever need. I thought about it, and I thought, "Well, if I'm ever gonna reach into my wallet for cash, then I'm not gonna be reaching in for the card. And vice versa. If I need a card, I'm not gonna be using cash." So I put my cards in my back pocket, my cash in the front pocket. I never have to reach into the same pocket twice for two different things.

Dick: Aren't you worried about losing it?

Maddox: No! I never lose anything.

Dick: Like, if you're sitting down and it falls out?

Maddox: Nope! Never lose anything.

Dick: Or like if you reach into your pocket and get your keys and pull 'em out, it'll pull the money out too?

Maddox: Never happens. Never happens.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: I put my car keys in my back left, my house keys in my front right, and I segregate those two. Here's the other benefit to segregating your wallet...and sorry to talk about segregation, Denzel. (laughs with Denzel)

Dick: I mean, that's like...obvious red card again!

Sean: He is just...

Denzel: Gosh! (smiling)

Dick: He just can't help himself!

Denzel: Can't believe this.

Maddox: That's the second red card. This is bullshit. Um... (Denzel guffaws) So here's why. Also, if you lose your wallet, you lose EVERYTHING. But if I lose one card, or if I lose a little bit of cash, like, I'm not gonna lose my entire wallet. I'm not gonna lose my ID, I'm not gonna lose my credit cards, I'm not gonna have to cancel everything. Now, there is one potential drawback to this, if you travel to a high-crime region. Like, sometimes I go to Mexico, and in Mexico, if I'm going to go to an area where I think I might get mugged or I might have to bribe a cop, I carry a fake wallet with me. (Dick smirks) And I put in that fake wallet -

Dick: (interjects) 'Kay, there it is.

Maddox: A $20 or a...a $20 and a $10, like 30 bucks, and if you -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause that's how they won't think it's fake?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And a few fake IDs. I'm like, "Oh...oh, please don't hurt me! Please don't hurt me! Here you go. Here's my w-...here's my wal-..." Because if someone mugs you and you say you don't have a wallet, then you're gonna be in trouble. They're gonna think you're an asshole and you're lying to them, and they might cause you some harm. But with the fake wallet, THAT'S the genius.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: You hand 'em the fake wa-...yeah!!

Dick: You carry around a fake wallet when you're in, like, a...like an octopus shooting ink out of it when it's getting attacked? (Maddox chuckles)

Denzel: What do you do if you get mugged more than once, though?

Maddox: I have two...

Dick: That's a good question!! (everyone laughs)

Maddox: I...Denzel, good question! I have two fake wallets. (Denzel guffaws)

Dick: Do you really?

Maddox: I really do!

Dick: Maddox, have you ever been mugged??

Maddox: No.

Dick: What are the odds of getting mugged in these places?

Maddox: Eh, not...not too high, but if it happens...

Dick: Not TOO high.

Maddox: No, not too high.

Dick: Like, extremely low?

Maddox: I generally only take fake wallets with me if I'm traveling in rough areas in Mexico, if I'm traveling through Tijuana or Juarez, you know? Make some...make some transactions, make some deals, huh?

Denzel: Mhm, mhm.

Maddox: Drugs?

Dick: No.

Maddox: No? (Dick laughs) Okay. Nah, yeah, you know. I don't do drugs. Anyway!

Sean: This is a guy who's talking about "keystrokes" constantly. (Dick and Denzel laugh) I don't think he's hookin' up drugs.

Dick: No.

Maddox: No, I...so you can carry a fake wallet in those instances where you need one, but really guys, you should go through your wallets today. All the listeners, go through your

wallet! You don't use anything other than your ID, your credit card, and your cash. Put your cash in a different pocket. You NEVER need your cash and credit card at the same time.

Sean: I'm totally on board. I'm doing this.

Maddox: Amen, Sean. Because really, you don't need anything! And maybe your insurance ID card. There's a website here. It's called, uh, DumbLittleMan.com, and... (chuckles) They're talkin' about how to cut down on the wallet size, and this guy says, "Stick to the 1-2-2 rule." He says, "Credit and debit cards are a little easier. If you have more than two cards in your wallet you may need to rethink your credit and spending habits." Really, guys, if you have more than two credit cards in your wallet, what the hell are you doin' with your life? Why do you need that much credit? You should probably not spend money that you don't have. "Just carry the two credit cards or debit cards with the lowest rate on them, and you'll be forced to save money if you don't have a plethora of cards to choose from."

Sean: That's not necessarily what you're doing with two credit cards, though. You can use them to buy things that you do have the cash for, pay them off at the end of every month, and increase your credit score dramatically.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, right, right. To build credit, of course. Yeah.

Sean: If you're really responsible.

Dick: For everyone that has, like, a deal on gas or groceries.

Maddox: Yeah. But you can rotate -

Dick: (interjects) Or, like, you have a business.

Maddox: Yeah, but you can rotate those cards if you need to. This guy says, "I try to follow the 1-2-2 rule: 1 ID, 2 forms of payment, and 2 insurance cards (health and auto) and that usually does it." And really, you don't even need your auto insurance. You leave that in the car.

Dick: I think I'd be too worried about losing all of my shit. Like, even in my own apartment. Coming home and just throwing my money everywhere and my credit cards, like "Welp, I guess I'll see you guys when I'm sober! Uhh..." (everyone laughs) "Have fun playing around my apartment like 'Toy Story' while I'm passed out in the shower."

Sean: Well, you have to get drunk to remember where the fuck you threw it.

Dick: Well, I always have...I like to leave a trail from my front door to my bed of all my shit. Like keys, phone, wallet, pants...shoes...

Maddox: Dick, um...the thing is, when you come into the house and you take the wallet out of your pants, throw it somewhere, it's usually because it's uncomfortable. You no longer have to do that with this new system. You leave it in your pants, you sit down everywhere comfortably, you can fly on planes without havin' to move your wallet or take it out and put it in your front pocket, or whatever the...corny bullshit you nerds are doing with all your crap you're carrying around. Buncha GARBAGE. You guys are like walking

librarians! (background laughter) (stammers) With, like, a history of every party you've been to, carrying around in your pocket. Receipts?! Fuck receipts! Vote up Receipts, guys!

Dick: Do I have any receipts in here?

Maddox: Take that shit out. Throw it away! Anyway, this guy...this website, too, adds another thing. There's a...there was a website, it was called "Just One Club Card." It's now defunct, but it's a nice...uh, this is from Dumb Little Man. It says, "It's a nice application that puts 8 barcodes on one printed card that I carry around. I actually played around with a resizing tool to fit much more on it with both sides." If you really need any extra cards -- grocery cards, GNC discount cards, gym cards, anything you want -- if you really wanted to, you could put all of that on one piece of paper with the bar codes. It's so simple. Cut down the bulge in your pants, guys. You don't need it. Ladies, you don't need this bullshit. Cut it down to two cards, one ID. DONE. That's my problem.

Dick: OR, ramp it up! Get a fanny pack.

Denzel: Yeeeeah. (Maddox laughs) (background laughter)

Dick: Get a wallet -

Denzel: (interjects) They make nice fanny packs now.

Dick: Yeah! You need...you could get some hand sanitizer, put it in there? Get a buncha cards. Get way more cards than you'd ever dream of.

Maddox: Great. (annoyed)

Dick: Get all your...all your IDs from high school and college, all the way back. Put a little Leatherman tool in there!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You never know!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: When you might need to unscrew something, or saw something with a 3-inch-long serrated blade that couldn't cut through anything. (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: Ohhh. There's so many different types of wallets. There's money clips, there's double fold bills, there's trifold bills, there's...uh, long wallets, short wallets, there's wallets within wallets like you have, Dick! There's just wal-...too many wallets, guys. Get rid of your wallets. You don't need 'em.

Dick: Yeah, I do...I...well, I use this when I go to the gym. I just pop it out. Alright. Is that your problem?

Maddox: That's my problem, Dick. What do you got?

Dick: That's a good problem. I don't think it's as good as yours. (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: As Denzel's?

Dick: It doesn't involve fake...like, uh, fake escape mechanisms for getting mugged. (Denzel laughs) (background laughter)

Maddox: YEAH. Wait, who? Who are you talkin' about?

Denzel: So...so, you -

Dick: (interjects) Do you have any more? I'm talkin' to you.

Maddox: Me? Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, my problem is huge, Denzel. I'm sorry y-...oh, you got your black thing, but my... (Denzel laughs) I'm segregating too. I'm talkin' about segregation!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Segregate your cards!

Denzel: So, okay. Lemme ask you this.

Maddox: Okay.

Denzel: So you have two fake wallets. (Dick and Maddox giggle) You get mugged three times. Do you just... (Maddox giggles loudly) Do you give your...your real wa-...

Sean: (interjects) You need to get the fuck outta that neighborhood.

Maddox: Yeah.

Denzel: Do you give away your real wallet, or do you say, "Sorry, I got mugged twice"?

Maddox: Denzel, if I -

Denzel: (interjects) "I hope you understand."

Maddox: If I get mu-... (cracks up) Denzel, if I get mugged a third -

Sean: (interjects) Like you're talkin' to a homeless guy! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. If I get mugged -

Sean: (interjects) "Oh sorry, I'm all outta change. Gave it to the other two."

Maddox: If I get mugged a third time, I will reach into my actual cash pocket and then pull out my cash, which is...which is usually on the order of like 40 bucks, and then I'm out 40 bucks. And then...and Denzel, let me predict your next rebuttal, which is, "What if you get mugged a fourth time?" Denzel, we're not living in Nickelodeon! Okay? This is not like some "Looney Tunes" universe where you just keep getting mugged. If I get mugged once, I'm gonna go to the cops and I'm gonna get my second wallet, my second fake wallet, and then carry on, and then I'm gonna have my second...

Dick: That's... (laughing) You're definitely in "Looney Tunes" land. (everyone laughs) When you're talkin' about carrying around fake wallets in case you get mugged.

Maddox: Yeah. It's smart! I think it's smart. And I have fake IDs in there, and I have all sorts of, like, crap in there. I...you know what I do, is I take business cards for people I don't ever plan on talking to again, and I put them in my fake wallet to give to the homeless person. (Dick and Denzel laughing) Mhm!

Dick: Why do you have such an elaborate scheme for getting mugged??

Maddox: It's just smart.

Dick: Have you ever been mugged?

Maddox: No! (background laughter) But I'm prepared!

Dick: In case it happens? What if you panic and accidentally, like, reach for your money? Then you're gonna look real stupid with your fake wallet there, the whole...

Maddox: Oh, you...no, but you -

Dick: (interjects) Do you practice, is what I'm saying. Like, do you practice getting mugged in front of the mirror? (Denzel and Maddox laugh) So you make sure you reach for the fake wallet?

Maddox: I do...I do put my fake wallet where you would expect a wallet to be if I travel to an unsafe area. But the other thing is, the other benefit...this is, like, just nothin' but benefits. I'm so brilliant. Um, you're not gonna get pickpocketed. When you go to...when you travel to an unsafe area, if you're ever in Europe and you're on a subway and you're in close quarters, you're not gonna get pickpocketed because your cash is in the front pocket. And I...oh, actually, someone tried to pickpocket me in Hong Kong a long time ago.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: I was on the subway and I felt something in my back pocket, like a hand try to reach into my back pocket, and I just kinda chuckled. I'm like, "Go ahead, idiot. What are you gonna take? What are you gonna take, my driver's license? What are you gonna do with that, dipshit?? I have all my cash in my front pocket." And I turned around...I didn't even bother lookin' to see. I didn't give a shit. No one's gonna steal anything from me. I have all my cash in my front pocket; you're not gettin' in there. You might get more than you bargained for if you do, though.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: Hey, I just realized something. Denzel, you gotta check your privilege. 'Cause I bet you're not worried about getting mugged when you're walking around, are you? (Denzel and Maddox laugh)

Denzel: Oooh.

Dick: So maybe vote DOWN Being Black as a problem. I don't know!

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Alright, I...here's my problem: Google Delegators.

Maddox: What the hell is that, Dick?

Dick: When you're...you're sitting on your device...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...minding your own business, cruising GoneWild on Reddit or whatever you happen to be doing.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And somebody comes along and says, "Hey, uh...hey, I wonder what time the gym closes today. Will you just Google that for me?"

Denzel: Augh.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Denzel: I hate that.

Dick: I know.

Denzel: I hate that.

Maddox: They delegate Google tasks to you.

Dick: Yeah, I know! I'm not Siri.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I'm doing my own thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm involved in my own world that I'm in to escape from YOU. Don't bring your world into here, poisoning mine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Oh, I know who -

Dick: (interjects) Right?

Sean: I know who inspired this one.

Dick: Everybody!! (Denzel laughs) Everybody! Everybody does this to me all the time. "Hey, what time's the movie? J-j-j-j-j-j...just pull out your phone and check it out for me. Oh, you're on your...?" As soon as you open your computer: "Hey hey hey, can you Google this for me, uh, real quick? I've been thinking about it all day. I just wanna know how many bananas someone eats every year." (Denzel snickers)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Can you just throw that on Google for me? You're not doing anything." Like, "Well, I am. I'm doing the Google myself. I don't have time for all YOUR Googling."

Maddox: What are you Googling?? (cracks up) That's so important, that you can't be interrupted?

Dick: Told you. GoneWild, always, on R-... (everyone else laughs)

Denzel: Jeez.

Dick: It's like...it's someone...I don't know the word for it. It's someone prof-...making you do some-...their labor; THEY'RE profiting from it, and you get nothing out of it! (Denzel

laughs) And you have no choice! They oblige you to do it. I don't know what that's called, but that's what this is.

Maddox: Yeah, um, I don't know that...

Dick: Not laughing.

Maddox: ...that people are...I d-... (cracks up)

Dick: Not laughing over here. Why?

Maddox: I don't know that people are profiting, Dick...

Dick: They are!!

Maddox: ...from your Google searches that you're doing for them. They're not comin' to you, "Hey Dick, I got a real hot stock tip! Can you look this up for me real quick??"

Denzel: Ooo.

Dick: I'M -

Maddox: (interjects) "I'm about to place an order!" (giggles)

Dick: I'm working my fingers to the bone here for them, and I get nothing out of it!

Maddox: Yeah. You're not workin' your fingers...

Dick: I'll just...I'll be PUNISHED if I don't do it! It's...

Maddox: Well, what about voice searches, Dick? Are you okay with voice searches?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Like if someone came over to you and said, "Dick, I need you to look up what a slopehead is. Is that...is that a racist...?" (Denzel laughs) "Is that a racist, uh, epithet?" And you say, "Well, I don't know! Let's check Siri," or whatever horseshit you're usin'. Siri, right? With your Apple phone?

Dick: No, I don't use Siri.

Maddox: What do you use?

Dick: My fingers! What do you mean, "what do I use"?

Maddox: Oh, you...oooo, whoa! Gettin' romantic on your phone.

Dick: What do you...?! (everyone else laughs) Does anyone use Siri?? Do you use a vocal s-...a voice search?

Maddox: I use vocal...I use voice search all the time on my phone, 'cause it works great! On my phone, my voice detection works pretty well.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It doesn't work when it comes to text messages. It's garbage. I hate touch screens, but when it comes to Google searches, I don't know what kind of magic they're doing. But it's, uh, it's way better than any other voice recognition software I've used. Not perfect, but way better. And I do search...I do do voice searches on there.

Dick: No, I don't do those. They're dumb.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: I just type the words in.

Maddox: Type the words?

Dick: Don't fiddle around with all this voice shit.

Maddox: But you're workin' your fingers...your poor fingers to the bone!

Dick: It's slavery, is what I'm saying. (Maddox and Denzel giggle) That was the joke. That was the joke. Happy Black History Month.

Maddox: Perfect.

Dick: Slavery.

Maddox: Hey, we're all bringing in black-related problems. I have the segregating wallets, you have your sla-...your phone...your finger slavery... (Denzel laughs)

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It sucks!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I get it!

Sean: How did THAT not get a card?

Maddox: Yeah, give...

Denzel: Oh yeah. Finger slaves. (smiles)

Maddox: Who gets a card, Denzel?

Denzel: Um, both of you.

Dick: It's funny, you can say racist epithets... (inaudible, talking over each other)

Denzel: I'm gonna...

Maddox: We both...he's tearing the red card in half. We're both ge-...Sean gets all the -

Denzel: (interjects) That's for you, that's for you.

Sean: No, I've gotten like 2 or 3 today!

Maddox: Yeah, you should get more.

Sean: Okay.

Maddox: You get my half. I'm givin' it to Sean.

Sean: Thank you. (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: You still get it.

Dick: I'm just gonna start givin' people bum information when they say "Google it."

Maddox: Yeah! Why not?

Dick: "Google it for me." "Okay."

Maddox: That's funny. Dick, I would expect you to do that first, because you tend towards chaos.

Dick: "When's the gym close?" "Eh, 2 in the morning."

Denzel: "How many wallets should I carry in other countries?" (Sean and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: One. You're a man. You should carry one wallet. (Denzel laughs)

Maddox: Zero.

Dick: At all times.

Maddox: Zero wallets at all times.

Dick: That's how.

Maddox: Wallets are dumb.

Dick: Three billion searches every day.

Maddox: Three billion?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How many of those do you think are delegated, Dick?

Dick: Probably 90%? (everyone else laughs)

Maddox: Sure. So just people standing around without smart phones of their own, being like, "Hey, can you Google something for me? I need a quick it." (giggles)

Dick: Yeah, that's what they do! I don't know what the psychology is behind that.

Maddox: Why does it bother you so much?

Dick: 'Cause I don't wanna be...I don't wanna be doing the Googling! It's a pain in the ass. I wanna do what I was doing. You got a phone. You use your phone.

Maddox: Hmm.

Denzel: What if their phone is dead?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, you know what I was thinking? So the only reason I was thinking that somebody could do this to you and not be a dickhead is that they suck at Googling.

Sean: Oh yeah. (Denzel laughs)

Dick: Right??

Sean: It's the only...see, this never happens to me except, like, with my father.

Dick: Can't Google it!

Sean: No, the world has passed him by. He doesn't understand...

Dick: No!

Sean: ...the phone, the computer. If he knows where something is, he can remember the path to get it, but he doesn't understand the whole concept.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: So asking him to Google something? He's just never gonna do it.

Dick: And it doesn't help to send them the "Let Me Google It For You" links.

Sean: That's pretty funny. (Denzel laughs)

Dick: 'Cause then they think you're an asshole.

Maddox: That's fun. I send that a lot.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I s-...I remember the first time I sent it was on a mailing list of friends, and it was kind of like an inside joke mailing list. A lot of friends would pass it back and forth all day long. "Hey, check this out." "Hey, did you hear this hot gossip over here?" And I...someone asked a very Google-able question in the thread. They said, "What is this movie about?" And rather than Google it for him, I sent him the "Let Me Google That For You" link; got dropped from the mailing list. (everyone laughs)

Sean: If you sent that link to my dad, he would think you're helping him.

Dick: Yeah!!

Sean: He would think that's doing it for him. "Oh, thanks!"

Maddox: You know what? Fuck it. Let them see that slow-ass cursor go across the screen.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I love seein' that shit. It's so condescending. I love that.

Dick: Yeah. But I do think...I do think it could try to help people, like, learn how to do the Googling.

Maddox: The "Let Me Google That For You"?

Dick: Like, instead of just...yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Instead of just being like a "fuck you"...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...it could also say, like, "Hey, you coulda just typed all the words in here."

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: Especially people who don't understand exact quote searches, which is...guys, if you want the exact phrase, put it in quotes. Super simple. One thing Google is not really great at for searching is syntax. Google gets all confused and, uh, muddled when you type in certain syntax, because it kinda confuses it with flags that you can put into your Google searches. I'm gettin' into really advanced territory. (Denzel laughs) You guys aren't at my level yet. I know.

Dick: Yeeeeah. (skeptical) Advanced? I don't know.

Maddox: You know that, Denzel, right? Engineer right here!

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: Mhm!

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. That's my problem.

Maddox: So Google Delegators.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh...do you have any problems with any other types of gators?

Dick: Uh, no. They're all great.

Maddox: Alligators?

Dick: Alligators are great. You can bring those in.

Maddox: Yeah? Okay. (laughs loudly)

Denzel: They make nice shoes.

Maddox: Just the Google Delegators.

Dick: (laughs) They make nice shoes? Did I hear that?

Denzel: Yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Denzel: Yeah.

Maddox: Nice shoes, uh-huh.

Dick: Does that fit any, uh...?

Denzel: Oh, they also make great sausage.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true!

Dick: Oh yeah, that's true. That's true.

Maddox: I've had alligator sausage. Delicious. Poop it out.

Dick: Alright. (Denzel laughs) Let's wrap this up.

Maddox: (giggles) Alright, guys.

Dick: Thanks, Denzel. Do you have any, um, shitty comedy projects you want us to pitch on here like all the other guests? (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Dick: (guffaws) No. (Dick giggles) No. Uh...

Maddox: What a hater. (snickers)

Denzel: You can follow me on Twitter, and...say mean things to me on the Internet @ThatDenzel.

Dick: Yeah.

Denzel: It's spelled normally.

Maddox: @ThatDenzel. We will link to it on the website. We would like to actually have you back at some point if you do...uh, to hear some of the comments you may have received for this episode. (Denzel laughs) It'd be kinda fascinating.

Dick: It sounds like it'd be hard to say mean things to you. Like, it sounds like you just get mean things said to you frequently!

Denzel: Eh.

Dick: I mean, that's...I'm...

Denzel: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: I can relate to that, 'cause I get the same thing.

Denzel: I mean...

Dick: Like, someone calls me "asshole" every day on hate mail, but it's a little different for you.

Denzel: You did write a book.

Dick: Well, you know. Yeah. (quietly) (Denzel laughs) Yeah. I deserve it! That's the difference.

Maddox: Yeah Denzel, you're a s-...

Dick: I am the bad guy.

Maddox: You're a super nice guy. You're, like, one of the nicest guys I've ever met, next to me. I'm the nicest. (Denzel laughs)

Dick: Well...

Maddox: (theme riff starts) Anyway guys, my problem this week is Wallets.

Denzel: My problem is Being Black.

Dick: My problem is Google Delegators.

Maddox: Thanks for listening.

(closing riff)

Denzel: See you next Tuesday! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I got a voicemail from Wauterboi.

Maddox: Wauterboi, longtime contributor to the show.

Voicemail (male caller): Hello, my name is Wauterboi, and I really enjoyed the Internet Addiction problem. The one thing that I wish that was delved into, though, was kind of the stigma that, um... (inaudible) ...go around the, uh...ah, fuck. I'm just gonna call again.

(message ends)

(everyone laughs)

Dick: Pretty good point! Here's one from Tim Cook. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: You didn't play his second f-...his second voicemail. **(Dick plays next message)**

Voicemail (male caller): Yoooo, Maddox. It's your boy Tim Cook!

Maddox: Oh, from Apple!

Voicemail: Presi-...president of Apple!

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: Tiiiim Coooook! PEW PEW PEW PEW PEWWWWW! (everyone laughs) **Yo, what you think about me shuttin' down the (inaudible)? I ain't gonna be hustled by no playas from the feds, you know what I'm sayin'?**

Maddox: Yeah. (silence) (snickers)

Voicemail: You always talkin' shit about my Apple products, yo! What's up with that??

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: What's up with that, Maddox?

Maddox: Tim Cook is very street.

Dick: Mhm.

Voicemail: Ohh, I bet you met my cousin, Tim Changzzzzz? Maybe you heard about him? (everyone laughs) **Anyway, just by chance, if you need a lift, I'm also a part-time Lyft driver.** (Maddox giggles) **But seriously, hit me up, dude. I need that cash. I really need that cash.**

Dick: Hm.

Voicemail: Tiiiiim Cooooook! PEW PEW PEW PEW PEWWWWW!

(message ends)

Maddox: Okay, Tim Cook. (cracking up) Fuck you. I'm tired of Tim Cook AND Tim Changzzzzz. I don't wanna hear anything from Tim Changzzzzz or Tim Cook, any more Tims on this show. I'm putting a blackout on Tims!

Dick: Oh. I don't have any...

Maddox: (interjects) For the rest of 2016. (Denzel chuckles)

Dick: Alright, I got one more. This one...this guy didn't like me. **(plays next message)**

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Dick, it's Devon from Wisconsin. Mr. Dick Masterson, the not-white-knight, you tricky dick.

Maddox: Mhm.

Voicemail: I'm listenin' to Episode 20 right now, and guess who brought in a problem advocating for women? (silence) (Maddox snickers) **And...not having transgendered in the MMA?**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, you got me. (chuckling)

Voicemail: "I just want these women to have their own thing! Is that...is that so wrong?"

Dick: Huh.

Voicemail: That's a quote from you, Mr. Dick Masterson, the white knight. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Woooow.

Dick: White knighting it again. (smiling)

Maddox: White knight.

Dick: White knighting again!

Voicemail: How you feel about that?

Maddox: Mhm!

Voicemail: Go fuck yourself.

(message ends)

Maddox: You're the most social of justice warriors. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You even have a podcast where you can espouse your...

Dick: My...

Maddox: ...your social justicing.

Dick: ...social justice warrior problems.

Maddox: Yeah, your warrioring.

Dick: All my microaggressions.

Maddox: Mhm. It's like the Crusades on behalf of feminists.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what you are over here, the white knight. (giggling) (Denzel laughs) White Knight Denzel and White Knight Dick!

Denzel: Yes.

Maddox: The whitest guys I know. (laughs with Sean)

Denzel: Yes.

Biggest Problem in the Universe – Episode 94

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Dirty Boxers to the Oscars! (Asterios and Dick laugh) With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: And joining us again is Asterios. Welcome back, gentlemen. Welcome back, everyone.

Asterios: Thanks for having me.

Maddox: Yeah. Episode 94.

Dick: We didn't…we've never done the Oscars, have we?

Maddox: Nope.

Dick: No. We did Being Black, though.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I mean, we basically covered everything that's wrong with the Oscars.

Maddox: We got…(laughs)

Dick: And their offensive racism! How dare they not celebrate black people for making stupid movies! (Asterios and Maddox laugh) How dare they leave out minorities for making a bunch of pretend horseshit that no one should care about!

Maddox: Dick, you were so close. You were so close to…

Dick: Ohh. Nice little statue.

Maddox: Oh, my…

Dick: (interjects) (whining) Not enough black people got this worthless statue of a gold buttplug!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck you!!

Maddox: Yeah. You came asymptotically close to having any kind of empathy in that last episode of the problem of Being Black, and then just BLEW IT ALL. Blew it all in the intro.

Dick: Oh, man, fuck people and their awards.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck your awards. Who cares?

Maddox: I could go on a RANT about the Oscars. The Oscars so white, all this horseshit. Uh, yeah. I'm sorry there weren't more African Americans in the Revenant! (they laugh)

Dick: In the 1830s!!

Maddox: In the 1830s.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm sorry this movie about…this period piece where…I'm sorry there weren't more black people in the Danish Girl!!! The Danish Girl.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. I'm sorry guys! And you know what? Look at the numbers. Look at the statistics. The number of black people who've won Oscars is 17%.

Dick: It's the same, yeah.

Maddox: Higher than the percentage of black people in our population! What are you complaining about? Oh, yeah. "We went two years in a row without black people winning the Oscars! Holy shit! Let's fucking end everything! It's a fucking Klan rally up in the Oscars!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: The statistics…

Dick: (interjects) How many Armenians have won Oscars?

Maddox: Zero!!

Dick: Zero. (laughing) Where's the rally?! Where's the rally?

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: I mean, it's an entire industry that's built on and its only function is to get attention for itself. Right? All movies are designed to capture your attention. The entire industry is built on getting your attention. And they're complaining about something? Why does anyone take it seriously? That's all…that's literally all they do.

Sean: Well, it's the industry giving itself awards.

Dick: Yeah. It is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Well, alright. Fuck the Oscars, obviously. No matter what.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, but I mean, come on. Don't you guys think that we deserve, like, more awesome black characters in movies? Like more awesome black heroes? I think about, like, a little kid in the eighties, like, going to the movies. I think about a little black kid going to the movies in the eighties, and all of the best heroes and all the coolest dudes are white. Which is why I was like, super into the new Star Wars movie, 'cause it has a really cool, really funny black guy as the lead.

Dick: You thought he was funny?

Asterios: Yeah. You didn't think he was funny?

Dick: No, I thought he was a dead fish.

Asterios: Well, you hated the entire movie.

Dick: I hated every part of it.

Asterios: Exactly.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: He could have been Chinese and you would have hated the guy.

Maddox: He had good chemistry with the lead.

Sean: I guess. I thought he was small for the screen. I don't think he was a hero! I didn't buy him as being big enough and I don't think you care about him enough.

Maddox: (interjects) No…

Dick: (interjects) Look, lemme say this. On…sorry. Go ahead. I'll add it afterwards.

Maddox: Look, man. Ideally, yes, we would have representation.

Asterios: (interjects) I like the voice you're using right now.

Dick: Yeah. So condescending.

Asterios: Ideally, buh, buh, buh, buh!!! (whines)

Maddox: We'd have…yeah. I know. I know.

Asterios: It's like you're making the jerk-off hand with your voice.

Maddox: Ugh. That's what I'm doing!!!

Asterios: I know that's what you're doing! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Right in everyone's ears right now! But listen, man.

Asterios: (interjects) Just…how about this?! Name your fa…

Maddox: (interjects) Lemme finish this point.

Asterios: Alright.

Maddox: Lemme finish this point.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: Calm down.

Maddox: Ideally, we would have representation, okay? We have…every movie has one trans person, and, like, three gay guys, and you know, 13 black guys. Like, ideally.

Dick: And the white guy's the bad guy.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up)

Dick: He's a r…and they're all Donald Trump. It's just a white man playing Donald Trump, and he's the bad guy. In every movie.

Maddox: Always.

Sean: With a British accent.

Dick: Yes, with a British accent. (laughing)

Maddox: No…okay.

Sean: Has to have the British accent for the villain. The white villain.

Maddox: Look. Look, guys. No one's arguing against that.

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. We all support that.

Maddox: I want my film and I want my media sometimes to represent real life. Right? Sometimes. But here's the reality of the situation. These people are in show BUSINESS.

Asterios: THESE PEOPLE, Maddox?! THEEEEEEEESE people?!!

Dick: Yeah. These people. (giggles)

Maddox: I'm talking about the producers. The studios. They are in BUSINESS to make MONEY. They're not going to cast some Joe Schmoe just to, like, fill a quota. Some imaginary quota. They want to make dollars! And they know Christian Bale can bring a return on their investment. That's all they care about! This does…this has nothing to do with race. Nothing to do with gender! Nothing to do with sexuality! It's just investors putting money into a project that they want to see a return on! Period! That's it! They don't give a fuck about race or anything else! They're just looking to make money.

Dick: That's why Tyler Perry exists. He's just never gonna win any Oscars.

Maddox: He's making TONS of mo…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I…

Dick: (interjects) Look. Lemme say this.

Asterios: Sure.

Dick: You're talking about growing up being a kid and seeing a black hero. Okay, first of all. One of the greatest black heroes that you're overlooking is Zeke from No Holds Barred.

Maddox: Aw, I thought you were gonna say Shaft.

Dick: I mean, what gets better than that? That guy was a behemoth. (Asterios laughs) He'd beat the hell of out of Hulk Hogan! It doesn't get any more powerful than that.

Asterios: Didn't Hulk Hogan win in the end?

Dick: Doesn't matter. Doesn't matter.

Asterios: Of course it matters!!!

Dick: It doesn't matter.

Asterios: I'm just…look. I don't think you…I don't think when you make a movie you should pull out a checklist and be, like, "Do we have a this?" "Do we have a that?" "Do we have this?" But it's like, I don't know. I just think that in general…like, name some of the coolest black movie heroes you can think of right now.

Maddox: Shaft.

Asterios: Okay. Keep going.

Maddox: Samuel L. Jackson.

Asterios: In what?

Sean: Anything.

Maddox: Pulp Fiction. In anything, yeah.

Asterios: Okay. Yeah. Keep going.

Dick: Yeah. Samuel L. Jackson. Ali G.

Asterios: That's a white guy. (Maddox laughs) Pretending to be black. Look, I can think of acts…

Maddox: (interjects) Ving Rhames!!

Asterios: I can think of Axel F.

Maddox: Ving Rhames.

Asterios: Ving Rhames in what?

Maddox: In Dawn of the Dead.

Asterios: Okay, what's the character….

Dick: (interjects) Lando Calrissian!

Maddox: (interjects) In Predator! What about in Predator?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Okay. What's that character's name?

Maddox: I don't remember.

Dick: In what? In Predator?

Asterios: Yeah, exa…yeah.

Dick: It's Dylan. Dylan.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: You son of a beetch! It's Dylan, you son of a beetch!

Asterios: I'm asking! I'm asking you guys.

Maddox: Yeah. (they laugh)

Dick: Everyone knows what his name is, Asterios!

Asterios: Alright, now let's name our favorite white heroes.

Dick: I can't think of one!

Asterios: Indiana Jones.

(they all talk over each other)

Maddox: Asterios! I can't think of a single one.

(inaudible while they all talk)

Asterios: Oh, you can't think of a single one?

Maddox: No, not a single white c…(laughs)

Asterios: Really? You can't think of a single white hero?!!

Maddox: Asterios, but again…

Asterios: (interjects) The guy from Guardians of the Galaxy!

Dick: He's w…no, he's not white. No.

Asterios: The guy! The white guy?

Dick: He's Appalachian American, please. (they laugh) Alright. You got any comments? How'd we do? How'd we do? How'd we do?

Maddox: Yeah, speaking of checklists, guys.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Dick: Speaking of black people getting the shaft. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Biggest problem in the universe from last week was Being Black.

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Eh?

Dick: There we go.

Maddox: Big problem, as we proved in the intro to this show! Completely destroyed the goodwill we built!

Dick: Not a huge problem, though.

Maddox: No. It was in the medium range of problems.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, followed by Google Delegators.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then Wallets got trounced.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Nobody thought Wallets was a problem, apparently. In fact, you guys think it's a solution, so fuck you!

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) (Asterios guffaws) Well, it's literally a solution.

Maddox: To what?! What problem?!

Dick: Having a bunch of, like, loose money and cards and shit in your pockets like a child.

Maddox: Never.

Asterios: (interjects) I lost…sorry.

Dick: You're pulling out, like, a slingshot, and marbles.

Maddox: No.

Dick: When you go to the bar. Like, it's just a nice, little, compact thing.

Maddox: No.

Dick: To keep all of your important documents and cash.

Maddox: It's a purse. Call it a purse, Dick. (Dick guffaws)

Asterios: I lost my ID last night, 'cause I didn't bring my wallet with me.

Sean: (interjects) It's not a purse!

Asterios: I was going dancing last night, and I was like, "I don't wanna have a big, thick wallet."

Dick: (interjects) Wait, that sounds like a h…

Asterios: What?

Dick: What were you…

Maddox: (interjects) Dancing? Where were you dancing?

Dick: You were going dancing? What are you talking about?

Asterios: You guys don't…I went to, like a club. I went to go dancing.

Dick: Really?! (scoffs)

Maddox: What do you, go to the discotheque?! (laughs)

Dick: (laughing) What's going on?!

Asterios: Why are you guys treating me like I'm an asshole for doing something that people have been doing for entertainment for hundreds of years?!

Dick: (interjects) Because…

Asterios: (interjects) You live in Los Angeles. Do you know how many…you could throw a rock and hit a bar where there's dancing right now! Just 'cause you guys don't dance. Don't get…aren't you the one that starts the dancing at weddings?!

Dick: No, no. Don't change the…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Don't change the subject.

Maddox: We're not changing the subject. (laughs)

Dick: We're not changing the subject. Did you go to, like…

Asterios: (interjects) You love dancing!

Maddox: No.

Asterios: I've seen you BOTH…

Dick: (interjects) Did you go to, like, a disco?

Asterios: I went…it was…I went to the Echoplex.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To dance!

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: That place is cool.

Dick: To go dance with some ladies. (grins)

Asterios: I've seen you both dancing at weddings.

Dick: Yeah, but we have a genetic defect.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We're….I'm Mexican. He's Middle Eastern. We need to dance.

Maddox: Armenian.

Asterios: (interjects) You guys I…

Dick: Armenian. We need…

Asterios: (interjects) I'm Greek! What do you think we do all day!?

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, no shit.

Asterios: We fucking dance around in a circle and we break plates! Anyway. Long story short, I didn't bring my wallet, 'cause I was like, "I don't wanna have this big fucking thing in my pocket." And yeah, I lost my ID. And I have a flight on Tuesday.

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Asterios: And so now I have to, like, run down to the DMV tomorrow and be, like, "Can you please just give me a fucking driver's license so I can go on this goddamn airplane?"

Dick: Say it like that. (giggles) (Asterios laughs) See where you get, just for fun.

Maddox: You don't have a passp…you're Greek, you have a passport. You have a passport.

Asterios: My passport's expired.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Uhh…oh, yeah, that's true.

Dick: So a wallet would have been a big solution for you.

Asterios: That's what I'm saying. It would have been nice to have a wallet. I was an asshole!

Dick: See, this is what I was saying. Like, I agree with all of your academic points about how wallets are bad, but in practice, we have a man here who's just lost his ID and is now fucked.

Maddox: Wait a second, Asterios. You lost just your ID?

Sean: I'm more concerned about him dancing. (they giggle)

Asterios: What do you mean, you're more concerned about…(Sean laughs) What's wrong with you people?!

Dick: I support him.

Maddox: Hold on. You lost just your…you lost your ID, right?

Asterios: I lost my ID, $21, and a debit card.

Maddox: And a debit card.

Dick: You lost everything?

Asterios: Yeah, 'cause I wrapped 'em all up and shoved 'em in my pocket.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Oh, that's a wallet! That's exactly the point I was…

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: That you should AVOID having a wallet for, 'cause you lose everything in one shot!!! I never lose everything! In fact, I never lose anything.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: Maybe you don't dance as hard as Asterios.

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, that's the thing.

Dick: That's your problem. (grins)

Maddox: (interjects) Hey, guys, r…

Dick: (interjects) You just stand there sticking your fingers up in the air. (Maddox and Asterios laugh) Like you're trying to pull tinsel off the ceiling.

Maddox: I dunno where you're getting that. That's not…

Sean: (interjects) Shit…

Maddox: (interjects) That's not how I dance, asshole. I dance like a breakdancing…(they all laugh) I dance like a breakdancing badass, that's how I dance!

Dick: Ohohoho!! (laughs)

Sean: Shit really flies out of your pocket when you're doing the Worm.

Maddox: Yeah, Sean. And it's cool as shit!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I get laid like a motherfucker.

Sean: Mhmm. (skeptical)

(they talk over each other, inaudible) (they laugh)

Dick: I got some comments. **John Constanzo. "Congrats, guys, on almost making it 100 episodes without saying the "N" word."** (they laugh) That's pretty good!

Asterios: Better luck next time.

Dick: Pretty good.

Sean: Well, a black guy said it.

Dick: That's racist.

Maddox: Yeah, you're racist, Sean.

Sean: Did you hear what I said the last episode?!

Dick: (interjects) Tom Lund…

Sean: I got all the red cards.

Dick: Tom Lund says, **"Maddox's problem was basically a life hack. You'll never carry a wallet again after you do THIS."** Wasn't it kind of a life hack?

Maddox: No, it wasn't… I guess. I don't know. I mean, look. Here's the thing. Before life hacks were a thing, these were just, like, "Hey guys, I got a good idea."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Here's a thing I do and it's pretty awesome, and it solves this problem." Now everything's a fucking life hack with a stupid clickbait title.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Pisses me off. Everything's ruined. (Asterios laughs) I got a comment from **Gina CM**. She says, **"Denzel sounds like a smooth, black Kermit the Frog."** (laughs)

Dick: I saw that too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Does he? Does he sound like Kermit the Frog?

Maddox: Uh…um.

Dick: (Kermit imitation, sounds more like Yoda) "Hey, Miss Piggy."

Maddox: I don't think s…(laughs)

Dick: "Bring that bacon over here." Does he sound like that? (they laugh)

Sean: That is the worst Kermit I've ever heard. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah, but he's a Black Kermit!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Oh, okay.

Dick: Otherwise I'd be like "Hrrrr." (real Kermit)

Maddox: Oh, then that's the best Black Kermit I've ever heard. (they all laugh) Um… hey. Just a real quick conclusion. A couple episodes back, I brought in crickets as a problem, which you guys have NO IDEA how much this fucking cricket has been tormenting me.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Finally came to an exciting conclusion. I caught the fucker. And…I may or may not have eaten it. I made a YouTube video about it. So it's finally…I finally caught the cricket that was tormenting me.

Dick: Oh, man. This is the state of creation on the Internet. A man eating a cricket.

Maddox: What? (laughing)

Asterios: May or may not have eaten a cricket!!

(they all talk over each other)

Asterios: That's what we need to find out!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Why am I shitting on the Oscars? At least they're trying to elevate.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You…making videos of maybe or may not eating crickets. On Yout…

Maddox: (interjects) I should get an Oscar! I should get all the Oscars.

Asterios: Look. Leonardo DiCaprio didn't actually get raped by that bear. He actually ate the cricket.

Maddox: Maybe.

Dick: Maybe.

Asterios: I think your video…(Maddox laughs) is better than the Revenant. Maybe.

Maddox: Yeah! I actually suffered! Leonardo DiCaprio ate Crafty every day in between for his lunch breaks.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I ate a fucking dead insect!

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe. Potentially. Allegedly.

Asterios: Better than the Oscars. (Maddox laughs) Allegedly. Perhaps.

Dick: Crafty. Crafty. So inside. Such an inside reference. Ate some Crafty.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Alright, I got some voice mails here. They're…you know. We bring in a problem like Being Black, and what are all the voice mails about?

Maddox: Being White?

Dick: Wallets.

Maddox: Oh, what!? (laughs)

Dick: All about wallets.

Maddox: Let's hear it!!

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hi guys. I'm Maddox. And this is how I talk."

Maddox: (snorts) No.

"Don't bring the wallet with you. It's too bulky. It takes up too much room. Instead, bring three fucking wallets with you!!"

Maddox: No, idiot.

"In case you get mugged three fucking times!" (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Such a fucking moron.

"It's WAY more convenient. !!! Okay, thanks.")

Maddox: Stupid redneck…son of a bitch.

Dick: That is what you said, though.

Maddox: You dumb shit. Listen. (Dick giggles) First of all…(laughs) Denzel's like, "Well, what if you get mugged a third time or a fourth time?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's like, "Hey, Denzel, what if you get mugged once?" Then you still don't have a wallet, and if you get mugged again in between in the time it takes for you to get home, then you're out of fucking luck! What can I say?! I don't know, man. I bring a fake wallet with me sometimes if I'm going…(Dick giggles) to dangerous areas. That's it. I don't… walk around with, like, multiple fake wallets on me, you morons!

Dick: That's…why not?

Maddox: It's like you only bring it when you need it! It's like am umbrella.

Asterios: Does your fake wallet have, like, fake money in it that's just like…

Dick: (laughing) (interjects) Like a joke?!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Like, fuck you.

Asterios: Holding up a dick at the viewer, that's like, "You got fucked with these Maddox bucks!" (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Holy…

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Holy shit, Asterios!!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: That is…brilliant! I'm going to stop putting real money in there and start putting fake money in there!

Asterios: That's exac…you should put a single dollar bill in the front.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And then the rest of it should be Maddox Bux.

Maddox: Maddox Bux.

Sean: It has, like, pictures of other people's families in it. (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Actually, I have…

Dick: (interjects) Really hope that those Maddox Bux cost more to print than the money. (they giggle) I would not put it past you.

Asterios: Well, don't forget about the sunk time.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm gonna put MadBux in there. That's awesome.

Dick: Okay, here's another one.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys. Maddox made a lot of good points in regards to the whole wallet issue."

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Thank you.

"Um, you know, they can be bulky and all that. But what he forgot to mention was how much of a fucking child you look like when you go up to a bar and you pull a pocket of loose shit out."

Dick: It's true! (laughing)

Maddox: No, you don't.

"Trying to…fumbling around for that right card. Or if you have cash, just a pocket of change and cash like a fucking asshole."

Maddox: I don't carry change, you fuck.

"What are you, six years old, dude? You know what looks fucking leet? When I come up to the bar and I pull out my $160 Giorgio Armani wallet straight from Italy."

Dick: Oooooh.

Maddox: Whooooa.

Dick: Fancy.

"Fucking chicks LOVE that.")

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: Some brand dropping there. Oh, yeah. Chicks love that. "Oh, is that a Giorgio Armani? Buuuuuuh." (goofy voice)

Dick: Wait a minute. Are you saying that chicks don't act like that and don't love that? 'Cause they definitely do.

Sean: They do, but they're not gonna know shit about a wallet.

Maddox: They're not gonna… yeah. They're not gonna recognize that in a wallet.

Asterios: But if it says Giorgio Armani on it. See, brands exist so ch…

Dick: (interjects) I thought wallets were purses. Chicks know everything about purses.

Maddox: They do.

Sean: Yeah.

Asterios: And they know everything about brands.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Brands exist so that chicks know you've got money.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: No. Here's the thing. If you need to rely on your flashy bullshit to get laid…

Asterios: (interjects) Which I do.

Maddox: You're…

Dick: Yeah, which everyone does. Don't act like you're above it.

Maddox: You're…no.

Dick: You were T-shirts with your own face to show how famouser you are. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Pretty cool.

Dick: Are you kidding me?

Maddox: Pretty cool.

Dick: You're like Flava Flav with a copy of your book on a necklace. (Maddox laughs) At all times. That says "Bestseller: Me".

Maddox: Yeah. I do have that.

Dick: So…

Maddox: To be fair, you know, to your credit…point to Dick. (Dick laughs) Yeah. I do actually have that.

Dick: First one. Okay, here's…this is a serious voice mail.

Asterios: Okay. (serious)

Dick: This is going back to the black problem.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: Very serious one.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, it really touched me.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Yooooooooo. Um…so I'm just adding to your problem that Denzel was talking about, about being black. Um…so I have this problem. I'll say "Being Black, but Having an Average-Size Dick."

Maddox: Huh!! (Sean laughs)

"You know, so. You know, I like to fuck white women and everything, but…"

Maddox: Okay. I mean…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Everyone does.

Asterios: They're the best.

Maddox: Even white women.

"I guess they expect that you have some, like, 10, 11-inch fucking…"

Maddox: Meat hammer.

"Hockey puck-thick dick, shit…(inaudible)"

(Dick giggles)

"And then they see it and they're like, "Oh."

Maddox: Hockey stick, is what he meant to say.

"So…you have this fucking 6-inch fucking toilet paper roll. And I'm like. "Bitch, if you expect that shit from seeing all the fucking porn, and seeing Roots and shit, I guess." (Maddox and Dick laugh) **"That's like being the fucking Asian kid that's not smart."**

Dick: I haven't seen Roots. Is that a part of it?

Maddox: Yeah. There's a really graphic sex scene.

"So when I say 'Oh, can you help me with this Calculus?' and you're like…'I barely passed Geometry.'"

Dick: Did it win an Oscar?

Maddox: Roots?

Asterios: Well it was a T…it won Emmys. Multiple Emmys.

Dick: Oh, okay.

"Yep, well. I love the podcast. Just heard of it two weeks ago. It's funny and shit. I like it. Alright. (inaudible)")

Dick: There you go. More perspective from the other side.

Maddox: Cool. Yeah. Not all stereotypes are true, people.

Dick: I mean, IMAGINE that! Imagine what you're…you're taking your underpants off.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: And the chick's expecting you to have, as he says, a hockey puck. A 10-inch hockey puck swinging between your legs. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Yup.

Dick: And you've got an above…merely an above-average-sized penis.

Maddox: That's a very stubby dick, if you have a hockey puck dick. It's very stubby.

Sean: Don't you think…

Dick: (interjects) He was describing the circumference, though.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, is that what it…(laughs)

Asterios: If you coiled it up like a snake…that's what he was describing.

Maddox: But even…people use, like, a Coke can as more of a thing for circumference. I've heard Coke can before, I've heard tube of toothpaste. (Dick scoffs) I've heard of pencils.

Asterios: You don't know how the African American community works. (Sean laughs) And it's sort of offensive for you to assume you do!

Dick: Yeah, it is. (laughs)

Maddox: Sorry. Sorry for making presumptions about how they describe their cocks!

Asterios: Ahhh.

Dick: Alright, I got one more voice mail. Um…from a friend of the show.

(Voice mail: Tim Changzzzzz: "Yo, Madoff!!"

Maddox: Fuck Tim Changzzzzz!

"I heard what you said, man! You said I'm not a real DJ?!"

Maddox: No.

"Come on, fam! Why you gotta say dat?!

Maddox: Guarantee. I'm not your family. I don't know what that even means.

Dick: Hmm.

"I AM a real DJ."

Maddox: Wrong.

"Have you heard dis be-fo?"

(Sound effect: TIM CHAAAAAAAAANGZZZZZZZZZZZ!!! (beat drop with horns))

(Asterios laughs)

Maddox: That's all he's got.

"Why you do dis to me? I'm yo friend!! If you and I are goin' have beef, then you better bring the broccoli."

Maddox: What?!

"Because…beef and broccoli are dope as fuck."

Sean: Well, he's Asian.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

"What am I goin' bring? I'm goin' bring in a problem. That's right, to yo podcast."

Dick: No. (scoffs) (Maddox giggles)

"My problem is…why? Why, Madoff?"

Dick: There should be pauses.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Should be his problem.

"Why you stop being my friend?")

Dick: Oh, so Tim Changz is….

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Tim Changz, uh, horseshit. Which, by the way, he just posted a video. He stole some footage from me. He didn't get my permission. He came over to my house! And knocked on my door, like, ambush style!! Like, "Hey Maddox…" Er, he calls me Madoff 'cause he doesn't even understand names. And he just stole some footage from me and put it in some video with me and Tom Middleditch. Middleditch? Middleditch. Middleditch.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know.

Asterios: Oh, the guy from…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah. From Silicon Valley.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Total bullshit.

Dick: I don't know. Alright, I got a bunch of songs, but we'll listen to 'em later. Do we want to start with some problems?

Maddox: Let's do it.

Dick: Start with some problems?

Maddox: Dick, why don't you start us off?

Dick: Yep. My problem is Adults Living with Their Parents.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Well, hold on. So is this…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, you're disagreeing already? (they crack up) Okay.

Maddox: No, but is this code for Millennials?

Dick: What do you mean, code for Millennials?

Maddox: 'Cause this is a problem…well, I'll…(stammers)

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, code?

Maddox: Let's…I'm sorry. Let's just hear what you got to say.

Dick: Do you have a pr…if it is Millennials, do you have a problem with that?

Maddox: I don't know!

Dick: If it's specifically millennials?

Sean: This has been happening a lot.

Dick: Yeah. Here's the problem. "Well, hold on here!" (Maddox laughs) I got…first of all, the stats that you might being in are wrong!

Maddox: Go on.

Dick: Lemme…I'm just gonna show you a graph here. This is the percentage of 18 to 34-year-olds living with their parents. So this is a graph from 1994 to presently. That's a worrisome graph. You'll see that it climbs, pretty steadily, from 27% down in the 2005s to 32% now.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: One out of three adults 18-35. 18-34. Is now living with their parents.

Asterios: Yeah, and that actually is…I mean, and that's…an American graph. I mean, globally, it's a big problem, too. Like, you know…there are certain countries where you don't move out of your parents' house until you get married.

Sean: Yeah, but that's a culture thing.

Maddox: Well yeah, but that's cultural. Yeah. It's cultural.

Asterios: Yeah, but it's also a huge fucking problem!

Dick: That's a wrong culture, then. That's a big problem with that.

Asterios: Yeah! Like, I dated a girl a long time ago who was Iranian, and she was, like, "I have to get married so I can move out of my parents' house." And I was like, "Well, I don't want to get married." And she was like, " Well, then we can date for a little while, but this can't be a long-term thing, because I have to get out of parents' house." And I was like, "Well, why don't you move out of your parents' house?" She's like…

Dick: (interjects) She's gotta get married first.

Asterios: "I can't…" Exactly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was one of the reasons that I found why people aren't living outside of their parents' house, 'cause marriage rates are on the decline.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: So it's just…yeah. Getting married…you can't live at your parents' house when you're married, can you? Can you!? I don't know! I don't know how people live at their parents' house at all!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah, I know.

Maddox: No, they do. It depends. Like Sean was saying, it's cultural. Like in Middle Eastern…a lot of Middle Eastern countries. Even in Germany, I think?

Sean: The Philippines.

Asterios: In Italy.

Maddox: The Philippines, yeah.

Sean: Filipinos live with their…the family stays together a lot of the time.

Maddox: There's a lot of 'em.

Dick: Italy is 80%.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of…young adults.

Sean: What?!

Dick: 80% of young adults live with their parents! Greece, 46%.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Like a half!!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: One out of two!! So every…chick goes on a date with a guy, there's a coin flip chance that he lives with his parents?!

Asterios: Or opposite, dude goes on a date with a chick, he want…what, are you gonna go back to her parents' house to fuck?! Are you k…it's impossible!

Dick: No.

Sean: Dick. Do the years on that graph coincide with…

Dick: (interjects) Deez nuts. That's what they coincide with.

Sean: Do they coincide…(laugh)

Asterios: With the crash?

Sean: Do they coincide with the recession?

Dick: So they…they rise…well, they start rising dramatically in 2006.

Sean: Okay, that's before.

Dick: And then after the recession subsides, they don't go back down.

Sean: Okay.

Dick: So I think it's got a lot more than just the recession to do with it. Like, I think it's a big cultural shift, like you're talking about.

Sean: Also, the…

Dick: (interjects) But in America.

Sean: Well, in America…

Maddox: (interjects) In America, yeah.

Sean: The college degree means a LOT less than it did, like, 10 or 15 years ago, don't you think?

Dick: Sure. That's true.

Sean: It's kind of raised the bar, like, a four-year degree is now like the new graduating from high school.

Maddox: Right, um…so Dick, this phenomenon that's occurring. I don't really count Greece and Italy and the Mediterranean and all these other countries. 'Cause I…

Dick: (interjects) Neither does the world.

Maddox: 'Cause…(laughs) (Asterios laughs) For them, it's cultural. And it's something that's been long-engrained. Like, I don't think you're going to find the same type of spike in the number of people who are living at home in these other countries, 'cause it's always been that way. But what's interesting is this phenomenon that's occurring in America specifically, and the age range you said is 18-34. That is millennials. That is the millennial age. And that's one common criticism that millennials get. That's why I asked at the top of this problem, "Are you talking about millennials?" Just so I have a better frame of reference.

Sean: That's also…

(they all talk over teach other)

Asterios: (interjects) Well, if you don't mind me saying…

Dick: (interjects) Why don't you think the culture matters? Like, why do you think…

Asterios: (interjects) Yeah. 'Cause I think that does.

Dick: Me too.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I think it's a cultural shift happening in the US, making it more like these other cultures, which I've got a problem with.

Maddox: Well, if that's…if it's a cultural shift, then I don't have a problem with it, because it's just part of our culture, and cultures are largely arbitrary. They're based on tradition and a bunch of weird horseshit that got passed down from generation to generation.

Dick: Don't you have a problem with that?

Asterios: Yeah, the traditions suck, though.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: We hate all sorts of traditions. We hate female genital mutilation.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: We hate countries where women have to go out dressed up in a fucking garbage, like, because if someone sees their face, they might go to Hell. (Dick laughs) Like, there's…we hate PLENTY of other cultures.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: We find them to be oppressive. We don't…China is an oppressive, anti-Democratic regime. We don't like that. The idea that you can be 35 in Italy, and you're still living with your parents…

Dick: (interjects) 50-50.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Er, no, I'm sorry.

Asterios: No, it's 80…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 80%!

Asterios: It's 80-20. I mean, the idea that you're a 35-year-old guy living in Italy with your mom and dad and you're desperate to get married just so you can get the fuck out of there, so you have dive headfirst into some loveless marriage to get out of your p…it's just…it's a huge bummer!

Maddox: Well, Asterios, but this is your cultural imperialism, here. Because you're basing this on your perspective based on your American culture. Like, the only reason we, here, sitting in this studio think that this is kind of weird is because WE are not used to it. To the rest of the world, it's very commonplace.

Sean: I don't think it's a cultural shift in America, because that graph is REALLY severe.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Over a short number of years.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I don't think culture changes THAT quickly.

Dick: Well, this graph is also stretched out so it looks severe.

Maddox: Well, 2006…it's only been 10 years. I guess, over the course of the decade, I mean…

Dick: (interjects) It's an entire generation.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: (interjects) Well, no. That's…

Dick: (interjects) It's an entire generation that are living with their parents with…I mean, what are we gonna say here? 5% more frequency? That's big! Because if it keeps going like that, we'll be Italy in 2100. You know? Where all these kids are living at home. 'Cause they've got student debt up to their ass!

Sean: Oh, yeah, six figures.

Dick: Like, how can they justify living in an apartment when you can just live at home and chew away at an indigestibly-sized student debt? Student loan?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it has, like, a profound effect on your independence and quality…how are you gonna bang the shit out of a chick at your parents' house?

Asterios: You can't.

Dick: You can't.

Sean: Did you see Old School with Will Ferrell?

Dick: I did. Why?

Sean: Well, 'cause he lives in his mom's basement. He just kills it.

Dick: I don't remember that movie.

Sean: Yeah, he…

Maddox: He crushes that puss.

Sean: He literally yells for meatloaf. (they laugh) Oh, shit.

Asterios: Oh, sounds like someone else we know. (they all talk over each other)

Sean: Whatever! You know what the fuck I was talking about!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Well, like…I mean, here's what I have to say about it. It seems like this is sort of like a bifurcated problem. But I just think that they're both bad. It's like…well, if you think about it, alright, in Europe, perhaps the reason you stay with your parents until whenever is economic. You know, like, in Europe, the government takes a large chunk of your taxes.

Dick: Mmm.

Asterios: In…like, you know. And the trade-off is, you get a more robust social safety net. You know. I think in Sweden you have a guaranteed income of $21,000 per year. As a result, the government takes 75% of your taxes, at least. But it's like…you know. Make sure…

Dick: (interjects) And a car costs 150% more.

Asterios: Oh, it…

Dick: (interjects) Like, everything's a fortune there.

Asterios: Yeah. And going out to dinner in Sweden costs a million goddamn dollars.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: But here's the thing. In America, now, thanks to income inequality, we are also all making a shitload less money, only our safety net is NOT good. (giggles) So, like… we're getting the worst thing about Europe, which is…like, we're all making less. And our money doesn't go as far as it otherwise might, but we don't have the benefit, which is like, well, we can still die on the street or starve to death, like, or we have to go the Emergency Room for all our fucking care.

Maddox: Right. So…I guess the…I don't know what the problem is. Because there's a false equivalency between female genital mutilation, which is a culturally abhorrent practice, and living at home. One mutilates your vagina and makes you have no sexual sensation; the other one is kind of annoying when you want to bring home a date.

Dick: So you'd rather live at home than have your vagina mutilated? (they laugh) Not me. I would way rather have my vagina mutilated than live at home.

Maddox: So, Dick, what's the problem?

Dick: What do you mean, what's the problem?

Maddox: What's the problem with people living at home?

Dick: It sucks!

Maddox: And I'm not challenging you, I'm actually asking. Yeah.

Dick: It's the extension of being a child.

Asterios: Infantilism!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When I go home…when I go home, and I love my parents. And they're awesome. Being at home, for me, is like a vacation. That no one else in LA has, which I think is why everyone in LA is such a crazy asshole.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause they're stuck here in this hotbox of other crazy assholes. Not me! I can skip out.

Maddox: Let's be more normal like Dick! Let's all try to be more normalized like Dick, 'cause you're definitely not a crazy asshole.

Dick: You should BE so lucky.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I go home and have a little R&R bed and breakfast vacation, but still…when I get there, part of my brain reverts to when I was, like, 13 years old. And that's bad! All these…all these kids are now hopping out of college, going back to live with mom and dad until they're, like, THIRTY. Which is…I'll tell you something else. As a young adult, your brain is developing from…I think it's what? White matter to grey matter? Whatever it is…

Asterios: (interjects) When the mile encloses, I think it's like age 24 or something.

Dick: Yeah. As you approach 30, you're still learning.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: You're still habituating your experiences and it's closing up and it's closing up. By the time you're 30, you're set.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: That's it. For the rest of your life. You think you're gonna change? You're gonna hit 50 and go on some…you think you're gonna lose weight at 45? You're not. (Asterios cackles) If you didn't lose it at 30, you're done. That's your body for the rest of your life. So…all of these kids are remaining teenagers forever. They're gonna be 80, and because

they grew up with mom and dad until they were 30, they're gonna be thinking like they're teenagers still!

Maddox: You know, Dick. So when I ask you what the problem is, I'm not challenging, I'm actually just curious what…to hear what you think the problem is. Because I don't think that's it. Because if this was the case, then countries like Italy and countries like Greece, and all these other countries that have this phenomenon where, culturally, they do live at home. They'd just be a bunch of manchildren their entire lives. And that's not the case at all!

Asterios: Have you been to Europe?!

Dick: So you're saying…

Maddox: I have!! It's great! (Dick laughs)

Asterios: Mmmm.

Dick: So you're saying Greece would have big problems, if what I'm saying is true? (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Greece. I mean, you know, that's an exception. They have their…are you talking about their austerity measures and all that shit? (they all talk over each other)

Asterios: Wasn't Italy's prime minister caught, like, fucking a bunch of whores on TV?! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, but wasn't our President caught getting a blowjob from an intern? I mean, where…

Asterios: (interjects) Not on tape!!

Maddox: Ohoho!! (laughs)

Asterios: Not like the equivalent of Hugh Hefner's mansion! Maddox, if you don't mind me saying, like…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I feel like you could…I feel like you know why living at home is a problem.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: I understand you…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I understand you wanting to tease this out for the listener. But, like, just playing along for a second, would you rather live at home, or would you rather live independently?

Maddox: Independently.

Asterios: Of course!

Maddox: 100…10/10, of course.

Dick: Then why…what is your deal with this, then?

Maddox: Well, I'm curious specifically…

Dick: (interjects) Why are you defending Italy and throwing these weird arguments out about it?

Maddox: I just want to hear a satisfying argument. 'Cause I agree with you. (Sean laughs)

Asterios: Well, then make one yours…

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: Well, then make one yourself!

Maddox: Okay. I'll tell you personally. I think that unless you are independent and unless you go out into the world, smooth seas don't make a good sailor, right? What's that expression?

Asterios: Yeah. And you know, boats were made to go sailing. They weren't made to stay in harbor. Safe ship helps no one.

Maddox: Yeah, safe ship helps no one.

Dick: A stitch in time saves nine, guys. (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: Yeah. Use the Force, Luke.

Maddox: No, but, smooth…

Dick: (interjects) Mind the gap.

Maddox: Smooth seas don't make a good sailor. You need to become independent and learn the responsibility of taking care of yourself. I think that moving out is an important step in becoming an adult. And the most interesting thing you've said so far, to me, is the phenomenon that your brain kind of stops developing. Which, I don't know. I mean, if that's the case, again, why aren't countries that practice this more culturally, why isn't that more of a phenomenon? And is this really just a…

Dick: (interjects) Why is what more of a phenomenon? Just use Italy as an example? Why isn't what in Italy more of a phenomenon?

Maddox: Okay, in Italy. Well, you're saying, if you are…if you have a stunted development psychologically by living at home…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I just don't see that as being the case in Italy.

Dick: What the hell would you possibly measure that by?

Maddox: Well, um…

Dick: (interjects) Like, what do you know about Italian culture or li…I know very little about being Italian!

Asterios: I can tell you guys one thing about Italian culture that's pretty manchildy. Uh… you can call in sick because there's a soccer game on.

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: And there's, like, a huge outbreak of people not going to work in Italy because people are like, "Oh I'm sick and there's a soccer game on." So what they had to do was start hiring doctors to go around to people's houses to make sure that they were actually sick.

Dick: Oh, sure!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Where does that come from!? Maybe because 80% of them are having their laundry done by Mom.

Asterios: Yeah, exactly!

Dick: Yeah. Here's a…

Asterios: (interjects) Because they're manchildren!

Dick: Here's what else I know about Italy. At Oktoberfest, during Italian weekend, when all the Italians come in…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Every single waitress there says tips…has a button, in Italian, that says, "Tips please." 'Cause they don't fucking tip!

Maddox: Yeah, Italians don't tip. Right.

Asterios: That's terrible.

Maddox: Well, no, because tipping is an American culture.

Asterios: You should tip…

Sean: (interjects) Lot of countries don't tip.

Asterios: …these big-titted ladies at Oktoberfest, if no one else.

Sean: I know in Costa Rica, I was down there years ago. And they said, "If you're gonna tip, tip a very little amount, because we don't want to get them spoiled." 'Cause American tourists go down and tip, like, 20%.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And they're like, "We don't want them to know."

Maddox: And they start to expect it.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: I think tipping is a huge problem. But yeah. So living at home, Dick, I agree. I think it can inhibit your growth in that you will not get the responsibility. Like, I…this is

something I've dealt with personally, and one of my friends has a cousin who's lived at home until he's like, 40, 45 years old, something like that.

Asterios: Noooooo.

Dick: Yeah. And would you set them up with your sister? That person?

Maddox: Uh, no, probably not.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Because he's tried to date and you can tell that there's something that hasn't fully developed there. That independence. Because people who do live at home for too long…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: I think, can feel insecure about it. But I don't know…I mean, I haven't controlled for culture. Like…(stammers) I haven't seen that to be the case in Italy with all my Italian friends and when I've gone to visit, that's definitely not the case, because it is cultural. But out here, I think because there is that stigma of living at home, that it's hard to control for whether or not they are fucked up because of our culture, or fucked up because they are living at home and there's something else going on.

Dick: How about the parents? Can you imagine your kid? I floated this one by my parents. Um…after college, Sean and I lived in this giant house. We paid nothing in rent. Greatest times of my life, anyway. Cheap as shit, right? So that house was…we were breaking up that house, part of us were moving away, and I was at dinner at my parents' house, and I was just, like, "Hey, maybe I'll move back in here for a little bit after this house goes away." Just 'cause I hadn't decided where I wanted to move after that. And the look I got from my fucking dad.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Was, like…"Hooo, well, uh, that's definitely not gonna happen."

Maddox: Yeah. (Asterios laughs)

Dick: And what I bring in is 40…61%. So, way more than half of parents with grown… way more than half, but not significantly more than half.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Parents with grown kids at home find this experience mostly positive.

Asterios: Ahh.

Dick: According to this survey. So that's…that's 40% of parents who are, like, "Get these fucking kids out of my house." (Asterios laughs) "Don't you think you've done enough?" Like you're old…you're 30 years old in this case, your parents are, what? 50-something? And you've got these fucking kids in your house being 30? Oh, my God. That's a big problem.

Asterios: And you feel like you've failed as a parent. Too.

Dick: I would think so.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, my parents are so disappointed in my siblings. (Maddox laughs) Because they, like, they'll come home for long stretches.

Dick: Really?

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: So this is personal for you, as well.

Asterios: Yeah. Absolutely. I mean, look. Recently I went home for a couple of weeks, 'cause I was really, like, bummed out. You know, I've been going through some personal issues. And I remember after two weeks, my mom was, like, "Yeah, you gotta go. Like, I know it's awesome to stay here and we make all your meals and you can play Katamari Damacy until 2 in the morning."

Dick: Right

Asterios: But she's like, "You have to go out to Los Angeles where your friends are, and be an adult." Like, she told me.

Dick: Yep.

Asterios: And she was like, "You're welcome here as long as you want, but it'll be better for you if you leave." Like, I think if you were to ask your Italian friends, "Would you prefer to live at home or would you prefer to live in your own place?" I mean, maybe this is just cultural imperialism, but I think they would prefer to live at home. Like…I've read plenty of articles about European living where, like, you get quotes from these people who are just, like, "I want to get the fuck out of here."

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: You know? It's…I mean, but they're your friends, so what would you think they'd say?

Maddox: They seem very happy. They seem…unaffected by their cultural upbringing in terms of…(stammers) It's something, like, you just take for granted.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, for example, in America. This is something that's gonna sound weird to any Chinese listeners, but in America…

Dick: You should say it with a Chinese voice, then.

Maddox: I will not. (they giggle) So what's kind of weird that we kind of just take for granted…(Sean and Asterios laugh)

Sean: That was hirarious!!

Maddox: Oh, geez. Um, what we kind of take for granted here in America is that we don't talk about income. You can't ask anyone how much they make. It's considered rude. But

there's no reason. There's no law. There's no rationale for that. It's just an American thing that's part of our culture.

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it's very personal.

Maddox: And we just take it for granted. No!! It's not more personal than, say, whether or not you got laid, and you talk about that ALL the fucking time! It's not more personal than what you ate for lunch. Everything we do is personal to some extent. It's just…this is one taboo that we have in our culture that we take for granted. So similarly…

Dick: (interjects) Well, getting laid is also very personal.

Maddox: But people talk about that ALL the time. People don't talk about how much money they make.

Dick: How much money they make is MUCH more personal. That is how much you're worth.

Maddox: That's your opinion. That's your opinion!

Dick: That's everybody in America's opinion.

Maddox: Absolutely not.

Dick: According to what you're saying, 'cause we don't talk about it.

Maddox: But that's…the point is, Dick, that it's culturally arbitrary. There's no reason why…in China, that's not a taboo. It's something that everyone just talks about. They don't consider it personal. It's just a fact of life. It's like, "Yeah, how much money do you make? Where do you live?" Anything could be a taboo, but in Italy, to answer your question, Asterios. I don't get that perception from people.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: But Dick, back to your problem. Do you think this is a problem with millennials. 'Cause I keep seeing this problem pop up in articles about millennials and how they're living at home, and not moving out. Do you think that's a unique problem…

Dick: (interjects) It's a huge…it's a huge problem for them. It's a bigger problem for them than it is…for me. Um…

Maddox: Why do you think that?

Dick: Well a lot of reasons. I think that they're…despite what the job numbers say, that they're now making more money after the recession, that they're recovering? I don't think they really are. I think millennials are getting hit with a bunch of shitty jobs, like…sub-thirty hour jobs that don't make a lot.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I think they're drowning in student loans. Uh…I think that baby boomers are not retiring, forcing them to work these shit jobs with no stability. Uh, it's a big problem because they…it's not as easy for them to not live at home. And it makes…the worst part is, is it makes sense. It makes sense for them financially, which fucking sucks. That's not a position I want to see millennials in.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: But they're kind of stuck with it.

Asterios: Yeah. I mean, you watch TV, you read books. Like, you read comics. Whatever. Literally every aspect of American culture tells us, like, you grow up, you go to college, and then you get your first place! You know?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, how many TV shows are there? Like Felicity, whatever. There's a million TV shows about, like, a bunch of young people in their early 20s living in an apartment together. Friends, one of the most popular shows of all time, is about a bunch of people in their early 20s living in New York, trying to make it on their own. And then when the reality hits that there's no money out there. That, like, you have to take this shit job because they'll just find another, even more desperate millennial if you don't. Like, they don't have to give you benefits anymore, they've really got you over a fucking barrel. And…you know, I…

Dick: (interjects) Or CAN'T give you benefits!

Asterios: Well, yeah. Exactly. Like, I graduated in 2004 with about $35,000 worth of student debt, and I went to, like, a very expensive college. I've met people…

Sean: (interjects) That's low.

Asterios: That's what I'm saying!

Sean: That's really low.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: 10 years later, I'm meeting people with $200,000 worth of student debt.

Maddox: Oh, that's insane.

Asterios: Like, and it's not like they went to medical school! They…they're fucking film majors! With, like, you know 20 cars' worth of student debt! It's terrible.

Sean: Well that's their fucking problem, too.

Dick: Yep!

Asterios: Look, I'm not…what, an 18-year-old is not gonna do something stupid? Like, of course they are. They're 18 years old. College shouldn't be this expensive to begin with.

Dick: They're also getting "follow your dreams" pumped up their ass day and night.

Sean: Yeah!

Asterios: Exac…by the culture, and the media, and everything else. Exactly.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: It's terrible!

Sean: Somebody told me this one time, and I think it's so accurate. He said, "There's nothing wrong with learning a trade."

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Like air conditioning or something. You're always going to work. It aint' glamorous, but you can make money and work steadily. As opposed to going to college, drowning in student debt, and coming out with kind of a useless degree in a lot of cases.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: My dad instilled those values in me, Sean. A long time ago when I was growing up. My dad told me that when I'm old enough to get a job, that I should get a job and do whatever it takes. And if my boss asks me what I can do, he says, "Whatever it takes to get the job done." And that's the value that I've had all my entire life. And at my old job at the telemarketing company, the executives would consistently go to me…they would skip everyone in every department and they would go to ME to ask me to get something done, because they know that regardless of what the task is, even if it's outside of my domain and outside of my department, I'll get the job done, because I'm not a pass the buck kind of guy. You get the work done!

Sean: Yeah. That's such an important thing to instill in a kid, I think.

Maddox: Absolutely. You're at the work, like, I wish more people had this value. This virtue. Of just getting shit done. Adam Corolla espouses this on his podcast all the time, too.

Sean: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: He says you should learn a trade. Learn how to do something. It's not attractive to be ignorant. It's not attractive to be helpless. You need to learn how to do something. Get in there. And even if it's something you don't think you'll ever use? Guess what? If you learn it, you'll enrich yourself, and somewhere down the line in your life, it may come in handy in a place and a time where you least expect it.

Sean: If he lost everything and lost any entertainment endeavor that he's in, he could go back to carpentry.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: Adam Corolla?

Sean: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: He's a very skilled carpenter.

Sean: Yeah, no. He knows totally everything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, and he's always trying to work it into his movies and shit, too. (Asterios laughs) Like he'll have an ad-libbed scene where he lists a bunch of, like, bolts and nuts. It's just, like, "Alright, Adam. We get it." (they laugh) Fuck you. You know? It's like

somebody always trying to cram their telemarketing job experience into a podcast. (Sean cackles, they all laugh) Alright, that's pretty much my problem. I mean, I've got marriage…declining marriage rates. In 1986, half of parents reported that they spoke to their children once per week. Today, 67…blablabla. Today, they say they contact their adult child almost every day.

Asterios: Jesus Christ.

Dick: I don't know what the problem is! I know living at home with your parents is wrong and weird. (Asterios and Maddox laugh) But I don't know what caused it. I don't know what caused it.

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno, man. I think if people are down on their luck, sometimes. It's a good alternative to being homeless. I'll give you that.

Asterios: It's the best alternative to being homeless. I mean, look. It makes sense to stay at home, because people aren't getting paid as much.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It makes sense to stay at home, save up a big chunk of money, and then leave when you're in your mid-twenties. Like, there are listeners right now who are living at their parents' house and they're in the early twenties. And if you…look. If you gave 'em a million dollars, they would probably move out. It sucks that we kinda got fucked. I mean, people always say we're the first generation that's gonna be worse off than our parents. I mean, don't you guys, like, feel that in your fucking souls?!

Dick: No.

Maddox: No, not at all. No.

Dick: I mean, not me. But yeah, everybody else is fucked.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't. I feel like regardless, I don't have the wealth and equity that my parents built for themselves in their generation. However, I feel like I do have more opportunities. Because…by virtue of the fact that we have entire INDUSTRIES that didn't exist when they were alive. I do feel like I am more fortunate to be alive now than the baby boomer generation. I wouldn't trade what I have now for what they had back then. I like my life now, and I like my technology now. I like being able to get porn on demand. I like being able to…

Dick: (interjects) You like that you can wear a shirt that says "Buttfuck" on it outside. (Maddox laughs) And everyone has to take it. You couldn't do that in the fifties.

Maddox: (interjects) Dick's talking…yeah. (grins)

Dick: Which you're doing currently.

Maddox: Asterios and I have a mutual friend, Dan. Can we mention his name?

Asterios: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: http://www.actionfiguretherapy.com.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I do some of the voices for some of those cartoons. Our buddy for a long time, Dan, has been making these cartoons called Action Figure Therapy where, like, GI Joes go to therapy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And it is the most popular thing with the military in the world.

Maddox: They love it!

Asterios: Like, he ships his T-shirts and cartoons to bases all around the world because, like, he really knows a lot about the military and these cartoons are really accurate to how funny some of these guys are.

Maddox: Hey, but real quick, back to millennials.

Asterios: Oh, sure.

Maddox: You know, they're getting a bum deal in the job sector. They need to save money.

Asterios: They sure do.

Dick: Well I was gonna go, "Speaking of ads."

Maddox: Oh. (laughs)

Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Casper. Get $50 towards any mattress purchase by visiting http://www.casper.com/biggest and using promo code BIGGEST. Casper mattresses. Wow. What a great night's sleep. Right? (Maddox cracks up)

Asterios: You know, I'll tell you…

Maddox: Nailed it!! (laughing)

Asterios: I'll tell you guys honestly. Look, I may have brought a girl or two back to my new, super tiny closet-sized apartment. And one of them was, like, "Why is this mattress so comfortable? Is this a Casper mattress?"

Dick: Did she really?!

Maddox: For real?

Asterios: I'm absolutely not kidding.

Dick: Did she really?!

Asterios: I'm absolutely not kidding. She said this, and then I was like, "I have never looked." And so I took the top sheet off. And it was absolutely a twin-size Casper mattress!

Maddox: Heyyyyy! Wow, that's cool!

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: A Twin XL will cost you $600, by the way, $500 for a twin. $750 for a full-size, $950 for a king size. It's an obsessively engineered mattress at a shockingly fair price. Just the right sink, just the right bounce. I've got all the wrong sink on my bed.

Asterios: Really?

Dick: I really hate it.

Maddox: You need a Casper, buddy. You get $50 off with our coupon code!

Dick: Yeah, I know, but I got so much money sunk into that mattress.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't wanna just throw it out the window.

Asterios: Do you have like, one of those crazy organic cotton mattresses?

Dick: I don't know. I don't know, man. You go to the mattress store, and I get that choice, like, panic. (Asterios laughs) Where you got too many choices.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And no amount of laying for 10 minutes is gonna mean shit two weeks later!

Maddox: You know what, Dick? On that point, Casper is actually going on tour around the country. They have this Casper truck. It's basically like a truck with a bunch of beds in it and you can take a nap and check out the mattress. It's really cool.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Cool. I wonder if you could do anything else. (saucy)

(they laugh)

Maddox: I don't…I think they discourage people from full-on intercourse during the nap.

Asterios: I'll tell you right now, if there was a mattress store that let you have full-on intercourse on their mattresses to test them out, they would do really well.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, disagree. I would not test those mattresses, ever.

Dick: I'd just go to, like, you know. Window shop.

Maddox: Yeah. Wait, what?

Dick: Window shop.

Maddox: So you're watching people have sex on the mattresses?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Okay, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I wanna see it.

Maddox: I'm on board. Alright.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: I'm with you, Dick.

Dick: Risk-free trial and return policy. Try sleeping on a Casper for 100 days with free delivery and painless returns.

Maddox: Casper, thank you for supporting us! Thank you for supporting the show! Asterios, what's your problem?

Asterios: Alright, my problem this week is Slouching!

Maddox: Slouching.

Dick: Yeah, that's a big problem. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Yeah. Slouching. And…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, I'm sorry, were you gonna say it's not a big problem? I interrupted. Go ahead.

Maddox: No, I was gonna say, "Is this a millennial problem?"

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Even if it was. Yeah, there's plenty of millennials who slouch. But everybody slouches. Speaking of millennials, I brought in my friend. She's a model. Her name is Chloe. And she's gonna demonstrate both good and bad posture for us, right now.

Maddox: Okay. We…

Asterios: Now, again…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: She's a professional model. She knows a thing or two…

Sean: (interjects) Riveting.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Asterios: …about posture. (they all laugh)

Dick: Is she gonna describe it, or?

Asterios: Oh, we're gonna ask her some questions and she's gonna sample some postures. Why don't you hop up on the mic?

Dick: Are we gonna put pictures?

Asterios: Get real close to Maddox. Give him a thrill.

Dick: On the website?

Asterios: Give Maddox a thrill, here.

Chloe: Hey, what's up, you guys?

Asterios: Alright, now, how long have you been a model for?

Chloe: Uh, I've been a model for 17 years.

Asterios: Oh, my God! So what, since you were a baby?

Chloe: Yeah, since I was like 14.

Asterios: Holy moly. Okay, well fantastic. Now, from a modeling perspective, what's more attractive, a girl arching her back, like this? Or a girl who's all hunched over, like this.

Chloe: You're actually supposed to…when you model, you're supposed to arch your back?

Asterios: Why?!

Chloe: And it can actually be really painful, because for long periods of time, you have to arch your back. Because it looks…it looks really nice. It looks like you have a complete straight line through your head, all the way down to your ankles.

Asterios: Mhmm. So it looks really nice not to slouch.

Chloe: Yes.

Asterios: Would you say it's more attractive not to slouch?

Chloe: Uh, yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. Of course you would! One of the biggest dangers of bad posture is that it makes boobs look smaller and worse! (Chloe and Maddox laughs)

Dick: Hmm. That's true.

Chloe: And when you're a model, you have small boobs already, so you need to point, like, push them out.

Asterios: Yeah. How much of your job is trying to make your boobs look gigantic?! (Chloe giggles) 90 percent of it!

Chloe: 90 percent of the time, yeah.

Asterios: Exactly!!! Science tells us that when ladies slouch, their boobs look way smaller and their guts stick out! And who's gonna wanna get with a slouchy broad?

Dick: Everyone.

Maddox: Everyone, yeah.

Dick: Everyone.

Maddox: I mean, you'll take what you can get some nights.

Dick: Yeah, everyone. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Alright, but let's say you walk into a bar and there's a lady who's arching her back all nice, and there's a lady who's all slouchy, who are you more attracted to?

Dick: Whoever wants me.

Maddox: Yeah. Pretty…I'm with Dick on this, Asterios!

Dick: Yeah, whatever.

Maddox: You don't know shit about ladies!

Dick: You don't know shit about…maybe you're at your dance club trying to, like, pick which woman you'd have sex with. Lemme help you out there. It's all of them.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Asterios: I..

Maddox: (interjects) No, no. I'm with you, Asterios. You're right.

Asterios: I'm surprised you guys are so pro-slouching!

Maddox: No, I'm just busting your balls. I had a teacher in high school…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Who showed us a movie. And thank you, Chloe, for your input.

Asterios: Chloe, thanks so much.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, I had a teacher in high school who talked about…he showed us a movie called, I think it was Bye Bye Birdy.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, an old musical.

Asterios: Great movie.

Maddox: Well. (skeptical) So, anyway. (giggles) He showed us this movie and he was trying to point out how girls flirt with guys, I think, in this movie. And there was a scene in there where the girl kind of, like, arched her back and put her chest out.

Dick: You don't have to do it. You can just describe it. I don't wanna see this shit. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: This is for the benefit of the studio audience, here.

Asterios: Did it look like thiiiiiiiiis? (they laugh)

Dick: No, no, no.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Pleeeeeeeeeeeeease, god, no.

Maddox: Yeah! So for the listeners, I'm arching my back right now and putting my chest out.

Asterios: Mmmmmmm.

Maddox: My beautiful man boobs.

Sean: With a T-shirt that says "Buttfuck" on it. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. It's disgusting.

Asterios: It means she's open for business!

Dick: We got two large-titted men in here doing weird Ann Margaret poses.

Asterios: Mmmmmmmm.

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeeeah. Yeah, baby. So anyway, he told us in the class that that was kind of how women flirted, and since he told me that, way back in the day, I kinda paid attention to that.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Especially if I was talking to a girl who I thought might be interested in me. So I would notice sometimes, she might kinda like, you know. Put 'em front and center.

Asterios: It's…yeah. Exactly. And isn't that hot? As shit?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: When Ann Margaret's putting 'em front and center?

Maddox: It's beautiful!

Asterios: Of course it is!!

Maddox: It's a lovely thing.

Asterios: Now I want you guys to think about dudes. Let's look at the other side of it. I'm someone who slouched forever. You guys have probably seen my slouching, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I've seen you slouch.

Asterios: Yeah. How does it look to you guys?

Dick: Like a tombstone.

Maddox: Like a tombstone.

Asterios: Yeah. It's fucking terrible, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's like a super unattractive thing for dudes…

Dick: (interjects) With the beard.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Like Jabba the Hut.

Maddox: Like a potato sack.

Asterios: Ah, keep going.

Dick: Like a Mister Potato Head that melted in the sun.

Asterios: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Yeah. Like a mound of clay that you didn't mean to pull out of your backyard.

Asterios: Yeah, but you did accidentally…(they all laugh) and it looks horrifying! Uh-huh.

Dick: Yeah. It looks like what I imagine it would be a cartoon character for depression. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Yeah. Yeah, exactly. Like, if you were giving an autistic person a depression test.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: You point at the one that looks like me when I'm slouching.

Dick: Yes. (grins) Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Like Jabba The Hut, like, in an elevator. (laughing)

Asterios: Yeah, exactly.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Maybe Jabba The Hut just lost his job, you know, as a Tatooine gangster.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And so he's all depressed about it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Interestingly, slouching…one of the many dangers of slouching is that you can get fired.

Dick: What?

Asterios: According to Janice Novak, the author of "Posture: Get it Straight", (Dick laughs) **"Employees who enter a room slouching or hunched over are seen as less vital."**

Dick: Huh.

Asterios: So when it comes time to swing the ax, who are you gonna keep? The office hunchback, or some dude who's sticking his chest out like THIS.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I want the dude with the tits!

Asterios: Like a goddamn problem solver!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right!

Asterios: Now who's actually probably better at his job? The hunchback.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: He's got nothing else.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: His mind is a living computer. He lives or dies based on the job. But you're gonna fire him, right?!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Of course.

Asterios: You don't want Sloucho around!

Dick: Fuck him.

Maddox: No! Get rid of Sloucho Marx over there!

Asterios: Yeah, exactly! (Maddox laughs) Uh, another health danger of slouching. Poop problems.

Maddox: Huh.

Asterios: "When you sit in a crunched position, your viscera are folded up." , says Stephen Weineger, author of Stand Taller, Live Longer, and founder of bodyzone.com. It can slow down everything. So when you're slouching, you can become super-duper constipated. A lot of times when you're on the toilet, you're looking at your phone, you're all slouched over. You're on the toilet for a lot longer, why? You're slouching. You're stopping yourself up. Stand up straight.

Dick: Yeah, I stand up when I shit. (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: As you should!!

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: I never know what to make of those, "You're pooping the wrong way." Things.

Asterios: Talk to me.

Dick: Well, because there's, like, um…those stepping stools?

Maddox: The Squatty Potty.

Dick: Yeah, the Squatty Potty.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…I tried one. Somebody gave one to my dad over Christmas. I think it was a funny…I don't know if it was a funny Christmas present or not. I got one of these aunts that gives…like, she gave me a vibrating pillow one year, and I was like…

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: "Well, I don't know. Is this a funny?" I THINK it's funny!

Maddox: You're supposed to put that on your pussy, I think.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right. Um…(Asterios chuckles) She got him one of these Squatty Potties. And I used it, but I don't know…I don't know if it was that much better of a pooping experience. Then I got violently ill the next night and I had to throw it out of the way while I was throwing up in their bathroom.

Asterios: Oh, Jesus.

Dick: But that's a different story.

Maddox: So, yeah. The Squatty…so, I read that a while ago before this whole product became a phenomenon, and it's such brilliant marketing, 'cause they market it as kind of a gag gift that is also practical, and people buy it. They…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They've made so much money selling this thing. I happen to have a bathtub edge that's close enough to my toilet that I can put my feet up if I need to occasionally.

Dick: Yes, perfect.

Maddox: So…(cracks up) (they all laugh)

Dick: Ahhhhh.

Asterios: Sounds like a real life hack.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: I have had times when I felt a bit constipated, 'cause I may have eaten some undercooked pasta, I don't know.

Dick: Or too many crickets. (they laugh)

Maddox: Crickets come out a little bit crunchy, I gotta say. So anyway, I sat on…… allegedly. (referring to the crickets) (they all laugh) So occasionally if I'm having trouble busting the loaf out of my butthole, I'll put my feet up on the…the edge of my bathtub, and I do feel like it comes out a little easier.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So.

Asterios: I agree.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I have a series of hanging silks in my bathroom if I need to get one out.

Maddox: (laughing) So you're like a gymnastic twirler?! (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Asterios: Sounds hot.

Dick: Bathtub isn't enough.

Maddox: Okay. (grins)

Asterios: Yeah! And I have…I have just a bunch of books or sometimes a small foot stool, I'll put my feet up on them. I don't know. It does something where it makes you poop better. Alright, so another problem with slouching. Headaches, backaches, arthritis, reduced lung function, shortened lifespan. Here's another problem with slouching. People rubbing your hump for good luck. (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: (laughing) Is that a thing that happens?!

Asterios: Yes, it absolutely is. In Italy, speaking of Italy, Il Gobbo, the Hunchback, is a very popular charm. It's a little hunchback you carry around on your keychain and you rub his hump for good luck.

Dick: Ohhh.

Asterios: Like, say, if you're praying to not live with your parents anymore.

Maddox: Yeah!

Asterios: Like, you know, if you're just really hoping that they'll die so you can have the house to yourself.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: You rub that hump!

Maddox: Mhmm.

Asterios: For good luck.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Asterios: Maybe you'll come home, they'll be dead. Lewis Van Zelst, who lived from 1895 to 1915, he was a bat boy, mascot, and good luck charm for the Philadelphia Athletics. So for four years, he was like their mascot, essentially. He was a hunchback. And the Oakland A's would rub his hump for good luck.

Maddox: Huh! So you're saying that slouching's a solution! Guys, vote down slouching! (cracks up)

Asterios: What I'm saying is, can you imagine living a life where people are constantly trying to grab the huge growth on your back so they can be luckier? You know who's not lucky!? The hunchback!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Every time you're rubbing that hump, you're, like, reminding him of the TERRIBLE situation he's living in. That's slouching, folks. That's terrible.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Yeah, but if I had a terrible disfigurement on my body, I would want people to view it positively and come up to me and rub me, all the time! I'd look forward to it!

Dick: So you want people to come up and rub your face?

Maddox: Okay. (annoyed) (Asterios and Sean laugh) Real funny!

Asterios: Now…

Dick: (interjects) How are you gonna fix your slouching problem?

Asterios: Well, I've got two solutions…

Dick: (interjects) I dated a girl that had a hunchback.

Asterios: Really?!

Maddox: A real…an actual hunchback, or she just slouched?

Dick: She slouched, but it was, like…it had fucked up her spine.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Asterios: That's terrible.

Dick: It was long enough. That it fucked up her spine.

Asterios: Well, did she have scoliosis, perhaps?

Dick: I don't know. (Asterios laughs) I tuned it out. I just remember that part.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: And she wanted to get this, like, device that was kinda like…I guess it was like a back brace.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: And it had these inflatable things that would straighten out your spine.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know. I looked it up and was like, "Oh, that thing looks scary. I dunno if this is gonna last." (chuckles)

Maddox: Well, I'll tell you…

(they crack up laughing)

Asterios: And you're married today.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Asterios, on the point of slouching and body language, again. I've recommended this book in this past and I'll recommend it again. The Definitive Book of Body Language. Um, I read this book and I could not put the thing down. I picked it up, flipping through it, and I read it from start to finish. I changed my posture, I changed things about myself that I never do anymore based on this body language book.

Dick: Like what?

Maddox: Well, for example, I never cross my arms. Crossing your arms closes you off to the outside world.

Dick: Like this?

Maddox: Yeah. And people always make an excuse for why they're crossing their arms. They say "I'm comfortable this way", or "I'm cold", or whatever. If you're actually cold, that may be the case, but more often than not, if you say you're comfortable crossing your arms, it's a self-defense mechanism, and it closes you off to the outside world. I can tell how good or bad meetings are going based on whether or not they cross their arms, and I know to change my tune and change the topic if they happen to. But anyway, back to the posture thing. I also learned that when you're walking down the street, especially at night, based on your posture, you are WAY more likely to get mugged if you don't have a totally straight, puffed-up chest outwards, than if you are hunched over.

Asterios: Wow.

Maddox: You're way more likely to get asked…next time you're walking down the street and you see a homeless person gonna ask you for change, puff up your chest and walk upright and they'll be WAY less likely to ask you.

Sean: That is totally true.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. If you have a confident posture and confident body language, you're less likely to get fucked with when you're walking to where you're going.

Dick: Can I ask you something? How often do you think about being mugged and like, methods of avoiding being mugged? And dealing with being mugged? We've got fake wallets. We've got body…like, is it a big problem?!

Maddox: Dick, in my neighborhood, in the last six months alone, I have found two heroin needles, a dimebag of coke, and birth control Plan B in the gutter, as well as condoms on the street…(Dick laughs)

Sean: And that's just what fell out of my car!

Dick: Party neighborhood! (they all crack up)

Maddox: I saw condoms on the street. Human shit on the street. I watched a… somebody climb into a neighbor's house to rob it as I was on the phone with police. Yeah. I think about it pretty frequently.

Dick: What a rat.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Well, City of Dreams. Los Angeles. (Maddox cracks up) Everybody move to Hollywood!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Well…there's a couple of solutions. For one, like…you know those standing desk assholes?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I'm one of them.

Maddox: Oh, man. The w…you're a standing desk asshole?!

Asterios: I'm a standing desk asshole, because…I had terrible back pain my whole life. I remember literally telling my pediatrician, Dr. Pearson…when I was, like, 14…"My back always hurts. What the fuck do I do?" Until I became a standing desk asshole, and my back pain has absolutely gone away.

Dick: Huh.

Asterios: I don't know wha…I'm not, like, a scientist or an ergonomist, like, I don't know exactly what it is, but I was like, "I'll fucking try anything. I'm so tired of going to bed with back pain and waking up with back pain, and becoming a standing desk asshole actually worked.

Maddox: Hey, can I say something? About lower back pain, specifically?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Howard Stern, a long time ago, pitched this book on his show. It was called, I think "The Mind Over Back Pain" I think it's…

Sean: I think it was called The Myth of Back Pain, or something like that. Yeah.

Maddox: Something like that. And I dated these girls in the past, who…multiple girls I dated who had excruciating back pain.

Asterios: Big boobs!

Maddox: So bad. Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: You wish.

Maddox: So bad…that they would cry consistently. They wouldn't be able to sleep. They wouldn't be able to go any place and sit down for long periods. I couldn't even go to a movie with some of these girls because their backs hurt so much. So I got them this book that Howard Stern recommended, and I can't recommend it highly enough. Both of them, within reading this book, within a week, their back pain disappeared. And it's not to say that all back pain doesn't exist. It definitely does. And posture may have something to do with it. However, like, 80% of it is psychosomatic.

Asterios: Hmmm.

Maddox: 80% of it is your mind manifesting stress in physical pain in your lower back. That happens all the time and I can't recommend this book highly enough. I'll link to it on the website.

Asterios: Yeah. I mean, I absolutely believe that. It's not to say that people with back pain are crazy, but I feel like we keep our stress in different places, and I feel like our muscles can get super locked-up when we're super stressed out.

Maddox: Sure.

Asterios: I mean, dating you would obviously stress out any girl.

Maddox: Fuck you, Asterios.

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: You know? Um…so…

Dick: (interjects) It's a good excuse for not going to the movies with you, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "My back hurts so much".

Maddox: Pile it on! Anything you wanna add to this, Sean!? Chinese accent, or anything!? (Dick laughs) (Asterios cackles)

Sean: No, they did pretty well.

Maddox: Okay.

Asterios: So solly. Anyway…

Sean: We'll stop there.

Dick: I keep all my stress in my dick.

Asterios: And you need girls to work it out, don't you?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Asterios: Exactly. And doesn't it make you feel better?

Dick: Yeah, whatever.

Asterios: It doesn't?! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Dick asks girls to rub it for good luck. (laughs)

Asterios: Yeah, see? There you go. That's a good gimmick.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: So, you know, I'd say become a standing desk asshole. And the other thing is, a friend of mine gave me this advice for my posture and it is the only thing that has stuck in my head about how to sit up straight. Or how to stand up straight or walk straight. She told me that in an acting class once, she was told by her teacher to imagine that someone was putting hooks through your nipples and put chains on the end of those hooks, and was pulling you around by the nipples by these chains. So I'll show you guys what it looks like.

Maddox: Okay, Asterios is standing up.

Dick: I think I kinda know what it looks like.

Asterios: (further away) Alright, imagine someone's put…

Dick: (interjects) That's not gonna work if you're talking off the mic.

Maddox: It will.

Asterios: I'm super loud! They'll be able to hear me.

Maddox: Okay.

Asterios: Now, imagine I'm being pulled around by these nipple chains. Look at how good this looks.

Maddox: Asterios is walking around like Frankenstein. (laughing)

Dick: He's just walking around like a normal person. Do you need it to be nipple-related?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's the only thing that I've been able to remember, because every time I go walking, I imagine someone jamming hooks through my nipples. (Dick laughs) 'Cause it's such a visceral, disgusting image.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And as a result, it's worked. People have all these tricks like, you know, I've heard chiropractors say "Imagine there's a strong coming out of the top of your head and you're straightening it." Well, you'll forget that in five seconds. "Imagine you have a book on your head." Yeah, you'll forget that. Nipple hooks? You'll remember nipple hooks.

Dick: It's true.

Asterios: You guys'll NEVER forget nipple hooks.

Dick: That's very true.

Maddox: No, that's a good, visceral image to have.

Sean: It opens up a whoooooooole new world of porn, too. (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: It sure does!

Sean: We know what THAT guy was into!

Asterios: Yeah. Lemme introduce you guys to my friend.

Maddox: Sativa Sean.

Asterios: The Wishmaster.

Dick: How much was that acting class? Someone paid to hear a lecture about nipple hooks?

Asterios: Uh, it was actually a whole college degree. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Um, the tip that my trainer gave me a long time ago was to stand up against the wall, and he said, "Your shoulder blades and the back of your head should be able to touch the wall at the same time." And that was NEVER the case with me, so I practiced. You just practice standing up against a wall, guys. It's an easy way to fix your posture. Um, anyway. Is that it, Asterios?

Asterios: That's it. Slouching. Big problem.

Maddox: Alright. Good problem, guys. Thank you, Asterios. Thank you, Dick. Great problems. But I got the real biggest problem in the universe this week. It's Celebrity Prom Requests!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: Is this millennial prom requests, or…? (Asterios and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: No, dickhead. It's Celebrity Prom Requests. This isn't a millennial problem. Or maybe it is, Dick! I don't know. 'Cause it's something that I'd never heard of until recently.

Dick: Really?! (incredulous)

Asterios: Got a lot of Gen-Xers asking Ronda Rousey to the prom? (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, actually.

Dick: Maybe they could paint her to look like a woman.

Sean, Asterios, **Maddox:** Ohhhhhhhhhh. Awwwwwwwwww, Dick.

Asterios: Ronda Rousey's hot.

Maddox: Yeah. She's hot as shit!

Dick: Oh, fuck you! Are you two serious?!

Asterios: No, fuck you! You don't think…

Maddox: (interjects) She's so hot, I got a boner right now thinking about her!!

Dick: Are you brainwashed?! You think Ronda Rousey's hot?!

Maddox: She's hot as shit! (Dick cackles, incredulous)

Asterios: Yeah. I think she's got a hot face. I think she's got a hot body. You're not attracted to, like, a powerful, cool, celebrity woman?

Dick: Fuck, no. Welcome to 1984, where two guys think Ronda Rousey's hot.

Maddox: She's hot! What's wrong with Ronda Rousey?

Asterios: What's wrong with Ronda Rousey?

Dick: You guys got hooks in more than your nipples if you think that chick's hot.

Maddox: Ooookay.

Asterios: I'm gonna pull up some hot pictures of Ronda Rousey.

Maddox: Meanwhile, Dick is dating a hunchback.

Dick: Please do.

Maddox: So I'm skeptical about your scale here, buddy. (Dick laughs) Okay, anyway. Celebrity Prom Requests are a big problem, because, guys, how much do we have to shame celebrities into doing this stupid horseshit for publicity? It seems like every few months. Oh, Asterios has a picture of Ronda Rousey here. Let's see this.

Asterios: Look how hot she is!!

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. What a babe! That's fake, Asterios.

Asterios: Look at this hot chick!!

Dick: That's fake.

Maddox: That's fake, Asterios. (giggles)

Dick: That's not her.

Asterios: Wait, so there's not a picture of Ronda Rousey's pussy sticking out?! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: No, you idiot.

Asterios: And her tits flo…wait, oh, is this fake?

Maddox: Asterios…

Asterios: Oh, it's a Photoshopped thing. Oh, I'm sorry guys.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Perhaps that's what you're basing your view of Ronda Rousey on.

Maddox: I am!

Asterios: Wait, well what about…

Dick: (interjects) A bunch of fake, Photoshopped pictures.

Asterios: What about this picture of Ronda Rousey?!

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Asterios: Is this any better?

Maddox: It's a full-on spread eagle picture of Ronda Rousey being penetrated. Asterios, these might be fake Photoshops.

Asterios: I don't know. I'll have to do some more investigation when you guys are gone.

Maddox: Okay.

Asterios: I'm gonna go to the bathroom and investigate.

Maddox: Anyway. Ugh, geez. (Sean laughs) Not in my bathroom! Get out. (Asterios laughs) Guys, celebrity prom requests. It seems like every few months, there's a new one. And they're all the same. They're all the same horseshit. I don't remember the first one that started it. It was kinda big around 2005, 2006.

Dick: I don't ever remember them not existing.

Maddox: Ugh, they're so bad. Listen to this one. This is a guy asking Kate Upton out to prom. And just listen to this.

Asterios: Oh, no.

(Clip starts: Male voice: "Hey Kate, Jake Davidson here in sunny Los Angeles, inviting you to my senior prom on May 23rd, 2013. (Dick giggles) (Asterios groans)

You are the ying to my yang. (Dick groans) **"You like fine dining, I like fine dining. You're on the cover of Sports Illustrated. I read Sports Illustrated." (file continues in the background while they talk over it))**

Dick: Is he talking into a fan? Like uh-uh-uh-uh-uh, I read Sports Illustrated.

Asterios: He's being given a wedgie right now.

Maddox: (laughing) That's what's up. Um, so this is a kid who is asking out a Sports Illustrated swimsuit model.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The cover model to his prom.

Dick: So what? She might go. Playmates have gone to proms before.

Maddox: Great. Why not?

Asterios: It's annoying. It's super annoying.

Maddox: It's annoying.

Asterios: You wouldn't beat the shit out of that kid!? Are you kidding me?

Dick: I…no.

Maddox: Well, here's the…

Dick: (interjects) Hey, why not? If it works.

Maddox: Here's the conclusion to that asking out of Kate Upton.

(Clip starts, male reporter: "Has she finally accepted?"

Male kid: "Uh, I don't know yet. I think it's still a maybe. There were some reports that said no, some reports that said she's still thinking about it. But as far as I'm concerned, it's still a maybe. Obviously, being a realist, she's probably very busy. She's a very in-demand professional."

Maddox: Yeah. She's very busy, shithead. (Asterios cackles) She's too busy to go to your fuck-ass high school prom. Why don't you ask some of the girls out in your fucking prom, 'cause that's your level right now?

Asterios: I want to kill that guy.

Dick: I don't know if that's his level, either.

Asterios: I want to kill him.

Dick: Might be a little below.

Maddox: Yeah, a little below. This is from Showbiz Tonight. So they interviewed this kid. And he's just a spaz. And the news, especially morning shows. Morning talk shows.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Eat this shit UP.

Asterios: I know!

Maddox: They love it so much.

Asterios: I know.

Maddox: Because it's just an excuse to shame celebrities into going out to these, like, hokey little high school things. And what happens is, if the celebrities turn down the high school student, then they seem like a villain! Suddenly, they're a bad guy, for doing nothing more than existing and being successful at their career! Being the height of their field. Suddenly, but turning down some shithead high school student 'cause you're too fucking busy with your life and career to take time out to fly to buttfucking Egypt to go to some shitdick high school prom with some loser! Now you're a villain! Because you turned them down.

Sean: Can't their publicist just say that they're like, out of the country at that time?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Nobody's gonna follow that up.

Dick: No.

Maddox: No, Sean, because these news stories, these morning shows pick up the story and then they put it out there.

Asterios: They check in.

Maddox: Yeah, they check in. Then you have a Twitter campaign. And then you have people harassing them on Twitter.

Asterios: #datemekate.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But ON the day of the prom?!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I think they can get out of this without any negative publicity.

Dick: Sure, of course.

Asterios: Well, I dunno. It's just annoying. It's just, like, fucking stupid and annoying.

Dick: Are you guys annoyed on behalf of the celebrities?

Asterios: I'm just annoyed, period. That these fucking nerds are making these videos begging these cele…it's just like…it's such a "look at me" attention thing. I don't know, it's just really annoying to me.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, it's really annoying.

Asterios: Yeah. Like, you know.

Dick: So would you not go to the prom with someone if they asked you? If, like, a 16-year-old girl asked either one of you to their prom, would you turn her down?

Asterios: How hot is this girl?

Dick: Would you have your publicist turn them down?

Maddox: Oh, God, gross.

Asterios: That's the thing. If super hot dudes…

Dick: (interjects) I think you're jealous.

Asterios: If super hot dudes were asking Kate Upton to the prom, I don't think this would be a story. The story is always "hunchback loser nerd begs supermodel to go to prom with him and hopefully give him a handjob."

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Like, that's the story.

Dick: (guffaws) I don't know if they're hoping for…you think they're hoping for a handjob from Kate Upton?!

Maddox: Oh, of course.

Asterios: If you're a realist, you're like, "Look, maybe I can get a handjob out of this." The worst ones are…

Dick: (interjects) No, you're thinking "I'm gonna bang a hot chick at my school if I take Kate Upton here and get all this attention. They're all gonna want to come over and talk to her. I'll be king of the school forever."

Maddox: Yeah, but it's usually senior prom or junior prom. But senior prom, like, you're done with school. It's the last thing that you do, so you're out the door. You're not gonna bang any of those losers in high school. Who cares?! And besides, they're all GROSS anyway, and they suck at sex!! High school sex sucks!! (Sean laughs)

Asterios: The worst…(Maddox laughs) prom requests to me are always the military ones.

Maddox: Yeah! I got one.

Asterios: 'Cause there's the extra layer of guilt.

Maddox: Yeeeep.

Asterios: Where it's like, "I'm fighting for our freedom, Ronda Rousey!!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Asterios: If you don't go to the Marine Ball with me, Ronda Rousey, you might as well suck ISIS's dick!

Maddox: Oh, Asterios. Speaking of Ronda Rousey. Here is a clip of someone asking Ronda Rousey out. Listen to this.

Dick: Oh.

(Clip starts: male voice: "Hey Ronda. My name's Chad Hasher. I'm United States Marines stationed out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina."

Maddox: Mhmm.

"You are my celebrity crush, which is why it would be my honor to take you to the Marine Corps Ball on December 11th. I really hope this doesn't get in the way of your training for your next fight in January.")

Maddox: Yeah. The fight that she lost?! (laughing)

Dick: It did get in the way.

Asterios: Yeah! Because she did go to the prom with him!

Maddox: Yeah, she went to the prom with that guy.

Asterios: And she lost the fight. Case closed!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah! Sorry, I hope this doesn't get in the way ofyour training. Yeah, it probably does, shithead! She doesn't have time to go to buttfucking wherever YOU are and go to the prom with you! Hey, thank you for your service! God Bless America. You know, thank you for your sacrifice for our country. But fuck off, you're not gonna get a date with Ronda Rousey. She's too busy with living her career and her life, man! Can you take time off from the field to go to Ronda Rousey's show!? NO!! Your drill instructor's gonna kick your ass if you try that shit!

Asterios: Mhmm. Look, yeah. I'm with you on this one. I just think it's like…

Dick: (interjects) Ehhh. Fuck celebrities. Fuck their time.

Asterios: Look. Look.

Dick: So what?!

Asterios: Look.

Dick: They're just getting more attention by going to the stupid prom, anyway.

Asterios: I'll play the world's smallest violin for celebrities.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I just think this is part of annoying YouTube, "Look at me" culture.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Where every single kid has to go viral. (laughing) Where it's like, every kid's dream now is to be on the news. You know what I mean?! And, look. I feel like we're a little bit different. We're all entertainers and comedians. Like, you know, you guys have written successful books. You guys are up at the theater every night. You know, you got your third or fourth book on the way. It's like, I feel like it's different from us. Like, we're trying to make art here. It's super annoying that there are people who want to be famous for being famous's sake. And it's like, you wanna bitch about millennials, that's fucking millennials.

Dick: Sean, would you say that the YouTube generation is a big problem?

Sean: Yes.

Dick: Yeah, you would? (giggles)

Sean: Because…

Dick: (interjects) How big of a problem would you say it is? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Not big enough.

Dick: Is it big enough to bring in? (Maddox cracks up)

Asterios: Wait, do you deal with YouTube kids all day?!

Sean: Everybody thinks….everybody thinks…

Asterios: (interjects) Is that your job?

Dick: No.

Maddox: No. It's a very inside joke.

Asterios: I'm sorry.

Maddox: Sean…should we give 'em…

Dick: (interjects) No, I don't…

Maddox: A long time ago, when we…

Asterios: (interjects) Oh, THAT was…

Maddox: That was Sean's problem that he was supposed to bring in for, what, our 50th episode?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then we ended up having Cool Sean bring it in, instead.

Sean: That's right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Cool Sean didn't do as good a job, though.

Maddox: No. No. Cool Sean didn…

Sean: (interjects) He was pretty funny.

Dick: He was funny.

Maddox: Anyway, um…here's one from Mila Kunis. And listen to how much she…

Sean: Mee-la.

Dick: Mee-la.

Maddox: Oh, Meela. Mila Kunis. Here's one from Mila Kunis. Listen to how much she was guilted for this date. And this was during an interview she was doing for promo for her fucking job, for her new movie that was coming out.

Dick: Perfect!

Maddox: Listen to this.

(Clip starts: Male voice: Hey Mila, this is Sergeant Moore, but you can call me Scott. I just wanna take a moment out of my day to invite you to the Marine Corps Ball on November 18th in Greenville, North Carolina with yours truly. So, if you take a second, think about it, and get back to me.")

Sean: Is he sitting next to a fucking copy machine?!! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: He was walking…so, he was walking across, like, a desert. And there was that crunching noise of sand and dirt under his feet.

Dick: Oh. Of Afghani childrens' skulls.

Sean: What he's got a fucking cell phone in the field!? (Asterios and Dick crack up)

Maddox: This is from ABC News when they capture Mila Kunis on her promo. Listen to this.

(Clip starts: Male anchor: "Mila's costar in their new movie, Friends with Benefits, Justin Timberlake, saw this video and decided to patriotically matchmake."

(Dick cackles)

Male voice: "Have you seen this?!"

Mila: "What?!"

Female voice: "A Marine corps posted a video inviting you to go to the Corps Ball. Like, he's just like…"

Male voice: "Do it for your country."

Female voice: "Yeah. You need to see this."

Mila: "What?!"

Female voice: "Yeah!"

Male voice: "Do it for your country. Listen, I'm gonna work on this…"

Mila: "Did you know about this, Nance?!"

Male voice: "I'm gonna work on this for you, man.")

Sean: What an asshole! (grins)

Dick: Yeah, seriously. That's awesome.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Sean: That's great. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: So this is like a mass shooting where everything…(Sean and Maddox giggle)

Sean: Oh, my God! (laughing)

Maddox: As soon as one happens, it opens a door for copycats.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And every other shithead is gonna copy the same, shitty behavior and do their own celebrity prom request. The one person who did it, it opened the door, the floodgates, for everyone else to do it. It's always a Marine Ball. It's always prom. And listen to this one…

Dick: (interjects) Well, we gotta shut the borders to keep celebrities from getting in, then. That's the clear solution.

Maddox: Are you suggesting Trump should build a wall around Hollywood?! (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah. I would support that.

Asterios: That…

Maddox: (interjects) Should Mexico pay for that, too? (laughing)

Asterios: Yeah, fuck it. Why not!?

Maddox: Why not?!

Asterios: They're gonna pay for the first one!

Dick: I think he would have PLENTY of money coming in to shut LA off from the rest of the country.

Maddox: Oh, that's actually a good point.

Dick: Mexico wouldn't need to pay for it.

Maddox: That and fucking Burning Man. Did you see that article a long time ago that said…it came out…I think it was the Onion or something, but…

Dick: (interjects) I don't read the Onion.

Maddox: It said that when everyone is going out to Burning Man, this is our opportunity. This guy was trying to crowdfund a wall built around Nevada or San Francisco, or something like that, to keep them in there. Like, to not let them back. Really funny stuff. Anyway.

Dick: And that's the whole joke. That's why you never need to read an article on the Onion. Because the joke is the headline.

Maddox: It's not. It's not always. (Dick giggles)

Asterios: Well, that's how they wr…I used to intern at the Onion. Like, that's how they write it. If the headline's not funny…it's like, the entire joke has to be in the headline according to like…that's how they write that shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, here's one last one I'm gonna play. This one's a girl asking Shaun White, professional snowboarder and athlete and Olympian, Shaun White, to the prom.

Dick: Oh, he would probably go.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) Well, I think he did. But listen to this stupid fucking clip.

(Clip starts: Male voice: "Please pardon this interruption, but we have some shocking news. Shaun White has never been to prom!"

Maddox: So, first of all, they start out the introduction. With the introduction, they're shaming him for have never gone to prom. And this is like a high school video with high school production values. Listen to this.

(music plays)

"Carly got in touch with us, and we thought we'd help get the message out that she's got one coming up, and she wants nothing more than to take her favorite celebrity athlete in the world. So any chance you could swing by Philly and pick her up? I mean, considering she went to the insane effort to GoPro the Dawn of Shaun of the Prom idea.")

Asterios: (groans) I want to murder all of these kids.

Dick: Why?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: I wanna line 'em all…they annoy…why does anybody annoy you?! It's like, they're annoying. You're not annoyed by these…

Dick: (interjects) These kids are that annoying to you? What do you find in common with them that you hate so much?

Asterios: I don't know what it is…um. Attention-seeking behavior.

Dick: Ahhhhh.

Asterios: Shitty voice.

Maddox: Villifying celebrities for no reason other than them being celebrities. You're just shaming someone who is very popular into going to prom with you. Which, by the way, what the fuck is Shaun White gonna do going to prom with a 16-year-old? Oh man, he's going on a real hot date with a child!

Dick: It just makes some fans happy.

Maddox: But he can do that..

Dick: (interjects) You guys have something in common with these celebrity prom requesters. That's why you hate them so much. That's why I don't feel anything about it. There's something going on here. What, Sean?

Sean: I was saying he could hook up dope at the same time!

Dick: Sure, yeah.

Maddox: No, it's the most obnoxious form of attention-seeking, like Asterios was saying.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: And also, again, it's just shaming celebrities for being celebrities. And harassing them. If you got harassed all the time for this shit, it would drive me nuts. It would drive me nuts.

Dick: It would drive you nuts if I got harassed for it, or if you got harassed for it?

Maddox: No, I mean if I did.

Dick: Don't you get, like, requests to hang out all the time.

Maddox: Yeah, I do. And sometimes I do, but if it became, like, this big public thing…first of all, if I agree to it, it's kind of like the problem I had with Well-Intentioned Idiots, was that all these women were putting this immense pressure on this guy to come out and dance with these other women, 'cause he was fat shamed. For anyone who doesn't remember, this guy…there was a picture on 4Chan of this guy, allegedly dancing at this place, and he was made fun of for being fat.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then all these women thought that they were doing…they were such fucking saints 'cause they created a Twitter hashtag campaign to out this guy. The fat dude. "Hey come out to LA and we wanna dance with you, because we don't think you're ugly and gross. We wanna prove it by dancing with you. We're 1700 hot women." Or whatever.

Dick: He won the lottery!

Maddox: No! First of all, you don't know anything about this guy. You don't know about his sexuality. You don't know if he's straight or gay. You don't know if he's married. You don't know if he wants this fucking attention! You're invading his privacy! You're doing the exact same thing with celebrities now by doing this celebrity prom request! You're shaming them and putting pressure on them, and if they turn you down, they look like a bad guy! Why…why are we living in a world like this, where you can be a bad person for doing nothing more than just living your fucking life and wanting to be left alone?!

Dick: Well, that's your definition of a celebrity? Someone who wants to be left alone? (giggles)

Maddox: Well…but nobody wants this!

Dick: (interjects) Next weekend, they're all going to an awards ceremony celebrating THEMSELVES. And then you're surprised that they get, what, invited to prom sometimes?

Asterios: (interjects) If you're…sorry.

Dick: Go ahead.

Asterios: Um, if you're not annoyed by these…

Dick: (interjects) Kids?

Asterios: These whiny, do-nothing kids pulling out their cell phones and using the wrong aspect ratio to, like, beg a celebrity to go to prom with them, like, if you don't find that annoying, I can't convince you that it's annoying. Whenever I see these videos, it just does something to me. I just fucking wanna pummel these kids' faces!

Dick: Yeah, why?!

Asterios: I…why does anything annoy any…

Dick: (interjects) Kids do so much more annoying things. Why this one, specifically?

Asterios: Well, we're just…'cause this is the one we're talking about today.

Maddox: We're talking about one of them. Yeah.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Asterios: I mean, I'm not saying that kids don't do more annoying things.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: But it is annoying.

Dick: Sure.

Asterios: It's annoying YouTubey millennial bullshit behavior to want something for nothing.

Maddox: It's cringey.

Asterios: To use the power of the Internet and social media to, like…I don't know. Make your weird fake dream come true?!

Dick: (interjects) What's weird about wanting Kate Upton to come to prom with you!? That's very normal.

Asterios: I don't…alright. Let's say she goes to…

Maddox: (interjects) Look, wanting…

Asterios: (interjects) Sorry. Of course.

Maddox: I was just gonna…wanting to have a celebrity come to prom with you…great. It's a fantasy a lot of people have. But then creating an entire Twitter hashtag campaign, getting your local news involved, getting national news involved? Getting all these celebrities breathing down your neck and putting an immense amount of pressure. It's just egregious. It's obnoxious! It's taking it to the next level, where again, just for living your life and doing what you're doing, you have to take time out, otherwise you're a bad guy.

Dick: Yeah. You have a problem with paparazzi, too?

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: Do you think they're invasive?

Maddox: For…well, it depends.

Asterios: They killed Princess Di. Yeah I have a problem with paparazzi.

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: They're annoying as shit! Do you guys ever see paparazzi yelling, like, really loaded questions at celebrities?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: It's…yeah.

Dick: It's hilarious.

Asterios: I dunno, I think those guys…(they crack up) Why haven't you ever become a papa…you'd be perfect at it!!!

Dick: Oh, yeah! I totally would!

Asterios: You drive real fast…

Maddox: No, he doesn't. No he doesn't. He drives like a fucking grandma.

Dick: I pretend to be a photographer.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And you could sell these pictures to TMZ. All you gotta do it ask a bunch of loaded…like, you just have to annoy them into freaking out at you, and then you've made a couple of grand!

Dick: I could easily do that.

Asterios: I know you…you could BOTH do that!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: No. We won't be doing that. Umm….

Dick: What else you got?

Maddox: I just don't want there to be a celebrity hashtag campaign to shame another fucking person into doing some shit that they don't want to do. Guys, leave people the fuck alone. Yeah, we all wanna go out with celebrities. We all want to bang Rhonda Rousey and go to celebrity proms with Mila Kunis and whoever the fuck, Kate Upton. Sure! We all want that. But keep it to your personal little blog, and your fantasy, and status update. Don't create a national campaign to shame these people! They're very busy. They don't have time for your pimply fucking face in Philadelphia. NO.

Asterios: And aren't they only going out of pity?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Isn't that, like…it's like, you would never get Mila Kunis on your own. You had to develop a hashtag, like #iloveyoumila, or #mila4prom. Like, you had to…bend reality and the universe itself.

Sean: (interjects) I don't think they're going…I don't think they're…sorry.

Asterios: Oh, yeah.

Sean: I don't think they're going out of pity.

Dick: Me either.

Sean: No, I think Maddox is right. They're going for good publicity.

Dick: Well, he's saying they're going because they got shamed. (they all talk over each other)

Maddox: They're going to avoid bad publicity.

Sean: They're going to avoid bad publicity. Yeah, exactly.

Asterios: Well, yeah, but…(Dick groans) why are they getting good publicity? For doing charity, essentially.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Essentially.

Asterios: Like, you're a big, ugly charity case, and that's there the good publicity comes from! That's the story. It's "incredibly hot-looking princess goes to prom with troll."

Dick: Yeah. It's fun.

Asterios: Like…you wanna be the troll? I don't know. I don't wanna be the troll.

Maddox: You know what it is, Asterios and Dick? It's this…it's this phenomenon that we have now…where people think that they are having good will by creating this narrative. Like, by playing into this huge, national narrative where there's a love story going on, right? And we are the participants in this love story. And we can make it happen if we believe hard enough and if we tweet loud enough, and if we keep bugging them hard enough, that this love story, this narrative that we've invented in our minds…will come true. And this happened not too long ago. A couple of months ago, this woman in France saw a guy and a girl kissing…I think the guy, like, proposed to his girl, or something, on the Eiffel Tower. And she caught this moment in a photo. It was a very nice photo. Nothing wrong with the photo. Then this woman decided to go out of her way to try to find this couple to give them this photo. And finally, there was this huge national campaign.

Asterios: Reddit.

Maddox: And people were posting it…yeah. On Reddit. Like, "Who is this couple?" "Who is this mystery couple?" "We have to find this couple!" She finally found the couple and the guy's like "I don't want this photo."

Sean: We're divorced.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Yeah. Didn't work out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, whatever. I want my privacy. I don't want my fucking photo plastered everywhere, you fucking lunatic!!! This is the world we're living in now, where you can just pressure anyone into doing anything! Put their photo out there. Force people to do it just because of peer pressure! It's just fucking bullying! All these idiots who want…like the dancing girls? The well-intentioned idiots? This is the exact problem they're fighting against! They're fighting against shaming by shaming people!!!

Dick: I think you guys read a lot into this stuff. Like, this…it's just fun. It's harmless fun.

Maddox: That's irrelevant. (Asterios cackles) Whether it's fun or not…

Dick: (interjects) That's irrelevant. (laughs)

Asterios: Jesus Christ!

Dick: The fact that it's harmless fun is irrelevant.

Asterios: Is irrelevant! (laughs)

Maddox: Fun is irrelevant.

Dick: These people are being shamed and bullied…

Maddox: No, 'cause that doesn't address the problem. Like, whether or not you think it's fun…

Dick: (interjects) There's no problem to anybody.

Maddox: Whether or not you think it's…no, it is a problem. 'cause…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, Mila Kunis is really offended in her house that this Marine asked her out?!

Maddox: No, you don't know. They're very busy. Look, Ronda Rousey lost her fight.

Dick: Because of this guy?!

Maddox: I don't know. But the guy specifically said. He was like, "Maybe you're too busy training for your next fight."

Dick: Or acting. Or trying to be a sex symbol.

Maddox: Well, whether or not she is or isn't depends on us.

Dick: Isn't.

Maddox: But, um…these people are very busy with their lives. They have careers to do. They worked really hard to get to the top of their field. And yeah, this might be an interruption that they can't handle in the moment. Just cut it out, guys. Stop it, please. For the love of God.

Asterios: All these media narratives are so disposable. It's such a disposable distraction. It's like…"Oh, we gotta find the person who…we gotta find the couple from the photo on the Eiffel Tower." "Oh, we gotta find a date for Brad #date4brad." We gotta do this, we gotta do that. And then the narrative closes and we throw it away. It's just something that boring people who don't create any value use to feel important for a nanosecond.

Dick: Is that why you guys are upset, 'cause you think you're creators, so you're better than these kids who are getting national attention just by asking celebrities to prom?

Asterios: I'm not gonna say that's why it upsets Maddox, but I think getting attention for attention's sake…I think being a celebrity just to be a celebrity…I think creating nothing of value that anyone would ever want. Yeah, I think that's sort of a despicable position.

Dick: Hmm, okay. I see.

Asterios: Yeah. That's my…that's my…I'm not gonna say it's yours, that's my take.

Maddox: No, I do feel better than them. But I feel better than everyone. Anyway, guys.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: My problem this week is Celebrity Prom Requests.

Asterios: My problem this week is Slouching!

Dick: Adults Living With Their Parents.

Asterios: See you next Tuesday!!

(Voice mail: male voice: Will you guys please stop fucking saying the N-word? Who the hell do you think you're avoiding offending? Everyone knows what the hell you mean."

Maddox: Everyone?

"Just SAY…" (file cuts off))

(they crack up)

Sean: It's true, though. It's like the same people who say "people of color". You're basically…you're saying "colored person", which is an outdated…

Dick: (laughing) (interjects) Where's the race card?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah! No, but it is! Like, if you're not comfortable saying colored person, you probably shouldn't say people of color.

Dick: People of color?

Maddox: Sean, I've heard this argument for a long time about…

Sean: (interjects) Not buying it?

Dick: Nah, just don't say it.

Maddox: The N-word.

Sean: Oh.

Maddox: No, the N-word is different than any other word in our language.

Sean: Well, of course.

Maddox: No other word has that much power. No other word has that much impact.

Sean: I wasn't comparing the two.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. No, I know. But a lot of people do.

Dick: I wonder how women feel about the C-word.

Maddox: Not the same way.

Dick: Well, I don't know. I'm not a woman.

(Voice mail: male voice: "This is Uncle Ruckus. Just wanted to tell that black son of a bitch, Denzel, who came on the show talkin' about his black problems. Denzel,

you had every right to be following the Apple store." (Dick chuckles) **"Walking into the whitest place on Earth."**

Maddox: Yep.

"Lookin' like you were gonna steal. I'm glad you turned out your pockets to let those white people know that you didn't have no weapon, so when they call the cops and beat -year-old' black ass, you'd be alright with that." (Maddox giggles) **"Anyway Denzel, the reason why there's single black men out there in single households, it because ya'll are just like jackrabbits. That's why they call it hippity hop. 'Cause y'all keep hoppin' and hoppin', and fuckin' all these other bitches out there.** (Maddox laughs) **So keep it clean. Thank you, Dick, for setting up and representin' for me."**

Dick: You're welcome.

"Go fuck yourself, too.")

Dick: Ohhhh, dammit!

Maddox: (laughing) Good call.

Dick: Oh, and an Asian guy called in, offended about your derogatory…

Maddox: (interjects) A real Asian guy?!

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: Is it Tim Changzzzzz again?

Dick: It's not Tim Changzzzzz. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: This guy has a more convincing accent.

(Voice mail: male voice with terrible fake Asian accent: "Uh, herro Mistah Maddox." (they giggle) **"You use very offensive racial slur in regard to me being a swopehead.")**

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Biggest Problem in the Universe – Episode 95

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(Clip starts)

Sean: "When you go to the store, what do you buy?" (Dick laughs)

Maddox: "I buy milk, shithead."

Maddox: "Did Maddox get high and play with a door stopper before this episode? (they laughs)

Dick: "Did you?"

Maddox: "No." (annoyed)

Maddox: "That's what you do. You'd be having sex with your cousin right now, Sean. Without a steam engine."

Sean: "I think the Earl of Sandwich invented the steam engine. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: "No, you fuck!"

Dick: "The Earl of Steamwich?"

Maddox: "I'd be a good veterinarian, Sean. For me it's a coin toss. 'Oh, what's your dog got? Worms? Here. Lemme put on my blindfold and get my pointy stick and see which one of these pills I'm gonna feed this dog. Oh, didn't work? Alright, well, next animal.'"

Sean: "Plus…"

Dick: "When you say 'good veterinarian', what do you mean?" (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: "Tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of these drones…"

Dick: "Millions."

Maddox: "No. Let's not get ridiculous." (Dick cackles)(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: "What happened to your face, Sean?" "Oh, I was mouthing off to Maddox. I learned my lesson."

Dick: "How come just because your civilization runs on steam, you dress like an asshole?"

Maddox: "Where the ratio of kids to textbooks was 17 to 1. So 1 textbook for every 17 kids."

Dick: "Wow. What textbook was it?"

Maddox: "It was the Alphabet of Manliness." (they crack up)

(Clip ends)

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Loopholes to Assholes! (they laugh) With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Hey, what's up, buddy?

Maddox: Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back. Episode 95.

Dick: Those two things together are a solution, because that's how some very religious girls get out of losing their virginity!

Maddox: Ohh.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: They have the Asshole Loophole.

Maddox: True! The asshole loophole.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: That is a solution. That is a solution to no sex in Utah.

Dick: Is that a real thing?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Girls in Utah are super into anal. And also, I've heard this also to be the case in Texas and a lot of the Bible Belt. And also in Utah, sometimes they'll go up to Nevada, get married for the weekend…

Dick: Just to bang?

Maddox: Just to bang, and then get divorced.

Dick: Oh, that's cool. That's what God wouldn't wanted.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: I guess.

Maddox: That's exactly what God would've wanted.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Cause they were gonna get up to heaven and God's gonna be like, "You guys found a loophole. Come on in, you crazy kids!"

Dick: Yeah, but at least you found that this guy's willing to perpe…like, to drive out of state for you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know, a lot of girls can't say…you don't know! Like, is this guy willing to even pick up a tab for me? They don't know anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But drive out of state? That's…that's true love.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what? Stay home, save yourself a 5-hour road trip, and then just do anal. How about that? That's what I say.

Dick: And you gotta keep her motor running for five hours, too, on the way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you're that guy, right?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Like, you gotta keep this girl interested in banging you. For five hours, sober, presumably.

Maddox: Oh, they're interested, too. Look, everyone's horny. Everyone likes to fuck. No one likes to admit it. It's stupid.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Alright. How did we do last week?

Maddox: Yeah. The biggest problem in the universe…

(Sound effect: Drumroll starts)

Maddox: From last week, Dick.

(Sound effect: Cymbal)

Maddox: Was Slouching!

Dick: Slouching?

Maddox: Slouching. Asterios' problem. I think that's the first time Asterios has had a problem come out on top during one of these episodes.

Sean: That is a fucking fan fail, isn't it?

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: Well, slouching…I read a lot of comments from people who actually said that they felt that slouching should have easily trounced all the problems, and it was…it was pretty…

Dick: (interjects) Even living with your parents?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Man, that sucks.

Maddox: Dude. Well, speaking of. Then followed by Celebrity Prom Requests, was the second biggest problem from last week. And then last was Adults Living With Their Parents.

Dick: So there's more…so people are more upset by YouTube videos of, like, Marines and weird kids asking celebrities to prom, than they are of massive amounts of people having to live with their parents?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's weird.

Maddox: Well, Dick…so I read some of these sources that you brought in, and I kept asking you last time, "Is this a problem with millennials?" Was that, like, a sneaky way of you bringing in Millennials?

Dick: I don't see how it's a sneaky way. It says very clearly "People 18 to 35 are on the rise when it comes to living with your parents."

Maddox: So was your problem Millennials?

Dick: I said it very specifically. Adults living with their parents is a problem. That's the problem.

Maddox: But specifically…why is it a problem now as opposed to previous generations?

Dick: I mean, I obviously didn't make the case last week, I'm not gonna try to make it again. What do you want?

Sean: Well because…

Dick: What are you saying?

Sean: He's of this generation.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You're, like, looking at what's going on currently, right?

Dick: That's what going on currently.

Sean: I don't think it's millennials at all.

Dick: And it's on the rise.

Maddox: (interjects) No, it is millennials. Every single…

Dick: (interjects) It's on the rise more for millennials, 'cause they're getting fucked over in a number of ways.

Maddox: Well, that's true. But all those sources that you brought in. I looked at them, and they all mentioned millennials. This was a millennial phenomenon. That's why I mentioned…but then, also, what was interesting is, Dick, in that NPR article that you linked to.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: They said that 61% of the people who were living at home…the kids who were still living at home with their parents, or adults living at home with their parents…are happy. Or happier, than they were before. So that's kind of telling, I think.

Sean: Well, when you get meals cooked and your laundry done, I mean…

Dick: (interjects) Sure.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's a pretty cush life in comparison.

Dick: It's great.

Maddox: I guess I…

Dick: (interjects) People coloring in adult coloring books probably report being pretty happy, too. (Sean laughs) But I recall that being a problem, for some reason.

Maddox: No.

Sean: Is a lot of these from Europe, too?

Maddox: No, they're not.

Sean: No, US?

Maddox: They're talking about the US. Like, people who live back at home. No, the adult coloring book…that's a phenomenon that's on the rise because there's some study that came out that said that it helps relieve stress. And it's just like the same…one of these horseshit studies gets picked up in Mashable or NPR, like any of these websites, they pick up these studies about people who find comfort in their dogs. And now people are bringing their dogs around everywhere.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Like, they can't leave the house because they're fucking psychopaths and they need their comfort animal just to survive and exist in society.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's insane.

Dick: So we got some…we got a lot of presents to get to, right?

Maddox: We do. We do, Dick.

Dick: We always take up too much time.

Maddox: Yeah, before…

Dick: (interjects) With arguing over old shit.

Maddox: Before…(laughing)

Dick: (interjects) Let's get to these presents.

Maddox: Before we…before we move on, we did get some fan boxes, and again, my package lady dropped the ball. Didn't call me. Didn't call me in time. But we got a bunch of packages here. Uh, this is…this one is sent in from Katie Kellogg. Uh, she sent me a message on Twitter and said that…(laughs) she overnighted these to us…

Dick: When, six weeks ago? (everyone laughs)

Maddox: (laughing) Says, **"Dear Maddox, Dick, Sean, Asterios, and Airhorn Randy. I made you these cricket flour brownies. Now you can eat Maddox's worst enemy in the most delicious way possible. Mmm. Sweet, sweet revenge. Bon appétit."**

Dick: Wait, there's crickets in these?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh. I don't want these, then.

Sean: Are there really?

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah. (cracks up)

Sean: I already ate a little bit of it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It was just really, really, chocolatey.

Dick: I told you not to, didn't I! I didn't eat any of these fucking brownies yet!

Sean: I'm eating it! I'm not afraid of cricket flour!!

Maddox: Yeah. There you go! Sean's eating it! That's…bravo, Sean!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: There's a real man.

Dick: Oh, it's cricket flour?

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And she says, "You gotta know how much…"

Sean: (interjects) It's good!

Maddox: Yeah, it is good.

Sean: It tastes like a brownie. A really chocolatey brownie.

Maddox: Yeah. She says…

Dick: (interjects) Lemme try some. Give it to me.

Maddox: She says, **"You gotta know how much I love this podcast when I will eat bugs to do quality assurance for you people. By the way, this is the same Katie who recently left a voice mail blushingly extolling the virtues of Sean."** Sean, mmm?

Dick: What?! I didn't get that!!

Maddox: Uh-huh. **"I may have also called Dick "Tinyface". Now you know what I sound like at 2 AM on a Monday. Love you all minus Airhorn Randy. I don't know you well enough yet, Bub. Katie."** Thank you, Katie!

Dick: It's good! Good brownie.

Maddox: She sent us these brownies. And on the cover…

Dick: (interjects) Tastes a little stale, though. She should have overnighted them or something. (they laugh)

Maddox: On the cover of the…the Tupperware…(Dick laughs) She put a little Jiminy Cricket with X's on its eyes.

Sean: Look at the Tupperware she sent.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's high-quality Tupperware!

Sean: That's like…I know. My mom is pissed if those don't come back!

Maddox: Yeah!! High-quality Tupperware! (Dick giggles) And then she also sent…

Dick: (interjects) And a rare insight into Sean's upbringing! (grins)

Maddox: Mhmm.

Sean: No!! She's…(laughs)

Dick: Tupperware is MADE to be given away!

Maddox: Sean, is your mom Armenian?

Sean: She might as well be.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, she's as white as the driven snow. Please, how dare you.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) What do you mean, how dare me?! (cracks up) How dare YOU, how dare me!!!!

Sean: I think I just picked a leg out of my teeth.

Maddox: Uh…(laughs) She also sent us a bag…it says, **"This is the brand I used for your information."** She sent us a little bag of cricket flour.

Dick: Oh, look at that!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: (interjects) Lemme see that!

Maddox: Yeah. 100% cricket flour. The real thing!

Dick: And it's got a big cricket on the cover!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Can you see through it?

Dick: What do you mean?

Sean: Well, I wanna see what the color of cricket flour looks like.

Dick: Can you see THROUGH it? What, like…

Sean: (interjects) No, the bag.

Dick: Invisible powder?

Sean: The packaging.

Maddox: No, he was wondering what the color of the cricket flour is.

Dick: Oh, oh, oh. No, no, no, no. Well, let's open it up!

Maddox: Sure. Let's crack it open.

Dick: Randy's not here, by the way.

Maddox: No Candy Randy. No airhorns.

Dick: We can talk about apples…we can talk about libertarians…

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: I wanna talk about the GOP Debate!!

Maddox: Uh-huh!! (they laugh)

Dick: Bla, bla, bla, bla. (crinkling paper) Alright.

Maddox: Handy Randy. Producer Handy Randy not here to witness these delicious…

Dick: (interjects) See what it looks like.

Maddox: …brownies. And this cricket flour we got.

Dick: Oh, it's brown, like brown sugar.

Maddox: It's brown. Yeah. It looks like brown sugar, this cricket flour.

Dick: Sean, look. You wanted to see it.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: There.

Sean: No, it looks like brown sugar.

Maddox: Looks like brown sugar.

Sean: Can I try a little?

Maddox: YEAH!

Dick: Okay…why are you so obsessed with this cricket flour?!

Maddox: There we go!!

Sean: Well I'm interested!! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. It's all…it's protein-packed, guys. Hey, I have a confession to make. Alright? So I made that cricket video.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, I killed and ate that cricket, and then I put a bunch of their heads on stakes out front, in my lawn.

Dick: Oh, cool. Toothpicks?

Maddox: On toothpicks, yeah. And after all of that, I still have crickets.

Dick: Ohhh.

(Sound effect: Booooo!!)

Dick: Well, you taunted them!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: By putting the pikes out there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was a mistake.

Maddox: I am about to lose my mind with these crickets. What, Sean?

Sean: It's a little bit funky, but…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, funky?

Sean: …it's not bad. It just has a little…it's got a funny taste, and I can't compare it to anything.

Dick: Well, have you ever eaten flour on its own before? How the fuck would you compare?

Sean: Yeah!

Dick: You have?! (Maddox giggles)

Sean: Sure. Yeah!

Dick: What do you mean, sure?!?!! WHY did you eat flour on its own?!

Sean: Well, if you're makin' shit and you got it on your fingers…(Maddox laughing) I mean, yeah, it's gotten in my mouth before.

Dick: If you're so high and you needed something to eat that you'll tear through the pantry looking for anything to shove in your mouth, like that you mean?! Or what?!

Sean: Don't worry about what I do.

Dick: (cracks up) It's just weird!!

Maddox: Well, Sean…Sean, if you got, like, baking soda on your hand, would you just lick it off, too?

Sean: Well, yeah. You gotta make a volcano. (they laugh)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Did we get any more presents?

Maddox: Uh, we did. And we got another package…

Dick: (interjects) Thank you, Katie.

Maddox: Yeah, thank you Katie Kellogg. That's a very, very thoughtful gift and I appreciate that more crickets died for that. I appreciate that.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Then we got another gift. We got another package from long-time fan **Candace.** Candace, fan of mine from Twitch, actually. And then started listening to the podcast. She said, **"Hi, idiots."**

Dick: Stop reading it right there! Fuck her! (Maddox cracks up) Don't read it! No, no, that's it. That's it. Fuck you, Candace! (they laugh)

Maddox: She sent us a big box of cookies.

Dick: That's called discipline.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, go ahead.

Maddox: She sent us a big box of cookies. She says, **"Hi, idiots. Enjoy these cookies I made with real crickets and monkeys.** (Maddox and Sean laugh)**"** She said, **"They pair well with Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey. Please share with your neighborhood Lyft driver, Tim Changzz. Love, Candace. PS: Dick, go fuck yourself."** And then she sent us a HUGE box of cookies. Look at how many cookies there…

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: I'm holding this box. It's probably, like, a 2-3 pound box of cookies, right here.

Dick: It's good!

Maddox: Maybe a pound. Yeah.

Dick: Ooh, white chocolate. I like white chocolate.

Maddox: Yeah, we got white chocolate. Sean, white chocolate for you?

Dick: (interjects) I like the references, because I can tell how old these things are based on the episodes they're referencing. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, this was actually pretty recent.

Dick: Which we need to do, because of the shenanigans at your P.O. box place.

Maddox: The shipping is…and every time I go in there, the shipping lady gives me some passive aggressive line. She says, "So, do you live far away?" (Sean laughs) Every single time, you know, because she thinks I don't go in enough. She says, "You should come in more." I'm like, "Why? You always call me when I get a package."

Dick: Yeah. Well, I dunno.

Maddox: Anyway.

Dick: Um, alright. I'm gonna skip right to the…there's some more fan presents. Digital presents. Do you remember when I said…do you remember that voice mail caller, said we should do a sign language interpretation of me talking?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So Daniel…**Daniel Heggie** from Australia did it. **"Dick, you asked for it in last week's episode…great podcast. But hey, you asked for a sign language interpretation of one of your rants. Feel free to post. Also, please add that this is Australian sign language, not American sign language."** So make sure…before you tear into the guy, when we post the video, make sure everybody knows this is Australian sign language.

Maddox: Yeah, I guess there's a difference.

Dick: They do everything upside down. (Maddox giggles) It's like gang signs. Australian sign language.

Maddox: They do. There's ASL…well, ASL could stand for Australian Sign Language, as well.

Dick: Their abbreviation is Auslan, I think.

Maddox: Oh. Anyway. I saw that video, yeah. He sent in a video of a sign language version of one of your rants.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Dick.

Dick: Here you go. You guys watch this. It's pretty cool!

(Clip starts)

Dick: Great audio, like all YouTube videos.

Daniel: Hey, guys. You want a rant? Here's a rant.

Clip of Dick: "Being in love and having a sexual relationship with them. NOW, the most misogynistic person on the Internet is explaining to people the basics of courtship and attraction! Do we understand that!? Do we understand that a person who is proud of that is explaining to everybody, 'Yeah, you meet someone, you

court them, you talk to them, you get to know them. Chemicals in your brain and…."

Dick: You see that "Get to know them?" It looks like humping? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

(rant continues in the background)

Dick: So that's the sign for getting to know somebody.

"…Then it wears off! Then you start drinking! Then you start hanging out…"

Maddox: Alright. We'll post this on the website.

Dick: Yeah! It's pretty cool.

(rant continues)

Maddox: We'll post this on the website.

(Clip stops)

Dick: Looks a lot slower when he's doing it, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here's another one. Yeah, somebody compiled all the "Go fuck yourselves". **Adam Angel. "Hey guys, I love the show. I made a compilation of fans telling Dick to go fuck himself from the last 70 episodes."** Here you go.

Sean: (in background) Jesus.

Dick: Yeah. It's great.

Maddox: It's a lot.

(Clip starts:

Maddox: "Um, I've gotten, in the last, I'd say, two days, maybe just a half dozen of emails from people. All for various topics, various subjects. Either praising the show, or commenting, or sending in problem suggestions, etc, etc. And invariably, they're all addressed to me, and invariably, at the end…they all sign off with, 'PS, Dick's an idiot.' Or 'PS, Dick's an asshole."

Dick: "Oh." (disappointed)

Maddox: (giggles) "It just seems like a common sign off, and he did it in that voice mail, too."

Dick: "Well, here's another voice mail."

Maddox: "Great."

Voice mail: "Hello. Dick, go fuck yourself."

Dick: That's pretty much it. (Maddox guffaws)

Voice mail: "Anyway, Dick, go fuck yourself. Okay." (Maddox giggles)**)**

(they talk over the clip)

Dick: It's five minutes of this.

Maddox: Yeah. It's a long clip.

(Clip continues)

(Voice mail: "Hope that we can find some common ground, go fuck yourself, Dick!"

Dick: "Dammit! Dammit."

Maddox: "Yeah, go fuck yourself, Dick."

Voice mail: "The real Angelo…(inaudible). OH-KAY! Fuck yourself, Dick!"

Dick: Oh, dammit! (Maddox laughs)

(Clip cuts off)

Dick: Alright, I'll post it later.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You got some comments or voice mails of your own?

Maddox: Um…I got a quick comment from **Michael Juan Perez.** He says, **"I just want to point out that people calling in sick for sports games isn't really unique to Italy or Europeans. Living in Texas, I know plenty of people who call in to watch Cowboys, and I bet people in Green Bay or Pittsburgh do the same. People also call in for a day or two to go to concerts, and also if they suddenly score tickets to a game or a concert."** So I guess his point is that people call in sick when they want to have a day off. (laughs)

Dick: Sure. Here's somebody settling the Ronda Rousey debate.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it, yeah.

Dick: Remember that? You and Asterios thought she was hot.

Maddox: She is hot.

Dick: You guys have gotten kicked in the head by a mule, or something. Maybe you're blind. I don't…

Maddox: Okay. Yeah.

Dick: …think she's hot at all. (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey fucking Maddox and Osterios, you're fucking dumb! I agree with Dick for once, which is surprising when it comes to me."

Dick: For once.

"Yeah, Ronda Rousey isn't that attractive. She's not hot, but she's kind of attractive. Dick is totally right. I don't want a fucking woman who's probably fucking stronger than me. She'd probably, like, break my neck if I'm fucking trying

to choke her. She'd be like "Oh, harder!" and I'll be like, "No, fuck you." She's too dominant. Fucking Dick…(inaudible) dominated Jesus fucking something woman fuck me, I can't speak.")

Dick: Can't even understand.

Maddox: Whaaaaaat? (giggles)

Sean: Well, thanks for taking a break walking dogs to call in, there. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. What the hell is going on over there, with your shitty, what do you have, Cricket Wireless over there? Uh, your shitty dog barking in the background? Your comfort animal? I don't need advice from this guy, telling me what is or isn't hot! Why don't you work on your phone call?! Your phone etiquette, dickhead?!

Dick: Well, Rhonda Rousey actually called in.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!? (giggles) Let's hear it.

Dick: Thankfully. Yeah.

(Voice mail: (clearly male, gravelly): "Dick, this is Ronda Rousey. (they all crack up) **I'm calling to…how dare you tell me I'm not hot?! I will put you in a headlock so hard…I'll pop that tiny face of yours like a…(inaudible), motherfucker!!")**

(Maddox cracks up)

Dick: See? That's hot to you guys!?

Maddox: That is so sexy.

Dick: That's how you want a woman to talk to you in bed?

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. That's hot. That's really hot.

Dick: That's gross, man.

Maddox: No, I don't like women who are too petite. I don't like women who are too dainty.

Dick: Too hot?

Maddox: Too…(laughs)

Dick: Way too hot for me. Too hot.

Maddox: Look, Ronda Rousey's a babe. She's not, like, a 10, but she's really fucking hot.

Dick: Oh, a BABE. Get the hell out of here!

Maddox: Yeah. She's a babe!

Dick: Did you like Xena, Warrior Princess? Would you jerk off to that?

Maddox: She's alright.

Dick: Would you jerk off to it?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: That was the question!

Maddox: The answer is yes.

Dick: When you were a kid.

Maddox: Well, when I was a kid, I didn't. But I would.

Dick: What the hell does that mean?

Maddox: If I had a time machine, right? And I went back and found myself 17 years old…

Dick: Like a mental time machine!?

Maddox: No, a real time machine! You know.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Like your solution, Dick!

Dick: You would go back and jerk off yourself as a kid?! (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: No, dickhead. (Dick giggles) I would go back when I'm 17, you know. Right as I'm about to jerk off, I'm like, "Hey buddy. Here's Xena Warrior magazine.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Give myself a little fap aid, huh? A little wank aid. Wank aid. That's what you call it.

Dick: Sure. Okay. (scoffs) That's what you…for…well.

Maddox: A wank supplement! Yeah, man. Xena was kinda cute! I mean, she had kind of a square jaw, a little mannish. But there was a lesbian…

Dick: (interjects) A little mannish and Ronda Rousey is hot?!!?!

Maddox: Ronda Rousey is not…

Dick: And Lucy…

Maddox: (interjects) Ronda Rousey…if you didn't know Ronda Rousey was a world famous champion of mixed martial arts, you wouldn't guess. 'Cause she's not muscular. She's not really…like, her muscles aren't very pronounced.

Dick: Well, she's still not a world champion of martial arts, so eff you, Ronda Rousey.

Maddox: Well, she was.

Dick: There you go. I got one for you.

(Voice mail: female voice: "Hi, Maddox. My name is Sasha, and I'm from Pennsylvania. (lisping her s's to sound like "sh") and I'm 17 years old and I was

wondering if you could take me to my senior prom, because nobody's asked me yet. And I think you're so hot."

Dick: Oh, that's nice.

"And I like soup and specially (inaudible), so maybe after prom, we can go out and get some soup!"

Dick: That's pretty good.

"Or we could go over to your mom's house and she could make us some soup and bring it to us in the basement!"

Dick: You got that in common!

"Please let me know, because I really would love to go to prom with you, and I have this super sexy dress that I like to wear."

Maddox: Uh-huh. (skeptical.

Dick: Super sexy prom dress!

"So I just wanna make sure that we match. So call me back and let me know what color you're going with. Byeeeee!!")

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Dick: What do you think?

Maddox: That made my skin crawl.

Sean: She's doing Shelley from Shouth Park! (lisps)

Maddox: (laughing) You remember a long time ago, on the old Conan O'Brien show, when he was still on network TV, Amy Poehler. Before Amy Poehler really, like, had a huge name behind her, she was Conan O'Brien's sister.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And she kind of talked like that, too. That's kind of what that reminded me of. No, man. Like, here's the thing. You got this girl. I'm gonna assume hot, 'cause any girl who's into me is HOT.

Dick: That girl sounded hot.

Maddox: Yeah, she…(cracks up)

Dick: In your defense.

Maddox: She sounded really hot, with the braces. Um…but, look. Any girl who's into me is super hot, right? And she's 17. So…immediately, there's no point. What am I gonna do going to prom with this girl? Like what can you possibly even do? I'm a grown-ass man. I'm not going to prom with a 17-year-old.

Dick: Okay. So no.

Maddox: The answer is no. (Sean laughs) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: You mean you could just go to prom. You don't always have to bang her.

Maddox: I wouldn't know!

Dick: You just go to prom and have a nice time.

Maddox: I never went to prom, remember? I pushed my friend's car…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's right! (Maddox laughs) Is that why you and Asterios hate it so much!? 'Cause you didn't go to prom?!

Maddox: I dunno. I think Asterios did go to prom, but I never went to prom. I thought it was stupid.

Dick: You think someone went to prom with that guy? Oh my God, poor girl.

Maddox: Why not!? (laughs) Get the fuck outta here.

Dick: That guy comes to pick up your daughter on prom? You're like "Accccch, come on!"

Maddox: Aw, get outta here! (Dick laughs) Asterios is a smooth criminal, my friend.

Dick: Oh, please!

Maddox: Yeah. He's very sneaky,.

Dick: Everyone on the show's a player. Awesome.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Alright, you wanna do…

Maddox: (interjects) Definitely not true.

Dick: Uh, you wanna get to some problems?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. What's your biggest problem this week?

Dick: Bumper Stickers.

Maddox: (scoffs) Bumper Stickers. Okay. Why is that a problem?

Dick: They're annoying.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Have you ever had a good experience with a bumper sticker?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Have you? (giggles) Okay. What was your…what, did you see one of your own bumper stickers?

Maddox: Yeah, exactly!

Dick: I forgot! I'm talking to Big Bumper over here. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What was your positive experience with a bumper sticker?

Maddox: Well, I've seen some bumper stickers that made me laugh. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: What, like Calvin peeing on something?

Maddox: Yeah, that's funny.

Dick: Ohohoho!!!

Sean: Yeah, but it's like…in lieu of a personality, I'm gonna slap this shit on my car.

Maddox: No, you know, I get it. Bumper stickers can be annoying. I've seen cars that WAY overdo it. They put their political opinions ALL OVER their fucking car. And you know…first of all, we get it. You're a Liberal. You don't have to tell us you're driving a Prius.

Dick: Or the reverse.

Maddox: Or the reverse!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We get it. You're a conservative. You're driving a pickup truck on a lift. Right. We get it.

Dick: You're driving a truck. Right. With little balls dangling from the back.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And a Metal Militia sticker on the back windows.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: So you can't see anything.

Maddox: And you know…you know their political opinion because they're always the first to include a bumper sticker that has Barack Obama's full name on it. Barack HUSSEIN Obama…

Dick: (interjects) It's a damning name!

Maddox: They really want to emphasize that HUSSEIN in there. They really want…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What…like…(stammers) That never happens with any other candidate. What does the J stand for in Donald J. Trump? Or…Hilary Rodham Clinton?! Hilary RODham? Like, no one gives a shit. Except for Barack Hussein Obama, and it's a little tinge of xenophobia.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But there's…so…

Dick: (interjects) But that was your good experience with a bumper sticker? What's your good experience? Do you have a specific one, or did you just want to shit on the problem?

Maddox: No, my specific…(Dick cackles) My specific one…(Dick cracks up) No, I mean, I don't have a strong opinion either way…

Dick: (interjects) Look, they're annoying. I'll let you think about it. What?

Sean: I think your real problem is Millennials. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. All these millennials with their bumper stickers!!?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick!

Dick: I wish they had Millennial On Board. On their cars. I'd be a lot nicer to those guys. I feel bad for them! Am I the only one who feels bad for millennials, that they got…not only did they get fucked financially, like, in every sense of the word! They got fucked financially. They got fucked education-wise, 'cause they've been raised by the education system to be inclusive pussies!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like..(stammers) to a degree that I could not even IMAGINE being raised in. Then they got fucked economically when they hopped out of school, AND…everyone shits on them CONSTANTLY!! Just because they have the ability to share their mind online. Yet… yet they're still changing the world with everything they do! Facebook, every new technology has got millennial stamps all over it! And what do they get for it? Shit on! Shit on. I feel bad for them. They're still annoying, but I feel bad for them. Okay. Bumper stickers. Never had a good experience with one. It's like when you put a bumper sticker on your car…okay? This is the difference between a private space and a public space. You go out into a public space. Can you imagine just walking around saying the things that are on your bumper sticker? (Sean chuckles) Like, everything on your bumper sticker would be considered extremely inappropriate and uncivilized behavior.

Maddox: Whoa, whoa, whoa, Dick. Why don't you take a step back and coexist, okay? (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, exactly! Like, if you were walking in to a coffee shop or a movie theater, and you just go, "Hey, everybody, everybody, everybody. Coexist." (Maddox laughs) Alright? Like who the fuck are you?!

Maddox: You'd be an asshole!

Dick: Or anything!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you know. Talking about your kids. They've got those little bumper stickers of, like, your whole family?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like…THAT. That is considered offensive behavior to just walk up to someone, like, "Hey, lemme tell you about my kids." It's like, "Dude, fuck…"

Maddox: (interjects) Fuck off, yeah.

Dick: Go away. Get the hell outta here.

Maddox: I'm calling the police! This is a crime.

Dick: Yeah. I'm either calling the police or I'm calling your kids. You pick!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which one do you want me talking to?

Maddox: No, man. I'll tell you a time when I was REALLY annoyed by a bumper sticker. Uh, I was driving behind some guy, and I saw this bumper sticker I'd never seen before. It said, "World Peace begins with your turn signal." (Dick laughs) I lost my fucking mind! I drove up…I went out of my way…I went in the left-hand turn lane, so we were both going straight, right?

Dick: I can see this making you lose your mind, yeah.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I went in my left-hand turn lane, pulled up next to him, honked, and flipped him off! How's that for world peace, fuckface?! And then I cut him off, too!! I was so pissed off at this guy!

Dick: Oh. Did you have your signal on? (grins)

Maddox: No! (they all crack up) This guy's a piece of shit! Fuck you with your condescending lecture about world peace, you dickhead! World peace starts with your turn signal!? Go fuck yourself! You…look! I think it's important to signal in traffic! But I don't have delusions about it causing the start of world peace, dickhead! That's not how world peace starts!

Sean: I love that he took that literally.

Dick: What?

Sean: Are you actually following that logical progression to…

Maddox: (interjects) I believe it! I believe that's what that guy thought, Sean!

Dick: Yeah, but I think he's right! Like, the basic…I think that guy and that bumper sticker are right. That, like, basic human treatment…basic manners? Manners are the glue that holds society together.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, if everyone had better manners, society would be better; however, the PRESUMPTION of your guilt. Like, the projection of him saying, "Hey, you know what, buddy? You better signal." It's like if someone presumes I'm gonna be guilty of doing something that they want me to do, I'm gonna do it! Like…

Maddox: (interjects) That's stupid. Why? Why would you do that?

Dick: Because they've assaulted me with this belief! This saying, "Hey, you know what? Do your part for world peace. Signal." Like, okay. Well, did you think I wasn't gonna si… like, why did you…why did you need to tell me this? What about me…made you need to tell me this? Like, fuck you!

Maddox: Yeah. You know what, Dick? I think you…

Dick: (interjects) It's the same reason YOU got upset!

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, as soon as…

Dick: (interjects) It's exactly the same!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: As soon as he saw you on the road, he slapped it on, right?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: It's to you specifically.

Maddox: You know what, though? It's conflating two different messages, here. Look. You want to spread the message that basic etiquette of society is what keeps us civil and what keeps society going.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: I get it! Fine.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I agree…I'm on board with that point!

Dick: Uh-huh. But he's not doing it!

Maddox: And then the other message is, "You should use your turn signals." I'm on board with that point as well!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Those are both great messages, guys. But one doesn't cause the other, and has nothing to do with the other! I get what you're trying to say with your fucking goody two-shoes bumper stick, fuckface!

Dick: Mhmm. Uh-huh.

Maddox: But I…I use my turn signal all the fucking time and I don't feel like the world is any more peaceful! Listen to my voice!

Dick: You don't sound peaceful. (Sean and Maddox laugh) No. The point is, you can't have a good experience with it. Even if you…have you seen the cops driving around with "There's no ex…" Have you seen?

Maddox: Yeeeeeah.

Dick: At SOME point…(Maddox sighs) Some bumper sticker manufacturer convinced all the cops in LA to drive around with a bumper sticker that says "There's no excuse for domestic violence."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And as soon as I saw that, I was annoyed, because, well first of all, the police car itself is a reminder to not do crimes. That's why they all look like that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a reminder to not be a criminal. An extra reminder tacked onto the end is… (stammers) so, of all the crimes, that's the one you guys picked, first of all? Secondly, there's tons of excuses for domestic violence.

Maddox: Oh, geez.

Dick: (stammers) You grew up with violent parents?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you're in toxic relationships? These are all excuses for dome…

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: There's no excuse for domestic violence? Well yeah, to you guys, no. 'Cause you just show up and arrest the man!

Maddox: Dick, those aren't excuses for domestic violence. They're explanations for domestic violence. There's no excuse for domestic violence.

Dick: What's the difference? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: There's a big difference!

Dick: What's the difference? Come on.

Maddox: No, but I know what you're talking about. Maybe cops have that on their bumpers because those are the majority of calls that they get. But I will tell you a good experience I've had with bumper stickers.

Dick: Have they dropped? Are those bum…like, "Yeah, maybe I shouldn't smack my wife around or scream at my husband until he falls asleep."

Maddox: Well, Dick…(Sean laughs)

Dick: You know? (laughing)

Maddox: Maybe someone who's stuck in traffic behind a cop car, staring blankly…which nobody does anymore, 'cause everyone's fucking texting.

Dick: Well, that's where you're gonna be when those assholes drive at 60 on the freeway, is right behind a cop getting steam blowing out of your ears, 'cause you can't drive a correct speed on the freeway.

Maddox: Right. Yeah.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: So you might see this bumper sticker, and you might think about that message. There is no excuse for domestic violence. And you might have that moment of epiphany where it's like, "Okay, maybe there isn't." 'Cause then the person who's having that thought may realize that an explanation is not an excuse. That's a very subtle and important distinction, but it's a world of difference.

Dick: That's a big bumper sticker.

Maddox: No, what?!

Dick: Everything you just described.

Maddox: I don't…

Dick: (interjects) ‘Cause I still don’t get it.

Maddox: I don’t need to put that whole thing on a bumper sticker. No, I’ve seen some…

Dick: (interjects) Do you have any bumper stickers? Have you ever had one?

Maddox: Uh, yeah. I have one right now on my car.

Dick: Oh, my. (scoffs)

Maddox: I’ll tell you what…

Dick: (interjects) What does it say? I love masturbating? Cool as shit?

Maddox: No. (grins) No, you know what? The bumper sticker I have on my car, I’m not gonna tell you specifically what it is. There are no words on it, it’s just a symbol. And it is a symbol to get me out of trouble. And I’ll just say that much.

Dick: Is it a fireman’s little thing?

Maddox: Something like that, yeah.

Dick: I mean a lot of people have those.

Maddox: Yeah, I know.

Dick: You’re not…yeah, okay.

Maddox: Um, but anyway. So here’s my positive experience with a bumper sticker. I used to make these bumper stickers that had a garbage can tipped over, and it said, “Littering Kicks Ass”.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And it showed a whole bunch..’cause I think that littering creates jobs. Uh, you know. Someone’s gotta pick up that trash at some point.

Dick: Yeah. Some Indian’s gotta cry on TV. (Sean and Maddox chuckle) Sure. You’re right.

Maddox: It…(laughing)

Sean: That is a lost reference, now.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Millennials don’t get that one, do they?

Sean: No.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: They have a heart!

Sean: I barely remember it!

Maddox: Na…yeah.

Dick: (interjects) It was a commercial. An Indian guy crying..

Maddox: I remember.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Native Americans crying on TV.

Sean: It's been parodied. It gets parodied every now and again.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Um, so anyway. My friend…I used to create that bumper sticker. It said, "Littering Kicks Ass" with a garbage can tipped over.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And my friend bought one of those stickers and put it on his Prius, back when Priuses were first coming out and they were all touted as being environmentally sound cars. He put one on his Prius, and I thought that was so funny. That was one of my favorite experiences with a bumper sticker. And another one is my own logo! My own logo is a bumper sticker. That's pretty cool. Put that on your car!! Looks cool as shit!

Dick: Yeah, that's cool. Umm…(Maddox laughs) Speaking of…(they laugh)

Maddox: Sounded very sincere.

Dick: It's a cool logo. Um…you could put it anywhere, though. You could put it on your laptop. So here's a study I brought in. And it's an old study. I don't wanna spend too much time on it. Territorial markings are a predictor of aggressive driving and a road rage. This is a real study, I think from the Colorado University. They quizzed a bunch of volunteers about their cars and driving. Things like "How much do you care about your car?" "Do you decorate your car?" "Do you accessorize your car?" Um, including things like new stereos and, like, stupid plastic dashboard shit, and bumper stickers. And they found that…lemme see what the conclusion is. Basically, the more you treat your car, which is on the border of being a public and private space, because you think it's private because it's a little room on wheels; however, it's in a public space. You're in the congress of traffic. You're in public, right? The more you treat your individual public space as though it were private, it makes you more territorial when you're on the road. That was their conclusion. That you think this is yours. You think "this is my lane". You think people jump into YOUR lane and cut YOU off instead of seeing it as where people who don't accessorize their car, who don't think their car is an extension of their dick, those people are more forgiving on the road and less likely to be a road rage.

Maddox: Yeah, I believe it. That sounds sound. It sounds like tribalism, to me.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what it is? Bumper stickers were the original virtue signaling. Essentially. 'Cause you could put these little messages on there about coexistence, or little messages about how you think that whatever political party you're opposed to…

Dick: (interjects) Or not treading on me!

Maddox: Yeah, don't…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. Don't tread on me!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Don't you dare!

Maddox: It's virtue signaling. It's the original virtue signaling, because you can put these little pithy messages on your bumper and let everyone know what a good person you are for signaling, 'cause you're starting world peace. You're starting a movement for world peace.

Dick: 16% more likely to be a road rage if you have bumper stickers on your car. That's you, buddy.

Maddox: I don't…well.

Dick: (interjects) You got your fireman thing!

Maddox: The one sticker I have…the one sti…(laughs)

Dick: Or whatever it is! We don't know what it is. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: What makes HIM a road rage is bumper stickers on OTHER people's cars.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's true. Have you ever done that?

Maddox: Uh-huh. What?

Dick: Have you ever put a bumper sticker on someone else's car?

Maddox: Oh, I have. Yeah. I used to…I had a sticker one time. I found it somewhere. It said something like "You drive like a dick" or something like that.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: And if someone's an egregious asshole, yeah, I'll put a sticker on their car. Sure!

Dick: Hmm. Alright.

Maddox: Of course! I used to have this little stack of notes…uh, in my car. Like a printout of a hand choking a dick. And a little squirt coming out the end.

Dick: Oh, my God!

Maddox: And it says, "You park like a dick." And I'd put that on people's cars when they'd park like assholes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, if they block me in or something. I did it to this old lady one time. This…this fucking…

Dick: (interjects) Did she have a heart attack? Unnnngh!!!

Maddox: I can only hope, this bitch! So I was down at the beach, and it was a REALLY busy day, right? It was a really busy day and I was waiting for a parking spot. I turn on my signal, and clearly I'm pointing to the spot that I'm waiting for this person to back out, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Person backs out. This old lady pulls in! And I started honking my horn. I'm like, "What the fuck are you doing?!" Right? And she goes, "Oh, you can't turn here." I said, "I didn't." I turned around in this little interchange where you COULD turn, and I went to get the spot, and she took it. And you know, she wouldn't move. So I got out and I left her this real nasty note. I took one of my "You park like a dick" little stickers. Put it on her car. And then I also wrote a note. I said, "You are a bad person. Go to Hell." It made me feel better.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I wanted to stay…

Dick: (interjects) Take that!

Maddox: I wanted to wait around…'cause you know what? To old people, that really means something.

Dick: Does it? (giggles)

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. It absolutely does. What?

Dick: You think it means something to old people?

Sean: Nothing. I was just over here, kinda nodding my head. Well they're, you know. They're pretty close to dying.

Dick: Yeah, what do they care? Fuck you, right?

Sean: Well…

Maddox: (interjects) No, but that's…

Sean: (interjects) It could go either way.

Maddox: That's the thing! If you're close to dying, then you know, this woman looked like she's in her 70s, something like that. If you're close to dying right? The last thing you want is someone thinking that you deserve to go to hell.

Dick: Oh, man, I…I can't imagine how little I'm gonna care about what people think of me at 80.

Sean: I can.

Dick: Like, I…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) Like, it's already so low. Here's a picture I got. My buddy Gignon. The guy whose underpants I borrowed a couple of episodes ago. Uh, he sent me this picture of some bumper stickers. It is…"My child made the honor roll at a middle school". On the bumper. Right above that, what's the other bumper sticker? It's the shocker.

Maddox: It's the shocker. Yeah.

Dick: The shocker. Two in the…vagina, one in the anus.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think that's how the saying goes.

Maddox: (giggles) That's how it goes.

Dick: Honor Roll!

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Um, interesting problem. I don't…I'm rarely entirely on the fence on a problem, but this one I'm like, 50/50. I've seen some funny bumper stickers and I've seen ones that annoy me.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: I dunno where I stand on this one. I think it's…it could be a problem. I dunno, depends on how annoying you think they are.

Dick: Depends on how many you sell.

Maddox: What, bumper stickers?

Dick: Yeah. Big Bumper, over here.

Maddox: (scoffs) Big Bumper. Get outta here. Alright, Dick.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: I got a real big problem this week!

(Sound effect: Cymbal)

Maddox: Bottled Water! Yeah!

Dick: Oh, yeah.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Bottled water. It's a stupid idea for lazy idiots! I first realized what a scam it was a long time ago by going to a theatre in Utah, and I wanted to order a coffee. The coffee costs $1.50 for a cup.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then I …you know, I changed my mind, and I said, "You know what? I want a bottle of water." The bottled water…

Dick: (interjects) (scoffs) Five bucks.

Maddox: No, two bucks.

Dick: Ohoho.

Maddox: Two dollars. Which isn't a huge difference in cost, I guess percentage-wise it's pretty significant, but…$1.50 and $2.00 for just a bottle of water. I mean, think about that! They're saying…what they're saying is that a product that requires people to harvest beans in Columbia, right? That requires water to raise those beans, and then they need to roast those beans, ship them overseas, package them, grind them, heat them up with water and electricity, so you're using more water.

Dick: That needs steam.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then they use a foam cup. And all that…that entire process, which takes months to produce those beans to go into your coffee. That costs less than a bottle of water.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's the first time I realized what a scam bottled water was. It's insane!!! If you think about it. So bottled water, Dick. According to Business Insider. "Coca Cola has been in the business of discouraging restaurants from serving tap water and pushing less water and more beverage choices." And according to Pepsi, "The biggest enemy is tap water", said a Pepsi VP in 2000.

Dick: That's dangerous.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't want a corporation thinking tap water is dangerous.

Maddox: Yeah. Their biggest competition is free tap water.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They said…this is a direct quote. "When we're done, tap water will be relegated to irrigation and washing dishes."

Dick: For the toilet!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Says Susan D. Wellington from Pepsi. In the year 2000.

Dick: When we're done?! (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When we're done with what?! Everything?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Basically doing everything to stop tap water?!

Maddox: That's what they want to do.

Dick: Oh, my GOD.

Maddox: 48% of all bottled water comes from tap water. It's the exact same fucking water.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 48% of it.

Sean: Yeah, they just shove it through an RO filter.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Like, reverse osmosis?

Maddox: Oh, they don't even do that, Sean.

Sean: Oh, really?

Maddox: I'll get into that, yeah.

Dick: Well, they don't dump it right out of the hose. Really?

Maddox: Yeah, many of them do. They don't do anything extra to the water. They're just using city water, just municipal water, and they're just bottling it and selling it at a huge markup.

Dick: Like, right out of the tap?

Maddox: Right out of the tap! It's the same fucking water.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: They're not doing anything special to that shit.

Sean: Don't any watchdog groups, like, test that and compare the amount of minerals from, like, tap water into…well, of course it could be bottled in another place, right? So forget that.

Maddox: Well, it says…(stammers) it depends. Tap water, which is EPA regulated, undergoes testing for E. Coli and is required to provide its source and produce quality reports. But bottled water, on the other hand…

Dick: Produce quality, probably. (referring to vegetable produce)

Maddox: No, produce quality reports. (refers to the verb)

Dick: Produce quality? What's that?

Maddox: They need to PRODUCE quality reports.

Dick: Oh! They're…produce quality reports.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: "Bottled water, on the other hand, doesn't have to meet any of those standards to be distributed. Additionally, the Food and Drug Administration regulates bottled water and its standards pale in comparison to the EPAs for tap. A few examples of this include

less frequent bacteria testing, no mandatory reports of violations to federal officials, and no filtration or disinfection requirements on the federal level, while many states have no meaningful programs of their own."

Dick: So you could be drinking anything?

Maddox: You could be drinking anything, yeah.

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: There's no regulation for this shit. "In scientific testing, bottled water was found to be no safer than tap water; in fact, in most recent tests by the NRDC…" they tested 103 bottles of water off the shelves, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: "Nearly 1 in 5 tested waters contained, in at least one sample, more bacteria than allowed under microbiological purity guidelines."

Dick: For what? Guidelines for what? Regular tap water?

Maddox: For…

Dick: (interjects) Or just in general?

Maddox: Yeah, for tap water.

Dick: Oh, my God!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's disgusting!

Maddox: "4% violated the generally weak federal bottled water standards, two for excessive fluoride and two for excessive coliform bacteria."

Dick: Mmm. What labels? What brands were these that did this?

Maddox: Uh, it says…

Dick: (interjects) So I can not drink them.

Maddox: It says in the study. I'll link to it on the website. It's an NRDC study.

Dick: Dammit, I'm never gonna read that. (Maddox giggles) I'll just keep drinking poison!

Maddox: "In eight cases, arsenic was found in at least one test at a level of potential health concern." Eight of these bottles, that's almost 8% of the water they tested had arsenic at dangerous levels.

Dick: That's why you can't be drinking water. You gotta drink beer, whiskey, something like that so you know the pathogens have been killed by the fermenting. There's a lot of guidelines for beer and liquor. Nothing, apparently, for water! Fish have sex in it! That's what you know when you're drinking. It's full of arsenic. It's full of E. coli. It's full of poop, basically.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You ever drank a beer that's full of poop? Of course not. Because there's guidelines and requirements.

Maddox: Beer…people drink more bottled water than beer and milk combined, in the United States.

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, okay. Does…does the Arrowhead 5-gallon thing count in all this? Do we know that?

Maddox: Yeah, they're looking at all these bottled water sources.

Dick: Well, 'cause I drink that.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Um…I don't trust the water that comes out of the tap.

Maddox: See, there's the problem. Because here's the thing…

Dick: (interjects) Well, 'cause after the earthquake, the water was fucked. Like, everybody in LA after the earthquake, when the water came out brown…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Everybody switched to Arrowhead. And since then, I don't think anyone's switched back. Like, I certainly haven't.

Maddox: Well, the problem is that bottled water, again, is not regulated, so you're getting a source, first of all, that is tap water, essentially, and whether or not it's clear doesn't make any difference.

Dick: Yeah, it's gross, though.

Sean: Well, it's up to the various manufacturers to determine what kind of quality standards they have, right?

Maddox: Right.

Sean: I mean, so it runs the gamut. I know I don't necessarily trust those ones in 7/11 that are, like, 7/11 brand water?

Dick: (giggles) Yeah.

Sean: You know. Who knows? That probably really is the…

Maddox: (interjects) It's all coming from the same source, more or less.

Sean: Yeah?

Maddox: I mean, Fiji water is an exception, 'cause that comes from Fiji, I guess. But in taste…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, does it?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ‘Cause that’s the one my sister likes. I’m always like, “Why the hell are you always picking Fiji, is it ‘cause the bottle’s square?”

Maddox: Yeah. No, I…

Sean: (interjects) Packaging is important! I mean, to the eye.

Maddox: Sure.

Sean: Some of the bottles of booze are beautiful.

Dick: It’s true.

Maddox: Um, it tastes good, but in taste tests, tap water consistently ranks at or above the level of bottled water. So people in just blind taste tests choose tap water more than bottled water, because that’s a commonly cited thing that people say, “Well I drink bottled water, ‘cause I like the taste. It tastes fresher. It tastes clear.” It’s not. It’s a cognitive bias that you have.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: You think you’re getting a better product, because you’re paying for it, as opposed to tap water, which is readily available and subsidized by the city and our tax money.

Dick: Yeah, man. I don’t…so okay. This is…this is all I know. When I have my 5 gallon Arrowhead, right? And…I put it on…they come every month, I put it on the thing, I got nice, cold water in a spigot. I got nice, hot water in a spigot. Right? Very easy. If I run out early and I have to refill that thing with some tap water, it has…and, like, you know, take the bottle off and just put a pitcher in of tap water in it to tide me over, it has a gross smell and a gross taste to it.

Maddox: Do you…

Dick: (interjects) I don’t think I’m imagining that.

Maddox: You might be, Dick. You might be projecting. ‘Cause this is, again, the guy who thinks that paying more for steak gets you better steak.

Dick: But that’s…

Maddox: (interjects) Paying more for wine gets you better wine…

Dick: See, you’re killing your argument with that, because more expensive steak, in general, in the long run, is gonna be be…like, a $30 steak in the long run, a $50 steak is gonna be better than a $15.99 steak!

Maddox: There’s no guarantee about that.

Dick: That’s…again, I’ve just said, in the long run…

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: If you’re picking up a steak at Ruths Chris, it’s gonna be WAY better than a steak you picked up at Outback!

Maddox: I…I realize…you think that, but that’s not necessarily true.

Dick: I'm just telling you that you're killing your argument with that.

Maddox: No, I'm not!

Dick: Because a lot of people agree with that.

Maddox: Study after study after study, they keep coming out. Remember the wine debate we had on the show a long…way back in the day? And…you know. I said that wine testers couldn't even tell the difference between white and red wine. They couldn't tell the difference between house wine, table wine versus a really high-end bottle. They couldn't even tell the difference between…they drank the same exact sample of red wine and they couldn't tell the difference between the two. They were told that one was a high-end label, and one was a…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: …low-end label. They chose the high-end label better tasting then the exact same wine they drank seconds ago.

Dick: Yeah. Was this, like, real taste testers?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Or just people who said they're really into wine?

Maddox: No, these are, like, the professional taste testers. In fact, on a study, they got the world's best taste testers, and during a study at some of these wine festivals and wine fairs, they found that the world-famous taste testers, who are reputed in the industry and their opinions count, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: This is how they price wine, is based on their opinions. Their ability to determine a high-quality wine, allegedly, a high-quality wine, was 50%. It's essentially a coin toss.

Dick: See, here's…I think you're conflating a lot of things with your "What's better" and "What's not better" and money, and this or that. Certainly, different water from different sources is gonna have a taste to it. It's got different mineral components.

Sean: Exactly.

Dick: I mean, that's what…

Sean: (interjects) Doesn't mean it's harmful!

Dick: That's the main ingredient of beer, is the water. You're not gonna pick two different water supplies and have the exact same tasting beer. 'Cause you start off with a WIDELY different spectrum of minerals. So even if I'm saying it's gross TO ME, it's still gross to me. I'll drink tap water, but I don't like it when it comes out cold, it's got a goofy smell to it. Maybe I'm used to the smell of the Arrowhead. I don't fucking know! But that's why I don't drink it. And then…every time somebody proposes a better solution, like, "use a Brita pitcher", or use some goofy knob on your thing, or use some kind of filtration device, it always makes it more complicated and slow. I'm sitting there for 5 minutes filling up a

glass of w…like, ahhh, I don't have time to replace this filter. I don't know! It just works!!! Deliver me the bottled water and I'll drink it!!

Maddox: But Dick, you're ignoring what I said. In taste tests, tap water consistently ranks at or above the level of bottled water. These are in blind taste tests.

Dick: Again, you're trying to say that it's better than the other, I'm just saying it's different, which the study shows.

Maddox: No, it's not. You…

Dick: (interjects) So they're the same?!

Maddox: I just mentioned this, Dick. I literally just said that the water source for bottled water is exactly the same as tap water. In most instances.

Dick: And then it's just put in a different bottle?

Maddox: That's all it is. That's all it is.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: And sometimes the bottled water may taste a little bit different, because also, the bottled water gets shipped across country sometimes, or it gets shipped and it sits in the back of a hot truck, and then that plastic bleeds some of it into the bottled water.

Dick: Oh, yeah. That's good. Gimme that plastic taste.

Maddox: No. (scoffs)

Sean: Do you think all manufacturers use tap water, despite what they're saying?

Maddox: Not all of them. No, not all of them, Sean.

Sean: Okay. Alright. Just wanted to check.

Maddox: But, yeah. The tests that they put bottled water through is much less stringent than tap water. Tap water is much more highly regulated. And as we saw here, you have bottled waters with samples of arsenic above a healthy level.

Dick: Yeah. Where the fuck are those?

Maddox: Yeah. I don't know, man.

Dick: Sounds like a big problem!

Maddox: Well, it is! It is a big problem. And I hate to argue this environmental argument, but…of the 30 billion plastic water bottles sold in the United States in 2005, only 12% were recycled. There are over 25 billion bottles in our landfills right now.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 25 billion of 'em. And the recycled bottle plastic can only be used for non-food products. So, you know, people say, "Well I recycle, I recycle, I recycle." But when it comes to plastic bottles, there's not much you can do when you do recycle it.

Dick: Did you know there's a big piss jug epidemic? Speaking of bottled things that are hurting the environment.

Maddox: A piss jug?

Dick: Yeah. People pissing in…truckers pissing in bottles.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: These same bottles, and recycling…toss 'em out the window.

Maddox: Toss 'em out the window like hand grenades of piss.

Dick: Well, the bottles are horrible too, because the eco-friendly bottles…I brought this in in one of our lost episodes, I don't remember which one it was. When they made the bottles super thin…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To try to cut down on plastics. Now when you open 'em, they shoot all over your hands!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like an excited teenager!

Maddox: Right. (giggles)

Dick: It sucks. (Sean giggles) On prom night.

Maddox: Yeah. I wouldn't know. I'm not holding a lot of excited teenagers in my hands.

Dick: Why don't you call that 17-year-old up? What was her name?

Maddox: Amy. (he has no idea) Um…yeah, Dick. So the bottled water, again, it's the same exact source as tap water. There's much less regulation for it, it doesn't taste better….when you pay for something, you have a certain amount of expectation of quality for it. And they've done these studies, again, and again, and again, and they found that when people pay more for a product, actually, they do enjoy it more.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Uh, so there is that, but it's entirely…you're just fooling yourself. You're deluding yourself into thinking that you're buying a much higher quality product than you actually are. They did this test…um, a while back, at a grocery store, where they got the exact same coffee, same exact brand of coffee, ground it up, put one in a bag that said it was ecologically sound, it came from fair trade, it was organic.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: It was natural. You know, massaged from the teats of Mother Earth.

Dick: Gross. (scoffs)

Maddox: And the other one they said was the store brand. And so people who tasted it, after reading this narrative about the fair trade, organic, you know, holistic, whatever fucking bullshit adjectives they used.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They consistently said that that tasted better than the store-bought brand, when they were told that story.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: But during a regular taste test…then they actually did a comparison between, like, the organic brand and the store-bought brand, and they found that the store-bought brand, when they were not told which one was which, they preferred the store-bought brand.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The one that was suited for mass consumption.

Dick: Sure. Um…I'm gonna expand that narrative.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I think it applies to everything. I think…lemme ask you this. If there was, like, a video game that was made by indie developers, would you enjoy…do you think you might enjoy it more than one that was made by, like, a big…a behemoth, like Sony? Like, if you had the same game.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you were given some narrative about how this game came to be, you can easily say no, but I'm asking, 'cause you've played a lot of video games! If you give a little more credit. The same thing goes for, like, video content that comes in the same way. Like, any kind of consumable media. Do you think that you also apply that? Maybe that you have a blind spot for this kind of whatever you called it? When it comes to consumable media?

Maddox: No. No, Dick.

Dick: (interjects) Immediately no.

Maddox: I get what you're saying. No, of course not. Of course not. Okay?!

Dick: OF COURSE NOT!

Maddox: 'Cause it depends on the game. It depends on the game. And, you know, I get what you're trying to say. I get the argument, but that's not a good example. 'Cause when it comes to independent video games..

Dick: I mean, it's a good example.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's just cause you don't see it…doesn't…

Maddox: (interjects) I'll tell you why it's not a good example.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: When it comes to video games, when I'm playing a game that's made by an indie developer, if it looks comparable to a big studio release, I'm going to be impressed more, but I'm not going to necessarily think it's a better game.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I play big studio games all the time that are great, and I play indie games all the time that are great, and if one is made with more of a shoestring budget, it's a little bit more impressive, but that doesn't really affect the end result.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: No, but we're talking the same game, right?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Like what if they slapped that stupid story onto every game? I think it would help 'em. Yeah. Anyway.

Maddox: So, yeah. Bottled water. Bottled water is a big problem. Uh…you can't tell the difference in taste. It's not safer for you. It's not better for you. It's a big waste of money, which you should save!

Dick: Well, yeah. Speaking of narratives to sell things. (Maddox giggles) Today's show is brought to you by Harry's! Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. Guys, is there any better razor than a Harry's razor?!

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's what I'm really asking. I'm…I love 'em! I enjoy shaving now. When I used the competitor…I remember shaving with one of the competing blades, and it was a chore. Shaving was a chore. Now I actually enjoy it! Man, I get in there. I get those hairs out, like clackclackclackclackclack, they're like little enemy armies that I chopped down with nothing. With my big scythe, like Paul Bunyan. Mowing through the forest.

Maddox: I imagine they're like crickets on my face. I'm just shaving 'em right the fuck off!!

Dick: German-engineered blades. Five-blade cartridges. A close, comfortable shave with no cuts or burns. Quality guaranteed. It's a full refund if you're not happy, and it's already not very much money, 'cause you can save $5 off your first purchase. Why pay $32 for an eight-pack of blades when you can get 'em for half the price!? For $15, you can get a razor, moisturizing shave cream, and three razor blades.

Maddox: That's a really good deal, man!

Dick: Yeah. Fan **Koi** said he was gonna email us about Harry's. **"I finally bought a starter kit. Best shave ever."** He says.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I wound up buying the men in my family and my two next door neighbors engraved Winston sets." How about that? What a fancy pants. Thanks, Koi.

Maddox: That's cool. Thank you, Koi! Thanks for supporting us! And thanks for tweeting these at us and at Harry's! We really appreciate that. I…I get a lot of tweets from fans and listeners who get their Harry's kit and they open it up, and it's a real…presentation. It's not just, like, you know…

Dick: Real production.

Maddox: They're not just sending you…yeah, they're not just sending you a little plastic nylon baggie of just, like, loose parts in there.

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's a kit. It looks really nice.

Dick: I like it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I like it. I don't like scrimping on the packaging.

Maddox: No. It's classy.

Dick: Double it up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Two boxes? Not enough. I want a box inside of a box.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe with a riddle on where to find the actual package.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Where there's a multitude of additional boxes. What?

Sean: No, I've said this before, and, like, I've never been an aftershave guy, but their stuff is really good. I enjoy it so much better after you shave, and it smells good. Soothes the skin.

Maddox: Soothes the skin, soothes the soul! And it's easy on your wallet. Thank you, Harry's, and thank you to our listeners for supporting us.

Dick: Okay, here's my next problem. Sleep Deprivation.

Maddox: Sleep Deprivation, okay. I'm on board with this. Why?

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Yeah, why is it a problem?

Dick: Well, because you always have to hear about it from people, and it's very annoying.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (disappointed) (Dick laughs) Of course it's the annoying angle!! You're…(stammers) BOTH of your problems today, minor annoyances!

Dick: 'Cause that's what it takes to get on the top 10 list here!!!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Slacktivists, annoying. Outrage porn, annoying. It's all annoyances.

Maddox: Anti-vaxxers is number one for a good reason.

Dick: But it's ANNOYING!

Maddox: Female genital…no, anti-vaxxers kill people!!!

Dick: Hunger kills people in a horrible way! Anti-vaxxers is just something that everyone can shit on!

Maddox: Okay, hunger isn't killing millions of people, and hunger doesn't have the…

Dick: (interjects) Yes it is!!!!

Maddox: No. And hunger doesn't have the potential to wipe out all of humanity like anti-vaxxers do. And female genital mutilation…

Dick: (interjects) You should see Interstellar, then. 'Cause that's what that movie's all about.

Maddox: (laughs) (stammers) Uh, hunger is a problem that can be addressed with a sandwich. (Sean laughs) Female genital mutilation is a problem that you live with for the rest of your life. Those are problems that are in the top 10.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: Maddox just solved world hunger.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We just need a sandwich! (grins) (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: Just give 'em a sandwich.

Dick: We just need to equip these drones with sandwiches and send them all around. (grins)

Maddox: Yes. Sandwich drones.

Dick: Kickstart that!

Sean: Instead of iPads or whatever shit we're sending.

Dick: $100 laptops.

Sean: Right, right.

Dick: That's what they get. Laptops with go-go-gadget cranks on them.

Maddox: Well, you know what they're equipping on the drones now? They're equipping machine guns that spray pepper spray. The pepper spray pellets at people.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Like, some absurd amount, like 1600 rounds per minute. Anyway, vote up Drones. What's your problem, Dick?

Dick: Oh, yeah. You don't like drones. I forgot about that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, sleep deprivation.

Maddox: Sleep deprivation.

Dick: It affects 35% of Ameri…35% of Americans are not getting enough sleep. 10% report, like, 35 days in a row of not getting enough sleep. I brought in some stats. I'll go through these quickly. It's…it's deadly, sleep deprivation.

Maddox: Yeah. I believe it.

Dick: Um, here it was a factor in the following disasters: the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: The Exxon Valdez. And the meltdown at Chernobyl.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Those are pretty big fuckups.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How are you gonna have an Oculus Rift society where everyone's plugged into the Matrix, but you got some guy who's running on three hours of sleep running the fusion reactor at the…'cause that's the future! You just consolidate human jobs into one guy, right?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's industrialization. You got 100 guys in the factory, no, let's make it 5. Ah, let's make it 1. Now we got 100 factories. Let's let one guy run 100 factories. That motherfucker better be getting his sleep in!

Maddox: Um, yeah. No, I agree with that. And it's also the reason Tracy Morgan got in his big accident. Tracy Morgan is the actor from 30 Rock. And he got hit by a car on the freeway because there was a Wal-Mart truck driver who was driving drowsy and, you know, was too tired to be driving, and he hit his motorcade, and Tracy Morgan was nearly paralyzed. He's still having trouble recovering from that.

Sean: Yeah, well, big brain damage, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wow. 1500 crash-related deaths a year. Is because of sleep deprivation.

Maddox: Crash related?

Dick: 100,00 crashes. 1500 crash-related deaths.

Maddox: Crash-related deaths.

Dick: So that's like a fifth of…drunk driving deaths every year, 10,000?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sleep driving deaths are 1,500.

Maddox: Yeah, I believe it, man. I…

Dick: (interjects) I brought a stat on falling asleep while driving, if you're interested in that.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Please do. This is really scary. It's something I used to have a problem with, and I don't fuck around with that anymore.

Dick: Falling asleep while driving?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. 'Cause I get drowsy when I drive, and now…to the point where I don't care who's with me or what I'm doing, if I feel like I'm nodding off, I will pull over and sleep on the side of the road. I'll do whatever it takes to get off that road safely, 'cause I'm not going to fuck around with that. That's really scary shit.

Dick: Yeah. You gotta be careful, though. Your car could get mugged. Or your car could get robbed while you're sleeping on the side of the road. That's what they say.

Maddox: Yeah, I lock the doors and I also have a Jason mask in my car, so I put that…

Dick: (interjects) Ah, I knew it.

Maddox: I put that on next to me.

Dick: It's so satisfying to get your weird life hacks out.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Here's the…you don't have a fake car that you park in front of you? (Maddox laughs) Like a cardboard car that you park in front of yours? Here's the stats. Um, it's basically…you can see 'em, but it floats around 5% of people who report falling asleep while driving. In the past one month…

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: 5% of people. Uh, old people surprisingly came in at 2%, but everybody else is way up there. 25-35, 7%.

Maddox: For falling asleep while driving? Old people only 2%?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, I understand that, because they drive less. Uh, if they controlled…

Dick: Oh, that's probably true.

Maddox: Yeah. If they controlled for the amount of hours that people drive on the road, I would imagine truck drivers are amongst the top, because they're overworked a lot of times. A lot of them may be listening to this show right now. When you're on the road, you listen to a lot of podcasts.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So thanks for listening, truck drivers! Give us a honk, huh?

Dick: Yeah. Uh, it makes you dumb. Sleep plays a critical role in thinking and learning, obviously. Bla, bla, bla. So if you don't get enough sleep, you're not gonna be able to remember what you did the…it impairs alertness, concentration, reasoning, and problem-solving. And that's your biggest solution, is critical thinking!!

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So this is, like, the anti-critical thinking.

Maddox: Mmm. (skeptical) (laughs)

Dick: Sleep deprivation.

Maddox: I don't think it's…(grinning)

Dick: (interjects) You can't think CRITICALLY when you haven't had any sleep!

Maddox: It does cloud my mind a little bit. Dick, why didn't you bring this fucking problem in on a Casper day?! (chuckles)

Dick: That's shilling. I'm not gonna do…

Maddox: (interjects) Okay.

Dick: I don't shill.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Look.

Maddox: Oh, no, never Dick.

Dick: I read the ad! I'm not gonna do a whole episode based on your product! Get the hell outta here! Not at these rates!!

Maddox: Hey, so can I tell you…(Sean laughs) Can I tell you…(giggles)

Dick: Add a zero. You guys want a whole episode? I'll do it.

Maddox: Yeah. We'll do an entire sponsored episode.

Dick: But it's gonna cost ya.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: It's gonna cost ya.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Razor burn! That'll be my problem.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Too Expensive Of Razors!!

Maddox: Yeah. Shaving Cream That Just Doesn't Wash Off! We'll make that an entire episode. But here's the thing. So a long time ago, when I would drive in between my old job and home, it was like a 20, 30-minute commute.

Dick: What job was that? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: That was at the…you know what job it was, dickhead!

(Clip starts, phone dials) (Dick cackles)

Maddox: "Telemarketing." "Telemarketing." "Telemarketing." "Really shitty." "Telemarketing company? I worked for one for nine and a half years!!" (music in between)

(Clip ends)

(Dick laughs)

Maddox: You know what, dickhead?!

Dick: Somebody sent that in!! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Real fucking funny, asshole!! (Dick dies of laughter) What job do you work at!? Let's talk about your job!

Dick: I'm a gigolo.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.

Dick: Only for hot chicks, though. Not for men, like most gigolos.

Maddox: Well, I've only had two jobs in my life. Uh, I've only had two jobs in my life. So it's one of the two of them, dickhead!!!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So…

Sean: (interjects) Telemarketer and professional asshole. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Yeah, that's a good…that's true. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's my third job!! And it's my career. That's my career, buddy! Anyway, so. Iwas driving back and forth from work, and it would be, a lot of times, really late at night or early in the morning, like 3, 4 in the morning, 'cause I'd worked really late, and I would sometimes fall asleep. I'd be really drowsy, and I'd start to nod off at the wheel. It's super scary, because it…

Dick: (interjects) Can you believe that you don't immediately wreck? Like, every time I've fallen asleep at the wheel, I'm like, "How the fuck did I dr…" Like, I have no idea when I fell asleep. How did I not crash!? But everybody's doing it! 5% of people are doing it every month!!!

Sean: I have a cousin who woke up to his car skidding on its roof. (Maddox makes amazed snort)

Maddox: That's…that's too late to wake up.

Dick: Just go back to sleep. (grins)

Maddox: Go back to sleep. (Dick cackles) You know what, you already fucked up. I mean, you might as well take a nap.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Wait until the paramedics arrive. So…um, I was driving home one night, and in Utah it's especially dangerous to fall asleep while driving, because there are deers on the road.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: There's deers on the road.

Sean: The Mormons will come give you anal!!

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Sean, you ass farmer, you! You know Utah. But yeah, there are deers on the road, and I fell asleep one time; I started to nod off and I saw a deer. So I thought, "Man, that could have ended my life if I hit that deer." It's really…you don't want to hit a deer on the road. Like, people think, "Oh, you hit an animal it's roadkill, no big deal." You hit a cat, or a raccoon, or a little animal.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's not a big deal. You hit a deer, and it's like running into a tree!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those…like, it's a…you know. It's like a 200-pound animal that you're hitting.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That can come through your windshield at you. So hitting a deer is no small thing.

Dick: Even it's a doe.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: A deer.

Maddox: Yeah, I…

Dick: (interjects) A female deer.

Maddox: A female deer. I know, Dick. The song. Fuck. (irritated) Um, anyway, so… (giggles) so I tried to solve this problem. And I tried everything behind the wheels. I tried rolling down my window.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Because in Utah, it's really cold in the winter. Doesn't help.

Dick: Doesn't work.

Maddox: I tried turning on my air conditioner, it doesn't work. I tried turning up the radio, doesn't work. And then I tried even eating crunchy food like Corn Nuts when I was driving.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause I thought, oh, the crunch would keep me awake. That didn't work. So eventually, what did work, I thought about it. I thought long and hard about the only time

I've never been asleep, or fallen asleep. Is when my mouth is on fire. And that's why I decided to start carrying around a little bottle of Tabasco with me, and I would take a chug of it.

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: Every time I felt like I was nodding off, I would take a little chug of that Tabasco. Now, two things work in your favor. First…there's vinegar in Tabasco, which perks you right the fuck up, 'cause it's very sour. And the second one is the spice.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you get home, your mouth is on fire. Your throat is burning. Your nose is running. Your eyes are watery. But you get home alive!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that was my solution…and that's why I started carrying around hot sauce with me everywhere I went. And that's why I started drinking it and that's why, even to this day, when fans come to book signings and things, they call me out on it. They're like, "Hey Maddox, you don't really drink Tabasco. I brought some Tabasco." And I just…before they even finish the fucking dumbass sentence, I pop it open and chug that fucker down! That's the only downside to drinking hot sauce, is…

Dick: (interjects) Everything.

Maddox: You will grow…no.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You will grow a tolerance to it.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And then you have to shave more, but…

Dick: Um…does that actually work? That hot sauce thing?

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: Like, I don't want to be giving advice to people that's gonna make them wreck their cars while they're sleeping.

Maddox: No, it absolutely does work, but only to a limit. You will grow a tolerance to it and then you have to move on to spicier hot sauce. Which is difficult to find in gas stations. Most gas stations only carry two or three brands of hot sauce; Tabasco, Tapatillo, and Cholula. And all of them are rated about the same Scoville Units, except for Cholula. Cholula is, like, way lower.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Tabasco is about 14,000 Scoville Units, but beyond that, you have to carry your own hot sauce, and if you leave it in your car for too long, it goes bad, so that's the difficulty of hot sauce.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: You have to find a good sauce…where could you find a good sauce?

Dick: Harry's?

Sean: You ever had Tabasco turn brown?

Maddox: Yeah, Tabasco…yeah.

Sean: It'll turn a little brown when it's bad.

Maddox: Yeah, it gets a little funky.

Dick: Probably speed is easier than all this Tabasco thing, I think. Health problems, sleep disorders can put you at risk for heart disease, heart attack, heart failure…that's what everything causes. All this heart disease, heart attack, high blood pressure, stroke, diabetes. Like, what doesn't cause that anymore?

Maddox: Well, it's a factor, but also, sleep deprivation can…there's a lot of studies coming out these days that are saying that people who sleep less have…it fucks with your metabolism and it could help you gain weight, actually.

Dick: Wait, I got that one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Gain weight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, 30% more likely to become obese.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Than…people who slept less than 6 hours a day, 30% more likely to become… probably 'cause they're spending all that sleeping time eating. (Sean laughs) Right?!

Maddox: Uh, it could be.

Dick: Probably is.

Maddox: Actually, there's something to that, Dick. I remember when I would only go on three-four hours a night in college, I did wake up and immediately would start eating again, because that's my breakfast phase, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But it's…you just end up eating more, because you're awake for more hours.

Dick: This says it's…not something with the brain, who cares. Uh, death, it can cause. Let's see…um…people who cut their sleep from 7 to 5 hours or fewer per night doubled their risk of death from all causes. Anything. Anything that could kill you, you double your risk of by not sleeping enough.

Sean: Well, and isn't…

Dick: (interjects) So this can make you fat and dead, and old, and depressed, and lowers your sex drive. I don't wanna go through all these, but that's what it does. It's horrible.

Sean: Doesn't your body deal with the stress hormone cortisol when you're asleep?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It does, yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Also, in sleep, when you have…it's really important for you to have REM sleep. Rapid eye movement sleep, where you're dreaming, because your body…your brain regenerates. Your brain rests. But this is coming from a guy who doesn't sleep very much. As soon as I'm up, I'm up. I kick the fuck out of bed. I kick my covers off. And I'm ready to tackle the day, man. I…I'm, you know what? I'm like a soldier. I just need a nap, you put me down for, you know, 20-30 minutes at a time, BAM. I'm right back up, good to go. That's how…

Dick: (interjects) This thing also says that poor judgment…people who don't get enough sleep can't tell that the sleep deprivation is causing them to think poorly. I'm not joking. That's literally on the study.

Maddox: No, I believe you.

Dick: So if you ask people to judge their judgment when they've been sleep deprived, it just…anyway.

Maddox: Dick, why would I assume you're joking? (giggles)

Dick: 'Cause you had just said that you jump out of bed like a soldier.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But you're still massively sleep deprived and dangerous.

Maddox: Uh, no. I found that my…uh…so there's a study they did a while back where they…

Sean: (chuckles) (interjects) No, no, not me.

Maddox: Not…no. (Dick laughs)

Sean: Doesn't apply to me.

Maddox: No, I'll tell you why.

Sean: That applies to mortals.

Dick: Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: I still sleep the right amount. I sleep the amount that I need, but I don't do it in one sitting. In one big stretch. 'Cause they did that study awhile back where they took a bunch of people and they put them in a room with no windows, and no way to tell what time of day it was.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And they found that after a month…after, like, a couple of weeks, they all started to fall into the same sleep patterns, which is four hours at a time. Little four-hour stretches. They'd sleep for four hours, wake up, work for a bit, go to sleep again, taking naps all throughout the day, and they were much more productive for doing that. I found that…you know, having worked for myself for that last…what, it's been 12 years now, I've worked for myself. And I find myself naturally falling into that kind of sleep pattern, where sometimes I'll be up at, you know, 3-4 in the morning, go to sleep again for a couple of hours, wake up again, and then, you know, sleep throughout the day, take naps. Naps are super important.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This problem's putting me to sleep. What's yours? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Dick, I got a big problem for you this week. Twitter!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Hooooo, boy.

Maddox: Yeah!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Twitter. Big problem!

Dick: Is it about millennials, would you say? (grins) Twitter?

Maddox: No. Twitter…look, Dick. (giggles) Millennials use it, but…millennials use everything.

Dick: I'm joking. I'm joking.

Maddox: No, I see what you're saying. Okay. Twitter. The problem with Twitter is that it's basically IRC. Okay. So for…

Dick: (interjects) IRC was great.

Maddox: Yeah. I mentioned this a long time ago. Actually, a couple of episodes ago. IRC stands for Internet Relay Chat, and way back in the early days of the Internet, before AOL Instant Messenger, before MSN Messenger, before Google Chat, and Skype, and FaceTime, and all this other bullshit, IRC was the way that people chatted online. It was, like, pretty much the only way people chatted online. It was all text-based, and you joined a server. And on the server, you would chat with people. People would create nicknames and join chat rooms called channels, which were named using hashtags. So, for example, if you wanted to talk about sports, you'd join the chatroom #sports. Or if you wanted to talk about video games, it was #videogames. In fact, the very genesis of my website happened on IRC. I was in a chatroom called #coders, where I spent a lot of time talking and collaborating with other programmers on demos and video games. That's when I started making these rants in there, and people in the chatroom loved my rants, so I created a list of things that pissed me off, which was spread around the channel and later

encouraged me to start my website. That was actually how my website began, is 'cause I was just, you know. Ranting to these guys.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So IRC, way back in the day, had a 510-character limit, back when it started. Twitter, today, has a 140-character limit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: IRC allowed you…

Dick: (interjects) Isn't that text-based?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, isn't that because of texting on your phone?

Maddox: Yeah, it was because of texting. It's an archaic model. It's an archaic restriction. It's arbitrary at this point.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: IRC allowed you to direct message people. Twitter allows you to direct message people. Twitter is basically just IRC with a web interface. There's not much innovation to the product, it just made it easier for people to post. That's all it is. Twitter is just IRC on a web browser.

Dick: So it's a something that was extremely useful, made better.

Maddox: It's not better.

Dick: But you're saying it has a web interface and you can use it on your phone. I can't, like, text IRC.

Maddox: Easier is not necessarily better. And on…

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: …IRC. On IRC, it was much more organized, and you had a longer text limit. You had 510 characters as opposed to Twitter's 140, which makes it nearly impossible to have a real fucking conversation on Twitter! (annoyed)

Dick: Yeah, you gotta post on Facebook and then take a screenshot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then post the screenshot of what you said.

Maddox: There's all these goofy solutions people come up with. (Dick laughs) Like, they'll start writing a sentence, and then they'll get to the 140-character limit, which is not much, and then they'll put in parentheses (1 out of 2), or (1 out of 10).

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then you have to read….there was this article that went viral recently, about a trial lawyer who had a rebuttal to something in the news. Some, like…I don't know.

Some stupid horseshit went down, and some trial lawyer had a rebuttal. Like, you know, everyone has an open letter, everyone has a rebuttal to everything.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And the article that went viral was headlined this, and I'm not even joking. It said. "Trial Lawyer has 43-Tweet Response." It was the perfect 43-tweet response to this… (Dick scoffs) Like, guys are you out of your fucking minds?!

Dick: Yeah. Guys, we have a very short attention span. We can't read 43 tweets, right?!

Maddox: Yeah, you know what 43 tweets is? It's a page, or a paragraph.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Trial lawyer has a paragraph rebuttal. And why does the number of tweets matter? Why are we talking about tweets in this day and age? Why do tweets fucking matter?

Dick: I do like the arbitrary character limit, though.

Maddox: Of couuuuuurse. Of course you do. Why?

Dick: Well, 'cause it makes people get to the point. And it makes Twitter what it is.

Sean: Short emails.

Dick: Yeah. Little, pithy…exactly! Short emails.

Maddox: No.

Dick: I don't go on Facebook…like, when I go on Facebook…that little…when their post gets too long and it says the "more"?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Click here for more? I've probably clicked on that two or three times. I don't care.

Maddox: (interjects) Well, I…

Dick: (interjects) If you can't get it out in the first sentence, I don't want to hear it.

Maddox: I know, Dick. That's totally stupid. Um…(Sean laughs)

Dick: But it's just social bullshit.

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: Like, I don't go there to get news.

Maddox: Well, you could. You could elevate the level of discourse. Here's…

Dick: (interjects) But then it's a newspaper!

Maddox: Look. Look. Yeah. That's exactly what we want, Dick. More news…

Dick: (interjects) But I go somewhere else to get that!

Maddox: Less bullshit. Hold on. The problem with Twitter is…more often than not, if I have something important to say, and I can't say it in the number…in the 140 characters?

Guess what? Not gonna say it. I'm not gonna say it on Twitter. I don't give a shit. What Twitter has become is a repository for a bunch of comedians to write shitty jokes.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: And they're all 140-character-long jokes. And 1 out of every 10 will be funny. Maybe 1 out of every 10.

Dick: That's pretty good odds.

Maddox: No, that's not. That's 10%. That's shit!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You hit 10% of the balls that are pitched towards you, guess what? You're fired! Get outta here!! So Twitter's 140-character limit is also hampered by the hashtag system! Hashtags are essentially metadata. It's how you categorize tweets. If you're talking about the Oscars, you put in #Oscars. So other people who are talking about the Oscars can also find your tweet!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: But that counts against your 140-character limit! So if you type in a word, like, #Oscars, or #Oscars2016. Guess what? Suddenly you're down to 120 characters.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What can you say in 120 characters, a sentence?! What are you gonna say that's informative or important in a sentence, other than some stupid, shitty joke?

Dick: Oscars. I'm not watching these, because I'm straight. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Is that one of the 9 out of 10 not funny jokes? (chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah, that's one of the 9 out of 10, Dick. For sure. Um, there's a ton of spam on Twitter, which seems easy and obvious to filter these days, but they don't do anything about it! If you look at any trending news story, you'll see the shitty, clickbait spam at the top of the feed. In 2014, a research firm found that 44% of Twitter accounts have never sent a tweet.

Dick: So they got a lot of spam.

Maddox: Yeah. These are just zombie accounts. They're drone accounts. And Twitter's in trouble right now. Their audience is shrinking even more than that. But that's…according to PC Mag, 44%. And according to the website _____, over 550 million accounts are reported to have sent their last tweet more than a year ago. Only 126 million of Twitter's userbase had sent any tweet of any kind in the past 30 days.

Dick: Yeah. People probably went on to Instagram, or maybe just Vine. I don't know. They've also been cracking down on conservative tweets.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you hear that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They've been censoring conservative accounts.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They unverified Milo Yiannopoulos. That dude.

Maddox: Yeah! That's the other thing. They're dangling that verification as some kind of award or status symbol.

Dick: Yeah. That's a fuck up, I think.

Maddox: When any new social network comes along, I treat it like every other social network. I plug my ears and close my eyes and hope that it goes away. (Dick laughs) I just hope that it goes the fuck away like MySpace did. I didn't get on MySpace, thank God. It was stupid. I had an account and I only used it to creep on girls. So…(laughs)

Dick: Oh, so you did what everyone else did on MySpace.

Maddox: No, like…

Dick: (interjects) Welcome to the human race.

Maddox: Yeah, so anyway, when Twitter came along…I…someone created an account. A fake one. For me.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And got like 10,000 followers, or something like that. And I looked at this guy's Twitter feed, and saw that he was posting more or less the things that I would be posting. You know, links to my websites and articles, and things like that. And I thought, "You know what? He's doing an okay job. I'll let him keep it up." He kept it going for a while. Then, eventually, the day came when Twitter wasn't going away. And…I think I talked to a publisher or something and they said, "You need to have your Twitter account going." I said, "Okay, fine." I created a Twitter account. And I wanted to take over this guy's Twitter feed, because he already had 10,000 followers on there. I said, "Yeah, I'll just take over this guy's thing." Contacted Twitter. They said no. First of all, you have to verify. And the verification process is a pain in the ass. You have to scan a driver's license, like, two forms of ID.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: You have to fax it to them. You have to sign some affidavit or something, you get it notarized. You jump through all these fucking hoops. After all of that, I verified my account, right? So I should have gotten that little verification thing, because the whole POINT of it is to PROVE to people that you are who you say you are. It's not a status symbol, you fucking idiots!

Dick: Well, but celebrities have it.

Maddox: Yeah, because…

Dick: (interjects) Making it a status symbol. Like, do they give it to you if you've got 10 followers? Do you really want to prove that you're…

Maddox: (interjects) There are people, Dick, who…

Dick: (interjects) Bong Dong Dickhead?

Maddox: There are people who have 1000 followers who have this verification thing.

Dick: Oh, I didn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah. There are people who have, like, 500 followers who have that verification thing. The point of the verification is that you are who you say you are.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: That's why celebrities get them. Not because they're famous, but because people impersonate them often. So they're trying to communicate to their userbase that, look, this is an authentic account.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And since I clearly had people who were impersonating me, I needed one of those verification things. I went through the process. They decided not to give it to me. Fine. (Dick cracks up) Fine!

Dick: Why?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why didn't they give it to you?!

Maddox: I don't know! Didn't tell me.

Dick: What did they say? (grins)

Maddox: Nothing. They just…(stammers) they said, oh, they said…

Dick: (interjects) We'll review it?

Maddox: No, they said they were gonna shut down that other guy's account. I couldn't take it over.

Dick: Awwwwww, why?!

Maddox: Yeah. They just shut it down.

Dick: That sucks.

Maddox: And then didn't give me the verification thing!

Dick: So everybody lost?!

Maddox: Yeah! Everybody. Like, I jumped through all the hoops. But, I think because there's something political going on. Like you said, Dick.

Dick: Well, this just started. It sounds like…

Maddox: (interjects) No. No. It's been going on for a long time.

Dick: No, the political thing is…

Maddox: (interjects) No, it's been going on for a long time.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Clearly, I'm an example of that. I think that someone at Twitter probably doesn't like me and didn't…you know. Didn't put the stamp of approval on this verification badge.

Dick: Hmm. You didn't just miss an email? Is that possible? Is there an email chain?

Maddox: Ah, it's possible.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was basically one guy I was talking to. One guy who handles all these things. And it sounded like he didn't deal with a lot of it, because this is such an arduous process to get your account verified.

Dick: It's weird that you wouldn't get an email on why they didn't do that after sending in a bunch of documents.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: After taking all that time to scan three or four documents.

Maddox: So…Dick. Only 12% of the userbase of Twitter right now, is active. Actually, that's according to 2014. It's even lower now. 12% of a social network! Imagine if only 12% of the people on Facebook were active. That's insane!

Dick: Well, we should be so lucky.

Maddox: Yeah, right?

Dick: Uh, how much of…

Maddox: Twitter…what?

Dick: Facebook is active? 50?

Maddox: Facebook is much higher. Uh, because Facebook is a little bit better about cracking down on drone accounts, on zombie accounts, and things like that.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Not perfect, but a little bit better. But there's no incentive for these companies to shut down zombie accounts. There's no incentive for them to shut down spammers. Because, essentially, at the end of the day, they go to their shareholders and they say, "Yeah, we have a userbase of 900 million people." But they're not really being honest of how much of them are active. Most of them are not, on Twitter especially. 'Cause it's just a bunch of stupid, fucking jokes that aren't funny. Even…

Dick: (interjects) Well, that's active.

Maddox: What?

Dick: The jokes that aren't funny.

Maddox: 12%, Dick.

Dick: No, I said "that's active". Jokes that aren't funny.

Maddox: What do you mean?

Dick: Comedians posting jokes that aren't funny. That's being active.

Maddox: Dick, 12%.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: But it's 12% of the userbase. That's not active. That's a minority.

Dick: Oh, you're saying that the majority is not active on Twitter.

Maddox: Yes. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: 12%. Twitter also creates insular thinking, and it's the worst kind of filter bubble. People reaffirm their beliefs by blocking or muting people they disagree with. And Twitter has made it even worse by hiring a committee called the Trust and Safety Council. Did you hear about this?

Dick: No.

Maddox: They're providing "input" on their products and programs. This is according to **TechCrunch.** They're hiring an external anti-bullying advocate to deal with trolls. (Dick laughs) And these are people…they're like far-left authoritarians.

Dick: (sighs) Yeah.

Maddox: These are far left. It's…and that's why…

Dick: (interjects) Good luck!

Maddox: Yeah. A lot of political opinions are being censored. That's why Mila Yiannopoulos…what's his last name?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: He used to have a verified account, and then to PUNISH him, punitively, they took away his verified badge, because verification no longer means you're verified that you're an authentic person.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You're not being impersonated. They took away his verification badge as a punitive measure.

Dick: He just got a bunch more attention from it, though.

Maddox: Well, of course. But that's…it's fucking awful, essentially. What they're doing is they're silencing dissent. They're silencing critics. Twitter just reaffirms your world view. It's the worst kind of filter bubble. There's no way to get any kind of good news or information on Twitter. It's all garbage! And by the way, Twitter no longer allows you to see unfiltered trending results on your account. If you look at the trending results on your account, they're gonna be trending based on what they think, according to their algorithm, that you would be interested in. So if you live in…Chicago, you're gonna see a lot of shit going on in Chicago. Or Los Angeles, a lot of shit going on in Los Angeles. It's essentially

shrinking your world view. You no longer know what's going on in Thailand, or Hong Kong, or Brazil, or even across the pond. Even across the United States. You don't know what's going on in your own backyard.

Sean: So it's just like the news sites you click on.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, it's not!

Sean: Well, those keep feeding you stories.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Based on what they think you like.

Maddox: (stammers) Like what?

Dick: Just like Google.

Maddox: Like, for example…

Sean: (interjects) Yeah. Google News.

Maddox: Well, no. I think Google News…is a better source, because they show you news sites from all across the country.

Sean: No, they do, but they'll also put stories, at least on my phone, they'll definitely put stories on that they think that you'll like.

Maddox: I see what you're saying, yeah. I know what you're saying.

Sean: Because it definitely changes.

Dick: And it lets you tell it if you don't like it or not.

Sean: Then if you clear your history…

Maddox: (interjects) You're right Sean, but at least Google News allows you to opt out of that feature. And I do opt out of it.

Sean: Yeah, true.

Maddox: I do opt out of Google New's suggested feeds and suggested stories, and things like that. Because it essentially just creates an echo chamber of your own thinking!

Sean: That's right!

Maddox: It causes…(stammers) It's, um…helping fuel this problem of filter bubbles.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is one of the biggest problems in the world today. You aren't even allowed to have critical thinking, because you're not even being exposed to ideas that challenge you!

Sean: It's amazing…

Dick: (interjects) And that's…imagine if you don't even use Twitter. Then you're REALLY fucked. Right?

Maddox: No. You're way better off, I think.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Twitter…I think Twitter…

Dick: (interjects) We should boycott Twitter, then!!

Maddox: I think…(laughs)

Dick: What do you think about that?!

Maddox: I'm not going to.

Dick: Ohhhh.

Maddox: I can't. I can't anymore.

Dick: You CAN'T!! 'Cause you're addicted to money!

Maddox: No. Twitter's too ubiquitous. Look, back in the day, before Facebook and social networking, there were other platforms to publish your ideas. Now, that's how people find you. You can't avoid it. What were you gonna say, Sean?

Sean: Well, I was gonna say a couple of things. Uh, it's funny how, you know, the Internet has the ability to bring everybody in the world together, yet it seems to isolate us in certain things more.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Sean: And then, also, I work with a lot of veteran voice actors. And they all say the same thing: "I fucking hate Twitter and Facebook and all the social media, but I have to be on it."

Maddox: Yeah. You're right, Sean. I use it not because I want to, but because I need to. You can't really avoid it anymore. It's a platform that is too ubiquitous. And I'm pretty active on it. But here's the thing. Here's how I use Twitter. If I post a status update on Facebook, you know, I'm a writer. I'm a New York Times bestseller…

Dick: (interjects) Wow. Do you wanna take that again? 'Cause that sounded really pompous, the way you said it. (grins)

Maddox: I'm the world's best writer. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I'm a bestselling…New York Times bestselling author, the world's best writer. And I have…sometimes a large vocabulary in the things that I'm writing. Not intentionally, but sometimes I use words that I feel like best express my ideas.

Sean: His brilliance just OOZES out of him.

Dick: It fills the banks of English, sometimes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like Shakespeare.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm…better than Shakespeare. So when I'm writing these status updates on Facebook, if I want to post that on Twitter, I will copy and paste it and see if it fits. If it doesn't fit, well, either I won't post it, or I have to go back and change some of my words to use smaller words.

Dick: UGH! It's like burning E.E Cummings' poetry. What you're talking about now.

Maddox: It's dumbing down our language!

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Twitter is forcing us to use smaller words and a smaller vocabulary because of this arbitrary, stupid, archaic, 140-character limitation. And Twitter itself has even acknowledged it now. Because they know the writing's on the walls. Twitter's audience is shrinking. They're scared. That's why they're tinkering with the algorithm. They're tinkering with this Safety Commission. This Safety Association of far left thinkers. They're tinkering with all of these things, and they're even going to start to tinker with the character limitation on Twitter. They're saying that the new version of Twitter's coming with a 5,000 character limit.

Dick: Oh, they're never gonna do that.

Maddox: Well, they're saying they're working on it.

Ah, it's a good way to get headlines.

Maddox: I mean, that's the reason I don't use Twitter, is I just can't say what I'm trying to say. And sometimes…

Dick: (interjects) Wouldn't you be FOR the 5,000 character limit, then?

Maddox: 5,000, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm in favor of that.

Dick: Oh, okay. That's called Tumblr, though.

Maddox: Um, it's just…(stammers) look, I don't care what it is. If it's 1,000 or 5,000, or whatever. 5,000 is pretty significant. That's like a two or three-page post. I don't even need that much. I just want to be able to say a sentence or two. One of the first tweets I ever sent on my Twitter account, and you can go back and look, is…I sent a tweet that said, "The problem with Twitter is that the 140-character limit doesn't allow you to get into the…" and then that was it. Like, I couldn't even finish that sentence. That thought.

Dick: Well, what was the point? Let's shrink it.

Maddox: The point is that it…

Dick: (interjects) What was the point of that sentence, I mean? What were you gonna… oh, get into thought, period? That was it?

Maddox: No. The 140-character limit…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Doesn't allow you to have fully-formed thoughts and ideas and it doesn't allow you to express yourself in a way that allows other people to fully appreciate what you're trying to say.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. You can't even say things like that on Twitter.

Dick: Not enough words!

Maddox: Not en…there's just this arbitrary limit!

Dick: #notenoughwords.

Maddox: A long time ago, Dick, essentially…they were conflating metadata with data. With information. Uh, a long time ago, I said it's kind of like having the ISBN number be part of a book's title. You don't need that. Anyway.

Dick: Are those hashtags? I dunno. You really need that metadata thing with hashtags. It's just like a fun, stupid thing people throw out there.

Maddox: You keep saying fun like it matters. It's irrelevant how fun something is.

Dick: Well, it's a social network.

Maddox: It's a problem.

Dick: It's defined on how fun it is.

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: And if it's not fun to engage in, people won't use it. That's its only purpose.

Maddox: But that's irrelevant to my point. My point is…that metadata should not count towards your 140-character limit, because that's how people find your data. Like, for example, the link to the Javascript code shouldn't count towards your character tweet either. You know, that's metadata. You don't need to have that information count towards your 140-character limit. I'm not saying it's not fun! Look, you want to make the case of "it's fun". That's completely subjective. Go ahead and do that! But that's irrelevant to what I'm saying. It shouldn't count towards that 140-character limit.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You don't…you disagree with that?!

Dick: I kinda don't care. Like, it's..

Maddox: Well.

Dick: People use hashtags to just say, like, things they don't want to just put a word up there. Like, Oscars! I'm watching the Oscars. That's what I'm doing. I don't think they're really…everyone's not really using it for metadata. If you're talking about wanting to include hashtags, like an ISBN number, that seems like a stretch. I don't think that's what their intent is. I don't think that's how people use them.

Maddox: No, that's how people use them. That's what it's there for.

Dick: For ISBN numbers? You think they're serial coding their…when they say #blessed, you think their purpose is to catalog their post in some kind of metagroup?

Maddox: Yeah, that's what it's for.

Dick: Of positive thinking?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's just to tell people that they feel blessed.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: (interjects) That's why it's #blessed.

Maddox: It's also because you don't have enough characters to say "I feel blessed." You do #blessed. But it also…people click on that. Twitter, as a platform, makes those links clickable, so that you can see other people who are also saying those type of things. So if you want to see a lot of self-affirmation, a lot of positive thoughts and messages, you can click on that hashtag and see them categorized as such.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, look. I'm not saying that's ALWAYS the case, Dick. You have a point. But for the most part, that's what hashtags are for.

Dick: I don't know, I don't have the data.

Maddox: Is categorization. No, I mean, just look at the top trending tweets. You click on those, they're categories for what people are discussing. That's what it's there for. Just like in IRC, if you wanna talk about sports, you join #sports.

Dick: Well…vote it up. I dunno. It's Twitter, big problem.

Maddox: There it is!

Dick: I don't know what to tell you. It's like a social network. Like, I don't really think about Twitter.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.

Dick: I just go to post shitty jokes. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, everyone does, and I'm tired of 'em. They're all shitty. Um, alright guys. My problems this week were…

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Bottled Water and Twitter.

Dick: My problems are Bumper Stickers, and um…what was the other one? (Maddox laughs)

(long pause)

Dick: Sleep Deprivation. Didn't remember it 'cause I didn't get enough sleep.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: I got a bunch more prom requests.

(Voice mail: creepy high-pitched male voice: "Hi Maddox. I know you generally don't approve of these things, but I was wondering if you'd go to the adult prom I set up in my backyard. (someone snorts) **With the punch. And one of those paper mache things you hit with candy in it.** (they laughs) **And…maybe we could dance a little. By the way, I don't know if you know this, but I'm Dick's old girlfriend, the hunchback.** (they crack up) **(inaudible)"**

Maddox: I knew it! I knew it!

Dick: Oh, man.

"Gotta goooooooooooo!!")

Dick: I didn't recognize her voice at first.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You think that's a problem? What could be…what's the problem with that? That sounded great. (giggles) Why would you hate those prom requests?

Maddox: I feel shamed into going to prom with this person, now.

Dick: Alright, another one.

(Voice mail: Erkel-esque male voice: "Heeeeeeeeeeey, Maddox. (Dick giggles)**"**

Maddox: Lot of girls calling in. (grins)

"I was wondering if you'd like to go to the prom with me. Oh, Maddox. You need to go to the prom with me."

Sean: Is this Louie Anderson?

(they laughs)

"And, uh…you know. I…I've got fat legs, Maddox."

Maddox: Sounds like a hot babe.

"You're an asshole if you don't come. Yeah, so…"

Maddox: Is this Ronda Rousey? (laughs)

Dick: Might be.

"Shit's just…(inaudible)")

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Not a very good prom requests.

Maddox: We got a lot of prom requests. Yeah. Good. Good job, guys. Bravo.

Dick: Oh, here we go. This guy…I keep saying. If you fuck up, don't call back in, 'cause I'm not gonna…like, what's the point of…here's this guy's voice mail.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, uh...what Maddox has said in this episode here… wait. Fuck." (they laugh) **"No, I got it. He says…that the…no. Fuck it. I'll call you right back.")**

(they laugh)

Dick: For everyone who says that these guys are faking it, they're not. 'Cause they call right back and leave the entire perfect voicemail!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's, like, a minute and a half long, and they cover all their points, and they're making good points, and they're not reading any of it, and they're even making it funny, and it's pithy, and it sounds good, the cadence is good. But…you fuck it up once, that's what's getting played!

Sean: People get nervous.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: It's not easy doing what we do, people!! We're PROS.

Dick: Well. (scoffs) Yeah.

Sean: It's not easy doing what you guys do!

Maddox: No!

Dick: Okay. It's not.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Sean, you bringing in a problem, by the way?

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: You…you ARE?!?!

Sean: I am!

Dick: You are bringing in a problem?!

Sean: I am…I'm…

Dick: (interjects) OH, MY GOD!!!!!!!!! (yelling) What is it?! Don't hint! Give me hints next week! I don't want any hints!!!

Maddox: You heard it here first, guys!! (Dick cackles) Sean. Not Cool Sean. Actual Sean is bringing in a problem.

Dick: Who's helping you?!

Sean: That's r…nobody's helping me!

Dick: You're doing it all by yourself?!

Sean: All by myself!!

Maddox: (giggles) You condescending…how condescending can he get?!!? (laughing)

Dick: Is it a problem I've heard from you?

Sean: What, outta me?!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I don't think so!

Dick: Yeah, 'cause you say a problem…almost every time we drive over here, you give…"

(file cuts off)

Problem: **Attention Deficit Disorder Diagnosis** [00:16:40]

Problem: **Haters** [00:43:44]

Problem: **Poor Gym Etiquette** [00:52:59]

The Biggest Problem in the Universe - Episode 96

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase.

(theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Rusty Pliers to Holocaust Deniers. (Dick chuckles) (snickers) With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick!

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back.

Sean: Hello!

Dick: You've never done Holocaust Deniers before?

Maddox: I don't think so.

Dick: Oh, man. That's a surprise! What restraint.

Maddox: As a problem or as an intro?

Dick: As an intro.

Maddox: As an intro? I don't think so, no!

Dick: Obviously they're not a problem.

Maddox: No. (scoffs) (both giggle) Makin' America -

Dick: (interjects) Speaking of solutions...

Maddox: Makin' America great again!

Dick: ...go check out our Solutions episode on the webpage!

Maddox: Ohh.

Dick: You can buy it right now for $1.33.

Maddox: It's fantastic.

Dick: It's a deal!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a steal of a deal.

Maddox: It's a steal of a deal. You will not find a better bargain on our bonus episodes anywhere on the Internet.

Dick: No matter what you're denying!! (Maddox laughs) No matter what...well... (cracks up) That's...ye-...okay. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. So we should, uh, we should get to the problems from, uh, from last week.

(someone knocks on door in background)

Maddox: Uh, what the fff-...what the fuck? (knocking gets more insistent)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: What the fuck i-...??

(door creaks and swings open)

(sound effect: "Tiiiim Chaaaangzzzzz!" + air horns)

Maddox: Tim, get the f-... (giggles) What the...?! (Sean laughs in the background) What the hell are you doin' here, Tim??

Tim: Yoooooo! Lemme just take a seat real fast.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Tim, what the fuck are you doing in my studio?

Dick: Tim Chainz.

Maddox: Tim Chainz??

Tim: Tim CHANGZZZZZ.

Dick: "Changzzzzz."

Tim: Look, I dropped off Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah?

Tim: I been sittin' in my car for 37 minutes and counting...and here I am.

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: I got myself into da Biggest Problem podcast.

Maddox: This is just trespassing! You're...this isn't a...this isn't some feat! You're just...it's breaking and entering.

Tim: Okay, if it's trespassing, why am I still here? (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Get the fuck out. (giggles) Ge-...

Tim: Well, I'm...no!

Dick: Go back to your cave.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you live.

Maddox: Go back to the car. Go sit outside. What are you...what...why don't you just leave? You're just a Lyft driver. Just take...just go find another customer.

Tim: I'm not just a Lyft driver! I'm supposed to be your homies. (Maddox cracks up) Alright? Now Maddoff, you and I, we been havin' some beef lately, and I feel like, "Look, it's time to settle the scoreboard," and we goin' one-on-one right now, okay?

Dick: What, problem to problem? Is that...

Tim: Prollem to prollem. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Is that...is that your showdown? Callout? You're going problem to problem against Maddoff?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: With a problem?

Maddox: It's "Maddox," shithead. (Dick and Sean laugh) What? What do you got?? What do you wanna say, Tim? WHAT?

Tim: Look...

Dick: Well, he had all these ideas. I thought he should at least come in and... (grins) I mean, I didn't...

Maddox: Dick, did you put him up to this?!

Dick: No, w-...I might've put an idea in his head.

Maddox: Okay. (annoyed)

Dick: That he would be welcome.

Maddox: GREAT. No, you're not. You're definitely not. 100% not!

Dick: Everybody loves him!

Maddox: Okay. Well, uh, Tim, get away. Get aw-...I'm gonna call...you know, producer Randy, why don't you call the police right now? We're gonna have Tim escorted out by the end of this episode.

Tim: Don't call the police. **(sound effect: "Tiiiim Chaaaangzzzzz!" + air horns)** (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Get the fuck out...you even have your sound drops prepared?!

Tim: I have so many sound drops.

Dick: A DJ's always gotta be prepared. Like a Boy Scout, but with sound drops. (background laughter)

Maddox: Great. (pissed)

Tim: Look... (Dick guffaws) Look, alright? Now first of all, I gotta address the first thing that you been callin' me out on. You say I'm not a real DJ. Well, guess what? I've made drops in the past... (Maddox, Dick, and Sean snicker) In the p-...in the past 12 hours, I have made drops that prove that I am a DJ.

Maddox: Yeah, maybe you've dropped deuces. (Sean laughs in the background)

Tim: NO.

Dick: Have you?

Tim: I did not drop deuces. I only drop deuces aftah I eat food. Now...

Dick: What the fuck does that mean? (giggling)

Tim: Now, I made a drop for all my homies.

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: And that includes you guys! Including you, Maddoff, you fuckin' traitor! (Dick and Sean laugh)

Maddox: 'Kay. First of all, it's "Maddox," shithead. I'm ti-...you know what? Your new nickname is Tim Chumpzzz. How 'bout that, huh? Tim Chumpzzz, with 3 Z's, dickhead.

Dick: Nahh, that's not as clever.

Maddox: Yeah. Tim CHUMPZZZ. (Dick laughs)

Tim: That's not clevah.

Maddox: That's...yeah, it's not as clever; it's MORE clever. Thank you, Dick. (angry) Thanks for gettin' my back. (cracks up)

Dick: Let's hear these drops!

Tim: Alright.

Dick: Let's hear these drops, so we can...

Maddox: Yeah, what do you got? Can we move on with the show?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What do you got here, Tim Chumpzzz??

Tim: First of all...Sean, a real audio engineer.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Tim: Alright? Someone who knows the struggle. (Sean giggles in the background)

Maddox: Yes?

Tim: Someone who's been th-...someone who fucks... (Maddox snorts and laughs) ...with radio teachahs. He knows exactly what I went through. Sean, this is for you. I made you a drop.

(Tim's voice with distortion: "SEAN: AUDIO ENGINEER.")

Tim: God DAMN, that shit was so... (Maddox giggles loudly)

Dick: That's it??

Maddox: That's it?!

Dick: That's it? (laughs)

Maddox: What the fuck?!? What did you, just put a reverb on your voice? I know your fuckin' shenanigans. That's shitty! And it was crackly, too! Right, Dick?

Dick: That sounded pretty cool.

Maddox: Get outta here!

Tim: That was DOPE, man.

Dick: Pretty cool. It was dope.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Tim: I spent 3 hours on that!

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, that was dopey.

Dick: Let's hear the next one.

Tim: Alright Dick, I gotcha, homie.

Dick: Oh, cool.

(Tim: "Dick Masterson.") (Small child's voice: "YAAAAAAAAAAY!")

(Dick and Sean giggle)

Dick: Yeah, cool!!

Maddox: GREAT. (exasperated)

Dick: That's cool!

Maddox: Ohh, wow.

Dick: That sounded cool!

Tim: Hell yeah.

Maddox: So good.

Dick: Who was doin' the "yay"? Was that you doing a little...child's voice?? Or -

Tim: (interjects) Google.com. (Dick and Maddox laugh) Found some child's voice.

Dick: Oh, great.

Tim: And put it at the end o' that shit.

Dick: 'Kay.

Tim: Man, that shit was dope. Man, listen to that one more time!

(Tim: "Dick Masterson.") (Small child's voice: "YAAAAAAAAAAY!")

Dick: Yeah. (Sean loses it in the background)

Maddox: Stu-...that's so stupid. Tim...

Dick: I wanna play it again to identify where your accent is coming from, Tim Changzzzzz.

Maddox: That's...so dumb.

Tim: Now, Maddoff...

Maddox: Yeah, it's "Maddox," shithead.

Tim: Maddoff, I gotchu homie, right here.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Oh, you got one for me?? This better be great.

(Tim: "Maddoff, you's a BITCH!") (shots firing) (Man's voice: "AAAAAAAAAAH!!") (fart noise)

(Dick and Sean laughing hysterically)

Maddox: You know, what?! Fuck you, Tim! **(buzzer sound effect)** Get out of my studio!!

Dick: Was that a fart?? (giggling)

Maddox: GET OUT. I'm callin' the poli-...Randy, Handy Randy, call the police! This is bullshit. Alright guys, we're movin' on with the show. **(drumroll sound effect)** The biggest problem in the universe from last week was Sleep Deprivation.

Dick: Oh, that's good.

Maddox: Followed by Bottled Water, and then Twitter. Twitter and Bottled Water were neck and neck, surprisingly. And then dead last was Bumper Stickers. Still in the positive territory, but barely.

Dick: Huh! Well...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I can't say I'm surprised.

Maddox: You know, I can't either. I think that for once, the idiots got the voting right. I think, uh, I think if I were going to rank these problems against each other, I would vote Sleep Deprivation at the top. Except I think that, uh...yeah. And then Bottled Water, and then Twit-...yeah, they got it right for once!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Hey!

Dick: Some people called in about bottled water. You wanna hear?

Maddox: (irritated) Ye-...okay. Great. Let's hear this. **(Dick plays first voicemail message)**

Voicemail (male caller): Hey, I was just callin' in to say that, uh, Maddox was right about switchin' over to tap water as opposed to bottled water.

Dick: That's a compliment!

Voicemail: It's a great idea! And, um...I'm not gonna let my cognitive bias get in the way anymore.

Maddox: Okay. (sneering)

Voicemail: You see, I'm from Flint, Michigan. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Mhm.

Voicemail: And I, uh, when I...since I switched over, now I got fuckin' cancer, you retard!! (Dick giggles) **Thank you very much!** (background laughter)

(message ends)

Maddox: IDIOT. First of all, it's not cancer you're getting from the water. I mean, maybe. We don't know yet. It's been too...it hasn't been long enough. Uh, definitely lead poisoning.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: There's a lot of shit in the water. Look guys, I understand there are places in the world where the water is too contaminated to drink! I get it. Most of the US is not those places.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Okay, shitheads? Most of Europe is not even those places. (stammers angrily) Oh yeah, uh, "Hey Maddox, what if I go to Iraq?" (stupid voice) Yeah, then drink a bottle of water, shithead! Obviously. I'm not saying that bottled water has no use ever. You fucking idiots!

Dick: Okay, here's one...here's one for ya. I wonder what...how you can discount this guy. Adam Hickey: "Hey Dick, just caught the podcast, and bottled water IS a big problem." I like when they come out strongly in support in the first sentence, 'cause that means they're gonna flip it around.

Maddox: Yeah, of course. Yeah. (surly)

Dick: "However, it's absolutely a widely held opinion that in the industry..." (Maddox scoffs) In the water industry. (smiles)

Maddox: The water industry. (chuckling)

Dick: "...that LA's municipal water is the worst in the country as far as customer taste and odor satisfaction. I work at a large water utility. So tell Maddox not all tap water is created equal." 'Cause remember I was saying that I can taste the difference between LA tap water out of my faucet and Arrowhead.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: And I prefer my Arrowhead bottled...

Maddox: Which is -

Dick: (interjects) Not an endorsement of Arrowhead in any way. (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: No, that...

Dick: But I prefer it.

Maddox: That didn't SOUND like one.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is probably, in all likelihood, the same thing. Guys, you just get a filter. A w-...get a water filter, put it on your sink; you're done.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: You don't have to worry about it. And those water filters actually filter out more shit than they do at the plants themselves.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: It's a really clean way to get water. You know how you can tell the purity of your ice...your water, rather, is make ice with it and see how clear the ice is. If you use a filter, it's way more clear than just tap water itself, and way more clear than bottled water. Test it.

Dick: Sounds like a fun lifehack.

Maddox: It's not a... (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Dick: Tim, can you make a "lifehack" drop?

Tim: No, Maddoff does exactly what I do at my home.

Maddox: 'Kay, Chumpzzz. (Dick giggles) Uh, you can't...

Dick: Wait a minute! What??

Maddox: You can't make any...what are you talkin' about?

Dick: What are you...what's exactly what you do at your home?

Tim: Look, I get a filtah, I put it on my faucet, and then I got clean wautah.

Maddox: Okay. Bravo. Um, I got a b-...I got a bit. I got a bit.

Dick: Oh, I got some m-...a lot more voicemails here.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear! Okay, let's hear these voicemails. **(Dick plays next voicemail message)**

Voicemail (male caller): Twitter is dumbing down language, Maddox. How 'bout people who say "deers" is the plural of "deer"? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: Are you sure you weren't homeschooled, you fuckin' idiot? (Dick guffaws)

(message ends)

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: I got a lot on that one, to be fair.

Maddox: Yeah, I know. I saw a billion comments about that. **(Dick plays next voicemail message)**

Voicemail (male caller): Maddox, you are a fuckin' idiot. (Dick and Maddox snicker) **"Deer." Not "deers," ever.**

Maddox: Yeah. Great.

Voicemail: "Deer" is plural and singular.

Dick: You said it twice.

Maddox: I don't...

Voicemail: You're a fuckin' idiot.

Dick: That was why. (grins)

Voicemail: Go fuck yourself.

Maddox: I don't even remember what the context was. When did I even say "deer"?

Voicemail: Love your show. Take care, guys.

(message ends)

Dick: You were saying that you wanna fuck a deers.

Maddox: I didn't say that.

Dick: Two at a time, preferably.

Tim: (scoffs) Come on, Maddoff.

Maddox: No. When did I even say "deer" last episode? I don't remember.

Dick: I don't know, man.

Tim: You DIDN'T say "deer." You said "deers." (Dick and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Okay, fuck you, Tim!

Tim: "S-s-s-s-s-s."

Maddox: Fuck you, Tim! Get the fuck out!! Get -

Sean: (interjects) You were talkin' about hitting deer with your car.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, okay. So I hit deers with my car.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Deer. You hit some deers.

Maddox: Yeah, I hit deers with my car.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, alright. What else you got? Let's hear this...let's -

Dick: (interjects) I got one...I got -

Maddox: (interjects) Hear this parade of shitting on me.

Dick: Maybe the last...maybe the last one. This guy sent in a cool ringtone. Marshall Crosby: "Hey Dick, here's a ringtone I use to let everyone know that I'm a pretentious cock."

Maddox: I know what this is.

Dick: "You guys have a r-..." (stammers)

Maddox: I bet I know what this is. (cracking up)

Dick: Here it is.

Maddox: Here...yeah.

(Maddox sound clip: "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs)) (Maddox giggles) **(Clip repeats: "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs) "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs) "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs))**

Dick: That's his ringtone. (Maddox laughs harder)

(Clip repeats: "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs) "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs))

Tim: Feel this dude, man.

Maddox: Oh man, this is a great ringtone!!

(Clip repeats: "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs) "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs))

Sean: Answer the fuckin' phone!!

Dick: Ah, I'm just gonna let it ring.

(Clip repeats: "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs) "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs) "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs))

Dick: It's the scoff. The scoff that sells it. (Maddox and Sean laughing)

Maddox: Oh, that's my favorite ringtone I think I've ever heard!

Dick: "I'm a writer." (sighs exasperatedly) It's that "ugh." "How...how do I have to even explain what it's like to be a writer?" (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In that single exhale.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh!

Dick: "Augh."

Maddox: You guys get it. You guys get it. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I'm glad! I thought you guys were really, uh, slovenly, mouth-breathing, slope-headed apes. (laughs to himself)

Dick: You forgot the scoff. Put in the scoff so we know what a pretentious cock you are.

Maddox: But for once, you guys understand, based on that gasp, what it means to be a writer. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Oh yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, I got one more...this is some fan art from Dr. Smoothrod. It's pretty cool. Remember when we were talking about how you carry fake wallets...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and you should put fake money in those wallets?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you were saying you carry around, when you go to...

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: When you go to, you know, places of ill repute, like the cantina bar on Mos Eisley or wherever you're goin' on vacation.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: You carry around multiple decoy wallets...

Maddox: Well, I...one.

Dick: ...in case you get mugged.

Maddox: I have one on me. (Dick laughs)

Sean: Hitler had his doppelgängers.

Dick: Yeah! Ma-... (cracks up)

Sean: Maddox has his...

Dick: Maddoff has fake wallets.

Sean: ...decoy wallets.

Maddox: 'Kay. It's "Maddox." (Dick and Sean laugh)

Tim: It's "Maddoff."

Dick: And you... (cracks up) And you have...you have real money in those wallets, so that when the mugger takes your wallet and opens it they don't think, like, "This is a fuckin' decoy wallet. It's empty. Where's the money?" Right?

Maddox: Yeah! It's smart.

Tim: This is real, alright? I was in Paree. Alright? Several years ago.

Dick: You were in where?

Maddox: Where?

Tim: I was in Paree. I was in -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, Paris??

Tim: I was in Paree seve-...uh, several years -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, Paris? You're saying "Paris," you pretentious fuck? (Dick laughing)

Tim: I w-...I'm sayin' "Paree." Alright? I know French. ("Freyunch")

Maddox: Fake-ass fuckin' DJ piece o' shit.

Dick: You know French?

Tim: I'm not a d-...

Maddox: (interjects) You don't know French!

Tim: I'm not a DJ -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, you're a sucka.

Tim: I'm...I'm not a DJ that...

Maddox: Uh-huh. You're an emcee of sucka.

Tim: That...I'm not a DJ that you think I am. I'm the DJ that the world thinks I am. **(Tim's voice with distortion: "SEAN: AUDIO ENGINEER.")** Shit, I played the wrong one. (Sean laughing in the background) **(Tim: "Maddoff, you's a BITCH!")**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, great. (scoffs)

Dick: Oh, god.

(shots firing) (Man's voice: "AAAAAAAAAAH!!") (fart noise)

Maddox: What the fuck is that?! You...

Dick: That's a fart.

Maddox: Did you add... (cracks up) Did you add some sound effects to your Maddox drop since the last time? Since we sat down here?

Tim: That's why...that's how I'm a real DJ!

Maddox: Yeah. You're a bullshit-ass DJ.

Dick: What were you talking about Paris?

Tim: Anyway, look. I was in Paree, and... (Dick and Sean giggle) And this is real! Alright?

Dick: Yeah. (under his breath)

Tim: I ain't bullshittin' y'all. I carried fake money... (buzzing sound in background) ...in my back pocket... (gets distracted)

Sean: Tim, is that your fuckin' phone?!

Dick: Yeah, it's his phone.

Maddox: Yeah, is that your fuckin' ph-...

Tim: I'm blowin'...my...

Maddox: ...phone?!?

Tim: My phone...my phone -

Dick: (interjects) Put your phone on "do not disturb"!

Tim: My phone...my ph-...

Maddox: (interjects) You fuckin' asshole!

Tim: My phone's blowin' up, man. Everyone's askin' me to join -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but put it on "do not disturb." Do me a favor.

Maddox: Yeah, it's gonna be up your ass in just a second. You're gonna enjoy that vibration.

Tim: Look, Bo-...

Dick: (interjects) I don't...I don't care about Paris. (Maddox giggling)

Tim: Bobby -

Dick: (interjects) Here's... (cracks up)

Tim: Bobby from Encino wants me to DJ his kid's birthday.

Dick: Okay. Dr. Smoothrod sent you fake money to carry around in your fake wallet.

Maddox: Oh, hey! That's fanta-...

Dick: It looks great.

Maddox: It's a $10,000 bill, and it's me flipping you off.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That's a fantastic-looking bill.

Dick: And it says "you just got fucked" on it.

Maddox: Yeheheh

Maddox: Or... (laughs) Or, that's legal tender in every country. We'll see.

Dick: Can people spend that at your store? Online?

Maddox: Yeah. (giggling)

Dick: Yeah? (chuckles) Well, I have...

Maddox: I'll take -

Dick: (interjects) I have the only copy, so...

Maddox: I'll take Maddox Bucks. I'll do it.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: As long as I made it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. You can spend it in my store.

Dick: I'm -

Maddox: (interjects) Alright, I have, um...

Dick: I'm done.

Maddox: Okay. I have a bit. It's a fan favorite. We haven't played it for a long time. **("Dick Versus Dick" theme starts up)**

(ritzy game show theme music)

Deep Voice (reverb): Dick...Versus...Diiiiiick!

Maddox: Ahh-ha!

Dick: Has it been a long time, really?

Maddox: It's been a long time, yeah.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: We haven't had one for at least 5-10 episodes.

Sean: Feels like just yesterday. (Maddox sighs)

Dick: It does feel like just yesterday.

Maddox: Shut the fuck up, shut the fuck up. Alright. (Sean laughs) Um...so, I didn't know whether or not to do this as a "Dick Versus Dick."

Dick: It's the preamble that kills me every time.

Maddox: Yeah. I got -

Dick: (interjects) Go. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah, I didn't know whether to do it as "Dick Versus Dick" or...uh, "I Liked It Better When." I don't know. I was kinda confused. But I got this...this was a fan...a fan suggested this one.

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: It's, uhh, this...his name is Wizard Babylon. (chuckles)

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: Wizard Babylon noticed this discrepancy. This is from way back when in Episode 24. Listen to this.

(dreamy harp glissandos)

Maddox: How do you reconcile that with your bullshit-ass beliefs, Dick?

Dick: What beliefs?! I believe in bicycles. I mean, they're a thing that exists.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: I prefer walking.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: At Burning Man.

Maddox: Walking is for idiots. And suckers.

Dick: Alright. Enough...

(dreamy harp glissandos)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Kay. So you said you prefer walking...

Dick: At Burning Man.

Maddox: Uh-huh, yeah. And then...and then, uh...

Dick: It's fun.

Maddox: Back in Episode -

Dick: (interjects) Really take in the sights, nice and slow.

Maddox: Okay. You like walking, I get it. Then in Episode 82, you said this.

(dreamy harp glissandos)

Dick: You ready for my next problem? Walking. I'm PROUD... (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: Yeah.

Dick: ...of the fact that we did not think of walking. Walking is something that savage apes do.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay.

Dick: It's disgusting.

Dick: Walking is something that babies do.

Dick: Yep.

Dick: Walking is just basically falling down.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I don't walk. Walking is for primitive people. That's embarrassing.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (Dick laughs)

Dick: I don't walk. If you can't get there in a car, not worth seeing. Walking!!

Dick: Not worth seeing. (smiles)

Dick: Horrible.

Dick: It's true!

Dick: You should be embarrassed walking, period.

(dreamy harp glissandos) (segment ends)

Tim: (Tim: "Dick Masterson.") (Small child's voice: "YAAAAAAAAAAY!") (Dick, Maddox and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah. What is the v-...Dick versus Dick?

Maddox: That you said you prefer walking as opposed to...

Dick: Riding a bicycle.

Maddox: Yeah, riding a bicycle.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You prefer walking. But then you just went on that tirade, where -

Dick: (interjects) It's still disgusting.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Tirade?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's still disgusting to walk. I prefer an art car.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I'll walk over riding a bicycle.

Maddox: Well, once you got to Burning Man, though, then did you...you didn't walk around. You rode a bike everywhere.

Dick: No, I...prefer walking. Again, as I said.

Maddox: (shouts) You prefer, but then you...but then why didn't you walk??

Dick: What do you mean, "why didn't I walk"?

Maddox: At Burning Man! It's a very simple question.

Dick: I DID.

Maddox: Why didn't you walk at Burning Man? You didn't ride a bike at Burning Man?

Dick: I...okay, I feel like it is a simple question, but the "I did" response is somehow eluding you. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: You didn't ride a bike at Burning Man?

Dick: Of course I rode a bike, until it got stolen.

Maddox: That's...then you're fulla shit! That's the point!!

Dick: How is that full of shit, to have a preference? I prefer steak over salad, but I've eaten a salad.

Maddox: Okay. Well, if you have the choice, which you always do...you know -

Dick: (interjects) I'm sure you prefer wearing shirts with your face on them, but you're not currently wearing one.

Maddox: I do prefer that. That's true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: I walked to Burning Man. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: You walked all the way to Burning Man?

Tim: I walked to Burning Man, from Huntington Beach.

Sean: He was tryin' to show up to the one in, like, 2002.

Dick: Yeah. Where did y-...where was the Burning Man that you went to?

Tim: 2007.

Dick: But where?

Tim: To...Burning Man. (smiles)

Dick: Yeah, where is it?

Tim: Man, you know. Somewhere in California. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Okay. (annoyed) Tim, you don't know shit about DJing, geography...

Tim: (interjects) **(sound effect: "Tiiiim Chaaaangzzzzz!")**

Maddox: ...or etiquette.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

("PEW PEW PEW PEW PEWWW!")

Maddox: So annoying. That's the worst. Alright, guys.

Dick: Well, you got me!!

Maddox: Let's get to the problems.

Dick: Another successful "Dick Versus Dick." You caught me walking and riding my bike at Burning Man. (smiles)

Maddox: Well, I don't...I don't know!! I don't know which one it was. I don't know which one it was.

Dick: It was all of the above.

Maddox: Okay guys, let's get to the problems.

Dick: I flew there, too! That was awesome. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Great. Were your wings tired? (laughs)

Dick: No, I was in a plane.

Sean: It's "arms."

Maddox: Yeah. Oh yeah, that's right, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (giggles hysterically)

Sean: The joke is "arms." (laughs)

Maddox: Thanks, Sean. **(drumroll sound effect)** Alright, guys.

Tim: (Tim's voice with distortion: "SEAN: AUDIO ENGINEER.") (Dick and Sean still laughing)

(brief silence)

Dick: Alright, what's your problem?

Maddox: Alright, guys. Let's get to the problems.

Dick: Is it "Simple Puns"? (Sean loses it)

Tim: Come on, Maddoff. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: (sighs loudly) Alright guys, let's get to the problems. **(drumroll sound effect)** I got the real biggest problem in the universe this week. It's Attention Deficit Disorder Diagnosis.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: Mhm!

Tim: Oh, man. I know all about dat, man.

Maddox: No you don't. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Mm... (skeptical) I'm gonna...I think you do.

Tim: I think I do too.

Dick: Yeah, I think you do.

Tim: I think that aftah spending several years in community college, I think I kn-...I know a little bit about ADHDHD. (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah, what does the last "HD" stand for, Tim?

Dick: "High definition."

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (muttering)

Dick: What else? (laughs)

Maddox: Great. Okay, guys, uh...gentlemen, imagine living in a world where you'd go to a doctor's office for a checkup; he could check out your vitals, do some blood tests, and then determine that you have a deficit attention. 'Cause that's exactly the crazy world we're living in today. "ADD" stands for "Attention Deficit Disorder," and about 9% of children born in the US supposedly have it. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Supposedly. The other name for ADD is "ADHD," Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Uh, plus high definition if you're...

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: ...dumbass Tim Changzzzzz over here. Uh, Tim Chumpzzz. Um...that's 28 MILLION PEOPLE who have...who supposedly have ADD. 28 million people are just born with this supposed disorder. You're just born broken.

Dick: Can't pay attention, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Can't pay atte-... (cracks up) Can't pay attention!

Dick: It sucks.

Maddox: Big problem, right?

Dick: What's everybody thinking about right now? (laughs) Can I get a...could we get an "Around the Horn" on that? Is anyone thinking about ADHD?

Tim: I mean, I'm -

Dick: (interjects) As an example of ADHD?

Tim: I mean, I think Maddoff has it real bad.

Maddox: Yeah? (Sean chuckles) Uhh, well, I don't, 'cause I'm movin' right on. (cracks up) Think about...

Tim: Good point.

Maddox: Think about what "attention deficit" actually means. To say that you can have a deficit of attention suggests that you have a finite supply of it. (smirks) Right? And that there's some fixed amount of attention that is just right to have. That means it's not only possible to run out of attention, but it's also possible to have an overabundance of it. And yet, there's no such thing as Attention Overabundance Disorder. At least until a drug maker can market a drug for this as-of-yet pending epidemic.

Dick: Isn't that OCD?

Maddox: What, a...?

Dick: Like, too much attention? Like, "I gotta turn this...I'm really into turning this light switch on and off."

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: "A hundred times."

Maddox: Why not? Let's just call it "Attention Overabundance Disorder."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, that's a pattern of something that you do. It's not necessarily that you're paying too much attention. Uh...

Dick: I'm just making a joke. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. People who claim to have ADD take their illness very seriously, blaming everything from poor test scores to failed relationships on this disorder. By the way, that was all from "The Alphabet of Manliness." (background laughter)

Dick: That entire clip you just read?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: I had to read, uh...you know. I had to cite my source. Really good book! (snickers)

Dick: So do you not think that ADHD, uh...exists?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Ah, yeah.

Sean: Really?

Maddox: Uhh, no. I don't.

Sean: You don't think it exists in anyone?

Maddox: Um...no, and the people who claim to have it...I've talked to people who have claimed to have severe ADHD or ADD, and they said that they started taking Prozac or Ritalin or whatever the drugs are that are supposed to help it.

Sean: Well, it's usually...yeah. It's usually some sort of an upper.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's usually some kind of an amphetamine or dextroamphetamine.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Because everybody does focus better on that.

Maddox: Well, sure.

Sean: That's why it's so prevalent in college and school, yeah.

Dick: Oh yeah, it's awesome.

Maddox: Well, sure. I...you know.

Dick: It turns your mind into a laser.

Maddox: Yeah, I've tried it before, and it did improve my focus. However, I don't know if the drug is curing something or addressing an i-...a disorder.

Sean: Well, I think it's supposed to address it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, but...but how can you tell if the drug is addressing some underlying disorder, or whether or not you're just focusing better because the drug is working at focusing?

Sean: Well, isn't the end result good either way?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, sometimes, but not necessarily, Sean, and I'll get to that...I'll get to why in just a second.

Sean: Lemme just...not to derail the conversation, but...

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I know it's...it gets diagnosed more and more frequently.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Do you think that's a thing with the drug companies, or do you think that we're just now...or doctors or modern medicine is just now learning to recognize things?

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: I'm ge-...I'm getting to all of that.

Sean: Alright.

Maddox: This is all coming, yeah. This i-...those are all good questions. Good points.

Sean: I'm sure it will. Crack open "The Alphabet of Manliness," and... (Dick laughs)

Maddox: I will!

Dick: Go to the appendix.

Maddox: Yeah, I got more. I got more. Uh, roughly 5% of adults claim to have it. That's a combined 48 million people, counting kids, in the US who are just born with this disorder. That's an epidemic. Right? 48 million people are just broke-...born with this broken disorder.

Dick: As disorders come, do you think that's too high?

Maddox: Oh yeah, absolutely. 48 mil-...just 48 million people are born...imagine if 48 million people were born without limbs. That'd be... (scoffs) That's a HUGE, huge disorder. That's like nature fucking up!

Dick: Yeah, but this is defined by not being able to pay attention, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, your wandering thoughts and stuff like that?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I'm surprised it's not more. Like, it's...it's hard to pay attention.

Maddox: Well...

Tim: Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: The reason I brought in Attention Deficit Disorder *diagnosis* and not ADD is because it's likely a bullshit diagnosis. First of all, for some reason, it's one of those wily diseases that seems to affect whites and blacks more than Asians. How's that the case? Roughly 9.6% of whites and 10.5% of blacks have it. So, roughly equal. And then miraculously, it only affects about 1.4% of Asians. Why do Asians have less affliction of ADD?

Dick: Well, let's ask our black DJ, Tim Changzzz...

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

Dick: ...why that might be. (background laughter)

Maddox: Why do you think, Tim Chumpzzz?

Tim: (sound effect: "Tiiiim Chaaaangzzzzz!" + air horns) (Dick laughs) Look...alright? I can't speak for all the othah...brothas and sistas out there that are Asians, alright? (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Maddox: 'Kay, you're not black!

Tim: I can't s-...

Maddox: (interjects) You're not black. You're Asian.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Tim: I can't speak for all the Asian brothas and sistas out there.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: Yeah, that's racist of YOU for assuming he was talkin' about black people.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, well... (Dick laughs) I think Tim...Tim, first of all, can we just confirm that you do not think you're black?

Tim: I can confirm that I'm... **(sound effect: "Tiiiim Chaaaangzzzzz!" + air horns)**

Maddox: Okay. (laughing) That's exactly what I thought you would answer.

Tim: Look...

Maddox: Great.

Tim: When I'm thinkin' about my dreams, when I'm thinkin' about my goals, I got focus.

Dick: Mhm.

Tim: If I'm not thinkin' about my dreams and my goals, then I'm not focused. That applies to everything in the world. So when you got a dude who, his whole goal and his dream, right? Is to go out there and make the best possible pasta out there. What does he think... (Dick and Sean laugh hysterically) (Maddox sighs loudly)

Maddox: UGH. Okay.

Tim: What is he -

Maddox: (interjects) So glad. So glad we have you on this.

Tim: What is he thinkin' about?

Dick: Pasta?!?

Maddox: So...yeah.

Tim: He's thinkin' about pasta. (Dick and Sean still laughing)

Maddox: Brilliant.

Tim: He's thinkin'...what is he...is he not thinkin' about pasta?

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect) So...SO GLAD we asked Tim Changzzzzz.

Dick: If your looks matched your voice, you would get laid...every day.

Maddox: Yeah. (irritated) Tim Chumpzzz, so glad we answered that question of why it only affects 1.4% of Asians.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Thank you, Tim.

Dick: Asians are good at taking tests, though. They got, like, that hyper focus. Right? That's in their culture, is hyper focus on everything.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Just...when they're kids.

Sean: You think it starts in childhood?

Dick: Is that a stereotype, or is that...what?

Maddox: No, that's...that's not a s-...

Sean: (interjects) You think it's...

Maddox: Yeah?

Sean: You think it's a parental thing that says "You've gotta focus. You've gotta be good at this. You've gotta..."

Maddox: Well...

Sean: And it keeps that shit from happening?

Maddox: You may be right, Sean and Dick. You may be hittin' on something here.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Diagnosis often comes from parents rather than doctors. Did you know that?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Parents often just determine on their own whether or not you have ADD. According to ADHDAwarenessMonth.org, parent-reported ADHD rates increased by 22% in 2007. (incredulous) Just suddenly, one day...one year, parents...like, 22% increase one year!

Sean: Well, good thing they forgot about it the next month. (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: No, that's...it's not Alzheimer's, Sean.

Sean: I know.

Maddox: Shithead! Yeah. (Sean guffaws) How do you like it, dick?! You misspoke! I misspoke! How do you like it when YOU misspeak?

Sean: Well...yeah, he's... (shrugs)

Maddox: That's what I thought!

Dick: Yeah, 'cause you don't have a...like, a crazy complex about being right all the time, right? (chuckling)

Sean: That's right. (smiles)

Tim: (Tim: "Maddoff, you's a BITCH!") (shots firing) (Man's voice: "AAAAAAAAAAH!!") (fart noise)

Dick: So parents are self-reporting their kids' ADHD?

Maddox: Yeah. 22% higher in 2007, resulting in 7.2% of all school-aged children being diagnosed. These are parents just looking at their kids and seeing that they act a little hyper because most kids stay indoors and fuck around with tablets and video games all day, rather than playing outside.

Dick: Yeah. Especially boys.

Maddox: So they burn off their energy by acting out, and their parents just look at them and shrug, and they just determine by themselves that these kids have ADD!

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Then they drug the kids and teach the kids to be victims for the rest of their lives! I can't count the number of times some kid I grew up with in school used ADD as an excuse for FAILURE. And underperforming. ADD is a psychological disorder alright, but one that has to do with their parents.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I remember growing up, I had a kid in my first grade class who failed a test, and he said, "Yeah, I can't, uh...I can't pass tests because I have ADD." And that's the first time I heard this phenomenon, and I thought, "Well, what the fuck is it?" He goes, "Oh, it's Attention Deficit Disorder." And even as a first-grader, I knew that this was bullshit!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I think you're right about a lot of that, and I think the parents want a built-in excuse where it's like, "Oh no no, he's very, very smart; he just can't take tests because of his ADHD." It's like, "Well, maybe you didn't really...make him buckle down like you ought to have."

Dick: Well, maybe school sucks, also. Like, "Fuck these dumb tests. Let's, uh, get him outside."

Maddox: Okay, anti-intellectualism. Vote up Anti-Intellectualism. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Like you need to l-...learn spelling? Anymore? (Maddox chuckles) Like, that's a real thing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, how many times do you need to learn the participles of speech? Never. You never...you don't need to learn it every other year, 'cause they teach kids the same shit, 'cause they don't carry it over the next year. It's a big fuckin' waste of time. How many hours of school did Benjamin Franklin have? Like, what, 3 a day? 2 a day? Now e-...now kids that are growing up to work at McDonald's need 8, 9, 10 hours of school every day?! Seems like you could invent electricity on 3 a day! You could probably work in the service industry on like an hour of school a day, BUT, then where would all the government-subsidized babysitting go?! Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I j-...yeah. Yeah, I have a big fuckin' problem with school.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah, government-sub-...

Sean: I don't know, man.

Maddox: Government-subsidized babysitting. Yeah. Uh, Ben Franklin didn't invent electricity, Dick. Maybe you go to school to realize that he discovered it rather than inventing it. And maybe you go to school to learn grammar and spelling so that you don't sound like a road rage on a podcast. Maybe those things matter so you sound eloquent, and you can express yourself and convey your thoughts succinctly. What, Sean?

Sean: And make -

Dick: (interjects) Deers. "Deers Abby."

Sean: And make sure you don't say "deers"!! (Dick laughs) Exactly, you motherfucker!

Maddox: Yeah. (annoyed)

Dick: So, what -

Tim: (interjects) Yeah, Maddoff, you mothafucka. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, man. There's a difference between misspeaking every now and then and...uh, completely denouncing the education system as worthless. You went to Cal Tech, so why wou-...why did you go to Cal Tech if you didn't see any value in school?

Dick: Did you not hear anything I just said?

Maddox: You went to Cal Tech, so why did you go to school if you didn't see any value in it? They weren't babysitting you! You paid tuition for that.

Sean: Cal Tech has a really underrated improv program. (Dick chuckles) A lot of people don't know that.

Maddox: Oh, is that why?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright. Um, so again, ADD is one of those things that you just self-diagnose. Parents self-diagnose. And pharmaceutical companies constantly encourage people to take the test. I have the test with me, and I want everyone here to take it. 'Kay, guys? It's just 6 questions.

Dick: And if you do none of them, you fail. Right? That's...then you have ADHD.

Maddox: No, if you don't...oh, I see what you're saying. Okay. Um...

Dick: Jokes. (quietly) (Sean laughs)

Maddox: 'Kay. Question #1, guys. Everyone, I want you to pay attention. Alright? See if... (cracks up) See if we can get through this. How often do you have trouble wrapping up the final details of a project once the challenging parts have been done? The answers are "never," "rarely," "sometimes," "often," or "very often." Tim?

Tim: Often. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay, Tim.

Dick: Never.

Maddox: You never have a problem?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Wrapping up projects?

Dick: Nope.

Sean: I'd say almost never.

Tim: Oh, wait! Oh... (stammers) Oh, nev-...

Maddox: Too late! Too late, Tim Chumpzzz!

Tim: Nev-...no, no, no! Never.

Dick: Nah, you...

Maddox: Too late!

Tim: No, never!

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect)

Dick: You look like a dick. You're the weird one. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: God DAMMIT. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Idiot. Often. (smiles) Too late.

Dick: Ahh.

Maddox: How often do you... (chuckles) ...do you have difficult getting things in order when you have to do a task that requires organization?

Dick: Never.

Maddox: You never have...?

Dick: No.

Maddox: You never have problems gettin' things in order?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Tim?

Tim: I got my shit togetha. Come on.

Maddox: Okay, I'm gonna put do-...I'm gonna put down Tim as "very often." (Sean snickers)

Tim: What?! You can't do that!

Maddox: You getting your shit dow-...I don't know what that means, Tim. I don't speak your...

Tim: I mean -

Dick: (interjects) I know Sean's "never."

Sean: Yeah, never.

Dick: Shows up every week with all his stuff to put together.

Maddox: Uhh, okay. You know what? I'll just, uh, I'll just ask this last one here. How often do you guys feel overly active and compelled to do things like you were driven by a motor? These are...this is one of the questions!

Dick: Always.

Maddox: You always fee-...? Okay. Oh, I'm sorry, Dick. You...

Dick: Oh, I have ADHD?

Maddox: You may... (laughs) You may have ADHD, because you're comp-...you're driven, and you're compelled to do things. Sean? How often do you feel driven and compelled to do things like you had a motor inside you?

Sean: Sometimes. If I think it's important, I'm driven.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: If I don't, I'm not.

Dick: Harvest season?

Maddox: (snorts) Yeah.

Sean: Put THAT in your...answers. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Tim? I'm gonna guess it's "never." (snickers)

Tim: Now, look. Alright, look. We all gonna say...obviously, we gon' say "always." Right? Look, if you're driven by something, you're gonna keep doin' it. (Dick chuckles) That's the p-...that's part o' life. If you are driven, you gonna keep d-...how do you have ADHD if you're driven?

Maddox: Tim, I can imagine everything you're saying being quoted on a really shitty motivational poster. One that's tattered and hung crookedly. (Sean laughs in the background)

(brief silence)

Tim: That's great! I like that! (Maddox, Dick, and Sean laugh)

(talking over each other)

Tim: I don't mind... (inaudible)

Sean: With a retarded cat hanging from a branch.

Tim: Posters are awe-...if you can make a motivational poster of the things I'm sayin', I appreciate that.

Maddox: And just, like, an irrelevant photo, too. Like, of sunflowers, or...you know, like a...a poppyseed bagel. (laughs with Sean)

Tim: Okay, sunflowers are dope as fuck. Come on, man.

Dick: What is the big ADHD drug? It's not Ritalin. What is the new one?

Sean: It's...well, there's Adderall.

Dick: Adderall!!

Maddox: Adderall, yeah.

Dick: I've been tryin' to think of it since we started talkin' about this.

Sean: Then there's another one called, um...I wanna say -

Maddox: (interjects) Strattera.

Sean: No...well, there's another one. I think the drug is modafinil. I don't know what it is, but -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, that's a new one. Yeah.

Sean: It's sort of like a speed, but without all the, uh, jitteriness and stuff like that.

Dick: Yeah. Man, here's a Dick Tip for ya. Take an Adderall and hit up a strip club. And your...your mental focus and your gamesmanship will go up l-...entire leagues. You'll be playing in the big leagues, no matter where you were. It's like a drug for focusing your chi.

Tim: Damn. (quietly)

Dick: That's all I'm gonna say. Yeah. Try it, Tim Changzzzzz.

Tim: I like that, man.

Maddox: Tim Chumpzzz, yeah. You could focus more.

Tim: I've never been to a strip club before, surprisingly. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: Really?

Maddox: It's not...it's not surpris-... (cracks up) It's not surprising.

Dick: Why not?

Tim: Surprise, I've never been to a strip club.

Dick: It's real surprising.

Maddox: You're ninet-...'cause you look like you're 19.

Tim: No, I'm...

Dick: Why haven't you been to a strip club?

Tim: I'm 57 at heart. (Maddox giggles) Alright?

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: I got a old s-...I got a old spirit.

Maddox: Yeah, you got an old dong that doesn't work anymore. You got a...

Tim: That's not what Tammy said.

Maddox: You got a...you got a bum pecker. (giggles to himself) (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: How are things going with Tammy? Did she hear the last podcast you were on?

Tim: She heard the last podcast. She wanted me back.

Dick: Oh!

Tim: We tried -

Dick: (interjects) That's good!!

Tim: We tried to meet...we met up at the Panini Cafe. (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing)

Maddox: Why...

Dick: What a sw-...

Maddox: (interjects) Is that because you were trying to tell her stories about going to, uh, Paree?

Tim: Well, yeah. I was tellin' her about my stories in Paree, man.

Maddox: Fuckin' fraud. (laughs)

Tim: But Tammy, you know, she orde-... (chuckles) She ordered some lamb, I ordered chicken, we got that basmati rice -

Dick: (interjects) That's not important.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What happened with the reunion?

Maddox: Mhm. (Sean giggles)

Tim: Well, you know. We was out there...

Maddox: What do her boobs feel like, Tim?

Tim: I mean, they crusty, you know. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Sean: AUGH. (from background)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay. (giggling)

Sean: Like a baguette?! (Maddox laughs more)

Tim: I mean, you know, like a baguette...like a buncha crumpled chips.

Dick: Do boys get, um, prescr-...uh, diagnosed with ADHD more than girls do?

Maddox: Slightly more. That's...

Dick: 'Cause it seems like...

Maddox: Yeah, they do.

Dick: It seems like the whole system is set up to fuck boys over when they're little.

Maddox: They do, but...but guys, you know what? It may be a real disorder, because, uh...here's how I know it's a real disorder: when commercials reassure me that the disorder is real. Even though cancer treatment commercials never start out with "cancer is real," and HIV prevention commercials never start out with "AIDS is real." But when it comes to ADD, for some reason they have to convince you it's real. Listen to this commercial. I found this commercial online. It's, like, from a small market. Listen to this. **(plays commercial)**

(soft piano music in background)

Male voice: Adult Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. It's not just a problem affecting our youth. It's a real medical condition that can afflict anyone of any age, and it CAN be treated.

Dick: Even if you're 57 at heart.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: I feel that.

Male voice: Cornerstone can help you and your family deal with this condition.

(commercial ends)

Maddox: You feelin' that music, Tim Chang?

Tim: Mmm. Man, I'm playin' the piano right now, dude.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Well, it's tough! People are very busy with their lives. They gotta medicate their kids in line. You know?

Maddox: You gotta medicate! Uh, Katie Couric did an episode on ADD, and brought in some supposed health expert.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He was some Harvard doctor, and I thought, "Oh wow, this is cool. He's a...you know, she's got a real doctor in here." And of course, he's hawkin' some book about ADD.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Of COURSE. And then she has this really weepy segment talking about people who suffer from ADD. Listen to this. It's the Katie Couric show. **(plays "Katie" clip)**

Katie Couric: Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed, like life is moving too fast and you simply can't keep up? Do you get distracted easily and have trouble focusing?

Dick: Mm.

Katie Couric: For some, this is just everyday manageable stress. But for others, it can signal much more.

(dramatic piano music)

Female interviewee: ADHD has affected my relationship with my children in many ways. Mainly, um... (Maddox laughs quietly) **...because I'm always late.**

Male interviewee: I feel like over the years, I've let people down. (Maddox snorts) **Um, whenever they relied on me for something and I forgot. And it seems careless, but it was...it wasn't.**

(clip stops)

(Maddox snickers)

Dick: Well...

Tim: Damn, man. That's...

Dick: It kinda was.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggling)

Tim: That's sad, man!

Dick: Like, I...I do empathize with people, because the mind is a complex thing. Um...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No doubt some people have more trouble concentrating than others, and if they can concentrate better with some of these drugs, that's great! Um...I definitely support that, 'cause drugs are workin' for me! And if they're workin' for you, keep doin' it. But it's, eh...it's bad to see it in kids, 'cause...drugs when you're that young kinda fucks up your brain patterns for life.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: And then...especially when it's just kids being rambunctious, maybe, a lot of the time.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: And we're never gonna s-...we're not gonna know what happened for the next 40 years. Right? Just like lead poisoning, right? I'll bring it in eventually, but you're not gonna know the effect of the drugs you're pumping into these kids for 30-40 years down the line, when they start having their own kids and fuckin' them up in the same way.

Maddox: Well, actually, we know that effect now. And Sean, to go back to that point you mentioned earlier, is it...do there...are there side effects to these drugs? There are. This article just came out in The Telegraph. It's called...the title of the article is "ADHD is vastly overdiagnosed and many children are just immature, say scientists." From this article, it says, "Prescriptions for drugs like Ritalin have doubled to 922,000 a year in the last decade for children diagnosed with ADHD, but such medications can cause severe adverse reactions such as weight loss, liver toxicity, and suicidal thoughts, and in the short term may suppress pubertal growth."

Dick: Oogh! Smaller boobs??

Maddox: Smaller everything!

Dick: Whoahohohooohh!

Maddox: Mhm!

Tim: Damn.

Dick: Get rid of 'em.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, some of the -

Dick: (interjects) Make 'em illegal.

Sean: I know I've read some of the antidepressants are not approved for kids.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Where they were, or...you know, teenagers, where they used to be, because it...your brain is not finished cooking yet.

Maddox: So, moving on, though. The problem ADD may just be a cultural phenomenon, to go back to what you guys were saying. Uh, Dick and Sean, you guys mentioned earlier. According to the article "Why French Kids Don't Have ADHD," published in Psychology Today: "French child psychiatrists, on the other hand, view ADHD as a medical condition

that has psycho-social and situational causes. Instead of treating children's focusing and behavioral problems with drugs, French doctors prefer to look at the underlying issue that is causing the child's distress -- not in the child's brain but in the child's social context. They then choose to treat the underlying social context problem with psychotherapy or family counseling. This is a very different way of seeing things from the American tendency to attribute all symptoms to a biological dysfunction such as a chemical imbalance in the child's brain." So the French don't use the DSM.

Sean: No, they're -

Tim: (interjects) Yeah, they don't. They don't use it.

Sean: It makes perfect sense.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Yeah. That's true.

Sean: Figure out possibly what's causing it, and THEN whether you need to medicate or not, as opposed to just rippin' off prescriptions, and...

Maddox: Right! Absolutely.

Sean: Putting a band-aid on the problem.

Maddox: Yeah. The, uh, the DSM, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, is what they use in psychological circles in the US. But instead in France, they use the CFTMEA, which is something in French, which...you should know that, Tim.

Tim: I mean, I've seen this happen all the time in Paree, man. Like...

Maddox: You've never fuckin' been there, dude.

Tim: You know, these kids, man. Like, they don't use that shit, man. Like, they -

Maddox: (interjects) I think you went to Panini Cafe and you thought that was France.

Tim: No. Panini Cafe, that Mediterranean shit, dude. Come on. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Oh, is it?

Tim: Come on, dude. I know my shit, homie. Come on.

Maddox: Name 3 cities in France.

Tim: Man, Paree...

Maddox: Yeah? (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: Man, François...

Dick: HE doesn't know them. You can say whatever you want. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Yeah I do! I've been to France a bunch of times.

Tim: Yeah man, you know me then. You know about...you know about the city of François.

Maddox: What's the airport you fly into in Paris?

Tim: The Gula Airport. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah? Great.

Maddox: That's what I thought. (giggles)

Dick: The Gula Airport. Named after French Prime Minister Robert Goulet.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (background laughter) Famous...famous airport. (cracks up) So fulla shit.

Tim: I mean, I dropped...I landed there, man. Come on.

Maddox: Mhm. M'kay, anyway.

Dick: What's the solution to this? Make kids run laps. (Maddox snorts) Gotta get those kids out there runnin' laps 'til they fall asleep.

Maddox: No! The solution is, in Fra-...in France, what they do is they try to identify and address the underlying psycho-social issues causing children's symptoms, not on finding the best pharmacological band-aids to which masks...uh, which masks the symptoms.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And this is the final thing I wanna say -

Dick: (interjects) Psychiatrists drummin' up sales. That's what that is.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: All of 'em.

Maddox: No, but it works. It's...it works more than drugs. Like, getting these kids hooked on drugs for the rest of their lives that may stunt their growth? Are you kidding me? That's a better solution??

Dick: No, running laps.

Maddox: Okay. (sneering)

Dick: That's the solution better than goin' to some shrink and talking for the rest of your life, better than drugs. There's plenty of fun drugs! Experiment with drugs when you're an adult. When you're...it's not gonna fry your brain up.

Maddox: Um, so from that Telegraph article, they continue. They say, "Now a study of nearly 400,000 children between 4 and 17 years old in Taiwan has shown that the percentage of youngsters diagnosed with ADHD significantly changes depending on month of birth." Okay? Listen to that again. Let me...I'm gonna repeat that. The amount of diagnosis of ADHD changes depending on which month you're born in. How is that at ALL consistent with this alleged diagnosis?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Can you guys make any sense of this?

Dick: Yeah, 'cause you're younger in school, so you're more hyperactive. Or you're older, and...so you're bored. I don't know. What's their conclusion?

Maddox: Yeah, that's actually...that's actually right. It's, uh...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So these kids...there were, uh, there were... (article continues) "Just 2.8% of boys born in September have the condition, and the figure jumps to 4.5% in August, rising steadily over the school year." So they looked at some analysis and figured out why the diagnosis rate was so much higher in different months, and it turns out, the authors say that in many cases, it may be caused by teachers comparing the behavior of more mature children to those of youngsters who are up to a year younger.

Dick: Sure. Or boys and girls. Why the fuck are they in the same class? They learn in totally different ways. How do... (chuckles) How...how do you have a teaching curriculum designed to teach boys and girls the same thing at the same age? It's stupid.

Maddox: I think there's some overlap, and that may be another...you know, more...another interesting thing to look at. But that...that's so telling right there, because if you have a child who is born early into the school year or late into the school year so that they should skip a grade, but they don't necessarily, they are essentially cognitively one year behind the rest of their classmates. So when a ch-...when a teacher is just looking at all the kids in a classroom and they see the one little kid fidgeting, 'cause...you know, your child may be actually 3 or 4 years old instead of 5. Uh, at the age they're supposed to be. They might incorrectly diagnose this kid as having ADD or ADHD, getting this kid hopped up on drugs for the rest of his life, and then giving this kid a disorder where he thinks that he or she is a failure because they have this supposed condition. Anyway, it's a huge problem, man. ADHD diagnosis, ADD diagnosis. I think it's a bullshit disorder. You know what? And I've seen some extreme cases, and I've talked to them. I've heard all the sob stories, and people have had their lives changed with these drugs. They've been able to focus and be much more productive; great. If that's the case for you, fine. But you probably don't have ADD, guys.

Sean: I'm sure it's WAY overdiagnosed, and America's probably the leader in diagnosing ADHD, I would assume.

Maddox: It is! It's not...it's mostly an American phenomenon. You don't see this in France.

Sean: I can think of two people...you know, grown adults, who I watch operate, and it's like they're doing one thing and then the thought just completely leaves their mind, and they go do something else. And then it's like, "What was I doing?" It's almost like it's a surprise to them, like, "Why am I over here doing this? What was I doing?" It's very strange to see, because I...I've never really run across it in too many people.

Dick: What, you think that's ADHD? Is that what that is?

Sean: If...I don't know, man. I've seen people just get into a task, and then get distracted by something else and start doing that.

Dick: Hmm.

Sean: Without finishing the first thing. And these are really small, menial tasks. Like, they can't even stay focused long enough to do THAT.

Maddox: Well, it's happened to me, and I'm the smartest man in the universe. Like, sometimes I'll be working on something, and I'll get up and I'll start working on something else, and I'll stop that, and I'll -

Sean: (interjects) What page of your...?

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Sean: What page of your book is that? (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Are either one of those tasks writing your book?

Maddox: Yeah. (giggling) You know what? The book's comin' along fine, dickheads! (background laughter) The book's fine. Don't worry about it.

Dick: What percentage are we at on the book?

Maddox: Uh, honestly, about 67%. Yeah, makin' progress.

Dick: I wish I remember what number you threw out last time.

Tim: Yeah, well, MY book's at 100%. (Dick and Sean laugh) Already complete with my book, Maddoff.

Maddox: Tim, you don't have a book. You have a pamphlet.

Dick: What's your book called?

Tim: Man, it's called...

Sean: "The Pop-Up Guide to - "

Tim: (interjects) **(sound effect: "Tiiiim Chaaaangzzzzz! PEW PEW PEW PEW PEWWW!")**

Dick: Oh. That's a good book!

Maddox: Yeah. (irritated)

Dick: What do you talk about?

Tim: I talk about the struggle, man.

Dick: Yeah? (background laughter)

Tim: I talk about every day...

Dick: Is it...you talk...you literally...your book is "My Struggle"?

Tim: It's called "Tim Changzzzz..." (background laughter)

Sean: Oh, god. (from background) (laughs)

Dick: Is that...? (laughs)

Tim: It's called "Tim..." (cracks up)

Dick: Okay.

Tim: It's called "Tim Changzzzzz: My Struggle."

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling) (more background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Three thous-...three thou-...

Dick: (interjects) Uh, you might wanna check the title on that one. Someone else might already have taken it.

Maddox: Yeah. It sounds...

Tim: Oh, man.

Dick: There might be a famous book...

Maddox: It sounds like you...

Dick: ...called "My Struggle."

Maddox: It sounds like you struggled to come up with that title.

Tim: Nah, man.

Dick: Yeah. Do you offer any solutions in the book?

Tim: Yeah, man.

Dick: About your struggle?

Tim: The solution is solving the problem.

Dick: Oho, yeah? (grins)

Maddox: Hey, speaking of problems, Tim, what's your bullsh-...do you have a -

Dick: (interjects) Look, don't...look, don't get your kids addicted to Ritalin, but do get them addicted to Harry's shave. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Right? Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase. We've got...these are excellent blades. They're German-engineered, they've got fi-...you got a 5-blade cartridge for a close and comfortable shave with no cuts or burn. Maddox and I have been using them for a year. I love the shit out of mine. Tim, we should probably hook you up with a gift box.

Tim: Hook me up, homie.

Dick: 'Cause you shave...you shave all the time.

Tim: I shave every single day.

Dick: Yes!

Tim: Of my life.

Dick: Yeah, you're -

Maddox: (interjects) Your mom's upper lip, maybe. (giggles to himself)

Sean: No!! (from background)

Dick: Oh, wow.

Tim: Hey, come on! My mom's DEAD. (everyone else laughs)

Dick: Every time.

Maddox: Then the hair should stop growing! (giggles)

Dick: Every time. (Sean cackles) Why pay...why pay $32 for an 8-pack of blades when you can get them for half the price at http://harrys.com. The starter set is an amazing deal. For just $15 you get a razor, moisturizing shave cream and 3 razor blades. For you or your mom.

Tim: Thank you.

Dick: Either one. You get $5 off.

Tim: She passed away, but I will gladly shave my mom. (grossed out noises from background) Even though she dead. It's all good.

Maddox: You can moisturize her too. (giggling)

Dick: She'll love the feel of the Harry's razor.

Tim: Yes. Harry's, thank y'all so much. Alright! Let me get my fuckin' problem, man.

Maddox: You don't have a...you don't get to have a problem, Tim!!

Tim: Yes, I -

Dick: (interjects) You said one-on-one! He said when he came in, he's doing a showdown.

Maddox: You got a problem??

Tim: One-on-one! One-on-one.

Dick: You agreed to it!

Maddox: Okay, fine! What's your bullshit-ass problem? Let's hear it.

Tim: Alright, look. Ever since I came on this podcast, I've been nothin' but nice to you, Maddoff.

Maddox: Nuisance. You mispronounced "nuisance." (background laughter) (giggles)

Tim: I was an audio engineer... (Dick guffaws) ...to help... (Maddox still laughing)

Dick: You were a fill-in.

Tim: To help this podcast.

Dick: Yeah, you were a fill-in. Last-minute fill-in.

Tim: Alright? I was helpin' y'all out. I put you on my top 5 celeb friends video, 'cause I thought you was my friend. ("freyund")

Maddox: That was an ambush video. You came, you trespassed. You...you're not allowed on my property anymore. I'm still working on...I'm filing the paperwork for the restraining order. Alright?

Tim: Doesn't mattah. I know people in the government. (Maddox scoffs) Alright.

Dick: Who do you know in the government?

Tim: Barack Obama. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Okay. Yeah, of course.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Of course!

Tim: Now...

Dick: What's your problem?

Tim: This is my problem. And this includes you, Maddoff.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Tim: HATERS.

Maddox: Okay. (cracks up)

Dick: Oh, it DEFINITELY includes Maddoff.

Tim: Maddoff, you the biggest hater of me, man!

Maddox: Yeah!

Tim: You don't think I'm a DJ?! I just made 7 drops!! **(Tim: "Dick Masterson.") (Small child's voice: "YAAAAAAAAAAY!")** I made that one, I made this one... **(Tim's voice with distortion: "SEAN: AUDIO ENGINEER.")**

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Tim: And this one took half a day! **(Tim: "Maddoff, you's a BITCH!") (shots firing) (Man's voice: "AAAAAAAAAAH!!") (fart noise)**

Maddox: What the fuck is that even from?? Is that just Duke Nukem clips? Sound effects?

Tim: Nah, man. I got that from Google.com. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Now Maddoff, that's -

Dick: (interjects) So "haters" is your problem? I imagine you run into a lot of haters in your line of whatever it is that you call this. (Sean laughs)

Tim: Look, the only hater as far as I know is just Maddoff.

Dick: Yeah?

Tim: Alright?

Maddox: It's "Maddox," shithead. You know what? Get it right, Tim, or I'm gonna del-...I'm gonna delete...Sean, delete everything Tim says. (stammers) Mute his mic!

Dick: You are a tremendous hater.

Tim: You are...you are a hater!! You...

Dick: You are the biggest hater I've ever met.

Tim: And you also hate your fam! You hate the people who listen to this podcast. You hate on them. You call them shitheads?!

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: That's...

Tim: Why you call 'em that??

Dick: That's true! (Maddox sighs)

Tim: Why don't you just call 'em, like, "Hey, no, buddy! Don't do dat." (Dick and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Tim, you, uh...you actually have a point. It's...everything you're saying right now is true. I do... (cracks up)

Tim: You do say that!!

Maddox: I...yeah, I do. I do. I do think that...I do think lowly of most of the listeners, and... (Tim snorts)

Dick: Do you think that you're a hater? Do you think that...

Maddox: Yeah, I'm a h-...I'm a hater.

Dick: Yeah, you -

Maddox: (interjects) Of course I'm a hater!!

Dick: You bleed Haterade.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's coursing through your veins.

Tim: Mhm.

Maddox: Biggest hater in the universe!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The BEST hater in the universe, Tim. I will hate you more than ANYONE.

Tim: Well, guess what?

Maddox: Yeah?

Tim: I don't give in to hate. I give in to love.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Tim: So you know what, Maddoff? I still love you no matter what, but I do want to tell da fam right now that when they hear -

Maddox: (interjects) Why do you keep saying "fam"?! Who are you talkin' to?

Tim: I was talkin' about the fam!

Dick: The fam.

Tim: My friends!

Maddox: Is that short for "family"? Like, are you...do you think you're British too?? (cracks up)

Tim: That's my f-...what?! No, first of all, the British never say "fam."

Maddox: Who says "fam"?

Tim: My homies!

Dick: Cool people do.

Maddox: Old people say f-...??

Dick: COOL people.

Maddox: Oh, cool people.

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: The cool...yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Tim: I mean, look. Me and my f-...

Dick: (interjects) Old people say "family."

Maddox: Oh. (chuckles)

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: Look, I want all da fam to know dis.

Maddox: Okay. (giggling)

Tim: I love Maddoff. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: But when you guys hear dis? **(Tim: "Maddoff, you's a BITCH!")**

Dick: Mhm.

(shots firing) (Man's voice: "AAAAAAAAAAH!!") (fart noise)

Tim: I want y'all to comment on the page and say, "Maddoff, you's a BITCH." (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Okay.

Tim: I want y'all to comment on that when you hear this. Pause the podcast right now, and type below in the comments. Say, "Maddoff, you's a bitch." Then refresh the page, and then 'like' any comment that says "Maddoff, you's a bitch." (background laughter)

Dick: I mean, this isn't the worst guest problem that's ever been brought in.

Maddox: I think it is.

Dick: Well... (laughing)

Maddox: This is the worst guest, this is the worst -

Dick: (interjects) Give a listen to some of the old ones.

Maddox: The worst studio guest, the worst presence, I would just say. Like... (stammers) Look, if I'm...okay, I'm gonna rate you, Tim, as...as, uh, a human being. Okay? Uh...

Tim: Thank you.

Maddox: First of all... (Dick, Sean and Maddox all laugh)

Tim: (sound effect: "Tiiiim Chaaaangzzzzz!" + air horns)

Maddox: You sh-...I haven't even... (cracks up again) You're not gonna be thankin' me, shithead! You know what? I'll start with the positive. 'Kay? I'll start with the positive.

Tim: Alright, then.

Maddox: Your voice is damn sexy. Dick has a point. (background laughter)

Tim: Mmm.

Dick: Well, I didn't say "sexy."

Maddox: You...you said it was... (inaudible)

Dick: Just said if it matched...that the curtains matched the drapes, you'd be getting laid a lot more.

Maddox: Oh. Yeah. You guys should see...you guys don't see what's goin' on behind the scenes here. Dick is throbbing.

Tim: Yeah. He's jerkin' off right now. (Maddox giggling) Come on, Dick.

Maddox: 'Kay. So you're...those are...the positive's out of the way. Uh, you...your presence as a human? A one. A 1 out of 10. Like, I get the same energy from you as, like, a turnip.

Dick: Mm.

Tim: Mhm.

Maddox: You know. A turnip that's old.

Dick: Mhm.

Tim: Yeah.

Maddox: I get the same -

Tim: (interjects) I like turnips, though. (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Yeah, who doesn't like turnips?

Tim: Right. It's healthy. It's a vegetable.

Dick: Make a stew out of them.

Maddox: Old people like turnips.

Tim: Alright. My spirit's 57.

Maddox: Then why don't you say "family" instead of "fam"??

Tim: I can say "family" and "fam"! What, I can't say both?

Maddox: You phony.

Dick: I think you're proving how horrible haters really are.

Tim: You are such a hater, Maddoff! You -

Dick: (interjects) You're proving how horrible this problem is.

Tim: You're finding so many reasons to hate me, and I've done nothin' but give you love. I show you peace and compassion, just like the United States.

Maddox: You sh-... (scoffs) What do you mean...what do you mean by that, Tim?

Dick: Mhm!

Tim: Look...

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Just like Turkey. (laughing)

Tim: Just like Turkey!

Maddox: Oh. Yeah. (cracking up)

Tim: Just like -

Maddox: (interjects) Real deep! Real deep joke there, Sean. (giggles with Randy)

Sean: Sorry, yep.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sean with the stealth bomber over there. (laughs more)

Tim: Look, we all -

Dick: (interjects) Do you use a lot of love in your...in the rap game, or the DJ game?

Tim: Hell yeah, man!

Dick: Yeah?

Sean: Thank you, Randy.

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: I only use love. I...look, I only support people. I only give people love. I do yoga. Alright? Every other hour of the day.

Maddox: Every...every... (cracks up) So you're just spending 12 hours a day doin' yoga, Tim?

Tim: Yes!

Dick: Don't be ridiculous. He's gotta sleep.

Tim: I mean, I sleep, but I do y-...

Dick: He just says he does it every hou-...other hour when he's awake.

Tim: Yeah.

Maddox: Every waking hour.

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Tim: Every waking hour, but also sometimes in my sleep. (Dick and Maddox laugh) You know? Look...

Maddox: You're doin' the Lying Dog or whatever. (giggles)

Tim: My message is this to all the people listenin' out there, alright? Look, it's -

Dick: (interjects) Downward Dog. It's...

Maddox: Downward Dog, yeah.

Tim: Don't hate on people, man! Because when you hate on people, look, you just wastin' your own time. Like, focus on yo'self.

Dick: Mhm.

Tim: You guys got things you all wanna do in life, right? So then go for that thing, man! Don't...don't put any other people down, especially don't put yo'self down. Look, support each othah. (Maddox snickers)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Again... (giggles)

Tim: Alright?

Maddox: This is gonna... (keeps laughing)

Tim: Support each othah. Alright? Support each othah, like the US support F-...Paree and the UK. And they support Israel, and they support Africa.

Dick: Well... (grins)

Tim: And they support Antarctica. Every...

Maddox: What??

Tim: The US support every single country in the world, just like every country support US!

Maddox: Okay, that...again, like I said...like I said -

Tim: (interjects) And when I say "US," I mean just us! I don't mean the country.

Maddox: I ge-...I get it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I get it, Tim. You know what? Like I...again, I think...I feel like everything you say is like a...is very quotable on a really shitty motivational poster. You could take that giant

run-on sentence that you just said, plop it right on a motivational poster, with just...you know, a stack of manila envelopes, or whatever garbage-ass, non-inspirational...and then just hang it crookedly. Make that happen, forum! Instead of your stupid whatever quote you said earlier.

Tim: Look at that. Again, hatin'. **(Tim: "Maddoff, you's a BITCH!")**

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

(shots firing) (Man's voice: "AAAAAAAAAAH!!")

Tim: Look...

(fart noise)

Dick: Cocking the laser pistol. (Maddox giggles)

Tim: My philos-...my philosophy is this, alright?

Maddox: Yes?

Tim: When pe-...no matter what people tell you...

Maddox: Yeah?

Tim: ...you listen to them. And then you go... (Dick and Sean laugh hysterically)

Maddox: M'kay.

Tim: Listen! Alright, listen. I ain't done. No matter what people tell you, listen to them. And then hear with ya ears. But don't... (Sean giggling) But don't take in what they sayin', but only take in what you believe you can do to change yourself. But what they're tellin' you is not to change yourself, don't listen to that. When people are tellin' you that you are only about as good as you can be, then go out and be as BEST as you can be. Because nothin' in life is ever gonna be da same, but when it's not the same? You gonna go and be different! Don't be the same if you not gonna be different. Difference is only the person that you are, and when you're the person, you know exactly how it's gonna be. So tell you what, let's go out there, let's make this money; let's get your dreams come true. But when dreams don't come true, you better go grab it and start sleepin' a little bit more. (Sean loses it) And then go inside yo' bed, and make sure that everything out there that you know is healthy for your body. Your body doesn't know exactly what it needs, so go and find it! But if you can't find it, go on the Internet and go search for it, then!! Because if you're not searchin' for it, then you givin' up, and you don't need to give up on life right now. Life is a positivity training. So go out, do ya thing, believe in ya'self. Don't hate nobody, 'cause hatin's only spewin' evilness, and evilness is not the kinda thing you need in this world right now. So in this world, you need to have wautah and get healthy. Eat yoga. (Dick giggling quietly)

Dick: Eat yoga??

Maddox: I think he meant to say "yogurt." (about to laugh)

Dick: Oh. Is that, like, an abbreviation? Like "fam"?

Maddox: Yeah, like "fam." Eat your yoga! (snickers) (Sean still laughing)

Dick: I would just like to point out that both Maddox and I, separ-...independently, have looked at Tim Changzzzzz while he's talking, because he seems to be reading this...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...from something he's looking at, and both of us have looked to try to find what he's reading and found that there's nothing there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I did too.

Dick: He's just staring through the table.

Maddox: Vacantly. (cracks up)

Dick: Did you finish? Is that your problem? Haters?

Maddox: Is it...do you have anything else you wanna add to the Haters problem, Tim? Which, again, I still don't know how it's a problem at all. How is that a pro-...how does it affect anybody in any negative way, Tim?

Sean: Was the moral to eat yogurt? (Maddox snickers) Is that what...? (cracks up) I wasn't paying attention.

Tim: The moral is to eat YOGA, man. Yoga is peace. Yoga is calm. Eat yoga. Enjoy.

Maddox: Oh, you're sa-...you actually meant to say "yoga"?

Tim: Yes.

Dick: (chuckling) Yeah. Eat it.

Tim: And when I say "eat," I don't mean, like, actually physically use your mouth to eat yoga. I -

Dick: (interjects) It's a metaphor.

Tim: It's a metaphor.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's just...yeah.

Tim: It's like a simile and shit.

Maddox: Like...like -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. You wouldn't get it, Madd-...

Tim: Yeah, you... (chuckles)

Maddox: No.

Tim: You wouldn't get it, MADDOFF.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I only speak in literals.

Dick: That's true!

Tim: Man, you... (background laughter)

Maddox: What? What, Tim??

Tim: You said "deers," bitch. (everyone else laughs)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Is that...are you done?

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Did you have anything else prepared?

Tim: Nah, I'm good, man.

Dick: Alright.

Tim: That's my problem. Hope y'all don't hate nobody, alright? Stay love, stay fam.

Dick: Here's...

Tim: (interjects) **(sound effect: "Tiiiim Chaaaangzzzzz!" + air horns)**

Maddox: You're like a busted Martin Luther King. (Sean giggles in the background) Like, if Martin Luther King couldn't speak at all, his diction was bad...

Dick: He wasn't black.

Maddox: (giggling) He wa-...wasn't black.

Dick: But he thought he was.

Maddox: Yeah, but thought he was black.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's you. The busted Martin Luther King.

Tim: Hey man, I'll take credit when credit's due. (Maddox spits out laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. You will, and you won't be gettin' any. Ever. It's never gonna be due, buddy. (giggles with Randy)

Dick: Sean, did this live up to your expectations? You weren't here when Tim Changzzzzz was here last time.

Sean: No, it totally did.

Dick: Oh, good.

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: I wanted to be here so bad.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Dick, what do you...

Dick: Are we ready for my problem? This is a side problem. I know...this isn't part of the beef that you guys have, the showdown. So this is just, like, a...you know, just vote it up. It doesn't have...there's no effect on the Maddoff/Tim Changzzzzz beef. Uh, it's lack of gym etiquette. Or poor gym etiquette.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I don't know how to phrase it, and I'll probably discover that while I'm talking about it. Obesity is a huge problem. Am I right?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Are you right?

Tim: No.

Maddox: Big problem.

Dick: Tim Cha-...no??

Tim: No. Why? People can be whatever they wanna be.

Dick: Okay. That's...that's ridiculous.

Maddox: Tim...wrong. That's a fallacy. (chuckles)

Tim: Nah, don't fall.

Dick: But you know what makes it harder to go to the gym to lose all that weight, is horrible, horrible gym etiquette. Does anyone in this room, with a quick show of hands, know what I'm talking about? I susp-...yeah. I suspect we're gonna get about 50/50. Maddox, you're raising your hand.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You have a problem with poor gym etiquette as well?

Maddox: Well, I've seen it. You know, towel off a machine when you're done, and put the weights back in the rack.

Dick: Oh my god, it's so much worse than that. I'm just gonna go down the list here.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: Talking? Talking while at the gym?

Maddox: What are...ehh, are you talkin' about, like, two people training at the gym and talking to each other?

Dick: I'm talking about these guys that walk into the gym acting like they're the mayor of Muscle Town. Going around to everybody at every station, checking in on them like they're running for office. "Hey, how's it..." Talking as loud as possible about what they did last...this weekend, what they're going to do, and none of it...none of it is gym-related! None of it is ever gym-rela-...they're never talking about working out, which makes it 10 times more distracting when they do it. It drives me insane.

Tim: But why? (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Dick: 'Cause I'm concentrating. On being at the gym.

Tim: Why do you need to care about what other people are sayin' to you? Why don't you just do your shit?

Dick: They're not even talking to me! It's just very distracting to...imagine you were trying to make more of these drops.

Tim: Mhm.

Dick: And somebody was behind you...

Tim: Right.

Dick: ...uh, making...doing drops out loud. That would be distracting to you making YOUR drops.

Tim: That's not possible. I got headphones on.

Maddox: Great. (background laughter)

Dick: What if... (cracks up)

Maddox: They're Beats by Dre, so you can hear everything outside. So Dick, what you're saying is, they're distracting. They...people who talk at the gym are the ADD of the gyms.

Dick: Ye-...uhhh...

Maddox: They make you have...

Dick: ...yes.

Maddox: They invoke ADD, huh?

Dick: In me.

Maddox: Attention Deficit Disorder, in you, while you're workin' out.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: It's an external symptom.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Medica-... (cracks up)

Dick: Maybe I should be on drugs before I get to the gym.

Maddox: Yeah. Take some Prozac before you go lift. (laughs)

Dick: Missing equipment? Stealing? Stealing all of the handles?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah? Does that happen at your...? Yeah, right? So there's these...the fucking triangles. The canvas straps with the handles on them that go to every machine at the gym are always missing. They're al-...there's always, like, two of them in the whole gym. And you need them for EVERY machine. Like, they turn the equipment, the ton...the thou-...2,000-pound equipment into something you can use with your hands. They're ESSENTIAL. They're the most important thing in there. There's always, like, two of them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For the entire gym. They're always disappearing. And the employees there, everybody who works at the gym, they don't see it as a...they see it as, like, a public utility. They just go, like, "Eh, we're out of them. Tough luck!" I don't know who's convinced them that the gym works like Bartertown. Like, that nobody's responsible for anything. But if you ever need replacement equipment, you are S.O.L.

Sean: How 'bout this one? How 'bout the asshole who sits on the same machine for 15 minutes...

Dick: Texting?

Sean: ...because he's fucking around with his phone?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah! Poor gym etiquette.

Sean: And like 4 people are waiting for it.

Dick: How 'bout this one? How 'bout the, uh, drinking faucets that people turn to face out so they can fill their water bottles, and then don't turn back the other way? So when you go to press the button to get water, it looks like you just pissed your pants! And you're walking around with sloppy shoes for the rest of the day.

Maddox: Oh, MAN.

Tim: Why don't you just turn the faucet...

Maddox: Yeah, just...

Tim: ...back the other way?

Maddox: Turn... (giggles) Back the other way.

Tim: That's right, Maddoff. Gimme a high five. (Maddox laughs and high fives him) Yeeeeeah. Yoooo!

Maddox: I actually high-fived Tim Ch-...

Tim: Yeeeeeeeah!

Maddox: ...Tim Chumpzzz for the first time in my life.

Dick: Yeah. (further away)

Tim: (sound effect: "Tiiiim Chaaaangzzzzz! PEW PEW PEW PEW PEWWW!")

Maddox: No. No, Tim. You did not earn that. NO.

Tim: You just gave me a high five! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, that doesn't mean play the drop! **(buzzer sound effect)** Here's MY drop. (background laughter)

Tim: That's not your drop! Your drop is this.

Maddox: (scoffs and laughs) Okay.

Tim: (Tim: "Maddoff, you's a BITCH!")

Maddox: So stupid. I'm...

(shots firing) (Man's voice: "AAAAAAAAAAH!!")

Maddox: You know what? Can you do a search-and-replace for sound clips, Sean? **(fart noise)** THAT should be a thing.

Dick: What's that? Search-and-replace for sound clips?

Maddox: Search-and-replace for a sound clip.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah, that should be...that's...you could do that! Actually, that's what a noise removal program is. Yeah, that's how you do it!! You highlight that segment of the audio cl-...uh, the audio file, set that to be noise, and then remove it from the entire track. DONE. Oh man, that's -

Tim: (interjects) Don't do that, Sean. (Maddox laughs) Come on, man. I made you a drop, Sean.

Sean: No, yeah, I got you.

Maddox: This episode's gonna sound great. (grins)

Sean: We're leavin' it all in.

Maddox: Aw, FUCK. (muttering) (Dick laughs)

Tim: Thank you so much.

Maddox: So Dick, uh -

Tim: (interjects) **(Tim's voice with distortion: "SEAN: AUDIO ENGINEER.")** (Maddox sighs) (Sean giggles in the background)

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: In case you forgot, Sean is still here. Thank you, Tim Cha-...Tim Chumpzzz. So Dick, the, uh...a buddy of mine, his name's Michael Capes. He has this YouTube series called "The Hacks of Life," and it's kind of a parody of all the lifehacks and things like that out there.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: He made this video about, you know, hacking the gym, and...you know, getting in for free, and all these other things. It's a really funny video.

Dick: Getting in for free??

Maddox: Oh yeah, man.

Dick: Just walking in?

Maddox: This is, like, my-level shit. I do this shit too all the time. Especially at hotels. At hotels I am not staying at. I walk in and use their gym CONSISTENTLY, and I always get away with it. And basically -

Dick: (interjects) Hotel gyms kinda suck, though.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Hotel gyms suck.

Maddox: Well, what gyms are YOU goin' to that don't have triangles? Wh-... (stammers and laughs) It doesn't sound like the gyms you're goin' to are much better!

Dick: Well, they're all...that's why I almost wanted to just bring in "gyms," as a whole, but ehh, they're...you know, they're a necessary evil. What am I, gonna have a...a whole Olympic weight set in the parking garage of my apartment? That's not gonna work.

Maddox: Yeah, some people get those gym sets, and then they never use them at home.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: So what is your friend's lifehack advice?

Maddox: Yeah, he had this one about, uh...Sean...'cause it reminded me of when Sean said that some guys just sit at the machine for 45 minutes or whatever. He put...he went into the gym to try to push the envelope of how outrageous you can be in terms of reserving equipment. He walked over to a weight bench and put an "out of order" sign on the weight bench. (laughs with Sean) And then he just recorded it for 20-30 minutes and people came by, looked at the sign, looked at the bench, and then walked away.

Dick: But that's a real thing!

Maddox: How can a weight bench be out of order?

Dick: If the bolts are broken and it collapses while you're trying to lift like 300 pounds, you're gonna DIE.

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Dick: It's a...having an out-of-order weight bench is a very real thing.

Maddox: These benches aren't ones that have bolts in them. They're welded. They're solid steel b-...

Dick: But they're bolted to the floor.

Maddox: Yeah, uhh...

Dick: Like, having an...I don't think that's as crazy as an audience who doesn't work out would see it.

Maddox: Dick, if you saw an "out of order" sign on a weight bench, wouldn't you just k-...you know, kick it, see how stable it is? Why would it ever be -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but it's stable until you're lifting a tremendous amount of weight, and then it's fucked! I would assume that it's not some gym-noid running around, sticking "out of order" signs randomly. I would assume something bad happened on this weight bench...

Maddox: Yeah, and...

Dick: ...that I don't wanna find out. I'll just wait 'til the next one is available.

Sean: It would be funny if those signs were stuck on dumbbells. (Randy laughs)

Dick: Yes! That...it would be a lot funnier than...or a mirror, or something like that. But not a bench! Those things have, uh...

Maddox: That's -

Dick: (interjects) Those things can come apart on you.

Maddox: That's exactly why it works. Have you ever seen one come apart?

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Really?

Dick: I've seen a bench break, sure!

Maddox: Huh. I've never seen it.

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: But again, you're at the gym with no triangles, and people -

Dick: (interjects) Well, I mean, I'm at the gym.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Let's just finish the... (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Let's start there.

Maddox: What do you g-...what else you got? Yeah.

Dick: I got PDA's. Those are bad. Public displays of affection?

Maddox: PDA's at the gym?!

Dick: Oh, dude. They're the worst, because it's, like, the only chick in there, and odds are you're gonna be staring at her the entire time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: That's true.

Maddox: Do you take, uh...oh, well, you don't do treadmill. I was gonna ask if you take a treadmill or an elliptical, or something behind her.

Dick: No, I don't do...

Maddox: You don't do it like me.

Dick: I've tried to do treadmills just because the girls are up there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, to...look at them?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Or, well...maybe, you know, like...strike up a conversation about the 6 o'clock news, or whatever happens to be on? (background laughter)

Maddox: So... (chuckles) So, breaking your own violation?

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: Your own rule?

Dick: No, I can't do it.

Maddox: Gym etiquette.

Dick: I can't do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I just can't. I c-...I can't do it. I get bored. Maybe I have A-...running ADHD. 'Cause I can't get on a treadmill for longer than like 3 minutes without wanting to kill myself.

Tim: You wanna kill yo'self??

Dick: Yeah, man. Boredom. It's a big problem.

Tim: But you can't be bored. You're running. (Dick and Sean crack up)

Dick: What do you mean?

Tim: I mean, you're runnin'. How can you be bored? Like, you -

Maddox: (interjects) Running is the most boring thing, Tim.

Dick: (chuckling) How much do you...

Tim: You...

Dick: How much do you think about while you're running?

Tim: I think about every-...I think about DJing, I think about Tammy, I think about eating hot dogs...

Dick: Yeah, but it's just like sitting in a room by yourself, is the s-...is like running.

Tim: Right, but that's 'cause -

Dick: (interjects) It's very boring.

Tim: That's 'cause your mind's not focused on somethin' else. You thinkin' about the running. You gotta be thinkin' about somethin' else.

Dick: Yeah. Well, you're probably right.

Tim: (chuckles) I AM right.

Dick: You usually are. (background laughter)

Tim: Thank you.

Dick: Guys walking right by you? These guys cruise...guys are cruising around the gym on their phones, while you're...whatever you're doing, right? They always find the perfect moment to walk RIGHT BY YOU while you're...while you're moving your arms. You need full extension. You need full range of motion here. Right? I'm moving my arms all the way out to the side. When you're in, that's the moment when they're wandering through with their posse, talking abou-...talking in general at the gym, which they shouldn't be doing, and you have to pause during your workout and wait for these assholes to walk by you. It's very frustrating.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, Dick. I don't, uh, I don't experience these problems at the gyms that I go to, because I go to smaller gyms. That's the solution. If you wanna avoid all this bullshit, just go to a smaller gym. Never EVER go to a 24 Hour Fitness. They are AWFUL.

Dick: Where is there a smaller gym in LA? Like CrossFit?

Maddox: Oh, everywhere.

Dick: Those are packed.

Maddox: There's lots of independent gyms out there.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: They're usually trainer gyms. What, Sean?

Sean: What about the people who never wash their fucking gym clothes?

Maddox: Yeah, that's gross.

Dick: Ohh.

Sean: I've been in a small gym before where literally half of it could fuckin' knock a buzzard off a shit wagon. It was fuckin' awful.

Dick: Hm. It's disgusting. Re-rackin' the weights? How 'bout that one?

Maddox: Yeah. It's annoying!

Dick: You gotta take some...like, wh-...it's the employees again. Why is it...why are there...why is there "re-rack your weights" propaganda all over the gym? It's -

Tim: (interjects) Because nobody racks their weights. Right? Is that what it is?

Dick: Yeah, it's their job! We're not doin' it! No one's re-racking their weights. Signs aren't gonna fix the problem. You guys, take a texting break every once in a while, get up, and move them around! Put them back where they're supposed to be.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Let's be honest. Do you do dat?

Dick: Re-rack the weights?

Tim: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah! Sometimes.

Tim: Respect. Alright.

Dick: Not the 15's. I don't take them back to the aerobics...

Tim: Mmmmmm.

Dick: ...area.

Tim: Oookay, you mothafucka.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's where you meet the chicks, Dick. In the aerobics area.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mhm! You wanna pick up those pink dumbbells. (smiles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The pink and the g-...

Dick: Misuse of equipment? People doin' tricep kickbacks on bench machines? It's ve-...the whole thing's very...the whole experience is frustrating.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: That's my problem.

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: Vote it up. Probably not as big as Haters.

Tim: No.

Sean: (laughing) I don't think this one's gettin' voted up. (Maddox and Randy laugh)

Dick: Yeah. Well, if you go to the gym, vote it up.

Maddox: Yeah. Not Ti-...we know Tim doesn't, 'cause he's doing yoga in his sleep, apparently.

Tim: I'm doin' yoga, I'm workin' out, I'm weigh-...I'm doin' basketball in the gym...

Maddox: Mhm. (skeptical)

Tim: I'm liftin', do-...I'm doin' squat presses.

Maddox: Yeah. How much do you lift, Tim?

Tim: 300 pounds. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: That's n-...

Tim: I mean, it's pret-...I -

Dick: (interjects) That's normal.

Tim: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Tim: That's normal!

Dick: That's good! Good for you.

Tim: Yeah Maddoff, you wouldn't know anything about that, 'cause you don't go to da gym.

Maddox: Yeah.

Tim: Bitch! (everyone else laughs) Maddoff, you's a BITCH.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: (yells) Tim...oh, you know what, Tim?? Vote YOURSELF up, shithead! I'm gonna put Tim Chumpzzz on the, uh, the problem list.

Tim: That's alright!

Maddox: 'Cause YOU'RE a ha-...you're a hater! All you do is hate on ME, Tim. All I do is provide and provide and provide. I'm a giver, and you're a receiver. (cracking up) All you do... (laughs with Sean)

Tim: Okay! That's...that's alright. I like th-... (cracks up)

Maddox: All you do... (laughs) All you do is receive, and then...and, and...there's no appreciation for it!

Tim: What?!?

Maddox: Yeah! You call me t-...you call me "Maddoff," you got these, like, shitty sound drops with FARTS and laser beams in them?! (Sean giggles)

Tim: Yeah!! 'Cause...'cause you was hatin' on me first!

Maddox: How DARE you.

Tim: Fine. I tell you what, I'll make a beat for you right now.

Maddox: Okay!

Tim: Make you a drop right now.

Dick: What, live?

Tim: Live! Right now!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's a live drop? (chuckling)

Tim: Live...live drop, right now. Randy, get yo' cell phone. We g-...

Dick: (interjects) Wait, why do you need a cell phone?

Tim: I don't know. He likes to record shit. Alright. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Oh, get his cell phone to record a video of you doing it live?

Tim: Yeah, of me doin' it live. Also, you know, it can...you can match it with the podcast.

Dick: Okay.

Tim: Makin' a drop right now. (pauses) Maddoff...you alright, man.

Maddox: Hey!! (happy)

Tim: You alright. Here's one more.

Dick: Yeah, that one sucked.

Tim: Maddoff...I love you, Maddoff.

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) (applause sound effect) Yeah!! Now that's what I call a sound drop! That's really cool. You know what? Now I have two ringtones I wanna listen to. I wanna hear that on loop, and then I wanna hear the other one where I'm talkin' about bein' a writer.

Tim: But you should also hear dis one. **(Tim: "Maddoff, you's a BITCH!")**

Maddox: Okay. GREAT.

Dick: Alright.

(shots firing) (Man's voice: "AAAAAAAAAAH!!")

Maddox: Biggest hater in the universe. **(fart noise)** Alright guys, anything else? Dick, anything else? (Sean and Randy giggle in the background)

Dick: Nope!

Maddox: Gentlemen, my problem this week... **(closing riff starts)** ...was ADD diagnosis.

Tim: My problem was fuckin' haters like Maddoff!

Dick: My problem was lack of gym etiquette.

Maddox: Thanks for listening.

(closing riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Hey, Sean! I hear you're bringing in a problem. That's gonna be great! You know? We'd love to hear a problem from you.

Tim: Yeeeah.

Voicemail: If you don't accidentally delete it first. (Sean grumbles) (Maddox laughs) **Dick, go fuck yourself.**

(message ends)

Tim: Daaaaamn. (chuckling)

Sean: There has to be, like, a ton of those. (Maddox and Randy giggle) There has to be!

Dick: I don't know. (chuckles) **(plays next voicemail message)**

Voicemail (male caller): (sounds woozy) Hey guys, this is Cage from Washington. Oh my god, I look forward to Sean's problem. I...

Maddox: Whoa. Too much.

Voicemail: Love the shooooow! Ahh.

Tim: He's havin' a good time.

Voicemail: Well, actually, I'm goin' under way soon, soooo...I'll probably see ya when I get baaack. (laughs giddily) (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: I don't know. (laughing)

Voicemail: Uhh...

Tim: This dude is dope.

Voicemail: Jesus. Aaagh! See you guys. Well, I mean, not seein' you guys. I'll listen to the show.

Tim: Nah, I'll see you, man.

Voicemail: Keep it up!! Bye-byyye! (voice cracking)

(message ends)

Maddox: What was he doing?! What was that...?

Sean: I'm so confused. (Randy laughs)

Tim: He's happy. He's...

Dick: I don't know. It started normal, then it got real weird.

Tim: He's a happy...he's a happy dude, man. I like that dude.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, here's someone who's asking about the bumper sticker on your car. **(plays next voicemail message)**

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddox, I got a question about, uh, your bumper sticker. The one that gets you outta trouble.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: It doesn't happen to be a set of multicolored puzzle pieces, does it? I'm just asking.

(message ends)

Maddox: Mmmmulti-...colored... (confused)

Dick: Is it?

Sean: Autism! (about to laugh)

Maddox: Ohh! (cracks up)

Dick: Oh, is that what it means?

Sean: Autism awareness. (everyone keeps laughing)

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: Ahhh, voicemail of the day.

Maddox: That's...yeah. (giggles to himself)

Problem: **Decision Fatigue** [00:13:31]

Problem: **Overpopulation Alarmists** [00:32:46]

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Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase.

(theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Bad Dancers to Colon Cancers! (Dick and Sean laugh) With over 5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick!

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Dick: How many colon cancers are there?

Maddox: There's...there's gotta be at least a handful. (laughs with Dick)

Dick: Or a buttload of them.

Maddox: Colon c-...yeah! (cracks up)

Dick: You might say. (giggles)

Maddox: You could say colon cancers are a handful, yeah. That's funny.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. So, our first -

Dick: (interjects) The big beef!! Between Maddoff and Tim Changzzzzz!

Maddox: Okay, it's Ma-...it's "Maddox."

Dick: We're all waiting for the beef.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: The beef-settling.

Maddox: Alright man, there was so much that pissed me off about last episode.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: I couldn't sleep! I was so upset... (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Sleep Deprivation, vote it up!

Maddox: Yeah, vote up Sleep Deprivation!

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Because of Tim fuckin' Changzzzzz.

Dick: Really? Why?

Maddox: (stammers) I was a nervous wreck all week! I couldn't drive, I couldn't sleep, I couldn't WALK, I couldn't eat...

Dick: How could you tell?

Maddox: I was upset!

Dick: That you were nervous, with all those things?

Maddox: I was just shaking. Anger shakes.

Dick: Oho, my god.

Maddox: Yeah, anger TRE-...anger tremors.

Dick: Why?! He was a great guest! He had a lot of, uh...well, he didn't have alotta research.

Maddox: NO. **('boo' sound effect)**

Dick: He had a good, uh...he had a strong POV, though!

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: That takes some guts!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He was just sitting in his Lyft out there for a couple minutes putting that together. That...you know, I'm impressed by that.

Maddox: I wish he would've stayed in his Lyft.

Dick: He had those sick drops, too. Like this one. **(Tim: "Maddoff, you's a BITCH!")** (both laugh) **(shots firing) (Man's voice: "AAAAAAAAAAH!!")**

Maddox: It's SHIT. **(fart noise)**

Sean: My favorite was when he, uh, talked about his passion for making pasta.

Dick: Yeah! (squeaking) No, that was someone else's passion.

Sean: Yeah, yeah, yeah. But if your passion was to make pasta.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Did you see how many...I knew this would happen. We got SO many...uh, motivational posters that people mocked up with Tim Changzzzzz...his stupid sayings all over them?

Dick: Yeah, I saw those.

Maddox: Yeah. But anyway, moving on.

Dick: Why were you angry about him? Why were you angry about him?

Maddox: Well, you're gonna find out why I'm STILL angry at him.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: (drumroll sound effect) Because the biggest problem from last week was Haters!

Dick: Ohhh. It's a big problem, though!

Maddox: No, it's not! (chuckling)

Dick: Haters??

Maddox: Why is "haters" a problem at all?

Dick: Because they don't contribute anything! They just hate and tear down...I can't do Tim's whole speech here, but...

Maddox: Yeah. (irritated)

Dick: All I know is, if you have a dream that's making pasta, maybe the world doesn't get to feel your... (Maddox sighs) ...experience your pasta, 'cause you're so busy fighting off haters.

Maddox: You guys...

Sean: Hits a little close to home, doesn't it, Maddox?

Dick: Yeah!! Maybe that's why. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, I'm a ha-...I'm not denying I'm a hater! I'm the biggest hater, I admit that! I was BORN a hater. My mom knows I'm a hater, my dad knows I'm a hater.

Dick: You come from a long line of haters, too, I imagine.

Maddox: I imagine, yeah.

Dick: I bet your parents are tremendous haters.

Maddox: Oh, that's true. They are haters!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh man, that ma-...that all makes sense now!!

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Maddox: I ha-...I come from a proud tradition of haters and hating.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! Anyway. I admit that, but I don't think that we're a problem. I think we're a solution, buddy. (Sean chuckles) Followed by Poor -

Dick: (interjects) What does the audience think, though?

Maddox: Yeah. We know what they think, 'cause they voted it.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: These dipshits. Followed by Poor Gym Etiquette, and then -

Dick: (interjects) Ohh! (happy) Oh, really?!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. I know! It was fluctuating back and forth, and then Haters made a surprise rally in the last minute. And then...pretty close, actually, Attention Deficit Disorder Diagnosis.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: All of them were in the same neighborhood of votes. Uh, which...it was in the lead for a while.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In the voting, and then a bunch of butthurt, crybaby, lacking-attention idiots...

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: You know, people...people who have a deficit of attention...

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: ...voted it up. (smiles)

Dick: I get that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Huh. Sounds like you're doing some hating right now.

Maddox: Ah, I AM hating! I am ha-...I got a comment, though.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: From Joshua McCaffrey. He sent this in an email. He said, "Maddox, I can't begin to tell you how happy I was that you brought this into the show as a problem. I will be 37 in April, and I was around for the initial influx of this diagnosis into the public schools."

Dick: It's gonna be a long comment. That's how you know it's gonna be a long comment, when they start with their age.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, he said, "I had just started in 6th grade when a month in I was scheduled for a doctor's visit, and miraculously enough, diagnosed with ADHD."

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: "I was prescribed Ritalin and Wellbutrin." (burps) "Reason being: 'Josh is unable to focus and pay attention in class.'" That's... (chuckles) That's all the, uh, the evidence they need to diagnose you.

Dick: Man, and not mask it, too. That's what annoys me about that problem that you were talkin' about. Like... (stammers) 'Cause...like I said last time, class sucks! It's boring! But you have to just be able to sit there and, like, not react to your feelings. Right? Like, I would...I think a kid who is paying attention in class, I think there would be something wrong with THEM. 'Cause that's boring stuff you're lookin' at, kid!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? Keep goin'. Anyway.

Maddox: No, a lot of kids are like that. A lot of kids just...are fidgety, and they have too much energy and they need to burn it off. This kid said, uh...he said, "I later come to find out that my mother had read about this new disease in 'Children' and decided I needed to be checked for it. Ironically enough, after taking that shit for 6 months and seeing my grades not improve or decline, I realized that the reason I was being prescribed was due to my wanting to simply be a child and enjoy my childhood by screwing around in school and having fun."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "So I decided to temper my shenanigans in class and pay attention, and without my mother's knowledge I stopped taking it, and when the school nurse gave it to me I pretended to swallow it and would spit it out in the garbage can."

Dick: Wow!

Maddox: "Needless to say, that was the first time I had been an honors student, with a 3.1 GPA, and it was then that I finally decided to tell my mother and she promptly canceled my prescription."

Dick: Huh! Good for you.

Maddox: This kid just stopped fuckin' around in school, and his mom st-...took him off the drugs.

Dick: Huh. Maybe his mom just pretended to cancel the prescription. (Maddox laughs) I got a comment from Samuel Williams: "Madoff, youz a bitch."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Great. How many more of those do you got?? I know you brought in a ton of 'em.

Dick: No, I only brought the one. I don't think it's...

Maddox: (mutters) Assholes.

Sean: Yeah, wait for the voicemails.

Dick: I don't think it's that funny. This one's from Zach Owen: "Madoff yous a bitch." José...Pedrero? "Madoff..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Madoff, yousa..." Oo-..."usa ("oosa") bitch." It's different.

Maddox: Ped-...PEDO. José Pedo, is probably -

Dick: (interjects) Charles David says, "MadHOFF..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "...you's...", apostrophe 's'. So presumably, it's "you's."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "You're..." It's "you're a bitch."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "YOU'RE a bitch."

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: "MadOLF...", from Adam Davis, "...yous a bitch."

Maddox: You know, I don't even know what that accent is that Tim Changzzzzz brought in. Does he think he's black?? He thinks he's black, I think.

Dick: I don't know. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I think he thinks he's half black. (Maddox laughs) If I were to guess. I'm gonna go out on a limb and imagine...I think he imagines one of his parents, or perhaps a THIRD parent...

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: ...is black, and he's...he's taking the bad Asian accent and combining it with a stereotypical and very offensive black, um...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...accent, I have to say.

Maddox: Super offensive. And we know it's not the bottom half that's black. (giggles)

Dick: There's about 50 more of these.

Sean: You know what's the scariest thing, is that he's a Lyft driver.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I got a comment from Jessica Safron. Jessica, as we, uh, as you know, is...

Dick: Super hot.

Maddox: ...one of the illustrators. She... (cracks up)

Dick: And a great illustrator.

Maddox: She's a babe, she's an illustrator, she's done some of the thumbnails for the show. She has the Satan Ninja 198X comic you should check out online. But anyway, she sent a comment. She said, "You made so many good points about ADHD, but sort of went backwards a bit when you'd say that you don't think it's a real disorder. I mean, you could say that about a ton of mental disorders due to their sort of nebulous nature, the fact that the majority of them can't be pinpointed or diagnosed by an observable physiological cause, and each probably include many different causes for different patients." So then

she talked about this, uh, this interesting Science Friday episode they did where they talked about how...this sort of thing, when the DSM V came out, if you're interested in hearing about it. Anyway, she said that the same could be said of a lot of psychological disorders, is that, uh...the cause can sometimes be nebulous, so we shouldn't dismiss it entirely, or we shouldn't write it off. I just think -

Dick: (interjects) Are you saying...is this the long way of saying "I'm not a doctor"?

Maddox: I'M not a doc-...I'm not a...?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I...I think I am a doctor.

Dick: Yeah, I know. (Maddox laughs) That's why... (chuckles) I think that's why this is taking so long for you to say that.

Maddox: Dick, I will...I will never not admit that I'm a doctor. Wait, is that...

Dick: Okay, th-... (cracks up) I don't know. (Maddox laughs) This guy...I don't know if this guy agrees or disagrees with what you're saying right now, 'cause I don't understand it. **(plays first voicemail message)**

Voicemail (male caller): Maddox, you're the dumbest motherfucker on the face of the earth. (Dick and Sean laugh) **You're gonna complain about ease of use and things like self-checkout lines, but you can't seem to solve a fucking maze that any...literally any toddler can fuckin' figure out. Alright retard, go fuck yourself.** (Maddox spits out laughing) **And Dick complaining about people check-...**

Dick: (pauses message) Okay. I don't need to hear...

Maddox: (shouts) Ohh, no!! What was he gonna say?!?

Dick: We don't need to hear that. Here, here, here, here. **(resumes message)**

Maddox: What happened to...that was the meat and potatoes!

Voicemail: ...-ing to see what items you bought? You're the same piece o' shit that shows up at the...a week later,(Maddox giggles) **and is like, "I don't know why I bought this and when I bought it," 'cause your ass is probably hammered when you decided to buy some fuckin' razor.**

Dick: Oh, I hope so. (Maddox snickers)

Voicemail: Or bullshit. And then you wanna give the customer service...

Dick: First of all, I'd be ordering razors at home.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Courtesy of http://harrys.com.

Voicemail: ...agent a hard time. But no, of course you don't need a fucking receipt. Retard. (both laugh)

(message ends)

Dick: There's...here's another one.

Maddox: I had -

Sean: (interjects) He's pretty angry about that!

Maddox: What's he...wait, what's he talkin' about, the maze? The...solving a maze?

Dick: He's talkin' about self-checkout lines.

Maddox: Oh, self-checkout lines.

Dick: Here's one about ADHD. **(plays next voicemail message)**

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Maddoff, you fuckin' retard! (both giggle) **You have no idea what it takes to get diagnosed with ADD. Or ADHD. You end up going to a shrink, and the shrink gives you MULTIPLE tests.**

Maddox: Dumb shit. Wrong.

Voicemail: Written tests, reading comprehension tests...

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect)

Voicemail: ...puzzle tests...

Dick: That's wrong?

Maddox: No.

Voicemail: ...word problem tests.

Maddox: Absolutely not.

Voicemail: Over the course of several weeks or several months.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: No.

Voicemail: At that point...

Maddox: (chuckles) M'kay.

Voicemail: ...if you meet enough of the eleven benchmarks...

Dick: Eleven??

Voicemail: ...you get diagnosed with ADHD.

Maddox: Mmhm. (sarcastic)

Voicemail: And then they give you medication, which turns you into a fucking robot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: You have NO idea what you're talking about.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: Well! (shrugs) Finishing strong!

Voicemail: You fucking armchair psychologist. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Okay.

Voicemail: Fuck you, Maddoff. Dick, you're a cool guy.

(message ends)

Dick: Aww.

Maddox: Okay. **(buzzer sound effect)** Fuck that guy! He's an IDIOT. He's a dumb shit, p-...he's a moron. Uh, here's the thing. Where are you going to jump through all these mental gymnastics and all these tests and quizzes, and...and, you know, stipulations? This is not scientific!! ADD is mostly diagnosed...I brought in the stats and linked to the sources last episode. ADD is usually diagnosed by parents who think that their child, their son or daughter, can't pay attention in school. Therefore, give 'em Ritalin. That's it!

Dick: But doesn't the doctor have to prescribe the medication? The parents can't do that.

Maddox: Yeah, but the doctor can based on the parents' recommendation. And by the way -

Dick: (interjects) Really?!

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: I don't know, man. I've tried to get Vicodin A LOT, and the doctors are very resistant to my descriptions of pain.

Maddox: Well, Vicodin is also s-...uh -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it says, "Careful: patient has drug-seeking behavior."

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: On my chart.

Maddox: Yeah, there you go. So Vicodin is one of those things that people get addicted to and people take for pleasure, but...Ritalin and Wellbutrin, things that supposedly...

Dick: And Adderall.

Maddox: ...help your...yeah, and Adderall, that help your focus, uh, are not prone to abuse. I guess Adderall is now.

Sean: Oh yes, yes they are!

Dick: Yeah, of course they are.

Sean: Yeah. They're, like, sche-...yeah!

Dick: They are. They're like -

Sean: (interjects) They're HEAVILY regulated.

Dick: They're like cocaine.

Maddox: Yeah, but not for kid...like, they know that if you're buy-...if you're getting it for your kids, they're not going to, uh...they know that you're not gonna sit there, you know, hopped up on -

Dick: (interjects) I've taken kids' Adderall.

Maddox: Okay. Great! (stammers) Adderall...Adderall...I -

Dick: (interjects) No no, that's a real thing that happens.

Sean: Absolutely!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Adderall is an exception. Adderall's an exception, because college kids, it's kind of popular for...as a focus and study drug.

Sean: Yeah. Dexedrine, Adderall...

Maddox: But not Ritalin! Rital-...

Dick: (interjects) It's a feeling-good drug, too.

Sean: Rital-...

Dick: Yeah! Yeah, Ritalin, man.

Maddox: Even Ritalin??

Sean: I think Ritalin is a...a speed-type thing.

(talking over each other)

Dick: Anything that messes with your brain, dude!

Maddox: Stupid.

Dick: People take GHB for fun!

Maddox: Great. Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: That doesn't seem fun, but they take...people take ketamine for fun!! That doesn't seem fun at all!

Maddox: Hey, some people...

Dick: It's just a drug!

Maddox: Some people pierce themselves and hang from hooks from the ceiling for fun! Who knows what the fu-... (Dick laughs) That's just an excuse for everything now, isn't it?? (yells) Look dickheads, the point is, (Sean laughs) they're not giving you such -

Dick: (interjects) How is this our fault?! (grins)

Maddox: They're not gi-...they're not giving you guys such stringent tests and requirements to give you fuckin' Ritalin! They WANT to give you that shit. They want to sell it to you! Hand-...FISTFULS of it!

Dick: So you think that guy's wrong?

Maddox: Yeah, he's fulla shit!!

Dick: You think that guy's wrong?

Maddox: He's a moron!

Sean: "How dare you two assholes confront me with facts!" (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Yeah, the facts are that I brought in last episode. Check the sources, IDIOTS.

Dick: Well, this...somebody has a problem with your sources, too.

Maddox: Great, let's hear it. **(Dick plays next voicemail message)**

Voicemail (male caller): Hi, Maddox's opinion on ADD is really...uh, bad. Um, he...

Maddox: Uh-huh. (stupid voice) (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: ...cites a Psychology Today article...

Maddox: "UHH."

Voicemail: ...which is written by a totally unqualified individual who has written for rigorous scientific journals such as Natural Health, People Magazine...

Dick: Ohh. Oooo. (smiles) Oohoohoohoo!

Voicemail: ...Wall Street Journal.

Dick: Ooooo!

Voicemail: This is unironically...

Dick: Is that true?

Maddox: Ad hominem attack. I don't know, what have YOU written for, shithead?

Voicemail: ...seriously, literally, actually the same anti-science bullshit that anti-vax people complain about.

(message ends)

Dick: Is that true? I don't know.

Maddox: Could be!

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: I mean, here's the thing, man. Look, that's an ad hominem attack. I don't know what else to say.

Dick: Oh, stop with the fallacy shit. (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: It's a fallacy!

Dick: Look, if a reporter is writing for...uh, Natural Health, then goes over to Psychology Today and shits one out, you have a good reason not to believe them so much.

Maddox: Look man, I don't know...I've never heard of the psychology...what, no, what was it? Natural Health journal.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It sounds like it's probably filled -

Dick: (interjects) People Magazine! You heard of that one.

Sean: No, it's a...Natural Health is like a magazine you'd get on the grocery store newsstand.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No no, but Natural Heal-...he said "journal." Is that...? Oh, was he makin' a joke that it was not a journal, it's just a magazine? Natural Health magazine?

Sean: I think so.

Dick: It's a magazine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's the only one I've ever heard of.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, I don't know!

Dick: It's something you'd find at, like, an OB/GYN's office. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think.

Sean: Next to the Highlights magazine.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right. Um, I don't know, man. I don't know. Look at the value of the article that was published, look at the study. And by the way, that article that I linked to from Psychology Today is simply talking about why French kids don't have...aren't diagnosed with ADHD. That's...when that study came out, when that article came out, it was published in Psychology Today, in, uh...I believe Washington Post, in Newsweek; lots of different publications. I just picked one and posted it on the website. So if you wanna shit on that author for, you know, your ad hominem fallacy, whatever, shithead? Why don't you do the actual research and do the legwork before you criticize your MASTER?

Dick: Okay. This guy's got a... (Sean and Maddox laugh) This guy's got a pretty good criticism, though.

Maddox: Okay. **(Dick plays next voicemail message)**

Voicemail (female caller): Maddoff, you's a BITCH. (Dick cackles)

(message ends)

Maddox: Great. (surly)

Dick: Ah, that's it. Lemme...alright. Should we get into the -

Sean: (interjects) Was that your nephew?

Dick: No, no.

Sean: Oh, okay.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Alright, let's get to the problems.

Dick: Okay. My first problem... (papers shuffling) It's a big one. I think you're gonna love it.

Maddox: I think I will.

Dick: Is...decision fatigue.

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) Yeeeah!

Dick: Thank you.

Maddox: Alright, I'm on board with this! **(applause sound effect)** I've been wantin' to bring this in for a while now. This is a really good problem. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Dick: Okay. Well, I brought it...let's all...

Sean: That's hilarious! (laughing)

Dick: Let's just be clear that I brought it in. (Maddox cracks up) Everyone.

Sean: "I threw ya...I threw ya a bone."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It doesn't matter.

Dick: No, that's the highest endorsement that Maddox can give, though, is...

Sean: That's true.

Dick: "Well, that's something I would've done."

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs with Sean)

Dick: Not some-...not that that's smart, or that something good resulted from it. Just, "I would've done that."

Maddox: Dick...

Sean: "You know, if *I* had presented it, it woulda gone like THIS." (Dick giggles)

Dick: Oh shit, I didn't think of that.

Maddox: Ahh, that's true, Sean.

Dick: That's a preview for next week.

Maddox: Uh-huh! Thank you, Sean. No, but as hosts for the show, The Biggest Problem in the Universe, at some point we have to cover all the problems.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And whether or not you bring it in or I bring it in, we're just both doing a yeoman's job of bringing in all these problems to discuss so that the listener can be informed when they're voting on the master list of problems.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay? So it doesn't matter.

Dick: This is...what we're doing is preventing you from suffering from decision fatigue!

Maddox: Right! (laughs)

Dick: You, the listener, are sitting there in your life; you're wondering, "What is the biggest problem in the universe?? I gotta go through an infinite number of problems and decide what I should dedicate my life to solving, or how much of my life I should dedicate to solving it!" We've given you a mathematical list of ranked problems that you can consult to see what you should spend your life trying to fix, because it is objectively the biggest problem in the universe. True or false?

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) Correct! Absolutely correct.

Dick: True. Absolutely true.

Maddox: True.

Dick: So, decision fatigue. This occurred to me this week, and it happens to me a lot. And it always...it always gets me bent out of shape, and I don't know why, and I feel like an asshole that this does get me bent outta shape, but it does! You know? I don't ACT like it. When this situation happens to me, I don't act like an asshole, or at least I try not to, but it bothers me in my brain! It gives me that annoyed feeling that I...that I trust!

Maddox: What specifically annoys you?

Dick: This is how it goes. So I was at my...I was at my parents' house, and I'm only gonna give this specific example, but it happens many times in lots of different ways.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was at my parents' house, and my mom was coming over to m-...my mom was coming home. And she said, "Hey, I'm gonna stop at this grill down the street and pick up some food."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "What do you want?" And I was like, "Boom. Uh, club sandwich."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Turkey club." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Done. And she goes, "Or I could stop anywhere you want. Here's where I am. You know where I'm going."

Maddox: Augh.

Dick: "You pick." (stammers excitedly) That...that's exactly the reaction I had!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?? And I was like, "Uhh, nononononono! No!! No, no!" I just wanted to, like, hit a reset...like, go back to a save point so I could not have this conversation, because now I'm in a crisis mode. I'm, like, sweating, because I'm not...I d-... (stammers) Again, she's asking to be as nice as possible. "Here's..." Inst-... "Here's...I'm not forcing you..." She's not forcing me to go to this cafe; she wants me to be able to pick from any restaurant in the WOOORLD, pretty much!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 20 miles of restaurants, as far as you can see! THOUSANDS OF ITEMS that I could choose from! I could get a hummus sandwich! I could get a...a gyro wrap! I could get a, uh, double...hamburger! I could get In-N-Out! Anything I want! But the possibility of choosing from 10,000 things has suddenly made me irate in my brain. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To a point where I just want the original thing, but now I'm less happy getting that!

Maddox: You know, this might be a couple of things goin' on. First of all, the parado-...okay, so the more common phrase for this problem that I know of is the "paradox of choice."

Sean: Here we go!

Dick: Okay, I like that you put "that I know of" on it.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's...'cause that's how I first heard of this problem, as the paradox of choice.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Now, there's that going on, and also there might be a little bit of passive-aggressive behavior going on. Uh...

Dick: What do you mean, "passive-aggressive"? From me?

Maddox: No! From -

Dick: (interjects) Well, it better be from me.

Maddox: Not from you! 'Cause here's the thing.

Dick: (interjects) From my mother?!?

Maddox: Possibly!

Dick: (chuckles) No. You're out...you're outta your mind.

Maddox: Okay, well...

Dick: No way.

Maddox: Here's where...here's where it's happened to me in a similar situation, where I'll...a friend will ask me where I want to go to eat. BOOM.

Dick: Yes, your friends, definitely passive-aggressive.

Maddox: I w-... (both giggle) Uh, coming from an authority.

Dick: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: My friends ask me where I wanna go eat and I'll say, "Thai food." And, uh, and then -

Sean: (interjects) I don't know, Dick's not passive-aggressive.

Dick: No, I'm very aggressive. (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Fair enough. I'll say "Thai food." Boom. Right out the gates, right? And then they'll say, "Well, you know, we could also do...X, Y and Z. Burger, pizza..."

Dick: Aaaaaaagh!!!

Maddox: "...et cetera." It's like, "Well, d-...is that what you want?" They'll say, "No no, Thai food is fine, but...you know, I'm just throwin' out more options out there." I said, "Well, why would you throw more options out there if I already stated what I wanted?"

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Because that's what THEY want.

Dick: Here's...here's what I think's going on. I think that you're getting the same trigger as me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you're ascribing passive aggression to it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I actually brought in a thing that shows a study...you know, our favorite thing on this fuckin' show, a study! That shows at a certain number of point, no ma-...like, when you have a tremendous amount of choices, no matter what, when you end up with the choice you wanted, which you would think was a choice that...like, your dream choice! 'Cause the more choices you have, the more likely that you're gonna get a better version of what you want. Right?

Maddox: You would think.

Dick: BUT, it makes you enjoy it LESS. Even if it's the thing you wanted, because the act of choosing from so many things is so stressful that it lowers the amount of enjoyment you can have, period.

Maddox: True!

Dick: That's part of decision fatigue, that I'm bringing in today.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But that's getting a little ahead of myself. Here is...here's the other things it can do. Um, it's the deteriorating quality of decisions made by an individual after long sessions of decision-making.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you make a lot of decisions every day.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, let's say your job was to be a decision maker, like a...like, to judge one outcome versus another.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Like, if you were...

Maddox: Like a judge.

Dick: ...a judge.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. There's...here's...there's a study I brought in of parole board judges.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: Who, um, their judging...their decision was based on, like, a consensus ruling. Like, after the fact.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "Do you agree or disagree?" Here was the rate of agreement and disagreement over the period of the day. I want you to feast your eyes on that study.

Maddox: Yeah. Over the period of the day, earlier on in the day, it's more agreeable. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And later on in the day -

Dick: (interjects) Meaning that all judges agreed this was the correct move.

Maddox: Yes. They agree with the consensus.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And then later on in the day, as time goes on, they d-...that agreement decreases. They disagree with the consensus.

Dick: Yeah. Meaning that if you're going up for parole, if you don't get in before 8 AM, you're fucked.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: 'Cause...they're not makin' the right call. Right? So -

Maddox: (interjects) They're less likely to make the right call later on in the day. You want that decision to be made at the top of the day if you can.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Well, what if you shouldn't be, you know, going on parole?

Dick: Yeah, but that's the...that's what the consensus means.

Sean: Oh! Right, right, right.

Dick: Because the other judges said, "Yeah, you shouldn't have let this guy go."

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: "Why did you? He's, uh, an illegal immigrant."

Sean: I got it.

Dick: "He's gonna rape or murder someone." You know?

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: (chuckles) Yeah, build that wall. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And get Mexico to pay for it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright, here's another outcome of this. Um...poverty. It causes you to be poor and fat.

Sean: Hm.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Decision fatigue. Because, here's why: the stress of making a decision when you're shopping for groceries is so great for poor people that it's...that it causes decision fatigue. It's not like a m-...someone in the middle class or someone in the upper class who just goes, "Whatever, throw the bread on there. Throw the soup on there."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They get whatever they want. They're goin' to Whole Foods and just walking down the aisle like it's Supermarket Sweep.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Filling up the cart.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They don't care!

Maddox: They don't care.

Dick: There's no decisions involved.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Poor person goes in, they gotta weigh the opportunity cost of every little thing they buy, right? "How long can I stretch this out? How long can I stretch THIS out?" By the time they get to the register, they're so sapped from decision-making, they're ready to scoop up some candy. Right? They're ready to scoop up impulse buys, which are all marketed in order to take advantage of your weakness in decision-making, right? Of your willpower.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's a lot of pheno-...interesting phenomenon that's going on in this problem, Dick. There's a book that I would highly recommend to our listeners to check out. It's called "Fast and Slow Thinking," and it's about this social scientist who discovered this phenomenon about the human mind, where we have two types of thinking: fast, that are impulsive decisions -

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute. Let me guess the second type of thinking: even faster thinking.

Maddox: N-... (laughs with Sean) No, ass. **(buzzer sound effect)** Slow thinking!! Is the s-... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. (grins) Oh.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway!

Dick: My guess...that's the s-...splitting hairs, at that point.

Maddox: So I think I mentioned this a long time ago. I listened to an episode of Radiolab a long time ago where they did this experiment where they asked people to memorize a set of numbers between 4 and, I believe, 11 digits, or somethin' like that. Most people, on average, have no problem memorizing up to 7 digits, but after that it drops off exponentially. Uh, or is it logar-...? No, it's exponentially drops off, how likely you are to remember all those digits. So they gave...they assigned a control group a bunch of different digits to memorize.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then they told them to memorize that number, walk down the hallway, and get a refreshment. The refreshments they offered them -

Dick: (interjects) Was Coke and Pepsi. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No.

Dick: And the idiots chose Pepsi.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: That would be an interesting experiment.

Dick: Fireball cinnamon whiskey.

Maddox: It was not.

Dick: And a bowl of pee.

Maddox: It was... (both laugh) It was grapes versus chocolate cake.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Now, here's the interesting part. The people who were memorizing the longer digits, 7-plus, versus 4...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...overwhelmingly chose the chocolate cake.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: And that's because your...the part of your mind that is preoccupied with memorizing those longer digits is your...is also the part of your mind that you use for critical thinking.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And the longer it's preoccupied, the less likely you are to make a decision that's right or good or just for you.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And that's what's going on with this phenomenon of poor people, when they have decision fatigue when they go out to check out their groceries at the end of the day, they aren't...they aren't working with all 8 cylinders.

Dick: Well, imagine that you're...instead of just memorizing a number, if you don't remember that number your kids are gonna starve.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it's...there's a lot of additional stress for them.

Maddox: That number they're -

Dick: (interjects) So they're built to make bad choices.

Maddox: Right. That number they're memorizing, often times, is "How much do I owe on the phone bill? How much do I owe for my car rent? How much do I owe for insurance?" Or the payday loans, or whatever -

Dick: (interjects) "How much...how am I gonna afford this iPhone?" Right? (Maddox scoffs) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, typical poor people problems.

Maddox: Yeah. Poor people with poor decision-making skills use iPhones. That's true.

Dick: Yes. (Sean laughs in the background) Scientific proof that poor people are bad decision makers, right in my hands. Um, and I think it's...I think it's even worse than this. I'm gonna get real crazy with conspiracy, uh, shit, 'cause I don't wanna spend a lot of time on this problem. But here's -

Maddox: (interjects) Why? It's a good problem! I like this.

Dick: Well, you know. Eh, you make the point and then people...people vote on it. That's why I like to... (trails off) It's so prevalent for us. Um...when I go to watch television, used to be when I was a kid, you fire up the TV, and you get a little screen, you get one channel, that gives you a grid that tells you everything that's on. It's a list.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You go through the list, and when you find something that you might not wanna kill yourself by watching, like, "Okay. (sighs) Yeah, I'll watch Goonies. Fine." I'm changing it to, like, Cinemax, or whatever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Doesn't exist anymore! That was nice and simple. Nice binary choice. Yes, no. Yes, no. Each one: "Yes, no. Yes, no. Yes, n-..." Now, there's...now when I go to watch TV, I have NO idea where to go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I go to Netflix. What...where the fuck do I start? I gotta get out my computer! And search for "what is not dog shit on Netflix right now?" Because 99% of it is, and I don't wanna watch...where the fuck do I even start with this?? Where...d-...how many VOD...how many video-on-demand services do I even have? I've got...I've got someone's Hulu probably plugged into my Apple TV. Does that come into the equation at some point?? I...

Maddox: Netflix. Amazon.

Dick: I've got Amazon Prime! I've got Netflix! I've got Apple TV!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Do I have access to my brother-in-law's shows on this? How many fuckin' decisions do I need to make before I unwind?! And this is EVERY TIME I wanna watch TV, so I...so fuck it!! I'll just watch Mad Men over. I'll just watch Trailer Park Boys over, AGAIN.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's so stressful, dealing with all these...I'll go to buy a rice maker. I wanted to make some rice this week.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (stammers) Figure out...punch "rice maker" into Amazon. (Maddox groans) Oh, they got 15,000 rice makers to choose from!! So 45 minutes later, I'm still comparing features. I'm like, "Well, I don't know! How many fuckin' rice things...how many servings of rice DO I want to make every week? How...?" I'm...I've got another tab open that says I should be making 4 cups of rice at a time and freezing half of it, because that is better left over rice. I'm chiseling the value of my fuckin' rice out like a PEASANT FARMER in the middle of China, for what?! Like, this is what all these things have brought me, is more fucking decisions, and I HATE it.

Sean: Well, you talk about the lessening of enjoyment? If I'm watchin' TV, I am constantly menu scanning, because I'm afraid there's something else that's better to watch on!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because there is!!!

Sean: Yeah! So -

Dick: (interjects) There always is!!

Sean: I don't enjoy what I'm watching because I'm always thinking there's something better!

Maddox: My friend, uh, my friend Madeleine once told me that she never enjoys going to parties in LA, because she feels like no matter what party she's at, she feels like there's one that's better right around the corner.

Dick: Oh, dude, and if you try to talk to anyone at those parties, their head's on a fucking swivel.

Maddox: Ohh, my gosh, yeah. 'Cause they'll...they're talkin' to you, but they're -

Dick: (interjects) It's so ugly. LA is so ugly. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: They're also scanning the room to see who else is there, and what other person's coming to the party, who else can I talk to? Um, Dick, this problem, I used to have this problem. Two of 'em that you mentioned, specifically looking at items and comparing them for HOURS on Amazon. I used to do that, and for me, I realized a long time ago, as a form of procrastination. And also the paradox of choice, which makes your decision, finally when you make it, less satisfying when you do than had you just impulse bought whatever one...look, look. If I was gonna buy a rice maker, a rice cooker today?

Dick: (interjects) I should've just bought the first one!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I just go...I pull up the one that has the cheap-...it's the cheapest one...

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: ...with the highest reviews.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Done. I don't care. I know some of 'em are gonna be negative, I know some of 'em are gonna be positive, but overall, I'm probably gonna get a decent rice cooker if it has 4,000 four-and-a-half-star reviews.

Dick: Hide the rest of 'em. That's the Amazon killer. It's gonna be another company that opens up, and they just sell one of everything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: OneOfEverything.com.

Maddox: So, I haven't had cable or dish in a long time, and I remember when...I think the last time I had dish was when I lived at my parents' house, because after I moved out I thought, "I'm not out of my fuckin' mind. I'm not gonna order this bullshit in my house and then go through this...300-plus channels with diff-...this matrix of programming and which hours a certain show is on."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And whether or not it's a re-run, or whate-...I don't have time for that shit. So I canceled...I cancel...I cut my cable a long time ago. It's been at least, like, 6-7 years, somethin' like that. Longer than that, maybe. Where now all I have is the -

Dick: (interjects) Before it was cool, probably.

Sean: Mhm. (in background)

Maddox: Yeah, well...you know, I just didn't find myself watching it. I have nothin' against people who watch TV. I'm not gonna be one of those pretentious snobs who think that people who watch TV are dullards or idiots. I think that there's a lot of good stuff on TV. I just don't have...I don't prioritize it in my life.

Dick: (Maddox sound clip: "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs)) (Maddox giggles) What were you not gonna be? **(Clip repeats: "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs) "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs) "You know, I'm a writer. I'm..." (scoffs))** (Dick laughs)

Maddox: By the way, what was the deal with that on iTunes? A lot of people said that they downloaded the episode and that's all it played.

Dick: Oh, uh...people were emailing me for it, so I asked Randy to upload it and I forgot that any MP3 in the post gets treated as if... (trails off)

Maddox: Oh, right. Anyway, so...

Dick: I'll upload it this time correctly.

Maddox: So, um -

Dick: (interjects) RANDY fucked it up, everyone. That's what happened. (grins)

Maddox: Handy Randy. Blame it on Ran-...the man who can't defend himself.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So anyway, I replaced my dish and my cable with an HD antenna, which I highly recommend everyone get right now. I'll link to it on the website. It's called HD Leaf. It's a simple HD antenna you plug into your TV. You get...I don't know, in large metropolitan cities, you get about 60-70 channels on it, which is more than enough. I get a bunch of shitty public access channels, which is all I like to watch anyway, and then you get the network channels. What more do you need? And I'll...let me tell you, Dick, I've never been happier watching TV! I don't remember being this happy watching TV in...since I was a KID! When you were a kid, you only had like 10 channels and you just cycled through them all until you found something you liked, and then you thought, "Okay, this is what I'm watchin' today."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But when you have -

Dick: (interjects) It was great!

Maddox: When you have all those options on cable and dish, it's overwhelming, and no matter what decision you make, you will not be as satisfied had you just chosen something.

Dick: Yeah, that's true. Um, I got...real quick. So...or maybe not real quick. Here's something else it causes: decision avoidance. Found that people who had more choices were often less willing to decide to buy anything at all. I do that all the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Confronted with 20...30 options, instead of when they faced 6. So they...they gave people 30 options; they said, "Fuck it, I can't."

Sean: No, it's -

Dick: (interjects) They gave them 6, and they're like, "Yeah, no problem."

Sean: It's overwhelming!

Maddox: This is the jam study, right? Is this the jam study?

Dick: Uhh...uh, it's the deez study.

Maddox: No, I know...

Dick: Deez nuts.

Maddox: I know that deez nuts...

Dick: Study. (laughs)

Maddox: This is the jam study, Dick, where they too-...where they...I think they set up a display case of jams and jellies in a store one day, and they put up 6 -

Dick: (interjects) People couldn't pick JAM? Out of 30 jams, they couldn't pick a jam?

Maddox: No. Well...

Dick: That's crazy.

Maddox: What...they did, occasionally, but they bought fewer jams and jellies when there were 30 choices versus 6.

Dick: Oh, I see what you...oh, that's interesting. Yeah.

Maddox: And then when they were interviewed about the product quality afterwards, even though it was the exact same brand and the exact same kind of jelly that they were buying, they were less satisfied when they had to choose from 30 as opposed to the 6.

Dick: Yeah. Let's see, I already did the judges one. How...I think it plays, uh, it plays a part in cars.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: People buying stupid shit for their car. I think this plays...PLAYED, not as big as some other factors, but played a factor in the housing crash. Because buying a house, choosing different houses, is so stressful, I bet people just kinda said, "Oh, you know what? Fuck it. I'm just going...I know that I can't afford this. I'm...my impulse sector is flaring up like a...like an old disease. I'm just getting this big house that looks pretty, that the realtor's pushing me toward." Right? Like, in -

Maddox: (interjects) That's how I bought...that's how I bought my first two cars!

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Fatigue...choice fatigue. Decision fatigue.

Dick: Also, causes terrorism. That's it.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs with Sean)

Dick: That's it. That's it.

Maddox: Just throw that in there. Tack it on.

Dick: Big problem.

Maddox: I heard...I don't know if this is an anecdote, and I hate mentioning it, because it's Einstein, but I heard this anecdote that Einstein always wore the same outfit every day because he said it was one less decision he had to make. And I have a friend in real life who does that. He wears the exact same outfit all the time. I have decided to kind of...not exactly model that in my life, but to model it in a way so that the number of decisions I usually have to choose from is between 3 things. I always whittle it down to the top 3...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and then I choose between those. AND, here's the best friend of a critical thinker: a coin. If you d-...if you weigh the pros and cons of everything, of every decision...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and it comes down to it? Flip a coin, move on with your life. And I -

Dick: (interjects) That's true. I always thought that anecdote you tell about the coin was stupid, but it's an...after presenting that, I've convinced myself that it's not.

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) Awesome. I'm awesome.

Dick: I don't...I wish it wasn't Einstein, too, in that anecdote.

Maddox: Eh, whatever.

Dick: It could be anybody else.

Maddox: It could be.

Dick: Let's just say it's someone else.

Maddox: Okay. It's Feynman. Richard Feynman. Alright, here we go. I got a real big problem this week, Dick. Sean?

Dick: What?

Maddox: You might be one of these. Overpopulation alarmists! **('ding!' sound effect)** Yeah! **(applause sound effect)**

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: Haha! Big problem.

Dick: Are you?

Sean: No!!

Dick: Oh. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I don't know.

Sean: I don't give a fuck!

Dick: I am. There's way too many people on Earth.

Maddox: Oh yeah?? Okay! (both giggle) There you go! There we go. Here we g-...yeah.

Dick: Yeah, it's disgusting.

Maddox: Yeah, now we got a game. Alright. Overpopulation alarmists, or Malthusian alarmists.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Because it's based on this guy you'll hear about in just a second. But overpopulation is a problem that either takes care of itself, or a problem that is easily avoided with technology. Every few years like clockwork, there's some overpopulation alarmist dipshit who rings bells to warn everyone that the earth is overpopulated, and that a great cataclysm is about to come.

Dick: Like from God?

Maddox: Never happens. No, just that, "Oh, we're gonna run out of food! Oh, there's gonna be a famine. Uhh, there...disease, war..." Something, something.

Dick: I mean, there's a touch of that in global warming. You have to admit that a touch of that type of thinking is in all of this global warming propaganda.

Maddox: That...well, that's cataclysmic thinking. It's not overpopulation.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Yeah. Um...so, one of the earliest overpopulation alarmists was a guy named Thomas Malthus, the guy I mentioned at the top of this.

Dick: What year?

Maddox: In 1779.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Thomas Malthus, right? He was a psychic, or if you wanna go by the more common name for his occupation, he was an economist. (Sean groans in the background)

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (laughs)

Dick: Ohooo, boy. (cracks up)

Maddox: Here's what he wrote in 1779. He said, "The power of population is so superior to the power of Earth to produce subsistence for man..."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "...that premature death must in some shape or another visit the human race. The vices of mankind are active and able ministers of depopulation." And the vices he talks about is misery and suffering. He said those are the only reasons we're not overpopulated right now.

Dick: Is because of misery?

Maddox: Because misery and suffering.

Dick: And suffering?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Wait, wh-...uhhh...

Maddox: He makes some convoluted argument. Anyway, the guy was a dipshit.

Dick: Yeah. Pretty good psychic, though! (Maddox scoffs) You're still talkin' about him 200 years later, 250 years later. Pretty good. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause he's the butt of jokes!

Dick: Well... (shrugs)

Maddox: (belches) On a podcast. Followed by me burping up my food. (cracks up)

Sean: Boy, he's really arrived. (Maddox laughs more)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What an idiot.

Dick: (chuckles) Maybe he's right. Misery and suffering.

Maddox: Thomas Malthus. He's such a dumb shit! Every lesser-mind dullard idiot ape I talk to online always invokes this overpopulation myth.

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: It's a myth!! Yeah! All the time.

Dick: I've never hear-...I've never heard it outside of, like, a crankpot talking ab-...like, using crazy people as an example. Or, like, listening to some...crazy hippie. Like, some commune hippie who literally understands nothing about how their...how civilization works.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, no idea where their clothes came from...

Maddox: Right!

Dick: ...no idea where their...where food even comes from.

Maddox: Yeah! You know, it's interesting you mention crazy hippies with no idea how the economy works or where their clothes come from.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because every...every website I saw him cited on was some Marxist website.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's all these websites that are just Marxist propaganda, and they're all citing Thomas Malthus here. Here's what he predicted, all of which seems pretty reasonable to a lesser mind. Listen to this: "Population level is severely limited by subsistence." M'kay. "When the means of subsistence increases, population increases." Alright. I'm on board with that so far. "Population pressures stimulate increases in productivity." Okay.

Dick: Yeah, kinda have to.

Maddox: That makes sense.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, kinda have to. "Increases in productivity stimulate further population growth." True. "Since this productivity can never keep up with the potential of population..." Uh-oh. **(buzzer sound effect)** "...for long, there must be strong checks on population to keep it in line with carrying capacity." Okay, there's where he runs into trouble.

Dick: Well, wait a minute. Is he talking about...the whole earth, or little microcosms?

Maddox: He's talkin' about the whole earth.

Dick: Okay. That's...

Maddox: Globally.

Dick: Yeah, that's not even close, globally.

Maddox: Yeah, not even close. He predicted Earth's carrying capacity was 1 billion, plus 1 billion every 25 years at most.

Dick: Well, we don't know that that's not true! (Maddox snorts) (everyone laughs) According to Forbes, there was a Times columnist who predicted in 1894 that by 1950, London would be buried in 9 feet of manure due to people using horses for travel. (Dick cackles) Yeah! He just did some simple math, and he s-...and he figured, "Okay, well, everyone's gonna use horses. The population's growing. We're...more people are gonna be riding around with horses, so London's gonna be covered in horse shit."

Dick: Hey, that still sounds like global warming! (Maddox giggles) "New York will be buried underwater."

Maddox: Dick, that...

Dick: "90 feet of ocean will be sweeping over the country." Doesn't it??

Maddox: N-... (stammers) I mean, cataclysmically, yes, but it's a totally different process.

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: Overpopulation psychics, because let's call them what they are. Most economists are glorified psychics with shitty mathematical models that don't work.

Dick: Ohh, no. (groaning)

Maddox: Right. These overpopulation psychics keep predicting peak oil every few years, too. These are the same people. Marion Hubbert predicted peak oil in 1956, but he didn't predict ocean drilling or fracking.

Dick: Yeah. (shrugging)

Maddox: So of course that solved that problem.

Dick: Didn't see that comin'.

Maddox: No, didn't see that comin', did you? (dumb voice)

Dick: Well... (giggles)

Maddox: "Huhhh."

Dick: Okay, wait a minute. I just had this thought. (Maddox giggles) So, what if...what if his prediction of a billion people -

Sean: (interjects) I wanna hear YOUR predictions for the next 50 years.

Dick: That's what I'm saying. Like...

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, what if they asked this guy in the 1700s, like, "Okay, wow! Well, how many people do you think the earth COULD hold?" And it was like...the actual number was, like...I don't know, 200 million at that year? And he's like, "I don't know, like a billion." (Maddox laughs) Like, he throws out a number that he's like, "That's impossible." Like, "What's YOUR prediction, then? How many...?" Because then, in like 100 years they're gonna say, "This fuckin' moron Maddox thought the world could only hold 500 billion people." (Maddox cracks up again) "Here we're sitting at 7 trillion, no big deal."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "'Cause half of 'em are plugged into the Oculus Rift."

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) Yeah! Oh man, I can't wait.

Dick: What's your number, then? How many people?

Maddox: Dick, uh -

Dick: (interjects) Infinite?

Maddox: (stammers) It's a fallacy to be able to predict!

Dick: Ohhh. (disdainful)

Maddox: Predictions are a fallacy themselves!

Dick: Please, it's fun.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's fun. (Maddox snickers)

Sean: Smart answer.

Dick: Yeah, it's fun. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah! (laughing)

Sean: It's a smart answer.

Maddox: Yeah, it's...it's -

Dick: (interjects) Such a politician. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Build that wall! Alright man, listen. According to Forbes, "The popular 1968 book 'The Population Bomb' posited that in the 1970s, hundreds of millions would starve to death. The theory was that if food production is growing at X rate and the population growth is growing at much faster Y rate, that could pose quite a problem. But then, along came Norman Borlaug, who invented high-yielding, disease-resistant dwarf wheat," which solved that problem.

Dick: Well, but y-...wait a minute. There's all...there's millions of people starving to death in Africa and China right now because they don't have -

Maddox: (interjects) It's a very small...Dick, it's like 2% of the earth...er, world's population. And by the way, they're not starving because we don't have enough capacity to produce food to feed them. They're starving due to political corruption, or the high cost of distribution, and various other reasons. It's not starvation because we're over capacity. That's an important distinction. Small but important. The problem with Malthus's predictions and those who agree with them is that they couldn't predict technological advances that allowed for increased population growth. Here are the things that Malthus and his cohorts, his dipshit psychic colleagues, didn't predict: he didn't predict the full impact of the Industrial Revolution. Couldn't have. (smug)

Dick: What an idiot.

Maddox: Yeah! (everyone giggles) Moron. What a...what a putz!

Sean: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What an idiot, who couldn't... (cracks up) ...who couldn't predict that.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Something that would change the fundamental nature of society.

Maddox: Well...

Sean: Asshole didn't see the cotton gin coming. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: He sure didn't!

Maddox: Well, look...look -

Dick: (interjects) Watch me blow $100,000 on the stock market overnight, but this dummy couldn't predict the future.

Maddox: You know what? You know what, shithead? (Dick laughs) Yeah, I'm not going to make a prediction based on technologies that I don't know are going to be invented yet.

Sean: That's an ad hominem attack. (Dick laughs loudly)

Maddox: No, it's...FUCK YOU, SEAN! (cracks up) **(buzzer sound effect)** You...you piece o' shit!! Listen.

Sean: (interjects) You been reading Psychology Today? (Maddox laughs again) Natural Health?

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean!

Dick: Was he right? Was he right without the Industrial Revolution? Would he have been right with what...

Maddox: No!!

Dick: ...what they had at the time?

Maddox: No, of course not! The Industrial Revolution, for -

Dick: (interjects) I don't know!

Maddox: No, but I told you during the bonus episode...

Dick: Hmm?

Maddox: $1.33 on the website, check it out. During the bonus episode, I talked about the Industrial Revolution and how it transformed the society from 80% agriculture...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...to 1%. That freed up a lot of people to work on a lot of different things and productivity.

Dick: Right! So he...if...without that, he might've been right!

Maddox: Oh, are you saying without the Industrial...?

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Without the Industrial R-...without the Industrial Revolution, how much acreage and people do you need dedicated to agriculture to power the world? What if it IS 1 billion?

Maddox: Well, mayb-...

Dick: (interjects) That would be int-...that would be a hell of a...

Maddox: Maybe, Dick!

Dick: ...a guess!

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: If he actually busted that out off the top...like, how many acres does it take to feed a person using, like, Mennonite tools? Only things available before the Industrial Revolution?

Maddox: I think the same amount, it's just that we'd spend more time doing it.

Dick: Uhhh...I don't know, I think...I think, like...well, I don't know. Of course I don't know.

Maddox: No.

Dick: I think industrialized farming has let you make a lot of food in a lot less space. Like, you got alotta cows...

Maddox: True.

Dick: ...growin'...drivin' up to Fresno, and...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where the air is choked with...with, uh...

Maddox: Poop.

Dick: ...feces and orange chemical spray.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: Agent Orange is what... (cracks up) That's what they're spraying on the cows.

Dick: It's awful! It's awful driving up there.

Maddox: Look, here's how you avoid being a blowhard when it comes to predictions. 'Kay? Thomas Malthus could've simply just looked backwards -

Sean: (interjects) Hoh, boy. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah, here we go.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up) Shut up, Sean!

Sean: Listening audience, you know what to do! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Fuck you!

Dick: He should've got on Google and...

Maddox: Fuck you.

Dick: ...looked backwards in time.

Maddox: No! All he had to do is look at a history book and see the Iron Age, and seen how much that improved people's lives and improved agriculture and improved the population. All you have to do is look at the past and see that, "Oh, well, in the past we've had huge technological advances." What reason do you have to believe that in the future, we won't??

Sean: But Maddox...

Maddox: What evidence do you have?

Sean: You...he was a psychic.

Dick: He didn't have that evidence!

Maddox: Yeah, he was a psychic who -

Sean: (interjects) He was a psychic! You don't look backwards as a psychic.

Maddox: No. You don't look at evidence.

Sean: He was only predicting the future.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't look at past history and evidence and precedent. What you do is you try to predict the future, which always gets you in trouble. And now dipshits on the Internet are still citing Malthus for, uh, for shitty arguments.

Dick: He invented outrage porn.

Maddox: N-...yeah. (scoffing)

Dick: He really did!!

Maddox: He didn't predict mechanized agriculture after World War II.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: He didn't predict the Green Revolution that increased agricultural yield tremendously in the developing world. He didn't predict an increase in the use of birth control. He didn't predict the future of our agricultural industry, which is likely vertical farming. In short, Thomas Malthus predicted only two things correctly: jack and shit. (Dick and Sean laugh) Yeah.

Sean: Wait, do...do these alarmists cite anyone else besides Malthus?

Maddox: Oh yeah, there's plenty of 'em! This Forbes article that talked about that guy in the Times piece? In, uh, 19-...1894? He predicted that London would be covered in horse manure? (Dick cackles) That guy?

Dick: That guy's really funny.

Maddox: And then they've also lumped people like Marion Hubbert...there's a bunch of these people who are, uh...

Dick: What else did they say? I wanna hear more global warming from the past. (Maddox laughs) Like, what else would happen?

Maddox: Well, there was that guy -

Dick: (interjects) Waves of demons would fly across the plains, instead of hurricanes? (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. No, that "Population Bomb" book in the 1970s was another one of these. There's a bunch in this Forbes article. I'll link to it on the website. But yeah, anyway. In short, this guy didn't predict anything. I once argued with a lesser mind in the fan forums that, uh, death was a good thing. He was arguing that death was a good thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because it was a solution to overpopulation. (disdainful)

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Which is an...first of all, it...overpopulation has never been a global problem in human history. NEVER. There's a...there have been some regional instances of overpopulation, as I mentioned earlier, because of corruption or cost-prohibitive distribution or bad crop yields, but we've never outgrown our capacity to feed and sustain our population, which is the definition of overpopulation.

Dick: Lemme float -

Maddox: (interjects) You idiots.

Dick: Lemme float this one by you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Tell me if you've heard of this experiment. It's called "the beautiful ones."

Maddox: No, what is it?

Dick: Ohh, it's a good one. It's a juicy experiment. So a team of researchers built a...built a paradise for rats. Right? Massive installa-...massive cage, tunnels going every which way. Cheese as far as the eye could see for these rats, and they turned 'em loose. Right? So at first the rat population exploded, like you would expect. It was just...rat peace, rat peace all over rat town as the rats spread out and infested their new...their cage. But as population got out of control, after the initial fights over territory where the rats killed each other, they found that the male rats, instead of becoming aggressively territorial, would exhibit this weird phenomenon. Some of them. They would hole up in their little areas, their little nests, and they would sit there and...what is it called, when you're...

Maddox: (interjects) Excrete.

Dick: ...cleaning yourself?

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: What is that called, when animals do it?

Maddox: Preen? Preen themselves?

Dick: Preen themselves?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, they would preen themselves, they would clean themselves, they would lick themselves until their coats were beautiful and shiny and straight. They wouldn't pursue women at all; they would just sit there and preen and homemake. Right? Essentially.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: The jump is, the jump in thinking, is that in cities where massive population is a problem -- New York, parts of America, Japan -- that young males are doing the same thing these "beautiful ones," these rats were doing, because of overpopulation, where they

feel no possibility of territorial claims. They just hole themselves up in shitty little apartments, making their little apartment better. Beautifying their apartment, maybe working out obsessively, collecting trophies obsessively, not pursuing the opposite sex, exhibiting no traits of, like, traditional masculinity?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Maybe there's a comparison to draw there, that overpopulation is having some effect on our generation. I'm obviously not saying that these idiots are correct, that Earth could ever be overpopulated. 'Cause Earth could probably support, max...a trillion people. (Maddox cracks up) Right? I'm just saying that the study is very interesting, because the rats exhibit behaviors that I see in modern men.

Maddox: Well, actually, you're...you're right, Dick. You touched on something really important here. Some species have self-control measures and refrain from reproduction via abstinence, and in humans, like in...like -

Dick: (interjects) Disgusting.

Maddox: Like humans in China, obviously, when China decided that they had a problem on their hands? They had a crisis, they couldn't feed the population, they had self-imposed abstinence measures, and some species even release pheromones that prevent them from reproducing. So that's true, there might be somethin' to that. Because when you are stressed out, due to being in a...in close quarters with people and you don't have enough space or whatever, you are stressed and you do release pheromones that...that, uh, can inhibit reproduction. So yeah, you might be onto somethin'.

Dick: Not me. Speak for yourself. (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: Yeah. So yeah, anyway, m-...Dick, I just wanna end on this one point here, this one note. There's an economist, Henry George, argued that Malthus didn't provide any evidence of a natural tendency for a population to overwhelm its ability to provide for itself. There is NO evidence for this. It's never happened. And here's the one big prediction that I -

Sean: (interjects) You like THAT economist. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Yeah, you know what?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what, Sean? Here's the thing. (Dick cracks up again) The only r-...the only thi-...the only reason...look, I don't know anything else...yeah, you're...oh, fuck you, Sean!!

Dick: Ohh, you fucked up. (giggles)

Maddox: Look, I've said...I've gone on the record saying there's some good economists.

Dick: Yeah, Alan Greenspan.

Maddox: Most of 'em are just psychics, though. They're glorified psychics. Anyway. So here's the thing that, uh, overpopulation -

Dick: (interjects) Greenspan admitted that HE was a glorified psychic.

Maddox: Did he??

Dick: He said he was wrong. Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, good!

Dick: He said...

Sean: Yeah! No, he really did.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! That's a critical thinker. Someone who...a big...a big man!

Dick: (chuckles) No, he's a fuckin' idiot!!

Maddox: Ohh, okay. (sarcastic)

Dick: Like, a...go.

Maddox: Yeah. But why, 'cause he...

Dick: What'd you wanna end on?

Maddox: ...'cause he ceded a point? Here's the thing. Here's what most global...what overpopulation alarmists aren't taking into consideration in the future, for future technology? Somethin' that we have just barely scratched the surface of: vertical farming. Who knows what the capacity of our food output would be with vertical farming? With hydroponically-grown vertical farming that doesn't need any pesticides, it doesn't need anything that we don't have to...we don't have to spray because we don't have pesticides in these buildings, or whatever these greenhouses are. Whatever it is in the future. Skyscrapers full of food. Who knows what the capacity of Earth is? Who knows? I mean, I don't think we're NEAR...anywhere near the capacity of Earth.

Dick: Well... (shrugs)

Maddox: Anyway.

Dick: I guess we'll find out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what we ARE at the capacity of? (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: Beards.

Maddox: Oh. (laughing)

Dick: Beards. We got...everybody's got enough beards.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We need razors to shave them off. This episode is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase. Harry's makes a great blade. Why pay $32 for an 8-pack of blades, of blades that are not as good, when you can get them for half the price at http://harrys.com?

The Harry's starter set is an amazing deal. For just $15 you get a razor, you get moisturizing cream, and you get 3 razor blades that'll la-...they'll last you a while. Mine have lasted me a long time.

Maddox: They're fantastic.

Dick: If you're a daily shaver, it could save...I don't have the number in front of me. It's like 100 b-...100 bucks. That's...a year or somethin' like that. I brought in a fan review of a Harry's product, because people are probably tired of me talkin' about Harry's. So here's this dude's review. **(plays voicemail message)**

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, thought I'd just call in saying I did actually break down and buy a Harry's razor. Cost me a ridiculously low price, $10, and I'm switching from a Gillette brand. Uh, Fusion 5. It is dramatically better in every way. Like, incomparable.

Dick: Wow!! (both crack up)

Maddox: Hmm!

Dick: Layin' it on!

Maddox: You can't compare them.

Voicemail: So, uh, I guess for once, Dick, go...nah, fuck it. Go fuck yourself.

(message ends)

Dick: Okay. (Maddox laughs) Thank you for...thank you for ruining the ad, sir.

Maddox: Perfect ad. You always want the word "f-..."...the F-word in an ad read. (giggles)

Dick: Over a million guys have made the switch! If you haven't, you're an idiot. Let's go to the next problem. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: What a dumb shit. What a...all the people who haven't made the switch? Dumb shits. I'm gonna go on the record sayin' that! Write your hate mail to me. I'll take it.

Dick: Who would write hate mail over that?

Maddox: Aw, I get hate mail for EVERYTHING, man. Are you kidding me??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, whatever. Let's move on. What do you got?

Dick: Here's my next problem: bits. Bits. Bits, bits, bits. Now, I thought, and I think ma-...and maybe you do too. I thought this was a...I thought this was a comedy problem, 'cause I know a lot of comedians. Maddox knows a lot of comedians. Sean, I don't know if you know a lot of comedians. But comedians do this, um...this really horrible thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Lately it's been, uh, assaulting women. (Maddox and Sean snicker) But before those scandals, it was something that was almost as bad, which is constantly making jokes.

Maddox: Close second.

Dick: Clo-...very cl-... (cracks up) Close second. We'll leave it at that.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Second to the...yeah. Um...and I thought it was just a comedy thing. I don't know if you agree with that or not.

Maddox: For the most part, yeah. The first time I noticed it, this phenomenon?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Was when I was at a cafe with a friend of mine, and...a couple friends of mine, and one of 'em was a pretty b-...pretty, uh...I'd say he's, like, a mid-level comedian. Really funny dude.

Dick: What is...what is a mid-level comedian?

Maddox: Mid-level comedian -

Dick: (interjects) Is that like HBO stand-up, or...?

Maddox: No. Pre-Comedy Central stand-up.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But not so low-level that he's not makin' a living. Like, he's makin' a living off his comedy, but nobody's ever heard of him.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Does that...that's a mid-level comedian.

Dick: Yeah, so you would think a guy who makes a living off this would wanna not do it when he's not getting paid for it. Like, I don't see a lot of mechanics when they're out of the shop just going around changing tires on cars in the street.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: They're always on!

Dick: But please, go on. This guy. What happened?

Maddox: Yeah! Well, we were sitting there...this is the first time I noticed this phenomenon. We're sitting in this cafe, and I was just tryin' to have a normal conversation. Which, like...you know, we...we're all in the improv community, and you come out, and I hate...by the way, I hate myself for even saying that phrase out loud. "Community."

Dick: Community, 'cause it's full of people who would stab you in the back to get on an Internet commercial. Right?

Maddox: Hah, well...yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: At, uh, at some point.

Dick: Not you, because you're famous.

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: But anyone else, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't give a shit. Whatever. So, anyway. So we're sittin' here, I'm just tryin' to have a normal conversation.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: I'm asking him questions about his life, I'm asking him where he lives, et cetera, et cetera. And every response is a FUCKING joke.

Dick: Is a joke.

Maddox: And at some point, I st-...I have to take a step back and ask myself out loud, "Um, are you...are you joking with me? I don't know if you're telling me jokes now, or if you're just bein' real for...can I get a real answer out of you for a minute? Because this is exhausting." It's exhausting to be around these people who are constantly telling jokes, all the fucking time. You ca-...you feel like you can't have a real connection with these people.

Sean: He probably can't turn it off.

Dick: It's almost as if he's brain damaged.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Would you say that??

Maddox: I... (chuckles) I could...yeah, I could say that, sure.

Dick: Welp, turns out, it's true! Did you see this...this, uh, last week?

Maddox: The pun article, right?

Dick: The pun article!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Saying that compulsive joking is a symptom of brain damage. And I wouldn't bring this in because like you, I thought it was just a comedy thing, but I was talkin' to this girl after Deadpool came out, and she was like, "I hated it. I hated Deadpool because it was just constant jokes, and it reminded me of my friend who would make constant jokes." And I was thinking about it and I was like, "Well...yeah, I have friends like that too!" Outside of the comedy community, and it's...it's exhausting. It's, like, nails-on-a-chalkboard exhausting. So I think that the voting will show whether or not this is a problem globally. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I brought in that study, if you're in-...the brain damage study, if you're interested in it. Do you wanna hear about it?

Maddox: Yeah, of course!

Dick: Yeah, okay. And I also brought in a test to see if anyone here is brain damaged.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So this guy's wife, er, the...yeah. This guy was bothering his wife. He would wake her up to tell her these jokes. Jokes like, uh...well, I'm not gonna read that one. It's horrible.

Maddox: Then let's hear these horrible jokes. I like to hear a bad joke.

Dick: Here's one of the jokes that he woke his wife up to tell her in the middle of the night: "Went to the DMV to get my driver's license. They gave me an eye exam, and here's what I said. 'A-B-C-D-E-F-G, H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O-P, Q-R-S, T-U-V, W-X-Y, and Z. Now I know my ABCs. Can I have my license please?'" (Sean and Maddox groan)

Maddox: Aughhh, man...

Dick: Does that sound familiar?

Maddox: Ugh...

Dick: Right??

Maddox: SO bad.

Dick: Sucking your time out of you like a vampire.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you're conditioned to want the joke!

Maddox: I would ra-...I think if I had to listen to that joke again or I could be hung upside down and had my blood drained like a pig, I would choose the latter.

Dick: Yeah! Uh, here's another one of his gems: "How do you cure hunger? Step away from the buffet table."

Maddox: Ugh. Maaaan... (Dick sighs quietly) How do you cure...? Okay. (hesitant)

Dick: So, there's no cure for it, 'cause you're brain damaged. (Maddox sighs) Oh no, I'm...excuse me, there is a cure for it: anti-psychotic medication. Has been shown...this disease that they're calling, uh, witzelshucht? Witzel-...witzelsucht? That...maybe that's a joke. (Maddox snickers) It's German. It's...they said it's addiction to wisecracking, literally. Witzelsucht. Brought on...it was brought on by this guy with two strokes five years apart. One messed up his circuits, and the other cinched him permanently. There's a bunch of other examples, too. Some guy in 1929 who was having a tumor operated on? He was still conscious, but as they were operating on it he started to make puns, one after the other.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: And it was so bad, they shot him. (Maddox and Sean laugh) In the operating room.

Maddox: Just end the operation.

Dick: Yeah! They...'cause they didn't know what to do.

Sean: Dick, you and I have a friend...

Dick: Oh, I know!

Sean: Yeah, Mr. Bad Pun himself.

Dick: I know.

Sean: He can't help himself.

Dick: No! Dude, according to this research, he's got brain damage!!

Sean: Oh, I completely believe that.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: So how many studies -

Sean: (interjects) It's BAD.

Maddox: How many studies did they...did they make? Is this, like, one of these one-off studies that they came out and they said this, uh, this phenomenon's happening?

Dick: Well, there was a couple of different examples where people were doing it. Um... (papers shuffling) Let me see. Yeah, there's a bunch of different cases of it. A 57-year-old Chinese woman who suddenly morphed into a real joke machine had demen-...had suffered dementia that damaged the front temporal lobe of her brain.

Maddox: Hm!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Now Dick, I don't wanna bust your balls too much, 'cause I feel like you do that a lot on this podcast. You know, a lot of back-to-back jokes.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Sometimes when I'm tryin' to...but you're not like that in real life. Uh, it's -

Dick: (interjects) No, I hate joking in real life. (Maddox chuckles) I try never to do it.

Maddox: Well, you're a funny guy on and off the air.

Dick: Oh, please. Please, please.

Maddox: But on the air, it's a different...I think it's a little bit different. You're more "on" because it's a performance. Is that the case?

Dick: Well, I made the mistake of thinking it's a comedy podcast. (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: That's a big mistake!

Dick: And not an informa-...yeah. That's... (Maddox giggles) I kn-...it's always my mistake.

Maddox: WRONG. Wrong.

Sean: That's what he's talkin' about!! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Okay, I've got...

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I brought in the funniest joke in the world, I found in my research.

Maddox: Oh, I think I've heard...

Dick: You wanna hear it?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear this. Yeah.

Dick: Okay. Have you heard it, Sean?

Sean: The funniest joke in the world?

Dick: That's what this was deemed by a bunch of researchers.

Sean: Really? Well...

Dick: Yeah. Okay, here you go.

Sean: I don't know! I'll...

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You'll have to read it, and then I'll tell you whether I've heard it.

Dick: Here you go. I don't wanna fuck it up. Okay. "Three guys are stranded on a desert island, and they find a magic lantern containing a genie who grants them each one wish. The first guy wishes he was off the island and back home. The second guy wishes the same. The third guy says, 'I'm lonely. I wish my friends were back here.'" (Maddox groans)

Maddox: Ohhh, jeez. (Dick giggles)

Sean: As soon as you started that, halfway through the first sentence, I knew it.

Dick: (grins) Uh, okay. Here's another -

Sean: (interjects) I was already groaning.

Dick: Here's another...here's a...

Maddox: Ughhh.

Dick: I'm gonna...I'll wrap this up, 'cause this sucks. Um... (Maddox and Sean laugh) So people are saying that brain-damaged people that don't understand complicated jokes and they got, um...they got a bunch of these guys together and told them jokes that play on understanding the incongruity of the punchline.

Maddox: Ah, okay.

Dick: And why that's funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they didn't understand that, but then they showed them, like, a picture of a woman getting her dress ripped off?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they all thought that was hilarious.

Maddox: Thought it was hilarious. (Dick guffaws) Like a CHILD.

Dick: That's...but that is funny.

Maddox: Well... (Dick giggling) But like a child...like a child, a little baby, will laugh when you make a goofy face at it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because the baby thinks that there's something...you know. They...it can't quite put...pinpoint or enumerate with a vocabulary what exactly it is they find funny about it, but the dumb kid is laughing, so.

Dick: Yeah. I brought in a bunch of more bad jokes, but I don't wanna read them.

Sean: Maddox didn't laugh until he was, like, 32. (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Dick: That was just gas.

Sean: Yeah, it was just gas! (laughing)

Maddox: It's always been gas.

Dick: Alright, go...go ahead. That's my -

Maddox: (interjects) No, no...

Dick: Bits. That's my...

Maddox: I wanna talk about this for a s-...a minute too, because -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, go ahead.

Maddox: Here's some-...here's a phenomenon I wish I, uh...well, it's a phenomenon that I started to notice in Los Angeles when I started hanging out in comedy circles.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I started meeting more and more people who were comedians and people who were...who were doing this for a livelihood. I...

Dick: Well... (scoffing)

Maddox: I wish -

Dick: (interjects) "Livelihood."

Maddox: Well...

Dick: (interjects) That's generous.

Maddox: Yeah. True. So, here's something I wish I could almost take back, because it's kind of skewed my memory of people I grew up with in Utah. I don't know if this phenomenon existed and I just didn't notice it, or if it's confirmation bias today, but I do notice in the comedy scene, there's a higher likelihood of these people to have this weird thing where they don't quite look you in the eyes, and they can't engage with you on a deeper level. And I feel like sometimes comedy is a layer that they put between themselves and another person to avoid that connection, because -

Sean: (interjects) Oh, I think that's COMPLETELY true.

Maddox: Yeah. So I wonder how much of it is this...is, like, brain damage?

Dick: Brain damage?

Maddox: Versus...I mean, it could be brain damage. It could be all tied together, because people who go into comedy a lot of times come from a very...like, the funniest people come from a very dark background.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: I think. They have the d-...they have a very dark history, they have something...something traumatic or tragic has happened to them.

Dick: Really? You think so?

Sean: Yeah, it's like a survival th-...oh, yeah!

Maddox: Most of the time, yeah. Most of the time.

Dick: Uhh... (skeptical)

Maddox: That's why a long time ago, my friend came in...uh, interestingly enough, to an improv show I was at, and said that they just read the new Tina Fey book, and I said, "Well, is it funny or is it tragic?" And they kinda laughed, and they said, "Why would it be tragic?" and I said, "Well, you...most comedians have tragic backgrounds. Most comedians have tragic stories."

Dick: She's a comedian?!?

Maddox: Tina Fey??

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Get outta here. (scoffing)

Dick: Oh, my GOD.

Maddox: Nice.

Dick: Why isn't she in the female Ghostbusters movie, then? (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah, well, uh... (sighs)

Dick: Checkmate. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: She probably is! Have you seen that photo floatin' around on Twitter? Oh my gosh. Anyway man, so you have people who are damaged, or who have, um...dark histories and dark backgrounds, who are then trying to cope with their trauma through comedy.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And because of their dark histories and dark backgrounds, they may have also had some kind of psychological event that triggered...that, uh, that may have given them some kind of brain damage. Who knows?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe it's all related! Maybe it's all related. But that's an in-...that's very interesting, this bit study. Yeah.

Dick: Well, if you know somebody who does it, send them this podcast.

Maddox: I'm curious what the rest of the world...because I feel like you and I, we live in a bubble right now.

Dick: See, that's what I thought too!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: BUT, I...I think it's bigger than that! Because this guy has nothin' to do with comedy, this idiot that's keepin' his wife awake.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This Chinese lady...

Maddox: I wanna see -

Dick: ...has nothin' to do with comedy.

Maddox: I'm curious; I wanna see this in the comments. If you guys know people like this in your life and you d-...you aren't connected to any kind of comedy scene, I want to know if this is a global phenomenon. Especially people in Europe who are listening, if...is this a global phenomenon, or is it something that you and I notice more because we hang out with more comedians?

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: Yeah. Interesting, interesting.

Dick: All I know is, everyone sucks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Vote it up.

Maddox: True.

Dick: What's your problem?

Maddox: ('ding!" sound effect) Guys, I got a big problem to, uh, to wrap things up here: prank bros.

Sean: Mhm. (in background)

Maddox: Yeah, Prank -

Dick: (interjects) What are those?

Maddox: Prank bros. They're assholes.

Dick: Are those specific people, or are they bros like...brohams?

Maddox: They're YouTube pranksters.

Dick: But is this a, uh, a brand? That you're describing? "Prank Bros"?

Maddox: Well, that's what, uh...that's what they're called pejoratively.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: They're just called prank channels on YouTube.

Dick: Oh, okay. Okay.

Maddox: But most of these prank channels are such...they're such fucking wastes...they're just, like, the cesspool of humanity. And it's people who are, um...imagine if BuzzFeed and Huffington Post, instead of their clickbait-y titles to get your clicks to come to their website? Instead of that, imagine it was just, like, a pan to the face (Dick laughs) of some stranger.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then it was like, "Hey guys, we hit this stranger in the face with a pan! They got really pissed - "

Dick: (interjects) I would watch the shit outta that.

Maddox: "They got really pissed o-..." (cracks up) There you go, there's the audience! (giggles)

Dick: Well, did you see the one when those kids were throwing milk in the store?

Maddox: Yeah! (Dick laughs loudly) So there's this -

Dick: (interjects) That was SO funny.

Maddox: Yeah. When I mentioned to Handy Randy, our producer, that I was doin' this problem, he sent...he immediately sent me a video of what he thought of as a prank bro. There are these kids...this video went super viral a while back.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Where these kids walk through a grocery store holding two jugs of...two gallons of milk. (Dick giggles) And then, they would just throw the milk gallons up in the air, or -

Dick: (interjects) No, they would...they would fake like they're slipping.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It started with them faking like they're slipping really crappily.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they're like, "WHOOOOA!" and they throw the milk up in the air. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, you know -

Dick: (interjects) And then it escalates to, like, they're not really slipping that much anymore and they're hucking the milk sideways.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, tryin' to throw it both ways, and then...and then after it spills, and the people are coming over and tryin' to help them, they're pretending to slip all over the milk.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like they can't get up, and getting milk all over their clothes.

Maddox: Look, that part was kinda funny, but some of 'em went too far. When they actually broke the light bulbs in the store, they destr-...they did one in a -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: In a card aisle, where they're selling a bunch of birthday cards and Father's Day cards. Like, whatever. They smashed a bunch of gallons of milk that splashed all over the cards. They ruined -

Dick: (interjects) They ruined all the cards. (still laughing)

Maddox: Hundreds of dollars in goods!

Dick: Well...

Maddox: In merchandise, and then these poor old people are comin' up to save them...to, like, help them up. They say, "Oh, here, grab my cart," and they didn't know these kids are putting them on the entire time.

Dick: And they're still slipping as they're grabbing the cart.

Maddox: Yeah. The, uh...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: One of the funny ones in that video, I think, was the last one, where the kid just...drops the gallons of milk, (Dick cackles) and then collapses.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He's not even making an effort to slip. Anyway.

Dick: I think I've seen that video, like, a hundred times.

Maddox: Yeah, I've seen -

Dick: (interjects) Randy and I have watched it together.

Maddox: I've seen it a bunch too. But that spawned a bunch of copycats who went around and took things WAY too far. By the way...

Dick: Uh-oh, what'd they do?

Maddox: ...most people would say they took it too far. Well, they did this -

Dick: (interjects) Well, that's why it's so funny to me!

Maddox: Well, you know, I...it's funny until it's your store. It's funny until it's your mom, or your si-...

Dick: Yeah, it's not my stuff!

Maddox: ...your date, your... (cracks up) Okay.

Dick: Yeah, that's why it's great!

Maddox: Great. Dick, I will never get you on board with this problem. (Dick giggles)

Dick: No!! (Maddox laughs) I mean, they're...I'm ho-...they're horrible and I'm horrible! I don't care! It's hilarious. (laughing)

Maddox: You are a prank bro. That's what you are. Anyway man, these prank bros, they...first of all, a lot of these prank bros are exploitive. They just...they go...they kn-...they go to areas of town where they know they can get a reaction, and it's usually pranks in the ghetto. And that's what they call them.

Dick: Whoahohoho, really?

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah.

Dick: Ooooo.

Maddox: Go to YouTube and type in "pranks in the ghetto," and you'll find hundreds of videos of these dickheads going to, quote, "the ghetto."

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: And...and fucking with black people. They'll... (Dick guffaws) Yeah!

Dick: What the hell...what are they doing?

Maddox: Yeah. Listen to this. Here's one from, uh, Josh...PalerLin.

Dick: Like, "Your momma's so fat..."? They walk up and start a beef with them?

Maddox: No, it's...I mean, stuff like that, but they'll also come up and say, "Hey, um, you wanna get popped in the mouth?" They'll come up to a black dude, just sittin' there minding his own fuckin' business, and they'll say, "Hey, you wanna get popped in the mouth?" and the guy's like, "What the fuck are you sayin' to me??"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the kid...uh, the kid will then pull out a soda from his pocket and say, "Uh, do you want a pop in your mouth?"

Dick: Oh, my GOD. (chuckling)

Maddox: You know, like some -

Dick: (interjects) That guy's gonna get shot!

Maddox: Yeah, exactly!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And some of these kids do! They get beat up, they get knived, they...one of these kids...I think one of 'em DIED during one of these stupid pranks! (Dick giggles)

Sean: So what's the problem?

Dick: Yeah!! (laughs with Maddox) That's...even funnier! That's a double prank!

Maddox: Well, because that's not always what -

Sean: (interjects) "Joke's on YOU, fuckhead." (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Yeah, but that's not what always happens, Sean. Like, some of these people feel threatened.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: They'll come up to the kid...they'll come up to, like, some...a group of black dudes, right?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: A group of these guys, just sitting there minding their own fuckin' business, and they'll say, "Hey, you want a piece? You wanna buy a piece from me?" And this dude...one of these guys got really fuckin' upset, 'cause I think he just got out of prison. He was just paroled or somethin' like that.

Dick: Hooo.

Maddox: He's like, "You tryin' to sell me a fuckin' gun?" And this kid is, uh...this kid's like, "Yeah! You want a gun?" And he's like, "What the fuck is your problem?!" And he starts to come at this kid! He's like, "Get the fuck away from me!" And the kid's like, "Oh no, do you want a piece of GUM?" Or whatever...like, he'd just pull some stupid...it's always a stupid fuckin' pun. This might be related to your problem, Dick. These idiots -

Dick: (interjects) They probably DO have brain damage.

Maddox: Yeah! They'll always pull out somethin' like that, or they'll go up to a -

Dick: (interjects) They're kids! They definitely do.

Maddox: Yeah. So, there's this guy -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, did he have gum?

Maddox: Hm?

Dick: Did the kid have gum in the end?

Maddox: Yeah, they always have some stupid pun joke in there.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: And then when they get their asses kicked, they say, "Oh, it's just a prank! It's just a prank."

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: There's this guy named Josh PalerLin. He got a lot of fame because he did this video, which a lot of people think is fake, but...he went up to a homeless guy, and... (Dick sighs) This is the most exploitive thing.

Dick: Hoo, boy.

Maddox: He gives him a hu-...he gives this homeless guy a hundred dollars, and then they send this secret camera behind the homeless guy to follow him and see what he does with this money, right? The homeless guy walks into a liquor store. Okay. So, stereotype confirmed. And then, here's the twist. Here's the heart...the part that -

Dick: (interjects) It's counterfeit?

Maddox: (laughs) No. Here's the part that pulls -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's a good prank.

Maddox: That tugs at your heartstrings. They follow the guy into the store and he buys a bunch of food with it. And then they follow the guy to the park, where he hands the food out to other homeless people. It's a very heartwarming video, and it's one of those things that make you kinda scratch your head and say, "Huh! I guess I judged this guy too soon. I guess I judged wrong."

Sean: And then THEY give him crack. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Yeah, what's the joke?

Maddox: Shut up, Sean! (giggling) No, but, uh, that wa-...first of all, that wasn't a joke.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: That one was just one of these videos. A lot of people -

Dick: (interjects) Well, it wasn't funny.

Maddox: No, it wasn't funny.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: But then...that's how this guy got his fame, right? And then he's...he's doin' prank videos.

Dick: Then he went heel.

Maddox: What's h-...?

Dick: He got famous bein' a babyface...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and he turned heel.

Maddox: Wait, what does that mean, "heel"?

Dick: The wrestling term, when you're..."babyface" is like a good guy.

Maddox: Yeah. Ohhh, okay. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: "Turning heel" is being a prick.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, here's one of his more recent videos. This is a car window prank in the ghetto. He goes and pretends -

Dick: (interjects) What the hell with the ghetto?? Why...?

Maddox: Yeah! They just...they just harrass people.

Dick: 'Cause it's more dangerous? They're afraid of black people.

Maddox: They're afraid of black people...

Dick: These kids are projecting their fear of black people onto the viewer. Yeah, okay.

Maddox: Exactly, exactly. So he goes and pretends to break car windows of black people who are comin' to their cars.

Dick: Oho, my god!!

Maddox: Who lose their fuckin' mind, of... (stammers) Understandably so! Listen to this one. Here's a video from Josh PalerLin. Listen to this. **(plays prank video)**

Josh: What's up, guys? Today I'm gonna go around and smash people's car window like this! (thumping sound)

Dick: Why does he talk like that?

Josh: Just kidding. This is a rubber hammer...

Maddox: (pauses video) What? W-... (chuckles)

Dick: Why does he talk like that?

Maddox: Oh, like... (giggles) He's a...he -

Dick: (interjects) Like he's got a sack of jawbreakers in his mouth.

Maddox: He's got an accent. He's Asian. He's got an accent.

Dick: Well, that's the prank. (Maddox and Sean laugh) That's God's prank on you. (grins)

Maddox: Jeez. Stop. (giggling) (Dick laughs) Stop. Anyway, so he's got a rubber hammer and he's, like, pretending to break people's windows, and then he has a real piece of glass that he then breaks.

Dick: Ahh.

Maddox: So it's an elaborate prank, where if someone saw from a distance someone doin' this to your car, you would think your window was broken.

Sean: It's pretty elaborate. (amused)

Dick: Yeah. It's pretty eraborate, I would say.

Sean: Yeah. Oh! (laughs with Dick)

Maddox: Ohh, my god. (groaning) Stoooop!

Sean: Piece of glass and a rubber mallet!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: How did he come up with that scheme? (smiling)

Maddox: Anyway, listen to this. **(resumes video)**

Josh: ...and I'm going to smash my own breakaway window.(Maddox scoffs) **Let's see how people react.**

(electric guitar music in background)

(glass shattering)

Dick: What does he do...?

Cameraperson: (laughing) Oh, shit!

Maddox: He smashed a window. Now, this poor -

Josh: Look at your window!

Maddox: (stops video) This poor lady is chasing him, saying, "What the fuck did you do to my window?" And he's just giggling and laughing, and...again, still hasn't revealed that it's a p-...it's an alleged prank.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So he broke this... (stammers) And by the way, this woman comes up to her car and she just wants to get in and drive off. Now she has to step over all this broken fucking glass around her car.

Dick: Yeah, well, that's...eh, yeah. That's the least of the bad things that happened to her there.

Maddox: Yeah. Here's another one. It's by Vitalyz...VitalyzdTv. It's eggs..."Egging Cars in the Hood Prank."

Dick: Oh my god. (chuckling)

Maddox: Egging cars in the hood. So it's a really hot day, and this guy pretends to go out to people's cars and cook an egg on their hood. Listen to this funny prank. **(plays next prank video)**

VitalyzdTv: What's up, guys? It's so hot in California today that I've decided to fry some eggs. (Dick laughs)

(dramatic music in background)

Car owner: Hey homey, what the fuck are you doin'?!

VitalyzdTv: Yo, I'm just cooking, bro. My stove broke.

Car owner: What are you doin'?? What the fuck are you fucking...

VitalyzdTv: My stove broke.

Car owner: You're gonna make a Denver omelet on my fuckin' car?? (keeps yelling)

VitalyzdTv: Dude, my stove broke.

Car owner: What the fuck are you doin'?

VitalyzdTv: My stove broke, bro. I'm sorry.

Car owner: I don't give a fuck about your stove! Fuck you and your motherfuckin' stove.

VitalyzdTv: Dude, your car...your car...your car is nice, bro. Your car is very nice.

Car owner's friend: Hold on, hold on. (trying to hold back his friend)

VitalyzdTv: Dude, what are you doin'? Yo!

Maddox: (stops video) So, he just, like...

Dick: That fucks up your paint, though.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, he used, uh...he used some, like, latex...some late-...some fake egg. A latex egg, he puts on his...

Dick: Ohh, it wasn't really egg? He just..

Sean: I like how he said -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, he just slapped the egg on there. Okay.

Sean: I like how he said, "Are you makin' a fuckin' Denver omelet?"

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Sean: "On my car?" Like, he...

Dick: Still clever!

Sean: He was very specific.

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Maddox: Which, the...the guy who came out?

Dick: The black guy.

Sean: Yeah! The guy...yeah.

Maddox: So, that's the other thing, Sean.

Dick: The prankee.

Maddox: A lot of these pranks are...possibly fake.

Dick: Oh, they're too witty?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That makes sense.

Maddox: They could be...they could be fake. So it's...they're doin' this just to get the views.

Sean: Oh no, that guy's -

Dick: (interjects) If something is fake, it is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, right?

Maddox: But then, there's this -

Dick: (interjects) If something could be fake, it probably is.

Maddox: Sure. Then there are these guys from, uh, OckTV. They changed their name recently to "Moe and ET." And there's this channel called h3h3Productions. I'm a huge fan of this channel. He just busts on these stupid prank videos all the time. He pointed out...like, these guys uploaded a prank video recently where it was deleted within a day.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: And that's really unusual for this channel, because they leave the most HEINOUS shit up there. They put up these videos where they give people fake parking tickets for parking in front of a fire hydrant, and these people are so upset. It ruins their fucking day. And then they're sitting there yelling back and forth, like, "I didn't...the fire hydrant wasn't there when I got here." They put a fake one down, right?

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: They write them a fake ticket.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And then these guys argue with them. They're like, "Fuck you. You have to pay it," whatever. They put them in a bad mood, they get ar-...they get angry. Some of these people might have high blood pressure. They might have heart conditions. They might have something going on in their lives, and they don't...they might just want to live...like, go on with their day without fucking being harassed! But they come out there, and then the big reveal at the end is like, "Oh, the ticket is fake, and it has some money in it. Here you go. Here's 20 bucks or whatever for your fuckin' time."

Dick: Ahhh! Alright.

Sean: I gotta say, I don't think this shit is funny at all.

Maddox: No!

Dick: Not at all?

Sean: No.

Dick: Even the milk-throwing one?

Sean: No.

Dick: Ohh, man.

Maddox: Most of it isn't, man!

Dick: Have you seen it?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: You've seen it and you didn't laugh?

Sean: Yeah, I've seen it!

Dick: Did you smile at all?

Sean: I might've smiled at one.

Dick: Eh, okay. (Maddox sighs)

Sean: No, I'm not sure. But it's like... (sighs) Man, they always do it when the person's back is turned, so it sounds like they fell really hard, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: But there was ONE time where a guy turned around to kinda see him do it, and I hope that guy kicked that guy in the fuckin' face. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. There's...so these guys, Moe and ET, they rebranded themselves from OckTV.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Now it's Moe...Moe and Ethan Bradberry, these two dudes. They did this prank recently where they put out an ad on Craigslist, where they...now they're not calling them pranks anymore; they're calling them "social experiments," where they invited some girl over to their house who was interested in buying their TV, and they...this girl comes into the house, and they get, like, 4 or 5 of their thug friends to put on ski masks and get fake knives...

Dick: Oh, my god!!

Maddox: Yeah! And the g-...this poor girl comes in. First of all, the girl comes to the door and he's like, "Are you here alone?" And the girl's like, "Uh, yeah, I...I guess. I mean, should I worry here?"

Dick: Yeah, that's a PSA alright.

Maddox: Yeah! So the girl's already freaking out. She comes into the house -

Dick: (interjects) World Trade Center, big PSA.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Thank you. (smiles)

Maddox: So -

Dick: (interjects) Saudi Arabia.

Maddox: So this girl walks into the house of these, uh, this...these bros, and she's lookin' at the TV, and then they ambush her. This guy runs up and blocks the doorway...

Dick: Oh, my god. (laughing in shock)

Maddox: ...and he says, "S-..." He says, "You're not going anywhere. Shut the fuck up," and, like, starts yelling at this girl, right? And this girl starts SCREAMING bloody murder, and this is why a lot of people felt disturbed, because you can tell the difference between a fake scream and a real scream. This seemed like a real scream.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: This seemed like it was...you know, one of those bloodcurdling screams where someone's actually afraid for their lives. 'Cause these guys are coming at her with ski masks on... (stammers) Threatening to do whatever the fuck, possibly murder her, rape her; whatever it is. And then she collapses out of fear, and she's, like...just huddled up in a little ball, in a fetal position, just crying, and the guy comes out for the big reveal.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And he says, "I need you to get up and sit on the couch." And it...this guy is so fuckin' tone deaf, that this woman is sittin' there SOBBING.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: For fear of her life, and he wants her to get up and sit on the couch so he can get a better camera angle, 'cause he has cameras all over the house, right? For this big reveal.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And she gets up...he's like, "It's a social experiment, it's a social experiment," and he puts his hand on her shoulder. She gets up, she's like, "Don't fuckin' touch me!" and runs out of the house, and he's chasin' after her. He goes, "Ma'am, ma'am! It's a social experiment!" and she goes, "I don't give a fuck what this is, I'm leaving." And she's running down the street to her car, and they're chasing after her with the cameras. And then they finally catch up to her and console her for a few minutes, and finally when she calms down, she's shaking and crying, they say, "Well, it's a social experiment. You know, we just wanna raise awareness that people can get raped and murdered from Craigslist."

Dick: That...there's...that cannot be real. That's on YouTube?

Maddox: They r-...they deleted it!

Dick: Well...

Maddox: And that's why a lot of people suspect that this was real, because it wasn't even up long enough for them to get that many views. They got a lot of negative reaction to it.

Dick: That'd be a pretty good way to prove something is real, though, to make something fake and then remove it right away, 'cause it's so scandalous?

Maddox: Well, they have a lot of shit on their channel that is heinous. But this...and they haven't deleted any of it, but THIS one...

Dick: How are they not...how's YouTube not getting sued out of existence with this stuff happening?

Maddox: Well, they could...I mean, here's the thing.

Dick: Any one of these people could sue for that.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, that's -

Dick: (interjects) Like, can't...that's why I think it can't possibly be real, 'cause there's a ton of victims. There's a ton of recordings of victims.

Maddox: Well, a lot of times they'll hire...first of all, there are a lot of hired actors, so a lot of these prank videos are fake. But the ones that aren't, the ones that...like this, that get deleted? Those are the ones that are actually questionable. Those are the big question mark, because, again, they are being deleted off of YouTube. YouTube wouldn't allow that on their website, through their...you know, it violates their terms of service. But, uh...

Dick: Well, they let a ton of other stuff that violates their terms of service on.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, look, YouTube's not perfect, obviously. They're probably...if someone brings it to their attention, they'll delete it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But, um...there's another guy, Sam Pepper. Sam Pepper is a notorious prankster, who for a long time did all these pranks, and he got a bunch of, like, sexual assault allegations from VidCon, where he hooked up with underage girls, et cetera, et cetera. And it -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause of his pranks? Or just in general?

Maddox: Just in general.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. He had some pranks...he had this one that got him in a lot of heat, because he went around in public with a fake hand sticking out of a hoodie, so it...er, a fake hand inside the hoodie.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So he would, like, go up to girls and grab their ass, and then he would -

Dick: (interjects) Ahhh, Jeeeesus.

Maddox: Yeah, and then...

Dick: Ah, guys. (sighing quietly)

Maddox: And then you'd turn...the girl would turn around, and it's -

Sean: (interjects) THAT'S the one you don't like?? (laughing) (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: Yeah, 'cause it's just making no one get laid!

Maddox: Okay. There we go. (sarcastic)

Dick: The last thing we need is girls being more freaked out in public of guys being around them.

Maddox: Anyw-...yeah, well, th-... (laughs) That's...

Dick: It's just salting the fuckin' earth.

Maddox: Well, it's also sexual assault. Uh, you're not a...

Dick: Yes, that's what I mean. (exasperated) (Maddox and Sean giggle) It's the same thing.

Maddox: You know, a close...it's just...just a little bit more annoying than bits. Than comedians constantly telling bits. But anyway.

Dick: The pranks?

Maddox: N-... (chuckles) No, sexual assault. (giggles)

Dick: Oh. Do you guys remember that prank show where they would tell guys that underage girls would have sex with them? And then they would lure them to that house?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where Chris Hansen would pop out and go like, "Hahaaa!" (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: To Catch a Predator.

Dick: "No undera-..." Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was hilarious.

Maddox: Yeah. Um...so anyway, these...the Sam Pepper guy, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He got in a lot of trouble for this video, because people were like, "Dude, that's just sexual assault." And then he came out and said, "Uh, it wasn't sexual assault, 'cause I actually hired these actresses. They were all in on the joke," et cetera, et cetera.

Dick: Oh! Okay.

Maddox: Right? Allegedly. Then, he came out...so he took that down. He got a lot of heat for that video. He came out with this big apology, and all these...you know, he got a lot of flak for it. His MCN dropped him, his agent dropped him.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And he was makin' a lot of money. He w-...he had somethin' like 6 million subs, somethin' like that? Getting a lot of -

Dick: (interjects) I don't...that's not English to me. What does that mean?

Maddox: 6 million subscribers, and millions of views on his videos.

Dick: What does that translate to?

Maddox: That translates to...for every million views on YouTube, you make approximately $1,500.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Anywhere from $1,500 to $3,000, depending on when it's released. So if you get, you know, 3-4 million views on a high season? You're makin' like 12 grand! 10-12 grand on...per video, if you're making...if you're gettin' those views. So he's makin' money hand over fist. Anyway, his MCN dropped him, his agency dropped him. MCN is a multi-channel network. Then he came out with another video most recently that was, again, way too over the top. These two friends were walking down the street. He ambushed one of 'em. One of his friends was in on it. They kidnapped this guy, and...these guys, they look like ISIS terrorists.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They took him to a rooftop somewhere, had a hoodie over his head, and th-...a hood over his head, they removed it, and then they were...they said that they were gonna kill the guy. The guy was crying, snot runnin' out of his nose; looked like he was afraid for his life.

Dick: This was on YouTube?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I think these are all staged.

Maddox: Well, that's what Sam Pepper said again when the backlash followed him.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, caught up to him.

Dick: Now look, if that's...if these aren't staged, then all the...like, tort lawyers, all the ambulance-chasing lawyers have just suddenly become retarded.

Sean: Yeah, that one seems like it would be staged.

Dick: Yeah. I...and I wouldn't...like, the...making sexual harassment films?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Would be enough to get you dropped from those anyway, whether they were real or not.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You know.

Maddox: Well, that's the other big problem with these videos, is that they are inspiring a young generation of so-called "pranksters" to follow in their footsteps.

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: And these guys MIGHT be pros. They MIGHT be professionals. They might know what they're doing, and they might know how to skirt the legal issues that they have with really pranking these people, but their viewers do not. Their viewers are...skew younger, their viewers are imitating them, and they're also going out there and doing real pranks like this.

Dick: Eh, that's a slippery slope, buddy. (Sean laughs in the background) That's what Beavis...Beavis and Butthead got blamed for starting fires, and they wanted to kick them off the air. I'm not gonna blame artists for copycat crimes. I can't do it!

Maddox: There is a suspension of belief there, because it is an animated show. This is just people who are going out there without necessarily disclosing that these are hired actors and doing these pranks. That's a big...pretty big difference.

Dick: I just can't do it out of principle.

Maddox: Well, here's another one. There's another channel called TwinzTV, and they have all sorts of pranks, like "Jumping People in the Hood Prank."

Dick: Yeah, that's gotta be fake.

Maddox: They have another one -

Dick: (interjects) Let's hear it.

Maddox: Uh, "Leaving Car Open in the Hood Prank"? "Social..." And then they put in parentheses, "(Social Experiment)". (Dick laughs) "It's a social ex-...we're gonna see what happens when we leave a car open."

Dick: Ah.

Maddox: "Cops..." And then this one...listen to this one. It's "Cops Are Coming in the Hood Prank," and then in parentheses it says "(Extremely Illegal)".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, that's their cover...

Dick: Yeeeah.

Maddox: ...cover-their-ass thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It's got 1.9 million views over 3 months, and...listen to this. These guys got cop uniforms, and then they went into the hood, you know, scaring people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Saying, "The cops are coming. Listen to this. **(plays next prank video)**

TwinzTV: What's up, guys? Today we're gonna be goin' into the hood, screamin' "Cops are coming!" (Dick giggles) **But this time? We're the cops. "Freeze!"**

Maddox: (stops video) So they have, like...they have fake guns on them!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: They have tasers and shit on them. These are...these are people who are gonna potentially get killed, they can give someone a heart attack, they can stress someone out. This shit is out of fucking control on YouTube. These prank videos.

Dick: They could fuck up a drug deal. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah. They could.

Dick: Yeah. (shrugs)

Maddox: They could. (laughing) I guess...I guess they could, Dick.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: There is that. No man, but these, uh, these prank videos. These prank bros, as I like to call them, they are out of fuckin' control. I think they're a huge problem, and it's only a matter of time before more of these dipshits get killed. And by the way, they're gonna ruin pranks for everyone. These pranks aren't funny, Sean. I agree with you. They're not funny. They're mean-spirited. They're...the butt of the joke is not the prankster; it's THEM. There's another prank -

Sean: (interjects) That's why I don't mind Jackass.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's on them.

Sean: Because they do it to each other.

Maddox: They do it to each other!

Sean: Everybody knows.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: There's another prank...I'll tell you when I like a prank video. Recently I saw these, uh, these French guys. I think it's called "Nous TV" or "Vous TV," whatever? The prank was, they take their laptop to a quiet library or a study hall someplace, and they start...they pretend like they're watching a porno.

Dick: That's great.

Maddox: And their headphone jack is not plugged in all the way, so it's really loud and everyone laughs at them. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're the butt of the joke.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: I think that's funny. Another one that...uh, Roman Atwood. This...he does a...he did all these, like, pun pranks back in the day, which I thought were really funny. He would go up to people and say, "Hey, there's a bee on you," and it's a letter 'B'. Just, like...

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: You know, or he'd go... (cracks up)

Dick: That sounds like, uhhh, brain damage to me.

Maddox: I don't know. I don't know, some of his pranks have been pretty funny. But, like...these are pranks where, you know, it's not really mean-spirited. They're not making the other person the butt of the joke. They're not -

Dick: (interjects) I feel like a prank should end in a laugh or a smile from the person getting pranked.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, you've gotta trick them in, at some point, into losing their temper when...they might not. Like, that show with Ashton Kutcher, when he would tow celebrities' cars. Remember that one?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they would lose their cool a little bit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But at the end, they would laugh it off.

Maddox: You have to have the reveal where the person being pranked gets in on the joke, and they laugh it off. Otherwise, you're just a dick.

Dick: I don't know, maybe that's the same, though. I don't know.

Maddox: Maybe. Anyway man, my problem -

Dick: (interjects) You don't wanna be a hypocrite.

Maddox: (scoffs) No. Uh, my problems this week **(closing riff starts)** were Overpopulation Alarmists and Prank Bros.

Dick: Mine were Decision Fatigue and Bits. See you next Tuesday.

(closing riff)

Voicemail (female caller): Hi guys! This is Kelsey. I've been a longtime listener of the show, but last episode you guys were talkin' shit about adult coloring books.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Really??

Maddox: Not just last episode.

Dick: She just called!

Voicemail: And I just want you to know that that's my favorite thing to do while listening to your podcast, is color. (Maddox snorts and laughs)

Dick: Oh.

Voicemail: It's the only thing that can calm me down when you all are yelling at each other. And it ain't no fuckin' joke, I'm tellin' ya. Don't believe the stereotypes. It's the shit. (everyone laughs) **Anyways, Dick, will you go to prom with me? Alright, bye.**

(message ends)

Dick: Ohooo! (smiles)

Maddox: Ohhh, there you go.

Dick: Absolutely. Only if you're under 18. (Maddox snorts and giggles) So, let me ask you this. If you're...lemme ask you this about coloring books. Adult coloring books, 'cause I don't understand what's wrong with them. 'Cause what...video games are okay, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's okay?

Maddox: Coloring books are okay, too!

Dick: Oh! I thought they were a big problem. Everybody shits...everybody tweets at you, "Look at this shit, adult coloring books. They're fuckin' horrible."

Maddox: Yeah. I think people...people confuse my problem with infantilism as just people who color in coloring books. It depends...look, guys. Again, if you are doing it to avoid your responsibilities...

Dick: Right!

Maddox: ...or you're doing it to avoid any uncomfortable feelings you might have, or if it's part of your safe space, you're an idiot.

Dick: Oh. Then, but... (stammers) Isn't that what escapism is?!

Maddox: No...

Dick: Isn't that liquor, video games, sports, coloring books? Isn't it all the same??

Maddox: Well, yeah, all those things can be problems when you avoid responsibilities. Yeah.

Dick: How is liquor a problem? (Maddox spits out laughing)

Maddox: Okay.

Biggest Problem in the Universe – Episode 98

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Cauliflower Ears to Late Engineers!

Dick: Oho!!! (laughs)

Maddox: With over 5 million downloads,(Maddox and Dick crack up) this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: What's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: And…

Dick: (interjects) Yep! Let's get it started!!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: And missing, is Sean, our audio engineer.

Dick: And the clock is ticking.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: He is late, and for every minute that he is late…he is losing that percentage of his engineering fee today.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I just talked to him! (Maddox chuckles) He said…he was supposed to be here! He said he's running late, but we're starting without him, 'cause fuck the audio qual…how hard can it be? If Tim Changzzzzz can do it, we can do it.

Maddox: Tim Changzzzzz…he did a pretty good job of mastering our tracks!

Dick: He did! (they giggle) He did a great job!!

Maddox: Yeah. He did.

Dick: You know what? I have a lot of respect for his drops, too. I like his a capella DJ style. You don't see that a lot. Like, you don't see Skrillex just get up there with a mic all on his own…(Maddox chuckles) using only his mouth for audio drops, because, you know, maybe he doesn't know how Garage Band or audio engineering works, but maybe it's a stylistic choice, right?

Maddox: For Tim Changzzzzz, I think that it's a stylistic choice and also he's limited by the amount of talent that he has. I think.

Dick: Aren't we all.

Maddox: Skri…(laughs) Skrillex is a real DJ, Dick.

Dick: Ah, well, okay.

Maddox: You're comparing Tim Changzzzzz to Skrillex, no?

Dick: Real DJs does not make you a real musician.

Maddox: The…the biggest problem in the universe from last week….

(Sound effect: Drumroll…..cymbal)

Maddox: Was Prank Bros!

Dick: Prank Bros, really?

Maddox: Prank Bros. Followed by Decision Fatigue.

Dick: That's shocking!

Maddox: Yeah. Is it, though?

Dick: Well, yeah!

Maddox: Because Prank Bros are SUPER obnoxious.

Dick: Yeah! (scoffs)

Maddox: Then…then Bits and Overpopulation Alarmists downvoted, because I think that people were butthurt. Bithurt, yeah.

Dick: Oh, because they make too many bits? They make too many jokes?

Maddox: Uh, no. So I read one of the comments from someone. Uh, last time I asked if this was a phenomenon that we are more used to. More exposed to, uh, being in Los Angeles and Hollywood and being in more comedy scenes.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And whether or not it was something that other people outside of this bubble of LA/New York/Chicago experience. And most of the comments I read was that…saying no. That was not the case.

Dick: That everyone experiences it.

Maddox: No, no, they said it wasn't.

Dick: They said they didn't experience it outside?

Maddox: No, not…

Dick: Comedy? I read the opposite online.

Maddox: Not people…

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: Not people…

Dick: You read the comments I wanted to read.

Maddox: The people who were experiencing bits were…you know. They said that there would be an occasional dad joke or two from a dad who was a little overzealous with his joking.

Dick: Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Dad jokes are very different. Dad jokes are…are…the succor of life. Dad jokes are what keeps me going in life. Dad jokes are unassailable! These are bits. These are comedy bits. This is…see, a dad joke…a dad doesn't want or need validation. A dad specifically wants to waste your time the way you have wasted his.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: He wants you to suck on that joke.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? He wants you…he wants to say it, and then just go…look right in your face and say, "You can't take that back, can you?" And deep down, you know it's funny. A BIT is someone sucking that information…sucking that validation from you. A dad joke is the opposite.

Maddox: Yeah, I agree. I like dad jokes a lot. I like dad jokes and I like to hang out with dads who tell dad jokes.

Dick: What's your favorite dad joke? I got one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…we're making fish tonight, just for the "halibut".

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: That's a good one.

Maddox: That is a good one. (giggles)

Dick: That's my favorite Dad joke.

Maddox: Uh, you and I, Dick. A long time ago, went fishing with your dad.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And…I decided to look up a bunch of fishing jokes.

Dick: Oh, it was painful.

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah! If you guys are ever bored and you want to read the WORST jokes. The WORST jokes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Just go to Google and type in "Fishing Jokes".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, they will put you in a bad mood. Guaranteed. Um, I got a comment from **Arkhan Black.** He says, **"I think Dick brought himself in as a problem with Bits."**

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I'm joking too much?

Maddox: Too many jokes. And speaking of jokes and shenanigans, I got a comment from **Jessica SK.** She says, **"I call shenanigans. Haters isn't a problem."** Because Tim Changzzzzz's problem was haters, and it came in first last week. She says, **"Calling people haters…"**

Dick: The week before.

Maddox: Oh, the week before. That's right. She said, **"Calling people haters is just a way to dismiss any and all criticism."** That's right, Tim Changzzzzz!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Nice try, bro!

Dick: There is a bit of truth to that. Here's one…this is one that I thought was interesting, from **Chris Pucknell.** He's talking about your problem of Overpopulation Alarmists.

Maddox: Y eah.

Dick: Uh, you said…well, you brought in Thomas Malthus.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Some psychic who said that London would be buried under 9 feet of shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of horse shit.

Maddox: Horse shit. Yeah.

Dick: Right? And that…that was ridiculous, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, can you imagine, I was like, "Yeah, that does sound kind of ridiculous."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, why are all these horses shitting in London? How would that…so he says, **"London WAS getting buried in manure. 50,000 working horses were despoiling the streets with nearly 1,000 tons of manure a DAY. Not to mention 100,000 pints of urine and even their own knackered corpses."** And apparently, New York was twice as bad, it was getting so out of hand. But then everyone switched to cars, so problem solved. That's interesting!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Imagine that many…imagine how bad dog shit is in LA, except instead of everyone having a little yippy dog, they had a horse.

Maddox: A stupid fucking horse! Stupid…

Dick: (interjects) It would be much worse.

Maddox: Stupid, beady eyes, dumb, animals. Uh, look. I've said this in the past. I brought in Horses as a problem. I think Horses are a HUGE problem!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And had we continued to rely on horse power…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Instead of glue, say. You know.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The problem would've been way worse. I agree with that. Uh, but yeah. Again, the point is, though, that you couldn't predict technology. Something came along and made horses obsolete.

Dick: Okay. Do you think there's anything to my comparison with global warming now? After having thought about it for a week? Because the horse shit is piling up…like these guys say.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The CO2…is piling up. Let's say it is. I'm betting…there's no question in my mind that we'll have something better than what we have now, in, like, 100 years, and this will just be a blip on the radar. Right? We're like, "Okay, well, we're not doing that anymore."

Maddox: Well, the problem is with global warming, Dick. Is that…if the models are true, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The temperature rises to the point where the polar caps melt, and it raises the temperature more, and it becomes a cycle that's irreversible, then we're in serious trouble, right? Because then how are you going to refreeze the polar caps? How are you going to…

Dick: Freeze ray!

Maddox: Undo…(laughs)

Dick: Duke Nukem! It's even…that's something that's been imagined!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, I don't know, Dick. It seems like it's a problem that's outside the scope of our control right now, and it's something that…

Dick: That's the point. "Right now". Man, freeze rays. We're gonna have all kinds of rays in the future. Hair growing rays. Pew, pew!!

Maddox: I wouldn't use it.

Dick: You wouldn't use it out of spite?

Maddox: No. I wouldn't use it out of spite.

Dick: (giggles) Eh. Uh, let's see. I got another one from…**Jason Takes. "The woman in that Craigslist prank came out as an actress."**

Maddox: Oh, that's right!

Dick: On Drama Alert.

Maddox: So, last episode…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you haven't listened to it yet…I talked about Prank Bros. And specifically, there's this prank on this channel called Moe and Ethan Bradbury. These two bozos. Who do these really mean-spirited, shitty pranks that aren't funny. And they do it under the guise of raising…as a social experiment to raise awareness about how dangerous Craigslist can be, 'cause God forbid you want to go and buy a discounted TV or an iPhone or something.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So this guy…Ethan Cline from H3H3 productions made a video about this, and talked about how it felt more real than usual, and also the video was deleted a few days after, so it led a lot of people, including myself, to suspect that this video was real. However, some…

Dick: (interjects) This guys says she's an actress, though, right?

Maddox: Yeeeeah. She is an actress.

Dick: Hmm. There you go.

Maddox: Her name is…something Moses. Anyway, she came out and she finally admitted that she was…this was a hired…a paid acting gig. She saw the casting opportunity on this..

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: …New York casting website.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And it said it was for, like, some commercial product or something. So she didn't really know what she was getting into until she showed up on the day of the shoot. And that's when they told her. And I saw an interview with her on this YouTube channel called Keemstar. Keemstar I think is the guy's name. And he interviewed her and she said that…she's actually on the side of Moe and Ethan. She said they were really professional and hardworking and did a good job, and they took care of her.

Dick: But it's all fake!

Maddox: Yeah, she said it was fake.

Dick: It's like prank porn, right?

Maddox: Right, and then…but and then he asked her the same point that I raised last time, which is…"Well, what happens when people who watch this come away thinking that it's real and they try to duplicate some of these pranks themselves?"

Dick: Go to jail.

Maddox: Because there's a suspension of belief when you watch…you mentioned Beavis and Butthead, Dick, last time.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Beavis and Butthead is a cartoon. There's a suspension of belief there. Movies, there's a suspension of belief. TV shows, there's a suspension of belief.

Dick: Disbelief. Suspension of disbelief.

Maddox: Suspension of disbelief is the opposite. It's where you're suspending your disbelief to believe what the narrative is showing you. I'm saying a suspension of belief…

Dick: Like you don't believe that it's true?

Maddox: That you…

Dick: (interjects) Like, that you know it's not true?

Maddox: It's basically a double negative. Uh, here.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, it's getting kinda confusing. But you get the idea.

Dick: It's make believe.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's TV. Movies. Cartoon. Sure.

Maddox: No, yeah. So the suspension of belief in Beavis and Butthead is that you don't believe it's true.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Right. So the…you lack that suspension of belief, uh, in these cases, because you see this and you're not told that it's fake. You have no reason to believe that it's fake. So…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Essentially…I think it's a lot more potent. The message and the takeaway is a lot more potent.

Dick: Accountability. Everybody's accountable for whatever they do. It's art. Fuck it.

Maddox: (scoffs) It's art, fuck it.

Dick: Yeah, man.

Maddox: I dunno.

Dick: You put out a Craigslist ad and, like, if you're actually doing that. If you're actually, I dunno. Luring some real woman into a house and attacking her. Uh, with five masked strangers to make a funny video. And you, like…you CLAIM that you were influenced by a video you saw on the Internet? You're going to jail. Fuck you, man.

Maddox: Yeah. Of course. I mean, justice can be served after the fact, but the point is to try to prevent that. Like, I don't quite get what the fun in that is, especially 'cause these guys are calling themselves pranksters.

Dick: What do you mean, you don't get what the fun is?

Maddox: Well, a prank is supposed to be fun.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're failing. At fun. (giggles)

Dick: They're failing at fun.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Uhhhh, let's see. You know what? I got one more. Somebody…somebody sent in a package awhile ago, I've been meaning to open.

Maddox: Oh, let's see it.

Dick: Yeah. (paper sounds in background) It's a great one. **"Dear Dick, I was listening to the Biggest Problem in the Universe recently, and upon hearing you bring "Too Long Shorts" to the big list, I became a man convicted."** Is that right? Yeah. **"Enclosed you will find a pair of shorts that used to belong to my grandfather while he would play tennis. I would have kept them for myself but decided that your need was greater than mine, and being from Colorado, I simply don't have the weather for them 80% of the time. Please enjoy this kindly gift and since this isn't a voice mail, don't go fuck yourself, although I can understand if you would want to…I mean, who wouldn't. Regards, Patrick."** Check it out. It's a pair of vintage Grandpa short…tennis shorts.

Maddox: Ohhh, wow, look at that.

Dick: Look at that. Yeah. Uh, they got a couple stains in the back and everything.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Pretty nice.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, thanks, Patrick.

Maddox: You'll look real hot wearing those at the tennis court, or whatever? Oiled up?

Dick: Yeah. If you wanna go to the website, don't worry, there won't be pictures of me in them on it.

Maddox: Oh, thank God.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright. Should we get to the problems?!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: I got a big one this week, Dick. Murderers!!

Dick: Murderers?

(Sound effect: Clapping)

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's a pretty big problem.

Maddox: Murderers are a really big problem.

Dick: (giggles) Yeah. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: You know why, Dick? Murderers are a problem because Murder is a problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But the reason I didn't bring in Murder as a problem is because Murder doesn't murder people. Murderers murder people.

Dick: So wait, your problem is Murderers?

Maddox: Murderers.

Dick: Okay, not murder. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Murderers. Not murder.

Dick: Okay. I don't wanna derail your topic…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But is abortion murder? (Maddox laughs) Just a quick aside. (giggles)

Maddox: Thanks, Dick.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: That wouldn't derail…(they crack up) that wouldn't derail this topic at all.

Dick: No, why would it? (grins)

Maddox: No. (Dick giggles) And no, it's not. Alright, so. (they laugh) Alright, moving on. Speaking of types of murder, right? Um…there are a lot of different types of murder. But I…(stammers) also didn't want to confuse anyone with the word "murder" for the expression of how difficult something is, like: "This physics homework is murder", or "Carrying around these heavy balls is murder on my back", you know, that sort of thing.

Dick: Oh, your testicles?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. That's…those are also different types of murder, but I'm talking about different…you know. The other…the other murders, right? Like…

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Here's the different types of murders. There's mass murder.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: There's child murder.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: There's first degree. Mhmm. There's second degree murder.

Dick: Sure. (scoffs)

Maddox: That involves malice, but it's not premeditated. There's ax murder. There's attempted murder, which isn't really murder.

Dick: Well, that's not murder. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's…(giggles)

Dick: Okay. We'll leave that off. Don't be lumping in problems that aren't really there to part of your problem.

Maddox: Attempted murder is a type of non-murder!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's a perfect murder, which is one where the criminal almost gets away, like in every single episode of CSI. So, not perfect, in other words.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But they always…every time I see a…a drama or a thriller like that about a perfect murder, the guy gets caught, so it's not perfect!

Dick: No.

Maddox: A perfect murder is one where the guy just gets away.

Dick: No, a perfect murder is what happens on the show The First 48 Hours, when guys just don't talk to the cops, and everybody gets away with everything.

Maddox: Is that what happens?

Dick: Like, that's a real…yeah. In the real world...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nobody gets caught if they don't say anything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If it wasn't…like, if it wasn't a friend or a family member, you got away with it.

Maddox: Well, what about…well, I guess there's some movies that have perfect murders, I guess. Like in Gone Girl. She didn't get caught, right? Did you see that movie, Gone Girl?

Dick: No, I didn't see that. No. Thanks for…thanks for spoiling that, though.

Maddox: Uh…(giggles) Yeah. She murders someone, I guess. Anyway, there's execution-style murder.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: There's felony murder. That's murder committed during a felony, so sometimes even accidental. If you're robbing a bank or something and someone gets shocked and falls down the stairs and gets killed, you may be prosecuted for that crime as a felony murder.

Dick: This murder has gotten legal, very quickly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A very human and very horrible, visceral problem.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Has turned into law.

Maddox: Yep. There's Dial M for Murder.

Dick: Hmm. (giggles)

Maddox: There's crying bloody murder.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's knife-slaying murder. And then there's a type of murder and slaying that I do, which is slaying that poon. (they quietly giggle) Crushing that puss is also a type of murder. (laughs)

Dick: So, vote up bits, everyone! (Maddox laughs) Vote up puns and bits.

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Dick laughs)

Maddox: Alright. Some of the most prolific murderers in history, though, are serial killers. Which is what I want to talk about today.

Dick: Ohhhhh!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. That's a red fl…when I hear serial killers, that's the red flag that makes me know I've fucked up with picking a girl to date, again.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: When she says, “Oh, you know what?” Like she’s confessing a secret to me. “You know what? I actually have a…I used to have…I went through, like, a serial killer phase.”

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Where I was really interested in serial killers. I’m like, “Oh, yeah.”

Maddox: That’s like every girl I date is like that.

Dick: Yeah. (sighs) We don’t pick well. (Maddox laughs) We don’t pick girls well.

Maddox: Yeah, every gi…look. I’m not holding it against them, ‘cause I’m interested in it, too. I’m interested and intrigued. When they bring it up, I’m like, “Alright, great. I found another one.”

Dick: Why?! You’re interested in serial killers, too?

Maddox: “I’m gonna be dating this girl for another…” Yeah, it’s kinda fascinating.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Not as much as the girls that I date. The girls that I date are always more interested in serial killers than I am.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, and usually horror movies and shitty movies and cinema and things like that.

Dick: They’re MORE interested in those things?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: What do you like about ‘em? What do you like about serial killers?

Maddox: I like the, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Like, what’s the last serial killer you learned about?

Maddox: Oh, I learned about this guy…um. So I went to the…Museum of Death in…

Dick: (interjects) Sure. Hot date spot.

Maddox: In Los Angeles. Yeah! It was a hot date. I was going to the Museum of Death.

Dick: I was being sarcastic…(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick!

Dick: You’re probably right. You’re probably right!

Maddox: Nothing makes these chicks hornier than seeing all this crazy shit that serial killers did!

Dick: No, you’re…you’re right.

Maddox: Oh, man. They get horned up! Um, so…(laughs) we got to this…we go to this serial killer museum, where we’re seeing, like, blood knives, and murder weapons, and pictures of crime scenes, and it’s just, like, ohhh…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, my God.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. And then they…the chicks always start getting frisky. They're like, "Oh, man. This is really turning me on. (Dick giggles) I'm like, this is fucked. But yeah. This is awesome. So anyway. They had this survey that they would give to certain prisoners. High profiler murderers in prison. And one of them was…(giggles) this guy. They asked him what he would do if he was President of the United States. And he said he would…

Dick: (interjects) Build a wall!! (they chuckle)

Maddox: Yeah. He said he would build a wall. Yeah.

Dick: He said he would build a wall. Yeah.

Maddox: He said that he would rule America with an iron fist and a rock-hard dick. And… (cracks up) that phrasing was so visceral to me, and it really stuck with me. I thought that was really fascinating. Good writer, I think.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Had he not been a serial killer. A mass murderer.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Um, yeah. Anyway. So how did we get on the topic of…

Dick: (interjects) What do you like about serial killers? Are you gonna get to that?

Maddox: Oh, I…no. I think that the trivia is kind of fascinating, you know. It's an anomaly.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: It's a blip.

Dick: Oh, in, like, human behavior? Like, what would make a person do this? Why would they get off on this kind of thing?

Maddox: Right. When you look at a graph, right? If you look at a line on a graph, the most interesting part of that line is usually where it intersects with 0. Those are serial killers!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Anyway, Dick. How big of a problem do you think this is?

Dick: MURDER?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Oh, boy!! Um…for, what is it? Like, probably in the tens of thousands in America?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: According to the CDC, 16,121 people die from homicides every year in the US. And according to the United Nations, 437,000 people are murdered worldwide every year.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: That's half a million people are murdered. That's a lot of stabbing.

Dick: Every year.

Maddox: Yeah. Lot of stabs, lot of crushed heads. Lot of arsenic? Arsenic could be a way to kill someone.

Dick: Poison. Drones!

Maddox: Drones.

Dick: Drones are wiping some people out!

Maddox: Yeeeeeeep.

Dick: Is abortion included in that figure?

Maddox: No. No abortion is fine, yeah. You're totally clear. (chuckles)

Dick: Oh. So the fact that it's a unique human genetic code at that point, you don't have a problem with that?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Okay. Just checking. I don't wanna derail the problem.

Maddox: I dunno. Do you?

Dick: Uh, yeah, I think it's a murder of convenience.

Maddox: A murder of convenience. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I forgot to add that to my list of types of murders.

Dick: Well, we're okay with that! War, that's a bunch of murders, but, you know…we want whatever they got, so we allow that to happen.

Maddox: Well, murder of convenience implies that it's kind of like a casual…you know. Yeah, you know what? I don't feel like having this baby, so I'm going to go have an abortion.

Dick: It would make my life worse to have it, so I'm gonna murder it.

Maddox: Well…also, it could lead to making other people's lives worse, as in the intro to Freakonomics.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: They..they found that there was a huge drop in crime, something like 20 years after the abortion legislation passed in the US, Rowe vs. Wade.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you had a dip in the number of delinquent minors who were being raised by shitty mothers who would have otherwise been shitty parents, and then mothers who may resent the children they're raising because they were raped and inseminated by someone they don't love. Then all those children who would've grown up to become criminals were aborted.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Pretty cool.

Dick: So…drain on society.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Flush 'em. (laughs) Go vote up Abortion as a solution, guys. Anyway, moving on. The most prolific serial killer in history was a guy named Louis Garavito, who has killed about 140 victims.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: 140 people this guy killed. He was Columbian, and he was known as The Beast. La Bestia, I think is the guy's name.

Dick: So many chicks are getting turned on right now.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Hearing that. The Beast.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. These…

Dick: (interjects) A Latin American, swarthy Latin…

Maddox: (interjects) This episode, more than any other, I think is the one that chicks will diddle themselves to. (cracks up)

Dick: And Sean's missing it!

Maddox: Sean…hey, by the…

Dick: (interjects) As he's losing money.

Maddox: Yeah. We're 12…what is it?

Dick: 21…21 minutes.

Maddox: Oh, 21 minutes.

Dick: It's upside down.

Maddox: 21%, okay? 21% docked. Sean's pay on this episode. (giggles) What's left, like 4 dollars? (laughs)

Dick: We'll see. (grins)

Maddox: Anyway. He's suspected…this guy is suspected of murdering over 300 victims. He was only…that's 140 PROVEN victims that they found, and then he's…he confessed to

more, and he's suspected of killing about 300 victims. He mostly murdered and tortured children. He killed 140 over the course of five years. That's 28 per year, or just over 2 kids per month, every month, for half a decade.

Dick: That's a lot of kids.

Maddox: That's a LOT of kids.

Dick: That's a lot of work, too.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Every two weeks, you gotta go murder some kid?

Maddox: Hey, so here's a postulation for you…

Dick: (interjects) Ugh, pain in the ass.

Maddox: for you anti-abortionists, right? This guy…(Dick laughs)

Dick: I'm not anti-abortion!!

Maddox: Just, whoever may be.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: This guy ended up killing 140 kids, right? This one man killed 140 kids. What if HE was aborted? You just saved 140 kids' lives.

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mhmm. Serial killer. I…I bet his mom. His mom didn't give a shit about him, maybe. A lot of these serial killers, too, have backgrounds where they were abused as children.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Lot of really dark shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then they become comedians. Can't stop telling bits in cafes at 1 AM. Anyway. The second most prolific killer is also Columbian. His name is Pedro Lopez, suspected of killing 300 people. He…and there's confirmed 110. He was active in the seventies, killing mostly young girls between 8 and 12. He was released from prison in 1998 and his whereabouts are unknown.

Dick: Oh, he's out there?

Maddox: Yeah, he's out there.

Dick: Right now?!

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: 1998.

Dick: That's too bad.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, the third most prolific is ALSO Columbian, so that's…the top three most prolific serial killers in the world…

Dick: What the hell's going on down there?

Maddox: Columbian. I dunno! I dunno. There are a lot of really prolific Columbian serial killers. It's not…they're not just tied to Columbia, it's also other South American countries like Ecuador. You know, some of the neighbors. Anyway…

Dick: (interjects) What, they're touring around down there, you mean?

Maddox: Yeah. Confirmed 72 murders, suspected of 150, mostly young virgin girls.

Dick: Ohhhhhh, what a dick!!

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: Kids you can understand. But young virgin women, come on, man!

Maddox: That's why you gotta lose it as quickly as possible!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you don't get murdered or sacrificed. That's the number one thing that kills people. Did you know that?

Dick: Being a virgin?

Maddox: The number one thing that kills people in horror movies is being a virgin.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Lose your virginity, people. Big…big solution. Get banged. Um, anyway. So yeah. He killed a lot of young girls between 8 and 12. He was released from prison in 1998…oh, that was another guy, sorry. So he confirmed…there was a confirmed 72 murders for this guy, suspected of 150. And he was believed to be motivated by his stepmother abusing him as a child. Then in the US, the most prolific murderer in the US was Gary Ridgeway. Uh, he confirmed killed 49 people, acted between 1982 and 2000. He mostly killed sex workers and is suspected of killing 90. That's a lot of people, man. One person can kill 100 or so.

Dick: Yeah. That seems a bit lazy, too. To murder sex workers?

Maddox: Why.

Dick: 'Cause it's a little easy.

Maddox: It's a cliché.

Dick: They're already desperate.

Maddox: It's a cliché, man.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: You know…why wouldn't you…why aren't these serial killers more creative with their victims?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know? Why don't you just pick, um, mountain men? You know? Make that be your targ…at least a WORTHY target.

Dick: Lumberjacks?

Maddox: Be like…be like Predator, at least.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know? People who have axes and chainsaws. Put some…put some hunting…

Dick: (interjects) Hey, man. We wouldn't have any good movies without murder.

Maddox: Without murder?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Let's be…we wouldn't have any good movies. We wouldn't have any good video games. We wouldn't have any good TV.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Without murderers.

Maddox: Yep!! Name one good game…

Dick: (interjects) Our biggest heroes are murderers. Indiana Jones.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Huge murderer.

Maddox: OJ Simpson. (laughs)

Dick: Really, hilarious murderer. (giggles)

Maddox: He was funny in Naked Gun. (laughs)

Dick: He was. (grins)

Maddox: Was he in Naked…yeah. He was in Naked gun, wasn't he?

Dick: Yeah, he was in Naked Gun.

Maddox: Yeah. Um, anyway. Yeah, Gary Ridgeway killed a lot of prostitutes. And then the most prolific Brazilian killer was another guy named Pedro…Rodriguez Filho. He was sentenced to 128 years for 71 murders. But get this. Brazil has a maximum sentence of 30 years, so he was released. (laughs)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I…I believe he was released, yeah. He also killed his father and ate a piece of his heart.

Dick: I mean, you know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the dream, right?

Maddox: Well, it's there.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, you gotta taste it. You gotta absorb his powers.

Dick: You gotta get his power.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, maybe..

Dick: (interjects) Surely there's a good side to all of this murder, though. Like, this could be your Death problem. You know? You CAN'T KILL HITLER without MURDERING him!!! RIGHT?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't…you can't beat the Nazis without mur…you gotta…every once in a while, you just gotta murder some people!!

Maddox: So, now, if you…know. Now we're getting into a little semantic game here, between killing and murdering. There is a difference. Uh, killing, people say…is the act of taking a life.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Murder, however, they say, is premeditated. It's either premeditated or done…if you wanna get into the legal terms, done with malice, or done in the process of a crime, so if you unintentionally kill someone while committing a felony, that's called a felony murder.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So what do you think of that distinction? Killing versus murder.

Dick: Seems like, uh…seems like whoever wins the war is who determines whether it was murder or not.

Maddox: Whether it was a war crime, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, you're training for six weeks, and then you go storm another country's beaches and start shooting at their guys. Seems like murder.

Maddox: Seems like…

Dick: (interjects) Seems like a murder you can GET behind!!

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Seems like murder nonetheless.

Maddox: Seems like murder. And then people also say that murder…or if you kill someone in the act of self-defense, that doesn't count as murder. They say that that's just an act of self-defense. They don't even call it killing, but you kill.

Dick: Hmm, yeah.

Maddox: If you take another life, that's killing. Uh, in China there was a guy named Yang Xing Hai from the early 2000s. This is, like, 2003. He killed 67 people by entering their homes at night and killing everyone with axes, meat cleavers, hammers, and shovels!

Dick: Now wait a minute. I…I suspect you're kind of bringing in serial killers, though. 'Cause serial killers are scary as shit.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, they're the worst types of murderers. I mean, you can be a murderer who only kills one person. They're still scary and heinous people, like OJ Simpson.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, do you believe he did it? OJ Simpson?

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, I started watching that stupid documentary thing they're airing right now, is it on FX, or HBO, or something? I don't know.

Dick: No idea.

Maddox: No idea.

Dick: No idea where to go look for it.

Maddox: No, I don't know. I just go to the Internet and I find clips and watch it there. I don't give a shit.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, make it EASY for me to watch! Otherwise people are going to provide it for me in a way that you're not gonna monetize it, shitheads!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I'm still gonna watch it. So anyway. It's…fascinating, going back to see all the evidence that they laid out, and the argument that the defense was putting out there, which is essentially that there was a big conspiracy by the LAPD to…

Dick: (interjects) Frame OJ?

Maddox: To frame OJ. Where they went to his house and rifled through his socks and found some, and then got a vial of blood and took it with them, and put some blood on his

socks, and then also found one of his gloves, and then expertly placed the glove, with blood, you know, on this property.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And then put a little dab of blood on his Bronco, and all this, like, crazy shit. It's like, yeah, of course that didn't happen.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: Anyway. Uh…Albert Fish. There was another guy named Albert Fish. Have you heard of this guy?

Dick: Yeah, I have heard of that guy.

Maddox: Yeah, Albert Fish…

Dick: (interjects) There was a…one of the guys I was in the Dr. Phil house with…was…he was there 'cause he was a misanthrope, and he ran a business of serial killer memorabilia.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Like, he lived in Utah. I can't remember his name. He lived in Utah and he had a little store there that just bought and sold items that belonged to serial killers. He was… and he loved Albert Fish. Um, weird guy.

Maddox: Yeah. Real weird guy, Albert Fish?

Dick: Cool guy!

Maddox: Who?

Dick: Oh, I'm sorry. (giggles)

Maddox: Oh, the serial killer?

Dick: The Utah guy!!!

Maddox: The Utah guy. (laughs)

Dick: The guy that was on Dr. Phil.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: He was a cool guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A little kooky. Yeah. Albert Fish. Definitely a weird guy. Putting pins and needles in kids' groins, and stuff like that?

Maddox: So you're not calling him cool. You're not calling Albert Fish cool.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Alright. Okay. Just wanted to clarify. Yeah, Albert Fish, NOT cool. For the record.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Uh, he was a notorious American serial killer who was active from 1924 to '32. He was a real sick fuck. Uh, from the book, in his own words, listen to this. **"Around 1910 while he was working in Willington, Delaware, Fish met a 19-year-old man named Thomas Ketton. He took Ketton to where he was staying, and the two began a sado-masochistic relationship. It is unclear whether or not Fish forced Ketton to do these things, but in his confession, he implies that the man was intellectually disabled."**

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Real sick bastard. **"After 10 days, Fish took Ketton to an old farmhouse, where he began to torture him. The torture took place over two weeks. Fish eventually tied Ketton up and cut off his penis."**

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. **"Later on, Fish poured…"**

Dick: The retarded guy, cut off his penis?

Maddox: Yeah, he cut off his penis.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: "Fish poured peroxide all over the wound, wrapped it in Vaseline-covered handkerchief, and left a $10 bill…"

Dick: Aaaaaggh!

Maddox: "Kissed Ketton goodbye, and left."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Then he took the first train he could get back home. Never heard what became of the other guy, and he never tried to find out.

Dick: Yeah, man. These…serial killers, I'm 100% behind. (Maddox laughs) That they're a problem.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (laughs)

Dick: That they're a big…they're a big problem.

Maddox: Yeah!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Half a million people dying every year from serial killers.

Dick: Well, because they're like terrorists, but with style.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Serial killers. Like, they are…they're making us all terrified!! But for some reason, everyone is drawn to their weird, sicko charm! Like Ted Bundy, right?

Maddox: Ted Bundy, yeah.

Dick: Like…(stammers) everybody wants…everybody is interested in these serial killers. ISIS, don't care about…(stammers) I don't care what they want. I don't care what they're talking about. They're all wearing a dumb uniform. No style at all. Right? Not interested.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Bad marketing. Serial killers. Great marketing!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Horrible! Great marketing.

Maddox: Yeah. Serial…

Dick: (interjects) People are buying their books!!! (yells)

Maddox: Serial killers are randoms. Uh, they're kind of like flashes in the pan. You don't know what to expect. You don't know when they'll strike. You don't know where they'll strike. They are really fascinating in that sense, and I think that's why a lot of people are fascinated by them. They are just kind of curious about what motivates someone to do these things.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, where does this come from? Is it psychological? I mean…yeah. (they laugh) It's psychological. That's all there is to it. Maybe they should get some ADD medication.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Anyway, uh…Fish started having auditory hallucinations. He…he would also insert needles into his groin and abdomen. This is why Fish was so famous, I think. One of the reasons. Is because after his arrest, he was x-rayed, and they found at least 29 needles lodged into his pelvic region.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And man, if you look up this x-ray…

Dick: I've seen it.

Maddox: It's…REALLY sick-looking.

Dick: It's disgusting.

Maddox: Yeah. He also has a nail-studded paddle and he put wool doused with lighter fluid up his anus and set it on fire.

Dick: What's wrong with that?

Maddox: Well…nothing. It's real hot. (snorts)

Dick: Yeah. (they giggle) Brain damage. Bad puns!

Maddox: He would sometimes eat dinners consisting solely of raw meat. He would tell his kids to spank him with that nail-studded paddle. Uh, there were also group serial killers. Have you ever heard of this? Um, in Philadelphia in the 1930's, there was a poison ring.

It was called the Philadelphia Poison Ring. And they were a gang of 16 people who poisoned Italian immigrants with arsenic to collect their life insurance.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. There was a scam to find recently-widowed women through a matrimony agency that they set up. Then they would…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's a bummer. Come on, guys!

Maddox: Yeah, I guess they would marry them. Mhmm. They'd get an insurance policy on them, and then they'd all accidentally be killed in really violent ways, or they'd be poisoned.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: And man, some of these descriptions. I read some of these descriptions. It's so gruesome. So graphic.

Dick: How they killed them?

Maddox: Well, the…the effects of drinking that much arsenic. Because…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, oh.

Maddox: Someone dying from arsenic poisoning is really rare.

Dick: Fat and bloated and disgusting?

Maddox: Yeah, they get really bloated…

Dick: Exploding?

Maddox: Their eyes bulge out. It's really nasty.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Really nasty. Um, this is kind of an interesting phenomenon, but a lot of serial killers have the name "Wayne" as a middle or first name. Did you know that?

Dick: Ooh, I know somebody with Wayne as a middle name.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: You think he's a serial killer?

Maddox: Well, I was at a party not too long ago…where, um…a friend of mine introduced me to someone whose name was…he had Wayne as a middle name.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And, uh…they said to him, "Oh, a lot of serial killers have the name Wayne in common." And he said, "Oh, yeah, well my uncle was a serial killer and he had the name Wayne in it."

Dick: Oh, cool.

Maddox: And yeah, his uncle was a…yeah. (scoffs) Real prolific serial killer, too. This guy.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Um, anyway. There's John Wayne Gacy, of course. Elmer Wayne Henley. But there are at least 222 more serial killers, according to this website, newsoftheweird.com. I'll link to it on the website. And according to Freakonomics, in 2006, a woman noticed that in an eight-month period in Texas alone, there were 19 people who were accused of crimes with the middle name Wayne. Now, I don't know if that's just confirmation bias, 'cause you're looking for it?

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: But, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Not all Waynes?

Maddox: Not all Waynes. (giggles)

Dick: Are we gonna say that?

Maddox: Yeah. #notallwaynes. But it is kind of fascinating that Wayne seems to be a common thing here. I don't know if this is corroborated by anything, but the name Wayne became really popular after John Wayne was a huge celebrity, right?

Dick: Sure. I didn't know that, but okay.

Maddox: So, yeah.

Dick: I could imagine.

Maddox: Yeah. When celebrities, during a certain time period, become really popular, you see a spike in the names of children who are named after that celebrity.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Like, right now, there's a big surge of Maddoxes being born.

Dick: Yeah, well.

Maddox: Uh…(giggles)

Dick: Could be true.

Maddox: See? There's evidence!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, maybe it's just a coincidence because these are the serial killers who came into adulthood around the time of their most prolific murdering years. And they were all named at a certain time when they were conceived, when John Wayne was a big celebrity.

Dick: Oh, I see.

Maddox: That's my theory.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: It's probably right. I'm smart. Um, anyway. There's also the serial killer Corianna Thompson, who was a transsexual strangler. You ever heard of this?

Dick: (giggles) No, but that's gonna stick in a headline.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: The Transsexual Strangler!

Maddox: Yeah. That's what it said…that's what they called her in the New York Post. Newyorkpost.com. She killed her 86-year-old mother as a woman, and had strangled a nurse to death prior to her gender operation as a man. She is the only serial killer to have killed in both genders.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah. Her birth name was Corey Wayne Balashek.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: But uh, yeah man. Murderers. Big problem!!

Dick: Serial killers!!

Maddox: Serial killers.

Dick: But also…

Maddox: Well, mass murderers. School shootings!

Dick: You're not gonna throw Planned Parenthood in that, are you?

Maddox: No, of course not. But…no. No, of course not. But, uh…yeah, I mean mass shootings is another big problem. Terrorists fall under this category.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But we've talked about some of that other shit!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In the past. I mean, there's…you know. It's in the news, obviously. Every week, there's something.

Dick: I just don't want you to be surprised when Murderers, the vote doesn't reflect the atrocities that you just read. 'Cause murdering goes both ways!!

Maddox: What are you talking about?

Dick: That's what I'm saying. These serial killers are the bad side of murdering, but civilization as a whole was built on murder! A whole SHITLOAD of murders!

Maddox: Well, Dick…so again. We're playing the semantic game.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Murder versus killing. 'Cause they would say that soldiers, like, US soldiers who go abroad and fight our battles, for whatever premise.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Are not considered murderers. They're considered people who are hired killers, essentially.

Dick: Whoa. Oh, okay.

Maddox: I mean, what…there is an important distinction, there. Do you think…do you agree, or no?

Dick: Well, yeah. One's legal.

Maddox: Between mur…between murdering and killing. Yeah. One is legal and one is not. By the Geneva Conventions too. During acts of war, I don't think that individual soldiers are often tried for war crimes if they're not…(stammers) if they're conducting their duties on the battlefield and they kill an enemy soldier in the process of war.

Dick: Yeah. Unless it was an accident. It's like, "Well, the drone accidentally shot up that wedding." What are you gonna do?

Maddox: Oh, well that too, actually, yeah. That's considered…that's not considered murdered. That's considered killing. Murder is usually premeditated.

Dick: Yeah, the line's getting a little blurry.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Well, I'm…I mean, where do you draw that line? Where do you…where do you think…

Dick: Well, I don't at all!

Maddox: You don't have any distinction between those.

Dick: No, you killed…like, you either killed someone to get something from them. Like, these serial killers killed someone to get a thrill. Uh, in the case of war, you're either killing someone to stop more killing, which is a matter of a scale, or you're killing someone for an economic benefit. It's still murder. But I don't personally need to feel better about one type of murder than another. Like, those…serial killers, throw 'em in jail. That's bad. I don't like that.

Maddox: Well, what would you say about murder…(stammers) because clearly, the law distinguishes between first and second degree murder. Second degree murder is murder…like, say you were at a bar.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You get angry at someone. You punch 'em in the face, and you accidentally kill them.

Dick: Yeah. That's less illegal than coming into a bar and blowing somebody's brains out on purpose.

Maddox: It's a lesser crime.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: The punishment for that is less, I think. Because it's a second degree murder. It's not first degree.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: First degree, premeditated murder is where you see your neighbor across the street, you make a plan to kill them, you go over there and kill them. That's first degree, premeditated murder, where versus a bar…uh, you know that incident in a bar. Do you think that one is…is morally better than the other, or do you think they're equal?

Dick: Uh, oh, morally?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm fine with the way the law is.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Just to be clear.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I'm fine with abortion! It's legal!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Make it legal! I don't give a shit!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: As long as I'm not being aborted!

Maddox: Yeah, well, it's…

Dick: (interjects) That's off the table!

Maddox: Well, not if I became President, shithead! (Dick laughs) That's my platform!!!

Dick: What?

Maddox: Raise the age!

Dick: 200th trimester abortions?

Maddox: Is that the math? Whatever…

Dick: (interjects) I dunno what the math is. (grins)

Maddox: Whatever it is, raise the age.

Dick: Raise it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Hey, well I'll tell you some people you can definitely put on that list of acceptable murders. Uh, freeway protest…freeway hijackers. I dunno what to call this. I don't know if I want to get cute or not, 'cause it's a very serious problem to me. Uh, but Road Blockheads? Is that…we get any love on that one?

Maddox: Road…road blockheads?

Dick: PEOPLE…taking over the freeway so EVERYBODY has to sit there, and suffer, so THEY can get on the news for their cause! That's my problem!!! And this is…this is…(stammers) this is a type of problem…every once in a while, I have a huge problem with something, but I don't wanna bring it in right away, 'cause I'm SO pissed off about it, but it only happened once. So I wait for stuff like this to happen a COUPLE TIMES before I bring it in. And THIS finally happened a third time. Where PEOPLE feel like they…protestors. ANYBODY! Doesn't even necessarily have to be a protest. Someone feels that they have the right to get on an interstate highway or a freeway and just STOP TRAFFIC completely! Dead. For thousands of people! Backing up FOR MILES! For what reason?! Does the reason matter?! That's what I'm genuinely asking you. Because I'm incensed by these people. I see…when I see people blocking the freeway, I don't wanna know what the reason is. I wanna see snowplows with rockets on their back and a giant LAPD or AZPD or whatever state they're in BARRELLING down the freeway like a fucking cannon to take these people off! Because they're screwing up everyone's day!!!

Maddox: Now, you're specifically talking about the most recent incident, which is some protestors blocked, uh…they blocked the freeway because there was a Trump rally going on, right?

Dick: Yeah. And…and…uh, believe it or not, like, I don't know if this will sound disingenuous, but I DON'T care what the reason is! I tried to find evidence of people from the right…the conservative side doing it, and I did find a couple, but yes. The most recent occurrence of this freeway Road Blockhead…freeway hijacking shit…did happen at the Trump event, where thousands of people are using the freeway to get to an event, and protestors just jump onto the road, and decide that they're…(stammers) you're not deciding where you're going, THEY are!! And you're gonna sit there for…until…until I dunno when. The cops gingerly pick them up and put them in patrol cars, and take them away? Like…I…I don't know what the end game is!!! But it's happened before that!

Maddox: Yeah, it has. Uh…so, I guess my question is, Dick. When it happens to a point where it reaches critical mass…because I agree with you, it's annoying. Uh…it can be…it can be a hazard for people's lives if an ambulance is trying to get down that freeway!

Dick: Tchhyeah!!

Maddox: Guys, you shouldn't shut it down. Uh, people could be having emergencies, or someone could be going into labor. There's someone who could be having a stroke. There's a LOT of reasons NOT to shut down a freeway. It's a bad way of protesting. However, there could be a point where it reaches critical mass, where, say, the number of people protesting are in the hundreds of thousands of people, and it represents, say, a good chunk of the city, over 50%. What would you say then?

Dick: Well, we've got this beautiful system where a judge can sit there and rule whether or not it's something that deserved to happen. Like, hundreds of thousands of people might be on the street walking. Uh, I don't personally like parades. But it's gonna happen. THIS…is not that. This is a bunch of people making a concerted effort to STOP traffic! Like the…I'll being in another one that's not political. Do you remember that jackass that shut down the freeway to propose to his girlfriend?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: See….when something like that happens, that combined with these protest freeway shutdowns? It makes me think that this is no longer…this phenomenon is no longer about raising awareness. It's just about people showing that they have the power to do this! You know what I mean? Like…(stammers) what is wrong with a person to want to shut down a freeway and mess up…imprison people in their cars for an hour, let's say, or multiple hours, for attention!! You're…like, this is much bigger. This isn't a protest tactic anymore. It's just people ruining ever…it's just people trying to ruin other people's lives!! To me.

Maddox: Yeah. I…I don't agree with shutting down a freeway. Um, but…let's say that there was a protest that were to occur. I can see a world in which…a protest…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, you have a t-shirt that says civil disobedience is still disobedience.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, let's..let's have a cup check.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Here.

Maddox: But that's satire. You know.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: I'm not actually condoning that cops go around beating people.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Um…but let's say it's a small town, and one of the only roads in that small town is the freeway. Um, yeah, I guess even then I still wouldn't condone it.

Dick: Well, let's…lemme ask you this thought experiment, because I…like, when I see that happening, I'm like, "Oh, these guys should go to jail FOREVER." Getting on the freeway and prohibiting thousands of people from going anywhere? Go to fucking jail forever!! Right!? Like, that's…or longer than…you know what the penalty for this is? It's like $2000.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And a couple of months. Like, a couple of months, maximum. Which is never gonna happen.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? You'll be a weekender. You'll go to jail for a couple weekends and you're out, max. That's what's gonna really happen.

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Uh, first of all…the going to jail forever part is idiotic!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: That is absolutely stupid, because the crime…the penalty should reflect the severity of the crime.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: If someone is a drunk driver, which is…(stammers) an act that is far more common than street…highway closures due to protests.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Drunk drivers shut down freeways all the fucking time and I don't see you complaining about them. To this severity. Because you are apoplectic right now, but drunk drivers get in wrecks, and they shut down the freeway for hours! Sometimes five, six hours at a time, versus this fucking freeway that just takes a few minutes! I get it, it's annoying. They're both annoying! But, uh…look at the severity of the crime. Why aren't you also suggesting that these people be put in jail forever? Or…anyone else who shuts it down? Like people who have accidents.

Dick: Who, drunk drivers? Who cause accidents?

Maddox: Drunk drivers. People who don't have proper car maintenance. People who don't properly tie things down on their car. A mattress or something that falls off, causes a 10-car pile-up. People's lives are destroyed. Families are destroyed. Costs insurance millions of dollars. I mean…

Dick: You don't think that a loose mattress is the same thing as a guy, like, stopping traffic to propose to his girlfriend, though?

Maddox: Yeah, but I think that the mattress…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause that's gonna happen.

Maddox: Yeah, the guy proposing is a jackass, but that's a…you know, that was news because it happens so rarely. But the guy with the mattress…there's debris on freeways all the fucking time that causes huge accidents. I think that's a far bigger problem than, say, the one-off protest, or the one-off guy proposing to his dipshit girlfriend. Who, by the way, what Dick is referring to is this incident that happened where this guy proposed to his girlfriend and he thought it'd be really romantic to get his friends to help shut down traffic, which was fucking awful.

Dick: It was awful!

Maddox: And everyone was pissed off at him.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: His girlfriend then, later on, when they interviewed him on the news, 'cause the guy went to jail, she said, "Oh, I thought it was really romantic." (they scoff) Yeah, fuck you! (Dick growls with rage) How about taking some accountability in this case, and stepping back and saying, "Hey, bro? Thanks for proposing, but you just showed me that you're not qualified to sow my loins. Uh, sow your seed in my loins." (giggles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think the worst thing is that everyone would see it like that. Like that's what…

Maddox: (interjects) That it was romantic?

Dick: Yes!

Maddox: No, people were pissed.

Dick: People were pissed. But I think this is like…like, the idea of stealing people's time is becoming…uh…is becoming less offensive to people…I think. Like, the notion of making everyone sit there and witness this spectacle that you're doing? Is, like, we're whittling away at something that should be sacrosanct to me. Like…the idea of respecting other people's time and not…not PURPOSEFULLY trying to destroy it. Trying to cost people their time just so you can get more attention.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, this incident that we're talking about specifically, this, over the weekend I think, there was a Trump rally in Arizona.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the protestors shut down the freeway, right? Uh…that's a bad move. You shouldn't shut down the freeway. Again, like, I said, people have emergencies and they have to get through. People have things that are going on in their lives. You cannot shut down the lifeblood of the freeway for your political protest, because both parties could do that, and if everyone just shut down every party all the time, then, uh…then what do we have? We have chaos and pandemonium.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: (interjects) You shut down the country. And look. Trump is definitely a threat to America and our civil liberties, and our way of life. (stammers) Absolutely. Vote up Fuckface Donald Trump, alright?!

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: It's a huge problem.

Dick: Yeah. (annoyed)

Maddox: I get it. But right now, he's not a problem to the point of severity where you're shutting down freeways and causing traffic jams for miles, and costing us millions of dollars. That's a bad move. But here's the part that I have a huge problem with. Because both sides of the equation are wrong in this one. There was a guy who, in this protest video. There's a protest video someone posted. Where a Jeep was just trying to start to plow his way through these protestors.

Dick: Dude. He was like, letting his foot off the gas. That guy was going as slow as you can go, through people that are standing there obstructing the freeway. You have a problem with that?! Would you not be doing that?!

Maddox: No, I would NOT be potentially running someone over!

Dick: All they have to do is step to the side!!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: (interjects) You're, like, going…you're going slower than you're going through a PARKING LOT!

Maddox: But in the video, it's pandemonium. There's so many people, and some of their backs are turned. They're not paying attention. It's loud. You might not hear the car coming. You might not see. If someone panics and starts screaming, or falls down, or trips, or whatever, the guy doesn't have time to react, and you've killed someone! Potentially.

Dick: They should have brought in a steam roller and gone over these people.

Maddox: Yeah. You cannot bring…you cannot move your car towards another person, because that's attempted vehicular homicide. That's what that is!

Dick: Well, that's what….OHHHHHHHHHHH, boy! Here's Sean!

Maddox: Well, well, well!

Dick: 50 minutes in!

Maddox: Yeah. 50….

Dick: (interjects) 50 minutes in!

Maddox: 50 minutes. Uh-huh. Welcome, Sean. Nice of you to join us, Sean!!

Dick: Was anyone blocking the freeway? Is that why it took you so long to get here?! (Maddox laughs) Your mic's live, by the way.

Sean: (in the background) Oh, yeah? How nice.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You guys started more or less on time.

Dick: Oh, okay. (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's enough with the condescending tone from you, Sean. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So…

Dick: We're talking about people who block freeways and how they should all be shot! How they should be glued to the freeway comically with Superglue and run over with a steamroller!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's my position on it! I don't care whose side they're on!!

Maddox: So…

Dick: I don't care if they're pro-Trump or anti-Trump! I don't care if they're proposing to their wife, or a man! I don't care if it's a gay proposal! If they're blocking the freeway, kill 'em!

Maddox: Very progressive of you, Dick. (laughs)

Dick: What the fuck?! Why does it…why…why do I need to tolerate their tantrums?!!?!

Maddox: Because you are…

Dick: (interjects) Like, why are we in that society?!

Maddox: You are being a big babyback bitch right now, because this is specifically a Trump rally they were protesting.

Dick: I don't care!!

Maddox: You don't have this kind of a reaction…you don't have this kind of reaction for drunk drivers. You don't have this kind of reaction for obstruction. People who don't tie things down properly on their cars! All those other things that shut down freeways!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Daily!! This is an anomaly, and I've never seen you this pissed off about any of that other shit!!

Dick: Well, that's why I brought it in!!

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: 'Cause I wanna see if ANYONE is…like, I've…everyone I've talked to is not as pissed off as I am!!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, even people who are…well, I don't know if there are people who are bigger Trump fans than me, but…even people who are on the same side as me, like, "Well, you know. What are you gonna do?" Like, (stammers excitedly) throw them in jail forever! Like, what's the difference? You got 1000 people that you've…let's say you got 9000 people that you've delayed for an hour.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 10,000 people.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: For an hour. What's the difference doing that and detaining one guy for a year? It's the same hours!! At what point does it…like, where does it turn from being a crime you should go to jail for 20 years for, and something that you get put in plastic handcuffs and let out later that day so you can go on Reddit and talk about what a big activist you are!

Sean: Wait, catch me up. Who did this?

Dick: A bunch of assholes did it at a Trump rally recently.

Sean: Oh, okay.

Maddox: In Arizona, over the weekend, Sean, a bunch of protestors shut down a freeway, because they didn't like…they didn't like Trump and they didn't want the rally to go forward, and they wanted to raise awareness for their cause.

Sean: In Arizona?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And they weren't killed?

Dick: Right?!

Maddox: For the cause.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Well, so here's what happened.

Sean: Arizona's like the biggest gun-carrying state next to Texas!

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Maybe more!

Dick: And by the way, this is basically their version of a PRANK!!

Maddox: Here's what…here's what happened, Sean. So during this protest..(stammers) you know, again, they're wrong to shut down the freeway. I don't condone that at all. I think it's ridiculous. I don't think Trump is AS an imminent threat to justify shutting down the freeway. But, uh…during the protest, a car started to slowly drive through the protestors. And people were screaming, and jumping, and freaking out. And they were telling the cop to, you know. To stop this guy, because it's essentially attempted vehicular homicide.

Dick: How the hell is he supposed to get through?!

Maddox: Well, you don't.

Dick: What, he just sits there until people leave?!

Maddox: What are you suggesting, Dick? He run people over and kill them?

Dick: Well, gosh, I don't know. If you walk onto a f…like, if you walk INTO danger. If you just RUN out onto the freeway real fast, and you get hit by a car, that's YOUR fault!! That's the real…

Maddox: (interjects) Okay, but that's not what happened.

Dick: But it's…it should be the same fucking thing! It should be more comparable than that guy having to sit in his car and wait for you to end your tantrum that you're Periscoping to the world!

Sean: You know how sometimes athletes and fans get involved with each other?

Dick: Yeah, and fight.

Sean: Like, a fan goes on the field, or an athlete goes into the stands?

Maddox: Right.

Sean: I heard someone who put it perfectly. The athletes stay where they're supposed to be, the fans stay where they're supposed to be, and if neither one does, anything happens and it's all fair game.

Maddox: No, that's…that's not legally, that's not how the law looks at it, Sean.

Sean: Obviously not.

Dick: It should be!

Sean: But it should!

Maddox: No. No. Absolutely not.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: It should be!

Maddox: No, because if you are driving down the freeway, right?

Sean: (interjects) Yeah. If you're crawling, they have time to get out of the way of your car!

Maddox: No, yeah, but Sean, if they don't, you don't have a right!

Sean: It's illegal!

Maddox: You don't have a right to run people over because they won't move out of your way!!

Sean: I didn't say run people over!

Maddox: I mean, that's essentially what this guy was doing.

Sean: No!!!

Maddox: Now lemme get to the crux of this situation. Why people were upset.

Sean: It's not some geriatric in a farmer's market!! (Dick chuckles)

Maddox: Well, let's get to the crux of the issue here. They were turning to the cops and saying, "Hey man, this guy's trying to plow through us! Do something." And the cop kinda just…

Dick: (interjects) They were screaming hysterically! That's murder!!! That's attempted murder!!! That's…yeah. Watch it. They were screaming hysterically.

Maddox: Yeah, I saw. I saw. I mean, essentially it is.

Sean: (interjects) How fast was he going?

Maddox: You are not…

Dick: (interjects) Dude, he would like put his…

Maddox: (interjects) About 5 to 10 miles an hour.

Dick: He pulled his foot off the brake. Like, the guy's going as slow as possible to get through these cry bullies.

Maddox: You aren't allowed to drive through people, period.

Sean: (interjects) You're not allowed to stage a protest on the freeway!

Maddox: Under any…well, that's right, Sean. But the crime shouldn't be your LIFE. The crime…excuse me. The penalty for staging a protest shouldn't be MURDER.

Sean: Yeah, true!

Maddox: The penalty for staging a protest…

Sean: (interjects) Nobody got murdered!

Maddox: No, but…(stammers) they easily could have, if someone panicked. If someone fell over. If…if there was a child that the driver didn't see, or something was going on on the freeway, I mean, it was pandemonium, if you saw what was going on.

Sean: There might be vehicular manslaughter.

Dick: Because of the dipshits that were on the freeway!!

Maddox: Look…

Dick: Look…

Maddox: I agree…

Dick: (interjects) The crime should be comparable. If it's vehicular manslaughter for me to inch through these dummies, then them being there in the first place should be a comparable prison term!!! For incarcerating me and thousands of other people when they don't have the…

Maddox: (interjects) It's not incarceration! You are so disingenuous, because you don't have this kind of reaction to drunk drivers, which shut down freeways every fucking day in this country, in every fucking state! Every day, there's some shithead drunk driver who's shutting down the fucking freeway, and I don't hear a single peep out of you or any of these crybaby dipshits! So let's step back off our high horse for a second and get some perspective here, because it's only political!! This is only because it was a Trump rally and because this dipshit cop didn't do his fucking job! Of course…look. You wanna be an asshole…

Sean: (interjects) I don't care whose rally it is.

Maddox: …and inch through traffic…

Dick: (interjects) Me either.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't give a shit either, but if you want to be a dipshit and inch through traffic, you're an asshole, and if you want to shut down the freeway, you're an asshole, too! They're both assholes. But the problem I have here is this cop didn't do his fucking job.

Sean: Well, here's the thing, too. And I do agree with you that the potential damage is not equivalent.

Maddox: No, of course not. Oh, sorry you were delayed, bro!

Sean: The car obviously…yeah.

Dick: (interjects) Why? It's thousands of people!

Sean: Yeah, but…

Dick: (interjects) It's tens of thousands of people! That's 10,000 hours!!

Maddox: First of all, it's not tens of thousands…

Sean: (interjects) No, what I'm saying though, is the car CAN kill someone. Nobody's gonna kill you in a car standing there.

Maddox: Well, sure. Right, right.

Sean: So it's obviously more dangerous to pull through a crowd of people. But…

Maddox: (interjects) Right! It's obnoxious. For sure!! They shouldn't have done it! They shouldn't have shut down the freeways.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I'm totally 100% behind you. That's out of line, I think. I agree with you.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Vote it up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. Today's episode is brought to you by…(Maddox giggles) Audible!! Who's got more than 180,000 audio books and spoken-word audio podcasts. Get a free 30-day trial at http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest! I brought in some…I brought in some books that I wanna check out. 'Cause they always encourage us to go look at their offering. So as hosts, we can talk about exciting books that we want to read, right?

Maddox: Yeah. What do you got?

Dick: Did you know that? Well, keep in mind that…as a sponsored program, we are contractually…we, as in also you…not allowed to mock any of these titles, before I read them, but these are titles I would really love to…love to listen to. I'll go through them. Um…uh…"The Art of the Deal". By Donald Trump. Is on this lovely service.

Maddox: (scoffs) Fuck you, Dick!! (laughs)

Dick: A great…no, no. Nope! Nope! You can't! They'll take our money away!! (Maddox cracks up) Crippled America: How to Make America Great. Also an audio book that I can't wait to listen to several times a day!!

Maddox: You know what? Fuck it! (Dick laughs) I will pay to mock this book! I don't give a shit!!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Here we go!!! I…(stammers) you know, Dick, you said…(starts ranting…laughs)

Dick: No, hold on!! Do it in a minute! You have to be quiet for a minute!!! (Maddox giggles) Here's another one…here's another audio book that you can check out. I really think…I…this is…I listened to a part of it before the show. It's called "Your Guide to Adult Coloring Books."

Maddox: Oh. (scoffs)

Dick: "Improved focus, mental boun…"

Maddox: Such an asshole! (laughs)

Dick: Here's another one! "Adventurer's Coloring Book". This is a real coloring book that you could listen to!!

Maddox: Why would you want to listen to a coloring book!!? (laughs)

Dick: Maddox! Don't you really want to find out!? What's in it?

Maddox: You know, it could be interesting.

Dick: I guarantee you want to at least go, listen to the sample at http://www.audiblepodcast.com/biggest to get a free 30-day trial by signing up there. There you go.

Sean: Wait, you can listen to somebody coloring?

Dick: (stammers) I don't know, Sean!!!

Maddox: It may be…

Dick: (interjects) Go listen! Go download it!!!

Maddox: It may be ASM.

Sean: Wup! I went out of the lines!! (Dick laughs) Oh, hang on.

Maddox: No, you're right, Sean. It may be ASM. Have you heard of this ASM movement?

Sean: No.

Maddox: It's like auditory sensatory masturbation…whatever it is. It's this thing…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, is that really what it is?

Maddox: It's something like that. It's this phenomenon where people like to hear…uh, sounds that are appealing to them. So there are all these videos on YouTube. To me it's super creepy. It makes my skin crawl. But if you go to YouTube, there's all these, like, women, uh, and men, who are whispering, and they're reading books, or they're…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, really? (lewd)

Maddox: …doing things, like scratching a table with a comb.

Sean: So it gets people off.

Maddox: Yeah, I guess. Or it supposedly relaxes them. But to me, it's super creepy.

Dick: Oh, that's weird.

Maddox: So, maybe that's what these coloring books are. Is the sound of a crayon going back and forth on a piece of paper.

Dick: No, it's not. I listened to the sample. WAY better than that. (grins)

Maddox: Is it really?

Dick: Yep. Go check it out!! 30-day trial!

Maddox: Alright. I am actually intrigued. I'm gonna do that right after this episode.

Dick: I also…here's another one I thought would be good. "Beautiful Ruins." I thought it was Beautiful Rims. But I was mistaken. (Sean laughs) But…(mumbles)

Maddox: (scoffs) Beautiful….(laughs)

Sean: You're preoccupied with rims. (Maddox and Dick laugh) Aren't you? Ever since the little incident with your…

Dick: Yes, yes, yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You know, them putting the wrong rims on the car.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Yeah. He got a bad rimjob, that's the problem. (laughs)

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: No, that's…

Sean: (interjects) I think you gotta go back to about Episode 2 to…

Dick: (interjects) Brain…brain damage…episode 5.

Sean: 5? Is it really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Maddox: Yeah, that was a long time ago. Alright. Alright, Dick. Thank you guys. Thank you for supporting us. Thank you, Audible, for supporting the show. It really helps us. Uh, check it out! Thank you. Um, I got another big problem though, Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Moving on. And this may be a solution based on what you just said with your last problem, but it's Too Much Junk in the Trunk.

Dick: Ooh. (giggles)

Maddox: Huh? (laughs) (Sean giggles)

Dick: Oh, you walked in at the perfect time, Sean.

Maddox: Welcome, Sean. Uh, and I'm not talking about juicy asses, Sean. I know what you're thinking.

Sean: Is that a cleverly crafted pun you just…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't know. Is it a pun?

Sean: I don't know. Is it?

Maddox: It's just a double entendre. No.

Sean: Yeah, no, you're right. It's a double entendre.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't have a problem with juicy asses. I can handle the biggest ass with a plum, buddy.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm talking about literal junk in your car trunk.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. And I…I heard, Sean. I have a good authority that you are a person I should talk to.

Dick: Sean's the king of garbage!

Maddox: You have a lot of garbage in your car?

Sean: It's not garbage!! (Maddox snorts) It's a bunch of stuff I don't use!! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Really? Oh, okay.

Maddox: That is THE definition of garbage!! (laughing)

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Sean: No, there's…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. You don't use those cracked CDs.

Sean: There's microphones back there.

Dick: That spill out every time I open the door to your car.

Sean: There's mic stands. Oh, no, no, no. Those are, like, to check mixes. I clean those out like once a week. I'm constantly burning CDs and throwing them…you gotta do the car test. They're always on the floor!

Dick: I think you need a hoarding intervention if you think that's normal, what you've got going on in your car. And I'm guilty of this as well.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I've seen your car, Dick.

Dick: Of having trash in my car.

Maddox: You got a bunch of…garbage.

Sean: You know what I always have? I have empty Coke bottles. Er…yeah. Coke bottles. And CDs.

Dick: I got my car broken into…the day after Christmas one year. Like, horrible time to break into somebody's car.

Sean; (interjects) I know this story.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And I came down. I got a truck. And it was…the F150, that model, the window is really easy to jimmy open.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: In the back. Um, so it would get broken into all the time.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Like, I knew it was a design flaw.

Maddox: So they didn't break the window, they just slid it open.

Dick: No, you just jam a screwdriver in, and then pop it open, and, like, the windows are so flexible, and there's no, like…there's no…the sliding window in the back's so flexible, and there's no support in the right place, so the whole thing will flex. So you can just pop it off the latch and slide the window open. It happened to me so much that I just never left anything valuable in my car. In fact, I left a screwdriver in the bed, because I would lock my keys in the car so often…(Maddox giggles) that I would have to break into my own truck! Uh, so the day after Christmas, this guy's thinking…he pops open my truck, and there is…there looks like the Grinch's sack of treasures. In my passenger seat, right? Like, it's just…it's full of stuff. Um, jokes on him. Because it was all fast food wrappers. Bags. (Maddox laughs) Like, he stole…

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: He stole probably…

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Four cubic feet of garbage out of my car. And I was happy. I was SO happy about it. Like, I was disappointed that somebody broke into my car after Christmas.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Thinking they'd steal all my stuff. And then I was so proud…er, so happy that they've got a bunch of TRASH, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And got totally fucked. But then I was, like, "Ooh, but also, why did you let it get so bad that you had, like...(Maddox laughs) a treasure trove of garbage in your car. That's too bad.

Maddox: Yeah. Enjoy my garbage, idiot!! Uh…my car…so that's interesting that your car got broken into the day after Christmas. My car got broken into a long time ago on Thanksgiving. It was either Thanksgiving or the day before Thanksgiving. But I…I wanted to do some…

Dick: Not after?!

Maddox: No.

Dick: That's when all the shopping would be! Like, you break into cars when there's gonna be stuff in them!

Maddox: I think it happened just…either on Thanksgiving, or the day before. Maybe it was the day after. I don't remember.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: But, uh…my car got broken into. And I wrote about this on my website, too. And I was kind of curious, because maybe holidays are a really common time when cars are broken into.

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: 'Cause a lot of people are out of town, and that sort of thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So anyway, my car got broken into. I go…I go downstairs to my car, and I see just GLASS everywhere. They shattered the window.

Dick: That's such a bad feeling.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: I felt like shit, man. I got that sinking feeling. It felt like such a violation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I open the door. I couldn't even sit inside my car, 'cause there was so much broken glass everywhere.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And I'm doing an assessment of the damage. They took my coin…

Dick: (interjects) Your coin collection?

Maddox: My coin collection. My change. You know. (Dick giggles) I had some real rare coppers in there!!

Sean: Got like 19…

Dick: (interjects) I would not be surprised if you had a coin collection. (Maddox laughing) Like, a legit…

Sean: 19 pennies all stuck together.

Dick: From what?

Maddox: From what, Sean?

Dick: What does that mean?

Sean: There's always, like, soda.

Maddox: Oh.

Sean: You never had anything that you dripped a little bit?

Dick: Oh, you're saying not a coin collection, yeah.

Sean: No, it wasn't a jack off into change joke. (disgusted)

Maddox: Yeah, my coins were…

Sean: (interjects) It's way too early in the show for that!

Maddox: No, it's not, Sean! You're just late!! (they crack up)

Sean: I had a gig!!!! (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Oh sh…you had a gig.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What was your gig? Recording someone coloring with crayons?!

(they talk over each other)

Maddox: He was at a Trump rally.

Sean: Yeah, exactly. I do all of Audible's audio books.

Dick: No, he wasn't at a Trump rally, 'cause Trump audio is fucking terr…anyway. (Maddox cracks up)

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: Oh, my God!! (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: So anyway, I go downstairs and all my shit's gone, right? My coin…my coin little tray has been RIPPED out. They ripped it out.

Dick: Aww.

Maddox: Um, they…they looked through all my stuff. The glove compartment was open. They took a bunch of stuff. One thing, though. I had this binder of CDs.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And I went through the CDs. They cut the front of the CD case, because maybe they thought I was hiding money or something in there? Uh…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, huh.

Maddox: But they cut open the front of the CD binder. And then I was going through my CD's expecting all of them to be gone. First of all, why didn't you take the whole fucking thing? But then I went through and I noticed that SOME of my CDs were gone. Which, to me, was even more insulting, because now…

Dick: It's judgment!!

Maddox: Not only are you stealing from me…yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But you're judging my taste in music, dickhead!! Just take all my fucking CDs! Don't condescend to me by leaving me a few that you didn't like!!

Dick: What did they leave? (grins)

Maddox: They left me...(laughs)

Dick: What did they take?

Maddox: They took…so…

Dick: (interjects) They left Ace of Bass? (Maddox cracks up) Spin Doctors? They leave that one? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Fuck you! I had a lot of um…I believe it was…I had some old Cypress Hill CDs. Some Beastie Boys. Some metal. Sepultura, that sort of thing. And I also had a lot of video game CDs in there. (Dick guffaws) Because I listen to a lot of video game music.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And they took some of them. They left behind the rare ones, thankfully. But man, yeah. That really pissed me off. And then, this is my favorite part. They stole…I had this huge collection of sunglasses, but they were all the SHITTIEST sunglasses from, like, CVS.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Like the 3 dollar ones? You know?

Sean: Yeah. Because those are exactly the same as, like, you know.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: A good pair of sunglasses.

Maddox: Essentially, yeah. So they took all my shitty 3 dollar sunglasses. And I loo…I did the…and they took my paycheck from work. Uh…a long time ago.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: So I did the math, and I added everything up, and I'm like, "Oh, this isn't that much. I'm actually okay." And the most expensive thing I had in my car were my schoolbooks. Which EASILY added up to 6-700 dollars.

Dick: Geez.

Maddox: In my back tr…in my trunk. There were my physics books, my history books, everything. SO much more valuable than everything they took. ONE of those books would have brought them WAY more money than everything they took.

Dick: Where, on the black book market?

Maddox: You could just sell it at the university bookstore for, you know, half of list.

Dick: Ugh. Take it in?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Did they take your telemarketing manual? (Dick giggles)

Maddox: You know, fuck you, Sean!!! No, I still have that. (laughs)

Dick: Well, wait a minute. You didn't have a fake CD case in your car?

Maddox: No. (cracks up)

Dick: With your real one? Under the floor mat or something?

Maddox: I…I did have two CD cases.

Dick: Early Maddox. Lot of learning to do!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (laughs) Lot of…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Lot of senility to go through.

Maddox: Oh, man. And you know the worst part, too, is after my car got broken into, the next day, it got broken into again.

Dick: Oh, yeah, that's happened to me.

Maddox: After…after I taped up the window, right? I just put a plastic bag on it. They came back to hit my car again. I'm like, "What are you guys gonna take, you idiots?! You already took everything except for my schoolbooks, which I removed from my car. Morons."

Dick: Yeah. These…my car got broken into…it was some…it was a half day. It was a school half day. And it…I was parked near the mall. And these…someone…it got broken into. Um, and they stole a GameCube out of the front seat. But this was at a time when, like, the GameCube was…you could buy one on Ebay for like 4 dollars, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, this was not a big score.

Maddox: No.

Dick: So I was like, "Hmm." So I started doing a little CSI work on all the..on the smashed up window. And I found…on the window. Some of the shards. And on the car. Had a little bit of chocolate on them.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: So from that…from that moment on, whenever I was there, I would look for little fat kids walking around. (Maddox laughs) To see if I could go up and interrogate them. You know.

Maddox: Yeah. What kind of shithead is walking along eating a candy bar…

Dick: (giggles) A big Butterfingers.

Maddox: A big Butterfinger. (giggles)

Dick: He's like, "Oh, I need that GameCube."

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, well you need it more than we do, buddy. Anyway, back to the problem. Too Much Junk in Your Trunk, Dick.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Okay.

Maddox: We all have too much shit in our trunks, which is a problem, because we're all pissing away money, time, and fuel hauling useless shit around with us, Sean!! According to autoblog.com, the EPA says that for every 100 pounds taken out of the vehicle, fuel economy is increased by 1% to 2%. Based on a gallon of gasoline costing $2.58, this translates to a savings of between 3 and 5 cents per gallon. So for a smaller car, with a 1.6 liter engine, reducing weight by 5% led to an increase in fuel economy of 2.1% on the EPA combined rating. Eliminating 10% of the weight gave a 4.1% mileage boost, and a dramatic 20% weight at 8.4%. With an 8.4% fuel economy increase.

Dick: Oh, I'm drowning in numbers over here.

Maddox: So basically…

Dick: Saving money! Saving 10% or 20%?! Of your gas?

Maddox: Anywhere between 2% and 20% depending on how much weight you remove from your car.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And also from yourselves, people, too. Hit a fucking treadmill.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, throw your wife outta the car.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, well. You know?

Dick: Saving money.

Maddox: Maybe if the…you're stuck on the freeway. (giggles) Maybe she'll want to join the protestors. Uh, according to the US Energy Information Administration, we use about 140 billion gallons of gasoline per year, so I did the math here.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So if we're spending $2.58 per gallon, that's 354 billion dollars per year we spend on gas. So…

Dick: (interjects) Ugh. Thanks, Obama.

Maddox: …just by…(giggles) Just by removing some things from your trunk, right? If you save between 2% and 8% just by clearing out your trunk, that translates to anywhere from 7 to 28 billion dollars in savings every year.

Dick: REALLY?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Wait a minute. How much does everybody have to remove?

Maddox: About 100 pounds.

Dick: Dude. Your problem should have been spare tires. 'Cause that's…what are spare tires? They gotta be, like, 100 pounds.

Maddox: Noooooo.

Dick: Are you…

Maddox: I'd say, like, 40, 50 at most. With the rim?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Spare tires, yeah?

Dick: Spare tires are big, man.

Maddox: 100 pounds, you think?

Dick: Well, I…definitely. I would say between 50 and 100.

Maddox: 'Cause I could…

Dick: Okay, let's say 50…

Sean: Yeah, I think it's closer to 50.

Maddox: I…I can…

Dick: Let's say 50.

Maddox: I can lift those with my pinkie. I can put one around my dick. Like, they're no problem to lift, for me.

Dick: I mean, but you're driving, like, a four-banger. So, what, they have, like, a Hot Wheels car, your spare tire. (Maddox giggles) A real man's car's got a real big spare tire.

Maddox: I got a three…no, I got a six-cylinder, dickhead.

Dick: But my point is, how much are spare tires costing, by your math?! (stammers) That's true, right?!

Maddox: Yeaah. (hesitant)

Dick: If everybody's hauling around a spare tire.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: And it costs…how many billions of dollars? For 100 pounds?

Maddox: 7…it's about 2%. 2% gas savings, so it translates to about 3 to 5 cents per gallon. So if you are…if you have a full spare, and you have, say, a 1.6 liter engine.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you have…let's just say, let's go with your estimate of 100 pounds for a tire.

Dick: Eh, cut it in half. Sure.

Maddox: Right? So it's about 5 cents per gallon. Each engine takes about 12…they can…each tank holds about 12 gallons of gas.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: So that's…it's about 60 cents per trip. Per full load that you would be saving.

Dick: Well, that's the biggest thing I can think to take out of a car. Like, all that fast food garbage that I had in my car probably weighed, like…

Sean: (interjects) Well, this begs the obvious question, though.

Dick: …five pounds.

Sean: What do you do if you get a flat tire?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Does everybody get run flats? Everybody have AAA?

Dick: Hitchhike.

Sean: Hitchhike. (Maddox giggles, snorts)

Dick: AAA!! Yeah, like, the savings, I think would be bigger than all those AAA cars driving around.

Sean: Yeah, maybe so.

Maddox: What does AAA cost? I've never had AAA. I always fix my own car. What does AAA cost, like 12 bucks?

Dick: It's cheap.

Maddox: 12 bucks a year?

Dick: Yeah. Like a year.

Maddox: So, for those who don't know. Who are not in the US. AAA is a car service. That a lot of drivers have. Surprisingly a lot of drivers have it out here.

Dick: Oh, yeah. It's awesome.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: And you don't have to wait in line at the DMV. You can just go to AAA. The AAA office, and do all your registration stuff there.

Maddox: WHAT?!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: No, that's the best reason to have it.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Really?! Oh yeah!!

Sean: You can change ownership. Yeah, like Dick said, do your vehicle registration and stuff. It's…it's the best reason to have it. If you never use it on the road, it's worth it for that alone.

Dick: What, do you think everyone's just locking their keys in their car five times a year? Like, what kind of fucking idiot would be doing that? (Maddox laughs) I do that, everyone.

Maddox: This is actually…you guys are selling me on AAA. They should be a fucking sponsor! You know what?! Delete this, Sean! Until we get AAA to pay us for this!!

Dick: Yeah. (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: Um, anyway, man. Yeah. That's a lot of savings, potentially. Uh, 7 to 28 billion dollars per year that America could be saving just by taking a few extra things out of your car. And by the way…the spare tire? Sure. That's maybe anywhere from 50 to 100 pounds. If you have a full spare, which nobody does anymore.

Dick: That was our compromise.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (laughs) It's somewhere between our initial first guesses.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (laughs) But even without that, just go through your trunk, people. Clear out the shit. And also, you're gonna waste a lot of time. Every time you have groceries or something you want to put in your trunk, you gotta rearrange everything. You have to move things around that you'd never touch!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: People have golf clubs in there. They have spare…they have their canoe. (Dick and Sean crack up) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: What else?!

Maddox: Anyway.

Dick: Their anvils!?

Maddox: Their an…yeah…

Dick: Their book of clichés.

Maddox: Their anvils. Their big black bombs, the round ones? (giggles) Ahh.

Dick: Um, I took a girl home from a bar one time. A bar/miniature golf course. It was a great place. Place Sean and I went to all the time.

Sean: He had to fill up with gas halfway home.

Dick: (laughs) No, it's even worse. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: I get that, Sean!! (laughing)

Dick: I had so much garbage in my front seat…(Sean still laughing) that I…I just said, like, "Fuck it." I put my jacket over the garbage like a Victorian man.

Maddox: Aw, what a gentleman.

Dick: Putting a jacket over…(laughing) Yeah!! That's what she said. (Maddox laughs) I'm like, "Look, I mean, you're already getting in, so…so sorry."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "The rest of my house isn't like this." I don't think.

Maddox: It's a bad sell. Well. That's a bad sell.

Dick: Red flag, girls. Don't go home with that guy. Just walk away.

Maddox: Mmm-mm. I have a lot of friends who have surprisingly messy cars, who get laid…surprisingly a lot for how messy their cars are.

Dick: Well, you can tell when a guy is dating a girl, what stage he is in the relationship, too, 'cause his car will go from being spotless to…slovenly. Over, like, a period of two or three months. Right? Yeah, you're nodding, like, you do the same thing. Right? Yeah. It's a good tell.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, mine gets slovenly if I'm dating someone, because she's the one making it slovenly! I always clean up after myself, and then after you date a girl, there's always fucking hairbands, little bobby pins, Chapstick fucking everywhere, melting on your seat!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You get a big pile…you get this, like, oil slick of Chapstick on your seat. Lipstick smudges everywhere!! All over my junk. (laughs)

Dick: Chicks do love their Chapstick.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick, that's my…yeah.

Dick: Here's my problem. Acne.

Maddox: Acne!!

Dick: Acne.

Maddox: Whoaaaaaa!!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: It's the most common skin condition in the United States, affecting up to 50 million Americans annually.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: How about that?

Maddox: Yeah. It can be a big problem. But isn't this a problem of vanity, Dick? What's… what's the root cause of this?

Dick: Uh…what do you mean, isn't this a problem of vanity? What's a bigger concern than vanity?!

Maddox: Yeah. I guess, like, murder. (laughs)

Dick: I don't know!! Would you rather be ugly, or be murdered!?!

Maddox: Uh…(cracks up) Well, it's a toss-up!!

Dick: That's a big choice! (laughs)

Maddox: It's a toss-up, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, man.

Dick: Acne causes significant physical and psychological problems, such as permanent scarring, poor self-image, depression, and anxiety. It costs…let's see. It costs 3 billion dollars a year in treatment. That's more than forest fires. Problem you brought in.

Maddox: Oh, that's true. Yeah.

Dick: 2 billion for forest fires. 5..(laughs)

Maddox: (interjects) Vote down forest fires!! (laughing)

Dick: All I'm saying is acne is a bigger problem than forest fires! That is objectively true!

Maddox: Ye…uhhh….yeah. Okay. I'll give you that.

Dick: Okay. You'll give me that.

Maddox: I'll give you that.

Dick: Oh, pulling you in slow…

Maddox: Yeah. Mhmm.

Dick: Never admit to stuff like that.

Maddox: No? (giggles)

Dick: 5 million doctor visits in the US.

Maddox: 5 million doctor visits.

Dick: I don't know if that's more than AIDS, 'cause I didn't look it up. So we'll have to see how the voting ends up on that one.

Maddox: I think AIDS is a bigger problem than acne, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Every problem in the universe, from AIDS, to acne, I guess. Is what you're saying.

Dick: Well, not for teenagers.

Maddox: Not for tee…

Dick: (interjects) We got a lot of teenager…maybe we got some teenagers listening.

Sean: It would be AIDS to Zits, wouldn't it? Isn't it supposed to be, like, A to Z?

Maddox: Aids to Zits!!! (excited)

Dick: Ohh, you did it.

Maddox: From Acne to Zits. How about that? Acne to Zits. There's an actual…

Dick: No, no, no. Cause then they're the same thing.

Sean: They're the same thing.

Dick: AIDS is extreme and depressing…

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah. You're right.

Dick: Zits is trivial.

Maddox: AIDS to Zits. That's funny.

Dick: And Z.

Maddox: That's funny. Fucking Sean. Figured it out.

Dick: Sean, you redeemed yourself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You get all 100% of your money back. For this episode. (laughs) (Sean and Maddox laugh as well)

Maddox: Ahh, Burger King on Sean.

Sean: Yeah. Right. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: So I found out in my research that acne is not caused by diet. And dirty skin. Like, people say it's caused by diet, right? You're eating too many greasy foods, or chocolate?

Maddox: I've heard that.

Dick: Not true at all.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's genetic.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: So it's your parents' fault.

Maddox: Fucking parents, man. Vote up Families.

Dick: Yeah, vote up families.

Maddox: Um, Dick, I heard a tip a long time ago, I think I was watching Conan O'Brien WAY back in the day and there was an actress on there talking about how she never gets acne. And the tip is really simple. She says just change your pillow sheets regularly.

Which nobody ever does. Most people I know never change their pillow sheets, and they're really gross. Uh, it just collects a bunch of crap and it…and the crap gets in your skin pores and it clogs you up.

Dick: What do you mean, pillow sheets?

Maddox: Your pillow sheets.

Dick: You have sheets on your pillows?

Maddox: Pillow case.

Sean: Pillow cases.

Maddox: Yeah. Pillow cases.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: You don't have sheets on your pillows?

Dick: No, it's just the pillow is enough.

Maddox: Ugh, gross, man. All that chili. (laughing)

Dick: I'm joking.

Sean: It makes..it makes sense. Because you're getting all the oil and shit from the day…

Dick: Yeah, but is it true?!

Sean: I don't know, it just…it seems like it would be. It's one of those things.

Dick: Acne is like the common cold for yes, vanity. But everybody has all these cockamamie schemes to try to make it better. But still somehow it's here! Like… (stammers) have chicken soup. Like, really? I still have a cold for seven days. Like, "Oh, change your sheets." Like, oh, well I still look like a pizza face.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like…(stammers) who are you, miss model? You telling me to change my sheets!

Maddox: Well, I don't want to undermine the importance of looking good, because for people who have acne, especially severe acne, it does…it does factor significantly into their lives. Their self-confidence, their self-worth. Their self-image is impacted by their acne.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And how they feel about themselves.

Sean: Oh, yeah. For the rest of their lives sometimes.

Maddox: Yeah. And I've known people who've had very severe acne who have spent a lot of time and money trying to deal with this perceived problem. Essentially…

Dick: (interjects) And it's not really a problem.

Maddox: No.

Dick: But it is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: I mean…you know. Attractive people don't have to worry about this, and they take it for granted, like myself. But people who have acne…for them…

Dick: (interjects) Do you…did you have an acne problem when you were a teenager?

Maddox: No, I never have.

Dick: Oh, wow. You got good genetics, then.

Maddox: I had a…

Dick: (interjects) You should sell that statement on your store.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I should sell my loads. My…(laughs)

Dick: Yeah. Acne-free kids!! Right here. Maddox Store.

Maddox: I actually had…a long time ago. A lesbian couple reached out to me. And they wanted…they wanted me to inseminate them.

Dick: Hmm!

Maddox: They said they wanted a kid, and they wanted me to be the donor.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: How cool is that?!

Dick: They were serial killers. (Maddox scoffs, laughs)

Maddox: They were not serial killers!

Dick: I guarantee you, they were serial killers!

Maddox: No, they were not. They told me they wanted to scissor it out of me!! (cracks up)

Dick: Well, what did they look like? That's important.

Maddox: Okay. Scarlett Johannsen…(they crack up)

Dick: No, that's the kind of email where you get…you know what? I appreciate it very much. Do not send me a picture of what you look like!!

Maddox: Nooooo.

Dick: 'Cause I wanna fantasize about it FOREVER.

Maddox: I still AM fantasizing about it!!! (Dick laughs) Are you kidding me?!

Sean: Probably looked like Larry the Cable Guy. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Get outta here, Sean. You know what? Still. Lesbians. I…and by the way, I'd still do it. I think that's pretty cool.

Dick: Even if they looked like Larry the cable Guy and Bill Ingvall with mullets?

Maddox: Ehhhhh. (Sean laughs) Fuck it. 'Cause here's the thing.

Dick: I want to see that offspring.

Maddox: My spawn is gonna be handsome as FUCK. Girl or guy. Is gonna be handsome.

Dick: Yeah?! (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: 'Cause of my good genes, man!!

Dick: Does that necessarily work, though? Do…do…or is this a two wrongs make a right? Are you saying? Or this is…one right and a we-don't-know makes a right?

Maddox: It's kind of like a +2 and a -1. (Dick giggles) Right? You still get +1.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Well, Acne. It's a big problem. 65 million people. It affects…let's see. It affects 90% of people in Western societies during their teenage years. It affects 50% of people over the age of 25. That sucks.

Maddox: 50% of people over the age of 25. That's interesting.

Sean: People don't realize how much there is. If you look around, like, adult acne…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: …is rampant.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Sean: Some of it…that's the weird thing. Some of it never goes away. It lessens after your teenage years, but some of it never goes away. Now everybody here has pretty clear skin, so…

Dick: (interjects) No, I have…my filthy Mexican skin. It may look beautiful and tanned, all year round. It's resilient to the sun, right? And women love it. But oh, my God. It's like the fifth plague is trying to break through at all times. I wake up as a cyclops all the time!

Maddox: Huh. Sean, have you ever dealt with acne yourself?

Sean: Yeah, sure. I mean, I had…normal teenage acne, I think.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I mean, yeah. Maybe…yeah. Normal.

Maddox: Yeah, you know how you fix acne in a generation? You just cast a bunch of pockmarked people's faces into TV shows and movies for one generation.

Sean: Edward James Olmos!

Maddox: Yeah. For one generation, and done. Then you don't have to worry about it anymore.

Dick: So you think it's all a societal thing.

Maddox: Oh, absolutely.

Dick: Well, that's why I kinda wanted to bring it in. Because when I was a teenager, I look back at pictures of me as a teenager, and I'm like, "Oh, my God. This is disgusting!" Like, this…this child…this boy looks like a leper! Throw him into the sea! But I don't remember it affecting my…like, I never thought of it! It was just, like…and you know, maybe that's early signs of a serial killer. Or something. It just never had an effect on me…at all. That's why I brought it in.

Maddox: It…it could…

Sean: (interjects) I always felt bad for those kids. Like, who just had…their face was one big zit, 'cause it's the first thing people see!!

Dick: Hmm. Yeah.

Sean: Every…you know.

Maddox: Well, I noticed there were two different types of those kids, Sean. In my school, there were the kids who had severe acne who left it alone and they just lived their lives, and it was no big deal. You never thought of it. Then there were the kids who picked at it! And they were constantly, just, like, volcanic eruptions in class. Coming in, like, blood running down their chin, their head, their eyes!

Dick: Oh, my GOD!! (disgusted)

Maddox: They just look like they got hit in the face with a paddle board. And you look at them, and you're like, "Dude, it was way better before you started picking at it. Stop…stop digging at yourself."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: By the way, those little scratches you're making into your skin are abrasions that may never heal properly! Cut it out!! You're in your formative years. Leave it alone. Maybe it'll clear up. Maybe it won't. It's not the end of the world.

Dick: It won't! It's genetic. Nothing you can do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nothing you can do.

Maddox: Proactiv. (laughs)

Dick: Oh, then I found that there's, like…um…that doesn't work. What I was reading was saying that all these creams and whatever…are just…huge scams!

Maddox: You think?

Dick: Oh, how could they not be?

Maddox: I've seen people…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, think about it from, like, a cosmetics company. You can't prove or disprove any of that shit. Like…anti-wrinkle cream.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, uh, I don't know, what, did you get every women on Earth? Do you have a parallel universe where the same woman took this cream for 30 years and this woman, she's slightly less wrinkly? Like, how can you POSSIBLY make that claim or not make that claim!? Of course they're gonna take advantage.

Maddox: Well, they have the Before and After pictures, which to me, sometimes, if they're honest, they're compelling. But…I…this is something that I'm really curious about. The whole cosmetic industry. There's so many claims on these fucking bullshit-ass shampoos and shit. Anytime I…

Dick: (interjects) The hair-regrowing shampoos? Is that what you're talking about? (grins)

Maddox: No!!

Dick: Did you fall victim to a hair-regrowing shampoo? (laughs)

Maddox: No. Because those don't work! I know for a fact those don't work!! (Dick laughs) Okay? I read a lot of pamphlets that say they don't work.

Dick: Okay. (laughs) Yeah.

Maddox: I did very thorough research on those, okay?

Sean: I was talking to somebody who works for a huge cosmetics firm, and they also make, like, shampoos and conditioners and stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And she's like, "It's pretty much all the same thing."

Maddox: Oh, of course it is.

Sean: The shampoos and conditioners. She goes, "Yeah, it's the same thing."

Maddox: Also, the biggest scam…

Sean: (interjects) You're paying for a name.

Maddox: One of the biggest scams for me is things that claim to increase your hair VOLUME. Now…this is something that is so…nebulous to me. Like, how do you increase your volume? Are you literally coating each fiber of hair with some kind of weird gunk that makes it look a little bit thicker? Just a LITTLE bit thicker? Because if so, how long does it stay that way? And why doesn't it wash off? And why is it only sticking to my hair follicles for some reason? It's all really…it seems like…pseudoscience with a pinch of bullshit and voodoo.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's the entire cosmetics industry.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I've been wanting to talk about this for a while. Anyway, good problem, Dick. I'm glad you brought that in!!!

Dick: Thanks.

Maddox: Is that all you got?

Dick: Yeah, that's all I got.

Maddox: Anything else? Alright, guys. My problems this week were Murderers and Too Much Junk in Your Trunk.

(closing riff starts)

Dick: My problems are Road Blockheads. (they giggle) and Acne. See you next Tuesday. See YOU next Tuesday, too, Sean.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, Sean. This is Rob Lowe! (they giggle) **I'm calling you because I have need of someone who can…")**

Sean: Uh-oh.

Dick: Oh. Didn't work out for him. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Idiot.

Sean: Uh-oh. (they sigh)

Dick: Ahh, let's see. Here's one…oh, this is…Melissa McCarthy called in. The new… there's been new Ghostbusters mov…news that came out.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: You know? Here she is. She called in.

Maddox: Oh. She's a big fan of the show. Yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice: (burps) "Hey guys. (Maddox laughs) **This is Melissa McCarthy. (inaudible) problem with Ghostbusters and think you are…(inaudible)"**

Maddox: Is she eating?

Dick: Oh, gosh. I mean, well, of course she's eating.

"It was bullshit!! (they laugh) **And your male tears were salty enough to fill my high-salt diet.** (Maddox giggles) **(breathes heavily)"**

Dick: She got a little winded.

Maddox: Is she laughing? (laughs)

Dick: No, she got winded.

"Dick…(breathes)"

Dick: I mean, that happens.

"I just wanna say fuck you.") (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Dick: I hope she's okay. One last one from Weird Matthew McConaughey. We haven't heard from him in a while.

(Voice mail: Weird Matthew McConaughey: "Oh, my hecks. You just made me think of a story, broski. (they giggle) **So…uh…you got this friend named Stu. Annnnnnnnnnd, um….me and my other friend a guy, bought, like, I think, like, 50 crickets. Went over to Stu's apartment while we knew he was back home. And he has one of those fucking mail slots on his door. (giggles) And…(laughs) we just poured the crickets…(laughing too hard) we just poured the crickets in there. And, uh…."**

Dick: Wait a minute. I'm getting confused looks. Do you hear what he's saying?

Maddox: No.

Dick: 'Cause for some reason, I can understand him.

Sean: I thought he said tickets. He's talking about crickets!

Dick: No!

Maddox: Crickets.

Dick: He's talking about crickets!

Maddox: Oh, he bought a bunch of crickets.

Dick: And then when his friend wasn't home. His friend Stu. Him and his other friends… his other…probably great guys, friends. Went over to Stu's house and dumped the crickets through the mail slot!!

Maddox: Oh, NOOOOO!!! (Dick laughs) Oh, my God.

"…we just never said anything. And then…maybe a weekend or two passed. (Dick guffaws) **and we went back with 50 more crickets. (laughs) And this time, his fucking roommate came rollin' up as I was puttin' em in…**(Maddox cracks up) **uh…so I had to, like, pull the bag back and I sneak it in my pocket, and I was like…"Oh, hey, what's up, Colin?" And I was like, "Is Stu home?** (they giggle) **Oh, he went home for the weekend? Shit. Well, uh…see you later, Broski."**

Dick: Master of subterfuge. (Maddox laughs)

"And then, anyway…I wasn't as tight with Colin as I was with Stu, but apparently Colin was like, "Yo, I think Trenton was trying to break into our fucking apartment." "I mean, I think Weird McConaughey was trying to break into our apartment." (they all crack up laughing because he revealed his name unintentionally) **And that's my crazy story. I wish I lived near you. I'd fucking…**(Dick guffaws) **put little parachutes for crickets. I'd fucking parachute those little bitches right into your place.** (they giggle) **And if you're on the first floor, I'd (inaudible) ."**

Maddox: Fuck you, Trenton! You're not getting anywhere near my house!! (they crack up)

"I got a fucking (inaudible) machine, bitch. Don't doubt me. Mail you something. (they giggle) **If your fucking P.O. box lady wasn't so inept.")**

Dick: All the crickets will die.

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, that's hilarious.

Dick: (inaudible)

Maddox: Oh, man. If I get any packages that chirp, I'm throwing that shit away!!! (Dick laughs)

Sean: Where do you think he lives?

Maddox: It's gotta be somewhere in the Midwest.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: An M-state, for sure. Mississippi, Mich…

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Biggest Problem in the Universe – Episode 99

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(Clip starts)

"Dick: Are you talking about you?

Maddox: No, I didn't run away from home. I did move out pretty abruptly. Actually, would that count as running away from home? Nah.

Dick: Did you tell them?

Maddox: Uhh….

Dick: Did you tell your family you were moving out abruptly, or did you just leave?

Maddox: I think my last words were "Fuck you, fuck you, fuck you." (laughing) And then I got my…

Dick: (interjects) I'm running away? (they crack up) That's a…you ran away!!

Maddox: The Voyager's not 20 BILLION miles away from the sun!!

Dick: Oh, you'd better be right!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: After LAST month.

Maddox: It's not…I don't. I will put MONEY on it that it's not 20 billion miles…

Dick: How much money?

Maddox: 12 bucks. (laughing)

Dick: Wait a minute. Okay. 12 bucks.

Maddox: I made a rat enclosure that was basically, like, a rat Caesar's palace.

Dick: Lil' fountain?

Maddox: Lot of toys. Little fountain.

Dick: Little Blackjack. Little rat Blackjack?

Maddox: Got a little rat Blackjack. Uh-huh.

Dick: Little Bacca-rat? (they giggle)

Maddox: Baccarat!!! (laughs)

Dick: Before the pizza tracker, you just sat in your apartment after you…you didn't even know if the pizza was coming.

Maddox: Well, what do you think, they have their ovens synced up with some, like, fucking Wi-Fi thing that's updating a server all day?!!?

Dick: They just click a button!

Sean: They push a button!

Dick: Yeah, they push a button on the point of sale system!! The same thing that prints out what's on the pizza, and then it updates the system…and then…

Maddox: I'm skeptical.

Dick: Oh, you're such a fucking cynic!! (they laugh) You're such a cynic!! Oculus Rift, you'll believe that plugs right into your brain.

Maddox: Yeah. Yes.

Dick: But a pizza tracker where you have to PRESS A BUTTON.

Maddox: No. That's way out of…(laughs)

Sean: Man on the moon, yes.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: Pizza tracker, no.

Dick: No way!!

Maddox: No way!!

Dick: Absolutely not!

Maddox: 'Cause it just doesn't seem efficient!! (Dick cracks up) They're gonna pay a bunch of workers standing around, pressing buttons all day!!

Dick: Pressing…but they have to press them anyway!!! (Maddox laughs)

Sean: It's the same people making your pizza!!!!

Maddox: And he was just saving every single paycheck, until he said, "I'm just gonna try to get an apartment and a girlfriend." And eventually, he did. It doesn't fit the predisposed notion that you have of homelessness.

Sean: How's he gonna hang onto the money with a girlfriend? (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah.

(Clip ends)

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Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello.

Maddox: And welcome back, Asterios!

Asterios: Hey, everybody.

Dick: Yeaaaaaah!! You don't have a drop from Tim Changzzzzz, do you, Asterios?

Asterios: I need one. I'd LIKE one.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, you wouldn't.

Dick: You would!

Maddox: They're garbage. They're garbage drops, Asterios.

Asterios: They're really good.

Dick: They are really good.

Maddox: Here, I'll do one. "ASTERIOS KOKKINOS" and just add a bunch of reverb and distortion to that. There you go.

Dick: No, no. This is how they sound.

(Sound clip: "Madoff, yous a bitch!", laser beam sounds, screaming)

Dick: That sounded better than your version.

Maddox: Like a shitty Duke Nukem. Anyway, guys. The big episode 99 before our big episode 100!! (giggles) Not our anniversary, by the way. We're only gonna…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, not this AGAIN!! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: Is this gonna happen again, really?

Dick: Fuck you!!

Asterios: Do you really care this much?

Maddox: No, no. no. It is episode 100.

Dick: Oookay.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Good.

Maddox: No, we're celebrating.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: I was just bustin' balls, here!

Dick: Great.

Maddox: At the Biggest Problem, that's what we do. We bust balls. Uh, but speaking of…

Dick: We also record BONUS episodes that you can download now if you go to the website.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh! Fantastic bonus episode. And Dick, I think this is the first one where we actually may have solved some problems.

Dick: We solved homelessness.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: We solved getting pizzas.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: Getting pizzas in a fun way, though. (Asterios cracks up) Like not where you're sitting around with your dick in your hand wondering where your pizza is. Asterios guffaws.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: This is an interactive pizza EXPERIENCE.

Asterios: Wow!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We solved people who are fucksticks who don't…who are just dreamers all the time.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And we solved…

Maddox: Nothing. We solved nothing else.

Dick: Advert…advertising.

Asterios: Advertising. (they talk over each other)

Maddox: Nothing more…(laughs)

Asterios: The great panacea of our time.

Dick: Of everything. Ads.

Asterios: Absolutely. Ads.

Dick: Ads are the glue that hold our society together.

Asterios: The reason you're both in the room right now.

Dick: Ads.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Asterios: Advertising.

Maddox: Wrong. Wrong! Absolutely not.

Dick: We got a full house today, by the way.

Maddox: A large studio audience today. What's that, like, 6, 7 people. This must be a record!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Must be a record.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Candy Randy, we must be blowing his lid right now. He'd be blowing his lid if he saw this. (laughs)

Dick: He's not even here.

Maddox: Not even here! No. Alright, guys. Moving on. The biggest problem in the universe…

(Sound effect: Drum roll)

Maddox: …from last week. Was Road Blockheads.

Dick: Yeaaaaaaaaah!!

Asterios: Hey!

Dick: Good. Fuck them!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: Fuck those guys!

Maddox: Dick's crybaby problem.

Dick: Crybaby?!!

Maddox: Crybaby problem.

Dick: Man, fuck those guys.

Maddox: That's what that was. Followed by Murderers. Yeah…(stammers) sorry you're inconvenienced taking your groceries home, but murderers are a bigger problem than one protest that blocked an intersection. SORRY!!

Asterios: Uh, I've never…I've been affected by Road Blockheads dozens of times, and I haven't been murdered once!! Therefore…

Dick: (interjects) There you go!

Asterios: …road blockheads affects my life more!

Maddox: Prove it! (laughing)

Dick: Way bigger problem.

Asterios: I wish I could, but I can't. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Followed by Acne, and then dead last, was Junk in the Trunk. I guess you think that junk in the trunk is a solution, and again, for those who haven't listened to the episode, we're not talking about big asses, which I have no problem with. (Asterios giggles) We're talking about literal junk in your literal trunk.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got a comment from **Eric Luster. "If anyone could be a murderer, it would be Sean." Jake Jones** says he's moved up to deleting people.

Sean: Oh, Jesus Christ. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Mhmm!!

Dick: Moving up, buddy.

Asterios: In one of your drug hazes!!

Dick: Chris LaRoche says **"Maddox used to be a cereal killer."** 'Cause you were talking all about cereals. **"Straight up murdering boxes of Shredded Wheat daily."** (Maddox laughs) Remember when you would do that?

Maddox: Yeah. I used to! Idiots. Uh, I got a comment from **Ricardo Conde.** Conday? Condo. Condom. He says, **"Sean was probably late because he probably deleted the recording of the gig he was at and they had to do it all over again."** (laughing)

Dick: Kind of a long joke.

Maddox: Yeah. Lot of ball busting for Sean this month.

Sean: Mhmm.

Maddox: How do you like that, Sean?

Sean: What's that guy's name?

Maddox: Ricardo Condom.

Sean: Oh. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Here's some ball-busting for you, then.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: male voice: (imitating Maddox, goofy voice) Uh…hey…hey guys. I'm Maddox…(Maddox laughs)

Dick: Oh.

"…and…uh…people who disagree with me are lesser minds, and they talk like this. Uh…Milwaukee is a state. Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Maddox: Yeah. You know what, guys? Here's the thing. (Dick guffaws) You know what? Wisconsin has a branding problem, okay!? When people think Milwaukee's a state, your state sucks! That's how little people know about Wisconsin. No one knows shit about Wisconsin, except for that fuck-ass TV show about that murderer who, you know, had the cousin, or whatever? Did that happen in Wisconsin?

Dick: What are you talking about?

Asterios: He's talking about Making a Murderer?

Maddox: Making a Murderer.

Dick: I dunno where that happened.

Asterios: I don't know where that happened.

Maddox: See? No one knows. No one knows shit about Wisconsin!! Why don't you name your state to Milwaukee? That's a more…that's a name I can get behind. Okay?

Dick: Did you think that Milwaukee was a state in the last episode?

Maddox: Ohhhh, I was just going through M words and Milwaukee came out. Big deal!

Dick: Oh, this guy's going through M words, too.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey, Maddox. Here's a list of states that begin with M. Maine. Maryland. Massachusetts. Michigan. Minnesota. Mississippi, Missouri, and Montana."

Dick: Hmm. (Maddox belches)

"Huh. You know, that's really weird, because Milwaukee is not on here."

Maddox: Mmm.

"Oh, that's right. Because Milwaukee is a fucking city in Wisconsin, you retard!!!" (they all laugh **"Go fuck yourself.")**

Maddox: What an asshole idiot!!

Asterios: I don't know if we need to…

Dick: (interjects) He left off Montgomery, though.

Asterios: Oh, right, the state of Montgomery, absolutely.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh, that guy's an asshole and an idiot. And by the way…does anyone in this room doubt for a second that he wasn't reading that off a list?!!?

Dick: I don't think he was.

Maddox: He was…of COURSE he…

Dick: (interjects) It didn't sound like he was reading.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Asterios: It sounded off the dome to me.

Dick: Yeaaaaah!!

Maddox: No, it didn't!! You don't know…you don't know the first thing about what things sound like when it's off the dome. (laughs)

Sean: Now, you disagree with me!! (Asterios and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Alright. That guy sounded like an idiot.

Dick: Okay. Well, these guys do have some valid criticisms of something you said about horror movies.

Maddox: Oh, boy! I can't wait to hear this! More shitting on Maddox!

(Voice mail: male voice: "Oh, Jesus fucking Christ, Maddox. You dumb motherfucker! Dude! Virgins don't die in horror movies!!" (Maddox makes dumb laughing sounds) **Sluts die in horror movies!! The virgins are always the final girl to make it all the way to the end."**

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: Cut this voicemail off! This guy's full of shit!!

"And they kill the bad guy. How FUCKING stupid are you?"

Maddox: This guy's a moron!

"Jesus Christ. You call yourself a horror movie fan?!!" (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah!!

"Fuck!!"

Maddox: Yeah, shithead!! I was IN a horror movie, okay!? One of the best!

"Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: What horror movie were you in?

Asterios: What horror movie were you in?

Maddox: I was in a movie called Ooga Booga. (laughs)

Dick: Ohhh, man.

Maddox: It was a good horr…it was really good. Uh, (stammers) I was…we were robbed from the Os…the Academy Awards.

Dick: Oh, Leo ripped you off?

Maddox: Uh, no. It was two years ago, I think. Two years ago, it came out?

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Uh, not…total snub. Academy Award snub. Anyway, shithead! Uh, yeah. Virgins do get killed in horror movies! They're sacrificed!! Have you ever fucking seen a horror movie in your life?! Do you even know what a horror movie is?!

Dick: I don't see…I don't remember virgins getting killed, though, in horror movies.

Maddox: It's 'cause you don't even watch horror movies, what are you talking about?!

Dick: No, they're too scary.

Asterios: Well, sometimes the virgin gets killed last.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I mean, like, you know, sometimes nobody makes it out alive. But, like, yeah. Having sex is, like, punishable by murder in those movies.

Maddox: Well, it depends! Some..ssome horror movies, they're killing people who have sex. Some of them, they're killing people who don't have sex.

Asterios: Mmmmmmmmmm. (skeptical)

Maddox: Either way, sex is involved.

Dick: Okay.

Asterios: I don't…okay. Wait, but I would like to say this. At the end of this episode, I would like to listen to that clip from Ooga Booga that you're in, live on the air. I think that'd be fun.

Maddox: Oh, boy. Alright. Uh…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, I kinda would, too.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: If you guys are good boys and girls, then maybe I'll play the clip at the end of the episode.

Asterios: We're probably not gonna get to hear this, then.

Dick: No? Not gonna get to hear it.

Asterios: Okay. Let's just move on, then.

Dick: Alright. I got one song from **Chris Strand.**

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it.

Dick: It's about you, Sean. Again.

Maddox: Oh, I know this.

Sean: Oh, I can't wait.

(Clip starts: Dick's voice reading Sean's letter: "Dear guys, I can't take the pressures…"

Dick: That's me.

"Of this dog-eat-dog world anymore. So I'm moving to rural China…"

Dick: Is that how I sound?

"…to be an ass farmer."

Song starts, male voice singing: "I got a late-night craving…" (sexy beat starts)

Dick: Ohohoho!!

"I'm gonna farm some ass and weeeeeeeeeeed."

(Maddox and Asterios laugh)

"With weed and ass, I'll plant my seeeeeeeeeeeed." (they all crack up)

Sean: My songs are always the best!!

"Are you a weed and ass man?"

Dick: Yeah! He's great!!

"Who are we kidding? Of course you are! No matter what asses you like…."

(ambient) "Chineeeeeeeese." (they all crack up)

"Don't worry about getting caught, 'cause all evidence will be deleted."

(Dick laughs loudly)

"Some come down to Sativa Sean's Weed and Ass Farm, where things don't just get weird…they get fucked.") (they all laugh)

Dick: That's a good ad.

Maddox: Yeah. Great ad.

Sean: Who was that?

Dick: Chris Strand.

Sean: That was really good!

Maddox: Chris Strand.

Asterios: That was REALLY good.

Maddox: He…he did the real shitty Bags of Sand song. (Dick laughs) And then he did a real funny Dick Masterson Small Face Song. And now the Sean song.

Dick: Uh, I don't remember the Small Face Song.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did we play it on the show?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Oh shit, alright.

Maddox: I got it right here.

Dick: Well, we've all heard it.

Maddox: Alright. (they all crack up)

Dick: I've got one more…I have one more thing I gotta read. A fan sent me a care package. Um…from **Joe. "Dick, I know it's odd for a grown man to be giving another grown man he doesn't even know a gift."** He's right. **"But I wanted to thank you for getting me in shape. About a year ago, I heard you talking about lifting on the podcast, and for some reason, I started doing it too. I've lost about 30 pounds and put on some muscle. Thanks. If only the podcast was around before I got married, I'd most likely be getting more tail. Oh well. Vote up Time Travel."**

Sean: And a hotter wife. (they giggle)

Asterios: Well, look, if she started lifting, this wouldn't be a problem!

Dick: Oh, good luck!! (Maddox laughs)

Asterios: I'm just saying!

Dick: If you figure out the solution to get your wife in the gym, you win the bonus episodes forever!

Asterios: I just want a swole wife. Is that so hard?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I almost packed some Fireball in here for Maddox, but purchasing it would be fucking embarrassing. Thanks, Dick.") (Asterios guffaws)

Maddox: What an asshole! I bet that guy's still fat! That guy sounds like a real fat son of a…wait, what do you got there?

Dick: Oh, nope. Not sharing this gift with you, then!!

Maddox: What…

Dick: It's Masterson straight rye whiskey.

Maddox: Wowwwwwwww.

Dick: A very tasty whiskey!!

Maddox: Did you know that that was a real thing? Masterson's?

Dick: No, I didn't know that. Never heard of it. I can't wait to crack it open.

Maddox: Pop a taste…

Dick: (interjects) I'm not putting it in your Kombucha!!

Maddox: It's not Kombucha, shithead!!!

Dick: Wha….it's purple.

Maddox: It's not purple!!!

Dick: What is it?!

Asterios: It's Grape Kool-Aid!!! And you'll treat it as such!

Maddox: It's nothing!! You know what? It's just raw cranberry juice, okay?! It's delicious!

Dick: (giggles) I'm not mixing this wonderful rye with cranberry juice.

Maddox: Whatever. I don't give a SHIT!

Dick: Anyway. Thank you, Joe!

Maddox: I'm over it.

Dick: Thank you, Joe.

Maddox: Thank you for nothing, Joe!!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Enjoy your ugly wife. (they all crack up)

Asterios: Well done.

Dick: Good luck.

Asterios: Well done, sir. (they giggle)

Maddox: I got one last comment from Joe. (Dick cackles) **Joe Attilo Caruso.** He says, **"After Maddox's car was broken into, he always carries an empty dummy car with him everywhere he parks."** (they giggle) I wish. That's a brilliant idea.

Dick: That's pretty good. I got this…a doctor sent me a GIANT email about ADHD. You remember we talked about…

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: …you brought in ADHDD.

Maddox: Yes. Ugh.

Dick: I dunno what…the second D was a typo, I think.

Maddox: No, it wasn't. It was diagnosis. That was my problem. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Diagnosis. The Diagnosis part was the problem.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Asterios: All I heard was Attention and then I just zoned out. (jokes)

Maddox: Okay. (giggles) Hold on, Asterios. I haven't used this in a while.

Dick: Hey, wait a minute.

(Sound effect: Ba-dum ching)

Asterios: Yessssssss. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I also got one…

Asterios: Still got it!

Dick: …one about bits. So…it's a big email. Let's see. He said, **"First of all, the examples you used to describe ADHD in the show were incorrect."** This guy's a doctor! **"The disorder isn't merely a function of fidgeting and not being able to pay attention."** He says, **"In real life, when children walk into the ER or his family practice with parents, they fail at grade school because they can't pay attention long enough to learn the basic requirements to pass. They affect the function of the class on a daily basis…"** Bla, bla, bla. **"Their problems occur both at home and at school, to the point where they can't even sit still to watch movies or TV shows, or even read a book."** He says, **"Ultimately, these children can't function in society, and parents aren't…"** He's basically disagreeing with you. **"Parents aren't qualified to diagnose ADHD…"**

(Sound effect: Baby crying, screaming)

Dick: Yeah. **"Having said all this, the disease is overdiagnosed…"**

Maddox: Yeah, that was…

Dick: "And there are many instances where the parents fake illness in their children to…" So I guess he's agreeing with you. I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah. So having said…

Asterios: (interjects) Well, aren't they both…oh, sorry.

Maddox: Go ahead.

Asterios: Well, I mean, aren't they both true? Aren't, like…I think we all know parents that, like, overdiagnose their own kids and ascribe problems their kids don't have. You know…as, like…instead of admitting that maybe they need to work harder as parents. You know, maybe their kids just have a personality that they don't quite comprehend, or maybe they just kinda don't wanna put the work in, and they don't wanna admit their kids are lazy. But at the same time, I feel like there's a lot of people that go undiagnosed. A buddy of mine, he's getting mar…his wife's pregnant, so they went to the doctor. And…in Arizona, like, the screen both the husband and the wife for medical problems. And they were like, "Yeah, your wife's fine. You've got ADD." Like, you have a serious case of ADHD.

Dick: Whoa.

Asterios: He's, like, 31. And I've always thought he did. I'm like, "This guy can't focus. This guy can't get anything done. He's angry all the time." I don't think that's the only problem that he has, but I just thought that that was cool that, you know, at age 31, he could walk out of a hospital and hopefully get a better life for himself.

Maddox: Mmm.

Sean: Wait, why did they pick that up in the screening? What kind of screening was this?

Asterios: It was a Psych screening.

Dick: He threw an ultrasound. (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And then he started screaming for Ritalin. He said, “I need Ritalin now.” And so…

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Those were two kinda giveaways.

Maddox: You know, so, Dick…I read that doctor’s email.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I was taking a shit. And that’s about as much respect as I have for that email.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I was reading it, and I was like, “Okay.” Lemme wipe my ass and I’ll go to my computer.

Dick: With your phone.

Maddox: Yeah. (they laugh) Like gr…you know how you get that stuff in there between grout?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Between my butt cheeks.

Dick: Trowel?

Maddox: Yeah, it’s like a trowel in my butt.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Anyway, so…

Asterios: Mhmm. (scared)

Maddox: I went to the b…

Dick: (interjects) Go on.

Maddox: I went to my computer…(giggles)

Asterios: No, let’s hear more about what you did to your ass crack!!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Uh…let’s just say…

Dick: (interjects) As you refute this DOCTOR’s email. (Asterios and Maddox laugh)

Asterios: Exactly!

Maddox: Let’s just say it was glued together…….with poop.

Asterios: Okay. Alright. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: So then what did you do?

Maddox: So I got up with my poopy ass…(they laugh)

Asterios: Uh-huh. Yup.

Maddox: No, but seriously, I wipe well. (Asterios cackles) Um, so I went to my computer and I sat down…

Dick: I find that kinda hard to believe. You're a hairy guy.

Maddox: Yeah!! Well…believe it, buddy! You wanna see…you wanna take a look?

Dick: No, thank you.

Maddox: Spotless!!

Dick: I could get a good look at a butcher's ass by taking his…well, you know the rest. (they all laugh)

Maddox: You could EAT off of my ass, it's so…it's so clean down there.

Dick: WHAT did you do then?!!?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. So anyway…back to the doctor's email. I looked up on the CDC's website, 'cause I knew I read this before. I linked to eight different studies, guys. Go back to that article. The website on the problem for that episode. And I link to eight different articles. Like, pages and pages of research I did. And I…again, after that doctor sent that email, I went to the CDC's website, and it said, of course. Just like I said in the episode, that parents often diagnose their kids with ADD and they just go to the doctor. There's no way…there's no actual screening they do. It's just, like, a bunch of tests they do…some quizzes they give, SOMETIMES. Some doctors give quizzes, some don't. It's like totally up in the air. There's no…it doesn't seem like there's any kind of standard for this diagnosis. And it's way overdiagnosed!!!

Dick: Hmm. Yeah, okay. (Maddox belches)

Asterios: Well…I totally understand that. I mean, who…as opposed to, like, being a good parent who takes care of their kid, wouldn't it be easier to just give 'em a pill?

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: That makes them do what you tell them? I totally buy that. At the same time, you know medicine changes over the course of years and decades. My father's best friend was mentally challenged, but because they were in Greece in the 1950's, their solution was to lock him a closet and beat him with a stick until his grades improved and he behaved.

Dick: Hmm.

Asterios: Like…that's how you treat it! Mentally challenged people in the 1950s in Greece. They don't do that anymore, because our understanding of these mental illnesses changed. And so, you know…as science progresses, there's gonna be some overdiagnosing, and there's gonna be some underdiagnosing. I mean, people always talk about autism being way too overdiagnosed these days. But back then, if you were autistic, they were just, like, "You're a fucking retard!" Like, you know? Neither…

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: (interjects) Neither are great. It's…that's how science works.

Dick: That explains what happened Angelo's mom. She's from Greece.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: Probably got locked in a closet.

Asterios: Poor thing.

Dick: And beat up with sticks.

Maddox: Dick.

Dick: What?

Maddox: Hating on Angelo's mom! Poor thing. Yeah, poor m…we…I like Angelo's mom. I think she's great.

Dick: Alright. Let's do some problems.

Maddox: Yeah. I got a big problem, guys! Big problem this week. Facebook Video!! Yeah.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I do hate videos. (Maddox chuckles)

Asterios: I don't like Facebook Video.

Maddox: I don't like Facebook. And I don't like Facebook videos.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Guys, I am so…first of all, I'm so fucking tired of opening up Facebook and going to my News feed, and having just video after video after video load, because Facebook is tinkering with their EdgeRank algorithm, and forcing videos into your news feed, because they know that the real money these days, online, is in video advertising, because that's a captive audience that's watching your ad. And Facebook's next step is to put ads on these videos that they keep shoving down our throats. That are autoplaying on our news feed, that slow down your browser, that distract you. That are annoying. And also…what, Dick? You look like you're thinking, here.

Dick: Well, 'cause I've seen some pretty funny videos on Facebook recently.

Maddox: Yeah. You…you mean you've seen some videos stolen from YouTube and posted on Facebook.

Dick: I don't care how they got there.

(Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: They're funny!

Maddox: I mean, yeah. (stammers) Sure, okay. Sure. I don't know…I don't know where this bike came from. It just fell off the back of a truck, I guess.

Dick: Yeah. How much is it? (they laugh)

Sean: Maddox…like you wouldn't take a bike that fell off a truck!

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: No, I wouldn't t…I wouldn't take…wait. If it actually fell off a truck, Sean. But that's not really how it fell…

Dick: (interjects) You wouldn't buy something stolen?

Maddox: No. Generally not.

Sean: I know the expression.

Dick: Well, someone's gonna buy it.

Maddox: Well, it's…

Dick: (interjects) Why not you?

Maddox: It's gonna be some unscrupulous character. It's not gonna be me.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: I'm not going to support that. In fact, one time in Chicago, some guy came up to me and wanted to sell me an iPhone or an iPod, one of the two. And he came to the wrong guy, obviously.

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: I don't like these pro…yeah.

Dick: "Listen, sir." (they all crack up) "I wouldn't even buy this if it wasn't stolen!" (whiny)

Sean: Yeah, he'll probably pay you to shut up!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So this guy came up to me trying to sell me this crappy, inferior Apple product that doesn't have as many features…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: …as the other products that have been on the market for YEARS. And…(they all laugh)

Dick: This guy. You're definitely not a cop, 'cause you're retarded! (Maddox and Asterios laugh)

Asterios: Oh, my God! (laughing)

Maddox: So, he tries to sell me this thing, and I kept shooting him down. I'm like, "Guy, listen, you came to the wrong dude. I don't buy this kind of stuff."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: and by "this kind of stuff", I mean Apple products. (laughing) I don't…I don't touch this stuff. It's awful. I don't want it. And he thought it was a negotiating tactic. So

he kept dropping his price lower, and lower, and lower, and every time I kept trying to walk away from the guy, I'm like, "Really, man. I mean, that's a good deal. Even the offer that you first came to me with was like $100. I'm like, even that was a good deal. I just don't want it." And by the end of it, it was like $30 and he was about to budge to $25, and had he budged to $25…(Asterios laughs) I would have still said no and walked away. But he was so disappointed. He felt like he was a bad negotiator, which he was.

Dick: He is!! (laughs)

Maddox: 'Cause he's selling Apple products.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: That's the lesson. That's the takeaway there.

Dick: Alright.

Asterios: So I have a question about your problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Now, it seems like there's two minds in this room. You're not talking about sharing a video to Facebook. You're talking about Facebook Video advertising. In-platform, Facebook video usage, correct? Or incorrect?

Maddox: Yeah. Where it shows up in the news feed automatically.

Asterios: Mmmm…no.

Dick: That's just, like, people's videos.

Maddox: No, I'm not talking about…no, no. no. No, it's not. I'm not talking about people who upload their own videos to Facebook.

Asterios: Right.

Maddox: That's native content that you have made, that you're uploading to Facebook. Fine!

Dick: What's Facebook video?

Asterios: Yeah. What do you mean?

Maddox: Facebook video. So…it's the way that Facebook…that people on Facebook share videos online. So here's how it…here's how it usually happens.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: Some morning zoo radio show. Huhuhuhu!!! They'll go to YouTube, they'll find a funny clip.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then they'll just take it and watermark it with their stupid morning radio station. Right?

Dick: Oh.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: They'll upload it to their channel and then…people will…their listeners and fans will think that, "Well, this is a funny video. I'm gonna click share!"

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: And they click share on their news feed, and it just shows up, and it just racks up millions of views!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Or…does it? Nobody really knows for sure, because Facebook cheats with their view algorithm.

Asterios: Mmm. (intrigued)

Dick: They inflate their numbers?

Maddox: Uh-huh! Oh boy, do they!!

Dick: You…do you have any proof of that?

Maddox: I sure do!

Asterios: I have proof of it as well.

Maddox: Yeah. Let's hear it. What do you got, Asterios?

Dick: You have proof of it?

Asterios: Yeah. It's just…so, you know, Facebook wants to charge as much as possible for its advertising, obviously. You know, you're an ad man. Like, so what Facebook does is, they set all their videos to autoplay. And I'm talking about advertising only. I'm not talking about, like, a YouTube video of, like, a camel farting, or something.

Maddox: What are you talking about?

Asterios: Which, by the way, is great. I mean, let's say Coca-Cola makes a 15-second digital ad, and they put…and it's Facebook native. So…the moment you open up Facebook on your phone, and you scroll past this video, it starts to play.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: After ONE second, it counts as a view. So…

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: So they charge Coca-Cola millions and millions of dollars for all these views that, like, don't really exist. They're these phantom views, because you just kept scrolling and scrolling. So what they've done is…they've made Facebook more annoying, by having it autoplay all this content I don't want to see, slowing down my phone, costing me data, because I…you know. I don't have unlimited data. I've got a cap. So it starts to play this video, you know, god forbid it's not muted. Then all of a sudden I'm listening to this thing I didn't ask for.

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: So Facebook can get richer. It's just…it's like a big scam, and I think it's stupid.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: It is a big scam. I have here an article, Asterios. I don't think it's 1 second, I think it's 3, from everything I've read, but this article…

Asterios: (interjects) It used to be 1. Maybe they increased it to 3 to be cool. But…I still think 3 is stupid.

Dick: Well, their ROI probably sucked.

Asterios: What?

Dick: Everyone was probably getting shitty ROI.

Maddox: They are, yeah.

Asterios: They absolutely were. And so a lot of adverti…like, you know. I can't name them, but a fairly big client was, like, "We are no longer advertising on Facebook video until they fix this."

Maddox: Oh, it's awful.

Asterios: Yeah. They straight up said, "No Facebook video spends. You can spend on Twitter, you can spend on YouTube, but you can't spend on Facebook until they stop cheating."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And it took…and until enough companies do this, Facebook is gonna continue to cheat. 1 second or 3 seconds is not that much different. It's still shitty.

Maddox: It's really shitty. I have an article here from Medium. It's called, "Theft, Lies, and Facebook video". And this guy talks about how Facebook is inflating their numbers. He says, "Facebook counts the view at the 3-second mark, whether or not the viewer has even turned on the sound. In the midst of a precipitous decline in retention, at that moment, 90% of people scrolling the page are still watching, according to Facebook. The silent animated GIF. But by 30 seconds, when viewership actually should be claimed, only 20% are watching." So 90% of people are being counted, but only 20% of people are actually watching the content. And it's…there's this graph that shows the Facebook retention rate. It is…ABYSMAL. If YouTube videos got this kind of retention rate, YouTube would be in the gutter. This is absolutely awful.

Asterios: Now you could say, "Who gives a shit?" Who gives a shit if a giant corporation is ripping off another giant corporation? I think that's fair. It's just fucking annoying to me when, like, you know. I'm just trying to see pictures of my niece. I'm on the bus.

Dick: Myeah.

Asterios: Like, I'm upset. I'm opening up Facebook and all of a sudden, some flashing bullshit video with a dancing Coke can, or whatever, pops on. It's just an annoying way to experience content.

Dick: It is annoying.

Asterios: That's it. That's the problem, in my mind.

Dick: Yeah. It's pretty annoying.

Asterios: It's annoying. Yeah.

Maddox: Well, also, Dick, you said at the top. Uh, "Who cares, it's funny?" But the thing is, when it's stolen, it's stolen from people like me. I am…

Asterios: (interjects) Well, that's a different problem. If you wanna…and by the way, I apologize for cutting you off there. Um, if you wanna talk about content thieves, that's different.

Maddox: Well, no, no. This is the majority of the content on…no one is creating Facebook native content. This is all stolen content! There's maybe like 5% to 10% of people are creating…and these are big websites that are creating content native to Facebook, but it's all stolen shit! One of the worst, notorious content aggregators on Facebook right now is this guy named "SoFlo Antonio".

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Um, there's this big…again, H3H3 productions did a big thing about them, but… SoFlo Antonio was stealing everyone's videos, right? And under the guise of Fair Use, he'd record a 3-second bumper at the top of it. (Asterios chuckles) He would say, "Hey guys, here's how I look when I'm driving a car." And then he'd cut to someone else's viral vine video.

Asterios: Uh-huh.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: It's like, "No, shithead, that's a different person! You had nothing to do with this content, and by the way, that's the same joke they're making! You're just stealing their content and throwing your shitty fucking watermark on it!!" And Facebook is starting to roll out ads. They're starting to experiment with ads on this platform. They're trying to monetize videos, right? To compete with YouTube. So…they went to SoFlo Antonio, believe it or not, as one of the first people they wanted to monetize for content. His STOLEN-ASS content from fucking YouTube! And he…there's…this rabbit hole goes so deep. They even found out that this SoFlo guy created a second shadow puppet account that he was crediting for the content that he took, right?

Asterios: Nice!

Dick: Oh, that's pretty smart.

Asterios: That's really clever.

Maddox: Well, he got caught.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, so…

Asterios: (interjects) But it worked for a while.

Dick: He used two accounts.

Asterios: I mean, he made money for a while, clearly. It's like…that's all…like, every scam ends.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: But if you could keep the money, great!

Dick: Is there any repercussions for any of these people? Everyone's just stealing each other's shitty content, like, all day, reacting to whatever…

Maddox: N…that's the thing, Dick.

Dick: Driving their car.

Maddox: That's the thing. Facebook…when Facebook first started out…I would find my stolen content on there, a lot. And I would just file a takedown notice. I would say, "Hey guys…either.." I would first reach out to the creator. I'd say, "Hey, please take this down. You didn't credit me, you stole it from me." Etc, etc. And sometimes it's innocuous. Sometimes people say, "Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't steal it from you, I saw it on this other website that stole it from you." I'm like okay, fine, whatever. Take it down. Or credit me, either way. Um, 'cause for small-time creators, like, people who are small to mid-level, it really hurts your bottom line. It really hurts you!! Because this content is just aggregated out there, without any credit! Without any click-throughs, and without growing your personal brand! And as someone who's not a content creator, who doesn't create content on YouTube, you guys wouldn't understand this. But for me, I…I do a LOT on YouTube, and I work REALLY hard on my videos. And I pay money out of my pocket to hire an editor to work on my videos. And I pay for produced clips. I pay for stock photos. And I pay for stock videos. And I license images, and sound effects, and graphics, and music, and EVERYTHING. And for me…for someone like me to then have to sit there and watch some shithead, Morning Radio Zoo profit off of my hard work, is really intolerable. It's really hard to stomach!

Dick: They're stealing your videos, with your face?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Talking to the camera?

Maddox: Sure! Absolutely. They'll even do it on YouTube, but at least YouTube has built into its system some way to take that stuff down. If someone is just stealing your content. I mean, people will do it with anything popular.

Dick: Why isn't there a huge lawsuit for this?

Maddox: Well…

Asterios: I think it's kinda like…

Dick: (interjects) Why isn't there, like, a big class-action lawsuit with all these creators who are always complaining about this stuff?

Asterios: I think it's…I mean, you probably know more about this than I do, but I think, like, it's like…well, what law are you breaking? I bet there's a lot of inter-state commerce at play. You know, it's like…you ever hear, like, if someone steals your identity, it's, like, really hard to fucking take them to court?

Dick: No, I didn't know that.

Asterios: Because, like, yeah. Like..

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause how are you gonna prove it's you?!

Asterios: Exactly!!

Dick: It's like if there's a robot of you, right?

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: Like, the judge is not gonna know which is the real you.

Asterios: No, what they do is, like, the fake you and you will, like, swap positions a bunch…

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And then you'll be like, "It's me!" "No, it's me!" and, you know. It always…it's pretty funny.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. But I mean, you know. A lot of it is interstate commerce. Like, if someone steals Maddox's video that he made in California, in Iowa, there's a problem there. Well, you know, what court has jurisdiction? Well, what law did you break? Did you break a law in California, but not in Iowa? Well, the guy's in Iowa, what are you gonna do, extradite him to California? Bla, bla, bla

Dick: Ehhh. Internet makes no sense.

Asterios: All this shit sucks! Yeah. It sucks!

Maddox: No, you break…you break copyright laws. This is essentially another Viacom. What's happening…like, Viacom originally…the whole reason YouTube has the DMCA takedown and they have automatic content ID, is because of Viacom. Viacom brought a 1-billion dollar lawsuit, I believe, against YouTube, a long time ago.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Yeah. And it was a big lawsuit, and YouTube told the judge, I think, in that case. I think they may have settled, or they let it go, they dropped the case. But they essentially said, "Look, we are protected under the Safe Harbor Act". I think the Safe Harbor act online means that if you're a large content…I guess, host, right?

Asterios: Host, yeah.

Maddox: And people upload a lot of content, it's impossible to police them all, right?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: So…you're protected under Safe Harbor, but…

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: The judge said, "Well, that's not good enough, because there are ways you can prevent some of this. There is content ID technology, and that's why Google developed this content ID technology. " to assuage the Viacoms of this world. And there's no reason…look. Facebook has some of the most sophisticated face detection software in the world. They can do content matching anytime, anywhere they please. They're just not doing it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because they want to artificially inflate these numbers.

Dick: That sucks.

Maddox: And this…yeah. This Medium article goes on. It says, "This might seem like it's a victimless crime, but it fundamentally values the number one metric of online video, which is the watch rate and the retention time." The view is the thing that everyone talks about, and it's the thing that creators sell to advertisers in order to make a living. Applying that word to something that is far less valuable is going to be extremely disruptive to creators. Ad agencies and brands are confused enough without Facebook muddying the waters and calling something a view when it isn't one.

Dick: Well, I saw this thing…on YouTube. Um…I don't remember what the guy's name was, but his schtick is he's got two little figures talking to each other, and one guy has, like, a big nose, and the other one has a big chin.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: Grade A Under A.

Dick: Is that it?

Maddox: Yeah! Grade A Under At.

Dick: He did this big video about how so much content theft goes on on YouTube, and the guys who steal the content will be huge guys. They'll get ALLLLLLLLL the money from all the views. And then YouTube will shut them down and just not…and not give all the money to the guy whose video they determined it was.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: They'll just let the guy keep the money. It's like, well…is that their…are they the cops, here? They're just, like, taking the money and keeping it? Who the fuck is…who's holding these people accountable for this stuff, nobody?

Asterios: Well, it's funny, because YouTube is both the platform and the advertiser. You know, with YouTube AdSense. Like, what's the gap between content and payment, like, 3

months? Or is there a cap on it? Like, after you break $50? At what point do you get paid for your YouTube video?

Maddox: Well, I am with an MCN called FullScreen. Fullscreen is the largest MCN out there. And MCN stands for multi-channel network. And I believe the cap is $50 or $100 that you have to accrue in revenue for them to pay out, and then the payment is once every 30 days.

Asterios: Yeah. I mean, they have all the information.

Dick: Right.

Asterios: Like…it seems like it would be super easy for…you know. Just create a gap. Create a 30-day or 60-day lag in the payment, and then determine whether or not this person actually created their content.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: If there was, like, a DMC takedown against it, or Maddox, who's like, you know. You're a YouTube partner. You know, you shoot stuff at the YouTube space all the time.

Maddox: Right.

Asterios: Like, they know who you are. If you find out that someone's stealing your content, God, you'd think they'd make it easy.

Dick: Ahh, somebody's gotta sue the fuck out of 'em. That's the only thing that's gonna change this.

Maddox: But the difficulty here is, Dick…is that YouTube is a blessing and a curse, because it has democratized distribution. Now anyone with a good idea and enough time…

Asterios: A fucking iPhone!

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, or a better phone, which is on the market for years…(Sean and Asterios laugh) with better resolution and they're waterproof. They have better image stabilization technology.

Dick: All the smartest nerds use it. (Maddox chuckles)

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Anyway, so anyone can create content and upload it to YouTube now.

Sean: And that's the problem!

Maddox: No, well, it can be.

Dick: Yeah, it is a big problem, isn't is, Sean?!

Asterios: Yeah, there's no gatekeepers!!

Maddox: It can be, Sean!

Asterios: Riff-raff's getting through the gate over here!!!

Maddox: It can't…

Asterios: (interjects) What used to not be entertainment, like a man standing still, screaming about something…now gets watched by hundreds of thousands of people! (they chuckle) There used to be a way to stop this!!!

Dick: Yeah. (Asterios sighs)

Maddox: So there are all these…

Dick: (interjects) I agree. (they laugh) Somebody sends me a YouTube video, nothing on Earth will make me watch that fucking thing.

Asterios: (laughs) I know!!!

Maddox: Yeah, fuck you, Dick! You watch YouTube videos!!

Dick: Gimme a summary.

Maddox: You know what? No joke. All joking aside. I consume more YouTube content than actual TV content these days.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: I watch YouTube way more than I watch TV. There's certain YouTube creators…I finally found some YouTube creators online who I…consistently like their content. In fact, Dick, you mentioned one of them. Grade A Under A.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Is a great YouTube channel. If you guys haven't seen it, check it out. Grade A Under A. It's this guy who does these rants in this really heavy British accent.

Dick: Yeah. I dunno what ethnicity he is.

Maddox: Yeah. He's in the UK. Uh, he was a math teacher. His…his identity is still kinda mysterious. But his content is pretty solid. And then there's a bunch of people on YouTube now who are essentially doing…they're almost like slightly visual podcasts.

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: So I'll go to their channels and I'll watch them, and they'll throw some content on there. Um…some visual content as well. But it's pretty entertaining content. Anyway. Because you have all these new people coming up. They're mid to large-size channels, and by mid to large size, I mean anywhere from, I dunno. Anywhere from, like, 100,000 to a million subscribers.

Asterios: Okay.

Maddox: Uh, to give you an idea. Now, their channels are big, and they're making money. They're making a living off of their YouTube channels; however, they're not big

enough to be this huge corporate entity that will then go to Facebook and say, “Take down our content or we’re gonna sue you.” That’s what the problem is, today. A lot of these content creators are just…they’re big, but not big enough to do anything about it.

Dick: You need an Erin Brockovich. She took on the WHOLE government.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Remember that scene where she served those other lawyers water?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I’ve never seen it.

Asterios: And they were like, “Oh, this water’s delicious.”

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: “Where is this water from?” And she’s like, “I peed in the water. I’m Erin Brockovich, water pisser.”

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And they were like, “Oh my God, no!!!!”

Dick: (interjects) And (inaudible) was like, “How’d you get all this stuff?” And she’s like, “They’re called boobs, Ed.” (they laugh)

Asterios: That was a great scene, too.

Dick: That was a great scene, too.

Asterios: Let’s talk more about Erin Brockovich.

Dick: Yeah. So you gotta sue these guys. You. You, file a lawsuit against ‘em. Fuck ‘em.

Maddox: Well…a lot of times, in order to have a lawsuit against a company and for it to stick, you have to prove damages.

Asterios: You…I can prove your damages!!

Maddox: Well, sure.

Asterios: Like, this is money that you can prove could have gone to you, because you look at…if a guy got 200,000 views on your content, let’s see who monetized that at SCALE. Well, you know, what’s 200,000 views if you don’t have an AdSense deal? What is it, like, 10 cents per thousand, or something?

Maddox: No. It’s actually…it’s…so, YouTube, on average…

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Depends on your MCN. Depends on a lot of different things.

Asterios: For, like, a normal person. Not for someone that has a deal. You know?

Maddox: Uh, no. I think for a normal person, it is about $1.50 for a thousand views.

Asterios: Yeah. So if someone has 200,000 views, $1.50 each, let's do some math. Okay, put a pause in here, for the podcast.

Maddox: For a hundred…

Asterios: (interjects) And I'm gonna calculate her, I'll be back in two days.

Maddox: Asterios, it's like 175. That's how much you'd be making.

Asterios: That's $175 goddamn dollars that's been taken out of your pocket, I can prove your damages!!

Maddox: Right. But then, you have to…first of all, you have to prove that would have been monetized. You have to prove that you would have had that equivalent number of views on YouTube. I mean, you could make the case. But then, at the end of the day, the lawsuit costs time and money. If I'm gonna be embroiled in some lawsuit that's gonna last me weeks or months of my time, those are weeks and months of productivity that I have lost.

Dick: Well, not YOU.

Asterios: You need Full Screen to do it !!

Dick: You need Erin Brockovich! Yeah.

Asterios: You need Erin Brockovich to team up with Full Screen.

Dick: Not you. It's a class action. Everybody teams up.

Asterios: Exactly. And you'll get a lot of PR out of it, like when Adam Corolla went after those podcasting patent trolls.

Maddox: Mmmm. Yeah.

Asterios: It raised his profile in the industry.

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: This happens every time there's a new technology, though. Like, there was…at the turn of the century, wasn't that stupid…that bullet to the moon movie? Widely ripped off? Like, this kind of piracy seems to be rampant every time there's a new technology.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: That's absolutely true.

Maddox: Well, it sucks, and it hurts small and medium-sized creators. It actually does affect our bottom lines. It sucks to see our content stolen. And also, here's one of the most insidious side effects of Facebook video. It has changed the way people are producing content online. Now, I've turned off Facebook video. I highly recommend everyone do this.

Asterios: Ohohoo. I love this.

Maddox: Go to your settings in Facebook, and there's a setting, thank God, that lets you turn off autoplaying videos. And since I've done that, I've seen hardly any videos in my news feed. I love it.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Um, however, I will go to news sites and I will click play on their news article and I'll notice some weird phenomenon happening. There's no words. There's nobody saying anything. It's just playing some weird music track, and then it's showing a bunch of subtitles on the screen, and I thought, "Oh, of course, because they're creating content now FOR Facebook." They're creative Facebook-native content. Some of these news channels. With no words, no dialog, no sound effects, nothing but just a music track playing and then a bunch of subtitles, because they know that the Facebook native player doesn't play sound.

Dick: So they leave it off, for someone to click on, on the sound?

Maddox: They don't even do any sound design anymore. Everything has subtitles on it. So all the content you're gonna consume from now on is going to be giant, blocky-text subtitles, because of Facebook video.

Asterios: It's now a best practice when you're creating a digital ad, to have subtitles on it.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Because you imagine that it's on Twitter, it's on Facebook. No one's gonna turn the sound on. We still wanna…you know, we want to try to capture attention, so it has subtitles on it.

Maddox: It's…

Asterios: (interjects) That doesn't bother me that much.

Dick: Yeah, me neither.

Asterios: Who cares?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, I'll tell you who cares, is because you have limited screen real estate, and if you have to use some of that time…first of all, it takes time to produce those subtitles, and it takes time to sync them up, and then you have to have everything completely transcribed. And then that just adds to your production time! It's a lot of extra work that I don't want to have to do because of fucking Facebook! If you want to watch my video, watch it in the way I intended it to be seen, don't watch it with fucking subtitles on! If you want to watch it with subtitles, then, you know. Download a fucking movie and you can watch it with subtitles all day long, but don't make ME change the way I product content and do extra work because of your SHITTY format.

Sean: Yeah, he's an artist, for fuck's sake! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Just like John Lennon. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: I hate John Lennon!

Dick: To get that reference, you gotta get our BONUS episode!!

Maddox: Oh, man, I went on a good John Lennon rant for all those haters. (chuckles) Check it out, 1:33 on the website. Um, oh, one final note, I guess. I'll just end on this with a Facebook video. They've also changed the way that people click on videos. So… normally, the way you click on a video to pause it on YouTube is what? You just click the video again, right?

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: That pauses the video. Facebook has started to change that, so it no longer pauses the video; however, what it does is it enlarges the window. No, Facebook! I don't want to enlarge the fucking window, you dipshits!!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: I want to PAUSE the fucking video so I can move on with my life!!

Asterios: That's really funny. (laughs) That Facebook is just, like, instead of allowing you to stop the thing that's annoying you, it…

Dick: (interjects) Makes more of it.

Asterios: Yeah. It pretends that it doesn't know that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And it just makes it take up your whole goddamn phone. That's great.

Maddox: I hate it so much.

Asterios: I love you, Mark Zuckerberg! You're a huge asshole and I love you!

Dick: Take him to bed? Mark Zucker…do you love him that much, or?

Asterios: Well, it would have to be a comfortable mattress.

Dick: I hope so! Today's show is brought to you by Casper. (Maddox chuckles) Get $50 toward any mattress purchase by visiting http://www.casper.com/biggest and using promo code BIGGEST. Casper is an online realtor of premium mattresses, you guys. Mattresses can often cost well over $1500.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: But Casper mattresses cost between $500 for a twin-size mattress, $600 for a twin XL, $750 for a full-size, $850 for a queen size…guess how much a king size is?

Asterios: How much?!

Dick: Did you notice the pattern? $950 for a king size mattress. Maddox has one, he loves it. He's got…I can see them from here. There are three women in his bed right now.

Maddox: MHMM.

Dick: One of them is sleeping, so you know it's a good bed. It's not…it has nothing to do with Facebook videos. (Asterios cracks up)

Asterios: And you know it's a good podcast, because one of them is sleeping!! (laughs)

Maddox: Always a good sign. It's a GOOD mattress and a bad podcast. That's how you know that Casper mattresses are comfortable. (laughs)

Dick: Anyway. Get $50 off by going to http://www.casper.com/biggest and using promo code BIGGEST.

Asterios: If you don't mind me asking, just…hey, ladies! How comfortable is that bed? Shout out how comfortable that bed is!!

(Ladies in background: "So comfortable!" "Really comfortable." "Very comfortable.")

Asterios: Alright…

Dick: Really comfortable and super comfortable.

Asterios: Scream that sexier, please!!

(Ladies in background: "SO COMFORTABLE!! OHHH!" (sexy))

Maddox: Okay. Alright.

Dick: It moved. (Asterios and Maddox laugh) Alright, Asterios. What's your…what's your problem?

Asterios: My problem this week is Political Satire!!

Dick: Oh, good. Yeah.

Asterios: Political Satire! I see…Maddox wincing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I hate political satire.

Asterios: I also hate political satire.

Maddox: Why? Why?

Dick: So much. So much.

Maddox: Why do you…

Asterios: (interjects) Well, you know what?!

Dick: It's so smu…go ahead.

Asterios: I'll prove it with stats, okay?

Maddox: Okay.

Asterios: I'll prove it with stats.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Let's hear this.

Dick: Prove it with shouting.

Sean: NOW Maddox is interested.

Asterios: Alright. Right. Will Ferrell's George W. Bush impression closed 0 Guantanamo Bays!!! (Dick and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Really?

Asterios: Uh, 0 Trump supporters were convinced to change their vote after watching SNL's hilarious Racists for Trump sketch. And 0 Democrats stopped loving Michael Moore after the scene in the movie An American Carol, where a nuclear bomb destroys everything but Michael Moore's giant ass. Can you believe it?

Dick: I can't believe it. (grins)

Maddox: Nope.

Asterios: It's true! These are stats!!

Dick: Well, wait a minute. Wait a minute. How many Trump supporters…

Asterios: Uh-huh.

Dick: Switched to Bernie because of Make Trump Drumpf Again?

Asterios: Ohhh. Ugggggggh.

Dick: The Drumpf hashtag….surely the Drumpf hashtag was SO eviscerating and SO destructive.

Asterios: I know.

Dick: To the man's political…to his policies.

Asterios: Yup.

Dick: To the…to unwavering support of millions of Am…

Asterios: Uh-huh.

Dick: Surely, a hashtag did SOMETHING!!

Asterios: Well…lemme tell you, my slacktivist-loving friend!

Dick: Yes!

Asterios: Uh, the Make Donald Drumpf Again segment…

Dick: Right!

Asterios: …of the Jon Oliver show, Last Week Tonight. Is officially the most-watched piece of content in HBO history.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Is it really?!

Maddox: It's…

Asterios: (interjects) It was just…I read about it today, in USA Today. It is the video clip that has been watched the most out of ANYTHING HBO has EVER MADE!!! The last

episode of the Sopranos…the scene where the naked chick walked through some fire to get her goddamn dragons!!! Everything!!

Dick: Yeah. (annoyed)

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Asterios: However…

Maddox: Yeah!!

Asterios: How many Trump supporters no longer support Trump because they found out his name was Drumpf?

Dick: (giggles) Absolutely not.

Maddox: No…(stammers)

Asterios: Fucking none!!

Dick: How many of those fucking hats did they sell to retards?

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Exactly.

Maddox: What are you talking about…

Dick: (interjects) 30,000.

Maddox: Donald Trump, the Make America Great Again hats? (laughing) (they all talk over each other) But here's the thing, Asterios. Um, that clip that you're talking about…

Asterios: Yes.

Maddox: Which I highly recommend everyone watch. It's really well done.

Asterios: It's VERY funny!

Maddox: It's very funny.

Asterios: That's not my problem with it.

Dick: It's only funny if you support that political side.

Maddox: No it's not, you blowhard! You can laugh at things that make fun of your POSITION. I laugh at things that make fun of things that I believe in, all the time!! I… (stammers) brought in a comment at the top of this episode making fun of my wallet thing! I mean, come on! You gotta get over yourself!

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: Look, funny is funny regardless, right? If it's funny, I'm gonna laugh at it. I don't care what political side it's coming from.

Asterios: And honestly, I agree with that. One of the reasons I started lis…one of the reasons that I really liked this show, was I was like, "There's two really hilarious conservatives who are just yelling about all these policies that I disagree with, but they're

fucking hilarious!" Now I'm sorry to call you both conservatives. I know that you have different words for your political positions. (Maddox chuckles) But, like…as a huge, flaming Liberal from New York, I was like, "These two conservatives are hysterical!" That being said, my problem with political satire in the year 2016…(Dick starts laughing) is that it preaches to the choir.

Dick: Yeah!

Asterios: It doesn't…it's not a mechanism for persuasion. It's a mechanism for essentially reinforcing the opinion you already had when you clicked PLAY. Because a conservative isn't gonna watch anything Jon Oliver makes. And a Liberal wasn't gonna vote for Trump in the first place! The only reason this content exists is 'cause it's monetizable entertainment!! You know? It exists so that Slate, on Monday morning, can put out a little piece that's like, "Jon Oliver EVISCERATES DONALD TRUMP!!!"

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: With DEVASTATING takedown!! And it's like, "No, he's got more delegates than ever. He's more powerful than ever before!" (grins) You know? And so the Breitbarts of the world can be, like, "Can you believe this limey Brit is making fun of a huge hero, Donald Trump?" And everybody makes money, and nobody's opinions are changed.

Dick: No.

Asterios: And nothing is fixed!!

Dick: It's built to turn YOU into a hype machine for HBO.

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: No…(skeptical)

Dick: It's built to be a hashtag, because you are stupid and have no opinions. (Asterios laughs) You could not make these WITHERING criticisms on your own, so you just jump on board Jon Oliver! You suction onto one of his crooked teeth…(Asterios laughs) and just start repeating whatever he says!

Asterios: His teeth are VERY...let's not make fun of the man's teeth. He's got perfect teeth! (laughing)

Maddox: Well, you guys…

Dick: It's…

Asterios: Well, we've been yelling a lot. I want to hear what you have to say.

Maddox: You guys…

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I'm sorry.

Maddox: You guys are saying a lot of pretty words. I like your words a lot. (Sean giggles) These are good. They're big. They're tremendous words. Really good.

Asterios: They're yuge!!!

Maddox: They're huge…they're yuge words.

Dick: Smiling as though it's a joke. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: I'm sorry…

Dick: (interjects) It's only funny if you hate Trump!!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: I'm sorry…no it's not, you blow…like, you can laugh at yourself. You can laugh at things that are genuinely funny.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That's all I'm saying. But here's the thing, Asterios. If this were the case…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: That only people who watch political satire are watching it to reaffirm their point of view, then there would be no such thing as conservative authors going on The Daily Show, or conservative authors going on the Colbert Report. Or Jon Oliver…well, Jon Oliver doesn't really have guests on his show, but…

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: There's a thing in the publishing industry. This phenomenon called the Colbert Bump, or the Stewart Bump.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: And that's when authors, conservative OR liberal, go on these shows, both… they all see bumps in their book sales. Now, you cannot tell me that it's only one political party watching this content, because political satire is the one thing that transcends your political point of view. Now if…(stammers) things like…

Dick: (interjects) I don't think Asterios is saying that.

Maddox: Well, things like Breitbart and things like Drudge Report and MSNBC, or Fox News, whatever. They are preaching very much to the choir.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: And people who consume their content are very staunchly conservative, but political satire SPECIFICALLY is something that transcends lines, because…

Asterios: (interjects) It should! I just don't think it does in 2016.

Dick: It should, it doesn't. No.

Asterios: I agree that in the days of Tammany Hall, when, like, the political cartoon essentially took down a crooked establishment in New York, like, yeah. Political satire had an effect. Even in the 1970s, when, you know, fucking Chevy Chase is falling off a ladder and calling Gerald Ford a bumbling asshole. Like, the whole country was, like, "Yeah, that guy is a bumbling asshole." Yeah, I agree that it used to, but the specific thing that you were saying about, like, a conservative author going on the talk show portion of a show that's watched by a million people…

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: And getting more book sales? Well, it's like, "Well yeah. If that guy went on the Today Show, they'd probably see a bump in their fucking book sales too, because millions of people watch The Today Show." I mean, that's PR.

Maddox: No, the Today Show is apolitical. You're talking about…supposedly, right? That…people would say that Jon Stewart's show, when he was on Comedy Central, was Liberal.

Asterios: It was.

Maddox: It was liberal leaning.

Dick: It was.

Maddox: It was liberal leaning, and same with Colbert Report. They would say that the Colbert Report was liberal learning.

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? So you wouldn't expect a bump in conservative author's books from a liberal audience.

Dick: Why not?

Asterios: Why wouldn't they pick up the opposition's book just to be informed?

Maddox: Well, then you're undermining your own argument here!!

Asterios: No…

Dick: Not at all.

Asterios: Honestly, we're discussing two different things. I'm talking about comedic content that is…that is political satire.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I'm talking about when SNL has a guy go on change and be like, "I'm Trump, bump-a-dump-a-doo. I'm stupid."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: "I eat poop." Like, that sucks. I'm not talking about…William Crystal!

Dick: (interjects) But that's the conversation we're all having now! Is Drumpf! Is how stupid his hair is!!!

Asterios: Yeah, exactly.

Dick: That's the political conversation! Nevermind that whoever's president could set the direction of the country for 50, 100 years by picking three Supreme Court justices! His hair is stupid!!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: That's why! A bird flew onto Bernie's podium!! (Asterios laughs) That's why!!!

Asterios: Yeah. Hillary Clinton talks like a robot! Oh, she doesn't know how to relate to people!!!

Dick: And we've got a generation of people who are PROUD that this is where they get their political opinion!

Asterios: Absolutely true.

Dick: From Jon Oliver!

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: How many fucking kids..pe…adults!! Voting adults! Say, "Oh, I get my news from comedians."

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: "Not from the news or from politicians." You know what that says?! You have a shitty attention span and you don't want to pay attention to what matters!

Asterios: Yeah! That you need the sugar…

Dick: (interjects) You want bite-sized, Happy Meal-sized treats that immediately vindicate every little impulse you have, and you don't have to think for a second! What's wrong with Trump? His name used to be Drumpf!! (Asterios laughs) That's it! You nai…go buy a hat, you stupid seal!"

Maddox: From a fucking 10-minute video, you took a 5-second blurb, and that's all you got from it!!!! Talk about people who…

Dick: (interjects) That's all you were supposed to take from it!!

Maddox: No, it wasn't! No, it wasn't, shithead!! That video was so informative and so well-done!!

Dick: Oh, it was HORRIBLY done!!

Maddox: No, it absolutely was.

Dick: It was HORRIBLY done.

Maddox: All you took from it…you're sitting here chastising people who get their information in bite-sized pieces because they don't have an attention span, yet all you can hone in on is Drumpf. Yeah, that was a 5-second joke at the tail end of a brilliantly-done segment.

Dick: People have dissected that video better than me.

Maddox: J…Jon…

Dick: (inaudible) have torn it apart! It was all horseshit!!

Maddox: No, it wasn't! No, it wasn't!!

Dick: If it wasn't horseshit, it would have been two-sided! It was all 100% against Trump! It was just built for that fucking audience! Nobody is that one-sided! It couldn't possibly be

the case where you build a perfect video against one person! Like, you couldn't do that against Hillary, and she's the Devil!! (Asterios cracks up) There's good and bad. If you're gonna actually be…like, if you're pretending to be a fucking journalist, these FUCKING comedians like Jon Oliver…they act like journalists, but when you bust them for having NO journalistic integrity, cherry picking everything and giving you an incredibly biased view of an event or a person, like Trump, they just say, "Well, we're just comedians." "Well, we're just comedians." Like, yeah, but you're acting like a fucking journalist, you prick!! (yelling)

Asterios: Wow!!!

Maddox: But Dick…all he did…

Dick: (interjects) That's what he's doing!

Maddox: No, all he did…he's not a journalist, and he's not pretending to be.

Dick: Oh, yes he is.

Maddox: No, he's not! No, he's not! It's a comedy show…

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And that's why political satire SPECIFICALLY is important, because it cuts through the political discourse! People are not gonna be going to NewsMax from the left, and people are not going to be going to MSNBC from the right! They're not interested in that. They just want to reaffirm their world view! However, a comedy show is the ONE fucking hope that we have! The one fucking hope that someone is gonna click on it just to be entertained for a few minutes and get a laugh, and MAYBE learn a thing or too. Yeah, some people are gonna be staunchly conservative or staunchly liberal in whatever opinions they have of the world. Of course! But Jon Oliver is not doing this under the pretense of being a journalist!! He's doing a comedy show!

Dick: Oh, he knows he is!!

Asterios: Well, okay, listen. Whether…look. Personally, I disagree that Jon Oliver is presenting himself as a journalist. I think he's presenting himself…

Dick: (interjects) Behind a news desk in a suit?

Asterios: It's a parody. I mean, Weekend Update was a parody of the news.

Dick: Until it wasn't! Until Jon Stewart started giving GIGANTIC speeches in Washington, DC, about returning to…what was his thing?! Return to reason?

Asterios: Yeah, the return to civility.

Dick: Oh, yeah. That's a…what a hilarious name!

Asterios: Look. I know that comedians dabble in politics. I mean, for Chrissakes, we have a…Al Frankin is a senator.

Dick: Al Frankin.

Asterios: But I don't want to parse it…I mean, honestly, that's not my problem with it. My problem isn't that, like, they say they're comedians when it's convenient, and they say they're newsmen when it's convenient.

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: Yeah, I mean, that does happen, but whatever. If it's funny, it's funny. My problem is that political satire is now hypertargeted. If you see Jon Oliver, if you see Trevor Noah, if you see Stephen Colbert in…(stammers) in Facebook, you're not gonna click it.

Dick: Nope.

Asterios: Because you're like, "These guys are all fucking liberals, they're in the tank for Hillary, they're in the tank for Bernie."

Maddox: Asterios, what evidence do you have for any of this? You're saying that no one…like, it's not persuading to anyone, and NOBODY's clicking through…here's the thing.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: There is a certain point, right? Even with my own content.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Where when my content breaches a certain threshold of viewers, all bets are out the window. For example, I produced a little parody of the stupid meme that was floating around a couple of months ago. And…my version of it got, like, at least 34 to 40 million views.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: And after a certain point, I'm no longer preaching to my audience. I'm no longer reaching my audience. I'm reaching an audience I never intended to. I started reaching mothers and grandmothers and daughters and grandparents and people who would NEVER read or consume my content, were coming to my page and sending me hate mail. Because they were…that was reaching a huge, huge audience. Now, there's a point where this Jon Oliver clip has to have penetrated the other side. Now there's…I don't see any evidence to suggest that it's so targeted that only liberals are watching Jon Oliver, etc, or only conservatives are watching a conservative satirist, if you can find one.

Asterios: There isn't one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No.

Asterios: I mean, there's what's his name. The guy that hosted Update in the 90's, who after 9/11…

Dick: Dennis Miller.

Maddox: Dennis Miller, yeah.

Asterios: There's Dennis Miller.

Dick: But he's not a satirist.

Maddox: He tried to be, yeah.

Asterios: Well, no. He goes…I mean, he has a stand-up special on Netflix, like, where the opening joke is, like…what's the name of the current governor of California, Jerry Brown? Where he's like, "Mah, Jerry Brown sticks, boop-boop-bee-doo. Waah. Charlemagne. Jerry Brown." (Dick chuckles) Like, he tries, you know.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And the reason he is a conservative stand-up comedian is because he can make money at it. He can sell tickets to conservatives, you know? That's…

Dick: (interjects) Well, you don't think he is?

Asterios: I KNOW he's a co…l…absolutely.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Asterios: Because he's a 9/11 conservative. He's one of those guys that, like, shit their pants after 9/11 and was, like, "I'm a conservative now. I'm scared I'm gonna die."

Dick: I did, but it was a coincidence. (Asterios guffaws)

Asterios: Well…I don't wanna…we've discussed your pants in…I don't wanna bring up your pants. Well, here's what I'll say about the Make Donald Drumpf Again thing. If it did have an effect on every voter, then I don't think Trump would be as strong as he is.

Maddox: It doesn't.

Asterios: That's the most…I'm sorry?

Maddox: No, you're right. It doesn't.

Asterios: Yeah. I mean, this is the most popular piece of content in the history of Home Box Office, a giant corporation owned by a bigger corporation. We've all seen this content. And…is it gonna change the way any of us vote? Like, I was not gonna vote for Trump before. I'm not gonna vote for Trump now.

Maddox: Yeah, but..

Asterios: (interjects) I feel better that I saw some Tru…the reason I think current political satire is useless, is that it's sort of outrage porn in a different form!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: We all like to feel outraged about something. Back when Stewart was on the Daily Show…

Dick: (interjects) It's snark porn!!

Asterios: …it's, yeah!!

Dick: (interjects) It's not even..you don't get outraged, you just have this smug sense of self, like, "I'm that clever. That's right. That guy's that clever, and he thinks that? I hate Trump, too, I'm that clever."

Asterios: Yeah, "And then I'm gonna go to a party later that night and I'm gonna spit out John Stewart's opinion. And I'm gonna feel better about it!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: It's a way to arm each…and look. This is just my opinion. I feel like it's a way to arm each side with talking points. That, like, reinforce their positions. I feel like it's a way to state what you think in a more clever way. For example, when John Stewart…John Stewart had a year-long campaign against Fox News. Every night, you could tune in and watch OUTRAGEOUS Fox News clips. Clips of Fox News correspondents on Fox and Friends, like, saying the dumbest things in the world, and I watch that, I'm like, "Haha. I don't watch Fox News. I'm smarter than that." (Dick laughs) Like, but here's the problem….here's my pro…and I'm sorry, I know you w…would you…I can take a break if you want to talk. I'm sorry.

Maddox: Yeah, I wanna say something.

Asterios: Sure.

Maddox: Here's the thing. As someone who is a professional satirist, it's my job to write satire. My whole entire career.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: I have gotten notes, my whole entire career, from people who come to my website, and they say, "Maddox, I can see through your writing and I can see the message you're trying to say here, but you say it in such a way that's sarcastic and caustic and abrasive. Why don't you clean up your act and clean up your language so that people will take you more seriously?" And I write back to them with so much anger and vitriol, because they don't GET what I'm doing. They're…the way that I speak, and the way that I present my material reaches an audience that academics don't. People who are coming to my website are 13-year-old kids, 15-year-old kids, kids who are dejected. Kids who don't have a connection…kids who don't feel connected in society. Kids who might also feel like shit's kinda fucked up and they want to read the information that I'm providing to them, in a way that speaks to them.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: I'm speaking to a certain audience and I'm cutting through the same bullshit. Like, you could take essentially the arguments that I make on my website. A lot of 'em are very academic. And then take out the cuss words and the funny images and things like that, and make it a very dry academic paper, and then who's gonna read it? Fucking academics!

Asterios: I don't…I don't have a problem with your content. I like your content.

Maddox: No, but, but, but…to come full circle here, right?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: So…just like I produce content that cuts through and reaches people that would never be reached by this message, that's exactly what political satire can do when it's done best. And that Jon Oliver clip, Dick, I'm with you 100%. Jon Oliver is biased as shit. I've seen some of his segments…

Dick: (interjects) The whole fucking company is!!

Maddox: Well, I've seen some of his segments where he's…like, Jon Oliver will do this thing where he'll present an argument for something. And…he knows. His researchers… you can pick up on it if you listen carefully, but his researchers have found the counterargument, because he did this recently, I think, on this water debate. And he'll address the counterargument by dismissing it in a very clever way. He'll present it. He'll say, "Well sure, X, Y, and Z is true, but…" and then he'll give his rebuttal.

Dick: (interjects) But it's 2016!

Maddox: No, no, no, it's never like that. It's more like…you know, "But…" and then he'll present his other side of the argument.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But without really addressing the root cause of the objection to it. Now, I'm able to…to see that bias in his presenting and his material.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: And in spite of that, he still does some good material. Now, with the Trump piece that we're talking about, this Drumpf piece?

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: He went into detail about Trump's policies and why they would never work. Like, Trump's wall? His absurd wall that he's suggesting? Saying that it's only gonna cost something like that 22 billion dollars? Like, yeah…well, no. Trump originally estimated 2 billion, and then slowly crept up his estimation to 12 billion, and now they're saying that… people are actually taking him seriously, because he's an actual candidate now.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, they're saying, "Well, it looks like his wall is gonna cost around 22 billion per year for maintenance."

Asterios: It's not gonna cost that, 'cause Mexico's gonna pay for it.

Maddox: Oh, of course.

Asterios: So don't worry about those numbers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: But, look.

Dick: Yeah, but that's a joke. Why is it a joke?

Asterios: Well, he…

Dick: (interjects) Like, he is…

Asterios: (interjects) 'Cause that's something Trump said. Trump said, "I'm gonna make Mexico pay for it. I mean, that's his position."

Dick: It's a good idea.

Asterios: If you can do it.

Dick: Well, sure! (Asterios laughs) How much fucking money do they have flying into Mexico every year!? Threaten to stop it!

Asterios: I dunno. If your neighbor…

Dick: (interjects) Stop giving 'em foreign aid!

Asterios: I'm…you know what? I don't wanna discuss this. (giggles) I'm not gonna get into an argument about Trump's candidacy.

Dick: Yeah, the point is it's not…like, it's not INSANE!

Maddox: Yeah, well, it is…(they all yell over each other)

Asterios: What if your neighbor came to you and told you to build a wall?! (laughs)

Dick: That happens! That is a real thing that happens!!

Asterios: Would you be happy to?! Would you shell out money for the wall, or would you spend the money…

Maddox: Guys…

Asterios: …that you were gonna spend on the wall, on a lawyer to tell that guy to go FUCK HIMSELF?!?!

Dick: It depends whose dog was fucking up someone's lawn…walls get build.

Asterios: Fair enough. Okay. Okay…

Maddox: (interjects) Are you out of your fucking mind!? Mexico's an important trade partner! We do business back and forth! That's BILLIONS of dollar. Trillions of dollars we're talking about.

Dick: Hah. We do business ONE way.

Maddox: No, absolutely not.

Asterios: Did you…

Maddox: (interjects) They buy our oil…we sell them products. Vice versa. It would be chaos! (Dick groans) And first of all, let's acknowledge…

Dick: (interjects) Aren't you ever curious as WHY none of these people want to close the border? Why none of the politicians want to close the border?

Maddox: Because…Dick, did you watch…

Dick: (interjects) It only helps businesses.

Maddox: Dick, did you…

Dick: It only helps big businesses.

Maddox: Did…what, to keep the borders open?

Dick: To have free labor coming in!

Asterios: Guys, we're talking about political satire here, please!!

Maddox: Hold…hold on.

Dick: Yeah. Stop talking about politics.

Maddox: Hold on. (laughs)

Asterios: Yeah, exactly! Look…here's what I'm gonna say. Like, alright. You watched that whole Donald Drumpf Again segment. I did too, I watched the whole thing. I thought it was great! It taught me a lot of stuff about Donald Trump's past that I think is hilarious, and blablabla…I wasn't gonna vote for Donald Trump to begin with…

Maddox: (interjects) I know, but that's YOU.

Asterios: …and I'm not gonna vote for him now…well, that's what I'm saying! It's me! What I'm saying is…the current state of political satire is polarized, because people…

Dick: (interjects) It's NOT satire.

Asterios: It's not satire, it's preaching to audiences that consume.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Now, I'm sorry. I just kinda wanna get the rest of this out.

Dick: Go ahead.

Asterios: Like…so John Stewart's marquee issue is this. It's getting…it's getting relief to 9/11 first responders. Like…I know people who worked at 9/11 for months and years, and they are sick now because of it, and sometimes they get $10. Like, sometimes they get nothing.

Dick: What do you mean, sometimes they get $10. From who?

Asterios: For…from the 9/11 commission of New York. It'll send them a survey every year that's like, "So how's your breathing? So, are you dead yet? Do you have cancer yet?" Like…

Dick: They'll get $10 from that.

Asterios: And then wrapped up in that survey, and I've seen it, is a $10 bill.

Dick: Oooof. (groans)

Asterios: It's like, "Here's $10 for your trouble. Thanks, the 9/11 commission, aka the people that told you that it was safe to work at 9/11 because they didn't want to cause a national panic." Now, that is John Stewart's marquee issue. John Stewart wants the Congress to pay for the healthcare for 9/11 first responders. That's great, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Now, imagine John Stewart went on the Daily Show every single night and spent 5 minutes a night talking about 9/11 first responders. You'd get bored of it. You'd be, like, "This isn't funny. I've seen this before."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: "I'm gonna see who else is up against John Stewart." That's the problem with current political satire being monetized. IT doesn't encourage…it doesn't encourage actual, deep thought. It doesn't encourage deep dives into issues, and it doesn't encourage real change, because one week I'll be watching Jon Oliver, and he'll be talking about highway robbery, you know, the phenomenon where cops, if they find money, they can claim it?

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And then I'll be watching that, I'll be like, "Oh, my God! Highway robbery's terrible! This is awful! I'm outraged! Someone's gotta do something about this!" And next week, he'll be like, "Miss America, it's Sexist." And I'll be watching that, and I'll be like, Miss America's sexist! Oh, my God! Can you believe how sexist this is?!

Dick: Yeah. Why aren't there any men?!

Asterios: I'm not…exactly! (Sean laughs) Hot dudes, like myself. Like all of us.

Dick: Yeah. What the hell.

Asterios: So the thing is, the current state of political satire is entertainment only. It is NOT meant to create political change! If it was…I would appreciate it!

Sean: Jesus Christ!

Asterios: If it was, I would totally agree with you. I think that you're a satirist that goes out there and changes people's minds. But I think that you're in the vast minority. I think most of these people, it's entertainment. It's comedy with a different name.

Sean: I don't think anybody's mind is changed by any of this.

Maddox: Okay. Well…

Dick: (interjects) Any of what?

Sean: Any of this political satire.

Maddox: Political satire.

Dick: Any…yeah.

Sean: Yeah, it just reinforces it.

Dick: Do you agree with the what he's saying, because it's all the ti…it's relentlessly hitting you, and because it's monetized, it necessarily seeks the lowest common denominator? Like it's a hashtag. It's not, like, a pithy statement on Trump. It's a fucking hashtag about his name.

Maddox: Okay…two things.

Asterios: Sure.

Maddox: Look, I agree. The Drumpf thing…is obviously just trying to get under Trump's skin, because he does seem like he's pretty thin-skinned with a lot of things.

Dick: You think it's…see, again, you're supporting the satirization element when we're saying it's a marketing ploy.

Maddox: Well, (stammers)

Dick: (interjects) It's not…that's not targeting Trump. It's targeting shitheads on Facebook who just say "Drumpf, Drumpf, Drumpf, Drumpf, Drumpf" all day like it's funny.

Maddox: Of course. It's an element of promoting the show. But…specifically Jon Oliver, because it's not advertisement. It's not sponsored by advertisement, it is a monetized platform, HBO.

Asterios: Mhmm.

Maddox: People are paying for that content. So I do trust that the corporate influence on that satire is…is minimal, except for HBO, of course, which is left…

Dick: (interjects) Which is 100%.

Maddox: Which is left-leaning.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: Of course. I mean, HBO…

Dick: (interjects) The corporate influence on HBO is 100% from HBO.

Maddox: Well, H…

Dick: (interjects) Whereas anybody else, you get your advertisers, and your main mothership, like, a lot of different corporations pull you one way or the other.

Maddox: Um, HBO does not…uh…once you have a show on HBO, I know people who've worked on HBO shows. Uh..a bunch of my friends have. And once you are creating a show for HBO, they don't give you direction on the show itself. You are a creator, they respect your autonomy for the most part. They're not telling Jon Oliver what to call… however, they are hiring Jon Oliver in the first place. They're hiring Bill Maher in the first place. So they're hiring…

Dick: (interjects) And the showrunners, probably.

Maddox: Yeah, they're hiring left-leaning…

Asterios: David Javerbaum.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Who's a guy from the Daily Show.

Maddox: They're hiring left-leaning creators. I totally get it. That's fine. But as far as pure satire goes, you would find it in a place like Jon Oliver's, because it's a monetized platform that people are paying for. No external corporations outside of that. Uh, that's not to say that he's not biased. Of course he's biased. He's presenting a point of view.

Asterios: Yeah!

Maddox: But I think that by simply dismissing him as being a liberal, or dismissing a conservative for being conservative, without really looking at what they're saying, is a huge ad hominem attack. You're not really divesting much of your time or energy to looking at what they're saying. And a long time ago…

Dick: (interjects) Who's doing that?

Maddox: A lot of people. A lot of people.

Asterios: People do that with my comedy all the time.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: People tweet at me all the time and say, like, "I think you're funny, but all this liberal stuff you post really turns me off. I'm gonna unfollow you."

Dick: Mmm.

Asterios: And it's like, "Well, what about my jokes? Do you wanna pay attention to my jokes? Oh, I'm sorry I like Bernie."

Dick: That's tough, though! (sighs) It's tough to get hit with both! Like, you just get sick of it after a while.

Asterios: If someone's sick of my comedy, that's okay.

Dick: It's not the comedy! It's the political stuff they get sick of. That's what I'm saying. I understand.

Maddox: Look, generally speaking, I don't do a lot of political stuff. On my website, I think in the entire span I've done it, I've published a few articles here and there about political stuff, and it's usually one per, like, four years or something like that.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I did one on Clinton a long time ago. I did one on Bush.

Dick: Which one?

Maddox: Bill.

Dick: Bill.

Maddox: I did one on Bush, and then I did one on Hillary Clinton, too.

Asterios: And you did…you had Trump flying through space in the KKK mask being put onto him as he flew into the sun.

Maddox: Yeah. Which is fair. Um…(laughs)

Asterios: And unbiased!! (they laugh)

Dick: Downvote it to hell!! By the way.

Asterios: It was great! I loved it!! (laughs) I loved it so much!!

Maddox: You know what? You know what? I put that out there. It's kind of a soft release. I've never really promoted it anywhere. I did that for a couple of reasons. I wanted to see how videos would get shared organically on YouTube without any of my influence.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And as of this recording, I believe it has over 100,000 views. So it's done really well on its own, organically.

Asterios: Cool.

Maddox: And…the votes are…are pretty down. (Asterios cracks up) And when I published that video, I lost something like, 300, 400, subscribers that day. I thought, "Well, adios, bitches!" And…I noticed that big drop. But then the following week, I gained 5000% subscribers, which is the biggest bump I've received since that video. So, go fuck yourselves people. This is the message there. But, um…as far as changing people's minds, Asterios. 'Cause all I heard was from you and Sean is…"I think it's not having an effect." "I think it's not persuading people." I was curious if any kind of political message or any kind of argument presented online has ever persuaded anyone. So I posed that question to my audience on Facebook awhile ago. I asked a simple question. I said, "Has an argument you've ever read online ever persuaded you?" And…um…I would say about two thirds of the comments were from people who said yes, they were persuaded by an argument they read online.

Sean: Well, but satire?

Maddox: Yeah. Some of 'em were satire, Sean. Of course.

Sean: Okay. Because sure. Anybody can be…when you have a different point of view put forth, yeah, you're supposed to consider it, I mean, if you're being intellectually honest at all.

Dick: You're describing a human.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: But I don't know about satire.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Guys…

Sean: But sure, I've had things online change my mind.

Maddox: Guys, the biggest lie…the biggest, uh…deceit that we are fed today is that there is this two-side philosophy. There's the political (I think he means liberal) and conservative side, and we have to pick one or the other, and both are diametrically opposed. It's not true. Both sides want a good life for everyone. Both sides want to have happiness. Both sides want what's best for this country. You have to believe that. You have to believe that the other side wants what's good for this country. And if you start at that place, then you can start to look at things with an open mind and consider other possibilities, rather than thinking that they are bad or necessarily evil, or bigots, or racist, or, you know, left-leaning liberal cucks, or whatever you want, whatever these stupid labels are.

Dick: Yeah, but you're the one that called Trump a bigot. You are the one that called Trump a racist.

Maddox: Dick, I do not have a problem with conservatives. I do not have a problem with liberals. I do have a problem with Trump. Trump is NEITHER. Trump is an authoritarian.

Dick: But you called him a bigot and a racist!

Maddox: ‘Cause he IS. I genuinely believe he is.

Dick: You just…you just said how everybody has to imagine that every…both sides are coming to make America better and to help everyone, and in the next sentence, you say, Donald Trump, who’s a billionaire, who has no fucking…no need to run for President, is a bigot and a racist because he says people doing illegal things should not be allowed to DO those illegal things!

Maddox: That’s not what he said. He said…

Dick: (interjects) That’s what he said!

Maddox: No…no. You’re saying it in a better way. You’re saying it more eloquently than Trump.

Dick: Which would not give me percentage points in the polls! It’s too smart!

Maddox: Well, yeah, but…Trump’s own political advisor. His top political advisor recently stepped down from the job, and said…she came out and she said, “Guys, this was all a joke. Trump never intended to become President. He wanted to become second place with a 12% vote.” That’s what she said.

Dick: That’s SO sad that you would just take that at face value from a woman who just lost her job and who has, by her OWN admission, started the campaign NOT to win. She started to do her job to fail. That was her goal.

Maddox: That’s what she said!

Asterios: Hey, is there a stun gun in the room, or something?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Asterios: I’m trying to talk about political satire, here, and how it doesn’t effect change in its current form. If you think about someone like…I guess the last guy that you would say was even and on the level was Jay Leno, because conservatives and liberals both watched him.

Dick: It’s true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: And, like, you know. He would make fun of Bill Clinton being a cheater, and he would make fun of George W. Bush for being an idiot. But he didn’t change anybody’s mind. He was just making jokes.

Maddox: But you don’t know that, Asterios.

Asterios: You know…

Maddox: (interjects) You’re not saying…you’re not bringing any evidence to the table. I appreciate…(stammers) like, you know, you’re trying…

Asterios: (interjects) Well, lemme ask…

Maddox: (interjects) It’s very dismissive. It’s very, like, pessimistic.

Asterios: Well…well, I guess I'll ask this. And I will ask it honestly. And if you guys want time to think about it, we can pause the recording, as this is live.

Dick: We don't do that. Just immediately answer, before you're done talking.

Asterios: Fair enough! What was the last piece of political satire that changed your mind?

Dick: Political satire? Wow.

Asterios: Yeah. The last piece of political satire. And I'm gonna think about this, too. Like, the last piece of political satire where I was, like, "Oh."

Dick: Here are the ones that stick out for me. Dana Carvey's Ross Perrault. Right?

Asterios: Okay.

Dick: That was a big one.

Asterios: How did it change…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, no, no. I'm just naming political satire pieces to try to, like, crack my memory…

Asterios: Oh, sure!

Dick: …of what the fuck's political satire.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Will Ferrell's George W. Bush.

Asterios: Really funny.

Dick: It was very funny.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: But it made me like him even more.

Asterios: That's what a lot of people say about it. (laughing)

Dick: Right?! Yeah!!!

Asterios: About Will Ferrell's George W. Bush.

Dick: Horatio Sanz says that, that SNL gave him the second election, or gave him the election.

Asterios: Right.

Dick: Yeah. I can't think of it. What other political satire pieces have there even been?

Asterios: Well, I mean, SNL is the big one, because SNL is a show that, like, you have to think about it for a minute to know that it's in the tank.

Dick: Futurama. Robot Nixon!! Do you remember that one?

Asterios: Makes me like Nixon more!!! (laughing) Like, it's like "Barrrrrrrooooooo, Nixon Bux!!"

Dick: It made me think about the process, though, how in the future, it's just…it'll get more and more and more towards the center, where you have literally a clone running against another clone. That was the future.

Asterios: But I thought that anyway. He's talking about the episode where John Jackson runs against bitter rival Jack Johnson.

Dick: Yeah, Johnson. It was a clone.

Asterios: But it's like…

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: But if you're gonna tell me that, like, it's a two-party system and it's kind of rigged, then I already believe that.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Futurama didn't teach me anything new. I love Futurama, Futurama's hilarious! But…eh. You know. What did Futurama teach me? That Nixon's crooked? No shit, Sherlock! The guy's a literal criminal! (grins) Like, yeah, okay! But let's…I mean, honestly, I think…

Dick: (interjects) I thought that was good satire, though. I can't say what it taught me…

Asterios: (interjects) Of Nixon?!

Dick: Of the whole process!

Asterios: Of Waterg…oh, okay.

Maddox: Have…(stammers) have you ever read anything, uh, Dick, or Asterios, say, political in nature, maybe a meme or something.

Dick: That's all I read.

Maddox: Okay. Well, have you ever read anything that persuaded you or changed your mind?

Dick: Of course!

Asterios: And…(stammers) and I guess, and again, like, we're talking about political satire, not, like, a meme that makes me think that, like, oh, maybe welfare's bad. Or maybe gun control's good, or blablabla. I'm like…I'm talking about the political satire in 2016. I'm talking about your Colberts. I'm talking about your John Stewarts.

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: Like, I'm not talking ab…I'm not…my problem isn't Unchangeable Minds. Like, my problem is political satire and how it's ineffective. It's entertainment. And, like, it exists purely to be monetized.

Maddox: I…I disagree. I think that…

Asterios: That's okay.

Maddox: I think that political satire…I think that it's a very cynical view to think that political satire only exists to be monetized. I think that there are people who are genuine creators, like myself, who create satire that isn't monetized…

Asterios: (interjects) But you don't create much political stuff, you said so yourself.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't. I don't create much political stuff, but I do create a lot of satire, and a lot of it isn't monetized.

Dick: But that's his point. Is that…

Maddox: (interjects) Political satire? But there is political satire out there that isn't monetized. It's basically most of my Facebook friends who write political satire. Uh, they're not monetizing it, they're just doing it 'cause they're getting a laugh!

Dick: Are you sure that's satire?

Maddox: I know satire when I see it. I don't need a satire tag. (grins)

Dick: Well…

Asterios: L…I mean, you know. I guess we could talk about the Onion. I mean, the Onion, I believe it's very left-leaning. It started out a bunch of guys in the state of Milwaukee. And then eventually they moved to New York, and then now they're in Chicago, so they go from liberal to liberal to liberal place. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Fuck you, Asterios. (laughing)

Sean: It slipped right by for a minute. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: I was like, yeah, the state of Milwaukee. Good state. (grins)

Asterios: But, I mean..(stammers) the Onion has never really changed my mind and I've been reading it since I was a kid. In interned at the Onion when I was 17.

Dick: Well.

Asterios: It's like, yeah, when they call George W. Bush an idiot, I'm like, "Yeah, I think that guy's dumb." You know?

Maddox: Yeah, but…(stammers)

Dick: (interjects) I had to stop reading it as it got more political?

Asterios: Why?

Dick: 'Cause, like, it's just not…like, I do think it's only funny if you have their political leaning at some point.

Maddox: Oh, come on!!!

Dick: It's like, well. It's just…like, I know what's funny. It's like, well that's not funny anymore.

Asterios: And I'll say this. I feel like political satire at this point is just…it's just the specifics of the joke. It's not the joke itself. A nerd comedian will go, like, "Blablabla, is as

stupid as Jar Jar Binks!" and a feminist comedian'll go, like, "Blablabla, is as stupid as a man!"

Dick: Mhmm.

Asterios: And a political comedian'll go, "Blablabla, is as stupid as Donald Trump!" Or, like, "Is as robotic as Hillary Clinton!" or "Is as old and out of touch as Bernie Sanders!" it's just a different punchline. It's just a way for stupid people to think they're watching something smart.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Do you agree with that, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, that's why I couldn't read the Onion anymore. It was no longer smart. It was just, "Hey, look at me."

Maddox: Okay, Dick.

Dick: "Look at how snarky you wish you were."

Maddox: Alright. What's your problem, Dick? (giggles)

Dick: Um, well, my problem's a big one, too. This is gonna be a long episode. (they all chuckle) This affects way more people than political satire.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh yeah?

Dick: Banging your funny bone.

Maddox: Pff. (laughing) That's a hot date!

Asterios: What?! (grins)

Dick: The funny bone? Have you heard of it?

Asterios: No, what's the…what are you…what do you mean, funny bone?

Dick: Well, it's not funny, and it's not a bone. It's a bundle of nerves in your elbow. I'm pretty sure. (Asterios laughs)

(Sound effect: Canned laughter)

Maddox: That's kinda funny. (laughing)

Dick: Look. It's the reverse of an orgasm. (Asterios cracks up, Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: You mean, cum goes into your elbow? Like, what happens?

Dick: It's…I'm being way more metaphorical than that.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: It's the reverse…imagine an orgasm.

Maddox: Done!

Asterios: Great.

Maddox: Doin' it right now.

Dick: Inverted.

Asterios: Uuuuuuuugh.

Dick: That's banging your funny bone.

Maddox: That's a…the inverted…the sound it makes in my mind is "Fffffffff" (draws in breath quickly) (laughing)

Dick: Horrible…horrible sound. You gotta get everything. The feeling…(Maddox laughs) the release. The feeling that you get with an orgasm, the buildup, all happening in reverse time, when you bang your funny bone.

Asterios: Oh, God, you're right.

Dick: It's all squeezing into your body. The tension's getting greater and greater. You gotta work it out slowly. It could never go away. That's the feeling you get when you bang…it happens to men AND women.

Asterios: It's a universal problem.

Dick: It's a universal problem. Look. Where's the…where do you want to get hit on your body? Where's the worst place? Your balls, right?

Maddox: Your balls!

Asterios: Absolutely.

Dick: Not for women. (Asterios gasps) It's the one thing we have in common. The great equalizer is the banging the funny bone, right?

Asterios: Mmmm.

Maddox: Is it? Huh! Lemme think about that. I guess…uh…

Dick: Would you rather get punched, or bang your funny bone?

Maddox: Pu…bang my funny bone.

Dick: I would rather get punched.

Maddox: Punched, yeah.

Dick: Really? (skeptical)

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Be honest. Think about it.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Asterios: Let's do both to him right now!!

Dick: Let's give is a real AV test!

Asterios: And see which one hurts more!!

Maddox: You know…what about the Three Stooges thing, where you take two fingers and you're comin' towards someone's eyes.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That affects both men and women!

Asterios: Yeah, but I…

Maddox: (interjects) Why didn't you bring that in? (laughs)

Asterios: But I have that..the fin hand defense.

Dick: Yeah, that's easy to defend. You can't protect your funny bone, 'cause you can't… what are you gonna do? Walk ar…you can't grab…you can't protect both elbows at the same time.

Asterios: No.

Maddox: Elbow pads, bro!!

Dick: See? Look! No, Sean, your funny bone is exposed!!

Sean: Uh-uh.

Dick: Yes! It is. I will bang that funny bone. (Asterios laughs)

Maddox: Bang Sean's funny bone!

Dick: Sean…you don't even know where your fucking funny bone is, you idiot! (Sean laughs) (they all laugh)

Maddox: Sean's grabbing his ankles. He's bending over. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: You know what?

Dick: Assume the position.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Asterios: I've gotta say…this funny bone problem, I think is actually a much bigger problem than political satire.

Dick: (laughs) It's a WAY bigger problem.

Asterios: As if this were a brokered convention, I officially give all votes…

Dick: Yes! (laughing)

Asterios: That would've reached political satire…to the funny bone!

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I'm throwing in my lot with Dick!

Dick: Thank you. Make Funny Bones Great Again.

Maddox: Dick, I…I have…(Asterios cackles loudly)…I looked up funny bone here. It says it's the part of the elbow over which the ulnar nerve passes?

Dick: Ugh. UGH!

Maddox: A knock on the funny bone…

Dick: Even saying it!!

Asterios: It hurts!!!

Dick: Making my nerves hurt!!

Asterios: Stop saying it!!

Maddox: A knock on the funny bone may cause numbness and pain along the forearm and hand.

Dick: May cause pain. Who…who wrote this?!

Maddox: And then the second definition is, "A person's sense of humor as located in an imaginary physical organ." (laughs)

Dick: What, someone wrote that?

Maddox: Yeah, that's the first definition that comes up.

Dick: That Wikipedia?

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Look, guys. It's proof that there's no God. I think we can all…(background laughter)

Asterios: Absolutely.

Dick: Everyone says that the ear is proof that there's a God.

Asterios: Yeah.

Dick: Funny bone is proof that there's no God.

Asterios: Why would God hate…unless he HATES us!! Unless God made a creature purely to suffer.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: That's possible.

Dick: Then God is the Devil.

Maddox: You know, if you…

Asterios: (interjects) Absolutely!!

Maddox: If you…

Asterios: (interjects) And the Devil's the SuperDevil!!! (laughing)

Maddox: (laughs) If you actually think about the, uh..the funny bone and how much pain it causes people. Uh…it really puts a lot of comedy club names in context. Doesn't it?

Asterios: Mhmm.

Dick: Yeah, they are all painful.

Maddox: They are pretty painful.

Dick: That's the last place I ever want to get invited. Is to a comedy club.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: Oh, my God. I will find any excuse not to go to a comedy club. And I'm a stand-up comedian who performs at them. (they laugh)

Maddox: What…

Dick: (interjects) Do you invite people to your shows? Do you feel bad?

Asterios: No.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: I would never do that. And I tell my girlfriend all the time…you don't need to come see this.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: You can stay home. And then she goes, "Do you not want me at your show?" And I'm like, "No, that's not what I'm saying."

Dick: "No, you don't understand!"

Asterios: "I'm trying to protect you!!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: "I'm just saying you'll be a better person for not coming."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Yeah. You could do literally anything with that time and it would be more productive.

Dick: It's..it's so weird, because when Sean and I used to play music…I would invite everyone.

Asterios: That's different.

Dick: We would invite everyone…well, that's what I'm saying is so funny about it.

Asterios: Yeah!

Dick: 'Cause then you start performing comedy, and you're like, "Oh, please don't come." (Asterios cracks up) Like, you don't have to come. I'm sorry in advance.

Asterios: Yeah. You're doing me a huge favor. In order to get people out to comedy shows, you have to, like, be, like, "There'll be free beer there."

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Asterios: "And we're all gonna hang out later and smoke weed."

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: You have to, like, you have to promote the non-comedy show parts of the comedy show. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Alright, guys, what…

Dick: (interjects) And a little comedy show might break out…(stammers) don't worry about that.

Asterios: Yeah, ugh. (stammers) (giggles)

Maddox: What's more inconsiderate?

Asterios: Sure.

Maddox: Posting political satire on Facebook. 'Cause I agree it's annoying.

Asterios: God, yes!!

Maddox: It's super annoying.

Asterios: JESUS.

Maddox: What's more inconsiderate? Posting political satire, or inviting your friends to a comedy show WHERE there is a cover?

Asterios: Ohhhhh, that's a real Sophie's choice.

Dick: Oh, yeah the covers are bad.

Maddox: Yeah, what's worse? What would you hate more? I think that's…that's a toss-up for me.

Dick: (inhales)

Maddox: You might as well pa…if someone gave me an option to pay them 5 dollars to not post political satire or anything on Facebook? I would take that option, I think.

Asterios: You know what I've done a lot? I'll buy a ticket to someone's show and I won't show up. I'll buy a ticket online, I'll give 'em the 5 dollars, and that's it!

Maddox: You're guilted into it!

Asterios: And it's just, like, "Okay! They help make their number at the door."

Dick: Oh, God.

Asterios: Because, you know, everyone's trying to make their number at the door.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: So they can get paid. And I don't have to watch a comedy show! Everybody wins!

Dick: Win-win.

Maddox: Ahh. That's not…that's pretty good, Asterios.

Asterios: Yeah. That's why I like it when people buy my comics and just throw them away. (Dick giggles) (Maddox laughs) It's great. It's awesome!

Dick: Yeah, you do…what makes you look like a bigger asshole? Posting political satire, or inviting people to your comedy show?

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno.

Asterios: I know. It's inviting people to your political comedy show!! That's the worst thing you can do to your friend. Come out…like, Laughing Liberally!

Maddox: Ohhhh.

Asterios: Come out and watch Laughing Liberally. Or a Conservative Chucklefest!! (laughs)

Maddox: I got one worse.

Dick: I like that! It sounds good.

Asterios: Oh, let's go!! (they laugh)

Maddox: A one-man…a one-man or one-woman show. Like in a one-woman sh..

Asterios: Ohhhhhh.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. There's so many of 'em these days. It's just like, "Hey, come out to my one-woman show." It's like, well, what do you mean?

Asterios: Ugggggh.

Maddox: What are we gonna do? It's like…are you kidding me? I gotta sit here and watch you for, like, an hour? Just talking on stage about…

Dick: A one-woman show?

Maddox: Your vagina? Like what are you doing? And it's always about their vagina. It's always, like, gross shit, too.

Asterios: Yeah. Bad.

Sean: Every time I…every time I hear about a one-man or one-woman show…I just picture that scene from the Big Lebowski. (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Asterios: Where he goes to see his landlord?!

Sean: Yeah, his landlord, and he's dressed up like fucking Nero or somebody.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Prancing around on a chair.

Maddox: It's a Mazorkski…Pictures in Exhibition I think is the piece that plays during it.

Dick: Ohoho…

Asterios: Oh, my God.

Dick: Boy.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Let's end on that. (mutters) (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: Hey?!

Maddox: Ladies?! (laughing)

Asterios: Well, guys, my problem has been po…

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute. (grins) I've got a…

Asterios: Oh, sorry.

Dick: I've got a sound effect for that. What you just witnessed there.

(Sound clip: Maddox: I'm…you know,(scoffs) I'm a writer.)

(They all crack up)

(Sound clip: Maddox: I'm…you know,(scoffs) I'm a writer.)

Dick: Have you heard this one?! (grins)

Asterios: Yeah, I love it!!

Dick: It's a ring tone!

(Sound clip: Maddox: I'm…you know,(scoffs) I'm a writer.)

Maddox: It's a good ring tone. I like it.

(Sound clip: Maddox: I'm…you know,(scoffs) I'm a writer.)

(Maddox laughs)

(Sound clip: Maddox: I'm…you know,(scoffs) I'm a writer.)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Ah, it's great.

Sean: I love the…(scoffs)

Dick: Yeah. That's the best part. (grins) (Asterios cackles)

Sean: You know, you fucking idiots. (scoffs) I'm a writer.

Dick: I can't even TELL you how much of a writer I am.

Sean: This fucking song!!

Maddox: You know what? You know what, guys?

Sean: What, you're not gonna say it?

Maddox: No. I don't want you to do that anymore, 'kay? 'Cause I'm gonna trademark that. That's me…you're not allowed to do that.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: You have to pay me royalties if you say that.

Dick: What? I'm a writer?

Maddox: That's my trademark. Yeah. Don't say it!! (laughs)

Asterios: You know, I have a book…I have a book coming out in October, actually.

Dick: What is is?

Asterios: Is it gonna come out before your book!? (grins)

Dick: Yes!

Asterios: When the fuck is your book coming out!?

Maddox: You know what, Asterios?! It's comin', alright? Don't worry about it.

Asterios: Alright! Sure.

Dick: What percentage are you at?

Maddox: I…(stammers) I'm at a high percentage. A big one. It's good. (imitating Trump) (Asterios laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's big. (laughing)

Asterios: It's a yuge number!!

Maddox: It's a yuge number! It's tremendous. It's tremendous percentage. The best percentage. Alright. (laughs) You got anything else, Dick? (giggles)

Dick: …….No. That's all I've prepared for the funny bone. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Guys…guys…(they all crack up) Guys, apologies to Dick. Dick does actually bring in longer, bigger problems sometimes, and we run out of time, so he brings in these backup problems. So thank you!

Dick: Well, I know when we have a guest, I wanna give the guest a lot of time to talk about their problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And you know Maddox is gonna take the first 50 minutes anyways.

Dick: Well, I suspect he might, yes. (Asterios cracks up)

Maddox: Well…you know?

Asterios: Yeah, whenever anybody's like "I'm so tired of these Dick Masterson short, relatable problems that are hilarious. How come he didn't spend 20 minutes reading a bunch of stats?"

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: Talking about bullshit!

Dick: Sorrrrrry.

Asterios: Oh, sorry you got entertained on this comedy show, jackoff!!

Maddox: Oh, the audience is incorrigible. There's nothing…I don't know. I don't know what they fucking want. We've brought in shows where Dick and I, we had a really good time. We had a blast. And people were like, "This is the worst fucking show I've ever heard!" (Dick cracks up)

Sean: You'll never please everyone.

Asterios: Yeah.

Maddox: No!

Asterios: I had to stop reading…

Maddox: (interjects) They're just a bunch of crybaby bitches.

Asterios: I had to stop reading all of it. It was too upsetting. It was…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah. You really got thr…you really got into it with some of those guys.

Asterios: Yeah. Oh, absolutely. And I realized, like, I'm angry about other things in my life.

Dick: Yeah.

Asterios: And I'm putting this energy into screaming at strangers! Like, I'm not gonna go on the Reddit anymore!

Dick: I'm almost a bum!

Asterios: My life is immeasur…yeah, exactly! And my life is immeasurably better for not doing that.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: Hey, you know what else will make your life better? Turn off autoplaying videos on Facebook!

(closing riff starts)

Maddox: My problem this week was Facebook Video!

Asterios: My problem this week was Political Satire!

Dick: My problem was Banging Your Funny Bone. (Maddox giggles)

Asterios: See you next Tuesday for Episode 100!!!!!!

Maddox: YEAAAAAAH!!

Dick: Oh, shit! That's right!!! Randy said we were supposed to heavily promote that all episode. (grins)

Maddox: Woops. (laughing)

Asterios: Yeah, I think people can count to 100!

Dick: What?

Sean: I said we just did.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, there it is. It's pretty…

Sean: (interjects) There you go, Randy!

Maddox: Yeah, real…(they laugh)

Dick: Alright, I've got a ton of voicemail from Weird Matthew McConaughey.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Asterios: Yay!

Dick: I'm just gonna go on a run.

Maddox: Well, save some of 'em for 100.

Dick: He always…he leaves like six voicemails every week. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. I've listened to them too, and it sounds like he's getting progressively drunker and drunker.

Dick: Yeah! It's great. (grins)

Asterios: Love this man.

(Voice mail: Weird Matthew McConaughey: "Yeaaaaaah. So, uh…my girlfriend's parent's van got broken into on the way back from Alabama one time…(Maddox giggles)

Dick: Sorry, I just have to sum that up. My girlfriend's parents' VAN got broken into.

Maddox: Okay. I'm following.

"It stopped at like, I dunno. It was, like, a gas station, or a motel or some shit. (Maddox snorts) **Came back out…all the fucking Christmas presents were gone. I'm like, "Who fucking steals kids' presents? And it was one of those fucking full-sized vans with, like, the window shades and shit."**

Maddox: A rape van. That's what you call 'em. (They laugh)

Asterios: A CANDY van!!!

"Ugggh.")

Dick: Always the rape jokes on the Casper episodes. (they crack up) Okay, this one's a pretty good insight. I agree with him on this one. Maybe this is a problem we should have brought in.

(Voice mail: Weird Matthew McConaughey: "You know how in movies…they always make, uh…getting a blowjob and doing something else look cool. (they laugh)

Dick: It's true.

"But really……it's not. Because you can't concentrate. And I was thinking…new season of Trailer Park Boys dropped. Wouldn't it be cool just to get your dick

sucked the whole time? (they all laugh) **Just kill your time, watching Trailer Park Boys, you just roll a fat one…**(Maddox giggles) **you smoke…**

Dick: Three things, now!

"and then you just get some bitch to suck your dick for like…"

Maddox: I feel like he's asleep and this is just like his mouth talking his thoughts.

"…just until you're tired, or whatever."

Asterios: Yeah.

"But then…I'm like…wow, shit hold on. (phone rings in background) (they all crack up)**")**

Maddox: What, did his phone ring while he was on the phone?!

Dick: I don't know, but he called back to finish the story.

Maddox: Okay. Of course, yeah. I gotta hear this.

(Matthew McConaughey calls back)

"Anyway…" (they crack up)

"Like…I wouldn't enjoy Trailer Park Boys or the blowjob as much if I was enjoying them separately."

Maddox: Oh. Very philosophical.

"The joint goes good with either one. That's kinda the cool thing. But I think what made it so cool was the blumpkin, 'cause…(Maddox snorts) **I mean, what's better than fucking knocking two things out at once, right? Problem is, is no one wants to give 'em."** (they all laugh)

Asterios: THAT'S the problem!!

Dick: That's the problem.

"That's the world's biggest problem right there."

Maddox: Yeah. No one wants to give you a blumpkin.

Dick: Not Enough Blumpkins.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Asterios: Dear God!

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"Dick: Are you talking about you?

Maddox: No, I didn't run away from home. I did move out pretty abruptly. Actually, would that count as running away from home? Nah.

Dick: Did you tell them?

Maddox: Uhh….

Dick: Did you tell your family you were moving out abruptly, or did you just leave?

Maddox: I think my last words were "Fuck you, fuck you, fuck you." (laughing) And then I got my…

Dick: (interjects) I'm running away? (they crack up) That's a…you ran away!!

Maddox: The Voyager's not 20 BILLION miles away from the sun!!

Dick: Oh, you'd better be right!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: After LAST month.

Maddox: It's not…I don't. I will put MONEY on it that it's not 20 billion miles…

Dick: How much money?

Maddox: 12 bucks. (laughing)

Dick: Wait a minute. Okay. 12 bucks.

Maddox: He made a rat enclosure that was basically, like, a rat Caesar's palace.

Dick: Lil' fountain?

Maddox: Lot of toys. Little fountain.

Dick: Little Blackjack. Little rat Blackjack?

Maddox: Got a little rat Blackjack. Uh-huh.

Dick: Little Bacca-rat? (they giggle)

Maddox: Baccarat!!! (laughs)

Dick: Before the pizza tracker, you just sat in your apartment after you…you didn't even know if the pizza was coming.

Maddox: Well, what do you think, they have their ovens synced up with some, like, fucking Wi-Fi thing that's updating a server all day?!!?

Dick: They just click a button!

Sean: They push a button!

Dick: Yeah, they push a button on the point of sale system!! The same thing that prints out what's on the pizza, and then it updates the system…and then…

Maddox: I'm skeptical.

Dick: Oh, you're such a fucking cynic!! (they laugh) You're such a cynic!! Oculus Rift, you'll believe that plugs right into your brain.

Maddox: Yeah. Yes.

Dick: But a pizza tracker where you have to PRESS A BUTTON.

Maddox: No. That's way out of…(laughs)

Sean: Man on the moon, yes.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: Pizza tracker, no.

Dick: No way!!

Maddox: No way!!

Dick: Absolutely not!

Maddox: 'Cause it just doesn't seem efficient!! (Dick cracks up) They're gonna pay a bunch of workers standing around, pressing buttons all day!!

Dick: Pressing…but they have to press them anyway!!! (Maddox laughs)

Sean: It's the same people making your pizza!!!!

Maddox: And he was just saving every single paycheck, until he said, "I'm just gonna try to get an apartment and a girlfriend." And eventually, he did. It doesn't fit the predisposed notion that you have of homelessness.

Sean: How's he gonna hang onto the money with a girlfriend? (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah.

(Clip ends)

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from AIDS to Zits!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: With over 6 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: What's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Big episode 100. We did it!

Dick: Woo!

Maddox: Anniversary episode.

Dick: That's it! Let's go.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Let's leave right now.

Maddox: Done! We got Handy Randy in the studio! This is gonna be a big one, guys. Dick, we've been doing this for a long time, and every now and then, I like to go back and listen to old episodes.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And..we sou…I think our voices have improved a lot. Our radio voices.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, the first ones are unlistenable.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (stammers) They're shameful. They should be taken off the Internet.

Maddox: And occasionally, I'll meet somebody at a party, or a wedding or something, somewhere, and they'll say, "What do you do?" and I mention the podcast. And…they say, "Oh, I'll go listen to it! I'll listen from Episode #1 and I'll go all the way through."

Sean: No!

Maddox: And I say, "Please don't."

Sean: Don't do it from Episode 1!

Dick: No, don't. Don't do that.

Maddox: Start at the…

Sean: (interjects) About 50.

Maddox: (giggles) Start at the newest episode…what episode do you recommend people listen to when…

Dick: (interjects) The newest one, always.

Maddox: Really? Always the newest?

Dick: Always the newest one, yeah.

Maddox: I usually recommend…

Dick: (interjects) Or 69.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay.

Sean: That was a good episode!

Dick: It was a good episode!! Why are you laughing?

Maddox: The sex episode. I remember that.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: We…I usually recommend Episode 21. Actually, Episode 10. I believe that was with Ryan Holiday. People really liked that episode.

Sean: Good one.

Maddox: Yeah. And I think Episode 21 was the first time Asterios was on the show. That one was a lot of fun.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Sean: So stop at 20.

Maddox: (giggles) Episode 65 was really good. Episode 65 I think was a fan favorite. That was the one we did Death and Hoverboards.

Dick: Mmm.

Sean: There was a few in the early 70s, I think, that were really good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: If I remember right. But are they…are the first ones that tough to listen to?

Maddox: Yes.

Sean: I think I went back and everything is just more sedated. You know? You think there's all this excitement, but it doesn't come across until you…

Dick: (interjects) Although, that's not necessarily a problem. I played the last episode for my life coach a couple of days ago.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He was over drinking. And he got through like, a minute and a half, and he goes, "There's too much shouting." (Maddox and Sean laugh) I don't wanna listen to this anymore.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Okay, well.

Maddox: There you go. Alright, guys. Well, I have a REALLY big announcement to make.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: I've been wanting to mention this on the podcast. Been in the works for a while. I'm launching a radio network! An entire podcast radio network. So…the Biggest Problem in the Universe, first podcast, obviously. And there's gonna be a second one coming soon. And there's just gonna be more. The entire network's gonna grow.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: Yeah, so that's…that's something to look forward to. It's coming down the line. I'm looking at, uh…possibly

Dick: (interjects) Uh-oh. Be careful. (Maddox laughs) You don't see…you already sold it. You don't need to continue selling it with dates.

Sean: Let's not write checks our asses can't cash.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. I already got a book…(laughing)

Dick: What's gonna come out first, the network, or the book?

Maddox: I'll tell you what's gonna come out first. Dark Souls III. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, so, neither. Neither one's gonna come out. This is just gonna be a big disappointment for everyone involved. But Dick…I mentioned weddings. Over the weekend, I went to a wedding. And I didn't know this, but…I dressed up as a cowboy. Uh, for this wedding. It was cowboy-themed, right?

Dick: The wedding was cowboy-themed, or you were cowboy-themed?

Maddox: Well…(giggles) turns out, I was cowboy-themed. (giggles) I showed up to the wedding, the only one dressed as a cowboy.

Dick: Why would you think a wedding is cowboy-themed?

Maddox: 'Cause I glanced at the invitation, and I read the word "cowboy" on it somewhere. I'm like, yeah, yeah, yeah. Cowboy. Got it. And so I show up with a cowboy hat…cowboy shirt.

Sean: Oh, my God.

Maddox: Only one at the wedding. And I kept going up to people. I'm like, "Yeah, I guess I'm the only one who committed to this." And they're like, "Committed to what?" And so I go home and I…(stammers) I think my…

Dick: (interjects) Why did you keep the hat on? Once you realized the mistake? (background laughter) Why did you keep the hat?

Maddox: Well…

Sean: (interjects) ‘Cause then he just looks like a shittily dressed person and not somebody in costume.

Dick: Yeah, then he just looks like a guy with bolo tie?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That’s not as bad as…(they laugh) I think you just wanted to upstage the bride at her own wedding.

Sean: Did you have, like, a checkered shirt?

Dick: By showing up in a weird costume. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Oh, buddy. Any wedding I’m at, I’m always upstaging the bride.

Dick: Well, tchyeah. (Maddox laughs) ‘Cause you act like a jackass!!!

Sean: Sounds like you upstaged yourself on this one.

Maddox: Yeah, well…uh, I checked the invitation and it…it actually didn’t say it was a cowboy-themed wedding. It said there were drinks the night before that were at this place that was kind of rustic and cowboy-themed.

Sean: Oh.

Maddox: But they didn’t tell anyone specifically to dress like a cowboy.

Sean: Was it like Saddle Ranch or something?

Dick: What was the word cowboy doing?

Maddox: Uh, they just mentioned that it’s a really chill atmosphere, think “cowboys”. And that’s all I read. I read “cowboy”, and I thought, “Okay, it’s cowboy-themed. Done.”

Dick: Oh, my God. (Maddox chuckles)

Sean: And there couldn’t have been more than, like, 50 words on the invitation, right?

Dick: No! And it’s like that’s the only important thing to get out of a wedding invitation is the dress code. Like, is it formal…is it not formal…is it cowboy-themed? Like, that’s the only… the date and the dress code is all you need to look at.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…I didn’t.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Dick, moving on.

Dick: Yeah. How’d we do last time?

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe…

(Sound effect: Cymbal)

Maddox: From last week. Was…Facebook Video. Followed by…

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah. Facebook video.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: A lot of people…(stammers) you know what? NOW you're on the receiving end of something that's a minor annoyance that shouldn't be…well, I guess, and then followed by Banging Your Funny Bone, so…(laughs)

Dick: It's a pretty big annoyance.

Maddox: And then dead last was Political Satire. Which…wasn't even a problem. It's got -3 at the time of this recording. Dick, uh, political satire. So last episode, it was pretty controversial. A lot of people were saying…I guess you and Asterios were saying that Jon Oliver is a journalist, or is pretending to be, right?

Dick: Yeah, I think him and John Stewart pretend to be journalists. I think they present news. That's not arguable. They present news. People get news from them. And then they intersperse it with…cunty comments. And that's…they just…they're bad journalists. They're bad journalists who happen to be funny. They're not comedians mocking the news. Like, Weekend Update on SNL…that's…that's a mockery of a news program.

Maddox: Well, uh…I looked into it, and Jon Oliver…'cause I could've sworn he'd mentioned that he wasn't a journalist. Here's a clip.

(Clip starts: Jon Oliver: "You're right! I'm not a respected journalist, because I'm not a journalist."

Male voice: "Are you a journalist?"

Jon Oliver: No!! No, I'm not. No, I'm a comedian.")

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Now…then he goes and interviews Henry Kissinger or some senator. Like, that's…that's their ploy. They SAY that…and then they…(stammers) I don't wanna….I don't wanna get into it again.

Maddox: Oh, we're getting into it…

Dick: (interjects) I just disagree with him!

Maddox: …'cause I brought some stats, buddy!! There's this guy, his name is **Jorge Roman**. He sent me an email. He sent me a link to the…Harvard Crimson. This article called "Political Satire: Beyond the Humor". Now, one of the big problems I guess Asterios was making and I guess you were agreeing with him last episode, is that political satire doesn't change anyone's minds.

Dick: (interjects) Well, I thought about it since, too. I think…I mean, unless you just wanna keep rolling with that. I don't necessarily agree with what we were saying last time as it pertains to political satire. 'Cause I was trying to think afterwards, like, what is political satire? And then I realized that all of my favorite artistic works are political satire. Like Catch-22. 1984.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That libertarian police article. Did you ever read that? About…it's like a libertarian dystopia.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: What would happen if a cop was, like…if the entire government was run…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: With these insane libertarian ideas.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the cop is in his car shooting up heroin, and he shows up to arrest somebody and then he has to get paid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he has to put, like, a quarter in his gun to shoot it. It's hilarious! And I love it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's political satire. This…I think this Jon Oliver/John Stewart thing is a different type of problem.

Maddox: Uh, well…so one of the things that Asterios kept saying is it doesn't change people's minds, and I kept saying there's no…you brought in no evidence. This is totally unsubstantiated.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And one of the comments I kept reading over and over in the Comments section, and this is how I feel myself, is that it may not necessarily change your mind, but…it can get you to…first of all, think about these stories and these issues, and then further research them, and I found lots of people saying that even though they are not persuaded by political satire, they then do research that does persuade them. Anyway, so this article here, from the Harvard Crimson. It's called Political Satire: Beyond the Humor. **"In January 2012, Stephen Colbert launched the Colbert SuperPAC on his late night talk show, the Colbert Report, lambasting the rules governing formation of and coordination of political action committees."** So supercommittees…the SuperPACS started becoming a thing. They lessened the legislation. They loosened the laws for the legislation for SuperPACS. **"And surprisingly, Colbert succeeded where many authentic news sources have not in explaining the inconsistencies in and implications of laws governing PACs clearly."** So that's something that Stephen Colbert was able to do on his program.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Because he has a comedy show, he's able to come out and say, "Guys, I'm creating a Super PAC. And all the money that you donate to me…he was lampooning the ridiculous rules of super PACS, where supposedly they're supposed to be independent of a candidate, right? So anyone can form a Super PAC, dump as MUCH money into politics that they want.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And then…

Dick: Freedom of speech.

Maddox: Because they have this rule that says, "Well, the Super PAC can't communicate directly with a politician." Right? That's the…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And then…Stephen Colbert…

Dick: (interjects) Seems stupid.

Maddox: Yeah. Of course. And Stephen Colbert pointed it out specifically by creating a super PAC and then nominating all the funds to go to John Stewart.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then he would give secret messages on his show to John Stewart of what to do, because that's exactly what super PACS were doing.

Dick: Right, it's stupid.

Maddox: That's…that is something. That entire procedure is something you would never see on the nightly news. And then they said here, "Less than half of the viewers of the Daily Show and Colbert Report are liberals. In fact, 38% of the viewers of Colbert Report, as well as 41% of those watching the Daily Show consider themselves independents.

Sean: I think a lot more people nowadays, since they're so disillusioned with both parties, both major parties, they identify as independents. A lot more than they used to.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Back in like…I think it was, like, 30 or 40 years ago, it was something like 92% of the US population identified with one party or the other.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When was that?

Sean: Something like 35 to 40 years ago.

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

Sean: And now it's a LOT less.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: The independent movement has grown a ton.

Dick: Huh.

Sean: Sorry, that's…

Dick: (interjects) They're very disenfranchised.

Sean: For sure.

Dick: Right. I got some…you know, I got some…oh. I got some celebrities calling in, congratulating us on our 100 episodes.

Maddox: Oh!!

Dick: So…last time…

Maddox: (interjects) Got a lot of celebrity listeners to the show.

Dick: Last time I did this. I asked our comedy friends if they would call in and leave a celebrity voice mail.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You remember how well that worked out for me?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: We got celebrities calling in, such as the Emperor from Star Wars.

Maddox: Oh, big celebrity.

Dick: Right? Big celebrity.

Sean: I remember Sean Connery last time.

Dick: Uh, he called in about 70 times.

Sean: Oh, he did it this time?

Dick: No, no, no. He did not call…this time, I think it's even worse. So this time I said…"Well, I'll put it to the fans. They couldn't do a worse job than these comedy guys calling in with Star Wars references."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? (background laughter) So I put it to the fans. Like, "Hey guys. Why don't you call in this time, 'cause these comedy guys, they can't do anything right."

Sean: And they COULD do it worse?

Dick: They could do it worse. (Sean cracks up) As it turns out. Uh…let's see.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Oh, wow. Listen to that. YEAH!! Who are these guys? Maddox? Dick? It's Al Pacino!!! (they crack up) **I listen to your podcast, and it's a huge piece of shit!")**

Dick: Al Pacino.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Big fan of the…

Dick: (interjects) Thanks a lot. Okay, here's one. See if you recognize this voice.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hello. This is presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, and this is how I talk. (Maddox giggles) **I just wanted to congratulate you both on 100 episodes. Even if there's some conservative rhetoric thrown around here, I do enjoy the banter. I do believe that the bonus episodes are marginalizing the lower and middle class, though. Bonus episodes should be free to everyone and a basic human right. Dick, your libertarian views can go fuck themselves.")**

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's exactly what I would expect Bernie Sanders to say. As a fan and listener of this show.

Dick: Here's a more recognizable voice for you.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hi, this is Mr. T. (Sean cracks up because he sounds nothing like Mr. T) **I just wanna congratulate Dick and Maddox on 100 episodes.** (Maddox giggles) **and I pity the fool who don't listen to your podcast.")**

Maddox: (giggles) Nailed it!

Dick: I mean, he got the important parts, right?

Maddox: That's the WHITEST Mr. T I've ever heard.

Dick: Okay. I'll play some more of these as we go.

Maddox: I got…so, Dick, you mentioned Star Wars references. I got…I got a little bit for you.

(Star Wars Imperial March begins to play)

Dick: Oh. I know you didn't make this. It sounds good.

Maddox: Wait. Wait for it. (giggles) You spoke too soon.

(Imperial March continues, voice starts to "sing" with the melody…"Dick, Dick, Dick, Versus Dick. Versus Dick."

(they laugh)

Dick: Still sounds good!

"Dick, Dick, Dick, Versus Dick. Versus Dick!!! Dick…argues like a chimpanzee, a face you can barely see…oh, Dick contradicts, contradiiiiiicts!!" (they all laugh)

Dick: Oh, that's good.

"He is a man bun-wearing douche, a man with many truths, 'cause Dick contradicts, contradiiiiiiiicts!!")

Dick: A little long.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Well. (satisfied) Well, buddy. (Dick laughs) This is…I got the mother…

Dick: (interjects) You should have kept them all as Dick Versus Dick instead of trying to change it. It would've been funny.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I got the mother of all Dick Versus Dicks.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: Coming up here. Alright? A number of people have noticed this. Uh…they sent this in. But I found this old quote from an author. An author who I respect and love. And he said this in his book.

Sean: Is it Maddox?

Maddox: (laughing) It is me. But the other quote is from Dick. Here's what he said in his book. Listen to this.

(Clip starts: Female voice with British accent: "Ever wonder why no one who anyone respects, like Donald Trump, believes in New Age crap?")

Maddox: OHHHHHHHH.

Dick: I said that?

Maddox: You said that.

Dick: Oh. (surprised)

Maddox: That's from your book, Men are Better than Women.

Dick: Why would I talk about Trump? (Maddox laughs) I…I said Donald Trump in my book?!

Maddox: Yeah!! (Dick cracks up laughing)

Dick: That's awesome.

Sean: Wait, what if his views have EVOLVED?

Dick: No, my views have not evolved. (they crack up)

Maddox: No, they've devolved, Sean.

Sean: Trying to give you an out, here.

Maddox: They've clearly devolved.

Dick: I wrote that entire book on the liquor. That's when I do my best thinking.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: That will…(stammers) evolve is the wrong word. I asymptotically approach perfection as I get on the liquor, and that entire book is as close as you can get. Go, please go ahead.

Maddox: Very debatable about that whole entire statement. But yeah, that's…thank you to **Alex Bevin** for reading that. She sent that in. But…yeah.

Dick: Hah! I can't believe that. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah!! She…you said that…

Dick: That's great! I've been a Trumpeter for longer than I even know.

Maddox: No, you said…(giggles) You said people who no one respect, like Donald Trump.

Dick: Believe in New Age crap?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Say that again.

Maddox: Here's the clip again.

Sean: Does he believe in New Age crap?

Dick: No.

(Clip starts: Female voice with British accent: "Ever wonder why no one who anyone respects, like Donald Trump, believes in New Age crap?")

Dick: No, I think I'm saying that Trump doesn't believe in it.

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: Well, I wrote it, so I'll tell you what I meant.

Maddox: (stammers) Here's the…like, the full quote. The context was…you were talking about why people would read this book, and you were saying women would never read this book, because they believe in…they get their inspiration. Lemme read the entire context. It's…

Dick: (interjects) No, I wrote it! I'll tell you what it is!

Maddox: Okay, what?

Dick: No one who anyone respects, meaning respects is the operative word, like Donald Trump. (Maddox groans) Who people respects. Belie…people respect.

Maddox: That's not what you said. That's not what you said!

Dick: Maddox…

Maddox: I have the exact quote.

Sean: Wouldn't it be…

Dick: (interjects) Maddox! Wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute. You're telling me Dick Masterson, the author of Men are Better than Women, would shit on DONALD TRUMP in a book!? (Sean cracks up)

Maddox: You did!!

Dick: Are you fucking retarded?!

Maddox: You did!! (laughs)

Dick: The joke is that I would treat him like a god! That's the joke!

Maddox: No!! No, no. Here…lemme read the exact quote!

Dick: Why would it…it's not funny if I shit on Donald Trump in that book! The whole point of the book is, like, ultra-hardcore-conservative. And like…worshipping money and business!!

Maddox: That's not what you said.

Dick: Trump…Trump is a better character than me!!!!

Maddox: Here is exactly what you said. **"Women, feel free to broaden your horizons with other New Age monkey shit. Ever wonder why no one who anyone respects…"**

Dick: (interjects) No, respects!

Maddox: (interjects) Lemme finish this…I'm gonna finish the quote.

Dick: Everyone fucking heard you! Just don't repeat yourself!! (yells)

Maddox: No, because the full quo…the full quote in context here.

Dick: (guffaws) Bring a linguistic in here. The right to bear arms?! What does that mean?!

Maddox: Okay. Can I finish this?

Dick: You just…you've said it like three times! You're gonna say it again?

Maddox: No, I'm reading the EXACT quote, 'cause I…

Dick: (interjects) Go ahead!

Maddox: I paraphrased. Here's the exact…

Dick: (interjects) Go ahead!!

Maddox: (Sean laughs) Here's the exact quote. **"Ever wonder why no one who anyone respects, like your father, or Donald Trump, buys into that crap?"**

Dick: Your fa…I'm equating Donald Trump to your father, right? Who everyone respects, shithead!

Maddox: No…no one respects. You're saying people DO respect new age crap, or not?

Dick: No, I'm saying that you need to work on your reading comprehension skills. I'm equating father, who, in the book Men are Better than Women, the father is about as respectful as you can get! I'm equating your father and Donald Trump. The joke there is that I'm implying Donald Trump is my father. That's the joke!

Maddox: Okay. Good joke. (Dick guffaws) I got a song here from **Victor Anderson.** (Dick sighs) Check this out. I think you'll like this one.

(Song starts, gentle music, edit of Part Of Your World from Disney's The Little Mermaid. , All CAPS is DICK'S VOICE INTERJECTED:
"Look at this COCK, isn't it SHORT." (they all laugh) **"Wouldn't you think my COCK IS THE SAME SIZE AS THE BALLS."** (Dick cracks up) **(Ariel continues to sing) "Every COCK."** (they laugh)

Dick: Every cock?

"Treasures untold…how many BALLS…can one PEEHOLE hold?" (they giggle)

“Looking around here you’d think, sure she’s got a SHORT COCK OR LIMP COCK. (they crack up) **BOTH OF WHICH I’M OFFENDED BY.”**

Maddox: Good song.

Dick: Break down.

Maddox: Yeah. **(Music continues)**

Dick: Oh, is that it?

Maddox: Yeah. **(Song ends)** That’s by **Victor Anderson.** Thank you, Victor!!

Dick: Alright, I got another song from Grant Mooney.

(Pinky and the Brain theme starts:

Dick: “Hey, what’s up, buddy?”

Maddox: “We’re trying to find the biggest problem in the universe.”

“Maddox and the Dick. They’re Maddox and they’re Dick. One thinks he’s a genius, the other’s a…dick.” (Maddox laughs)

“30-something year old, whitish maaaaaaales. They’re Maddox. They’re Maddox and they’re Dick, Dick, Dick, Dick. Dick, Dick, Dick, Dick. Dick!”

“With the help of Asterios…” (“I’M A DIGITAL CYBERDEMON!!!”) “They bitch, complain, and moan…and before the time has come, Sean deletes the episode!”

Sean: Hey!!!!

(Dick cracks up)

“They’re Maddox and the Dick. It’s Maddox and the Dick. One is an asshole, the other’s a prick!”

Dick: Oh, there you go!!

“Their problems are the worst…in the universe! They’re Maddox. They’re Maddox and they’re Dick, Dick, Dick, Dick. Dick, Dick, Dick, Dick. Dick!!”

Dick: DAMMIT!!”)

Maddox: Wow. Congrats. Thank you, Grant Mooney. That’s your magnum opus!! The best thing you’ve ever done, easily. (they laugh)

Dick: That’s a pretty good song.

Maddox: Easily. Of the two things…(laughs)

Dick: Oh, okay. I see what you…yeah.

Sean: You said it so angry. The BEST thing you’ve ever DONE.

Dick: Yeah, I know! (laughing)

Sean: Or WILL ever do!!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got way too much shit here. A bunch of guests called into to congratulate us, but…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, my gosh, we got so…this is so top heavy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, we got a couple packages, too!

Dick: Let's open 'em at the end. Need to get to some problems, here.

Maddox: Well, what if it's something we can use throughout the episode?

Dick: Okay!!

Maddox: Let's…let's look at a couple.

Dick: Let's open up the presents. Thank God someone got them, because someone forgot to go to the P.O. box to get all these 100th episode presents!!

Sean: Look at how much barbecue sauce is spilling outta that!

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick giggles) (crumpling) Um, oh, wow. We got a lot of packages, here. Look at this. These are all gift wrapped!!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: So you know a girl sent these to us!

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) 'Cause they're not broken all over the box?

Maddox: (chuckles) We got one for Sean, here you go, Sean. It's light. Yeah. Let's see. We got one for Dick!

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: There you go. And a big one for me!!! Ahhhhh, yeah!

Dick: Overcompensating!

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, big one like my dick!

Dick: Who is this from?!

Sean: Oh my God, there's, like, a note written on the outside of the package here.

Maddox: It's from Samantha and Cameron. Oh, actually, the big one says it's for Maddox, Dick, and Sean. It's on the ground. Here we go. And then there's one in here for me, too. It says, "Maddox, from Sam. Maddox, I know how much you love lampooning some poor grandma's outdated sense of fashion. Sam." And she sent me this package here.

Dick: Let's see what you got.

Maddox: Oh!! It's the Ugly Holiday Sweater catalog.

Dick: Oh, coloring book.

Maddox: Oh, it's a coloring book!!!

Dick: You're gonna love that.

Maddox: Fantastic! I love it. PERFECT. This is exactly what I want! A fucking coloring book! (angry)

Dick: Here's mine…(giggles) "Dick, we know you'll enjoy wearing this little number to show your pride in the brand and attract fellow connoisseurs of fine, whiskey-based liqueurs. Cameron and Sam."

Maddox: What's the shirt?

Dick: It's a T-shirt. Oh, Fireball Whiskey. Goddamnit. (Maddox cracks up) It's got a piece of cinnamon in it. Hey!!! Let's trade. Uh, you like Fireball Whiskey, and I like dating 18-year-olds, so…(Maddox chuckles) They'll love coloring books.

Maddox: Here's your grandma coloring book, yeah. Perfect.

Dick: Thank you. Great. Thanks Cameron and Sam, that really backfired on you. (Maddox cracks up) We both are satisfied with each other's presents now.

Maddox: We're both very happy now. (crumpling)

Dick: Sean, read your card.

Sean: Okay. It's stuck to the outside of what looks like the smallest Chinese food box I've ever seen. (Maddox chuckles) Seriously! It's got the little metal thing on top and everything. Uh, it says…it's from Cameron. It says, "Sean, wow, it's been 69 episodes since your last audio engineer oopsie." (they all giggle) This one's never gonna die. "Assuming you haven't had another accident since I sent this package. Keep up the good work!" Sarcastic fucker.

Dick: It's cursive! It's hard to read, right?

Sean: Yes.

Dick: Big problem.

Sean: It's tiny.

Dick: Cursive.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: "I bought this gift for you…" and it goes around the back "…in case you slip up again" Sorry, I'm having trouble reading this. It, like, wraps around the whole fucking package. "I spared no expense in buying this rare and elusive item."

Dick: Looks like a long email from the past.

Sean: Yeah. "So I won't be surprised if you've never…" I can't even see. "Seen one before?"

Maddox: What is it?!

Sean: It's on the bottom of the fucking package now. (Dick cackles) (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: What's in the package?!

Sean: So it is an “undelete” key. (they laugh)

Dick: A what?! That exists?!

Sean: It’s a delete key with UN scribbled over it.

Dick: “Un” written on it? Oh. Okay. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. Now, lemme tell you…I’ve never seen a more confused look on Sean’s face. You’ve never seen that key before, Sean.

Sean: No, I haven’t. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Well. (giggles)

Sean: Never have.

Maddox: And then the final package is the big one for all of us. It says, “Well guys, I trust that you’re all content with your personal gifts, but…”

Dick: (interjects) It’s this fucking cursive! We’re illiterate!

Maddox: Yeah. “But Episode 100 is extra special, so I’ve included a bottle of my favorite whiskey. This stuff is near cask strength, so you won’t be a pussy if you add ice to your glass to better taste the natural flavors. Keep up the good work, Cameron. PS…”

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: It’s a double-sided sticky note. “Oh, and I guess feel free to share this bottle with any special studio audience guests…”

Dick: Get a magnifying glass.

Maddox: “Showing you…joining you. Okay. Boisterous Coconuts, Dick’s Man, Erin Tillman, Robin Higgins, Tim Changzzzzz, etc, since they are probably feeling pretty bummed out and jealous about not getting a cool personal gift.” And the whiskey is… Stranahan’s, Colorado Whiskey! Stranahan’s Colorado Whiskey.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: That looks really good. It’s got a nice amber color to it.

Dick: I’m not a big enough alcoholic to be able to identify whiskey by sight!!! (they laugh)

Sean: You’re working on it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why would that be the one lie you tell on this show, Dick? (they laugh) But okay, and then the fin…there’s another card. (laughing)

Dick: No, no, no, no. That’s it. That’s it. Two sentences max from now on.

Maddox: “My fiancé and I are big fans of the podcast and wanted to send the gifts to you in honor of episode 100. I recommend opening the big box last.” Oh, that’s what we did!

Dick: Okay. Great.

Maddox: “Assuming it is still intact. Cameron and Sam. PS, I promise it’s neither a severed head or a weapon.” Awesome!!

Sean: Thank you.

Dick: Thank you very much.

Maddox: Well, thank you guys.

Sean: Thanks, Sam. Fuck you, Cameron! (they laugh)

Dick: We got another one?

Maddox: Okay. We got one more package…we’ll open it up at the end of the show. The show’s already very top heavy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, let’s get to the problems. Yeah?

Dick: Yeah. Go ahead!

Maddox: Alright, guys.

Dick: Big, big 100th episode! These…this…these are problems we’ve been saving for 100 episodes!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? (grins)

Maddox: Uh-huh. (grins)

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Easily.

Sean: He JUST thought of them at 99. (they laugh)

Maddox: No, Sean. This is one I’ve wanted to bring in for a long time, because I truly believe this is the biggest problem in the universe. If you were to come to me and say “Maddox, independently of your dipshit listeners..” (background giggles) “I want you to go through this list and sort them, from the biggest to smallest.”

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I’d say about 5 of the top 10 are about accurate. Uh…but…

Dick: Oh, on our list already?

Maddox: Uh…no. Well, yeah. Of the problems we’ve brought in, yes. Of the problems we’ve brought in, yes. Of the problems in the universe, no. Because specifically of the problem I’m bringing in today.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Alright?

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Alright?

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe. Asteroids!!!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Sean: Hmmmmm.

Dick: Oh.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: The video game?

Maddox: No. (laughing) No, Dick!!

Dick: Ohhhhh.

Maddox: Asteroids, the…rock. (laughs)

Dick: Hurtling through space.

Maddox: Hurtling through space.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Rocks hurtling through space.

Dick: Big problem.

Maddox: It is a REALLY big problem.

Sean: I like this one already. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Yeah? Do you, Sean?

Sean: No, for real.

Maddox: Okay, good. Because it is…it is, in my estimation…there is no bigger problem in the universe for LIFE than asteroids.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Because asteroids have the potential to wipe out 100% of life.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: On any planet. And we don't even know that there is life on other planets, except for microbes on Mars, and who gives a shit about them?!

Dick: You think there's life on other planets?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Okay, good.

Maddox: It's likely.

Dick: Well…I'm gonna go definitely.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, they foun…I think they confirmed microbes from Mars. They found that. So we know for a fact, yeah.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Absolutely. There is life on other planets. But asteroids can wipe all of them out. So, these asteroids that can come and wipe out all the Earth are called extinction-level asteroids.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those are ones that can deva…those are basically the ones that wipe out the dinosaurs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That wiped out, I believe, like, 60%, 70% of the life on Earth at that time.

Dick: Oh, only 60% to 70%?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Oh!!

Maddox: That was still…

Dick: (interjects) Well!! I don't know, then!! That's not…you said 100% at first!!!!

Sean: Well, something had to survive.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Depends on the…well, depends on the size of the asteroid. If it was bigger, it could potentially have wiped out…it could have shattered our planet. I mean, it could potentially wipe out everything. Everything!!!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But that asteroid, at the size that it was…so, um…there was an asteroid, Dick. First of all…uh, the Dino Killer is estimated to have been between 5 and 15 kilometers. That's 3 to 10 miles. That's not that big. That's an asteroid…you can fi…I mean, that's 3 to 10 miles. Like, we're not even talking about moon size here.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 3 to 10 miles. It's like from the…the distance of what? Here to Disney Land, isn't it?

Dick: Those dinosaurs were assholes, though. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why didn't you bring them in as a problem?!

Dick: Mmm, well.

Maddox: We don't know.

Dick: No need, because thankfully, that wonderful asteroid came along and fixed that problem for us. (grins)

Maddox: Oh yeah? You think so?!

Dick: Those dinosaurs were going around eating people left and right!

Sean: Why would you say from here to Disney Land?

Maddox: I don't know. (background chuckles) What is the…

Sean: That's, like, not even close.

Dick: That's not 13 miles. No. (they giggle)

Maddox: Well, an asteroid of THAT size would sure as shit wipe out Earth!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I think so!!!

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: But that was only 5 to 10 miles. Okay, guys? Here are some odds for you. Some statistics, right?

Dick: Oh, great. (they crack up) That'll really make this problem fun!!!

Maddox: (laughing) Fuck you!!

Dick: What are your stats? Like, how likely it is to get hit by an asteroid?

Maddox: Well, here's the thing. Considering…considering asteroids, like…

Dick: (interjects) Bro, wait a minute. Lemme…lemme…I'm sorry for interrupting.

Maddox: What?

Dick: You need a new fucking printer.

Maddox: I know.

Dick: Look at this…

Maddox: It's hard fo…

Dick: You've got all these great jokes and statistics.

Maddox: Yeah. (sad)

Dick: But it's…it's printed out like a psychopath…it's printed out and then it's like you took out half of it with an eraser!

Maddox: I know. It's hard..it's hard to read this fucking…

Dick: Randy, can you figure out the printing situation? (Maddox laughs) I mean, we've gotta deliver the jokes. The jokes have to be inputted into the computer…and then printed out, and then read into the microphone. There's a problem with that…that system, right?!

Maddox: Yeah, Randy! Buy me a new printer. Alright, so anyway. So that asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs? Only 3 to 10 miles, 5 to 15 kilometers. That's not that big, guys. There's way bigger asteroids. The odds of dying from an asteroid are actually, like, higher than you would think. They're higher than…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. Well, if they're over 0, that's way higher than I think.

Maddox: You think it's 0? Really?

Dick: Of getting killed by an asteroid?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yes! That's never happened to anybody!

Maddox: Kay, Dick. Here's some basic math, okay? Here's…(Dick giggles) Here's how you figure this out. The odds of an asteroid impacting Earth is…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: 100%. It's gonna happen. 'Cause it's happened before.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And it's just…we know it's gonna happen.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's just a matter of time. And one of those asteroids, the odds that it is the size of wiping out all of Earth is also 100%. It's going to…

Dick: (interjects) So that's the odds that you needed to read off the printer paper!? (grins)

Maddox: No, no, no. (they all laugh) Well, the calculated risk of dying of different sizes of asteroids.

Dick: Okay, good.

Maddox: And…

Dick: Good, good.

Maddox: Uh, the odds of dying by a terrorist attack is, like, 1 in 80,000 in the US, assuming…

Dick: Really?! That seems high!

Maddox: Well, that's assuming 9/11 in your lifetime. Assuming another 9/11.

Dick: Another 9/11 in your lifetime.

Maddox: Yeah. Without 9/11, it's in the millions. It's actually really low. It's actually…

Dick: Still seems high, right?

Maddox: 1 in…(stammers) yeah, yeah. It is.

Dick: ‘Cause more toddlers have killed people than terrorists.

Maddox: Sure, sure.

Dick: Americans than terrorists.

Maddox: I wish they didn’t include the 9/11 stats in here, ‘cause that’s such an anomaly. (Dick giggles)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But…the asteroid impact…you’re more likely to die from an asteroid. 1 in 720,000. (stammers) and that’s of all sizes, assuming that it wipes out all life on Earth. And amusement park rides, 1 in 1.1 million. So you’re more likely to die from an asteroid than an amusement park, or terrorism!!

Dick: Okay, wait a minute. Pretend that I’m retarded.

Maddox: Okay, done!! (they crack up) You’d have to ask me to stop to pretend!

Dick: How is that remotely possible that the odds of dying…from an asteroid attack are higher than dying on a ride at Disney Land? Or a terrorist attack?

Sean: Are you talking about a function of, like, over millions of years, or since it is DEFINITELY going to happen at some point?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You’re not talking about in our lifetime. That doesn’t make sense.

Dick: Yeah, I’m definitely not dying from an asteroid.

Maddox: Well, they take the…the total average casualty, right? The casualty rate of an asteroid impact, and then they amortize that over the time period.

Sean: Got it.

Dick: Over how many years?

Maddox: Well, it depends on the size of the asteroid.

Dick: That’s a big “If”, though.

Sean: Got it.

Maddox: Dino-sized asteroids, actually…the biggest threat to Earth are Apollo asteroids.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Apollo asteroids are ones that have Earth-crossing orbits. And those are the ones that obviously wiped out the dinosaurs. Those are dino-killers. And they say those come by once every 100,000 years or so.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhh. Okay.

Maddox: Okay? It’s been…we’re long overdue. We’re 7 times more likely today than we were when the dinosaurs were extinct, of getting another one of these asteroids. We’re just due for one.

Sean: Wasn't there one that came by, like, in the scope of the universe, by, like, a hair?! I mean, I know it was like hundreds of thousands of miles.

Dick: Recently?

Sean: Yeah. It was, like, hundreds of thousands of miles, I think, but it was fairly recently?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I remember reading something about that. It was in the scope of, you know, how large things are, it wasn't that far.

Maddox: No, you're right, Sean. I have it right here. It..it happened in 2012. We had a near-miss in 2012 where an asteroid came within 40,000 miles of Earth. And here's the big problem with that. We didn't see it until two days before.

Dick: That's like from here to Disney Land. (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: Hey, I can't see it! Must be the same distance.

Sean: Yeah, 40,000 miles. I think the Equator of the Earth is, like, 25,000 miles.

Dick: Yeah. 25,000 miles, around.

Maddox: Yeah. So it came pretty fucking close.

Dick: Pretty close.

Maddox: Pretty fucking close.

Dick: Do you know that my friend works on the asteroid detection system?

Maddox: Oh, really?

Dick: Oh yeah. He's got a whole big great scam cooked up. They're buying all these expensive telescopes. And then they don't throw in, like, using the telescopes in the first grant, so they build all the telescopes, and say, like, "Well, you're gonna have to give us more money, 'cause we didn't put all the salaries of all the scientists that gotta look through all the telescopes in the first grant!" So he's always flying around trying to, you know, gin up cash for this big scam that he's got.

Maddox: Yeah! Those scientists. Big SCAMMERS.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're just trying to save all of humanity with these telescopes!

Dick: Nah, but that's the point. I'm like, "So what do you do if you find one?" He's like, "I dunno. That's not in the grant." Like, alright. Send me a text. If you see one, send me a text before you send everyone else, so I can get started on the looting early.

Sean: So where were you on that one, dipshit? (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, don't you see? This is exactly why this is such a big problem, because everyone kinda jokes about it. And everyone thinks, "Okay, well what happens if you detect an asteroid?" That's the rub.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We don't know! We don't have a plan!! We have a couple of theories and a couple of silly movies that came out in the 90s, Armageddon and Deep Impact, with some hokey bullshit!

Dick: Oh, those were not silly!

Maddox: Okay. Well we had th…(cracks up) We had these movies…

Dick: How dare you!?

Maddox: We had these movies. The scientists have been trying to grapple with how to best tackle this problem for a long time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And people don't really have an answer, because we've never done it before. So we only have basically one shot, if we find an asteroid within two days that's gonna strike Earth!? And by the way, we were lucky to notice that two days before. Sometimes, these asteroids are really dark bodies and we just don't see them, because they don't reflect a lot of light. They have an iron core, or they're very, very dark. Very dense, metallic. Heavy objects that are floating through space. Just FLOATING DEATH, coming into our atmosphere to destroy all life!! And you think, "Oh, well, when's the last time that happened?!" 1908, shitheads!

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: 1908!

Sean: Over Siberia.

Maddox: Yep. The Tunguska event of 1908. I first learned about that from Ghostbusters, believe it or not.

Dick: Oh, yeah! I remember that scene.

Maddox: That line at the end of the movie, yeah. I think this is from BBC. It says, "One of the last significant impact occurred June 30th, 1908, when an asteroid or comet exploded 6.2 miles above a secluded forest in Tunguska, Siberia…"

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: "…flattening trees over an area of 625 square miles, or 1,600 square kilometers."

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: 625 square miles, that's HUGE! YUGE. "Which surprisingly, few people cared about at the time due to the remoteness of the region and the fact that there seemed to have been no casualties."

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: However, and this is from BBC…"However, calculations suggest that if it had landed 4 hours and 47 minutes later, it would have hit St. Petersburg, and according to

estimates, such an air burst occurring over New York could cost 1.19 trillion dollars to insurers in property damage…"

Dick: (interjects) What about the people?!!? (laughing)

Maddox: Not to mention…

Dick: Money…(laughing)

Maddox: …causing approximately 3.2 million fatalities and 3.76 million injuries. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Whoa! So if that…so if an asteroid that happened in 1908…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Exploded over New York…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It would take out 3 million people.

Maddox: 3 million people.

Dick: Damn!

Maddox: And 3.76 million injuries is what they're estimating.

Dick: Alright, well, how much does it cost to get rid of all these asteroids? What do we do?!

Maddox: And by the way…

Dick: (interjects) Smart guy!?

Maddox: This estimation, uh, Dick, with the 1.2 trillion dollars.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's just estimate property damage, not estimate…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I don't care about that!!

Maddox: Yeah, not estimate to our economy, or anything else. I mean, I think it would be a big boom.

Dick: For the ec…(they laugh)

Maddox: Be a giant broken window. (laughing)

Sean: Oh, my, God.

Dick: Did you mean the pun? The boom from the asteroid?

Maddox: Both.

Dick: Okay, yeah, both.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…(background giggles) So what do we do?

Sean: Wait, can we talk about that more? (grins)

Maddox: We…

Dick: No. No!!!

Maddox: We…(laughing)

Dick: No!!!

Maddox: We have to invest everything we got and make this priority number one TODAY to solve this problem! To put into Earth a defense system against fucking asteroids! We worry so much about terrorism and gun violence and roller coaster rides, and seatbelts, and all this other shit!!!! Whatever we're worrying about is PEANUTS compared to this problem!!! And it's gonna take…unfortunately, the smoking gun is gonna be an asteroid coming into our atmosphere and killing people before people take this seriously. And I hope it's not a big one, because if it is, that's it! We're fucked! And we may be…look. I believe that life is probably plentiful in the universe; however, intelligent life? Life that evolves. Life that gets culture, and language, and satellites, and rocket ships, and the ability to travel to stars and distant planets, I think those are probably pretty rare.

Dick: Wait, really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How rare?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: (interjects) What's your Drake equation estimate?

Maddox: According…yeah, according to the Drake equation..

Dick: Let's hear it.

Maddox: …most scientists put their estimates at about 1. Which means that it's likely that they exist. However, if they're plentiful in a universe so vast, we'd probably have heard from one of them by now.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Because of radio…because of radio signals. Radio…

Dick: (interjects) Nah, radio signals die off really fast, though. I mean there's a…you're talking about, like, the Great Filter? There's a lot of reasons for that, but, like, I wanna know what your gut feeling is on how many…like, how many weird-foreheaded aliens there are to be Star Trekky out in the universe.

Maddox: I think intel…

Dick: (interjects) You think we'll ever meet one?

Maddox: Ugh, it's…well it's hard…

Dick: (interjects) Lot of problems!!

Maddox: That's hard to say. I mean, conquering interterrestrial travel is a non-trivial problem.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's a real significant problem that we have not overcome. We need a lot of energy, or to figure out wormholes. And by the way, theoretically speaking, if we want to create a wormhole, that's gonna take about the amount of energy in our entire SUN. We'd have to convert suns into…

Dick: We need…

Sean: (interjects) We need Kim Jong Un.

Dick: For what?

Sean: Oh, to do any of this.

Maddox: To explore.

Sean: He's the man who can do it.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: He is a deity.

Sean: Well, he's…yeah.

Dick: Oh, 'cause he's a God? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: He uses exploding nuclear weapons. He's doing all this stuff that…I dunno, he can't launch a rocket more than 5 feet, but…

Maddox: My personal belief that my Drake equation is about 0.75. So if you guys don't know what the Drake equation is, look it up. It's basically…

Dick: Ugh, yeah.

Maddox: …you take a bunch of variables into consideration on how likely it is for a planet to exist that could harbor life. How likely it is for that life to evolve. How likely it is for them to survive themselves, so they don't destroy each other in a nuclear holocaust, like we almost did. How likely it is for them to survive other interplanetary incidents, and how likely it is for them to develop technology to communicate! And whether or not they are WILLING to communicate. That's another factor. So you…you plug in all these variables. And you come up with a number. Either less than 1, or greater than 1, but around 1.

Dick: Right, okay.

Maddox: And 1 is…1 says that it's likely, I think. And then less than 1 means slightly less likely. I think it's, like, 0.75. I think 1 per super cluster of galaxies.

Dick: Do you think they'll be hot?

Maddox: The aliens?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Only one way to find out.

Dick: That'd be such a big disappointment. Like, we found aliens, and then you see their women and you're like, "Goddamn it."

Maddox: You know what I believe? I believe your penis doesn't lie. When you look at something or someone…

Dick: (interjects) It's true.

Maddox: Right? It's not that culture has hammered us with some notion of what's hot or what's not.

Dick: Nope.

Maddox: I trust my penis.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If it moves, it moves.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And that's what orientation I am. If I see a nude guy and I get a boner, I'm like, "Well, maybe I'm gay! I dunno!"

Dick: Wow, I hope someone remixes that. (they crack up) So what's…what's the…you just said that we should be dumping all of our money into the asteroid.

Maddox: Yes. Priority number one.

Dick: So cancel…cancel Planned Parenthood immediately. (Maddox laughs) Use all that money…right?

Maddox: Actually, just…just take some of our fucking bloated defense budget and put it towards asteroid. Asteroid defense! And then it has to be an international solution, because if we create our own solution for knocking out asteroids.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Russia's gonna be like, "Hey, what are you building those nukes for?" And we tell 'em, "Uh, asteroids." And they'll be like, "Yeah, sure buddy. We're gonna build our own "asteroid nukes"." Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then you're gonna have an arms race. This has to be an international consortium. An international coalition.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It has to be a world government.

Dick: Ohohoho!!!

Maddox: A New World Order, I would say!!!

Dick: See? (laughing) (Maddox cracks up) You are not selling this problem well.

Maddox: A big wo…but here's the thing, man! Once we get interterrestrial, or intergalactic problems that we have to contend with? I think humans will really fucking shape up real quick and realize, "Guys, it's no longer us versus Mexico, or us versus them, or Europe, or whatever."

Dick: It's us versus the universe.

Maddox: It's us versus the universe.

Dick: AND Mexico. (they all crack up) They're like the Mexico of space!

Maddox: And Mexi…that's right. We can put rocket ships on Mexico. Just launch the whole fucking thing! Save money on…on walls! Dick?

Dick: What?

Maddox: Huh? If we launch Mexico into space?

Dick: Launching…oh, yeah, sure. (Maddox laughs) Lemme talk you down from the hysteria for a second. Uh, okay. So let's say a reasonable way to not get hit by an asteroid is not with nukes. Is to send out, like, a…send out a bunch of satellites and use orbital momentum to knock it off track. Right? Send out a bunch of little spacecrafts…have 'em whiz around the thing, and they use their own momentum to pull the asteroid away from impacting the Earth. Right?

Maddox: So you're saying if we detected an asteroid coming towards Earth.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You would launch an aircraft to try to orbit the asteroid and then use it…use the…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, I'm describing a real thing. Like, a plan to get rid of an asteroid.

Maddox: I know, but I'm asking what that plan is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're saying that the aircraft would orbit the asteroid.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And try to slingshot it with its gravity away from the Earth, right?

Dick: Yeah! So you get…when it goes…you know, when it goes onto the far side of the asteroid, you fire on the afterburners, or whatever, and pullllllllllllllllll….using gravity, it kinda pulls the asteroid off track.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Right? Eventually. Like our own moon does. Moons slinging around all the time, always changing where the center of mass is from, like…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: …10 billion light years out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. How far away do we need to see that asteroid co…we don't need all this new world government and all this nonsense. We just need enough time to get these things… get these guys up there. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You're whipping everybody up into a frenzy over these asteroids!! All I'm saying is…

Maddox: (interjects) Well…

Dick: …all we need is some telescopes.

Maddox: Well, sure, Dick. I mean, that's a great solution for an asteroid you see coming a month away, or two months away, or you can predict coming years away, right?

Dick: Years! Years.

Maddox: Years. Sure. That could be…that could be a great solution for an asteroid like that, but the asteroids, like in 2012, the one that we saw with the two-day notice?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's not gonna happen. That's not a good plan. What do you got? Nukes?

Dick: No, you can't nuke an asteroid.

Maddox: No, you can't.

Dick: Out of space.

Maddox: Well, you're…that's our best plan, honestly. Like, today, right now? Our government? The best course of action that we possibly have is nukes against an asteroid. And by the way, the Tunguska event? That asteroid is estimated to have been 10 meters big, or 32.8 feet. 32.8 feet would have caused 1.2 trillion dollars in damage…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And over…what was it? 3 million casualties and 3 million injuries.

Dick: Whoa.

Maddox: That was a 10-foot asteroid. So you launch a nuke into space, knock out this giant fucking colossal asteroid. Then what? Anything bigger than 10 feet that enters our atmosphere is still gonna fucking wreak havoc on Earth.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: This is a HUGE problem. It's the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: What if you send up a bunch of guys who could drill into it? (Maddox laughs) And then put the nuke in it?

Maddox: You know, that plan just might work, Dick.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: (interjects) With the right men.

Dick: It's better than your plan! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: What's my plan? I haven't even said a plan.

Dick: Like, a weird new world government and cancelling Planned Parenthood. (Maddox laughs) I don't think that's a good idea.

Sean: I wanna see the candidates asked about this.

Dick: About the asteroid attack?

Sean: About the whole…yeah. What would you do?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I just wanna see what they'd say.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a huge problem, man. No, but…all joking aside, this is…we do have to have government cooperation, because you can't have one government independently creating nukes and then telling everyone else that it's for asteroids.

Dick: But why do you think it's nukes? Nukes aren't gonna do anything.

Maddox: What else have we got?

Dick: The orbital momentum thing! No, no, look, look.

Maddox: We're talking about…we're talking about short notice asteroids. What do you have?

Dick: Nukes are not gonna do that.

Maddox: Well, what do you got? What's the solution?

Dick: Dig a hole, and get…convince a bunch of broads to get in there with me. (Maddox giggles) That's a better solution than yours!

Maddox: Right. Maybe what they need to do is dig a hole right through Earth so there's a hole that the asteroid can pass right through!!! (laughing)

Dick: Yeah! (background laughter) Now you're thinkin'!!!

Maddox: (laughing) Uh, some of the plans that people have proposed for asteroids is to paint the side of the asteroid.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Uh, but again, that's a long distance plan, because if you see an asteroid coming years away and you know it's gonna cross the Earth's trajectory.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can paint the asteroid white or something reflective so that enough sunlight makes that asteroid SLIGHTLY push out of our orbit's way.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And it's not much. You don't have to push these things a lot out of our way, but just enough.

Sean: No sh…that would work? (incredulous)

Maddox: That would work, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Theoretically?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Sean: Because of the color?

Maddox: Yeah, because enough light would bounce off of that thing. It's basically works like a solar sail. There are some theories out there on building spacecraft using the sun's photons as a kind of a sail. Like a sail ship. Uh, and you would constantly get energy from the sun. Except the problem with that is that you have the R squared drop off. Like, as the…further away you get from the sun source, the less you're gonna get hitting your sail, and eventually, you'll run outta steam. But yeah. There's a lot of theories out there.

Dick: Who are you gonna get to do all that painting? Space Mexicans. (they crack up)

Maddox: Alright, guys. That's my problem. Biggest problem in the universe. Asteroids. I think.

Dick: Alright. It's a big problem.

Maddox: Thanks!

Dick: Uh, I'm gonna play some of these…some of these congratulations from our…from former guests. Randy sent out to our former guests…

Maddox: Oh!!

Dick: To call us and congratulate.

Maddox: Let's hear it, yeah.

Dick: I wanna play one from Ali Hassenein. Is it Hassa-neen, or Hassa-nyne?

Maddox: Uh, I think Hass-enn-ien.

Dick: Whoa, I was way off. Great thumbnails!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Oh, my God! That guy does amazing thumbnails. He did an amazing…art piece to celebrate the 100th episode. I'll put it up on the site after this. But here's his congratulations.

(Voice mail: Ali Hassanein: "Hey, everybody. Ali Hassanein here. This is how I talk. And…just here to congratulate you on…100 weekly episodes of the podcast. It's a really awesome job you guys do, and I guess now I'll get back to painting Maddox in various costumes all day.")

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: Yes. Yeah! Smart.

Dick: Back to doing that. Who else do you wanna hear?

Maddox: Cool, thanks Ali. Yeah.

Dick: I got…

Maddox: Wait, do you have the artwork here in the studio?

Dick: No, I don't have the artwork.

Maddox: Oh, he hasn't sent it in yet? Uh, Ali, by the way, guys. He's made some of the best thumbnails on this show. We've had a lot of really talented people working on them. Jessica Safron, Ali Hassanein, and then, uh…who else? We've had…

Dick: Jack Tubbs!

Maddox: Yeah. Jack Tubbs.

Dick: Clay Rodery.

Maddox: Clay Ro…that's the other one I was trying to remember. Clay, yeah.

Dick: Amazing!

Maddox: Incredible! Incredible artwork. You guys, thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to this podcast.

Dick: I'm gonna play this one from…a fan favorite.

(Sound effect: Digital horns, "TIM CHANGZZZZZ!")

(Voice mail: Tim Changzzzzz: "Yo, congrats to everyone at the Biggest Problem podcast for making to episode one hunnit. (Maddox chuckles) **Now, I'm gonna give y'all a little sneak peek of something I've been workin' on since it's your 100 episode. Sneak peek of a Tim Changzzzzz album comin' this summa."**

(beat starts)

"Madoff, youse a bitch!!" "Madoff, youse a bitch!!" "Bitch, bitch, bitch!!" "Go fuck yourself, Madoff!"

Dick: Oh, alright.

Maddox: This is…this is hateful.

"Bitch!! Madoff got fucked by a rhino!!"

Maddox: I'll sue you!

"In the asshole!!") (they all laugh)

Dick: Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://www.harrys.com and use the promo code BIGGESTPROBLEM to save $5 off your first purchase. Everybody's using Harry's. We're all using Harry's on this show, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The quality of the blade. The quality of the blade is better…is the entire appeal of the product to me. It's a better shaving experience than anything I've ever used before. Why

pay $32 for an eight-pack of blades when you can get 'em for half the price at http://www.harrys.com. The Harry's Starter Set is an amazing deal. For just $15, you get a razor, moisturizing shave cream, and three razor blades. How about that?

Maddox: Dick, there's a promo going on, too. I don't know if you know about this, but I know they're sponsors of our show and sometimes they send us free product, but I actually purchased some Harry's stuff recently.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: Yeah. I've just been buying it. 'Cause there's a really good promo going around too, where I think if you invite a friend, you can get it basically for the cost of shipping. Which is, like, 3 bucks. You'll get…you'll get Harry's sent right to your doorstep.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Yeah, it's fantastic!! It's a really good deal, guys.

Dick: Good deal. Then you can shave together. Friends who shave together, stay together.

Maddox: True. That's true.

Dick: Right? That's true.

Maddox: That's the saying. Mhmm.

Dick: Go right now, over a million guys have already made the switch. They got factory direct prices. Cut out the middle man. Ships right to your door. You don't have to screw around at the drugstore. Then they sell their blades for half the price of the leading brand. Okay, umm…

Maddox: (interjects) Fantastic. Thank you, Harry's! For supporting our show. Thanks for making this possible, guys. Really appreciate it.

Dick: We got a huuuuuuge, huge event here, don't we?

Sean: Oh, boy.

Dick: We've been waiting…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: …100 episodes.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: For what's about to happen.

Maddox: Well, technically we waited only 50 episodes for it to happen. (grins) (laughing)

Dick: We've been waiting 50 episodes for this to happen. Haven't we, Sean?

Sean: We have.

Dick: We've been waiting a long time. We've gotten, what would you say, 1000 requests? For what's about to happen? Or…

Sean: (interjects) I've gotten a lot of emails. I think thanks to you. Mostly.

Dick: Well, who can say?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Who can say? We don't have a control.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Somebody might have told everyone to email you, telling you to bring in a problem. Or they might have done it on their own.

Maddox: There's no way to find out.

Sean: I did get those anyway.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Sean, you want a drumroll for your problem? Your big…

Dick: (interjects) Oh no, wait a minute.

Maddox: …your big debut?

Dick: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

Maddox: Oh?

Dick: Because last time we DID this, you deleted the problem. Sneakily.

Sean: Uh-huh.

Dick: I wanna make sure…

Sean: No, I asked. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Well, you asked like the mafia asks. (Sean laughs) Okay. So…um…yeah. So I brought in someone to help you keep your nerve up. Someone you know. For this problem.

Sean: Okay.

Dick: To encourage you.

Sean: You just have to bring in something I care about.

Dick: No, no, no. I brought in Cool Sean.

Sean: Oh, you did!

Maddox: Ohhhh!!

Dick: Cool Sean has some encouraging words for you.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear what Cool…yeah.

Dick: And your problem.

Sean: I can't wait to hear this.

Dick: This is what Cool Sean has to say. (grinning)

Sean: Phenomenal.

(Cool Sean: "You can do it, Sean." (Sean laughs) **"I believe in you." "Now you have to believe in yourself.")**

Maddox: Oh, wow!

Dick: Does that help?

Sean: What a great voice. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah! Cool Sean!

Dick: So if you ever feel like you're…like it's starting to fall apart, just tell me, and I'll play you some encouragement from Cool Sean.

Sean: Oh, don't worry. This problem is all about falling apart. (Maddox giggles)

Cool Sean: "Sean with the zinger! Ohhhhhhhhhhhh yeah!"

(they all crack up)

Maddox: Oh, man!! We gotta use that in a drop throughout the rest of the show, forever. That's fantastic.

Sean: I'm already sick of it. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I got one more, hold on. (laughing)

Cool Sean: "You're the real Cool Sean to me. Now don't delete yourself." (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah. Don't delete yourself. (grins)

Maddox: Alright, Sean. Drumroll. You want a drumroll for your problem?

Sean: Thanks, Cool Sean. Do whatever you wanna do.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: Here you go, Sean. (Dick laughs) Your big problem debut is…and he's drinking…

Dick: Like Rubio over there…(they crack up) Having a big swig of water during a drumroll, doesn't even want the drumroll at first!! (Maddox dying of laughter) Only man in the world, hey you want a drumroll? I don't care. Okay.

Maddox: Gulp.

Sean: I thought you were gonna keep going.

(they crack up)

Dick: How long do you want that drumroll?

Sean: I dunno man, I'm milking this for all it's worth.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright, Sean. What's your problem?

Sean: Biggest problem in the universe is…crew neck t-shirts.

Cool Sean: "You're blowin' it, Sean."

(they crack up)

Maddox: Crew Neck T-shirts?

Dick: Is it really?

Maddox: Is that your problem, Sean!?

Sean: No.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Another Sean with a zinger!!

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: You know what? Dick wanted me to bring that in.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah, it's a big problem.

Sean: He's like, "It would be such a 'fuck you' to the listeners."

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, that'd be pretty funny.

Dick: That's not what I said. (they crack up)

Sean: That is EXACTLY what you said. (they laugh)

Maddox: Oh, man.

Sean: No, for real, my biggest problem is Addiction.

Maddox: Hey!!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: Ohohoho!!!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Okay!! Okay.

Dick: Okay!!

Sean: This may be uncomfortable.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: For who?

Sean: For…(Maddox laughs) For somebody sitting here. Um, alright.

Maddox: (interjects) I look around the room and I see four men sweating, so possibly all of us.

Sean: Oh, god. No, this is something that I've…it's really the only thing I wanted to bring in, because I know it really well. It's all throughout my family, including myself. Um…let me just get some boring stats out of the way. Just…'cause stats are really impersonal. I don't think anybody DOESN'T think this is a problem.

Dick: No. And all stats are lies.

Sean: In this, they're very hard to…

Maddox: (interjects) 100% of the things you just said is false! (Dick laughs)

Sean: They're very hard to quantify in this. But…

Maddox: (interjects) Well, sometimes it gives you…it gives you, uh…perspective. It lets you know exactly how big a problem is compared to something else. Like, for example, Asteroids. You're more likely to die from a…(Dick guffaws)(Maddox laughs) than a shark attack!!

Dick: Than heroin?

Maddox: That's a fucking fact! That's a fucking fact. Vote down Sharks. Vote up Asteroids. Anyways.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So you were saying, Sean.

Sean: I just read something about…to be killed in a shark attack is something like 1 in 243 million.

Maddox: Yeah. It's..

Sean: (interjects) To be killed.

Dick: Ah, you're dodging the subject, now. (they laugh)

Sean: So lemme just…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. Let's get into this.

Sean: Just a little real simple background.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: There is so much literature on this, it's ridiculous.

Maddox: For sure.

Sean: This is all from Wikipedia, because literally half of the addiction page is references. Like, citing studies and published…

Maddox: (interjects) There's a ton, yeah.

Sean: It’s incredible. It’s been studied incredibly. So, okay. Addiction is considered a disease and/or a biological process, or a disorder. It’s a disorder of the brain’s reward system after exposure to chronically high levels of an addictive stimulus.

Maddox: Huh.

Sean: Um…so…

Dick: (interjects) It’s always weird when they call it a disease.

Maddox: Yeah, a disease…

Sean: Well, it’s…

Dick: (interjects) Is it a disease?

Sean: Okay. Personally, I have a little bit of an issue with that. I prefer "disorder," because I can't put a kid with leukemia on the same level as something that you can avoid, or -

Dick: (interjects) That you can just stop doing.

Maddox: Well...

Sean: (inhales) Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Sean: Yeah, even though sometimes it probably feels like you CAN'T just stop doing it.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: If you're really bad, it's dangerous just to stop doing it.

Dick: Hm.

Sean: I mean, right...like, cold turkey. Like, you know, if you're...if you're a really bad alcoholic? To stop, you may go into, like, seizure and death.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What if you're, like -

Sean: (interjects) But that's...that's an extreme case.

Dick: What if you look at, like, a...just a ton of porn? And you're like, "Oh man, I gotta look at some porn today!!"

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: "I'm starting to get the vapors." (grins) (Randy laughs in the background)

Sean: Well, th-...in that case, you know, you may -

Maddox: (interjects) You laugh, but it's a thing, man!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: No, your boner might explode.

Maddox: Ye-... (chuckles)

Dick: What??

Sean: If you don't regularly look at...

Maddox: I just read about -

Sean: (interjects) What a way to go.

Maddox: You know, so I don't wanna derail your whole thing, Sean, with another penis anecdote.

Dick: As he opens a bottle of liquor in front of your face. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Sean: Go ahead!

Dick: By the way.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm thirsty. (Dick laughs) Um...

Sean: It doesn't bother me a bit.

Maddox: No, but here's the thing. I just read...I don't wanna derail the whole thing with another penis anecdote, but I did read about, uh, penises where they stay erect for too long. That...you know, that 4-hour thing, whatever? What can happen is -

Dick: (interjects) Priapism.

Maddox: What's it called?

Dick: Priapism, I think?

Maddox: Priapism. That's what it is.

Sean: Priopecia, I think. Or...

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, maybe...

Maddox: Priapism.

Sean: No, it is. I think you're right.

Maddox: Priopecia is what you put on your pubes. (Dick chuckles)

Dick: That's a good one. (both giggle)

Sean: No, "pecia"...actually is, like, hair, isn't it?

Maddox: Thanks, Dick!! (laughing)

Sean: Whatever.

Maddox: Anyway, um...what happens is the blood in your penis, because it's not being circulated, gets cut off from oxygen and starts coagulating, and then it can't get...it can't be released from the normal valve that it gets out of. And so your penis sits there, it gets really painful and uncomfortable, and you can even lose your penis! You have to get it drained manually by a doctor. And they dr-...it's not fun. (Sean chuckles)

Sean: By a hot nurse.

Dick: How do you know...? Wait a minute, why do you know so much about this 4-hour erection shit? That's weird.

Maddox: (guffaws) Well, ehhh...

Sean: Those fuckin' Cana-...

Dick: (interjects) That reaction is further weird. (Maddox giggling) Why do you know so much about this 4-hour erection thing?

Sean: Those Canadian pharmacies, am I right?

Maddox: No, 'cause I just watched a video on YouTube about this. But, uh... (laughs with Randy)

Dick: About the long erect penises??

Maddox: No, it's talkin' about a...there's a spider in Brazil that causes priapism.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. A-...anyway.

Dick: Are you tryin' to import them? Put 'em on your website? (Maddox snickers) Okay.

Maddox: Sean.

Sean: So, yeah. Going back to the "disease/disorder"...

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Call it whatever you want. I know it can, you know, medically be classified as a disease. Like I said, I made the, uh...you know, 5-year-old with leukemia versus, you know, an adult who's...ultimately, you're responsible for what you do.

Dick: Mhm.

Sean: You may have gotten there for a number of reasons. They think that about 50...anywhere from 40 to 60 percent of it is genetic, and the rest is environmental, which has always made perfect sense to me. I never understood the nature VERSUS nurture argument. You know, you -

Maddox: (interjects) 30 to 40 percent genetic?

Sean: No, they think 40 to 60 percent genetics. So they basically put it somewhere around 50-50. And here's the g-...the genetic factor...

Dick: That's weird.

Sean: ...is, uh, a gene transcription called delta FosB, which is a critical component and factor in virtually all forms of addiction.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Hm.

Sean: So there is abs-...

Maddox: (interjects) So there is a genetic factor, for sure.

Sean: Absolutely a genetic factor.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, really??

Sean: Oh yeah.

Dick: Oh!

Sean: Uh...actually, the -

Dick: (interjects) That's good news! (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Don't... (laughs)

Dick: Not my fault!!

Sean: The delta -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, it's your fuckin' fault, Dick.

Sean: The delta FosB is -

Dick: (interjects) My GENES crashed my car.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, yeah. (giggles)

Sean: It's used as an addiction biomarker.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: The delta FosB.

Dick: So can you scan people in advance and say, like, "Boom, you're gonna be an addict"?

Sean: Uhh, possibly so.

Dick: Oh, alright!

Sean: Not "GOING to be," because that's where the environmental part comes in.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeeeah. Just whether or not you have the proclivity to become an addict.

Sean: Right.

Dick: Ah, okay.

Sean: They think a lot of people start because it's like a coping mechanism for growing up in a dysfunctional family.

Maddox: Ha! Tell me about it.

Sean: Like mine. (chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah. So Sean, yeah, I wanna hear about your addiction. You said you have addiction in your family, and you dealt with it yourself.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: What are you addicted to? Like, smelling dryer sheets, and...? (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Sean: So, I think...I wanted to stay away from the stats.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Because I think they're...they're really impersonal, and I'd rather focus more on how it affects relationships and people's families and things like that.

Maddox: Well, with a problem like addiction, for sure. We all think it's a huge problem because we're all either affected by it directly or indirectly by somebody we know.

Sean: I think almost every -

Dick: (interjects) And you can't fix it.

Maddox: Well, you CAN fix it. That's...you can.

Dick: Nnnn-...well...

Maddox: Absolutely, you can.

Dick: You CAN fix addiction? (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah! People have st-...there are a lot of people who have overcome their addiction. I know -

Dick: (interjects) That doesn't mean "fixed."

Maddox: No -

Sean: (interjects) I know what you mean.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I know what you mean.

Maddox: Oh, you mean...you mean if they try whatever it is -

Dick: (interjects) Asteroid, you blow it out of the sky. Addiction, that's a demon in all of us.

Maddox: Well, I have a buddy of mine who was addicted to, uh, heroin...he was a huge drug addict. Alcohol, everything. A huge, huge problem, and he's been sober...he just celebrated his 14-year...14th year of sobriety last week.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Which is a fantastic...I mean, that to me is you've solved the problem, whatever the problem is. I mean, addiction...the underlying problems of addiction, which is whatever compulsion you may have genetically, pre-...to be predisposed to doing it, may still exist, but the conditions under which you can become an addict can be solved.

Dick: Sean, I'd like to hear your opinion on that.

Sean: You know, they say "once an addict, always an addict." But yeah, you learn how to live sober. You learn how to be comfortable with all the different aspects of your life.

There's a lot of reasons why people may start. A lot of times, yeah, they consider it a coping mechanism, and those people who are genetically predisposed to it, you know, are very likely to become addicts, alcoholics...you know, what have you. But as far as...or, what are you saying? Are you saying...you're talking about just the person, or the relationships being repaired?

Dick: I'm saying the reason that we immediately react to thinking it's a huge problem is because it's not something that's easily curable. It's something that's totally out of everyone's control except for the person who's addicted.

Sean: Yeah, they...well...oh!

Dick: It's a lot more frigh-...it's A LOT more frightening than what the stats say.

Sean: Yeah! No, it is! It's out of everybody else's control except that person. Absolutely. And that's where the...a lot of addicts and alcoholics have kind of, like, a victim mentality, which I can relate to, where it's like...you know, almost like, "YOU caused me to do this," or, you know, "When I was the lowest, you left." Or, you know, it's...they say that, uh, alcoholics and addicts, they don't have relationships; they have hostages.

Maddox: Huh.

Sean: And that's -

Maddox: (interjects) That's an interesting...yeah.

Sean: There's a lot of truth to that, because you f-...as a family member, you feel terrible. You feel like you're abandoning...what are you gonna do?

Dick: (Cool Sean sound clip (deep voice): "That was insightful as hell, Sean.") HAAA!! (everyone bursts out laughing) **(clip continues: "I never thought of it that way.")** (more giggling)

Sean: He knows me so well, doesn't he? That's funny.

Dick: Okay, please continue.

Sean: You've...I... (Dick cracks up again) You've got a fuckin' grab bag full of those, don't you?

Maddox: Yeeeeah.

Dick: I don't know!!

Maddox: Uhh... (laughs) We'll see!

Sean: Nyeah.

Dick: That was insightful, though.

Maddox: So Sean and Dick, I disagree with most of what you guys are saying. Uh... (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Wait, what?? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: You need SOMETHING to argue. (smiles)

Dick: Wait, wait, wait. You weren't finished with the hostage part, were you?

Sean: I would say as family members or friends of that person, it's really hard to walk away because you feel like, "I've gotta do everything I can," but you end up getting pulled down by THEM.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: And I know that from relationships, and...like, a healthy person, they won't allow themselves to be caught up in that. You can support that person as much as you can, you can offer 'em all the help, but ultimately -

Dick: (interjects) But you get boiled slowly!

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Get pulled in.

Sean: Yeah, that's right!

Dick: Little bit, helping here and there.

Sean: That's right.

Dick: Sending 'em a text asking them if they're okay.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: It all adds up. (Maddox sighs) What are you sighing at?

Maddox: Well, guys, so this is the thing I disagree with. I totally agree that it is like a...you know, holding your friends hostage. It's like a hostage situation more than a friendship. But here's the...here's the problem, I think: that we are viewing addiction in a totally wrong way, because of that study that I mentioned in the bonus episode. $1.33 on our website, check it out.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: It helps support the show. Thank you, guys. But the...I linked to that video. Did you watch the video, Dick? Or Sean?

Dick: No. God, no. I don't watch videos online.

(talking over each other)

Maddox: Watch the fuckin' video. (exasperated)

Sean: I didn't...I just heard...I just heard what you said, and I think that is a HUGE oversimplification of the problem.

Maddox: Okay. Well, it's ba-...it's a 5-minute video based on a book that someone wrote. So read the book if you're actually interested in it.

Sean: Yeah, but back in the -

Dick: (interjects) So please oversimplify it more into 30 seconds. Can we do that?

Sean: Well, I do remember you saying, like, "What we know about addiction is from *a* study." It's a...that's patently false.

Maddox: Well, it's -

Sean: (interjects) We've done SO many studies and so much published literature.

Maddox: Well...

Sean: That's why I say it was...

Maddox: Well, sure, it...

Sean: ...it was radically oversimplified.

Maddox: Okay, Sean, but like...just like our understanding of what we should have in our diet is based on some faulty, um, study or some faulty connection someone made to butter a long time ago. 'Cause President Truman, I think, had a heart attack, so they said, "Okay, well, butter's bad! We shouldn't eat butter." And then for years -

Sean: (interjects) But we've kept studying it.

Maddox: Well, yeah, we've kept studying it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But for years, that perception persisted in our minds, in our conscious, because of that misconceived study. Right?

Sean: Yes. And it does, it stays in the public consciousness.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Even though it turns out to be false, and people have known that it's false. The Brontosaurus...I don't wanna get off too much. The Brontosaurus is a perfect example.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: There is no Brontosaurus.

Maddox: No Brontosaurus.

Sean: Yeah, you know about this.

Dick: What?!?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Prove it!

Maddox: It's a... (chuckles) Um...

Sean: It's Apatosaurus and a Camarasaurus.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: They swapped the skulls or something like that.

Maddox: Whoever found that di-...the dinosaur got the dinosaurs wrong, got the bones wrong.

Sean: Correct.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: And they mixed it up and created a species of dinosaur that never existed and called it a Brontosaurus. There's no B-...no such thing as a Brontosaurus.

Sean: Yeah, and a hundred years later people like me are finding out that's false, which completely trashed my childhood.

Maddox: But, that -

Sean: (interjects) Which is the reason I drink. (laughs) (Maddox snorts)

Maddox: Well, there you go! So that gets me to what I take issue with.

Dick: DID drink. Yeah.

Maddox: Is that it...we view addiction as still a moral failing and it's a choice that people make, and they...they blame it on others, and I think that the truth is usually somewhere in the middle. It's neither entirely someone else's fault, but it's neither entirely your fault either. For example, if you're bro-...'cause you mentioned this at the top of your problem, Sean, which is the family environment that you're raised in.

Sean: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: Right?

Sean: No, there are...I know where you're going, and I agree. There are REASONS why you become...it's, like I said, environmental and genetic. But that doesn't mean as an adult you're not responsible for doing something about it.

Maddox: Well...

Sean: When you -

Dick: (interjects) What's your point, Maddox? What are you saying that we're not...our view is not right?

Sean: It's all on you.

Dick: Yeah, it's 100% on you.

Sean: To do something about it.

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: No, because if you were raised without the e-...the proper education and, uh, and state of mind and mental faculty to be able to recognize yourself and be cognizant of yourself and be self-aware enough to realize that you have a problem, and you realize that the problem may be something that has to do...that's been triggered psychologically from your upbringing, and you don't pursue that help, like, that's a huge...that's a HUGE, uh, leap, to expect someone to know that about themselves.

Dick: Uhh, no, it's not.

Maddox: I think very few people are.

Sean: If you have -

Dick: (interjects) You drink too much, you drink too much.

Sean: If you have outside -

Dick: (interjects) People have been drinking too much for thousands of years.

Sean: If you have outside friends or relationships, people don't tend to listen to them, and they probably should.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Because if somebody is concerned about you, they... (stammers) You get this skewed perception, too, and this goes to Maddox's point, where you tend to hang out with people who do the same thing as you. So you get this skew-...

Dick: (interjects) **(Cool Sean sound clip: "True.")**

Sean: So you get this -

Dick: (interjects) **(clip continues: "Too true.")** (Maddox, Dick and Randy crack up)

Sean: So you get this very skewed...it's not a microcosm, you know? It's not a real sampling of what people do out there. And you put it on the other person...this goes back to kind of the victim, you know, thing where...well, not really the victim thing, but you say, you know, "What's YOUR problem?" Like, "Why are you killin' my fun? Like, everybody does this." And you don't -

Dick: (interjects) Everybody does what? Drinks too much?

Sean: "Everybody parties like this."

Dick: Ohh, yeah.

Sean: "Everybody uses dru-..." You know, it's like...because it's, like, all of your friends, and it's all the people you're associating with.

Maddox: But that's not the type of person...that's...we're talkin' about two different profiles here. We're talkin' about someone in denial still, versus someone who realizes they have a problem, knows what the problem is, and then wants to go out and address it. That person is really rare. That person...and by the way... (Sean starts to protest) And by the way, I think the problem is, the reason that these people don't get that help is because they may feel judged. They may feel like -

Sean: (interjects) Yes.

Maddox: They may feel like everybody sees it as a moral failing, and a lot of times it's not. If you watch that video...I'll link to it on the website again. It's from..."In a Nutshell" is the YouTube channel. Highly recommend everyone watch this video. I've been proselytizing this video for so long. But it is a connectedness problem. It's a problem with connectedness, not a problem necessarily with a...of a -

Dick: (interjects) With other people, you mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Connected with...? Man, that's the...well...yeah.

Sean: There's certainly an element of that.

Maddox: It's...that's the primary...I mean, that's the variable that they change in that study, and they found a VASTLY different outcome with rats who were addicted to cocaine and rats who weren't.

Sean: (hesitant) Yeah, I think it's -

Dick: (interjects) But we got plenty of people to study.

Sean: Yeah, it's...

Dick: Like, it's nice that a rat in a cage reacted exactly in this very simplistic way to addiction, but we've got millions of people who are addicts and who have support networks who are harmed by addiction to study, and the...that's...it's not as clear-cut as that.

Maddox: It seems to be! The ones...my friends...my...

Sean: No, it's...

Dick: Nyeah, it's just not.

Maddox: Look, my friends, personally...from my own personal experience and my anecdotes.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: My friends who have been addicted to drugs and alcohol, for the longest time...I can't say the name of this person. He's kind of a minor celebr-...

Dick: (interjects) Just make up his name!

Maddox: Um...

Dick: "My friend Tift-..."

Sean: Whatever, your friend.

Dick: "Timmy..."

Maddox: Yeah. A friend...a friend -

Dick: (interjects) "Donny the Drinker."

Maddox: Yeah. Guy the Drinker, right? Huge, huge problem with alcohol and drugs. It's basically ruined his career. And everybody, EVERYBODY came down on him. I mean, this guy's a pu-...kind of a public figure, so, like, the world came down on this guy.

Dick: Is it Mickey Rourke?

Maddox: I'm not gonna say.

Sean: No, that's true!

Maddox: I'm not gonna say who.

Dick: Alright.

Sean: It's like, you feel like you're being accused.

Maddox: Exactly! And that sense of judgment comes from our belief, based on that old-school study, right or wrong and whether or not we've studied it. But based on that, our belief that it's still a moral failing.

Sean: Right.

Maddox: And then JUDGING people -

Dick: (interjects) Maybe.

Maddox: Judging people for it, and then they make...they feel LESS connected. They feel more isolated, and more likely to turn back to drugs.

Sean: No, I...

Maddox: However, there has been a recent change in this guy. He's come off the...wagon. Is that the right phrase?

Sean: Yeah, you can say "fall off the wagon."

Maddox: He's fall-...

Sean: Or, well...that term...

(talking over each other)

Dick: Nonononono, he's on the wagon. He's not drinking.

Maddox: He's on the wagon. Okay. He's not drinking.

Sean: Oh!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Oh, he's NOT drinking? Oh, yeah.

Dick: He's on the wagon.

Sean: He's on the wagon. Yeah.

Maddox: He's not. And it has a lot to do with a personal friend of mine who befriended him, and they were both addicts and he realized, like, "Look, I get it. This is a really shitty situation, but you need someone on your side. You need that support network. And I know you're gonna fail, but I gotta be there for you and tell you, 'Get back on...off the wagon.'"

Sean: And that's the whole point...

Maddox: On the wagon.

Sean: ...of the support groups and things like that, which I don't do, by the way. I didn't get sober that way. And, uh...

Maddox: So what was your addiction, Sean?

Sean: ...a lot of people do. Alcohol.

Maddox: Oh, you were an alcoholic?

Sean: Oh yeah, alcohol.

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: Yeah, alcohol. They say, you know, "once, always..." You know, I've heard a lot of the 12 Step, you know, programs. I tried some meetings. Didn't really fit for me, but it was -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause of all the God stuff?

Sean: Uh, yeah. I mean, that's a big reason.

Dick: Part of it?

Sean: But you know what they always say, that's...you know, take what you need, and...you don't have to buy everything hook, line and sinker. But yeah, befo-...

Maddox: (interjects) It's like a buffet.

Sean: Going back to...yeah. (chuckles) But going back to your point, yeah, the support network is important. And then going further back...

Dick: Well, I can talk abou-...

Sean: ...the responsibility thing, you're right! It's not ju-...if your family, if you grew up dysfunctional, you think...I thought my family was normal for a long time. It's like, "Oh, everybody's got shit." It wasn't until I started learning about myself and learning about really outside people and how a lot of people...you know, I put "normal" in quotes, 'cause there is really no "normal." But it's like -

Dick: (interjects) It's MORE normal, though.

Sean: To do what?

Dick: Like, there...it's...there is a normal! I mean, there...

Sean: Yeah! There's a...

Dick: You can use that without having to qualify it. There is!

Sean: Sure. No, that's true.

Dick: There is a normal...

Sean: It's the middle of the bell curve, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: But it's really...the more you know about kind of other people, you kinda learn a lot about yourself. And you start thinking, you know, "Maybe they could be right." Because like I said, you've got this rea-...

Dick: (interjects) About what?

Sean: Um...from some of the studies I've read, they think that most alcoholics and addicts are actually...there's some honesty going on in there in that they feel that they can...that they have momentum. They're like, "Well, it's not a problem now, but I feel like I could go that way because..." Man, when the right chemical hits you, you go, "This is what I like."

Dick: Mhm.

Sean: And it's different. Like, in my family it could be cocaine, could be alcohol, could be speed, and there's...there always seems to be one that just talks to ya. You go, "Yes."

Maddox: Hmm.

Sean: "This is for me," and you go, "This could be a problem."

Dick: Ohh, yeah. (quietly)

Sean: But you push it down the line, and then you become, like, the great rationalizer.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Well...so something I've kind of noticed in the comedy scene in Los Angeles is, there are a LOT of addicts in that scene.

Sean: Oh, yeah! There's some really unhappy people...

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: ...with fucked-up lives, and the comedy is a coping mechanism.

Maddox: They turn to comedy as a coping mechanism, and then they still have drugs and alcohol as a crutch as well.

Sean: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: And I have noticed something about some of these people. Like, people who smoke compulsively. And I know people who smoke weed here and there and it's not a problem, but people who smoke compulsively, do drugs compulsively, they have interpersonal relationship problems. They're not able to hold down a relationship. They're not able to hold down friends. They're not able to keep a connection with their family. They're not able to have those type of connections in their lives, and they...they seem to be doing so much drugs and smoking so much and drinking so much because they don't want to confront their personal feelings about these problems that they're having.

Sean: Correct!

Maddox: It's kind of like it's their...it's their escape mechanism from confronting their own inner demons.

Sean: That's right!

Maddox: That's what I fe-...that's what I see in the comedy scene.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And Dick, you have dealt with al-...with addiction as well. Do you wanna talk about that?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Do you, or not? (Sean chuckles)

Dick: Do I wanna talk about what?

Maddox: Do you...have you ever dealt with addiction? 'Cause you were agreeing with Sean earlier.

Dick: Well... (exhales) I mean, I was really into, like, Just Cause 2.

Maddox: Yeah? (chuckling)

Dick: When it came out. I played THAT for too long.

Maddox: Pretty fun!

Dick: Um...no, if you just...what, you want just my blanket statement?

Maddox: If you want!

Dick: I think you're -

Maddox: (interjects) Whatever you wanna share.

Dick: Uh...I think there is a huge reason to come down on addicts from a position of moral authority. You talked about them as a moral failing? I think the worst thing you could do with an addict is try to support them. I think you should...the reason people react like that is not because it's some kind of brainwashed thing in them, but it's because they recognize this person is a toxic influence in their life and they need to, uh, excise it as hard as possible, 'cause it's so difficult. So I don't think that's ever gonna change. I don't think socialization and getting a bunch of people together is really the panacea for addiction. Um...I don't know, maybe the Oculus Rift is. You plug your brain in, and you can... (Sean laughs loudly) I'm serious! You could build your own fake reality where everything's perfect and you don't need drugs anymore, but phew, that'll have to be a hell of a piece of software to, uh, to compete with a bottle of liquor.

Maddox: Buddy, I got one for you. I got the Google Cardboard over the...I went to a VR seminar at the YouTube studios recently.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And I want you to try it after. Have you ever tried it?

Dick: I've never tried any of this VR shit.

Maddox: (belches) Oh man, you're gonna love it.

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's gonna be great. So Dick, on your point though, that you think that...that people who want to excise these pe-...these toxic people out of their lives.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Look, I get that, because sometimes when you are in a toxic environment, you need to do what's best for yourself and get out of it. But the people I'm talkin' about who have found connection and have solved their addiction, or at least, um...yeah, solved their addictive habits, are people who have connected with other addicts. Because other addicts are the people who are going to be your friends sometimes, and it's gotta take two. I mean, it's...

Sean: They understand more than anybody else.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, they understand. They understand what you're goin' through, they understand what it's like, and I have friends who are severe addicts and I try not to judge. I try not to...I try to put myself in their shoes, and you gotta understand that sometimes people are goin' through stuff that you can't even fathom, that you don't understand, that you don't have a full grip on, and it's easy to point your finger and say, "Fuck you, you're an addict. Fuck you for doing this. Fuck you for ruining your life and destroying your friendships," and everything like that. But you gotta try to step back and get a little bit of perspective and understand, while still taking care of yourself. Don't be in that toxic environment, but also try not to be so judgmental of people who are addicts.

Sean: I think that...no, well said.

Dick: Well...yeah, I come down the other side of that, obviously.

Sean: Um...I did a -

Dick: (interjects) You got any more?

Sean: Yeah, yeah, I do! Just a little more on a personal level. I wrote down immediate family, uh...extended family; aunts, uncles, grandparents. I did this yesterday, actually. Cousins...people that I had regular exposure to growing up. I came up with 33 names. Of those, there are 18 addicts and/or alcoholics.

Dick: Huh. Right down the middle. About.

Sean: N-...it's higher!

Dick: Higher, yeah. Sure.

Sean: Yeah, it's a...yeah. So a little -

Maddox: (interjects) 18!

Sean: Yeah, 18.

Maddox: Woooow.

Sean: Which is a HUGE number compared to, like, you know, world statistics. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: So, including 5 out of 6 in my immediate family.

Dick: Whoa!!

Maddox: Holy shit.

Sean: Yeah, 5 of 6.

Maddox: Are you the sixth that isn't?

Sean: Oh no, I am.

Maddox: You are?

Sean: Yeah, yeah, yeah!

Maddox: But you...

Sean: I said I...

Maddox: But you...how long have you been sober now?

Sean: Uh, almost 4 years.

Maddox: 4 years sober.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Not a drink?

Sean: No.

Maddox: Good for you!

Sean: No.

Maddox: Good for you. Fantastic. You will not be having any of this whiskey.

Sean: No, no, no. (amused)

Maddox: Which I just opened. (laughs) During the addiction problem, and started drinking in his -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, that's what I said at the beginning.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Sean: So -

Maddox: (interjects) Uh...yeah.

Sean: So in my family, it's resulted in trouble with the law, work, relationships, suicide attempts, and death.

Maddox: Wow.

Sean: Not to mention sleeping with ugly people.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Ohh. Huuuge, huge problem.

Dick: You're absolutely right.

Sean: I mean, there's...

Maddox: Oh my gosh.

Sean: Man, I've woken up a couple of times and looked for a chew toy to throw so I could get the fuck out of there. (Maddox laughs) You know.

Maddox: For her or for you? (giggles) I...look, Sean, I've dealt with addiction myself and in my family. For me, I've been fortunate enough to not be addicted to any kind of substance.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: This...by the way, this whiskey that I'm drinking right now is the first drink I've had in over a month and a half. I don't...I just don't drink anymore. It just...eh, it's just not somethin' I do that much. I haven't been addicted to drugs or smoking or any of that other stuff.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: For me... (chuckles)

Dick: Dark Souls.

Maddox: N-...uh...Dark Souls, for real!! Absolutely! Actually.

Dick: Yeah, of course it's an addiction.

Maddox: Dark Souls II. When Dark Souls II came out I was writing "I Am Better Than Your Kids," my second book, and I remember I was coming home and a buddy of mine was at my apartment, and I called him up. I'm like, "Hey man, can you do me a favor?" He goes, "Yeah, anything." And I said, "Can you walk over to my PlayStation 3, eject the disc, and then hide it from me? And then no matter what I say when I come home, don't give it to me." And he goes, "Yeah, no problem." And then I come home and I'm like, "Hey, look man, I changed my mind. It was a huge mistake. Just give me the disc. I was just fuckin' around on the phone," and he goes, "I'm not gonna give it to you." I'm like, "Okay. But for real, give me the disc. I want the disc."

Dick: Is this gonna turn into an erotic story? (Maddox, Sean and Randy laugh)

Maddox: Are you hopin' I slip up and say "dicks" instead of "discs"? But, uh... (Randy laughs)

Dick: No! "I'll suck your dick for Dark Souls III." (Maddox laughs) Have you ever sucked dick for weed?

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean chuckles)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I...I started badgering him for the disc, like...at first it was kind of jokey, but then near the end I started getting really mean with my friends. (Dick giggles) And I would say -

Dick: (interjects) That's addiction!

Maddox: I would say...yeah, it was addiction!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And I started saying shit like, "Okay, fine. Fuck it. I don't want the disc anymore," and he was like, "What do you mean?" I'm like, "I guess, you know, a lot of people work really hard and they deserve some time off and they deserve to enjoy themselves, but not me!"

Dick: The guilt.

Maddox: Yeah!! (Dick laughs loudly) And I started guilting him!

Dick: Ohh, man.

Maddox: My poor friend, who's doing nothing but, like, what I asked him to do in my best interest, and I started guilting him.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that was me with video games, and for a little while, back when I was younger, in college still, I...a little bit, I think I was addicted to porn for a little while.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Because I was in...in Utah, porn addiction is huge! In Utah.

Dick: The masturbating or the porn?

Maddox: Well, I mean...

Sean: It's so repressed.

Dick: Would just, like, watch?

Sean: Like, that state is so repressed, isn't it?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, it's weird! 'Cause sometimes I...I remember I would lose track of time, and it would be HOURS had gone by. And I wasn't even, like, doing...I was just looking -

Dick: (interjects) Days and years. Big beard growing, lots of jerking off. (cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah. (smiles) I was looking...but I've kicked that habit. I don't...you know, I'm not compulsive about porn. I'm not compulsive about...well, I am about Dark Souls III, and it's not a problem. Uh...

Dick: Except for when book deadli-... (Maddox laughs) Like, how many authors have missed book deadlines because of liquor? Probably a lot.

Sean: Sure.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or made them because of liquor!

Dick: (snickers) Nope!

Maddox: Hunter S. Thompson? Huh? Hemingway, maybe?

Dick: Oh... (scoffing)

Maddox: No?

Dick: Very forgiving editor.

Sean: Yeah, and you know what? And they were both miserable people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, they were.

Sean: MISERABLE people.

Dick: Who killed themselves.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: And one last note, my...in my family, personally, there has been gambling addiction in my family.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And it has...WRECKED -

Sean: (interjects) It's all about the...it's all about the reward section of your brain.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That's how that gets reinforced.

Maddox: Well, that's...yeah, that's part of it, but -

Sean: (interjects) And it changes your brain.

Maddox: But honestly Sean, I go back to that video -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah! Yeah, totally does.

Maddox: I go back to that -

Sean: (interjects) No, it does. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, it does. It does rewire your circuitry, because if you keep doing those same patterns in your brain, you're going to KEEP doing those same patterns in your brain.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: But... (stammers) This al-...this gambling addiction has wrecked my family.

Sean: Mhm.

Maddox: It has been...SO devastating to my family. Interpersonal relationships, huge problems, all sorts of...every aspect of life you can imagine has been affected by this.

Sean: Mhm.

Maddox: And I go back to that video about addiction, and think about the environment and how connected you are to people, and I can see that problem permeating throughout my family. And people in my family, if...you know, the ones who are addicted to things, usually I look at their lives and their surroundings and they're in toxic environments that make them unhappy.

Sean: Oh, I...no, I agree 100%.

Maddox: And that's exactly, I think, what, uh...what is the petri dish for addiction.

Dick: Hmm.

Sean: Yeah, I see...well, yeah. I see what you're saying. It -

Maddox: (interjects) The incubator.

Sean: But, again, I'll go back to the responsibility part, on the part of that person. I'm big into that, because...like I said, you can become an addict or an alcoholic or whatever, and...you know, you bring up the other addictions, which is good. I'm focusing on drugs and alcohol because it's what I know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You were saying, "Ah, it's a big leap for them to realize that they have a problem," and that kind of a thing. Possibly so, but at some point, you have to know that you're not happy.

Maddox: Well, sure. I...

Sean: I mean, you're...you can't...you can only talk yourself into it. There was moments when I was drinking where it was like a hole opened up, and I couldn't imagine feeling worse. Everything was a hopeless...it was...life was just hopeless. And if that had lasted more than about an hour, I would've killed myself that day. No hyperbole. Um...

Maddox: (interjects) Hyperbola. (laughs to himself)

Dick: No, you were right.

Sean: Was I?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: No, I'm just bustin' your balls.

Sean: Oh, yeah.

Dick: He always fucks it up.

Sean: Ohhh, okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, a quick aside. The only reason I know that word as "hyperbola" instead of "hyperbole" is because the first time I encountered it was in mathematics. Not in English.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway.

Sean: So, it is "hyperbole"?

Maddox: It's "hyperbole."

Sean: Okay, yeah.

Maddox: You said it right, Sean. I was just, uh, bustin' on myself. But Sean, I'm glad that you were able to kick the addiction for 4 years, and I'm glad you got out of that dark spot.

That sounds...I mean, for people who have not been addicted to anything, you're very fortunate. Consider yourselves very lucky, because it is devastating when it happens. You know, Sean, you hit on a point here. You said that addicts have to know that they're not happy. I think that...I don't think that a lot of addicts are under any kind of delusions that they're happy. I know...I know, personally, people who've...whose family has been destroyed because their family came to them and said, "You have a choice to make. You can choose drugs, or you can choose us."

Sean: Right!

Maddox: And they said, "I choose drugs."

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Then you feel worse!

Maddox: (interjects) And they're...but they're not...yeah, of course, but they're not happy people.

Sean: NO.

Maddox: They're not happy people. They're not happy, and they're not under any kind of delusions that they're doing the right thing in life, and I think that honestly, the help that these people need, sometimes...if we maybe looked at them with a little less judgment and a little bit more empathy, we could probably f-...we could probably make a little bit more headway towa-...I mean, how'd you solve your addiction, Sean?

Sean: By learning about myself.

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: I went...yeah, I went to talk somebody for years. And the more I found out about myself, it was why I felt this way...uh, how my family came into it, and it's a long process, because contrary to popular belief, like, a therapist? They don't tell you what to do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: If you have a therapist who's telling you what to do, get rid of that therapist. That's not -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, what?

Sean: That's not what they tell you to do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh.

(talking over each other)

Maddox: (interjects) They're not supposed to.

Sean: They don't tell you to do anything...no! Their job is to -

Dick: (interjects) (inaudible) ...weird dress-wearing therapy that he always makes me do. Is that wrong? (Sean chuckles)

Sean: Their job is to get you thinking. `

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And asking questions. And -

Maddox: (interjects) They're supposed to use the Socratic...yeah.

Sean: If they do it for you...

Maddox: (interjects) You can't -

Sean: You're not doin' it! It's not yours.

Maddox: Right. You can't be lectured on how to change. You have to come to those connections, and they have to lead you there in a way that, uh, makes you...makes you discover the solution yourself.

Sean: And so they feel true, and when dealt with a lot of that stuff, I didn't feel the need to get out of my head so much.

Maddox: I agree.

Sean: And I was able to just kind of put it down, and I didn't...I didn't trade booze for Jesus. Or for, like, working out 10 hours a day. Like...you know, one compulsive behavior for another.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Because so-...

Dick: (interjects) Okay. Working out?

Maddox: No, it can equally...

Sean: Oh -

Maddox: (interjects) It can be equally devastating.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's, um...there's -

Sean: (interjects) If it impacts your relationships, I guess!

Maddox: Right?

Sean: I mean...

Maddox: I mean, there are people who trade one addiction for another, and it becomes something that you do compulsively that is unhealthy for you.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, anything you do compulsively, even eating healthy, exercising; anything it is, can b-...if you do it compulsively, can be devastating to you and your friends and your relationships.

Sean: Yeah, and that sudden change, trading...you know, one thing for another, it often doesn't last.

Maddox: Yeah. I've seen it happen in...Sean, so...it sounds like therapy has helped, and therapy does help sometimes.

Sean: It's the best thing I've ever done.

Maddox: So I would recommend, for anyone listening, if you guys are struggling with addiction, see a therapist, but don't look at...like, there's a stigma associated with therapy that I would hope that America can get...can move past, because therapy does not mean that there is something necessarily wrong or broken about you, but sometimes you go to a therapist to learn about yourself. And it's only through this learning process that you're able to solve your problems like addiction. Therapy is the crucial component in that healing process.

Sean: You know what? I'm a "whatever works" guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Really.

Maddox: Sure.

Sean: I mean, if it's...it's whatever helps you not destroy relationships, you know, works. I guess... (stammers) I don't relate to the trading, you know, drugs or alcohol for one thing or another. We're goin' really long, I apologize.

Maddox: No, it's fine, Sean. What tr-...what Sean is tryin' to say is, vote up Pragmatism on the Solutions. (Sean laughs loudly)

Sean: Exactly. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah, where do you think Addiction belongs on the big list? You think it's worse than Horses?

Sean: Man, I hate horses.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: I'm gonna bring glue in as a solution.

Sean: We had to make mules because horses suck.

Maddox: Yeah. (Randy laughs) Fuckin' horses.

Dick: That's a good point.

Sean: You know, for work and stuff?

Maddox: Uh-huh. (giggles)

Dick: YOU didn't make that point.

Sean: Where's... (cracks up)

Dick: (Cool Sean sound clip: "Oh! That was a good one, Sean.") Ah, there you go. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Heyyy! (happy)

Dick: Hilarious.

Sean: Thank you, Cool Sean.

Maddox: Ahh, nailed it.

Sean: What a voice. What a voice on that guy.

Dick: Yeah, he's great!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: He's got one of those, uh, 3-ball voices. (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: What's that mean?

Sean: As they say. He's got, like, a th-...

Dick: (interjects) Like he's got 3 balls?

Maddox: That's...EXACTLY what it sounds like, yeah. (laughs) Sean, great problem. Thank you for sharing your, uh, your personal stories and insight, and you...

Sean: Oh, thanks!

Maddox: Again, guys -

Sean: (interjects) It's what I know.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. If you guys are struggling with this, you know, learn about yourself, and...and talk to a therapist. There's a website...I think it was called, um, Therapick.com, where you could go and find a therapist that would match whatever you were looking for. If you were dealing with a...you know, whatever kind of problems. And different therapists have different styles and approaches, so if you go to a bad therapist, don't discount all therapists. Talk to another one, see if you can find one.

Sean: Oh, there's some crazy motherfuckers out there.

Maddox: Sure! There are people who believe...who approach psychological healing through spiritualism, there are people who approach psychological healing through...uh, connectedness and group therapy and conversation, and psychology and science. There's l-...it runs the gamut. Find one who works with you.

Sean: And why limit yourself to the av-...you know, of available options?

Maddox: Yeah. And you might be surprised at...you think you sit down in an office and you talk to a therapist, and they're just gonna tell you how to fix your life. That's not the case.

Sean: No!! That's not what they're supposed to do AT ALL.

Maddox: No. No, and...yeah, like what Sean said, run.

Sean: That's...I think that's more like a life coach or something.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yes, get a life coach!

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: They're GREAT.

Sean: I think that's...

Maddox: Ohhh! (sarcastic) (cracks up) Perfect. Alright, Dick. Well, thank you, Sean. Finally, for our 100th episode. Thanks for bringing a problem in.

Sean: There you go. And you know what? People have emailed me a lot on this. They say, "I heard you say something on the show."

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: "Like, what's that about? I blah blah..."

Dick: About addiction?

Sean: Yeah, about that kind of stuff. So I'll...I mean, I love it when I get those kind of emails.

Maddox: Yeah. I -

Sean: (interjects) Because sometimes I'll say something and they'll go, like, "Yeah, I know exactly what you mean."

Maddox: I get a lot of emails on asteroids.

Sean: Yeah, well, that's... (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: I have no idea what you mean. I just like the taste of whiskey.

Sean: Asteroids...asteroids may be a bigger problem.

Maddox: Yeah. They are for sure.

Dick: Than addiction?

Maddox: For sure. Alright, Dick...

Dick: Alright, I'm gonna play...I'm gonna play a couple more, uh, greetings from these guys. This one's from Eliazar. What d-...does he have a...? He's got a different name on the thumbnails. It's "Tartar."

Maddox: "Tatar." Tatar?

Dick: He goes by "Tatar" or something.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. He sent us in -

Maddox: (interjects) El-...he also makes thumbnails! Thank you, Eliazar. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, he sent in a congratulations. **(plays next message)**

Eliazar: Hey guys, Eliazar Tatar here, your resident Photoshopper. Congrats on the 100th episode. This may very well be the only podcast that is truly unskippable.

Dick: Nice.

Eliazar: You guys don't rely on celebrities, pop culture or stupid gimmicks. Just genuine comedic genius. It's been an honor listening and working with you guys.

Dick: Skip.

Maddox: Heyyy! (happy)

Eliazar: (stupid voice) Spoiler alert to all the fans out there. (Maddox laughs) **(cuts off voice) Whoever brings in "accountability" is going to win. It's the biggest problem in the universe, as well as the biggest solution.**

(message ends)

Maddox: Yeah, sorry.

Sean: That's a great problem.

Maddox: No. No, it's not.

Dick: Accountability?

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect) NO.

Dick: Well, you messed up, Sean. Here, I got it.

Maddox: We already brought in the big...the two big "A" problems this week, which is Asteroids and Addiction. We don't need another "A" problem. It's not gonna trump those.

Sean: You're a letterist.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Eh! I'm fine with that.

Dick: Alright, here's one from Denzel. Uh, you remember Denzel.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: He brought in Being Black. It was great.

Sean: I'd love it if he would come back.

Dick: Me too!

Sean: He could talk about just about anything and have some insight. He's a great guy.

Dick: Well, let's see how he does in this 30-second clip first. **(plays next message)**

Denzel: Hey! It's, uh, Denzel, AKA Black Kermit the Frog. (Maddox and Sean laugh) **Congratulations on making it to 100 episodes. You guys have some of the most entertaining content available for free. It's a tough feat, especially considering that most podcasts on the Internet are boring, pretentious and horseshit.**

Maddox: Right.

Denzel: Shoutouts to Randy, Sean, Dick, and Maddox. You guys put on a wonderful show every week.

Maddox: Hey!

Denzel: Thanks again for having me, and here's to 100 more episodes.

(message ends)

Sean: Hey!

Dick: Oh, that's cool.

Maddox: Heyyy, very cool. **('ding!' sound effect)** Awesome! Thank you, Denzel.

Sean: I knew he was cool when I...when he laughed at my, like, immediately racist joke.

Dick: The wallet joke?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I was glad, 'cause...he's a huge dude.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: He's... (everyone laughs)

Dick: Haaaa. Uhh, this is a...mine's a pretty simple problem. Way bigger than addiction, though.

Sean: I'm sure!

Dick: Yeah. Way b-...a-...way bigger than asteroids.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What do you got?

Dick: Women.

Sean: Mmmm.

Maddox: Hmmm!

Sean: It's certainly more people.

Maddox: My hand's on the buzzer! Or the 'ding'-er. I don't know which one to press, Dick!

Dick: Can't live with them.

(silence)

Sean: That's it? (Maddox and Randy laugh)

Maddox: Period.

Dick: That's my whole problem. There you go. Vote it up. (everyone cracks up)

Maddox: Ohhh, boy.

Sean: STATS.

Dick: Sean, come on.

Sean: We're gonna need some stats. (grins)

Dick: What do you need st-...

Maddox: How many are...?

Dick: What do you need stats -

Maddox: (interjects) Like, how many are there? I don't know!

Sean: That's why I said it.

Dick: I brought in the Wikipedia about it.

Maddox: For women?

Dick: Wikipedia defines a woman...as a female human. (Randy snickers in the background)

Maddox: What??

Dick: That's true! The term "woman" is usually reserved for an adult, with the term "girl" being used for a female child or adolescent. But we all know what they really are: deceitful succubi.

Maddox: Ohh, boy. (grins) (Sean giggles) This...

Sean: That's a -

Dick: (interjects) Who are only...who are only after one thing!

Sean: That's in Wikipedia??

Dick: Yes! But we don't know what that one thing is. Do we?

Maddox: Mmm. Mhmm.

Dick: That's the problem. (smiles)

Maddox: Mhm. (chuckling)

Dick: If we could ever find out what they wanted, every...we'd all be happy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But we can't figure it out.

Maddox: No more addiction! (laughs)

Dick: No m-...no more addiction! Yeah! Good woman will fix THAT right up.

Maddox: This is -

Dick: (interjects) Right, Sean?

Sean: (stammers) Yeah, sure!

Dick: The stats prove that.

Sean: If she... (cracks up) If she's an addict.

Maddox: If she brings the chew toy back! (giggles)

Sean: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Hey, um...this has been, I think, the most Dick Masterson episode we've had. This is a very Dick Masterson problem.

Dick: What do you mean? Why?

Maddox: What do you mean, "what do I mean"? You are the author of Men Are Better Than Women.

Dick: Look, it's up to the audience!! I'm just bringing in the problem.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: It's an objective...no, what's the word? Order? Somebody...

Dick: Order? Sure.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. What are you saying? I've done more for women than pretty much anyone else, I would say.

Maddox: Oh! I... (scoffs) You've done things to women, for sure! Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Sean: He's certainly upped the lesbian population.

Maddox: Yeah, for sure! Uh-huh. He's l-...he's upped... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. (laughing) Sure.

Maddox: He's upped the...

Dick: 'Cause they CAN just turn it on and off. You're right, Sean.

Sean: Yeah! (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Ohhh, boy. Ohh, boy. He's upped the level of misandry, I would say.

Dick: Uhh...

Maddox: Huh? Maybe a little bit?

Dick: 'Cause I'm real with them. That's why.

Maddox: Ahh.

Sean: Mhm.

Dick: Real talk. We all appreciate real talk, right?

Maddox: This is...y-...we'll rename the show to "Real Talk." Maybe that'll be the name of the new network comin' out. (laughs)

Dick: Teach a man to fish... (Sean snickers)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...you feed him for a day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But teach AMANDA to fish, you're gonna have a bad day. (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) That's real talk!

Maddox: Did you make that up?

Dick: That's real talk. Yeah.

Maddox: That's pretty funny.

Dick: That's real talk. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Look, it's...it's pretty much impossible to have sex with women. (Maddox spits out laughing) (Randy guffaws)

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect)

Dick: Is that true or false?

Maddox: True!! It's true! (cracks up)

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: As a gay...for a gay man, it would be impossible to have sex with a woman.

Dick: Either way.

Maddox: Either way.

Dick: Either way. Impossible.

Maddox: A straight man...okay, what -

Dick: Why -

Sean: (interjects) No, there's a lot of...like, older gay guys have families and stuff.

Maddox: That's true. That's true, Sean.

Dick: Yeah! Gay or straight, it's just as hard!

Maddox: Look, I have no problem havin' sex with women.

(silence)

Dick: (scoffs) O-...okay. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Done!

Dick: We're not all you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, let's...you vote it down, then.

Maddox: Do you want lessons?? Do you want le-...I can give tutorials.

Dick: Doesn't matter. All the tutorials in the world don't matter.

Maddox: Banging tutorials!

Dick: Yeah. (muttering)

Maddox: With Maddox.

Dick: Why did we...why did we invent all this birth control if it's so hard to have sex? All the time? That's all I'm asking.

Maddox: What are you talkin' about, "so hard to have sex"?

Dick: Why...why does it take women so long to get ready?

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: Big problem. (Sean giggles)

Maddox: Boy...

Dick: Are you gonna say that that's not a problem?

Maddox: See, here's the thing, Dick. The only person you've ever had sex with in the room, other than the girl, is yourself. So the one variable that you could -

Dick: (interjects) Other than the girl? What are you talkin' about?

Maddox: No, the...there's only two people in the room, sometimes...I don't know, maybe your life coach jerkin' off in the corner. I don't know what's goin' on in your...in your bedroom. I don't wanna...you know, no judgments, no asking. Right? But, the only other person in the room other than girl, usually, that you're havin' sex with is you! So the one variable that's n-...that's, uh, that can be changed in that equation is YOU.

Dick: Maddox, why does it take them so long to get ready? (Maddox and Sean laugh) That's...the real question.

Maddox: That's what I'm saying! It's YOU! (laughs more)

Dick: No, to go out.

Maddox: Oh, to g-...ohh, okay.

Dick: Not talkin' about sex!! All the tiiiime!

Maddox: All the time.

Dick: Why does...what am I d-...what am I doin'? I don't...I gotta wait for you to do what? Why did you tell me to come over at 6, but you're not ready until like 6:20? What am I...I don't have time to play a video game.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: I just gotta sit there! And stare at the wall.

Maddox: You know what my move is? This drives every girl I've ever dated crazy.

Sean: Go sit in the car?

Maddox: Yeah!! I sit...and I tell them right before I do it, say...while they're still preppin' their hair and stuff?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I don't know...I learned this move from my dad, and I don't know why it pissed off my mom so much, but I tried it with a girl I was dating.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I would go up to her while she's getting ready and I'd be like, "Okay, I'll be out in the car." And they lo-...they instantly...zero to 60, their fuse EXPLODES. They get so pissed off. They're like, "Fuck you!! I'm gettin' ready! I'm puttin' on my...I'm doin'...my shoe! My purse! Blah blah blah!"

Dick: That's not a good start to a date. (Maddox giggles) Two people...maybe for you! This is your dream date. Two people pissed off at each other, screaming in a car.

Maddox: Ahhh, man, it's so much fun. I...you know what, guys? Anyone listening right now in a relationship...so, like, what, 4 or 5 of you?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Try this with your wife or girlfriend next time she's gettin' ready. Just say, "I'll be out in the car." See how pissed off that makes her. I don't know why...would that piss you off, Dick?

Dick: If you got in your car right now and left? No. (everyone laughs) Why...why can women never decide what to have for dinner?

Maddox: Oh, that's a big...

Dick: What...?

Maddox: That's a fuckin'... **('ding!' sound effect)** Oh my...

Dick: What...

Maddox: Yeah. **(applause sound effect)**

Dick: ...the hell is the problem?

Maddox: Amen to that. It's so common that there's even a meme that's going around with, uh...what's his name, from Dawson's Creek? Whatever. Or no, um...I don't know who the celebrities are, but it's a guy who's asking a girl... (cracking up) He's saying, "What do you want?" And she...oh, it's from The Notebook!

Dick: See?

Maddox: He goes, "What - "

Dick: (interjects) You never know what they want!

Maddox: He goes, "What do you want?" and she goes, "I don't know!"

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: And he goes, "What do you WANT?" and she goes, "I don't know!!" (high-pitched)

Dick: "Pizza?" "I had pizza."

Maddox: "WHAT DO YOU WANT?" And she goes, "I don't know! I can't...I don't...beh, beh, beh!!!" Just...you know what, guys? Make a decision! Here's the thing, Dick. I d-...I've dated girls before where I asked them what they want, and it's like, "I don't know!" (whiny) And I say, "Look, sweetie, you're not gonna get your way 100% of the time. In fact, it's gonna more like 50% of the time. I'm just curious in case what you want is what I want, 'cause then we don't have to have this debate! You're not gonna get your way all the time, I'm not gonna get my way all the time."

Dick: Look at this stress and aggravation that's being caused to you.

Maddox: This is...I...this is the sweatiest I've been -

Dick: (interjects) This is an assault.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: On you.

Maddox: It's assa-...it's ASSAULT. #YesAllMen.

Dick: Speaking of crime... (Maddox and Sean crack up) A thousand murders every year are perpetrated by women. (Maddox giggles) That's a lot of murdering.

Maddox: A thousand?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's it??

Dick: What do you mean, "that's it"? That's a thousand people, Maddox.

Sean: In the US?

Maddox: Compared to men...

Sean: In the US?

Dick: Yes, in the US. According to the FBI.

Sean: That's...more than I would've thought.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: It's a lot.

Sean: Well, I mean, are there...what...aren't there -

Dick: (interjects) That's a lot!

Sean: There's, like, about...what is it, like, 15,000 murders a year?

Dick: Doesn't matter! That doesn't matter. That doesn't matter. (Maddox and Randy chuckle) That's a fallacy.

Sean: Is it?

Dick: That's a tu quoque fallacy. (Maddox laughs) Yeah, I looked it up.

Sean: Really?

Dick: Yes. (smiles) That means other people are doing it too, so it's a fallacy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Mmmm.

Dick: Still murder, Sean! It's still a thousand murders!

Maddox: You know what, Dick? I...it's taken a hundred episodes for someone to mention that on this show, but that is...that is a fallacy that I commit a lot, and no...and people rarely -

Dick: (interjects) Maddox, you do the entire list ALL THE TIME. (Sean cackles)

Maddox: No I don't!! No, I fuckin' don't!

Dick: Your middle name is Straw Man.

Maddox: I've made them...you're the fuckin' straw man!! You're the strawest man I've ever met in my life! I can't even see you. All I see is STRAW.

Dick: Uh-huh. (sarcastic) (Sean and Randy laugh)

Maddox: Anyway, man. Uh... (chuckles)

Dick: Did you know that...that men, 14...men are more likely...are 14 times more likely to be arrested for drug crimes?

Maddox: Yeah, I believe it.

Dick: Why aren't women out there selling any drugs? If you wanna get drugs, you gotta find a guy! Right?

Sean: Mm.

Maddox: You know, I am curious about that statistic, Dick, because I recently looked this up. 91% of incarcerations are men.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: 91% of people who are in prison are men today!

Dick: Hey, speaking of prison, how 'bout shows like Bachelor and The Voice?

Maddox: Ughhh.

Dick: All -

Maddox: (interjects) **(buzzer sound effect)** Garbage.

Dick: They're horrible!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're all driven by women. They're...it's... (Maddox sighs) It's 3 hours of nonse-...of brain-numbing, escapist nonsense. It's totally different than football, too, because I want to watch football. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Okay. Oh, man.

Dick: Women. Right? (Maddox and Sean crack up again) Fat ads? Fat women in ads?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Remember when ads used to all be hot chicks?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they were like, "Hey, you wanna buy some soap? Check out my tits?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm like, "Well, I'm not gonna buy that soap, but I'll take you up on the lookin' at the tits." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "M'lady." (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Like a true...spoken like a true feminist. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Y-...right? Not anymore!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Now it's...now they got King Hippo up there sellin' soap. (Maddox and Sean laugh) I don't wanna buy soap from King Hippo.

Maddox: Ahhh.

Sean: Ohh, man.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Why not?? You know what? I would trust a fat person to sell me soap more than a skinny person, because a skinny person uses less of it. (Randy snickers in the background)

Dick: Credit cards.

Sean: Yeah, a fat person's gotta be really, uh, conscious about that stuff. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause you gotta get under your boobs!!

Sean: Well, in the f-...

Maddox: Fat...man or woman, you gotta wash under your boobs.

Dick: How 'bout credit cards?

Maddox: What about 'em?

Dick: Credit. 66% of women have credit card debt compared to 33% of men, in a certain age grou-...I...well, I...apparently I didn't write this stat down very well.

Maddox: Nope. (snorts and laughs)

Dick: Ah. I have nightmares ab-...of women getting ahold my credit card. Right?

Sean: Mm.

Dick: I wake up from...I'm in a cold sweat. My phone's lighting up...of huge purchases going through, and I'm freaking out. I open the door to try to get my credit card back, and I'm...there's an avalanche of credit card bills pouring in from Tiffany's and Nordstrom's. And Whole Foods. (Randy and Sean snicker) Like...

Sean: Whole Foods? That's perfect. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. So I call 911, right? To report all these viol-...these stolen credit cards.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And some -

Sean: (interjects) Email dispatcher.

Dick: Yeah! (Sean laughs) She goes, "Mhm! That's what you get!"

Maddox: "Mmhm!" (sassy) (everyone laughs)

Dick: And I go, "NOOOOOO!" and I wake up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. How 'bout w-... (stammers) This is interesting, actually: weddings.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: 50 billion-dollar industry.

Maddox: Oh my gosh.

Dick: Right? Women initiate 70% of divorces!

Maddox: Really??

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: Guess how many non-marriage di-...uh, breakups are initiated by women? 50! It's right down the middle.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: So marriages...

Maddox: Yeeeah.

Dick: ...are split mo-...are initiated more by them. Isn't that interesting?

Maddox: Yeeep.

Sean: Mhm.

Maddox: Yep, yep.

Dick: It's interesting.

Maddox: Mhm! Very interesting.

Sean: Why is that?

Dick: Uh...I mean, I don't -

Maddox: (interjects) Why is that, Sean?

Sean: Do you speculate?

Dick: I don't know! I don't know. I have an unrelated stat that 3% of alimony is paid by men.

Maddox: (bitchy voice) Well, actually, Sean, it's because most women... (Dick laughs) 1 out of every 2 women is in a domestic violence situation, and 1 out of every 2 women is raped.

Dick: Is that true?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Oh. Um...let's see, I got...I probably got one more.

Sean: Wait, 3%? What? Go back to that.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Say that stat again. I missed it.

Dick: 3% of alimony is paid by men? Somethin' like that?

Sean: 3% of a-...?

Maddox: 3% paid by men??

Dick: That's what this thing on Forbes sai-...that's what this thing I saw on Forbes said.

Maddox: By MEN? That d-...that doesn't...

Dick: Nyeah, I don't know. I was lookin' it up on my phone, though. (Randy laughs) I don't know, guys.

Maddox: It's gotta be women.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Here's...wait, here's one I actually do re-...okay, so check this out for driving. Right? This study did...they did...uh, researchers who studied thousands of traffic accidents over 20 years. They found that the rate of accidents for miles driven was about even. However, these guys looked up women-on-women accidents, and it was, like...it blew over the stats by like 50%. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Mm.

Dick: Like, they expected...per miles driven, it was supposed to be like 16%, but they found that the amount of sideswiping was like 50% or something like that.

Maddox: Wooow.

Sean: Wow.

Dick: Compared to 16 with men.

Maddox: You gotta honk!

Dick: So for all the guys making self-driving cars, it's cool to make chick robots, but for the cars, make sure they're male robots. (Maddox and Sean giggle) Self-driving cars. How 'bout this one? All of these...all of these jokes that I've just told you were written by a woman.

Maddox: Were they really?

Sean: Ohhh, look at that!

Maddox: No joke?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Who's the woman?

Dick: They weren't.

Maddox: Okay. (cracks up)

Sean: Ohh! (disappointed) (Randy laughs in the background)

Dick: You could imagine.

Maddox: Fuckin' ass. (laughs)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect) (applause sound effect)

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: You get a buzzer and a clap for that. (giggling)

Dick: That's it. Come on.

Maddox: That's all you got on wom-...? Women...

Dick: Why -

Maddox: (interjects) 50%...you think 50% of the population is a problem?

Dick: Why do they take so long to text back? (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: I've never...

Dick: What are they...

Maddox: Never a problem with me, Dick!

Dick: What are they doing? Right? I'm just trying to...to bang...to get some action as quickly as possible here. What's the delay?

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: What's the... (stammers) What are you...what are you doin'? Why is there the long pause?

Maddox: You're text-...

Dick: (interjects) Two hours to text back?

Maddox: You're texting girls that -

Dick: (interjects) 3 hours to text back?

Maddox: They're playing games with you, man.

Dick: What's going on?

Maddox: That's a game! They're playin' a game.

Dick: Hey. (shrugs)

Maddox: 'Cause girls know sometimes...like, I hate the society that we were raised in, because women think that if you reply too quickly to a text...and sometimes men think this too, but if you reply too quickly, you seem needy or you seem too available, and that lowers your value in their minds. So sometimes they'll wait an hour, they'll wait two hours, they'll wait a day. You know what, guys? Guys and girls, cut the shit out. You like someone, text them back.

Sean: The movie Swingers did a whole thing on that.

Maddox: Oh, did they?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah, tryin' to -

Maddox: (interjects) I've never seen it.

Sean: Yeah. Tryin' to figure out, uh, how many days to wait.

Maddox: Oh, I have blown off girls who were really interested in me because they took too long to reply! And I specifically told one...a girl one time, she texted me...we went out on a great first date, fantastic. Went out on a great second date, hooked up; everything's goin' great, right? Texted her the next day. I'm like, "Hey, what are you doin' today?" Didn't get back to me 'til two days later. I'm like, "Sorry! Dating someone else now." (cracks up) "Later, hottie."

Sean: The whole...yeah, playing the te-...that's kid shit.

Maddox: It's kid shit! Right?

Sean: It's kid shit that's -

Maddox: (interjects) And she even acknowledged it. She even told me too, later. She confessed years later. She said, "Hey, uh, sorry I took so long to reply. I just thought that you would think that I was too available if I texted you."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: I'm like, "Yeah! That's what I was checking, was your availability that day to see if you wanted to hang out! You didn't reply to me, so I assumed you didn't. Movin' on!"

Dick: Hey, speaking of kid shit: babies.

Maddox: Ugh.

Sean: Mmm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can you imagine if babies were, like, a nuclear launch?

Sean: 100% of babies come from women.

Dick: Yes, they do. If -

Maddox: (interjects) Do they? Don't...aren't there a couple from test tubes, Sean?

Dick: I don't know.

Sean: What, you could make a test-tube ba-...?

Dick: If...

Sean: I thought you had to implant it somewhere.

Maddox: Yeah, you do.

Dick: If babies worked like...

Sean: (interjects) Like a flowerpot.

Dick: ...nuclear launch codes, where both people had to turn the key?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There would be no more babies.

Maddox: No more babies.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: It'd be beautiful. No toddlers!

Dick: No n-...no anybody.

Maddox: You guys like kids, though! What the fuck are you talkin' about?

Sean: Yeah, I do.

Maddox: You guys BOTH like kids.

Sean: I like...yeah! Sure.

Dick: Yeah, they're great. (Maddox and Randy crack up) Alright, that's my problem.

Maddox: Get the fuck outta here!! (giggling)

Sean: They're fun.

Maddox: You can't have kids without babies! Or women!

Sean: We'll get around that.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. It's like the...it's like I'm sitting in a room with NO MA'AM from, uh, Married With Children. (Sean laughs)

Sean: I think we were talkin' about that on the way over, actually.

Maddox: Were you really? (chuckling)

Sean: I think so.

Maddox: Perfect.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Great. I like women! I think women are great. They're great.

Sean: Oh, no. (muttering)

Dick: Okay. (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: No, look -

Dick: (interjects) That's my problem. There you go.

Maddox: I like women. I think women are great. I don't think that women are a problem.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I think SOME women are a problem, just like some men are a problem.

Dick: We'll see!

Maddox: How 'bout that, Dick?

Dick: We'll see. I don't know. We'll see. Asteroids, women, addiction? I guess we'll see.

Sean: Mhm.

Maddox: Asteroids...I think legitimately, of all the problems we've brought in in our entire 100 episodes, Asteroids is the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: I know.

Sean: It has the potential.

Maddox: Well, I mean, anything that has the potential to wipe out 100% of life on Earth is the biggest problem in the universe.

Sean: Yeah, that's a big one!

Maddox: Yeah. Or life in the other universes! You know what, Dick? Maybe we haven't discovered those other aliens because they've been wiped out by asteroids. Vote it up! Vote up Asteroids! Guys, I have one more package before we close up the show. This is a long episode.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: The b-...I think the longest one we've ever done, our 100th episode. But I got a...I got a package here. It's, uh... (rustling) It's from Heather Carrick. Heather Carrick. She

sent this package for our 100th episode, with an envelope. It says, "Dick and **Maddox:** Happy 100!" (chuckles) On the back it says, "Sean, better not delete this...his problem."

Sean: Ughhhhh. (growling)

Maddox: Sean. She says, "Hey Dick and Maddox! Happy 100 episodes. I bought a Christmas present for Dick, but obviously took my time mailing it, so now it's a 100 episodes gift. I also made coasters for you guys. I tried to find a picture of Sean, but no luck. If you post one, I'll make one for him as well, and Boisterous too. Also giving you a drone stamp. An artist made them to protest drone strikes tonight. Thought you'd appreciate it. Keep up the good work. No need to go fuck yourselves today. - Heather. Happy..." (chuckles) And she sent us a birthday card. It says, "Happy birthday," and she scratched out "birthday" so it says "100 episodes."

Dick: Oh, that's cool.

Sean: Yeah, but there's a...there's a horse on the cover.

Maddox: Yeah, there's a horse, and it says, "Maddox, I'm laughing at you." Thank you, Heather. And let's see these coasters. (rustling) Oh, wow, look at these coasters!!

Dick: Oh, that's neat!

Maddox: Wow, these are really cool coasters! Look at that shit.

Dick: Very cool.

Maddox: Heather, thank you so much! These are fantastic coasters. Really cool. Wow, I've ne-...I didn't even know you could do that! They look like they've been branded. They look like they're coffee-colored on the outside, and the...uh, they're on cork board. Perfect coasters. And then she sent us these, uh, little gifts. Little gift-wrapped boxes.

Dick: Ohhh, that's nice.

Maddox: There's one for Dick and, uh, I guess one for me here. Or maybe S-...maybe Sean. Let's see. (rustling)

Dick: Uh, mine is emergency underpants. That's great. One pair...I guess they're really smushed down here, like, vacuum-packed. That's funny.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: One pair "Uh-Oh..." emergency underpants. "One pair fits most adults. Always ready to use." Archie McPhee's.

Sean: That is awesome.

Dick: Yeah, it's cool.

Sean: It's, like, smaller than a, uh...pack of cigarettes.

Dick: Yeah! It's a good idea.

Sean: It is.

Dick: Put that in my car!

Maddox: And Heather sent me the drone..."In Drones We Trust" stamp. It's actually a little stamp, a little wooden stamp, and it has a drone on it, and it says "In Drones We Trust" on this, uh, on this letter. And it's, uh...I guess it's to protest drone strikes. Very cool! Always shoot drones. Vote up Drones, people, but vote up Asteroids first. Asteroids, biggest problem in the universe. Alright guys, that...I think that concludes our 100th episode! We did it! **(applause sound effect) ('ding!' sound effect)** 100 episodes.

Sean: Amazing. I look forward to this show every week. It's probably sadly the most fun thing I do.

Maddox: That is really sad. **(closing riff starts)**

Sean: I know. (Maddox and Randy laugh)

Maddox: Guys, my problem this week was Asteroids.

Dick: My problem's Women!

(brief silence)

Sean: Oh yeah, my problem's Addiction. (Maddox and Dick giggle)

(closing riff)

Sean: I'm not used to this.

Dick: Oh man, I had a great voicemail from Matthew McConaughey, but my shit's out of batteries.

Maddox: Yeah, I would like to personally extend my thank you to Sean, and Dick, and Randy, and Asterios, and Erin Tillman, and Robin Higgins, and Leah Tiscione, and Roger Barr, and...Ron Babcock, and Buckley, Nathan Buckley...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and all the gue-...and Ryan Holiday, and all the guests who've ever been on the show, and, uh, Denzel; everyone, thank you for making this show possible. We really appreciate it. Here's to 100 more. There's lots more to come. Very exciting times. Thank you, and you're welcome. (laughs with Sean) **(plays next voicemail message)**

Roger: Hey guys, this is Roger Barr, and I just wanted to congratulate you on 100 episodes. Uh...well, I guess "congratulate" is the wrong word. Uh, it's...it's just kinda sad, really. (Maddox snickers) **That's...**

Maddox: Fuck you, Roger!

Roger: 100 episodes, that's just sad. Um...

Maddox: YOU'RE sad.

Roger: But on the bright side, you know, you're...you're done now! You're... (chuckles) I mean, surely you're not gonna keep doin' this shit, right?

Maddox: ('boo' sound effect) (giggles)

Roger: So...so, yeah! I mean, you got all kinds of things to look forward to once you put this stupid podcast behind you. So keep your chin up, alright? And, uh, by the way, please tell your producer he owes me 50 bucks for recording this for you. Thanks, guys.

(message ends)

Maddox: (baby laugh sound effect) (giggles)

Sean: Oh. (grins)

Dick: Did you tell people we were gonna pay them? No? Okay. Good.

Maddox: Ahhh. Always...always Roger, ball-bustin' Roger Barr.

Sean: Mhm.

(next voicemail message)

Robin: Hey, it's Robin Higgins.

Maddox: Hey! (happy)

Robin: Just wanted to tell both you guys to go fuck yourself.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Mmm.

Robin: You're both horrible people...

Maddox: Got a nice voice!

Robin: ...whose only purpose in life is to make pathetic losers (Maddox spits out laughing) **feel a tiny bit better about themselves for an hour every week because at least they're not you.**

Maddox: Whooooa! (laughs)

Robin: You're both so disgusting that if the last people on Earth were you guys and a decapitated Lena Dunham, I'd go gay for her to avoid touching either of your tiny, tiny, penises. (Maddox laughing hysterically) (Sean chuckles uncomfortably)

Maddox: ('boo' sound effect)

Robin: Happy 100 episodes!

(message ends)

Maddox: Fuckin' Robin! (laughing) Robin, claws come out, huh? Robin.

Dick: Well, that's a shame, 'cause some of those losers sent in some nice emails about wanting to date her.

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: That I have for next time she's on.

Maddox: Maybe they'll be deleted! Who knows. Sean...we're gonna hand them to Sean, and if they get deleted, we have nothin' to do with that.

Sean: I'll take care of it. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Guess they're losers.

Maddox: Sean said he'll take care...Robin, you'll be sure to get those emails. She has a nice voice, though. (giggles)

Biggest Problem in the Universe – Episode 101

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Smallpox to Hard Knocks! (Dick giggles) With over 6 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: What's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: We did it, guys. We did what no one thought we couldn't do.

Dick: I'm glad I didn't bet on us making it to 100 episodes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would have lost that bet. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah? You lose quite a few bets, but, uh…

Dick: That's your only fun, if they're long shots. That's why.

Maddox: Well…well…

Dick: (interjects) I only look for the longest, dumbest bet you can make. That's the bet I make, 'cause that's the fun one!

Maddox: Well, speaking of, Dick. For the bonus episode last month, we did make a bet. One of our fans became an unwitting participant in a bet.

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: And we have the conclusion. I think we have the conclusive proof of what…who won that bet.

Dick: I have a voice mail from him if you wanna hear it.

Sean: Ohhh, I think there's definitely gonna be a fight over this conclusion.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Well, yeah, 'cause if Maddox brought it up, he thinks he's right. And he's definitely wrong.

Maddox: Alright. Let's hear it.

Dick: Here is the voice mail that…what was his name? Commander…

Maddox: Comrade Krads.

Dick: Comrade Krads. Okay, here's the voice mail from him.

(Voice mail: Comrade Krads: Holy shit, Maddox, you fucking dunce. (they giggle) **You actually believe that the Voyager, a craft that's been hurtling through space at, like, 36, 000 miles per hour for the last, like, 39 years, is really only 114 million miles away? It's like 12 and a half billion, you fucking simpleton!!" (laughs)")**

Dick: Okay.

Sean: I'm sorry, I have to go skydiving. (referring to the wind noise in the message)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Here was the bet. He called in and said you were an idiot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because you said the Voyager spacecraft was solar powered, and I said Voyager was nuclear powered.

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: With plutonium.

Maddox: Yeah. Something like that.

Dick: I…well, I said specifically it was plutonium.

Maddox: We don't know. We don't have a record of it. We don't know…(laughs)

Dick: And you said it's solar powered, don't be an idiot. And I said well, I don't know. Someone else will check on that.

Maddox: Look…

Dick: (interjects) This guys calls in and says, "Maddox. Obviously it's nuclear powered, 'cause there's not enough photons out there to power a solar panel." Right?

Maddox: Well, that's not true. There are.

Dick: Okay. (giggles)

Maddox: It's possible.

Dick: It's possible for what?

Maddox: But that's not the reason! Look. He might be right, but that's not the reason he's right, shithead!! (Dick and Sean crack up)

Dick: Say that ag…say that slower, I need to…

Maddox: (interjects) You can…YOU can have a correct…

Sean: (interjects) You arrived at that the wrong way.

Dick: The wrong way!

Maddox: Yes. Right! Yeah. (they all talk over each other)

Sean: Therefore, I'm right.

Dick: That's why you like Common Core so much, right? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: What?

Dick: 'Cause you can get the right answer and still get zero credit.

Maddox: Yes, but that's not the POINT of it. The point is to think correctly and to arrive at the conclusion in the proper way! Otherwise you just guessed! (Dick sighs, laughs) You know what? If you wanna test…If you want a multiple choice test, you just guess the answer and you get it correct, like, "Well, I guess I knew the answer."

Dick: So…

Maddox: It's like, no, you didn't, shithead! You guessed! You didn't KNOW the answer!!!

Dick: Speaking of guessing. During his voice mail, he said that Voyager is 20 billion miles from Earth.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then you said, "That's preposterous."

Maddox: It is.

Dick: So I said, "Maddox, hazard a guess."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "How far away do YOU think Voyager is?"

Maddox: Well, look. (Dick giggles) A lot of numbers were thrown out that episode, okay? (Sean laughs) A lot of numbers. A lot of t…we'll talk about the conclusion of that bet on the bonus episode! We don't have to talk about it today.

Dick: Well, what did you say?

Maddox: I said…you know what? My mind's a little foggy right now. (Sean laughs)

Dick: You said 100 million miles.

Maddox: No! I don't…you know what? Let's not quote. Let's not quote.

Dick: Well, everyone can go buy the bonus episode and hear for themselves what you said…(Maddox laughing) after THINKING about it for a little bit.

Maddox: There's a hook. Uh…(giggles)…but…

Dick: (interjects) And then what was the bet? The bet was…

Maddox: For 12 dollars.

Dick: Whoever was CLOSEST to the actual amount.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Wins the 12 dollars.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And if you were right, I would pay you on behalf of Commander Crumbs or whatever…

Maddox: (interjects) Comrade Krads, yes.

Dick: …his name is. Comrade Krads.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And if he's right, you gotta pay him 12 dollars!

Maddox: Allegedly. That's what…(stammers)

Dick: (interjects) That was the bet you made!

Maddox: What…I'll go back and I'll listen to that episode. As I often do. I relisten to old episodes. And I'll see exactly what the bet was. But you know, I don't wanna get into the details…(Dick giggles) Especially like who won and who lost that bet.

Dick: Why?! (cackles)

Maddox: It's not important. It's not important right now.

Sean: I don't even know if you guys came up with what constitutes "close".

Maddox: No, whoever's closest.

Dick: Whoever's closes.

Maddox: Without…yeah. Yeah. Whoever's closest.

Dick: Just because someone might be off by a couple orders of magnitude.

Sean: That's what I'm s…

Dick: (interjects) That's okay!! Whoever's close!

Maddox: Or both people. Or both people, okay? Moving on. Moving on. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: No! Not off by orders of magnitude!!

Maddox: You know what? Speaking of…

Dick: (interjects) Go look up orders of magnitude.

Maddox: Yeah, I got orders of magnitude for you, Dick.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

(Dick cackles)

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe from last week…our big episode 100.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Was Addiction!! Hey!!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Sean, your problem…

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Sean.

Maddox: People thought was…the biggest problem we brought in last week.

Sean: What a vote grab.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) You fuck.

Dick: Seriously.

Maddox: And then followed by Asteroids. And then followed by Women, dead last, but it was still in the positive territory.

Dick: Cucks!! All you cucks out there not voting up women! (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, that's what they are. Good job, Sean!! So Addiction…even though…like, I don't think it's a vote grab.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Because there's no point. Eventually, we're going to cover all the problems. And sometimes we discuss the problems ahead of time. What problems we're going to bring it. And sometimes you'll want to bring in a problem that you feel very passionately about. And I yield to you, and vice versa.

Dick: What are you talking about?

Maddox: The problems that we bring into the show.

Dick: I know. What is this in reference to?

Maddox: That whatever problem that we have…like, if Sean hadn't brought in Addiction, eventually, you or I would have. One of us would have brought it in. We have to. It's a problem.

Dick: Uh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. All the problems in the universe! That's the name of the show! Alright, anyway. Um…and Sean, in deference to you, a lot of people in the comments said that I talked over you last time…

Dick: Wait, can I let them speak for themselves? I got some voice mails on that.

Maddox: Oh, great.

Sean: Oh, boy.

Maddox: Here we go.

Dick: 'Cause it sounded like it was kind of your problem anyway.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Maddox, what the hell is wrong with you? We finally get to hear a problem from Sean and you spend half the episode interrupting and

talking over him. Shut the fuck up and let the man speak. Nevertheless, Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: Comments like that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, there were some comments like that. So in deference to you, Sean, if there was anything else you wanted to add to the problem…'cause it's a huge problem and we didn't even have enough time to cover…I feel like we could've spent the entire scope of the episode…

Sean: (interjects) Oh, we could've. And conversations go how they go, and that's…you can't…especially on this show, you can't plan out a conversation.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Because it's gonna take a million lefts, you know, when you think it's gonna go right. So everybody talked the right amount. People got the idea of it, so it's…I got some amazing emails, actually.

Maddox: But also…and the shows are edited, too, guys. Sometimes we have content that we cut from the show, uh…because of length, because of pacing, because it's not on point.

Dick: Eeeeeech.

Maddox: In context.

Dick: Yeah. That's so bad.

Sean: Although…really not that often, though.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not that often, no.

Sean: Like, people ask me that all the time. Very little is edited out of these shows. The show is pretty much the show.

Maddox: Correct. On average…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it should be…it should be that.

Maddox: No, it shouldn't. On average…'cause Dick, not everyone has to hear every single brain fart you make. When I was sitting with a podcast. I did a podcast for a friend of mine one time. And I sat down in front of the camera, and I noticed that on camera, I was off frame. And I decided, "You know what? I'm not gonna tell him." Cause he's looking at the same screen I'm looking at. I'm gonna see if he fixes it. He didn't. And then throughout the entire episode, I kept hinting. I said, "Look, you gotta edit. Editing is key. Not everything…you have to put out your best version of yourself."

Sean: Of course.

Maddox: To your listeners. I hate listening to a podcast and feeling like I'm the first person who's ever heard it. I HATE that feeling. I hate feeling like no one's ever heard it. No one's ever checked it for quality. No one's ever checked it for audio levels, for sound effects, for mixing, all that shit. It's a professional product we're putting out, and I'm proud of. And on average, I cut about 2 minutes out of a 90-minute episode. So you're not missing much. And if you wanna hear what I cut, I can make a supercut of that and post it online.

Dick: Or you could just throw up an episode without cutting it. See what people say. Take a real risk!

Maddox: I have posted a few episodes…I mean, here's the thing. You're not gonna notice a huge difference in most of these episodes.

Sean: No, it's a bunch of "Uhs", and like, weird pauses.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And, like, fucking up reading, or something like that.

Maddox: Exactly. (Dick guffaws) It's a bunch of ums and uhs. Stutters. Things like that. And then sometimes, if a voice mail goes on too long, I'll edit that. You know. Just little things here and there.

Dick: Awww.

Maddox: It's not…it's not huge.

Dick: Here's one that's gonna go on too long.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys, this is Maddox, and this is how I talk."

(they giggle)

Maddox: Okay.

"You see, I wanted to sum up what I said in the previous episode 100, about addiction."

Maddox: This is fraud. This is fraud.

"Because, you know, I'm a writer. And…(they laugh) **when I wanna know something, I go to YouTube, and I find that 5-minute YouTube clip, and…when that sums it up for me…"**

Maddox: Ugh, God. These fucking idiots!!

"…I'll tell the whole world."

Maddox: Yeah.

"You know what, Sean? I know you've dealt with addiction a lot and that's great, but…I'm a writer. (Dick cackles maniacally) **And I watched a YouTube video once. And I'm gonna interrupt you with my own oversimplification…"**

Maddox: He doesn't sound like a…he doesn't sound like a writer.

Dick: You're right.

(Sean cracks up)

"….(inaudible) You're welcome.")

Maddox: This guy sounds like…(stammers)

Sean: I wouldn't have it any other way. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. That guy sounds like a paper pusher.

Dick: This guy actually is serious. This is not you.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hi guys, this is Daniel from Seattle. In response to the latest episode that Sean brought in the problem of Addiction…did anybody else notice that the one cocksucker in the room that admitted that he did not have a problem…(Dick guffaws) **talked over the guy who did have a problem?"**

Maddox: I mean, we get the point!

"That just has to be the biggest fuckstick asshole in the universe. You make me wish that an asteroid would hit this planet…"

Dick: He's not even halfway through.

Maddox: I know, these fucking emails.. these emails and voice mails. I got it!!!

"…and knock out 70% of our populations so assholes like you wouldn't be around to interrupt people who actually know what the fuck they're talking about!"

Maddox: You know, I'm gonna talk over you, shithead!

"In all seriousness though, guys, I have an appointment at the (inaudible) hospital this Friday to undergo alcohol treatment, and I was gonna cancel it until I heard Sean's problem, and it did inspire me to do it."

Maddox: Hey!!

"So I do appreciate bringing in that problem. And it means a lot. Maddox, go to hell. (they laugh) **Dick, go to Rehab."**

Maddox: You fucking asshole!

"Thanks, guys.")

Dick: Well.

Sean: Thanks, man!! Good for you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, that's not true. They all make that shit up so they can get on the show.

Sean: Ehhhh, well, he fooled me.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You know what? That's a challenge to you, shithead! I don't think you're gonna get sober! That's a challenge!

Sean: Ugh, Jesus Christ!

Maddox: Is that a bad…is that a bad thing to say to an addict?

Sean: No. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You know what? Maybe that'll get the fire under his ass! I wanna see that guy sober! 'Cause then maybe he'll realize what a brilliant mind he was shitting on! Maybe he'll realize and he'll apologize! He'll write me a handwritten note someday and he'll say, "Maddox, I was wrong! I was a fucking idiot!"

Dick: As one of the steps?

Maddox: As one of his steps, yeah! He needs to APOLOGIZE to someone he's wronged! That's me!! (Dick cackles) (Maddox laughs) That's me. Yeah!! Winner.

Dick: I got one more…

Sean: Then you expect a letter from, like, everyone in the universe, don't you.

Dick: Pretty much.

Maddox: Pretty much, yeah.

Dick: Alright, I got…oh boy. I got two more. If you're…if you can stomach them. (giggles)

Maddox: Is it more shitting on me?!

(Voice mail: male voice: "Wait, so lemme get this straight. Meteors and terrorism…"

Maddox: Asteroids.

"You took a problem that is generally fear-mongered, that doesn't kill a lot of people, and you took another problem…(Dick giggles) **that has killed almost NO people, and you fear-mongered it even more."**

Dick: That's true. (giggles)

Maddox: Okay. No. It's not…

"What is wrong with you?"

Maddox: It's not true.

Dick: It's kinda true. (grins) You did spend the whole episode saying that…oh, we should pool all of our money to protect against asteroids.

Maddox: AB-solutely.

Dick: And they haven't killed anybody.

Maddox: Absolutely. (stammers) Dick, you don't…(stammers) the scope of…the scope of damage…

Dick: But Ebola has killed people.

Maddox: The scope of damage that an asteroid can cause, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is 100%, so you HAVE to react to it, because when it happens…you don't react afterwards and be, like, "Well, yeah, I guess it wiped out 10 million people. We should probably have a defense system." That's too late. You need to be prepared for it, so it DOESN'T get to that point. And by the way…

Dick: Isn't that fear-mongering?

Maddox: No. Not with asteroids, 'cause we know it's an inevitability.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It's 92 people per year, on average, because based on these huge, cataclysmic events, like if the Tunguska event happened over New York…they amortized that over the course of a century and they said that's on average about 92 people per year getting killed by asteroids.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Now, we know that's not the case, thankfully.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But that's what you're looking at if an asteroid actually hit.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And by the way, that's only a city-sized asteroid.

Dick: 9/11 did happen…no Tunguska events happened on New York.

Maddox: Yeah, what percentage of the population did 9/11 wipe out? Zero.

Dick: More than asteroids!!

Maddox: Zero percent.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Zero percent.

Sean: Well, what I found amazing was that Tunguska…that event…how big was that? It was like, 9 or 10 feet wide?

Maddox: Yeah, it was not that big.

Sean: It's tiny. It's amazing it could do that.

Maddox: Yeah. It was a couple of parked cars next to each other, maybe one. It's…it doesn't take much for one of these asteroids…and by the way, they're black bodies.

Dick: Size doesn't matter! (Sean laughs)

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: Size doesn't matter!

Maddox: Oh. I got a comment here from **Melvis Preston.** (giggles) Sounds like a real name. He says, **"Fuck asteroids. Build a wall and have the Martians pay for it."**

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Good solution. And then I got a comment from **Silius…**

Dick: (interjects) Always bringing up Trump.

Maddox: Well, this guy in the comment did, I don't know!

Dick: Yeaaaaaah. Oh!!! (laughing)

Maddox: This guy **Silius…**(Dick cracks up)

Dick: This guy in the comment did! I'm just passing on this information!! (Sean laughs) That happened to be on the website!!! Out of 600 comments!!!! (laughing)

Sean: That I selected from…right?!

Maddox: I mean, I didn't mention Trump on the show, shithead!! (Dick laughs) I never mentioned Trump to begin with!

Dick: You just did!!

Maddox: No, no. To begin with.

Dick: You just did!

Maddox: On this show. I mean the show. The Biggest Problem in the Universe. Not this episode.

Dick: Mmyeah?

Maddox: The show. I didn't mention Trump.

Dick: What do you mean, you didn't…you brought in Fuckface Donald Trump as a problem!

Maddox: After…after you kept saying Make America Great Again, I went to a Trump rally, uh, Trump, Trump, Trump!

Dick: That was hilarious!

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: He had no choice.

Dick: I had no choice! (Sean cracks up) Yeah, sorry for putting you in that position. (Sean and Randy crack up)

Maddox: I mean, you don't wanna talk…

Dick: (interjects) That's the position that Mexico's put us in.

Maddox: Yeah. (annoyed)

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick and Sean crack up) I mean, you don't wanna talk about Trump, don't mention Trump. I won't mention Trump.

Dick: You just did!

Maddox: No, no, but I'm saying…(Dick laughs) if you…going forward…

Sean: (interjects) Can we make a…

Maddox: (interjects) I can have a…this can be a Trump-free zone.

Sean: We need a 12-dollar bet. (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: I got a comment from…(Dick sighs loudly) **Silius Sorus.** (they giggle) He says…

Dick: Go ahead. Silus Sorus. What did he say?

Maddox: Silus Sorus says, "I like Sean's problem. Addiction is like an asteroid hitting you before the real asteroid."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mmmhmm. Combining two problems? I don't think so.

Sean: Mmmm.

Maddox: Um, and then…

Dick: Hey, no asteroid has ever got in a fight with me at a bar, right? No asteroid has ever thrown me out of an Uber 'cause I may…I said the wrong thing. About some asteroid's sister.

Maddox: Well, statistically…(giggles) Statistically speaking, Dick, it's bound to happen. (Sean laughs) It's bound to happen. I got a voice mail. I got a voice mail…um, actually, Sean, I dunno when you had time to do this, but…

Sean: Oh, God.

Maddox: I got a voice mail from Sean.

Sean: Yeah, this'll be rich.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey guys…(deep inhale, switch to higher-pitched voice) This is Sean, your audio engineer. (they giggle)

Sean: Oh, God!!

"(coughs loudly) This is how I talk. I was gonna record a message…a voice mail for you guys, congratulating you on 100 episodes. (long, loud snort) But I got high and deleted it. (coughs) (Maddox laughs) **Sorry about that."**

Maddox: Big bong rips?

"Congratulations on 100 episodes, guys. Yep…yep. So I'll see you at the show this week. (big inhale) Later.")

Maddox: Sean…nice of you to call in…

Sean: Yeah, sorry.

Maddox: …in between bong rips.

Sean: That was after, like, Episode 50, I think. I forgot what number we were on.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright, Dick. Got anything else?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Should we get to a problem?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Uh, my problem is…well, you know, it's 4/20 tomorrow. (long pause) Did you know that?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah

Dick: You don't have to take your time. You can just trust my math on this one. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: I figured it out.

Maddox: Yeah, it's 4/20. Mhmm.

Dick: I looked ahead. I know when 4/20 is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You're not gonna wish happy birthday to a certain person, are you? (Dick giggles)

Maddox: It's Hitler's birthday!!!

Sean: It is, yeah.

Dick: Well, to some people, it's Hitler's birthday.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To some people, it's a day…to call in sick and get high all day.

Sean: Why are you LOOKING at ME?! (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Mhmm. Sean, everyone's looking at you.

Dick: But…(Maddox giggles) but…Sean, I know you don't have a work to call into…

Sean: (interjects) There's two things that will NEVER DIE on this podcast.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's the deletion.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And the Sativa Sean.

Maddox: Oh, there's a lot.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's more than that! But yeah.

Dick: Guys, you're derailing my problem. By interrupting. But to…Libertarians, 4/20 is a great day to talk about government waste. (grins)

Maddox: Oh, my GOOOOOOSH.

Dick: And overreach, and the militarization of the police.

Maddox: There we go.

Dick: My problem is the War on Drugs.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Big problem.

Maddox: So where did this come from?

Sean: He doesn't get applause?

Dick: No, I never get applause.

Maddox: Oh, you do get applause sometimes!! I give you appl…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, where did it come from?

Maddox: I gave you applause a couple episodes ago!

Sean: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah, no. The war on drugs. Where did the war on drugs come from? Where did that phrase come from?

Dick: Oh, god.

Maddox: Where did the concept come from?

Dick: Oh, I don't know. Uhh…

Sean: (interjects) Nancy Reagan? Under the Reagan administration?

Dick: Yeah, was it Nancy R…(they talk over each other)

Maddox: Reagan administration.

Dick: I mean, Nixon kinda started it, but…did you know? Or are you asking 'cause you know, or are you asking a question?

Maddox: Well, yeah. I'm asking so the listener knows, so we have some background, and also…uh…

Dick: (interjects) I think everybody knows what the war on drugs is. It's the criminalization of drugs….it's gone way back, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, we've been slowly criminalizing drugs since there have been drugs in America.

Sean: Well…yeah. But you're right, Nixon also, like, he wanted to keep an eye on the counter-culture. So he was having…

Dick: Well, it's always been racist in nature. Criminalizing any drugs of any kind. I mean I'll…I'll get to that. But what it is now…is…is…a system of crazy laws, to me, and outrageous spending wastes that have turned…that have created entire departments of

paramilitary groups to crack down on something that EVERYONE does. And it hurts pretty much nobody.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: We spend…we've spent a trillion dollars on the war on drugs. Since Nixon, we've spent 1 trillion dollars. That's like 50 billion dollars a year. You know what NASA's budget is?

Maddox: What's that? Like 900…I dunno. I dunno.

Dick: It's like 20 billion dollars a year.

Maddox: NASA's budget?

Dick: 18 billion dollars a year. Yeah.

Maddox: That's a lot of NASAs.

Dick: We're spending two and a half times that EVERY YEAR to stop people from getting high!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Doesn't that seem a little…you should hate that.

Maddox: Oh, I do!

Dick: 'Cause I know you love space!

Maddox: If we spent that money on building more NASAs, we'd get people real high. (Dick giggles)

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: High…(laughing)

Dick: Yeah. Yeah! Space elevator…projected cost…I dunno where they get this. Space elevator, projected cost. 6 billion dollars. 6 to 20 billion dollars. Two space elevators!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Cancel the war on drugs…(giggles) Gimme two space elevators.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: A year!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Every year!! You could get…you could get 1.6 billion Oculus Rifts. MSRP 600 bucks?

Maddox: That's one for…1/7th of the world's population. (chuckles)

Dick: But, but, but. Three or four years…four or five years…you could put the whole world in VR.

Maddox: I can't wait.

Dick: With no war on drugs. That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: No war on drugs. So…but, again…this…the war on drugs, uh…this concept. This phrase came from the 80s, specifically. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: During the Reagan administration. That's when I…'cause you and I…we grew up, you, I and Sean…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Grew up in a specific generation. 'Cause all I remember growing up when I was a kid is…um…

Dick: DARE.

Maddox: DARE. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: DARE to say no to drugs.

Sean: And the ribbons.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the ribbons…there were ribbons. Nancy Reagan had a huge campaign. And I thought, when I was a kid, I thought it was a good campaign.

Dick: You thought the DARE campaign was a good campaign?

Maddox: Sure. I mean, I grew up in Utah. There were no drugs around me, uh, for the most part.

Dick: (giggles) There were no drugs, but we gotta stop being on these drugs, right?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, that's what, like…I remember DARE when it came to my…little school in Arizona, and they're like, "Well you guys, you gotta stay off drugs." Like, man…this is the first time I've ever heard of drugs, is when you guys came in here with these fucking DARE shirts! What's all this drugs about!? What are you talking about?!

Sean: They brought in…at my school, they brought in, like, a….like a display case.

Dick: A sampler set!

Sean: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: With, like, all kinds. It's like, "This is this. This is this. This is this." And…I guess they educated you, but yeah, I'd never seen any of that shit before."

Dick: No!!

Maddox: Well…sorry, go ahead.

Dick: Well, the DARE. They rolled out this program nation-wide…without…and you should like this. Without any evidence that it works AT ALL. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You would think…you brought in the homeless problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And according to you, it works. Like, let's see if this works…and then roll it…

Maddox: (interjects) Well, according to the evidence, yes.

Dick: Well…(giggles)

Maddox: According to the studies and the evidence.

Dick: We can get to that…

Sean: Well, it works in Utah. We know it works in Utah.

Dick: Ehhhh, we don't, though. Because they changed..

Maddox: (interjects) And it works in Canada! No, it works in…

Dick: (interjects) They changed the way they counted homeless people.

Maddox: No, Dick, that's the fucking…

Sean: (interjects) Alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: No, no, no, no, no, no.

Sean: Sorry I brought it up!

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: No, no, no, no. Uh-uh. That's…that's a fucking bullshit-ass AEI institute. This right-wing think tank came out with this…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, ad hominem! Ad hominem attack!!

Maddox: (interjects) No, hold on, I'm not done!! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Ad hominem attack. (laughing)

Maddox: I'm not done. Let's…you know, let's not interrupt.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh, the AEI thing, right-wing think tank institute, right? The same people who miraculously came out with a study that said fast food is health for you right when McDonald's needed a PR bump when Supersize Me came out.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: THESE are the people who came out with a study saying, "Oh, it's an accounting thing! You know, really, if you look at the numbers, and you compound them this way, this specific way, there's actually no…it's a net neutral!" But they didn't use the same accounting system in other cities where the same project has worked. Same project,

same exact method, and it's worked in multiple cities! But the AEI institute is coming out to poo-poo on this and say it doesn't work. Yeah, tell that to the guy who moved back to Chicago and is living with his family and is now a contributing taxpayer! Tell that to that guy who's no longer living on the streets! Tell him it doesn't work! Go ahead!

Dick: We get it, you like the homeless.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: We get it. You wanna fix homelessness. Speaking of taxes…if illegal drugs were taxed we'd get 50 billion in taxes. AND we'd save another 50…that's 50 billion fighting it every year!! That's 100 billion dollars!!

Sean: Well, it co—

Dick: (interjects) Holy shit, that's a lot of money!

Sean: The war on drugs costs an incredible amount and also gets people killed.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Dude, even WORSE! It gets 2 million people put in prison every year.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Like, if you just look at it from an ideological perspective, like, don't do drugs because they'll ruin your life, right?

Sean: Well, I'm talking—

Dick: (interjects) Which I'm not arguing. Like, yeah, don't do drugs, 'cause they will fuck up your life a little bit.

Sean: Well, and that's where the responsibility part comes in.

Dick: Going to PRISON will fuck up your life WAY worse!

Sean: Well…

Dick: That's on your record FOREVER. There are programs that exist to get ex-cons jobs, because it's so hard for them to get hired, right?

Sean: Absolutely, yeah, no. I mean, talk about a stigma. Going to prison. You always… even if you went for something minor.

Dick: You can hide the drug use. You can't hide "I was in prison".

Sean: Yeah. Yeah, I mean, it's on your record. That's rough. But I'm talking about the people who get killed who have to enforce some of these laws, you know what I mean, so..it's…

Dick: (interjects) The DEA agents?

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, not just in America, but in South America as well.

Sean: Oh, absolutely.

Maddox: It's a huge problem, because we are…we are causing a lot of crime to happen in South America.

Dick: We've ruined Mexico.

Maddox: Well, it's definitely hurt Mexico, yeah.

Dick: Oh, my God! It's changed the entire country! It's run by cartels.

Maddox: Well, no. Those are very few cities. It's not the entire country. The entire country is not run by cartels. But there are certain cities that are VERY cartel-heavy. They're very dangerous. I agree, totally. Um…and the other thing is the cost to policing. Sean, you kinda mentioned this. The cost of policing this, Dick, is that figured in to your figures? The 100 billion you said you would save per year?

Dick: The 50 billion, yeah. That's the cost of policing.

Maddox: That's the cost of policing.

Dick: The other 50 is the missing tax revenue that we would get on drugs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Colorado's doing really well with the…

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Colorado's…(stammers) it's a big boom to the economy. And also, I think…I don't know if over time it would stay that high, because I think people would—

Dick: (interjects) What would stay what high?

Maddox: The income they're getting from the tax revenue on marijuana in Colorado.

Dick: You don't think it would stay as high as 50 billion?

Maddox: Well, I think that we're seeing a bump because people were so deprived for so long and a lot of people are curious, and a lot of people would try it for the novelty, but I think over time you would see it normalize. It's just like in Denmark. In Denmark, it's pretty much legal. Uh, a lot of people….you can pretty much smoke anytime you want. And what they find is that it's kind of just become a staple of the economy, just like any other commodity. So it's not a big deal. It's not this, like, novelty. So we may be seeing a boom right now and it may trickle off over time, but yeah. You're going to get tax revenue from drugs.

Dick: Yeah. I don't think whether it's legal or whether it's not legal has anything but a very miniscule effect on actual drug use.

Sean: That's what I was going to ask.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Are there stats, like, in…

Dick: (interjects) Well, here. If the illegal drug trade was a country, it would be one of the top 20 economies in the world.

Sean: Sure.

Dick: 320 billion dollars is spent in the illegal drug trade. That's not…and that's as illegal as it gets. It's already in the top 20 economies in the world. So if we're talking, like, little ebbs and flows, I don't think anything's gonna take a big bite out of that number.

Sean: But I'm talking about people, because the argument is, "Well, if you legalize drugs, then you're gonna have more drug addicts." That's the simplistic argument against it, right? It's like, "Oh, it's gonna encourage people." It's the whole stupid thing about, you know, "Hey, if you give out condoms in school, it's gonna encourage kids to have sex."

Dick: Well, that's the thing. It's like…drugs are treated unlike any other thing that we have a problem with. Like teenage pregnancy. You don't say, "Well, that's illegal then. For kids to have sex." We don't…we don't collectively think that's a good idea, nor do we do it, right? We educate them.

Maddox: To illegalize teen sex.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: 'Cause that would be…

Maddox: Well…(giggles)

Dick: 'Cause that would be insane. And that…banging a teenage…two teenagers banging is WAAAAY more difficult than a teenager getting high by himself. And we at least treat the banging situation like it should be educated to. Like, hey…we would LOVE to make this teenage sex thing illegal, 'cause it would just fix it, but instead, we've gotta break our backs educating you stupid kids on how to use condoms or how to get an IUD. We'll even pay you for it. We'll make it free, 'cause that's, like, a sensible way to go about it. But when it comes to drugs, like a teenager getting high, you're going straight to fucking jail.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No way. We're not educating you at all. JAIL.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) It's pretty ridiculous. And it disproportionately affects lower income neighborhoods.

Dick: Blacks, especially.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: 10 times more likely. You're 10 times more likely to go to prison if you're black for a drug offense than you are if you're white, and you're LESS likely to use it!

Maddox: Right?

Dick: You're less likely to use drugs if you're black than white. I dunno why that is.

Maddox: That's a fascinating study. I just recently read about this.

Dick: Slightly less likely, but still less likely.

Maddox: Well, yeah, but that's…(stammers)

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, well, it's not WAY more likely.

Dick: No, no.

Sean: So, yeah. It doesn't correspond with the rate of incarceration at all.

Maddox: Yeah. That's the stereotype is that black people do more drugs, especially in lower income…but…(stammers) that study came out, Dick. That you mentioned. They found that black people are less likely to do drugs, but more likely to get arrested for doing drugs.

Sean: For sure.

Dick: Yeah, here. It's…if you're likely to be an abuser, it's like…here it is. It's 15% native American, 9% for whites, 5% for African-Americans, and 3.5% for Asians, Randy. You guys are the big winners on the addiction front. That's how likely you are to be addicted to drugs. But you're way more likely to be arrested.

Sean: Randy's addicted to math homework. (they all laugh)

Maddox: Sean with the zinger! Where's Cool Sean Zinger!

(Cool Sean: Sean with the zinger!!! Ooooooh, yeah.)

Maddox: Nailed it. Alright, so, let's…

Dick: (interjects) Here. This is telling.

Sean: I love that guy.

Dick: In the 80s, like, before the war on drugs really kicked it into fourth gear, uh, 40,000 people were in US jails and prisons for drug crimes. Now it's more than 500,000.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So it's like…that's a lot…that's a lot of new meat to feed into the for-profit prison system.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: This is a huge problem, Dick. This is a…this is a problem with many different heads, and it leads into other problems. The prison system you mentioned specifically. It leads to higher unemployment, because once you get incarcerated, you come out and that's always gonna be on your record.

Dick: Oh, you can't escape it.

Maddox: And…and then we're coming full circle, because you talked about the problem of blacks being arrested disproportionately compared to how much they do the crime, or drugs, right? Now you have all these black people who come out of prison, who have this prison record on their…on their employment record! Their history, essentially.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Then they apply for a job, and you know when you're applying for a job, you see on your application, "Have you ever been convicted as a felon?"

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You have to check that box. MAN. Put yourself in the position of a hiring manager and you see that on your resume.

Dick: Trash.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Instantly.

Maddox: You're not supposed to, but…

Dick: (interjects) You should.

Maddox: Most people probably do, because they don't wanna even get into it. They don't wanna take the risk. They don't wanna know about it. You've been to prison, why should I hire you over these 10 other applicants who are qualified and haven't been to prison?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's going to be a stigma on the rest of your life. The record of the rest of your life. And then…it leads to higher crime rates because of unemployment.

Sean: Yup.

Maddox: And it just becomes a vicious cycle!

Dick: And…and. There's no quality control.

Maddox: For what?

Dick: For drugs.

Maddox: Oh, dru…that's true! That's a good point.

Dick: I mean, I've never…I've never eaten a pizza and turned to my friend, and said, "Does this pizza taste like there's a little bit of heroin in it?" Do you think this pizza has any meth in it? I feel really weird. No! 'Cause there's a gigantic agency making sure that that doesn't happen! Otherwise you're like, "WELL, I GOTTA EAT THIS PIZZA! 'Cause it took me, like, three hours to get, for some reason! And I had to schmooze up a guy I haven't spoken to in two years!"

Sean: A bad part of town. Speaking of pizza and drugs…

Maddox: And regulation.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah? (they giggle) We're getting to the delicious regulation. (laughing)

Sean: Right before Colorado legalized pot…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Like a month before. Peyton Manning bought something like 15 Papa John's franchises…(Dick cracks up) And I'm going, "What a fucking genius!"

Dick: What a genius, yeah.

Sean: What a fucking genius!!!

Maddox: Oh, that's a good…yeah. That's a good call.

Dick: You're right. You're right.

Maddox: That's a good call. For the munchies effect.

Sean: Oh, my God.

Maddox: Which I guess is true, right? I don't smoke, but…uh…do you get munchies when you smoke?

Dick: Oh, yeah…no, I can't…I go out of my way not to smoke weed, because all I wanna do is lay on the couch and eat, and I'm…thank GOD it makes me too lazy to eat, or I'd weight, like, 600 pounds. (Sean laughs loudly) Like, I can't even move my finger to order properly. To order 24 properly.

Maddox: So but that's…that speaks to the therapeutic effect of marijuana sometimes, which for the longest time I didn't believe any of this stuff. I felt like most people who want to smoke just should say they want to smoke and that's the reason they wanna do it. But…

Sean: (Interjects) I think that's true, but there is medical evidence, more and more of it.

Maddox: Yeah, there is. Especially for hospital patients who have lost their appetite due to chemotherapy and things like that.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: It can help. It can help activate your appetite again.

Dick: Yeah. Oh, yeah. (grins) Um…let's see. How about respect for the law? This is a weird…this is kind of an obtuse point about it, but…I do think…I'm not a big fan of the police.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You could say. Uh… a large part of that is because they're always cracking down on something that I don't think is wrong.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: How can you respect that? How can any…if everyone in America is doing this, is getting high…and they're telling you all the time, for no reason…for reasons that you don't understand. That make no sense. That you're not allowed to do it. And they're throwing you in prison for it, or fining you for it, how can you have any respect for that institution? It's driven a gigantic wedge between what used to be, like, the Andy Griffith Show.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: The friendly town sheriff who IS THERE to protect you!! And I assume wants to protect you!!! (yells) Now he's policing what you put in YOUR body! There's a big difference to that, and I think it's evolved into this atmosphere of hating police!!

Sean: Well, the problem is the laws on the books. That they have to enforce.

Dick: Well, but yeah. Yeah.

Sean: Well, you know, you and I…like, I've got a long-time friend who had a long career at the Sheriff's Department. Uh…and Dick knows him well, too.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And he used to go on the….he used to lead the raids as a sergeant.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: Get out in the high desert out here.

Dick: Mhmm.

Sean: North of LA. A lot of meth and stuff out there. And I've never heard him say anything different than our drug laws are archaic, and we shouldn't be doing this.

Maddox: Right. Well, Dick, so of all the things you said, I agree with most of it, but something I take issue with was something you said at the top of this problem, which is that it hurts no one. Now, we know for a fact that drugs definitely do hurt people. Not only do they hurt people who get addicted, but they hurt people sometimes even…uh, recreationally. If you use it recreationally. Like, certain drugs, like…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: …like acid. Uh, certain drugs like…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, why do you think acid hurts people?

Maddox: It causes…it can cause permanent changes in your brain psychology. In your brain chemistry. You can have acid flashbacks for the rest of your life just by even trying it once.

Dick: Oh, it's not that bad!!

Maddox: Well, for most people, right, but for some people, if they even try it once, you can have that acid flashback, and it can…

Dick: (interjects) You know what's way fucking worse? Sugar. Fast food.

Maddox: Well, hold on.

Dick: Mcdonald's.

Maddox: Okay. Okay. Hold on. Hold on.

Dick: 600,000 deaths from heart attacks and from obesity in the US alone. Worldwide…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: …drugs cause 200,000 deaths. That's it.

Maddox: Okay. Okay. But it's not just deaths. We're not talking about just deaths. What I was going to say is that it can cause holes inside your brain. It actually destroys brain matter.

Dick: Hmmm.

Maddox: Some of these drugs you take? And if you get to a certain point, you stop being self-sufficient, you have cognitive disorders. You're not a functional member of society. And then what?

Dick: Great.

Maddox: (stammers) You're a drain on the healthcare system.

Dick: Don't do drugs. You're already…(giggles) we've got millions of people in jail. (stammers) Lemme put it to you this way, then. I'm gonna skip past the point where I say you have no right to moralize what I do with my brain. Or my body. You have no right to do that. And…number two. Totally inconsistent with ALL of our other values in society. Drugs, horrible, 'cause they chew up your brain. Public is wildly misinformed about that. You even said yourself, acid can cause holes in your brain that last for the rest of your life?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's…that's just a crazy as an asteroid killing you. Like, the odds of that are phenomenally low. However, I will say this. If we're looking at…supporting these, whatever, ruined drug addicts you're talking about?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Would you rather put them up and pay for their prison stay for 20 years, for getting caught selling…or would you rather deal with maybe every once in a while, someone's drugged themselves out into a Seven-style, laying in bed, no more tongue, like totally destitute and have to put them in some kinda hostel. If you're really weighing the economics of it, which one do you think saves money? The prison, or the hospital?

Maddox: I don't know which one…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you have to do…you have to do the hospital ANYWAY.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So why are we paying for the prison part?

Maddox: I don't know which one would eventually save the most money. I don't know, I'd have to look into that. I think that's a larger discussion that requires some studying. I know which one I would prefer just from an ethical standpoint, which is the hospital, because at least it doesn't leave this stigma on your record for the rest of your life.

Sean: Yeah, that's tough.

Dick: And you can't prevent the hospital one anyway. Prison sure as hell isn't doing it.

Maddox: Umm, yeah. But…but it does…I mean, let's not pretend like drugs are totally harmless and they are totally innocent and they're just recreational.

Dick: They're WAY less harmless than every single thing everybody does every day. They're less harmless than the shit we put in our bodies to eat. Drugs are less harmful than what people eat every day.

Sean: Well, here's the thing, though. Like, in my family there's been Social Services called multiple times because they're neglecting their kids. The kids don't have a choice in the matter.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: So if you just wanna make a blanket statement that drugs aren't harmful…

Maddox: Right.

Sean: I mean, they are. And I don't think you're saying that, but it's…they don't have a choice, like, if the parents do drugs. But, on the flip side…

Dick: (interjects) That's why we have Social Services. Great! Take the kids.

Sean: But on the flip…well, yeah, but you don't know what happens to kids in Social Services. It's…

Dick: (interjects) Hey.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: It's worse than…

Dick: (interjects) If you're talking about, like, SERIOUS neglect.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the kids are starving. Then, you know…that's the best we can do. There's no good fix for that.

Sean: No, there's not. There's not. But at the same time, whether they're legal or not, if you have kids, you need to decide that those kids are more important, or you need to not do drugs.

Maddox: But we have…we have case studies where people have made that decision over, and over, and over again. And they choose the drugs, because…and here's where I disagree with you, Dick.

Sean: (interjects) They do, but…

Dick: (interjects) But the laws don't help.

Sean: That's…right.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Yeah, the laws aren't making it harder to get…any drugs.

Maddox: (interjects) Hold on.

Sean: Well, I don't…(stammers) it doesn't seem like they do.

Maddox: Hold on. Lemme make…lemme play Devil's advocate here for a second.

Sean: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: Because…let's say that drugs were more readily available and easier for people to get. Uh…that's a huge potential risk. Like, this is polit…

Dick: (interjects) Lemme stop you right there.

Maddox: Hold on. No, lemme finish this point. It's political suicide. It's a minefield to walk through, to try to propose some legislation that MAY make more addicts.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: If ANY politician came through and said, "Okay, the war on drugs isn't working. Let's make them legal." And then suddenly you see a big bump in heroin addicts, or people who are addicted to meth, and that's…political suicide, not just for that person, but for the potential party or people who voted that legislation in. So it's not as simple as simply saying "Okay, well let's just get rid of the war on drugs." How do you effectively do that, and is it actually worse than the food that people are eating? Because no one can agree on whether or not eggs are good for you, or butter is good for you, or milk is good for you. Like, every fucking week there's a study.

Dick: Yeah, and no one can agree on if acid chews holes in your brain, either.

Maddox: No, it does.

Dick: Like, the amount of misinformation about drugs is so out of control. I think if it was about something YOU cared about, like if it was about video games, or meat, or something that you enjoyed every once in a while, your tune would be totally different. Like, if it was just X, if we replaced the word "drugs with something else, not only your opinion, but everybody's opinion would be wildly different about it.

Sean: Well, I had an uncle who had a brain scan, like, a CT scan, I guess? The doctor came in and he said, "Uh, Mr. So-and-so, you don't have to answer this, but have you abused cocaine?" You know, you could see it right on his brain.

Maddox: Yeah. You can see it.

Sean: It was like it…

Maddox: (interjects) It's not…it's not like you're saying, Dick. It's not like the research is…(stammers) the jury's out, still. We're trying to decide whether or not it does. There are x-rays…you can Google this right now. There are x-rays of holes in people's brains that they've seen on MRI scans because they did too much drugs.

Dick: But you said once. That's the issue. You said "once."

Sean: Oh.

Maddox: Well, even…

Dick: (interjects) That's fear…that's crazy fear-mongering.

Maddox: (interjects) No, I said recreationally.

Dick: That's like saying Ecstasy KILLS tons of pe…it doesn't.

Maddox: No, no, no. I said recreationally…recreational use, if you do occasional recreational use, even that can have that kind of effect. But one time, for one…

Dick: (interjects) You said once.

Maddox: No, I specifically was talking about acid.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you use acid one time, you can still have flashbacks for the rest of your life.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Now, I know it may be unlikely. I know it may be rare. But it is a possibility and it's something that you have to really consider. (stammers) If you're at a party and someone slips you a pill, which, by the way, you don't know what it's cut with, you don't know…that goes back to the regulation of drugs.

Dick: Yeah. The idea that we're discussing these crazy statistical anomalies as a function of, like, massive government bureaucracies, is kind of retarded to me.

Sean: Now here's what I wanna know. Are there countries where…because Maddox, you were talking about, you know, potentially more addicts, and that's always been the argument against ending the war on drugs.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Um…do we have any stats or anything like that, uh…that shows maybe a country where drugs WERE illegal and are now legal and the numbers that correspond to that?

Dick: I don't have those stats, but I would be wary…

Sean: I'm curious.

Dick: …of any stats that came out of the US on that, because people aren't self-reporting. Like, how can you have a…

Sean: (interjects) Oh, true.

Dick: …an accurate stat on something that's wildly illegal.

Sean: No, but you get it from their government.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, and also, there are ethical concerns with studying something like this. Like, scientists and doctors and researchers have to do no harm to their patients. So if you have someone coming into your office, you can't give them meth. You can't have a control group that has meth, and one has placebos, and one has so on and so forth. There's ethical concerns with stuff like this. So the…amount of research that we have out there…I'll agree, you know, it may be spotty, but we know that drugs can be a problem. I think that before we start to talk about legalizing all drugs as a blanket statement, um…we need to find out the root causes of addiction.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And make sure that that doesn't happen, and try to solve that problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I think that part of the reason that this big war on drugs has been conflated into such a HUGE issue and SO many people have been put into the prison pipeline, is specifically because marijuana has been illegal, which is…if you're lumping it into with the other hard drugs, that's kind of like, uh, I don't know, lumping in cigarettes with firearms, which they do in our government.

Dick: Yeah. Well, here's why your…um…here's why all of that's extremely disingenuous. Because you're putting the onus on the wrong side of the equation, here. You're saying, "Make something illegal until you've proven to me that it should be legal." And it should be legal already. The only…the ONLY reason it's illegal is because of racism! Every single drug has been outlawed…uh, let's see here. 1870s…it was Chinese immigrants with opium. Then the first anti-cocaine laws in the South came in the early 1900s, uh, against black people. Then anti-marijuana in the mid-West and the Southwest in the 1910s and 20s, but at every single stage, even during Nixon, it was about race. So to take ANY kind of ethical or moral high ground against addiction, or whatever, is an argument you're making AFTER THE FACT on a law that was enacted because of racism! Like, now it's like, "Oh, well, it was racist when we did it, but MAYBE…maybe it's causing some good, so let's really look at it before we roll it back." It should be instantly rolled back! 'Cause there's…you have no right to do it! It's…it's totally unjust law.

Maddox: Well, I think that the majority of the reason may be racism. I don't think it's all…I don't think it's entirely. I do think that people look at the data. They look at the junkies. They look at the addicts. They look at people who have trouble with addiction. And because drugs are specifically so addictive, that's why they're a problem. And Dick, you said earlier…like, if this was…

Dick: (interjects) They're not as addictive as fast food!

Maddox: Okay, that's not true. Um, you said earlier that if this was anything that I liked…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That we were talking about Addiction. I brought in internet addiction as a problem, and I love the Internet.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I…I have dealt with that personally. I found myself spending hours in front of some shit, to the point where I have to, uh, sabotage my own ability to surf the Internet.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: I…I hide Facebook, and Twitter, and that sort of thing, and make it difficult for myself to get to it, because of Internet addiction. Now, I know it's a problem, but I don't think it's a problem to the scope of drug addiction. The scale.

Dick: Here's why, in your brain, you don't understand what the issue is here. Imagine if the government said you using your computer to get on the Internet for more than 2 hours a day was illegal. That's EXACTLY what they're doing with drugs.

Maddox: Well, yeah, but me getting on the Internet for, say, 6-7 hours a day, unless I'm neglecting a child who's not being fed, unless I'm...you know, I'm gaming addicted -

Dick: (interjects) Did you hear the scenario I just said?

Maddox: Yes, I...I heard.

Dick: If they came to you and said...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...if you're on there for more than 2 hours, you're goin' to jail.

Maddox: I'm...I know, Dick. I'm addressing what you just said. If I'm sitting there and I'm using my Internet for more than that, and then I'm neglecting a child, I get it, 'cause that's usually the case with drugs. It's...drugs are illegal -

Dick: (interjects) That's not the law, though.

Maddox: Well...okay, but that's the reason. That's the impe-...well, I...okay. Racism aside...

Dick: Hmmm?

Maddox: Racism aside, you can make the case that that's the reason. With Internet addiction, it's not going to cause me permanent harm.

Dick: Yeah, so imagine if you were trying to make this argument, except the Internet was illegal. 'Cause that's what we're doin'. Our stuff is a-...your stuff, all legal. Meat, bicycles, all the stuff that you like? All legal.

Maddox: Right. (background laughter)

Dick: Drugs? Illegal, for no reason! You're like, "Well, what's wrong with using the Internet for a couple hours a day?" "Well, it's illegal." Well, now...I gotta argue against that?! How the fuck can I argue against that when you never PROVED it??

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, man.

Dick: (yells) When you nev-...not only did you never prove making it illegal helps at all, you never proved it was a big problem in the first place!!

Maddox: Right. Well, I'm with you, man, but where do you start to even solve this problem? Because you have this entrenched in society. Again, it's political suicide.

Dick: It's states' rights!

Maddox: Ooookay. Here we go. (muttering)

Dick: That's what...I mean...what do you mean, "how do you..."? Raise your hand, what...that's Colorado and Washington, are leading the way.

Sean: Well, it's true, but that's still federally illegal.

Dick: Yeah, but...you know.

Sean: And that's the thing. And the Civil War, you know, it was...it ended up being a war about slavery.

Dick: States' rights!

Sean: More than it was at the beginning, but it was about states' rights.

Dick: Mhm.

Sean: And the states lost.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We'll have...we'll have another one.

Maddox: Well, there...you know, the raci-...the race issue is a big component of this. I'll give you that.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: However, there's...there are certain drugs...I don't think that most things...I don't think that most regulation comes from people sitting around being bored and trying to fuck with your life. That's not how regulation happens. Regulation is reactive, not proactive. So you sit around -

Dick: (interjects) Well, it's to get votes, though.

Maddox: Hold on. You're s-...you...they're not sitting around trying to come up with ways to fuck with you. For example, ayahuasca. Ayahuasca, I think, is still legal in, uh, in America, or may be. There's a lot of different types of opiates that Native Americans use in their rituals and part of their beliefs, and so on and so forth. They're not illegal until, I think, that they find a reason to make it illegal. OR, maybe...you know, Dick, to be totally cynical, maybe to make it illegal to get additional revenue by fining people and putting people in jail.

Dick: No, I...I mean, I don't think you're being nearly cynical enough. They make drugs illegal when they find that kids are using them, and they do it to gin up alarmism. They do it to gin up, uh...a sort of religious fervor that it's anti-drug-related. Like, the reason so many politicians can be as anti-drug as they are is because you don't...the only argument FOR it is, I don't know, personal freedom and it feels good? Like... (stammers)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a really hard...unless you believe in personal freedom, that's a really hard argument to make, 'cause they just throw stats at you until you kind of walk away and just say, "Eh, I'll just do it illegally then. Fuck you. And I bet all of you do drugs too! So fuck you, too." Like, it's all political grandstanding.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, it's a big problem, Dick. The war on drugs is a big problem. I'm not even sure there's a clear-cut solution. I'm not...

Dick: End it!!

Maddox: I don't even know how to get out of it. Yeah, but again, it's political suicide. No one's gonna do it.

Dick: What do you mean, "it's pol-..."?? You're not running for office! What do you mean, "it's political suicide"? Colorado's done it. Washington's done it.

Maddox: No, with marijuana, that has been...there's copious amounts of material and fucking stoners who won't shut the fuck up about it, who will just badger your ear off about how marijuana's safe and good for you and it cures cancer and all this other bullshit, for years and years and then people do it and they see the effects, and no one...no one becomes a marijuana junkie. No one becomes a marijuana addict. No one really...marijuana's not a huge problem, so that's why -

Dick: (interjects) Whoooa!

Maddox: With marijuana specifically, the states have been...a few states have been passing legislation saying, "Look, let's chill out on marijuana." But with other hard drugs, Dick, I don't think that that's gonna be the case. It's political suicide.

Dick: You think marijuana is less dangerous than cocai-...you think LIQUOR'S less dangerous than cocaine?? Maaan!

Maddox: No, but we -

Dick: (interjects) I think you're w-...I think your drug education is very minimal.

Maddox: No, I didn't say that.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a straw man argument. I didn't say that. I said specifically marijuana. Now, if you're going to legalize meth and heroin...

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: ...and these other shit, and then all of a sudden you see a big spike in junkies the next year, guess what? That's fuckin' political suicide! That's why it's a politically untenable situation for politicians to come in and say, "You know what? Our state's gonna be the first to bl-...uh, blanket sweep..."

Dick: Yeah. (hesitant)

Maddox: "...all drugs legal." I don't think it's gonna happen.

Dick: I mean, they said that about gay marr-...you'd be on the side of...if I...like, if 20 years ago I would've brought in gay marriage rights, you would've said the exact same thing then. "Political suicide! It's political suicide."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 'Cause it was back then.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Well...you know. Hopefully there's men who are more brave in America than that. Who can say, "This is wrong. This is bad. There's no proof for it. It was obviously racially motivated, as said by the head of the DEA under Nixon."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "So let's just end it. It's up to you to prove that it needs to go on the books again."

Maddox: If there was a way to do that without attaching any politician or political party to it, I think that that would, uh...

Dick: If there was a way to pass a law without...

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause no -

Dick: ...involving politicians?

Maddox: Yeah, because the politicians we have today in Washington, D.C. are so cowardly that they will create super...like, these weird groups of bipartisan, uh...they're bipartisan groups that pass legislation so neither party can really get the blame for it if something goes wrong. It's just so cowardly right now, our -

Dick: (interjects) Well, if the states do it, they have to do it. They don't have a choice. Most of the funding for the DEA comes from states anyway, I...I believe.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't have the stats offhand.

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: Alright, that's my problem. You know who DOES support states' rights, is Harry's. (Maddox and Sean snicker) Today's show is brought to you by Harry's. Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase. Harry's makes...it's a German-engineered, 5-blade cartridge that gives you a close and comfortable shave with no cuts or burns. Maddox and I have both been using them for a year. We're great, and we're highly satisfied. It makes me wanna shave more. I wish my beard grew faster so that I could shave it more times a day, the experience is so pleasurable.

Maddox: Buddy, you need hot sauce. (cracks up)

Dick: That will make my beard grow faster?

Maddox: Yes! (giggling)

Dick: Well, if Harry's made some, I would buy it, because it's so easy to buy off Harry's. I don't have to go to the store. I haven't been to the store in forever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I hate going to the store.

Maddox: Forget stores.

Dick: I like wallowing in depression in my apartment. (Maddox snorts and laughs) So Harry's makes it easy to do that. Why -

Sean: (interjects) You don't have to meet some weird guy in an alley.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: You know, to buy...

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: ...hook up Harry's.

Dick: Exactly!! I don't ha-... (chuckles)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: It's...uh, I...why pay $32 for an 8-pack of blades when you can get them for half the price at http://harrys.com? You get...what do you get? You get the gel...

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: ...you get the blade pack...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and you get -

Maddox: (interjects) The butter...the shaving butter.

Dick: The shaving butter or the cream.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which one do you like again?

Maddox: I like the gel. I like the shaving gel.

Dick: Is that the one that...is that the one that's, like, really slippery?

Maddox: It's the one that comes out li-...it looks like gel, and then you put it on your face and it turns into foam.

Dick: Oh yeah, okay.

Maddox: AND, I will say this.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: When the product first came out... (laughs) That stuff shot out like a rocket, and then Harry's fixed it. I think they listened to this podcast!

Dick: Oh, they did? (chuckling)

Sean: It did!!

Maddox: They did, yeah! (Dick guffaws)

Sean: It did! It shot out, almost blew my hand off the first time I used it.

Maddox: I kn-... (giggles) Yeah, it was like a shotgun. But they fixed it, to their credit!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And now it comes out silky smooth.

Dick: That's great. Harry's listens to their customers, unlike the federal government. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Go to http://harrys.com, promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEM" to save $5 off your first purchase.

Maddox: And thanks for listening, guys. And most importantly, Dick, I think with Harry's, is our fans love it. Thanks for supporting us, guys. Alright. I got a real big problem, Dick.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: This may be related to your problem.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: I think it is in a lot of ways. It's the Gole-...

Sean: (interjects) Is it a superset? (Dick chuckles)

Dick: Good question.

Maddox: Uh, I don't know. I don't know, Sean. I don't know. I'll have to think about that. But it is the Golem effect. Right? Have you ever heard of this? **('ding!' sound effect) (applause sound effect)**

Dick: The guy in Lord of the Rings?

Maddox: You know, that's what I...that's the first thing I thought of, but a golem predates Lord of the Rings. A golem is originally...it's a big stone or clay creature that comes to life. Uh, magically.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are there too many of those roaming around?

Maddox: Huge problem.

Dick: Killing people? (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Like asteroids?

Maddox: It actually comes from old Jewish, uh...an old Jewish fable, where -

Dick: (interjects) I thought so, but I wasn't gonna say that.

Maddox: Yeah. No, it is. (background laughter) The Golem effect -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I didn't know if it was anti-Semitic somehow. Like, I was like, "Why do I know that? Is that...?"

Maddox: In this climate, Dick, anything you can say can be perceived as racist or sexist or...homophobic, or transphobic. Everything you say is fucking wrong these days.

Dick: Yeah, but I also don't know how much of my information I got off of, like, a thread on 4chan.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm like, "I gotta try to remember if I read that in a book, or if I read that in a thread that..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Maddox: The Golem effect is basically a type of self-fulfilling prophecy, except instead of turning into a giant clay creature brought to life by magic, you turn into a failure.

Sean: Oh, Jesus. (laughing in the background)

Maddox: Yeah. You start out as a promising young Geodude, and then BAM! (Dick scoffs) Next thing you know, you're a Golem. (giggles)

Dick: God. (exasperated)

Maddox: Who easily succumbs to water, ice and even grass!! Can you believe that? Even grass!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (laughs) Who...what kinda dipshit Pokemon fal-...succumbs to grass-type? Grass is the weak. The weakest.

Dick: No, 'cause grass gets in the cracks!

Maddox: Gr-... (cracks up) Grass ge-...

Dick: That's why.

Maddox: That rhymes! (giggles)

Dick: If you're... (chuckles) So it's gotta be true! If you're a rock monster...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, if you're a...Onyx, or whatever?

Maddox: Oh, I see what you're sayin'. I see.

Dick: Your weak...your cracks are the weakest part.

Maddox: Huh! That's a good point. And -

Dick: (interjects) So those vines wriggle in there.

Maddox: I know. I was also thinking about how much thought they put into the Pokemon evolution of these characters, and why they're weak to certain types.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I was looking at the Geodude and the, uh, the Golem that he evolves to, and...water and ice also corrode rocks.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Over time, water and ice corrodes rocks.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And ice specifically, because it...water gets in the cracks, and then when it freezes, it expands and then breaks apart rocks.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: They put a lot of thought into that, I think. And also fighting. Fighting also... (cracks up) ...destroys rock.

Dick: Sure. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah, wears it down.

Dick: Obvious, though.

Maddox: Have you ever seen a kung fu movie?? Come on, idiots. Look it up.

Sean: Where they fight the rock clan? No, I've never seen that movie. (Maddox and Randy laugh)

Maddox: Where they br-...where they break through the concrete!

Sean: Ahh, okay.

Maddox: Yeeeah. Mhm!

Dick: That'd be a good movie, though.

Maddox: Big problem. Yeah. (smiles) Buncha g-...bunch of Shaolin monks fighting, uh, Golems.

Dick: Rock monsters.

Maddox: Yeah, rock monsters. That'd be cool as shit!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, guys. The Golem effect...this is from Wikipedia. "The Golem effect is a psychological phenomenon in which lower expectations placed upon an individual either by supervisors or the individual themselves lead to poorer performance by the individual. The effect is mostly seen and studied in educational and organizational environments. It is a form of self-fulfilling prophecy." Now, the opposite of the Golem effect is something called the Pygmalion effect, which is exactly what it sounds like. Uh, when I said "the opposite." (both laugh) It's when you have -

Dick: (interjects) So this is low expectations?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's your problem, pretty much?

Maddox: Well, low expectations that then become a self-fulfilling prophecy. There's a bunch of steps to how it works.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: First, you form or learn the expectation. Right?

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: 'Cause it can be a learned expectation.

Dick: Give me an example.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: I don't learn well without an example.

Maddox: For example, you hear this statistic that, uh, black people do the most drugs.

Dick: Ohhh, c-...could we make it a fun example, though?

Maddox: You want a f-...?

Dick: Not about black people doing drugs? (laughing) (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah, I was just tryin' to relate it back to your problem. If you want -

Dick: (interjects) No, I don't wanna relate it to my problem.

Maddox: Okay. You want, uh, you want a fun e-...you want...? Okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I can't think of fun examples, 'cause all I can think of are depressing ones. Um... (laughs)

Dick: Eh, not a surprise. Let's say you're...let's say you're expecting that if you talk to a girl, it won't go well.

Maddox: There you go! Okay.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's still not fun, but it's better than the other depressing shit I had.

Dick: (guffaws) That's...eh, you know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a reason to live.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: No, that's a good example.

Dick: Yeah! (laughing)

Maddox: That...well, then it goes back to self-defeating thoughts, too. When you think that you don't have a chance of succeeding with talking to a girl or talking to a guy, or a job application, or whatever...

Dick: Talking to a guy??

Maddox: Yeah, for girls.

Dick: I could do that, no problem.

Maddox: Or guys, yeah.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. If you're interested in someone, uh...you know what? I gotta give some, uh, some kudos to girls who hit on guys, 'cause there's a lot of stigma a lot of times.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And girls who do it? Got some balls.

Dick: Nyeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Literal testicles. (laughs)

Dick: Little...little forward.

Maddox: Anyway, um...you form or learn an expectation, right? That's the first step. The second is you communicate that expectation, and the third is the behavior is adapted to meet that expectation in the obser-...the person you're observing, and then the fourth is the expectation occurs. So it's a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The expectation that you have of someone eventually becomes that.

Dick: And it has to be bad for it to be called the Golem effect?

Maddox: Yes. The positive of that is if you have high expectations for someone, they fulfill that expectation.

Dick: Okay. So, like, everyone thought Frodo would get the ring to Mordor. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: This is s-... (both giggle)

Dick: But he wouldn't have been able to do it without Gollum! Even though Gollum was an asshole. (Maddox sighs loudly) Right?? Is that the Golem effect?

Maddox: No. (irritated) (Dick laughs)

Sean: He was MOTIVATED by the Golem effect.

Dick: By G-...yeah, he was!!

Maddox: No. That is not the Golem effect. Um... (Sean and Dick snickering) Thanks...thanks.

Dick: I saw that movie, Maddox.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I know what Gollum did, alright?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Calm down. (grins)

Maddox: That's not the G-... (both crack up again) That's not the Golem effect. Um, in 1968 there was a couple of researchers, Rosenthal and Jacobson. They asked students in an elementary school to take an intelligence pretest, and they randomly selected 20% of the students and told the teachers that these students that they randomly selected were going to have potential for intellectual growth, and that they'd be sure to bloom academically within one year. 8 months later, sure enough, the students who were picked scored significantly higher on their tests.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Is that the Pygmalion effect?

Maddox: That's the Pygmalion effect, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And then they did the same...a similar study with, uh, with students where they picked, uh...some students. They said, "Well, these ones we expect to do well. These ones we expect to do poorly," and they found -

Dick: (interjects) And they're ugly. (cracks up) Right?

Maddox: Uh, coul-...you know...

Dick: I mean, why not? Like, if you're gonna shit on kids, why not just go all the way?

Maddox: Well, here's the thing. The likelihood of the teachers' susceptibility to biases plays into this.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they found that it affects students when the teacher is more susceptible to being biased.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And a lot of people are. A lot of people...it's a cognitive bias. I mean, it's a bias, essentially.

Dick: No, I wrote...I wrote my buddy's, um...his son was in junior high, and I wrote his paper for him one day. He was havin' some kind of barbecue, and the kid couldn't come out and screw around 'cause he was upstairs writing a paper, and I was like, "Ah, let me take a crack at that." So I just wrote his paper, like, no big deal. Took like 20 minutes. Uh, he got a fuckin' C! (Maddox laughs loudly) *I* got a C, and I was like, "What?!?" I was like, "Wait a minute! Wait a minute, wait a minute." I know for a fact that that paper was not read, and that it was graded based on what this kid traditionally gets, which is, like, in the C range. Like, it pissed me off so immediately and so...like, I'm still mad about it!

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect)

Dick: It was like 10 years ago!

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling) **('boo' sound effect)** You got a C, buddy. You b-...you failed!! (giggles) A kid's...a kid's test.

Dick: Augh, yeah!! He was like, "Oh yeah, that's what I usually get." I'm like, "What do you mean, that's...?!" (Maddox cackles) "You didn't write the paper, you motherfucker! I wrote it!!"

Sean: How old is he?

Maddox: Oh, man. (grinning)

Dick: Uh, he was in junior high. I don't...how old is that?

Maddox: Maybe -

Sean: (interjects) 12, 13?

Dick: 12? Yeah.

Maddox: Maybe he -

Dick: (interjects) It was a great paper!

Maddox: Oho, sure!

Dick: I was like, "What does this fuckin' bitch...does she not understand what I'm...?" (Maddox giggles) "She probably doesn't understand what I'M saying, here!"

Maddox: Well...

Dick: I wanna go to that school... (background laughter)

Maddox: To be fair, Dick, some of your prose can be very confusing, as we heard in the last episode.

Dick: Uh, I got a voicemail on that.

Maddox: Oh, GOOD.

Dick: If you wanna hear it at the end of the show. (laughing)

Maddox: We'll hear it at the end of the show. Yeah, some of it is...it can be very confusing, Dick.

Dick: I didn't wanna bring in Trump again, though, so I didn't play it. (grins)

Maddox: Ohhh. Well, you mentioned it! (Dick giggles) There you go! You lost the bet. Hey, but...but maybe he... (chuckles) Maybe you got the C, Dick, because your nephew or whoever had low expectations of you. Maybe that was the Golem effect!

Dick: What do you mean, my ne-...? That my friend's kid...

Maddox: Your friend's kid, yeah.

Dick: ...had low expectations of ME?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Maybe that's the Golem effect.

Dick: No, he didn't care. He just didn't wanna write the paper.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, uh...so anyway, guys, this...now, here's where I want to tie it into something that's, uh, that's more...I guess prescient. This could be related to the reason why more women aren't comedians. (Dick smirks) And, you know, people -

Dick: Oho. (background laughter)

Maddox: People...no! It's true!

Dick: There's plenty. We got plenty of female comedians out there.

Maddox: Of course. People believe women aren't funny, so it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Now, I didn't really...

Dick: (interjects) You think women are hilarious, right?

Maddox: I d-...well, of cour-... (Dick cackles) Okay. I don't know...I d-...that's such a fuckin' load-...I hate the way you asked that.

Dick: Why?!?

Sean: So loaded. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why is it so loaded?! Why? What's wrong with that question? (grins)

Maddox: Great. (both laugh)

Dick: Okay, good. I just wanted that on the record.

Maddox: I gotta be honest -

Dick: (interjects) Go ahead.

Maddox: I gotta be honest, though. When I was doing research for this problem, I wasn't thinking about this, sp-...uh, this specific application of the Golem effect.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Until this literal sentence that I wrote down, about women being...you know, w-...people thinking women aren't funny, and, um...

Dick: Who thinks that?

Maddox: A lot of people!

Dick: Oh, oh.

Maddox: A lot of people think women aren't funny.

Sean: Jerry Lewis.

Maddox: You...yeah!

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Yeah, that's why...yeah! We, uh...there are a lot of -

Sean: (interjects) I mean, he's also 100 years old and probably pisses himself when he gets up in the morning, but...

Dick: That's pretty funny.

Sean: He's a comedian!

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Sean: He was always a physical comic, too.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah! No, if you search Google right now for the phrase "women aren't funny," you'll find thousands, hundreds of thousands of results, and b-...it's because people have that perception, and then maybe that perception becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. And

this is what it says, um...this is fr-...according to Wikipedia. "When arbitrarily informed that a particular student is 'bright' or 'dull,' not only will a supervisor's behavior change to favor the 'bright' students (as indicated by more praise or attention), the students themselves will exhibit behaviors in line with their labels (such as the 'bright' students leaning more forward in their chairs relative to the 'dull' students)." So if...this may be kind of like learned behavior that becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, 'cause you keep tellin' women "they're not funny, they're not funny, they're not funny," but then I look at the number of stand-up comics I see at an open mic, and I take the percentage of funny male comedians and the percentage of funny female comedians, and they're pretty -

Dick: (interjects) It's both about zero. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Yeah, both are... (giggling)

Dick: Yeah! It's pretty -

Maddox: (interjects) They're both hovering right around zero.

Dick: Pretty successfully not funny.

Maddox: Yeah. I went to an open mic a long time ago, and there were -

Dick: (interjects) Did you perform?

Maddox: No. Hell no. Uh, there were 50 comedians.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: 50 comedians came up all night long, and...you know, onl-...I think only about 10 of 'em were women. And of those, I think two of 'em were funny, but then of the guys, only about 10 were funny. It's about the same percentage.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And I thought, "Well, there you go!" It's not that there aren't funny women, it's that there are fewer female comedians, and that's why we have the perception that women aren't funny. I...'cause most of the...I know SO many funny women.

Dick: Well, just numbers...numbers-wise, isn't what...isn't that true, then? You got 10 funny guys there and 2 funny women. There you go.

Maddox: Out of like 10...yeah, exactly. 10 out of, uh...yeah, exactly.

Dick: I mean, it's not always percentages, though.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You're saying numbers-wise, well, there's more funny guys! 10 and 2.

Maddox: Well, exactly. But there were more guys auditioning. You don't think of the guys who audition and fail. You don't think of those guys. You only thi-...you only see the funny ones, and then you think, "Oh, guys are funny," and then there aren't that many funny female comedians because there aren't that many female comedians.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: I think...I know LOTS of funny female comedians. I know so many...some of the funniest people I know in my life are women.

Dick: Yeah. Um...

Maddox: We've had them on the...on this show! I think Robin Higgins is hilarious.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You should check out her "Wheel of Fortune" exposé.

Dick: She's great!

Maddox: Yeah! Fantastic.

Dick: She's great. I don't think that...do you think that women are constantly being told that they're...? Like, it seems to me all I ever hear is, "Women are hilarious. They can do science and math. They could be whatever size and shape they want." Like, I have never heard...maybe some off-the-wall, uh, Jerry...who did you...Jerry Lewis clip?

Maddox: Jerry Lewis, yeah.

Dick: From way long ago, that he doesn't think...but all I hear is, "Women could do anything and they're funny, and..." All the time. Do you really think they get the message that they're not...that they shouldn't be funny?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Oh. Where?

Maddox: Even Adam Carolla not too long ago. And this quote was taken out of context, to be fair to Adam, but even Adam Carolla a while ago said that, uh...if there's a woman in a comedy room, she's there because she's a woman, not necessarily because she's funny. And he's ma-...he was making a statement not about women, but a statement about how there's kind of, like, this affirmative action going on in our culture.

Dick: There's...which is certainly true!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Absolutely. That's what he was making a statement about. But he -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, how many times have you seen, like, releases go out saying, "We're only looking for female comedians to staff this writing job"?

Maddox: Oh, of course. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, it's disgusting!

Maddox: It's sexist.

Dick: To me.

Maddox: And it's trying to right some perceived wrong in our society or our culture.

Sean: No, and sometimes we all lose. Like in the case of writing, it's like, "You want the best writers, right?"

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah, like in the new Ghostbusters. We're all gonna lose that one. (Sean laughs) Right, guys?

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Dick: No, but se-...okay, but this is what I was...back to my point, you're saying 2 funny females and 10...2 funny women, 2 funny...er, 10 funny guys. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's more. Saying that the percentages, I don't think is...people aren't really...like, the percentages takes a whole 'nother element. If you're just like, "Well, this is who came out to be funny. I don't know why they did it. I don't know why it was so less...so many less women."

Maddox: Yeah, I know. I...

Dick: Like, I'm not gonna guess! It's just...that's what we ended up with.

Maddox: I'm with you, Dick, but here's where my perception of that kind of changed. I dated a bunch of girls, and I was surprised that they all had the simila-...a similar background. They all said that they were really interested in computer science and mathematics in college and high school. I said, "Well, so what happened?" And this one girl specifically told me that in college, she joined her class and she felt the professor really, really didn't like her. She felt right from the get-go the professor looked at her differently. He was this, uh, this older Indian dude who thought that women shouldn-...don't belong in that profession, and he made it clear.

Dick: But did...do we know that?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We know that. He made it clear to her. He said that, uh...he questioned why she was taking the class in the first place, and if it was an accident. (Dick laughs) He constantly quizzed her...he constantly quizzed her on her knowledge and made her work harder to prove herself. And then she finally had evidence of bias from this professor when she did a group project and she wrote all the code, and it was the exact same code that, like, the entire group had turned in. Everyone in her group got an A, except she got a B for that exact same project, and that's when she knew. She went to the professor...she went to the dean.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And they eventually reversed her grade, but the guy still worked there. Another example: I dated ANOTHER girl...

Dick: Mm, you know.

Maddox: ...who, in computer science...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She was in a computer science class. She had a great interest in mathematics and programming. The professor kept hitting on her and kept hitting on her and kept hitting on her, and eventually it got so out of control that...that the professor asked her to stay after class, and to...you know, for some extra credit or something, and it was really creepy shit you see, like, in movies and things like that. And she said that she was too skeeved out, because that was the only teacher in high school who was teaching computer science, so she dropped out of the major.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: She lost interest. So I changed my opinion on this, uh, this...

Dick: Institutionalized sexism?

Maddox: Yeah, it does happen.

Dick: Should bring in men! As a problem.

Maddox: Well... (Dick laughs) I don't think men are... (cracks up) I don't think men are a problem.

Dick: Somebody should. (background laughter)

Maddox: I think, uh, I think sexism is a problem, but it goes both ways. And...but that...you know, there is something to that. There is something to that. Some women do get that message, that they are not welcome in comedy, they are not welcome in science and mathematics. And I'm not saying that that's the majority of the cause, because if you're too weak to overcome people who aren't welcoming to you in a community?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Try fucking gaming. Okay? Everyone fucking hates you all the time, always.

Dick: Or try doing physical labor.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it's not welcoming 'cause it's physical.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And labor.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or...you know, go get a microphone and stand on stage and speak your mind. There's gotta be gender equality there! Holy shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But lifting...but, you know, running a leaf blower? Ehh, d-d-d. We don't care.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Keep doin' that one.

Maddox: Well, it's m-...even more of a problem...the Golem effect is even more of a problem because it's understudied due to ethical concerns. Back to the drug thing. You know, a lot of studies...a lot of things we can't study in society because we have ethical concerns, specifically...and, uh, I...this...here we go. This is...I think this is from Wikipedia again. "Specifically, the concern arises in trying to operationalize negative expectations in individuals, which will theoretically result in the lower performance of the individuals. The worry then is the possibly harmful, lingering effects on research participants beyond the study due to this manipulation." So essentially, if you're trying to test someone to see if the Golem effect actually works, that test itself may have long-lasting impacts and, uh...psychological results that you don't intend, far-reaching beyond the study, so it's kind of hard to study even from the get-go. I mean, they...these researchers did these studies in spite of those ethical concerns, and maybe they weren't aware of them at the time.

Dick: Good for them. Trailblazers. Gettin' results.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what it takes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In science.

Maddox: And...I mean, your hope is that you don't permanently damage people when you're st-...when you're testing them.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: But anyway, it's a big problem because it's even difficult to study.

Dick: The Golem...?

Maddox: The Golem effect.

Dick: Lowered expectations?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Eh, seems like a big problem.

Maddox: Lowered expectations that turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Dick: Okay, but isn't that the...isn't that the danger of lower expectations?

Maddox: That what?

Dick: Like, there's no...that's the only thing that's wrong with them, right? Lowered expectations that turns into...that are a self-fulfilling prophecy. Right?

Maddox: Uh, yeah. Lowered expectations that become a self-fulfilling prophecy, absolutely.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I mean, this has affected you personally too, right?

Dick: What do...what do you mean?

Maddox: Uh, don't you -

Sean: (interjects) I mean, what are you doin' on this podcast?

Dick: (guffaws) Yeah! What the hell are you talkin' about? (Maddox laughs) You did that last week, too. "Don't you wanna talk about addiction?"

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: "Uh, what do you wanna know?"

Maddox: By the way, I shouldn't have put that out there without asking you first before the show. Sorry about that.

Dick: I still don't know what you wanna know.

Maddox: Oh, I was just curious if you...if you had any stories to share. That's all I wanted to know.

Dick: About addiction??

Maddox: Yeah, if you wanted to.

Dick: I don't even know...I mean, I don't even know where to start with that, Maddox. I...

Maddox: I didn't mean to put you on the spot. I'm sorry about that.

Dick: I don't know what you...I don't...okay, I don't know how to respond to the, um, "do I have any experience with lowered expectations?" either.

Maddox: No, but if someone has lower expectations of you, don't you then fulfill them?

Dick: (sighs) Shit, I have no fuckin' idea off the top of my head! Uhh...

Maddox: I was...I'm basically just goa-...'cause the answer is "yes." I'm basically just goading you into playing...so I can play this clip. Here's the clip.

Sean: Oh, no.

Dick: Oh, another "Dick Versus Dick"?

Maddox: It's not. 'Cause you didn't contradict yourself.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But here's just something you've said in the past.

Dick sound clip: "I'm 100% sure, if I'm gonna get treated like a criminal, I will behave like a criminal."

Dick: Ohh, sure.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There it is! That's exactly the Golem effect. When you expect -

Dick: (interjects) You brought in that clip of me? To play TO ME??

Maddox: Well, as an example of how it can affect all of us.

Dick: Oh, man.

Sean: Well, I think that effect has been studied in that capacity.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Where a lot of people in, you know, inner-cities...you know, are treated and looked at like criminals and they behave that way, and they think there's, you know, a solid connection between that.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Right! Right, absolutely. You expect people...and this goes back to the war on drugs. You...again, the black thing. You expect people to do drugs or be caught for it because they're incarcerated at a much higher rate, then it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, maybe. You get people who do -

Dick: (interjects) It doesn't according to the stats, though, 'cause they do even less! Right?

Maddox: Yeah, but they get arrested for it more.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then maybe that leads them down a life of crime. Who knows?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who knows? But the Golem effect is a really...it can be devastating to people. It's something that you have to be aware of. But it's really difficult, because these...the way that we think about people when -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause a lot of times we're right.

Maddox: No. (chuckles) (background laughter)

Dick: A lot of times, prejudice is right.

Maddox: Noo.

Dick: Yeah it is!

Maddox: Well, okay.

Dick: Of course it is.

Maddox: Stereotypes, for sure.

Dick: A lot of the times, your gut's right!

Maddox: Yeah. (shrugs)

Dick: Like, "Yeah, these kids aren't gonna do well." You know, they probably won't.

Maddox: No, that's... (cracks up) That's literally the Golem effect that I'm describing. You can't ha-...like, it's...it's really dangerous to have those expectations of people, because...

Dick: Yeah. (shrugging)

Maddox: ...they become self-fulfilling.

Dick: Well...maybe. Maybe they're just fulfilling. And everyone's aware of it.

Maddox: Well, that's also a possibility.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: But we know, we know...I mean, based on that study...well, look, it's much easier to study the Pygmalion effect. They're very similar. And the Pygmalion effect doesn't have long-lasting damaging effects on the participants. You can have higher expectations of students and then see that they fulfill those expectations. Now, that's not a perfect study, because some of those students may happen to be of higher aptitude, just by chance, that you included in your study.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So you may have accidentally selected a few that were gonna do well anyway. However, it's unlikely that the 20% that you randomly selected, ALL of them do better.

Sean: Now, what if you have a really bright kid, but they still can't achieve their parents' expectations?

Maddox: Well, I got a problem for you comin' up, buddy.

Dick: Mmm.

Sean: Oh yeah?

Maddox: Yeah! But anyway, that's my problem, guys. The Golem effect.

Dick: It's a problem, too, 'cause it's about students. Who are really, like...like, what are their accomplishments? They did okay on a test? Like, oh, who fuckin' cares?

Maddox: Well...

Sean: (interjects) Well, that's...but that's all you can do at that age.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I mean, you can only do what...what are you gonna do? You're...you know.

Maddox: And that's also -

Sean: (interjects) You're not gonna win the Nobel Prize at that age, so.

Maddox: And that's also the, uh, the way they're able to study kids, is in elementary school. But they have found this to be the case in organizational structures as well, like at work.

Dick: Oh yeah?

Maddox: Yeah, absolutely.

Dick: That'd be interesting.

Maddox: Absolutely, at work. They've found these same things. When bosses randomly select certain employees with certain expectations, they challenge them, they step up to that challenge. That's actually what one of my bosses did a long time ago. Well, I've only had two jobs, so you know which one.

Dick: Oooo. Ooo!

Maddox: (shouts) Yeah, I know, I know! Ffff-...

Dick: Oooo, ooo, ooo, wait a minute. Wait a minute. Keep...keep goin'. I'll find it. (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah, so anyway... (cracks up) I'm not gonna say the story!! Just so you can shit on me with a sound clip.

Dick: Why? It sounded so interesting and important.

Maddox: NO! Fuck you. I'm not gonna tell...I'm not gonna talk about it. I'm DONE talkin' about it.

Dick: Eh, okay. I guess I -

Maddox: (interjects) I was gonna relate it to a real personal story that could've really drove the point home. Now you're gonna play some shitty sound drop. (angry)

Dick: I don't know why I would play a sound drop. You're not talking about...anything. Specifically.

Maddox: 'Kay. (sneering)

Dick: There's nothing to play a sound drop about.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Was that your problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay! My last problem is...ducking autocorrect.

Sean: Mmmmm.

Maddox: What??

Sean: It changes "fucking" to "ducking."

Maddox: Ohhh, I get it. Okay. Ducking autocorrect. That's funny.

Dick: Who's ever needed to say "ducking"? Who in their life has ever needed to say "ducking"?

Maddox: Well, we're...what are you, uh, what are you hunting? What are you doin' this afternoon? Are you hunting any...?

Dick: I'm going DUCKING. (Maddox giggles) That's what I'm doing. (grins)

Maddox: What are you...what are you doing when a ball's comin' at your head?

Dick: I duck.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs) But what's the act of...ducking?

Dick: Yeah, right. (Maddox laughs) I mean, when would you...how...when...who has ever said that??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How fucked is autocorrect that it ever u-...er, it ever replaces anything with "ducking"?

Maddox: I hate it.

Dick: No one's EVER said it. No one. In the history of the world.

Maddox: yeah.

Dick: Any...you could throw any word in there! Probably used it more than "ducking."

Maddox: Mhm. My phone...my fuckin' phone...I never type "shifting"! I'm never shifting!!

Dick: "Ducking." My ducking phone...

Maddox: Yeah! I'm never havin' a shifty day, asshole!!

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Guess what kinda day I'm havin'?! It's not fuckin' shifty! (background laughter)

Dick: "Shotty." I'm gonna go take a shot. (Maddox giggles) Well, actually, that's...50-50, probably.

Maddox: "What are you doin'?" "I'm takin' a shot right now."

Dick: Takin' a shot right now. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, for you, Dick. (cracks up again) Your phone is so confused with that one. (background laughter) 'Cause sometimes you're doin' both.

Sean: Yeah, he types them equally.

Maddox: Yeah. (smiling)

Sean: Doesn't know which one to choose.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Well...yeah, if I've been...yeah. If I've been taking shots, I don't care. That's the other thing with autocorrect! Every time it fucks it up, *I* know what I meant. I know the person on the other end knows what I meant. But I feel compelled to correct it so I don't look like an idiot!

Sean: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or, somehow I'm not...so I'm not disrespecting them. Right??

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, "Uhh..." Like I'm a mafia per-...Don all of the sudden. Like, "Uh, no disprespect..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "...Don Maddox. I meant to say 'fucking.' I'm gonna correct that. I would never let a computer talk to you in lieu of me."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, right??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's...it's this weird thought process!!

Maddox: I've turned off, uh...thankfully, you're able to do this in the Google dictionary, but you can turn off filters for safe words. So thankfully, my phone mostly gets "fucking" correctly. Especially...even during voice-to-text, it gets "fucking" done correctly.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Yeah. I'll do it right now! I'll talk...I'm gonna talk and record, and we'll see how much of this it gets correctly. But go on, Dick. What's your other problem with, uh, with voice-to-text? Er, I'm sorry, autocorrect.

Dick: No, it's autocorrect.

Maddox: Ducking autocorrect.

Dick: Yeah. That there's...well, that there's no cursing in it. And that the w-...okay, here's the other bad part about autocorrect.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know if I...there's no way for me to know if life would be better without it. Like, I use it, and I hate it, but I'm afraid to turn it off because what if the alternative is s-...like, what if I'm so bad at typing, it just turns into, like, "bleghleghlegh" like a bunch of Qbert speak? (background laughter)

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: When I'm trying to talk, right?

Maddox: Well, that's... (cracks up) That's -

Dick: (interjects) It's...I don't know!

Maddox: I...

Dick: I don't know!! What do I, have to conduct my own experiments on the UI of my phone to see which one's worse?! I don't wanna do that!

Maddox: Well, there it is.

Dick: I just deal with it. It's right...it's right on...this is what...you remember that Louis CK thing, when he said -

Sean: (interjects) "Watch me jerk off"?

Dick: Yeah. (cracks up) To those girls that he allegedly imprisoned in his hotel room. (Maddox laughs) Yeah, do you remember that? It was...um, okay. He was...his...part of his routine was, like, how everyone's spoiled, and this thing is beaming in from space, right? You should have more respect for the technology in front of you. That was his thing.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Fuck that. No. (Sean laughs) This tech-...this shotty, shitty technolog, this ducking autocorrect, it's...it rides that thin line between totally making me insane and being useful. Like, I don't know what side of the fence I'm on. Online tracking? Pizza tracking? Useful. 100% useful. So useful I can't even see it down on the usefulness graph, right? Autocorrect? Right on the line.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Right on the line of zero.

Sean: I agree.

Dick: I don't know which side it's on. Is this fuckin' with me, or is this helping me?

Sean: I'm on the slightly positive side of it.

Dick: Well, we all are! That's why we have it on!

Sean: That's right.

Dick: But I'm too afrai-...what if we're not??

Maddox: Well, let's experiment right now. I'm going to record, going forward, the rest of this episode in autocorrect and see how much of it translates.

Sean: In voice-to-text?

Maddox: Yeah. Right now I'm doing voice-to-text, and I'm gonna see how much of this translates correctly for autocorrect. And we're gonna post this on the website, but the rest of this conversation, we're gonna see how much of it translates.

Dick: It also takes all the personality out of your texting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If I wanna text, like, "WHOOOOOA!" Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It just turns into "whoa."

Maddox: Yeah. (smiles)

Dick: I'm like, "Well, I already fuckin' sent it! Now I'm n-...what am I gonna say to this person, 'WHOOO-OOO-OOOA' again? Now I look desperate." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I guess we're all stuck with these muted reactions!

Maddox: And it never gets the right number of 'ha's in there. 'Cause I never want to...like, if I send...

Dick: Yeah. You're right.

Maddox: ..."H-A-H-A-H," that's usually...like, something I actually chuckled at.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: But it sa-...it d-...it adds extra 'H-A-H-A-H-A's. Like, it's...it makes me look like an idiot! I think -

Dick: (interjects) What am I, flirting with this guy now?!

Maddox: Yeah!! Yeah!

Dick: I've said so many 'ha's? What the hell??

Maddox: Do you think that's...and that's not the funniest fuckin' thing I've ever read, idiot!

Dick: No!!

Maddox: My fuckin' phone! Dipshit! This guy's gonna think less of me now because of the number of 'H's you added.

Dick: He's gonna feed me all of his shit now.

Maddox: Yeah. Ohh, my gosh!

Dick: He's gonna say, "Oh, here's...you liked...you really liked that joke?"

Maddox: Ohh, yeah. (giggles)

Dick: "Here's all my one-and-two material. You're gonna love this, you fuckin' pig."

Maddox: Yeah! (laughs more)

Dick: "Eat this slop." I got...oh, I gotta block...I gotta get outta here. I...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Now I'm never...you're never getting another 'ha.' You know what else it does with the 'ha's?? Separates them! "Ha," space...

Maddox: Yeeeees.

Dick: "Ha..." Like, what the fuck am I, a computer?!?

Maddox: Yeah, like a...

Dick: Am I a comic book? Like, what?!

Maddox: Like a robot pretending to be human. Like, trying to act like a human? We know you, robot! No human adds spaces in their 'ha's. They're not distinct...I know they sound like distinct syllables to your shitty fuckin' computer brain, but they're not, ASSHOLE.

Dick: And somebody programmed that!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They were like, "Well, how do I go 'hahaha'? 'Ha,' space, 'ha,' space, 'ha'..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that programmer sat there and did that.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: This is by far the most Seinfeld-y episode... (Maddox giggles) ...we've ever done. Can you imagine those...how many episodes there would be if texting existed in their world?

Dick: There's a modern Seinfeld Twitter account.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That does that. It's pretty funny.

Sean: Oh, that's right! I've heard of that.

Dick: Um, how 'bout autocorrecting things into sex? How does it miss "fucking" and "shit," but it will throw a "sex" in there when I didn't want it to be? Look, when I type "s-..." If I want "sex" to be in a text, I typed it. I don't want you throwing it in there!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "Oh, you sure you didn't mean...sure you didn't mean 'come here for some sex at the office'?"

Maddox: Mhm

Dick: (shouting) "No, I didn't...well, now I gotta...now I gotta explain something that we both know! We both know why it happened, but I gotta compulsively explain it." Like I have this...like I'm the only one on Earth in the office with a magical device that fucks up my texts! Everybody has it!

Maddox: Yeah. "Sorry Mom, I'll call you in a SEX. When I..." (cracks up) (Dick grimaces)

Dick: Ughhhhh.

Maddox: Oh, man. I -

Dick: (interjects) My mom sent me a text one time for an In-N-Out hamburgers order.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's the best...what's the style you get at In-N-Out? With...there's...you know, they got a -

Maddox: (interjects) Ducking style. (laughs)

Dick: No, they got a bunch of different st-...

Sean: (interjects) Animal style.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Animal style. What did I get from Mom? "Mom, text me your order. I don't wanna remember it, write it down. I don't want you thinkin'...just text it to me." "Yeah. Uh, Dick, I'd like a cheeseburger, anal style." Like... (Maddox laughs) That's it! I'm just driving home! I'm

driving home. I'm not even getting the hamburgers. I'm never eating at In-N-Out again. Thanks a lot, autocorrect! I'm pretty sure if somebody wanted something replaced with "anal," they would've written "anal" in the text!!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's not a replaceable word!

Maddox: You know, Dick, so we're havin' a lot of fun with this, we're doing, uh...but a lot of this is voice-to-text, too. So vote up voice-to-text! But autocorrect specifically.

Dick: No, all mine's...all mine's autocorrect!

Maddox: What, you typed "anal" instead of "animal"?

Dick: No, SHE did.

Maddox: Oh, you c-...oh, SHE did.

Dick: It correct-...she must've gotten close to "animal."

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: But like your bet with the Voyager, which one's closer, the thing said, "Well, uh, gee! I'm pretty close to 'animal,' but I'm also pretty close to 'anal.' I'll just go with 'anal.' Fuck it. Wha-...you know! Equally likely that someone would've used this word."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Pretty close to 'fucking.' Also pretty close to 'ducking'; probably meant 'ducking.'"

Maddox: Probably "ducking."

Dick: Probably...lot of... (stammers) We're...this phone is perfectly suited for a nuclear holocaust, when everybody's ducking and covering all the time. "What are you doin'?" "Duckin' and coverin' and shooting the shit."

Maddox: You know what the problem is, Dick? It's lawyers. 'Cause they don't want Google...

Dick: What?!? (squeaking) (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah! The lawyers are the problem, because they don't want...Google doesn't want to accidentally put in the word "fucking" when someone actually meant "ducking" or anything else. They're playing on the side...you know, they'd be like -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, really?

Maddox: "Our program's not good enough, you know, to figure out 'fucking.' Oh, sorry, it was an accident."

Dick: Oh, but it's lawyers?

Maddox: Yeah, I think they're covering their ass, so that someone doesn't accidentally send a text to someone...to their boss and get fired for it, just in the off-chance that they meant "ducking."

Dick: You're probably right.

Maddox: Yeah. Smart.

Dick: Ducking lawyers, man.

Maddox: Mhm. You gotta duck lawyers. (laughs)

Dick: Ducking lawyers. That's my problem.

Maddox: Ahhh. Anyway, good problem, Dick.

Dick: I read a b-...I read a bunch of articles. I tried to research this; of course, bunch of apologists. Saying that I'm...I'M wrong. "Oh, the reason that you hate this is because there's something wrong with you." Like... (stammers excitedly) "I doubt it." (Maddox chuckles) When anyone gives me that answer, I doubt it instantly. Like, "What are you, getting paid by autocorrect?" (Maddox laughs) "Are you p-...does it, like...does it call you every night? Did it leave your pet's head in your bed? Why the duck are you defending autocorrect?"

Maddox: Big Autocorrect is paying him off.

Dick: Yeah! Like, what is your...what is wrong with you?!

Maddox: Yeah. What's your angle, shithead?

Dick: That you would defend this thing?

Maddox: You know what it is?? It's fuckin' iPhone users! It's always touchscreens with these assholes, because without touchscreens, before that shit? If you guys can remember, back in the day when we had fuckin' keyboards that you could feel and you could type quickly...

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: ...and it was correct all the time. You didn't need this fuckin' shitty autocorrect. All the time, for every fuckin' word! And that's why your batteries are dead, shitheads! Yeah, do I have an iPhone 5 charger? No! Fuck you!! Turn off autocorrect. Get a fucking keyboard.

Sean: Yeah, whoever invented autocorrect should be shit. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Dick: How long were you savin' that?

Sean: Just now!

Dick: Yeah, right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I swear to God!

Dick: It wasn't even had to...anything to do with what he just said.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You just thought of that right now?

Maddox: Yeah. Mhm. (smiles)

Sean: Yeah! I was just thinkin', we..."shit" and "ducking." I'm not defending my joke to you!! Fuck you. (Maddox and Randy laugh)

Maddox: Oh, man. This, uh, this transcript's gonna be hilarious, I think. Or terr-...

Dick: (interjects) **(Cool Sean sound clip: "You're blowin' it, Sean.")** (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Oh, fantastic. Alright, Dick.

Dick: I read some shit about autocorrect making people stupider.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Well, yeah, but... (scoffs) I don't really...I don't buy that. It was, like, a third of people can't spell...a third of...two thirds...wait, wait, wait. A third of people couldn't spell "definitely" and "separate."

Maddox: What did they spell, "defiantly"?

Dick: Well, I...I don't know! But I bet they knew when I meant "fucking." And when I meant "ducking."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: You know what? I think it's just a really bad Markov chain. They have these Markov chain models that, uh, that try to predict what you're saying in context, and they're able to...it's basically how, if you guys have ever used the app SwiftKey? SwiftKey does it by creating these models that look at your texts and then try to predict, based on context and other things you've written in the past, what you meant to say.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And mine is actually surprisingly good. This isn't autocorrect, but it is autophrasing. So it suggests the next phrase that I'm... (chuckles) There came a point a long time ago when I was on Tinder -

Dick: (interjects) Does it suggest "I'm a writer"? Like if you put "I'm," does it say "...a writer"?

Maddox: Oh! You wanna see what it suggests?? (Sean laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This is hilar-...here, I'll show you!

Dick: I would love to see that.

Maddox: I'll show you. I'll show you. You'll love this.

Dick: "I'm..."

Maddox: You'll love this. Hold on.

Dick: Yeah, if th-...if you type in "I'm" and the next word isn't "the," I'll be very upset.

Maddox: Okay! Dick...

Sean: Yes.

Maddox: I typed in -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah.

Maddox: I typed in "I'm an..." and then I want you to read what the three suggestions are.

Dick: Great. Probably. Let me see it.

Sean: "...underappreciated genius."

Maddox: Hold on.

Dick: Oh, uh, "author"...

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: ..."asshole"...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...and "idiot."

Maddox: Yep! (cracks up)

Sean: Excellent.

Dick: "I'm an author..." He says "I'm an author" as much as he says "I'm an idiot."

Sean: Phenomenal. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Or "asshole." It says, "I'm an asshole, author, idiot." Those are the three suggestions when I type in "I'm an...".

Dick: What if you just type in "I'm"? "Late"? Probably "late."

Maddox: No...no, DICKHEAD.

Dick: Or "running late."

Maddox: Oh. (sneering)

Dick: That's not an exaggeration.

Maddox: The suggestions are "I'm" and then "not" and then "at" and then "sorry." Let's see what it says right after "not." "I'm not - "

Sean: (interjects) "I'm sorry." (laughing)

Maddox: It says, "I'm not - "

Sean: (interjects) You know he never says THAT.

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean!! (Dick and Sean laugh) I say that all the fuckin' time! I'm a great apologizer, shithead!! I brought in people who are bad at apologies because I'm GOOD at them. I figured it out! I know how to apologize.

Dick: You figured out how to manipulate your apologies so they're perfect?

Maddox: No. No, I'm a good apologizer. Um, it says, though, "I'm not sure if you're waiting for this file from me or if you're getting me the 3D renders so I can composite them in the video." Huh!

Dick: That's your most-used sentence, huh?

Maddox: I g-... (cracks up) Guess that's my most used sentence! (Randy laughs in the background)

Dick: Hmm. Alright.

Maddox: "I'm not sure if you're waiting for this file from me or if you're getting me the 3D renders so I can composite them in this video."

Dick: That's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah. Good problem, Dick. I'll post that transcript. It's ridiculous. On the, uh, website. But anyway, guys, we ran outta time. I'm not gonna get to my problem this week. I'll bring it in next week. It's a good one, though. So...

Dick: Happy 4/20 to all the libertarians out there. (grins) (Sean chuckles) Happy states' rights day.

Maddox: Ohh, my GOSH. (Dick laughs) Look...yeah, the takea-...the important takeaway is, legalize drugs so that we can regulate them, make sure they're clean, you're getting the product that you're supposed to have. My problem this week is... (cracks up) (Sean chuckles) **(closing riff starts)** ...the Golem Effect.

Dick: Wait, why are you laughing? (Maddox giggles)

Sean: Because it's not a libertarian...very funny.

Dick: Mine problems are the War on Drugs and Auto-...Ducking Autocorrect.

Sean: I got it.

Maddox: Thanks for listening. (Dick giggles)

(closing riff)

Dick: Wait, why...why is that funny? Explain it to me.

Sean: He's talkin' about regulation and libertarianism.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: How they're conflicting ideas.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Oh, that's what that...? Yeah, everyone just thinks libertarians just hate all regulation? Yeah.

Maddox: Well, no libertarian will go on the record saying which regulations they're in favor of.

Sean: Well, drugs is a big thing to regulate.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Biggest Problem in the Universe – Episode 102

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Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Muammar Gaddafi to Spilled Coffee! (Sean and Dick chuckle) With over 6 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Heyyy, what's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back!

Dick: Seeeeeean. Deleting with abandon today.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (chuckles)

Sean: You guys are startin' right in on this shit, eh?

Maddox: This is…this is…

Dick: (interjects) Deleting security deposits….deleting Maddox's coffee.

Maddox: Mhmm. Mhmm.

Dick: All over his carpet. (giggles)

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yep.

Maddox: I mean, the coffee's still there, if I get a sponge.

Sean: Two deletions, one stone. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: (sighs) Alright, guys.

Sean: Sorry about the coffee…but it is funny.

Maddox: (sighs) Yeah, Sean…

Dick: (interjects) Don't apologize. It makes you look weak. (they all laugh) Fuck his coffee!

Maddox: Sean…

Dick: (interjects) And fuck his carpet! (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Sean goes to get water and he goes, "Do you want anything?" and I'm thinking to myself, "Yeah, I would like a large iced Americano, that'd be really nice." (Dick cackles)

Sean: Mhmm.

Maddox: That'd be really good. (grins) Yeah. But guys, moving on.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe…from LAST WEEK!! (Dick still giggling) was the War on Drugs!!

Dick: Oh, that's good.

Maddox: Hey!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: There you go. You get a **(Sound effect: 'Ding!')** and a clap for that, Dick.

Dick: I did…the audience should get that. Please give us 1000 dings and claps.

Maddox: No, it's a good problem. And then Ducking Autocorrect, and then the Gollum Effect.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Um, all came in…I would say the Gollum Effect should come above Ducking Autocorrect. I think it was a little bit too high-concept for people. They didn't quite understand it.

Dick: I mean, the Lord of the Rings is too high-concept for people, too.

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: You know.

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: YOU fucked up!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You should have dumbed it down.

Maddox: Yeah. I should have just made it about Lord of the Rings.

Dick: Yeah, you should have. (giggles)

Maddox: And our dipshit, idiot, slow-breathing, dullard fans would've eaten that up, just like Guardians of the Galaxy, that garbage movie.

Dick: Well.

Maddox: People still talk to me about that. They think that I'm a huge fan of the movie.

Dick: Of Guardians of the Galaxy!?

Maddox: Yeah. People have not listened.

Dick: You're NOT?!

Maddox: (they all giggle) Get outta here.

Dick: I thought you brought that in satirically!

Maddox: No. I got a comment…

Dick: (interjects) The votes think it was satire. (giggles)

Maddox: Do they?

Dick: Yeah. That's why it went down so hard.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: What was your comment?

Maddox: We need a satire tag. I got a comment from **Marco Murdzja.** Yeah. There's not enough vowels in this name. There's way too many consonants. But he says, **"I've dropped acid in college at least twice a week. I'm fine."** (Dick laughs) **"It was a shit-ton of fun."** Oh, I guess, there you go, Marco! I guess Marco's fine, everyone!!! I guess there's no problem.

Dick: Awww.

Maddox: And then someone commented. **Ed Word** says, **"But you're going to have flashbacks for the rest of your life and holes in your brain. Just ask Maddox!"** (Dick giggles) **"The man who has never done a drug in his life, but he read an article, so he knows what's up!"**

Dick: I don't even think you've read an article about drugs, though.

Maddox: I've…

Dick: (interjects) I think all your drug knowledge comes from, like, DARE, from like the five…from, like, the 30-second bumper at the end of a GI Joe cartoon….

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: When Sargeant Slaughter comes out and goes, "Acid'll put holes in your brain, kids. The more you know!" That's what it sounded like to me.

Maddox: I mean, 'cause that's exactly what it is! I got all my knowledge about drugs from cartoons from the eighties, dickheads!!! I know one thing for sure. Drugs are for turkeys!!! (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, yeah. Yeah. (grins) We got a LOT of…there was a lot of voice mail on LSD.

Maddox: Oh, I'm sure. OH, let's hear these rambling dullards…

Dick: WELL….

Maddox: …prattle on. (goofy voice) Uh, Maddox….

Dick: Yeah, okay. I'll just start into it.

Maddox: Look. Before you get into it…before you g…

Dick: (interjects) No, let these guys talk!! You're gonna have an hour to…

Maddox: (interjects) No, 'cause I know what they're gonna say!

Dick: Well, then let them say it!!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Don't…don't…don't kill the punchline.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Maddox, you FUCKING idiot."

Maddox: Ooooooookay. (Dick giggles)

"Where do you get your information on drugs, and I've heard of fucking Dragnet from the seventies…"

Maddox: I told you, cartoons!! (laughs)

"LSD, particularly one hit of LSD…"

Dick: Yeah.

"Will NEVER, EVER fucking cause flashbacks!"

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

"Maybe if you're fucking eating…"

Dick: Never.

Maddox: That's not true.

"…I don't know, fucking sheets of it at a time!! But no. One-time use of LSD will not cause fucking flashbacks."

Maddox: Oh, okay. (goofy voice)

"Jesus Fucking Christ. And I love how you're saying all of this misinformation on Bicycle Day, 04/19, the day that LSD was first synthesized by Dr. Albert Hofmann."

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Ohh.

"In-fucking-credible. Do just a SECOND of research."

Maddox: I knew it!!

Dick: Pissed right on his grave.

"Outside of whatever the fuck…(inaudible)"

Dick: I don't think that's the only grave you'll be pissing on.

Sean: No, he's…he's…(inaudible)

Maddox: Yeah.

"Fucking simpleton!"

Maddox: Okay.

"Dick, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: You wanna hear another one? (grins)

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: (inaudible while they all talk over each other)

Sean: Wait, I'm not gonna believe that guy any more than I believe you, or less.

Maddox: Yeah, exactly.

Sean: It's like, look.

Maddox: Why?

Sean: Unless he comes with some published, peer-reviewed studies…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Then, like, he could be going to, you know, lsdtruth.org.

Dick: Oh, oh, okay, okay, okay. Well, maybe this guy will convince you then, Sean.

Sean: Great.

(Voice mail: male voice: Man……Maddox, when you talk about drugs, it's like listening to a creationist talk about evolution. It's just fucking painful."

Dick: What do you think of that?

Sean: I like that analogy. (giggles)

"What the fuck? Ayahuasca…"

Maddox: Well, actually…

"…is not an opiate."

Dick: That's what he's got you on.

Maddox: Oh. Well, actually.

"Acid does not put holes in your brain, and like, having an acid flashback…it sounds like you think having an acid flashback is…"

Maddox: Ehhhhhh.

"…just like you instantly think you're on FIRE and you hop out a window…" (Dick giggles)

"…out of a 30-story building and splatter all over the fucking ground."

Maddox: Yeah.

"And that's not the case, man."

Dick: You don't think that. Or do you?

Maddox: (scoffs) WE DON'T KNOW! (they giggle) Apparently I could be thinking any crazy thing about drugs! (Dick cracks up)

"If you tried acid and weren't a gigantic vagina, and just gave it, like, one little go, just like one little tab of acid.."

Maddox: Yeah.

"…you would know what the fuck you were talking about."

Maddox: Yeah. ACTUALLY…

"But, uh…(laughs)…")

Maddox: MADDOX.

Dick: Alright, you paused for too long.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah. I was expecting.

Dick: I mean, it's full of…

Maddox: (interjects) I know, I know.

Dick: You wanna hear the first 5 seconds of a couple in a row?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I don't wanna listen to the whole thing.

Maddox: Let's hear it, yeah. Fuck you, Maddox.

(Voice mail: male voice: Holy fuck, Maddox. (they guffaw) **If you don't know anything about a subject…"**

Maddox: I know.

"…just abstain. Like…if you're gonna try to argue about how drugs hurt you…LSD, is that what you're gonna go with? LSD."

Dick: This guy, he's got a point.

"You got heroin, you got cocaine, you got meth…"

Maddox: No.

Dick: He's got a point there, don't you think?

"And you went with possibly the most harmless drug…"

Maddox: No. Okay, okay, yeah. I got it!

Dick: Alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: This is more than 5 seconds!

Dick: Go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: Uh…

Sean: You did pick LSD over cocaine…

Dick: (interjects) You did pick the weakest one.

Sean: …meth…heroin.

Maddox: Uh, look, man. The point that I was trying to make…and you could replace whatever drug that you want to make this point true, because it's still true, regardless if I misspoke about the drug.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The point is that some drugs are very dangerous and bad for you.

Dick: Like alcohol!

Maddox: Is that disputed? Like meth.

Dick: Well, alcohol…

Maddox: (interjects) I'm talking about illegal drugs.

Dick: Like…like the…

Maddox: Like meth.

Dick: Paxil.

Maddox: Like heroin.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right? The like, heavy, hard drugs. They're bad for you.

Sean: Yeah. They're not good for you.

Maddox: They're not good for you.

Sean: There are very few OLD addicts.

Maddox: Right. Right. That's the point.

Dick: They're harmful.

Maddox: Now, uh…to the point about LSD chewing holes in your brain…or whatever. I looked into it, and it sounds like it may be an urban legend.

Dick: Definitely.

Maddox: There are…there are pictures on the internet of brains with holes chewed in them, but they may be due to other complications of things. The people who were doing drugs…

Sean: (interjects) They coulda had…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, wait, wait. Can I ask…by hole, do you mean a physical hole?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Like a brain that has, like, a swiss cheese.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like in Quantum Leap…there's a physical void in the brain.

Maddox: They are missing a certain type of matter in that brain. You can see it on a CAT scan. Like on an MRI scan.

Dick: Oh, CAT scan. Okay, that's what I thought.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause those CAT scan tests are to show you the sections of the brain that don't have blood in them when you're high.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, if you're thinking logically, different parts of your…like, if you're responding to religious iconography, different parts of your brain light up. If you're responding to, like, logical arguments, different parts of your brain light up.

Maddox: Yeah, it wasn't that. It wasn't that.

Dick: If you're looking at, like, a baby…

Maddox: (interjects) I believe…then maybe it was an MRI. 'Cause it was an old black and white photo, you could see clear, dark areas where there was no matter in the brain. Uh…

Dick: Ehhh, okay. (skeptical)

Maddox: But, but…I looked into it, and it turns out, I think…that the people who had that affliction, or whatever, may have been combining lots of different drugs. May have been an anomaly. May have been a lot of different things. As for the point about the LSD…

Dick: They were playing a lot of laser tag.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Laser beams shot holes in their brain. That's what I heard.

Maddox: Ugh.

Sean: That does complicate it, because a lot of people…

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: …use, you know, multiple drugs recreationally.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: So it's…they also, you know, for a long time, they were trying to study the cancer effects of smoking pot.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Sean: With carcinogens.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: But a lot of them smoked cigarettes, too, so it skews the potential results.

Maddox: So…so….

Dick: (interjects) But your point is that drugs are bad.

Maddox: So onto the point…yeah, well…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Some drugs are definitely bad.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And they're not…we don't know the full impacts of them. We don't know how to test for them, that sort of thing…people…if it's in their systems. Um, but to the point of LSD, you can have flashbacks, even by using it once, but it is…

Dick: (interjects) Ugh, man.

Maddox: It is…it is…

Dick: (interjects) I think you're repeating a myth!

Maddox: I linked to the source on the website. So check the source.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: It is exceedingly rare that that can happen, but there are people who've died from LSD. There have been complications due to synthetic LSD. Uh…there are people who've gone into comas because of LSDs. Uh, these aren't…and again, these aren't common, but it has happened. It's documented. I linked to it.

Dick: Okay. I'm…I'm not gonna…disagree with any of that for the sake of time. 'Cause I brought in this interesting graph that I want you to look at. Um…

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Someone…I forget where it was. I think someone in the comments…'cause I said nothing's more dangerous than alcohol. Like, that was my overall point..was there's a big war on drugs, but alcohol's legal, and it's the worst one.

Sean: Alcohol and cigarettes are terrible.

Dick: Absolutely terrible.

Sean: Yeah, they're the worst.

Dick: They're both legal, 'cause everyone loves them, and everyone understands them. Like, you understand what alcohol and cigarettes do to you, BUT people don't understand what the other drugs do, 'cause they don't do them, right? 'Cause they don't want to do them.

Maddox: No, but alcohol also has a use outside of just recreationally getting fucked up.

Dick: Getting chicks fucked up. Is that what you're talking about? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: That's what I was talking about.

Dick: Cleaning shit?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: No, cooking, cleaning, antibacterial properties of alcohol. Lots of reas…lots of legitimate uses for alcohol.

Dick: What about tobacco?

Maddox: I don't know of any.

Dick: Probably not.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Unl…can you sterilize shit by blowing…a menthol on it? I don't think you can do that.

Maddox: I don't think so.

Dick: Right, okay. Okay. Anyway, someone has done a study.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: About they're harmful. 'Cause everyone flipped. They're like, "Well, crack's way worse than alcohol."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You don't know what you're talking about. Here's a graph. I'm gonna post it. I don't know the background of this study. Just, you know, you take a study, you look at it. You don't agree with it. Whatever, get rid of it. (Maddox scoffs) These are all the drugs linked by their harmfulness with the user and the people around them. Alcohol TOWERS over the other ones.

Sean: I believe that.

Maddox: Yeah, I mean, I…(stammers)

Sean: Because they tend to use it over a longer period of time, like crack can take you down quick.

Dick: Quick!

Sean: Meth can take you down really quick.

Dick: Yep!!

Maddox: Yeah, it does…

Dick: (interjects) I thought the graph was interesting and statistical. In my argument about rights and whatever, I probably overlooked this very interesting graph that SHOWS alcohol is WAY more harmful than the other drugs.

Sean: It makes…

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, it doesn't have a source here, though. What's the source of this?

Dick: Oh, I chopped that out of the report. It's a big report.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: I didn't wanna bring in the PDF and scroll through it. It's very interesting, though.

Maddox: Well, so…so number one…according to harm it causes to users and harm it causes to others…

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Alcohol causes the most harm to others, believe it or not. About two thirds of the harm it causes is to others as opposed to the user. And I think it is the only drug on this list like that. The next closest is heroin, but, uh..heroin causes about…almost 50/50 harm to users and harm to others, and way off the charts is methamphetamine, which causes the most harm to users and hardly any harm to others.

Dick: Nothing to anybody else.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh…and then mushrooms. Mushrooms causes all harm to users, (giggles) but it's really low on the scale. It's like 6.

Dick: Very low.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's with LSD at the very end, 'cause they don't kill people.

Maddox: Yeah man, I've tried mushrooms. But, you know, to the point of, like, people saying, "Hey Maddox, you've never done drugs, so you can't comment." (goofy voice) It's like…

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: Guys, I've never had…I've never had a broken arm, but I can comment on broken arms. I've never had a…

Dick: (interjects) Well, wait, what do you mean?

Sean: There's…look. There's certain things you have to experience, I think, to talk about them.

Maddox: (interjects) No…

Sean: You know, it…(Dick cracks up) there are. No, certain things. But not…that's probably not one of them. If there's enough studies…peer-reviewed, repeatable, all that kind of stuff.

Maddox: Sure.

Sean: You can…you can (inaudible)

Dick: (interjects) What about spilling coffees? (Maddox laughs) Do you think you have to do that in order to comment on it?

Sean: Um, it…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause I haven't done that. I have no idea what it's like to spill someone's coffee.

Sean: It HELPS. It helps, because you don't understand the INNER turmoil that causes, unless you've actually done it.

Dick: Oh, man. (grins)

Sean: Now, that would cause inner turmoil, except it was to MADDOX, so I really feel good about myself.

Dick: No, you don't.

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean!

Dick: You feel like a dick.

Maddox: Mmhmm. Yeah.

Dick: You're a dick. (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: What a big ol' dickhead.

Dick: Anyway.

Maddox: Um, I got a comment here from **Leo Lombardozi.** Now, I wanna say two things here. Um..I wanna comment…I'll mention his comment here.

Dick: He gets interrupted before his comment! Let's…let's hear it.

Maddox: Yeah. I wanna comment about what he said here, and I also want to comment on the whole drug war problem, 'cause I thought it was fascinating, I did more research after the episode.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: But Leo says, **"Black people are statistically less likely to do drugs and are more likely to be arrested for doing drugs."** And then he says, **"Arrested for DOING drugs, or arrested for DEALING drugs."** Now that's a point I feel like…

Dick: (interjects) Probably both.

Maddox: Uh, yeah, both. Of course.

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Of course both. But it turns out that white people are still arrested more. They make up more…a higher percentage of dealers than black people.

Dick: Oh, sure!

Sean: Well, by straight numbers, of course.

Dick: Yeah, by straight numbers. Yeah.

Maddox: But here's the percentages.

Sean: Not percentages, maybe.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Oh, I mean "or" percentages.

Maddox: Well, here's the percentages. White is 48%. Black is 45%.

Dick: That's what I thought it would be.

Maddox: So it's still by 5%. But blacks, for representing only 15% of the population, that is overrepresented in the percentage of drug dealers. And again, the reason there could be that they are incarcerated at 10 times higher rate than whites. Um, but then on to the point about the war on drugs, Dick. I think that we kind of glossed over this without doing real justice to this, but…the drug epidemic…the war on drugs really…it was kicked off with Nixon and went into high gear with Reagan.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Reagan passed the Drug Abuse Act, right? And this Drug Abuse Act, I had no idea was so nefarious, because what it did is it created a penalty for having crack cocaine, as opposed to what's the other…the more pure form?

Dick: Cocaine.

Maddox: Cocaine.

Dick: No, it's not more pure, it's just in a different form. It's a powder.

Maddox: Powder. Okay.

Dick: Crack is solid. Cocaine is powder.

Maddox: Right. And who's more likely to do crack?

Dick: Well…I mean, I know…you can make this a race thing, like obv…black people have…

Maddox: (interjects) It's not just race.

Dick: …crack more.

Maddox: Yeah, it's true. But it's also…crack is more affordable.

Sean: I dunno. That sounds racist.

Dick: (giggles) Yeah. It could…it could be. I mean, go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: I mean, that's what the Nixon aide essentially said the war on drugs was evidence for.

Dick: It's racially motivated.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: Sure, yeah.

Maddox: And that could be in addition to that, because crack is…a lower income drug, and then cocaine is the higher-income version of that. And the penalty for cocaine is much smaller. For 500 grams of cocaine, the penalty is the same for even having, I think, 5 grams of crack.

Dick: Look. I…get rid of all the penalties is my motto. You know this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, I agree with what you're saying might be true. But it's also a hell of a lot easier to sell crack than it is cocaine. Like…you know. I don't wanna make it a whole racist thing, 'cause I dunno if that's true.

Maddox: Wait, why is that?

Dick: 'Cause it's solid.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Like, you want a rock? Here you go. What am I, gonna carry a bag of flour home?

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Buying enough cocaine? That's not as easy.

Maddox: What, are you kidding me? I saw…I found…

Dick: It's very easy to separate crack.

Maddox: I found a dimebag of cocaine in my neighborhood. No joke.

Dick: How did you know?

Maddox: Uh, I didn't know. I was with a friend who pointed it out.

Dick: 'Cause I carry my flour around in dimebags all the time.

Maddox: Oh, do you?

Dick: Just to trick cops.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they'll look stupid.

Maddox: Oh. (laughing)

Dick: When I get arrested and they'll test it. "I know this…motherfucker, it's flour."

Maddox: Alright, let's go, Masterson!

Dick: What were you gonna say?

Maddox: Outta that slammer! Put your pants back on! Alright.

Dick: Can we move onto something else, please?

Maddox: Let's move on.

Dick: Uh, a lot of people took offense to some inaccuracies you had last week regarding Pokemon. Uh, here.

Maddox: What did…(cracks up) These fucking nerds!!

Dick: Here, here, here.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Maddox, I'm just calling to let you know that Geodude evolves into Graveller…"

Maddox: I know, idiot!

“And Graveller evolves into Golem. AFTER you train it with somebody else.”

Maddox: No shit, you fucking moron! It’s the final form, shithead!! (goofy voice) “Uhhhh, Maddox.”

“Or if you don’t like the Internet, you have, like, you know, the DS version.”

Dick: Uh-huh.

“The point is, is that you’re a tremendous fucking Poke casual…(inaudible as they all crack up) **or…yeah.”)**

Maddox: A Poke casual?! (laughing)

Dick: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Sean: He’s mad because you missed the intermediary?!

Maddox: Yeah!! (laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I skipped…I skipped a step because it’s a fucking podcast, shithead! It’s a radio program where not everyone knows what the fuck Pokemon is!! It’s a throwaway joke that was a sentence, you fucking nerds! You ruin everything!

Dick: You gotta show your work, man. Common Core jokes on this show. (grins) (Maddox laughs) You gotta show how you got there.

Maddox: Alright, Dick, anything else?

Dick: Graveller. Leaving Graveller out. No, no, no, no, no.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Alright. Let’s move on, guys. I…this is the problem I brought in…

Dick: Did I mention that my man took offense to your LSD thing, too?

Maddox: Oh, I’m sure.

Dick: That, like, 10 minutes after the episode launched, I get a text from my man saying, “What the fuck?!” He’s sending me all this info on LSD.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I haven’t heard from this guy in forever. (laughing)

Maddox: You know…you know…

Sean: (interjects) You haven’t mentioned your man in, like, 40 episodes!

Dick: No, no. I don’t wanna say it, I’m just saying that he, boom! That’s what he cares about.

Sean: But the argument that “it hasn’t happened to me” is idiotic.

Dick: What do you mean?

Sean: Like, “Hey, I’ve taken acid and, like, nothing’s ever happened to me!”

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That’s a stupid argument.

Maddox: Of course. Yeah. It’s a gambler’s fallacy.

Dick: Wellllll, I dunno.

Maddox: (stammers) I drove down the street without a seatbelt, I didn’t get in a wreck!

Dick: Okay. (scoffs)

Maddox: Good job, shithead! You lucked out, I guess. But…uh…

Dick: (interjects) Fuck! I had an erotic story, but we spent so much time talking about LSD. I’ll play it next week.

Maddox: We’re still pretty early. You wanna do it?

Dick: Ah, no, no, no. Go ahead.

Maddox: Look, guys. Um, you know those obnoxious dudes who…all throughout high school, I had these friends who were huge stoners, and they’d always pull you aside, like, you know, tell you the real…the real talk about…about, you know. They’re stoner proselytizers. They’re stoner preachers.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They’re marijuana preachers and they’re always telling you, “Hey man, actually, it’s not true. You know, the Reefer Man in this documentary is a big propaganda piece”, and blablabla.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Horseshit.

Maddox: And here’s the thing. I get it. I believe you. Just, I don’t…just go away. I don’t care. I just don’t care.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And because I shit on so many drugs and so many different groups, now I’m hearing from all of them.

Dick: Yeah. That’s what you deserve. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Great.

Dick: That’s what you get, man.

Maddox: This is the Hell I’ve created.

Dick: I mean, they…what else do they have to do all day? (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Nothing, apparently.

Dick: No, nothing. (grins)

Maddox: Except calling this fucking podcast and leave comments. Shitty comments. Guys, this was the problem I brought in last week. We didn't have time for it, but…my problem…my biggest problem in the universe this week is Helicopter Parents!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Sean: Mmmm.

Maddox: Yeah!!! Helicopter Parents!!

Dick: I wish you had that coffee back, so I could spit all of it out of my mouth right now.

Maddox: (scoffs, laughs)

Dick: You're bringing in…you're criticizing parents?

Maddox: Yeah, why not?

Dick: 'Cause one of your problems was people with no kids criticizing parents!

Maddox: No. No time…No Child Parenting Advice. That was the problem.

Dick: Yeah!! Let's hear it!!

Maddox: I'm not giving parenting advice!! (Sean giggles)

Dick: Okay. (grins)

Maddox: These are other parents who've given parenting advice. Look, let's define the terms here. First of all, helicopter parent was first used in Dr. Haim Ginott's 1969 book, Parents and Teen…Teenagers…by Teens Who Said Their Parents…man, this sentence is really…

Dick: (interjects) The title's a mouthful!

Maddox: I know, it's…(laughs)

Dick: Wow!!

Maddox: Anyway, it's basically parents who hover around them like helicopters. The term became popular enough to become a dictionary entry in 2011.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're basically parents who hover around you all the time. Now, what could possibly be the harm in that?

Sean: Well, the kid never experiences anything for themselves. They're, like, kept safe.

Dick: Yeah. Everything…

Maddox: Sean. **(Sound effect: 'Ding!')** Fucking right on the nose. That's exactly what it is. Uh, "reason parents become helicopter parents, is because a lot of times, they're just afraid. They have fear of dire consequences." These are the reasons according to parents.com.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, they have fear of dire consequences, low grades, not making the team. Not getting a job their parents want their children to get. I mean, think about that. Your parents are basically projecting their fears onto you. They want YOU to be exactly what they expect you to be, and that's why they hover around you and micromanage everything in your life.

Dick: Okay, so lemme just…lemme just drop this in on you. I don't wanna hijack your problem, but I feel like you need some…you need some kind of emotional connection here. Like that's not…that's not the whole story. Projecting your fears onto the kids?

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: It's…you got…you've got these little ba…I have two nephews now. The one…the little one just started walking around. So now he's a terrorist.

Maddox: Wait, you got a new one?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Oh, hey.

Dick: No he's a year old.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: I'm a year ago. (Maddox laughs) Yeah. Don't…

Maddox: Well, hey…

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Don't worry about it. This…(Maddox laughs)

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: This…I don't expect those kinds of things, here.

Maddox: I didn't get a fucking card!

Dick: No. (scoffs) So…uh, now that he's walking around, he's joining his older brother in being a little terrorist. It's…I…(stammers) there's a lot more to it than projecting fears onto them, I think. (they talk over teach other)

Maddox: But why...why...

Dick: Is what I'm trying to...

Maddox: Well, yeah. I... (stammers)

Dick: ...trying to get at.

Sean: (interjects) Well, they're not doing it in-...they're not doing it intentionally.

Maddox: I'm not done with this list.

Dick: Go ahead, yeah. Go...go ahead. Go ahead.

Maddox: There are other reasons people become helicopter parents. Feelings of anxiety, worries about the economy, job market, relationship prospects; these are projected onto

the child. And these aren't my words. This is from Parents.com. Overcompensation: adults who felt unloved or neglected as a child start to overcompensate with their own children. And it sometimes creeps into adulthood; helicopter parents think that because they pay the bills, they're entitled to know what's going on at all times with their adult children as well. And, you know, g-...it goes on.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's an example from Psychology Today. But what do you say about that, Dick? Those are the three main reasons that Parents.com lists that, uh, parents become helicopter parents.

Dick: I think that's a weird way of looking at it. Like, I guess it makes me wonder, what is a helicopter parent? Like, it...that...those are all bad things, you could say? Right?

Maddox: Well, they're people who are way too overinvolved, overprotective, o-...you know, over-nosy in their children's lives.

Sean: And they also make the child -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I guess it's hard to...it's hard to say where to stop, though. Like, do you have any experience with kids?

Maddox: Do I...?

Dick: To that degree? Like, at any age?

Maddox: What do you mean? Have I had...I've never had a kid, so no.

Dick: Do you...but are you around them at all? Ever?

Maddox: I've been around kids, yeah.

Dick: Like, not...you know, kids that you...kids that are...you care about.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Kids that are important to you.

Maddox: Yeah. There has been...there have been kids that I've cared about.

Dick: Okay. I w-...

Sean: (interjects) I think there's been kids that you've tolerated.

Maddox: Yeah. That too.

Dick: Yeah, I think so too. (stammers) I don't wanna say that this isn't a problem.

Maddox: Uh-oh. (slyly)

Dick: What do you mean, "uh-oh"?

Maddox: I feel...I feel like you're about to tell me something that's going to make me think you're a helicopter parent.

Dick: Oh, no! I can just easily understand how, like, um...the frog boils slowly. Right? Like, you...you have to watch over them so carefully that, like, letting them go in stages, like

the...you know, imagine, like, a target. Like you're shooting an arrow at a target. Or a taser, in your case, at a target. The bullseye is, like...is, um...that's where you start with them. You're hovering over them all the time, but as they grow up, like, g-...making the target bigger, giving them more room to go fuck up on their own?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: I imagine it's very difficult. Like, it's very difficult for me as an UNCLE to do that. Like, when I see the kids fuckin' around and doing something maybe a little dangerous, or kinda being assholes? I'm like, "Man, every instinct in me is wanting to get up to correct this behavior, but you gotta just let them..." First of all, I'm not their parents, so it's none of my business. But it's...that's not true all the time. But also, it's very difficult to let them go out and fuck up on their own. Now, I'm sure you're talking about extreme cases on this article, but I don't know. That's just my opinion on it.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Having been around kids.

Maddox: I've been around kids, but I think that...fundamentally, I believe in the philosophy that I was raised with, which is let them fuck up and hurt themselves sometimes.

Sean: Look how well HE turned out.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: Fuckin' great.

Dick: I...that's VERY simplistic, to say "let them fuck up and hu-..." So, like, lemme give you an example. You've got, let's say, a small child, and they're playing with their cousins or their friends, and you notice that your kid's being a little too aggressive and not sharing.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Like, deciding when you intervene on that is not answered by your "let them hurt themselves" principle.

Maddox: No, but that's not an example of where helicopter parenting would even come into play.

Dick: Oh, but it is! Because you could get in there every time you perceive them being selfish, or maybe shoving too much with...you could swoop in there and grab 'em and reprimand 'em. Like, you can control everything that they do, but is...I'm...I don't think that's good. I think that's what you're bringing in, that's not good. But there's definitely...you know, it's a gray area.

Maddox: Well, here's -

Dick: (interjects) Like so many things.

Maddox: Here's what it says, according to Psychology Today. It said that, uh, "Costs are so great..." Because this is, again, talking about parents who feel like they own their

children because they pay the bills. "Costs are so great that schooling is an investment..." Their adult children, rather.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: "...schooling is an investment, as if some magical amount of money trips a switch in their brain that says it's okay for them to rob their kids of any degree of self-sufficiency. The researchers find, the inappropriate, anxiety-driven parenting tactics not only compromise the child's autonomy, mastery, and personal growth, they often reflect a critical attitude by parents, who praise their children when they do well but withdraw affection, subtly or overtly, when they don't bring home that A. It's known in the psych biz as 'parental conditional regard.'" So if you don't fulfill their expectations they have for you, they will withdraw their affection from you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's incredibly psychologically damaging, and there's an article on KSL.com. It talks about how bad par-...helicopter parenting can be. It says here that, uh, award-winning journalist and author David Kushner wrote a book about it. He says, "Kushner's own theory is that things started to change after what he called a 'perfect storm for fostering this fear.'" Like, where helicopter parenting came from. Because it wasn't a phenomenon until the, uh, the mid to late '80s, and it's been a problem ever since. It says, "First, 6-year-old Etan Patz disappeared in 1979 while walking to school in New York City's Soho district. 'I think because it was such a mystery and because it was so captivating that it really penetrated the world of the media, which was in New York,' said Kushner. 'It became a drama and not to be crass, but it sold newspapers.'" So this story, I guess, from 1979 of a kid being kidnapped...I guess was the OJ Simpson story of the time.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: And all these parents started worrying about it, and...I mean, statistically speaking, if your kid gets lost and runs into a stranger on the street, they're probably gonna be okay. The crime rate across the board is something like 0.3 per capita, 0.4 per capita? It's ridiculously low. It's a -

Sean: (interjects) And most kids are abducted by someone they know. I believe.

Maddox: You're...you're -

Dick: (interjects) That doesn't make the fear less, Sean.

Sean: No, it doesn't, but...

Dick: (guffaws) That doesn't help.

Sean: ...same thing with the media, like you're talkin' about. Every parent out there thinks that there's a fair likelihood that their kid may get abducted if they're playing in the front yard.

Maddox: Yeah, and I'm with...I've shared the philosophy of, uh, I think Louis CK said this, but your kid's...just not that attractive. Like, I'm... (chuckles) Your...

Dick: Yeah. (hesitant)

Maddox: Most kids just aren't that attractive. They're not hot enough to molest. Your kid... (cracks up) Your kid... (giggles) Your kid is fuckin' ugly. But no, but...here's the thing. (Sean grimaces)

Dick: (interjects) I just...I REALLY disagree with the...where this conversation is going. (Maddox laughs) I really strongly disagree with it.

Maddox: You think they are hot enough? (giggles more)

Dick: So, child...child, uh...children are in danger, in my opinion.

Maddox: Get out.

Dick: Like, sooo...SO many kids are abused and molested.

Maddox: No, they're not.

Dick: SO many.

Maddox: No they're n-...it's a minority.

Dick: Ohh, my god.

Maddox: It's a hu-...it's a very, very small minority.

Dick: Wha-...but again, you think a small minority is 2%!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's an INCREDIBLE amount of abuse!! If that's true! I mean...

Maddox: That's...by definition, that's a minority.

Sean: Talk percenta-...nyeah, well...yeah.

Dick: No shit, it's a minority, but it's not a scoffable minority!

Sean: No.

Dick: Like, it's not a...it's a mathematical minority ONLY. It's not a MORAL minority.

Maddox: Well, no one's saying that.

Dick: That's an incredi-...you...ye-...you are by trivializing it.

Maddox: No, no, no. I'm not say-...look, I'm not...I think it's trivializing...it's...first of all, it's causing more damage than, uh, than good by fearmongering the statistic, that 2% or 1% or whatever. I'm just saying all across the board -

Dick: (interjects) We don't know! What is it?

Maddox: I'm saying all across the board, per capita -- per capita means the number of people per hundred thousand, right? So per capita, the likelihood of you experiencing a crime when you go out into the world, in the United States on average is, like, less than 1. So...

Dick: But you're saying experience a CRIME.

Sean: Yeah, but if -

Dick: (interjects) You mean a...

Maddox: That means assault, that means rape, that means murder, that means...uh, burglary. Like, any kind of crime, it's less than 1.

Sean: So that -

Dick: (interjects) The am-...the chil-...the amount of reported crimes against children is so astronomically low. Like... (stammers) Go...go ahead.

Sean: Yeah, sure. Sure. Like, I don't care if it's like a million to one, if you're the "one."

Maddox: Guys, of course. Look, child molestation and child abuse is one of the most heinous crimes.

Dick: WAY higher than a million to one.

Sean: Oh no, I kn-...

Dick: Way higher.

Sean: I know the odds are higher than that.

Maddox: Well, look, it's one of the most heinous crimes.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: I don't think it's SO prevalent, that you have to worry about your child wandering into the street or goin' over to a neighbor's house. You know what?

Dick: (interjects) Oh, you should absolutely worry about that.

Maddox: No. Absolutely not.

Dick: I mean, I...I just have a hard time even taking that seriously from someone who has no kids, or kids that they've ever, like, had to protect! Like, what...your exp-...

Maddox: (interjects) YOU'VE never had any kids, and you've never had to protect any kids.

Dick: I'm constantly around my nephews.

Maddox: That's not your kid!

Dick: No shit, Maddox!

Sean: But you still have those kind of parental instincts.

Dick: Of c-...no, you have...

Sean: Or you...

Dick: You wanna protect them!

Sean: Yes.

Dick: That's part of your tribe. It's very easy for children to get taken advantage of. Like, writing it off as this mathematical unlikelihood?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To me, is...okay, it's...parents are fearmongering? Whatever. But...WAY too many kids get abused, in my opinion. Hav-... (Maddox scoffs) Looking out for them is not helicopter parenting.

Maddox: Yes, it is. (Dick guffaws) Yes, it is. If you are constantly worried about your kid going over to a neighbor's house, and then ge-...you know, coming home molested, like...look, it's just unlikely to occur.

Sean: It can make, uh...you know, parents take it to the extreme.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It can make that kid really fearful.

Maddox: And there we go, Sean! There's the rub, because -

Dick: (interjects) They should be.

Maddox: Because here's what happens. Here are the consequences of helicopter parenting.

Sean: You ever heard the song "Mother" by Pink Floyd? It's basically...a helicopter parent.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Well, what are the consequences?

Maddox: Here are the consequences, from Parents.com. It says your kids get a sense of entitlement. That right there, to me, is one of the worst fates of ANYONE. Having a fuckin' sense of entitlement.

Dick: Except getting molested.

Maddox: Well, yeah. ONE of the worst.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Children who have always had their social, academic, and athletic lives adjusted by their parents to best fit their needs can become accustomed to always having their way and thus they develop a sense of entitlement." They become entitled shitheads.

Sean: Yeah, they're like the center of the universe.

Maddox: Broken fucking people. Undeveloped life skills. More...more consequences of helicopter parenting. "Parents who always tie shoes, clear plates, pack lunches, launder clothes, and monitor school progress, even after their children are mentally and physically capable of doing the task, prevent their children from mastering these skills themselves." Decreased self-confidence and self-esteem. "The main problem with helicopter parenting is that it backfires," says Dr. Ann Dunnewold, a licensed psychologist. She says, "The underlying message that the parents' overinvolvement sends to kids is that 'my parent doesn't trust me to do this on my own,' and this leads to a lack of confidence." So they're insecure, they lack confidence, they have underdeveloped life skills, they have a sense of entitlement, and it goes on! They get underdeveloped coping skills. "If the parent is always there to clean up after the child's mess, or prevent the problem in the first place, how does the child ever learn to cope with loss, disappointment, or failure? Studies have found that

helicopter parenting can make children feel less competent in dealing with the stresses of life on their own." And then it increases anxiety in the child. It...the list goes on and on! "A study from the University of Mary Washington has shown that overparenting is associated with higher levels of child anxiety and depression." I mean, you're fucking up the kid's life. Yeah, you know what? There's a one in a, uh...100,000 chance, maybe less than that. One half in a 100,000 chance, maybe 200,000 chance, that your child could get molested by wandering over to your neighbor's house. That's an awful fuckin' -

Dick: (interjects) What if it's 1 in 100?

Maddox: That's a...that...well, what if it's 1 in 10?? (Dick guffaws) I mean, I don't know! You're just throwing out random numbers out there.

Dick: So are you!

Maddox: It's 1 in 100,000. No, those are the odds!

Dick: The odds that your kid gets molested in 1 in 100,000?

Maddox: It's really rare.

Dick: Is it 1 in 100,000, or is it really rare?

Maddox: All crimes, across the board? I...look...

Dick: Ahhh.

Maddox: Pedophilia itself would be...would be in the millions, Dick.

Dick: Didn't we say it was 2% or 3% or somethin' like that?

Maddox: No. I mean, I know you said that, but I don't know where you pulled that number from.

Dick: Oh no, I...well...I mean, that was just a guess. Catholic Church is somethin' like 6%.

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: Okay! (exhales) Alright. So, what...what were you gonna say?

Maddox: Um...the point is that helicopter parenting, the consequences of it, are really dire. They're really extreme. When you stifle your kid's choice, his freedom...his or her freedom of expression, they become entitled, they become anxious, they get depressed, they become less self-reliant; they become basically broken human beings! Is that what you want? I mean, what's the alternative here? Yeah, you know what? Abuse against children is awful and heinous. It's one of the worst things that could ever happen, and we should absolutely prevent it. But not at the expense of ruining their lives.

Dick: Nyeah. (hesitant)

Sean: Look, but -

Dick: (interjects) What is helicopter parenting, then?

Sean: Well, like Dick said -

Dick: (interjects) Like, you went through a whole list of things that you shouldn't do. "Don't do their laundry." Don't do their laundry?? Is gonna make them not prepared for life? I doubt that.

Maddox: (chuckles) Okay.

Dick: I've met a lot of people who've had their laundry done that aren't all fucked up. Like, this "helicopter parenting" just seems like a buzzword to get people outraged about how entitled everyone i-...yeah, I get it. Everyone's entitled. I hate it too. They're all...they...everybody wants their safe space, everybody wants everything the way they do, and it's like a poison in America. But... (stammers) I don't know. I don't know that every...like, we're in a culture where these kinds of articles and buzzwords, like "affluenza," have to be cranked out constantly by an outrage machine. I don't know that there's this helicopter parenting phenomenon that's ruining an entire generation. Seems like some people just are a little smothering with their kids.

Sean: Yeah, I...

Maddox: Well, you're just...you're playing semantic games. What were you gonna say, Sean?

Sean: No, I mean, I've seen what I would consider to be overparenting, where it's like, "God, that...you know, you are REALLY hovering over that kid," but you have to define what really constitutes overparenting?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well...

Sean: You know, it's such a wide...

Dick: It's...it could mean anything!

Sean: ...swatch of gray.

Maddox: No, but I'll tell you what. I'll tell you what. Helicopter parenting has another consequence. I mean, the list goes on and on. This is just from Parents.com. But I heard another -

Sean: (interjects) But how...what...where's the line drawn?

Maddox: Well, I'll tell you -

Sean: (interjects) What becomes helicopter parenting?

Dick: Doing your laundry, apparently.

Maddox: Well, n-...no, overdoing their laundry...like, if you do their laundry sometimes, or until they're self-sufficient, but...

Sean: It's probably a combination of things.

Maddox: ...there are people who do laundry forever. Yeah.

Dick: So what's wrong with that??

Maddox: I told you what's wrong with that! It makes them s-...uh, entitled, it makes them not independent, it makes them not confident, it ruins their self-esteem, it underdevelops coping skills...

Dick: Laundry?!

Maddox: ...it increases anxiety. All these things that you do for your kids? If you're just sittin' there wiping their asses, they'll never fuckin' learn on their own!

Dick: Yeah, I think you're alright doin' laundry for your kids.

Maddox: (scoffs) Well, there you go!

Dick: I don't think any adult failed at not learning how to do laundry.

Maddox: Momma Masterson! Momma Masterson said it's okay to do laundry for your kids. No-time parenting advice, go vote it up.

Dick: Eh, okay.

Maddox: I mean, here... (stammers)

Dick: What's...what else?

Maddox: Like...look, I heard on this, uh, this other program, they were talkin' about helic-...this phenomenon of helicopter parenting. And by the way, this w-...this isn't even popular right now. This was really popular in the late '90s. This isn't something that's new. Um...they talked about this phenomenon where we have an OUTRAGEOUS amount of people who have anxiety when it comes to food, and we have weird allergies that never existed before.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And some scientists started lookin' at this and saying, "Well, where the fuck is this coming from? What has happened...what is the cultural shift that has happened, where suddenly...a decade or two ago, we weren't experiencing this tidal wave of people with allergies."

Sean: I know why.

Maddox: Well, I wanna hear your theory, Sean. What?

Sean: It's because they're not allowed to develop immune systems when they're young.

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) Bingo. **(applause sound effect)** And it's specifically because of helicopter parenting. They are too afraid that their child might have allergies to shellfish or peanuts or whatever, so they'll abstain from it, because you're not supposed to eat honey when you're breastfeeding. You're not supposed to eat sh-...seafood when you're breastfeeding. You're not supposed to give your kids peanuts until a certain age, because God forbid they have some weird allergy or whatever. But what they found is that by not exposing your kids to these allergens, they are developing way more severe allergies.

Sean: They don't let 'em outside!

Maddox: They don't let 'em outside! They don't let 'em go out and play in the yard. You wanna see overparenting, Dick? Go drive down, uh...there's a neighborhood in Los Angeles where it's just a bunch of...it's just a bunch of families who have these, um...trampolines set up.

Dick: Cool.

Maddox: And I have never seen anything more pathetic than these trampolines.

Sean: Mormons?!

Maddox: They... (cracks up)

Sean: They have nets around 'em, don't they?

Maddox: They have nets around 'em, yeah.

Dick: Oh, that's the worst, man.

Maddox: Yeah. They have nets around them.

Dick: Aughhh.

Maddox: Not only do they have nets around them, Sean; the legs have padding on them.

Sean: Man, I fell off a trampoline into a fuckin' pine tree and I snapped the top third of the pine tree off when I was a kid. (Randy laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was complaining about the nets around trampolines recently with this girl, and she's like, "Well, why do you...why do you not like them?" I was like, "Oh man, when I was a kid we would...the parents would go inside and we would jump off of them, see how high we could jump, and fuck up our collarbones and our necks."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "It was awesome."

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Then I'm like, "Wait a minute. Uhh, there's noth-...there's no reason to be against those nets that isn't because of danger. Damn it." Then...you know. That's...then you know you lost.

Sean: That's...that's true! That's true.

Maddox: Yeah, man, you're not letting kids experience life anymore. There's another teacher who...actually this administrator for a public...uh, private school, who came out with this article a while back who said that he had a strict rule on his playground, which is if kids get hurt, they can't come crying to the teachers. And he just let them duke it out, he let them figure it out, and he found that over time, the kids became more confident and more self-reliant. They started...they bullied each other less; they figured it out. They just were allowed to be KIDS, and go out there and fucking live their lives and scrape their knees every now and then. They didn't have fuckin' mama sittin' there with, uh, baby wipes every time they fell down and had a boo-boo.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: The world is full of hand sanitizer.

Maddox: Yeah, man!

Dick: It is.

Maddox: Yeah, so anyway, they found that, uh, that...Sean, yeah, by not exposing these kids to these allergens, that we are getting way more severe allergies than we...that we've never seen before in our lives, and now studies have come out. They said that even people who have peanut allergies, even people who have allergies to shellfish and these things that people normally have allergies to, if you expose it to them little by little over time during their upbringing, they won't have A) as severe reactions or B) any reactions at all.

Dick: Well, if that's not true, I'm sure we'll hear about it.

Maddox: Oho, not from THESE druglords. (Dick and Sean laugh) Anyway Dick, what do you got?

Dick: I mean, I know you're big on honey and, like, it stops allergies. I don't know if we ever settled that debate.

Maddox: Well, I looked into that as well, and it turns out regular honey probably does not.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: That's...it's inconclusive. I've seen some stu-...

Dick: (interjects) You gotta go to Whole Foods.

Maddox: No. I've seen some studies that say it does, I've seen some studies that say it doesn't. The one honey that people say is promising is this honey that comes from...the Netherlands or New Zealand, called Manuka honey?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: I did look into that, and there is some...there are some studies that do back that up, as a...as some kind of therapeutic effect. I don't know what it is.

Dick: So, what...what age would you talk to your kids about sex, then?

Maddox: Oh boy, I don't know, man.

Dick: To not be a helicopter parent. Are you gonna give 'em unfettered access to the Internet?

Maddox: I think I may...look, I don't know much about kids and parenting, but I do know this. I look at parents who are successful in my life, and I look and see what they're doing with their kids, and I would try to emulate them. Um, one of -

Sean: (interjects) I look at the KIDS.

Maddox: Well, yeah! Both.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: To figure out whether the parents did a good job or not.

Maddox: Well, that's what I mean, yeah. That's what I mean. I'll give you a perfect example. One of my brothers has GREAT kids. My g-...I mean, I was so impre-...I am so impressed by...my nephews? They're fuckin' fantastic, man. They're sharp, they're polite, they're friendly, they're outgoing. You go up to them, you see 'em; they come up to you, they sh-...they look you in the eye and they shake your hand. They say "pleased to meet you." How 'bout that? How 'bout that? Real fuckin' human beings!

Dick: Yeah. (exhales)

Maddox: They're fantastic kids. Whatever they're doing, whatever mojo they're doing works. They are disciplined, they are responsible, they're hardworking. You know, I look to see...I look to -

Dick: (interjects) How old are they?

Maddox: Uh, one I believe is, uh...I think 10 and 12 right now.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Probably gotta wait a couple decades to see how...the result is. Right?

Maddox: Well, I mean, you think your nephew's the bee's knees! How old's he?

Dick: Oh, this wasn't, like, a "my dog is better than your dog" thing.

Maddox: (chuckles) I mean, I don't know!

Dick: I'm just saying, you know, as an experiment.

Maddox: Well, y-...just even...even comparing similarly aged adolescents...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...for behavior and discipline and responsibility, just lookin' at that? Already miles ahead.

Dick: So do they do his laundry? I would assume no.

Maddox: I don't know!

Dick: (chuckles) Okay.

Maddox: I don't know.

Sean: Do they knit their own clothes?

Maddox: (scoffs) No.

Dick: Yeah, they gotta be self-sufficient.

Maddox: (irritated) No, Sean, they don't -

Dick: (interjects) You can't buy them their clothes!

Maddox: They don't live on a farm, fuckface. (Sean laughs) Alright, what do you got? What... (cracks up)

Dick: Do they have to make their own school lunch? Stuff like that?

Maddox: I don't know, man. I don't know. I mean, I've seen...I've also seen the other way, where parents are, uh...way too strict in weird authoritarian ways that are not like helicopter parents.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They're just real...dickheads and blowhards about it, and that causes their kids to have huuuuge privacy issues. They have huge issues with privacy and anxiety and control, and for girls it can develop into eating disorders. For guys it can develop into drug abuse -

Dick: (interjects) Or more fun disorders. Right?

Maddox: Well, there you go.

Dick: Huh, eh? Ehh? (grins)

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. What do you got?

Dick: Um...yeah. I think you're... (exhales) Like, helicopter parenting, is that when a parent marches into a teacher's...like, writes into a college professor's email...

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: ...and says, "My daughter deserved an A on this..."

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: "...political science paper that means nothing"?

Maddox: Oh. **('ding!' sound effect)** Dick...

Sean: That's really annoying.

Dick: Myeah.

Maddox: I am so glad...here, yeah. I'm so glad you mentioned that.

Dick: Well, I'm tryin' to think of what it actually is.

Maddox: Well, I'll tell...I'll -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause that list, I don't know.

Maddox: I'll give you an e-...

Dick: (interjects) It sounded like a buncha crap.

Maddox: Uh, well... (scoffs)

Dick: Like, do your laundry and make your f-...like, okay.

Maddox: Dick, you keep...

Sean: But it's also the menta-...

Maddox: (interjects) You keep talkin' about laundry! That's the only thing you've mentioned on this. It says, uh, they tie their shoes -

Dick: (interjects) Well, they wrote it! (Randy laughs in the background)

Maddox: It says tie their shoes...yeah, but you're only picking one out of this entire list.

Dick: Why do they put it in there if it's stupid?? That's THEIR article!

Maddox: You're cherry picking! It says here tie their shoes, clear their plates, pack their lunches, launder their clothes, and monitor their school progress, even after the children are mentally and physically capable of doing the task. Is that not clear?!

Dick: No!

Maddox: After they're capable of doing the task themselves, they're still doing it! That's helicopter parenting. Tying their shoes??

Dick: See, that's cr-...that's weird!

Maddox: Why is that weird?! (Dick sighs) What aren't you getting here?

Dick: Job specialization is pretty useful for efficiency. I mean, what...so what's wrong with doing their laundry, or...tying their shoes when they're like 3?

Maddox: (shouts) Dick, stop mentioning laundry! I listed a whole fuckin' list. Tying their shoes?

Dick: Clearing the plates?

Maddox: After they're capable of doing so themselves? You think that's...there's no problem with that?

Dick: (scoffs) So, what, everybody clears their own plate at dinner? That's... (guffaws)

Maddox: "Oh, here, Dick. What's your next problem? Let me do that for you, baby."

Sean: How old were you...how old were you when you lived in your parents' basement? (Dick laughs) Weren't you yelling for soup and correspondence constantly?

Dick: Yeah, was that helicopter parenting? (background laughter)

Maddox: You guys... (irritated) You guys, it was a joke. It was a throwaway line. My god.

Dick: No no, that wasn't a joke!

Maddox: What?

Dick: You meant that seriously. You definitely banged on the do-...on the ceiling and asked for soup.

Maddox: I...my mom...

Dick: It wasn't a joke.

Maddox: My mom -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, it was a joke 'cause it was funny.

Maddox: My mom would occasionally bring me soup downstairs, but...and I...and -

Dick: (interjects) Is that helicopter parenting?

Maddox: Hold on. And I would occasionally -

Dick: (interjects) Is it?

Maddox: I would occasionally bang on the ceiling with my... (Randy laughs) ...with a broom.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But those two incidents usually happened distinctly from another. So I would bang on...for something unrelated.

Dick: Well, like what?

Maddox: Like "pick up the phone." (Randy giggles in the background) (Sean laughs) This was before cell phones. This was before...this was when we all had landlines.

Dick: No, I understand, pick up the ph-... (chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think you wanted her to come down to you and pick up your phone and put it up to your ear.

Maddox: No. No, but it...but this was, like...when I lived at home and we had a landline, I would take the broom sometimes. If I wanted my mom to pick up, I would bang on the fuckin' ceiling. (Randy chuckles) And yeah, sometimes my mom would bring me soup. But here's the thing, man, I'll tell you. My mom did my laundry for way too long, and to the point where when I finally moved out of the apartment, when I finally moved out on my own, I didn't know how to do fuckin' laundry on my own. I had to learn!

Dick: Is it that hard to learn?

Maddox: No, it wasn't hard to learn, but it was a ski-...a life skill that I didn't possess.

Sean: Dick, do you remember...

Dick: I mean... (hesitant)

Sean: ...when a mutual friend of ours pu-...

Dick: (interjects) Oh, this is a GREAT story.

Sean: He puked on his pants. This was...eh, how old were we?

Dick: 16. 15 or 16.

Sean: Okay. Something like...at least.

Dick: Yeah. Um...go ahead.

Sean: No no, you tell it.

Dick: So, wh-... (stammers) This friend of ours' parents were gone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So we were all over at his house. Someone had beer. We were drinking, and this friend of ours, whose mom definitely had done his laundry his entire life...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And mine does too! It's great! She STILL wants to do it. I don't want her to, though. I don't like the way she folds the shirts, 'cause they don't fit it...they don't fit right then. We got a different folding style. Anyway. Uh, this guy -

Sean: (interjects) Look how independent you are.

Dick: Yeah, yeah. I taught myself.

Maddox: Dick's a -

Dick: (interjects) After she stopped, my girlfriend started doing it, and then she spilled a bunch of bleach on my shorts. I was like, "Ah, oh, alright. I'll do this from now on, thank you very much."

Maddox: Hey, could be worse. Could be coffee. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, exactly. But I just read the bottle. It wasn't like a life skill, or my self-esteem wasn't affected by it. Uh, anyway. This friend of ours threw up on his...threw up all over himself, 'cause he had, like...he must've had 3 or 4 beers. (Sean giggles) I think. And at that age, you know, that's a lot of beers. He threw up on himself, and he started panicking because he needed to come up with a story why he fell in the pool to explain why his clothes were all wet. And Sean just said, "Well, why don't you just wash them?" And he goes, "Well, I don't know how to do that."

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: "My mom washes all my clothes."

Maddox: There you go.

Sean: You could see the gears... (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: ...kind of slowly crank in his head, like...

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Sean: It was just never thought of.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It was like, "Dude, wash your fuckin' pants!"

Maddox: Yeah, man! My mom always did my laundry, and I didn't learn how to do it until I moved out, and...there were lessons that you had to learn. Like, there's n-...generally speaking, there are...it doesn't say, um...I don't know. There are things that you have to

learn about doing laundry. Like, for example, using a laundry bag for small articles so they don't get stuck in the drain. That's something I kinda had to learn the hard way.

Dick: Wait, wait. What?

Maddox: I mean, these are things that are life skills. (chuckles) Well, there you go. (muttering)

Dick: I don't know that one. What is it?

Maddox: Use a laundry bag. So if you have, uh, a lot of panties that you're washing? You know?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like a big -

Dick: (interjects) I don't...I don't do that. I like to keep the smell on it. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: 'Cause they're not being used again, obviously, if they're at my place.

Maddox: Smell like...smell like lettuce and...mustard. (Randy laughs in the background)

Dick: What is this bag that you have to use?

Maddox: A laundry bag. You've never heard of it?

Dick: I've heard of it, I just don't know what it has to do with small things falling down the drain. (Maddox giggling)

Maddox: Dick, that's so funny. Uh, you...you, Mr. Laundry Expert, you've never heard of a laundry bag.

Dick: No, I've heard of a laundry bag.

Maddox: You don't use it! It's...that's what it...that's what they're for.

Dick: I don't use a laundry bag, no.

Maddox: Yeah, that's what they're for, so you don't have small things, like small socks, uh, panties...any small articles of clothing that need to be washed, you put it in a laundry bag so it doesn't get sucked down the drain and cause a clog.

Dick: What drain?

Maddox: The laundry drain. The...in the washing machine.

Sean: I've never had a washing machine where that was possible.

Dick: Me either!

Maddox: Well, it's happened to me!

Sean: Because even change stays in the bottom of the washer.

Dick: Yeah, even change stays in the bottom.

Maddox: Well, change is heavy. I'm talkin' about something that's kind of like...you know, some of the hair bands you use, that sort of thing? Panties, that sort...

Dick: Yeah, they're always in there.

Maddox: Well, I don't know, man. Uh, they...these exist for a reason, and that's what they're there for. That's...that's what happened! I was in an apartment one time that I was renting, and I put a bunch of clothes in, and this was, um...this was a front-loading washer, so maybe that had somethin' to do with it. But it was a front-loading washer, and it sucked some socks or something down the drain, caused a clog, and the plumber came, he said, "Oh, you gotta use a laundry bag so this stuff doesn't happen."

Dick: (chuckles) I've never...I've seriously never heard of that.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah.

Dick: I'm sure it exists. Sounds like a weird thing.

Sean: It probably is with, uh, front-loading washers.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, your mom did your laundry, so maybe that's why you don't know!

Dick: I've never had a front-loading laundry, Mr. Fancypants.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I gotta use the apartment complex ones, like Sesame Street.

Maddox: Oh, but one last thing, one last point. Um, so teachers sometimes...it's leading to this phenomenon where parents are coming in and arguing with their kids' teachers when their teachers are trying to discipline them in class. (incredulous)

Sean: Mhm. (in background)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That is...SO fucking obnoxious. You're going to bat for your kid?! What the fuck do you think the teacher's doing? You think they're sitting there conspiring against your little shit? You think your little shit's that special, that your teacher's gonna sit there trying to come up with ways to fuck with them? No!! The teacher doesn't give a shit! They're trying to do their job and go home! They know they're ear-...they're working long fuckin' hours, they don't have time to sit there thinking of ways to fuck with your stupid little monster. If the teacher says your kid disrespected him or her in class, guess what? He probably did! The teacher has better things to do than to make up stories and get you to come down and meet her or him for a parent-teacher conference. People have shit to do. They have busy lives. They have lives to lead. They don't have time for this shit. If your teacher is telling you your kid has a problem in school, listen to them! That's the biggest problem with helicopter parenting.

Dick: Okay. Ready for my problem?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's the...the job lynch mob. How many times have I threatened to bring this one in?

Maddox: You have threatened to bring this in a lot.

Dick: (inhales) A lot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I really hate it.

Maddox: Well, what is it?

Dick: It's a job...lynch mob.

Maddox: What does that mean?

Dick: You heard of a lynch mob, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's when they...they round up a posse and try to kill ya.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Same thing! Except they're tryin' to kill your job.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: You know the thing...you know what the thing is about a lynch mob? There's no justice to it. It's just a bunch of people who wanna kill ya. Doesn't matter why. You didn't go through a trial. You weren't found guilty of anything. It's just a bunch of people who decided they don't like ya! They don't want you around anymore. So they round up a posse, and they try to kill ya. Maybe they hang you. Not necessary, though, to be a lynch mob. Imagine the same thing, but they're tryin' to kill your job.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: That's a job lynch mob.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: That's what it is. Happens a lot! Every time it happens, I wanna bring it in. But every time something more important comes along, like burning your mouth on hot food...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...or banging your funny bone.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This time? Nothin'. (chuckles) This time, only Prince died and someone got kicked off the $20 bill. N-...no big deal. Right?

Maddox: Nnnnothin'... (Dick laughs) Not that important.

Dick: Nothin'...nothin' controversial to talk about there. (grinning)

Maddox: No.

Dick: This t-...

Sean: (interjects) Well, those aren't gonna happen again. Most likely.

Dick: Uhh...

Maddox: Prince?

Sean: Yeah, Prince is probably not gonna die twice.

Maddox: Not in our lifetime.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: That's true. That's a good point.

Maddox: They might resurrect him later on, 'cause they'll always resurrect celebrities.

Sean: Mhm.

Dick: His hologram might die. They'll figure out a way to, like, turn him into a Tamagotchi.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: And that'll die.

Maddox: I wish they'd figure out a way to make him make good music.

Sean: But this, uh, lynch mob... (Maddox laughs to himself) This is an ongoing thing, right?

Dick: It's an ongoing thing, and I think it's getting worse. So Curt Schilling, you know who that guy is?

Maddox: No.

Dick: The commentator on ES-...

Maddox: (interjects) I've heard of him, but I don't know what he does.

Dick: I'm gonna breeze through it, 'cause I'm sure it's of interest to nobody.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who listens. He's a famous baseball pitcher who's a commentator on ESPN. Fired for making an offensive tweet.

Maddox: What was the tweet?

Dick: Does it matter?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Why??

Maddox: Well, what if he said the N-word?

Dick: Does that deserve...? This is a serious question.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Does it deserve...to be fired? Do you deserve to be fired? Like, do you want a society where you are FIRED for saying something offensive?

Maddox: Do I want a society where your employer has the freedom to let you go...

Dick: Of COURSE. Of course.

Maddox: ...if you misrepresent them? Yes!

Dick: Maddox, of course. Of course we know that it's a contract, and a company can let you go for any reason, especially if you embarrass them.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Of course. That...and that's -

Maddox: (interjects) If you give them a bad public image!

Dick: Oh, come on. Let's rise above that conversation, 'cause that's what's...that's going on all day on think pieces on TV. Of course everybody...they...they're employed by a company, they said something that embarrasses the company; get rid of them. Of course. I wish we found that more offensive than the original offensive statement.

Maddox: Well, what was the statement?

Dick: That's what I'm saying. Again, does it matter?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: How bad would it have to be for them to be fired to you?

Maddox: Uh, hom-...homophobic, uh...

Dick: Because Gil-...let's take Gilbert Gottfried!

Maddox: Bigoted...yeah.

Dick: Let's take Gilbert Gottfried. Japan; rocked by a huge quake.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A tsunami, excuse me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're...you know. I'm using them interchangeably, but a tsunami. He says...he starts tweeting jokes about it. "Japan's so advanced, they're bringing the beach to THEM."

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: Right??

Maddox: That's kinda funny.

Dick: Funny, right? Fired immediately.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of course. Do you think that was offensive enough for a man to lose his livelihood?

Maddox: Dick, you know what? You're sitting here decrying a man losing his livelihood.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: But you're forgetting an important fact here: these are businesses.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And businesses are in the business of making money, and if they piss off their customers by hiring a sponsor or spokesperson who's making asinine remarks that are insensitive after an earthquake and people threaten to boycott that business, guess what? The livelihood that's being threatened is not Gilbert Gottfried's, it's now THEIRS.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: And they have every right and reason and justification to let him go! I don't see the problem here.

Dick: I mean...well, all I'm asking for you to do... (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: ...is take that argument, which is obvious -- everybody knows that and agrees with it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And put it aside...

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: ...just for the sake of the conversation.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Obviously, I'm not talking about enacting some kind of bizarro law where companies are no longer allowed to put behavior clauses in contracts. Like, it's nothing insane like that.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: All I'm saying is the idea of taking someone's job away is the same as harming them physically in a lot of ways. Taking their...taking away their ability to make money. Remember that guy that killed Cecil, that dentist?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What did the mob wanna do? They wanted to destroy his business.

Sean: That's right.

Dick: That SOMEHOW, somehow we all look at that and say, "Well, that's okay!" I think that's m-...that's WAY worse than anything he could've said! Or done. I think it's comparable to harming someone physically, because you're just trying...you're doing the max that you can do. The most amount of harm you can do to someone is take away their ability to feed themselves, take away all the work they've done for however many years to get where they are, to just take it away by the force of the mob! Like, it's the m-...it's the maximum legally allowable amount of force that a mob can do to someone. And -

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, it can be overly harsh.

Dick: And it's always ov-...it's never just!

Sean: And we're so politically correct now, we're so afraid to offend anybody, that they...it's just, the hatchet comes down almost immediately.

Dick: And that's the only direction that it works in. It only works as an arm of political correctness. I'm not bringing in political correctness right now. Probably will someday, but that's what it is to me, and that's why it's so horrible. Of COURSE...of course a company can fire anyone they want.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But we tolerate it!

Maddox: Uh, listen. Ha-...

Dick: (interjects) And it's ugly!

Maddox: Um...

Dick: It's an ugly thing.

Maddox: Listen, I heard you both. Hannity, Beck, I appreciate your comments. Uh...

Sean: Oh, GOD. Come on.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I appre-... (cracks up) I appreciate your comments here. Now, there's a very simple rephrasing of your problem...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...that will help cast this problem into a new perspective, and that is this.

Sean: (interjects) So he's gonna help you.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: No, it'll give you a new perspective, that is this: they are not taking away anything. They are giving him a job. Alright? They've -

Dick: (interjects) The dentist?

Maddox: They've...anyone who's employed anyone who said anything, they don't...they're not having their jobs taken away; they're having their jobs GIVEN to them.

Dick: The dentist definitely was.

Maddox: I'm talking about the employers.

Dick: It was people trying to ruin his...

Maddox: Well, this Curt, uh...what's his name? Curt Schroder?

Sean: "Schilling." Schilling.

Maddox: Schilling. Curt...Curt Schilling?

Dick: Well, I'm talkin' about the job lynch mob.

Maddox: Well...yeah, but let's talk about...let's look at this from the point of view of the employers.

Dick: But again, we've said, yes, of course they have the right to do anything they want. Of course they have the right to protect their brand. Of course.

Maddox: Nonono, but...but you're saying that it's comparable to physical violence to take away their job, it's so bad, it's like...oh my gosh, there's nothing worse. (sarcastic) But -

Sean: (interjects) I just think sometimes the bar is too low.

Dick: Oh, is there a bar??

Maddox: Well, what i-...what did -

Dick: (interjects) It's just momentum!

Maddox: What did he say?

Dick: I mean, if you don't know, that should say enough! It wasn't offensive to get through YOUR filter, and you're usually pretty hip on current events.

Maddox: I do...I... (snickers) I do know. I do know what he said.

Dick: Oh! Well, then why are you asking?!

Sean: Well, it was a -

Maddox: (interjects) Well, I want you to say it!

Sean: It was a picture.

Maddox: What did he say?? What did he say?

Dick: What do you, just want me to repeat an offensive tweet? (Maddox scoffs) (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Well, if it's so...it's so bad that you won't even say it on this program, yet you're saying that they're...that the job lynch mob is totally ou-...this outrage machine that cost this poor guy his job. Oh, this poor man! (sarcastic)

Dick: Maddox, I'll say whatever you want! I'm not personally offended by it. I mean, it's...

Maddox: I'll read the tweet.

Dick: It's his opinion!

Maddox: I'll read the tweet here.

Dick: I just don't think the offensiveness of it is germane to this conversation. But go ahead!

Maddox: It absolutely is, I think.

Sean: To be fair, he has a long track record of this.

Dick: Oh, and so did Gilbert Gottfried.

Maddox: Okay.

Sean: Did he -

Dick: (interjects) That's why he was famous; that's why they hired him.

Sean: Oh!

Dick: Like...

Sean: (hesitates) Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But now he's representing a huge corporation who can't have any egg on their face.

Maddox: Right. Um...

Sean: But Schilling d-...he's had repeated incidents.

Dick: Of COURSE. Of course.

Sean: And been warned, and all that kinda stuff.

Maddox: Look, I -

Sean: (interjects) I don't feel too bad for him.

Dick: No, n-...of course not! No. Go ahead.

Maddox: This is according to the New York Times. It says, "The post..." So he posted on Twitter. They said, "The post showed an overweight man wearing a wig and women's clothing with parts of the T-shirt cut out to expose his breasts. It says, 'LET HIM IN! to the restroom with your daughter or else you're a narrow-minded, judgmental, unloving racist bigot who needs to die.'" Um, not a very sophisticated comment on the ongoing debate that's going on right now in North Carolina, where they passed this bill that is trying to prevent people who are transsexual from using restrooms of the opposite sex. They want people with their biologically-aligned genders to be...to use the restroom that, uh, that matches their gender. Their genitals. So that means people who have been post-operational who look like women...men who now look like women or women who now look like men, they are...they have to go into the opposite bathroom just because of this weird law. Which is, like, such a non-issue. There's never been any sexual assaults or anything like that, uh, from these transsexuals going to the bathroom. That's not where it happens. "To that, Schilling added: 'A man is a man no matter what they call themselves. I don't care what they are, who they sleep with, men's room was designed for the penis, women's not so much. Now you need laws telling us differently? Pathetic.'" That's what he said.

Dick: Do you have more to add?

Maddox: That's the...that's the whole comment.

Dick: W-...right, but we all knew what he said!

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: Or you...were you gonna add to it?

Maddox: Yeah! Well, I'll say this. Um, it does sound transphobic.

Dick: So...so then, you agree with the mob?

Maddox: I...what mob??

Dick: Fire him!

Maddox: What mob? Where is this mob? What are you talkin' about?

Dick: The mob is who everyone's afraid of! That's why everyone gets fired. That's why Gilbert Gottfried got fired, because companies are terrified of people who are offended by that!!

Maddox: Dick, that -

Dick: (interjects) It's a guy's... (stammers) Or maybe it's just me! When I hear an opinion I don't like, I'd like th-...I don't want that person to be punished into lying about it. I'd like it to be expressed so it can be dissected.

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: So it can be argued with!

Maddox: Therein lies the rub with taking corporate influence when it comes to your speech. Because if they decide for whatever reason what you said...even if it's innocuous. Let's say what he said wasn't transphobic. Let's just say he just said something flippant that they didn't like.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They can decide for ANY reason that it's going to be a harm to their potential customer base, and they can let you go. And by this mob -- you keep saying "it's a mob, it's a mob, it's a mob." What they are are customers, and they're customers who are buying a product. And if their customers are unhappy, that's basically...your shareholders. You have to respond to your shareholders, and when they're mad, guess what? You get rid of the problem. What do they have to gain -

Dick: (interjects) I just...I feel like you're explaining the basics of business about this again.

Sean: Here's the thing, though.

Dick: We all know that! We all know that.

Maddox: What do they have to gain by keepin' this guy? What do they have to gain?

Sean: Sometimes, they think that they know what's going to offend the masses.

Dick: Exactly.

Sean: And sometimes, it's a VERY small percentage of...

Dick: It's instinct.

Sean: ...you know, letters they get, or it's an old lady saying, "I heard the F-word somewhere," or that...and then it -

Dick: (interjects) It's the same way books get banned.

Sean: It blows up into this whole thing.

Dick: A library gets letters for something's offensive. It's like, "Well, all these people are offensive!" The Parents...what, Television Council? That one company that's responsible for just generating outrage, and contacting whoev-...whomever to c-...in order to censor them? It's those kinds of people that they're afraid of! There just exists this...

Maddox: Well...

Dick: ...machine of outrage!

Maddox: No, the Parents Television Research Council is a lobbying group that is specifically pushing conservative agendas, and...specifically, conservative Christian agendas, and they're trying to keep the airwaves clean and it's...they're doing it a really shady way. Libraries, on the other hand, don't have corporate influences. That's why I like libraries, and that's why if a library banned a book, that's a HUGE story. That's a big deal. That's why libraries...libraries can have any number of seedy books in their, uh, in their record. They can have hate speech, they can have anything you could possibly want under the sun. They can have it there. But as for this Curt Schilling guy, he said something irresponsible, and this "mob" that you keep calling them are customers, essentially. Now...now let me ask you this.

Dick: (interjects) I mean, you're saying Curt Schilling, but it's really a lot of people this happens to.

Maddox: Well, let me ask you this. We're specifically talkin' about this, 'cause that's why you brought it in. Sean said that, uh...that, um...you said it's a small percentage of people who are outraged or offended?

Sean: No, I'm saying that, uh...

Dick: (interjects) There's no way to know.

Sean: Yeah, there's no way to kn-...

Dick: There's no way to know.

Maddox: Well, there is.

Sean: If they just chop it off at the knees, then, you know, they -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, that's what...yeah, okay.

Sean: Yeah, they -

Maddox: (interjects) So, Sean...

Sean: Go ahead.

Maddox: Sean said that they are proactive. They're being proactive here, and they're assuming -

Sean: (interjects) Sometimes!

Dick: Sometimes.

Maddox: Well, in this case, were they being proactive or were...was there outrage?

Dick: Well, it was instantaneous.

Sean: In this case, I think he had gotten enough backlash. Again, this case, I think he absolutely deserved to be fired.

Dick: I mean, I don't even wanna get into that, because it doesn't matter!

Maddox: It does.

Dick: It doesn't matter to me.

Maddox: It does! It does. What you say matters, and you should be...look, you have the freedom of speech in this country. I'm so fucking tired of MORONS, armchair...uh, constitutionalists sittin' there, "Uhh, Maddox, freedom of speech! How come I got banned on your forum?" (dumb voice) 'Cause guess what, shithead?! You still have the freedom of speech, you just don't have to say it wherever you want! You can't come into my fuckin' house and spew your bullshit!! Get the fuck out! If you want freedom of speech, go to the sidewalk and say whatever the fuck you want. You can say whatever you want! You can write on your blog, you can text it to friends; do whatever you want! But when you do it in a public forum, when you're representing another company, yeah, guess what? There are consequences! You have freedom of speech, but not freedom of consequence!! What's the problem? I don't see the disconnect. He has the freedom to say whatever he wants, and now he can do it completely unrestrained! In fact, this...who was the, uh...who was the employer, the MLB? Major League Baseball?

Dick: Let's go with MLB.

Maddox: Whatever. Now -

Sean: (interjects) I think...ESPN, I believe.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ESPN! Now they've done him a favor, because now he can go say whatever he wants, COMPLETELY unrestrained. Aren't they doing a good thing for this guy?

Sean: Well, it's also all owned by Disney.

Maddox: Well, that's true.

Sean: So you know they're gonna be -

Maddox: (interjects) Vote up Disney. (Dick groans) Vote up Disney, buckos.

Sean: They're gonna be conservative family values.

Dick: Nyeah, I thought you would have this opinion on it. Um... (Maddox chuckles) The only reason I brought it in...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...is simply to say that the idea of firing someone, taking away their livelihood because of something they said, I wish was more abhorrent than anything you could say. Because using intimidation and violence to force people not to say what they think, to force them to toe a politically correct line, is I think one of the most damaging things in

soci-...that there could be in a free society, because it's a stepping stone! It's all part...it's part of control. It's a mechanism of control. That's -

Sean: (interjects) Slippery slope, Maddox!

Maddox: Mmhm. (chuckles)

Dick: That's why I brought it in. It's not to have these ac-...these elementary and academic arguments about contracts and, "Yeah, branding," and this and that and the other. It's that everyone immediately accepts it as, "Woop, they're just covering their ass! He said something bad! You gotta punish that." And I really disagree with that. It happened somewhere...there was this guy...I mean, this has already gotten too long. But there was a guy, Violentacrez, on Reddit, who was on...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know, doing lewd things on the Internet, as we...the whole point of the Internet is.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: And he got outed for doing it; fired. Instantly fired. And everyone treats this...treats this as some kind of victory! But it should be...it should make people sick!

Maddox: No.

Dick: That that's...that because of someone's opinions and thoughts, they're...they lose their ability to support themselves?! Just hang him!! Just skip the step! Do what you really wanna do, which is kill him. And that's what you're saying when you celebrate somebody getting fired for something like this, is you're the kind of person that's okay rounding up a posse and executing them.

Sean: I don't like the snap ju-...

Dick: (interjects) And I think that's bullshit.

Sean: I don't like the snap judgment part of it.

Dick: Me either.

Sean: Where you don't even get the whole story a lot of the time.

Maddox: No, hold...

Dick: No, 'cause people don't care!

Maddox: Hold on, Dick. You're being so flip about thoughts and what our beliefs are. What our beliefs and our thoughts are are the only thing that separates us from people who...like the Ku Klux Klan. Would you hire a Ku Klux Klan member to represent your company?

Dick: Why don't you just go all the way to Hitler?

Maddox: Look, we're talkin' specifically...this is an American problem. This happened in America. Let's talk about the Ku Klux Klan. (Dick starts to protest) Would you hire a Ku Klux Klansman for...to represent your company?

Dick: Are you s-...is that a serious question? (exasperated)

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: How is that possibly a serious question, Maddox? Would some-...

Maddox: (interjects) Would you give a job to someone like that?

Dick: Like, you're acting all pissed off, but are you seriously asking a question of, "Would you hire a Klan member?"

Maddox: (yells) Well, you're saying...you're the one coming out...

Dick: Like, is that a fuckin' real question?

Maddox: You're coming out here saying...just makin' this lofty claim that we are punishing people for their thoughts, right? It's thought police.

Dick: Yeah, and their speech!

Maddox: But...but -

Dick: (interjects) And their opinions.

Maddox: The only thing that makes someone reprehensible is their beliefs!

Sean: Well, I would...

Maddox: And if you can't -

Dick: (interjects) No, it's their actions!! It's their fuckin' actions! That's why I knew you wouldn't get this!!

Sean: Yeah, okay.

Dick: 'Cause you DO think it's a thought crime! It's a...the crime is the action! The Ku Klux Klan, which you've specifically used 'cause they've committed tons of acts of violence, and now there's...what's there, like 10,000 people in the Ku Klux Klan now? It's not even a thing! It's like a...I don't... (stammers) It's a club! There's nobody there. There's WAY worse groups out there than the Ku Klux Klan. But it's like it's the same as Hitler anymore.

Sean: It's the difference between being prejudiced and then going forward to discrimination.

Dick: Yeah. Big difference!

Sean: That's the...discriminating is the action.

Dick: Big difference.

Maddox: Okay. So you have an employee...let's say, Dick Masterson Construction Company.

Dick: Again, it's not about the company!

Maddox: Let me finish this! Let me...hold on.

Dick: I wouldn't... (scoffs)

Maddox: You have Dick Masterson Construction Company.

Dick: Ugh. Yeah.

Maddox: And you have an employee that comes out and says something transphobic. Like, "You know what? I think trans people should be burned at the stake because they're less than human. Less than." Whatever hateful thing they come out and say.

Dick: Uh-huh. (sneering)

Maddox: Now, YOU are saying that there should be moral outrage for...for people who would want to get rid of someone like that rather than the person who has those beliefs, who says those hateful things, that then...that then can incite violence towards people. Like, look, I'm not a big fan of thought crimes and this other -

Dick: (interjects) Is this still part of your question?

Maddox: Yeah, it's your company. You would want someone like that representing your company?

Sean: You can dislike both.

Dick: I mean, yeah. There's a...

Maddox: (interjects) But what you -

Dick: (interjects) You're...are you asking if I want...if I would like that? You just said...

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: ..."you would like someone like that representing your company."

Maddox: No, I'm asking. Would you? Would you?

Dick: Are you fuckin' serious?? Would I like someone going around saying transsexuals should be killed representing my company? Is that a real question? Again...

Maddox: Would you fire someone for that or not?

Dick: (exhales) That depends! How much did they have to drink? (Sean laughs) Did they post to the wrong Twitter account? Look... (cracks up)

Sean: Was he hacked?

Dick: Yeah, he probably got hacked. That's what we're goin' with. Um...yeah, I think you're kind of fundamentally missing my argument here, which is one is offensive, and everyone recognizes it as being offensive; one is horrifying. And it plays to our base nature, the needs of a mob to harm someone, and it's celebrated. That's the job lynch mob that I'm talking about, and it happens way more than Curt fuckin' Schilling.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: It happened with the Cecil guy, happened with Gilbert Gottfried. Like, it happens to people. Happened to Mel Gibson! It happens to people. It happens to people, and I think it's gonna happen more and more, because pri-...

Maddox: (interjects) You're defending Mel Gibson? (smiles)

Dick: I'm not defending Mel Gibson! I'm saying the things people say shouldn't result in them getting harmed.

Maddox: Why not??

Dick: That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: I mean, they're...first of all, they're...he's not getting harmed. I think ESPN has done Curt Schilling a favor by firing him.

Dick: Again...

Maddox: Because now Curt Schilling is...has absolute freedom to say whatever hateful screed he wants! By the way, his Twitter should be blowing up. Talk...make all the dick jokes, make all the vagina jokes. Yeah, give it to those real...those fuckin' creepy transsexuals. Let's really give it to them.

Sean: The masses always have the option of voting with their pocketbook.

Maddox: Exactly, and...

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: By the way, Sean, and that's what they're trying to prevent. ESPN is trying to prevent the masses from voting with -

Sean: (interjects) Losses.

Dick: Of COURSE. We all know that.

Maddox: Okay. So, let me pose this hypothetical.

Dick: Is it another, like, "would I make out with Hitler" question?

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: Or is it something remotely realistic?

Maddox: I didn't even mention Hitler!! You...literally, the only person on this show who's mentioned Hitler today is you.

Dick: Maddox, the K-...the only reason you used the Ku Klux Klan is because you know that using Hitler would look stupid.

Maddox: No, because Hitler's -

Dick: (interjects) So you substitute the Ku Klux Klan.

Maddox: Because Hitler is dead, and the Ku Klux Klan is still contemporary.

Dick: A Nazi, then!

Maddox: No.

Dick: There's still Nazis.

Maddox: (stammers) Okay, Dick, does it matter?

Dick: Go ahead! What's your question? What's the real question?

Maddox: Here's a hypothetical for you. Let's say that it wasn't Curt Schilling working for the ESPN, a private organization, a private corporation. Let's say it's someone who works for the government.

Sean: Is Disney private?

Dick: No!

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, whatever. It's publicly traded, but it's still a corporation. Let's say it's someone who works for the government who said this. What do you think the response and repercussions would be for this?

Dick: Well, the...what are you talkin' about, "if"?

Maddox: Let's say someone...let's say Curt Schilling was working for the US government, he was a congressman, and he said that tweet. What do you think the response should be, or would be?

Dick: Depends what district he's from!

Maddox: Let's just...okay. Let's say -

Dick: (interjects) Isn't that the point of politics??

Maddox: Let's say he's, uh, neither from a far-left or far-right. Just someplace right in the middle.

Sean: He might get elected president.

Dick: Well, yeah! He might... (chuckles) I mean, he might get...he might never...Strom...how long was Strom Thurmond a congressman? And he was...he said WAY worse than that!

Maddox: Yeah. So you think that, um, the government -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, did that question not go where you thought it was gonna go?

Maddox: Well, I...I'm...

Dick: Like, that's what people vote for!

Maddox: I'm asking to spur conversation. I'm not really sure if I have a point. I'm actually sincerely curious what you think, if...if you think that working for the government can afford you more protections than working for corporations.

Dick: Uh, working for...like if you're at the DMV and you're on Twitter? Saying stuff?

Maddox: No, the example I gave you. A congressman.

Dick: Well, yeah! And then I said you could get elected for life. It depends what district you're in. I mean, Anthony Weiner tweeted his dick out, which is not really a big deal.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he resigned immediately because of the horrifying mob justice that was going to ensue. Right? Why the... (stammers) Just stick it out!! Like, wh-...why -

Sean: (interjects) Well, that was the problem. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Sean with the zinger!

Dick: That's my problem.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: I'm sure I had somethin' else, but I don't care.

Maddox: Well, I don't know, Dick. Did, uh, did Curt Schilling shave? I mean, I know he doesn't have a job. He's gotta save some money.

Dick: Oh, I should've done that earlier. (Maddox laughs) That's right. Today's show is brought to you by Harry's! Please visit http://harrys.com and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEMS" to save $5 off your first purchase. I'm saying it weird because they've changed the...they've changed the promo code.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Too many people were getting great shaves at a reasonable price!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they had to change it. So pay attention. They want smart shoppers, because that's what you have to be if you're buying a Harry's razor. It's "BIGGESTPROBLEMS" at http://harrys.com to save $5 off your first purchase. You know what you could get with that first starter pack, too? You get...

Maddox: You get the shaving gel...

Dick: Yeah, well, I wanna make sure I get it exactly right. Uh, for just $15 you get a razor, you get moisturizing shave cream, and you get 3 razor blades. How 'bout that? Over 1 million guys have made the switch. I've definitely made the switch. I'm never going back. I don't know about you.

Maddox: Absolutely. Look at my...I shaved this morning with Harry's! Look at this.

Dick: It looks...it looks great.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It looks great. Uh -

Maddox: (interjects) I look like a stealth bomber. (laughs)

Dick: You do look like a stealth bomber. (amused) Over 1 million guys have made the switch. I mean, even if...if your mom has been shaving you your whole life, it's time for you to learn how to do it yourself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You grew...sorry you grew up with a helicopter parent. It's time for you to do it yourself.

Maddox: Be independent, right.

Dick: Be independent. Make your first shave with Harry's!

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: It's quality German-engineered 5-blade cartridges. A close, comfortable shave, no cuts or burns. Quality guaranteed. Full refund if you're not happy. I should probably be sayin' that every time, but there you go.

Maddox: What's more American than independence? Huh? Shave yourself! Stop havin' your parents do it. Harry's. (smiles)

Dick: Yeah. Although, have you ever gotten a...like, a pro shave? Like a shave...

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: You know, with a guy who...

Maddox: Oh, buddy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That makes me nervous as hell.

Dick: Oh yeah?

Maddox: Ohoho, yeah. With...a guy with a razor like that? I'm like, "You know what?" Essentially, the guy with a razor to your neck, you've known for maybe all of two minutes, and he has a razor held up to your neck. This guy, who you know NOTHING about, who for ANY reason, on a whim, could simply just, "Phwoosh!" End your life. Slice it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: http://harrys.com. (giggles)

Dick: What's your problem?

Maddox: Guys, I got a real big problem. A real major... **('ding!' sound effect)** ...annoyance. **(applause sound effect)** Mosquitoes!! Huh? (laughs)

Dick: Oh, this is a *quick* problem? Oh my god.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: No, this could be...

Dick: They're the worst things ever!

Maddox: Yeah? (smiling)

Dick: They're the biggest problem in the universe.

Maddox: Really??

Dick: Absolutely. Yeah! A-...I hope you've researched this!! Yes!

Sean: They're definitely the biggest problem on a continent.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which continent?

Sean: Africa.

Dick: Africa.

Maddox: Uh, yeah. Well, maybe!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, the...mosquitoes -

Sean: (interjects) Malaria...

Dick: Malaria!

Sean: ...has killed MILLIONS.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Oh, that's a good point. That's true, actually. Um... (laughs with Sean)

Sean: Oh, no!

Dick: Wait, did you not have malaria in this research?!?

Maddox: No, I have...I have it on here.

Dick: Okay. Okay, thank GOD.

Sean: Minor annoyance!

Dick: Thank god.

Maddox: Well, I brought in the malaria statistic of yearly deaths.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Not, uh, not aggregately. Aggregately, it's millions. It's up in the millions. But yeah, man, mosquitoes, they're completely worthless! That's the first thing I wrote down.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mosquitoes are completely worthless. You know when they created the biodome, Dick? You remember what the biodome was?

Dick: Pauly Shore?

Maddox: Y-... (chuckles) Yeah, the movie? But the movie was based on a scientific project, where a bunch of scientists -

Sean: (interjects) It's in, uh, Arizona, I think.

Maddox: In Arizona, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They created a completely enclosed enclosure out in the desert somewhere that was supposed to be a self-sustaining ecosystem, where they sealed it off and they weren't...nothing was allowed in or out for a year or two years, or somethin' like that. They put some scientists in there, and it was really fascinating. If you ever get a chance, look up their, uh, their personal accounts of what happened in there. Some of 'em were goin' a little bit crazy near the end. But...

Dick: Oh man, I feel like that experiment got, uh...short shrift on media exposure. 'Cause I remember...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We were young...

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: ...when they started that.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And the buildup, I was living...I lived in Arizona at the time. But the buildup was, um...it was, like, saturated.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, everybody was talkin' about biodome all the time. How long were they in there?

Maddox: Uh, they did multiple ones. They did one for like 2 or 3 months, and they did one for a year.

Dick: And there was nothin' afterwards?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Yeah, that's...that's too bad.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That would've been interesting.

Sean: I didn't even know it was a real thing, until I...I knew the movie.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. No.

Dick: It was a real thing.

Maddox: It was a real thing.

Sean: I didn't even know it was a real thing until I looked it up.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, so when the scientists were trying to put in an ecologically diverse set of animals and insects and plant life in there to kind of create a controlled environment, they...there was a debate amongst the scientific community on whether or not they should include mosquitoes in there. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: And that's when they started looking...they started look-...

Dick: (interjects) Who was that prick?

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: Who introduced that one.

Maddox: Probably a mosquito.

Dick: In disguise?

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, probably.

Maddox: "I think we should!" (Dick giggles)

Sean: Can't have 'em losin' their livelihood.

Maddox: Get that...get the hell outta here, Buzz. (cracks up) "Buzz." Real conspicuous name, shithead.

Dick: Professor Buzz.

Maddox: Yeah, Professor Buzz. (grins)

Dick: "Why'd you have to put the joke in it?" "I don't know." (Maddox laughs) "I just thought it would be funny."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not funny!

Maddox: Yeah, he's like one of those, uh...those, like, criminals who always leaves a calling card.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: That always gets him caught. (Dick laughs)

Sean: Yeah, like the Wet Bandits.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) The Wet Bandits.

Sean: You have to be a certain age to know that one.

Maddox: So these scientists looked at mosquitoes critically, and they thought, "Well, what if...what are we going to harm if we leave them out of this ecosystem? What animals rely on mosquitoes? What plants rely on mosquitoes?" And then they started taking tabs and doing accounting, and they looked at all the different potential ways that mosquitoes could affect these...this environment, and they found -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's interesting.

Maddox: The net sum was zero. (chuckles) They found that mosquitoes would have no effect, because nothing relies just on mosquitoes. Now...

Sean: They're purely parasites.

Dick: Is that true??

Maddox: They're...yeah, they're just parasites! There's nothing in nature that relies on mosquitoes. Scientists have not found a s-...

Dick: (interjects) What about mosquito hunters?

Maddox: What do you mean?

Dick: Those bugs!

Sean: Yeah, they're mosquito chasers.

Dick: Yeah, they're mosquito chasers. They kill mosquitoes.

Maddox: Well, that's what we call them, but they don't...they don't rely on those. I think they eat ticks and, uh, and other little insects too.

Dick: So they put ticks in the biodome?!

Maddox: I think they did have ticks, yeah.

Dick: This biodome...really sucks! (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah, it's a shit biodome. But, uh -

Sean: (interjects) Well, but don't lizards eat mosquitoes? I understand how you're explaining it the one way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: But don't other animals maybe need mosquitoes as part of their diet?

Maddox: Sean, no animal needs mosquitoes as part of their diet.

Sean: They can eat other stuff. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, they can eat other stuff. They found that, uh...

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah! Because...because they've looked at continents that didn't have mosquitoes before and after, like Hawaii, for example. In the 1800s, Hawaii didn't have mosquitoes, and then some hikers came to Hawaii and had some on their, uh...in their gear, whatever. Introduced mosquitoes to Hawaii, and they wiped out so many different species of birds with avian, uh, avian pox.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: It's basically...yeah, this type of disease that wiped out birds in Hawaii, and now Ha-...mosquitoes have run amok in Hawaii. There's so many. There's giant nests of them.

Dick: That sucks.

Maddox: Yeah, man. Uh, mosquitoes...so, this is according to National Geographic. There aren't any bat species that specialize specifically on mosquitoes. According to National Geographic. They said, "Mosquitoes are the primary vector for malaria, so if they disappeared, malaria certainly would too. According to the World Health Organization, about 438,000 people died of malaria in 2015." In 2015 alone, we had half a million people die of malaria??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That is fucking...that's an epidemic! Where's your fu-...forget fuckin' Ebola!! Half a million people dyin' from malaria, still!

Dick: Well...

Sean: Because it's consistent every year, so there's no story in that.

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: And w-...is it in America?

Sean: No.

Maddox: This is...

Dick: I don't think so.

Maddox: Um, "Similarly, the mosquito species most responsible for the current outbreak of Zika virus are also the primary carriers of the dengue ("dengoo") virus -- 22,000 deaths per year - "

Dick: Dengue. ("dengay")

Maddox: Dengue. Oh yeah, that's right. Dengue. And then yellow fever, 30,000 deaths annually. So let's do the math here. We got 438,000; 22, 30, that's 50...yeah, that's about half a million people dying every year from fuckin' mosquitoes. Now, I was doin' research...I typed in Google; I said, "Are mosquitoes necessary?" And there's all these entomologists who are SO far behind on the times. They're talkin' about, "Well, yeah, um...you know, we could, uh, we could potentially wipe out mosquitoes, but the cost might be too high because we would have to drain all these swamps, and blah blah blah blah blah, and pesticides." (dumb voice) I'm like, "No, idiot!!"

Dick: Well, just...do it better.

Maddox: Yeah! There's a -

Dick: (interjects) Think of a cheaper way.

Maddox: No, there's a BETTER way. There's a smarter way.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Have you ever heard -

Dick: I mean, cheaper. (chuckles) That's...you and I are using the same word. Er, different words to describe the same thing.

Maddox: That's true. Have you ever heard of a company called Oxitec?

Dick: Are they sterile mosquitoes?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Mmm.

Maddox: You heard of this?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh my gosh. These guys, the fuckin' mad science they're doing in their laboratories? Holy shit. These guys have found...they have devised a way to potentially wipe out, ERADICATE, mosquitoes on planet Earth. Down to, uh...I think a 96% degree of accuracy. They could wipe out like 96% of the mosquitoes.

Dick: Mmm, we need more than that.

Sean: Do you know how many assholes would protest that?

Maddox: Well...

Sean: You could save millions and millions and millions of lives, but it's like...

Maddox: But here's the thing, Sean. The beauty of these, uh, this global climate we live in is every different country and jurisdiction kind of legislates themselves, so some cities are already experimenting with their technology.

Sean: Cool!

Maddox: Here's how it works. Like in Canada, I think they did, and Brazil. Um, "Scientists at Oxitec have developed a way to modify mosquitoes by adding a gene which produces a protein that stops their cells from functioning normally. The gene produces a protein called tTA, which is a special kind of protein able to act as a switch that controls the activity of other genes." Now listen to this, 'kay? They have this gene in the mosquitoes called tTA, right? And it activates as a switch, and here's what turns the switch on or off. "This means that the modified mosquitoes become very sick, and die before reaching adulthood." So if these mosquitoes die, how does that make 'em sterile, right? 'Cause they turn on this switch. Well, they made this gene specifically respond to tetracycline.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Tetracycline is an antibiotic. So they raise these laboratories...excuse me. They raise these mosquitoes in a laboratory with tetracycline in the environment, and the mosquitoes are just fine. But as soon as the mosquitoes leave that laboratory and there's no longer a presence of tetracycline, those mosquitoes become terminator mosquitoes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So once they breed -

Dick: (interjects) Like Jurassic Park.

Maddox: What do you mean?

Sean: They left out a, uh...amino acid or somethin'.

Dick: The raptors needed an...needed to eat, uh...like, something that was in soybeans all the time, or else they'd die.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Exactly.

Dick: But then they found soybeans when they were in Costa Rica.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Now you got raptors.

Maddox: Well, that's exactly what this does. So as soon as they're in an environment without tetracycline, the gene activates and the next generation, the next of kin, is the one that dies and suffers, and that's so...that's such a brilliant plan, because essentially, they're sending mosquitoes off into the wild to breed. Right?

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: And these mosquitoes are just fine, 'cause they can breed just fine, 'cause they were raised with tetracycline in the environment. But the next generation, that has this gene, this carrier gene? This self-destructing gene? Doesn't have tetracycline, and they completely wipe out.

Dick: That's great!

Maddox: And they have done this. They've done tests with this, and they found that, uh, that when they do it in these environments, it's wiping out mosquitoes after one generation! ONE test.

Dick: How long do they live? Couple weeks? A week?

Maddox: It takes about, uh, 3 to 6 months for a cycle.

Dick: Oof. That's a long time.

Maddox: (chuckles) Well, then you don't have to worry about it ever again!

Dick: I need these mosquitoes gone now. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: So wh-...like, where can I order a box of these? 'Cause I got a...a pool.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Um, that's...that's attracting a lot of mosquitoes.

Maddox: So now, you're coming down to the ethical quandary. Because now scientists -

Dick: (interjects) Nope! Skipped it. (Maddox giggles) As it turns out. I'm ready to go.

Maddox: As it turns out, we skipped it!

Dick: I got m-...I got two credit cards out. (background laughter) One for each of ya. Let's go.

Maddox: Well, there's this study that came out by, uh...let's see. The scientist's name is Doctor BUZZ. Uh... (cracks up) He say don't do it. (giggles) No, but, uh... (stammers) The scientists...scienti-...the scientific community is having a quandary right now on whether or not they should do this.

Dick: What we'll call a "hissy fit." (Maddox laughs) You know? (grins)

Maddox: They're havin' a hissy fit on whether or not to wipe out mosquitoes. Because we are actually, within our lifetimes, able to completely eradicate a species of creature, and...you know, I keep hearing this debate on radio stations and different programs and stuff.

Dick: Oh, that's...it's in-...this is insane.

Maddox: What?

Dick: That the idea...the idea...these f-... (stammers) These fuckin' scientists. Always lyin' to...I FUCKIN' hate scientists so much.

Maddox: They're not lying! (laughing) What...what do you think it's -

Dick: (interjects) No, that was an Insane Clown Posse lyric for a joke.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: But the...just this... (stammers)

Sean: That was too obscure.

Dick: They all love to play God. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They all love...they love their fff-...PRECIOUS science so much. Like, "Well, you know, the ecosystem, it's very delicate! It's so delicate that if you pull off just the most annoying creature that's murdering hundreds of thousands of humans every year, you pull them...the whole thing might collapse." Like, "O-...okay. So, what if we just dump oil all over the ocean? Are you okay with that?" "Well, no, but you know, we didn't mean to do that." Like, "Wh-...yeah we did!! There's statistical destruction in everything we do!" Everything that we do is constantly fucking up the environment. Where do you assholes get off, like, pretending for a second that there's this fragile tapestry of life that needs to be preserved all the time? We don't do that!! We've NEVER done that. It's just so an-...it's so annoying to hear them.

Maddox: Yeah, I think the truth is usually somewhere in the middle. There's definitely times when we have fucked up an ecology, like when we introduced, uh...what is it, voles? Gray...gray-tailed voles into Australia, the little mice? Er, the rats? Ra-...overran Australia. Oh my...it DESTROYED their ecology. And then when we introduced goats on the, uh...Galapagos Islands? Totally killed the environments, and they had to go hunt all the goats to kind of restore the environment for tortoises.

Dick: Like, res-...restore the beauty of it. 'Cause -

Maddox: (interjects) No no, for tortoises. They were wiping out tortoises.

Dick: But...you know. Fuck tortoises.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Right? Like, at the same time...like if you give me a list, if I g-...if I'm gonna kill mosquitoes, give me the list of all the animals it's gonna kill, and I'll tell you when I don't feel okay getting rid of mosquitoes anymore.

Maddox: Well, so, here -

Dick: (interjects) You know what I mean?

Maddox: Here's the argument I never hear made on these radio shows in these debates, which is essentially the Jurassic Park argument. You know, in Jurassic Park, they have...it's a fiction based on the...finding a mosquito that was stuck in some ember, and -

Dick: (interjects) Amber.

Sean: Amber, yeah.

Maddox: Amber.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. So finding a mosquito that was stuck in some amber, and being able to drill inside the mosquito's belly and pull out some...some prehistoric dinosaur blood, some dinosaur DNA.

Dick: Dino DNA.

Maddox: Dino DNA! Right?

Dick: We kn-...yeah, we know the speech.

Maddox: From its belly.

Dick: Uh-huh. (smiling)

Maddox: And they were able to, in this movie, reconstruct the dinosaur because of this DNA, whatever. Now, that's not completely far-fetched. It's possible to pull...what? You're sayin'-...Ra-...Randy's shakin' his head "no," poo-pooing my fuckin' argument already, Randy!

Dick: What's wrong, Randy?

Maddox: Candy Randy.

Dick: Why?

Randy: DNA...uh, decays so fast.

Dick: DNA decays.

Maddox: Yeah, I know it decay-...Randy...

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Okay, so Randy's argument is that DNA decays. No shit, Randy!! I know fuckin' DNA decays. I'm not a fuckin' moron. I've had school before. (Randy scoffs and laughs in background)

Dick: I mean, you did just kinda say that it was plausible, though.

Maddox: Nonono, not...I'm... (stammers) For dinosaurs, not, because it decays too much.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But for certain animals in a small enough time span, that could act as a preserving mechanism for the DNA.

Dick: What about Prince? Do you think he got bit by any mosquitoes we could grab real quick?

Maddox: I...I hope not.

Dick: And clone him?

Maddox: Yeah, I hope not, man. I hope...I hope Prince was in a completely sterile environment. (Sean cracks up) You know, for his safety.

Dick: Right, right, right, right.

Maddox: I'm just not a fan. I'm just not a fan. I don't get it.

Dick: No one's askin'!! So, what's the... (Maddox cracks up) What's the argument that...that they're, uh, that you haven't heard being made?

Maddox: Basically...well -

Dick: (interjects) That's Jurassic Park-based.

Maddox: Yeah, well, basically the...that the mosquitoes may be able to preserve some DNA for some future generation in some weird way. Who knows?

Dick: This is the argument you *haven't* heard?

Maddox: That...I haven't that argument.

Dick: You would like to hear that?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You just made it.

Maddox: Done.

Dick: Right here. First.

Maddox: The only smart program. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: That's being broadcast.

Dick: That we should preserve mosquitoes because inadvertently, they've probably preserved countless thousands of animals' DNA patterns?

Maddox: Well, what Candy Randy said when he was shitting on my beautiful argument... (Dick giggles) ...was essentially -

Dick: (interjects) I woulda let you get through it.

Maddox: Was essentially true. Um, you know, the...the DNA they've been able to pull out of mosquitoes has not been complete enough to use for anything.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: However, they have been able to use parts of that DNA, I believe, to...to construct a genome, a more full genome, based on other parts they've found in other things, like dinosaur -

Dick: (interjects) Like frogs.

Maddox: Dinosaur eggs.

Dick: Jurassic Park, they did frogs.

Maddox: Uh...yeah, I guess. Yeah.

Dick: Combined with frogs.

Maddox: I mean, I don't know how much of that is fiction, but... (Dick cracks up) They've been able to... (background laughter)

Dick: 100% of it is fiction. It's Jurassic Park.

Maddox: No, I'm talkin' about the science.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Okay.

Maddox: The science that goes into it, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I mean, there may be somethin'...there may be somethin' to it. Now they have the CRISPR technology that's able to splice DNA so quickly and easily. Who knows? Who knows. Who knows what the future could hold? So I guess the argument is...a big question mark. Should we eradicate mosquitoes?

Dick: Yes. 100%. Put the Kickstarter on; I will put $10,000 into that immediately. I'll do it myself! I'll...send me to jail. I'd d-...that's the g-...is there a crime for eradicating a species?

Maddox: Oh boy, I don't know! I don't know if that's an actual crime, but that seems like somethin' right up MY fuckin' alley.

Dick: Yeah, you should lead the charge.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Get a box of them. Fuck mosquitoes, man.

Maddox: I would.

Dick: They're the WOOORST.

Maddox: I think I would do time...I would be okay with doing time, as long as I was known as the first guy to eradicate a species.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How fuckin' cool is that? Although, people do it all the time. They hunt animals into extinction. (grins) Inadvertently.

Dick: That's what I'm sayin'!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, all these scientists are always complaining about... (Maddox gasps) ...protecting all these species, but we do it all the fuckin' time. Buffalo were gigantic things! We killed them! Nothing happened. (Maddox scoffs) Pandas are huge. They got killed; nothing ha-...dinosaurs got killed; nothing happened. These are just little stupid bugs! That...piss off everyone.

Maddox: What do you mean, "nothing happened"?? They got extinct! That's a thing that happened.

Dick: But it hasn't affected anyone. (Maddox scoffs and laughs) Like, I don't wish there was a bunch of buffalo around.

Maddox: Buffalo is no longer on the endangered species list. BECAUSE...because, we started eating it. That's true. Look it up, shitheads. **('ding!' sound effect) (applause sound effect)** Especially you vegans who keep arguing with me. Buffalo is no longer on the endangered species list because we started eating it again, and because there was a demand for it, we started harvesting it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We started growing it. Now there's...now, for the first time in over a decade, buffalo is no longer on the endangered species list. You wanna save lions? Start havin' lion tacos. (Sean laughs)

Sean: Here's an interesting thing that I just read recently about the buffalo, though. I understand there's only 3 distinct breeding...uh, herds of true buffalo, where none of the DNA has been polluted by cows.

Dick: I thought you said this was interesting. (Maddox and Randy laugh)

Sean: Oh, GOD. (muttering) No, so I'm saying...like, the real...real real buffalo, 100% buffalo, is more rare.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Than -

Maddox: (interjects) No, you're true. (Dick chuckles) You're true, Sean.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Er, that's true, what you said.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Good point. Anyway, guys -

Sean: (interjects) Fuck you, Dick.

Dick: Look, this is the worst problem on the list. Dude, mosquitoes are the w-...is it just me that has a problem with mosquitoes??

Maddox: No, a lot of people do.

Dick: Like, I've had to sleep in my...in my bed, I've had to sleep with a sheet over my entire body. Like, holding my arms out like a starfish and my feet, because fuckin' mosquitoes keep flying in my ear wakin' me up every night.

Maddox: Oh, there's...when they buzz in your ear? (Dick sighs) There's NOTHING more disgusting.

Dick: No.

Maddox: It makes my skin crawl. I don't know wh-...at what point this happened in my life, but I have stopped giving a shit about insects. I used to look for something to roll up and hit 'em with. Now I'm just using my fist. I just pound the fucker, or I slam it, or I mash it with

my thumb, and sometimes I just sit there and stare at its guts on my thumb. I'm like, "Yeah, you like that, shithead? Huh. Yeah." And then I lick it.

Dick: That's pragmatic.

Maddox: Yeah, it's very pragmatic.

Dick: Uh, this is a serious question.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can you get AIDS from a mosquito?

Maddox: No.

(silence)

Dick: Okay. (Maddox chuckles) Are you s-...

Maddox: Any... (guffaws) Any other questions?

Dick: Are you 100% sure?

Maddox: Yeah, that was a big fear in the '80s and '90s. It turned out to be unfounded, because the AIDS virus dies very quickly outside of the human body.

Dick: How fast?

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: What if I'm, like, having sex with someone with AIDS, and a mosquito bites them, and then bites...is that fast enough?

Maddox: If you're having sex with someone with AIDS...

Dick: I'm kidding.

Maddox: Uh, y-... (groans quietly) (background laughter) Their bites are super itchy. That's annoying. You know, there are different types of mosquito breeds, too. There are mosquitoes I experienced in Europe that don't just bite you once and then buzz off. They bite you along a track on your arm. So you look down on your arm and you'll see a bunch of little dots right next to each other, and you're like, "What the fuck happened to my arm here? Look like a fuckin, uh, heroin addict."

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: "A junkie over here." And it's a mosquito, 'cause they'll sit there and keep biting you over and over and over again, same fuckin' mosquito. Or maybe there's a bunch of 'em. But then, I've seen these mosquitoes sometimes that get so thick and so big and so bloated with blood that they can barely fly. It's disgusting.

Dick: Yeah. It is disgusting.

Maddox: They're disgusting creatures, yeah.

Sean: You ever whack one and have this big blood smear?

Maddox: Augh. I hate that. If I see that they're big and they've just eaten, I try not to. I try not to whack it unless I have something. I don't want...even if it's not AIDS blood, I don't want blood on me. (chuckling) Especially coming from an insect's belly. Unless it's that insect's, and that insect was a mom. Anyway. That's my problem.

Dick: It should be at the top of the list.

Maddox: Yeah. Mosquitoes!

Sean: Vote 'em up.

(closing riff starts)

Maddox: Anyway guys, yeah. My problems this week were Helicopter Parents and Mosquitoes.

Dick: My problem's the Job Lynch Mob. Go vote up Mosquitoes. (Maddox laughs)

(closing riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Oh my god, did Dick say that the food we eat every day is less harmful than drugs? That's fuckin' bullshit.

Maddox: (laughs) He said "more."

Voicemail: I've never fucking OD'ed on a cheeseburger. (Maddox laughs) **FUCK MARC MARON!**

(message ends)

(everyone cracks up)

Dick: I don't know!!

Maddox: Ahh. A little, uh...little rejoinder there.

Dick: Yeah. Oh, this one...this one might be good. **(plays next message)**

Voicemail (average male voice): Hey, um, this is Anita Sarkeesian.

Maddox: Oh!

Voicemail: Um, I'm just calling in because I think Dick...

Maddox: (snickers) She calls in often.

Voicemail: ...you brought in a great problem this week. Um...

Dick: Thanks.

Voicemail: I think that autocorrect is a huge problem, but the one thing you didn't talk about is how much it objectifies women.

Dick: That's true.

Voicemail: Autocorrect takes away the voice of women in society...

Dick: Hm.

Voicemail: ...and oppresses them. So I still wish that you'd brought that up. I woulda given you an upvote, but I'm not gonna be able to do it. Bye-bye.

(message ends)

Maddox: Hm. See, that's why you leave the satire to the pros. (both laugh)

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Oh, you're -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, there's just a ton of LSD call-ins.

Maddox: Oh, of course. (switches to dumb voice) "Well actually, Maddox, uhh, it cures cancer. Uhh, beh beh." (cuts off voice) Yeah, look guys, I've seen the research. I...I get it. I know you like to do your fuckin' drug. Don't fuckin' preach to me. I d-... (scoffs) I just don't give a shit. You guys all sound like the same fuckin' dumbass stoners.

Dick: Eh, I think next week's gonna be a lot more LSD calls again. (smiling)

Maddox: Good.

Dick: Somehow, I'm predicting it.

Maddox: Fine. Bring it.

Randy: Call in *on* LSD.

Maddox: Yeah, why don't you guys call in on LSD? See how functional you are, you...fuckin' tripping idiots. Yeah.

Dick: You're functional on LSD.

Maddox: Are you?

Dick: Yeah! It's just like being drunk and high at the same time.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Great.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what we want. More drunk, high, idiot callers.

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Russian Roulette to Chat Roulette! With over 6 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Heyyy, what's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back. One gets you a bullet in the head. The other one gets you dicks. Dick pics.

Dick: Ohhhhhhh, Russian Roulette, yeah.

Maddox: Mhmm. Russian Roulette and Chat Roulette, yeah!

Dick: I got a great…that reminds me of a great story. My…oh, first, can you introduce our guest before I tell this story about my life coach?

Maddox: Yeah, we got…sure. We got a life coach story, but first we have a very exciting guest with us today, Michael Capes!

Michael: Hello!

Maddox: Thank you for joining us, Michael!

Michael: Yeah, thank you for having me, guys. Appreciate it!

Maddox: Yeah, so, um…

Dick: How you doin'?

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Michael…

Dick: (they talk over each other) A beautiful man, by the way!! Look at this guy!

Michael: Awwww. (giggles)

Dick: Who does he…who do you look like? Who do people say you look like?

Michael: Uh, I get uh….

Dick: (interjects) A very handsome celebrity.

Michael: I get a fat version of Adam Levine.

Dick: Get outta here!! Oh…a thicker version…

Michael: Thicker.

Dick: A girthier version of Adam Levine, I would say.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Girls like girthy.

Dick: Love this guy.

Michael: My friends call me Fatam Levine, actually.

Dick: Fatam Levine.

Maddox: (giggles) Fatam Levine. (they all laugh)

Dick: Boy, you gotta get rid of those friends.

Michael: Yeah, they're dumb.

Dick: They are not your friends.

Michael: Yeaaaaah.

Dick: They're trying to cut your self-esteem down.

Michael: Yeah, they are. They wanna just…

Maddox: (interjects) What friends are these?

Michael: They want the girls.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: They want the girls that I'm around.

Maddox: You know what, bro? You got…they're negging you.

Michael: They are. They're totally negging me. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: They probably wanna fuck you!

Michael: That means they're trying to fuck me.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: They're trying to fuck you.

Michael: I knew it.

Dick: And I understand why.

Michael: I knew it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: I gotta stop meeting my friends on Grindr. I gotta…make some different friends. (giggles)

Dick: See, guys, I'm an equal opportunity flirter, right? Just wanna demonstrate that I flirt with the male guests, as well as the female guests.

Maddox: Heyyyy!

Michael: I appreciate it.

Dick: So I don't get any flak.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: I don't wanna get any sexist flak, alright?! (Michael giggles)

Maddox: Sure. That's fair. That's totally fair. Reasonable.

Dick: So I just totally demonstrated that.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Now I can say WHATEVER I want. (giggles)

Maddox: There you go. Done.

Michael: That's good. That's good.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, so, Michael and I recently…we appeared in a video together. Mike has a series on YouTube called the Hacks of Life. It's kind of a parody and satire of, like, the Life Hacks, but then you actually do some of these hacks, like for example, you snuck a friend into Disneyland, which is one my of FAVORITE videos.

Michael: I did.

Maddox: So funny.

Michael: Yep.

Maddox: You gotta wa…you gotta check it out. Um, where basically…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, how did you…yeah. How…you tell it.

Maddox: Yeah, you wanna explain it, Mike?

Michael: Sure, sure, sure. So I did a stunt I called The Man Baby.

Dick: Mmm.

Michael: And so…

Dick: We do that stunt every week on this podcast.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: Excellent. Okay, so you guys will get this, then, and appreciate it.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: So, uh, Disney lets babies in for free. I think…I dunno what the age limit is, but babies are free. And so I built a baby stroller…uh, one of those tandem ones. That fit my man friend inside of it. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Uh, and just rolled him right into the park.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did they check at all?

Michael: The guy…the guy…see, now they have checkpoint.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: And I was smart enough to do my research and know that, yes. They have a checkpoint.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Michael: Roll the stroller through there first. Go into the restroom, put friend inside, and get to the ticket line, roll him right through.

Dick: Ohhhhhohohoho!!

Michael: They opened the gates. And the best part is, I just had an old dude that maybe didn't care. He didn't even look. He just…he didn't look at ME. He just had his head down, just took the ticket, and ran the thing, in the magical…

Dick: (interjects) He's seen enough babies.

Michael: Yeah, he's seen enough babies.

Dick: He doesn't need to see more babies.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: NOBODY does.

Michael: Best part, I'm rolling through the park, and people are seeing this baby. This… and I think that there was a combination of, like…not wanting to offend someone in case their baby did have, like, a pituitary disorder or something? (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Michael: It was like "Ugh." But you see…we have the reactions in the video of these people walking past me just…you see their heads, like, "Oh, GOD." (Maddox laughs) And it's…(laughing) and other kids, it's Mikey Bolt's kid…you know, he looked like Seth MacFarlane, actually.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: It looked like Seth Macfarlane…

Maddox: Yeah, he looks a little bit like a younger Seth MacFarlane.

Michael: Yeah. Totally.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Totally. As a baby.

Sean: I'm picturing the old Warner Bros baby with the cigar?

Dick: Baby Herman.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: (giggles) Baby Herman.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: Yeah, totally.

Maddox: And…and he was totally nude. People were like, "Wow, what a penis on this baby!"

Michael: Oh, totally, yeah! It was great.

Maddox: Totally. (laughs)

Michael: Great big penis.

Dick: WOW!!!!

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: Get into Disneyland nude. That's great.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Get in there naked. That's how Mike steps up his game. But it didn't just end there, because he had all these other little tips, like how to eat for free at Disneyland, too. You buy, like, a 7-11…uh, shitty…

Dick: You dig it out of the garbage, right?

Maddox: No, you get…

Dick: (interjects) Everyone knows that hack. It's a life hack. (Michael laughs)

Maddox: You get the wrappers that are sitting on other people's tables, and you bring in… you sneak in, like, a 7-11 burger, like, a really shitty, cheap one.

Michael: 50 cent…yeah.

Maddox: You just take it up to them and say, "Hey, this burger sucks. Can I get another one?" And they'll replace it for you. And you get a fresh burger. (laughs)

Michael: 15 dollar burger. (laughing)

Maddox: 15 dollar burger, yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Jesus. (grins)

Maddox: But…but at the end of this video, Mike did something really nice. Uh…he was selling some shirts for his channel and he said the proceeds are gonna be donated to a charity in Disney's name.

Michael: Absolutely, yeah.

Maddox: So really came full circle. And you still got flak for it, though, didn't you.

Michael: Yeah. Yeah, uh…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it's 'cause you're so handsome. We hate…the Internet hates that handsome guy who's being charitable.

Michael: They just hate the…(laughs)

Dick: Fuck it. They'll let Maddox get away with it, but not you. (Michael laughs)

Maddox: Fuck you. Fuck you, Dick! They don't let me get away with shit! Just read the COMMENTS!!! (Michael laughs) Bunch of humorless assholes!

Michael: It's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: It's true.

Maddox: Anyway. Speaking of comments, Dick. Oh, before we go on, actually. Let's get to the problems from last…week.

Dick: Okay.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: The biggest problem in the universe…Mosquitoes!!

Dick: Good.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Good.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Oh, wow!

Dick: It deserves to be the biggest on the whole fucking list!

Maddox: We're all in agreement.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, I was doing more research after the show, and they found out that mosquitoes may have killed more people than every war combined, ever, in history.

Michael: Wow.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Mosquitoes have killed SO many people. Yeah.

Michael: Do they target specific people, or?

Maddox: Mosquitoes?

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, all people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: All people? They don't have a plan?

Maddox: They don't discriminate.

Dick: They get all people.

Michael: Okay, they don't discriminate?

Maddox: No? Mhmm.

Michael: Okay. Okay. Yeah.

Dick: Turns out they target, uh, annoying girlfriends the most, though.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (Michael laughs) Yeah.

Dick: They ALWAYS seem to get bitten at ASTOUNDING rates!

Maddox: Yes. (Michael laughs)

Dick: Even when doors are closed! You're in a bank vault!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And if you've got an annoying girlfriend, you know, great for you, but she's gonna have so many mosquitoes swarming on her…

Michael: Aawoooooo!! (howls) (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. They're always getting bit in weird and mysterious ways and places.

Michael: Always. Yeah.

Maddox: You wouldn't expect.

Michael: Yeah. How's that happen?

Dick: (stammers) Science has no idea.

Maddox: I don't know.

Michael: So they do discriminate.

Dick: They do.

Maddox: Yeah, I guess. (Michael chuckles) Not…not by race, though.

Michael: No, no, no.

Maddox: Just by gender. Just by gender.

Michael: Just by gender, yeah.

Maddox: They like to, uh…yeah.

Michael: And personality.

Maddox: Um…

Dick: Yes! (Maddox laughs) As it turns out.

Maddox: It turns out, the more annoying, the more bites!!

Michael: Yeah. Absolutely. (laughs)

Maddox: Weird. Weird correlation! (Michael laughs)

Dick: Maybe they're on our side. Never thought about that.

Maddox: Yeah. Maybe they are on our side.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Followed by Job Lynch Mobs.

Dick: Oh, that's good.

Maddox: Confusing. Confusing. (Dick laughs) And then, uh, Helicopter Parents.

Dick: Why is that confusing?

Sean: Only to you!!

Dick: Yeah. (grins) Everyone else understood that.

Maddox: Dick, you wanna give a recap for what Job Lynch Mobs was to our guest Mike?

Michael: Yes, I'd like to…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, sure, so…um…I think we're entering a…a climate. Maybe you can call it a political climate, but it's a socio-political climate where, uh…there's a large contingent of people, who…when someone says something they don't like, in whatever capacity that person is. If they say something on Twitter that they don't like, or maybe do something that they don't like, that's not illegal, but just something they like to do. Like, if they go hunting, for example. They go on safari. That's a big one that'll settle people off on mine.

Michael: Absolutely. Sure.

Dick: What they do is band together and demand that person's job. Yeah. And…and my position on it is that that mindset…that mindset that these job lynch mob people have is essentially the same as…it's the Western version of, like, stoning extremism. Where that's the most violence that they can thrust upon you that's legal.

Michael: Right. Right.

Dick: And the legality of it is what defines it. Like, if you removed the legal requirement and let them do the stoning?! They would stone you in two seconds.

Michael: Right.

Dick: And that's the job lynch mobs. Because…because…hurting someone's job is the same to ME as hurting them physically. Morally. Because it costs you your life to get that back.

Michael: Absolutely. Absolutely.

Dick: That's…that's the problem, to me, in a nutshell. We got dis…go ahead, sorry.

Michael: Sorry. People can even lose their jobs just by having a name that's close in these job lynching. Because, uh…Rachael Ray. Rachael Ray?

Maddox: Ohh, yeah, so…

Michael: She's…I'm pretty sure she's done, right? (Maddox laughs) (Michael laughs)

Maddox: So what happened is, Beyonce released her limited release album, I guess, you know…

Michael: Yeah, Lemonade?

Maddox: Limited release. Of course. It's only on every fucking media outlet you can access.

Dick: You'd better be fucking very careful shitting on Beyonce right now.

Maddox: Well…

Michael: You can't. Oh, you can't.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: No, you cannot do that.

Maddox: I will…I will poke the Bey-hive with my stick. (they laugh)

Dick: Oho.

Maddox: Uh-huh. I'm gonna put my stick right…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, my God.

Michael: We're in his vicinity, we gotta be careful. (laughs)

Maddox: Right in the middle of the Bey-hive, buddy!!! Yeah, so…so of course, a bunch of people got really upset about this girl who they supposedly figured that Beyonce was talking about in her new Lemonade music video.

Michael: Yeah. Yes.

Maddox: Whatever. The hour-long special. And her name sounded like Rachael Ray, or something, right?

Michael: Rachael Roy.

Maddox: Rachael Roy. And they thought it was Rachael Ray, the famous, uh, Food Network chef.

Michael: Yep.

Dick: They thought she had beef with Rachael Ray? (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick cackles)

Michael: They thought that Jay-Z was hooking up with Rachael Ray.

Maddox: Rachael Ray. Yeah.

Michael: This is no joke.

Dick: Mmm?

Michael: Stupid people.

Maddox: So they went after Rachael Ray and started just bombarding her with hate messages. (stammers) Of course, let's make sure to note here, again. This is not GamerGate. This is the Bey-hive, right?

Michael: Yeah. This is the Bey-hive. Yeah.

Maddox: When it's people doing it about gaming, it's misogynistic and ugly and the worst thing ever.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: But when they're doing it, it's the Bey-hive, you know, on behalf of Beyonce. Uh, you know. They got a little emotional. That's all, guys.

Dick: Who's the most untouchable person on the planet.

Maddox: Beyonce?

Dick: Beyonce.

Michael: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Beautiful, though.

Michael: I'm starting to think it's a conspiracy against culinary celebrities.

Maddox: Mm, possibly.

Michael: Female. Paula Deen got taken down.

Dick: Oh, she did!

Michael: She got…for someone saying she said something, right?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: No, but she did say…

Michael: (interjects) She was saying racist shit. (giggles)

Maddox: She did say something like…yeah, she did say the N-word.

Michael: Did she actually say something?

Maddox: Yeah, no, she did. She said the N-word, yeah.

Michael: Oh, okay. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. For real.

Michael: I thought it was like somebody who was like, “Hey, I worked with her and she said this stuff.” And then she’s like “Yeah, I did, because I’m an old Southern woman.”

Maddox: Yeah, she did.

Michael: And…

Maddox: Um…

Dick: (interjects) And it’s just a word.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, no, I mean…everything’s just words.

Dick: (interjects) This is where we…this is where it deteriorated last week.

Maddox: But…I know. I know, Dick. Look, here’s the thing. Mike and I talked about problems that he was thinking about bringing in for this episode, and one of the problems sounded awfully similar to what you were saying, but…uh, he brought…there were examples that were made that you CAN stand behind and you can defend. Like, for example…like, Dick brought this in most recently because Curt Schilling got fired from ESPN…

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: For saying transphobic things on Twitter.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: And the thing is…you know, look. You supposedly have this job lynch mob, which you didn’t make a case for. You didn’t prove that that’s why he lost his job, ‘cause you…

Dick: (interjects) What do the votes say?

Maddox: Hold on. You didn’t prove that that’s why he lost his job. ‘Cause it could’ve been the company themselves, or people in the company themselves who found what he said morally reprehensible, and…uhh…something they didn’t want representing their brand. You didn’t make that case. But here’s something you could have very easily done, which is the guy who got fired, the dean from Harvard.

Michael: Yes.

Maddox: The president of Harvard who had to step down.

Dick: Lawrence Summers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who had to step down because he suggested that there may be some evolutionary or biological reason women don't go into stem fields.

Dick: Mmmhmm.

Maddox: Pretty innocuous, relatively speaking, statement, because…

Dick: (interjects) To you.

Maddox: No, uh…scientifically speaking, there's evidence for this.

Dick: It's innocuous to you.

Maddox: But…but here's the thing. What Curt Schilling said may incite some actual mobs who are actually committing violence, REAL violence, against trans people.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: So that's why that Curt Schilling example is, like, yeah, you know what? He should be allowed to say whatever he wants, but he was given that platform…

Michael: Right.

Maddox: Because of his employers. He was GIVEN a public platform because of his employers. So what was given was taken away. I don't see a problem with that.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: And by the way…

Dick: (interjects) I know. You didn't see a problem last week, 'cause you're part of the job lynch mob.

Maddox: I am definitely not.

Dick: Like, your definition of inciting violence and hate crime is not supported by the law, and it's things you disa…like, it's easy to defend people when you agree with what they say. It's easy to defend Lawrence Summers. But my position is, you gotta defend people you don't agree with, too. That's why it's bad. That's why it's subversive.

Maddox: Well, hold on. I…

Dick: (interjects) That's what makes it difficult.

Maddox: Absolutely not. I…I…(stammers) I defend people I disagree with all the fucking time. Like, for example, I hate Donald Trump.

Michael: Me too.

Maddox: But I think he absolutely should have a platform to speak.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: And people who are trying to block people from going to his events absolutely have…

Michael: (interjects) It's ridiculous.

Maddox: Yeah. It's out of line.

Michael: Yep.

Maddox: Everyone should have the…the ability to speak their minds and say what they want, and I disagree with almost everything Donald Trump says. But he should absolutely have the right to say it. And, by the way, I'm not supporting, you know, any kind of job lynch mobs to go after people. The Cecil the Lion, the dentist who hunted that guy? Absolutely not.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: That was absurd. Um…

Michael: Well, with Trump it's like a…it feels like a WWE event, doesn't it? Like a Monday Night Raw?

Dick: And isn't that awesome?

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: We can all say that WWE we need more of, right?

Michael: And I agree with you, like…yeah. Absolutely. And I don't think people should stop that, because you gotta have the villains. You gotta have all the characters.

Maddox: Sure.

Michael: And we get to…watch it.

Maddox: Right, right. And..(stammers)

Michael: But, but…(stammers)

Maddox: And he still has the right to say whatever he wants.

Michael: But you see how riled up these audiences get.

Dick: Mhmm.

Michael: You know?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: You know why that is? 'Cause he's speaking pure truth, 100% of the time.

Maddox: Oh, boy.

Michael: That's what it is…(laughs nervously)

Maddox: Oh wait, you're talking about Trump?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Oh, okay. I thought you were starting talking about Curt Schilling. Um, then the Helicopter Parents, Dick. You kept trying to…like, here, here. I was thinking about it. I don't know if you were intentionally…

Dick: (interjects) Are we gonna go through all the problems again? Like, we got a guest… he's got a lot to say. He's got things to talk about. I thought you made the points last week. (Michael giggles)

Maddox: Well, real…real quick…

Dick: Like, I got voice mails about…

Sean: Hold on. He has to tell you everything you did wrong last week.

Dick: I KNOW!! (Michael laughs) Fuck, I got voice mails where people called in and talked about their experience with helicopter parenting, like, interesting insights. We have to go over this…all this again?

Maddox: Well, let's hear it. Go ahead.

Dick: Oh, this one's great.

(Voice mail: (female voice) "Hey. I just wanted to call and weigh in on the helicopter parent problem. Uh, first, I agree with Dick that whenever children are younger, it's really hard to tell where the line is between being a "good parent" and being overbearing…"

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Wrong!

"But I teach at a university…"

Maddox: Idiot. (laughs)

"…and this is a HUGE problem at my school, helicopter parenting."

Maddox: There you go!!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Sound effect: Clapping)

"Our student's office actually had to give a presentation about helicopter parenting to faculty because it's so prevalent. I know there are federal laws…uh, I can't remember what the acronym is for, but it's called FURPA, which basically says that after 18…"

Dick: FURPA? Fat (talks over the recording, inaudible) That's what it's for.

"(inaudible while Dick runs his mouth)…education records. And I think part of that law was enacted because of this helicopter parenting. (someone giggles in the background) **and it's STILL a huge problem. I get emails all the time from parents asking if they can read their student's essay, or see their grade, or change their grade, or meet with me, and…"**

Dick: How about that?

"…basically, because of that law, I can just tell 'em to go fuck themselves."

Dick: Oh!!

Maddox: Good.

Sean: I think it's the…

"…alright. Thanks.")

Sean: I think it's the Fucked-Up Retarded Parenting Act.

Dick: Oh!! That's pretty good, Sean!! Backronyms. Chief in charge of backronyms!

Michael: Hey, that was good. Nice!

Maddox: Um, so yeah. She's saying that helicopter parenting is a big problem. Now, the part that I disagreed with on that call is when she said that it's hard to tell when it is and it isn't. Guys, I have a very simple test. Generally speaking, alright? Just a rule of thumb. It's not always gonna work, but most of the time. You look around and see what other people are doing. And if you're doing something a little bit weird, you're the weird one.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: So if you are intervening in your child's life a little too much. If every other parent at the park is just sitting down, relaxing. You don't have to be in the dirt, following your child around fucking everywhere.

Sean: That takes some self-awareness.

Michael: Yeah. Be self-aware. Yeah.

Maddox: Well, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, but if you're, like, at a Nazi Youth Rally, and everybody's, like, "Go salute Hitler", and your kid's not, you should probably get involved and go tell 'em to do that, right? (Michael snickers)

Maddox: Well…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, you gotta look around and make sure you're doing what everyone is doing.

Maddox: I mean…

Michael: It's true.

Maddox: …essentially, that's…

Dick: (interjects) It's true. It's true. It's a good point.

Maddox: You are a product of your culture. If you want to…

Dick: (interjects) I'm just kidding.

Maddox: If you want to live by…I know. But if you want to live by cultural norms, you look around and see what other people are doing. You look around and see how other people are eating.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: Dressing. Behaving. And you act more or less alike.

Michael: Right. Like, you shouldn't just masturbate in public places. Right?

Dick: Unless everyone else is doing it.

Maddox: Unless everyone else is doing it!

Michael: But then Peewee Herman got in trouble.

Dick: And everyone was doing it!!

Maddox: No…

Dick: Yeah!!

Michael: Right. (laughs) Isn't that true?

Dick: In an adult jerkoff theater? That's what they're for!

Michael: Yeah, everyone was doing it.

Maddox: You're…

Michael: (interjects) So why did he get in trouble? 'Cause…

Dick: You think he offended some kids?

Sean: 'Cause he had a kids' show.

Michael: 'Cause you have a kids' show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: So you can't do what everybody's doing if you have a kid's show. (chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: If that involves masturbating…together.

Maddox: There's a job lynch mob!!

Dick: Michael, you…yeah. I was just gonna say. You brought…that is a very deep memory of mine.

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: When Peewee got busted. 'Cause I LOVED that show as a kid.

Michael: Dude, I have the doll in my bedroom, by the way.

Dick: Which one?

Michael: Peewee Herman doll.

Dick: The Peewee doll?

Michael: In the box.

Maddox: The Peewee Herman real doll. (they all laugh)

Michael: Yes.

Dick: Do you remember…when he got busted when you were a kid?

Michael: Absolutely.

Sean: It works the opposite way.

Michael: Oh my God, it was crushing. It was…

Dick: Did you know…as soon as it happened. As soon as it happened, I saw that, I'm like, "That's it." They're gonna fuck up the show.

Michael: Done.

Dick: Ugh. That was brutal.

Michael: Absolutely.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: You ever seen him in his mug shot with the long hair and the weird…

Sean: (interjects) Oh, yeah.

Michael: He had some weird-ass pedophile glasses on.

Dick: Yeah!

Michael: That was weird.

Dick: He did.

Michael: That creeped me out, too. But I remember thinking, "Fuck! This is over!"

Dick: It's over.

Maddox: Yeeeah.

Michael: Like, this run…we had a good run!

Dick: The ride's over.

Maddox: It was so sad, too.

Sean: Wait, wait, to be clear…he's not a pedophile, right?

Michael: He's absolutely not. Absolutely not.

Maddox: No, of course not.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no.

Maddox: He was just jerking off in a theater.

Michael: That's the problem is, I've talked to a lot of people. When his new movie came out on Netflix and people were saying, "He's a pedophile!"

Sean: (interjects) I never heard that.

Michael: People have associated that with him. The younger people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: And I'm like, "No, he's not."

Dick: No way is he a pedophile.

Michael: The dude got caught masturbating in an adult theater…

Maddox: With other adults.

Michael: Watching porn.

Dick: Watching porn!

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: He wasn't doing some weird shit. And people do misconstrue that, actually. Which makes me sad.

Dick: He also said he wasn't masturbating.

Michael: Oh, really?

Dick: Because he masturbates with a different hand. And that, to me, is an airtight defense!

Michael: That is airtight.

Dick: If somebody said they caught me jerking off with my right hand, I'm gonna say, "Hahahaha, okay, let's go to court! I can't wait to show you guys how I jerk off!" (grins)

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: Because that's a weird one to think of as a defense.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: So I think it's true.

Dick: I think it's totally true!

Maddox: Yeah, that is. Also, also…

Michael: (interjects) That's fair. Because any guy…have you ever switched?

Maddox: I…just once or twice, if my other hand's busy. If I'm holding a beverage. (Michael laughs) But, like, yeah. That's…like a margarita in one hand and I'm coming in off the beach, you know?

Michael: Sure. (they laugh)

Dick: Classic masturbation drink. A top-heavy margarita.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, got a little umbrella, I'm jerkin' off, I'm on the beach in Mexico, I'm having a good time!

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah! I'm gonna stroke one off, yeah.

Michael: Yeah. No, say if I had a nickel, you know?

Maddox: Yeah, man. (Michael laughs)

Dick: I've trained myself to be ambidextrous.

Maddox: When it comes to jerking?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know…so that's the test they give you in court. Is if they think that you were masturbating, they're like, "Okay, go ahead and switch hands." And if you cum, you're guilty! (they all laugh) Uh-huh. That's…that's the test.

Michael: That's the litmus test. (giggles)

Dick: Peewee deserved a fair trial!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not a lynch mob!

Maddox: No.

Michael: He did. He did.

Dick: Not a job lynch mob.

Michael: And OJ gets away with it, right?

Dick: Ridiculous. (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ri…preposterous. (Michael laughs) Okay.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: I'm gonna play one more voicemail.

Maddox: Go for it.

Dick: This is a…this one is really insightful, I think. It's about mosquitoes.

Michael: Oh, yeah. Fuck them. Fuck mosquitoes.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Buzz, BUZZ, BUZZ, Maddox mah sweetie."

(someone guffaws)

Michael: Oh, you got called by a mosquito.

"…I'm a mosquito. How you doin' tonight? Buzz, buzz, buzz. I'm on the small of your back, right where you can't reach a nice, scratchy spot, and I'm gonna take a big old drink o' your blood right now. (Maddox giggles) **Okay? Hold on one second." (makes a bunch of weird vomitus sounds)")**

Dick: Yeah, it kinda falls apart here. I think the…

(more vomitus sounds)

Dick: There it is. (giggles) He's throwing up. Got it? You get the joke?

(more sounds)

Michael: You got it?

Maddox: Yeah, I get it. I get it.

Dick: Does everyone get it?

(sounds continue)

Michael: I heard Disney Pixar is making a movie outta this. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Why did that mosquito sound like a Southern plantation owner?

Michael: Yeah, right?

Dick: Don't they all?

Maddox: "Takin' a nice, tall drink o' your blood." (imitates him)

Michael: In a little white suit. (they laugh) Real sweaty mosquito.

Maddox: What were you gonna say, Dick? Yeah. (grins)

Dick: That's the accent of having no fear.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Which they don't.

Maddox: Hmm. Like Paula Deen.

Dick: "Well, whatevah."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like an old plantation where no one can touch me. (cocky)

Maddox: Yeah. (Michael laughs)

Dick: I'm doing whatevah I want.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Alright. I got a comment real quick. This is from **J. Michael Lane.** He says…this is just a correction. It says, **"It was comedian Doug Stanhope from the special No Refunds who said 'your kid isn't hot enough.' Etc."** So I was talking about, like…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, okay.

Maddox: You know, not every kid's gonna get molested…'cause they're not hot enough.

Dick: Oh, no, let's not talk about child sexual molestation. Let's get to some fun problems.

Maddox: (stammers) That's it. It was just a correction. I just wanted to make sure. Yeah.

Dick: Okay. Alright.

Michael: (giggles) I'm with you on that, though.

Maddox: Yeah. Thanks. (Michael laughs) Alright, guys. We're gonna get to our first problem this week…Voice Mail!

Michael: Oooh.

Dick: Huh.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Maddox: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: (giggles) As you heard. So, uh, Dick…there's a lot of curation that goes on in this show, and behind the scenes. We get a lot more…

Dick: (interjects) Pointlessly. I listen to so many fucking voicemails and play two of them. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, there's two hours down the drain.

Maddox: Well, why don't you play one…why don't you play one that's…you know. That you wouldn't normally play on air.

Dick: Okay, here you go.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Oh, the sweeeeet…fuck you, Sean, audio engineer. You piece of shit! (they giggle) **)**

Dick: There you go.

Michael: That was from you, Dick? (laughs)

Dick: No!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Tons of these!

Sean: That was it?

Maddox: We get TONS of voice mails.

Dick: That's it. Yeah.

Michael: He just doesn't like Sean. (giggles)

Maddox: Uh…

Sean: Bizarre.

Maddox: Yeah. First of all, voice mail…outside…outside this show, and possibly inside the show, as well, are one of the most inconsiderate ways of communication. I have told my friend to never leave me voicemail, 'cause he would constantly call me and say, "Hey man." (pauses) "Just letting you know I was trying to get a hold of you. Uh, give me a call back. Bye." Why do I have to hear that?

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: I can see on my phone that I missed a call from you.

Michael: Missed call. Yeah.

Maddox: I can assume that because you called me, you wanted to talk to me. That voicemail added no new information. Voicemails should be relegated to the area of mother technology.

Michael: Absolutely.

Maddox: You know what I mean? Like checkbooks? Uh…what else?

Dick: Wait a minute. Wait…what? What's mother technology?

Michael: Like, what they still use.

Maddox: Mom tech.

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: Ohhhh, oh.

Michael: Checkbooks are still in the moms' purses.

Maddox: Checkbooks. Mhmm.

Dick: I still write checks. You guys don't write checks?

Maddox: No.

Dick: What year do you live in?

Michael: Mmmmm, once in a while for rent, maybe.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The bank…the bank does it all. Most banks do this service now. They have a bill pay?

Michael: Transfers. And yeah.

Maddox: You just type in the amount you want, and they'll draft the check and send it.

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: Hmm.

Michael: You can Venmo people now.

Maddox: Paypal. Venmo.

Dick: It's true.

Maddox: There's no need…

Michael: (interjects) Checkbooks are dying.

Maddox: Yeah. Checkbooks.

Michael: Which is gonna save more paper, which is great.

Dick: Oh, my gosh.

Michael: Right?

Dick: Sure.

Michael: I dunno.

Dick: I guess.

Maddox: You know what?!

Dick: I guess. If you love paper so much, over there, Michael. (grins)

Michael: Does anybody give a shit about that? (cracks up)

Maddox: You know, Michael, I remember, back in the…(Dick cracks up) Big Paper over here.

Michael: Huge paper guy. Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: All my delicious paper!!! (Michael laughs)

Maddox: You guys…you guys remember, in the 90s, all the fucking activists, like the Greenpeace activists and all those shitlords who were constantly saying, “save paper, save paper…recycle, save paper, recycle, save paper!” Now, no one prints anything anymore, ‘cause we all have fucking email.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: That’s how most communication is done, through email. Text messaging. Uh, instant messaging. All that shit. So we’re probably saving TONS of paper.

Michael: Oh, God, right?

Maddox: Where are those same shitheads who are coming out to congratulate us, huh?!

Michael: Yeah!

Maddox: I want a little thanks! I want Greenpeace to send me a thank you letter!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Every time I don’t print something!

Michael: Well, what do you think those guys do now?

Dick: (interjects) They do email.

Michael: They don’t know what…they ran out of things to say. They’re just, like…(trails off, giggles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: “Oh, the paper’s being saved. Hmm.”

Dick: It’s wasting electrons, now!! (Michael laughs) Too many electrons!

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Those guys had to evolve.

Maddox: Yeah, they're still sending voicemails, I bet.

Michael: Oh, definitely.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Still saves paper!

Michael: It totally saves paper!! But do…

Maddox: (interjects) Do you guys…

Michael: (interjects) Yeah. No, no, you go.

Maddox: Do you use voicemail, ever?

Michael: Uh…my mom leaves voicemails on my phone. Mom.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Which you said, mom tech.

Maddox: Mom tech.

Michael: Uh, and everyone once in a while, business stuff. Like, if you…if someone's calling you for something business-related, they'll leave a voice mail.

Dick: Does it annoy you a little bit when that happens? 'Cause it always…it really annoys me. I'm definitely in Maddox's camp about voice mails. I…I think it's disrespectful, no matter what it is, to leave me the voice mail.

Michael: I agree.

Dick: Because you KNOW that I need it in writing.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: Absolutely.

Dick: And…and YOU, first of all. You are risking the communication by just splurting it out into the air!

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: Like, we all listen to voice mails, like, when we're driving, right? (stammers) And down time. Major down time, when I am not actively involved in commerce, right? This is… so this is on you!! You're fucking this up! 'Cause I'm not gonna remember when I get home.

Michael: Absolutely. No, you're right.

Sean: I'll tell you something…I'll tell you something about Dick. I've known you for…well over 20 years, right?

Dick: Yes!

Sean: You NEVER leave voice mails.

Dick: Not ever.

Maddox: Good!

Sean: And you've stated that, too. You said, "I won't leave voice mails."

Dick: I will NEVER do it.

Michael: Yeah. I don't either.

Maddox: Dick is like a Native American when it comes to his voice. Doesn't want it recorded.

Dick: No. (Michael laughs) I don't want it to…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I think it takes my soul.

Maddox: It takes his soul!

Michael: Okay.

Dick: I don't want it.

Maddox: He's afraid.

Dick: I don't want people messing it up, either.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And making me say, you know, stuff that I wouldn't be saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Sure. Sure.

Maddox: So…so instead, we record a weekly podcast. (laughing)

Michael: I was gonna say. I was just gonna say, yeah.

Maddox: For an hour and a half.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Where no one can misconstrue or take any of your quotes out of context! (Michael laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ever. Yeah. Voice mails are totally inconsiderate. It's one of the most…

Michael: (interjects) I literally will just click on them, and just, you'll see the name of the person…

Dick: (interjects) Delete.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Delete.

Michael: Just click, delete. And you have to listen to a second of ‘em, by the way, when you do that. (Dick groans) You ever do that?

Maddox: Yeaaaah. (annoyed)

Michael: Where you…it makes you play them, and you’re like “Ih…” DELETE! Fucking delete. Okay, good. ‘Cause I don’t give a shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Like, you’re gonna get an email with business information.

Dick: Mhmm.

Michael: Or you’re gonna get text messages.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: And like you said, those fucking voice mails with, like, the “Hey man. Just calling you just to say what’s…”

Maddox: “Just calling you.”

Michael: Yeah. “Just wanna let you know I was calling you.”

Maddox: Yeah. Mhmm.

Michael: It’s like, yeah, we fucking get it, man.

Maddox: Yeah. We got it.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: We got missed calls, your name’s in there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: You’re catalogued. I’m gonna get back to you when I can. Like, it’s over.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, hey…

Michael: Have you done a greeting on your phone? Have you guys ever set greetings?

Maddox: No, I don’t set greetings.

Dick: So this is…I do, and I try to make it just confusing, so people will hang up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, ‘cause you know. People get this…something is out of order with the social contract, and they freak out. And just abort, right? (Michael laughs) So for a while, my voice message was just like, “BLARGH”, and that was it. (they laugh) And it cut down. People would…when they finally got a hold of me, they’d go, “Something’s wrong with your voice mail, I didn’t know what it was, so I just hung up.” And I’m like, “Oh, well, I’ll check it out.”

Michael: Do it. (laughing)

Dick: “And if that ever happens again, definitely don’t leave a voice mail.” (Michael laughs) It could be someone else.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But now I’m thinking…maybe an even better way to go is to just max out the greeting.

Michael: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Right? Like, “Hey, how you doing? I’m…”

Michael: Voice mails full.

Dick: Yeah. I’m gonna read…oh, voice mails full, or, I’m gonna read, um…I’m gonna read the Hobbit to you for 10 minutes.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Then you can leave me a voice mail.

Maddox: Yeah! (Michael laughs)

Dick: You stupid asshole.

Maddox: You wasted my time, I’ll waste yours, shithead!

Michael: That’s great.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: That’s great. That’s smart.

Maddox: I used to leave funny voicemails…funny voicemail responses, and I got way more response from people…

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: They were always wanting…”Oh, hey, (goofy voice) I really liked the voicemail. That made me laugh, hahaha.” And then I have to listen to an extra, like, 10 seconds of them commenting on my voicemail greetings.

Michael: Yesss.

Dick: Oh, ‘cause your greeting was funny?

Maddox: Yeah, ‘cause my gree…

Michael: (interjects) I got that too, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I…I immediately got rid of it. And then, um, the other thing I hate. Two things about voice mail I hate. Is when they have the false pickup? So sometimes they’ll say…”Hello?” Right?

Michael: Oh, yeah, the old joke. Yeah.

Maddox: And then they're like "Just kidding. I'm not actually available!"

Michael: Yeaaaaah. Yeah.

Maddox: "This is my voicemail." It's like, you know what? Fuck you!!!

Dick: I do like, that though. That's pretty funny.

Maddox: And then it always…it al…(laughs)

Michael: It was a good joke!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, but it always goes to the tone right when I'm saying "Fuck you!"

Michael: As you'd start talking?

Maddox: Yeah. (Michael and Maddox laugh) I get so fucking mad! I'm like, "You know what! Fuck you! I don't want to talk to you anyway!" (Michael laughs) Don't call me back! I'm just letting you know, this is the one voice mail you have to listen to! Do NOT call me back. I'm not gonna pick up, shithead!" (Michael laughs) I'm so fuckin' tired of your stunts! And then here's the other thing. I wanna see where the room falls on this.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: Because this…this to me was also egregious. I called someone one time. Uh, someone younger. And they set their voice mail to, "Hey, um, so this is.." I'm just gonna make up a name. "This is Clarence. If you're calling me right now and you were gonna leave me a voice mail, please don't. I prefer texts. Please send me a text."

Dick: (laughs) That's great!

Maddox: Uh, you think that's great?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That infuriates me. I'm like, "You know what?! Fuck you! I'm gonna leave you an extra long voicemail, shithead!!"

Dick: Why?! What's wrong with that?! Why would you bone Clarence like that?

Maddox: Ugh. It's so SNARKY.

Dick: Why would you dupe Clarence like that?

Maddox: It's so snarty. (Michael laughs) You know what? Just turn off your voice mail, shithead! You're not that important.

Michael: You know what I loved, when, you know, back when we had answering machines. And into voicemail. People thought it was cool to play some contemporary hit song?

Maddox: Yessssssssssss. (annoyed)

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: While they're talking in the background.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: And they would time it up, like, I'm gonna play this, people are gonna love it. They're gonna get that I like this song.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Michael: And I'm in the know. Like, who the fuck does that? Like, I never did it. I always try to be funny, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Like, I…I think my best one, and you guys can judge this how you will, but I think…

Dick: (interjects) Ohh, we will. (Michael laughs)

Michael: Remember, a beep would…it was always followed by a beep.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Michael: So I thought it would be clever to go on a fucking rant where I'm just about to drop a curse word, and when the beep happens, it covers my curse word.

Maddox: Oh, that's funny. Yeah.

Michael: And then I would get wrong numbers calling me, and you just hear people, like, laughing, going, "Ah, that was great, man." And I felt good about myself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: I dunno why it felt so good to win on that, but it was much better than playing, you know. Coldplay's fucking Parachutes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: While I tell you to leave a message. (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, excuse me, Michael? Can you please not leave me a voice mail, and send me a text instead? Please? (Michael laughs) Uh, I would really appreciate if you send me a text. I don't like to check my voice…

Dick: (interjects) What's wrong with that?!

Maddox: It's just…it's scolding. It's condescend…I don't wanna be scolded.

Dick: Maybe people don't know! Maybe they never thought of it before, and he's enlightening them. Like, "Oh, I never thought about it. Voice mails are a pain in the ass."

Maddox: Well, yeah, they are.

Dick: Thanks. What did you call that guy? Carmichael? Or…(giggles) Clementine? What was his name?

Maddox: Clarence. Yeah.

Dick: Thanks, Clarence. You the man.

Maddox: But outside…(Michael laughs) Outside, like, the only people who are ever gonna hear that are your parents and then the one odd friend who keeps leaving voicemail. Which, by the way, I just had a conversation with him in person. I called him up and I said, "DO NOT SEND ME VOICE MAILS EVER AGAIN!"

Dick: Oh, boy.

Maddox: I'm not going to listen to them!!! And he goes, "Okay, okay. What's the big deal, man?"

Dick: I know, are you talking about…you're talking about soup-flavored blankets! (Maddox laughs) Guy.

Maddox: Yeah, that's the guy. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. You're talking about soup-flavored blankets.

Maddox: I can't not do the voice when I talk. (laughing)

Michael: I need to know THIS guy.

Dick: A guy, a friend of Maddox's, came in last…last year. Maybe a little bit less than that.

Michael: Right.

Dick: Uh, he's an interesting character. I went to Burning Man with him last year.

Michael: Cool.

Dick: And we had a giant… a giant soup kitchen.

Michael: Okay.

Dick: Out in the middle of the desert, giving away soup.

Michael: Nice.

Dick: Um…that looked like a giant cracker box.

Michael: Cool.

Dick: He's a little off. (Michael laughs) He's definitely somebody who would leave voice mails. That's why I thought you were talking about him.

Michael: Sure, sure.

Dick: 'Cause he's stuck in a different time.

Maddox: He is. I don't know.

Dick: You know? People who are…people who are thinking about voicemails and use them to communicate are stuck in the past. Or maybe not…maybe like an anachronistic past. Like, they're like steampunks.

Michael: Sure, yeah.

Dick: Like, they're in the 80's tape world still, I think.

Michael: But this guy has the patent on soup-flavored blankets? Is that it?

Dick: No patent.

Michael: Oh, no, but he's created this?

Dick: Uh…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's created giving out soup and blankets and calling it soup-flavored blankets.

Michael: Oh. Oh, I thought he created a…

Dick: (interjects) There's no creation.

Michael: …soup-flavored blanket, or something.

Maddox: No, no.

Michael: In case, like, you're…

Dick: (interjects) Only because of spillage.

Michael: …hungry at night. Oh, okay. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: That's great. (laughs)

Maddox: But the blanket does…yeah. It's pretty cool. Um, anyway. I lov…I lov…

Dick: (interjects) Tastes like soup after a while.

Michael: Yeah. Sure, sure. Anything.

Maddox: But so do most clothes if you wear 'em long enough.

Michael: Yeah, I was gonna say, yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. You stew in 'em long enough, they're gonna taste like stew.

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: They're gonna smell like stew and they're gonna taste like stew. But yeah, anyway. He's a great dude, but I…he just drives me nuts with the voicemails, man.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: You know what I think it is? It's hands-free, right? You're in your car. You dialed someone. And don't…here's a few times I think that it's justifiable and acceptable to leave voice mail.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: 'Cause I've done this. Uh…

Michael: Kay.

Maddox: And anything I do is justifiable. So..(giggles)…I was washing the dishes, expecting someone to answer. My hands are wet, and soapy, and sudsy, right? And they don't answer, it goes to voicemail. And I'm…my hands are…I'm trying to dry them, and wash them as quickly as possible.

Michael: Sure. Can't hang up.

Maddox: "Hey man, I apologize for the voice mail, I didn't mean to leave this for you…"

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: "I just can't reach my phone right now. Hold on, I gotta dry my hands. Okay, there it is. Nevermind, delete this message." Click.

Michael: Right.

Dick: Disrespectful. (Maddox chuckles)

Michael: Wait, 'cause you didn't want just the sound of static and you fumbling, or?

Maddox: Well, I didn't want to get my phone wet.

Dick: He didn't want to get my phone wet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Oh, well, I understand that, but I'm saying because you didn't want to get your phone wet, you felt like, "I can't leave sound on his voicemail."

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause then he'll think I pocket-dialed him.

Michael: Okay. Right, okay.

Maddox: And I want him to know I was TRYING to call you…

Dick: While you were doing dishes, though? What's that all about?

Michael: Sounds inappropriate.

Maddox: That's pragmatism, buddy!

Dick: Keep me company while I'm doing my dishes? (grins) (Michael laughs)

Maddox: It's efficiency! I do…look. 90% of my phone calls are either while I'm doing the dishes or while I'm taking a shit. Efficiency.

Michael: Multitasking.

Maddox: Multitasking!

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! I even thought about, like, how to…

Michael: You do phone calls while shitting.

Maddox: Oh, all the time. I…I…here's some tips, alright? I even thought about how to mask the echo in the…in the bathroom?

Michael: Okay.

Maddox: Right? I close the shower curtain and I put my mouth really close to the shower curtain, as close as I can when I'm talking so that the echo is reduced, and then…

Michael: How close is your shower curtain?

Dick: That's a weird pooping position. Yeah.

Michael: Your shower curtain's gotta be close. Like, we can't all do this.

Maddox: It's about three feet, yeah. Yeah. (Michael laughs) And also, it has to be a fabric shower curtain, it can't be latex or plastic.

Michael: Okay. (Dick laughs)

Dick: So you, like, chloroform yourself as you're shitting and talking on the phone?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Put a rag in front of your mouth?

Maddox: They don't…

Michael: (interjects) "Why does Maddox sound like Darth Vader while he's shitting?" (they chuckle)

Maddox: No, no. It's totally normal. No one knows. And then the other thing I do is when I'm ready to flush…'cause I used to not flush, thinking, like…(burps) it would be rude.

Michael: Ever. (laughs)

Maddox: Um, so…(laughs) Instead of flushing now…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: …while I'm on the phone call, what I do is I quickly hit mute, flush, unmute…

Michael: Oh!

Maddox: …step out, done. No one knows. (grins)

Michael: That's excellent.

Maddox: Yeah. They're none the wiser. (Dick chuckles)

Michael: Okay, but now everyone knows. Everyone that talks to you is like, "Oh, fuck, I knew he was shitting.

Maddox: Well…you know what, though?

Michael: Just trying to figure that out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It could be that 10% of the time that I'm not.

Michael: That's true. That's true.

Maddox: You don't know.

Michael: I would do texting…

Dick: (interjects) I've taken to pissing in the sink.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: 'Cause they can tell when you mute it, like, if I'm talking to a girl.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: And I gotta go, I'm like, "Well if I mute it, she's gonna know. (makes complaining sounds)"

Michael: Sure.

Dick: Like, pick it up. So I just go right into the sink and then when the phone call's over, psssssshhh. Turn it on, scrub it.

Michael: Wait, you pissed in the sink…the distance of the stream is what causes the sound.

Dick: Yeah, there's no gurgling.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know, it's just pure slide…

Maddox: Yeah!

Michael: (stammers) You just rest your dick in the sink and let it just go out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Michael: Okay. That makes sense.

Maddox: It's very…it's actually very hygienic. You get way less splash everywhere.

Michael: Absolutely.

Maddox: That's why I keep telling people, like, my friends…

Michael: (interjects) And then you just wash your hands right there. We should all piss in sinks, right? 'Cause then it's just a one-stop shop.

Maddox: Absolutely. Especially…

Dick: (interjects) YOUR sink.

Maddox: Especially when you wake up and you have…(Michael laughs) you have that piss boner.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, what do you do? Here's the thing. Women…you're not gonna understand this, but when you have a piss boner…

Dick: (interjects) I think it might be more than women that don't understand this…

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Michael: You don't get pee boners?

Maddox: You don't get pee boners?

Dick: Well, I don't need to relieve 'em in the sink.

Michael: Oh, no. Well…

Maddox: (interjects) No, you don't need to, but…

Michael: (interjects) I don't know where this is going yet.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: The other thing…like…yeah. Well…

Sean: (interjects) It's gonna lob!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you don't…if you don't, like…it only bends one way.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: You're not gonna bend it down into the fucking toilet. You have to, like, kind straddle the toilet and put your dong down there.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: Like a weird fucking…you're playing Operation trying to get it down the bowl, and like, trying to pee. (Michael laughs) Right down the fucking…you know. Right in the hole. But why not just do it in the…

Michael: How big is your dick? (laughing)

Maddox: I…it touches.

Michael: It's like a tricky game of Operation to get it in the toilet. (Maddox and Michael laugh)

Maddox: It touches the SIDES of the toilet rim, yeah. (grins)

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: The sink is the charley horse. (Michael laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

(they all talk over each other)

Dick: So this problem is…is over, right?

Maddox: Yeah, that's it. That's it.

Dick: (laughs) We're talking about dicks.

Michael: Did we go too far into dicks?

Maddox: Voice mail's my problem.

Michael: Sorry.

Maddox: Uh, Michael…

Michael: Yes.

Maddox: You, as our guest, thank you for joining us this week.

Michael: Thank you.

Maddox: What is your problem this week?

Michael: Okay, my problem is Humorless Stupid People.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Humorless Stupid People.

Michael: Humorless Stupid People.

Dick: The humorless.

Michael: Yeah. The humorless.

Maddox: Yeah. The humorless.

Michael: I think those go hand in hand. If you're stupid, you don't have a good sense of humor.

Maddox: Yeah!

Michael: I think very smart people are very funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Uh, like, I think you guys are very funny and I feel like you're smarter than me. Not as…I'm not trying to, like, pad your egos. I'm just saying that I think you're very funny because you're smart. And I think that stupid people are not funny. They don't get jokes. And they're the people that flood a lot of the Comments sections.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Online.

Michael: Online, yes.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: So we talked about earlier, I have a show, the Hacks of Life. And, you know, I do these sort of elaborate life hack/social engineering things, where I…

Dick: (interjects) Seems pretty funny to put a baby into a stroller and schlep them into Dis…

Michael: Sure.

Dick: Like, something that two grown men who would think of this prank would NOT want as a prize. Like, if I think of the demo of Disneyland, off the top of my head, like, "Oh, you know, two regular funny dudes who would load each other into a stroller. That's who wants to be at Disneyland!" Duh!

Michael: Right. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Exactly.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: And so…so this…you know. It did pretty well. It got front paged on Yahoo.

Maddox: Right.

Michael: Which, you know, I read the Comments sections, because I don't have a lot to do in the rest of my life, so…I'm reading them, and Jesus Christ. These people…first of all, they think it's like….I'm…they think I'm the downfall of society. They think that I'm ruining the world. They think I should be arrested. And then they said, um…that I'm taking from Disney, this theme park. This conglomerate.

Maddox: POOOOOOOOOR Disney.

Dick: Oho, yeah. (they all talk over each other) They're very protective.

Michael: I'm taking from them; therefore, me sneaking my friend in that day…

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: …is gonna, first off, cause people to lose their jobs, because Disney just lost a ton of money on us.

Maddox: Oh, sure! (sarcastic)

Michael: Because, granted, I did switch a 50 cent burger for a 12-dollar burger. I did do that, too.

Maddox: Well, to be fair, you switched a 50 cent burger for a 50 cent burger.

Michael: Absolutely.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Let's be real. Yeah.

Michael: In a nice package. Yeah. Absolutely. And they both taste like shit, by the way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: But, um…yeah. And then they said that therefore, people are losing jobs, and therefore, Disney will have to raise prices on us people…

Maddox: Ohoho. (laughs)

Michael: And I'M the problem with society.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick scoffs)

Michael: And they were really up in arms about this!!

Dick: Disney's raised the price as high as they can raise it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This idea that, like, these infractions caused the price of things to go, it's like, "Okay, uh…kids, I know that you were poorly educ…I know that nobody gets a good economics education in the world, but that price is as fucking high as they can get it!"

Michael: Right.

Dick: And they've tried to jam as much money up into that price as they can. It's a Thanksgiving turkey of money!! (Michael laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They can't get ANY higher, no matter how much ANYBODY steals! (yells)

Michael: Absolutely.

Maddox: It's…

Michael: (interjects) It gets our blood boiling.

Maddox: Oh, absolutely.

Michael: Yeah. I have one analogy

Dick: 'Cause it's so disingenuous.

Michael: Yeah!

Dick: They don't think it, they don't know it, they just hate you for taking away something that's beautiful to them, for ruining Disneyland a little bit for them.

Michael: Absolutely.

Sean: Well, it's so stupid for them to think that millions of people are gonna emulate you!

Michael: Absolutely. That, too. It's such an elaborate stunt that this…first of all, it's…it's not gonna happen again.

Maddox: Right.

Michael: Like, that's over. But these people were SO pissed off, and I'm sitting there thinking…and I'm gonna do a quick analogy.

Dick: Yes, please.

Michael: Uh, okay. So we're gonna take the conglomerate and anthropomorphize it into our friend Gary, okay?

Maddox: Mmkay.

Michael: So all of us are gonna go to a theme park together, and we have a friend named Gary. And he picked up all our tickets. I'm like, "Hey guys, Gary picked up the tickets. We gotta Venmo him." Gary comes in, he's like, "Hey guys, Venmo me $150 each. Let's go to the theme park."

Dick: Cool.

Michael: And then we go, "Hey Gary, how was your week outside of this?" He's like, "Oh man, it's been good. You know those Indiana Jones movies, and the Star Wars movies

and stuff?" And we're like, "Yeah, yeah, which one?" And he's like, "All of them. You know all those movies?" And we're like, "Yeah." He's like, "Well, I bought the rights to those this week."

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: "And, uhh…"

Dick: WOW!

Michael: "And a few other things, you know."

Dick: Busy week for Gary!

Michael: Yeah, right? And then we look at Gary and go…and then Gary will be like, "Uh, yeah. So, by the way, Dick, your Venmo didn't go through." Like, "Fuck you, Gary!!" (Dick chuckles) You've got enough money to buy Disney, Marvel, whatever, sorry. Lucas.

Maddox: Star Wars!!

Michael: Star Wars.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Michael: And you're gonna bitch…people are gonna bitch because I took $150 out of their pocket?

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Are you fucking kidding me?!

Maddox: And by the way, you didn't. because if you had…you did this whole stunt with the understanding that you might have gotten caught.

Michael: Absolutely.

Maddox: And if you HAD gotten caught, whatever. It's still a hilarious video. You get escorted off the property! (laughs)

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: You weren't planning on buying…

Dick: (interjects) Or go to Disney jail. Even better.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Disney jail? I almost did that. I almost went into Disney jail.

Dick: Ohhhhh, man!

Michael: 'Cause we did some more in the…I'll tell that story.

Maddox: Whoa, I wanna hear about that, but…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, tell it.

Maddox: But…but yeah. But (stammers) essentially, you weren't ever planning on buying that ticket in the first place!

Michael: Right.

Maddox: That was never their money!

Michael: Right.

Maddox: You are…if you had gotten caught, you would've been just, okay…walked out with your dick in your hand, jerking off with your other hand.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: With a margarita in the other, right?

Michael: Now, mind you, I explained this in the video.

Dick: Well…

Michael: It was a two for one. I actually did get a ticket.

Maddox: Yeah, you bought one.

Michael: It was a two for one. I'm bringing him in.

Maddox: PLUS, plus here…

Michael: And we're splitting it.

Dick: What do you mean, you also got a ticket?

Michael: I mean I…I purchased a ticket for myself.

Maddox: And he just snuck his friend in.

Michael: As the dad.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, I see. I see. Okay.

Michael: So we split the ticket and it was not a total…you know.

Dick: Well, I'm still gonna say, it's theft. But I support it. I don't have a problem with it.

Michael: Sure.

Dick: I don't care.

Michael: Right. Thank you.

Dick: Yeah!

Michael: Thank you.

Dick: Sure. Jesus Christ, it's funny.

Michael: But I don't know what the law is on it. Is there a law that says you can't…

Maddox: (interjects) Sneak in and have fun?

Michael: …sneak your baby friend in if you get through?

Dick: Well, they could kick you out.

Maddox: What…

Michael: (interjects) They could kick you out, but it's not a law.

Maddox: Yeah, but what is a baby? If you brought a child…(Dick and Michael crack up)

Dick: Here's the king of shitty court!

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh. (Michael laughs) No, but…

Michael: I love where this is going. (laughs)

Dick: The Honorable Maddox is the judge, both lawyers, and the bailiff!!

Maddox: I got it!!!

Dick: Your Honor!! What is a baby?! That's a good point. Defense? Well, your Honor. (Michael laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! Nobody knows! Nobody knows what a baby is.

Michael: It's just a term.

Maddox: Everyone says, "Oh, my baby. My baby." Your girlfriend could be your baby. (Dick guffaws) Your friend could be your baby. You could be adopting your friend?!

Michael: That's true. (Dick sighs, laughs)

Maddox: Is there an age limit on babies? Fucking no!!!

Dick: 1.

Michael: That's true! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Oh, is it really 1?!

Dick: (laughing) It's 1!!

Maddox: No, it's not.

Michael: Is it 1?

(they all talk over each other)

Maddox: No one knows what a baby is!! No one knows!!

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick brought in toddlers awhile back, and I'm like, "they're the same thing as babies. I brought in babies already."

Dick: No, they walk!

Michael: He could have had a Baby Dick!! (they all laugh)

Maddox: I looked online. No one can agree what a baby is. No one…

Michael: (interjects) No.

Maddox: And, by the way, what if you just have a child who is developmentally stunted?

Michael: Yep.

Maddox: And has, essentially, the mental faculty of…

Dick: The mental capacity…yeah.

Maddox: …a baby?!

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Couldn't you then justify?

Michael: Shouldn't they be able to get free?

Maddox: Yeah!

Michael: Absolutely.

Maddox: Why not?! Put 'em in a stroller. Who gives a shit?! Who gives a shit, Disney?! Oh, did we steal some of your fun?! In your stupid park?

Michael: Those definitions are only used in, like, clothing sizes, by the way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: It's like "baby", "infant", "toddler", "grown man".

Dick: Wait a minute. I'm…I'm getting a great Internet video, here. We should go to the Disneyland and I will pretend to be retarded so that I can have the mental faculties of a baby, right? And then you can have this argument with them! That would be…hilarious, I'm sure everyone on the Internet would love that.

Michael: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: But I think that the only argument they're gonna have is "He's big enough to go on the rides and he'll probably ride the rides." So it depends on how…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's true.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, aren't babies?

Michael: No.

Maddox: Why? You just put 'em in your lap!

Michael: There's a height requirement.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no.

Maddox: Can't you just hold em?

Michael: I don't think so.

Dick: Very few rides can you do that.

Michael: I think you have to leave the wife with the stroller off to the side. Or the husband.

Maddox: But they have those nets. They have those nets.

Dick: For catching the babies?

Maddox: No, in front of your ride, where you put your belongings. Can't you just…

Michael: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Michael: I think you could stuff the baby in there.

Maddox: Yeah, you stuff the baby in there, you're good.

Michael: 'Cause that's safe. Sunglasses. Hey.

Maddox: You're good to go. Yeah.

Michael: I got expensive sunglasses.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: If I put those in there, they're safe.

Maddox: Yeah. Sunglasses scratch way easier than babies.

Dick: It's true.

Michael: Oh, way easier.

Maddox: Babies…they bounce. They're fine!

Dick: They're pretty resilient. So what else about humorless commenters? You've had a long-illustrious YouTube life.

Michael: Yeah!

Dick: You must've run into more…uh, I've encountered them. When I went on Dr. Phil, I thought everyone would think this would be the funniest thing in the world. Go say some ridiculous stuff. Alll…I'm on Dr. Phil saying all lesbians are faking it. Like, oh, man. The whole world's gonna think this is hilarious! Not the case.

Maddox: No.

Michael: Whoa.

Dick: Not the case!

Michael: Right.

Dick: A LOT of death threats after that!

Michael: Oh, see? Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause people…either they can't understand the joke…either they can't understand that a man with a shaved head and a gigantic Texas mustache and aviator sunglasses would be making, you know…saying…making hyperbole statements for FUN, because the

whole Dr. Phil self-help daytime TV industry is the biggest joke that you could possibly build! Like, that's the joke!!

Michael: Absolutely. Absolutely.

Dick: Looking at this and saying, "Oh, well clearly that man is a hatemonger."

Michael: Right.

Dick: That's…that's the people that I think you're talking about.

Michael: Abs…100%!

Dick: And they're stupid as hell!

Michael: And there's the lynch mob coming back to hate YOU now.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: Because you made a joke that they don't fucking understand.

Dick: Don't get it. Angry. Makes me angry.

Michael: And I get that we blur the lines now. I get it. Like, YouTube and all these videos, we blur the lines. There's all these different…what's real, what's fake. Most of my comments on my show are "fake" and "gay". That's what I get all the time.

Dick: Sure.

Michael: Fake and gay.

Maddox: Oh, you know where that comes from?

Michael: Where does that come from?

Maddox: That's actually from Ray William Johnson. So a long time ago, when I first came out doing my YouTube videos, I got a lot of hate for my first video.

Michael: Sure. Yeah.

Maddox: Just READ the comments.

Michael: Me too, yeah.

Maddox: Oh, my God.

Dick: 'Cause of the sound?

Maddox: Well, everything. They hated…no, the sound was fine.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: People didn't really have a problem with the sound. They hated the content. They hated my delivery. They hated EVERYTHING about it.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And some of the people didn't even find it funny, which, you know, uh…whatever. Some people are humorless. But also, you have to also take into consideration that not every type of humor is for every type of person.

Michael: Absolutely. Absolutely.

Maddox: Some people like dark humor, some people like, uh…you know, gaffes, and they like slapstick humor.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: And pranks, and that sort of thing. Like, there's tons of stuff out there.

Michael: Yeah. To each his own.

Maddox: Right. So I got so much…SO much hate mail, and I came out…my second video, I came out and I said, "Guys, do you really…like, I'm trying to produce a high-quality show, here. And you know what? I may have missed the mark on a few of these…these points, yeah. I look like shit on camera, my delivery's stiff." But here's the alternative, and the alternative is Ray William Johnson. And at the time it was Fred. Those were, like, two of the biggest YouTubers.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: That were out there. And Ray William Johnson's content, I looked at almost every…I watched almost every single one of his videos, and it put me in such a bad mood, 'cause they were so unfunny, they were just…

Michael: (interjects) I agree. I agree.

Maddox: But that's where that fake and gay comes from. Is actually…(Michael giggles) He used to say, when he used to mock his people commenting. He would say, "Oh, that's fake and gay." And so that became a big thing on YouTube, believe it or not.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: That's Ray William Johnson's.

Michael: Oh wow, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Okay.

Maddox: Full circle.

Michael: And he wrote the Ghostbusters song too, didn't he? That's Ray William Parker…

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (giggles)

Michael: I don't know. Fuck. (laughs)

Maddox: I, um…yeah. I came out of the gate swinging against Ray William Johnson. I said, "Ah, you know what? Fuck it! Not gonna work with this guy. I don't give a shit." And then I talked to an animation company, uh, a long time ago. And they said the same thing to me, too. They said, "We just don't like his material. We don't like his content."

Michael: Right.

Maddox: And I'm like, "Oh, alright. We have something on common.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, we're never gonna work together with that guy.

Michael: Well, see, I think…I don't like him either. I watched his stuff and I keep saying I don't get it, right? But I'm not gonna go comment on his shit to…

Maddox: No.

Michael: I'm not that kind of person. But I'm just saying that, like, we all know the difference nowadays when something's fucking malicious and mean and shitty. I think.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: I think we all know why, like, remember, well you remember when Kramer went to the dark side? We remember when Kramer went too far ,right? And we all said, "That's the line and you crossed it, and that's probably bad."

Dick: It wasn't funny.

Michael: It wasn't funny, right? And he…he wasn't even trying to be funny, was he?

Dick: No.

Maddox: No. Kramer lost his cool.

Michael: He lost his cool. And but we all got…we all said to him, "That's fucked up. That's the line." We all get it. Too many people don't get the line and where it's at and what's…the politically correct stuff with it. I just feel like they're so stupid…a lot of them are so stupid that they don't understand what's what anymore.

Maddox: Well, is that the job lynch mob, too? Would you guys say?

Michael: It's true.

Maddox: 'Cause I think that he lost his job legitimately.

Michael: They all fall in there.

Dick: Wait, who?

Maddox: Kramer. Kramer? I mean, he got a lot of flak for that. I think rightly so.

Dick: What do you mean, he lost his job? What do you mean?

Maddox: He…he…

Michael: (interjects) Was he working at that point?

Maddox: Yeah, he was talking to some people to do some pilots and they didn't want to hire him anymore.

Michael: Ohhhh. Yeah, sure.

Maddox: Um, I mean, that's not really…(stammers) how do you differentiate between…

Dick: (interjects) I think you're…I think you're extremely focused on the "losing the job" part and not the "mob" part.

Maddox: But, the mob…

Dick: (interjects) Like, nobody's challenging anybody to keep Kramer hired. No one. I'm not.

Michael: Right.

Dick: Michael, I don't think you are.

Michael: No.

Dick: It's…it's the mob. It's like, do you…it's challenging the mob to say, "Your impulses are evil." The impulse that you're following is something that's base and horrible and something that we need to weed out of the human race.

Maddox: Okay. I understand what you're saying, and I understand, but I…I think that the mob we're talking about should be a different type of mob. And the mob we should be talking about is the mob that caused this problem to begin with, alright? The only reason the N-word is a problem and racism is a problem is because of another mob called the Ku Klux Klan. And other mobs of people who are hateful. And, uh…intolerant. And they act out in violence towards marginalized groups. Those are the mobs that cause these words to be so offensive in the first place! If these mobs didn't exist in the first place, go ahead! Say the N-word. Be as racist as you want. As long as no one's actually acting on it. As long as people aren't actually CAUSING crime and causing hurt against another group of people, FINE. I'm…I'm all for that. But that's the mob we need to be worrying about.

Dick: Ahhhh, that kinda sounds like grandstanding to me. Like, we don't need to be worried about the Ku Klux Klan.

Maddox: Dick, you keep saying that, but…

Dick: (interjects) They don't even exist anymore.

Maddox: No, they TOTALLY exist. They got an uptake because of Trump.

Michael: Yeah, they're still around.

Maddox: Specifically because of Trump! They use Trump in their flyers!! In Oklahoma…

Dick: Trump is causing the Ku Klux Klan…?!

Maddox: Yeah! They mention it. They said that we should support Trump.

Dick: Aye, aye, aye.

Michael: He's not causing it. He's not causing it.

Maddox: No.

Michael: But there's an uptake. Yeah, absolutely.

Maddox: There's an uptake in voting. In registrations.

Dick: But racism is, like, engrained in people. We reject…inherently, people that look different.

Michael: Anything different.

Dick: ‘Cause it’s a safety mechanism that’s been in our DNA for millions of years. You don’t…you implicitly don’t trust things that are different from you. Like, the more that I see in common with someone, the more I think that it’s…our relationships’ gonna be beneficial to both of us, ‘cause it’s true. It was true for millions of years. It’s NOT been true for, you know, arguable, for the last 2000, but that’s a lot of DNA you’re gonna have to make up for. Like…

Michael: True, but that’s where all the stupid people reside.

Dick: Right.

Michael: I think the people that haven’t figured that out yet. The people that are still afraid of something different. So whether it’s race or it’s a guy putting a baby in a stroller in Disneyland, we still have stupid people out there that don’t get it.

Maddox: Well, what pisses me off…

Dick: (interjects) Absolutely.

Maddox: …about the comedy thing, and, like, people not getting jokes. Is that I will try some material sometimes, I’ll say some jokes that I know are funny.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: And the only way you know a joke is funny or not is you try it in front of a couple of people, and if they laugh, they laugh. It’s funny. That’s it.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: That’s…there’s no other test. It’s just very simple. You try…so it’s tested material that I KNOW gets laughs.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: And I say it to a certain group of people, and they do NOT have that instinct. They do not get sarcasm. They do not get satire. They do NOT know that I’m making a joke. And it completely goes over their head.

Michael: Right.

Maddox: I think less of people like that. (Michael laughs) I think that they are not…they are not self-aware. They are not REALLY actively listening.

Michael: Absolutely.

Maddox: People who are actively listening…’cause you have to basically do this little mental arithmetic. Every time you hear someone make a statement, you just think about, “Is their statement absurd?”

Michael: Yes. Is it sarcastic?

Maddox: Is…is it sarcastic? Right? If it’s absurd, do I think the person saying it is absurd?

Michael: Right.

Maddox: If you think that the person saying it is NOT absurd, but what they’re saying IS absurd, chances are it’s a joke.

Michael: Right. Right.

Maddox: If you happen to think that they are absurd and they're ALSO saying something absurd, then…

Michael: The crazy person.

Maddox: …maybe YOU'RE the absurd one, because you're keeping company with absurd people.

Michael: (giggles) Right. It's true!

Maddox: Anyway. (Michael laughs)

Dick: What's the fix? How do we fix this problem?

Michael: Oh, God.

Dick: Eugenics, right? (Sean laughs) We just gotta start IQ testing and chopping off balls, basically.

Michael: Absolutely, yeah.

Dick: Like, we show everybody an episode of the Three Stooges. You don't laugh? Sterilization!!!

Michael: Yeah, absolutely. I agree with that, actually. I think…

Maddox: Maybe they just…yeah.

Michael: There should be a heavier test for having kids than there is for fucking driving, or anything else. Although there should be heavier tests for driving, I think.

Maddox: Sure.

Michael: There should be heavier testing across the board.

Maddox: I'm fine with both of those. Absolutely. (Dick laughs)

Michael: I was a teacher, mind you.

Dick: What kind of teacher?

Michael: And all…I was just a substitute teacher.

Dick: The best kind.

Michael: In elementary schools.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: I should not have been doing that. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: No.

Michael: Like, all I had to do was take a VERY basic-ass test and I learned at that moment. I'm like, "Fuck, I'm doing this right now?"

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: And these kids…there was a moment where I took the meanest shit in one of the kids' bathrooms ever, and I thought, "No teacher would ever be doing this." It was one of the most…worst stories of my life, by the way. This shit story. But…

Dick: (interjects) What is it?!

Michael: Okay, alright.

Dick: You gotta tell it now.

Michael: Yeah, I gotta give it to you. Okay. So I'm teaching. Elementary. And, uh…I show up…I don't know what I ate before…the night before, but man, it all hit me at 7 AM, when I'm pulling into the parking lot, right?

Dick: Oh, man.

Michael: And I'm driving…you're not gonna be able to see this at home, but I'm driving like this. Like, I'm holding the steering wheel, ass…

Dick: (interjects) Driving like a Lo Rider.

Michael: Yeah. Like…but I can't…

Dick: (hums) Duh-duh-duh-duh-duh-duh…

Maddox: Your butt's not touching the seat.

Michael: It felt like the Alien was coming out of my…gonna burst through my asshole.

Maddox: Yeah. So you were not just turtle heading…you were tortoise heading.

Michael: I would…I don't know if anything was coming out, I was holding SO tight…

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: You're trying to stretch out your colon.

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I know that…(inaudible as they all talk over each other)

Michael: Like, it came out…yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Michael: Because when it was gonna come out, it wasn't gonna be any kind of…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Solid.

Michael: Solid shape, yeah.

Maddox: No.

Michael: This was gonna fucking explode. (background laughter) So I get in there, I'm sweating bullets. And I'm …all I have to do is I just gotta get to a bathroom. I'm gonna be a little late, but it's fine. I get in there, EVERY fucking bathroom in this school on this campus was locked. And I finally…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, my God.

Michael: Rounding hallways. I get into the…the teacher's lounge. Guy in there. Newspaper on the floor. You can hear him crumpling the other one. He's in there for the day. And I'm like. "Fuck, I'm not even gonna talk to this guy." I run out. All I see is an open door and sinks. And I beeline right in there. I get in there. I get in the st…it's all stalls. I get in, close the door. And I just…like, as soon as my pants pass my ass, it's shit time, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Mhmm.

Michael: Now. While I'm doing this, I realize…as I sit up, I realize the stall door…if I sit up, my head is now…you can just see me. (Maddox and Dick laugh) Right? And…um…and then…and then a lot of stuff starts happening. (Dick cackles) Not only can you see me if I sit up, all the fucking tile was pink.

Maddox: Oh, NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

Michael: So now I'm in the girls' restroom, destroying this fucking toilet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: And so…and, of course…as soon as I realize this, you hear the feet. You hear little girl…

Dick: Oh, my GOD!

Maddox: Oh, nooooo.

Michael: So I'm now…like, I dropped down, 'cause you can't see my head. I got my hands on the wall.

Maddox: What a creep. (laughs)

Dick: That's exactly what Curt Schilling was talking about!

Michael: Right?! I could have..I thought I was done. I'm like, "How do I explain…" I'll tell you the thought process that's going through my head. The feet come in. You hear 'em creep up right to my door. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: 'Cause they think it's empty. 'Cause you're hiding.

Michael: They…well…(stammers) I don't know what they're thinking, they just…I'm trying not to make sounds, but you just…I'm just shitting, and, like, the smell…it was so fucking bad. (Dick laughs) You see these little feet, and so I'm seeing…I see their feet, they can see my feet. Now I'm picking up my feet, I'm bouncing on my ass in this fucking tiny stall. And they're just standing there. And…and…um, and I know they smelt a man shit for the first time ever, 'cause it was so bad that you can hear them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Then they start giggling.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Michael: And like…and then they run out. (Dick laughs) And I'm sweating, and I'm sitting there, and I'm…it felt like eternity.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: And all I'm thinking is…"Okay, fuck, they saw my shoes." Right? Because I saw their shoes. We had that exchange.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: I lifted 'em, but they saw my shoes. They're laughing that I lifted my shoes. (Dick laughs) So…

Maddox: Of course.

Michael: So now I'm like, "I gotta get the fuck out of here." But I was thinking, "I can't flush this shit." Because how am I gonna explain myself? Why was I in there, hiding, sweating, making grunt noises?

Dick: Ugh.

Michael: If that shit is not…that's the proof that I needed to go.

Maddox: Oohhhhhhh, yeah, yeah.

Sean: You need the evidence.

Michael: Yeah, you need the evidence.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: WOW!

Michael: And then I had to…

Dick: (interjects) You're a smart guy!!

Michael: Hey, thanks man.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: I mean, I…

Dick: (interjects) You're really thinkin' ahead!!

Michael: I was…everything was running…I was like, "I'm gonna lose.." There was so much trouble coming to me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: If I didn't save that shit. So I called…

Maddox: You need the shit alibi.

Dick: Wow.

Michael: You need the shit alibi.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Michael: And I had to call my girlfriend at the time and tell her, “Hey, you gotta bring me some different shoes.”

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Because I don’t wanna be on the recess playground…(Dick guffaws)

Dick: It was another guy!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was another guy’s shoes!!! (they laugh) There’s a mystery shitter with the fucking Nikes…(Sean cracks up) “I got Adidas. I don’t know what you’re talking about!!” (laughing)

Maddox: Smart.

Dick: Officer.

Michael: I was gonna be down to…(Dick cracks up) trading my shoes to someone else. Like, someone who had shittier shoes. I’m like, “Hey, I’m gonna give you these awesome shoes. I’ll give you these shoes.” (laughing)

Dick: You should have put..left your shoes in the bathroom. Put new shoes. Left your pants in there. New shoes and pants so when they finally did open it, it’s just, like, “Well, it’s a ghost wearing pants that shit in this girls’ bathroom!!” (Michael cracks up)

Michael: So yeah, that happened. Which means there should be harder testing for teaching.

Maddox: Sure!

Michael: I’m just gonna say that right now.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. I’ll tell you what. I…(Michael giggles) I also applied to be a substitute teacher, and they…I got accepted. I never ended up doing it, but I got…ME…the person who wrote “I am Better than Your Kids”. Who constantly shits on kids!! Who’s written tons of screeds about kids. They let me through. Yeah, sure, go for it, okay.

Michael: They don’t care. They don’t care.

Maddox: Come on in!

Michael: Take anyone.

Maddox: Yeah. Substitute teachers? Yeah. (Michael laughs) Anyway…maybe…look, man. Maybe the cure is for all these unfunny people…

Dick: (interjects) Well, you needed a better night’s sleep. That’s probably the problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Today’s show is brought to you by Casper. Get $50 toward any mattress purchase by visiting http://www.casper.com/biggest and using promo code BIGGEST. Michael, have you heard of Casper?

Michael: Uh…the friendly ghost.

Dick: It’s a mattress. It’s not a ghost!

Michael: Oh, okay.

Dick: It's not a ghost. You can't sleep on a ghost, can you?

Michael: It was that friendly ghost that took a big, massive shit in the girls' bathroom… (Michael and Maddox laughs)

Dick: Well, this is a friendly mattress.

Michael: Oh, okay. That sounds great. I love mattresses.

Dick: A mattress can cost you well over $1,500.

Michael: Easily.

Dick: But a Casper mattress costs $500 for a twin size mattress, $600 for a twin XL, $850 for a queen, and $950 for a king.

Michael: Holy shit.

Dick: It's a great mattress. It's comfortable as shit. It says here in the…you agree with that, right?

Maddox: The…the copy says that, right?

Dick: Yes. I don't have time to go back for it. This is a limited time on this ad.

Maddox: We're just skimming. And by the way, you use the promo code, and it's not $950 for a king, what, it's $900!

Dick: Well, yes, it's $50 off!! That's true.

Maddox: $900 for a king mattress? Are you kidding me?

Michael: Oh, you should have…yeah. You should have thrown those figures out first.

Dick: (scoffs) I fucked up…

Michael: $50 off!

Maddox: I got a Casper mattress. It is the most comfortable night of rest I've ever had. Yeah.

Dick: Buying a Casper mattress is completely risk-free. Casper offers free delivery and free returns with a 100-night home trial. Go to http://www.casper.com/biggest and use promo code BIGGEST to save 50 bucks.

Michael: You know how I know you have good night rests?

Maddox: How's that?

Michael: Because when I…I don't usually text people very early. I texted you very early.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: You texted right away…

Maddox: Right!

Michael: Which meant you were up and ready to go!

Maddox: Up and ready to go.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: When I wake up, I'm up. I don't sit there slumbering around. You know. Mosey out of bed.

Michael: You get a great night's sleep.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what else you do when you wake up? This episode is also brought to by HARRY'S.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Go to http://www.harrys.com/biggestproblems and use promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEMS" to save $5 off your first purchase. First thing I like to do now, when I wake up? Give it the ol' shave. The ol' hot shave, right?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: I never used to like to do that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But the Harry's razor has trained me to want to do it, 'cause I like the close, comfortable shave of doing it. I feel like a man. I feel like a man. That's what I'm saying.

Michael: You look like a man.

Dick: Thank you. Thank you very much, I appreciate that. The QUALITY of the Harry's blades is what makes them unique. They own their own factory. Does anybody in here own a factory?

Michael: Mmm…

Maddox: Sean? I would think Sean has one, if anyone.

Dick: Do you own a factory of any kind? Any kind of factory at all?

Maddox: Any kind at all, Sean?

Dick: Sean, you own a fucktory. Get outta here. (Maddox laughs) German engineered… (Maddox and Michael laugh) five-blade cartridges. Close, comfortable shave. Quality is guaranteed. A FULL REFUND if you're not happy! Factory direct prices! You cut out the middle man. We all hate the middle man. Let's find him and hang him! Ships right to your door. They sell their blades at half the price of the leading brand. Okay.

Maddox: High-quality, German-engineered blades. They own the factory. It's fantastic. Guys, it really helps us out. And remember, it's…

Dick: (interjects) It's changed all around now. It's http://www.harrys.com/biggestproblems (says it at the same time as Maddox) promo code BIGGESTPROBLEMS.

Maddox: Promo code BIGGESTPROBLEMS. Add the 's'. It's biggestproblems now. Make sure to get that right. Thank you for supporting us, guys. Thank you to Harry's again. That's http://www.harrys.com/biggestproblems. Alright, what do you got, Dick?

Dick: My problem. My problem. (long pause) Michael and I discussed this problem in advance.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause we wanna coin this problem. Right?

Maddox: Okay.

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: It's never been described. Everyone knows what it is. We all hate it, but there's no TERM for it.

Michael: True.

Dick: Yet. So we came up with something that we're presenting as a problem today. I call it…we call it the Texting Batter's Box.

Maddox: Mmkay.

Dick: Okay? Very…very simple analogy. What do we hate…what do we hate about texting when we're talking to a possible romantic partner?

Maddox: Dick pics.

Dick: Ohhhhhhh, oh god. (they laugh)

Sean: Well, you can take the rest of the afternoon off.

Maddox: Yeah. (they laugh)

Dick: Okay. It used to be…where you get up…we all wanna score, right? We've got third base, pretty good. Third base pretty good.

Maddox: Pretty good. Yeah.

Dick: Second base…eh, you did alright.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: You still take it. First base…ehhhhh. You know, whatever. But at least I'm in play.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: At least I'm in play.

Michael: True.

Dick: Next ball could be a home run!

Michael: Absolutely.

Dick: But…you gotta be up to bat, and that's what approaching a woman in real life is. You do your stupid pickup line, or whatever. That's you at the plate! Now you're in…you're playing the game! Texting…texting…has added a step. I've said this before on the show, too. Texting has added a step BEFORE home plate where you are in the batter's box.

Michael: Absolutely.

Dick: Taking cuts. You're in the batter's box warming up. You're taking cuts. You're putting your all into every swing! You're pretending you're at the plate, but what are you swinging at? Nothing. When you're in the batter's box…when you're in the texting batter's box, you're getting noooooothing out of it!

Michael: Absolutely.

Dick: You're just texting into nowhere. There's no possibility of you getting to first base when you're in the fucking batter's box. And that's what texting has introduced to relationships. A texting batter's box. Now the reason I brought it in, Michael. I hope you can add to this problem.

Michael: Absolutely. Absolutely.

Dick: Because you host a show.

Michael: I do.

Dick: Can you tell us about the show?

Michael: Yeah. So I host a show called "What to Text?" Which Maddox has been on.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Twice.

Maddox: Twice now.

Michael: Uh, we got another episode coming up soon.

Maddox: Mhmm. And I was on the first episode with Mikey Boltz.

Michael: That's right.

Maddox: Your…your baby buddy.

Michael: My man-baby buddy.

Maddox: You snuck into Disneyland. Yeah.

Dick: Great.

Michael: That's right.

Maddox: Really funny dude.

Michael: Yeah. Check that…that's a great episode, actually.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Uhhh, that was the Fast and Furious episode.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: So what we do on the show is we do…we…we..(stammers) look at real text threads from daters and we watch all the fucking pitfalls and all the work that goes into getting to…on the plate. On the map.

Dick: Getting up to bat!

Michael: Up to bat.

Dick: Yeah!

Michael: Absolutely. And it's a LOT of work.

Dick: 'Cause that's when the game changes.

Michael: Absolutely.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: And see, now, girls…and we do this too, by the way. This is on both sides. They get everything they need out of text messages. They get how witty you are. They get how…your grammar. If you're smart or not. They get so much out of you that they don't even have to waste their time seeing you in person if you fuck up in the batter's box. Right? I mean…

Maddox: You know…

Dick: (interjects) Well, you know, that's…I think that there's…there's two sides to that coin.

Michael: Okay.

Dick: Because I don't necessarily know that you DO get all the information you need.

Michael: I think people THINK they do.

Dick: They think they do.

Michael: Yeah. So I agree with you on that. Absolutely.

Maddox: Well, here's the thing. I am looking from a critical eye. When I'm texting with a girl, I'm the one making those calls. I'm the one…(stammers) you know, there's…there have been girls who I have not gone out on dates with just because of the way they text.

Michael: Sure!

Dick: Why? What was wrong with the way they texted?

Maddox: Too many emojis.

Michael: I was gonna say, yeah.

Dick: Ohhhhhhhhhh, why!?

Michael: Emojis can fuck things up!

Maddox: No. NO! Too many emojis. First of all, there's something going on with you. Maybe you're lying about your age. Maybe you don't understand English. Maybe you don't know how to communicate. (Dick and Michael crack up) Right? I don't know what it is you're trying to communicate to me with FUCKING PICTURES. Don't send me a fucking

pictograph. This isn't hieroglyphs, shithead!! We have a language. It's…it's very clear. It's very concise. You can say whatever you want, clearly. And be able to communicate. 'Cause here's the thing. When I'm gonna go out with a girl, I'm not gonna go out with a dud.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: I've not gone out with girls before on second dates for..some of the most petty, superficial reasons. Uh…which, I don't know…I can…

Sean: I find that hard to believe.

Dick: Yeah. (they laugh)

Michael: Whaaaaaat?

Maddox: I once…I dunno. Maybe I shouldn't say this. But I once went out…I went out with a date one time on this…I went out on a date one time with this girl. Just SUPER hot. We totally clicked. We were into the same things. And honestly, I had a really great date with her, but I couldn't…

Dick: Kay. (scoffs)

Michael: Where is this going?

Dick: She had a dick?

Michael: What did she do?!

Dick: That was the problem.

Maddox: No. No. Uh…I couldn't go out with her on a second date because she was Spanish and I didn't know this about people from Spain, but they have…they pronounce c's like 'th'.

Michael: Yes.

Maddox: So it was things like…"Valenthia. Valenthia oranges."

(they all talk over each other)

Michael: You know that all started because the king at the time had a lisp, you know that, right?

Maddox: I didn't know that.

Michael: Yeah, that's…

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: And everyone in the country had to speak with a lisp at that time.

Maddox: Well, thith got a little annoying after a while, Michael.

Michael: It's already annoying. (laughs)

Dick: You don't like to pretend like you're fucking Sylvester the cat? That's a problem for you? (Michael laughs)

Maddox: No. I couldn't…I couldn't go out…

Michael: (interjects) Did you ask her to say "suffering succotash"? (they laugh)

Maddox: I couldn't bring myself…like, I was trying to steer the conversation to a place where she wouldn't have to say…

Dick: S's?

Maddox: Yeah, anything with s's. And I was like, "What am I doing? I can't do this. I'm not going out on a second date. I'm sorry, hottie!"

Michael: Wow. Okay.

Maddox: But…thanks but no thanks.

Dick: Oh, no. That's on you.

Michael: You could've had sex with her first…

Maddox: Nah, I couldn't do it.

Michael: I mean, I don't know.

Maddox: No…

Dick: (interjects) Just stop listening!! What are you doing all this listening for on a date?

Maddox: I'm just not into it. I'm not into it.

Dick: It's such a waste of time.

Sean: Well even if he had sex, he wouldn't want to hear her scream "Yeth!" "Yeth!" (they all giggle)

Dick: There's…there's no concern about that.

Maddox: Don't thtop!!

Michael: He would actually give her terrible sex just to not hear it. (Maddox laughs) (Michael laughs)

Maddox: That's impossible, buddy.

Michael: Okay, I'm sorry.

Maddox: That's impos…(laughing)

Michael: You're right. You're right. I don't even know how you would do that.

Maddox: It's always a 10! (they laugh)

Michael: Yeah, that's tough. I don't know. But you do get a lot out of text, though. I mean, I see what you're saying, though. People think they get a lot more than they do, but…

Dick: (interjects) That's what I think.

Michael: But, I mean, you know. To be honest with you, I don't like bad spelling and…and your, you're, and yours. I..

Maddox: Right!

Michael: I don't like when that's happening on text, so I just…I kinda judge people.

Dick: I only use "ur". What do I got time for all these letters?

Michael: You abbreviate that?

Dick: Yeah. Fuck "you're".

Michael: Sure.

Dick: Fuck "your". UR. I got…I'm a busy guy. I got shit to do. (Michael laughs) You figure it out!!

Maddox: Yeah, I don't…

Dick: (interjects) Everybody knows what it is, 'cause they always jump down your throat to correct you. It's just like, "Why the fuck does it need to be a different word, then?"

Michael: Sure.

Dick: If you know what it is. Anyway.

Michael: Well, this show is really about that. It's breaking down how these text threads go. And..and what signs you should be looking for. And we talked a little bit about this on an episode we just shot. We had a kid. A young guy. And this…this is to help gu…it's kind of skewing towards guys to help them learn how to text. We had a young guy on there, and this was the same day we shot…(stammers)

Dick: (interjects) Guys are bad at communicating.

Michael: They are.

Dick: Guys are worse than women at communicating.

Michael: I think so.

Dick: 'Cause we don't.

Michael: I think that's a good…

Dick: (interjects) We don't do it.

Michael: We don't.

Dick: We sit around together and we grunt and we…what?

Maddox: Speak for yourself. (giggles) I'm a writer and I'm great at communicating, I think.

Michael: I'm a good texter.

Dick: You want me to play the drop? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Don't need to! I'll just say it. (laughs)

Michael: Let's do it. Let's do it!!

Dick: I don't…I don't know if you could ever recreate exactly how…condescending that was.

Maddox: It's a ringtone. GOOD!

Dick: This is…this is what Maddox thinks of himself.

(Clip: Maddox: "You know, I'm a writer…I'm…(scoffs)" (clip repeats))

Maddox: It's a ringtone!

Michael: That's awesome.

"You know, I'm a writer…I'm…(scoffs)"

Maddox: Isn't that a great ringtone?

Michael: That's awesome!! Yes.

"You know, I'm a writer…I'm…(scoffs)")

Maddox: That's my ringtone. (Michael laughs)

Dick: So you see how differently that sounds in person than it would come across in a text?

Michael: True. That's true.

Dick: Very subtle, but important, I would say. (grins)

Michael: That's true. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I think a girl wants to hear that, not, "I'm a writer." Period.

Michael: That's true. That's true. Well, we…so…we had this kid who came on, and as I'm reading the texts to prepare for the show, I'm realizing there's something going on. This is very strange. It…it was because this…we had a girl that was texting him at 2 in the morning, very sexually aggressive. Like…"I want you to come over right now and teach me some magic spells." And shit.

Dick: Whoa, what's that?

Michael: I don't even know where that came from, 'cause I asked the kid, "Are you a magician?"

Sean: (interjects) That's called Harry Pottering.

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Michael: Harry Pottering? Exactly. Actually, we led to that, which was hilarious…

Sean: (interjects) I'm not serious, Maddox.

Maddox: Oh.

Michael: Um, so, all of a sudden as we're going through it, I'm just, like, "God, there's so many signs here." We gotta…we do a theme of the show. And so we did an M. Night Shymalan theme 'cause of the movie Signs and I'm like, "Okay." As we're writing the show, I need a twist. We need some twist here. So we're getting through it and we…the girl is super aggressive the whole time. Now, the guy was at work. Until about 4 in the morning. Works at some bar. So we were kinda asking him, "Are you not.." he was very

apprehensive in the texting, but we thought, “Oh, he’s busy at work, he’s not gonna text this girl.” But if a girl’s texting you to have sex with her, every guy’s just gonna be, like, “Yes.” “Okay, yes. Coming.”

Dick: Oh, yeah. Sure.

Michael: What? Yes. Where do I need to be? Number? Yeah. So constantly, this girl. And, but she had…she was hiding something the whole time. She’s like, “I delete my apps.” They met on that Happen app? Have you heard of Happen?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: Okay, so they met on that. Which is a stalkery app to begin with.

Maddox: It’s basically an app…a dating app where it matches you with people in your proximity.

Michael: Yes. So if you cross paths in a coffee shop, they will pinpoint you and go, “I wanna meet that person.”

Maddox: Right.

Michael: Right?

Maddox: It’s kinda stalker-ish.

Michael: It’s kinda stalker-ish.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: It’s like…so this kid met her on this. Anyway, as it continues on and on, we’re kinda like, “Oh, something’s up here. This is weird.” Girls don’t do this.

Maddox: No.

Michael: And…so we…she drops the number. And we put the phone number…her phone number into the reverse Facebook lookup.

Dick: Mhmm.

Michael: And it turns out, this girl Lisa was actually a Vietnamese boy named Henry from San Diego.

Maddox: Oh!

Michael: Uh, he’s in high school. (Dick laughs, groans) And I drop this live on this episode. This episode airs May 16th. It’s called “What to Text?”

Dick: Yeah.

Michael: You will watch pure panic on this poor kid’s face.

Dick: Oh, that’s great.

Michael: We have a panel of textperts, comedians.

Dick: Right.

Michael: In fact, if you ever want to come on, it's a blast.

Dick: Yeah, I would love to.

Michael: You would love it. Uh, Maddox has been on a couple times.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: And, so yeah. We…this poor kid looked at me when it was all said and done. It's a jokey, comedy show, but…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, man.

Michael: This poor kid's looking at me, and the dust settles, and he just looks at me, and he goes, "So are you serious?" (Dick groans) And I was like, "Uh, yeah, dude. Yeah." So, but here's the scary part about that.

Dick: (interjects) That's as big a loss as it gets!

Michael: Absolutely!

Dick: I thought I was getting laid, I thought some…I thought some woman WANTED to have sex with me!!!!

Michael: Mmmyeah.

Dick: Oh, my God! And now…absolutely nothing.

Michael: She wanted to wear his skin as a suit, for all we know.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: Or he.

Maddox: He.

Michael: Like, he dodged a bullet, really.

Maddox: Well, hold on…I mean…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, how funny would that be, though? If you were a teenager?

Maddox: Yeah. It'd be hilar…eh, I don't know. There are better pranks. (Michael laughs)

Dick: Hilarious.

Maddox: There are better pranks. My prank when I was a kid…uh, I totally got busted doing this, though. I went through the phone book and…you know, back when we still had phone books, and I was going through funny last names, and I saw one that was "Booger".

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And I thought, "Oh, I'm gonna prank some Boogers." (giggles) And so I just called random Boogers and asked for a random name, and I called…(stammers) this guy answered…said "Hey, is Tom there?" And they go, "No, there's no Tom here." And I'm like, "Oh, sorry, I guess I picked the wrong Booger." (they all laugh) And then my mom…and I was about to hang up, and my MOM picked up the phone.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Michael: No!

Maddox: Yeah, ‘cause this is land line time!

Michael: On another line.

Maddox: Yeah, another line. (Dick cackles) And then…(laughs) I’m like, “Mom, hang up.” “Mom, hang up.” (they all laugh)

Dick: The wrong thing to say!!!! Absolutely the wrong thing to say to a mom!!!!

Michael: Mom, hang up!!!

Maddox: And so…and so…

Dick: Don’t come in here!! Don’t come in here!! (they crack up) Well?!?!

Maddox: So I quickly…I quickly…I’m, like, hitting the receiver, like, trying to send the signal to hang up the phone, like, trying to make static. I’m hitting the dial tone. (Dick laughs) And then finally, I just hang up and I go hide. And then my mom talks to this guy.

Michael: NO!!

Maddox: This poor guy. Yeah, his name’s, like, Steve or something. (Dick groans) And he’s like, “Yeah, I actually get these prank calls a lot.” (they laugh) And I’m like, I don’t know how. There’s tons of Boogers in the phone book! And then…(giggles) And then he’s like, “Yeah, I get these phone calls all the time” And my mom’s like, “Well I’ll definitely be talking to my son. I’m so sorry about this. Really sorry to upset you. Really sorry to bother you.” I got in so much trouble.

Michael: You know, I’m surprised that’s that common. That’s a clever one. Like, I wouldn’t have thought “I picked the wrong Booger.” That’s a good joke.

Maddox: Picked the wrong booger. Yeah. Thanks, man.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: And this guy gets it a LOT.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: I mean, I used to do the old, like, “Is your refrigerator running?” shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: You know, but that’s…that’s clever.

Maddox: There were…yeah. Any kind of…any kind of weird last name, like, Clerks. You know, there’s always a clerk joke, or, uh…baker.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: “What do you got in the oven?” (dorky sound) (Michael laughs) You know, something a kid would say. (laughs)

Michael: Sure, sure, sure.

Maddox: Oh, Baker, huh? (laughing)

Michael: Did you guys ever get…did you ever get prank called?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No.

Michael: As an adult?

Maddox: I have, yeah.

Michael: And how do you…'cause you think, like, how did adults respond, like, really? When they get hung up on, like…

Dick: (interjects) Like Liam Neeson in Taken. (Michael laughs)

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Listen, you motherfuckers.

Michael: (laughs) That would be the best way to respond.

Dick: Yeah. Well, that's my problem. Like, I hate…I hate what it's done…I hate what it's done to dating.

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: And you're saying you have to actually…you have to basically teach these guys a skill that I think is fucking worthless.

Michael: Right?

Dick: Like, the ability to text a woman, to kind of trick her out on a date so she can meet the real you!

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: But that's a skill that we need!

Michael: Or, god forbid, you meet someone in person. Nowadays.

Dick: Oh, god forbid. Then it's on them. Then they're terrified to text you.

Michael: Right.

Dick: Which is like…

Michael: Where you want to be.

Dick: Well…

Michael: Well, not really.

Dick: Or they just don't text!

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: Like, TONS of women are just afraid to text back!!

Michael: Absolutely.

Maddox: Guys, what is this problem? Always be closing! I'm, like, to the phone number, like text 3! Boom!

Dick: Oh, my God.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Let's get…what are you doing this afternoon?

Michael: No, he's right.

Maddox: What are you doing right now? You don't wanna get coffee? When? When? Never? Okay, fucking forget it! Lose my number. Later, hottie!

Dick: You're…you're great.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You're very sexually accomplished.

Michael: Well, he is a writer.

Dick: We get it. We're talking about regular guy problems, here!

Maddox: (stammers) They can be a rare guy problem if everybody started doing this, guys! Get to the fucking point! And not just guys, chicks, too! Oh, my gosh. These texting streams? I'm with you! I get it! I've been there.

Michael: Yep.

Maddox: If it's going someplace, then let it go there, and get on with your lives.

Michael: Sure.

Maddox: Move on with the date. Meet…shit or get off the pot, basically.

Michael: Right. Absolutely. I agree with that.

Maddox: I think you can tell a lot about a person based on the way they text. And by the way, guys, um, that's a preview on how they post on Facebook. If you don't like what they're texting you, guess what? Their Facebook status updates, probably gonna be the same shit.

Michael: Oh, you're gonna hate it.

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: Oh, I don't add anyone on Facebook for that reason.

Michael: Yeaaaaaah.

Dick: I don't wanna know what they're putting on Facebook.

Michael: Oh, yeah.

Dick: It can only be bad.

Maddox: That's another date…

Michael: Oh, always..

Maddox: That's another date I went on one time, wouldn't go out with this girl. Um, she…I was sitting there, we were at a coffee…it was a decent date. We went to get coffee together after dinner and we're sitting around chatting, and I told her how much I hate inspirational quotes on Facebook. And she goes, "Oh, uh, but I post those." I thought… (stammers) I..before she even finished the sentence, I said, "Hidden. I would hide you." And she goes…"What? Are you serious?" I'm like, "Yeah, absolutely. I would hide that shit. I can't stand it." She goes, "Oh, um, okay then." And the date ended shortly after.

Michael: Yeah. Send her on her way with an inspirational quote? (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. TRY HARDER. (they laugh) Post less.

Michael: I stopped dating a girl once 'cause she farted in front of me.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: That's good.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: I support that.

Michael: It was just too early on.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, too early?

Michael: And you know, but in her defense, it was an accident. She, like, jumped up… (giggles) It was like, (stammers) she jumped on the bed, or…it just sneaked. It popped out.

Maddox: I like farts!

Michael: You like farts.

Maddox: Yeah! When a girl…'cause that shows that they are comfortable around you.

Michael: Yeah. This one was an accident.

Dick: Or that they're slovenly and they have no manners. (Michael laughs)

Maddox: Mmmm.

Dick: Either one of those.

Michael: It just…

Maddox: It depends on the girl.

Michael: But did it smell? Was there a smell attached? 'Cause that'll lend it.

Maddox: Oh, there was.

Michael: Well, I mean, I could…yeah.

Dick: It's a fart. It goes out your butthole.

Maddox: Oh, that's true. It does come out of your butthole. (Dick laughs)

Michael: Farting kills it for me a lot.

Maddox: I forgot about that.

Michael: I was with someone for eight years, and she farted around me twice, and it was always odd. It was always awkward.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Huh.

Michael: It was like, hinging. Like, I'll leave the room. I'll go somewhere…by the way. It's equal. I'm not just farting on 'em and then going, "If you fart, we're done."

Dick: Yeah, me too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: I'm not trying to have my cake and eat it too.

Dick: Classy gentleman over here.

Michael: Yeah, thank you.

Dick: On this side of the table.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: You with your Fartzerellas, over there.

Maddox: Not me, man! I'm a fucking fart cannon, I don't give a shit. And…it starts out with, like, haha, oops! I farted. And I let one loose, right? To, like…you run from one room to the other as quickly as you can to plant your butt on their chest so you can let one rip!!

Michael: Yes.

Maddox: So they can feel the…(laughs)

Dick: Ugh, disgusting.

Michael: I know couples like this. I know couples like this!

Dick: Disgusting. Disgusting.

Michael: I know couples…do you do this?

Maddox: Oh, absolutely. That's me, man.

Michael: See, I know couples like this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: And even my brother threw a curveball at me. He's like, "Yeah, we do this…dutch ovens and shit!"

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Maddox dates like he's dating a fraternity brother.

Dick: Yeah. (they laugh)

Maddox: Nothing wrong with that.

Michael: No.

Dick: That's my problem.

Maddox: Alright, guys.

Dick: There you have it.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Thanks for coming by!! Let's get a full clean plug outta you! What do you…

Michael: Okay, sure!!

Dick: Let's hear all the things you're involved in, Michael.

Michael: Uh, okay. So on YouTube, I do…http://www.youtube.com/thehacksoflife.

Dick: Hacks of Life. Alright.

Michael: Uh, that's my life hacking how-to show.

Maddox: We'll link to it, sure.

Michael: Yeah. And then I also do What to Text, which Maddox will be on.

Dick: Is it all wacky bullshit like the man baby?

Michael: Yeah. I do…I've hacked Dodgers Stadium.

Dick: Ooooh.

Michael: I've hacked…

Maddox: (interjects) Gyms. You did a hotel pool.

Michael: Gyms. Yeah.

Maddox: Actually, and we did one together. We snuck into a nightclub in Hollywood.

Michael: Yes!

Maddox: Which was fantastic.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: I dressed up as a janitor. We got…what's her name? Brittany Palmer from UFC?

Michael: Brittany Palmer.

Maddox: The UFC ringside girl was in it.

Michael: UFC ring girl. Yeah.

Dick: Oh, cool.

Maddox: Oh, man, and then I forget.

Michael: Gosh.

Maddox: Yeah, we had…

Michael: We had Ocean's Eleven full-on hack.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: We hacked a nightclub and Maddox was part of the hack pack.

Dick: Oh, cool.

Michael: We have a hack pack.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: And from every vantage point, we hacked a night club, and Maddox dressed as a janitor, and inside his…he walked right in, by the way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sure.

Michael: Walked right in the service entrance without batting an eye.

Maddox: I…I started walking bowlegged too, so they think I have an injury. They're less likely to talk to you.

Dick: Embellishing.

Michael: And people…people thought you worked there, remember? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Michael: Yeah, yeah. One woman questioned you a little bit.

Maddox: One woman didn't, though. One woman didn't. Backstage, behind the curtains…

Michael: Yes.

Maddox: When I took the janitor mop bucket back there. She said, "Hey, you work here?" I'm like "Yeah. Yeah, of course." (they laugh) Trying to throw any kind of accent, like, (inaudible)

Michael: Yes!

Maddox: And I'm like, "Yeah, yeah, I work here." She goes, "Your…your suit's too clean." I'm like, "Um, I just started." She goes, "You don't work here." I'm like, "Lady, don't bust my balls."

Michael: "Leave me the fuck alone." (they laugh)

Maddox: CLEARLY I don't…shut up! Shut up!!!

Dick: Classic Ocean's Eleven….diversion tactics!! (they crack up) Executed flawlessly!!!

Michael: By the way, you added a limp to your character.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: Which, when you watch the episode, it's very subtle.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Michael: But it's so great. He added the limp to his janitor.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: And he walks right in, and by…so, we don't just sneak into the club. We sneak bottle service. Our own bottle service.

Dick: Oooooh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Into the club. So inside the janitor bucket…when Maddox removes the mop…

Dick: (interjects) Is full of liquor.

Michael: Is our giant 40-dollar bottle of Grey Goose.

Dick: Ohhhhh!

Maddox: Grey Geese.

Michael: Grey Geese, sorry.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Michael: We can never say the brand. (they laugh) Uh, ice…ice…bottle, shaker, everything inside his mop bucket, hidden.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, that's cool.

Maddox: And it's a brand new mop bucket, too.

Dick: What a fun show.

Maddox: So it's clean. So, yeah.

Michael: Clean, yeah.

Maddox: It was super fun. We'll link to it!!

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Thank…Michael, thanks for coming by!

Michael: Thank you so much.

Maddox: My problem this week was Voicemail!

(closing riff starts)

Maddox: I'm sure I'll hear more about it in the voicemail.

Dick: I think everyone agrees with you. My problem is the Texting Batter's Box.

Michael: And my problem is Humorless Stupid People.

Dick: It's good. (giggles)

Maddox: Thanks for listening. Let's hear more voicemail.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: My favorite! (Michael laughs)

Dick: Here's a guy who called in while he's on LSD.

Michael: Ooooh.

Dick: To prove you wrong.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh! Okay.

Michael: Ooooh.

Dick: Or so he says. (giggles)

Maddox: Sure. "Well, actually, Maddox."

(Voice mail, male voice: "Hello Maddox and the Dick."

Dick: And the Dick.

"I finished the episode and saw your challenge, Maddox, to call in on LSD."

Maddox: It wasn't, really…

Dick: I didn't think you challenged anyone either.

Maddox: No. I know.

"So I took approximately 350 mcg, which is a substantial dose."

Maddox: Okay.

"Quite a bit more than average."

Dick: Bragging.

Maddox: He sounds just fine.

Dick: Yeah, he sounds totally fine!! (laughing)

Michael: Yeah, he does, right?

"(inaudible) about my words, but I am completely functional." (they laugh) **"I am completely aware of what is going on around me, and uh…"**

Michael: He's shitting, by the way.

"I find myself thinking…"

Michael: Using your curtain.

"…going on these, like, tangents in my brain."

Dick: Yeah. That's acid.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Michael: Yeah.

“Taking apart everything I think about.”

Dick: Sounds like it.

“And every sentence.”

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This was to prove you wrong.

Maddox: He forgot he was on a phone call.

Dick: Yeah. (grins) That’s what it is.”

“But um…I’m not incapacitated in any way. (they giggle) **Thought you’d find that somewhat interesting.** (they giggle) **So, there you go.”)**

Dick: Did you find it interesting?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Totally sounded unimpaired, uninhibited. I totally trust that guy behind the wheels. (Michael laughs)

Dick: Uh, here’s one from Weird Matthew McConaughey. I don’t think I’ve played one of his in a while.

Maddox: In a while, yeah.

Dick: He does this thing sometimes where he calls in and asks a question of the week.

Michael: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: And then we answer it, and then he calls in with the correct answer next time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

(Voice mail: Weird Matthew McConaughey: “Hey Madcocks. (they giggle) **I got a question of the week for you again. Maybe even problem of the week. Here it goes. I think this goes back…to…dinosaur times. Even dinosaurs had problems with this. Here it goes.** (giggling) **Uh…when a woman’s mad…and…like, when a woman is mad…**(they giggle) **do you…”**

Michael: He’s on LSD?

“You try to soothe her with your words…try to say something comforting, or…say nothing at all? When you know neither will work?” (Maddox laughs) **“So basically (inaudible, too mumbly)**

Dick: ‘Cause it didn’t make sense.

“What do you do….(laughs) when a woman is mad…what’s better? To say something soothing, or say nothing at all, when you know neither will work?”

Maddox: No, we got it!

Dick: We got it! (giggles)

Michael: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: You just repeated yourself. (they laugh) No, we got it.

“I can’t wait to hear you fuck this up.”)

Maddox: Okay. (they all crack up) (they all talk over each other) He’s always got the right answer, allegedly! Like, he called in one time and asked us some ridiculous question, and then we answered, and then next week he calls in and goes, “Yeah. You guys pretend like you don’t know what your precum tastes like…” (they crack up)

Dick: Well, he was right! He was right about that!!! (they laugh) Everyone was acting like that!!

Maddox: I don’t know. I still don’t know. I’ll never find out!

Dick: I don’t believe you. We already went over this.

Michael: Oooh.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: So that’s the question. What do you do with a woman who’s upset? Do you…what did he say? Do you try to soothe her?

Maddox: Well, it’s a trick.

Dick: Do you try to soothe her with your words?

Maddox: Yeah, or do nothing at all.

Michael: Or nothing at all?

Maddox: ‘Cause you know that either one will have no effect. I mean, that’s a trick question.

Michael: Yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Well, it’s a Weird Matthew McConaughey question.

Maddox: It’s not…yeah. It’s not very tricky.

Michael: I love Weird Matthew McConaughey. That’s great. (laughs)

Dick: He’s sounding more weird lately than McConaughey.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Yeah.

Dick: But he started out very McConaughey.

Michael: McConaughey? Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Michael: Okay.

Maddox: I think…I think that I would soothe. Soothe with my words.

Dick: Soothe with your words.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: My words are like a massage for your…a sexual massage for your ears.

Dick: For your ears?

Maddox: Uh-huh. An erotic massage right in your ear holes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Michael: Okay.

Dick: Michael, you wanna give this a shot? You won't be here to celebrate if you get it right, but…

Michael: (laughs) You know what? I don't…I think saying nothing at all is not smart.

Maddox: No.

Michael: I think that that becomes a passive aggressive game.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Michael: I think you should try to say some words.

Maddox: Don't be passive aggressive. Communicate!

Dick: Soothe her?

Michael: Yeah. Soothe. Soothe.

Dick: Okay. Lemme give you guys a Dick tip. Everybody listening. You gotta get her dancing. That's what you do when chicks are pissed off. Get 'em up, get 'em moving.

Maddox: Hmmmmm.

Michael: Okay.

Dick: That's what they love.

Maddox: I'm gonna get my eyes scratched out if I ever try that. (laughs)

Dick: Well, you're not…you gotta do a different…you don't do your…(laughs)

Maddox: No, it's not that…

(Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Shithead!!

Biggest Problem in the Universe – Episode 104

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Maddox: "Yeah, I know a lot of people who meditate.

Dick: A lot!

Maddox: You know how I know? 'Cause they won't shut the fuck up about it.

Sean: Mmmmm.

Maddox: "Oh, you should meditate. You should meditate." Afterwards I just felt really pensive. Like, I was nervous. I was anxious all day long…and…and it put me in a bad mood.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Like, people were talking to me and I was snapping at them, and I knew I was snapping at them…(Dick guffaws) and I'm like…I'm so sorry. You did nothing wrong to me. I'm just in a bad mood because I meditated.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's how you know if a chick's into you.

Maddox: They want dick pics.

Dick: Once she starts asking for dick pics.

Maddox: Uh, they can make really intricate patterns and glass bowls for your grandma to put candy in…

Dick: Uh-oh.

(Maddox belches)

Dick: Don't edit that at all!!

Maddox: My form of art is my writing.

Sean: How's that book coming?

Maddox: And my art.

(Dick cracks up)

Maddox: You know what, Sean?! It's coming just fine!!!!

Maddox: 'Cause that's where we find a lot of ancient artifacts, and art!

Dick: A lot?!

Maddox: We found some.

Dick: Of art?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: On the bottom of the ocean? (they laugh) They found…what?

Maddox: The point is, Dick…(Dick guffaws)

Sean: It's always the first place I look!

Dick: At the bottom of the ocean!! (laughing)

Maddox: You know what? Yeah. You go to a fucking museum!

Sean: I need something for this wall!

Dick: Like, 'cause he said "You can't come in if you wear sandals." I'm like, "Okay, so what…what's a shoe, then, asshole?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If I put, like, a bunch of Amazon boxes for my trunk on my feet, is that a shoe, then?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Is that a shoe?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Lemme ask you something, is that a shoe?

Maddox: Yeah. Uh…why were you carrying extra shoes? Backup shoes?

Dick: 'Cause I fucking hate shoes. (they laugh)

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Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Being Insensitive to Being Hypersensitive! (Dick snorts, Sean laughs) With over 6 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Dick!

Dick: Heyyy, what's up, buddy? (grins)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back. (chuckles)

Dick: Nothing like a str…what is that called when it's the same word rhyming with itself? A true rhyme?

Maddox: It's just a l…is it?

Dick: Yeah, I dunno what it is.

Maddox: Yeah, there are a lot of rappers who are really good at that.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. They can rhyme dick with dick. (laughs) Ah, man. Yeah. Being insensitive is a problem, and being hypersensitive is a problem.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: As I found out this week, Dick. Uh…there was a big meltdown on Twitter and social networks.

Dick: Did you melt down?

Maddox: Well, no…(Sean laughs)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Well, my fans would say yes.

Dick: Uh-oh.

Maddox: My…my listeners would say yes.

Dick: Oh, wait a minute. Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Yeah.

Sean: But they'd be wrong, right?

Dick: Is this…well, hold on. Hold on. (they laugh) Is this about…the Cuckening?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Okay. I got more emails about this than I think ever.

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: You…you did not say, on the Internet, that there's nothing wrong with cuckolding, did you?

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause that's what people told me.

Maddox: I…said that. Alright? And I want to come out here on this podcast…

Dick: As a cuck? (they laugh) You already did that online!! Why would you say that?! (laughing)

Maddox: This is….this is my platform to clear the air here. I want to go on the record as saying…

Dick: Oh, no. (laughing)

Maddox: Nobody gives a shit if you're a cuck. There you go. There's nothing wrong with being a cuck and no one gives a shit. It's a stupid, lazy, tired insult. That's right! Fuck you! Go ahead and blast my ass some more, you idiots!! Look. I came out…

Dick: Well, blast your girlfriend's ass some more, you mean.

Maddox: Oh, sure. Sure, yeah.

Dick: That's what…yeah.

Maddox: You know, a lot of the comments were really, REALLY nasty, too. Like, hateful. There's always a racial element involved.

Dick: Of cuck…of your comments, or of cuckery?

Maddox: Oh, yeah! No, yeah. They say "Hey Maddox…"

Sean: (interjects) Well, you know, some minorities have bigger cucks…and…

Dick: (chuckles) Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. There you go, Sean.

Sean: BOO!!

Maddox: This comment, **Joshua Sanders** says, **"Hey Maddox, did your girlfriend's boyfriend Tyrone give you that opinion about the KKK?"** (Dick laughs) They always try to …

Dick: (interjects) Wait, KKK?!

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno. We mentioned the KKK.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Like, we always…(stammers) So this whole thing came about, for all the listeners who are in the dark right now.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I made this tiny little meme. This tiny little picture of…

Dick: Speaking of cucks. Tiny little…okay.

Maddox: Yeah. So it was Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump together.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I made a parody of the Dumb and Dumber DVD cover a long time ago, you know, Dumb and Dumber?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And I put…Hilary's face on one, and Trump's on the other. And I said "unlikeable" and "unlikeabler".

Dick: Okay. Lemme tell you something. First of all, funny.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Secondly. That's what I want to see out of a comedian, right?! Not pickin' sides!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Great.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Okay, I see the other person up there, too. Good. Good, Good.

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: That's funny.

Maddox: I said two…

Dick: (interjects) You hate the whole process.

Maddox: Exactly. I said two candidates, zero winners. Uh, two candidates, one country, zero winners, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I'm not pickin' sides! I don't have a horse in this race. I think they're both awful. Um, so…I posted this up there…

Dick: (interjects) Back to basics.

Maddox: (laughs) I posted this up there. For real.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I…I've criticized Hilary Clinton on my website, way back when Grand Theft Auto…there was that big controversy when they wanted to ban Grand Theft Auto and have all this regulation.

Dick: Oh, she's very anti-video games.

Maddox: Exactly! That was Hilary Clinton leading that charge!

Dick: She's anti-men, too. But please conti…I'm kidding, I'm kidding. I'm kidding.

Maddox: I think she's anti-human. Uh…she has some…there's this Uncanny Valley between humans and Hilary Clinton. But anyway.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I criticize both candidates. Guess which side had a huge, apoplectic shit fit about it?

Dick: Well, Trump.

Maddox: Of course. (laughs) It's so…the number one insult they kept saying OVER and OVER and OVER again…

Dick: (interjects) Is cuck.

Maddox: Is, like, cuck, cuck, cuck, cuck!

Dick: Cuck.

Maddox: Cuck cuck cuck!! (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, but Maddox, you don't…you don't have any Hilary fans!

Maddox: That's what people say, but here's the thing. I get blasted on this show, and all the time…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: (goofy voice) "Oh Maddox, you're a liberal! You're a liberal cuck! Maddox, you're a liberal!" (Dick laughs) But here's my question to you then, okay?

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: If I'm such a fucking liberal, then why do I have so many Trump supporters following me?! Do you shitheads enjoy listening to liberals? Do you enjoy listening to liberal commentators, you morons?!

Dick: I think you kinda pulled a…I think you've gone more left in your comedy over the years.

Maddox: See…

Dick: (interjects) Like, I think you were very…it seemed like you were very right-wing at one point, when you were, like, for any animal you eat, I'll eat three.

Maddox: Still believe that.

Dick: Of course you do, but that seems like it belongs in a right-wing camp.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I'm sure…like…like, no Hilary supporter supports that, right? Like…aggressively anti-vegan and pro specieism?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you're pro the human species more than other species.

Maddox: Absolutely. Yes.

Dick: That fits in more with the conservative way of thinking.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Where it's like we're…we're doing. We're producing, therefore we're better than you.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Whereas a liberal agenda would be, like, we're all in this together.

Maddox: Correct.

Dick: Let's take from the producers and give to the people who don't produce anything. So people got the idea that you're more right wing, I think.

Maddox: Right, uh…and I've criticized environmentalism. I've criticized the wage gap truthers.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh, feminism on my website.

Dick: Right. Right!

Maddox: Like, all these things.

Dick: It's all right-wing things.

Maddox: And I have a very moderate view on guns. So…um…I think the only reason I get…

Dick: OHHHHH, cuck. (they crack up) Only one view to have on guns!

Maddox: Yeah. So anyway, I got called a cuck a lot. That's the ONLY insult they have. And you know why? And I don't like to use this word, and I'm only gonna say it, you know, probably this one time on the show, but…

Dick: (interjects) Well, let's have the whole episode, then, if we're saying dirty words. Not just once!

Maddox: (laughing) No, no.

Dick: 'Cause you're already saying it. Let's just open this…let's just blow the barn doors open.

Maddox: Dick, I got that Cuss Control book right here, buddy. I'll pull that out.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: I'll pull a red card on you so fast.

Sean: Don't say the word; only Denzel is allowed to say that.

Dick: No, this is a different word.

Maddox: No, it's not that word, Sean!

Sean: Oh, my mistake. I'm used to our off-air conversations. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: You know what Sean's thinking this entire time, huh?!

Dick: Sean…Sean's one of those guys…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you're like, "I bet that guy loves saying that word."

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Uh, no, because I know that cuck has replaced this word.

Maddox: Yeeeeep.

Dick: So I know what Maddox is gonna say.

Maddox: You know what I'm about to say.

Dick: Yeah, go ahead.

Maddox: It's just a replacement for the word "faggot". Like, they just want to call you a faggot so bad…

Dick: (interjects) Ahhh, you said it twice! You said you were only gonna say it once!! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: They just want to call you that SO bad, 'cause it's that itch they wanna scratch right?

Dick: Did we get a clean audio on that, Sean? Should he say it again just to make sure we've got clean audio of that take? (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: They want to say it so bad. So now they've taken that word cuck, right? And I have embraced it. I'm like, you know what? I'm gonna…

Dick: (interjects) (laughs) So you are a cuck!!

Maddox: Oh, Dick…(stammers)

Dick: You're saying.

Maddox: The biggest…the biggest cuck. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Oh, my God!

Maddox: We…

Dick: (interjects) Ah, dude, I can't take this!

Maddox: I think…I think that…that everyone listening right now is a cuck. You're a cuck. I'm a cuck.

Dick: I am definitely. I am not a…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, you're definitely a cuck.

Dick: Definitely not a cuck.

Maddox: You're the biggest cuck I've ever seen.

Dick: Oh, no fucking way!

Maddox: Oh, you love being cuckolded, buddy!

Dick: There is something VERY wrong with cuckolding!

Maddox: Yeah. It's a sexual fetish, by the way. So who gives a shit? Look…look. You don't know any…the bottom line is this. You don't know any cucks. I don't know any cucks. We've probably never met one! I know one person in real life that I've met that IS an actual cuckold. And it's a weird little fetish thing that turns into threesome sometimes.

Dick: Hold on, hold on.

Sean: Do you wanna explain what that is?!

Dick: Wait, wait, wait, wait, no, no. Hold on. 'Cause that's wrong. That's not right. First of all, I know a lot of cucks, 'cause I sleep with married women.

Maddox: Well…it depends on the definition.

Dick: I don't know if they know or not.

Maddox: Right. I don't want to get into the semantics.

Dick: I'm talking about the original definition, like where Shakespeare…Shakespeare has used it as an insult.

Maddox: Right, right, right.

Dick: 'Cause it's like, a cuckold is a man who's blowing his resources, unwittingly, on another man's offspring.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, that's like…it's like the most emasculated you could be.

Maddox: Well, that's where it originally came from, but it's no longer that.

Dick: That's what I think…oh, I think it is!

Maddox: No, no. The porn industry, dude? It is, like, one of the biggest categories in pornography. People love…people love the cuckold category.

Dick: Well, the porn industry, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. That's what it IS today.

Dick: But that's not what people are saying when they say it to you.

Maddox: Oh, I know. I know what they mean.

Dick: They mean…

Maddox: (interjects) I know what they mean! I understand the context, and I know what they mean.

Dick: What do you think the context is, then?

Maddox: Well, it…they…if you wanna be eloquent, uh…they're specifically saying that…a cuckold, when it comes to palsies, is somebody who sells out their country and…for the interests of another.

Dick: Yeah, sure. Yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Like a sucker. Like a chump.

Maddox: So that's…exactly, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's…that's the eloquent way of saying it. But that's not the way they're saying it. They're saying it as a knee-jerk, just like "cuck, cuck, cuck, cuck, cuck!" No thought behind it.

Dick: Well, it's fun to say.

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: I mean, I do think there's a place for it. Like, I think…like…

Maddox: You like using this word?

Dick: I don't use it. Um…

Maddox: Why not?

Dick: Because I say "faggot". (they crack up laughing) Uh, no, no, no.

Maddox: Full circle!

Dick: I'm joking. I'm joking. I'm joking.

Maddox: There we go.

Dick: I think there's always, ALWAYS an attack on masculinity. Like, that's…that's what we do. Uh, and it always evolves. It's 'cuck' now. It was 'beta' for a while.

Maddox: Beta, yeah. Mhmm.

Dick: People don't usually use beta anymore.

Maddox: No. Beta was, what, like, seventies.

Dick: 'Cause everyone was…no, no, no. I think beta was more recent, like, with pickup artistry, when that became big.

Maddox: Oh, that's right, yeah.

Dick: It was like, "You're a beta."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that was the zeitgeist.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then people became, like, self-aware of themselves saying it too much.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It lost all meaning. So they invent a NEW word…

Sean: Wait, beta?

Dick: Cuck's pretty…beta. Like they call you a beta male.

Maddox: Beta. Uh-huh. Like you're a beta male. You've never heard of it?

Sean: Like a non-alpha.

Maddox: As opposed to an alpha, yeah.

Sean: Got it, okay.

Dick: No, like a betta fish. That's what they were…that's not what they meant?

Maddox: No. There's an alpha male and there's the beta males.

Dick: No, it's a betta fish because you were, like, a little guy in a little tank…

Maddox: (interjects) So clearly…

Dick: (interjects) I'm kidding, I'm kidding. I'm kidding.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It was definitely beta male.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Um, and then before that it was…oh God, I don't know. What…but you know, forever ago, it was pussy. Like a pussy cat.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's, like…that was like the 30s or 50s, something like that.

Maddox: Right. Or yellow. Yellow.

Dick: Yellow, yeah, exactly.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Exactly.

Maddox: Yeah. Yellow. Pussy. Like, it is…

Sean: Well, yellow means coward.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But we don't use it.

Maddox: We don't use it anymore.

Dick: That was the 1800's version of cuck.

Maddox: So…so…soo…

Dick: So, like you said, like you're yellow. You're chicken. You know?

Sean: Okay.

Maddox: Let's not…just to quickly wrap this up. Um, so because I…I made this video, and I thought, "You know what? I'm gonna poke the hornet's nest here."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm gonna make a video about cuck, and I'm gonna try to normalize it a little bit, 'cause who gives a shit? Honestly? Who gives a shit?

Dick: Well…

Maddox: About the sexual fetish, right? About the se…

Dick: (interjects) That's very specific, though.

Maddox: No, but if you're getting cuckolded in real life and you don't know about it, that's just called cheating. You're getting cheated on, and it sucks.

Dick: Well, unless you gotta raise their kids.

Maddox: Well, of course, but that's…look, man.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, that does happen, but it's extremely rare, and to use it as an insult is… it's just…again, it's a replacement for the word "faggot". They wanna call you an emasculated male or a weak male. They wanna make fun of you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that's…that's the only word they have left, and they feel so threatened that I've started to take it away, and because of the butthurt…

Dick: Oh, no! (laughs)

Maddox: After this video…(Sean laughs) because of the…

Dick: (interjects) I can't hear this. I just can't. (they laugh)

Maddox: Because of this video, Dick.

Dick: Like, I feel the storm in my bones.

Maddox: I know.

Dick: I have, like…I have arthritis for trolling.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Dick: Like, I feel the rage in my…I'm like, "Oh, I got a crick in my ankle. There's some real rage storm brewing on the Internet today."

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Oh, boy.

Dick: Better batten down the shit hatches.

Maddox: I got, like…

Dick: Before we get covered in shit!

Maddox: Oh, you look at my Twitter feed, dude! It's just like nothing but swastikas and cuck, and swas…it's like just the most hateful shitheads, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And so I thought, you know what?

Dick: You deserve it. (laughs)

Maddox: I'm gonna go…I'm gonna take this a little bit further, and I made it a T-shirt.

Dick: Cuck?

Maddox: And I made the T-shirt say…it says the word "duck" on it, but the "c" is kind of, like, highlighted so it looks like "cuck". And I put a duck on there.

Dick: (interjects) Wait, wait, what do you mean? The C is highlighted?

Maddox: So there's a D…

Dick: The word…okay.

Maddox: Lower case D.

Dick: Lower case D?

Maddox: And then the loop…

Dick: And the C is highlighted?

Maddox: The loop in the D.

Dick: So it says “cluck”?

Maddox: Well, it’s supposed to…like, just visually, it reads “cuck”.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But it could also…it’s, like, very subversive. It could be cluck. It could be duck. It could be cuck. It could be any number of things. It’s a very subversive way of putting it on T-shirts just to piss off these fucking…these crybaby…these PC, sensitive, overly sensitive morons!!! And that’s why I have the intro…

Dick: Wait a minute, so you’ve turned their outrage into a marketing opportunity?!

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: To sell…so who’s the cuck then?! (Maddox laughs)

(Sound effect: ‘Ding!’)

Dick: I guess.

Maddox: They’re the biggest cuck of all!

Dick: They’re supporting your resources with their time!

Maddox: Exactly. (grins)

Dick: That is…that’s the definition of being cucked.

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: I’ve TURNED THEM INTO CUCKS!! (Dick laughs) And they don’t like to see someone else fucking their memes, do they?! CUCK-THE-DOODLE-DOO, BITCHES! (they all laugh) Eat shit! Alright, that makes me so happy.

Dick: Ugh, you’re too excited, though!!

Maddox: I know. I’m s…I know.

Dick: That’s what’s gonna hurt you. You’re obviously excited.

Maddox: Ah, I don’t give a shit. I’m riding the precipice of this hurricane. This whirlpool. Here we go. Uh…

Dick: You’re right in the eye of it.

(Sound effect: Drumroll)

Maddox: No. (laughs) The biggest problem in the universe from last week was Humorless Stupid People. Speaking of cucks!! (laughing) Humorless stupid people. Then…text…

Dick: (interjects) I don't think it needed the stupid part. But yeah. That's good. That's great.

Maddox: Yeah. Then the Texting Batter's Box…which we'll get to your flak you got in a second, Dick. And then Voice Mail was dead last. Uh…they were all in the positive territory.

Dick: Yeah, they're all problems.

Maddox: But Michael Capes, our guest, everyone really liked Michael Capes as a guest. His humorless stupid people problem…

Dick: He was great.

Maddox: …number one last week. Interesting.

Dick: They…I take that back. Maybe the stupid part is an important component of it, because…I do think that wit is tied to intelligence.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And as…the mean intelligence gets lower, the world sucks more.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: So all of these humorless people are causing the world to be shittier.

Maddox: I agree.

Dick: Like, they say it's just not funny, but it's like, "Yeah, but I bet everything else you do in life just kinda sucks more."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause you don't get this joke.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. It's a big problem. I hope it got really highly voted up, 'cause it's a big problem.

Maddox: It's about in the 700 range right now.

Dick: That's not high enough.

Maddox: Not high enough, no. But yeah man, vote up Lesser Minds, guys. Vote up Anti-Intellectualism. These are all problems that lead to Humorless Stupid People.

Dick: But the humor is easy to spot, 'cause you can't peg someone if they're like, "Are you anti-intellectual?" or what? But you know when somebody doesn't think something's funny, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a good test.

Maddox: ‘Cause they’re not laughing. And they’re usually the only ones not laughing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Or they’re offended too easily.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They’re hypersensitive.

Sean: Were you guys ever around a bunch of dumbasses…

Dick: (interjects) I’m around them right now!

Sean: Ugh, fuck you. (Dick and Maddox laughs) And you’re the smart one in the group, and somebody tries to burn you, and everybody laughs, even though it wasn’t clever at all?!

Dick: Yeah. Yeah!! (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: It’s like, “No, you didn’t get me.”

Maddox: Mhmm.

Sean: “That was a stupid-ass joke.”

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, dude, um, I just saw this vid…you know Christopher Hitchins?

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Sure.

Dick: Do you like that guy?

Sean: Well, he’s dead.

Maddox: Eh, he’s okay.

Dick: He’s okay. Okay. He was on…he was on Bill Maher ripping on a…a ‘George Bush is dumb’ joke that Bill Maher was making to the audience.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And he just…Hitchins just says, “That’s a joke for stupid people.” And breaks it down for the aud…it’s like…breaks it down for the audience.

Sean: There you go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Basically calling all of them stupid.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And everyone on the panel. It’s a great video, ‘cause it’s so uncomfortable.

Maddox: Hah!

Dick: Like, you…Bill Maher's reaction is just, like, "Come on." (Maddox laughs) Like, he's just like begging him to stop, 'cause he just like exposed that whole show for what it is.

Maddox: I love it.

Sean: He's MUCH smarter than Bill Maher.

Dick: It's great. It's great. Oh, God, he's a brilliant guy! Um…

Maddox: Um, yeah, so…

Dick: (interjects) Speaking of idiots, let's talk about the Batter's Box.

Maddox: Oh, okay, sure.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: You got your ass blasted a little bit for this.

Dick: Well, I got a couple texts, people were like, "Are you sure you don't mean the on-deck circle?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was like, "Yeah, yes. Obviously yes. I played baseball for 20 years."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I miss, like, I call it a baseball stick. You know, when you're in the batter's box…

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Warming up with your baseball stick so the ball thrower, the chucker, they call it in baseball…(Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He chucks it over, uh…home.

Maddox: The chucker. Uh-huh.

Dick: He chucks it over the home diamond.

Maddox: The home diamond, right.

Dick: And that's where you take your stroke.

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: To try to contact the baseball puck.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's how I understand it.

Maddox: And then you run down to the first headquarters.

Dick: The first headquarters, right.

Maddox: Yeah, and then you can sometimes steal second headquarters.

Dick: Well, you…I don't know about stealing. You definitely…(Maddox laughs)

Sean: You burglarize.

Dick: You endeavor to usurp the second headquarters.

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: Yeah…(stammers) yeah, obviously, I fucked that up.

Maddox: I saw so many comments calling you, "Hey Dick, it's the on-deck circle."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I was gonna come in here and bust your balls a bunch about it, and then as I was thinking that statement, I forgot what it was called, and so I wrote it down just to make sure I get it correct. On-deck circle. Okay, you nerds. You baseball nerds are fucking ruining everything!!

Dick: I don't know why I fucked it up! I fucked it up multiple times on the show, referring to the Batter's Box, too.

Maddox: Yeah. Whatever. (stammers) Everyone knew what you were talking about. These technical nerds. You know what you…you know what happened to you, is what happened to me last episode, which is I got called out for being a Poke casual. You get these baseball nerds…

Dick: (interjects) Well, they're right.

Maddox: You know what? Fuck you!

Dick: They're right, though.

Maddox: Then you're a baseball casual, you fucking…(Dick laughs)

Dick: (interjects) Yeah! No, I…I have no defense for that.

Maddox: You cuck!! (laughs)

Dick: They're absolutely right.

Maddox: Ahhh. What a cuckold. Um…(they crack up)

Dick: It's fun to say, though!!!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: How can you shit on it? It's great to say!

Maddox: Sure. It's…you know, but we're doing it ironically, but that's all they have! That's…they're not verbal…they're not linguists. They're not cunning linguists.

Dick: Oh, please. (scoffs)

Maddox: That's all they have! Anyway, uh, guys. I got a big announcement to make. Before we move on. We'll get to some of the comments and stuff. But, uh…we'll be taking

a small break for the next two episodes, so Episode 105 will resume on Tuesday, May 30th. I need to take a little bit of time off because I'm gearing up for the launch of the new podcast and the new podcasting network. Uh, it's gonna be the next step in growing this brand. Bringing in a new audience, and more new shows. And guys, this is gonna be good for everybody, and the network, and the show, because the rising tide will lift all ships, and as the network grows, it gives us a bigger reach, more sponsorship opportunities, and a lot of new fans have been asking about, such as videos, produced segments, and possibly even live meet-ups, which is another thing we've been talking about for a long time.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's an exciting time, and I thank you all for your support. So for the next two weeks, here's what we're gonna do. This is the plan. We're gonna have a "Best Of" episode over the next two weeks, and I think you guys will really enjoy these episodes, because much of the show is pretty modular, believe it or not. Um, you'd be surprised…

Dick: (interjects) I believe it. (they laugh)

Maddox: You'd be surprised how well you can mix and match some of these episodes and find some surprising correlations and unintended meaning when you combine certain problems. Uh, it should be a lot of fun to listen to guys. I think you'll really enjoy it. And if there are any problems in particular that the fans liked, any fan favorites? I'd like to see them in the comments. Below. We'll make some mix and match episodes and see what we cook up! It should be a lot of fun to listen to. But yeah, we'll be back May…

Dick: (interjects) I think fans should send in some problems. That would be a good idea.

Maddox: Fan problems?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How…oh, you mean record them?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, well. I dunno. We're gonna have more sho…(they laugh) We're gonna have more shows. More high-quality shows on this network. If you enjoy this podcast and the voice that we bring to it, there'll be…I'm going to look for more opportunities for different hosts to bring that kind of voice. And again, once this network gets bigger, we'll be able to do a lot more. Live meet-ups is something I've wanted to do forever, right, Dick?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. We've talked about this in the past. It's just a matter of budget and timing and logistics, a lot of times.

Dick: Uh…speaking of announcements. I got a lot of calls regarding this.

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hello, Hyke Dullian, or Hake Dyllian, as Dick said that other time. (Maddox laughs) **And I just want to point out that…**

Maddox: Own it!

"…that it's been 52 episodes, one whole year, since Maddox first announced that he was writing a third book."

Dick: Yeah.

"…with no title yet and a big, giant black thing where, like, his book title was supposed to be. (Maddox giggles) **And he promised us…**

Maddox: It's a silhouette, shithead!!

"…(goofy voice) I'm gonna be releasing the title, guys, so stay tuned! (Maddox laughs) **52 EPISODES LATER, one fucking year later, and nothing!! What the fuck have you been doing with your time, huh? (goofy voice) "Oh, I know…casting at Twitch and losing at Street Fighter..(inaudible)"**

Maddox: Shut up!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Dick: He's plugging your thing!

Maddox: Asshole! (Dick laughs)

(they talk over the voice mail) "And uhhh….I have to, uh, make the whole video about how Disney ruined the Little Mermaid." (they all laugh) **"Oh, great. Great quality stuff.** (Dick cackles) **How's your book coming, dick? Dick, love you. And I love the show.")**

Dick: Oh, thanks.

Maddox: Wait, what? Oh, he was calling me a dick.

Dick: He was calling you a dick.

Maddox: And then comma, Dick, with a capital D.

Dick: He should have called you a cuck!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: To make it easier to understand.

Maddox: Very confusing.

Dick: I got another one about…well, go ahead.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Yeah, I'll tell you what I've been doing, Hake Dilly-ann. You're listening to it, shithead! I've been editing these shitty episodes and your shitty voicemail, and all this other bullshit! It all piles up. Look, the book's coming along just fine, alright? Don't worry about it. It's gonna come, it's gonna be great. He's gonna be HUGE. (giggles) It's gonna be tremendous. It's gonna be…the best words are gonna be in this book.

Dick: Okay. Um…I don't think we need to go through any more of these.

Maddox: No, let's hear it, let's hear it. 'Cause I know you brought one in. (laughing)

(Voice mail: male voice: "Hey Maddox, so it was 52 episodes ago…(they laugh) **or exactly one year…"**

Maddox: Did you put them up to this?!

Dick: No!!!!! I didn't even know!

"That you first announced that you were writing a new book. In that time…"

Dick: Do you think I know what happened 52 weeks ago?! Fuck no!!!

"(inaudible as they talk over him) …been fired from my job, Jon Snow was killed and resurrected, and we've learned NOTHING else about your fucking book!"

Maddox: Okay. Alright. (Dick laughs)

"And weren't you also on a game show?! What the fuck happened with that?!!"

Maddox: Yeah, the game show…

"Now you're telling us that you're making some podcast network? Get the fuck out of here. (Dick laughs)"

Maddox: Get the fuck out of here, shithead! (Dick and Sean crack up)

"I love you, I'm crazy about you, baby, but I think you're making all of this shit up."

Maddox: Yeah, I'm tired of this voice mail! Cut him off!!

"I don't think any of this shit is ever coming out!!")

Dick: You got three seconds. (giggles)

Maddox: Great. Oh, wonderful. (Dick giggles) Wonderful. Wonderful! You know what? You know what you fucking morons don't understand, right?

Dick: He said he got laid nine times since you've announced your book.

Maddox: Nine times!

Dick: Yeah. That's what he said in the beginning of that v…

Maddox: I don't believe it. Not that voice! No way.

Dick: Awwwwwww.

Maddox: No way. You get a chick in the sack with that voice, she's going right to sleep!! (laughs) Look, what the hell do you guys know about writing a book? Do you know how long it takes? No! No one's an auth…I'm a writer!!

Dick: (groans) Ohhhhh, boy.

Maddox: Right?! And I…(guffaws) I know what it takes to write a book. These people don't.

(Maddox clip: "You know, I'm a writer." (scoff))

Maddox: There you go.

(Maddox clip: "You know, I'm a writer." (scoff))

Dick: We'll just play this.

(Maddox clip: "You know, I'm a writer." (scoff))

Maddox: The whole time? The rest of the episode?

Dick: You don't even need to respond to him.

(Maddox clip: "You know, I'm a writer." (scoff))

Maddox: You know what? We'll just fill the rest of the episode with this…

(Maddox clip: "You know, I'm a writer." (scoff))

Maddox: With this drop…and I'll go write my book.

Dick: That's what next week should be!

(Maddox clip: "You know, I'm a writer." (scoff))

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: An hour of this.

(Maddox clip: "You know, I'm a writer." (scoff))

Maddox: That's not a bad idea, Dick!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: For some iTunes listeners, too, that's what it was, 'cause I think that went out by accident one day?

Dick: It did. Um…

Maddox: Alright guys.

Dick: Do you wanna do…do you wanna move on to problems, now? We're already at…

Maddox: Yeah. We got…yeah. We got…Dick, what do you…start us off. What's the biggest problem in the universe?

Dick: Did you have more things, or did you want me to go?

Maddox: Yeah, but you know, it's getting top heavy. Let's get to the problems.

Dick: Always is. (sighs) That's why these episodes are the best. Top heavy. (Maddox giggles) That's the word you think of when you think of this podcast. Top…big ol' titties. Alright, my problem is…(long pause) Tipping.

Maddox: Hey!

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

Dick: Yeah. Tipping.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: The whole thing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Having to shell out additional money for something that you already got.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Eating dinner. What's it cost? 30 bucks? Nope.

Maddox: Nope.

Dick: $36.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Uuuuughhhh. The whole industry.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I fucking hate tipping.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I hate tipping.

Maddox: Huge problem!

Dick: I hate it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Openly.

Maddox: I'm with you.

Dick: Hate it.

Maddox: I hate it too!

Dick: Hate doing it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Feel…I feel like a cuck.

Maddox: It's…(laughs)

Dick: Every time I do it, I hate doing it. And you know what the worst thing is now?

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: Used to be, you sit down, you get some kind of a service, and you gotta tip…'cause…'cause we all feel sorry for the people doing that job, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why we're stuck with it.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause we feel sorry for them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. I can cope with that. But now…now…recently, people just start throwing that tip line. On the receipt.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Everywhere.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Now, you go to…you go to, like, a fancy…here's where they…this is HOW they get you! You go to, like, Tender Greens, which is like a more upscale cafeteria experience?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uhh…you get to the end of the line. It's…here…it's the same as McDonald's. You're walking up to a person and you say what you want, except instead of a Big Mac, you're getting a quinoa duck burger, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And it costs twice as much.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But it's the same experience.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: They're doing the same thing on the other side of the counter.

Maddox: Same amount of work or lack or w…they're just taking your order, punching it into the machine…

Dick: Yeah. And then someone who doesn't speak English makes your food, right?

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: And then you get it on the other end, except what they DO, what makes them different than McDonald's, is they put a little line for tip at the end!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And you're like, what the fuck? Why is there a line for tipping here?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And who…AND PEOPLE DO IT!! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: I certainly never fucking do!! I NEVER TIP THOSE PEOPLE!!! But it's like…why am I seeing this here, now?!!?!

Sean: Yeah, unless someone brings me my food, there's no tip in those.

Dick: Oh, fuck no!

Sean: Skip right over that line.

Maddox: But even then, man. It seems like this forced gimmick that they try to use to justify their tip. I mean, here's the thing, man. If you're working in the restaurant industry or the service industry or whatever job that you have to supplement your income with tips. Wouldn't it just be better to have a living wage paid to you so that we don't have to guilt customers? And then you also risk getting no tip sometimes, if you have a bad night and you have a bunch of customers come in, especially tourists!!! Because this is an American phenomenon for the most part.

Dick: Tipping.

Maddox: Tipping.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah. So if you get a bunch of Europeans coming through, or…people who don't…you know, from another country that don't tip…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, they might come to your restaurant in a big part of 10, 20 people.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That you have to service all night long…keep bringing them drinks and bringing them…you know, their appetizers, and clearing plates, and…and taking care of everybody. And then you get no tip at the end of the night? That's a shitty night, man.

Sean: Lot of…

Maddox: (interjects) And that's a lot of pressure to put on servers.

Sean: Lot of central and South American countries don't tip.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: And if Americans go down there, they don't want you to tip.

Dick: (interjects) No, 'cause you ruin it.

Sean: Or if you do, a very small amount because, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You ruin it.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: For them.

Dick: With your American Imperialist tipping. Marching all over the globe ruining their society. Well, you know. It's…restaurants get away with that, because they can calculate the tips and pay them less than minimum wage, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Sean: And don't they…

Dick: (interjects) So it's like they…go ahead.

Sean: Don't they redistribute the tips a lot of the time?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Amongst all the waiters and waitresses?

Sean: Yeah, that's what I mean. So it's like, if you know, the good ones subsidize the shitty ones.

Dick: Well, it's ALSO…like, a really…'cause you don't have to split tips with the restaurant staff, right? It's just legally, I think, you just split it among the waiters and waitresses.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Now with the…so at a really expensive restaurant, there's a huge wage disparity between the waiters and waitresses and the kitchen staff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I brought in a bunch of stats on this 'cause I fucking hate tipping, but…go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, and the captain! There's the…

Dick: (interjects) Captain of the..sh…of the…

Maddox: (interjects) I forget what it's called. It's like the…the…

Dick: Of the ship?!

Maddox: No. It's like the hosting captain, or the tip captain or something like that. The… the wait captain. There's a captain, and then they get a separate tip from the servers. I found out…Curb Your Enthusiasm did a whole episode about this, but that's a real phenomenon in higher end restaurants where they have, like, a wait captain, and then the wait captain gets a percentage of all the servers' tips…

Dick: (interjects) He gets a fiefdom?

Maddox: Yea…(laughs) Yeah! Exactly.

Dick: Oh, my God! It's so regressive!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's just…just pay them…make a deal…you deal with them, you pay them, and just don't fuck up the service! Like, are we…are we pretending that $6 versus $4 that I'm gonna tip this broad has any effect on how quickly I'm getting another soda?! You know what I mean?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, I got a $30 meal, let's say.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I'm gonna tip $6, because I'm a huge cuck! (Maddox laughs) And I'm like, "Well, I gotta tip 20%." In my mind, I hate it. I wanna slap…I just want to put down money. I don't want it to be related to…I don't want to put down anything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I wanna pretend that this is a job, and not some, like…weird quasi-flesh trade.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where I'm dealing out money because this waitress flirted with me.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So are we pretending that…her behavior is gonna be affected by the difference between a 10% tip and a 20% tip, which, in this scenario, is $3?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are we this fucking stupid that we're collectively deluding ourselves into thinking that tipping somehow has anything to do with service?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's fucking retarded!!!

Maddox: And it…

Dick: What…go ahead!

Maddox: And it puts you in the position of being a hiring manager, that you have to evaluate their performance during your fucking meal! You have to remember if they greeted you, if they came promptly, if they brought your food to you correctly, if it's warm… you have to be that hiring manager?! Can't you just sit down and enjoy the fucking meal?! Why do I have to sit there and evaluate your performance and then pay you?!

Dick: Yeah. This isn't an HR interview!!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah!!

Dick: Like…wh…just bring me the food!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And…and how about the restaurant, YOU GUYS make sure your service is good!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Don't put that on me!!!

Maddox: No! It's your fucking job! Don't make ME the manager! If I'm the fucking manager, then you pay me, shitheads!!! You know, and the big argument, Dick, is that without tipping, service will go to shit, right?! The service will be awful. There's no incentive for people to come bring you your food. However…

Dick: (interjects) That doesn't work for my mechanic! I don't have to tip him!

Maddox: (laughs) Exactly!

Dick: Like…(laughs) and that's pretty…that's a lot more important than getting six Diet Cokes in an hour!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Is making sure the wheels stay on my fucking car!

Maddox: Sure! You don't have to tip your mechanic, and he does his fucking job!!

Dick: Or my doctor.

Maddox: Or bank tellers.

Dick: Or my dentist!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hey, hey, bank teller, make sure all this deposit gets in my account, eh? (Maddox cracks up) Here's a little something to make it worth your while. Make sure…keep it fair. Keep it fair.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, in fact, go ahead and just skim off the top, because I don't have it. As soon as you deposit it, then I'll have it, but go ahead and keep a little bit!

Dick: Keep a little bit for yourself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For your troubles. For your troubles. For your troubles. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Like a casino! Like a pit boss. In a casino, or something, you know?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: (laughing) Um…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So there's this fairy tale that service will go to shit, but you go to restaurants in Europe, and the service is just fine!

Dick: Service is great!

Maddox: Yeah!! They greet you with a smile, they're happy…everything's…everyone's taken care of, and they're getting a living wage. They're getting taken care of. You don't have to sit here and play this game where you're their hiring manager!

Dick: It's psychotic.

Maddox: Yeah! It's insane.

Dick: I…I just had this thought. I wonder if it's, like, some kind of sneaky, tacit conspiracy of, like, business owners? To obscure the pathway to raises among their employees. Like, if I'm…okay. Here's a little Dick tip for you. If you're…if you want to fuck employees over, the best way to do that is to put abstract impediments toward their pathway to get a raise. Like, the last thing you want, if you're running, like, a big company and you want to keep costs down for employees, is for them to be able to just ask you directly for a raise.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You want to say…(stammers) “we have performance reviews.” That’s the time you ask for a raise.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Oh, you got a hiring manager. You gotta ask them. ‘Cause then you could say, “If anybody gets a raise, you’re fucking fired.”

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the more…the more impediments you put up…the more impediments you put up to someone getting a raise, the more money you keep. So we’ve got this system where ALL of the service industry can’t ask for a raise, ‘cause how much are they making?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I have no fucking i…when I…I brought this in…

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: …because Uber recently settled a big lawsuit where they had to pay out, like, 100 million dollars or something.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: To all the people who have art history degrees who are driving me home drunk. Right?

Maddox: Tim Changzzzzz? (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (giggles) No, no. This was Uber, not Lyft.

Maddox: Oh, okay. (laughs)

Dick: I’ll never use Lyft again. (Maddox laughs) Um…they had to pay all of this money, and one of the fears that was expressed, and certainly that I had, was that Uber would make tipping part of the experience.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like…I would use Uber…Uber could cost twice as much as a cab. I’d still use it, because number one, it’s easy. And number two, there’s no tipping. There’s no fucking… have you ever tipped in an Uber?

Maddox: No.

Dick: No! Did you know that you can?

Maddox: No, I didn’t.

Dick: Oh! You can go back through after your ride, and give them a tip!

Maddox: When did that happen?

Dick: That’s always…as far as I understand, that’s always been there.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: I've seen the screen…

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: Yeah! And I…I wouldn't…but I would never use it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What kind of a psycho was…so my concern was…'cause I would use this…my concern was that after the lawsuit, part of their "we treat our drivers fairly" would be to gr… jab…cram a TIP screen into your face when you're done with the Uber ride!

Maddox: Hmmmmm.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which would be a nightmare. 'Cause then you're sitting at the guy…then all of a sudden, millions of people would see that fuckin' line.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That wasn't there before. Tip. And some percentage of people are gonna do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that percentage never goes down. Like…(stammers) it only climbs.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Tender Greens throws that line up…

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: People start tipping. Pretty soon, you're gonna be tipping at McDonald's. Because you'll feel like an asshole. Like you feel like an asshole now!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: NOT TIPPING ON A $30 MEAL!!!

Maddox: Yeah. South Park kind of did something similar to this. It wasn't about tipping, but it's about how sometimes grocery stores put a cause that you can support at the end of your payment, right?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Round up to help support the community, or help feed kids, or whatever. Help this fund. And it…it becomes this way of guilting you every single time you make a transaction. You just…you…look. You work ten hours a day, twelve hours a day. You go to the grocery store. You just want a fucking sandwich and go home and masturbate and go to sleep. You don't want to feel like you're guilted about having to make a decision about the rest of the fucking community when all you want is a fucking shitty sandwich from the deli.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Every single time. So Dick, I have…I brought in an argument. Well, I wanna hear some of the stats. I'm sure you did tons of research.

Dick: Oh, my God, I mean, well, I just printed out some article that was on…(Maddox laughs) Somebody else did all this research, I didn't fucking do it. Uh, it pushes waiters into poverty and keeps him there. Uhhh, in most states, restaurants are allowed to pay waiters for less than minimum wage because of tipping, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uhh, let's see. Lemme get some…lemme try to find some interesting ones.

Maddox: (interjects) Which is insane if you think about it. Why is that a thing? Why are they allowed to skirt the law? Why is this one industry allowed to skirt the law about minimum wages…just because they invented this whole tipping phenomenon?

Dick: Well, I don't like the idea of a minimum wage, but I agree with you. Why are they allowed to skirt the law, because of that?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, that part's bullshit. Um…servers make less…lemme see, here. (sighs) I'm trying to find something good.

Maddox: Well, I have…I have…just for the sake of..

Dick: (interjects) It's all just the shit that we've been talking about, but go ahead.

Maddox: Sure. Well, just for the sake of the other side of the argument. Now…Dick, I am 100% on board with you. I think tipping is a scourge.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…Adam Ruins Everything did a great episode about this, too, but…one thing that…that I have heard, recently. This is as recent as last weekend. I was at a restaurant with a server who used to work there. It was her last day. She quit, uh, to move on and do a different profession. And the phenomenon of tipping came up, because she was talking about different tables. She said, "Oh, that table over there, they're probably not gonna tip. This one over here tips really well, etc, etc."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You kind of get a feel for the customers, right?

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Then I asked her what she feels about tipping. And she says she's strongly for. Uh, and so just to hear the other side of the debate…this server said that if it weren't for tips, she would never in a million years work at this job, and she said that most people wouldn't either, because you bust your ass working those type of jobs, and she says some nights, she's able to pull $150, $300 in tips alone. Which makes it worth her while. And it's helped fund her through school. It's helped fund her different projects, and now the career that she's going into. And again, I'm against tipping, but this is her argument.

Dick: Well, it's…let's go back to the IQ thing. Like, the humor people.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Humorless stupid people.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ‘Cause it’s like, “Baby. Baby…baby. (Maddox scoffs, laughs) You understand that if there was no tipping, they would have to pay you more?” Like that’s the whole point of tipping is…like, you agree to do the job at a price that makes it worth it. You started this job ‘cause tipping exists.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it’s not like a SURPRISE that you’re a waitress! “Wow, I got all this extra money at the end. This is just a big bonus!”

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: “I didn’t even account for it!” Durr. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Well, so, I…(laughs)

Dick: Like, what the fuck?! Of course you need the tips, ‘cause they’re BUILT INTO the negotiation in the first place! (angry)

Maddox: Right. So, I made that argument. I said, “Well, what if it was a reasonable wage? What if it was enough that it was worth your while?”

Dick: Tchyeah.

Maddox: Because I think her average…

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Her average was something like $19 an hour with tips. And she said, “Here’s what you don’t understand.” (stammers) because she said without tips, it would be something like 8, 9 dollars an hour, whatever minimum wage was.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So she said, “Even if they paid me $19 an hour…” She said that would raise the price of the meal for everyone across the board. So that’s the other side of the equation. Are you okay with restaurants…

Dick: Yeah, we’ll raise it to $36, which I ALREADY FUCKING PAY WITH THE TIP!!! Like, just stop…take out me, the middle man!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Pay them what they need and CHARGE ME! WHAT THE FUCK! Just like the mechanic does with my fucking tires!!!

Maddox: So you’re okay with paying more for every meal, as long as you don’t have to tip.

Dick: It's not more. That's what I'm already paying. I just don't feel like I'm getting shafted! Like, I don't feel better because I'm like, "Oh, I'm gonna whittle this person down from 36 to 35."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "Ah, I feel like such a better person 'cause I gave em 20% or 22%." Just charge me the fucking price!

Maddox: I just realized, Dick, that what we are doing as tippers…is we're subsidizing people who don't tip.

Dick: Uh, yeah, sure. I'll give you that.

Maddox: We have to. We have to, because if everybody comes in and they all pay the same price, first of all…the restaurant's gonna make more money. The waiters and waitresses are gonna make more money, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You no longer have to worry about these shitheads who don't tip. Uh, people… and people who just…you know what? They might not be shitheads. They just don't understand our culture, they're coming to visit. They're tourists. They come into a restaurant to grab a bite to eat, and then they shaft the waiter or waitress unintentionally, because they don't know our customs.

Dick: I also think it's disgusting that girls have to flirt with guys to get paid for it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you get more tips if you a put a heart on your receipt…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: …or if you write your name on your receipt. I think that's fucking disgusting.

Maddox: Well, I think it's hot as shit. (laughs)

Dick: Tchyeah! (laughs)

Maddox: They write that little heart in there, I'm like, "Ah, she really likes me. Oh, yeah."

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, I slapped down. I was at a bar a long time ago, and I slapped a 20 down on the bill.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And my friend's, like, I'm dr…I was at that phase of drunk where you're the richest man in the world. (Sean chuckles)

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: You know, and the waitress was hot, and I was flirting with her for, like, eight hours.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was a real bender of a day. (Maddox giggles) So I slap a 20 down as a tip at the end and my friend's, like, "What do you think, that's gonna get you laid?" (Maddox laughs) And I'm like, "Well, I didn't think that, but it definitely is."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (Maddox cracks up) Like, are you…have you never met a person before? Yeah. Money is the…money's the most fucking…you think no one's ever gotten laid because of money!?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are you a fucking jdiot?!

Maddox: Idiot.

Dick: Like, you've introduced…(Maddox laughs) a sexual transaction into something where it wasn't in the first place!!

Maddox: Well…

Dick: (interjects) And I did fuck that waitress, by the way!!

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Just to put that rumor TO BED.

Maddox: Yeah, bitch. (they all laugh) Uh, but really, what's the difference, if you're doing that, and what's the difference between just going out on a date and trying to impress a girl and take her to a really nice restaurant? It's the same fucking thing!! Except instead of tipping her for working for you, you're tipping the waitress who's working for you, and still trying to impress a girl!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Either way, it's…

Dick: (interjects) Or…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or you get a guy…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who's real funny. You get one of these guy waiters when you're on a date, and he's, like, cracking jokes, and I'm like motherfucker, if you say…if you make one more joke, you are getting a z…like, you're getting punched in the…(Maddox groans) You're gonna open the receipt, when I pay for it, and my fucking fist is gonna fly out of it and knock your ass out! What are you, buttering her up?!

Maddox: Mhmm!

Dick: What…(stammers) and these chicks, like, giggle…(Maddox groans) over waiters running their…

Maddox: (interjects) Dumb jokes.

Dick: Running their tight 10-minute material on them?!

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaah!

Dick: Like, YOU shut the fuck up, and you, waiter, you DEFINITELY shut your fucking mouth!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I'm here for dinner, not dinner and a show!

Maddox: I'm no cuckold, buddy! (laughs)

Dick: Oh, yeah. No fucking way!!

Maddox: You know what? I was at a restaurant a long time ago, when I was in Utah, I went on a date to, believe it or not, the Olive Garden, because that's what she wanted.

Dick: (interjects) I believe that.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick cracks up) It wasn't my choice, shithead!! I don't go to restaurants with casters on the wheels, normally. This is the girl. The girl loved Olive Garden, so I'm like, "Okay, we'll go to fucking Olive Garden, I guess."

Dick: Uh-huh. (laughing)

Maddox: You know. Get some real authentic Hospitaliano.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: So we're….(laughing)

Dick: Yeah, lemme get some processed…

Sean: It's the Italian Denny's.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Yeah, the Italian Denny's, Sean! That's exactly what it is!! Uh, so we walk into this place, and the waiter comes by and just constantly with the jokes! Joke, joke, joke, joke, joke! And they were just so cringe-y.

Dick: Horrible.

Maddox: And I wasn't laughing. She wasn't laughing. We were both kinda, like, looking down at our menus and putting our hands up to our brows…

Dick: Trying to do the maze. Get Ollie the Olive back to Naples? (Maddox cracks up) Or whatever the maze on the…

Maddox: Yeah. I'm, like, scribbling as hard as I can with this crayons on my little…on my menu. So anyway, this guy keeps telling these jokes, and he comes over eventually, 'cause they give you…

Sean: (interjects) That's why his book is taking so long.

Dick: (giggles) Why? His coloring?

Sean: ‘Cause he’s scribbling on Olive Garden menus with crayons.

Maddox: Shut up, Sean! This was, like, 10 years ago!!! No, longer than that! This was a long-ass time ago.

Dick: This was during your first three-year book, right? (background laughter)

Maddox: Fuck you! So this waiter came by, like, after all these jokes and stuff, and they bring you unlimited breadsticks and salad, oh my God!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So he comes over with the Parmesan cheese, he goes, “Would you guys like more cheese?” I’m like, “No thanks, we’ve had enough.”

Dick: Oh, boy. (Maddox laughs) That’s like dating a New Yorker cartoon with you.

Maddox: Yeah. (cracks up((background laughter) Alright.

Dick: That’s my problem.

Maddox: Is that all you got, Dick? Move on?

Dick: Yeah, I’m done.

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: I’m done with this stupid problem. I hate tipping so much.

Maddox: Well…I got…

Dick: (interjects) And then people, like, BRAG about, “Oh, I’m…” then you get, like, the service sucks, but, like, “Well, I’m not gonna tip this bitch. I’m not gonna tip this waiter.” It’s like, “Yeah, you are.” (stammers) So what?! No one cares! You wanna…you wanna be a man?! Get in their face! Go talk to their man…like, you’re NOT GONNA TIP them and that’s gonna SHOW THEM. Fuck you! They already lost at life. What are you gonna do?! What more are you gonna do to them? You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah. It’s cruel!

Dick: This…everyone acts like such a BIGSHOT.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because they hold that power of tipping over everyone else. Fuck you!

Maddox: Sure. I’m your fucking bus! I’m paying you! It’s that snark that you have that you come into the restaurant with that air of authority and snark!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it makes everyone’s live s MORE miserable.

Dick: Yeah, it does.

Maddox: Yeah. It makes you a prick!

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: You're eating with a bunch of dicks. Alright. I got a big problem, Dick. Which… may be a component of the Tipping problem.

Dick: Hoooh.

Maddox: Bureaucracy.

(Sound effect: 'Ding!')

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Bureaucracy, buddy! This is a huge problem.

Dick: I know.

Maddox: Ohhhh, boy. Where do I start? So…in a nutshell…

Dick: (interjects) Let's start with libertarian…(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: In a nutshell, here's an experience that I think we've all had. You call in to customer service…

Sean: Uh-oh.

Maddox: About a problem with…yeah. Sean's already groaning. (Dick laughs) You call in to customer service about a problem with your cell phone, right? They ask you if you rebooted your phone, like an idiot.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: It's what most people do automatically when something doesn't work. We're all trained to do that. It's the first step of EVERY troubleshooting manual. Turn the power off and turn it back on. Got it. Don't condescend to me, okay?

Dick: Tchyeah.

Maddox: I'm calling customer service, not as a first resort, shithead! (Dick chuckles) So then, they have you do a hard wipe. So rebooting the phone doesn't work…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Their next recourse is just to do a hard wipe on your fucking cell phone. They're asking you to completely delete and replace all your operating system files, all your settings, all your personal files, pictures, music, ringtones, text files, documents, notes, EVERYTHING! That's step two!! If rebooting didn't work, it's like taking your car into a shop because the engine light came on, and the mechanic says, "Did you turn the car on and off again? Yeah? Well…time to rebuild the engine."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's fucking insanity. And then, step four is…if deleting all of your operating system files and wiping your cell phone clean…doesn't work, they suggest contacting the manufacturer. So you're supposed to call, like, a Tokyo-based company, or Apple, or whoever, and hunt down the manufacturer's phone number.

Dick: Well, Apple, you just go into the store.

Maddox: Oh, sure. (scoffs)

Dick: To deal with any of this stuff.

Maddox: Yeah, those geniuses take real good care of you.

Dick: Drop it off. They do! They'll replace your shit.

Maddox: Idiots.

Sean: How would you know? You're not allowed in!

Dick: Yeah! You don't know!

Maddox: Yeah. No, I go to Apple stores.

Dick: They don't even let your website in there.

Sean: I thought you were banned.

Maddox: Well, my…my content.

Dick: Just his website.

Maddox: My website is banned in Apple stores.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I constantly go to Apple stores and load up my…

Dick: In protest?! (they all laugh)

Maddox: I load up…my fans do this too, it's hilarious. I get photos all the time of them loading up my YouTube page where I'm bitching about Apple, and they leave it on ALL the tablets in the store.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause that's what people used to do with my website, too. They'd pull up the iPhone Sucks article, and just load it up on all the iPhones.

Dick: Ohhh. That's the Maddox Militia at work! (grins)

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Sean: The one I was in had a picture of you on the wall.

Maddox: Did it really? Get outta here. (laughing)

Sean: "Do not take checks from this man."

Maddox: Yeah, right. It was probably a portrait. It was probably framed.

Dick: But this isn't…that's not bureaucracy, though. Customer service?

Maddox: Oh, man, it's the BIGGEST bureaucracy!

Dick: Nahhh.

Maddox: So then, after you call the manufacturer, here's what happens. Right? So you get off the phone with the phone carrier.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then you call the manufacturer and you repeat the same steps. You tell them about your phone, you tell 'em about the problem you're having with your phone, you tell...they...and then they tell you to reboot your phone like you already haven't done it a billion fucking times. Then they tell you to do a hard wipe, so again, the same fuckin' steps. And it sounds familiar because guess who's telling the phone carrier the troubleshooting steps? It's the manufacturer!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: When you call the phone carrier, they're getting these instructions from the manufacturer. And when all of that fails, guess what they say? They blame it on the carrier, and they suggest you call them to troubleshoot the problem. They tell you it's a network error, or weather, or acts of God, or ANYTHING, just to get you off the fuckin' phone.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's the worst pass-the-buck mentality, and I'm so fucking sick of it. And they don't care about solving your problem! They don't care about you! They're there to collect a paycheck and to clock out at 5 o'clock every day. They get paid whether they do their job or not, which is why I'm cynical of anyone who thinks that government bureaucracy is a huge problem while turning a blind eye to corporate bureaucracy. They're BOTH bad. And they're bad in the exact same way! Bureaucracy is just the needless procedures and red tape that fills every moment of our lives. We...I mean, we deal with this fuckin' everywhere! Phone companies -

Dick: (interjects) Okay, lemme...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, okay. Okay, okay, okay. So that...you're...'cause all that sounded like tech support. Which sucks. Every...it's worthless. Right? "I got...my router doesn't work." "Did you try unplugging it and plugging it back in?" "Well, I'd like to unplug YOU."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's what all tech support is. I don't know if tech support is bureaucracy, though.

Maddox: It's...absolutely.

Sean: It's set up like that.

Maddox: Yeah, it's set up like a bureaucracy.

Sean: You know, sometimes -

Dick: (interjects) But it all...but let's...like, doesn't it sometimes work? Like, as much as I'm listening to these stupid solutions, those are kinda the solutions I give...like, if somebody calls me and says their phone doesn't work, I'll say, "Turn it off and turn it back on," and a lot of times that works! Like, people who call tech support are not that smart. You know what I mean? Like, they built this system to handle the sheer volume of people who have no fu-...who don't know that the monitor is not the computer. Right?

Maddox: Right, but it -

Dick: (interjects) Like, they have that...that's...those steps exist.

Maddox: Dick, these...this was, like, something that was a phenomenon in the late '90s, when computers were not that prevalent and when smartphones were not that prevalent.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Now my...my mom, who is as technically unsavvy as it gets, she knows to reboot her cell phone. She knows, my mom, who has n-...who doesn't know ANYTHING about computers.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Every...like, this is no longer this thing where we need to constantly drill these procedures. 'Cause here's where the bureaucracy comes into play: with airlines.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: For example. Right? Have you ever...this is something I've had to deal with a lot when I've been traveling. Like, uh...on book tour, I don't book my own tickets, so the...the publisher does, right? So sometimes I have to call the airline and have them cha-...make a change to a flight because it got delayed, or I need to transfer someplace else or something. I'll call them, and they'll say...okay, if it's United and I'm transferring with Delta, I'm, uh...I have a branch going to Delta or another carrier?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: They'll say, "Oh, you need to call Delta."

Dick: Hah, yeah.

Maddox: I'll say, "Okay." So I hang up the phone and I call Delta, and then Delta, I explain to them. I'm like, "Yeah, I didn't book this ticket. Here's my confirmation number."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "We can't find it." "Well, fuckin' look for it, 'cause it's there! It exists! I'm...I have this flight booked." Then they finally find it and they say, "Oh, well, we can't transfer you. You need to call United." So then I call United back and I said, "Hey, I just spoke to Delta."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: "And Delta said I needed to call you guys." And they're like, "No no, it's definitely Delta." I'm like, "You know what? Fuck you! Here's how we're gonna solve this problem," and here's how I solve bureaucracy with airlines, and it's fucking infuriating. Here's what you have to do to solve your problem with airlines. You say, "Look, I know you can do a

conference call. I want you to patch in Delta right now, and you're going to handle this with the Delta rep directly."

Dick: Yeah. (hesitant)

Maddox: And it's funny because they call the Delta rep...this actually happened to me one time. A United rep conferenced in a Delta rep, right? And the Delta rep didn't know that the United rep was a United rep. They thought it was a customer.

Dick: Oh, they thought it was just a person?

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Who's gettin' smart with them?

Maddox: Yeah! (Dick laughs) And then they...the Delta rep said -

Dick: (interjects) You really did this?

Maddox: Yeah, I...absolutely!!

Dick: You really pitted two...

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: ...reps against each other in a conference call?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And they...they cooperated with this...

Maddox: Oh...

Dick: ...charade with you??

Maddox: They had to! (Dick giggles) And here's what happened. The Delta rep said -

Dick: (interjects) Why isn't your publisher doing this, by the way? Speaking of bureaucracy.

Maddox: 'Cause it was like 6 in the morning, and no one in New York was in the office.

Dick: No one in New York is awake at 9 A.M.... (chuckles) ...on a workday in New York.

Maddox: No no, this was in...this was on the east coast. It was 6 in the morning in the...

Dick: Oh, you were on the east coast.

Maddox: ...on the east coast.

Sean: This is totally something Maddox would do.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: This is the guy who stayed up all night fighting with, like, a 6-year-old on the computer. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: He was 14. Um, so... (cracks up) So I g-...the United rep was talking to the Delta rep, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The Delta rep said, "Uh, you need to call United to handle this." He goes, "I am United."

Dick: Oh. (chuckling)

Maddox: And he goes, "Excuse me?" And he goes, "Uh, I'm the United rep, actually. We have the customer on the phone with us."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then I'm like, "Ohh, so now you see what I've been dealing with, huh shithead?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And so the two of them started sparring, saying, "Well, it's not our problem," and then United goes, "It's not OUR problem," and I heard them arguing with each other back and forth. Finally Delta relented and said, "Okay, we'll transfer him." And...'cause of course it was, like, Delta's fuckin' responsibility.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: 'Cause they were providing the next branch of the flight. Like, no one else can change your system, shitheads! So it took me 45 minutes to an hour of arguing with these two morons until one of them...these bumbling idiots got something done.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it took a conference call between having two reps talk to each other. I no longer get involved when it's two customer service agencies, two different bureaucracies? One company and a carrier, or one airline and another airline? I say, "You know what? You guys talk to each other. You solve my problem, because this isn't my fuckin' problem. It's yours."

Sean: Well, this is a symptom of a bigger problem, which is nowadays...I hate this -

Dick: (interjects) Pass the buck.

Sean: Well, yeah, but it's...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what it is!

Dick: Pass the buck.

Sean: The customer or the consumer has to make -

Dick: (interjects) Is respon-...yeah.

Sean: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Has to make the, uh, the service provider be responsible.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: You have to MAKE them do their job.

Dick: Well, that's -

Maddox: (interjects) Maybe they need tips. (laughs)

Sean: It's bullshit.

Dick: I th-...what were you gonna say?

Maddox: Maybe they need tips, yeah.

Dick: Maybe they need tips? Yeah, w-...you think that would help?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Eh, no. So here...okay. I agree with everything that you're saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I think everything you're saying is a big problem, but I don't know that it's bureaucracy. Like, I think pass the buck, huge problem. I think tech support, totally worthless. I would love to see...I would love to see some internal stats on what is a tech support. Right? Like, how often does...how often does "unplug it and plug it back in" work?

Maddox: That's...it...

Dick: Like, it may be a lot!!

Maddox: It usually works! That's usually what you do.

Dick: Yeah! It may be a l-...you know, because all the equipment is fucked.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And buggy, and nothing works.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But I do think bureaucracy is slightly different than this pass-the-buck m-...um, that you're encountering. Like, bureaucracy seems more like...what's up, Sean?

Sean: I was gonna say, how 'bout dealing with two different departments of the same company?

Maddox: Ohh, awful.

Dick: A-...oh...

Sean: You ever have to do that?

Maddox: The worst!

Dick: Well, let's...I mean -

Sean: (interjects) And they're not networked!!

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's...

Sean: You have to go through the same steps when you get transferred!

Maddox: Yeah, yep.

Dick: Health insurance.

Sean: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, trying to get anything reimbursed with health insurance is, like...you'll call them and say, "Yeah, I need you to pay for my, uh, penis reduction surgery."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right, guys? (slyly)

Maddox: Yeah. Sure. (chuckles)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: We've all had THAT experience.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they're like, "Well, you gotta fill out this form." I'm like, "Well, can't...what...how many forms do I have to fill out?"

Maddox: Right.

Dick: "How many people do I have to...? If I...my previous employer didn't cancel my health insurance, so I can't get on my health insurance at my new company. Can you just fix it?" "I don't know! You gotta call this department and deal with it." Um...you said something else though, that I wanna go back to, which is government and company bureaucracy. Which, both exist.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Well, can we get to the government stuff in just a minute? I wanna address what you just said.

Dick: Well, I just wanna say this.

Maddox: Okay, go ahead.

Dick: The reason there's a difference, the reason everyone complains about government bureaucracy, is because company bureaucracy can be, um...another company can come along with less bureaucracy, and the first company will go away.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: With the government, another competitive government can't come a-...you're stuck with that bureaucracy FOREVER.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that's why it's...that's why everyone hates it so much.

Maddox: Dick...

Dick: 'Cause the companies are competitive! They HAVE...they are very incentivized to lessen their bureaucracy. The government is not.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: They just take more money.

Maddox: Well...

Sean: And we're funding the government.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And we're funding the...and we HAVE to.

Maddox: Yeah. Ta-...

Dick: (interjects) We don't have a choice.

Maddox: Buddy, talk to a Comcast customer in Utah. My friends in Utah are stuck in this desert of Comcast.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is the WORST fucking cable carrier.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: They're shitty customer service, shitty support, shitty technology, shitty service, shitty everything!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I tell 'em, "Go with XMission, guys." And this is a plug for XMission, my Internet service provider. They're not paying me for this.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: I love those guys. They provide great service. But they say, "We can't, because Comcast has a monopoly in our area."

Dick: What do y-...yeah.

Maddox: And same thing in Los Angeles.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Same thing in every fuckin' city. They have Verizon areas and AT&T areas, and they don't commingle! They don't compete with each other.

Dick: Do you know how they're able to do that?

Maddox: Well, I'm gonna say...I'm sure you're gonna say subsidies.

Dick: By paying off local governments. No! They flat-out pay local, like, mayors and city council people...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...to give them a monopoly of their town. Like, it's...it's small-level government employees selling out their entire town.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: It's SUCH bullshit.

Maddox: But it also comes down to airlines. Airlines are all...they deregulated airlines in the 1970s, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And airline tickets got a lot cheaper.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But the service got a lot worse.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: And what's happening...what's happening now today with airlines -- they're still deregulated, as they were.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is they're...they keep inching up the cost of the ticket in secret...in hidden ways, behind...like, after the fact. You buy your ticket and you think you're done. "Oh, well, there's a baggage fee." "Oh, well, there's a surplus fee."

Dick: There's a 9/11 fee.

Maddox: "There's a 9/11 fee."

Dick: Did you know -

Maddox: (interjects) "There's a TSA fee."

Dick: They're currently lobbying Congress to try to make Congress allow them to hide all their fees again.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So we pressured Congress to say, "Okay, airline companies? You can't...you can't just hide all the fees in one price anymore." Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You gotta say, "Here's the ticket price," and then all these bullshit fees.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: They're trying to let them just throw it all up as, like, "Well, there's a bunch of fees!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "We're just throwin' all the fees in there. We got no...we got no control over it."

Maddox: Dick, I wanna talk about the pass the buck thing, because when I wrote down this problem originally, I called it "Pass the Buck." Because the pass the buck -

Dick: (interjects) That's...yeah, that's what it should be.

Maddox: Well, pass -

Dick: (interjects) In my opinion.

Maddox: Pass the buck, and this bureaucracy. And I'll tell you why I named it "Bureaucracy," because that's the umbrella that this all falls under, is when you call every one of these branches of customer service...you call the carrier, they tell you to call the manufacturer. You call the manufacturer, they tell you to call the carrier. They have to go through these same steps every single time, and if you interrupt the service rep and say, "Look, I just spoke to so-and-so."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: "I already went through these steps." They go, "Sir, just bear with me. Follow these steps." And they will repeat these fucking steps like robots!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's bureaucracy. They have to go through these steps, these needless procedures, every fuckin' time. They can't be human and connect with you, and listen to what you're saying and say, "L-..." I've told reps on the phone that I just got off with Delta, and they'll say, "Oh, you need to call Delta." I'm like, "I...did you hear...did you not hear the words coming out of my mouth, shithead?!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "I said I just got off the phone with Delta."

Dick: They're not allowed to listen to that.

Maddox: No!

Dick: No.

Maddox: They have to go through their procedure, and then the only way you can get anything done with these shitheads is you say, "I...look, I've already gone through this. I'm not gonna deal with this. Lemme talk to your manager."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Immediately, I go right to the manager. I'm not dealing with some low-level bullshit.

Dick: Lemme give you a tip on that.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: You start crying fraud. You get...

Maddox: Oh, yeah?

Dick: ...a fraud department, and those fraud department guys?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Are WAY more respon-...manager doesn't give a fuck anymore.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Fraud department? They are gonna fix...they're gonna do everything you want them to do. First thing you say is, "Fraud! There's been a bunch of fuckin' fraud on my account!"

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: "I got hacked, all kinds of charges. You guys are stealing my money." They...like, in their little script, they gotta send you over to the fraud guys that will fix everything.

Maddox: Yeah. Also -

Sean: (interjects) That's a good tip.

Dick: Oh, fuck yeah! Do it all the time!

Maddox: Also, here's another one for when you're dealing with phone companies. Tell them you're gonna contact the Public Utilities Commission, which I have done multiple times. I've told them, "I'm gonna contact the Public Utilities Commission," because this is essentially what you're saying, Dick, is fraud.

Dick: Yeah, fraud.

Maddox: And they are so scared of gettin' a mark against the Pub-...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...the Public Utilities Commission. Again, so they're gettin' a little bit of regulation that kinda comes down. But here's the problem, Dick, with bureaucracy and how your, um...you know, your pipe dream of different companies comin' along and doin' a better job doesn't work. Because bureaucracy -

Dick: (interjects) That's how companies work.

Maddox: No, because a bureaucracy -

Dick: (interjects) At all?!

Maddox: Hold on. Hold on, Dick. Of course there are some examples where it works. I mean, I'm not disagreeing with you. There are times when some company offers terrible service, and another one comes along and offers slightly better, and they -

Dick: (interjects) Like Uber.

Maddox: They do better.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But bureaucracy exists in so many different facets, from phone companies to computer companies to cable companies to appliance...plumbers, electricians, power companies, the gas company, water companies, garbage collectors, debt collectors, banks, universities, even fucking churches! So if you have a bureaucracy with a church...let's say you're Catholic and you believe in Catholicism, right? Here's an experience that my buddy in Utah had to deal with. He was tryin' to get married through the Church, right?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: He didn't have to, but he just wanted to make his parents happy. Him and his wife were both Catholic. He thought, "I'm going to go ahead and get married through the Church." There is SO MUCH red tape and fucking bureaucracy... (Dick chuckles) ...built into the system, because in order for you to get your marriage approved for the Church?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You have to prove that you haven't slept together for, like, 6-7 months or something.

Dick: Sure. Yeah.

Maddox: You have to sleep in different quarters. You have to go to CLASSES. You have to go to marriage classes and counseling. Then you have to pay some licensing fee, then you have to pay the priest fee, (Dick laughs) then you have to pay the booking fee...like, there's all these fucking fees and shit!!

Dick: (laughing) Yeah! I mean, you're comparing, like, a religion to...like, religions are 100% bureaucracy.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: That's all they are!

Maddox: Well, what about -

Dick: (interjects) Like, I just, I think it's funny that you're upset that a religion...like, "I wanna get married in a church." Like... (laughs) He want-...he wants to participate in this retarded tradition, of...like, of course they have to do all these stupid steps. Like, the entire religion is BUILT on those steps. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, my nephew got baptized. We had to do the same thing.

Maddox: Sure. Yeah!

Dick: You gotta go to these dumb classes.

Maddox: You have to go through LOTS of rigamarole. You have to go to camp, and all this shit, and you...it's just a way to collect fees.

Dick: We didn't have to do that.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: But I...I'm sure it exists.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, because...yeah. But the day of the baptism, my nephew was like 9 months old or a year old or whatever. So I went with my sister on the baptism classes, because I know she...I was gonna be the godfather, and I had never...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: I hadn't been certified. Right? To be...

Maddox: Yeah, you have to be certified.

Dick: ...to witness.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You have to be certified. Right?

Maddox: I...that's what happened with me! I was gonna be godfather for my friend's kid.

Dick: Gotta be certified.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You gotta be certified.

Dick: It's...I mean, it's...they...all of religion is 100% bureaucracy in that way, right? Like, "You gotta be certified by God. You're not certified enough. You gotta go..."

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: "You gotta go take more cla-...you gotta get confirmed!"

Maddox: Yeah, you gotta get confirmed.

Dick: "You gotta learn MORE about God. You gotta fill out these godly forms."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I went...I did it with her 'cause I know she's just doing it for my grandma, and she doesn't believe in that shit. Um...but when it came time to do the actual baptism, she forgot the donation at home.

Maddox: Uh-oh. Mhm.

Dick: And then her husband was like, "Well, we could drive by later and drop it off," and she's like, "Or we just don't...or we just won't." Like...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What are they gonna, take back the baptism? (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah, there's, uh, there's that huge bureaucracy. But the point is, Dick, these last few that I mentioned: banks, universities, churches...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Universities?

Dick: Horrible.

Maddox: There's SO much bureaucracy in universities.

Dick: Horrible.

Maddox: If you try canceling a class or try to get your record corrected, you have to go through three different departments. You call the student housing department...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and then the student hou-...they'll say, "Oh, you gotta call the dean of your department." You call the dean, they say, "Oh, you have to call the registrar."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You call the registrar, they're like, "Oh, you have to ca-...talk to the purse."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The pu-...the people who pay you.

Dick: Purse's office.

Maddox: They're like, "Well, they have to refund you for that, and then you have to..." (stammers) Forms and bullshit, and even debt collectors? Debt collectors! There's so much fuckin' bureaucracy, 'cause every now and then I'll get, like, a weird debt collection for something that I either overlooked or never knew I had to pay, or some...like, because I move and the bill didn't come, so I'll get a call from a debt collector. He'll say -

Dick: (interjects): This happens to you often?

Maddox: No, not often.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: But enough that it's infuriating. So this debt collector called me one time over, like, a $15 router? Because I used to be with Comcast, and I told Comcast to go fuck themselves when they wanted to rent me a router.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: For like $5 a month. I'm like, "Go fuck yours-...I can buy this thing for $35 and be done with it, one-time payment. You want me to pay $60 a year for this shit?!"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "For what?? You want me to ren-...to pay you double the cost of the router every year, for nothing? No, thanks. I'll buy my own router, knock $5 off my bill every month."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: "No, thanks." Right? So they marked down that I was...uh, issued a router.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So when I canceled the service, they sent me a debt collection bill for this router that I didn't return, 'cause I didn't have it.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: I'm not gonna -

Dick: (interjects) Just 'cause it's...that's...they always do that.

Maddox: Yeah! They always do that, right?

Dick: 'Cause everybody...everybody rents it.

Maddox: So for years, I got ca-...I got hassled by the same debt collectors. Er, different ones, and every time they'd call me up they'd say, "Hey, you gotta pay us..." You know, and they always add fees and shit to it. It's like $80, $100, 20...$200, for this $15 router or whatever. And finally, I was talkin' to this guy. I was done explaining myself over and over again to every debt collection agency. I send them writing; nothin' ever works. Right?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Finally I said, "You know what? Fuck it. I'm...don't worry about this. I'm not gonna haggle the price with you," 'cause I was...at one...they EXHAUSTED me.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: At one point I was ready to just pay them to tell them to shut the fuck up. Just -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it's cheaper.

Maddox: Right. So then I said, "No, you know what? I'm not going to settle with you. You can talk to my attorney." (Dick guffaws) "I'm gonna settle this. I'm gonna settle this with my attorney."

Dick: Lawyer Maddox.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: (gruff voice) "Oho, hello. I'm Maddox's attorney." (Maddox and Sean laugh) (Dick adds Southern accent) "I want y'all to say, y'all are harassin' my client."

Sean: (interjects) "But I'm also a writer." (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Yeah! "I'm also a genius and a writer, if in case you're wondering."

Maddox: "I work at a telemarketing company." (Dick laughs) "I know how this works! I know call centahs!" So... (cracks up)

Dick: "I have a lawyer too." (Maddox giggles) "Hold on. I fucked this up. I gotta get my real lawyer on."

Maddox: (deeper voice) "Hullo, who's this?!" (Dick and Sean crack up)

Dick: Deeper Southern accent!!

Maddox: "WHO the HELL do you think you are? You gotta pay us for this routah, ya hear??"

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: "See??"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I...so that's...that's finally -

Dick: (interjects) So you had to get your lawyer on them.

Maddox: So Dick, that's why...like, it's not always a solution for some...you know, some company offers bad service and another one comes along? Well, they can't, because first of all, with debt collectors? There's no good one. There's no one who's gonna come along and say, "We're gonna be - "

Dick: (interjects) (scoffs) No!

Maddox: "We're gonna be the better debt collector." There's not gonna be some repo company that's gonna be better. There's not gonna be some university that's gonna be better.

Dick: No, of course not.

Maddox: It's always fucking bureaucracy, man.

Dick: Well, wait a minute. University, definitely. Like, imagine...just imagine the possibility that, uh...that it's possible to make a university online that takes out all of the bullshit general ed requirements for college. Like, the 4-year college paradigm? If we could chip away with that, like, with some kind of cheaper online alternative? I mean, surely you would s-...you could say that classes online are extremely valuable, and maybe even AS valuable as a real college class. Like, I don't see any difference in...in a lot of respects with going to some class where some professor's just reading a lecture and writing on the board versus staying at home, watching the video, maybe having a little meetup with some of...with a small group of your classmates. Doing that in a cheaper, more effective way COULD slowly chip away at the tuiti-...at the out-of-control tuition levels of colleges, and gradually they would not have the money to pay for these ridiculous bureaucracies, or certainly you could take away all their students. Like, you don't need to go to a 4-year daycare camp like a f-...like, a 4-year fantasy camp of drinking to get an art history degree. Just read the books!

Maddox: Well, y-... (stammers)

Sean: Yeah, the public perception of what constitutes a legitimate degree would have to change a little.

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: There you go, Sean.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: Well, so there's two problems with that, Dick. First of all, pay-for...paid, uh...what's it called? What's the expression for these type of schools? Um...pay-for-education? These, uh, these private schools, private universities? Like University of Phoenix...

Dick: USC, let's say. Uni-...okay. Ohh, you mean the online ones?

Maddox: You...yeah, the online ones.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Like University of Phoenix?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: There have been HUGE studies done on these, and a lot of exposés done. 60 Minutes did one, John Oliver did one, where they look at these pay-for...uh, pay-for-play education systems, right? And they find that the education that they receive...they're sold a bad bill of goods. They say that "You come to our school, you'll be able to get employed," et cetera, et cetera. They found in one university, like, one of these online classes...I think it was University of Phoenix, that less than like 12% of their students who graduated went on to get employed. Because employers, when they look at your resumé and they see that you went to University of Phoenix as opposed to, say, Stanford...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...or a reputable school, they see...they know that if you go to one of those schools that there is a rigorous structure and that there is a minimum amount of education that you've received that they're guaranteed. But these other ones...and they found the other problem with this, Dick, is that you actually pay MORE than universities. They pay somethin' like 400% more to go to these per hour...uh, semester?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That you rece-...that you sign up for?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You pay like 400% more, so that's not a solution.

Dick: Well, I...I mean, it's not a solution. Community colleges exist for that reason. They're cheaper, and you can get educated. Like, I...I think a person who's motivated to get educated can learn all they need to learn from a stack of books.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: And that's free.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So everything on top of that is a luxury that doesn't need to exist, and only does because of the perception of the degree. Like, the practicality of needing an instructor to tell you what books to read is an indulgence.

Maddox: No, I agree w-...I agree with that. Um, but that's a different argument.

Dick: Like the Khan Academy. That's a com-...

Maddox: (interjects) The Khan Academy's great.

Dick: That's...even maybe better than University of Phoenix. I don't know. It's that master's degree that people pay for with univers-...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: How 'bout this one? You're not allowed to be a lawyer unless you go to...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...an accredited law sc-...except for in California! California, you can get around this. Every other state, you gotta go feed the law school animal, just for access to take the bar.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: How's that for a bureaucracy, right?

Maddox: Yeah! That's a huge bureaucracy.

Dick: Total bullshit. To-...

Maddox: Total bullshit.

Dick: But...that's the law.

Maddox: I would be...I would be a graduate right now. So here's somethin' about myself. I went to a 4-year university and studied math.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Computer science and math. And -

Dick: (interjects) I wish we had a drop for that.

Maddox: I wish we had a drop for fuckin' Burning Man, shithead! Where's that one?!

Dick: Ohh, I would LOVE a drop for Burning Man.

Maddox: Yeah! (stammers)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Get on it, guys.

Sean: Well, we'll have a drop the next episode.

Dick: (chuckles) Well...

Sean: We'll have a drop next episode. He just said it.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Just pull it.

Dick: Yeah. Go ahead, go ahead, go.

Maddox: So anyway, I went to a 4-year university and studied math, and I came...I'm literally one test away from graduating. Now, the University of Utah does something with

math degrees that almost no other university does, and it's a huge...I found out why they do this.

Dick: They don't give them.

Maddox: Yeah, they don't give them. (amused)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, they make you take the advanced math portion of the GRE. So I thought, "Well - "

Dick: (interjects) You mean a high school test?

Maddox: "It's no big deal." Er no, I'm sorry, the...no, the...you're thinkin' of GED. GED is high school, GRE is...

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: ...is, uh, college. Right.

Dick: Oh, that's the grad student test.

Maddox: Yes, yes.

Dick: GREs. Okay.

Maddox: To go on to grad school.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what it's for.

Dick: Yeah, okay.

Maddox: For the University of Utah, for some reason, they make it a requirement. Which is weird, because I've taken the test.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: So I took the test. The first time I took it I came within 1 point of passing, and the second time I took it I came within 2 points of passing, and the third time I took it I came within 3 points of passing. So I...you know, I'm a math major, so I can see the trajectory, right? So I thought, "At this point in my life I got a book deal, I'm workin' on this other shit; I don't need to worry about this shit anymore. I'm not going to...I'm not going to get that degree." As kind of a "fuck you" to the university system, because...

Dick: Yeeeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: I finished the curriculum. (Sean laughs in the background) I finished -

Dick: (interjects) I think you should take it. Like, this should be a -

Maddox: (interjects) No, I never will! I made it a point.

Dick: No, you should. You should get your high school degree.

Maddox: College!

Dick: That'd be, like, a big moment.

(talking over each other)

Sean: Is this a revisionist -

Maddox: (interjects) College.

Dick: (inaudible) ...the same.

Sean: Is this a revisionist protest? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: You know, Sean? It became...so, I...it got to the point where I was like, "You know what? I..." 'Cause the problem with this test that they give you, the GRE test?

Dick: Is it's too hard.

Maddox: It's way too hard. They give you master's degree stuff, because a lot of master's students are takin' this too, to move on to PhD.

Dick: Oh, I wanna see this test. Bring it in!

Maddox: Well, there was stuff on there that I'd never seen, that I'd never been exposed to, like ab-...

Dick: (interjects) Like a vagina? I'm kidding. (Sean laughs) I'm kiddiiiing! I'm kidding, I'm kidding.

Maddox: Sssss-...

Dick: Like a...what?? (laughing)

Maddox: ...son of a bitch. Um... (background laughter) So anyway, there was a bunch of stuff on there like, uh...like really advanced number theory stuff, and topology, and topo-...

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: ...and tomography, and all this, like, weird stuff that I'd never been exposed to. And they were...those were, like, questions on the test, which I thought, "Okay, well, that's fine. I'll just skip those." But, uh, it was... (Dick laughs) It was a really -

Dick: (interjects) And next thing you know, the test is over.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You're like, "Oh, shit."

Maddox: "Oh, I guess that's all I got."

Dick: "I gotta go back and do some of those."

Maddox: Yeah! So anyway, after the fact, uh...you know, when I decided that I'm not going to get this degree, because I finished the curriculum and I have the education. I...my GPA, I think, was like a 3.2 or somethin' like that. It was fine. Everything was fine, but then I decided the more I accomplish in life without this degree is a "fuck you" to the university system. So I...I believe that the university system is valuable to an extent, because I -

Dick: (interjects) You're always thumping for them, though.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, you're always saying...you're always pro-university, but your whole life is lived in...uh, contrary to that.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, in a protest to that, I mean.

Maddox: Correct. So I'm pro-university because there are very valuable things I learned in the university. There's about 5 of 'em, and I can tell you some other time on a...I don't wanna get into it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then the o-...but the other thing is, I'm also pro-independence. I'm...I'm like you, Dick. I'm self-taught 3D modeler on Blender. I'm self-t-...I was a self-taught programmer before I ever went to the university. I had a job in the programming industry before I ever learned any p-...anything formally.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Any university level. So I'm a fan of both. I think for some people, universities are great, especially if you're unmotivated and have no direction. Sometimes you can find your direction and your calling in life by being exposed to new ideas. But on the other hand, pick up a book and learn something yourself.

Dick: Yeah. Um...

Maddox: Like, learn how to shave.

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Maddox: They're fantastic, guys. Yeah, super smooth. I got a comment here from -

Dick: (interjects) http://harrys.com/biggestproblems. Go.

Maddox: Oh yeah, sorry. Uh, http://harrys.com/biggestproblems. I got a comment here from Andrew Mosteller. He says, "Normally I have to shave everyday. Yesterday, however, I used a Harry's razor to shave my face, and the shave was so close that I do not have to shave again today. Thanks, Harry's, for making my day, and thanks Maddox and Dick for the hilarious and informative content." Well, thank you, Andrew, for supporting us! That's super cool.

Dick: Shaved his skin right off. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do we have time for m-...another problem?

Maddox: Yeah, we...absolutely.

Dick: We're gettin'...this is really long.

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: We should just cut all these up and release them for 3 weeks. My problem is...uh, post-credit scenes.

Maddox: Ohhh! Hey, that's perfect! Post-credit sce-...so, are you talking about at the end of a movie, you have to wait through the credits and you see a little thing, right?

Dick: Yeah. It used to be, you see somethin' cute.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Like bloopers.

Dick: Like a...like a blooper. Which were great.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: Funny. Or you s-...Ferris Bueller comes out. "What are you doin'? Go home."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? "Oh my god, I can't believe...people said they stayed after the credits, and Ferris Bueller came out and said, 'What are you doin'? Go home.' That's so cute!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "That's great."

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: "What a great, fun thing to do." Not any-...not anymore, man. Now it's...it's abuse now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's audience abuse. I saw Civil War last night. I gotta give a shout-out to a fan, Benny. Um...there was a big line for Civil War.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Right? So I'm...I'm drunk. I'm like 3 martinis in.

Maddox: 'Course.

Dick: To the night.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, with my...with my sister and my brother-in-law. I'm like, "Well, I'm not...I don't wanna stand in this line." Right? Wh-...

Maddox: (interjects) Why is there a line? Isn't this, uh...2016, where people reserve seats for theaters? (laughing) Like, what's...

Dick: No no, it's a...it's a cattle...it's a free-for-all.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: At this theater.

Maddox: One of these old theaters, then.

Dick: Not a...it's not an ArcLight.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um, it was a regular...regular working man's theater. So I'm like, "I'm not gonna stand in this fuckin' line." I walked back and get a...get a big, like, wrought-iron chair from a yogurt stand?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, in front of a yogurt stand, and just start carrying it down into the theater where the line is.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I'm like, "Well, I'll sit." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "This yogurt stand's not using all of their chairs."

Maddox: No.

Dick: "I'll bring it back. Probably."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "You know, if I remember." (Sean guffaws) So I bring it down, and my s-...and I'm saying to my sister, like, "What? I'm not gonna s-...I'm not gonna fuckin' stand for 40 minutes to watch this movie," and I hear -

Maddox: (interjects) Like a chump.

Dick: Yeah, and I hear, "Dick?" (laughs) And I look over, and this guy's like, "Are you Dick Masterson from Biggest Problem in the Universe?" I'm like...

Maddox: Ha!

Dick: "Yeah! I got this chair..." (cracks up) And he's like, "Well, I thought it was you. I thought was you, but then I saw you carrying that chair into the theater and I was like, 'Yeah, that's definitely him.'"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I was like, "Oh, Benny." I... (stammers)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So there you go. Anyway.

Maddox: So a fan recognized you.

Dick: Anyway, this -

Maddox: (interjects) What did he, let you cut or something?

Dick: No, nononono.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I'm just sayin' hi to the guy.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: Uh, the movie...it's like these Marvel movies now, you're h-...you HAVE to stay and watch the credits, because it's gonna be...it's like the expectation of this next...of a little tease for the next movie.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's not cute and clever anymore.

Maddox: No.

Dick: You just...you're sitting there, you have to watch credits 'cause you know everyone you're with want-...there's always one guy that...

Maddox: Yeeees. (annoyed)

Dick: ...wants to...HAS to see the r-...and he's building it up. Prepping it up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Before the movie. "Oh, you're...oh, you can't...we've gotta stay! I can't wait for the end credit scene, when they...something happens with Spiderman."

Maddox: Yeah. Ugh.

Dick: "I can't..." We've all gotta sit there. I'm like, "Dude, I gotta piss."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Okay?"

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "I got three martinis and 64 ounces of Coke in me. I gotta go piss. I'm not sitting here and watching what dickheads worked on this movie."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's my problem. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: I thought you were leading up to somethin'. Uh...

Dick: Post-credit scenes!! That's my problem.

Maddox: Yeah, no. No, I get it.

Dick: I'm sick of them! I'm boycotting them. I'm leaving!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm gonna leave before the movie ends from now on.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: I'm not watching ANY credits.

Maddox: I...I f-...

Dick: (interjects) Showing up late; don't wanna see opening credits! Leaving early; don't wanna see a single end credit.

Maddox: Yeah! You know what? Just show up in the middle, after the first act is all set up anyway. It's bullshit. I'm not even joking. I've sta-... (cracks up)

Dick: Me either. No, you're right.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't give a shit! I watch movies out of order, and it drives my friends NUTS. I started watching Game of Thrones last season, and I tell people that. It's like, "Wait, wait, wait...you mean, you didn't watch the first three or four?" I'm like, "No!"

Dick: No, 'cause it's dumb.

Maddox: And they're like, "BUT...but you don't know what happened!!" I'm like, "Listen, shithead! Um, the entire season...you know, this history of this world?" What's it called, Ganondorf? What's the...what's the fuckin' Game of Thrones world?

Dick: Scanondorf.

Maddox: Scanondorf. (background laughter)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This...the history of Ganondorf, right? Existed BEFORE Season 1 began. There was a buncha history that happened... (Dick guffaws) Right??

Dick: That's such a weird w-...okay! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: A buncha history that happened, right? (Dick giggles) Those are seasons YOU missed! Right?

Dick: That everyone missed??

Maddox: Everyone missed! Yeah! (laughs with Sean)

Dick: 'Cause they were never written in this make-believe world?

Maddox: Exactly!

Dick: Like...

Maddox: Yeah!! You don't need to know it! You just gimme a little backstory, right? So anywhere you pick up in the series... (Dick giggles) Same exact thing!

Dick: It's the same exact thing! Yeah. (squeaking)

Maddox: Same exact thi-...same shit!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Oh, a buncha dragons and shit! Oh, a bunch of fuckin' kings died, back here?! Oh, g-...I get it, shithead. Oh! Oh lord, I don't know that some fuckin' king died 10 episodes ago. Why do I fuckin' need to know that?? 'Cause if it's good...if it's -

Dick: (interjects) You know how many kings died before him?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Millions.

Maddox: Millions of kings died!

Dick: I don't care at all.

Maddox: No!! (Dick laughs) No, because if you know...if it's competently written and competently acted, if one actor comes into the room and the other actor suddenly tenses up? (pretend gasps) "Oh my god!"

Dick: It's tension.

Maddox: "They..." Yeah! They have some history.

Dick: Yeah, they're afraid of him, for some reason. (chuckling) Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You know that they were either cuckolded, or they... (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That there was a murder in their family.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, SOMETHING happened that pissed them off. I don't need to know what it is. I get it, there's tension between the two of 'em. They come in, they're good actors, it's a good-wri...it's a well-written show. Why do I have to fuckin' sit there and spend years of my life watchin' the...the fuckin' ten episodes before to understand what's goin' on?? I DON'T.

Dick: Well, I'll tell you, you can walk into Civil War an hour late.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And all you'll do is skip a bunch of sophomore-year soci-...uh, political science lecture commentary.

Maddox: Sure. (chuckling)

Dick: It's like, there's n-...there's NOTHING happens. Absolutely nothing happens for like the first hour. Like, "Oh boy, we gotta get these...we gotta get these superheroes under control! Too many rights, nooo! They're my rights. I'll take whatever rights I want, so you gotta sign the accord."

Maddox: Ugh.

Dick: "I'm not signing the accord!"

Maddox: GOD.

Dick: It's like, "Oh my god, dude. Fuck off."

Maddox: It's like...

Dick: "Go back to Berkeley. Fuck you. I came here to watch superheroes fuckin' fight."

Maddox: Yeah. It's like the comic book United Nations. Uh... (laughs) I remember in my...you know, because I mentioned the math GRE earlier?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I remember the first time I ever took it. I was sitting in the class, and everybody's, like, sitting down and nervous and prepping for it. This kid walks into the auditorium and he said, "Is this political science?" And someone goes, "Oh no, that's, uh, that's down the hall." And then after the kid left, someone blurted out, he goes, "Political science? Is there a wrong answer?" And... (giggles) And it KILLED.

Dick: Jesus Christ. (muttering)

Maddox: It was...it broke the tension. Oh man, these political science majors.

Dick: Math nerds.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I...you know what?? (cracks up)

Dick: Math joke. "Huh huh huh huhhh!" (dorky voice)

Maddox: There's ano-... (laughs)

Dick: "Show your work in political science! Huh huh huhh!"

Maddox: D-...

Dick: (interjects) "Divide by Eisenhower, huh huh huh huhhh."

Maddox: Another...another one of my favorite math jokes, 'cause math majors always bust on liberal arts majors. I don't kn-...'cause...and here's something -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they're smug assholes. Yeah.

Maddox: No, because liberal are...it's a bullshit degree. Come on, guys. (Dick giggles) Go fuckin'...it's a bullshit...it's a...the whole thing. Liberal arts? Get the fuck outta here.

Dick: Keep going! (squeaking)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Do some fuckin' hard science. Do some fuckin' math for a change, you idiots.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Ya fuckin' mush m-...mush brains. So, uh, math majors...and liberal arts majors don't know this about math majors, 'cause they don't dare step foot in our territory. They're scared of math.

Dick: Oh, my god. (under his breath)

Maddox: They're scared of structure. They're SCARED.

Sean: It's the fuckin' Sharks and the Jets goin' on here. (Maddox giggles)

Dick: Yeah. It's the...the warriors, Utah University.

Maddox: So anyway, I saw this written on the whiteboard. There was a whole bunch of equations and stuff, a bunch of students doin' homework after class, and one of 'em had written down...it's a limit joke. Uh, which probably will go way over the head of most people listening, 'cause they're, uh... (stammers) ...not as smart as me.

Dick: Yeah. (sneering)

Sean: Always a good way to start a joke. (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. Always...always setting the crowd up.

Maddox: Weren't you, uh, lionizing Hitchens earlier for condescending to Bill Maher's guests?

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: I thought that was hilarious!

Dick: Oh, I thought it was hilarious too.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: In studio, it was not.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: That's what makes it so great.

Maddox: Oh, made it uncomfortable?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, so it showed a limit, right? The limit as your GPA approaches zero equals "business major." I laughed so fuckin' hard when I saw that.

Dick: Aww.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: So bitter.

Maddox: Ah, I love it. It makes me so... (Dick chuckles) Makes me so happy, 'cause that's the fuckin' truth, man!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I went to my friend's graduation -

Dick: (interjects) Hey, here's an equation for you: "business major" equals "boss."

Maddox: Mm...

Dick: How's that math joke?

Maddox: Yeah. Or, uh...yeah, boss of, uh, boss of my coffee. At Starbucks.

Dick: Yeah, right. (smiles)

Maddox: There... (cracks up)

Dick: One thing you know about math majors, they really know how to make their mark in the world when it comes to finance, right?

Maddox: Uhh, yeah. They become the treasurer. They go into the stock market. They work for Goldman Sachs. They make lots of money.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: They become hedge fund managers. Those math guys...

Dick: They could do that. Yeah.

Maddox: Don't underestimate 'em. Yeah, don't underestimate 'em. Anyway, Dick.

Dick: Anyway.

Maddox: Post-credit things...like, back to your post-credit problem. I think that it really got out of hand after the first Avengers movie. Because at the end of -

Dick: (interjects) It was that stupid shawarma thing?

Maddox: The shawarma thing, everybody loved.

Dick: Yeah. (irritated)

Maddox: And then Guardians of the Galaxy with the stupid dancing plant, which everyone thought was the best part of the movie. The dancing Groot?

Dick: During the credits?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Oh my GOD. People lose their fuckin' minds over it. It's like, "Guys, you're saying this little, like, 10-second thing of the plant dancing is better than the rest of the multi-million-dollar movie with all the acting, with all the action, with all the storytelling. Your favorite part was this dancing plant." (Dick scoffs)

Sean: Wait, wait, wait. Who's saying that?

Dick: Yeah. You...

Maddox: Everyone!

Dick: I think YOU would say that. (chuckles)

Sean: I haven't heard anybody say that.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Sean??

Dick: I mean...they like it.

Maddox: You're fuckin' o-...

Dick: (interjects) I don't know if it was their favorite part.

Maddox: You're fuckin' off. Google "f-..." Uh, "Guardians of the Galaxy favorite part."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And see how many times people mention that stupid fuckin' dancing Groot.

Sean: Alright. (Dick laughs)

Dick: They liked it, though.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's cute. Little dancing guy.

Maddox: Well, that's a... (stammers) That's besides the point! That was their favorite part.

Dick: Yeah, but it's like, the movie was so good that the emotional rollercoaster and payoff (Maddox snorts and laughs) is released in watching that plant die.

Maddox: Ohhh. (sneering)

Dick: Like, everything in you is...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...is stretched to its limits emotionally, so when that plant comes back to life and starts dancing, that's why the...their release.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's why they love that scene so much. It's...

Maddox: The movie was so good, that the -

Dick: (interjects) It speaks to how good the movie is.

Maddox: Yeah, and that the dancing plant was better.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was their favorite part.

Dick: Well, they're...

Maddox: The best. It was the...yeah.

Dick: Look, look. If I go out and eat a wonderful steak dinner, and I get dessert...and I order some dessert, the chef doesn't come out and give me a big ol' story about how that steak got to the table before I get my dessert.

Maddox: Don't care.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't care, dude.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Go...I don't even wanna...I don't even wanna know about you!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Get outta here.

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: Don't wanna know y-...I just want the dessert. Give it to me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If the scene was so good, put it in front of the credits.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Right? What's...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: What's this...why do I have to sit here in line, basically a line of ONE, watching thi-...er, a line of all these credits, waiting for my scene?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Waiting for my advertisement for the next movie?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just give it to me straight.

Maddox: Um...yeah, you know, Dick? I just realized I do this. I do thi-...WE do this. We do this on this show!

Dick: Oh, I told a story while you were in the bathroom I wanna put after the credits.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, we're gonna put it after the credits.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But here's the thing, man. What was...what was the...? There was a movie that kind of announced a new superhero, 'cause what these comic book companies are doing now is they're franchise-crafting. So that's what they'll use the end credit thing for. Like, every...they know there are gonna be a buncha nerds, the most hardcore of the hardcore, who are gonna sit there through the credits and then see the end sequence, so that they can go tweet about it and write about it and be excited about it. They always put a little hint in there...oh, what was the one? It was, uh, the Avengers. I think it was...

Dick: What are you talkin' about?

Maddox: ...hinting towards a Captain America movie.

Dick: Uh, whatever came out before Captain America, then.

Maddox: Or Iron Man or somethin' like that.

Dick: Like, one of the Iron Mans, they found Thor's hammer.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The first Iron Man, then Nick Fury showed up, and then...

Maddox: Yeah, Nick Fury. That's the one, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was Nick Fury and Iron Man, and then they'll hint, "Oh, there's a Punisher movie coming."

Dick: Yeah. (muttering)

Maddox: "Oh my god, Punisher! Oh, who woulda thought that Marvel has this successful comic book franchise and they're gonna make a movie about it? Oh, wow! Would...wouldn't have guessed that in a million fuckin' years!"

Dick: I hate it. I don't like waiting for it.

Maddox: No.

Dick: I don't like being trained.

Maddox: Nope!

Dick: I don't like being trained to do something I don't wanna do. I don't wanna watch credits.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: I never did. I don't like that now I'm being trained to sit there and watch the credits like Pavlov's dog, salivating at some 30-second advertisement.

Maddox: Hmmm. **(buzzer sound effect)** Dick...

Dick: That's wrong??

Maddox: This is intere-...it's not wrong, but it's interesting 'cause you brought in advertising as a solution, and that's all advertising is, is training you to behave a certain way.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Okay. (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) I mean, you wanna talk about the...the...?

Sean: That's EXACTLY what I thought he was gonna say.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Maddox: Yup. (laughs more)

Dick: You wanna talk about the negatives of advertising?

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: Fuck, you could go on all day.

Maddox: Anyway Dick, good problem. I'm with you on this. Put the content...especially if it's content that is relevant to the story that you just saw. Guys, quit jerkin' us around. Put this shit up top.

Dick: Put it up top. Why...why are you making us watch the fuckin' credits? Why??

Maddox: The -

Dick: (interjects) Why...WHY? You just wanna make us do something to show how much control you have. It's like CIA... (chuckles) ...uh, prisoner shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "We'll make this audience...the more they abuse themselves by watching these dumb credits, the more of an attachment they'll have to our brand!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "So we're gonna make them suffer a little bit before they get a tease of the next thing." Like, "FUCK you. I see what you're doing."

Maddox: What's the effect when a kidnapper becomes...?

Dick: Stockholm syndrome.

Maddox: Stockholm syndrome! That's what...that's exactly what this is. It's a giant Stockholm syndrome. And I wouldn't mind if the credit sequence was like 30 seconds, 5 seconds, 10 seconds? This is like 3 minutes of fucking...you know, it's the same shit. You see the same copyright notices.

Dick: Yeah! Mhm.

Sean: Well, but they have 90,000 CGI crews on each of these movies.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!

Sean: That's...the credits are 15 minutes!

Maddox: Who make NOTHING, by the way, Sean. Visual effects artists are the most abused, least paid in this industry. It's such garbage, man.

Dick: Good!!

Maddox: They...but they -

Dick: (interjects) They've ruined movies!

Maddox: Well, that's the director's fault, to hire them. Don't blame it on the visual effects artists. They're workin' their asses off makin' the best they can do, but then the...like for example, what's his name with, uh, "Richard Parker"? (Indian accent) Um, what's the...

Dick: Visual effects guys are like garbagemen, except instead of TAKING your garbage, they shove it into your face.

Maddox: Nooo, you hater. You're so salty. What's the movie with Richard Parker, the tiger one? "Richard Parker." (Indian accent) You know, um...with the...the mo-...

Dick: Oh, The Life of Pi.

Maddox: The Life of Pi!

Dick: I'm surprised you failed a math test. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: So, that Richard Parker movie, that whole...like, most of that movie was carried by the strength of that CGI. That tiger looked so fuckin' good in that movie. Have you seen it?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fantastic. That visual effects company folded shortly after, while the movie went on to win Academy Awards.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Such garbage, man. Pay those guys! They're workin' their asses off. That tiger looked fantastic.

Dick: Fuck 'em.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Alright, do you got a...

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Do you got a problem?

Maddox: No, we're, uh...this is...

Dick: It's way too much time.

Maddox: Yeah, this is too much time. I got a problem. I'll bring it in on the 30th. So we'll be back May 30th with episode 105. A lot of exciting stuff comin' up. We got the "best of" coming up. I really think you guys'll enjoy this. I wanna hear your favorite clips of the show. **(closing riff starts)** My problem this week was Bureaucracy.

Dick: My problems were Tipping and Post-Credit Scenes.

Maddox: Thanks for listening.

(closing riff)

Dick: You wanna hear a voicemail about a piss boner, or about a cuck?

Maddox: Ohh...let's do piss boner. We...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This is a cuck-heavy episode.

Dick: (scoffs) Okay. (Maddox laughs) **(plays next voicemail)**

Voicemail (male caller): Guys, here's how you pee with a piss boner! You sit on the fucking toilet, and you lean forward and pee!!

Maddox: What?!?

Voicemail: You're in your thirties! How do you not know how to do this?!

Maddox: Yeah, maybe if you got a small dick!

Voicemail: Fuck!

(message ends)

Dick: I tried...yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I can't do that!

Dick: That's exactly why I brought it in. (laughing)

Maddox: I'm not gonna...I'm not gonna sit there with my giant schlong, bouncing it off of the disgusting toilet rim!

Dick: No.

Maddox: What does he th-... (cracks up) That guy just told us how big his dick is!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's li-...it's gotta be under 3 inches, if you...if you're not touchin' the rim, bro! And how far forward are you gonna...lean forward? I'm not gonna do fuckin' yoga to take a leak, idiot! I'll just piss in the sink!

Dick: Maybe he has one of those, like, toilet lids that has a slot in front of it? Like at a public restroom?

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: That's the only way I can describe that, 'cause you...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Your...your erect penis will not fit.

Maddox: No!

Dick: In, uh...under the lid.

Maddox: And every time -

Dick: (interjects) But he's very excited about telling everyone he has a small dick!

Maddox: Yeah! Ugh. And every... (cracks up) Every time...

Dick: But the enthusiasm was off the charts. (Maddox giggles) "Guys!! Guys, are you dumb?! All you have to do is sit on a toilet and push your dick straight down!" Uhhh...

Maddox: Doesn't work, broseph. (Dick laughs uncomfortably) I can, like, maybe...maybe half-mast, I can do that, but...

Sean: Well, and if you push your dick straight down, you can't piss anyway!

Maddox: Plus you touch the water!! Oh, I guess you guys never had that problem. (giggles)

Dick: Ohh, Sean -

Sean: (interjects) Not since I had my penis reduction surgery.

Dick: Showin' off! Showin' off.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Here you...

Maddox: Oh yeah, yeah, penis reduction, both of you bozos. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Okay, here's another one. **(plays next voicemail)**

Voicemail (male caller): Maddox, I cannot fuckin' believe that you would not date an incredibly beautiful, hot Spanish chick because you were offended by theCastilian accent. Like, I...

Dick: Do you remember that?

Voicemail: I'm pretty much concerned right now that you're a 38-year-old virgin.

(message ends)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I heard that one too. Did you...do you remember that story?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That you didn't date that hot girl 'cause her accent annoyed you?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: He's s-...that guy's surprised at it, that's all.

Maddox: Yeah, he's surprised. So that's...that's the sound of a guy who doesn't get laid. (Dick chuckles) That's the sound of a guy who doesn't have options, who doesn't have choices.

Dick: Uh-huh. (smiling)

Maddox: Takes what he can get. That's what that is. Anyway Dick, let's set up, uh...so I haven't even heard this. I'm gonna be hearing it for the first time when this episode goes live, Dick's story. Post-credit sequence, guys.

Dick: Oh, wait. I got one me-...

Maddox: (sighs) Alright.

Dick: Since there's gonna be a big break, I got one Weird Matthew McConaughey voicemail.

Maddox: Alright, let's hear it.

Dick: That's it. I don't even know what the hell he's talkin' about in this one. **(plays next voicemail)**

Weird Matthew McConaughey: (slurred voice) I always do have the right answer, Madcockssss. (Maddox snickers) **Always right... (inaudible) (makes long, high-pitched "boooooooop!" noise) You know what that is?**

Maddox: No. (confused)

Weird Matthew McConaughey: That's the... (???),motherfucker. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: What?!

Weird Matthew McConaughey: You're fuckin' up my response to the last question of the week, with that precum thing. (Maddox snorts and laughs) **Big time fucked up. Check the tapes. Your mind is no diamond trap, broski. The right answer is this: just go to sleep. 'Cause you're FUCKED.**(Dick and Maddox crack up) **And not saying anything isn't passive-aggressive. It's just passive. You don't have... (chuckles)**

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Weird Matthew McConaughey:You don't have to worry about that, 'cause you'll be asleep.

(message ends)

Maddox: Okay, Matthew. (Dick laughs) Sounds like you were asleep when you made that call, buddy. Wow. Alright guys, so here it is, our post-credit sequence. I have not heard this before. The first time I'll be hearing this is when this episode goes live.

Dick: Oh, really?

Maddox: Dick's post-credit...yeah! Dick's post-credit sequence...

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: ...when I go to the bathroom.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: Enjoy.

Dick: Fuck you. That's what a post-credit sequence is. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Thanks for listening.

Dick: My life coach...oh yeah, I'll call his ass up. Last time I went to... (exhales) Oh, not last time. Many...many years ago, I went to Hermosa with my life coach, and...yeah, and it was these two strippers. I knew they were strippers, he didn't know they were strippers. So they knew how to handle his... (someone talking in the background)

Guy in background: ...really friendly to me.

Dick: ...antics. No! They were NOT being really friendly to him, and that was the prob-...so, I'm...I'm talkin' to one of them as, like, as the night goes on, and we started makin' out. I look over at this one moment...like, something grabbed my attention and I look over to my life coach, and all I see is the other stripper just take a full glass of water, 20-ounce glass of water, and...er, a pint glass of water, and turn it over on his head and storm out. (guy laughs in background) And he's just... (grins) He's sitting there, just...and he just turns around and looks at me like, "What did I do?" And I'm like, "How bad...what do you mean, 'what did I do'?! I've never had water dumped on me, and I...and I, like, I know...and even...I've never been that bad, and I still knew that I kinda fucked up." But he went all the way to that bad, and he was like, "Wh-...what the hell? What did she do that for?" I'm

like, "I...I don't know, man! You tell us." Put that in. Put that in...put THAT story in after the show, so we can put an after-credits clip in on this show. You know what I mean?

Sean: Sure. (in background)

Dick: 'Cause that's my problem.

Biggest Problem in the Universe – Episode 105

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(Biggest Problem theme riff starts)

Maddox: Welcome to the Biggest Problem in the Universe, the show where we discuss every problem in the universe, from Prank Bros to Clip Shows! (Sean laughs) With over 6 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of problems. I'm Maddox. With me is Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hey.

Maddox: Guys, this is the "Best Of" episode. We're on a short break for the next couple of weeks. Thank you for listening. I put together some of the best clips that people have liked in the past. Some of you left some comments. Most of the comments were shitty. Most of your suggestions were awful. In spite of that, I overcame, and I found some good clips. Turns out, everything we've ever recorded is fantastic, so without further ado...here is the first "Best Of" episode we've ever done in our history. It's actually the first time we've actually taken any time off for this podcast. We've not missed a single episode since we launched two years ago. So...here you go. Enjoy.

Maddox: So we've been arguing all week on whether or not we should celebrate the milestone of 50 or the stupid-sounding 52, which is technically, I guess literally, a year.

Dick: (laughs) Technically one year of episodes. (grins) Which is…in my, uh, view…more impressive that a podcast has gone one YEAR, because you can continue measuring it by year, than a podcast that's gone 50 episodes. 50…you can…shitty podcasts, you can knock 50 episodes out in a day. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah, but 52…what's the next milestone? Uh…(stammers) 104? (jeers) And then 156? That's stupid.

Dick: Two years. Three years. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Four years. You drop the numbers and you just go years. You shithead.

Maddox: I'm fine with that, but then what do you do for the 100th episode? Nothing? You just sit there with your dick in your hands?

Dick: I don't…do you wanna celebrate both?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: We can do that.

Maddox: That sounds like…that's a Maddox thing to do, buddy.

Dick: (scoffs) You be in charge of the 50th episode, I'll be in charge of the year episode. (giggles)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: There we go.

Dick: Can you believe that two grown men instantly…INSTANTLY totally opposite ideas of what we're doing. Asterios wrote and said, "Hey I wanna do something for the anniversary." At the same time, me, "Oh, you mean the 52nd?" Maddox…"Oh, you mean the 50th?" Ohhh boy. Here we go.

Maddox: Yeah. He thought it was the 50th, too. Whatever. There's a great…you know what? Let's…let's hear what you have to say in the comments, and then we will completely ignore it and do whatever we want.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey Maddox. I totally get why you don't like Guardians of the Galaxy. I think it's all about the Peter Quill character.

Dick: Yeah, it's true.

"Like how he was listening to music while his mom's in the hospital room dying? It's like he doesn't have any emotions. Like he's dead inside. Then when he grows up, he goes on and becomes a pirate, who thinks he's such a badass, but he comes across as a little gauche… (Dick and Maddox laugh)**when he calls himself the Starlord. Almost like an Internet pirate who thinks he's a badass and runs a website called the Best Page in the Universe."**

Dick: Awwwwww.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Did you see that coming? (grins)

"You know what I think, Maddox? I think Guardians of the Galaxy is a little too close to home for you. (Dick and Sean laugh) **Let's face it, Maddox. You ARE the Starlord."**

Dick: You are the Starlord. (laughing)

"And Dick, go fucking play the Titanic song.")

Dick: Ohhhhhhhh!!!

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: You know what?! Fuck you! I'm not the Starlord.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "(shuffling) Thank you for this timely hit piece on Guardians of the Galaxy. (Maddox groans) **A movie that is, I think 18 months old, or possibly more? I think it's been in theaters. There's been an Oscar here since then. And an Olympics. Possibly a second Olympics.** (Dick cracks up) (Maddox giggles) **But you got your finger right on the pulse of what people are talking about, guys."**

Dick: I love this guy.

"Thank you. I don't know where we'd be without this very timely criticism."

Maddox: I hate this guy. Great.

"Of Guardians of the Galaxy. I look forward to your feelings (giggles) on the Lord of the Rings trilogy or whatever bullshit your…(unintelligible) (Maddox and Dick crack up) **Go fuck yourself.")**

Dick: He called…I brought in every one of his voice mails, 'cause they're all so funny.

Maddox: You know, asshole?

(Voice mail: (same guy) "An open-format conversation podcast…"

Maddox: Great.

"Where two spirited individuals have a disagreement of opinion about the affairs of the world. Yeah. Derivative.") (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Pretty funny guy.

Maddox: Yeah. No, I'm tired of that guy!

Dick: He sounds so smug.

Maddox: Yeah. He sounds like he's grinning.

(Voice mail: (same guy) "True or false? (Dick giggles) **I have at least 20 pics of dicks or whatever the fuck you said…"**

Maddox: Yeah, I said dicks.

"**On my phone right now."**

Maddox: Yeah, you're just laughing to yourself.

"I have…some bad news. Letter "u", letter "r", letter "gay"." (Maddox and Sean crack up) "**Edit that so I don't sound stupid, would ya?")**

Dick: Do you know what he said at the end?

Maddox: No, what did he say?

Dick: "Edit it so I don't sound stupid".

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are…gaaaaaaaay!?")

Dick: I did. I edited it so he wouldn't sound stupid. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Was that it?

Dick: You wanna hear it? No, no, no. Here's…here's the edit.

Maddox: Let's hear the edit.

(Voice mail: (same guy) "True or false. I have…no…(clipped) dick. Edit that so I don't sound stupid, would ya?" (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: I don't hear you grinning through your teeth in that one, asshole. Ah, man.

Dick: Oh, God. So many…

Maddox: Can we block that phone number? Block that phone…I'm gonna get in and block that.

Dick: Here's…here's a good one.

(Voice mail: (male voice, sounds like crappy imitation of a Japanese samurai from an anime) "Hello Dick and Maddox-u… (Dick and Maddox laugh) **My name is… Tamaka-san!! I am a samurai!"**

Dick: Samurai. (giggles)

"We do not drive-u our cars like you, Maddox-u. (Maddox dies of laughter)**Samuria drive-u with efficiency! While still remaining respectful.** (Dick and Sean crack up)**and keeping the safety of the drivers around us in mind. Meanwhile-ru.** (Maddox laughs)**You, Maddox-u, drive like a cuuurazy gaijin asshole!!!** (Dick and Maddox laugh)**You are ze the kind of person who leaves giant accidents in his wake-u.** (they all crack up) **Please. Commit seppuku right-u now!! And you…Dick-u Masterson!"**

Dick: Yeah.

"Anata wa suuugoi na hiito daiyo!! That means you are a pretty coor-u guy!"(Maddox laughs)

"Until-ru next time. Saiyonara!!!")

(Everyone dies of laughter)

Maddox: I like that guy. He's always busting my balls! I'd go drinking with that dude.

Dick: Yea, he's cool. (grins)

Maddox: I'll drink some soju with him.

Dick: You don't…you don't drive like a samurai, though. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I do like to drive like a samurai!

Dick: No…Paul…**Paul Gifford** says, **"Lol. I drive by the samurai ethos. You mean bushido, the code of honor, patience, calmness, serenity, perfection, and war?"** (Sean laughs) **"Maddox, it sounds more like you drive like Mad Max or Jason Statham from Death Race; on edge, furious, and like you're always in constant peril."**

Maddox: Uh, yeah. Thank you. That is…that's one of the best compliments I've ever…

Dick: (interjects) Not like a samurai. (grins)

Maddox: That…(stammers) samurai…you don't know what the fuck a samurai does, dickhead! And I didn't mean bushido, I meant a samurai! Samurais are always pissed off! Always. (Dick laughs) Especially when they're making love! (background laughter)

Dick: Is that how you fuck? Like you drive?! (incredulous) Oh, my god!!

Maddox: Yeaaaaaaaaaaaaaahh!!!

Dick: You're gonna rip a girl's tits off like that! (Maddox cracks up) You gotta be careful!

Maddox: Yep. Hey, gotta hang on, buddy!

Dick: Um, I got…God, I got so many great comments. Uh…I'll do one more, though. I don't wanna get crazy today.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Chris Pucknell. This might be the funniest, best comment I've ever read.**Chris Pucknell, "The shows are released every Tuesday, but they never take advantage of the phrase, "See you next Tuesday.""**

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: And he adds, **"Cleverly concealing the word "cunt"."** (Maddox laughs) In case we didn't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We know, buddy. We invented that joke. Yeah, we've never done that on the…

Dick: (interjects) See you next Tuesday!

Maddox: See you next Tuesday.

Dick: Oh, we should.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: That's a very cunty thing for us to do. Um, Dick. I have… I have a bit to play. It's…it's one of your favorite bits on the show. It's everyone's favorite bit…

Dick: Goddamnit.

Maddox: …on the show. What?

Dick: Go! I know what the bit is.

Maddox: No. It might not be!

Dick: It's "out of context shenanigans, brought to you by Maddox". Go ahead. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, you don't know, Dick. It might not be.

(Ritzy theme song starts, "DICK VERSUS DICK!!!!" voice)

Dick: Ugh, such horseshit.

Maddox: (laughing) Ahh, Dick. Today's Dick Versus Dick comes to us all the way back from episode 41.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: Remember, umm…I don't know if you remember this, Dick, but, uh…here's what you said way back when. Listen to this.

(Harp riff)

Dick: Oh, you got a harp.

(Dick: "You know, you guys…you would really do well by reading a book called "Siddhartha".

Maddox: Siddhartha talks about that, Dick? How not get incensed at things you read on Facebook?

Dick: Yeah, man. It's all about not…it's very…very Zen Buddhist. It's all about not engaging with the things in life that upset you.

Maddox: Oooooh, I feel a Dick Versus Dick coming on!!! (Whitney laughs) Tune in next episode, guys!

Dick: Why? Why? What did I say?")

(Harp riff)

Maddox: Yeah. You remember saying that, Dick?

Dick: You what this segment should be called?

Maddox: Yeah, what?

Dick: "Maddox doesn't get jokes". (Maddox laughs) I remember why I said that, too.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: I said that because Whitney was talking about recently enlightened people and how annoying they are when they pitch what they've just become enlightened with.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: So I said…I chimed in with, "You know what, Maddox? You should read…" and then I gave this stupid Buddhist spiel over Siddhartha, which is like a ninth-grade reading book.

Maddox: You know, I agree Dick, that was a funny statement, but I believe that there was a kernel of truth in there, because you're always saying, (whiny voice) "What's the big deal with Facebook? What's the big deal with Guardians of the Galaxy?"

Dick: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Maddox: Well, here's what you said…well, this is just from a number of episodes. Here you go.

(Harp riff)

(Dick: "Whoa, everyone slow the fuck down. Didn't that sound like bullshit?"

Dick: "I'm so fuckin' pissed off. (grins)

Dick: So suck it up! Shut the fuck up! That's crazy!!!

(Maddox and Dick laughing live)

Dick: These chickenshit, nutless, Dick Versus Dick, out of context horseshit bits that …you're like a fuckin' child! Fuck you!!!

(Maddox still laughing)

Dick: I am so pissed off!

Dick: Just it existing would bring my blood pressure down!!!!

Dick: 50 years of comic book movies! WHO FUCKING CARES!!!!

(Harp riff)

(Maddox laughing)

Dick: I'll try it. I gotta go read that book again.

Maddox: Siddhartha, huh? Is that what you recommended to read?

Dick: Yeah, Siddhartha. Maybe I'll read the sequel.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Let's uh, let's get to the problems. My first problem this week is loud muffler douchebags.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) Yeah. Loud muffler douchebags is my problem. So Dick, I think that it's important to note what the definition of a muffler is. Okay? (Dick laughs) This is literally from the dictionary: it's "a tubular acoustic device inserted in the exhaust system that is designed to reduce noise." (slowly for emphasis) So by definition, any time a car or motorcycle sounds loud, their muffling system is defective!! It's supposed to suppress sound by design, you fucking tools! (yelling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why it's called a "muffler"! It MUFFLES NOISE. It has ONE job to do, and if you disable it or modify it so it no longer works, congratulations! You no longer have a muffler. It doesn't take a genius to modify a car to sound louder. Case in point, Dick: there's this guy on YouTube...it's a video called "Drilled holes in muffler." [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8TBE-VhRTY] (laughs) 'Kay? It's a guy who owns a 1998 Ford Escort, and he's tryin' to make it sound louder.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The description of the video reads -- and I'll be reading this to you with all the typos intact...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ..."I got tired of hearning nothing..." (Dick and Sean laugh) "I got tired of hearning nothing but engine so i devided to drill holes in my muffler. Its alot cheaper than putting an exhaust system on." 'Kay?

Dick: (chuckling) That's true, there's not much cheaper than...drilling a hole in things.

Maddox: Yeah. Here's an excerpt from the video. [**plays clip from muffler video**]

Man filming: (in Southern accent) **I have holes drilled into my muffler.** (sniffs loudly) **For louder...loudness. Um, it's cheaper than goin' and spendin'...you know, 250 dollars on a, you know, exhaust system.**

Maddox: "Uhh, you know, uh..." (flimsy, dumb voice)

Man filming: You can get, you know, in your front...

Maddox: "You know..."

Man filming: ...or back yard. ..

Maddox: "Ehhh..."

Man filming: ...dependin'...you know.

Maddox: "You know."

Man filming: Where you park your car, and uh...

Maddox: "Ehh..."

Man filming: ...you know, it takes but you know, only like 20 minutes if you...

Maddox: "You know." [**clip ends**] (laughs) And the video looks like shit. He's under his car showing his muffler, it just looks like SHIT.

Dick: Is that an instructional on how to drill holes in your muffler? (amused)

Maddox: I guess! It doesn't even show him drilling holes in the muffler. Here's another excerpt from the video, listen to this. [**plays second clip from muffler video**] This is what it sounds like.

(sound of car starting and engine idling)

Maddox: So why is this a problem, Dick?

Dick: It's 'cause it sounds like my apartment.

Maddox: (chuckling) Your...

Dick: It's all -- yeah!

Maddox: ...your apartment sounds like this?

Dick: Yes! I live right off Hollywood, it sounds awful.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is what it sounds like.

(man in video starts revving his engine, drowning out Maddox and Dick's voices)

Dick: Between these assholes, with this...

Maddox: I'm sorry! (pretending not to hear)

Dick: ...cruising up and down -

Maddox: What??

Dick: - all day, and the -

Maddox: I can't hear you!

Dick: - police showing off their stupid helicopters all night!

Maddox: What??

Dick: It's impossible to sleep! (**revving sound continues**) (raises voice) I've had chicks not wanna come over a second time -

Maddox: WHO?

Dick: - because of how loud my apartment is. This fuckin' horseshit!!

Maddox: WHAT? (laughs)

Dick: When my...it takes my dog like a week to normalize when she comes over to my house.

Sean: THAT'S the reason they don't wanna come over a second time? (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Shut the fuck up, Sean. At least I don't reek like weed, you asshole.

Maddox: Whoa! (laughs with Dick)

Sean: I haven't smoked in years.

Maddox: Oh. Sean's fired!

Sean: My equipment was stored in an improper area. (Dick and Maddox laugh harder)

[**muffler video stops**]

Maddox: Sean, Walter White over here. Yeah...yeah Dick, that's why this horseshit is a problem. You can't fucking hear anything, chicks won't come over to your apartment, you can't get laid or procreate!

Dick: Whoa whoa whoa, I can get laid.

Maddox: Well. (skeptical) (both laugh)

Dick: Settle down. (smiling) Um...there's a worse version of this, though.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: You think you hate these guys?

Maddox: I do!

Dick: There was a trend a while back where guys would put whistles on their mufflers.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Did you ever see that one?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they'd put...it was like a giant metal reed that they would attach to the end of the muffler, and it would be like 110 decibels, something ridiculous like that.

Maddox: Yeah. Right. You...congratulations, you made noise.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Something that BABIES do, literally day one of their life. They make noise. This guy goes on, Dick. This guy's a real moron. Listen to this guy. Listen to the way he...he talks. Listen to this. [**plays another clip from muffler video**]

Man filming: Press the 'like' button down at the bottom, and uh...if I get, you know, a good amount of views, likes, and subscribers, I'll uh... (sniffs loudly)**I'll upload some more cool tricks that you can do to your car...**

Maddox: Oh! (flatly)

Man filming: ...and some other cool videos.

Maddox: Don't forget to like and subscribe!

Dick: Like speed holes?

Maddox: Yeah. Listen to this part.

Man filming: I uh, got alotta ideas that you can do... (sniffs loudly) **...with, uh...** (sniffs) **...some car, you...** (hocks phlegm and spits onto the ground)

[**clip ends**]

(Maddox giggles)

Dick: Oh, god. (disgusted) (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah! "So if you guys, uh, if you guys like this video..." (pretends to hock and spit) (laughs more) "Don't forget to subscribe!"

Dick: Vote it up.

Maddox: "Vote up! Hold on, let me get some phlegm out of my mouth." (Dick giggles) IDIOT.

Dick: Yeah. They want attention, right? Is that what it is? They just want attention?

Maddox: I...I guess!

Dick: They're not...they're not clever enough to get it like you do.

Maddox: No!

Dick: They have to do -

Maddox: (interjects) With a podcast.

Dick: They have to have loud...yeah. They have to have loud mufflers.

Maddox: And can you believe that that costs less than 250 dollars to install? (mocking)

Dick: Drilling holes in your car? (Maddox laughs) Yeah!

Maddox: Drilling holes in your car... (cracking up)

Dick: I can believe that. (grinning)

Maddox: In your...

Dick: That seems like a lot!

Maddox: ...1998 Ford Escort. Hey, um, here's some -

Dick: (interjects) Pretty big problem!

Maddox: Yeah! Pretty big problem, right?

Dick: It's a pretty big problem, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! And anyone who doesn't think so... (**plays sound of engine idling from video**) ...just needs to talk over this horseshit! (Dick cackles) Any time you go to a restaurant or cafe, you're havin' a nice conversation, and some guy with a small penis drives by in his Harley...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...revvin' up his engine! Okay, we get it, guy! We get it, cowboy. Here's the thing: you're drivin' by at fuckin' 50 miles an hour with your loud horseshit motorcycle, no one knows who you are, no one can see you; all we see is the back of your stupid skullcap which, by the way, offers minimal protection to your dumbass head! (**engine sounds still playing**) Because apparently there's nothing to protect in the first place.

Dick: Ehh... (skeptical)

Maddox: These morons!

Dick: Wearing helmets sucks, though.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Wearing a helmet sucks.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles)

Dick: Feels good not wearing a helmet.

Maddox: Okay, Dick.

Dick: Feel the breeze in your hair.

(engine starts to rev loudly)

Maddox: I'm sorry, what?

Dick: Feel like Major Kong -

Maddox: Huh??

Dick: - riding the bomb into Russia.

Maddox: WHAT? (laughs) I'm sorry, some IDIOT was driving by with his...with a small penis! (**engine sounds continue**) I mean, listen to this!!

Dick: It's really annoying. (**engine sounds finally stop**)

Maddox: Yeah. It's super annoying. I was gonna play that on and on. I got like 2-3 minutes of that, but it annoys me so much. Um...Dick, here's some statistics.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Zero percent of chicks think your economy sedan wins races. (cracks up) Because it's loud. (Sean laughs in the background) Zero percent!

Dick: Wait a minute!! Wait a minute!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Um...I remember a study that found how much...how turned on women get (Maddox laughs) depending on what engine they're listening to!

Maddox: What?!

Dick: This was a real thing! And Maserati won. And I don't think Maserati did the study, but they compared, like, luxury cars?

Maddox: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Dick: So I don't know if what you're saying is factual! I think -- I don't know where you got that survey that said zero percent of chicks think, uh...are turned on by these cars, but I think they might be!

Maddox: Dick, where...? This sounds like bullshit, this study. What would they do, just like -

Dick: (interjects) It's just something I remembered!! I don't know where it was!

Maddox: Ohokay! (laughing)

Dick: It was on the Internet, it was interesting! I was like, "Huh! Maserati. You don't say."

Maddox: Yeah. Sounds as reliable as a Truther. What do they, go around with cotton swabs and dab their panties after they listen to engine noises?? Like, how the fuck can they tell how turned on a chick is?!

Dick: That's a good question, I don't know.

Maddox: How...by the way, how do you tell in general? I don't know! (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. (smirks) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: I have no fuckin' idea, man. It's like a...just a black box. Um, here's more statistics: you can modify your Honda Civic to go faster than a stock BMW. This is something that Civic owners ALWAYS say: (stupid voice) "Oh man, my...my, uh, modified Civic goes faster than a stock BMW," or Mercedes or whatever, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Whatever sports car you want. But zero percent of people who can afford a luxury car give a shit, because their car is worth more than your entire fucking house. Right? They could simply buy the stupid car that you have AND the mods if they wanted

to. Newsflash: they don't! (yelling) You don't see Richard Branson driving around, Elon Musk, or Notch driving around town in shitty modified Honda Civics! They don't give a fuck, because they can afford to buy real sports cars.

Dick: Yeah. What are your thoughts on muscle cars? Like classic cars, then? 'Cause they're quite loud.

Maddox: They're loud!

Dick: And showy.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: But they're AWESOME! I hate these little rice rockets too, but I *love* American muscle cars, dude.

Maddox: (chuckling) Rice rockets. So a buddy of mine -

Dick: (interjects) Is that not...is that an offensive term?

Maddox: Yes! (laughs) Would you call a Mexican-made car a "bean rocket"?

(Dick laughs) Or uh, a Thai-based car a "coconut rocket"?? Like, what would you...where do you... (cracks up)

Dick: I mean, I...I WOULD. Not on this podcast. (both laugh more)

Maddox: I think you just did, buddy. Um...yeah, dude -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, get over it!! Is that...is that that bad? (grinning)

Maddox: No, I'm just bustin' your balls.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: 'Cause I don't give a shit. Um, listen, man. Muscle cars, yeah. They're...they're loud -- look, they don't have to be so loud and obnoxious. I think that by design, if that's how they were built? Fine! If they didn't have the muffler technology back then, which they probably didn't, 'cause there are a lot of defects in muscle cars. Like they're powerful cars, sure!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But they're not as efficient in MANY ways, especially fuel efficiency.

Dick: Eh, I like the sound though.

Sean: Well, back in the day they didn't have catalytic converters.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Those choke off alotta sound too.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true! That's true, Sean. I dunno, yeah, I guess they're cool.

Dick: What do you want, everything to be electric? Driving around like "vrrrrrrrrr..." (imitating quiet hum of an electric car) Nobody can hear anything?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like some weird, uh, little kid's playset?

Maddox: I mean, that'd be ideal, yes.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Yeah, you...next time you have a mid-life crisis and your penis is too small, don't make us listen to it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's all I'm asking.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you can sit at lunch and brunch, and have your tea and peace and quiet. (Maddox chuckles) And have a good conversation with NOT me. (laughs with Sean)

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. What, what, you're saying I'm some kind of a snob because I want to enjoy my lunch without this? (**plays sound of engine idling from video**) (Dick cackles) Constantly in my fucking ear?? Rattling my fillings in my mouth? Is that what you... (cracks up) ...what you're suggesting, Dick?

Dick: It is comforting! It's starting to get comforting, this sound.

Maddox: Great! I'll play it the rest of the fuckin' episode.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: You know what? We're gonna play it the rest of this fuckin' podcast! Every single episode from now on. Sean, I'm just gonna send this to you. Just loop it into everything. (**engine sounds still playing**) There you go, Dick. Enjoy. Play it right over everything Dick says from now on.

Dick: Ha!

Maddox: Shit drives me nuts. (**engine sounds stop**) Fuck off with that noise. (muttering)

Dick: Do you have a lot of them over here? On this side of town? Do you have a lot of those guys?

Maddox: Not as much, but occasionally. And it's usually right when I'm saying something important during lunch. (Dick laughs)

Dick: What??

Maddox: They just...they have this way of knowing right when I'm comin' to the THESIS of what I'm saying. Right?

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: 'Cause I'm always orating. At lunch -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, yeah. No, I know. (teasing) (both laugh)

Maddox: What a smug fuckin' smartass attitude you got here, Dick!

Dick: 'Cause it's like...you're describing, like, a sitcom.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where you reach the end of your, um...I think maybe they heard you and they're just like, "Alright, just shut up. I'm tired of this oration."

Maddox: Oh, and they just drive by and just rev their engines for me, huh?

Dick: Yup.

Maddox: I even watched -- there's a YouTube video of a loud muffler contest, and all these Harleys and, you know, motorcycles are lined up, and the announcer is getting visibly annoyed by these assholes! They keep revving up the engines while he's giving instructions on how they should rev up their engines!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then he'll wait because it'll take a minute, because one dickhead will rev it up and ANOTHER dickhead has to rev it up, 'cause it becomes this giant fuckin' audio pissing contest! (yelling)

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: "Oh, vroom vroom vroom! Here we go!" (Dick laughs) "Let's all...let's all fuckin' rev up our engines!" And then one person dies down and another person revs up, it never fuckin' ends! Then 2 minutes later the announcer goes, "Thank you for that." (Dick cackles loudly) 'Can I just explain the fucking rules??' It's a 6-minute video for like, a 10-second contest. (Dick laughs more)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: 'Cause of these MORONS. (switches to stupid voice) "Huh-huh! Huh, yeah! Huh, LOUD! Whuuuh, LOUDER! HUUUUH!" Idiot. (Sean chuckles in the background) There's a website called Moneysupermarket.com, and it's actually surprisingly well researched. There's a ton of info on this. The most common reason people modify their cars is not to make it more functional, such as installing sunroofs or air conditioning, parking sensors, et cetera, but for performance and aesthetic reasons. Modifications to engine and mechanics can increase your insurance rate by up to 160 percent, Dick. And all aesthetic modifications combined, including tinted windows, spoilers, and bodykit panels, can increase your insurance by as much as 334 percent! [http://www.moneysupermarket.com/car-insurance/blog/car-modifications-car-insurance-prices/]

Dick: Well, you know I hate car insurance!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, it sounds like car insurance isn't the problem necessarily. I mean, it's exacerbated by body modifications.

Dick: So what should these guys do? How are they gonna deal with their tiny penises though?

Maddox: I suggest they fuck off.

Dick: Well, alright.

Maddox: They should start fucking off and then KEEP fucking off.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: For the rest of their lives.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, I dunno, man! You're born with a small penis, do you have to announce it to the world?? (Dick laughs) Every time you drive by? So, the most modified cars -- I just have a couple of stats here, and then I'm done.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The most modified cars: number one is the Mazda RX7, and the things that people modify the most are alloy wheels and the exhaust system. Toyota Supra's number two, number three is the Nissan Skyline, and number four -- this is one I didn't suspect, but it's the Mini. And they're all alloy wheels -

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: - number one, and exhaust, number two.

Dick: Was the Scion on that list?

Maddox: No, the Scion was not on this list.

Dick: I find those things repugnant. Scions.

Maddox: Yeah, they're ugly cars. I almost bought one even though I hate the way they look and function, because they get REALLY good gas mileage. Those stupid boxy Scion xB's or whatever?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They have a lot of storage space, and they're really...they get really good gas mileage because they're very weak engines. I almost bought that because when I was shipping a lot of stuff through my online store, I would take packages to the airport or whatever, but.

Dick: I did know that about the Skyline, 'cause that was my car for uh, Grand...uh, Gran Turismo? Remember that game? Gran Turismo?

Maddox: Yeah, I remember Gran Turismo, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, I had a real suped up Skyline.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: It was badass.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would sit in my apartment, turn up the speakers and rev it up. (Maddox laughs) "Rrrrr-rrrrr-rrrrr!" (laughs) Put 'em against the walls. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Well. (**plays sound of engine idling from video**) There you go, Dick.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Real cool! (sarcastic)

Dick: Are you done? That's a good problem!

Maddox: Yeah. Loud Muffler Doucheba-...LOUD MUFFLER DOUCHEBAGS. (raising voice over engine sounds)

Dick: I think I gotcha beat, though!

Maddox: Yeah, what's your problem, Dick? (**engine sounds stop**)

Dick: Bro-downs!

Maddox: What...the hell is a bro-down? (cracking up)

Dick: You know what a bro-down is?

Maddox: No.

Dick: I looked at...I looked up Urban Dictionary, to see if they agreed with me?

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: On what a bro-down was? And they don't.

Maddox: Hm'kay. (chuckling)

Dick: Uh, but that's never stopped me before.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I... (stammers) I don't think Urban Dictionary is accurate in its...in ALL of its slang.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: It is in a lot, but then it seems a little silly at times.

Maddox: Well yeah, 'cause anyone can edit it. It's like Wikipedia. You know, the source that you use for most of your arguments? (wryly) (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (cracks up) You're right, that's not nearly as good as wikiHow. (derisively) Right?

Maddox: Hey! (laughs) Hey, shut up! (laughs more) Alright. So what's a bro-down, Dick?

Dick: A bro-down, a bro-down...um, I'll tell you a little story. Tell you what a bro-down is.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I was at a...I was at a house party.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (amused)

Dick: With you.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: So...

Maddox: I know THIS story. (laughing)

Dick: ...I was at a house party, about halfway, maybe three quarters of the way through a bottle of Wild Turkey. Alright?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So if my...if my, uh, interpretation of events -- if my recollection of events starts to deviate, please tell me if that's the case. Alright?

Maddox: I will, Dick. I'll call you on it.

Dick: 'Cause you were there for most of this.

Maddox: Yeah. I was.

Dick: Yeah. Simple little house party. Party's dying down, we're in the backyard. And, uh, an altercation was started.

Maddox: (splutters) Wha...?! Uh, alright. Okay, already: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: Ha! Okay.

Maddox: (laughing) Dick, *was* the altercation started? (Dick tries not to laugh) Did it just spontaneously happen?!

Dick: You know, some -- who knows! (Maddox bursts out laughing) With these things! Sometimes altercations are just in the ether. And someone happens to discover it FIRST...is it really their fault?

Maddox: Yeah. (dying from laughter)

Dick: For finding the altercation before the other person? It was in the ether. (gleeful)

Maddox: It was in the ether! The altercation was just THERE!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And we just stumbled upon it.

Dick: We just stumbled -- you AND I!

Maddox: Oh, you -

Dick: (interjects) You AND I stumbled upon this altercation.

Maddox: Don't drag me into this, bozo! Who started this altercation?

Dick: Okay. (amused) (Maddox giggles) YOU be the judge.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You...you know. Listeners be the judge of who's -- who, quote unquote, "started" this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There was a...there was a beer pong table in the backyard that had been used all night. The party was dead, it was dying. Right?

Maddox: It was winding down.

Dick: Yeah. Winding down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And there was a beer pong table that was covered in half-full beers.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Those little Solo cups. Right?

Maddox: You're an optimist! (laughs)

Dick: Hey! How 'bout that?? (excited)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: How 'bout that, Angelo's mom? (Maddox laughs more) Not such a bad guy, I'm an optimist!

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "You are a jackass!"**) (cracks up)

Dick: Oh. She's gonna love this story. So, beer pong table covered in, uh, beery Solo cups. And I think -- I'm sitting there with my dog and my bottle of whiskey, and I think, "Man..." Sitting next to an orange tree, and I think, "Man, wouldn't it be really funny if somebody threw an orange at all of these Solo cups and they, like, shot everywhere?"

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Like bowling, except also...exploding drinks everywhere.

Maddox: And also at the behest of a huge asshole. But yes, go on.

Dick: Like, "Wouldn't it be funny if it happened?" And then suddenly I was *doing* it. (Maddox bursts out laughing) Right? (cracks up)

Maddox: Whoa whoa, Dick! You're skippin' an important piece here. You turned to me and you said -

Dick: (interjects) Nonono, that...oh, you came out before I did the first one. Er, you came out after I did the first one.

Maddox: No, I was there for all of 'em!

Dick: Oh, you were THERE!

Maddox: Yeah! I was there!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: You drunk asshole, I was sittin' right next to you!

Dick: Okay, well what did I...what did I say?

Maddox: You, you turned to me... (giggling)

Dick: This is great! We're all learning stuff. (grinning) I'm learning my own story!

Maddox: Yeah. You turned to me and you said, "Hey man, you think I could hit those, uh, those cups from here?" And I said, "Yes, Dick." And you go... (both crack up) ..."Let's see!"

Dick: "Let's see!!" (gleeful) "Let's see if you're RIGHT!"

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: So, I could.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I COULD hit the cups.

Maddox: You threw it, yeah. (about to laugh)

Dick: I threw the orange, and like, I dunno, probably 10 cups go splattering everywhere. Right?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: As it turns out, these dumb guys happened to be standing kinda close to these cups.

Maddox: And I... (stammers)

Dick: They each had a date. It was two guys and two girls. Right?

Maddox: Was it? I thought it was...it was two guys and ONE girl. (Dick gasps) He was the third wheel!

Dick: Oh, you're RIGHT!!

Maddox: That's what it was!

Dick: You're RIGHT! That -

Maddox: You drunk ass. (teasing)

Dick: - this gets even better!

Maddox: Yeah! And I don't even think any -

Dick: (interjects) I only see women in doubles when I'm drunk. (breaking into a grin)

Maddox: You -- yeah. Yeah. Of course.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't even think any beer splashed on him, by the way.

Dick: Ohh, no! Nononono, definitely not. 'Cause I...like, even in my drunk state, I *thought* they were far away.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, I thought they were far enough away. I thought this was a safe move.

Maddox: Yeah! It was!

Dick: Right?

Maddox: You surprisingly were less of an asshole than usual. But yes.

Dick: I don't wanna splatter beer all over people!

Maddox: No! You're not... (cracks up) You're not -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, I have been ejected from...Dodger Stadium for doing that. (Maddox chuckles) But that's a different story. I learned my lesson.

Maddox: Yeah! You -

Dick: (interjects) I didn't wanna get this guy wet!

Maddox: You're not a...you're not a jerk; you're a dick!

Dick: Thank you!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, I throw the orange, beer shoots everywhere...and it was awesome!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was as cool as I thought it would be, right?

Maddox: Pretty funny -- yeah! It was pretty cool.

Dick: Yeah, it was pretty cool.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? It was cooler than sitting there doing nothing.

Maddox: It was cooler than nothing, yes. (dryly)

Dick: Right. Okay. (smiling)

Maddox: I'll give you that, Dick. (chuckling)

Dick: So then I was like, "Oh man, I gotta do that again. That was cool." Right? Is that accurate?

Maddox: Well, before that, you -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, so this is when he...

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: ...this is when the altercation was found. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: It was STUMBLED upon.

Dick: This is when the altercation *appeared.*

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The wild altercation appeared.

Maddox: Like a Pokemon. (amused)

Dick: And this guy turns to me, and -- what did he call me, a..."stupid motherfucker," and this and that?

Maddox: "HEY, you stupid motherfucker!" (angrily)

Dick: Yeah! "Hey, you asshole! What are you doing throwing oranges?"

Maddox: Yeah, I think he said "asshole." Yeah.

Dick: So he said, "I...I demand an apology!" (Maddox inhales thoughtfully)

Maddox: Uh -

Dick: (interjects) He said "I want an apology," didn't he?

Maddox: That was the SECOND one, Dick!

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Get to the second orange!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: The first one, he said "Hey! What the fuck is your problem?!" And you say "Uh, I dunno, man!" And he goes, "Don't do that again!!"

Dick: Ohh -- oh, THAT was the mistake.

Maddox: So that's where we left off. That was... (cracks up) ...the mistake.

Dick: So I...so I do it again.

Maddox: IMMEDIATELY!

Dick: Immediately. (grinning)

Maddox: He grabs an orange off the tree and throws it before he could, like, almost finish the sentence. It was already on the table.

Dick: I mean, you HAVE to!

Maddox: Well, of course. (about to laugh)

Dick: When people say...when people say with no authority to NOT do something that is fun and cool?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And everyone's looking at it? You have to do it again!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: And he -- just step to the side!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I didn't get him wet. If I had gotten him wet, he woulda said, "You got beer all over me."

Maddox: He probably woulda said that, yeah.

Dick: Yeah! He...so he obviously didn't.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I was right in thinking that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He coulda just moved over.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: I've...I have a BOTTLE of whiskey in my HAND.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: You're *reasoning* with this person?!

Maddox: Yeah. He's an idiot, right.

Dick: Okay? He's...that is...that's the idiot!

Maddox: He's the idiot! I'm with you, dude.

Dick: Okay! Thank you.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And you were that night, 'cause you were laughing like an asshole...

Maddox: Oh, of course. (amused)

Dick: ...at this point.

Maddox: I couldn't stop.

Dick: When I did it again.

Maddox: It was hilarious.

Dick: So he turns around and starts losing his shit! Saying, uh, basically the same -- basically reiterating his point, and then adding: "I want an apology!"

Maddox: Yeah! He said -

Dick: (interjects) "I want an apology outta you!"

Maddox: He said "What the FUCK'S your problem?! I thought I TOLD you..." (shouting)

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: "...not to throw another ORANGE!!" He got really aggressive at this point, and his friends are kinda lookin' at us, and lookin' -- everyone's gettin' really tense now. And he turns and says -

Dick: (interjects) Except for me. (cackles loudly)

Maddox: Yeah, except for you, of course. (smiling) Except for you, the unflappable drunk asshole. (mocking) And so he turns and says, "I want you to fuckin' apologize, right now!!"

Dick: And this is -- I wanna re-do it. I wanna try to re-do it. I don't know if I can, 'cause it was so...it was so funny when I did it, it's hard to recreate. But say that again.

Maddox: Okay. "You better apologize, right now!" (shouting)

Dick: "...Sorry." (flatly)

Maddox: Yep! That was about it. (laughs loudly)

Dick: That was about it! And then it was just dead silence, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because you never expect THAT!

Maddox: Oh, yeah that -

Dick: (interjects) Like, these guys never just expect you to do what they say to do.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause you can't apologize, 'cause that, like, 'questions your manhood.' (jokingly macho voice) Right?

Maddox: Yeah, and he doesn't what an asshole, insincere prick you are. 'Cause you NEVER mean an apology.

Dick: No!

Maddox: The non-apology king right here!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! So, so immediately he was like, "Well, uh...uh, okay then!"

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "Well, don't do it again!" (stupidly aggressive voice) "Better not do it again!"

Dick: Well -- see?? I might not have done it again!

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: But he's gotta keep...gotta keep piling on. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, well.

Dick: So he turns around, and I have -- I would say I have decent comedic timing.

Maddox: Well... (laughs heartily)

Dick: I wait until it's...I wait until it's as funny as I think it will be. And I grab another orange, of course, 'cause I'm like, "Alright, I can't just do it right away. 'Cause then it makes me seem like I really want this." You know?

Maddox: Mmhm.

Dick: "I gotta really let it...let it die down."

Maddox: Well. You turned to US and asked for our opinion, Dick! Do you remember this?

Dick: Right! Yes. I do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't remember what I said, though.

Maddox: Okay. (amused) You turned to me first and you said, "Uhh, should I throw another one?" (Dick laughs hysterically) And I...(cracks up) And I just kinda shrug, and I think, "Uh, I dunno, man. It'd be pretty funny, but he seems pretty worked up." Then there was this guy -

Dick: (interjects) At this point, if I don't get a 'no' -- like an emphatic 'no' -- I'm doin' it. Right? That's what's goin' on in my mind when this is happening.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm telling you.

Maddox: And then you turned to your left, and there was this British guy sittin' there just, like, comfortably. (Dick laughs more) Like, cozily sipping a beer, casually just sitting there.

Dick: He had a good show!

Maddox: Yeah! He's just watching, and he kinda -- you turned to him and said, "Hey man, what do you think? Should I throw this orange?" And he kinda shrugs and goes, "I don't know." (imitating an English accent) (both laugh) And then, we're sittin' there debating whether or not we should throw the orange.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And you're like, "Oh, should I?" And I can SEE in the background -- you're not payin' attention, but I noticed the guy. He's like, gettin' worked up, he's gettin' into -

Dick: (interjects) Right!

Maddox: Yeah! Super...what's the, uh, with the Dragon Ball Z guy?

Dick: Uh, again...

Maddox: Super S-...yeah. Well, whatever.

Dick: ...I don't, I don't know the -- Gohan?? Is that a thing?

Maddox: Yeah, Super Sauron? No no, what's that...

Dick: Super Saiyan?

Maddox: Super Saiyan! Yeah, he's like, gettin' Super Saiyan. Right?

Dick: Yeah, he's...

Maddox: So, so -

Dick: (interjects) So that's the guy whose hair shoots up when he goes like, "AAAARRGHH!"

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Okay, I know that guy.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Ameyameka,' or whatever the thing is. So then (cracks up) our other buddy comes out, and you said -- he's a good friend of ours! And you turned to him...and he's kind of like a fatherly figure. He has this, like, fatherly affect about him. So he comes out, and you turn to him and you say, "Hey man, think I should throw this orange?" And he kinda -

Dick: (interjects) And he...knowing that he's seen nothing of what's transpired so far. (smiling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, just setting him up, 'cause I thought it'd be funny.

Maddox: Yeah. And he kinda sheepishly says -- like, shrugs 'no.' And then, right -

Dick: (interjects) So I...no, while this is happening, I'm looking at that threesome.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And there's this dude who's -- like, the one guy...the one guy who's flippin' out already has, like...he looks like a neckbeard. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like he's got a big stupid beard...he has a -

Maddox: (interjects) He literally has a neckbeard!

Dick: Yeah! Yeah, yeah. His other guy is like a trim, fit guy in a motorcycle jacket who looks like a badass. Right? The guy with the girl. Was that accurate?

Maddox: Ohh, that guy with the -

Dick: (interjects) The greaser-lookin' guy.

Maddox: That was a cool motorcycle jacket, yeah.

Dick: Yeah! That guy looked fuckin' cool!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, I'm...I make eye contact with him, holding this orange in my hand, and I'm like, "Eh?" (suggestively) Like, looked at him. (Maddox laughs) He just goes...he tries not to look...he tries not show any expression on his face but he just kind of, like, shakes his head.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Like, "Okay, dude. That's...that's a buy-in. I got a buy-in from you." So, clearly... (Maddox laughs more) ...clearly this isn't gonna go TOO far south if I do. So once our friend comes out -- the fatherly guy -- and shrugs, I'm like, "Yeah!" I throw it. (Maddox bursts out laughing) I lob this orange, and it...it pockets like Tin Cup into one of these Solo cups and fuckin' EXPLODES. Is that accurate? It destroyed -- like, it hit...it hit pockets of cups that I didn't even know there was. Like it felt like a video game, when they crashed and went smashing all over the table?

Maddox: Yeah, pretty funny. You didn't splash him still, though.

Dick: Oh, still! No, of course not.

Maddox: No.

Dick: So... (cracks up) So I'm dying of laughter at this point 'cause of the tension. Like that...you know. That, like...

Maddox: Right. (chuckling)

Dick: ...tension that usually gives people anxiety. I'm like...I love it. I started laughing. I just hear, "THAT'S IT!!" (both laugh loudly) And this guy, this guy comes fucking STORMING over like, uh, like a bushwhacker... (Maddox laughs hysterically) Like, uh, like the beginning of Donkey Kong, right? Throwing his -- I'm throwing my fists up in the air, like back and forth over here. You can't see, but I'm throwing it up like a gorilla! Right?

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: Like this big silverback gorilla. And he comes SCREAMING over at me, "THAT'S IT! THAT'S IT. THAT'S IT, YOU WANNA GO?? YOU WANNA GO?" (Maddox laughs) And of course I don't wanna go! Like I've...I've achieved maximum enjoyment of this.

Maddox: You've already gone.

Dick: I've gone! I've already come.

Maddox: You're, you're...you're spent. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You've come... (breaks down laughing)

Dick: So he gets in my face and starts like, you know...trying to, like, rub his nipples on mine, I guess! Which is what guys -- THIS is a bro-down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This right here is the bro-down. He gets his chest out, right? And he starts smushing it against me, and I've...I've got a BOTTLE of whiskey in one hand and the leash of a DOG in the other hand.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he's losing his FUCKIN' mind. So I start keeling over with laughter, right? You guys are -- I don't know if you're trying to get involved at this point?

Maddox: Aw, no -- yeah, I was just sittin' back. I'm like, "Well, I wanna see this asshole get punched." (laughs)

Dick: Oh, yeah! Meaning either me or him, I don't know!

Maddox: Yeah, he's puffin' up his chest like a dullard!

Dick: Like he's gonna do something!

Maddox: Like rubbing...rubbing his NIPPLES on you, which is...

Dick: Rubbing nipples together!!

Maddox: ...which is an aggressive move!

Dick: That's what a bro-down is.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You try to rub your nipples against the other guy's nipples until one of you cums, I guess! I don't know, (Maddox laughs) 'cause it NEVER comes to blows!

Maddox: (idiotic macho voice) "Hey bruh, what are you...?"

Dick: "Bro, what do you think of these nipples??" (same stupid aggressive voice) (laughs)

Maddox: "Why'd you do that? Why'd you throw that orange?" (barely intelligible) "Why'd you throw that orange, bro? I'll challenge you off 'til you apologize! Huuuh??"

Dick: "How tender are YOUR nipples, bro?" (Maddox laughs) "My nipples are tender as shit! My nipples are hard as shit, man! I won't c-..." So, this guy is doing this and I'm, I'm keeling over with laughter. 'Cause -

Maddox: (interjects) You're...yeah, you're DOUBLED OVER...

Dick: Doubled over, literally.

Maddox: ...laughing! Yeah.

Dick: Drunker than HELL. Uh, and...he's like, "Why don't you stand up and fight me like a man?!" (Maddox laughs robustly) "Stand up and...you're such a bitch! You're such a pussy!" And I'm like, "I...I can't. I can't. I can't. I gotta..." These guys get involved at this point. They're like, "Okay, okay. You're...you are a huge asshole." (giggling)

Maddox: Yeah. (about to laugh)

Dick: Whattaya *doing*? Like, whattaya doing. (exasperated)

Maddox: Well, you didn't mention that he pushed you at this point!

Dick: OH, yeah!

Maddox: So he's trying to provoke you into a fight, and THAT'S when you were doubled over laughing, because he pushed you (cracks up) and you couldn't control your laughter.

Dick: Ahh, I can't. (grinning)

Maddox: So...and you wouldn't -

Dick: I just can't.

Maddox: - you wouldn't take the bait. And so after he pushed you I walked over to this guy and I said, "Okay, man, take it easy. He's drunk, he's an idiot." (Dick laughs loudly) "Just let him go." You're trying to -- again -

Dick: (interjects) Idiot like a fox! (laughs harder)

Maddox: Again, Dick, you're trying to reason with a drunk idiot. Don't...you can't reason with drunk people! You just ignore them and avoid them! They're loose cannons. You don't know what they'll do. They'll probably stab you with a broken whiskey bottle, as you could have done. (cracking up) But -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah!!

Maddox: Well...yeah. I mean, you're a DICK...you're -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, you shove me back? "Whoops! I just, uh, broke this whiskey bottle. Oops!" Two Mr. Magoo, Mr. Bean slips, and this guy just lost his -

Maddox: (interjects) (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "You are a SHIT head!"**) (laughs) What a shithead.

Dick: That's my problem; it's bro-downs. Because this happens *all* the fuckin' time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's embarrassing to me as a man to see men doing this. It's shameful. What are you DOING. Why are you putting on this big, retarded display over...over Solo cups?

Maddox: Yeah...I dunno, Dick. It sounds like the problem was you being a drunk idiot. (cracking up)

Dick: Yeah, but this happens all the time without me! And usually there's some OTHER moron on the other side of this who ALSO wants to get his nipples in on the action. (Maddox laughs) And then it turns into a -- it never turns into a fight! Excuse me. It never turns into a fight; it's just a big, weird...DANCE.

Maddox: No -

Dick: That guys do!

Maddox: Yeah... (unsure)

Dick: What?

Maddox: Yeah, you know, Dick? That's true to an extent. Because if you mess with the wrong crowd...like, in Los Angeles, there are gangs! Right? There are gang members. And sometimes they got their homies, and they're cowards! They don't wanna fight one-on-one, so they'll get all their buddies to jump in on ya, and then you're fucked! 'Cause one of 'em's gonna fight dirty and stab ya.

Dick: Sure! Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! (laughing) Well, that's...that's what you're settin' yourself up for.

Dick: What's your, what's your...? That's why it's a problem, you're saying.

Maddox: Well, the problem of course is the drunk idiot. Not the bro-down -- look, the bro-down's a problem -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but this is like...look, this is like, if you get run into the wrong way on the *subway.*

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's gonna be a bro-down. It's like, when did...when did guys turn into these mafioso wannabe gangsters that, like, they need to be respected at all times?

Maddox: I think since -

Dick: (interjects) When did that happen?

Maddox: Since the beginning, Dick. Guys have always been that way. (chuckling)

Dick: You don't think it's getting worse?

Maddox: Uh, it COULD be. No, I think it's gettin', it's gettin' better! Dick, here's another...here's another impromptu Dick Versus Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Weren't you saying a couple episodes back that it's impossible to provoke someone into a fight? Nobody wants to fight anymore?

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Well, this guy tried!

Dick: They just wanna...they just wanna put on this spectacle!

Maddox: No, but this guy tried!

Dick: In front of all their friends!

Maddox: You didn't take the bait. (smiling) This guy tried.

Dick: Dude, if he wanted to fight me, he woulda just walked over and hit me. That's a fight! That's how you start a fight. You don't come in with nipples blazing. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: He did -

Dick: (interjects) Trying to nipple sword-fight me.

Maddox: Look, he did shove you! That's a provocation. You actually had the justification for self-defense.

Dick: Ugh, yeah, I...please. (dismissively)

Maddox: That's assault, man!

Dick: Get outta here. It is, but it's...it's not a fight. It's a -- what is it? Do we have to, like...is it like foreplay of fighting? (Maddox chuckles) You gotta ask me out with a shove and then I, like, send you notes in class and kiss you? 'Til we get to the next point, where we're actually exchanging blows? It's just... (splutters)

Maddox: Ew.

Dick: At this age -- yeah, exactly! At this age, I'm not fighting over Solo cups, man!

Maddox: No. No...

Dick: What are you...what are you getting so bent outta shape for?

Maddox: Yeah. No, you're right, Dick. Like he, he was...he was a bro, for sure. He was bro-downing hard. Um, and his nipples were hard. I could, I s-... (cracks up) (Dick guffaws) I SAW them! I saw them glistening in the night. 'Cause -- maybe you did splash some beer on him, 'cause he had some really fuckin' pointy nipples.

Dick: His beard was hard too.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused) His whole body was hard.

Dick: He turned into, like, a 'boing'... (imitating Maddox's boner sound effect) Big boner.

Maddox: Oh MAN. And then after...after we kinda broke it up, me and I think the British guy..."Calm down, mate. Calm down." (English accent) (Dick laughs loudly) And so... (cracks up) So we got him to turn around. And he walks over past his friends where he was just having a nice conversation, a nice night, that he could've avoided just simply by taking a step to the left away from the ping pong table.

Dick: He's probably cock-blockin' that guy, by the way!

Maddox: He probably was!!

Dick: Probably was!

Maddox: Fuckin' BEARDO...

Dick: He was an angry little fuck!

Maddox: ...in a bad mood, 'cause he's not gettin' laid!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Maybe he shoulda listened to, uh, yours and Butt Sanchez's advice and uh, he can get chlamydia in a hot tub. (snidely) But listen, man. He could've, like, stepped one step to the left and avoided this whole thing. Then when he turned around and walked back to his friends, I saw...I saw him still in like, Super Saiyan mode. Right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: He's sittin' there with his back turned to the rest of the party, like, everybody! He's kind of sulking in the corner, where it's dark. And you can see just, like, the silhouette of him, right? And he's just like, his arms are tense and his muscles are kinda... (mockingly growling) ...he's just kinda gripping his fists, he's so mad!

Dick: Jesus CHRIST, this guy.

Maddox: Yeah! Dude, fuckin' chill out, dude! It's 3 in the morning, everyone at this party's drunk; go home. What an idiot. (under his breath)

Dick: Or come throw some oranges with me! Relieve a little stress.

Maddox: Dick, is that, uh...?

Dick: Nonono! Well, I started looking stuff up on this, this angry white men phenomenon?

Maddox: White? (puzzled)

Dick: Have you heard of that?

Maddox: Why are you adding race into this?

Dick: Well, that's...that's what it's called!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I mean, this is like...it's, uh -

Maddox: (interjects) According to who?

Dick: The Internet. I don't know. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's...well, because it...I tried to find some actual stats on this, or some actual research. Or at least some talking points. And it's all these authors talking about...how masculinity is ending? It's the end of the masculine era, and all these guys are all pissed off that they don't have a place in the world anymore. But I don't think that's true! I don't think that's what was goin' through that guy's mind when he's raging out in his bro-down.

Maddox: I disagree! I think that IS true. I think that guys do need, sometimes, they need that outlet. Like, I know some people -- for example, Tucker Max! Uh, the author Tucker Max, right? He's my buddy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, he had...he was really kind of aggressive, and he mellowed out A LOT after he started taking fighting lessons and he started doing MMA stuff. He *really* mellowed out a lot.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: He just needed to get that out of his system. (Dick inhales thoughtfully)

Dick: Well, maybe, uh...I dunno. Maybe that guy found a way to get it out of his system.

Maddox: Yeah, you... (cracks up) ...you made him cum.

Dick: That wasn't shoving me around.

Maddox: You made him... (laughs) You made his masculine boner cum, dude.

Dick: Here's, uh, here's a stats I DID find. Here's a stats for ya.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism -- something from the government -- paid a million bucks in tax dollars (cracking up) to fund a 5-year study of alcohol and bar violence that determined -- get a load of THIS...get a load of this million-dollar finding.

Maddox: Yeah. (amused)

Dick: "Bar fights tend to occur in venues that are relatively dark, dirty, noisy, hot, and crowded..." (cynical tone)

Maddox: Oh! (quietly)

Dick: " [...] frequented by a clientele of younger, less agreeable, less conscientious, more impulsive heavy drinkers." [http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/918856-federal-study-bar-fights-tend-happen-darker-dirtier-bars-...] Paid a million bucks for that.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Yeah, pretty good! (snidely)

Maddox: Well!

Dick: We gotta be running -

Maddox: (interjects) They nailed it!

Dick: Yeah. (cracking up)

Maddox: They nailed it, though, huh?

Dick: That's true! (through laughter)

Maddox: Yeah! It's accurate!

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: It's accurate. And/or people's backyard parties, where everyone's just trying to chill out until Dick tries to throw oranges at a beer table. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Uhh, yeah, that's pretty much...I dunno. I got alotta stuff on this, uh, macho thing? But it was very weird to research. Because all these authors do is rip on, like, the stereotypical conservative man. Like, they all hate...um, they all hate your typical bad guys. Tea Party guys, um...lemme see here...

Maddox: They hate badasses, it sounds like. Right?

Dick: No, it's not so much badasses as just, like... (sighs; searching for words) Here's my point: I don't think it's specific to any...uh, any kind of background. Or ideology.

Maddox: What, the bro-down?

Dick: Yeah, the bro-down.

Maddox: I... (stammers) I think -- no, I think it is mostly non-liberal...like, I think most of my liberal friends are pacifists.

Dick: Really?!

Maddox: Yeah, I think so.

Dick: I think I can rev anybody up.

Maddox: Well, I can too, buddy! And I love doing it! I'm GOOD at it. That's what I do for a living!

Dick: Well, I guess that's what I...that's what I disagreed with, was with their, uh, liberal bent. That somehow these liberal men are, are...beyond bro-ing down. But I don't know, maybe it is true.

Maddox: Well, it's easier to provoke somebody who's...who's more prone to be violent or a war hawk, for example, and that's why I think they're trying to mix in some political slant with this.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Because it's thought that conservatives are generally more hawkish than liberals. Liberals are more dovish, considered -- you know, that's what people consider. Right?

Dick: I guess so.

Maddox: So that's why they're saying if you provoke somebody who's more hawkish, they're more likely to be provoked into violence.

Dick: Uh, 90 percent of physical altercations go to the ground, according to cops. [http://ejmas.com/jnc/2007jnc/jncart_Leblanc_0701.html]

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: So this guy wanted to, like, wrestle around on the ground with me? (amused)

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's mom yelling, "And who are you, GAY?"**) (both laugh)

Dick: Eh. Yeah.

Maddox: Those hard nipples, man. (grinning)

Dick: That's just so insecure.

Maddox: Yeah, it is. It is!

Dick: Come onnn, guys! Come on! You're makin' us look bad. (annoyed)

Maddox: Chill out, bros! (mocking) Alright, Dick. Uh, not a problem.

Dick: Today's episode is brought to you by Harry's. Harry's will give you $5 off your first purchase when you visit http://harrys.com/biggestproblems and use the promo code "BIGGESTPROBLEMS". What makes Harry's unique is the quality of the blade. Sure, you're gonna save a ton of money! Why pay 32 bucks for these razors when you can pay $15 for a razor handle, moisturizing shave cream, and three of Harry's 5-blade German-engineered razors that ship right to your house?

Maddox: They're fantastic, guys. Yeah, super smooth. I got a comment here from -

Dick: (interjects) http://harrys.com/biggestproblems. Go.

Maddox: Oh yeah, sorry. Uh, http://harrys.com/biggestproblems. I got a comment here from Andrew Mosteller. He says, "Normally I have to shave everyday. Yesterday, however, I used a Harry's razor to shave my face, and the shave was so close that I do not have to shave again today. Thanks, Harry's, for making my day, and thanks Maddox and Dick for the hilarious and informative content." Well, thank you, Andrew, for supporting us! That's super cool.

Dick: Shaved his skin right off. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do we have time for m-...another problem?

Maddox: Yeah, we...absolutely.

Dick: We're gettin'...this is really long.

Maddox: Alright guys. I got a real problem. Also food related. "Stonewall Vegans".

(Sound effect: Clapping)

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Dick: Stonewalled?

Maddox: Stonewall Vegans.

Dick: Stonewall Vegans.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In what context do you mean "stonewall"?

Maddox: They stonewall you.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Stonewalling!

Maddox: Stonewalling Vegans.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's…we'll phrase it like that. Stonewalling vegans.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Here we go. Guys, vegans are like a moth to a flame when it comes to ruining fun! They can't help themselves. They see fun and they wanna zero in on it and fucking end it! They want to destroy it. Scorched earth policy when it comes to fun. Veganism isn't an ideology, it's a police state! They constantly comb over menus in restaurants to see if there's anything that they can eat, and if they don't find what they want, they force the entire group to go somewhere they want to eat. It…they're food terrorists!

Dick: Yeah, they do.

Maddox: They are the…

Dick: (interjects) They do do that.

Maddox: They are the terrorists of the dining world!

Dick: Even when they say they're not doing it, they're doing it.

Maddox: They're doing it. First of all, guys, stop saying you CAN'T eat things. (Dick chuckles) You can. You just WON'T. Alright?! When you change the words "I can't" to "I won't", you'll finally realize what a crybaby bitch you sound like!

Dick: Yep. That's true.

Maddox: Jesus. It's not like you physically can't eat the food! We all have the same basic physiology, dickheads! You aren't special. You WON'T eat it. Just at least acknowledge that!

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Just at least, at the very least, just say, "I won't eat it", so you sound like the asshole that you are!

Dick: Yeah. Yeah. I 100% agree with that.

Maddox: You're being a big baby-back bitch about it.

Dick: I have ended relationships based on that distinction.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like "Oh, I can't…I can't apologize." Like well, you can't, or you won't?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, just say you won't. Just say you won't and admit being a selfish asshole! (angry) That's…that's it. It's a very small difference, but it shows what you think!!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That your principles are more important than ANYTHING else.

Maddox: Abso-fucking-lutely.

Sean: And then what did you say to that?! (they laugh)

Dick: Oh, you almost stumped me on that one, Sean!!

(Sound effect: Ding!)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Ahhh, good job, Sean.

Dick: You almost stumped me.

Maddox: Guys, if there's nothing you want to eat at a restaurant that an entire group of people want to go to, then eat before you go out!! I don't care, like, carry some twigs and berries with you, or sticks, or dirt, or whatever the fuck you eat!

Dick: Just eat grass. It's all over the place. (Maddox laughs) Like a dog.

Maddox: Like, whatever your stupid diet is, eat that before, and then go out with your friends. Or eat afterwards.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Or just stay the fuck home!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Nobody nee…you're not that fucking special! We don't need you that badly. Don't be such a raging fucking asshole to everyone around you because of your shitty fucking diet! We don't care! We don't wanna hear about it. Don't make your fucking diet my problem! Dick, I got a story about this.

Sean: Yeah, fuck panda bears, too.

Maddox: (giggles) What are you talking about, Sean?

Sean: Well, the assholes of the animal kingdom.

Dick: All they eat is…

Sean: Vegetarians. All they wan…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh. Yeah. They're huge vegetarians.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can't take a panda anywhere with you.

Dick: Sack up, panda bears! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Here comes Maddox, riding in on an ideological wave down your throat! Listen, man. I got a story. A friend of mine recently was apoplectic. She sent me an email because she was going out with some friends for a nice dinner. They all agreed on a very famous, delicious restaurant in downtown LA. So they have this menu on it that has…it's basically tapas style. So, if you're going to a restaurant with a vegan or a vegetarian, or a picky eater..

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: The best case scenario is that it's tapas. Because then they can pick and choose whatever the fuck little twig of leaf from this thing, or a beet. A dice of beet from another dish. Who cares? Just…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but then they're gonna talk about every choice they're making.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they've gotta peruse each one like they're running quality control at the asshole factory.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Lemme see that plate…oh, mmmm, uhhh. And then they gotta ask about it. They gotta ask the waiter the embarrassing questions. Like, "Tell me how this was prepared so that I may bust you in a perceived mistake." Instead of, "Tell me how this was prepared so that I might enjoy it more."

Maddox: Right?

Dick: So that it might be more…succulent to me. So I can enjoy these senses in my body that GOD gave me to use!!!

Maddox: Right. No. It's not that, Dick. They're not asking to enjoy. They're asking to break down.

Dick: Mhmmm.

Maddox: To critique. That's all they're asking for.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They want to find flaws in the food so they can make a big issue about it, so they can showboat about their big, fucking…their special dietary needs!

Dick: Their "personality", because that's what they're fabricating!

Maddox: Right. It's so fucking annoying. So…a bunch of people. There were five of them in this group. All four of 'em, in an email chain, were saying..

Dick: Oh God.

Maddox: "Yeah, that sounds great. Let's do it. How's 7? 7's great. Let's do it." Oh my gosh. Five people, all going to a restaurant. They are all available at the same time on the same day. Perfect. Except this one, lone, solitary, blowhard bitch.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Sends an email and says, "Hey guys…I looked over the menu…" (dorky voice)

Dick: (laughing) There's that voice again.

Maddox: (dorky voice) "I looked over the menu and there aren't any vegan options, so… um…we should go someplace else.

Dick: Noooooo!!

Maddox: Yeah. To four other people. Grown adults! And so…someone wrote back and said, "Well, they do have vegan options on the menu. Why don't you just order those things?" And she said, (dorky voice) "Well, 'cause there's only a couple and I'll be hungry."

Dick: Oh, my Goooooood.

Maddox: So…so then, this email thread went on…

Dick: Just cut her right off the chain.

Maddox: Yeah, cut her off the chain.

Dick: Cut her off the chain.

Maddox: That's it. Stay home.

Dick: Weakest link. There you go. You're the one getting eaten by lions! Pushed out the door.

Maddox: Yeah. And by the way, this is a dinner plan made in advance. Right? You know that this dinner plan's occurring. If four other people are going to this restaurant, just plan ahead and eat before. If you know that there's nothing you WANT to eat. I'm not gonna say nothing you can't eat, but nothing you want to eat, on this menu, then fucking eat at home, and then show up and grab a fucking drink and shut up!! If you want to be there…

Dick: That's…'cause that's the point.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the point of the dinner is to have a nice evening with friends.

Maddox: Have a nice evening with friends.

Dick: I can eat alone. I can eat…I can eat oatmeal every day forever and just feed calories into my system, but I would like to enjoy life a little bit more than that.

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: You already have a tremendous amount of work. You already have a tremendous amount of things working against you to set up a dinner. You don't need another one.

Maddox: Right. Absolutely. So…so someone said, "Well, if you want, we can call the restaurant and see if there are any other vegan options, or if they can make a dish vegan." So she…she did just that. She called the restaurant…

Dick: Are you kidding me?

Maddox: Left a voice mail. A voice mail! The most inconsiderate type of mail that you can leave to someone.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is a voice mail.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…so…(giggles)

Dick: (interjects) No, it's true. I'd rather have a mail bomb than a voice mail.

Maddox: Oh, right. At least a mail bomb gives you the courtesy of ending your life!

Dick: At least there's a…(they all crack up)

Maddox: Instead of listening to this FUCKING recording. Yeah.

Dick: (cracks up) Thank God! Finally. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) So she calls and leaves a message for the manager.

Dick: Ohhh. (laughs)

Maddox: Gets a call back…

Dick: (interjects) Like this is what he's doing on this poor bastard's day. And it's LA…

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: So you know that he's got, like, 100 of these voice mails waiting for him when he gets in. The fucking travesty.

Maddox: And they're overwhelmed. This restaurant is packed all the time. They have a list. They have a waiting list. You have to make reservations. You're always waiting for this restaurant. It's…you're LUCKY if you get a seat. She left a voice mail for this poor manager. He calls back and she asks him if they can modify ingredients in some of the recipes that they have on the menu…

Dick: To just leave out the meat?

Maddox: No, no. Vegan.

Dick: Or is she vegan…

Maddox: Which means no butter. Which means no honey. Which means no animal products whatsoever. No gelatin. Nothing…

Dick: Why is it no honey? Bees like making honey.

Maddox: Yeah, well, uh…they view it as oppression of the bees, or something.

Dick: That's like saying "I don't drink piss."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, like, well…alright.

Maddox: It comes from an animal, so they don't put it in their bodies.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But they're okay with, you know. A lot of them are okay with driving in their leather cars. Of course.

Dick: Yeah, of course.

Maddox: Their leather seat cars. So…she calls. She talks to the manager and the manager says, "No, I'm sorry, we don't have alternate ingredients to put into the stuff. We have chefs. It's a very busy kitchen. We don't have these ingredients. I'm sorry, but these are the options that you have."

Dick: "I don't have the authority to do that. I'm just a guy working a job."

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, I'm just a guy who's here 'cause I have to be, you stupid bitch!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Just like everybody in the world. I'm here 'cause I have to do this! Please don't fuck with me today.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I didn't build this restaurant. I didn't make the menu. Those people make another zero above me!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like I don't have the authority to do what you're asking.

Maddox: Right. And even if he did, do you really want to inconvenience the entire fucking kitchen!?

Dick: Nooooo. (sighs)

Maddox: I mean, this isn't an allergy that you have. This isn't some life-threatening thing that you have. You don't have fucking Celiac disease, which most people don't. Fuck off with the gluten thing. But…

Dick: The li…no, the life-threatening illness that they have is having no personality.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It…it sucks to be normal in a world run by reality TV.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, you gotta gin up that personality real quick!

Maddox: Right.

Sean: It sounds like…it sounds like this person is drastically overestimating the value of her company.

Maddox: Oh, abso-fucking-lutely, Sean!

Dick: Yeah.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Ding, ding, ding. That's the fucking…amen to that, dude. That's exactly what this is. She's overestimating the value of her company to this dinner party. So…she talks to the manager and the manager says, "Look, there are three options on the menu." There's, like, you know a flatbread with lettuce on it. They said we can remove the cheese. It's like arugula on a flatbread. There…what do you want!?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: What do you want us to do, lady?! We don't have…whatever fucking crazy shit that you have. So she writes back to the email thread. And says, "Hey guys, I just got off the phone with the manager. I was ready to write a really nasty Yelp review."

Dick: Of course!!!

Maddox: She was ready to ruin their business because this bitch doesn't…they don't cater to you!? Do we go to fucking vegan restaurants and write nasty reviews 'cause they don't have meat options, you bitch!? Like, we're not doing that! We're not going to vegan restaurants and saying, (goofy voice) "Uh, there weren't enough meat options." Don't go to a normal restaurant and expect them to cater to your picky fucking beliefs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So anyway. She's like, (goofy voice) "Uhh….I was about to write a review, but the manager was really nice, but they still don't have any options."

Dick: Please write that review.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Don't cater to vegans." Sign me up!! I'll be there.

Maddox: Great. I wanna make a restaurant called "No Vegans".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Don't fucking come to my restaurant. I don't care. So…she wrote this thread. And then she didn't suggest any other restaurants. She wanted everyone else in the email thread to do the heavy lifting of finding a restaurant that SHE can eat at!! (Dick chuckles) She said, "we should go to a different restaurant." But didn't suggest any!

Dick: Oh, just stay home. At this point, why even want to go out to dinner with this woman?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Like this is a…I don't ever want to talk to her again. Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, guys, nevermind, I'm out. I'm staying home. I'm going somewhere else. I'm doing anything else with my life than hanging out with this person!! Like…(stammers) how many problems can she run into every day!!??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How many assholes does she run into every day? Probably a couple, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Surprise, surprise.

Maddox: Surprise, surprise. If you're always running into assholes, guess what?

Dick: You're the asshole.

Maddox: Maybe you're the asshole. So…she…so, somebody on the email thread says, "Well, look. You have a problem with this place. Why don't you suggest something?"

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And so she suggests a vegan…(Dick cracks up) (Maddox laughs) Yep!!

Dick: Waaaaaaaaah!!!

Maddox: She suggests a vegan Indian restaurant!

Dick: Ugh. They always…they try to slide that in, too.

Maddox: A vegan….yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's always Indian. Like, "Oh, it's a really nice place." It's like, "Yeah, yeah. Is it Indian? Is it an Indian place?"

Maddox: It's always Indian. Yeah. It's an Indian vegan place. And…

Dick: Bunch of rice.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Bunch of beans.

Maddox: Beans.

Dick: Awesome.

Maddox: And you know, like, lentils. Cool.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Am I gonna just suck on lentils all night?! (Dick laughs) My fancy dinner out? So one of the people in the thread…

Dick: Sit cross-legged?

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Sit cross-legged and rip up a big tortilla. (Maddox cracks up) Sucking on lentils. You bitch!!!!!!!!!!! (they crack up)

Maddox: So…so, then…she sends this email. She suggests this vegan Indian restaurant. And one of the people in the thread says, "I'm literally going there the night before." (Dick scoffs) "I have reservations the night before. Is there any other place?" And she said, "Well, you know, it's a pretty good place…(goofy voice) uhhhhgh." And so this lady says, "That's fine. You know what? I'm not gonna be the stick in the mud. You're the stick in the mud. I'll go eat there twice in a row just so you can fucking join us for this dinner."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: This…my friend. The one who started this email thre…this email thread.

Dick: I would love it if this was secretly a story about your mom. (Maddox laughs) And the woman was…my mom.

Maddox: Ah, no, man. Yeah. So this email. This email thread was started by this woman.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And she said, "You know what? Fine. We'll do it. We'll do it. We'll cowtow to you because you're the biggest crybaby." And she didn't even send a big thank you email to everyone saying, "Guys, thank you for accommodating." Or any of that shit. She felt ENTITLED to being this much of a pain in the ass! This woman.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Man…

Dick: She's on a mission from God. Can't.. She CAN'T eat it. It's not "won't". It's "can't".

Maddox: Can't.

Dick: Can't.

Maddox: Can't. Yeah. Sure.

Dick: Yeah. It's a morality clause.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: See, everybody's got that sick "can't" in them. They just arbitrarily pick what they assign it to.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's…that's what I think. Anybody who's like…oh, well I'm so evolved. I'm above that. But, oh, you know, I'll ruins some peoples' night just because I want to eat…I want a bigger selection of beans.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, well, you're a piece of shit.

Maddox: And that's all it is. It's just a bigger selection of beans for you to fucking eat! You could have eaten at that other restaurant! They had options. Just nothing you WANTED.

Dick: Yeah. I'll bring a pocket full of hay, you horse-faced bitch! (Maddox laughs) You chew on this while we're all having a good time at the meatery.

Maddox: Yeah. Eat some dirt.

Dick: So how do you think that would go over? And then just say, "Just kidding."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You start it with "No offense", and then put "Just kidding".

Maddox: No offense, yeah. If you say no offense, you're good. You're covered. Dude… dude. I have friends who are Jews and Muslims that don't eat pork. (Dick laughs) And they still go to restaurants!

Dick: I'm gonna be disappointed about where this is going.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's gonna be a great Jew joke! (laughing) "I have friends who are Jews and Muslims". Ohoh, baby. (laughing)

Maddox: No. They still…look, man. I've been to restaurants with Jews and Muslims that serve pork. You know what they do? They simply don't order it. They don't make it a big fucking deal. They don't care if you order it.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: You can eat it. I even went to a restaurant with a Buddhist one time. To a Chinese restaurant. And it was Christmas dinner and part of the Christmas dinner was…it was a fixed course menu. They brought out this huge, delicious, Chinese soup. And it had beef in it. And he's…he's Buddhist.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Doesn't eat beef. And you know what he did?

Dick: Oh, Buddhists are de facto vegetarians?

Maddox: Uh…well, this guy was.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This guy was. He says he doesn't eat beef. Excuse me. He was not Buddhist. He was Hindu. That's right.

Dick: There we go.

Maddox: There we go. Yeah. That makes sense.

Dick: More honest.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That makes more sense. So he says he doesn't eat beef. But you know what he did? He just picked up a scoop of vegetables from the soup, and then just ate the vegetables.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Didn't make a big fucking deal out of it. He's like, "Yeah, I'm not gonna eat the beef." And I know that some of the beef broth is in the, uh…you know. Is in the soup. But… whatever. I'm…

Dick: Yeah. You're not changing the world by not eating the beef broth.

Maddox: Yeah. Whatever god you believe in isn't gonna be sitting there tallying the total of all the molecules of beef you eat, you fucking idiots!

Dick: I mean, he might be. You don't know that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or SHEEEEE might be.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh. Okay. (Dick giggles) Anyway, Dick. I have a…I have a YouTube video here. I have a YouTube video from a vegan. I just looked on YouTube, I said, "Why should I become a vegan?" Right? (Dick giggles) Here's one of the first things that come up. Listen to this. This is from the YouTube channel…it's Fluffy….

Dick: Why don't you just call this vegans?

Maddox: Huh?

Dick: Why don't you just call his vegans?

Maddox: Vegans. Oh. No…

Dick: Instead of Stonewalling Vegans.

Maddox: Stonewalling Vegans. 'Cause I have a few. Very few. But I have a few vegan friends who aren't stonewalling vegans.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They're the ones that come to dinner and they don't make their dietary needs your issue.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But they're very few. So here's…here's one from YouTube. This is "Why you Should Become a Vegan". Uh, the channel is FluffyPinkGlam. Here we go.

Dick: Great.

(Sound clip: YouTube video: (female voice) "Eating meat, dairy, fish, cheese…is just not right. The first thing is the moral aspect…"

Dick: Uh-oh.

"I mean…if you think about it. It's kinda crazy that we humans think that animals are just here for our needs."

Dick: Yeah.

"Or…you know, to give us their body. Their life.")

Dick: (cracks up) So she's talking about herself.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So…animals…(goofy voice) are here just…(stammers) so you think it's okay to kill plant life? You think it's okay to kill plant life.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Plants are living creatures! Plants are living beings! They've done studies that show plants feel pain.

Dick: They have pain. Yeah.

Maddox: They react. They even emit sound when they're being killed.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Plants are living creatures. So it's okay for you to kill plants, but not animals, right?

Dick: Well.

Maddox: You're fine with killing plants, because they don't have a face! You can't relate to plant life. You're a specieist! That what you are.

Dick: There's also pescatarian stonewallers.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's a whole…a whole gradiation of…

Maddox: How's that? What do you mean?

Dick: Well, they only eat fish.

Maddox: Oh, the pescatarian stonewallers?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Same thing.

Maddox: Yeah, basically.

Dick: Just throw fish on there.

Maddox: Yeah. But I've never gone to a restaurant where a pescatarian stonewaller, someone was stonewalling me because they didn't have fish on the menu.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They'll eat something else. I mean..

Dick: Well, your friends are fucked, so I'm sure you'll get there eventually.

Maddox: Yeah. That's true. Uh, Dick…

Dick: In one of these emails.

Maddox: Yeah. Well…this is from…I think I saw this on…yeah. This is from Web MD. "A vegan diet isn't healthy." This is from the July issue of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. "German researchers tracked 174 apparently healthy people living in Germany and the Netherlands. They found that 92% of the vegans they studies, those who ate the strictest vegetarian diet, which shuns ALL animal products, including milk and eggs, had Vitamin B12 deficiencies."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which leads to heart disease and stroke.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And these are people…especially vegan mothers who are breastfeeding. Their children have…are usually malnourished. Because they don't get enough B12. Guys, stop doing this. You don't need to do this. If you want to abstain from meat for whatever fucking goofy reasons you want…(Dick chuckles) Fine. But don't…(stammers) at least drink a cup of milk. If you drink a cup of milk or eat an egg, you'll get all the B12 you need and you don't have to be such a staunch fucking idiot about it.

Dick: That supermodel Magneto that I dated? Remember? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: She would also not get red meat at In and Out, and she would always eat my burger.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: She would always take bites off of my Triple-triple.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh.

Dick: In and Out. The hamburger fast food place. She wouldn't order it herself, because she saw a cow at some point in her…I don't know. She saw a baby cow.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: And she couldn't imagine killing them anymore?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But she would lay into mine with that thin supermodel jaw and chew right through it. Ruining…making my hamburger refuse, that I now have to eat.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: That's like smokers who only bum cigarettes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's like one of those wood bores. They just bore a hole right through your burger.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: With that needle mouth. (laughing)

Dick: I'm like, what the hell? Am I supposed to eat this? And now I'm eating something… now my lips are touching something that have almost touched my own dick. You know!?

(Maddox laughs) Her lips are eating my burger. This is what I'm thinking now when I'm trying to enjoy my hamburger. Wait a minute. How far away am I from having my own dick in my mouth? Right?

Maddox: Yeah…

Dick: 'Cause she's touched it a lot. All the time.

Maddox: Well.

Dick: Oh. Oh, yeah. This relationship lasted a long time for a reason. And…now, I'm touching that same thing with my mouth. It's disgusting.

Maddox: I got a story about that. I have a friend who I know…she loves to lick buttholes. Like, that's her thing.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: She likes to lick…

Dick: Oookay.

Maddox: …guys' buttholes. That's her thing.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: And…uh…I found out one day that she was dating one of my friends. And we all went to a restaurant. And I ordered…(they giggle) I ordered a giant lemonade. A giant pink lemonade. (Dick laughs) Sat down, ready to…

Dick: Infantilism. (laughs)

Maddox: It's delicious. It's refreshing!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So we sat down. I'm waiting for my burger. My giant pink lemonade. Haven't even taken a sip yet and she goes, "Oh, can I try?" (Dick laughs) And she's just…she took a sip from my lemonade! My fresh, brand-new lemonade! (Dick cracks up) And I just sat there…looking at that straw. And thinking about her licking my friend's butthole. (Dick dying of laughter) (Maddox laughs) And I swear to God, I didn't take a single sip of my giant lemonade!

Dick: Did you explain it?!

Maddox: No.

Dick: You didn't send it back to get another one!?

Maddox: No. Mm-mm.

Dick: You didn't try like a, "I have a cold"? Something like that?

Maddox: Nope. Lost my appetite. Didn't want…didn't want it. (Dick cracks up) I didn't want any more lemonade. And then I told some of my friends, and they knew. They…(cracks up) they all looked down the table at me to see if I would. (Dick laughs) It was kind of like a

ticking time bomb. They were all watching me nervously if I was going to take a sip. And I didn't fucking touch that lemonade.

Dick: Did you fake em out? Like a little lean in? (Maddox laughs) Like, aaaaah, guys, aaah, make 'em throw up in the corner?

Maddox: No, because I was afraid if I took a whiff of that straw with that…you know, that residual butthole on it, I would throw up.

Dick: Feces, all over it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You made the right call.

Maddox: Anyway, man. That's my problem. Stonewalling vegans. And that concludes our first ever "Best Of" episode...I hope you guys enjoyed it. If you didn't blame yourselves, because I took the clips from your suggestions! Your stupid suggestions! (Sean chuckles) But if you did enjoy it, vote for my problem..whichever one it was...(laughs) because I haven't heard it yet. (laughs) No, I know which one it was. Vote for my problems. Alright? Dick's not here to canvas for his problems. This is...I should have a CLEAN SWEEP THIS TIME.

(closing riff starts)

Maddox: And if I don't, I'm blaming all you idiots. You're gonna hear about it next time! Thanks for listening.

(Voice mail: Weird Matthew McConaughey: "Hey Maddox. I like how you pretended you didn't know what your own precum tasted like…"

(Maddox and Sean crack up)

"The dude just shits in leaves. And experiments with pinching the end of his dick… (Maddox laughs) **is also a guy…who has probably licked his finger…**(they laugh loudly)**after touching the tip of his dick…during whacking it. Or extreme excitement.** (Maddox guffaws) **Uh…also…he's probably tasted it…**(they all laugh) **after a blowjob…"**

Dick: That's true!

"And he doesn't even fucking know about it." (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: He's got you there!

Maddox: No, I do…(laughing too hard)

"Or just pretended he didn't know about it."

Dick: Yeah. Just pretended! (Maddox laughing)

"Be, like, no, it's all good…that's not my cum…it's just…she must have been chewing some weird gum earlier…" (they all laugh loudly)

Dick: Chewing some weird gum!

Maddox: Oh, man. (laughing)

Dick: You don't have to answer that accusation.

Maddox: No. Idiot. (Dick laughs)

Biggest Solution in the Universe - Episode 01

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(Heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Solution In The Universe! I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson…(grinning)

Dick: Yeaaaaaaaaaaaaaah, buddy!!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That was a kick ass intro! (grinning)

Maddox: Annnnnnnnnd Sean, our audio engineer, thank you for joining us, Sean.

Dick: Hey, Sean. Put the cap back on that soda and say hello. (Sean in background: Hello!) You spicy, spicy, son of a whore.

Maddox: Yeah. So, The Biggest Solution In The Universe, Dick. We're doing something a little bit different here. So we decided to bring in the biggest solution that would benefit mankind or has already benefitted mankind, right?

Dick: You know, that's the thing about the solution. That's what we're trying to find out. The Biggest Solution…maybe it's the biggest solution the future. Maybe it's the biggest solution right now. Maybe it's the biggest solution no one has even thought about before.

Maddox: Or, we've stumbled upon it and no one is using it.

Dick: In this show.

Maddox: Yeah. So, that's the show in a nutshell. We decided to make it similar to the original show, but we didn't want to have the solutions be part of the large problems. And sometimes, the solutions we bring in WILL be solutions to problems we've mentioned in The Biggest Problem In The Universe. Uh…

Dick: (interjects) Well, you know, you can't make an omelet without breaking a shitload of eggs. That's how the saying goes. So sometimes a solution is a problem in and of itself.

Maddox: Very philosophical, Dick. (amused)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. The…so…we also have something very special. Because this is our very first bonus episode. Thank you for purchasing. Thank you for supporting the show. A lot of people have asked in the comments, because we kind of mentioned it. Dick and I teased that we recorded six episodes of this show a long time ago, about…over a year ago.

Dick: (scoffs) Oh, God.

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: That's what you've been working on?

Maddox: (giggles) Yeah.

Dick: Ohhhhhh, shit. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. So.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: I brought in a supercut of our very first episode. It's just about a minute of just some…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, my God.

Maddox: Just some cut up bits and pieces of our very first ever episode when Dick and I were kind of fumbling through the dark, not knowing what the hell we were doing.

Dick: Yeah. I'm so glad you didn't tell me that this is what you were doing before.

Maddox: So, without further ado, let's hear this…it's our very first episode supercut. Here we go.

(Supercut starts Ritzy theme music starts up and plays throughout)

Maddox: Bums masturbating. I think it's a huge problem.

Dick: When you see a bum, you think, "If I were a bum, where would I masturbate?"

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: I think that's your first thought.

Maddox: Yeah! That's exactly…okay, yeah, you figured it out. Yeah.

(Dick and Maddox laughing in background)

Maddox: So I was passing this bum, and I thought, "Well, why not masturbate?"

Dick: Then I started thinking about how annoying potheads are.

Maddox: I guarantee five minutes ago when you first mentioned this, we lost 70% of our listeners right there. Forever. I mean, that's it. This is something we should have mentioned…

Dick: No! 'Cause they're too stoned to change and turn it off. (Maddox laughs) They're just sitting there listening.

Sean: What's 70% of zero?

Maddox: Yeah, lazy idiots. (laughing) This is the first time I've ever told this to anyone…

Dick: Your anus…fissures in your anus from eating too much produce?

(Maddox and Dick cracking up in background)

Maddox: They tear up people's assholes.

Dick: Are you like Winnie the Pooh? Like, you can't stop eating your tasty treats? (laughter)

Maddox: They tear up my asshole. I am curious to see if I can poop blue.

Maddox: My pooper was all cut up.

Maddox: I got a hairy ass.

Dick: You and your effing studies! That's the problem. That's the problem.

Maddox: Do you…want to be an ass doctor?

Dick: Uhhh…everybody's got…

Dick: Diarrhea.

Dick: You should be encouraging.

Dick: Diarrhea.

(They crack up again in the background)

Dick: You don't want to have people coming in at all times to get…

Dick: Diarrhea.

Dick: Both of your problems are really gross.

Dick: Podcasts are in your face all the time. They're on Facebook. They're on Tweeter.

(Dick cracks up….:"Sorry, I can't stop!!!")

Maddox: Tweeter? Are you on Tweeter?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How can people follow you on Tweeter?

Dick: Go to…goeffyourself.com. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You drink more than anyone I know.

Dick: How would the semen get from the bum's clothes behind a dumpster into the middle of the street?

(Dick cracking up)

Dick: Like what are you, like a geyser over there?

Maddox: I hate to make him look at my asshole, but I dunno.

(Dick still laughing, clip ends)

Dick: I remember that. (laughing) You were talkin' about a doctor. Going into a doctor… you feel bad going to a proctologist and making them look at your asshole. Right?

Maddox: No, it wasn't a proctologist. This was my general doctor.

Dick: (cracking up) Oh, that's right! That was why it was so weird!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause I was afraid that my pooper was all cut up. 'Cause I was eating too many blackberries. And you were like "Well, how much is too much?" And I'm like "I dunno. A couple pounds a week." (laughing)

Dick: No, no. Too much is when your asshole gets shredded because you're eating them! That's too much!! (Maddox laughing) You've eaten one too many blackberries the moment that happens. What, Sean? What are you thinking?

Sean: I just remembered that was early 2012.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Two and a half years?

Dick: That was a long time ago.

Maddox: Long-ass time ago.

Sean: I saw the files the other day.

Maddox: Clearly not the well-oiled machine it is today. (laughing)

Dick: (grinning) That was a great supercut.

Maddox: Yeah, thanks. Yeah. So that's what I've been working on all afternoon. But Dick, uhh…no more tomfoolery.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: By the way, we'll post this clip online so you can hear the whole thing without all the interruptions and stuff. But yeah. Dick, we got some comments.

Dick: Yeah. I got one from **Jen**. This came in an email. Uh, she wanted to thank you… thanks me and Maddox for talking like regular human beings during the show. She says, **"I don't know where the hell it started or when, but it seems like three-quarters of podcast hosts these days have the affected cadence of a hipster William Shatner and it's fucking annoying."**

Maddox: Yeah, man. I can't listen…first of all, there's two types of podcasts. Two things I hate in most podcasts. First of all, it's just aimless rambling. They don't have any direction they're going in. Every single one of our shows, we have content that we bring it. We have research.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: We know what we're doing and we have a structure to our show. It's not just, "Well, let's just shoot the shit for an hour because we can."

Dick: Yeah, like, verbally, just jerking off for an hour.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, nobody wants to hear that. You gotta put something out there. You gotta put a real opinion out there. I think that. And I think we do that.

Maddox: Yeah. We do that. We have points of view. And we also don't have that bullshit, like she said…what is it, the hipster William Shatner cadence?

Dick: Yeah! And I don't know what that is. 'Cause I don't listen to other podcasts. Is it, like, the radio DJ voice?

Maddox: No. The radio DJ voice sometimes. I've seen that performance voice come on sometimes. But it's more like…"This…Dick…where…you're…thinking…and you're…trying to come across…as…more intellectual…" (Shatner imitation)

Dick: No, I get that. Because when I listen to our podcasts, I'm horrified at the number of, like, flubs and fuckups that you and I have, or that I have on any given episode…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, that is not…that's not how you say that, Dick. You idiot. (Maddox laughing) It's not blowing sunshine up someone's ass. That's not the right saying. But…

Maddox: Yeah…no. It's funny. I always cringe when I hear it afterwards, too.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And we get more right then we get wrong. And our asshole fans are very quick to point out when we get it wrong.

Dick: You know, and it makes me respect George W. Bush a whole lot more. 'Cause he was able to speak eloquently on so many topics…(Maddox sighs)

Maddox: Ugh..(laughing)

Dick: Geopolitical…global politics. So eloquently for so many years. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. Almost as eloquently as you got that sentence out. (laughing) (Dick cackles) Hey Dick, speaking of awesome podcasters, I got one from **Yosef Skaad.** He says, **"Dick might be the worst podcaster I've ever heard."** (cracks up)

Dick: What the fuck?! (yells)

Maddox: "And I've heard Jesse Ventura's podcast!"

Dick: What am I, getting shit from someone who listens to Jesse Ventura all the time!? (yelling) (Maddox laughs) What was that guy's name?! Yosef? Joseph!?!

Maddox: Yosef Skaad!

Dick: Fuck you!!! Is he a foreign guy?! Yuck you, Joseph Skaad! Fuck this guy!! (Maddox laughing)

Sean: He's not buying this episode.

Maddox: No, he's not buying this episode. We can talk all the shit we want. Let's dedicate the rest of this episode to talking shit about Yosef. (spiteful)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What do you got?

Dick: I got…oh, oh. THIS is a great one. I've been waiting for this episode to bring this in. **Ethan Habirel** says, and this…I bring this up because it came up that your mom listened to a couple of our episodes.

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: And he asks, **"Did Maddox's mom listen to the episode about her not giving his dad blowjobs?"** (laughing)

Maddox: Ooh. Uh…I don't know. I haven't heard. She called me tonight and I didn't answer. I assume it's about that. Because she called late. It's late at night and it's never good if a mom calls late at night. It's always just like…something tragic, or…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that's true.

Maddox: Yeah. You never want a late night phone call from anyone in your family.

Dick: No, I'll give you that.

Maddox: Or during the day. Um, I got a comment from **Matt Bertram**, he says **"Maddox, you got me laid the other night. My friend and I were listening to the episode where Dick raged about Tinder, and I said 'I would never use Tinder. That's only for desperate people. I'd much rather date someone like you.' Or some bullshit, I really wasn't paying attention. But it got out that I kind of liked her and we went to her room and banged. It was so cool. Thanks."** (Sean laughing)

Dick: He's dedicated that to you!?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was MY PROBLEM and MY rant, you motherfucker! That's one for me!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I got that guy laid. Goddamnit!! (yelling)

Maddox: Eh, I don't know. Sounds like I got him laid. (grinning)

Dick: Goddamnit.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Alright. I got one from, oh, this is one from **@maddoxrules**. It says. **"@dickmasterson guest I-Mockery pusses out when challenged to drink hot sauce. The challenge remains. You are being called out, both of you."** And then there's an emoticon that looks like a vagina. (Maddox laughs) This is you! You wrote this on Twitter. Are you calling me out on the Internet with emoticons that I have never seen before!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. I invented the pussy emoticon! It's open parentheses, pipe, closed parentheses. (|) It looks like a vagina!

Dick: How fuckin' dare you!!! Anyone can read this on Twitter.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Oh, you motherfucker. Well, if the challenge is on, it's fuckin' on.

Maddox: Oh yeah.

Dick: I didn't know this was a thing.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. It's on, buddy. You're on. You're gonna drink some hot sauce?!

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Okay! You're on!

Dick: I'm not gonna let some asshole call me a pussy on the Internet!!! (yelling) Are you fuckin' kidding me?

Maddox: Yeah. It's not just some asshole. It's the BEST asshole in the universe! That's me, buddy!

Dick: It's on. What do you want to do?

Maddox: Great. We're gonna drink a bottle of hot sauce by the…at the end of this episode.

Dick: What's at stake? Something's gotta be at stake.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Sounds like new upholstery in their car.

Dick: Yeah. You wanna reupholster my car after we shit our way home in my fucking car? (laughing)

Maddox: See, that's the thing. That's a myth. I never shit after I eat spicy food. The only time that's ever happened to me is that episode I have in YouTube where I ate the world's spiciest pepper. That actually…that actually did happen.

Dick: Yeah, I'll drink your fuckin' hot sauce.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: I'm half Mexican, man.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) Which half?

Dick: I hope it's the inside half. (laughing)

Maddox: I think it's from the chest down. (giggles)

Dick: You got any more?

Maddox: Umm…yeah. I got one last comment. This is from **Kenneth Tan**. He says. **"Was Dick really serious, or was he just spinning a yarn about bringing a depressed guy back to live in his house? That's really awesome if it happened for real."** What do you say, Dick? From Burning Man. So, for people who haven't heard that episode. Dick brought back something worse than an STD from Burning Man.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: Which is a living dude.

Dick: An unemployed man.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: It didn't work out, by the way. That poor guy shipped back home.

Maddox: Oh, he's not here anymore, huh?

Dick: Look, he had just been cheated on multiple times by his girlfriend. He didn't have a job. I wanted to give him a shot in LA, in a new, exciting place. But, to the point that this guy is making, everything that we say on this show is true.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everything.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: For better or worse and even worse, everything is absolutely true. So, if you were wondering if any of this is bullshit, it's not.

Maddox: Yep. Well, so, yeah. Dick absolutely did bring in a live-in guest. Anyway, Dick, let's get to the solutions, yeah?!

Dick: Yeah. The solution for that guy wasn't moving to LA.

Maddox: No. (giggles)

Dick: As it turns out.

Maddox: Or even going to Burning Man. I mean, there are so many solutions that guy needs.

Dick: I dunno. But I got a real solution. Okay?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm kicking this show off with The Biggest Solution In The Universe right away.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: We don't even need to continue after this problem.

Maddox: Okay. Well, you mean solution.

Dick: Solution. (giggles) Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: After this solution. You guys, Sean and Maddox, you both know how much I love the environment. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Right?

Maddox: Big, big fan.

Dick: Excuse me. I mean how much I hate the fuckin' environment.

Maddox: That's correct, yes.

Dick: It's been…the environment has been fuckin' with us for 100,000 years.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ever since whenever our species first deviated from monkeys, or whatever the correct word for that is…the environment has been fucking with us.

Maddox: Yeah. It's monkeys.

(Sound effect: Monkey sounds)

Dick: The environment fucks with you before you're even awake in the morning. It's making you too cold. Or it's making you too hot. Or it's shooting sunbeams in your eyes when you're trying to sleep.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you're hung over. It's fucking with you.

Maddox: I can't argue with that.

Dick: No. You can't. Fuck the environment. However, I'm gonna save the whole fuckin' environment. On this show.

Maddox: How's that, Dick?

Dick: Alright? With NUCLEAR FUCKING POWER.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: That's The Biggest Solution In The Universe.

Maddox: Okay. (accepting)

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Bravo. I'm on board with this, Dick. Okay? 'Cause if it's going where I think it's going, and I hope it is, I'm gonna back you up on this.

Dick: Yeah, yeah. So, um. I was doing a shitload of research on nuclear power, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And…you know those…my first thought was, "Hey, why don't we have nuclear power in cars?"

Maddox: Yeah. Because it's a terrible idea. (laughing) If a car crashes and you have a potential nuclear reactor and a meltdown.

Dick: Well, that's what I found. Apparently that's why. (Maddox giggles) However. You know those gigantic cargo ship containers?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Yeah. How many cars do you think one of those pollutes worth?

Maddox: What are you asking? I don't know…rephrase that. What are you asking?

Dick: Uh, like…like…compare a gigantic cargo ship container to a car. A regular automobile driving around.

Maddox: So how much pollution the engine that drives a giant cargo ship produces compared to a car?

Dick: Yeah. Compared to a car. What do you think, like 10,000 cars?

Maddox: Pfff. Boy, probably around that. Yeah. About 10,000.

Dick: More? Maybe 50,000?

Maddox: No. 10,000 seems reasonable.

Dick: Okay, well. Then this is really gonna blow your balls off. This stat's really gonna blow your balls off.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: According to some insider maritime data, the top 15…the 15…one-five, tankers in the world, cargo containers in the world. Pollute as much as ALL of the cars.

Maddox: Wha?!

Dick: All of them.

Maddox: Every car on Earth combined?!

Dick: 760 million cars.

Maddox: Holy shit.

Dick: Yeah. Because they use this shitty, low-grade ship bunker fuel that has, like, 2,000 times the sulfur of the diesel that they use in gas, or the regular stuff that they use in gas.

Maddox: Oh, wow. Yeah, you know, when they pull those barges up to the gas station, they're not filling it with unleaded, are they?

Dick: No.

Maddox: They're just doing whatever bullshit, 'cause they don't need to…there's no regulation. Also, because they're travelling through international waters, no one can regulate them, right?

Dick: Well, that's how they fixed it. So, they found this out, and they're like, "Well, why don't you guys just sail around a little further away from us?"

Sean: They never would want to fix it. Commerce would just grind to a halt.

Dick: Well, Sean, I got a solution for you! Nuclear fucking power!! (Maddox laughing) You can't put reactors on cars, 'cause they're being driven around by shitheads and teenagers!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why don't we throw 'em on 15 tankers. There we go. All of this smog reduction shit that we have to go through every year to go get our cars checked, it's all gone!! (yelling)

Maddox: Dick, first of all, I feel like you would be safe carrying a nuclear reactor in your car, because you drive so fucking slow, and you don't use your horn, so you're, like, the safest driver on the road.

Dick: Buddy, I will race you anywhere. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. I'll race you on my bike, my friend. I'll kick your ass.

Dick: Anywhere, I'll fuckin' race you.

Maddox: I'll be drinking hot sauce on my bike racing you. And, by the way, Dick, so, here's the problem with that. That solution of yours. (skeptical) Who's gonna pay for these

nuclear reactors? They're not fucking cheap. Especially if they're gonna try to retrofit these giant barges. These giant tankers.

Dick: I don't know. How much are we spending on fixing all the pollution coming out of cars? Wherever that's going, buy these goddamn reactors! How much are we spending on fuckin' windmills?

Maddox: Yeah. How do we regulate other countries, Dick? If you want, say, Belgium to chip in on this solution, how are you gonna…what, is America just gonna come in with Mr. Bossy Pants, and say, "Listen up, Belgium."

Dick: Dude, I actually found that a shitload of people are dying in Holland because of the pollution…because it's, like, a huge shipping place.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's a shitload of people, like, dying of cancer because these gigantic tankers come in out of there all day.

Maddox: Ehhh, that seems like there's a number of steps missing in between logically.

Dick: Is your problem money? Is your problem with this money? How about we take all of the reactors that we have on submarines and put 'em on these cargo containers? How about that?

Maddox: (laughing while talking) Dick, you realize reactors are very specific? They're engineered specifically for the vessel that it was made for. Like, have you seen the nuclear reactors on aircraft carriers? They're fucking ridiculously huge. The pistons themselves are about as tall as two or three people standing on top of each other's shoulders. They're giant. These things are huge. So if you put a nuclear reactor on these barges…first of all, you would have to either retrofit it or create an entirely new barge. Who's gonna pay for that?

Dick: I…I don't care.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing) Well, there's that.

Dick: Look, that's a whole different solution.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How to pay for it? Make a Kickstarter. I don't fucking know. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Kickstarter. There we go.

Dick: Yeah. A Kickstarter to fix all car pollution in the whole goddamn world. That's the… you guys? People pay 2 million dollars to make a dumb digital pen that draws shitty plastic shapes in the air that none of them will ever use. Did you see that thing?

Maddox: Yeah…that was…yeah.

Dick: That Kickstarter? 2 million bucks! Fix all pollution. How much money do you think that'll raise?

Maddox: Yeah. This Kickstarter with this, like, stupid 3D pen, that essentially just goops out plastic and you can just mold it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what it is? It's that Dairy Queen chocolate shell. When you did the ice cream in the chocolate shell and it comes out and you get that nice delightful chocolate shell on there? Seems like the same concept, except for a 3D pen.

Dick: It's like a chlamydia pen.

Sean: That's Foster's Freeze, isn't it?

Maddox: The Foster's Freeze is another company that does it. And I don't know which international ones do it, but you guys, you Brits and stuff probably know. You probably have something similar.

Dick: Listen to me. It's nuclear power, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. It's not just cargo containers that it could solve.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Dick: It's all fuckin' energy. Why is…so, I looked at, like, the global energy usage…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: …And out of all the types of energy, nuclear power is trending down.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause people are terrified of it.

Maddox: People are afraid of it.

Dick: People are afraid of it! It should be fuckin' skyrocketing!

Maddox: Yeahhh, but then it…what if you have another Fukushima reactor, where an earthquakes comes…you can't proof those things against earthquakes, entirely. So what are you gonna do?

Dick: What, nuclear reactors?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm gonna make 'em better.

Maddox: Make 'em better. (scoffs)

Dick: Look. That's the road to progress, to me. Okay?

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: You gotta have some enormous catastrophes along the way (Maddox laughs) and we're not gonna get anywhere with windmills.

Maddox: Dick. Okay. (stammers) I'm gonna play Devil's Advocate here, your favorite, I know. But you've seen the Somali pirates, what's that stupid Tom Hanks movie about the Somali pirates?

Dick: Captain Phillips.

Maddox: Captain Phillips. Based on the true story. So let's say you have one of these barges going through one of these pirate places, and they hijack it. Suddenly, they have access to nuclear fuel. These pirates.

Dick: Well, put a rail gun on it, then.

Maddox: Ookay.. (cracks up)

Dick: To keep them away. (grinning) I don't know! But let's take all our submarines and aircraft carriers and just follow those 15 cargo ships around! (yelling)

Maddox: Dick, are you talking about…now, there's two types of nuclear reactions. There's fission and fusion. You're talking about fission. Fissionable material. It's highly dangerous because it…

Dick: Yeah. I'm talking about light water nuclear reactors. Like regular water nuclear reactors. The ones that we have that exist.

Maddox: Yeah. So, if there's a spill or if one of these tankers gets attacked by pirates, or something. They just ram a boat into it. Terrorists ram a boat into this…

Dick: (interjects) You know what?

Maddox: What?

Dick: If guys like you ran this shit, we would never have a Jurassic Park.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: You would be sitting there in the board meeting going (nerdy voice) "Uhhh, guys! What if these dinosaurs get out of control and they eat the tourists?!" That's you. (Maddox laughing) That's you.

Maddox: Dick, we don't have a Jurassic Park.

Dick: BECAUSE OF GUYS LIKE YOU! (yelling) You're like Jeff Goldblum. You are Jeff Goldblum.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hey, hey. I (stammers) I got an argument for you, then.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uhhh, you like space so fuckin' much.

Maddox: I love it.

Dick: You think we're gonna get there by strapping propellers on our heads? Like Dennis The Menace? And sailing around shooting? (Maddox laughs) Nukes are gonna get us into space, buddy.

Maddox: Okay, sure. Except we haven't used nukes to get into space. We've used conventional rocket fuel.

Dick: How's that workin' out?! (grinning)

Maddox: Pretty great!

Dick: (scoffs) I disagree.

Maddox: Yeah!? Check the moon, buddy. We got prisms, and Go-Karts, and all sorts of crazy shit up there! We got a…

Dick: (interjects) Space, maybe. But we're never gonna get beyond that without some gigantic nuclear rockets…(laughing)

Maddox: (laughing) You're so horny for nuclear energy. Why? Is this a libertarian thing? What's going on?

Dick: No, no. It's really not. It's really not. That's why I brought up the environment first. So, what originally attracted me to this solution was recently, recently, California shut down our San Diego San Onofre nuclear power plant.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. Shutting that plant down set California back 20 years when it comes to low-emissions energy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, like, we've been ramping up…we've been putting these ugly windmills everywhere…and these stupid solar plants everywhere. Simply shutting down that plant negated 20 years of building out low-emission energy. And that, to me, is insane.

Maddox: But it's because the nuclear plant was built on the ocean…it's basically built on the coast.

Dick: They have to be. Nuclear plants have to be built next to, like, a shit load of water.

Maddox: Right. And they found that it was leaking. So…

Dick: No. It wasn't leaking. It was because when it was operating at 100% power output… it was actually made too well. There were vibrations, in cooling pipes, I think, that don't have anything to do with radioactivity. Like, they don't vent radioactive gas. They're just, like, a cooling system.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That aren't essential to the plant. They would vibrate in such a way on ONE reactor that there would be…1 in 10,000 of these pipes was long enough to, like, collide with another pipe. However, if they ran at below 70%, it was totally fine. Like, it was totally fine and impossible to cause any problems in that nonessential part of the power plant. So if they'd have just said, "Okay, we'll run it at 70 forever."

Maddox: You know, Dick, that's a nice explanation, and I buy it, but the entire time you were talking, you sounded like the professor from the Simpsons.

Dick: (laughing) (Sean laughs) (silly voice) Profressor Frinkle?!!? Would that be better, if I did it in, like, a silly voice like a fuckin' puppet? (silly voice) Hey, kids!!

Maddox: (laughing) No, yours is silly enough. Uh, Dick. Okay, that's a good solution. I could see that. However, the nuclear fusion reactor is just inherently dangerous. If it has a meltdown, you have another Chernobyl. So the cost of a mistake, right? It happens

infrequently, but the cost of a mistake is pretty fuckin' catastrophic. Chernobyl still isn't inhabitable and won't be for another, what, 150 years?

Dick: Yeah, so let's build one there. (Maddox laughs) Let's get a bunch of robots in there and build one there, as a Kickstarter. There's…people are volunteering to go on a one-way mission to Mars, they'll probably volunteer to go on a one-way mission to build a nuke in Chernobyl. Here's how I address that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everything is always fucked when we start doing it.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Ships were…remember the pilgrims and Christopher Columbus sailing around and Magellan sailing around on their shitty ships?

Maddox: Hey, even this podcast was fucked when we first started doing it. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. It took us six podcasts to even get one that we would show anybody.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So the way you fix that is not by shying away and investing in windmills and solar plants and whatever other garbage you've got. You gotta charge full steam ahead.

Maddox: Dick, I want to be on board with this, but I think the future is FUSION REACTION, buddy! Fusion reaction. 'Cause once we get fusion down…which we have. We just haven't created fusion reactors that quite create an energy surplus. We're basically generating enough energy to keep the fusion going. But once we get that going really efficiently…and I read this BBC article awhile back where they were actually able to create a net positive return on energy through fusion, but I don't think it was enough to, like, power anything. But, once we get that going, we're gonna be creating our own elements, buddy. We're gonna make gold. Yeah.

Dick: Uhhh. You. You're crazy.

Maddox: Yeah. We're not making gold.

Dick: No.

Maddox: We're making hydrogen! Huh?!?

Dick: No, that's too big of a step.

Maddox: No, we can make…

Dick: It's too big of a step to go straight to that.

Maddox: Yeah, what's the second…deuterium!

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got some…lemme see. I got some more stats for you. I actually read…I read this really interesting study that spelled out how many nuclear plants we would need to run the entire Earth?

Maddox: Yeah. How many?

Dick: Well, hold on. It's more complicated than that. So we've got about, like, 15 terawatts of global need. Right now, there's like 375 gigawatts that we currently have, of nuclear technology. We'd need 15,000 nuclear reactors.

Maddox: 15,000?!? (incredulous) How many do we have now?

Dick: Uh, I think like…in the…100. So…(Maddox laughs)…we'd need 10% more every year until 2050.

Maddox: They'll just be building nuclear reactors on top of nuclear reactors.

Dick: Wouldn't it be awesome?

Maddox: No!

Dick: We'd have skilled labor! We'd have…we'd be shipping Americans all over the world building nuclear plants.

Maddox: Okay…

Dick: (interjects) It would be like the British Imperial Age, except times America!

Maddox: (laughing) Great. And where are you gonna put these nuclear reactors, in Los Angeles? Can you imagine that? With all the fuckin' earthquakes here? Or in Hawaii, with the volcanoes? Where…I mean, there's just places where you can't put nuclear energy, period. Montana? What, are you gonna put one in Yellowstone? Yeah. I know your answer is yes. (Dick cackles maniacally) You know they have…they're drilling for oil in Yellowstone? There was an oil spill in Yellowstone a couple of years ago. The news toooootally buried it!

Dick: Have you ever been to Yellowstone?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (stammers) Okay. So, you don't need it anymore. I'll probably never go. Fuck it!

Maddox: (laughs) Dick! Oh, man. So dismissive of everything. But…I will…you know, back to your very, very first statement about this solution.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I do have contempt for the environment. I do hate the…I feel like the environment is here for us to completely use to every last ounce and capacity.

Dick: And molecule!

Maddox: Yes. EVERY last molecule of this Earth belongs to us and we need to use it to get the fuck off his planet because it's doomed, you idiots.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, if aliens came around here and saw what we're doing right now.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Do you think they would be more impressed with 15,000 nuclear power plants and a bunch of atomic American G-Men running around the Earth stopping meltdowns at the last second? Or are they gonna see a bunch of solar plants and going, "Oh, you guys are just sitting around, like plants? That's how you get your energy?" (Maddox laughs) "Uh, fuck you. We're going somewhere cool where they're doing cool science stuff."

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know, man. Plants just kind of evolved and figured out how to use energy that was just in the AIR. Versus building these expensive-ass reactors that melt down and then create mutants and people who have cancer.

Dick: You're gonna shit on mutants?!?! (Maddox giggles) That's the craziest thing I've ever heard!! How else are we gonna get women with three tits without nuclear reactors melting down all over the place?

Maddox: Yeah. Prosthetics and they'll fake it. Alright, Dick. You got anything else on this?

Dick: I think I do. Well, I wrote…this dude put all these reasons why you can't have 15,000 nuclear power plants, but I don't know how many of them are interesting. Uh, he did say that if we had that many reactors, there would be a major accident somewhere in the world every month, statistically.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, pretty much.

Dick: Yeah, but it's like…you can't base your statistics on…

Maddox: (interjects) Facts.

Dick: These early numbers. (Maddox laughs) No, no, no. Well, uhhh…okay. So the first women who tried to fly around the world crashed. I guess we shouldn't have any women pilots, then.

Maddox: Well…(giggles)…I mean, no one's saying no. (laughs) (Sean laughs) But, no. Was she really the first woman?

Dick: I have no idea.

Maddox: No. She wasn't the first woman pilot.

Dick: Amelia Earhart?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, she was the first woman to try to fly…

Maddox: To try to fly around the world, yes.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But not the first woman pilot. I think the Wright brothers were the first women pilots. (giggles) Hey. No one verified their gender. And…anyway. What other problems does he have with this…(scoffs) solution of yours?

Dick: He's got…uh, let's see. You already mentioned how long it would take to build all the plants.

Maddox: Yeah. And also, Dick, if one of these melted down, there would be a nuclear reaction zone. Like, a meltdown zone that you couldn't inhabit at least 10-mile radius, right?

Dick: Well, then we'd better come up with something to fix that! (Maddox giggles) 'Cause that's gonna be a problem in space, where you wanna go so bad, isn't it?

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know man. I think ugly windmills don't sound too bad when the alternative is cancerous tumors growing out of your fucking eyeballs!

Dick: Well, here's something I did find that was interesting. (grinning) Uhh…apparently, we'd run out of uranium in, like five years?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: However! However, there's a different type of reactor.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: A Breeder reactor…I wrote it down somewhere. Some kind of weird reactor that can create more fissile material than it uses, but it's more dangerous. (giggles)

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah. In Utah, there's this company called Waste Manage…I think it was called Waste Management, or something. They took over the Delta Center, where they played basketball. Anyway, this company's entire business model. Their entire business is they take nuclear waste and they have this sophisticated system to get rid of it. So, I looked into it one day. I'm like, "Wow, how do they get rid of nuclear waste?" You know how they get rid of it? They just bury it in sand! They're not getting rid of it. They're just putting it underground in these drums that leak, eventually. I mean, these drums aren't gonna be able to contain nuclear, fissionable material. After time, they're always gonna leak! And it just…you'd just have radioactive waste in-ground that is also susceptible to terrorist attacks, and then you have to hire security and military…

Dick: (interjects) Uh-oh. Terrorists. (sarcastic)

Maddox: And you have to hire third-party companies to guard these sites where we're just dumping nuclear waste!

Dick: You know what, I just realized why this solution is never gonna work?

Maddox: What.

Dick: Because high-level scientific solutions like this are no longer made by intelligent scientists. They're made by Twitter. They're made by assholes on the Internet who have opinions! That's who's making these decisions!

Maddox: Yeah. Well…

Dick: But this isn't a show about problems, is it?

Maddox: No!!

Dick: It's a show about solutions. If it was a problem, it would be "Every Fuckhead In The World Has A Voice Now" instead of, like, the old days, when nobody could hear you if you were stupid and you didn't know what you were talking about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause nobody was fucking listening!!

Maddox: That's true. Yeah.

Dick: That's true, isn't it?!

Maddox: I do miss the good old days. (grinning) Well, so…since this is a show about solution…don't you think it's about time that we had one?

Dick: (laughing) Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. Here's my solution. Kay, buddy? "Kicking Ass"!!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah!! How's that for a solution, huh?!

Dick: Pretty good.

Maddox: You got a problem? You kick its ass!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: I think uh…Devo wrote a song like that.

Maddox: Oh yeah? I don't know. I don't listen to Devo.

Dick: Whip it. You gotta…I know you've heard that song.

Maddox: Yeah, I have heard that song.

Dick: There's a problem comes along, you must whip it?

Maddox: Yeah, so kicking ass…(snickers) That's the song, Dick. Yeah. That's exactly what my solution is.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I want to give an example of kicking ass. My dad. My dad has kicked ass his whole life. And life has kicked his ass. Uh…he's deaf in one ear. He is basically a lumbering piece of meat that kind of just works together. It's just a bunch of different pieces of a body that come together to form a whole where all he does…he's a machine that chops lumber and welds. That's what he does to be happy.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: He's…I have never seen this man listen to music. This man is a machine. He's never watched TV. He's not sensitive at all. His hands are rough and calloused. I would rather rub my hand over splintered wood than…(laughs, trails off)

Dick: Than your own father's hand?

Maddox: Than my own father's hand. (laughing) 'Cause the splintered wood is gonna be softer. He's one of the toughest guys I've ever met. He's 84 years old now and in the last 10 years alone, he has survived the following: He's fallen off a roof three times.

Dick: (cracks up laughing) Okay.

Maddox: Always comes home banged up and bleeding from his forehead and from his face and his nose and he looks bruised and beat up and my mom always says, "What the hell were you doing? What happened?" and he said, "Nothing." (laughing) He just lies.

Dick: This is normal.

Maddox: Yeah! He's like, "It's nothing, don't worry about it."

Dick: What is it really?

Maddox: He fell off a roof.

Dick: Oh, that's how he gets his head banged up?

Maddox: Yeah. He falls off a roof and gets his head banged up.

Dick: This sounds like a late season of Married with Children. (Maddox laughs) Everybody's falling off roofs all the time.

Maddox: Yeah. No, it's happened multiple times with my dad.

Dick: Why is he on roofs all the time?

Maddox: He's always patching something. Fixin' something. Choppin' something down. I don't know what the fuck he's doing. He's always on the roof.

Dick: What kind of roofs do you guys have in Utah? (incredulous)

Sean: He's trying to get Channel 6. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: See, Sean? It's not true, actually, 'cause he's never watched TV! The guy doesn't watch TV.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: The only…except…unless there's boxing on. He used to be a former boxer, right? So…

Dick: Wait a minute. So you said he's 84?

Maddox: He's 84, yeah.

Dick: That's fascinating to me. So, you were raised by a different generation than all of your peers.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: That's interesting.

Maddox: Yeah. My dad is very old school. So, yeah. He's fallen off the roof multiple times and he comes in and just lies about it. He doesn't believe in medicine except for one thing. It's this medicine called Corona. Have you ever heard of this?

Dick: The beer?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I think it's spelled like the beer. But it's called Corona. That's because it's horse medicine. (Sean laughs) My dad would go to K-Mart and buy this tub of horse medicine. It's for healing hooves, hoof injuries, and gashes in horses. And it smells god awful. And he would put this stuff on himself and then to save money on Band-Aids, he would use masking tape. So he'd always walk around…

Dick: (interjects) Jesus Christ!! This sounds like a…it's like a Mexican Frankenstein!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) That's my dad.

Dick: Horse balm and masking tape holding him together.

Maddox: Yeah, that's it. It's horse balm and masking tape keeping my dad together. And he just, like, wraps it around…(Dick laughs) He eats cloves of garlic all the time and drinks jugs of vinegar.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: It just smells awful. And that's why my mom and my dad have not slept in the same bed for years and years. So, he's survived falling off the roof at least three times. He survived having a heart attack. We took him to the hospital when he was having a heart attack, and (laughs) while he was still suffering from a heart attack, he pinched the nurse's ass. (Dick laughs) And he survived a stroke.

Dick: What did the nurse do?

Maddox: Uh, the nurse, you know. Dirty old man. She was…yeah.

Dick: Ohhh man. He could get away with that. That's great.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. She just kind of, like, giggled, 'cause he's, like, this old harmless-looking guy. Little does she know. But he survived a stroke. He survived a heart attack. He survived cancer.

Dick: Oh my God!

Maddox: Yeah. And then…at 82 years old, a couple of years ago. He was outside working on a snow plow because he still plows his own snow, and he was lifting the plow up and he dropped it on his leg, shattered his ankle, shattered his shin. So what did he do? He lifted it up, set it aside…it's gotta be at least 400 pounds or so. I don't know how much these plows weigh…they're insane! They're just pure metal. Pure iron.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So he lifted it up, set it aside, like, dragged himself home…and when he came inside, my mom…(laughing)…my mom was like, "What's going on? What's wrong with your leg?", and he goes, "Nothing." (all three crack up laughing) So my mom figured it out pretty quick, 'cause his leg is like, flopping. And so, she puts him in the car, takes him to the hospital, and says, "Wait right here, I'm gonna go get a stretcher for you."

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: Okay? Wait right here. She runs inside and tells a doctor. And while she's explaining to the doctor what happened, my dad's in the car, whatever…the doctor turns around and he's like, "Is that him? In the hospital?" and she turns around and my dad's jumping into the hospital! Hopping on one leg…and my mom's like, "Yeah, yeah, that's him." And so they rush over a wheelchair to my poor dad.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: He sits down in the wheelchair. They take him upstairs and put him in bed. He turns to my mom and says, "So how much is this gonna cost?" and…(Dick laughs)…my mom said, "I don't know, like 5000$?" and he says, "WHAT?!" and he starts getting out of bed!!! He's, like, climbing on the scaffolding of the hospital bed…and it took three nurses to wrestle him back into bed and they sedated him. And of course, he hit on the nurses as well.

Dick: It was probably just a trick to cop a bunch of feels.

Maddox: Aaaaaah, yeah. I wouldn't put it past him. So, yeah. That's my dad. He kicks ass and life has kicked his ass.

Dick: Sounds like the solution should be your dad, not "Kicking Ass". (Sean laughing) That's a lot of…I mean, that's a lot of different things.

Maddox: Yeah. My dad's always been just a big hardass. Any time I've ever driven his truck, I get in and I turn on the radio (snickering)…every single station is set to static. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Uhhhh…go ahead.

Maddox: We went to a grocery store one time and my dad was about to pull into a parking spot. And this guy, I guess maybe my dad didn't see him or maybe the guy didn't see my dad, but this guy was gonna pull into the spot and flipped my dad off. MY DAD lost his fucking mind.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Which means, it's just his normal reaction.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: My mom…I've never seen her panic so much in my life…(grinning) 'Cause she knew what was coming. I guess she's witnessed this before. My dad got out of the car, slammed the door. Followed the guy up to the front. He goes, "Hey!!!" and the guy turns around, my dad comes up to him, takes his shirt, pulls it over his head…(laughing)

Dick: (cracks up) Like a hockey fight?!

Maddox: Yeah, like a hockey fight!! (yelling) And he just starts pounding this guy's head!!

Dick: Was that a legal boxing move when he was a boxer, to pull someone's shirt over their head?!

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Oh, he was disqualified. I'll tell you that. (Dick still laughing) So yeah. He beat this guy's ass. This, like, 22-year-old punk. And then finally my mom, like, pulls him off this poor kid. And his girlfriend was watching too. So we go back into the store and we're walking up and down the aisles and we see this…(giggles)…we're walking down one aisle and we see the kid my dad just beat coming around the corner. (Dick laughs) And he saw my dad and he stopped, turned around, and walking in another direction. (laughing) Yeah. "Kicking Ass".

Dick: So that's "Kicking Ass".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, I agree with you. I mean…do you remember when we did the show? When we were working on that show for uh…for Spike?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And we had…it was up to Maddox and I to find a host to host this…it was a format show. It was a show where you have a host and they introduce bits and they have guests and stuff like that. It would have been a great show. But one of our questions for our potential host was, "When's the last time you've been in a fight?"

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Because it's just…it doesn't happen anymore.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's imposs…it's very difficult to GET in a fight.

Maddox: It is difficult to get in a fight. I even…a few times when I was drunk, I would walk up to some dudes in a bar and just put out my feelers. I'd say, "Hey man, if there's a bar fight tonight, you got my back?" And everyone's like, "Nah, I don't really…I don't know. I got a sweater on. And my girlfriend's over there." And I'm like, "Yeah, it sounds like HER girlfriend's right here."

Dick: Yeah. (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know what you mean by "Her girlfriend's right here." Oh, HER girlfriend, the guy.

Maddox: Yeah. The guy I'm talking to.

Dick: Yeah you gotta really dumb down your insults if you're gonna walk around bars starting fights with…it sounds like, these obtuse meta girl jokes.

Maddox: Yeah. It's really hard to get in a fight these days, isn't it?

Dick: Yeah, no, it is. And this is…like, I run my mouth all the time and I'm just not afraid to, ever.

Maddox: Yeah. I feel like it's harder to get into a fight in big, urban cities. However, if you're in Texas, you start fuckin' around, someone's gonna punch you.

Dick: Is that true, or is that just, like, what Texas wants you to believe with their marketing?

Maddox: Well, did you see that video of that DIPSHIT recently, who…(laughs) Yeah. The Texas marketing. That video recently of the dipshit who was bullying around that gay guy in an airport. Did you see that?

Dick: No. I don't watch that shit. When it pops up on Facebook, I'm like, "Eeehhh, I don't need it." Like, I don't need to be either outraged or heartwarmed by this.

Maddox: Yeah. I agree. Well, I have a rule…

Dick: What was it about?

Maddox: I have another rule where if I see something three times on Facebook, I'll eventually click on it, because it's not gonna go away and I have to look at it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But this guy was bullying around some gay dude. And eventually…he just looked like a trashy piece of shit and he's just lookin' to start a fight. He kicked…he cheap shotted this gay dude, like, kicked him in the balls…

Dick: (interjects) WHOA!!! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah. Really fucked up. And then a bunch of people just tackled him and put him down and kicked his ass. That solved that solution! That was the solution to that problem, wasn't it?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Kicking ass.

Dick: What's the…do you think that guy wouldn't do it again? Probably not.

Maddox: Uhhh…you know what's interesting, is he was so homophobic, but it looks like he was just ready to race to jail! Where…

Dick: What do you mean, race to jail?

Maddox: Well, by assaulting somebody.

Dick: Oh, right.

Maddox: He's going straight to jail, where there's a real good chance he's gonna get raped. (snickers) (Dick cackles)

Dick: And it's not gonna be gay.

Maddox: No.

Dick: It's just gonna be something that happens. (laughing)

Maddox: Yep. So, interesting that he had that reaction.

Dick: (interjects) No, I…go ahead.

Maddox: One other thing. Kicking ass…like, the modern version of kicking ass…you can kind of kick ass in video games.

Dick: I'm gonna stop you right there. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (laughing)

Dick: You are…you just gave this 10-minute (stammering) honorific of your father and what a badass he was…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you immediately transitioned into how you are good at video games. (Maddox laughs) That is an insult to your father, sir, and I'm not gonna let you do it.

Maddox: Okay. (grinning)

Dick: Let's keep this about kicking ass and actually kicking ass.

Maddox: Yeah, well. What is the modern equivalent? If you have a whole bunch of pussies sitting in their parents' basements playing Call Of Duty, the modern equivalent…all you have is video games. You have to kick ass at video games. What else do you have?

Dick: Well, and…the more surveillance that there is, the harder it is to kick ass. Like, do you remember recently, those Dropbpx guys kicked those poor Mexican kids off of their soccer court in San Francisco?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you see that?

Maddox: I did.

Dick: These guys…so there was…okay. This is San Francisco, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: There's the ultra poor, who have been there forever. And there are programmers. Who are rich, newly rich, and think that the world is run by machines and apps, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: They've got their…they've never experienced anything real. So these assholes use an app to reserve a city park that they think they're gonna go play soccer on.

Maddox: Oh yeah, they used an app, didn't they?

Dick: They used an app. So they show up at the park and there's a bunch of Mexican kids playing on it.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Like, you know. The poor youths that the park was built for.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So they go, "Hey…I don't know if you guys are aware of this, but uhh…we reserved this park on our iPhones." (Maddox laughs) "So, get the fuck out of here." And the guy… one of the Mexican guys walks up, and in his thick accent goes, (Mexican accent) "I need to see your papers." (Maddox cracks up) It's the most ridiculous thing! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Bureaucracy meets bureaucracy, buddy! From a little Mexican kid.

Dick: Little Mexican kid!!

Maddox: That's hilarious.

Dick: (Mexican accent) "I need to see your papers!" It's like…WHAT?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, sure enough, they have them.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And these douchebags are just astonished that this is happening to them. However, the reason I bring it up is because the whole thing is being recorded. Right?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: So one of these Mexican kids cheap shots these guys, just cold cocks him, like he deserves.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He's going straight back to fuckin' Mexico!

Maddox: (laughing) Well, he might be a citizen, Dick.

Dick: There's no…sorry. Sorry! He's going straight back to…

Maddox: He might be put in juvy or something.

Dick: Straight to jail.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So how…how can you kick ass anymore?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? All of these…all of these…I feel like a lot of the problems with sexism, too, can be helped a little bit with a couple of good ass kickings. Every once in a while.

Maddox: Every once in a while. Yeah.

Dick: You know? Because…with some people…I feel like out-of-control sexual aggression is directly linked to needing to fight.

Maddox: Oh yeah.

Dick: Needing to fight and not being able to have a fight.

Maddox: You know, Dick, that's a really good point. Because I was thinkin' about it. This is something I've been thinking about for a long time. And I'm writing about, actually. Is the modern hero. I feel like a lot of men and a lot of women may have missed their calling

because there aren't opportunities for us to be heroes! You see someone fuckin' around with someone. You see that gay guy who is bullied in the airport. You gotta step up to the plate and stand up for somebody.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But we don't have those opportunities because society is so safe. So maybe… yeah. Maybe it's showing itself in different, weird ways because we don't have those opportunities. I also think that I might be a good surfer. I may have missed my calling. I don't know. (Dick laughing) I may be.

Dick: Equally possible. (laughing) Two equally poignant statements from Maddox.

Maddox: Okay, but real quick, I just want in on this…about video games. (laughing) That is the modern…that's the only way that you can kind of exert yourself if you're just a kid in your parent's basement. But there's this guy named…I think his name is Daigo. He was playing a Street Fighter III championship back in 2004.

Dick: This is…oh, my God. Does your dad listen to this podcast? I hope not.

Maddox: No. He doesn't listen to anything. (laughs) He's, like, partially deaf because a grenade blew up next to him in Korea.

Dick: Oh, my God. (incredulous) Not in Call Of Duty, like for you?

Maddox: No. (laughing) (Sean laughs) Yeah, a grenade blew up on me in Call Of Duty and a grenade blew up my dad.

Sean: And he didn't drop his Tesla on his leg, either! (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Yeah. Different generations, my friend. But what do you got, man? We're pussified youth and all we have are video games. You gotta exert your kicking ass in video games. But Daigo is one such person. Back in 2004, he was playing the Street Fighter III game and he was down to a sliver of health.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And in Street Fighter III, when you're down to a sliver of health, you can't block anymore because any attack will kill you.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Any special attack. Whatever. So, the opponent he was playing had, I think, three-quarters of his energy left, right? And (grinning) launches into a Super Attack. (Dick cracks up) Now, Dick. Why are you being such an asshole!?!?

Dick: (dying of laughter) I'm sorry! It's just so funny how you describe it like you're describing, like, a battle…like the Battle of the Bulge, except it's, like, video games. And I understand EVERYTHING that you're saying. That's why I'm laughing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm, like, totally engaged in this.

Maddox: These are athletes fighting in the arena of Street Fighter!! (yells)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Street Fighter III. Third Strike. Um, so he's fighting…I think it was Ken versus Chun Li. (Sean and Dick laugh) Chun Li…

Dick: Wait, who was down to no health?

Maddox: Ken.

Dick: Ooooohohohoh! Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. And that's Daigo.

Dick: Chun Li. That's a cheap character, man.

Maddox: So. Chun Li, when she does her Super Attack, she does this lightning kick, right?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah!

Maddox: Where it's just, like, a whole bunch of rapid fire…

Dick: (imitating Chun Li) Hah! Hah! Hah! Hah! Hah! Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, exactly. Machine gun kicks, right? And in Street Fighter III, and I believe in Alpha as well, but you can carry…

Dick: (cracks up) I'm sorry! Go ahead. (high-pitched voice)

Maddox: Dick!!! I'm not even saying your name. You can parry attacks in this game.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: By pressing towards the attack in just the right moment. I read somewhere online where you have…there are 30 frames of animation and you only have 4 of those 30 frames of animation to execute a parry attack.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: So she launches into a volley of attacks, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There's probably 10 or 15 attacks in a row, followed by an air attack. Daigo parried every single one of them exactly at the right moment. Then came back with a Super and finished her off. Down from a sliver of health to winning the match.

Dick: To three-quarters of the other health gone.

Maddox: It's…it was unbelievable.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: It was an unbelievable moment. I have the audio here. You have to hear this.

Dick: I've seen…I've actually seen…As nerdy as it is, I've seen this fight.

Maddox: Oh, it's incredible. I'll link to it on the website. But listen to this audio. Listen to this happening.

(Clip starts: "Rare footage of Daigo actually angry." (sound effects, yelling, screaming, cheering (**Maddox:** "That's the parry.") **"Unbelievable!"** (**Dick:** "Is there more parrying going on?") **"Unbelievable parry!")**

Maddox: I kind of cut up the clip because it's a longer clip, but he parried every single attack.

Dick: That's what a hero sounds like. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Hey, it's all we got! It's all we got! (yelling) What are we supposed to do!?

Dick: I know. It's so sad. Well, I gotta tell you. I used to box and do a shitload of, like, martial arts stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know if I've told you about that before.

Maddox: No. And I wouldn't have guessed. (laughs)

Dick: What the fuck? What is that supposed to mean? I'll fight you right now. (Maddox still laughing) But it…dude. I feel like it is an essential part of being a man. Maybe be…I don't think it's a part of being a human. I think it's a part of being a man. Getting into fights or some kind of, like, physical altercation regularly? Because I felt great when I was fighting regularly. Like, not drunken fistfights in the street, but, like, boxing matches and kung fu fights where you get hit and you hit somebody. Like, the minor wins that you get every time that you make the decision to throw a punch or block a punch or do whatever you're doing…it just makes you feel like a man. And I do think we're missing that in a big way.

Maddox: Well, it does take discipline to be able to take a hit and then stand up and shake that guy's hand. Someone who just punched you in the face and kicked your ass? You stand up and you shake their hand. I think that's one of the hallmarks of manliness. And women, too. Women who fight do that as well. If they have that…if they have that discipline to fight somebody and then stand up and shake their hand afterwards…like, hey. Thanks for the match. Good match.

Dick: I don't know what women who fight are doing. I honestly don't.

Maddox: They do the same thing.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah. Like Ronda Rousey? Of course. She's a great fighter.

Dick: Yeah, they do. Yeah, they do. I just don't know what's going on…I just don't know what draws them to it. Like, it's hard for me to imagine that the same thing that draws me to fighting is what draws them to fighting. I'm not being sexist, I'm just saying, like…I find… (Maddox laughs) I'm not! I'm saying, "Okay, it's different." But, like, I wonder if it is different and how it's different.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't know. That'll be a solution for another episode. What's your next solution, Dick?

Dick: My next solution iiiiiiiiiiiiiiis…this is a big one!

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: "Surge Pricing".

Maddox: Surge Pricing.

Dick: "Surge Pricing".

Maddox: Okay. What specifically, and why is that a solution?

Dick: You know what it is? Surge Pricing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So…it's the way Uber prices things.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: What is Uber?

Dick: Uber is a taxi service where regular people sign up to be taxis via an app on their iPhone.

Maddox: Oh. Yeah. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Then other…

Sean: So no Mexicans.

Dick: Whoooooooooooa!!!!

Maddox: Whoa!!!!

Dick: Whoaaaaaa!!

Sean: Hey, hey. I was making a soccer reference in San Francisco.

Dick: Well, I dunno what you're doing, Sean.

Maddox: Oh, the Dropbox guys. Yeah yeah yeah. (Sean and Dick laugh) The Dropbox guys. So the Dropbox guys would probably be big Uber users.

Dick: Uber users. Right. And this is…you're leading into what I'm talking about.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: So regular people can grab a car, grab the driver app, and they sign up to be drivers on Uber, right?

Maddox: Why would anyone use this? What is…

Dick: Well, then other people, instead of using a cab, who everyone hates, you call an Uber on your phone. You say, "Come pick me up." The thing figures out how far you're driving and how much time it's taking, and it takes money from your credit card and gives it to the regular person who is there driving you around.

Maddox: Okay. But, why would I use this over a taxi?

Dick: 'Cause taxis are awful. Everybody fucking hates them. They never know where they're going. They're always assholes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're…it's working for millions of reasons, some of which I can't even…like, I wouldn't even think of if I listed them all.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: So you got "Surge Pricing". What…yeah.

Dick: Surge pricing means that when there's enough regular dudes that aren't coming out to drive around, you gotta pay more. They raise the prices. You gotta pay double to get what you want.

Maddox: Alright. Yeah.

Dick: If you want…if you really want a cab, like, let's say it's 2 in the morning when all the bars close. On Halloween!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It says, "Oh, surge pricing". You gotta pay double.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Sounds reasonable, right?

Maddox: No.

Dick: To lure people out. To get you home, you're not gonna pay double.

Maddox: No…(stammers) in that case, I think I would just get a cab, because it would be cheaper.

Dick: Good luck. There's no cabs.

Maddox: Alright. (laughs)

Dick: That's the point. Nobody wants to come out and drive at this time. Right?

Maddox: I don't know, man. I feel that you could find an Armenian. (giggles)

Dick: This is a pretend world that you inhabit that no one else does.

Maddox: But your Armenians, man! Cool guys! (grinning)

Dick: Have you honestly tried to get a cab and it's been easy to do on like, the worst possible times of the year?

Maddox: It's a pain in the ass. Especially on Halloween. You're right.

Dick: But you're able to do it?

Maddox: I have before, actually because I am Armenian and I was able to flag down another Armenian, 'cause he's like, "Hey, hey bro, get in my car." And uh…yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But otherwise, yeah. So you want to use Uber and they do the surge pricing as double. How's that a solution? That seems like a problem. Why is that a solution?

Dick: It's a solution because it gets you a ride home. Imagine if everything worked like this! You're at the grocery…you're ALWAYS talking about being a hurry. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: You're at the grocery store. Uhh…oh, great. It's a 20-minute wait to buy all my shit. Well, you know what, sir? Why don't you pay a little more?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We'll open this lane up for you. "Uh, great. Great."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll do it.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: You're on the freeway. You're driving to LAX to pick somebody up. Hey, why don't you pay a little more. We'll open this lane up for you.

(Sound effect: 'Wrong' buzzer)

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: That's wrong?

Maddox: I'm about to torpedo this whole fucking solution.

Dick: Okay. Lemme just say this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everyone's always saying the rich have too much money. Right?

Maddox: Uhhhh…well…

Dick: Everyone's…what was that whole 1% shit about?

Maddox: Yeeeaaahh…(skeptical)

Dick: It was that wealth collects with a certain number of people. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. Sure.

Dick: So how the fuck are you supposed to hit 'em? With luxury shit like this. Those Dropbox guys dropping 300$ on a taxi? No fuckin' problem.

Maddox: Mmmm.

Dick: How else are they gonna get rid of that money?

Maddox: Yeaaaaah. Alright, Dick. So here's the problem with this. 'Kay? 'Cause it's already happened to an industry and it's RUINED the entire fucking industry!

Dick: Don't you dare say video games!

Maddox: Nope. Airlines, buddy.

Dick: Airlines?

Maddox: Now, you can pay a premium to check in first, 15$. You can pay a premium to check luggage. 25$. You can pay a premium for extra leg room. 50$. You can pay a premium for extra extra leg room. 75$. You can pay a premium for first class. 1000$. And it NEVER fucking ends! And guess what? Peanuts are a premium on Spirit Airlines. Water is a premium. (yelling) It's a premium if you just bring a carry-on and you just want to put it in the overhead compartment that's sitting there fucking empty!!! They won't let you use it unless you pay a premium!! That's the industry you've created, Dick!! That's the industry this bullshit-ass solution has created! It's a problem and I'm calling you on it!! (still yelling) (Sean laughs)

Dick: Let me tell you why you're insane and stupid. (Maddox cackles) Airlines are… airlines just subsist on tax money. Lemme just throw that out there.

Maddox: Mmmm…(skeptical)

Dick: It's not even a business. Nothing that they do functions like a real business. They get in trouble, give 'em some free money! Fuck it. We gotta have airplanes, right?!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah, they do absolutely nothing for you as the consumer. They do as much for you as the consumer as the fucking cable company. They don't give a shit.

Maddox: That sounds like you're strengthening my argument, Dick.

Dick: No, 'cause they have you hostage, alright? This is…this surge pricing that I'm talking about it bringing regular guys in off the street to help you out. Right? It's very different. They have…airlines have a limited amount of space…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: To give away. And they're just raping you with it. As soon as they start getting free money, any, ANY kind of reasonable behavior goes right out the window.

Maddox: No, but…I got an example counter to that. What about farm subsidies? Farm subsidies…farmers aren't charging you premiums for all this other bullshit. They're not nickel-and-diming you…yeah! Farm subsidies! Because that's an industry that works, and if we didn't have farm subsidies, guess what? We're gonna start shipping in corn from Czechoslovakia and wherever else in Europe. It's gonna kill our industry. And that's why we subsidize the plan industry, because if we don't, guess what? (excited) Plane manufacturers in Britain or China or Russia are going to outbid us and then they're going to start selling us planes over here and we lose the entire industry.

Dick: It's not the ones making the planes; it's the ones running them.

Maddox: Well, they're both shitty, but…I mean, what are you gonna do?

Dick: Farm subsidies have created high fructose corn syrup.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the thing that's killing everyone and making them fatter than fuck?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Farm subsidies have directly created that. 'Cause they had a bunch of leftover corn, and they said, "Hey! We could make sugar out of this!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Fuck it! Fuck you, sugar guys! Now we got a replacement for your natural product that didn't addict everyone to it!

Maddox: Okay. That's definitely a problem. But uh…

Dick: We're not talking about problems.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We're talking about solutions.

Maddox: Yeah. We're talking about solutions. I still don't hear a solution in this, uh…this uh…wolf you brought in in sheep's clothing, here.

Dick: Lemme tell you…I'll tell you why I brought it in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You wanna know why I brought it in?

Maddox: Yeah. Let's hear it.

Dick: Because it's right after Halloween, as you know.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yes.

Dick: And everybody is fucking flipping out over their "SURPRISE" surge pricing bills that they got from their Uber rides home.

Maddox: Right. How much are we talking?

Dick: Uhhh…well, surge pricing can go up like nine times, so..

Maddox: Nine times the normal rate?! (incredulous)

Dick: Yeah. So this…this stupid girl got hit with a 360$ cab ride.

Maddox: Holy shit.

Dick: For a 20-minute cab ride. And she posted this really bitchy, I guess, I don't know. An email about it? Or some kind of Kickstarter thing? Some kind of thing that you can set up to get free money.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You wanna hear what she wrote?

Maddox: Yeah. I…(stammers) Yeah. What did she say?

Dick: "Last night was Halloween. Great time. Today is my 26th birthday. Not so great time. I live in Baltimore and I went out with my friends to celebrate my birthday at midnight. When 3 AM rolled around, I suggested we take an Uber home to avoid drunk driving. #responsibility."

Maddox: Ugh, barf! (Sean laughs)

Dick: "#MADD. I live 22 minutes, tops, from the party I was leaving. When I awoke this morning, I heard a friend talking about how outrageous Uber rates were the night before! Nine times the original rate. I checked my bank account, when unbeknownst to me I see a charge for 362$." Unbeknownst to me.

Maddox: Unbeknownst to me.

Dick: Unbeknownst. You have to type in the surge price.

Maddox: Yeah. It makes it really difficult for you to just agree to the rate without acknowledging the surge price.

Dick: Yeah. Really difficult for a sober person and even a person who's drunk out of their mind.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You have to be black out intoxicated to not see what you're doin'.

Maddox: Yeah. It's very difficult.

Dick: Or to do basic math.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Uhh…"The rent is today. My rent is 450$ and I can no longer pay it due to this completely outrageous charge."

Maddox: Mmm. (skeptical)

Dick: "I've had little to no luck in disputing this transaction."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I work at blablabla, bla bla bla." And then she thanked…oh, yeah. "I feel taken advantage of and cheated by the Uber name for a 20-minute ride…" blabla. "This is bullshit and very, very depressing at the same time. Thanks for the ride, Mohammed."

Maddox: Whooaaaaaaahohoho.

Dick: That's how she closes it out.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: You know why this is a solution?

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: People like this don't deserve any fucking money.

Maddox: Yeah, but, isn't there the end of the story, Dick? Didn't she raise enough money to cover her Uber fare?

Dick: Yeah. She raised 500$ to pay for her Uber fare. This is a person who, on Friday night, they don't have 400$ in the bank, but their priority is going out and getting shitfaced.

Maddox: Yeah. This moron. This PIECE OF SHIT going out and getting shitfaced when she can't even pay her rent!!! She's down to her last dollar and she's taking Uber home?! Fuck you! You know who this is? You remember Save Karen? Huh? You remember that website? Savekaren.com?

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's this irresponsible moron who raised something like 25,000$ in credit card debt just by buying expensive luxury purses and shoes and then she realized one day, "Oh shit, I'm in a lot of debt and I'm never gonna be able to cover this." So she created a website called savekaren.com that was a donation site before Kickstarter and all this other bullshit, and people ACTUALLY DONATED!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They bailed her out! And then what did she do? She said, "Well, I learned my responsibility by going through this ordeal." No you haven't! (yells)

Dick: No, you didn't.

Maddox: People came in and bailed you out. And then she got a book deal out of it.

Dick: Ohhh, good. I guarantee you she's through that money.

Maddox: Man, it made me so mad. I broke my back so I could gnaw my own nuts off. (Sean laughs) It fucking pissed me off.

Dick: Yeah. These people don't understand surge pricing. Okay? This hits these entitled assholes and rich assholes at the same time. You get rich people's money. You get stupid people's money. And it's not about…it's not about planes. It's not about companies ripping you off for something that they can't provide. Right? It's not about making you bid on what they have. Like, do you remember last Christmas when UPS said they guaranteed they'd have everything delivered by Christmas?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then they didn't?!

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: And everybody lost their fuckin mind!!!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And even though…even before that happened, everyone was pretty sure they would fuck up and wouldn't have it delivered. And everyone was living in fear of getting their last-minute Christmas presents delivered. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. Throw some surge pricing on there, assholes. I will pay double, triple, quadruple, whatever. Just get…get…this is how you get rich people to fund the buildout. To fund the extra drivers that it takes to do it!!!

Maddox: No, Dick. Because to a rich person, this extra surge? The surge is only expensive to somebody who's middle class or poor. Rich people will ALWAYS pay extra, because it's nothing to them!

Dick: Of course!

Maddox: That means…

Dick: (interjects) You want their money!!!

Maddox: But…no, but the money is going to the corporations! It's not going into poor people's hands, except for, yeah, I guess the Uber driver makes a little bit extra.

Dick: The Uber driver makes the entire amount, dude. 80% of Uber money goes to the fuckin' driver.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, Dick, I'm a believer that you're…what you pay should reflect the service that you get. So I left AT&T. I used to be an AT&T customer. For over, I believe 12 years. And one time I had a dispute. It was something like an 80 dollar overcharge because I went over my minutes, or whatever, and…to a phone call in San Diego. I was calling from Los Angeles to San Diego. (excited, yelling) That's a two-hour drive. That's a 45-minute plane flight. By the way, I could buy a round-trip ticket on a train DOWN to San Diego, have that conversation in fucking PERSON, get back on the train, and go back to Los Angeles for LESS than it cost for that fucking phone call!! So I'm sitting on the phone with them, I said, "What service are you providing me that costs more than a flight and delivers less service?" On a flight you have to pay for insurance. You have to go through security. There are people employed. You get snacks. There's all this entire logistical nightmare that they have to go through with air traffic control. (excited, angry) That's cheaper than your fucking phone call that you didn't even lift a finger to make happen!?

Dick: Well, again. I'll say that's another industry that's just propped up by tax money.

Maddox: No.

Dick: They're not…there's…no one can compete with those assholes.

Maddox: Well yeah, but they're making money hand over fist.

Dick: Oh, yeah!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They get money to build out networks, to improve calls, and they just pocket it.

Maddox: Right. Right. How would surge pricing help that?

Dick: Well, it wouldn't help that. That's fucked, though. That's like the corn subsidies. Like, I don't even want to start with that one. That's not the solution.

Maddox: Yeah. Doesn't sound like it's any kind of solution, Dick. Except for maybe Uber drivers. But. But, Dick. The one example you brought in…

Dick: UPS!

Maddox: The chick got bailed out!

Dick: UPS, it would work for! Groceries!

Maddox: No. Yeah. These are all theories, Dick. These are on paper.

Dick: Bartending it would work for!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Dude! I would pay WAY more to have enough bartenders to drink fast enough.

Maddox: (snickers) Great, Dick. You know what?

Dick: Anything where people…look. There's a shitload of people sitting at home in America right now that aren't doing shit that CAN work. This works for any instance where somebody can just get up and do something normal to serve.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: It's MOBILIZING unemployed workers. That's what I'm doin' over here, and that's a big solution!! (laughs, yelling)

Maddox: Yeaah. (skeptical) Wow. Great, Dick. You..(stammers)…says the guy who would pay more to drink more, by having more bartenders, or more access to bartenders! You know what? You can pay less to drink more! Just buy the booze in a fuckin' store and flask it, buddy! How's that?

Dick: This is…that's awful!

Maddox: (laughing) What's awful about it? You're saving money!!! (incredulous)

Dick: Drink out of a flask like a homeless person!

Maddox: (yelling) What do you mean, like a homeless person! You just pop into the bathroom and just take a swig of your flask! Chicks love it!

Dick: Man, I dated a girl who did that, and it was so bad, going out with her, where she's fuckin' ordering Cokes and pouring whiskey into them, like out of her purse.

Maddox: Oh, that's cool man.

Dick: No, no, no.

Maddox: That would give me the biggest boner!

Dick: Get the fuck out of here.

Maddox: That chick is subverting the system! Yeah, she's not waiting in line like a chump! Like a moron. Like a monkey! (disgusted)

(Sound effect: Monkey sounds)

Dick: Well, that's my solution. "Surge Pricing".

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical) Yeah. (disgust)

Dick: Just imagine where it could work for you.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm trying REALLY hard and I can't even think.

Dick: It may not be someone winning at video games, but it's a pretty good solution, I think. (Maddox and Sean laughing)

Maddox: Alright, Dick. (Dick laughs) I got a real solution. Huh? How about this. "Meat"!!

Dick: Oh, shut the fuck up. Meat.

Maddox: Meat is the solution!! MEAT is actually a solution. Okay? This is…this is…so listen to what happened to humanity. They found…this study. This is from this website called http://www.livescience.com and this article is titled "Meat and Cooked Foods are Needed for Early Human Brain".

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah! This is actually a noncontroversial study. They found…two new studies came out. They said that a lot of people are vegetarians and vegans and these diets seem natural for humans, but in terms of evolution, it is a bit of a stretch according to two recent independent studies. "Eating meat and cooking food made us human", the study suggests. "Eating meat made us human." I think that's worth repeating. "Enabling our brains of our pre-human ancestors to grow dramatically over a period of a few million years." They can trace our brain growth to the exact moment where we started developing tools to hunt animals and eat them. Eat their cooked meat. You know why? It's because…and by the way, this isn't just, like, one branch of science. "Archaeologists and evolutionary biologists have found this. The new studies demonstrate, respectively, that it would have been biologically implausible for humans to evolve such a large brain on a raw vegan diet and that meat-eating was a crucial element of human evolution at least one million years before the dawn of humankind."

Dick: I actually knew all that.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. I saw this, actually, I went to the Natural History Museum and they had this little placard in front of the evolution tree. It showed, like, all the apes, all the simians evolving, whatever. And it talked about that. And you can see the exact moment we started eating meat, because our heads exploded.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's my head. My head's exploding. (grins) (Dick laughs) Yeah. So this one study published last month in the journal Proceedings Of The National Academy Of Sciences. "Examined the brain sizes of several primates. For the most part, larger bodies have larger brains across the species." Right? That's generally true. "Yet, humans have exceptionally large neuron-rich brains for our body size, while gorillas, three times more massive than humans, have smaller brains and three times fewer neurons." (taunting) "Why? Well. The answer, it seems, that gorillas' raw, vegan diet, devoid of animal protein, which requires hours upon hours of eating only plants to provide enough calories to support their mass." (cocky)

Dick: Yeah. I do feel like there's…I don't want to jump the gun, here.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (grinning)

Dick: But I do feel like there's something unsophisticated and almost primitive about vegans in general.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would say.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. They're closer to monkeys than we are. 'Cause we…you eat a burger and that puts you one step above a vegan and two steps above a monkey. A monkey and a vegan are just, like…they could basically date. (Sean laughs) You wouldn't even be able to tell the difference. They probably speak the same language.

Dick: That's the missing link. Is a vegan. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. Vegans are the missing link. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Evolution solved!

Dick: Do you think Bigfoot is a vegan? I guess so! He must be!

Maddox: Yeah, must be a vegan!

Dick: He must be!

Maddox: Or. Or. Still stuck on the raw diet. Which is also…you're just foraging all fucking day long.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. These fucking…these stupid apes. Listen to this: "For gorillas to evolve a human-like brain, they would need an additional 733 calories per day, which would require another two hours of feeding, the authors wrote. A gorilla already spends as much as 80% of the tropics' 12 hours of daylight eating." So, you have 12 hours a day. Those are hours that you could use building huts, building oil platforms. Playing video games. (Dick laughs) You know. Fighting against Daigo in Street Fighter III.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: These are things that these apes could be doing with their time. Instead, they're just foraging for nuts and berries and vegan bullshit! Instead of roasting a pig!

Dick: It's almost like…it's almost like vegetables and foraging and nuts and plants and stuff like that are windmills and solar power…(laughing) (Maddox groans) And meat is, like, nuclear power. It's got…it's so much denser with energy for you, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it makes us evolve…

Maddox: Uhh…

Dick: Into something better.

Maddox: Wow, Dick. I'm trying to connect the dots here, and I…

Dick: Very simple dots. They're right on top of each other.

Maddox: I think you're the simple dot. (laughing)

Dick: So meat caused evolution? It's a great solution.

Maddox: Meat caused us to be human. We have…you know, if it weren't for meat, you. Right now. You, the listener, listening to this show right now, wouldn't even understand the words coming out of my mouth. You would understand this:

(Sound effect: Monkey sounds)

Maddox: But you wouldn't understand me. (giggles) How does that make you feel, huh? You're welcome. Humanity owes itself to meat. And cooking.

Dick: That's pretty good.

Maddox: Yeah. Thank you.

Dick: That's some passion.

Maddox: Yeah. That's my Oscar speech.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: That's for myself.

Dick: Have you ever gone off meat? Have you ever…for any reason, have you ever gone, like, on a partially, I dunno, vegan diet, or anything like that? For even a medical reason? Like, anything.

Maddox: You know, I did notice. So, I've lost a lot of weight. About eight years go, I decided, after I wrote the Alphabet Of Manliness, no more. I wasn't going to put my life in jeopardy like I did, because I gained a lot of weight and I had high blood pressure and cholesterol and that sort of thing.

Dick: Mhmm. Lost your hair, too.

Maddox: So, I decided to…I did. I lost a lot of hair.

Dick: Don't forget that.

Maddox: (scoffs) I did. I sure did. (Sean and Dick laugh) Yeah, laugh it up, Sean. Shave your fuckin' head. So, I did. Yeah. This all happened to me. And I decided to eat healthier, and I cut a lot of stuff out of my diet. And through no conscious decision, I found myself accidentally eating mostly eggs and almonds and fruit. And that was my diet for a long time. And chicken. And I noticed that…and that was not…that was actually for a health reason. I tried to cut down on cholesterol. Now I'm to the point where I can eat cholesterol again. I eat it, like, every day. I eat, like, just mostly cholesterol.

Dick: Good.

Maddox: Yeah. Big bricks of it. Um…

Dick: And then you scream until your veins are popping out. (Maddox laughs) I think these are pretty good. These are all good for your heart.

Maddox: You know, Dick, I work out every day and I eat healthy just so I can abuse myself with cookies and beer. I love it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, yeah. So for a while, I found myself almost eating no meat for a little bit. And that was, like, just a couple of days. And I realized that my farts weren't smelling like they normally do.

Dick: Mmm. Mhmm.

Maddox: Yeah. Which pissed me off.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I went back to eating meat normally. And I feel great. I always feel great when I eat meat.

Dick: Yeah. If I've ever had to go off of it, I feel weird. I had to stop eating meat for, god, I think it must have been a month after I had this surgery.

Maddox: What?! (incredulous) Oh.

Dick: I had, like, this horrible surgery where I couldn't eat. Like, they would have had to wire my jaw shut, but they don't do that anymore for that kind of stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They just put plates in your face. Uhh…and it was driving me insane. Like, the hunger would just never go away.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I felt like a zombie or, like, a supermodel. I don't know which, but I was just constantly craving something. I would eat six-seven times per day, just trying to get any… trying to get it to go away.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's all you think about!

Maddox: Yeah. When I don't eat protein. When I don't eat enough protein, I always feel hungry. You can't get it…and these fucking…you know, a lot of vegans and vegetarians say they get enough protein through eating algae, like spirulina. You know what spirulina is?

Dick: Is it algae?

Maddox: It's like…yeah. It's like pond scum. It's pond scum. And you can't get Vitamin B12, enough Vitamin B12 through a vegetarian diet. Many vegetarians die from malnourishment…well, I wouldn't say many, but, like, some of them do die from malnourishment. If they stick to a strict vegan diet. I talked to this dipshit in a bar one time. Who was a hardcore vegan. He wasn't even vegan. He was a fruitarian. You know what he eats? (Dick laughs) This is all he eats. Bananas.

Dick: I thought you were gonna say other guys.

Maddox: (laughs) No. All he eats are bananas.

Dick: He eats bananas?

Maddox: Bananas. Every day, he eats bananas. I said…

Dick: Oh man. Come onnnnnnnnnn!!

Maddox: I asked him. I said, "Well, how do you get enough protein?" and he said, "Your body creates enough protein for you." I said, "No it doesn't." and then I said, "How do you get Vitamin B12?" and he says, "You don't need B12, that's a myth." It's not a myth. There is a vegan couple. There's…actually, every once or twice a year, you'll see some vegan couple in New York or Connecticut, where they tried to raise their son or daughter on a vegan diet and then they find that their son or daughter died. Because they didn't get enough Vitamin B12.

Dick: Classic SIDS. Classic case of SIDS.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. We have no idea how it happened, ma'am.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Could have been all the kale you were cramming up his ass. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. And then now, people are trying to do this to their poor fucking pets that are omnivores and carnivores. Like dogs. Dogs are carnivores. Don't feed them your vegan fucking bullshit diet, 'cause it's gonna die.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You need to feed it meat. In fact, the best diet for a dog is raw animals, because that's what dogs eat.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Traditionally. Cats, too. Like, they need to eat this kind of stuff from time to time. If you're trying to feed your poor pet or your poor human pet…whatever it is. If you're trying to feed it just vegan, it's going to die. Let it grow to an age so it can make a decision on whether or not it wants to be an ape for the rest of its life eating bananas. Or…having a steak like a normal human being and joining the rest of humanity.

Dick: Yeah. I…I agree with you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I hate vegans, too.

Maddox: Well, this isn't about hating vegans. (Dick and Maddox crack up) This is about finding solutions to humanity and the biggest thing that has helped humanity thus far is meat and cooking food. But speaking of food, Dick.

Dick: Yeah, Speaking of eating.

Maddox: We got a couple of bottles of hot sauce we gotta put down.

Dick: Alright. Did you figure out what we're betting on this? I do want to bet something for real, and not tattoos, like your last fuckin' bet.

Maddox: Dick, you won't do anything. You just puss out on everything. What, shave our heads?

Dick: I'm not getting a tattoo of "Dick was wrong" on me. Wasn't that your suggestion?

Maddox: I just said "Diet Dick", like the Coca-Cola logo, and it can be any size, anywhere you want.

Dick: Diet Dick.

Maddox: Diet Dick.

Dick: Did you…do you have the double meaning on purpose? Like are chicks gonna see that and go, "Oh, this is Dick Lite." Tattooed on my body? (Maddox laughs) Oh, great.

Maddox: Dick. I thought about that tattoo a lot. I thought about it in the shower. And that was the perfect tattoo for you.

Dick: No. I'll do something. I'm not gonna tattoo myself, though.

Maddox: Yeah. You won't do anything. You won't shave your head. What, you wanna make a monetary bet? 25$?

Dick: Ummmmmm, I'll bet you 20$.

Maddox: Anyway. Let's do this. So, here are the rules. Here are the ground rules.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Let's agree to these ground rules. We drink the hot sauce entirely. First one to finish wins.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And no water or drink afterwards.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I feel like we should have to recite something after we drink it. Because that tricked you up last time, if you don't recall.

Maddox: It didn't trick me up, dude.

Dick: There were problems. (grinning) With the…

Maddox: Yeah. Well here's what we're gonna do. Here's what we're gonna do. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Right, Sean? You're the audio engineer. Did you detect…I know you weren't there, but did you detect some anomalies in Maddox's…

Sean: (interjects) I wasn't there and I knew exactly what was going on. It was like the part of Maddox will now be replaced by a Saint Bernard. (Dick cracks up)

Maddox: Great. You guys are so fuckin' cool.

Dick: They're known for slobbering.

Maddox: Yeah, I know. I get it, Dick! (annoyed) I know what dogs do! (Dick laughs) Dogs and monkeys, both of 'em.

Dick: So am I allowed to drink it out of a Tom Collins glass over here? That's much more natural for me.

Maddox: No. We gotta both have the same thing. Gimme one of these bottles.

Dick: I haven't drank from a bottle like this since I was like, two years old, though.

Maddox: Oh I'm sorry. Do you want a catheter so you can shove it right into your vagina? Here.

Dick: No, I'd like a glass!! (yells)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like a glass like you drink poison out of!

Maddox: You don't get a glass. I don't get a glass.

Dick: Here.

Maddox: Okay, Sean. You're going to moderate this. And make sure that neither of us cheats. And make sure that Dick actually drinks his. 'Cause he might try to pull some shenanigans and say he's a puppet master like Roger to get out of drinking the hot sauce.

Dick: 20 bucks? You wanna put 20 bucks on this?

Maddox: 25.

Dick: Why a weird amount?

Maddox: It's always 25.

Dick: I gotta go get fives.

Maddox: 25 is my standard amount that I bet. (grins)

Dick: (laughs) Why?!

Maddox: 25 is a good number.

Dick: Uh, I want to hear you read something after we do this.

Maddox: Great. What are we gonna read?

Dick: Let's read that girl's bitchy Uber review.

Maddox: Okay. Yeah. Let's do this. What are you doing? What are you shuffling around over there? Dick is procrastinating. He is delaying. These are delay tactics. He's hoping that the hard drive fills up before he has to drink this hot sauce.

Dick: (burps) No, I just had to get that out.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright. Sean, are you gonna watch? Are you gonna determine who finishes first?

Sean: Yeah. Just put it down as soon as you're done on your little end tables there.

Dick: Okay. We're going for speed, right? I've never done this before.

Maddox: We're going for speed and also who holds it together the best afterwards.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Alright? So, I mean, it's not just entirely speed.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: It's also style. Also style. You're also judging for style.

Sean: Okay. Style points. Got it.

Dick: Right. This is a solution on its own.

Maddox: Oh yeah, nice solution. Yeah.

Dick: When someone calls you out on the Internet, you fuckin' rise to the challenge. No matter what it is. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Alright Sean, give us a countdown.

(Ritzy game show music starts)

Sean: Alright. On your mark, get set, go!

(Drinking sounds in background)

Dick: (sputters) Oh my fucking God!!!

Maddox: Done! Ahhh. Dick is still drinking!!! (six seconds or so pass)

Dick: Ahhhh. Alright. Um.

Maddox: How'd that go?

Dick: Um. That was intense.

Sean: How'd that go?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That was intense.

Maddox: Yeah. Was it now? (sounds like he has too much saliva)

Dick: Yeah. You want me to read first?

Maddox: Go ahead (swallowing saliva) (Dick laughs)

Dick: Alright. My eyes are watering a little bit.

Maddox: Yeah. A lot bit.

Dick: Alright. Here's the girl's letter. (slurring) "Last night was Halloween…" (chokes, voice cracks) (Maddox cracks up) "Great time. Today is my 26 th birthday" (talking in a weird voice) "Not so great of a time. I live in Baltimore…" (sounds like he's crying a bit) (Maddox laughs)

Sean: I think he scorched his lungs!

Dick: "And went out with my friends to celebrate my birthday at midnight." (voice cracks at the end) (Maddox and Sean crack up) Here. You try it. You try it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Oh, my God.

Maddox: Ahhh.

(Ritzy game show music still going)

Dick: Is this the last of this hot sauce? Is this…(chokes on his saliva) (Maddox cracks up) Does this exist on Earth anymore?

Maddox: Yeah. "Last night was Halloween. Great time. Today is my 26th birthday. Not so great time. (sounds like he has too much saliva, but holds it together) I live in Baltimore and went out today with my friends to celebrate my birthday at midnight. When 3 AM rolled around, I suggested we take an Uber to avoid drunk driving. #responsibility." (grinning)

Dick: Alright, you fuckin' win. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Yeah!!! Winner!!!

(Sound effect: Game show "ding!" and clapping)

Sean: Dick's opening his wallet immediately.

Maddox: Alright! 25$, baby!

Dick: Yeah, I always pay up. (voice is hoarse, talking quickly)

Maddox: I'm gonna buy a steak and be a human!

Dick: Can you…can you talk…can you wrap this…(swallows, chokes) can you wrap this show up? (Maddox cracks up) Ugh.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh. This is hilarious. Alright, guys. So that's it for our first ever bonus episode. We hope you enjoyed it. (swallows) We went a little bit long.

Dick: Because we certainly didn't! (laughs, chokes) Here! Here's your 25 bucks, you asshole!

Maddox: Thanks. (Dick groans) Alright. Yep. This checks out. It's real money.

Dick: So our solutions…you're gonna be able to vote on them on the website the same way you normally do (breathes heavily, swallows)

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Except not in the problems area.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's gonna be a solutions area.

Maddox: And we'll be doing this once a month! It'll be the first Monday of every month.

Dick: (swallows) Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. (sniffs)

Maddox: So your solutions were, Dick?

Dick: My solutions were…(swallows) "Nuclear Power" (Maddox laughs) "Nuclear Fuckin' Power".

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: More powerful than this hot sauce.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) Barely.

Dick: By a little bit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And, uhh…"Surge Pricing". (hoarse, coughs)

Maddox: "Surge Pricing". Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: And your problems were?! (struggles) (Maddox laughs) This is…if we got kudos for talking like real guys on the podcast before, this is as real….this is as opposite to William Shatner hipsters as you can get.

Maddox: Yeah. This is hilarious. (grinning)

Dick: Ugh. It sounds disgusting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: There's a stupid amount of sweat going on this room now.

Dick: Yeah. We sound like two talking vaginas. (sounds like he's about to cry)

Maddox: (laughing) Speak for yourself, buddy. I'm fine!! I feel great right now. I could talk the rest of my fucking life! So, my problems are…(chokes on his saliva a bit) Excuse me. Excuse me.

Dick: Oh, there we go.

Maddox: (laughing) Shut up! My solutions were, "Kicking Ass", which I just did.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: And…

Dick: Meat!

Maddox: Meat! (laughing)

Dick: Meat, which is what's become of my tongue.

Maddox: "Kicking Ass" and "Meat" were my solutions this week. So, tune in…

Dick: You got a hell of a hot sauce here, Maddox. I gotta give you that.

Maddox: Thank you. Yeah! Professor Maddox's Hot Sauce And Chest Hair Tonic. I put…I drank some of that stuff…(swallows)…and I got some hair on my back. I grew some chest hair on my back. It's incredible.

Dick: How did you know it was chest hair?

Maddox: Oh, you can tell, buddy. You look at it…you can comb chest hair.

Dick: You look at enough guys' hairy backs and you know, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I see it every day. (Sean and Dick laugh) I see it every day. 'Cause I wake up sometimes and my head is completely turned around, so I just see my back. Anyway…

(Closing theme riff starts)

Maddox: So thank you for listening to our very first ever Biggest Solution In The Universe!! Vote for these solutions on the website. We've got more coming!!

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(Heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Solution In The Universe! I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson…

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy? How's it going?

Maddox: Welcome back to another bonus episode! You guys, thanks for supporting this show.

Dick: Thank you, guys.

Maddox: The bonus episode, the response has been overwhelming. You guys loved it, and, you know, if you really like the show, tell a friend, spread the word, buy this for your friends, buy this for your enemies, buy this for maybe have never even heard anything before and they're gonna get that expensive surgery to hear for the first time? Let this be the first thing they hear.

Dick: Yeah. No, those inspiring videos with the cochlear implants on YouTube…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: This should be…that intro song is the first thing that you want to hear when you get the gift of hearing for the first time.

Maddox: Agreed.

Dick: I mean, whether your friends hate podcasts or love them, I feel like this is an appropriate gift.

Maddox: Right. Yeah. So, Dick. We have solutions to talk about for the first time. The winner of the solutions. I guess…and I'm using only your phrasing of this. I don't think that it's a contest. It's never been a contest!

Dick: Fine. Okay. (giggles)

Maddox: Okay?

Dick: Well who won?

Maddox: I'm not just saying that.

Dick: Who won? (grinning) We had good solutions.

Maddox: Nobody won, 'cause it's not a contest! It doesn't make sense to say it's a contest.

Dick: Okay. Who got more points than the other points.

Maddox: The most votes got Nuclear Power. (Dick cracks up)

(Song starts to play, electric guitar/drums, singer sings "Maddox LOST!" "Maddox LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "'Cause his problems fucking sucked!" (**Maddox:** Ohhh, boy.) (**Dick:** Fuckin' sucked!) **"Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox."**

"LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Maddox." "LOST!" "Diiiiiiiiiiiiiiick is the winner!" song ends)

(throughout the song playing)

Maddox: Hey. (Dick cackles maniacally) Fucking bullshit. You suck. Fucking asshole.

Dick: Yeahahahah!!! Your solutions sucked!

Maddox: Fuck youuuuuu, Masterson!!!!!!

(song ends)

Dick: Ohhhh, man. Ohhhhh, yeah.

Maddox: Piece of shit. Fuckin' asshole.

Dick: I thought I lost. Really, I won, with Nuclear Power?

Maddox: You didn't win, you got more votes. Your solution got more votes. Big deal.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Uh, I got eaten up on the comments on that one, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everybody said I should have done more research

Maddox: Yes, you should have.

Dick: And I sounded stupid.

Maddox: You should have, Dick, because nuclear fusion is potentially a solution, not nuclear fission, and then, uh…

Dick: Wait, wait, wait, wait. What?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's your problem with my solution?

Maddox: Your solution was…

Dick: Nuclear Power.

Maddox: No, nuclear fusion.

Dick: I didn't say nuclear fusion! I said nuclear power.

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, but…

Dick: Whatever you got, I'll take. That's the solution.

Maddox: But then you…(laughs)…but then you spent 35 minutes talking about nuclear fusion! Er, fission.

Dick: That's a great…that's all I had time for! I had 15 minutes, man.

Maddox: Right. Oh, yeah, yeah. (chuckles sarcastically) Except you went on for 35. (Dick laughs) Then came "Kicking Ass". "Kicking Ass" was neck and neck for a long time.

Dick: Really?! (laughing) Neck and neck with what?

Maddox: Yeah, it was. With your "Nuclear Horseshit".

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: And then, came "Meat", with 666 votes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. Mark of the Beast, baby.

Dick: Pretty good, yeah.

Maddox: And then your BULLSHIT "Surge Pricing". (Dick sighs) Got trounced in the voting.

Dick: Yeah. I saw that. I went pretty far in the rant on that one.

Maddox: Yeah. You did.

Dick: I got some comments for you. **Tim Johns** of Farmdale says, **"The highlight of this episode for me is when Maddox told the story of his father pulling the shirt over the 22-year-old guy's head and pounding the shit out of him."**

Maddox: Yeah, that was pretty cool.

Dick: That was a pretty good moment. Uhhh…speaking of things that I screwed up on. That hot sauce challenge, big loss.

Maddox: (laughing) Yeaah, buddy! It was so funny, man. You BLEW it on that.

Dick: Yeah. Well, **Serena Cocina** says, **"It sounded like Maddox's hot sauce finally sent Dick into puberty. Congrats to both of you."**

Maddox: I got a comment from **Michael Angelo Gedek,** he says, **"Surge Pricing was the "leaving your fly open" of solutions."** (chuckles)

Dick: Okay. What was that guy's name?

Maddox: Uh, Michael Angelo Gedek.

Dick: Fuck you, Michael. Uh, here's one from **Inerrant Hats**. I don't think that's a real name. **"Gotta say, I'm with Dick here. Fear of Nuclear energy is the ebola alarmism of the energy world.** " He goes on to say, check this out, that **"Ash released from a coal plant during normal operations is 100 times more radioactive than a nuclear power plant."**

Maddox: Well. (stammers)

Dick: No, no, no. Lemme explain it. 'Cause I read the article that he linked to.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a Scientific American article, first of all. So it's not, like, my usual articles that I bring in…(grinning) from, I dunno.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: "A modern…" So, coal has trace amounts of radioactive materials in it, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Everything dose.

Dick: But when we're burning so much of it, the amount of radioactive ash in the air is 100 times more than the byproducts of a nuclear power plant.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, yeah, but, but…the byproducts of the nuclear power plant isn't what alarmists are worried about. They're worried about the meltdown. (chuckles) That's not a byproduct. That just destroys the environment and the state…and the city, potentially. Well, the city potentially for sure, but not the state. But that's what people are actually worried about, not the fallout.

Dick: Okay. That sounds alarmist to me. **Sean Coral** also sent me an email about an actual nuclear-powered cargo ship. You remember, I said that would solve the car pollution?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. He said that the Navy has one, the Savannah. That was pretty cool. And that the Westinghouse Nuclear Power Plant, the AP1000, is meltdown-proof. So, thank you **Sean Corral.**

Maddox: Meltdown-proof?

Dick: Meltdown-proof, dude. He said it in an email. You know it's true. (grinning, sarcastic)

Maddox: (chuckles) Okay, great. Yeah, real meltdown-proof. Uh, I got a number of people in the comments commenting about how now that we're doing the Biggest Solution, (giggles) **Jericho Slade** says, **"The final solution: find out next time."** So he said essentially, we're trying to find the final solution here.

Dick: Oh, that's what we're looking for?

Maddox: (laughing) I guess.

Dick: Oh, boy. Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. (still laughing)

Dick: I got a fun comment for you.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: It's from **Kevin Ward.** And he says…we've talked about Dark Souls on this podcast before.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Dark Souls left me with extremely high expectations for all video games and has tainted the enjoyment of every RPG since. I really want to know how Maddox plays Dark Souls II." Uh, I'll tell you how he plays Dark Souls II. (Maddox chuckles) First of all, he spends 45 minutes in the inventory. I don't know what he's doing. He's just shifting it around.

Maddox: Right, that's what you DO in the game, Dick! It's all inventory shuffling! That's what you do!

Dick: (laughs) And then a little message pops up saying somebody wants to fight and he immediately gets killed by, like, a red guy.

Maddox: Fuck you! That's fucking bullshit! (yelling) (Dick laughing) Dick, that is slander! I will sue you! (Dick cracks up) I will sue you in court. You better check your inbox for a letter from my lawyer, buddy! (angry) Cease and desist!

Dick: Ahhh. That's what I heard.

Maddox: Yeah, fuck you. That's bullshit, man! Uh, so, look guys. Dark Souls II, first of all, is not an RPG. I don't consider it an RPG. It's action-RPG if anything. Uh, you just go around with giant fucking swords and the game is brutally difficult. It turns away so many people because they can't even get past the first level, or in some cases, not even past the first enemy. I dated someone one time, couldn't even PASS the first guy. The first enemy in the game. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Man, I'm sorry. You dated someone who couldn't even pass the first level in the game?! (laughing, incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah. So we broke up.

Dick: You make these girls play video games?!

Maddox: Yeah!! No, I let them. I don't make them.

Dick: Oh, okay. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got one from **Oliver Elmedy. "I guess I should be thanking Dick for surge pricing this show into existence."** Eh. Ironic that Surge Pricing got its ass kicked on the Solutions list, when this very episode is kind of a surge price.

Maddox: Okay, Dick. It's not. First of all, there's no surge. It's not a surge. Look, there's a difference between Surge Pricing and pricing. What we're doing is just pricing. Surge pricing is when there is an excess demand for something and you increase the price for it.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Anyway, yeah.

Dick: Okay. I got…I got some voice mail.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: You wanna hear some?

Maddox: No. (laughing) Let's hear it.

Dick: I think you'll like this one.

Maddox: Alright.

(Voice mail: "Hey, this is the guy who called in and thought Dick was 2004 Maddox. Dick, I'm sorry that I thought you were 2004 Maddox." (**Dick:** Apology accepted.) **"Maddox, this part's kinda for you. And I know you like to hear stuff from the young viewers.** (**Maddox:** No.) **So, he's not entirely allowed to cuss, but he has a message for Dick. (little kid's voice: "Eff word you, Dick!")**

Dick: Eff word you, Dick. Is what he said.

Maddox: Ohhh, lame, dude! That does sound like your fan! (Dick laughs) A big pussy.

Dick: I'm pretty sure he hates me.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Voice mail: "Hey, this is Jane Washington and, oh, oh. And Maddox, you…like, 20 episodes ago, it was like, in the early days of the podcast, you said that you used to make your own porn using Mario Paint… (**Maddox:** Yeah.) **that you would recreate one of these pictures and post it on the site.** (**Maddox:** It's great. Sure.) **You haven't done that.** (**Maddox:** Well. (bored) **And you should.** (**Maddox:** No.) **Because I'm not going to be self fulfilled until I see Mario and Luigi DPing some chick in a picture Maddox made.** (**Dick:** Yeah.) **Which uh…yeah.)**

Maddox: Gross, dude. Listen. There's nothing I want to do less in my life than to give you a boner. (Dick cracks up) I can't think of a single thing I would rather do less than to give that man an erection.

Dick: (laughing) Ohh.

Maddox: And I will not. I will not, I repeat, post that shit on the website just because he wants to get off to it. No way. No fucking way.

Dick: Okay. That's fair. That's a fair explanation.

Maddox: Yeah. Is that all you got for voice mail?

Dick: Yeah, that's the voice mails I got.

Maddox: Well Dick, I have a voice mail from a listener. His name's **Angelo.**

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And it's not actually a voice mail, it's a video that he recorded, so Angelo records these videos of his mom. And some of them have gone really viral on the Internet. He… she even did a video with Tim and Eric from the Tim and Eric Show.

Dick: Oh, wow.

Maddox: Right? Yeah!

Dick: What did she do with Tim and Eric?

Maddox: She did a cooking contest. (guffaws) and definitely was not in on the bit, so she took it really seriously.

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: And I think got offended. But she's the type of person…she gets offended pretty easily.

Dick: Oh, great. Alright.

Maddox: Well, I wouldn't say pretty easily, because she's a fan of my stuff, I think.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: But, Dick. Angelo played her the video of you on Dr. Phil.

Dick: Okay. (bracing himself)

Maddox: Right? And so, here's some excerpts from the video of her watching you on Dr. Phil.

Dick: Oh, I can't wait. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) Here's what she has to say. Here's what she starts out with.

(Sound clip from the video, Dick saying, "Women should not be allowed to vote it's ridiculous….women interjecting, "Oh, shut up. You jackass.")

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. You jackass!

Dick: You jackass. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. She didn't like that at all. Here's what she says.

(Sound clip, woman with heavy accent (Angelo's mom) saying, "Listen, you jackass. You cannot live without the woman, try to live by yourself. Not only that, woman gives the best babies. I hate him! I hate him! Take this jerk out of my face. Who IS he?!)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) She hates you.

Dick: Who am I? I'm on TV, and you're not, baby. (grinning) That's who I am.

Maddox: Whoaaaaa!! Hey, she's been on with Tim and Eric, dude! I'd take Tim and Eric over Dr. Phil.

Dick: Well, whatever.

Maddox: Any day. Yeah, so she says…

Dick: This is a guy's mom and he's just playing her my clips from Dr. Phil and then recording the outrage?

Maddox: Oh yeah. It goes on, man. She has so many messages for you. Listen to this.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Yeah, well, Maddox, I don't know what kind of friend is this you have, but I can tell you this guy is a jerk!")

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What?!?! (incredulous)

Maddox: A jork.

Dick: I'm a jork!?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is this what the women…is she Greece? Is she from Greece?

Maddox: She's Greek, yeah.

Dick: Is this what the women in Greece are like? No wonder that country's in the shitter!

Maddox: No, dude.

Dick: If I was a Greek man and I had to wake up next to that, I'd go straight to the fucking bar! That's what I would do! (upset) (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: You're blaming Greek's economic downfall on women?!

Dick: No, on her specifically.

Maddox: Oh, on her specifically. (laughing)

Dick: On Angelo's mom specifically.

Maddox: Well that sounds…

Dick: (interjects) (yelling) Brighten up! Put a smile on it, lady!

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning) Well Dick, she has a question for you. Here's her question.

Dick: Go ahead.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Let me ask you something, you…if you're not gay, can you live without a woman? (incredulous)")

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. Can you?

Dick: If I'm not gay?

Maddox: If you're not gay, can you…

Dick: I don't think that was necessary, was it? The gay part?

Maddox: Can you? Yeah. Here's another question, Dick.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "And he's on the Internet and they let him be there?!")

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I can't believe they let you be in the internet!

Dick: Yeah. Look, lady. In America, you're allowed to sound like a jerk on the Internet. I don't know how it is in Greece, but over here in the land of the free, you can do that. (upset)

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno, Dick. Well, she has a message for you. Here's what she has to say to you.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Let me tell you something. You suck. You nobody. You talk like that about women, you nobody. You zero. Zero! (**Maddox:** Zero.) **You nobody! Dug a hole and put himself in there!!")** (Dick guffaws)

Maddox: Yeah. Why did you dug a hole and put yourself in there, Dick?

Dick: Oh, man. Straight to the bar.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That'd be me, waking up in Greece with one of these broads. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, let me give you some tips, Angelo's mom.

Maddox: Well, there's still more.

Dick: Oh, there's more?

Maddox: There's a few more things she wanted to say to you.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Let me tell you something. Why don't you go home and suck a lemon!?")

Maddox: Yeah, why don't you suck a lemon, Dick?! (Dick cracks up) (Maddox giggles) And here's some more. Here's some more. This is what she thinks of you, Dick. Here's what she thinks of your message.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Your whole…your whole persona. Your whole ethos. Here's what she has to say to you, Dick.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: (yelling) Go to Hell! You came out of a woman! Don't you have any respect about your mother!? Youuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu(gets louder) ugly piece of humanity! Don't you have any respect about your mother?! (Dick dying of laughter) **What your mother say about that?** (**Maddox:** Yeah!) **The poor woman!")**

Maddox: The poor woman, Dick. What does your mother have to say about that?! Youuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu ugly piece of humanity! (Dick laughs) That's it. That's all she has to say for that.

Dick: Oh, that's it?

Maddox: Oh, well the video goes on and on, but those are the excerpts I got from it.

Dick: Always about my mother. Always goes straight for my mother. What's the deal?

Maddox: She's concerned about your poor mother, Dick! As am I!

Dick: (grinning) Yeah, I don't think so. Some…that didn't sound like concern to me. That sounded like rage.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, Angelo's mom. Next time you do that, put your thoughts together a little more, 'cause you sound like a gibbering ape. Screaming about being an ugly piece of humanity and talking about my mother.

Maddox: Wooowww.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well Dick, here's what she has to say to you.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are so STUPID, man!" (Maddox cracks up) **"This guy is dumb!")**

Maddox: (laughing) Dick, I have so many clips from that video…I have created an entirely new sound board based on that one video and Angelo's mom. So here it is…

Dick: You're so fucking happy. Look at you. (Maddox giggles) It's like an early Christmas present that some woman would call in to scream at me.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Yeah, I love it so much. (grins) So here is, for the first time, without further ado, the new soundboard! I'm just gonna go through these. Here's some of the new clips you'll be hearing on the show.

Dick: Oh, God.

Maddox: Listen to this one.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Go to Hell, man!")

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah! (Dick cracks up) Go to Hell, Dick. Listen to this one.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are a jackass!!!")

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah, jackass. Listen to this one.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "This guy is stupid!!")

Maddox: (laughing) Stupid. (Dick laughs) And so, and of course, she asked that question:

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "And who are you, gay?!")

Maddox: Yeah. Are you gay, Dick?

Dick: Is that what we're doing? We're throwing around homophobic epithets now, on this show?

Maddox: No. She's wondering if you are because you hate women so much.

Dick: Oh, she's just asking?

Maddox: She's asking.

Dick: She's just asking questions?

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "And who are you, gay?!")

Maddox: Yeah.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "And who are you, gay?!")

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox and Dick crack up) That's how it sounds when you're just asking questions. "ARE YOU GAY?!?!" (accusatory)

Maddox: She's inquisitive, man!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In the video, she actually does say, "No, there's nothing wrong with it. There's nothing wrong with it."

Dick: Right, right, right.

Maddox: But she does think that you might be gay.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Go to Hell, and stay there!!")

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughing) Stay there, Dick. Here's this one.

Dick: (interjects) Ah, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hey, if the women that were available were all like you, Angelo's mom, maybe I would be gay!

Maddox: (scoffs) Oh, really?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, well here's what she thinks of you.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You dumb shit!") (Maddox laughing)

Dick: The mouth on this woman!

Maddox: Yeah. She also thinks you're crazy, dude.

Dick: I'll tell you what…I'll tell you something about my mom. She doesn't swear like that.

Maddox: Well, maybe she should.

Dick: That's because Angelo's mom, she's not like school in summertime. No class.

Maddox: (cracks up) That sounds pretty crazy.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Crazy.")

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Maddox: Yeah. Dick, it sounds like you're a little bit…

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You so arrogant!")

Maddox: Arrogant.

Dick: Yeah, I'll take that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a fair cop.

Maddox: Uh-huh. And listen to this one.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "I never heard such a dumb thing!")

Maddox: Yeah. That's a…

Dick: Me?

Maddox: I'll be using that a lot. Yeah, I'll be using that one a lot.

Dick: Alright. Is this…I've had enough of this. Is this your solution today, or what?

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Shut the Hell up!") (Dick cracks up) (Maddox chuckles)

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are a shithead!")

Dick: This is exactly what you needed. Another goddamn soundboard.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You have shit in your head!") (Maddox cracks up)

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You suck!")

Maddox: Oh, man. I'm gonna have so much…I haven't even played all of them. I've got SO many.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I've got so many.

Dick: Angelo, will you tell your mom to relax? Tell her it's alright.

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno man. I think…

Dick: (interjects) Tell her I'm a nice guy. (laughs)

Maddox: Well, he can lie to her! Why would he lie to his mom?!

Dick: Ah, she sounds so upset, man!

Maddox: Yeah. She's not upset. She just…she questions your sexual orientation and whether or not you're a dumb shit and/or have shit in your head. So, uh…anyway, anyway, Dick, you'll be hearing some of those sound clips throughout the rest of the…probably the rest of the series for the duration of this podcast.

Dick: That's why we drink, ladies. Straight to the bar waking up next to that. (grins) Straight to the fucking bar.

Maddox: That's fair, Dick.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Dick, uh, let's talk about some solutions, shall we?

Dick: Sure. So, this week…on this week's episode, I engendered a lot of ill will, you might say.

Maddox: (chuckles) Yeah.

Dick: With my stance on Mandatory Holiday Shifts. Do you remember that?

Maddox: That was last week's episode. Not the bonus episode, but last week's episode.

Dick: Yeah, last week's regular episode. I think it was 28. You brought in Mandatory Holiday Shifts. And I was against it.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Well, I was for them. I believe that if a company is paying you to work, you decide to work, you show up.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's a simple…simple interaction for me.

Maddox: Yeah. Sounds fair, except in the case where you sign up for that job without the expectation to have to have a mandatory holiday shift.

Dick: Well, I tell you what. I brought in a solution for that problem.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it.

Dick: That's a universal solution. Because, in all honesty, I think it's the most useful solution we're ever gonna have on this show.

Maddox: Okay. (skeptical)

Dick: And that it deserves to be the biggest in the universe. Here it is. Ready?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ask For A Raise.

Maddox: Ask for…Dick!!! (Dick giggles) Why do you phrase it like that?! Why do you say "Ask for a Raise"? Your fucking phrasing on this is insane!

Dick: What do you mean? Why?

Maddox: Dick. If you want to say…if somebody says, "What do you think a solution is in society?" A solution for this problem. Problem XYZ, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: You come and you say "Ask for a raise" is the solution.

Dick: Ask for a raise.

Maddox: No! It's asking for a raise. You have to say the verb. "Asking" for a raise.

Dick: "Ask" is still a verb.

Maddox: Yeah, but it's not…it doesn't sound right. "Ask for a raise" is not a solution.

Dick: You say, "Hey, hey, what's your problem?" "Oh, I got a problem. I'm feeling shitty about my job." "Hey, solution. Ask for a raise."

Maddox: Yeah, that's a whole…

Dick: (interjects) Rolls right off the tongue.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs) That's a whole paragraph, dude. If I was just going to say "One of the solutions in the universe is asking for a raise." Dick, if you want to use your horseshit phrasing, go ahead.

Dick: Yeah. I do. (grins) You're talking to the winner! I'm 1 for 1.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Oh, wow.

Dick: There's been one winner of the bonus episode podcast, and it's me. So I'll phrase it however the fuck I want. "Ask for a raise. "

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You dumb shit!") (Dick cracks up, Maddox laughs)

Dick: So I did some research on this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Check this out. Uh, CBS News says…so here's what my thinking is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What I hear ubiquitously is people complaining about their jobs. In this case, the holiday…the mandatory holiday shifts.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Complaining about the money. Complaining about the station in their lives. But I'm wondering…do you ever just go ask for a raise?

Maddox: Yeah. (amused) A lot of people do, Dick.

Dick: Not as many as you think. How many would you think? Like, honestly. (stammers) You know.

Maddox: What are you asking me, a percentage?

Dick: Yeah. Let's go with a percentage.

Maddox: A percentage of employees who ask for a raise?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, it's…I'm going to guess about 20%.

Dick: Okay. But that's extremely low, though.

Maddox: No, 20% sounds about right. Because I'm thinking about the people who get promoted at work. And it's usually about 20% of the workforce, because those are the ones who are go-getters and they're ambitious and they're trying to get someplace with their life. Those are the type of people who would ask for a raise, myself included.

Dick: Okay, so I actually found stats on this. And at first, I started looking for how often people ask for raises? That gave me nothing. So I said okay, how often do women ask for raises, right?

Maddox: Why? Why?

Dick: Because that's all you ever hear about, like the squeaky wheel gets the grease, right?

Maddox: Ah, that's true.

Dick: So I actually found, on CBS News, 44% of women and 48% of men ever ask for raises.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's less than half.

Maddox: Yeah! I thought it would be lower, actually. I thought it would be lower. 'Cause people are too…people are too afraid. They don't have the resolve. They don't have the grit. They don't have the baaaaaaaaaallls, baby.

Dick: Yeah, that's crazy to me, man!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it says, from that same study, 25% of people said they got more money than they were expecting when they asked for a raise. 38% said that they got the raise they were expecting. So that's…what is that? 50…what is that…63%? Got money? By just asking for it?

Maddox: That's pretty good odds. (amused)

Dick: The number should be 100%! That's more than half of people are not asking for raises! That's crazy.

Maddox: No, Dick. Because you're gambling! You're throwing the dice every time. If you walk into your boss's office and you say, "Hey man, I'd like a raise." And your boss thinks, "Well, this guy seems pretty entitled. He/she hasn't done anything to deserve a raise…"

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: "…So I might actually put him/her on the chopping block because not only are they doing a sub-par or average job, but now they want more money? Fuck that guy!"

Dick: Yeah, I don't…I don't agree with you, though. I think that's what people think, but I don't agree that that's what their bosses are thinking. I think their bosses are panicking just to have them there. Like, if everybody is gonna collectively say that they have any power, the people working these jobs, they should say, "Look, my time is fucking valuable." Asking for more money…there's no consequence to it. That's the part of this that I don't believe. That putting yourself out there and saying, "Hey, this is my time. I'm exchanging the quantum of my life for money. I would like more of it." I don't think that's gonna be punished.

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno Dick. I think if somebody's not doing something that's above and beyond the call of duty, they're not pushing the envelope for their expectations, they don't deserve a raise, and if they ask for it, they're gonna look entitled and weak. You know what, Dick?

Dick: So you're telling people not to ask for a raise?

Maddox: Well, here's the thing. I don't think it's a problem. I don't think it's even a solution. Well, it could be a solution, but it's not a problem, because the type of person who would ask for a raise is already cognizant and self-aware of their value and their worth and they know that they are contributing to the company a disproportionate amount.

Dick: False! No, because people…you've said this before…

Maddox: The Dunning-Kruger Effect. (grinning)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: It's people who are delusional about what they contribute, think they're doing a good job…

Maddox: (interjects) Ohhh.

Dick: And they're the ones more likely to ask for a raise.

Maddox: Wait a second, Dick. That sounds like an argument in my favor. 'Cause that sounds like inept people are asking for raises. (grins)

Dick: Right! So if you actually feel like you're in any way…like, if you're even cognizant of the fact that there's a difference between competence and incompetence, you should be asking for a raise all the time.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, how do you address the Dunning-Kruger Effect? How do you address the effect that people who are capable and adept are less likely to think they are and people who are unqualified and inept are more likely to think that they are more qualified. How do you address that problem?

Dick: Very simply. Ignore it.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay, Dick.

Dick: Ask for more money. That's my solution. That's the biggest solution…that's more important than meat, it's more important than nuclear fuckin' power…(Maddox giggles) It's even more important than surge pricing.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "This guy is dumb!") (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That sounds so dumb, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Here's the thing. I have asked for a raise before at my old job.

Dick: Did you get it?

Maddox: I sure as shit did.

Dick: One for one.

Maddox: Uh, however!

Dick: 100%! Of my stats!

Maddox: But here's the thing. Here's when I felt qualified…I felt justified in asking for a raise.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I went to my boss…so I wrote this computer program. We had this program at my old job that we had to run at the end of every single night, in every single call center. I worked for a telemarketing company, and we had something like 20 call centers, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Every single call center had to run a program that would take 45 minutes to an hour to complete, and while that program was running, they had to pay two IT staff members to sit around waiting for that program to finish so they could put those reports on the manager's desk at the end of the night, right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I rewrote that program and optimized it so it went down from 45 minutes to 3.

Dick: So you cut those two people's jobs, kinda?

Maddox: (laughs) No, I just cut their hours.

Dick: (laughing) Okay.

Maddox: I just cut their hours a bit.

Dick: It's the Grinch! It's the Grinch of jobs!

Maddox: Oookay, Dick! I can't win with you! (angry) What do I do…

Dick: (interjects) So what happens, so you asked for a raise after that, 'cause you saved the company so much money?

Maddox: I saved the company over 2 or 3 hundred thousand dollars. I did the math and I showed my boss, I said, "Hey man, I'm saving you guys 300,000$ by rewriting this one fucking program."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "How about throwing a little bit my way?" I got a tiny little raise. I was making 7$ an hour at that time…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I got bumped up to, I think, 9.50$.

Dick: 7 dollars an hour? When was this, 1964? Jesus Christ!

Maddox: Nnnnno. This was, like, the year 2000. I was severely underpaid at my job. I eventually got more money, but I was making, like, 7, 8 dollars an hour as a programmer.

Dick: Lemme tell you where you fucked up there, man. You waited until you did something that you could prove you were worth something. If you'da just walked in and asked for it, you probably woulda got the same raise. Like, what if? Let's say there's a reality where you just…where I'm, like, Quantum Leaping into you for a day, and I'm like, "Oh man, I'm

gonna fuck up Maddox's life so bad. I'm gonna go see a bunch of whores…I'm gonna tell his parents and his friends to go eff themselves, and I'm gonna walk into his boss's office and demand a raise."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What if he had given it to you then?

Maddox: If I'd just walked in out of nowhere?

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause you can't ever be sure.

Maddox: Yeah, but then I would also look like that entitled dipshit. I've worked with people, Dick, where they come to me, and I give them a set amount, and I say, "This is what my budget is. This is what I'm willing to pay."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then before they even complete the job, they ask for more money. I said, "You know what? Fuck you. Get outta here." (Dick laughs) "You're dumb!"

Dick: What is this? What is the…

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Crazy!")

Dick: What is the context that you're saying this in?

Maddox: I've hired people for illustration work. I've hired people for design work.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I've hired people to just do manual labor type stuff. You know, I've worked with people in the past, and when people demand more money before they complete the job or before they prove themselves to me, then you know, see ya buddy. Hit the road, Jack.

Dick: Hey, man. All I'm saying is not all bosses are us umm…I don't know, what do you call it. As you.

Maddox: Awesome.

Dick: Not all bosses are as on top of it as you are. You know?

Maddox: Oh. Thank you, Dick. That's…

Dick: (interjects) You take a big company like Wal-Mart…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just forcing these people to work holiday hours, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If you're working at Wal-Mart, go in every fucking day and ask for a raise. What's the consequence?

Maddox: The consequence is you get laid off because people might be banging down their doors for that job.

Dick: Don't be afraid of them. Don't be afraid of the Wal-Marts.

Maddox: Dick, lemme give you an example. The video game industry is notorious for its working conditions. They have some of the shittiest working conditions known to anyone.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Just ask anyone who's worked for one of the big companies, like EA or Activision, or whatever. They work CRAZY long hours, and if you complain about it, let alone ask for a raise, they'll say, "Hey, okay. You don't like your job? We got a billion people waiting at the door, banging our doors down for this job. You're lucky to have it, buddy."

Dick: Man, I'm really…I'm honestly really surprised to hear you have this reaction to my solution. I dunno if you're arguing with me over the solution or if you actually think that people shouldn't ask for a raise more.

Maddox: I think that the people who do ask for a raise, they're the right people who are asking for raises.

Dick: I think that the number's way off. I think it should be, like, even counting for people who are mediocre employees, I think it should be at least above 80%. From 50?

Maddox: Dick, you've overseen employees before, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: How many?

Dick: A bunch.

Maddox: A bunch.

Dick: What, does it matter?

Maddox: Well, let's say it's 10. Let's say all 10 people, every day, come to you at the start of the day and say, "Hey Dick, how about a raise?"

Dick: What am I gonna do, start firing people?

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Just instantly?

Maddox: You don't think it's annoying?

Dick: You know how hard it is to replace people?

Maddox: Weeeeeellll….

Dick: It's fucking hard. It's more expensive than giving them a raise. Listen to this. Um… Out of the 28% of women in the US have asked for a promotion. Compared to 40% of men. 17% got a new role. 42% got the role they asked for. Again, over 50. If you're gonna do something with the success rate of over 50%, I say go for it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well.

Dick: Right?! If you're gonna ask a girl out. Man, I'll ask a girl out when the success rate is 1%! This is 50%?! Fuck it, do it every day.

Maddox: When have you gotten 1%?

Dick: On women? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Depends on how drunk I am.

Maddox: You're close to zero all the time. (amused)

Dick: Oh, you think…is that a for real comment?!

Maddox: No. (giggles) No.

Dick: Yeah, you're outta your mind!

Maddox: Dick, I would say you're, like, batting 30, or 40. (laughs)

Dick: 30 or 40 percent?

Maddox: Yeah. Of the women you ask out?

Dick: On the women…honestly, I would divide it between drunk and sober.

Maddox: Okay, well is it higher or lower when you're drunk.

Dick: I dunno. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: There's the introspective Dick Masterson.

Dick: Uh, women don't ask for raises. Guys don't ask it enough. Um…

Maddox: You know, Dick, it's interesting. So I read this study awhile back…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That was put out by some women's group. It was the Women's Labor Movement or something…I forget what the name is, but they did a study about the discrepancy…the wage gap discrepancy, right? In America. And once they controlled for all these variables, I'm actually working on a video about this and it's gonna fucking blow the lid off of this fuckin' study, but once they control for all the variables…

Dick: (cackles) Alright.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Walter Cronkite. (grinning)

Maddox: Oh, yeah, yeah. I am! I'm the petty Walter Cronkite. So, once you control for all the variables that account for differences in wage gaps; for example, the number one reason is that men and women prefer different types of jobs. They just do. The second reason is because of education levels and different experience levels and different tenure, and different…you know, once you control for all these variables and if you look at the same industry and compare women and men, they make about 94% to 97% of the same wage. Right? So they said, "Well that doesn't explain the remaining gap, which is pretty much the margin of error, but once you eliminated that, one possible explanation for the remaining wage gap is this discrepancy that you're talking about. The likelihood of women to ask for raises than men.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They say women are less likely than men to ask for raises and that could explain the discrepancy. The remaining discrepancy.

Dick: 20% of adult women never negotiate at all. Never. At all.

Maddox: Yeah. Why do you think that is?

Dick: Because it's hard. It's hard to demand more money for your time.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: It's easy to get…it's easy to do it online. It's easy to complain online. It's easy to get in a big group of people striking for something.

Maddox: (interjects) Well, why is it…why..so Dick, you (stammers) you just made my point. Why is it hard? I said at the top of this…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause people are afraid.

Maddox: And what are they afraid of?

Dick: Uh, I think the fear is more general. I think what you're explaining, the, like, "You might get fired." Is just an explanation they have for a more general fear they have of confrontation.

Maddox: They're afraid of confrontation.

Dick: Like, I don't think it's as logical as you're saying.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, potentially, but I think there might be some other underlying reason. Here's the thing, Dick. We can speculate all we want, but unless we have some research and stats to actually suggest what the problem is…but you think that they're afraid…

Dick: (interjects) Hey, I got a stats for you.

Maddox: Yeah? (giggles)

Dick: I say we have an "Ask for a Raise Day". A national Ask For A Raise Day, where everybody goes in and asks for a raise.

Maddox: Terrible idea.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Because you're suddenly competing with every other employee. So that eliminates any advantage you might have.

Dick: Alright, man.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, Dick. Is that all you got?

Dick: You got anything else?

Maddox: Yeah. Is that all you got on your problem?

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: Your solution, rather.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (giggles) Or problem. Okay, Dick. I got a REAL solution here. Alright?

Dick: What's that?

Maddox: One of the biggest problems in the universe, I think, is lack of education, and you know who's trying to help solve that?

Dick: (laughing) Okay…

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Hold on. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah? The name is Malala Yousafzai. Have you heard of her?

Dick: No. I just want to be clear. You're naming your solution Malala Mousafzai.

Maddox: (laughs) Malala Yousafzai.

Dick: Okay. So when I said my solution was "Ask for a Raise", and you threw a big fit…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're naming your solution the name of a girl.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: (pause) And that's okay for you?

Maddox: Of course! It's like naming Einstein. Einstein's a potential solution!

Dick: So if someone would come to you and say, "Hey, I have a problem with my car. It's not starting." And you say, "Here's the solution. Einstein."

Maddox: No. You would say, "Here's the solution. Mechanics." There you go. It's a thing! It's an occupation!

Dick: Take it to a mechanic. Take it to a mechanic is what you're saying. (grins)

Maddox: (annoyed) No, that's now how you phrase it! (yells) You would just say, "Mechanics is the solution to your broken car!" You wouldn't say, "Take it to a mechanic." What's the solution? "Take it to a mechanic." Well, okay. That sounds clunky as shit!!! (Dick laughs) Whatever, Dick.

Dick: I sound clunky!? You sound like you're learning English as a second language, just reading off "Mechanic".

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "I never heard such a dumb thing!") (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Goddamnit. Alright, go ahead? So what's this girl all about?

Maddox: Malala Yousafzai. She's a 16-year-old Pakistani girl.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Who was shot point blank range in the face by the Taliban.

Dick: Okay. (wavering laugh)

Maddox: Because she was protesting to make sure that women could get an education. Okay? So I have a little game here, Dick.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I brought in a little game, here. This is a new game. Try to guess if I'm talking about Malala Yousafzai or Tom and Katy Holmes' daughter, Suri Cruise.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay? Okay, so first of all…

Dick: (interjects) I have a feeling like this would be an easy game.

Maddox: Well, we'll see.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: She has a wardrobe totalling over 3 million dollars. (Dick cracks up laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Including a 21-thousand dollar Dolce Gabbana trench coat and a rack of Juicy Couture Marc Jacobs dresses.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is that Suri or Malala?

Dick: Oh gosh, lemme think. (sarcastic)

Maddox: (scoffs) Yeah.

Dick: Is any of it bulletproof for dealings with the Taliban?

Maddox: Uh, I don't believe so, no.

Dick: Okay, then I'm gonna have to go Suri Cruise.

Maddox: Correct! That was Suri Cruise.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: Okay. (guffaws) Okay. The next one. Her first name means "Grief-stricken".

Dick: (cracks up)(Maddox cracks up) That's gotta be Katie Holmes, right? Is she on the list?

Maddox: No, she's not. (laughing) But that was actually Malala. Incorrect, Dick. HER first name means "Princess" (laughing)

Dick: Tsh. Suri Cruise.

Maddox: This isn't even a joke. Her name means "Princess" in Hebrew. Suri…and by the way, it also means "pickpocket" in Japanese.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah. She lives in a 6,000 square foot home in a gated community. (trying not to laugh). Suri.

Dick: Suri.

Maddox: Yeah. Now, here's an audio question, okay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Whose mom is this? Is this Katie Holmes or Malala's mom, Tor Pekai? Okay, here's the clip. Lemme see if you can guess whose mom this is.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: This was on the Ellen DeGeneres Show.

(Sound clip: Woman: "My daughter is eight years old and she already has her Christmas list ready." Ellen: "Is it written out?" Woman: "It's written out. She's very organized." Ellen: "Mhmm." Woman: "And I start to, like…you know, I get a little bit of a panic, because you CANNOT screw up talking to Santa. You cannot miss any item on that list, because if you screw that up, I mean, that's years and years of hearing about it and probably therapy." Ellen: "Right.")

Maddox: Oh. Probably therapy!

Dick: I'm gonna blow my brains out just listening to that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's awful.

Maddox: Doesn't that make you want to vomit? Doesn't that make you sick!? (angry)

Dick: (deep sigh) It annoys me.

Maddox: Yeah. This is Suri Cruise. Her mom is afraid of missing an item on her Christmas list, God forbid she misses an item on Suri's fucking precious Christmas list! (spitting, mad) Princess! Suri Princess Cruise! (jeers) Meanwhile, Malala Yousafzai was shot point blank in the face by terrorists, survived brain swelling, and brain clots…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (angry) Became septic due to faulty tubes and machines. Had to have surgery. The bullet travelled 1000 feet per second, punctured her skin, ricocheted through her EAR DRUM, severed a nerve in her face, and embedded in her shoulder!!

Dick: Pff. It's a shitty Christmas.

Maddox: Yeah. It is a shitty Christmas.

Dick: However, are her parents still together? 'Cause Suzi Cruise's parents are split up, aren't they? That's rough, man. Broken home.

Maddox: Oh, well. That is rough (laughing) Well, speaking of broken homes, Dick, maybe this will help. 'Cause her mom surprised her with a 24,000$ Grand Victorian Playhouse for Christmas!

Dick: Oh, that's nice.

Maddox: Equipped with running water, electricity, and extensive landscaping. (incredulous) (Dick chuckles) Her fucking Victorian Playhouse has running water!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Some of the villages in Pakistan don't have running water!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. This is what we're dealing with. This is what American kids have to aspire to.

Dick: What are we dealing with? What are we dealing with, here? Suri Cruise? That's who we're dealing with?

Maddox: No. We're dealing with…

Dick: (interjects) What's the solution?

Maddox: The solution…

Dick: (interjects) This just sounds like an anti-Suri Cruise rant!

Maddox: Well, it is. (smiling) This is a news clip from ABC News. When Malala Yousafzai survived the bullet. Listen to how amazing this is.

Dick: Okay.

(Sound clip: ABC female announcer: "The bullet took a path that simply cannot be believed." Female reporter: "The chances of being shot at point blank range in the head and that happening, I don't know, but it is amazing. Truly amazing. I don't know why she survived." Announcer: "A bullet travelling 1000 feet per second slips under Malala's skin, but as it heads toward her brain, that bone turns out to be so strong and curved, it forces the bullet to ricochet away. (**Maddox:** Mhmm. Tough bone.) **And instead smashes her eardrum, severs a nerve in her face, and hits her shoulder.")**

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: She had a bullet embedded in her shoulder because she stood up to the Taliban for the rights of people to get educated.

Dick: Well, what's the solution, though? Have a thick skull?

Maddox: She is the solution. No. (giggles) No, Dick. 'Cause if that were the case, you would be the solution.

Dick: I mean, a lot of guy have tried to get shot and failed.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't think this solution would work for, like, JFK.

Maddox: Who tried to get shot and failed?

Dick: My YouTube playlist is full of guys…(laughing) that cop that shot himself in the leg, remember that guy?

Maddox: What, you just go home and watch this to relax?

Dick: Yeah, to relax.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) Yeah, I remember that. No, Dick. People like this. Okay? This 16-year-old girl…and by the way…so, Katie Holmes' mom is on the Ellen DeGeneres show…

Dick: (interjects) Wait a minute! Taking a stand against impossible odds?! Is that what she did?! Is that what you're saying?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: What's asking for a raise!? And they're not impossible odds! They're 50/50.

Maddox: Okay. Then those aren't impossible odds, Dick. (Dick cracks up) You just shot…

Dick: (interjects) Only when it's impossible?! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Sounds like you just shot your solution in the head.

Dick: Alright. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. So anyway, while she was operated on…so Katie Holmes' mom is on the Ellen DeGeneres Show saying that her daughter might have to get therapy if she doesn't get all the items on her Christmas list…(laughing)

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: She was joking.

Maddox: Oh, was she?!

Dick: Yeah. I think she was joking.

Maddox: I'm not sure. I'm not sure. Meanwhile, the doctor who operated on Malala has never seen her cry. (Dick cracks up) She didn't…she didn't wince, cry, or even flinch when the needles entered her body.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: She's stoic as fuck. This girl's so tough. This girl's so badass. So Suri Cruise's mom surprises her with that 24-thousand dollar Grand Victorian playhouse, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Meanwhile, Malala lived with her two young brothers and two pet chickens. She stood up to terrorists and got shot in the face for it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: This is what we need more of in this world. People who are willing to stand up for their beliefs and die for their beliefs. And this is a 16-year-old girl with that kind of conviction. She sat down with Obama and instead of gushing, like…

Dick: (interjects) You know, well, I was just…I'm sorry, can I interrupt for a second?

Maddox: Yeah, go ahead.

Dick: You know who else stood up to terrorists like that?

Maddox: Oh. (laughs)

Dick: George W. Bush.

Maddox: No, he fucking didn't! That fucking coward!

Dick: He didn't even have evidence to stand up to terrorists…(Maddox laughs) And he said, "You know what? Fuck it. I believe that they're bad. I'm gonna stand up to them!"

Maddox: Fucking Old West dumb shit. He thought…yeah.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: He thought this was the Wild West. He put on his cowboy hat like a dumbass. Look, he raised morale.

Dick: What did he do that was different than this girl that you brought in? (grinning)

Maddox: You mean other than not get shot in the face? (Dick laughs) That, maybe? And… so, here's the thing. It doesn't end there. It doesn't end there. This girl…she won the World's Children Prize Award of 50,000$. And you know what she did with it? (Dick scoffs) She donated all of it to rebuild 65 schools. With 50,000$, she rebuilt 65 schools. So with half the price of Suri Cruise's Grand Victorian playhouse, she could have built, what? What's that? 33 schools?

Dick: 33 schools, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. 33 schools she could have built for the cost of her fucking TOY. (angry) This is what makes the rest of the world pissed off. They look at us and they say, "Well, fuck this." And this is what little girls in America are aspiring to, rather than Malala Yousafzai, because she has a weird name.

Dick: Suri Cruise?

Maddox: Yeah, Suri Cruise.

Dick: Yeah. Well, I don't think it's because she has a weird name…

Maddox: Well. (skeptical)

Dick: I think it's because…you know, we don't have to fight terrorists to go to school. It's not really relevant to little girls over here.

Maddox: Yeah, but here's what…

Dick: Is it?

Maddox: Well, no, but here's what is relevant. Here's what every time you pull up fucking Jezebel, or XO Jane, or any of these…mic.com…or vox.com…or Polygon! Fucking all they do is RAGE. RAGE about Spider-Woman comic book covers.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they RAGE about the cover of Cosmopolitan and women being Photoshopped.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: This is the problem! These are the problems, right? Meanwhile, little girls are getting shot in the face just so they have a chance to be educated. Just so they can become a doctor. You know why…you know why this is so important, Dick? She inspired her friend Kainat to become a gynecologist, because women in Pakistan can't even go to male doctors, because they can't show their bodies. This is what women in Pakistan are dealing with. Meanwhile, in America, the front cover of XO Jane, and all these fucking feminist screeds are bitching about comic book covers! (yelling) These are…this is a problem. This is what feminism SHOULD be today. Not this fucking horseshit that we're peddling our time away on. This is why people are pissed off! It's not feminism!

Dick: Well, what shouldn't be that? So, what are we, finding the lowest common denom… we're finding, like, the most abused, the most tired, the most wretched mass of people on Earth and we're helping them? That's just not how we work! (Maddox laughs) Like, it's just not. I want to be entertained. Okay? I want to help out a little bit. I want a little bit of altruism, but honestly, at the end of the day, everybody's just gotta get through it. You know?

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "Shut the hell up!") (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah. I'm the asshole for saying that. Yet, every fucking person in the world spends their money like…to agree with me.

Maddox: Dick, what you're saying is what we are. Not why. And not why we should change. You're not saying…you're not saying that. You're just saying, "Here's how we are. We are what we are, man." What can we do? Where's the scorpion?

Dick: So what's the solution? Have more of this girl?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Give her a talking point? Give her a mouthpiece?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, she sat down with Obama and instead of gushing his praises like a fangirl, she told him that drone attacks in Pakistan are fueling terrorism. So think about that. It took a 16-year-old girl to point out that what the dipshits in our government STILL haven't figured out. When drones attack targets, innocent victims are killed, which leads to resentment among Pakistani people. And that's what fuels terrorism! Right? George fuckin' W. Bush couldn't figure that out! She wants Obama to instead focus on education in these countries rather than fucking fueling terrorism with more innocent victims that are killed with drone attacks.

Dick: Yeah. I don't know. (skeptical)

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay, Dick.

Dick: We got a lot of…we got a lot of problems here. Look, I don't really think we need to go around the world spending more money and setting up schools. Alright? Let them figure it out.

Maddox: (stammers) Yeah, Dick.

Dick: Oh, is that like the worst thing to say?

Maddox: Dick, it's an investment in our national security to have these other countries educated. You know that Female Genital Mutilation problem I mentioned…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, so start…

Maddox: (interjects) Hold on, hold on.

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, start…okay, go ahead.

Maddox: You know, I mentioned that problem, the Female Genital Mutilation a couple of episodes back, what was it, like number 5 or 6 or something?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a huge problem. And what can solve that problem, according to Unicef, is higher education.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So, that would solve that problem. That would solve the problem of terrorism. These are ignorant people who are blowing themselves up.

Dick: I agree. Start a Kickstarter.

Maddox: (scoffs) K…Okay. (laughing)

Dick: Stop…stop taking it out of the taxes.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's all I'm saying!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Look, you're so passionate about it, it's such a great idea. Put it on the Internet. People whip out their credit cards, problem solved. (grinning)

Maddox: Dick, you know how much these missiles cost? Like, we're shooting these missiles as a test…

Dick: I don't want to shoot them either! (yelling)

Maddox: Great! Well, for the cost of one of those missiles, we could build hundreds of schools. Just by one missile. And that would have such a positive impact in this world. In this part of the world.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That would solve problems for generations to come. It would help them be able to bootstrap themselves and get out of the rut that they're in. This rut of ignorance and suicide bombs, and this culture that creates genital mutilation.

Dick: (inhales) Sure.

Maddox: That's what would solve this problem. And little girls like Malala Yousafzai are standing up to terrorists. She got shot in the face. She had bullet powder on her hands. She fell down face first and was covered in blood and was…and didn't even cry. Didn't even fucking cry.

Dick: It's a very visceral account of getting shot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, she's a badass.

Dick: I just think it's a very complicated problem.

Maddox: (scoffs) Well…

Dick: That's all. Not solved by, I don't even know what the solution is.

Maddox: She is the solution.

Dick: Like, I get that she's a badass, but I don't know how that…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's just like a Chuck Norris thing? Like…

Maddox: No.

Dick: How does this apply to the problem?

Maddox: Because she inspires people, Dick. She inspires…she is the youngest recipient of a Nobel Prize. Did you know that?

Dick: Great.

Maddox: She won a Nobel Prize…what are you…(yells) why are you so unimpressed by that, Dick? Have you won a Nobel Prize?!

Dick: No.

Maddox: (giggles) Really?!

Dick: Surprisingly not. (grinning)

Maddox: Wow, surprise, surprise. Yeah.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are a jackass!") (Maddox cracks up)

Dick: Like, she won a Nobel Prize for what? Surviving getting shot?

Maddox: I believe it was a Nobel Peace Prize.

Dick: Yeah. They give that one out to get publicity.

Maddox: You know, I was pissed off when they gave…like, a lot of people were pissed off…

Dick: Like, did they give her a million bucks too? What did she do with that?

Maddox: I'm not sure.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm not sure. Well, I bet she probably invested it in the community. Look, this girl's a 16-year-old girl. She comes from a humble background and humble life. She doesn't have a 24,000$ Victorian house with running water and electricity. She's…

Dick: Hey, she also doesn't have what you have, by the way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: If we're gonna demonize Suri Cruise. Like, she doesn't even have what you and I have.

Maddox: Who?

Dick: So…uh, this girl. Malala.

Maddox: Oh, Malala?

Dick: Yeah. She doesn't have what you and I have. So how are we any better than Suri Cruise? We're fucking not.

Maddox: Well I don't know that she doesn't have a PlayStation 3 with Dark Souls II.

Dick: (laughing) She doesn't.

Maddox: She might be a Phantom!

Dick: She doesn't.

Maddox: She might be invading me, dude! I could have sworn I saw someone named Malala on there the other day! Fucking cheaped me in the corner. Spell builds. Spell builds are the worst, too. By the way. Magicians. Stupid. Anyway, dude. Malala Yousafzai. She's an inspiration.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: She's encouraging people to stand up to the Taliban. She's encouraging people to fight terrorism, and she's addressing the root problem of terrorism, which is ignorance!

Dick: I don't know about that.

Maddox: Of COURSE it is!!!! (incredulous)

Dick: Ignorance is the root problem of terrorism?!

Maddox: Absolutely!

Dick: How is ignorance the root problem of terrorism? No, really think about it. Just ignorance is the root problem of terrorism?

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: I think it is, "They got something I don't have. And I want it."

Maddox: Oh, you think it's jealousy.

Dick: No, I don't think it's jealousy…

Maddox: (interjects) That's what you…(scoffs)

Dick: I think it's, like, "They have something and I'm going to take it."

Maddox: No. No it's not, Dick.

Dick: What do you mean, no it's not.

Maddox: Because do you know how many Muslims there are in the world?

Dick: No. How many?

Maddox: I don't either. (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: Alright. That's the point in this conversation where it becomes entirely bullshit.

Maddox: Hold up.

Dick: For both of us.

Maddox: I'm sure…I'm sure it's over 100 million, probably closer to a billion or 2 billion.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're comparable to Christianity, right? There's a lot of Muslims in this world.

Dick: Sure, okay.

Maddox: And a very, very small percentage of them have ever committed anything terroristic, right?

Dick: Well, of course.

Maddox: Right. So, the people who have are ignorant. The majority of the Muslims are not.

Dick: I don't see why it's just ignorance, though. Like, isn't…

Maddox: (interjects) Of course it's ignorance.

Dick: Aren't…they have a cause. And all of their cause is to either stop something or take something. Like, isn't…the holy land that's in dispute…all the terrorism that occurs as a result of, you know, the Holy Land, Jerusalem…?

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: It's all because they want it. They want the land. The other side has the land. They want it back. Like, it's just…give us your stuff.

Maddox: Okay, but…

Dick: (interjects) It's like a mugging.

Maddox: Right, right, right. That's what they want. That's their cause. But it's not their method. Their method…people who suicide bomb and attack innocent people, they don't think ahead, they don't think of the repercussions of that. Right? Osama Bin Laden. Some of the terrorists hailed his methods as being revolutionary and so good for the Muslim world. It made nobody's life better. His life made Arab's lives worse. His life made terrorists' lives worse. He's dead. His organization is scattered. And yeah, there's ISIS and all these other terrorist groups, but they don't think ahead and plan ahead and think, "Hey, if we

have this action that's going to kill innocent Americans, innocent people, innocent people on a bus, innocent people in Tel Aviv. We're going to have repercussions for that." And the repercussions are going to be worse than anything that came before it!

Dick: Yeah, well I'm thinking about that, but I'm trying to factor in the religious element of it. Like, they think they're going to a better place. Legitimately, right?

Maddox: Well, these…these specific ones do, but that's not the majority of Saudi Arabians or Muslims, for example.

Dick: But terrorists in general.

Maddox: Well, that's what they're told.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who are we to say that a belief system…that's what they believe, right? So I'm factoring that into their decision-making.

Maddox: But it's trivial to dismantle that philosophy. And the way to dismantle that philosophy is to be intelligent about it, and the way to be intelligent is education a la Malala Yousafzai.

Dick: Well, those better be our schools if they're going up.

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, before we go on. That's all I got on that problem…on that solution, rather. Before we go on, I have one of your favorite segments here.

Dick: Oh, fuck.

Maddox: Yeah.

Ritzy theme music starts, "DICK VERSUS DICK!!" (deep voice)

Dick: I hate this fucking segment.

Maddox: (laughing) I love it so much. This one is sent in by **Edward Smith,** so that's who you can thank for this.

Dick: Great. Fuck you, Edward.

Maddox: (laughing) You haven't even heard it! It might be a bust! Okay, here's…

Dick: Look at the smile on your face…(Maddox giggles) That's how I know it's a good one.

Maddox: Here's what you said a couple episodes back. Listen to this.

Dick: Alright.

Clip of Dick: "Have you ever gotten an STD?" Maddox: No. Dick: (scoffs) I never have either.

Maddox: (laughing) Okay, you remember saying that, Dick?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Here's what you said on another episode. (laughing)

Clip of Dick: "I got chlamydia" and I was like ohhh, I started laughing. 'Cause it's gross, and it's happened to me before, so it's like, "Oh, that's funny.") (Maddox laughs)

Dick: No, no, no, no. But you took that quote out of context.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (grinning)

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Because remember when I was telling you the other day or the other episode that I remember everything I say, because that's what makes a good liar.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did that…that was with you.

Maddox: Yeah. You said that, yes.

Dick: I remember everything I say. And that specifically, what I was saying was, that girl called me up, that I banged at Burning Man, and said "I have chlamydia". That wasn't me saying "I have chlamydia". That's what she said on the phone call with me. Did you find that clip, or did he send that in?

Maddox: He sent that in.

Dick: He took it out of context! What was his name?

Maddox: Edward.

Dick: Hey, fuck you Edward. I know everything I said ever. You try to bust me on out-of-context shit again, I will bust…I will shoot a Cracker Jack right up your ass, pal! Fuck you! I did not say I have chlamydia. (Maddox laughs) I have never had chlamydia, that I know of.

Maddox: (laughing) But Dick, at the tail end of that clip, you said that you had it.

Dick: No, that the phone call had happened to me before.

Maddox: Ohhh, is that what it was.

Dick: Her saying…her calling me and saying, "I have chlamydia", and I was laughing, 'cause the phone call had happened to me before.

Maddox: Oh, there you go, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Dick Versus Dick. Not so much, is it?

Maddox: Point, counterpoint.

Dick: Point, counterpoint. (grins)

Maddox: You know what that is? That's Dick Versus Dick Versus Dick. (laughs)

Dick: Alright. You ready for my next solution?

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Beer.

Maddox: (laughing) Alright. What's the…

Dick: Beer.

Maddox: How's that a solution, Dick?

Dick: Look. You remember you were talking about meat?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And how it's, like, shaped our physiology and our genealogy to be smart?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Beer has built our entire civilization.

Maddox: Nope.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: False.

Dick: Absolutely true. You gotta watch this documentary called, "How Beer Saved the World". Okay?

Maddox: (laughs) Okay. Sounds like it's balanced. It sounds like it's gonna be real fair and objective.

Dick: Hey, shut the fuck up. (Maddox laughs) So, human beings as we are have existed for 100,000 years, right?

Maddox: True.

Dick: Civilizations have only been around for 10,000 years.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You know what happened 10,000 years ago?

Maddox: We discovered beer? (grinning)

Dick: We discovered beer. That's right, Maddox.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Yeah. So you think of wheat, right? The grain.

Maddox: Yeah. I think of it all the time.

Dick: You think…yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They made this to make bread out of, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Not so much. New evidence is saying that they grew that grain specifically to make beer and that the leftovers were turned into bread. How about that?

Maddox: Dick, do you think they made beer before bread?

Dick: (excited, yelling) Yeah, um, okay. Who's making things? Who's making things?

Maddox: Men.

Dick: Busted up men…(Maddox chuckles)…who are pissed off at everything! Everybody's constantly fucking picking on them! (yelling) "Hey, where's the meat today? Did you kill any wolves today? Did you kill any bears today? Did you kill any shit today?" Would you shut the fuck up!? I need this beverage! I NEED it!!! (Maddox chuckling) Can you imagine me as a primitive man waking up and busting my ass to make a loaf of bread? No! I'll just eat more meat! But you can't track and hunt beer, can you?

Maddox: Mm. Well.

Dick: No. I've gotta grow a bunch of grain.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I've gotta harvest it. I've gotta whip it up. I've gotta get a big vat, stir it up…I gotta pray to GOD that I got some yeast falling into it somewhere…

Maddox: Okay, Dick. I gotta call…I gotta call bullshit on this. Because if you think about the process of making beer. You have to grow it. Then you have to store it in a vat somewhere and mix it with a bunch of liquids and make it ferment…

Dick: Water.

Maddox: And then you get the alcohol, right. Liquid. Uh, water, sure.

Dick: Yeah. (scoffs)

Maddox: So you let it ferment and then you make this alcohol substance out of it.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But, uh…if you have grains that are just sitting there, and you're thinking…as a primitive man, you're thinking, "Well, I'm fucking hungry. What have I got to eat?" and you look around and there's weeds and rocks and shit. You put everything in your mouth and your butthole and you see what's what. Right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But then you walk over to the grains, and you think, "Well, what is this thing? Can I eat it as is? No! That's fucking too hard and gross and crunchy, and then you grind it up and you think "Well, this is powder, it tastes a little bit better." What if I mix this powder with some water and add some heat to it? Wow! You got bread. I think that's way more likely than them mixing it up with water and then letting it sit for a long time…I think they discovered beer by accident.

Dick: They did! And then they figured out how to make it. That's what I'm saying. It's way easier to kill a thing than to make bread.

Maddox: No, I think making bread's way easier than making beer.

Dick: I don't think bread is as important as you think it is. To cavemen.

Maddox: Well, I'm not saying it's important, no. But…(stammers) look. They found that in the teeth records of fossils, they have little microscopic stones that have etches fissures in their teeth, and they found that because they ground bread with primitive tools and there were little rocks in the bread that they made.

Dick: What do you mean, they ground bread? You mean they ground wheat?

Maddox: Wheat, rather, yeah. To make bread.

Dick: To make beer! (Maddox laughs) They don't know, because the type that they were making in this thing I read said it was better for making beer than it was for making bread.

Maddox: What, the ground flour?

Dick: The type of grain that they were growing. The type of wheat that they were growing.

Maddox: Yeah, but that's not evidence that…okay, so what do you got?

Dick: My next point…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So these women…mostly…beer was mostly made by women in Mesopotamia. Right?

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Dick: So beer is an equal opportunity employer.

Maddox: Mmkay, right. (chortles)

Dick: That's a pretty good solution right there.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Um, law. It was the cause of law. Law is pretty important in civilization, you would say. Yes?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: So, the code of Urukagina is often cited as the very first legal code. It prescribed, as a central unit of payment, beer.

Maddox: Urukagina, huh?

Dick: Yeah. Look it up.

Maddox: Never heard of it.

Dick: Look it up, asshole.

Maddox: Doesn't sound like a solution to me.

Dick: Well, you're not a scholar like me. (Maddox laughs) Beer is the solution! Look, why else would you need a law? Why else would you need to write down, "Look, this is what we're doing with our beer. We don't know how to make it. We do these couple things and magically, some of it turns into beer. We don't have a lot of it, but we gotta split it up

evenly. Okay? We can't all kill each other to get this beer, so this is how we're gonna do it." What else would you need to write down?

Maddox: You would have to write down, oh I don't know. The square yardage of carpet you would sell. Pots that you would sell. Uh, tools. Primitive hunting tools. Those type of things. Maybe other foods that are more readily available.

Dick: That's not a law, though. What else legally would you have to write down? This is a code of law I'm saying that beer is responsible for.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know man. Is there any evidence that this was the first code of law? (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. I read it on Wikipedia.

Maddox: Oh, there you go. (grinning)

Dick: Um, it also is…the authority for this came from various female deities and goddesses who covered the production of beer, blablablabla in the enjoyment of beer. Check this out. Louis Pasteur.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You may have heard of him.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did his first research on the fermentation that was caused by the growth of microorganisms.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So no Louis Pasteur? No pasteurization.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, but Pasteur came, what, centuries later.

Dick: Yeah. But he still started his work in beer. I'm saying.

Maddox: But that doesn't…it's arbitrary, Dick. Can you prove that he wouldn't have discovered what he discovered had there not been beer? Maybe wine, for example. Wine's another fermented, drink, Dick. (angry)

Dick: Yeah he did do some of it with wine.

Maddox: Yeah I bet, yeah, yeah, I knew it! I fucking knew it! And you know what, wine is way easier to make than beer, because if you ever grew up on an orchard or if you had apple trees like I did growing up, you found that when apples would fall off the tree and you just leave them there for a few weeks, it'd kinda stink. It's make this, like, musky fermented smell, and you walk by and you smell it, and you're like, "Wow, that's interesting. It almost smells like vinegar." And it does. And same thing with grapes, Dick. You just walk by those things and you smell them rotting on the ground and they start to ferment naturally. That's a WAY more likely explanation than grinding up wheat, adding

water to it, just magically knowing to do that, and then just sitting around waiting for it to ferment.

Dick: What are you, a chick? (Maddox laughs) You drinking caveman wine? Fuck you, I'm drinking caveman beer. You're over there in your cave with your nice rose of smelly fruits…

Maddox: Yeah, having some garlic bread, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. In the words of Angelo's mom, "What are you, gay?" (laughs)

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "And who are you, gay?!")

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs)

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are gay?!")

Dick: I'm saying beer is the root of all technology. Everything was invented, plows were invented, math was invented to keep track of fields of beer. Law was invented to cover divvying up beer among people.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are a jackass!!")

(Sound clip: Dick: "You know what? Maybe I am a fucking idiot.") (Maddox laughing)

Dick: Food purity laws. Food purity laws were invented for beer.

Maddox: Oh, wait a second, you mean like, the FDA, Dick? More government involvement?

Dick: All food purity laws.

Maddox: I want you to remember this, Dick. You're saying that food purity laws, which were the precursor to organizations like the FDA, were invented because of beer. I want you to remember that, Dick.

Dick: Maddox, I don't think that there shouldn't be some kind of agency that governs whether or not the chocolate bar I'm eating is entirely rat shit or not. Okay?

Maddox: (scoffs) You don't think so?

Dick: Yeah. That's called…that's a legitimate function of a government.

Maddox: Well, then I got a chocolate bar for you, buddy. I want you to eat it.

Dick: No, it's full of shit. That's what I'm saying. (Maddox laughs) That's illegal.

Maddox: Wait! It's illegal because of these government organizations that were created in part because of beer.

Dick: Yeah, good! They should…that's consumer protection.

Maddox: Oh, you're all for consumers now, huh?

Dick: In this instance of not eating poison, yes!!

Maddox: How do you know, Dick? Maybe you just trust someone. Hey, this guy made me a chocolate bar. His name's Maddox. It looks pretty good to me. It's a little bit chunky, but whatever.

Dick: I don't even know what you're saying. I don't understand what you're saying. (grins)

Maddox: You're gonna eat poop someday.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox giggles) There's prehistoric evidence that shows brewing began in 5400 BC in Sumer as a way…

Maddox: (interjects) So it's a…

Dick: As a way to preserve excess grain.

Maddox: As a way to preserve excess grain. But, but…Dick, this is all speculation, man. What evidence do they really have that this was what the Sumerians did to preserve excess grain? This is a nice theory.

Dick: Look, what do you want? What do you want, a time machine?

Maddox: (stammers) Any evidence…

Dick: Just think. Use your man brain instead of your obnoxious arguing chick brain for a second…(Maddox laughs) And think about YOU as a caveman. What do you want? Do you really want a loaf of bread? No!!

Maddox: You…don't tell me what I want!! (yells)

Dick: I want the magical drink that makes me feel good and makes all women fuckable! That's what I want! It's called beer.

Maddox: (laughing) Great, Dick. But here's the thing. You don't know for a fact that cavemen had beer. In fact, I'm pretty sure they didn't. I don't think they had beer. (skeptical)

Dick: It's…Sumer did! They had it in Sumer, in Mesopotamia, what else did I say?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The Sumerians.

Dick: Of course they had it.

Maddox: Suuure.

Dick: They had something.

Maddox: Ben Franklin drank a lot of it. Dick, I don't know. Here's the thing. People drink too much beer all the time, case in point you…

Dick: Whaaat?! (incredulous)

Maddox: And they get drunk and obnoxious, case in point, you. And they say and do things that get them thrown out of parties, like throw oranges at ping pong tables, case in point, you.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Beer pong, rather. So, people become drunk assholes and the majority of bar scuffles…the majority of assaults, like if you go to a police crime map and look at…

Dick: 100% of bar scuffles are caused by beer. What are you talking about? (laughing)

Maddox: There you go. There you go!

Dick: Uh, that's called natural selection, asshole!

Maddox: Yeah. Natural selection? I think it's called beer muscles and beer goggles. Dude, how many ugly chicks have you banged because of beer goggles?

Dick: I have no idea. (Maddox cracks up) Do you have any stats to back that up?

Maddox: Yeah, I got a…

Dick: (interjects) You fucking idiot. Do you have any proof for that?

Maddox: Yeah, I got a clip for you, here. I got this.

(Sound clip: Dick: "I got chlamydia.") (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Is that what we're doing now? We're taking quotes out of context like that? We're splicing 'em up, like Sneakers? My voice is my fucking passport?

Maddox: Dick, I have never not taken one of your clips out of context.

Dick: That's my solution.

Maddox: Your solution is beer.

Dick: The root of all technology is beer, man.

Maddox: I don't think so, man.

Dick: The only cure for ugliness: beer. And insecurity? Oh, baby. Beer.

Maddox: No, it's not! First of all, if you get drunk and you bang an ugly person, guess what? You've got an ugly baby. That's a problem that lasts you a lifetime!

Dick: You would know.

Maddox: And also…is there any…(cracks up) Fuck you, Dick! Is there any evidence that shows that beer came before meat? 'Cause I fucking guarantee it didn't!

Dick: Well, yeah, there's evidence that it did not come before meat, 'cause meat's, like, a part of an animal. (laughing)

Maddox: Exactly.

Dick: What the fuck are you talking about?

Maddox: So it can't possibly be the root of all technology, 'cause meat is, Dick!

Dick: What's more important, these stupid brains? Or? Or? A reason to build all this technology? What do you want? Without beer, we'd still just be running around naked with no PlayStations, or Dark Souls, or space travel, or Internet? We'd have none of that stuff without beer.

Maddox: (giggling) Dick, that is pure speculation. (Dick laughs) And absolute HORSESHIT! (yells) And I'm not gonna stand for it! Meat was the solution! Meat is what made our brains explode in size, and meat is the precipitous moment on our evolution where we started building tools to burn, and hunt, and create cooked food, and it saved us time from having to hunt and gather. Not beer, which made us drunk assholes. Sitting around banging ugly chicks. That's your solution to things? (laughing)

Dick: Ugly guys, too.

Maddox: Yeah, ugly guys, too. Sure.

Dick: We'll see. I guess we'll see what the voting says. Beer or meat? What's the bigger solution?

Maddox: It's meat. (laughing) You fuckin' assholes. I know you idiots are gonna vote it up.

Dick: (sighs) I guess we'll see, Maddox. We'll see who gets to play what song next month.

Maddox: Yeah. (sighs)

Dick: What's your next solution?

Maddox: My next solution, and a real solution for a change…is "Income-based Fines"!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah? Have you ever heard of this? You know what this is?

Dick: No.

Maddox: So, here's the scenario, Dick. Where two people commit a crime. Let's say they both commit the same crime.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: Both are the same race, same gender, same age. Both went to a four-year college. Same everything, right? Except one of these people gets fined 2% of his income and the other one gets fined almost 0% of his income. Do you think that's fair?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (laughing) Why is that fair?

Dick: 'Cause I know the point you're trying to make.

Maddox: Yeah. I KNOW! I know. (angry) So you won't be honest! You always have to be a contrarian.

Dick: Well, no. Because I don't think…uh, keep going. Something in me tells me that these fines are not supposed to be punitive.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, this is exactly the scenario that people face every day…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: When they're fined 500$, for say, running a red light. So, if you make 30,000$ per year, that's 2% of your income, and that's…most accountants made, like, 30 to 40,0000$ in middle America, right?

Dick: Yeah. Right.

Maddox: That's almost an entire week's worth of your wages. But if you make 200,000$ per year, which is not out of line for most lawyers and doctors, that won't even put a dent in your wallet. You make about 100$ per hour at that rate, and you can pay that fine off with 5 hours of your work.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? So, how do you punish someone like that? When you punish somebody for a crime with incarceration, it's called a day fine. There's a name for this, it's called a "day fine". Because you're incarcerated for a certain number of days, or a fine, which is effectively a financial punishment, right?

Dick: Yeah. True.

Maddox: So why are we punishing some people a different rate than another? So each day you spend incarcerated is effectively a day that you're not allowed to work, so it's a day you go without your income. So, certain countries have started employing fees based on your income level.

Dick: Really, like who? Germany? Australia?

Maddox: (giggles) Germany is one of them, actually.

Dick: Yeah. Of course they are. They always do this shit.

Maddox: No, but Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Croatia.

Dick: Ehhhh, I dunno.

Maddox: The city of Macau! These are some of the countries with the lowest crime rates in the world!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You think that's not a solution?

Dick: Well, it's just…it pops out to me that those countries are also, like, homogenous countries.

Maddox: What does that mean, homogenous?

Dick: Like, a lot of the same people with the same background and, you know, the same social status…like Germany is full of Germans. It's very different than America. (Maddox giggles) We got a whole cross section of people.

Maddox: No, there are a bunch of…no. No! But not all these countries. Like Macau, for example, is a city in China that was a Portuguese…

Dick: Probably got mostly Chinese dudes in it.

Maddox: No, it was actually a Portugal colony for a long time, so…

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: It's got this, like, weird Spanish influence, in Macau?

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

Maddox: And then…and now there's a huge pocket of Russians who have just taken over all the casinos, and then you have the Chinese, and then you have people from Hong Kong, and you have people from mainland China. It's a melting pot.

Dick: Well, lemme say…what you're proposing is interesting.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm against exorbitant fines on the surface. Like, when I see a fine, when I see, like a parking ticket or a speeding ticket, I always wonder what the minimum wage is, how that would effect someone who makes minimum wage.

Maddox: Do you really?

Dick: Yeah. Because that's how much the government says you should make. Right? Federal minimum wage.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So how much would this cost of a person's life if they were making minimum wage.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And it's always insane.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like an entire week.

Maddox: Right. That's what I started with, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a week's worth of your salary.

Dick: And that's just way, way, way too much.

Maddox: Right! So you're agreeing with me.

Dick: But I dunno what, should it be, what, a day?

Maddox: No! It shouldn't be a day. The fee should be…there is a nominal fee that's the standard fee that they charge everybody. And in Sweden, I think the police have the option to charge you based on your income based on the egregiousness of the crime.

Dick: Ooh, I don't like that.

Maddox: Well, yeah. (laughs)

Dick: I don't like cops getting, like…to use their own judgment like that.

Maddox: Aah? That's what they do!! Because rich people can afford to pay petty fines more readily than poor people. They can break laws more often with impunity. Now, countries with income-based fines…so, I mentioned like, Finland, Sweden, etc.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In 2010, a Swedish driver was fined 962,000$ for driving 180 miles per hour on the motorway.

Dick: Ohohoho!! That's fast.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. It was so fast, their speed detection meters didn't even pick it up. They level off at 125.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: They had to catch this guy by camera and they had to look at the frames to see how many frames he passed in a certain amount of time.

Dick: Well, I already got one problem with your solution, then. If that guy's gotta spend a million bucks, or Krones, was it dollars that he had to pay?

Maddox: That's in dollars.

Dick: 962,000$?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: He's gonna spend 962$ fighting that ticket in court.

Maddox: 962,000, you mean?

Dick: Thousand dollars trying to fight that ticket. He's not just gonna get his checkbook out and say, "Sure thing, jerkoffs! Here's a million dollars." He's gonna say, "Okay, well, I'm rich. I have this much money, so I'm gonna tie up your stupid system with this money until I'm dead."

Maddox: Yeah, but Dick, that goes down on the record. If he's going to do that, if he's going to drag the court through that kind of mud…and also the judge, by the way, fined him for it. You're wrong, 'cause he did actually pay that fee!

Dick: Oh, he can't even appeal it?

Maddox: No, you can appeal it.

Dick: That's how fucked…

Maddox: (interjects) You CAN appeal it. You have one week to appeal the police officer's judgment. If the police officer decides to give you a petty fine? You can just pay the petty fine, which is something like 115 Euros, or if the police officer says, "Hey, dickhead. You were driving 180 miles per hour on the expressway?" By the way, it takes you half a mile, that's 0.8 kilometers, to come to a complete stop at that speed. That's reckless! You're just being a prick. And he can do that and drive with impunity, because he's rich and he can pay for any fucking fine!

Dick: Oh, so poor people don't behave like assholes and shoot guns into the air?

Maddox: Well, sure!

Dick: How fucking reckless is that?

Maddox: Well, sure they can! But poor people are punished disproportionately for the same crime.

Dick: Yeah, but I really…dude, I'm just against the government treating people like individuals. (Maddox chuckles) It's not their…no, no…it's not their…and I phrased that stupidly, but it's not in their…it shouldn't be in their scope to judge you based on how much money you make. I really don't think it should. I'm with you that people who are making minimum wage shouldn't be punished like that…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But I'm very uncomfortable with the idea of the government treating you and fining you based on how much money you make.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: I don't know. I think they should just treat everybody like an individual. Like, they shouldn't start meddling in your taxes to get how much you owe on a tax return.

Maddox: You just…you just contradicted yourself. You said earlier you don't want the government to treat people like individuals, and now you just said that you do. Which one is it?

Dick: No, cops.

Maddox: Oh, cops.

Dick: I don't want cops. I don't want cops to be able to abuse authority. Like, I don't want them to have the ability to say, "Hey, do what I want or I might nail you with this million dollar ticket." That's like…that's a disaster waiting to happen, to me.

Maddox: Well, sure. But you can appeal that if you need to. Like, if a cop has some kind of grudge against you, or some vendetta, and he wants to give you a million dollar fine, you can appeal that in court.

Dick: No, it's more sinister than that. I don't want them to have that ability with people on the side of the road. Like, I don't want that. I don't want that to be a thing that happens in America.

Maddox: Well, you…they base it on what income level you state. But they can check it, so…it's kind of like an honor system. So if you want to abuse the system, they can abuse the system.

Dick: Oh, it's an honor system!? (excited)

Maddox: It's an honor system.

Dick: I'm 100% for it.

Maddox: (laughing) Hoookay. Here you go, Dick.

Dick: I make nothing.

Maddox: Yeah. Except they can check it, and if they do find that you lied, then the fine is significantly more.

Dick: So it's like Scrabble?

Maddox: (chuckles) Yeah.

Dick: Stupid.

Maddox: So a millionaire Ferrari driver was fined 290,000$ for driving 60 in a 30-mile-per-hour zone by Swiss courts. And the head of Nokia got fined 103,000$ for speeding in 2002. This is all from NBC News.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: So this system is working, Dick. I remember…

Dick: Wait, you say, "working", are less people speeding? Or did the government just make a bunch of money? What's working?

Maddox: Well, it gives people a disincentive to speed. The rich people.

Dick: Those people got fucked, right?

Maddox: Yeah! Great.

Dick: Does that mean…did it work? 'Cause people said red light cameras worked 'cause they were writing a bunch of tickets.

Maddox: Well, yeah, that's true.

Dick: But it made things more dangerous. So which…how does it work?

Maddox: Well, it works by disincentivizing…it works by at least leveling the field with rich people and poor people.

Dick: You don't have stats for this, though?

Maddox: No, I don't.

Dick: Yeah…okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you agree with the premise of the initiative.

Maddox: Well, of course. But they tried it in the UK, and in the UK they rejected it. I think they tried it from 1992 to 1993.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And they found that…well, the problem with the UK, the way they tried to approach it is they didn't look at the means and your ability to repay that penalty. So if you made, say, a million dollars last year, but you get paid once every 5 years or so, that's not a lot of money amortized over five years. So they need to look at your means and your ability to pay that. Or, for example, if you came into a huge inheritance and you broke the law, and you happened to be mentally or physically disabled and they suddenly slam you with this, like, 500,000$ fee and you're not able to ever repay that, then they need to take that into consideration. But the Finnish and Swedish laws are much more…they take into consideration your ability to survive. They're not going to fine you into oblivion. They've given you an allowance for, I think 300 Euros per month? They will not fine you more than that…more than your ability to repay or to live and to survive, and if you have mouths to feed, they allow an exception for those as well.

Dick: You know what my problem with this is? It's very simple. I don't think the government should be training us. I don't think they should be setting up these disincentives to speed. And stuff like, where there's a fine. Like, what if this was…what if this existed for, like, smoking weed? So you're walking around with a joint and you're a regular dude, it's a 10$ fine, but if you're rich, you get, like, a 300,000$ fine? I don't think it's the government's job to train you on how to act.

Maddox: It's not training, Dick. It's just fairness. It's right across the board. Fairness.

Dick: Yeah, but I don't think it is fair!

Maddox: Well…(stammers) Dick, essentially, it's a flat fee for everybody! How is that…that is literally the definition of fair! The same thing for everybody! (yelling) Everybody gets fined 1% of their income across the board, bam!

Dick: So what about…what about two millionaires who…one's better at hiding his income than the other? Then what?

Maddox: Well, then I guess there's injustice in this world, Dick. It's not perfect. If someone's good at hiding their money, sure. (Dick chuckles)

Dick: Uh, okay. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. But if you know that they're a millionaire…first of all, this cop, I guess, the guy that pulled over the dude who was driving 180,000 miles per hour?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I think he was driving something like a 200,000…or…yeah. I think it was, like, a 240,000$ Mercedes. Uh, and he saw that car, and he's like, "Okay, well this guy's got money, regardless of his income." He can at least give him a fine that is worth a percentage of the car that he is driving. So if a millionaire gets pulled over at the VERY LEAST, they can evaluate the worth of his car and say, "Okay, well you're definitely paying more than the petty fine."

Dick: Oh, wow. A lot of smarts…that we're crediting these cops for.

Maddox: Yeah. (scoffs)

Dick: So, let's say you get pulled over for doing 80.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a common occurrence. Do you really want to drive around on the freeways, afraid of getting a ticket for going 80 miles an hour 'cause you might get hit with a 6000$ fine?

Maddox: Well, no.

Dick: Like, there's a middle ground. I know it's easy to say a guy driving a Ferrari deserves to pay a million dollars, but what about the rest of us?

Maddox: You're not gonna pay a million dollars, Dick. It's always gonna be a percentage of your income.

Dick: A couple thousand!

Maddox: Well, sure. But it's…it's up to a certain amount. So, for example, the Swedish courts have even decided that if the crime does not fit this kind of punishment…for example, if you go 20 above, then…this is the controversial part of this law. If you go 20 above…

Dick: (scoffs) The application.

Maddox: Well, no, no. But this specifically, what I'm getting into. If you go 20 above, they're not going to level this kind of fee, because they say, "Okay, well that's a common thing. A lot of people go 20 above." But if you go beyond that, like, say, 30 above, or 40 above, that's when they start leveling this fee. So up until a certain amount, they give you the standard fee, but then the controversy is that if you go 1 mile above that, so if you go 21 miles per hour, you're susceptible to this fee. And it's up to the cop. If you're gonna be a dickhead about it, then yeah, maybe the cop's gonna give you that fine and you could contest it in court and try to make your case.

Dick: Well, that might start at 20 miles an hour over, but in a couple of years, it'll be at 0 miles per hour over. Like, why would they stop?

Maddox: But Dick, it's been like this for years and they haven't raised the minimum.

Dick: Yeah, but it ain't America. That's what America's great at, man. Being corrupt as shit.

Maddox: (laughing) Yeah.

Dick: That's what we do.

Maddox: Yeah. I dunno, Dick. They got it working. Really low crime…when I went to Sweden last year, it was one of the safest places I've ever been to. I was walking down the street one day and I noticed my shoelace was untied, so I bent over to tie it and I was in front of this coffee shop with this giant window in the front, and this lady kept…by the way, hot as shit…everyone in Sweden is hot as shit and it PISSES me off. (giggles) Anyway, this lady was hot as shit, and she kept turning around and looking at me, like "Hey baby, you like me tying my shoes? Yeah!"

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: You like what you see?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I know those lines. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah, I can tie your shoes. (laughs)

Dick: (laughing) Hubba, hubba.

Maddox: So…yeah. So she kept staring at me, and I'm like, "What is this chick staring at me for?" And then I look up and I notice that I'm standing right in front of her baby carriage with her baby in it. (Dick cracks up) That she left outside while she's getting a coffee! That's what kind of society Sweden is. Stockholm, rather.

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Because it's so safe. I saw very little graffiti anywhere. Most people were taken care of, of course, the disparity between the rich and poor is pretty big and there's a lot of weird things in the society, but it's a REALLY safe society. It's really, really safe.

Dick: Yeah, they're all the same people. It's not like here.

Maddox: No, they're not. They got black…well no, they don't. I didn't see any black…I saw two black people while I was there and one of them was Obama on TV.

Dick: They've been there for 10s of thousands of years! Er, they've been there for…like they're…we all just got here.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know? There's a shitload of different people here. It's different! It's different, I think, than those Nordic countries.

Maddox: I think the Nordic countries were established the SECOND we discovered meat, baby!

Dick: (chuckles) Alright. You got anything else? You got anything else on your radical, aggressive, communist ticketing policy?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Yeah. Just charge everyone a fair rate! The same rate across the board! So you're not in…

Dick: (interjects) But why do you want to stop speeding in the first place!? I thought you loved speeding on the freeways!

Maddox: It's not just speeding! I…I do…I fucking love speeding, Dick! It's my favorite thing to do in the world! (yells)

Dick: What do you want to stop, then?

Maddox: I just…all crimes across the board. Charge everyone the same rate. The same percentage of their income. So that all people…so suddenly you're not…(stammers) so, poor people, for example, in Los Angeles and New York, and Chicago, big cities…they're charged these parking fines that cost 60, 70, 80$ per day, right? I talked to this barista one time who was CRYING while she was making my coffee. I'm like, "Please don't put tears in my coffee."

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: She was crying because she got a 73$ ticket. She said, "Well, today I worked for free." Because she got a parking ticket. She's not making much money. She's making minimum wage! So to her, a 73$ means a lot more than some fucking dickhead, who, by the way…at my old apartment, there was this guy who drove his Ferrari. He owned a business around the corner and he parked it at the meter every day and just had his assistant pay for the tickets. He didn't give a shit!

Dick: Well. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, wow. What a cool guy. Meanwhile…

Dick: Yeah, that is a cool guy! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah…meanwhile, this barista is just crying tears into my coffee and I have to drink SALTY FUCKING COFFEE because this dickhead Ferrari driver doesn't have to pay the same fee across the board! That's not fair, Dick!

Dick: Why stop there, Maddox? Why don't we do the same thing with healthcare?

Maddox: What do you mean?

Dick: Huh? Make rich people pay, uh…you know, 200,000$ a year to get basic healthcare. Why not just throw monopoly pricing onto everything?

Maddox: Because there's not an incentive for rich people to break the law…or, disincentive. They can break laws with impunity right now, as it is. But with healthcare, they're paying for a service! It's not like you use more if you're richer. But as a rich person, you have no reason to follow laws, because you just pay it off. You can do whatever you want like that kid who had affluenza. You remember that kid, who hit someone, while drunk driving?

Dick: Yeah! I remember these, like, couple cases of rich people, but I'm talking about the rest of us…look, I don't want the rest of us to just be deathly afraid of getting speeding tickets, for fuck's sake! I don't want that barista to be afraid of it, but I don't want everyone to be AFRAID of getting tickets.

Maddox: Well, it's not. If you're not driving egregiously over the speed limit, look. Up to 20 miles an hour? I'll get a ticket if we're going 80 over 60. For sure! That's not a big deal.

Dick: What about 81?

Maddox: Well, then you…(stammers) you know what? You can address that…

Dick: (interjects) Straight to prison, then. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: You can make it a scale, Dick. It doesn't have to be black and white. It can be 1 mile above, you pay an extra 1%, two miles above, you pay an extra 2%, and so on.

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: And it just steeps up to a certain percentage! It doesn't have…(yelling) there are SOLUTIONS to these things with math, Dick!!!!

Dick: I don't know what the difference is between tickets and electricity, then. The government's giving you tickets, they're giving you electricity, why don't they just start monopolizing everything?

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are a shithead!!") (Maddox giggles)

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You are a jackass!!")

Dick: Hey…is that it? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No.

(Sound clip: Angelo's mom: "You dumb shit!")

Dick: Is that it with your problem, I mean?

Maddox: (laughing) Oh, yeah, yeah. That's all I got on my problem. (laughing)

Dick: Alright, that's what I got. What are your problems for this episode? MINE ARE…

Maddox: No, no. Solutions, Dick! We're doing the solutions.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Sorry, sorry, sorry. What are your solutions? My solutions are…"Ask for a Raise", which is gonna win…and…I'm calling my shots now, 'cause I've been winning so much. "Ask for a Raise", and "Beer".

Maddox: The shittiest phrasing! I hate that phrasing for it. "Ask for a Raise". (Dick giggles) "Asking for a Raise" is a solution! "Ask for a Raise" is not. You're just saying things. Anyway, my solution is…"Malala Yousafzai", hero. Badass.

Dick: Oh. (scoffs) Great.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay, great Dick. (Dick laughs) And…"Income-based Fines", which makes sense!! Anyway guys.

(Heavy metal theme riff starts)

Maddox: Tell your friends with cochlear implants about this show…don't forget to vote for the biggest solution on our website.

Dick: Dasvidanya, comrade.

(muffled talking, laughing)

Biggest Solution in the Universe - Episode 03

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(Heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Solution In The Universe! I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson…

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. (grins)

Sean: Gentlemen.

Dick: Hey, Sean.

Maddox: Alright. This is our THIRD ever bonus episode. Thanks again for supporting the show, guys. We're really kickin' some ass here. And thanks for the people who are listening to us on Stitcher and iTunes. If you guys are subscribing, that really helps the show. It helps get the word out. Which is how we get heard. Word of mouth.

Dick: It's all a competition. This show is a competition…

Maddox: (interjects) No…(laughs) Dick…no, it's not.

Dick: Listeners to the show is a competition, and we want to beat everybody, so thank you for…

Maddox: (interjects) Okay, Dick. (Dick and Maddox laugh) Agenda! Always wedging it in. (Dick cracks up) Right at the top of the show! I'm in a good mood…good attitude, off to a great start. Ruined.

Dick: I'm already in a bad mood.

Maddox: Yeah? Why is that, Dick?

Dick: Because you have shenanigans planned for later.

Maddox: Ohhhh. Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: I'm already pissed off about them.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: (interjects) You want to tell everybody what you're planning to do today?

Maddox: Yeah. So what Dick is referring to is…we decided…look, Dick is a believer in "pay more, get more". (Dick snorts) Right? Simple concept, but it's false.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's false.

Dick: Yes. I think that…you know, you pay 90% of the way to something and you get an okay product, and every little bit more that you chisel out for something, the product gets a little better in general.

Maddox: Eh. Yeah.

Dick: In the grand scheme of things, when you're paying more, in general, you get a better product.

Maddox: Yeah, you'd think that. You'd think that. Generally, you think that. But…it's a fallacy, 'cause they've tested consumers with water, bottled water that comes out of a tap and has spiders in it, and they think that it tastes better than actual clean water. They don't know. People don't know. They are susceptible. That's a cognitive bias. And we're going to test one of Dick's cognitive biases…

Dick: (interjects) Oh, this fucking guy.

Maddox: This episode. By tasting wine. We brought in some expensive wine and cheap wine, and at the end of this episode, we're gonna have Dick try them and see if he can find which wine is the most expensive one.

Dick: Yeah, I wish we would have recorded the fight…the fight over this test.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because your first version of this test was total bullshit. This one is probably half bullshit…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But the first version, where you wanted to serve me wine straight out of the bottle into solo cups and shot glasses…

Maddox: Yeah, so what?

Dick: You got…you don't drink wine out of plastic cups.

Maddox: I do! (cracks up)

Dick: I think we're getting to the root of the problem.

Maddox: Dick! You think your senses are sooooo sensitive that you're gonna be able to taste a few molecules of plastic that might be floating around from a solo cup. It's insane! You're not a dog.

Dick: I…(laughs) I've been smelling solo cups for a long time.

Maddox: Ohoho, okay.

Dick: I know what solo cups smell like.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Of c-you need all the senses. I need all the senses I have to do this test. If I'm actually gonna tell you…like…(stammers) I assume I'm guessing the prices of the wine.

Maddox: Y…

Dick: Is that what you want me to do, or just rank them?

Maddox: No. Just rank them. I don't think you…that's an impossible test for you to do, Dick. If you just rank them, I'd be happy.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: If you're able to rank them from most expensive to least. Um…

Dick: I need to smell…like, I'm not gonna shoot it like a shooter over here, with a chaser.

Maddox: Yeah. No, no Dick. I know how important your…

Dick: (interjects) Like tequila.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah. I know how important your sense of smell is, because apparently it's not powerful enough to detect all the bullshit you've been spewing.

Dick: (scoffs) Okay.

Maddox: Alright. Dick, last episode. The last bonus episode, we brought in some solutions, and here's what people thought was the biggest solution from last time.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: "Income-based Fines", baby! Yeah.

Dick: (sighs) Oh, man.

Maddox: Followed by "Malala Yousafzai". Huh? Hero.

Dick: I still don't understand what that was.

Maddox: Oh, I know, Dick. I know. I could spend hours explaining that to you and you still wouldn't understand. And then "Beer", and then "Ask for a Raise", (Dick guffaws) your stupid phrasing for that problem drives me nuts.

Dick: Wait, it drives somebody else nuts here. (grins) Uh, too.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Here, I got a voice mail for you.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "This is a message for Dicksucker Masterson. (Maddox cracks up) **Can I explain to you why you're a fucking idiot? Because Maddox dropped the ball on this one.** (**Dick:** Yeah, you fucked up, too.)**The word "solution" is a noun. Solutions are nouns. "Ask" is a verb. If you add "ing" to the end of a verb, that makes it into a gerund.** (**Maddox:** Gerund. Yep.) **A noun.** (Dick cracks up) **The other solution you brought in last episode, "Beer", is a noun! The two solutions you brought in the first episode are also both nouns.** (**Maddox:** Yeah.) **In fact, every solution except for "Ask for a Raise" is a fucking noun, you anus.** (Dick cracks up) (**Maddox:** Yeah. Yeah.) **Get your shit together.")**

Maddox: Get your shit together, Dick.

Dick: (chuckles) I feel like I'm listening to, like, a really shitty version of Sesame Street.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: One of these things is not like the other, you dumb motherfucker!

Maddox: Dick**,** take a hint. They're talking to you like Sesame Street for a reason. (cracks up)

Dick: Is it a big deal?

Maddox: Yes, it's a big deal.

Dick: Does it really bug you?

Maddox: It bugs the shit out of me. 'Cause you've done this on another problem, too.

Dick: (interjects) Oh, guess what, then… (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Which one? What did I do? What I do it on?

Maddox: Uh, I forget. It was something like…it was some…oh, "Everybody Needs to Lose 20 Pounds."

Dick: Yeah! That's a problem.

Maddox: That's not a…(stammers) Okay, Dick. (Dick cracks up) But you can phrase it in a way…uh…"Everybody is 20 pounds overweight". That's a way you can phrase it, because you're trying to fill in the blank. When we solve the…when we find the biggest problem or the biggest solution in the universe…

Dick: Uh-huh. (bored)

Maddox: We should be able to say to somebody at a party, say, "Hey, so what ever happened with that podcast of yours?"

Dick: Right.

Maddox: "Did you guys ever solve the biggest problem in the universe?"

Dick: Yeah, we figured it out.

Maddox: Yeah, we figured it out. The biggest problem in the universe is "Everybody Needs to Lose 20 Pounds." Is that the problem? No, that's phrased in a way of a solution, dickhead! It needs to fill in that blank. Everybody needs to ask for a raise, or "Asking for a Raise" is the biggest solution in the universe. That's the way you phrase it.

Dick: Okay. Sorry. (Maddox cracks up) I'll keep an eye on that next time. (Dick laughs) Okay, some more voice mails have thoughts on your income-based fines.

Maddox: Okay, great.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey, my name is Michael. I'm in Canada. Uh, Dick, you're gonna like this one. (**Dick:** Ooh.) **Maddox, your solution is fucking stupid.** (**Maddox:** Oh.) **You can't change the price of fines for rich people in an effort to make it fair.** (**Maddox:** Oh.) **It won't…it'll just work in reverse. You'll have poor people who can't afford a 75$ parking ticket using their system to prove they can't afford it and not paying the bill…** (**Maddox:** What?) **and then fucking parking wherever the hell they want in front of their coffee shop.** (**Maddox:** Oh, yeah.) (**Dick:** There you go.) **Like an**

asshole. (**Maddox:** Those asshole poor people running around. You know…) **Fuck you, and PS: Dick, you're an idiot.** (Maddox cracks up) **")**

Dick: Ohhhhh!! I thought you said I would like this one!!

Maddox: Dick, I have…I have a segment. Speaking of income-based fines…

Dick: If it's another Dick Versus Dick segment, I'm gonna fucking kill you.

(Ritzy theme music starts, "DICK VERSUS DICK!")

Maddox: (laughing) It is a Dick Versus Dick segment.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, uh, we haven't had one of these in a while. Uh…this is…

Dick: (interjects) YOU HAVE ONE EVERY EPISODE!! (yells)

Maddox: (laughing) No!

Dick: What the fuck are you talking about?! (yells)

Maddox: No. No. I didn't have one last episode. So, listen, Dick. This comes to us all the way back from Episode #26. I don't know if you remember saying this, but uh…listen to this…

Dick: Yes, I remember. (annoyed)

Maddox: Yeah. Here's what you said…

Dick: (interjects) I know what this is gonna be.

(Clip: Dick: "Um, the fine for not picking up dog shit is 250 bucks. Maddox: That's it? Dick: Which is like New York. All big cities, it's 250$. Maddox: Yeah. Dick: How is it that…how is it that small? Maddox: Doesn't hurt the rich. That's another poor people…Dick: There you go! So let's…what should we make it? Uh…1% of what you make in a year.")

Dick: Yeah. (annoyed)

Maddox: Oh.

(Clip continues: "If you make 50 grand a year, congratulations. That dog shit just cost you 500$.")

Maddox: Wowwwwwwwww. (Dick chuckles) And Dick, then in the last bonus episode. Here's what you said about income-based fines.

Dick: Yeah, I hate them.

(Clip: Dick: "I'm very uncomfortable with the idea of the government fining you based on how much money you make.")

Maddox: Oops!! (laughs) So…which is it, Dick?

Dick: Well, uh…one of those was said in anger.

Maddox: (laughing) Which one?

Dick: Because I'd just stepped in a bunch of dog shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah, I still feel uncomfortable with it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: But I think…I think you were…I think you were trying to make a point that got lost in the discussion.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: The riveting discussion we had over income-based fines. Um…because you do wanna lessen the impact, the financial burden, of paying parking tickets for people who aren't making that much money.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: And you want to deter people from…rich people from just…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, ehhhhh, yeah, see that's where you lose me. You lose me with the rich…and (stammers) you're gonna do it again. Right here. By saying that.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: But if we're just talking about people who aren't making that much money, yeah, I think it's…I think it's grossly unfair that they have to pay that much.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I think they…I think, like, a 20$ ticket would do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what I mean? And I think it's just a revenue-making, like, eff you for the city. Parking tickets.

Maddox: Well, it could be.

Dick: I don't think they're that important. And that's my problem with it. I don't want it to turn into this cash cow where they're just hitting everyone as hard as they can from the poor to the very rich, just 'cause they parked on the street. (annoyed)

Maddox: Yeah, no. I agree with that point. If they used the funds for something good. If they were able to manage that in a way that was not incompetent and susceptible to pork barrel spending, then yeah, I'd be on board with that too, Dick, but as it stands, I think it's a better solution than one size fits all, because you're REALLY hurting people at the lowest levels of income. It's just a poor tax. They're just…society is geared…is stacked against poor people. Every chance…every time you turn around, there's another fee, and it hits the poor people the hardest.

Dick: And there's so many of them. If only there was a way for all these people to…

Maddox: Mmkay.

Dick: …band together and make decisions that would benefit them. Isn't that weird?

Maddox: What are you…

Dick: Someone should invent that.

Maddox: Yeah, what are you getting at, Dick?

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Dick: I'm just asking questions. (grins)

Maddox: Mmmmmmmm. Okay. (skeptical) Alright, Dick. Uh, interesting. I have…I have a…this isn't a voice mail, it's a video that someone made. And he sent this in to us.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's by Ryan Pollard. And it's called "The Biggest (annoyed grunt) in the Universe". Uh, listen to this. I think you'll like it.

(Clip: (Dick and Maddox clips cobbled together to sound like a conversation): Dick: "I wanna see a big dick in my mouth. I go to sleep listening to Maddox jerking off! I'm gonna suck Maddox's dick. (boner BOING sound effect) (Dick and Maddox crack up) **Maddox: "Yeah. Suck it allllllll the way down your throat. Oh yeah. Oh yeah. Oh yeah.** (**Dick:** When did you say that?!?!) **Maddox: "Dick. Uh. Uh. Uh. Uh. Coming. Coming. Coming. Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!"** (Dick and Maddox crack up laughing) **Dick: "Alright, my turn?" Maddox: "Yep." Dick: "Well, I think herpes is a bigger problem, if we're gonna chew out your asshole." Maddox: "No!"** (more background laughter) **Dick: "You get off shitting on me?" Maddox: "Yeah! All the time." Dick: "Alright, take your pants off." Maddox: "Uh, are you kidding me? You smell like dog poop." Dick: "Goddamn it, I really love you, Maddox."** (They both crack up again) **Maddox: "I love you, Dick." Dick: "Are you proposing to me?" Maddox: "Yes.")**

(Maddox still laughing)

Dick: Who did that?

Maddox: Uh, that was Ryan Pollard, made that.

Dick: Oh, fuck you, Ryan.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins) (giggles) Alright, I guess he interpreted our show a little bit differently than everyone else.

Dick: I guess so. Um, let's see. I got some more comments here. **Mike Gainsboro…**this is about my "Ask for a Raise" problem. **"Dick, in what world do you live in where asking for a raise is a good idea for a good chunk of people? It sure as hell isn't Earth. Most places do yearly performance reviews that determine a raise and if you're good, how much. If your company doesn't do that, or you do something outside, then it's pretty justified."** Um, yeah. I was flummoxed that that problem got so trounced in the comments. "Ask for a Raise". Er, that solution, sorry.

Maddox: Flummoxed. Why is that, Dick?

Dick: Well, it's…it seemed harmless at worst, "Ask for a Raise". But it seemed to really piss people off. Did you get that at all? You seemed pissed off that I brought it in. Were you?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, well, because you touted it as some big solution, yet there was a guy on Twitter who commented at you, Dick, and he said that he asked for a raise and he got fired. (trying not to laugh)

Dick: Yeah, it was…it was Twitter username "**calldacopsidgaf"** (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: Is that his real Twitter?

Dick: That's..yeah. I brought in his quote.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. "**calldacopsidgaf**".

Maddox: Hey. I don't blame him, man. Maybe he gave up because he got fired from his job for asking for a raise, and that's how he feels about society now.

Dick: Well, he said he did that. He was managing a Quick Lube joint, and they said "Hit the road", and he was like, "WTF?". Uh, but he said he got over it with a beer. His solution was beer. (Maddox laughs) That was my solution, too.

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: And he said once he finished his education, he didn't need to worry about Quick Lube jobs anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So.

Maddox: Well, I'll tell you this about asking for a raise as a solution. Not "ask for a raise", asking for a raise as a solution.

Dick: Kay.

Maddox: Some of the wage discrepancy in the male versus female…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Can be eliminated if more women ask for raises. That's uh…that's not disputable. Um, so that's a potential solution to something. But it's…that wage discrepancy is less than 7% when you account for hours worked and type of job that you work, and experience.

Dick: Mmm, you hit my number quota, like, two numbers ago.

Maddox: Oh boy. Yeah.

Dick: You hit the stats quota for me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I hear what you're saying, though.

Maddox: Yeah, I…

Dick: (interjects) Because that…we both have a problem with that stat that women make more money than men is not true when you account for all these other factors, and one of them very well might be that they don't ask for a raise as often.

Maddox: Yeah, it is.

Dick: That was the stats I brought in.

Maddox: Right, yeah. That's actually in several women's wage studies. That I read. They mention that if they asked for a raise, that would help eliminate some of that wage gap.

Dick: So, do it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what you're saying.

Maddox: I guess. (scoffs) But, apparently people thought it was less of a solution than just "Beer". Which, your poor…

Dick: (laughing) Well, I agree.

Maddox: Which, your poor bozo who listened to your advice got fired from his lube job.

Dick: Uh… **Mike Hurley: "Dick, you're a fucking idiot. Income-based fines is a fucking fantastic idea and you seriously always just have to be contrarian all the fucking time. Shut the fuck up. Although, beer is great."** (Maddox laughs) **John Wyatt: "Dick, problems must be in the form of a noun or present participle."** (Maddox cracks up) I guess I'll work on that, guys. Last one, **Alfred Hunt** says, **"Technically speaking, alcohol came before meat, Maddox."** You remember saying that meat came before…

Maddox: Y---that's not…that's demonstrably not true.

Dick: No, no, no. **"Considering that it can be found in gas clouds in space… ethanol.."**

Maddox: (interjects) Ugh. Fucking idiot..

Dick: There's, like, enough ethanol for the whole human race, like, four light years from here. What do you think of that?

Maddox: Oh, great. Just that, that's it? Four light years, we gotta travel for…(stammers) Imagine all the fuel we gotta spend to get to these nebulas, moron!

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: And what are we gonna do when you get there, just pull out a big straw from your spaceship and just suck up all the nebulas and just drink and get drunk, you jackas… probably.

Dick: I guess we'll see.

Maddox: (laughing) Dick! You're gonna make the worst kind of astronaut! (Dick cracks up) You're gonna be drunk in space, crashing into planets and asteroids.

Dick: Hey, you gotta take risks.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) What does that have to do with anything.

Dick: I've seen Star Trek.

Maddox: Oh, geez. Alright, Dick. Should we…

Dick: (interjects) I got one more voice mail. This one's…this one was my favorite.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Yeah. Guess what? So, uh, Con Air is a pretty good movie, so, uh, fuck you, Maddox.")

Maddox: Oh, shit. (laughs)

Dick: That's it.

Maddox: That's the entire voice mail? (laughing) That's his whole argument?

Dick: Yeah. (cracking up)

Maddox: Okay. Thanks for registering that complaint, guy.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Good job.

Dick: Alright. You ready to move on to our solutions this week?

Maddox: Yeah. What are the solutions, Dick? What's your…what's your…

Dick: (interjects) Want me to go first?

Maddox: Yeah, go ahead. What's your solution?

Dick: I brought in a good one.

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: "Genetic Engineering".

Maddox: Oh. Genetic engineering. Okay. Why is that a solution?

Dick: Well, imagine…anything you want that's wrong. Right? (Maddox giggles) With your body.

Maddox: Alright. (giggles)

Dick: Or with organisms. Or whatever.

Maddox: Done. (laughs)

Dick: You can fix it. With genetic engineering. I was watching this documentary. You know how documentaries…like, any series of documentaries, always has one interesting thing in it? They'll have like, six or ten episodes, or whatever? They'll have one interesting thing to talk about.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And the entire rest of the series is, like, regurgitated garbage that you've seen before.

Maddox: Usually, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. So I was watching one called, like, "The Fish in Us". Or "The Fish in Humans", or something like that.

Maddox: Ew. That sounds, uhh…(creeped out)

Dick: Well, yeah. It was talking about, like, prehistoric leftovers in human beings.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, things from our prehistoric days that are still left in our genome.

Maddox: Okay. Good. That's not at all like the Japanese eel fetish, or anything like that.

Dick: No, I don't watch stuff like that.

Maddox: Yeah, me neither.

Dick: I only watch high-brow…(Maddox laughs) …educational stuff.

Maddox: Educational porn? (grins)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: On the Discovery Channel. So…they went over this thing called the Sonic Hedgehog Protein.

Maddox: Oh, yeah! This was named just a couple years ago, right? They found…what's the protein? Refresh my memory.

Dick: It's a thing where in the embryonic stage, okay? You got your embryo. Do you know…I don't know if you know how babies work.

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: But…when a man loves a woman…no, you got…in your embryo, there is a…there's a protein, that if they move it around, uh, as the fetus develops, or if they clone it, if they make another one and put it anywhere, like, on the hand.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It will turn into more fingers.

Maddox: Oh, really?

Dick: Yeah. So you could make, like, a six-fingered chick.

Maddox: Is that specifically this…this, uh…what was it, a gene, or a protein that they discovered?

Dick: Yeah, I think so.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. You gotta look it up. Obviously.

Maddox: Well, I guess. (laughs)

Dick: Someone in the comments will find it. But that was the point that the documentary was making.

Maddox: Sure. Okay.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: That's interesting.

Dick: So, what's your first thought?

Maddox: More penises.

Dick: Two dicks. (Maddox cracks up) Exactly. (Dick laughs) Exactly!

Maddox: Immediately. I want as many penises as possible!

Dick: What is a bigger solution than that? What are we trying to do here with our spaceships, and our nuclear powers…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And our…what was your solution last time?

Maddox: Malala Yousafzai. (laughs)

Dick: Malala Yousafzai. (cracks up) All this education, we're just trying to look like we have two dicks.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Dick: True or false?

Maddox: I guess we all are, Dick.

Dick: (laughs) That's true!

Maddox: Yeah. There's…and I was just talking to someone recently about this, too. You know there was that guy who has been documented. I think Vice did an article about him. But he has two, working, normal-looking, functioning penises.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That can both ejaculate.

Dick: Have you read his Reddit?

Maddox: I…I read a little bit of it. He's not a good writer.

Dick: And he gets weird.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: His lifestyle gets really weird.

Maddox: Yeah, really weird. He's, like, um…

Dick: He's been dating a couple.

Maddox: Yeah, he's dating a couple and uh…he's in some weird poly…pansexual…I don't know what…all the fucking prefixes are anymore, guys!! (yells) Just…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It used to be just gay and straight!! (Dick laughs) Can't you just, like, fucking stick with one? Huh? Please?! Just make it simple on us? Fucking Facebook genders, types, are out of control!

Dick: Now we got two dicks!!!!!! (Maddox cracks up) Wow, maybe this is a bigger problem than I thought. Having all these extra dicks.

Maddox: (laughs) Maybe he has one gay dick and one straight dick. Who knows?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah! That's what…(stammers) He alluded to something like that. With the couple that he was dating.

Maddox: Yeah. That's weird.

Dick: Like, because one doesn't work as…what's up, Sean?

Sean: No, I have to know…two sets of nuts, or one?

Maddox: I think it's one.

Dick: One set. I thought you were gonna say you have two dicks. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: No.

Maddox: Not counting the ones in this room. (giggles)

Dick: One set of testicles.

Maddox: One set of testicles. Which seems like kind of a waste, because then you're gonna blow your load twice as fast, I guess. Right? If it's coming out of the same reservoir, right?

Dick: Oh, that's interesting. Well, twice as fast because there's twice as much stimulation? Or you have half a tank, so to speak.

Maddox: Half a tank, yeah. Because it's like two straws in one milkshake.

Dick: You're right.

Maddox: Yeah. You're getting that cream out a little faster! (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah. You're…someone's drinking your milkshake. That's…yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think you're right.

Maddox: That's two times.

Dick: I know that one of 'em didn't function as well as the other one, though.

Maddox: Oh, really?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm tired of talking about this guy's penis, man.

Dick: Me too. I brought in a good problem, and it turned into gross stuff really quickly.

Maddox: Yeah. Real quick.

Dick: Um, so it has medical uses. Genetic engineering. Large-scale production of insulin for the treatment of diabetes.

Maddox: It's great!

Dick: Everyone's getting fat as shit.

Maddox: They are. (giggles)

Dick: We need that insulin, man.

Maddox: Yeah. Everybody needs to lose 20 pounds is the biggest problem in the universe.

Dick: Yeah. Immune system deficiencies. You can fix it. In the embryonic stage, with genetic engineering.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Interferon. Growth hormones. Um…

Maddox: What are those…what are those doing?

Dick: Growth hormones to protec…to heal bone fractures in dwarfism.

Maddox: Oh, cool. Yeah.

Dick: Well actually, that might be a negative. Fixing dwarfism?

Maddox: (scoffs) You don't wanna heal dwarfism? You don't wanna cure dwarf…well, so, I believe that a lot of dwarves would probably not consider what they have as an ailment or a deficiency, because there's also this movement, and this is really weird, 'cause I think genetic engineering can also solve this problem…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is deafness. And there's a movement in the deaf community where a lot of deaf people reject treatments that help them hear, like cochlear implants and things like that, because they don't view deafness as a defect.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Um, so…that's…that's potentially something that they could cure, I think even today, that a lot of people are rejecting.

Dick: Yeah, I saw a House episode about that.

Maddox: Yeah, um…

Dick: House ended up bullying them into it.

Maddox: Into getting the implant?

Dick: Into getting the implant.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There was an article that went around awhile back. You know those videos that get posted every couple of months of somebody who gets this cochlear implant and they're hearing for the first time, and they cry…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's this, you know, tearful thing. Um, there was an article written by this angry, I think it was a deaf activist. Like, one of these people who said, "Don't spread that video around. Don't pass it around, because…"

Dick: (interjects) I mean, you should be reading this in his voice, probably. (Maddox cracks up) Deaf activist…(deaf voice) "don't pass the video around"

Maddox: Oh, dude. No….(laughs) (Dick cracks up) What an asshole.

Dick: What?! Why? That's how he talked, probably.

Maddox: Okay, yeah. Probably, Dick.

Dick: What's wrong with that?

Maddox: You're mocking him, dickhead.

Dick: People make fun of how I talk every fuckin' day!! (yells)

Maddox: That's true. (Dick laughs) That's true, guys! You can't come down on us!

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: Poor Dick. He's the victim. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Dick: Yeah!! I'm the victim of cyber bullying, over here! That means I can say whatever I want!

Maddox: There's no amount of genetic engineering that can fix the way you talk, Dick. (Dick cracks up laughing) This is it. This is as good as it gets, man. They tried. Science is putting their best minds at the task.

Dick: So, you were saying.

Maddox: Yeah, so this guy wrote this article. (Dick guffaws) saying, "Don't spread this video around.", but his reasoning was really flimsy. It just sounded like he was one of these guys who hate people who get cochlear implants.

Dick: Oh, that's unfortunate.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think that, like, that's the impression that I get looking at this genetic engineering stuff. When I was looking it up for the show…

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It seems like…it seems like every interesting article about it also has an apology at the end.

Maddox: Genetic engineering?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So the reason I mentioned that, Dick, the deaf activists?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Is because it seems like the biggest obstacle towards this solution coming to fruition is people and society not accepting it. Like, for example, uh…I don't know, conservative people who are opposed to stem cell research.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So how do you…how do you solve that problem?

Dick: (sighs, exhales loudly) I don't know. Um, I..I honestly don't. Like, people who just don't want to play God?

Maddox: Yeah. That's…

Dick: (interjects) I'm blaming priests again. I guess. I-I-(stammers) I don't know. I don't know how to do it. No amount of marketing seems like it could fix it.

Maddox: You know what, though? It…Dick, it's not the people who are saying "Don't play God"…I mean some of 'em, for sure, but the majority of it comes from the anti-abortion crowd, the anti-abortion activists who think that somehow, doing genetic research on stem cells and using stem cells to cure people is tantamount to abortion. They think that it's a slippery slope that leads us to abortion.

Dick: Yeah. You know, the only thing I know about this…so, I read George W. Bush's memoir.

Maddox: Okay. Of course you did, Dick!

Dick: Decision Points. You know…you remember the…you know the memoir I'm talking about, right?

(Clip: Boooooooooooo!!!)

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) Yeah. Well, what were some of his decision points, Dick?

Dick: I picked it up in an airport in Vegas.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As I was coming home. I was reading it on the plane and this stewardess came up to me and was like, "Hey, we're trying…the stewardesses and I are trying to figure out, like, where you're from, that you would be so brazenly reading George W. Bush's book."

Maddox: Yeah. Who the fuck are you?

Dick: In an airplane. I'm like, "This was the president." (Maddox laughs) These were his thoughts while he was running this country for eight years. This is…I'm the bad…I'm a pariah, 'cause I'm interested in what this guy thought about it? Like, and how he wants his…whatever.

Maddox: I mean, unequivocally, "Yes" is the answer.

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) Yeah. It was like…it was a scandal on the plane that I was just reading this book. Uh, anyway. He's got this chapter on stem cell research, and dammit if he didn't make a cohesive case on why it was immoral for him. Do you understand what I'm saying? Like, not in general, but like, why he didn't promote stem cell research. And I hate it. Because I want there to be stem cell research all day, every day. But his point was simply that the embryos they were going to research on were viable to bring uh…to life. Like, were viable as fetuses if they were to…I don't remember, it was, like, "snowflake babies". It was called something like that?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Where they were in some kind of, like, suspended state, but they COULD be turned into fetuses?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: And, like, that was even too much like abortion for him.

Maddox: Right. But they were never intended to be turned into actual living beings.

Dick: Correct. Correct.

Maddox: And also, Dick, there's a difference between being a person who morally objects to stem cell research based on your personal beliefs, and also then using your personal beliefs to influence national policy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And that's what George W. Bush did, and that's what makes him a shitty president. He used his own personal biases, his own personal beliefs, to legislate…that could affect…(yells) I mean, there's so much shitty diseases and ailments that we could cure with stem cell research and genetic engineering that we're not because of zealots like this guy!

Dick: I absolutely agree with you. The only issue I take with it is that it's not this guy, it's most people. I think most people are against it. That's why I found the apologies on all these articles that I was looking at so alarming.

Maddox: Like what? Do you have any examples?

Dick: No, I didn't print them out, 'cause they were offensive, like, I just printed out the data, but it was…everything always ended with, "And by the way, there's a controversy about these risks and the cloning, and bla bla bla bla bla." Some of them even said there's gonna be, like, a cloning gap, like an engineering gap between us and China.

Maddox: There is! That's exactly what I was about to say. In China, where you don't have these moral qualms…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: That come from, I believe it's puritanical beliefs.

Dick: Yeah, it's gotta be.

Maddox: Look, you can be anti-abortion and then still for stem cell research. I mean, you shouldn't be. I'm…I'm…well, I am against abortion, but I am for killing babies. That's a stance I've had for a long time.

Dick: Yeah. No, I know.

Maddox: Yeah. I want there to be dead babies, but I don't want anyone to choose but me. Um, but that's neither here nor now. (Dick laughs) Uh…but, anyway, man. Yeah.

Dick: (laughing) In what situation is that appropriate? (Sean and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Um, I can't even imagine right now.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: So, yeah. There will be this genetic gap between us and China. China is already experimenting on chimeras. They're experimenting on human cloning.

Dick: Ooh. Three tits?

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: How many dicks do they have in China? There's gonna be a dick gap.

Maddox: Yeah. There's a dick gap. Ew. What if they…what if they accidentally engineered just a really gappy dick?

Dick: Oh, alright. (disgusted)

Maddox: Just, like, this big ol mudflaps on that thing…(laughs)

Dick: I think that's called a vagina.

Maddox: Yeah! What if they make a…

Dick: They already did that.

Maddox: Yeah. That's pretty gross.

Dick: "Gene therapy can treat condition ranging from AIDS to cystic fibrosis, and high cholesterol."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They threw that one in there, I don't know why. (laughs) "And a variety of cancers."

Maddox: I bet a fat guy wrote that article. (Dick and Maddox laugh) Right?

Dick: Yeah. (grins) Crops. They can make crops that are resistant to pesticides, uh, pathogens…

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Fast…they grow faster. They delay ripening, so we get some ripe fruits.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In the store.

Maddox: You know, Dick, there is this anti-GMO movement now. GMO stands for Genetically Modified Or…Organisms?

Dick: Orgasms.

Maddox: Org…(laughs) They're not orgasms Dick. (laughing) Uh, genetically modified organisms, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that's…there's this movement that's against that. Actually, I was gonna bring GMOs in as a solution potentially on another episode. But, it's a different…it's a slightly different solution.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: GMOs…yeah. So, people are opposed to these things without quite understanding what the ramifications are, because essentially, genetic modification occurs all the time in nature.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Genes mutate on their own through natural selection and just natural processes and sometimes through mutations through radiation, and who knows. There's a lot of processes that cause genetic mutations.

Dick: Wear and tear. Just like regular genes.

Maddox: Sure. Sure, actually, yeah. The longer you…the older you grow, sometimes your DNA gets…

Dick: (interjects) The more comfortable they are.

Maddox: (laughs) Dick. They're not, like…they don't get into a nice warm set of pajamas.

Dick: No? (grins)

Maddox: In your bo….(cracks up)

Dick: Says you. Need some stats to back that up. (grins)

Maddox: Hey-okay. Alright. (Dick laughs) Stat…I have to find evidence that genes don't get into pajamas?! (Dick cracks up) Anyway, Dick. Uh, yeah, so. So, genes mutate all the time on their own. And the problem that people have with it is that they don't trust humanity to do those mutations ourselves.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: We're doing controlled mutations. You know what gene modification is tantamount to? Is controlled fires in nature. Because we sometimes go through nature and we look at forests and see that, "Okay, this forest is ripe for a fire and if we don't control it ourselves, it's gonna go out of control when it does burn. When the lightning does strike."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, lightning striking is similar to gene mutation. It just happens, and you can't control it. These people are opposed to human-controlled gene mutation.

Dick: Yeah. It's a good point.

Maddox: Well, alright.

Dick: Yeah. It's my solution and you're arguing for me, so.

Maddox: I know, Dick! That's 'cause I can see a good solution when I hear it.

Dick: How about genetically engineering E. Coli to enhance biofuel production so we're not dependent on retarded windmills and solar panels? I added that last part.

Maddox: Yeah, you added the word "retarded" in….(cracks up)

Dick: The whole…the whole conclusion, I added. (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Sure. Of course. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. How about pets? They can make glow-in-the-dark fish now with genetic engineering.

Maddox: That's super cool.

Dick: That's pretty cool.

Maddox: Yeah. That's…they should make glow-in-the-dark everything.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I can't think of a single animal that wouldn't look or function better as glow in the dark.

Dick: No, you gotta go to the…okay. There's a site called http://www.ozgene.com.

Maddox: Mhmm. Yeah.

Dick: It's, like, for custom, genetically engineered mice. They genetically engineer mice for laboratory tests.

Maddox: What do they do that for?

Dick: I don't know. It's…I started reading it, but it was just all gobbledygook.

Maddox: Well, I…okay. So, you could genetically engineer mice to have a certain gene that you're trying to cure. Say, for example…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't know. Albino…I think albino is kind of a defect, right? I mean, you don't want to be albino. You'll just burn up all the time.

Dick: I think they're more specific than that. They don't just make, like, funny mice.

Maddox: Nope! Albino. (laughs)

Dick: But the site…the website looks like something out of, like, 1996.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, this is, like, a big genetic…

Maddox: (interjects) Hey! Let's not knock websites that look like they came out of 1996!! (Dick cracks up laughing) (Maddox giggles)

Dick: And then, uh…here's one from the…from genetically engineered salmon. Uh, they got a…they got a fish that grows to full size in 18 months rather than 36 months. I clicked on their site, too. And they have a "myths debunking" page…right? On their website.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: 'Cause they don't want people worried about genetic engineering, getting pissed off.

Maddox: Sure. I'm sure the anti-vaxxer crowd is gonna be reading that page.

Dick: Well. If they do read it, I don't think this is gonna assuage their concerns. Is that how you say that? Assage? Assuage their concerns?

Maddox: Yeah. That's good. (mumbles)

Dick: Uh, myth! This is from the Aqua Advantage salmon page. "If released accidentally, Aqua Advantage salmon could severely endanger national fish populations." Right? That's the myth they're addressing. "Answer: Aqua Advantage salmon are all female." (Maddox laughs) Yeah. Does this sound familiar already?

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs)

Dick: "All female, sterile Atlantic salmon, which will be reared in a physically contained, land-based system. Our facility in Panama has additional thermal and physical barriers, which render the possibility of survival outside the facility virtually impossible." That's the plot to Jurassic Park. (Maddox laughs) That's what they've…someone unironically put the plot to Jurassic Park on why you shouldn't be worried about these salmon taking over.

Maddox: So…is that just plagiarism, then? On the website? (scoffs)

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: No, that's pretty cool, man. They're makin', like, super salmon. I'm all for it, man. We're making…look. It's survival of the fittest, right? Guess what, nature? Man created a better version of you and we're conquering!

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: We're winning this war!

Dick: I got one last point. Life extension.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Genetic engineering.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: You…you want to get off the planet. Right?

Maddox: Can't wait.

Dick: That's your thing. I think.

Maddox: Fucking can't wait to get off this planet.

Dick: Is that your…would you say that's your biggest goal, like, as…for the species?

Maddox: It is OUR biggest goal, yeah. We have to get off this planet.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That is…eventually, that is going to be the biggest solution in the universe, I think, is to get off this planet.

Dick: For you, that is. My biggest solution…

Maddox: Okay. (scoffs)

Dick: Like, my biggest desire…and I'm being dead serious. Living forever.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Life extension.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: 'Cause there's no reason these shitty corpses have to rot away and start, like, you're losing muscle mass and your memory turns to shit.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. That's…there are a lot of theories, actually. A lot of contemporary theories. There are a lot of them that talk about how it's actually within a shot of our lifetime.

Dick: Yeah. And these guys…the Google guys and Larry Ellison. All these rich guys? All these rich billionaires, surprise, surprise, are starting these genetic engineering life extension projects.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To do exactly what I'm talking about.

Maddox: Pretty cool.

Dick: But I think that'd be pretty cool.

Maddox: You know what, Dick, though. It doesn't matter how long you live. It doesn't matter how much cancer they cure. It doesn't matter how much heart disease they solve… you're still stuck on Earth, and Earth is doomed. You gotta get off this planet, baby! That's the biggest solution.

Dick: Hey, man. If I have two dicks and I have to sit on Earth, I'll be fine with that. (laughs)

Maddox: (laughing) Great, Dick. Alright. Can we get…

Dick: (interjects) Is that enough? (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Let's…

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Let's move on to uh…to my next problem. And don't forget, we have the wine test coming up. All the wine's ready to go. Get your palate ready. Cleanse it of all the bullshit. With this REAL solution. "Rude People".

Dick: (laughs) Okay.

Maddox: "Rude People" is the biggest solution in the universe.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: 'Kay, um, and in parentheses, I put in, "Me". (Sean laughs) Because I'm a rude person.

Dick: No shit. (Maddox laughs) I'm gonna write…you keep talkin', I'm gonna write down all the rude things you've ever done.

Maddox: (laughs) Okay. Well, Dick, we only have an hour. Um, here are some social norms that are considered rude and why each one is a rule that I break. Okay? The first one is "being the first to eat something at dinner". Right?

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: That's…that's a social norm, if you sit down at a restaurant? Every time I go out to eat, it becomes a Mexican standoff. Where everyone is sitting there, staring at their delicious food? But everyone's too afraid to make the first move by eating. (Dick chuckles) Look, man! Sometimes people order stuff that takes longer to arrive. Why should everyone suffer because you decided to order some bullshit-ass lasagna that takes 20 minutes to bake? Huh? Why are you being such a pain in the ass about it? And where does it end?! You know, if we're sitting down at these restaurants, there are people all around you in the restaurant eating, do you expect them to all stop eating when you come in and wait for your food to arrive?! No, of course not! So why is it fair for you to expect the people at your table to just do that because you don't have food yet?! (angry) Yeah, it sucks, but tough shit! People are eating food all around you. All the time! If you don't like it, stay home and eat by yourself, where the only person who has to wait on you, is you, you miserable fuck! Don't make me wait just because you don't know how to order properly.

Dick: (laughing) Is this directed at someone, specifically?

Maddox: Do you feel like I was directing it at you, Dick? (laughs)

Dick: (cracks up) No, me? No. Oh, no.

Maddox: It definitely was directed at someone.

Dick: At me?

Maddox: No, not you.

Dick: Oh, thank God. Because I was…

Maddox: (interjects) You're…

Dick: (interjects) I was…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, my first thought was, I don't think people who don't get their food on time…I think they feel worse making you wait. You're doing them a service by just eating. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like if you don't have your food, I'm like "Ah, I feel horrible. These people have this hot food." Just go…and you always gotta say it three times. Like you're…like you have a magical genie.

Maddox: Yeah. "Oh, no please, go ahead and eat! It's not a big deal." Just fucking eat! It doesn't bother me!!!

Dick: However. It seems like this is directed at someone specifically.

Maddox: Yeahhhh. Okay. So, I went to an Italian restaurant awhile back.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And there was this big group of chicks sitting at a table. And one of 'em wanted to order fuckin' lasagna, and it says on the menu, "Give us 20 minutes preparation time for the lasagna".

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Meanwhile, these girls are so obnoxious. They're sitting there taking selfies, but they have a selfie stick. (Dick cracks up) Have you seen these things?!

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: It's a new fucking thing that people carry around with them! It's a little telescope that they screw into their phones, and they take photos of themselves with it.

Dick: Yeah. They're awful.

Maddox: You know what? It's an invention that was invented…that was created specifically so people don't have to go through the inconvenience of asking a waiter to take a photo of them.

Dick: Well, that's a good solution, then.

Maddox: No!!!! (annoyed) Come on!

Dick: They're not conveniencing other people?

Maddox: Oh, Jesus, dude! Ask anyone! Who gives a shit? They're just too shy. Shy people. That's the biggest problem in the universe! Go vote it up!

Dick: No, no. I hate it. I hate that it exists. That selfies are that important that people need to carry around a stick for it, but…

Maddox: (interjects) A selfie stick. (mad)

Dick: But asking waiters, man. That's…that's costing waiters time. That could…they could be getting me a drink in that time.

Maddox: Eh, waiters are always standing around, man. You…look at a…(stammers) Look, unless it's like, a super duper busy restaurant, and even then, you can ask someone sitting at a table next to you. Who gives a shit? You don't need to bring a selfie stick!

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Fuck off with your stick! Shove it up your ass. (Sean laughs) Yeah, anyway, dude, I'm the guy…

Dick: (interjects) Wait, who is it…it's directed at these ladies?

Maddox: Uh, these ladies. And yeah, I've had friends, too. Who just…we go to restaurants, and they order some fucking bullshit-ass steak, or pork, or some fucking thing on the menu that says, "give two days' preparation!" and then they'll talk to the waiter, "Is there anything you can do? I really want this! Beh beh beh beh!" (silly voice) (Dick laughs)

Dick: Can you cook it faster?

Maddox: Yeah, cook it…no, idiot!

Dick: Take it under the ocean so it cooks extremely fast.

Maddox: Yeah. If you want your special fuckin' boutique item, don't go to a fucking restaurant with your friends. Stay home.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't deserve friends. You deserve social isolation.

Dick: I think this is the same person who doesn't eat spicy food.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs) Yeah! These are the same people. Okay, here's another rude thing that I do all the time. I open trays of food at a party. Right?

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: If I show up at a party and I see a big table full of trays noone's touched? Aluminum foil on top? Guess what? I'm opening them! I'm gonna eat! And I'm gonna be the first to eat.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause you know what I'm doing when I do that? I'm doing everyone at that party a favor. Because everyone's a pussy. They're all standing around thinking the same thing with their hands in their pockets. (silly voice) "Uuuhhhh, wellllll, I wanna eat, but I don't wanna be the first! Uhhhh." (background laughter) And they're just waiting for somebody…

Dick: They don't wanna look like a pig. Right?

Maddox: (scoffs) No. (Dick cracks up) It's not that, Dick. It's not that. Look, if I was, like, a real fat fatty and I was doing that? Then I would look like a pig.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I'm not. So I walk over to the thing and I just open it up. They're waiting for authority. These are people who are conditioned by society and school to follow rules and

to fall in line, and to wait until someone tells them to do something. And guess what? I'm the authority.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I show up at your party. I'm eating your snacks, buddy. That's what I do. (grins)

Dick: Good!

Maddox: That's a solution!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright? Here's another rude thing. Cutting in line. I love it.

Dick: Yeah, that's pretty rude.

Maddox: Waaaaaah!! Get outta here! I love it. It's my favorite thing. I love cutting in line. Here's why. Look. If I show up to the airport, and this happens all the fucking time. I'll show up to the airport and I'm ready to check in at the self-check-in kiosks. And I'll stand in line and I'll notice that there's a whole bunch of bozos in front of me.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And all these bozos have skis, and kids, and dogs, and God knows what else, and they're texting, and taking selfies with their selfie sticks. (annoyed) Not paying fucking attention! And nobody is telling the next person to go ahead! (Dick laughs) No one's saying, "Hey, dipshit. Put down your selfie stick. It's your turn to check in!" You know what? I'm not gonna do that if you're not doing it. You know what I'm gonna do? I'm gonna walk around the line and just go check in. Fuck you. I don't give a shit. The only time I won't come in line is if everybody's standing in line, paying attention, not texting, and everyone's taking their turn and it's an efficient line. If it's not efficient, it's your fault and I'm not gonna wait in that line for you! (irritated)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is that…that's a solution for everyone, you think?

Maddox: It is.

Dick: That's the big solution, you want this to just be, like, a feeding frenzy? Like China? Where everybody's trying to cram into turnstiles? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: No. It's more, like, I would say it's more like SouthWest. Where you stand in line and you get there on time and you seat, because you got there on time and you're paying attention. If you're fuckin' around, texting, guess what? Someone behind you is gonna go around you.

Dick: Yeah. I think…I think the shame that you're supposed to feel when you do these things, when you're a rude person, is, like, a natural limiter for not having too many of you running around. (Maddox laughs) Like, it's okay to have a couple rude people fixing things…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you know. A couple jerks. That fix things by being jerks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But, I dunno about a big solution. I think we got enough. (Maddox sighs) I think we're at a nice, uhhh, what is it? Not a critical ma…nice balance.

Maddox: Nice balance, huh?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, Dick, it reminds of an argument I had with a friend one time, who said that if you're driving down a two-lane road and, usually the right-hand lane road gets filled up with cars parking, right? Except near the front of an intersection.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, the front of an intersection is a little gap where you have…where you can get in the right-hand lane. You can turn right. Or you can continue going straight. But you have to merge back into the left-hand lane, because the right-hand lane is covered with cars, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: I always take the opportunity to get in the right-hand lane, speed up, and cut off the person who was going straight in the left-hand lane. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And my friend said that I was a dick. I said no, because if they're just sitting there putzing around, not paying attention for the light to turn green? I mean, I'm like a race car driver, man! White knuckle, every time!

Dick: Well, you're very reckless, yeah. That's true.

Maddox: Dick. Aggressive is not reckless.

Dick: I think it is, by definition.

Maddox: No! (incredulous)

Dick: I think aggressive driving is bad.

Maddox: Okay. I don't need…

Dick: (interjects) And reckless.

Maddox: I don't need criticism from rain-slicked Dick over here! (Dick cracks up) Alright?! One of us hasn't wrecked his car, dickhead! (Dick still laughing) That's me. And what I'm doing when I get out of that lane, and I cut you off because you're putzing around talking to your girlfriend, or texting with your selfie stick…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What…what I'm doing is getting one car fewer on the road.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: I'm getting to where I'm going faster. There's gonna be less cars behind you. And by the way, if everyone just lines up in one solid row, guess what? Down at the next intersection, some poor bozo…some poor schmuck's gonna be stuck in the intersection! And they're not, because I'm making one more space. By getting rid…by getting the fuck off the road. That's what your goal should be. When you get on the road, is to get off. As quickly as possible.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! That's the goal of driving.

Dick: So we should be thanking you.

Maddox: Yes! That's what I'm saying, Dick.

Dick: For cleaning traffic up.

Maddox: Why aren't people thanking me? Okay. Here's another rude thing that I do all the time. Telling picky eaters and vegans "No".

Dick: (guffaws) Oh, okay.

Maddox: Just no. You're a picky eater? Stay home. We're not gonna invite you.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't wanna…I don't want to spend one second…one molecule of energy thinking about your dietary needs. Fuck you. I got my own issues. Alright? I don't want to think about, "Oh, do they have vegan? Do they have chicken? Do they have rice?" (silly voice) I don't give a shit! We're goin' someplace! You go, you show up. You order. Or you fuck off and die! It's just that simple. You know, I went to a dinner party last night, Dick. My friend invited me. She said, "Hey, you wanna come over for dinner?" My answer was "Yes." Not "Yes, what are you having?" (Dick chuckles) Not "Yes, should I bring any side bla bla bla bla?" I know to just say yes, show up, and eat what's served. Bring the wine.

Dick: That's not rude. That's very polite.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everything you've just described.

Maddox: Exactly. And I'm saying that if you say no to picky eaters and vegans who are just being a pain in the fucking ass, then you start solving this problem.

Dick: Well, I don't know. I think you're kinda contradicting yourself now.

Maddox: How so?

Dick: Well, specifying what they want, like if you're being asked to dinner, saying…making a contingent on what's being served…that I would say is very rude, Maddox.

Maddox: Yeah. It is rude.

Dick: So the vegans themselves are being rude, not you!

Maddox: That's what I'm saying. So…so…

Dick: So they're not a solution.

Maddox: No, no. I'm saying, saying no to vegans is a solution.

Dick: Yeah, but they're…they're worse rude than you. Now it's like you're saying evil is a solution, but it's like they're more evil than you. They're more rude than you.

Maddox: Oh, I see, yes, yes, yes. So I am picking the lesser of two evils here. However, it is still considered rude to tell vegans and vegetarians and picky eaters "No", and I'm doing that. I'm taking a hit for the team and no one's thanking me!

Dick: Hah! Yeah, you're standing up to all those vegans. (Maddox laughs) All those tough vegans.

Maddox: They're bullies! That's what they do. They browbeat you with their fucking diets. Oh, every fucking time. "Oh, I have a special…I have a special diet, beh, beh, beh, beh." (silly voice) Shut up.

Dick: How about constantly being late? Is that on your list?

Maddox: No, Dick.

Dick: Something that you do?

Maddox: I don't need shit from you, Dick Masterson! (Dick cracks up) Who has cancelled episodes…these are all true excuses for reasons he couldn't come in. Disneyland. The aquarium. Six Flags.

Dick: I had to go to Disneyland with my nephew.

Maddox: Yeah, with your nephew. Of course, Dick. And…and then showing up 40 minutes late…

Dick: What is the problem with that?! (laughing)

Maddox: Fuck you, man. Fuckin' bullshit I'm so mad. I want to eat this paper. (Dick giggling) Alright. Here's…here's my last one. Ignoring people's pets or children. That's what I do as a rude person, and I'm solving problems, baby. Because you know what? When you give attention to pets and kids, what you're doing is dehumanizing everyone else in the room. (Dick laughs loudly) Yeah.

Dick: What?! (incredulous)

Maddox: You're bringing down the level of humanity!

Dick: What the fuck does that mean?!

Maddox: Think about it, Dick. If I start talking to you and then mid-conversation, turn to your dog and continue talking, I'm treating you like a dog, aren't I? Or I'm treating the dog like a human. Either way, I'm bringing down your level and raising the dog's level.

Dick: Do people talk to dogs in your circles?

Maddox: Oh, yeah. All the time! Oh, look at you…

Dick: (interjects) Like, if we had a dog here, they would just continue the conversation to the dog? (laughing)

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah!

Dick: That seems a little ridiculous.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah. Here's a perfect example. I was at a friend's house. At a dinner party. Another dinner party.

Dick: You go to a lot of fancy dinner parties. (grins)

Maddox: That's what I do, buddy! I get invited. I'm a popular guy, right? So I show up…

Dick: Do you wear, like, spats and a dickey? Have a walking stick as you go to these fancy dinner parties? (grins) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, man. I show up in a T-shirt. And no pants. So, I'm sitting down. We're watching TV. We're watching…it's, like, a movie night, dinner party, that sort of thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We're watching Mad Men, or something. I don't know. Something's on TV. (giggles) And this thing happens, and mid sentence, this girl's talking about "Oh, man, can you believe that happened?" and then her dog comes up on her lap, and she goes, "Can you believe that, Porky? Oh, can you belie…look at it, Porky? Can you believe…" I'm like, "It's a fucking…why are you talking to the dog?! I'm a human! Talk to me!"

Dick: I think perhaps she wasn't getting the response she wanted out of you. So she just was talking aloud to herself but directing it at the dog.

Maddox: Dick, this was mid-stream. She just changed her attention from me to her dog.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then, you know what I decided? I'm not going to deign to talk to you. Okay? (Dick laughs) You continue talking to your dog all night. I'll just sit here sippin' booze and eating your snacks. First, by the way.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: I'll eat your trays of food. And you talk to your dog. Enjoy your conversation with your dog.

Dick: You got…you draw, like, a lot of lines in the sand when you're at these dinner parties. (Maddox laughs) Like, some I don't even notice people doing.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. All the time, man. I'm very observant.

Dick: So, rude. Like, getting too drunk and throwing up, uh…on someone's couch.

Maddox: It's inconsiderate.

Dick: So that's not rude?

Maddox: No, it is.

Dick: Is that part of the solution, then?

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: You're just being an asshole if you do that.

Dick: Oh, alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm just tryin' to figure out. Oh! So, is that what vegans are doing? Are they assholes?

Maddox: They're assholes.

Dick: They're not rude?

Maddox: They're assholes and rude.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just trying to figure out what the line is. Um…commenting on someone's ex-girlfriend's Facebook when their new boyfriend makes them a steak. Is that something that would be rude that you have done to me?

Maddox: I have…I don't think I've done that, Dick.

Dick: You've done that to me. (background laughter)

Maddox: I have…(laughs) not done that, Dick!

Dick: Yeah. You have done that to me. Ex says, "Oh, new boyfriend made me a great steak."

Maddox: Oh, my gosh!

Dick: Here comes Maddox. Here comes Maddox. (Maddox cracks up) "Oh, awesome. Tell us more?" What the eff is this? (laughs)

Maddox: Oh, my God. No. I know what you're referring to…

Dick: What the eff are you doing to me?!

Maddox: Okay. She wasn't an ex, you guys didn't date!

Dick: Ehhhhhhhh.

Maddox: I'm not even sure you…okay! See, very secretive, Dick. This is where you're, uh…

Dick: (interjects) You knew what you were do…you knew you shouldn't have been doing that.

Maddox: You know, Dick, I honestly, swear to God, didn't give it a moment of thought. Because I didn't think that there was a thing. I didn't think that was ever a thing.

Dick: Well, it was a thing.

Maddox: But, you know what, Dick? That was rude. I admit it. I inten…I unintentionally did that, and I apologize.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: Apology accepted.

Maddox: But it was unintentional. I did…I did think after the fact…'cause you messaged me and you were like, "Hey, what the fuck?"

Dick: Yeah!! (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What the fuck are you doing?

Maddox: I'm like, "What are you talking about?" and then I realized. I'm like, oh okay, you guys had a thing, so. Yeah. Um, haven't done it since!!

Dick: Oh, good.

Maddox: Yeah. Good guy Maddox.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, man. Uh, yeah. Those are some of the rude things that I do. And I think if more people did these things, like ignore pets and children at parties, then the discourse would be more civil. 'Cause you don't have to…

Dick: (interjects) I think ignoring you makes the discourse more civil. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Fuck you! How?

Dick: Well, civility?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're ranting about, like vegans, and hating kids and dogs? (laughs) Civil is not saying these things!

Maddox: Well, I'm not saying I hate kids at these parties. I'm just ignoring them like they don't exist.

Dick: The discourse would be more honest and, like, more real, I think.

Maddox: Yeah, but then it's…

Dick: (interjects) I don't think it would be more civil.

Maddox: It'd be…what do you mean, how is it not more civil to ignore dogs and kids?

Dick: Well, eh, I don't know. Maybe you're right.

Maddox: Yeah. Of course I'm right. (Dick chuckles) Of course I'm right. And I just…you know, I just wish more people would thank me, Dick. I just…I really feel like I put my neck out…(Dick laughs) I really feel like I'm doing a good thing for people, and not just like, my immediate friends, but for society. If more people drove like me, there'd be no traffic.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause everyone would be dead. (Maddox cracks up) You drive like a maniac, dude.

Maddox: Ohhhhhh, buddy. I get where I'm goin' fast.

Dick: If you're gonna keep testing me on wine and Diet Coke, we'll test your driving.

Maddox: Oh, bring it.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause your driving is fucked.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm on my bike most of the time, anyway.

Dick: Good.

Maddox: (laughs) Yeah. And I drive even faster on my bike. (Dick laughs) Think about it.

Dick: Alright. Are you done with your solution?

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. That's my solution. Rude people. That's the biggest solution in the universe. It's me. You're welcome, buddy.

Dick: Yeah. I think we got enough rude people. (Maddox giggles) 'Cause if there's too many rude people, then you're not special anymore.

Maddox: No, but this is…these are things that I mentioned…all of these things are things that are considered rude by society. If enough people stopped worrying about these things that are supposedly rude, then they wouldn't be rude anymore, and these wouldn't be called rude people, they'd just be called people.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: That's what we need more of.

Dick: Fight fire with fire, you're saying. I think.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: These people are being rude, so you're being rude right back to them.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm solving…

Dick: (interjects) They bring a knife, you bring a gun, right? (Maddox and Sean laugh) That's what you're saying?

Maddox: No, Dick. (grins)

Dick: Oh?

Maddox: I'm saying, like, the people who are too afraid, they're cowards, at parties, to open up trays of food? They're cowards! Why are you…why are you holding company with cowards? Is that who your friends are?

Dick: Ah, yeah.

Maddox: Do you think rich people are standing around cowards at parties?

Dick: What if they're just not hungry?

Maddox: Okay, well. You know, I do that sometimes. That's what I'm doing, I'm taking a hit for the party. I'm not hungry sometimes. I just walk up and start eating because no one else is doing it. I want to get the party started, let's go! The first person to dance is the best

person at the party! I mean, if you like to dance, which I don't. Which is stupid as shit. (Dick cracks up) But at least someone's doing it!

Dick: At least someone's…is that how you…is that what you do?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: At least someone's doin' it! I'm out here dancing by myself!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Trying to kick…get things started!

Maddox: I've done it before, and I fucking hate dancing, but I get up on the dance floor. (Dick laughs) 'Cause, like, this fucking dipshit wedding I'm at, no one's dancing 'cause they fucking planned it shitty. They ordered…they invited a bunch of shitty, coward guests, who aren't dancing! (yelling, annoyed) I'll fucking get up there! I'll dance. Great! Here's your stupid fucking song!! (Dick laughs) Here's my stupid dance!

Dick: (dying of laughter) There's Maddox…out there by himself before the bride and the groom have their first dance. (Maddox laughs) 'Cause he doesn't understand wedding protocol. Dancing some weird Middle Eastern dance…(Dick, Maddox and Sean crack up) Screaming at the band to play! And that they're all cowards!!!!! (they crack up again)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick! I'm not Middle Eastern, fuck you!!! (Dick laughs) I'm doing everyone a favor!!! (yells) Nobody thanks me!!! Nobody appreciates me!!! (Dick cackling maniacally) This is my fucking life!!! I'm done. I'm done. What's your fucking next solution?

Dick: (still laughing) Oh, my next solution is #FreeTheNipple.

Maddox: (laughs) What?!

Dick. Yeah. #FreetheNipple.

Maddox: This is a…

Dick: It's a movement.

Maddox: A Twitter campaign is your solution?

Dick: It's like a whole life campaign, dude.

Maddox: Oh, Jesus.

Dick: And I'm really…I'm torn about this one, because I hate, like, celebrity nudity. I hate celebrity nudity that's, like, empowering.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it's just…it's annoying. You know?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Like, it's all so staged and they, like, present themselves, like, "Oh look, I'm taking such a risk by taking my top off. And look at my tits, aren't they beautiful?" It's like, yeah, yeah, yeah. You're great. This is just another of you being beautiful. Thank you for rubbing this in our faces. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Uh, Dick. It's so interesting you're mentioning this, 'cause it's going to be REALLY on point with my next problem, too.

Dick: Oh, okay. Well, great. So, the reason I found out about this. And as I said, I'm torn. I hate celebrity nudity that's empowering.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To them. I only like it when it's funny.

Maddox: (scoffs, chokes) Okay, fair.

Dick: And humiliating. Right?

Maddox: Sure. (laughing) Sure.

Dick: 'Cause that's what they're there for.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: However, they got a good point on this #FreeTheNipple. Because I am in favor of tits. And seeing more of them.

Maddox: Okay, yeah. Me too.

Dick: So this is what this is.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, I found out about it because Chelsea Handler recently was posting topless pictures of herself.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, I remember that, yeah.

Dick: Like, over Christmas.

Maddox: Trying to be empowering.

Dick: Because…because Instagram and Facebook have a policy that prohibits women from having their naked chest displayed on pictures; however, guys can do it. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, if a woman posts a picture of herself topless, on Instagram or Facebook, it gets deleted.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: They don't ban the account.

Maddox: No.

Dick: With these celebrities.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: I'm banned from Facebook.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: But these chicks can break the rules and post their boobs.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they don't get banned. They just get the picture deleted.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And these girls' whole point is, "Why?" Why can't women post topless pictures of themselves and men can?

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: You know, Dick.

Dick: It's a good point.

Maddox: It IS a good point.

Dick: It's a good point.

Maddox: This is actually…I was arguing with a bunch of self-proclaimed feminists on Facebook the other day, and this is…this is one thing that I just don't hear enough from feminist circles. This is one of the last forms of actual discrimination that we still have against women in society, is that they can't display themselves topless if they want to.

Dick: Their boobies.

Maddox: Their boobs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who cares?

Dick: Yeah. We should concentrate more on that.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: I think.

Maddox: You know, Dick…

Dick: (interjects) I agree with you.

Maddox: That…that whole Chelsea Handler thing, so the way that started, I believe, is she posted a topless photo of herself riding a horse to lampoon Russian president Vladimir Putin.

Dick: Putin.

Maddox: Right? Because he has a photo like that with his big old saggy tits.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And so, she's…she posted a picture of herself saying, "Hey, I look better topless than Vladimir Putin on a horse." Something along those lines.

Dick: I mean, debatable.

Maddox: Well. (cracks up) (Sean laughs) So…so, Instagram deleted the photo a bunch of times and she kept re-uploading it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which, by the way, they didn't ban her account. They would ban a guy if he kept uploading pictures of tits. But anyway. They didn't ban her account, but they kept deleting the photo. And she…she tweeted at them. She said something really poignant. She said, "Look. You're allowing a photo of topless Vladimir Putin on Instagram and not a photo of topless me on Instagram. What you're saying is Vladimir Putin has more rights than I do in America." Think about that.

Dick: Yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: That's a really fucked…I mean, if you think about it, that's true. It's really fucked up.

Dick: Well, there's no way to phrase it that isn't that fucked up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, why is this obscene?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why is…I was reading some articles about this. An American child sees over 200,000 acts of violence and 16,000 murders on TV before they turn 18, but they can't see nipples on TV?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a thing? I'm not…I'm not for stopping violence. I'm not…don't get me wrong.

Maddox: We need more violence!

Dick: We need more violence, if anything, but also, throw some tits up there!

Maddox: Violent tits!

Dick: I mean, it's your channel. I don't know about violent tits, but. (giggles)

Maddox: War tits!

Dick: You could separate them.

Maddox: Holes in the nipples for machine gun bullets.

Dick: Now I see what the problem is. (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: What are you talking about, Dick?

Dick: That's disgusting.

Maddox: What?!

Dick: Did you know that it used to be illegal for men to have their nipples out in public?

Maddox: Really? (surprised)

Dick: Yeah. We got a whole nipple fixation in this society.

Maddox: Yeaaaaaah.

Dick: Yeah. It used to be illegal for men to do it; however, I got this off the Huffington Post. I know you don't like them, but I got it there. "Preachers and clergy in the 1900's vilified not just women's, but men's nipples as well, branding them immoral and evil to the unsuspecting eyes of children and impressionable women. Legislation was passed and all human areola were banned in public places." Can you imagine that?

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Can you imagine that we're in the world talking and it's illegal for us to go outside and take our shirts off?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hah.

Maddox: I mean, that's the world that women live in today. Which is insane…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But it's mostly the US, dude. The US and Mexico, and maybe Canada. But in Europe, it's not a big fucking deal. You can go topless if you want. And it's…starting to change, too. In New York, they passed a law that allows women to go topless.

Dick: Oh, they did?

Maddox: They finally did, yeah.

Dick: So this is working? The Free The Nipple?

Maddox: It is starting to work, that enough people are saying "Hey, this is a double standard. If women want to go topless, they should be able to." And I totally agree. And the more women who do, listen, I am imploring all the female listeners of ours…

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Of ours. To go topless as much as possible all the time. And this isn't just a horny thing. I mean, a little bit, but um…

Dick: Then Snapchat…send the pictures to the show. (Maddox cracks up) Snapchat us the pictures so we can get the word out about this cause. #FreeTheNipple.

Maddox: For research, yes. For research. But the more…the more tits that we see in public, the less mysterious and alluring they become. The less people care.

Dick: I really disagree with that.

Maddox: If you see tits…(laughs) No, no, Dick.

Dick: The more I see, the more I wanna see 'em. I don't care whose they are.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Um…well, here's the thing, Dick. I'm gonna ask you a question. Do you think that porn has the same appeal to you today as it did when you were, say, 16 years old?

Dick: Ooh, boy. Lemme walk back in time, here. At 16 it was much harder to get than it is now.

Maddox: Much harder to get! You had dial-up. You had to wait an hour to log in and find a porn site, and…

Dick: I think…I think it has the same appeal now that it ever did.

Maddox: Oh, no way, dude.

Dick: I think it's more specific, now.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, I know what porn I wanna see more.

Maddox: Yeah. I mean, I can look up "machine gun tits", like, anytime I want today.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Whereas it was really hard back in the day.

Dick: Are you asking if it has desensitized me? If porn…or, or…what's your point, sorry, what's the premise?

Maddox: It's not as novel as it used to be, because, I think that you have more access to it today, and it's easier to get. That's what I'm saying about breasts. If you see them all the time, people stop freaking the fuck out when they see tits.

Dick: Well, I don't know in what context you mean by "freaking the fuck out".

Maddox: Oh….

Dick: Like, the more I see, the…it doesn't change me not wanting to see them. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Well, yeah. I still always want to see them, always. All the time, forever.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But…

Dick: What do you mean, freaking out?

Maddox: Well, so, for example…

Dick: Like, kids?

Maddox: If a woman wants to breastfeed on a bus.

Dick: Right. Okay.

Maddox: She should be able to! She should fuckin…it's just fucking breastfeeding! It is the least erotic…I mean, for some. For me, it's always erotic.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But…for…(stammers) It is, like, the least erotic thing that you could possibly do, is to feed a child on a bus, and women should be allowed to do that.

Dick: That reminds me, I have to bring in that erotic lactation story next week.

Maddox: Oh, yeah!!! What happened with that?!

Dick: No, I gotta bring it in. I said I would bring it when we had another Audible ad.

Maddox: We got another Audible plug.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Bring it in when we have that Audible plug, some time later this month. Along with our live show. There's a quick little plug. But our live show is coming out in January as well.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So, anyway, yeah, Dick. Women should be allowed to breastfeed. They should be allowed to go topless, and the more I think that people see it, the less fascinating it becomes. So, lemme give you an example. You remember…

Dick: (interjects) Fascinating, again! I…(stammers) I don't know what context you mean 'fascinating' by.

Maddox: Because, Dick, it becomes ordinary. And once something becomes ordinary, it's no longer the source of obsession that we have. So…that…

Dick: (interjects) Tits! Become ordinary.

Maddox: That article. Yeah. That article that you mentioned…

Dick: Ooh, boy. I don't know about that.

Maddox: Well, that article that you mentioned from Huffington Post, where they said that in the early 19th and 18th century, whatever, that clergy and men were not allowed to display nipples, because they were immoral, bla, bla, bla, bla. Over time, we became desensitized to male nipples, because men just worked with their shirts off and everybody just saw it all the time, so…

Dick: Well…

Maddox: …it became not a big deal.

Dick: I don't know. I think that's making a leap. Uh, by the way, so this was as recent as 1935. There was a mass arrest of 42 topless men in Atlantic City. (Maddox laughs) Who were protesting and suddenly, New York lifted the male topless ban in 1936 and a man's nipples were no longer obscene.

Maddox: Male suffrage. There you go.

Dick: Can you believe that? That that was a thing?

Maddox: Well, how nice…I mean…did these guys have nice racks? What was going on?

Dick: I don't know. Clark Gable was one of the guys who stripped his shirt off in a movie, paving the way. For male toplessness.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what, Dick? It's not just that males can or can't be topless, it's specifically whether or not you have female-looking breasts, because there was a guy awhile back who was on The Man Show, and I know you know this guy.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, this uh…this…well, you don't know him, but you know OF him. It's the guy who couldn't say no to a bet, and he took a challenge from his friend for 100,000$. He…if he could get breast implants and keep them in for a year.

Dick: Yeah, I remember that.

Maddox: So he accepted the challenge, got 100,000$, and then he and his wife decided that they're kinda cool and they wanted to keep it in. (laughs) And he just, like, lives with these breasts in his chest. However, he can't go on TV and show them.

Dick: Yeah. That's weird.

Maddox: Even though they are literally male breasts.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Because they look female.

Dick: Well, I hope these girls get their way, just because I wanna see more tits all the time.

Maddox: I know…(laughs) I know, Dick.

Dick: I don't wanna have to work so hard to see 'em, and I think I speak for all men when I say that.

Maddox: All straight men.

Dick: All straight men.

Maddox: Or bisexual.

Dick: And probably gay men, too.

Maddox: Uh…

Dick: I think they like tits as well!

Maddox: Yeah, why not.

Dick: Why not?!

Maddox: Why not.

Dick: You're shaking your head? Are you shaking your head? You don't think gay men like seeing tits? I think they do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who doesn't like seeing tits?

Maddox: Tits, uh…my art teacher in college. My art history teacher…

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Said that the two most beautiful forms in nature were the naked woman and horses. And so, uh…

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Yeah. And I think I agree with that, except I don't like horses. I think horses are stupid. I hate horses, actually. That's gonna be a big, big problem spoiler. But, yeah. Women…women are just…I believe they're beautiful forms, whereas men are more utilitarian. I guess you could have, like, the sculpture of David, or whatever, but then even, when you get to the balls, it just looks like clouds of meat.

Dick: Mhmm. (Sean laughs) Good point.

Maddox: (scoffs) Right. Yeah.

Dick: That's an interesting…interesting observation.

Maddox: Puffy clouds of meat. Just bulgy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Too much. It's too much.

Dick: I thought it was the opposite, though. I think the male of the species is supposed to be the more, I don't know, aesthetically pleasing.

Maddox: Oh, boy. Here we…….

Dick: (sighs) That's what the science says!! That's why the male peacocks have the feathers.

Maddox: Yeah, male animals maybe, like bucks.

Dick: Oh, not humans.

Maddox: Not humans.

Dick: No, only…only other animals.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, you're setting yourself up there, buddy.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. Well, my solution could almost piggyback off of yours. It's…it's tangentially related and touches on some of the subjects you talked about.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: But I think "More Nudity" is the solution. Which…I kinda hinted at during your… Free The Nipple campaign.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Have you ever noticed how you never hear about nude leaks from porn stars? That's because you see them all the time! Nobody cares.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah, I guess. I guess not.

Maddox: Remember when that whole, like, Jennifer Lawrence nude leak went around?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: People interviewed some porn stars and they asked them their opinions about it, and they said, "Oh, I hope no one gets my nude leaks."

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: And it was kind of a joke, because no one cares.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Of course…that's why..that's the point I was trying to make about Free The Nipple. Nudity…

Dick: Where's…did her Mystique shots count as nude photographs, by the way?

Maddox: Who?

Dick: Jennifer Lawrence?

Maddox: I don't know. What are you talking about?

Dick: When she was Mystique and she just had paint on her body?

Maddox: Oh, from X-Men.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No, I don't think so, because you didn't see the nipples.

Dick: Aaaaahhh, okay, I see.

Maddox: See? It's the nipple. The nipple is everything, man!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: You can show a tit, just no nipple.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: It's that nipple, man. That's…that's the thin line between morality and immorality. What's that, a quarter-inch diameter of skin. That's it.

Dick: Well, it's pretty interesting.

Maddox: That's the difference between a boner and not, I guess. Nudity and sex are commodities and the only way to deflate the value and demand for pictures of people's genitals is to make the mundane. That's the point I was trying to make. Which they already are, I think. I mean, I can't think of many things more mundane than genitals. Which are something most people are born with. Most.

Dick: Really? More mundane than genitals?

Maddox: Genitals are pretty fuckin' mundane, dude. They're everywhere. I can'…I can't even spit and not hit a genital. (all crack up) "One way to make genitals more mundane is to create what I call, this is my solution, the International Genital Index.

Dick: Oh, God. (Sean laughs) I've heard this solution from you before.

Maddox: Yeah, I kinda…

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: I kinda mentioned this in an earlier episode.

Dick: I mean, I've heard you talk about it in real life, several times.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (chuckles) Of course.

Dick: At dinner parties.

Maddox: (laughing) Iggy. IGI. International Genital Index. (Dick guffaws) I already created the acronym and everything, dude.

Dick: Did you register the website?

Maddox: Workin' on it. It'll probably be registered by the time this episode airs.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I'm proposing a website where everyone age 18 or older up to the age of 65 should be required to submit full nude photos of your front and back. That way, any time you want to look up anyone to verify whether or not they have genitals…(Dick cracks up) You can just type in their name and see what their genitals look like. No big deal.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grinning)

Maddox: Right? This is…this is how solu…how technology can help us!

Dick: Are you gonna start it, like Tom was the first friend on Myspace? Is it gonna be Maddox's genitals, or User #1?

Maddox: I…you know, I think my genitals are floating around there somewhere.

Dick: I mean, you gotta lead by example, right? That's what rude people do. (Maddox laughs) Whip it out! Let's see it!

Maddox: Yeah. You know, I might as well. I mean, you know, if this is a thing that's gonna happen, I might as well. Might as well put it up there. Who cares? Like, who cares? Everyone's got a dick. Or a pussy. Like…big deal. (Dick laughs) No one gives a shit.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, put your money where your mouth is!

Maddox: I don't think I wanna put my mouth there, buddy. (Dick laughs) So you remember, Dick, back in November? I think you were gonna touch on this, too. Back in November, Keira Knightley posed topless for Interview Magazine.

Dick: Yeah, it was annoying.

Maddox: It was annoying.

Dick: I didn't even click on it.

Maddox: I did.

Dick: And I like her.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, you know, she's hot. And so, her reasoning was stupid, but the indirect result was awesome. She effectively deflated the value of her nudes. She was trying to make a statement about how she's been retouched and digitally manipulated by Photoshop in movies and photoshoots, so she wanted to show people what she really looked like. And of course, she's not returning the 146 million dollars she made as part of her protest. Of course not, right? She just wants to protest how bad…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean?

Maddox: Well, she…she's complaining that her body has been digitally manipulated and she wants to show people what she really looks like, but part of her complaint isn't to return the money that she got for it.

Dick: No, and I love it, too, because she's, like, look. All this photomanipulation stuff is getting out there, making actresses hot, like me. But I wanna show you guys that I'm hot just as me. Like, I don't even need…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's, like, Jesus Fucking Christ, will you stop bragging? Like, fuck you! We get it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're hot with the digital effects. You're hot just regularly naked. What's next? What more…how much more attention do you fucking want?! (angry)

Maddox: Yeah. It's so annoying. Can we just stop calling her brave for showing us her tits? She's a gorgeous supermodel, celebrity, and actress.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: With about as much money as a small drug cartel. She's not a martyr for showing us her fucking nipples! (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If people really want to stop celebrity nudes from getting leaked, we have to create the International Genital Index, baby!! Biggest solution in the Universe! IGI!

Dick: That's where you get crazy. (laughs)

Maddox: (cracks up) Is that…

Dick: I agree with you, as long as you start it. Otherwise, I think it's hypocritical. For you to just say all these people should post their genitals, but you're not on there.

Maddox: Well, it would be hypocritical, but…so, I will! (Dick cracks up, cackling) (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Okay!!!

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) I gotta lead by example, buddy! You're gonna get…

Dick: Ohh, wow.

Maddox: You're gonna get an eyeful one of these days. I'll send it to you first. (all crack up) So, you remember…you remember, Dick, when Jennifer Lawrence's private nudes were hacked, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Everyone RAGED. Gawker, Jezebel, Salon, Huffington post, and a slew of other outlets feigned fury about that shit.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: But we place so much importance on sex and nudity and genitals in our country, but when other, equally more valuable data gets stolen, like that Sony hack? Like the social security numbers, financial and health records? Intellectual property worth hundreds of millions of dollars?! It's open season for journalists to mock and profit from!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But…but they act outraged when you get someone's tit. That's why I think that you need to have the International Genital Index. It's really important!

Dick: I don't know if it was just her tits, though. It was also, like, the humiliating positions she…like, the intimacy of…I mean, didn't she have, like, cum all over her face?

Maddox: Yeah, man.

Dick: Wasn't it…I don't know if that's, like, the proper way to describe that.

Maddox: A money shot, Dick, please.

Dick: A money shot, yeah.

Maddox: Facial. Money shot, facial.

Dick: Yeah. They had a couple of facials in there. Oh, my God.

Maddox: Yeah. A couple of facials. There is nothing humiliating about sex. If you stop stigmatizing it by saying it's humiliating, then it won't be! Like, you can do anything you want sexually and there's nothing humiliating about it.

Dick: No, but it's embarrassing if it's an intimate moment that you shared with someone to have it out there. Like, it's not just bits. There's not just bits and bytes in a camera. This is, like, something that happened that I don't want other people to see, or she doesn't want other people to see.

Maddox: That's why I'm about to introduce International Genitals Index Pro! (Dick and Sean crack up) You upload pictures of facials and cumshots and all your nasty shit that you…that you don't want people to see? Look man, we…we…

Dick: (interjects) You live in a disgusting world in your mind. (Maddox laughs) Where porn of every permutation of everyone on the planet is on the Internet. Everyone drives like an asshole and cuts each other off all the time. (Maddox cracks up) Babies are ignored until they're 21 and they get out of college.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And pets eat each other, I guess.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's your ideal world. (grinning)

Maddox: Dick, that sounds like a utopia to me, buddy. You can look up anyone nude, any time. Any sex act. Any position. Look, it should be that way. It should be that way, just so people stop caring so much! It's not a big deal. Everybody has sex. Everybody masturbates. Everyone's got tits and asses. And nipples and dicks. Who cares? Just make it mundane. Make it ordinary, so we can just move on with important shit and just fucking hope that Gawker and Jezebel and these shitty rags just disappear, once and for all? Can we just do that, please? International Genitals Index?

Dick: You think it would LESSEN our fascination with it?

Maddox: Absolutely, dude.

Dick: (sighs) I don't know, man. Ever since, like, the TMZ news style came about…it seems like it's just made everyone more interested in that style of news. Like, that kind of scandalous, sensational celebrity shit.

Maddox: Dick, what I'm saying is, it wouldn't be scandalous if it was common and ordinary. That's why I started the whole solution for the segment with the porn star saying that, "Oh, I hope my nudes don't get leaked." Because nobody cares. If your nudes are readily available, no one cares. No one's gonna hack YOU.

Dick: Interesting theories.

Maddox: Yeah. No one's stealing sand from the beach.

Dick: No one's bringing sand to the beach.

Maddox: Well, both. (Dick cracks up laughing) Okay, that's a different point.

Dick: Well, it's a saying.

Maddox: It's a…it is a saying.

Dick: That's a saying. 'No one's bringing sand from the beach' is not a saying.

Maddox: Well, no one's…it IS a saying. It makes sense, what I'm saying…

Dick: (interjects) Taking sand from the beach.

Maddox: No one's taking sand from the…yeah, because it's plentiful.

Dick: People are taking sand from the beach right now.

Maddox: No.

Dick: They go there, they get a glimpse of the tits, and they try to steal it and take it back home with them.

Maddox: Are you…

Dick: (interjects) You want everybody to be living at the beach so no one brings sand to the beach.

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause they're awash in pornography.

Maddox: You have RUINED my analogy! (Dick and Sean crack up) What I'm saying is…

Dick: (interjects) I'm just saying!

Maddox: If it's common, and just there for free, then no one will want it!

Dick: Yeah. That's bringing sand to the beach.

Maddox: No! (flustered) You're not bringing ANYTHING, anywhere!!! You're just making more sand!!! Aaaaghhh!!

Dick: (laughs) So, what's the saying? No one makes sand at the beach?

Maddox: No, Dick. You just ruined everything. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Well, it's a pretty good problem.

Maddox: Fuck it.

Dick: More nudity.

Maddox: Sean, go ahead and delete this one, too. (Sean and Maddox crack up)

Dick: You wanna do the wine test?

Maddox: Yeah. Let's…let's do the wine test, Dick! Alright.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: We have here six glasses of wine.

Dick: We have some help here. Randy's back in the studio.

Maddox: Randy's back in the studio. Randy, thanks for helping us set this up. We have six glasses of wine, Dick. Labeled 'A' through 'F'. Uh, put that away, Sean. Dick's trying to look. Um…(Sean laughs) we have…we have a legend of which is which. Which is labeled. So, we have six glasses and I want you, Dick, to try them all and see if you can rank them. You have a pen with you. I want you to rank them from most expensive to least.

Dick: I just wanna say real quick before we start doing this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I am now officially getting paid to drink. (Maddox chuckles) I have achieved everything I ever wanted in life as of this bonus episode.

Maddox: That's hilarious. Um, okay, so…

Dick: Somebody…somebody help me. Somebody hand me one of these glasses.

Maddox: Yeah, Randy, can you hand him…like, set the glasses up in front of him, so he can…

Dick: What, Sean?

Sean: I have a question for Maddox.

Maddox: Yeah, Sean.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: How would it be if he got the cheapest and the most expensive? What would you think of that?

Maddox: If he got them correctly?

Sean: Yeah. Yeah…not in order, but if he…

Dick: (interjects) Why did I have to get six?

Sean: If he definitely picked the least expensive and definitely picked the most expensive.

Maddox: Well, um…I…well, if it was only two samples, that would make a difference, but we have six samples here.

Sean: Well, I know, but…there may not be that much of a difference…

Dick: Sean, you're bringing sand to the beach right now.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. So, Dick is smelling sample 'A.'

Dick: Oh, this is a tart...

Maddox: Okay. (skeptical)

Dick: 'A' has a very tart aroma to it.

Maddox: Yeah. Mhmm.

Dick: It's not…not clinging to the sides of the glass very well.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I don't know if that's good or bad, for wine, but I know it's something that they do.

Maddox: (chuckles) It's something that they do. Dick is mimicking every wine taster he's ever seen. Every wine-tasting movie.

Dick: It's a little..it's a little sour.

Maddox: You haven't even tasted it.

Dick: I've been smelling it.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Taste is mostly smell. We've had this argument today.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh, Dick!

Dick: That taste is mostly smell.

Maddox: Alright. He's sipping it very delicately.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: Mhmm. What do you think of that one?

Dick: Ummmm. I don't care for that one much.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. So, Dick didn't like sample 'A'.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Randy's about to hand him sample 'B'.

Dick: I'm gonna give that one a 5. Hold on, I gotta rinse my mouth out. Okay, now I'm drinking this one out of a…this is a Tom Collins glass, correct?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Not a wine glass?

Maddox: I don't have that many wine glasses.

Dick: Surprise, surprise.

Maddox: Great. Wait, hold on here, real quick.

Dick: You wanna put on some music?

Maddox: Yep.

(Ritzy theme music starts)

Maddox: There we go. So, Dick is trying…what is that, sample 'B' you're tasting here?

Dick: Yeah. This one has…it has almost no smell. And it has very little flavor. And it's almost watery, like a Corona.

Maddox: Oh, man. That is such a bad example of…(sighs)

Dick: Corona Lite?

Maddox: First of all, Corona…

Dick: Sorry.

Maddox: Corona tastes awful.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: It definitely has…it's a very strong flavor.

Dick: But it's very watery.

Maddox: Uh, okay.

Dick: Corona's very watery.

Maddox: Alright. You're saying that one's watery.

Dick: I'm gonna give that one a 3.

Maddox: That one's a 3. Okay.

Dick: 'A' I gave a 5 to, because it was the first one, so…

Maddox: Alright. So, we're trying sample 'C'. This one's in a wine glass again, 'cause again, I don't have that many wine glasses, 'cause I'm a man.

Dick: Randy, uh…did you put any thought into which wines you put in the wine glasses? No, okay.

Maddox: He's shaking his head no. Randy…oh, and by the way, guys. This is a legit test. We are doing this double blind. I don't know which is which. Dick doesn't know which is which.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why we had a third party pour these wines and create a master list.

Dick: Did you put any fuckery into this test? Like you did with the Diet Cokes?

Maddox: Dick, it's…

Dick: (interjects) Where there's two duplicates or something like that? (Maddox laughs) Or you mixed up a bunch of the wines?

Maddox: I don't know, why don't you tell me, Dick? You're the expert.

Dick: I'm not a wine expert! But there's already a very different taste between the three.

Maddox: Oh, great. Okay. Well, I hope you can solve which one's which. Find the most expensive to least.

Dick: This one's a little fruitier.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: This one is…it's less thick than 'A', but it's much fruitier than 'B', but it's also a little watery. A little more watery.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I'm gonna bump it slightly above 'A', even though I wouldn't drink it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause of the fruitiness.

Maddox: Yeahhhh, okay. (skeptical) Heaven forbid you have a good-tasting wine.

Dick: What, that tastes like fruit?

Maddox: Yeah. That's a great taste. Why not?

Dick: I…I don't know.

Maddox: (interjects) I don't…okay. Whatever.

Dick: I don't wanna identify that I'm drinking a fruit salad. It's not Sangria.

Maddox: Right. (giggles) Well, it should be. Sangria's great. Alright, Dick. He's trying sample 'D'. We have two more after this. And we're gonna be posting pictures of all these samples on the website, too. You guys can see what…

Dick: (interjects) I like this one. It has that…it has that bite to it.

Maddox: Oh…okay.

Dick: That I like in a good liquor. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Where it just grabs you by your brain.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: It bypasses all the senses and just…and pulls you into it like a 30s cartoon with the pie vapors.

Maddox: (scoffs) Okay.

Dick: That's what this one reminds me of.

Maddox: That's what that is?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Dick, do you think that that's…

Dick: I haven't even drank it yet. I'm saying that's the smell.

Maddox: Oh, oka…Dick, fucking drink it!! (laughs) Will you, Jesus!! Alright. Here he is. Drinking it every so gingerly.

Dick: Uh…the taste was a little more sour than I would have wanted it to be.

Maddox: Mhmm. Yeah. That's where that bite comes from, isn't it? Do you think that's a quality of a more expensive wine, or a cheaper wine, Dick?

Dick: Well, I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah, you don't know. No one does.

Dick: I know I don't like that.

Maddox: I…uh-huh! Exactly. That's all wine tasting comes down to. No one knows. No one fuckin' knows! You just taste something and go, like, "Oh, I like it. I guess." Would you say there's notes of anything in there, Dick? Notes of bullshit, maybe? (Sean laughs)

Dick: No. (exhales) (Maddox laughs) There's a bit of a "Kiss my ass" in this one, though.

Maddox: Oh. (laughs) A little hint of "Kiss your ass", huh?

Dick: Mmm. It's growin' on me. 'Cause it's very dry.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay.

Dick: That one's much drier than the other one. I'm gonna bump that up to a 7.

Maddox: Oh, wow, okay.

Dick: That's my favorite so far.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Alright, is this the last one?

Maddox: Last one…no. We have one more after this.

Dick: Jesus Christ.

Maddox: So, sample 'E'. This is a very thorough, double-blind test, Dick. This is scientific.

Dick: Oh, yeah. It's very thorough. It's gotta be done in 10 minutes. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well, what? We don't have all fuckin' day, man! You gotta taste these guys.

Dick: Alright. This one's a little thicker.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Clings to the sides of the glass more.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I've been doing that. I see the color doesn't thin out when I tip it.

Maddox: Yeah, great.

Dick: On the side.

Maddox: Yeah, well you're…

Dick: (interjects) I dunno if that's what you're supposed to do when you're tipping the wine glass…(Maddox giggles), but it looks like the color's staying pretty dark.

Maddox: But the glass is also tinted, so you're…telling nothing.

Dick: Oh, I see. Well…

Maddox: So go ahead. Here we go. He's tasting this one. Sample 'E'. This is the thicker one, right? Oh, he's smelling it.

Dick: I'm smelling it, because I think it tastes like cigarettes.

Maddox: Mmmmmm.

Dick: There's a chance someone was smoking in this glass.

Maddox: A note of cigarette. So cigarette notes in this one. Kind of cigarettey. Would you say this one has a little hint of "Kiss your Ass"?

Dick: I really hate that one.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Well, Dick. We definitely have a loser.

Dick: Yeah, I'm gonna put that...I'm gonna put that at the bottom.

Maddox: Mmkay. So, here's the final sample and Dick is making sure to swish with water and clean out his mouth…

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Between each one of these. So it's only minimally invasive.

Dick: Ooh, I like this one.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's playful.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: It's got that same…same grab to it, but it's also playful.

Maddox: Great. (skeptical)

Dick: I like it.

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: It reminds me of myself.

Maddox: Oh, Jesus, Dick. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: (laughing) See, isn't it fun to pretend to be a wine expert? (grinning)

Maddox: Ugh. (laughs)

Dick: That's the whole point. It's fun.

Maddox: I feel like I'm listening to you masturbate. (laughs)

Dick: Mm. I wish.

Maddox: Ew. Okay, what do you think of it?

Dick: Well, that one's also a little sour.

Maddox: Little sour. Hmm.

Dick: However, it's good. I like the…the fruit is disguised. It's not just blatantly fruit. It kind of tastes like medley.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You understand?

Maddox: No. No. (giggles) It's all bull…you can just say things…

Dick: I'm gonna give that one…(giggles) I'm gonna give that one a 6. So you want me to give you my final ranking?

Maddox: What's the final ranking? Most expensive to least.

Dick: Final ranking is 'D' was my favorite. 'C' and 'F' were second. Then 'A', then 'B', then 'E'. A, B, C, D, E, F. Yeah. Alright. So, D is my top. What is the actual…what is the actual ranking?

Maddox: 'D' is your top. Interesting, Dick. So it's 'D', 'C', 'F', 'A', 'B', 'E'. Is that correct?

Dick: Yeah. Yep.

Maddox: Okay. So…here are the prices of the wines. We had…

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We actually had only four wines. You tasted four wines, Dick.

Dick: Oh. Another fucked up…(Maddox cracks up) Another fucking bullshit, mythbusters… what did you call us, Randy? The Mythbusters that nobody asked for? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Here are the prices of the wine.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We had a 36$ one, an 18$ wine, an 8$ wine, and a 10$ wine.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Those are all the prices.

Dick: Was it necessary to get an 8 and a 10?

Maddox: Well, you should be able to tell the difference between an 8$ and 10$ wine, you said…

Dick: Two dollars?! Two fuckin' dollars, I should be able to tell the difference of? Someone that drinks whiskey like it's water?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah. You should be able to tell, Dick.

Dick: What's the prices?

Maddox: So, 'D' is the one you picked. That is an 18$ wine, buddy. You thought an 18$ wine was way better than one that was twice the price.

Dick: Great. So? 18$ bottle of wine would be 50$ at a restaurant. That's good.

Maddox: Yeah. Okay. Well, then, what's interesting, is you rated 'C' and 'F' the same.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'C' is an 8$ wine. And 'F' is a 36$ wine.

Dick: So, I would get the 8.

Maddox: (scoffs) Oh…(stammers) Okay. No, you wouldn't, because you'd be in a restaurant, and be there with a date, and be like, "Well, I'd better spend more." Get more.

Dick: No. I wouldn't do that.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: Because I'm not a fucking idiot.

Maddox: Uhhhh…mmmmmm.

Dick: I would get what tasted good to me. Both of those tasted good! I would drink either one!

Maddox: Dick, but you're not tasting them before you get them at the restaurant. You're looking at the menu price and you're saying, "Well, this one's 35$. I'm probably gonna get a 35$ wine."

Dick: No, what I would do is get the one that's cheap but doesn't make me look cheap to my date.

Maddox: That's actually the con that they do in restaurants. They know this very well. They know that people don't want to appear cheap.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So what they'll do is they'll have the lowest quality wine be the second lowest priced on the menu.

Dick: (scoffs) Why would they…why would it be the lowest quality?

Maddox: Because they make the highest margin on lowest quality wine.

Dick: Alright. Read…read the results. (grins)

Maddox: Then you chose 'A'. 'A' was the 36$ wine. You said that was the third best, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then, 'B', which was the 18$ wine, and then 'E' was the 10$ wine.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So you chose…

Dick: Not bad!

Maddox: No, you chose the 8$ wine and the 36$ wine as your second favorite!

Dick: Maddox. There's nothing wrong with an 8$ bottle of wine being as good as a 36$ bottle of wine!

Maddox: (interjects) That's my…

Dick: (interjects) And I put the 36$ bottle of wine in the top!

Maddox: No, you didn't, dickhead!

Dick: You fuckin' lose, dude!

Maddox: You put it as 'D'. 'D' is the top! 18$ wine.

Dick: (interjects) So…

Maddox: (interjects) That's my point! You couldn't rank them!

Dick: So I picked the most expensive bottle of wine second?

Maddox: No, you picked…no, you didn't. You picked the least expensive bottle of wine second. 'C'.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. Look.

Maddox: Yes, you did!

Dick: No, no. Look! I have 'D' as number one. How much was 'D'?

Maddox: 'D' was 18$.

Dick: Okay, 18$. So I picked an 18$ bottle of wine as first. That's great!

Maddox: No, it's not!

Dick: For…that is…I did a really good job for someone who doesn't drink wine professionally?! (Maddox cracks up) That's pretty fuckin' good, dude!

Maddox: Dick. It's arbitrary! You put…you picked one that was double the price, 100$ markup, as lower than the best. And what was your second choice? The 8$ bottle of wine.

Dick: I said 'C' and 'F' were equally good.

Maddox: You said 'C' and 'F' were equally good?

Dick: I would drink…yeah. And what were those prices?

Maddox: 'C' was 8$.

Dick: 8$. Okay. And 'F' was?

Maddox: And 'F' was 36$.

Dick: (stammers) Hey, man. I'm looking at that and I'm seeing two wins. 18 at the first place, 18$ bottle of wine. That's…it's not like I picked a 2 buck chuck and put it on top.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I picked a pretty good bottle of wine! 18 bucks. That's expensive. (Maddox chuckles) You bring that to one of your fancy dinner parties! (Maddox cracks up) And not feel like a dipshit. 36 bucks? Hey, that's a lot of a bottle of wine, man. But I put that in second place. That's pretty good, too.

Maddox: You put that in third.

Dick: No, no, no, no, no, no!!

Maddox: 'C' and 'F'.

Dick: I said they were equal. I said they were rated equally.

Maddox: Dick, if you're…if you…

Dick: (interjects) 'C' and 'F', I both gave 6s to.

Maddox: Dick, I don't trust your palate, because you were not able to determine that 'B' and 'D' were the exact same wine.

Randy: In all fairness to Dick, they were all Pinot Noirs, except for the one he ranked least, which was just some red wine you had lying around your kitchen. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. That was…that was another control. That was actually…

Dick: And I said that was disgusting. I said it had cigarettes in it.

Maddox: No. Was that the one?

Dick: I did! I said that had cigarettes in it, you motherfucker! I gave it a 2!

Maddox: Which one…which one was that, Randy?

Dick: I gave it a fucking 2! It was 'E'.

Maddox: 'E'. Oh, that's..that's true, yeah. You did correct…yeah.

Dick: Yeah! So there you go. So I've identified that the wine you buy is SHIT. (Maddox laughs) And is soaked in ask and horseshit!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that other wines…as long as they cost more than 8$. I'm good with.

Maddox: No…no, Dick. You said you'd be just as fine with an 8$ wine as you would a 36$ wine. You fail.

Dick: As long as it tastes good.

Maddox: You failed to rank them correctly.

Dick: Well, let's see what…

Maddox: (interjects) You failed to determine the same wine twice that you tasted! (Dick scoffs) You fucking failed, buddy! Just like every fucking wine taster!

Dick: You can't feel good about this. The Diet Coke test? You must have felt good about that, but this you can't feel good about.

Maddox: Then why do I have an erection!? (All crack up)

Dick: Alright, that's it.

Maddox: Alright, guys.

Dick: Let's see what the fans think about this victory. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, it is a victory. Um, you failed to rank them properly, Dick. And you failed to determine the same wines twice. So, what are your solutions this week? (grinning)

Dick: My solutions are "Genetic Engineering' and '#FreeTheNipple'.

Maddox: And MY solutions are 'Rude People' and 'More Nudity', or the International Genital Index. I think I'm gonna just call it 'More Nudity'.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, guys.

(Heavy metal riff starts)

Maddox: Thanks for listening to our bonus episode. Our third ever bonus episode. We have a lot more coming. Thanks for subscribing. Tell your friends. That's how people hear about the show. And check out the live show, coming soon.

Dick: Thanks for listening.

Maddox: Thanks, guys.

(Voice mail: Hey guys, it's Alex from Toronto. Listening to the first Solutions podcast and diggin' it. Um, Dick..umm, you said Maddox would be the guy who would be poo-pooing the idea of a Jurassic Park, saying "Oh, noo, the dinosaurs would get out of control (Maddox giggles) (**Dick:** Yeah.) **and eat the tourists. Did you watch the rest of the fucking movie?!** (Maddox laughs) **Because the dinosaurs get out of control and eat the fucking tourists!! (yelling)** (**Dick:** Well. **Maddox:** Yeah.) **So, in your fictional reality, Maddox would have been right to shit on the idea of the…) (tape cuts off)**

Biggest Solution in the Universe - Episode 04

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(Heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Solution in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey!! What's up, buddy? MAN, that theme song gets me every time. (grinning)

Maddox: It's pretty badass, STILL. And Sean, our audio engineer, and we have a small in-studio audience today. Sean, I'm sorry, I cut you off. Go ahead. (Dick laughs) You were gonna say...

Sean: Hi! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: So glad I waited.

Dick: Dynamite drop-in, Sean! (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: SO dynamic. Um, so...at the top of the show we should mention, one of our fans sent in this bingo card that he made. What's the guy's name, Dick?

Dick: Uh, his name is @CallDaCopsIDGAF, which we all know means "I don't give a fuck." That's his Twitter handle.

Maddox: Right. And we linked to it on Episode #37, but this bingo card is incredible. Something that you can play along if you're listening. We have a bunch of squares on here, like "Maddox makes a comment about Apple." Very likely.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Uh, "Go upvote monkeys!!!" Which you SHOULD, by the way, idiots!

Dick: That doesn't count.

Maddox: (**monkeys whooping sound effect**) Uh -

Dick: (interjects) "Dick makes a logical fallacy." I don't even know what that is.

Maddox: Yeah. I don't, I don't know... (cracks up) I don't know that you can't. "Dick VS. Dick" segment, "Let's get to a real problem"...anyway, these are all squares. If you hear these things and you're playing along at home -- you've downloaded the scorecard, I imagine, or the bingo card -- uh, mark them off. We've decided we're gonna play in-studio today, and whoever wins gets a nice compliment from every other loser. Everyone who lost in the studio.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: 'Kay?

Dick: That's a good prize!

Maddox: It's a great prize!

Dick: Like, as...as far as we're concerned, that's kind of the ultimate humiliation, is making one of us say something nice about the other, right? So that's a good-ass prize. We should also say that we do have a small studio audience in here today. Uh, Randy, who's been with us for a couple episodes, and a...a *very* lovely lady.

Maddox: Yep! Very lovely lady, uh, Jessica's with us. And uh, Sean. And so we're all playing today, and -

Dick: (interjects) Can't emphasize the loveliness enough, can we? (sexy tone) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Um, so let's get this out of the way.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um... (exhales reluctantly)

Dick: WHO WON?!`?

Maddox: Nobody won, because it's not a contest. (Dick laughs)

Dick: (yells excitedly) Somebody won!! (background laughter) It's not even a contest for solutions?? It feels like for the solutions, there should definitely be a winner.

Maddox: It is ABSOLUTELY not. Because they're all winners, Dick, at the end of the day. So wait, where is this...

Dick: What? (smiling)

Maddox: Who, uh..."It's not a contest." (Jessica laughs in the background) I believe I...that is one of the squares.

Dick: Oh, okay. I also wanna say that, uh, Maddox brought in all the same game board for everyone to play bingo with when we first started this game. (cracking up) (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So we had to change them around.

Maddox: So, anyway -

Dick: (interjects) It should be more of a scavenger hunt.

Maddox: Really? (skeptical) But we'll...

Dick: I think everyone should keep them secret.

Maddox: ...we'll be working, busy, doing the show, Dick. So it doesn't...it's not fair.

Dick: Alright, who won? Seriously, let's go. Who won? You can't...if you can't find it, you lose.

Maddox: Nobody won, Dick, but the SOLUTION that came in top last time was Genetic Engineering.

Dick: Ohohooo, yeah!! (gloating)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was a good problem! We talked all about havin' two dicks! (shouting)

Maddox: Yeah...yeah, weird. (Dick laughs) Um, and surprisingly and bafflingly, the #freethenipple campaign...

Dick: Yehehehehaaaah!!

Maddox: Which I guess I supported.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: (yells) And then More Nudity/The International Genital Index, you guys didn't think was that much of a solution.

Dick: Well, I'll tell you why: 'cause you said you would lead the charge on that by posting your genitals online, and you didn't!

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: I don't...I didn't see your balls or your penis anywhere on the Internet last month. Did you?

Maddox: Uh, *I* did!

Dick: Did you put them up there? Did you put...did you start the index off?

Maddox: Hey, I don't know who put them there. (both laugh) I turn on my Internet and next thing I know, I'm lookin' at my dick. Um, look guys, you don't...you don't think it's that big of a solution? Then FUCK you, I'm not puttin' my dick online. (yelling) Alright? Get fucked.

Dick: Alright. Um -

Maddox: (interjects) That's bullshit!! (raises voice more) And this is the thing that pisses me off the most, DICK.

Dick: Yeah. Go ahead.

Maddox: Rude People came in negative! That means you guys think that Rude People is a PROBLEM, not a solution.

Dick: No, 'cause I...I think what we discovered was that you were talking about *assertive* people. Uh, like this guy Simon Kempthorne -- I got a comment here -- wrote in: "I actually think Dick had a point about where to draw the line with rudeness. 'Rude people' could be a potentially great solution but there is still some sand that needs to be brought to the beach." I think he summed it up eloquently. That's a reference to the...the uh, butchered metaphor, or saying, of "bringing sand to the beach."

Maddox: Yeah. (exasperated)

Dick: And "taking sand to the..." No, I think... (stammers) Rudeness CAUSED all of the problems you were talking about, though. Remember that? It was like, people not being a good host and people taking up too much room...places.

Maddox: Driving like an asshole, Dick, is rude, and it's a good thing to do. Because if you drive like an asshole, you're getting where you're going quicker and you're making one less car on the road.

Dick: Yeah, but here's the problem: being rude also means driving across two lanes of traffic. (chuckling) So, that...more rudeness is not a fix for the problem. It's not a good solution.

Maddox: Well, it has to be righteous rudeness!

Dick: Yeah, there...you shoulda used THAT then.

Maddox: "Righteous Rudeness"?

Dick: "Righteous Rudeness," yeah.

Maddox: Aw, damn. You know what, I'm gonna update the database. It's -

Dick: (interjects) Well, Maddox, uh...before you do that, I think you know what it's time for.

Maddox: What? (snapping)

Dick: It's time for you to watch 30 seconds of Titanic. (mischievously)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick!! (shouting) (Dick laughs) That doesn't count! This is not during...this is...that's during the normal episodes!

Dick: Ohh, that...

Maddox: This is solutions!!

Dick: ...it counts! It counts, alright? (giggling)

Maddox: I'm not...I'm takin' my headphones off! (angrily)

Dick: You're...well, I'm gonna describe it to you. You can hear my voice. [**starts playing next 30 seconds of Titanic**]

Maddox: You know what? I'm gonna hold my breath.

Dick: (**pauses movie**) So, do you remember where we left -- GOOD. Hold your breath, because we're about to go under the sea. (mysterious tone) (Maddox and Jessica laugh) Where we left off last time is the Titanic title card...thrilled us, after we saw all those people waiting for the Titanic. All those historical figures.

Maddox: BULLSHIT. (grumbling)

Dick: Alright? Now we're going underwater. I want you to watch this, Maddox.

Maddox: I'm not watching!!

Dick: We're going underwater!

Maddox: I will not look! I'm NEVER gonna watch this movie.

Dick: The sea is full of mystery.

Maddox: Go ahead and play it, Dick! (background laughter)

Dick: The sea is full of -- you're not...you're not, uh, you're not curious about what's under the sea?

Maddox: Yeah, I'm curious as an EXPLORER, not as somebody who's gonna watch the Ti-...I will never watch the Titanic.

Dick: We are about to meet some really great explorers in this clip.

Maddox: Okay. Go ahead and press play. (**Dick resumes movie**) I'm not watching it. I looked away.

(underwater sounds and wistful background music)

Dick: Look at that light! What could it be?

Maddox: I will nev-...I don't know!

(submarine sounds)

Dick: There's a light...oh, you hear that beep sound?

Maddox: Is it? I don't!

Dick: That's submarines! (smiles)

Maddox: Is it a light? I don't even know.

Dick: I'm gonna show it to everybody.

Maddox: Yeah. (annoyed)

Dick: Look at that cool diving, like, robot guy that they got!

Maddox: Yeah. Cool. (sarcastic) (suddenly yells) You know what? You're -

Dick: (interjects) Maddox, there's a whole FLEET of them.

Maddox: You're punishing our fans, Dick! That's what you're doing. You're punishing them!

Dick: Everyone likes Titanic. I think our fans love Titanic. (grins)

Maddox: Nobody likes Titanic! (laughing)

Dick: Oh, wait wait wait, it...okay, so you got that there's, like, scavenger... **(submarine makes mechanical noises)** Look at that! That's cool!

Maddox: I...I don't what you're... (cracks up) I don't know what's going on right now.

Dick: That's underwater machinery, dude!

Maddox: Oh, wow. Cool, they found the Titanic? Is that what's going on? [**Titanic clip ends**] Who gives a SHIT?

Dick: We don't know! We'll find out next time. (everyone else laughs) They found SOMETHING. They found something underwater.

Maddox: Yeah, go ahead, you morons! Yeah, go ahead and vote up Dick's problems! (stammers) Dick's solutions! This is what you're gonna get.

Dick: Uh, I got "gloats about 'winning'" on the bingo right there. That's a good one.

Maddox: "Gloats about 'winning'" on bingo. Great.

Dick: Alright! Um, I ALSO have...you remember we did a wine test?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Last bonus episode. You wanna talk about that?

Maddox: We did a wine test, Dick, yeah. So, you lost. Uh, you...you lost the wine test. Do you remember that, Dick?

Dick: No!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I *won* the wine test.

Maddox: (yells) Okay, you THINK -- okay, here's a recap for those who haven't listened to the last bonus episode yet. If you haven't purchased it, check it out, but listen to the recap of the wine contest. I simplified it for us! I got the first part of it and the last part of it, so here we go. [**plays first clip from Bonus Episode 3**]

Maddox: So we have 6 glasses, and I want you, Dick, to try them all and to see if you can rank them from most expensive to least.

[**clip ends**]

Maddox: Okay, that was the requirement.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That was all you had to do. And here's the results. [**plays second clip from Bonus Episode 3**]

(light game show music in background)

Dick: Alright. So 'D' is my top. What is the actual...what is the actual ranking?

Maddox: 'D' is your top? Interesting, Dick. That is an 18-dollar wine, buddy. You thought an 18-dollar wine...

Dick: Great! Pretty good!

Maddox: ...was way better than one that was twice the price!

[**clip ends**]

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Yeah, so you failed. The one objective. (laughs)

Dick: Okay! HOWEVER. However...

Maddox: Ohh, gosh. Here we go. (jeering)

Dick: ...user..."Usercube" [Ubercube] sent in, uh...he sent in a chart of my data. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. Ohh. (disdainful)

Dick: Here's what he says: "Here it is. According to Maddox's own bullshit wine tasting study..."

Maddox: It's not bullshit. (muttering)

Dick: "...a simple graph of your rankings versus the actual prices shows a positive correlation between what you like and what you'd pay." [https://twitter.com/dickmasterson/status/562682446098214913] And here it is, Maddox. You feast your eyes on that graph. It is a squiggly graph that indicates as prices increase, my ranking went up! (Maddox laughs loudly) That's a positive correlation, you jackass!

Maddox: This "positive correlation"! He has 6 data points and he has a LINE drawn through, like a slightly upward slope. (yelling)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's what you were...?! (breaks down laughing)

Dick: That's called a stats, buddy!

Maddox: That's...NOT. (giggling)

Dick: This is enough to prove global warming, it's enough to prove that I can taste wine! (everyone laughs)

Maddox: That's not a stats, you dumb shit!! Positive correlation, my ass. There's a big dip in that, by the way, and that big dip is the lowest wine that you also happened to like. You ranked it as a tie with the most expensive! And then you tried to justify that as some kind of victory by saying, "Well, see, that's what I would've ordered in a restaurant." No, Dick! You wouldn't have, because you wouldn't have ordered the cheapest wine! You would have if you tasted them BOTH and thought that they both tasted good after the fact, but you wouldn't have ordered it EVER to begin with!

Dick: Is there a...is there a square on this bingo for "jibber jabber"? (background laughter) 'Cause that's what that was, Maddox. That was some jibber jabber. You're -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh actually, yeah, there is! It's "a story about Dick hooking up with a girl." (Dick guffaws) There we go.

Dick: I'll tell you one of those later. (smiling)

Maddox: Marked mine off. Yeah.

Dick: Uh, Ubercube goes on to say, "The key is that you said 'generally expect more expensive wines to taste better,'" which I did. The black line indicates that I did, AND...and, I also picked your wine as shit wine. So that's, that's two...two birds in the...well, I fucked that one up already. (laughs with Maddox) That's...that's a twofer, man. That's a twofer.

Maddox: Yeah, bring...bring two birds to the beach, Dick.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I think that's the saying.

Dick: I brought two birds to the beach on that one. (wryly)

Maddox: Good job. Anyway Dick, uh, you got any voicemail?

Dick: I do. Uh, here's somebody who wants to talk about freeing the nipple. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Hey guys, this is Chris from Maine. Doesn't really matter what town 'cause no one'll know shit about Maine anyway. (Maddox chuckles) **Uh, big fan of the podcast, want you to keep up the great work. Um, just have one thing to say about this "free the nipple" thing. I think if it really takes off and women are allowed to start walkin' the streets, uh, topless, then they need to give up their right to be offended by random boners in public.** (Maddox laughs) **Um, and one more thing is...Cuss Control's gonna help me out a little bit here...uh, Dick, go fornicate thyself.**

[**message ends**]

Dick: Oookay. (exasperated) (Maddox laughs) Take your...take your boner outta here, Chris.

Maddox: Yeah, I dunno, man. That's a good point. If you're walkin' around the streets, you run into some random boners. That'd piss ME off. (Dick scoffs)

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling) Actually running into them, yes. Could you imagine being 13 and, like, it's okay to be topless? Oh my GOD.

Maddox: Holy shit. I...I masturbated to catalogs back in the day.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Imagine like, an actual boob. When's the first time you saw a boob, Dick, in real life? A real boob that wasn't your mom's or sister's?

Dick: Um, it was at...it was at this weird...it was at this weird, like, um...cowboy fantasy place? Like one of those historical reenactment places?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I remember being there with a bunch of...of guys my age. We were probably like 8. And for some reason -- we're talking about a real boob, like not a picture of a boob. For some reason one of them said he saw a boob. Like, some girl was changing into one of those bustier things. So -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, like one of the performers?

Dick: Yeah, so we all ran back like the Little Rascals.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I guess committed a sex crime by trying to spy on this girl...

Maddox: Yep!

Dick: ...uh, changing.

Maddox: Sexual assault! Arrest him, buddy!

Dick: Yeah, but I saw some really amazing sideboob through this, like...all these girls were kinda like whipping off their clothes and changing real fast.

Maddox: Man.

Dick: And it was like, "Yeah, the guy was right!" That kid was right. God bless him, I can't remember his name.

Maddox: See, that was the very first deposit you made in your spank bank.

Dick: Yeah! I remember it vividly.

Maddox: It's a precious...yeah, it's a precious memory!

Dick: I've never jerked off to it though! I should...I should change that.

Maddox: Whoa! Wait a second, you saw a boob for the first time and you never jerked off to it?

Dick: No, dude, I was like 7 or 8. Like, I don't...you don't...you don't jerk off that early. It was before a time when I remember jerking off.

Maddox: I don't remember a time I *didn't* jerk off.

Dick: You came out of the womb like that? (cracking up)

Maddox: Came out of the womb... (laughing)

Dick: "I've been killin' 9 months roping the pud and now here I am! Surprise, surprise!"

Maddox: Doctors pulled me out, and they had... (laughs more)

Dick: "Hey Mom, gimme some soup!" (everyone laughs)

Sean: "And my correspondence!"

Dick: That was Sean laughing in the background, where's that? [finds bingo square] Yep!

Maddox: Oh, I already marked mine. I didn't even have an umbilical cord. It was just a string of semen they pulled me out with. (everyone laughs hysterically)

Dick: OH, GOD!!! (cackles) Uh, this guy...this guy also has somethin' to say about #freethenipple. Jonas Hasle: "Maddox is right about #freethenipple..." Remember how you said it would become ordinary and mundane to see nipples?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Women's breasts? Yeah. He says, uh, "Maddox is right about #freethenipple and how it'll become ordinary and mundane if there's tits flying everywhere. I mean, wasn't ankles and knees hot shit back in the day? When the swimsuits was long as fuck." (laughs with Maddox) I didn't...I didn't read this before I read it. "Also look at hair in burka-infested societies." And then an 'x' and an uppercase 'D', which is like, a laughing face.

Maddox: Yeah, laughing face. Yeah, I read that comment and he actually makes a good point, yeah! Yeah, hair...uh, knees and ankles were hot shit way back in the day when... (Dick laughs) ...people wore those...the godawful one-piece swimsuits from the '20s? You remember those?

Dick: No, they weren't!! They weren't hot shit! Knees and ankles??

Maddox: Are you kidding me?! If you've never seen a knee or an ankle and you see it for the first time, you're gonna jerk off to it, buddy!

Dick: (laughing hysterically) I'm gonna jerk off to a KNEE?!

Maddox: I'll jerk off to a knee! (yelling) (Dick keeps laughing)

Dick: That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Wha-...?!? WHY? You don't think knees are precious? If you've never seen one before, you're not gonna jerk off to it??

Dick: It's like the knobbiest, most utilitarian thing there is! Nobody's jerkin' off over KNEES.

Maddox: Yeah, ergo nipples! Nipples aren't...nipples are arbitrary lumps of skin that we're just fetishizing because we're so obsessed with them.

Dick: No, they're sensitive! They're sensitive and they're erotic. (sexy tone)

Maddox: Knees are sensitive, man!

Dick: (chuckling) Knees are not sensitive. Knees get all busted up and, like, scarred over a lifetime of crawling around.

Maddox: Well, I don't know what kinda rough sex YOU'RE doing with knees, but with me I'm a...I make love to knees! (Dick bursts out laughing)

Dick: You're fucked!!

Maddox: You've never gotten a knee-job? (chuckles)

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: No, I've humped a couple knees, but I've never gotten a knee-job.

Maddox: There...see? Okay, there we go! Now -- I've been fuckin' around, now you did the real thing.

Dick: Hey, speaking of uh, sex, this listener...um, had a question for you. [**plays second voicemail message**]

Voicemail: Hey, fellas. Uh, I was wondering if Maddox can uh, retell the story of how he inadvertently, uh...found out his mom has never given his dad a blowjob, 'cause you guys were discussing how Maddox's mum gets worse every week. And she is pretty terrible. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Dick: Oh! Okay.

Voicemail: Tellin' him he should get AIDS, never given his dad a blowjob?

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: Come on, now. Anyways, I need to uh, tell this story to my girlfriend, actually, and uh...they find it troublesome to believe how your dad has never gotten a blowjob.

[**message ends**]

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Wait a minute, I think it...do you think he's tryin' to talk his girlfriend into giving him more blowjobs?

Maddox: Ohh, that's what it is!

Dick: Yeah, you gotta always look for the angle.

Maddox: Mmhm!

Dick: It's always about blowjobs.

Maddox: Yeah, it's always about blowjobs.

Dick: I don't know if you wanna tell that story. I don't wanna hear it, but that guy did so I don't have a problem then.

Maddox: I'll tell you the story, 'cause here's why: my mom...doesn't quite understand the Internet. (Dick laughs) And/or credit cards. And payment systems. So she'll never buy these bonus episodes. I'm gonna go ahead and tell you the story! (Dick laughs loudly)

Dick: That's secretly why I brought it into the bonus episode. (both laugh)

Maddox: Perfect. Well...so I was workin' at the old telemarketing company a long time ago, and my mom called me one night. I was there REALLY late at night. She called me at midnight...around the time people would be, you know, in bed. And she said...she called me CRYING, and she said, "Maddox, I saw the most awful thing on the Internet." I said, "What's, uh, what's wrong Mom?" She said, "I was looking at the news, and went to some website and went to another website and I saw this little girl dancing in the corner of my screen. She was dancing, dancing, dancing," my mom said. (smiles)

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: So she said, "Why is she dancing?" (Dick laughs more) "I'm gonna click. I'm gonna see why she's dancing." And my mom clicked on it, and it took her of course to...this is like in the, uh, the early 2000s.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Took her to a BILLION pop-ups of porn websites. And she said...she said she saw the most awful things you can imagine. And I imagined, like, the best things. You know, just uh...you know. (stammers) DP, and all this -

Dick: (interjects) Like knees?

Maddox: Knees... (laughs loudly)

Dick: 6 guys on one knee! (smiling)

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick! (Dick cackles) If you've never seen a knee, you're gonna jerk off to it! That's a guarantee.

Dick: No!! (stammers) No, because I've never seen, like, the inside of an EAR, and I'm not gonna jerk off to that just 'cause it's something I haven't seen. Like, I'm not gonna get one of those doctor, like, ENT stethoscopes and look in a chick's ear and then start jerking off in the office! (Maddox laughs) It's the same thing!! (laughs)

Maddox: What if it looks just like a vagina? You're not gonna rub one out?

Dick: Then I'm jerkin' off to a vagina!! (squeaking)

Maddox: Yeah! Except it's an ear! (Dick laughs hysterically) You know, if you put two knees next to each other, they look like a bum.

Dick: Okay. (giggling)

Maddox: Fat knees look hot! Anyway. Um, so my mom...my mom's tellin' me about all these horrible things she's seen, and then she started to describe something; she said, "And...and Maddox, I saw something so terrible, you'll never believe it." I said, "What did you see, Mom?" She said, "Okay. You know what Miss Lewinsky did to Mr. Clinton?" I said, "Yeah." She goes, "I saw that." (hushed tone) And then that's when I realized... (Dick still laughing hysterically) ...my mom has never given my dad a blowjob!! She couldn't have possibly given him a blowjob! Ever! She doesn't even have...it's not even in her vocabulary! She doesn't even know how to EXPLAIN this...this obscene sex act that she saw!

Dick: Really??

Maddox: And I thought -- yeah! And I thought, "My poor dad!" (Dick sighs in amazement) "My poor dad has never gotten a blowjob from my mom."

Dick: You sure she wasn't just tryin' to be, like, demure with you and secretly she really knows what's goin' on?

Maddox: Oh, my mom is fucking NOT demure! (Dick laughs more) I got more stories, buddy. She's talked about MY dick, she's talked about TERRIBLE...oh, yeah! My mom is, is, uh...she's got a mouth on her. She's not demure at all. Wait 'til you hear about her talkin' about lesbians. I'm gonna get her in as a guest on one of these shows one time, and I'll get her talkin' about lesbians. (cracking up)

Dick: Oh yeah, bring her in.

Maddox: She is!

Dick: Bring her in on Mother's Day, please God.

Maddox: Yeah. (background laughter)

Dick: Yeah, that would be a GREAT show.

Maddox: When is Mother's Day? I always ignore it.

Dick: I don't know! (sighs) Without Facebook I would never know.

Maddox: Yeah. So my dad's never been blown...uh, by my mom! So, uh, poor guy.

Dick: Good voicemail!

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I think your dad is, uh...he's *jumping* off roofs.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs with Dick)

Sean: You said that, uh, he's always falling off of 'em? I think he's tryin' to kill himself.

Dick: So he's jumping off!! (giggling)

Maddox: He's too tough.

Dick: Maybe the woman she saw was just ruining a guy's presidency, not blowing him. Right?

Maddox: You mean *actually* Monica Lewinsky?

Dick: Doing what Lewinsky did to Clinton. Nah, nevermind. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. Alright.

Dick: Is there a space for my jokes not being funny on this bingo?

Maddox: Uh... (sighs)

Dick: Nope! You wanna get to some solutions, Maddox?

Maddox: Let's get to some solutions, Dick. What's your first solution this week?

Dick: Encrypt everything.

Maddox: (yells) Okay, AGAIN you fucked up the way you... (Dick snickers) Dick, you sent that to me in an email and I thought you were just in a hurry and you were going to correct it when you said it on air. It's "ENCRYPTING everything." You need to add a gerund to that.

Dick: I WAS. I was gonna fix it before I got to the air, but I forgot. (Maddox bursts out laughing) Encrypting everything.

Maddox: Encrypting everything, okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why is that a solution?

Dick: Well, you know, the E-...you know...do you know what the EFF is? I assume you do, but I'm gonna say it just in case some people don't know. It's the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: They're a benevolent online organization, non-profit. Full of, like, smart people and lawyers, and their sole purpose is to preve-...to protect your rights online.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? Protecting your right to privacy, and...like, they're the...they're the people who defend, legally, people who can't defend themselves when it comes to cyber crimes or hacking and stuff like that.

Maddox: They're like the ACLU of the Internet.

Dick: I thought you were gonna say "the A-Team." (Maddox laughs) Of the Internet.

Maddox: They're like the A-Team of the Internet, sure.

Dick: Yeah. They're like the ACLU of the Internet, right?

Maddox: Sure, sure.

Dick: So they released...they released a, um...God, I don't know...I don't know what you'd call it. It's a gigantic document...this week, called a "Game Plan for Ending Global Mass Surveillance." Did you see that?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Yeah! It came out -

Maddox: (interjects) What is it?

Dick: Uh, well...you know, it's an interesting document. However, it kind of just brings up things you can do legally to pressure governments around the world. Like, right now everything online is known by the NSA. And like, the Five Eyes -- whatever five countries who are our buddies? Our friends? Our government -

Maddox: (interjects) Britain, Germany...yeah. Mhm.

Dick: Yeah. Canada...they're all just sending our data around amongst each other for laughs.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Basically.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And I really don't like that! I don't like the thought of all these, uh...these dudes, these vultures behind the scenes, like these men in black and these cigarette-smoking a-holes like the X-Files, looking at all the porno and erotic stories I'm reading online.

Maddox: These goons, yeah.

Dick: Yeah! When I think of the government, I like to picture, like, a guy...a dad who has like 9 daughters? And like an Italian wife, like Angelo's mom?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And all of his daughters are like that and he's just kinda like, "Yeah, I don't know! I don't know what's goin' on, man. Like, they're all just...everybody's just running amok and running outta control. And I c-...I have nothin' to do with it, and I'm barely...I'm...I have BARELY enough power to kind of exert influence every once in a while, but that's it." But that's *not* what the government's like, 'cause they know everything.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They got like, a fi-...they got their own...they got a copy of everything that we do online. And it really pisses me off.

Maddox: So you think that encrypting everything is the solution to prevent government from snooping?

Dick: Well, I would like to think that it's the...that it would stop it.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Because that's what THEY say.

Maddox: Wouldn't we all like to think that?

Dick: Yeah, but um...you know, it's...it's a very complicated problem, and the ease of access to our data is only part of it.

Maddox: Yeah, you know, Dick, I took a number theory class in college, and in that class -- it was one of the best classes I've ever taken -- in that class they taught us about, uh...it's a REALLY fascinating class, by the way. Here's a quick tangent, but EVERYBODY should take a number theory class, even if you've never had any higher level mathematics, even if you don't understand calculus. Number theory's a different branch of mathematics that has nothing to do with all that other shit that you don't know how to solve. Anyway, um, they taught us how to find prime numbers. That's one of the main things in number theory, is they're obsessed with trying to find all the prime numbers and trying to find if there's a pattern in prime numbers, right? And with prime numbers, that's how we create encryption and that's how these guys came up with the RSA. They used, uh, prime numbers to create the RSA encryption algorithm, which is supposed to be unbeatable. They taught us that encryption algorithm in my number theory class. However, that encryption algorithm that's unbeatable is not the one that we use in the industry. The one that we use in the industry has a back door, and that back door is available and accessible to most intelligence agencies around the world.

Dick: Yeah. Which I hate. That's...I also brought that in because, um, I don't know if I've talked about this much, even with you, but I...I also took math in college. I took discrete math in college, and I dropped out, uh -

Maddox: (interjects) Coulda fooled me. (muttering) (laughs)

Dick: (cracking up) Brief-...I dropped out briefly to work at an encryption company, and -

Sean: (interjects) Are any of these humblebrags?

Dick: Yeah, you're right! Yep!

Maddox: That's not humble. (annoyed)

Dick: You're right!

Maddox: That's not humble!

Sean: I was gonna say for YOU. [to Maddox]

Maddox: Oh. Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah! That was a humblebrag for you, Maddox.

Maddox: That's everything I say, is a humblebrag.

Dick: So I dropped out to join this encryption startup company and...you know, make millions of dollars, like everyone else who was joining startups at the time.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In the 2000s. Uh...of course I never made a single dime. But our encryption PRODUCT was supposed to fix things like this; however, it was impossible to convince people that they should do it! And now 14 years later, it still is! Like, can you ima-...the number one...the number one argument against using any kind of encryption online or protecting anything. And of course it only works if everyone is doing it. Right?

Maddox: Sure, it's like herd immunity.

Dick: Exactly!

Maddox: Anti-Vaxxers, vote it up, people! (yelling)

Dick: Exactly. When everybody's...when only bad...when only bad guys are encrypting stuff, it's easy to beat. Like, when only people who are trying to hide something are doin' it, it's easy to beat. But if everybody's encrypting EVERYTHING, then they can't get your stuff!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, you can't even get people to install new versions of operating systems or web browsers, or to, say, pay for a bonus episode to listen to their son talking about their parent... (Dick chuckles) ...not giving their father a blowjob.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So, how can you get these people to encrypt their computers?

Dick: No, I don't know. And that's why I left it kind of as "encrypt everything" 'cause I didn't really know what to call this problem, but I think there needs to be a quantum leap in the way data is shipped around on the Internet. And I wanted to get your opinion on it.

Maddox: Well, Dick, you have this encryption product that you worked on. Why not just release it open source and let everyone encrypt everything all the time?

Dick: Because it still requires fundamentally changing the way people send their data around. Like, you can't easily post stuff to Facebook, you can't easily put stuff in a...in the public eye if you're using encryption at all. Like, Google wouldn't exist if everything was encrypted. It just wouldn't! It would just be a huge pain in the ass for everybody.

Maddox: Why? Isn't there...aren't there Tor networks that encrypt basically the connecting nodes and the connecting points that you...that you go through to encrypt your...your, uh...basically your trail on the Internet?

Dick: Right. Right! So, this is a...that's a great start. And that's part of my solution: everybody using something like Tor. Right? I don't...I don't know if Tor could...Tor, the encrypting network?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, this little thing that sends a little bit to everybody.

Maddox: Explain Tor for people who don't understand.

Dick: It wraps...it wraps every piece of data in...it's like playing "operator" in school. You're passing a note to somebody, you pass it to your buddy...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...you pass a little bit of the note to everybody, and you say "I wanna get it to that guy over there...uh, and I'm writing instructions on how to get this piece to him and giving it to you."

Maddox: Yeah. It's a big game of telephone where, at the end of the line, you might be looking at some porn.

Dick: At child porn. (chuckling uncomfortably)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah. But that's the problem!!

Maddox: Child porn and illicit drugs. That's what...

Dick: That's the problem!

Maddox: That's what people really need encryption for, Dick. The majority of conversations online are stupid, inane bullshit. You know what? I wish...I wish it was all encrypted and I couldn't see people's Facebook status updates, because they're so fucking dumb.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If they were encrypted with, like...I don't know, a 1024 key? I would NEVER fucking use it. I wouldn't even run the risk of accidentally unencrypting it.

Dick: That would be great! (amused)

Maddox: Yeah! It'd make me so happy.

Dick: Yeah. No, that's part of it, that only...only, uh, only drug dealers and uh, crazy porn, uh...people doing illegal porn, whatever...whatever flavor of illegal porn that might be, actually use it.

Maddox: (chuckling) Yeah! Oh, let's...let's IMAGINE.

Dick: But the...well, the problem is it's not...I mean, you said that "Yeah, you don't need it," and that only bad guys are doing it, kind of, but it's also having all that data out there. Like, um...recently somebody found that Google's basically saving every place you go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's just accessible.

Maddox: Of course! Yeah.

Dick: That's just not encrypted.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, none of that's safe. Where you've been, like your...the little devices tracking you around all day, and it's just gonna get worse. That's not encrypted.

Maddox: Nah.

Dick: The problem is when you get that data to, like...the cops, who wanna bust you on something, they're not really as thorough as the NSA. (cynical tone) You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: You mean when they kee-...when they access that data, you're afraid they're not storing it safely?

Dick: No, I'm afraid they just kinda wanna nail you on things.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. So uh, that was actually a big point of contention in that, uh, Serial podcast that everyone was losin' their FUCKING minds over. Um, when -

Dick: (interjects) I didn't listen to that. At all.

Maddox: Yeah, I listened to it. I listened to like 3 episodes, and then by the time I started listening the last episode had come out, and all these articles came out summarizing it and I said, "Well, fuck it! I'm not gonna spend 12 hours of my life listening to this shit if I can just read a CliffsNotes."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I read the CliffsNotes and it turns out that, uh...you know, nothin' really happened. So, anyway, they... (both laugh)

Dick: Sounds like an awesome podcast. (mocking)

Maddox: That's basically the whole podcast! Like, "Hey, uh, you know that point where we started from? We're back there." Uh, great!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We've made no progress. Um...

Dick: They don't solve things like we do. (smiles) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, they...THEY should come up with a big solution list, huh?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, uh, one of the points they brought up in this guy's court case is...he was near a certain cell tower during the time of the murder of this chick, right?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So if he was in that...in that vicinity, then they can reasonably conclude that this guy...you know. That's pretty damning evidence!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But you could be there for ANY number of reasons, passing by a certain cell tower. I know...myself, for example. You know, you uh, you can pass through...I dunno, thousands of cell towers if you don't turn off your cell phone.

Dick: Yeah! So you're agreeing with me that's it's bad?

Maddox: Yeah, encrypting everything, but uh, Dick, I... (sighs) I GUESS it's a solution. What are you...what's this, like, utopian ideal you're pitching? Yeah.

Dick: I don't know! I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause I can't think of one to pitch it...I can't think of a way to pitch it to people when the majority of people think that the NSA spying is just...is fine!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're in support of it.

Maddox: Well, so the devil's advocate argument here is, uh, there is some good that comes from it. Right? They could potentially snoop out some...important information. That's how they caught the terrorists in Belgium before they were able to plan their attack! They were snooping -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, with NSA snooping?

Maddox: Yeah! They were...well, they had informants and snooping. They do everything. They do all sorts of tricks, and...

Dick: Nyeah, that's not...that's not worth it.

Maddox: ...heuristic analysis and all that shit. You don't think it's worth it?

Dick: No, that's not worth it to me.

Maddox: Yeah, well, you might be right, because our founding fathers agree with you, Dick. (Dick laughs) But -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah! Surprise, surprise. (amused)

Maddox: Let's get to a REAL solution this week.

Dick: Oh wait, no! I wanted to mention to mention executive...this executive order that this whole thing is based on, 'cause I actually think it is important. I read the whole EFF thing, and this was...this was one thing that it could actually change. So all...the entire power of the NSA to do this to us is by Executive Order, uh, 12333.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: 12333, that um...that Reagan made before there was an Internet. So it didn't matter. And now every president since then has kept signin' it in, and they can all just wipe it! Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Any one of them can just say -

Maddox: (interjects) They're never going to, no.

Dick: No! They're never going to! Very frustrating.

Maddox: It's like airline fees! Once they add them, they're never gonna take 'em away.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Prices never go down.

Dick: Government just gets bigger. Right? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Okay, here we go, libertarian agenda! THAT should be a square on here. (Dick and Sean laugh) Is that a logical fallacy? I dunno.

Dick: Alright. What's your solution?

Maddox: Dick, let's get to a real solution this week. And I'm counting that as, uh, "Let's get to a real problem." Lesbians!! (Dick cackles; background laughter) Huh?? (cocky)

Dick: Okay. (amused)

Maddox: THERE'S a solution, buddy! What do you know about lesbians, Dick? (Dick splutters, laughing) Nothin'!

Dick: Well... (both laugh)

Maddox: Dick knows NOTHIN' about lesbians! This is from The Week -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, I...I'm good with lesbians.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What do you mean, "good with lesbians"? They're not...you're not -

Dick: (interjects) No, I...I have an affinity with them. (slyly)

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Like, I...somehow I understand them and they understand me. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: GREAT, Dick. Like, you can communicate with each other?

Dick: Yes, I'm like a lesbian whisperer. (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) I really am!

Maddox: Yeah. How...what do you whisper to lesbians?

Dick: Uh, it's more about sounds. Making sounds and movements, like a magician.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (amused) Yeah. You know, Dick, I hate to agree with you on any point like this, but you DO have this weird thing. I've seen you around lesbians.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It is weird. I don't get it.

Dick: And I can pick them out, too! (smiles)

Maddox: Well, yeah, I can pick them out too!

Dick: No, not the ones that are wearing, like, hockey jerseys. (Maddox laughs) Like, the ones that look like re-...just...just like regular girls. I'm like, "Ah, you got...you got kind of a lesbian thing goin' on here!"

Maddox: You know, I can too, Dick. I called it! There was this girl I know, and you know her too...I totally called it, and she recently came out. She's gettin' married to some chick!

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: Yeah! Um, listen to this, Dick: only 19 percent of Americans over the age of 55 see pornography as a morally acceptable thing to do, and over 49 percent of Americans age 18 to 34 think it's okay. What does that have to do -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, what?? Say those numbers again, the percentages?

Maddox: 19 percent of Americans over the age of 55 see pornography as morally acceptable. So, the majority -- 80 percent of people over age 55 see pornography as a moral failing. [http://m.theweek.com/articles/458958/americans-still-cant-admit-watching-porn]

Dick: Wh-...80 percent of...?

Maddox: 80 percent of people over the age of 55. That means our parents' generation -

Dick: (interjects) Think it's a moral failing?

Maddox: They think it's a moral failing.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ahh... (sighs) I could...I could see that.

Maddox: Now why am I talkin' about pornography? Why'd I bring that in?

Dick: I don't know. (muttering)

Maddox: Because of LESBIANS!! (Dick scoffs) 'Kay?

Dick: Okay. (smiling)

Maddox: So, lesbians -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause everything they do is pornographic? (wryly)

Maddox: No! (exasperated)

Dick: So there should be more of them? Alright.

Maddox: No, dude.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Okay, listen. Lesbian porn, I feel like, really came into prominence in the...like the early '90s, late '80s. It was like...in the '80s and '70s it was kinda this like, taboo, hush-hush thing that kinda happened behind closed doors.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But in the early '90s, lesbians EXPLODED onto the scene.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! Right? And so, I think that lesbians have pushed forward the civil rights movement for homosexuals. Lesbians, gay, bisexual; you know, LGBTQ?

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: They pushed that forward single-handedly.

Dick: I didn't know there was a 'Q' on there now.

Maddox: 'Q' is "queer."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So that's, I think, all of the above. Um...so, the way they did that is there were a whole bunch of bigots and people who are...who were closet homophobes, and I would even say myself to some degree. When I was 16 years old, I...you know, I grew up in Utah and I was raised in a very conservative state.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Conservative family. Uh, gays to me were this, like, disgusting thing. I mean -

Dick: (interjects) Really?!

Maddox: Well, sure!

Dick: Oh, THAT'S interesting!

Maddox: Yeah! I grew up that way, and all my friends were like that. They were like, "Yeah, it's this gross thing!" You know?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, "We don't talk about it and we don't think about it." Um, and then I remember the first time I got onto a BBS...uh, when I was 16 years old.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: I joined a chat room, and there was a guy in there who was talkin' about bein' gay! And I'm like, "Oh my gosh! This guy's GAY!" (hushed tone) "Cool, alright! I got my very own gay to talk to. This is...this is cool!" (smiles)

Dick: Okay. (amused)

Maddox: So the first question I asked this guy -- I private messaged him. I said -

Dick: (interjects) So like, an imaginary friend. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. (both laugh)

Dick: "Sven." (grinning)

Maddox: No, this guy was a real dude! Uh, the first question I asked him...I remember I messaged him. I said, "Why are you gay?" And he wrote back and he said, "Why are you straight?" And I thought, "Shit!" (cracks up) "I don't fuckin' know."

Dick: Yeah, but *are* you? (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Yes, Dick. (playfully annoyed) I...yeah, anyway. So -

Dick: (interjects) Let's get this sexy listener in the audience to find out! That's what I wanna do. (grinning) (Jessica laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah. Mm'kay. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah! How's your bingo goin', sweetie? (everyone laughs more)

Jessica: I'm winning. (from the background)

Maddox: Yeah, RIGHT.

Dick: She says she's winning. (about to laugh)

Maddox: Yeah, right. Anyway -

Dick: (interjects) It's not a contest. Nothing on this show is a contest. You're not winning. Okay, I'm sorry.

Maddox: Ughhh! (groaning) (Dick cackles)

Dick: What else? What else? (giggling)

Maddox: So yeah, this guy told me that, uh...he basically asked me that question. That got...that started my line of thinking about this whole homosexuality issue, and whether it's a choice and whether you're born with it, et cetera, et cetera. And then I got to -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, that would be fascinating to know your thought progression from that.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 'Cause you're such a logical guy but, you know, you are who you...where you grow up.

Maddox: Yeah, I -

Dick: (interjects) Like, you just get their values automatically.

Maddox: Pretty much, but I reasoned my way into the point...into the position I'm at today. But...

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

Maddox: ...that was one step of it. That was one step. The SECOND step was when my friends and I first started discovering porn, we came across this entire genre of lesbian porn!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And it blew my mind! It was the hottest thing ever. I don't watch it that much anymore, because I'm...I'm uh, an adult and I've had sex with women before, so (Dick snickers) it's no longer this... (cracks up) ...this fascination with me.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: That's not a 'bag of sand' comment, Dick. (Dick bursts out laughing) Ass.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Anyway. So that also helped progress my thinking! I remember thinking at the time...I thought, "Well, this is pretty hot, but it's...gay sex I'm watching. I'm watching two women have gay sex together."

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: So I rationalized; I thought, "Well, if I don't have a problem with *this,* then how can I have a problem with that?" And I found that I wasn't the only person who...who had that kind of connection. Like, people...people felt like they didn't wanna be hypocrites.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: 'Cause people -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but don't you think they're doin' it for your benefit, kind of? Like for lesbian porn? It's like they're not really...you're not really watching gay sex. Like...

Maddox: So?

Dick: I don't know if lesbians are like...at home they're like, flinging pillows around and having pillow fights and, like, calling each other whores, right? (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah...yeah. (laughs loudly)

Dick: Probably not! Probably not.

Maddox: Yeah, probably not. No, you're right. (Dick laughs) You're right, Dick. However, there was...I did a lot of research around that time. I picked up books on lesbianism, and... (cracks up)

Dick: Oh, yeah. Ohhh, yeah! (suggestively) (background laughter) Me too! My research CONTINUES.

Maddox: Yeah! (everyone laughs more)

Dick: Yeeeah. (sexy tone)

Maddox: Doin' research right now. What's on your laptop over there, Dick? Anyway. Um, I started doin' research on lesbian porn, and... (cracks up) Excuse me, not lesbian porn. Lesbian culture and, uh, lesbians, and I started getting to know...you know, what it's like. Like, what those people are. I became friends with some lesbians and gay people, et cetera, et cetera. But that was the gateway towards it, and I believe that that's what caused a precipitous movement in the gay rights...movement, I believe.

Dick: Ohh! (astonished)

Maddox: A precipitous moment in the gay rights movement.

Dick: So lemme get this straight: you're saying that lesbians are a gateway tolerance for people.

Maddox: (yells) That's...that's it, Dick!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's it! That's the summary.

Dick: Oh, wow!

Maddox: Gate-...lesbians are the gateway to tolerance!

Dick: It's like 'gay lite.' (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Something homophobes can, like...can ingest.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, it's something homophobes can ingest. It's like, "Well, you know, you take a little bite, you like a taste of this?"

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: "Well, now you got a big dick in your mouth." (everyone bursts out laughing) Listen to this, Dick. Have you ever...have you ever talked to a chick online, and you're tryin' to get her -

Dick: (interjects) Once or twice. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: And you're tryin' to get her...again, your sister and mom don't count. You're tryin' to get her to send you pictures of her panties...off. (Dick laughs uncomfortably)

Dick: No, no, no, no, nonono. I'm not that guy. Remember? I go to, like...I go to...to bikini bars.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't... (stammers) Try to get pictures of her panties off?

Maddox: You always want nudes, don't you??

Dick: I just want topless, man!

Maddox: Okay, topless, fine. (annoyed)

Dick: I don't give a fuck about...

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: ...what's goin' on down below.

Maddox: Whatever, Dick! (background laughter) You're not into knees, I found out. Um... (laughs)

Dick: Nothin' below the waist. (guffaws) Or above the neck. (everyone laughs) Or on either side of the torso. That's my sweet spot. (grinning)

Maddox: (still laughing) You...starting from the very left edge of the left areola to the right edge of the right areola.

Dick: Nah, I like sideboobs.

Maddox: Oh, you like sideboob, okay.

Dick: Yeah. I'm a...I'm a podsexual.

Maddox: Oh, thank God. (Dick laughs) Thank God you're not some WEIRDO. (cracks up) Anyway, Dick. You're talkin' to a girl online, you're tryin' to get into s-...you know, the sexy territory with the conversation. Uh, have you ever asked a girl if she likes to watch porn?

Dick: No.

Maddox: What an idiot!! WHY NOT?

Dick: 'Cause I'm too busy askin' them about their dads! (laughs; background laughter)

Maddox: Oh GREAT, Dick. Your stupid fucking pickups are the WORST!! The worst, Dick! I don't know you've ever been laid. Anyway Dick, a normal guy -

Dick: (interjects) Right? I mean, it should...knowing me, ev-...by now everybody listening to the podcast, knowing my actual personality, MY pickup lines are fuckin' INCREDIBLE if I EVER get laid.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling derisively)

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, MY lines are lines are like plutonium. Go -- but please, continue.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. No, they're Kryptonite. Is that what you meant to say? They're definitely Kryptonite.

Dick: They're like Red Kryptonite. (smug)

Maddox: Uhh...

Dick: That's a different kind of Kryptonite.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling)

Dick: That makes Superman go horny as FUCK. (everyone laughs) Only the green hurts him.

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Um...I'm tired of hearin' about your Green Kryptonite. (Dick giggles) Listen to this, man. So, when I ask a chick sometimes...when I ask chicks if they watch *porn*...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...invariably they say "yes," and they say that the type of porn they're into is lesbian porn!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Most chicks I know who watch porn watch lesbian porn. And Sean's nodding -- Randy, have you ever talked to a chick who, uh...who, uh, looks at porn? Lesbian porn? Randy's nodding, everybody's nodding!

Dick: Well, wait a minute! We didn't ask the most important person in the audience what...

Maddox: What, no... (laughs) (Jessica laughs in the background) Ha! She's... (still laughing)

Dick: ...whether SHE watches lesbian porn or not. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah, she's blushing too hard, so that's a "yes." So listen to this, Dick -

Dick: (interjects) No, I wanna get a nod or a head shake or something!

Maddox: Yeah, there's a nod!

Dick: Ohh, that's a nod!

Maddox: We got a nod. (grinning)

Dick: Was that a nod about what I wanted or was that a nod about the porn?

Jessica: That was a nod about the porn. (from background)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was a nod about the porn, she says.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Jessica: Because the porn...lesbians... (inaudible in background)

Dick: Sean, give her a mic. Can we do that?

Jessica: (into mic) It's because the lesbian porn is really delicate...

Dick: Ohh! (intrigued)

Jessica: ...and it's actually what the woman WANTS to feel. So, you know, if you see a guy porn they're all rough, and it's like something that the lesbian...the girl doesn't like. So, the -

Dick: (interjects) My...my ex did the exact same thing.

Maddox: Yeah!

Jessica: Yeah.

Dick: You're suddenly -- I'm suddenly remembering like, when she got into porn...

Maddox: Mhm!

Dick: ...it was...it was for the same reason.

Maddox: Because lesbian porn is done from the woman's point of view, whereas most porn is done as a MALE'S point of view, because it's kinda like the male fantasy, right? 'Cause lotsa...'cause guys are consuming most visual porn! So I went to Cosmopolitan.com. (cracking up) Cosmo. Uh, they had a study. They had a...a survey that they did with 4,000 men and women that they asked. [http://www.cosmopolitan.com/lifestyle/videos/a20835/how-you-watch-porn-survey/]

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: 73.3 percent of women age 18 to 24 say they watch porn, according to Cosmo. 73 percent! So it's probably higher than that, 'cause a lot of people are shy and they lie about that kinda thing. 45 percent of single women watch porn, and this is interesting: 55 percent of women in relationships watch porn!

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: So if you're in a relationship, you're actually watching MORE porn than single women.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: And 28 percent...28 percent of women...

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: ...when they watch male...when they watch straight porn, male and female; one woman, one man? 28 percent of them are watching the woman! Instead of the couple, or instead of the man.

Dick: Wait, the...wait, 28 percent of women watching porn are watching the woman?

Maddox: Uh-huh! And these are...these are straight women watching straight porn. They're watching the woman.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah! And 46 percent of women admit to watching lesbian porn, whereas only 2 percent of MEN have ever watched gay porn.

Dick: Oh my god.

Maddox: Which sounds like it correlates to the amount of gay...gay men in the population. Right?

Dick: My head's gonna explode. You've got, like, porn and all these numbers to keep track of all at once.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Like, I wanna listen...usually I just snooze out at the numbers, but then you're talking about porn, so.

Maddox: See, I like porn and I like math, so I'm gettin' a power boner, buddy. (Dick scoffs and laughs) 63 percent of men have never watched gay porn, and only 15 percent of women say that they *haven't* watched lesbian porn. Only 15 percent of women have deprived themselves of the wonderful, wonderful world of lesbian porn. So lesbian porn is a solution because A) it has moved the civil rights movement FORWARD for gays.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: People are more likely to be receptive to same-sex marriage! Because -- I believe, because of lesbian porn. You can see...I have a graph here from, uh, I think...I believe it's from Pew. The Pew Research Center. [http://www.pewforum.org/2014/09/24/graphics-slideshow-changing-attitudes-on-gay-marriage/] In 2009 and 2006, there were two big jumps in the attitudes of gay marriage. From 2006 to 2014 it's increased precipitously, but it's generational too. Our generation is way more likely in favor of same-sex marriage than our gener-...than the Silent Generation, which is what they call it. (cracking up) The Silent Generation is 1928 to '45. Baby Boomers -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, the Matures.

Maddox: The Matures, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're...they're opposed. Only 35 percent of them are in favor today of same-sex marriage, whereas the Baby Boomers, that's...if you were born from 1946 to '64 they classify you as a Baby Boomer, and only 46 percent are. Then Generation X is '65 to '80, that's 53 percent. And then Millennials, 1981 or later: 67 percent in favor of gay marriage.

Dick: This graph looks like a big ol' boner, doesn't it?

Maddox: It does look like a big ol' boner, buddy.

Dick: Well, you...you fucked somethin' up, though.

Maddox: What?

Dick: You should call this solution "lesbian PORN," not "lesbians."

Maddox: Nahh! Lesbian porn...lesbian porn couldn't exist without lesbians!

Dick: Yeah, I guess, but lesbians are also a big problem.

Maddox: Why...?! (laughs) (background laughter) Why are they...why are they a big problem, Dick?

Dick: 'Cause they're takin' our women.

Maddox: Uh, n-... (cracks up)

Dick: Alright?

Maddox: No, they're not!

Dick: Every lesbian couple you see...

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: ...that's a...that's competition.

Maddox: No, Dick, they're not TAKING...no, they're not!

Dick: That's two women that are being taken away from you.

Maddox: They're taking other lesbian women, which were never in our dating pool to begin with.

Dick: Well, you don't know that.

Maddox: (yelling over Dick) Fallacy!! Logical fallacy, there we go! (laughs)

Dick: OH, SHIT!! (laughs)

Sean: That's a fallacy! Exactly.

Maddox: Here's one other thing, Dick, and this is my last point about lesbians: it's also a form of population control!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They're fewer people having kids! I know they can adopt and in vitro, but adoptions? Great! They're taking kids who need parents and giving them parents.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that's my argument with lesbians, man. Biggest solution in the universe! Vote it up!! (yelling)

Dick: Here's another problem with lesbians, though.

Maddox: What? (snapping)

Dick: They kill your game, man.

Maddox: Uhh...

Dick: Have you ever tried picking up a girl with a lesbian as a wingman?

Maddox: With a lesbian as a wingman? No, most of my...most of my wingmen are straight women or you.

Dick: Yeah, I'm good at it.

Maddox: You're...you are good.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You are good. You are good, and there's one other person we both know mutually who's...EXCELLENT wingman.

Dick: Who?

Maddox: I've had some really shitty women wingmen.

Dick: Who is it? Oh, our...our Chinese friend?

Maddox: That's the guy.

Dick: Yeah, he's amazing.

Maddox: He's amazing.

Dick: He's amazing. Um...

Maddox: He's like the James Bond of wingmen.

Dick: No, I tried to...I was talkin' to this girl at a bar, and uh, I was there with my friend who's a 'Q', I guess. Can you...can you say "queer" if they say...they got it on the sign?

Maddox: They...I know who you're talk-...yeah, she identifies herself as queer. Yes.

Dick: So I can say it as much as I want?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Alright! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I was there with a queer... (Maddox laughs harder) Is that wrong?? Am I allowed to do that?!

Maddox: The way you're saying it...

Dick: RIGHT?? (shrieking)

Maddox: You're getting too much joy out of it!

Dick: Oh, 'cause I haven't been able to say this since, like, 1992. Um... (background laughter) So I was there with my friend and we both notice this girl, so I'm like, "Oh, game on! Let's, uh, let's go talk to this girl." Right?

Maddox: M'kay. (amused)

Dick: We get over there, and she's like a 13-year-old boy that's seen a boobie for the first time.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Like, just shooting pickup lines...

Maddox: Oh, no.

Dick: ...and compliments and spaghetti out of her pocket like a pasta machine. (Maddox groans and laughs) I was like, "Oh my god! What...what...?" Like, I start laughing at this girl's reaction 'cause she's like, "I've never s-...I don't know if this is like a...is this real life?" She's looking at this, uh, this girl with me, saying like, "Am I getting hit on by a 13-year-old boy? But coming out of...is this like a Freaky Friday thing that I'm witnessing?"

Maddox: (exasperated) Oh, Dick, you toolbox. You know what happened there? You guys were both gunnin' for the same girl!

Dick: Yeah, but you can do that...you can do that...

Maddox: No!!

Dick: ...you can do that, um, gracefully.

Maddox: Not as a wingman, you can't! If a wingman is there, he's there to support you, and if the...if your target...if the person you're talkin' to suddenly takes interest in your wingman, your wingman, as a gentleman, should back down and be like, "You know what? I'm gonna go to the bar, get you guys both a drink, and try to salvage this relationship." What SHE did though, she was wingin' for the same girl that you were.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a terrible wingman.

Dick: Well, either way, I would've been...I would've had better chances with the girl if I had just jizzed in my pants right there and just said like, "Hey, check THAT out."

Maddox: Oh, man.

Dick: "Just jizzed in my pants! What do you think about that?" (sexy tone)

Maddox: (gags) I think it's pretty gross, Dick.

Dick: Alright. Is that your...is that your solution?

Maddox: That's my solution. Lesbians.

Dick: 'Kay. Here's my next solution. Oh man, we're runnin' outta time. Uh, this is a...this is a good one. Novel solution! It was suggested to me, and I phrased it correctly, I think. Time traveling.

Maddox: Oh! Alright. (**'ding!' sound effect**) Well, you did uh, phrase it correctly, Dick, so there you go. There's one for ya.

Dick: What problem couldn't we solve with a little bit of time traveling, Maddox?

Maddox: Paradoxes. (laughs; background laughter)

Dick: Alright!

Maddox: Ah, shot you down already!! (yelling) Let's move on, my solution! (laughs more) Yup! Anything else, Dick? (giggles)

Dick: Uh.....no, I had...I had written stuff down, but... (Maddox still laughing) ...not that big. Hm.

Maddox: Okay. Dick, first of all, time travel is rife with paradoxes. (both crack up)

Dick: I suppose so. What about if it's the kind that it doesn't...that isn't?

Maddox: Oh, the imaginary kind? Well, it's all imaginary! (Dick cackles) It's not a real fuckin' thing!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: What do you mean, "time travel"?? Your solution is so hypothetical! BOTH your solutions! Everyone encrypting everything and time travel. Great solutions this week, Dick.

Dick: Encrypting everything is gonna happen.

Maddox: Oh, well...

Dick: That's a...that's gonna happen.

Maddox: You hope!

Dick: Eventually.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? Uh -

Dick: (interjects) They got top minds working on it. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: Top minds, really? Yeah, they're workin' around the clock to encrypt everyone's data.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: The government doesn't want it, industry doesn't want it! It makes everything more difficult, there's more data...there's more data processing that goes on with encryption.

Dick: So what do you think, it's just gonna be the way it is forever with everybody basically writing everything they write out in the open?

Maddox: I think people who are worried about the security of their data being stolen, like Target so they don't get another giant-ass lawsuit...um, those people will care and then, uh, the le-...the rest

of the dullards, the 99 percent who are sitting there posting stupid shit to, uh...stupid articles to REALfarmacy and WorldTruth.TV on my fuckin' Facebook feed all the fuckin' time! (angrily)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Those people aren't gonna encrypt SHIT!

Dick: No, I think there will be, like, a quantum evolution in the way data is sent around through the Internet.

Maddox: Speaking of quantum evolution, Dick... (Dick cracks up) ...how is time traveling a solution?

Dick: Uhh, well, besides the paradox... (Maddox laughs) ...what problem could you not solve with time traveling? (smiles)

Maddox: Oh, boy. Um -

Dick: (interjects) Slacktivism?

Maddox: Slacktivism, yeah.

Dick: You get all the slacktivists together, you go back in time, and you bang their moms! (Maddox laughs) So they're never born. (slyly) Pretty good...pretty good solution!

Maddox: Or I'm...

Dick: So far!

Maddox: ...I'm the parent of all those people. Here's a...here's something you couldn't solve -

Dick: (interjects) Wear one of your precious condoms so they're never born! (Maddox scoffs and laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, I will wear a condom, Dick. Or I'll pull out, how 'bout that? Either way, they're not gettin' pregnant. Not from this guy! Besides, I'm jerkin' off too much. Anyway. Um...listen, Dick. (Dick laughs) Here's a solution -

Dick: (interjects) Did you get pregnant through the knees? (giggles; background laughter)

Maddox: I mean, if you shoot hard enough, sure! I could see that!

Dick: Oh, GOD. Alright. (disgusted)

Maddox: You know, I immediately pictured a position where that could be possible. I'd have to be on top, and then...they'd have to be kinda, like, that prone posi-...? No, okay. Anyway!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: It's getting gross. Um...Dick, here's somethin' you couldn't solve with time travel. Here's some-...what time is it? How are you gonna solve that with time travel, dickhead? What, are you gonna go back in time and look at the time when they ask and then come back to the future and say, "It's 8:53," but you're gonna be wrong!

Dick: No, I was gonna do one of those stupid, uh, "The question isn't WHERE are we, it's WHEN are we."

Maddox: Oh, jeez. (under his breath)

Dick: But then I realized that was the actual... (background laughter) ...question. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. What time is it?

Dick: "What time is it?" Don't be a jackass. You could solve anything!

Maddox: With time travel?!

Dick: With time traveling, yeah.

Maddox: Not "what time is it?"! (yelling over Dick)

Dick: What was your last problem? Vintage clothing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Go back in time and get the clothes new, man, when it's cheap!

Maddox: Then it's not vintage.

Dick: You got no more overpriced vintage clothing!

Maddox: Oh, that's true, Dick! With time travel, there would be no vintage clothing.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: It's just clothing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which is great! I love clothing.

Dick: Yeah, it's a pretty good solution.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling) GREAT, Dick. It's a good solution for no one, because it still doesn't fucking exist! It's all theoretical. (yelling)

Dick: (excited) Are you...?! You're shitting on TIME TRAVELING?

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: WHAT?!? (shrieking) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I knew...I knew you brought this in thinkin' that I'd be all on board! You know what, Dick? I am.

Dick: (laughing) You don't have to be all on board, but you can't even solve "what time is it?" with time traveling?? What -- I'm sorry, go ahead.

Maddox: You know, there's all these paradoxes. There are all these people who talk about the paradoxes of time travel, but they say "Look, if time travel exists..." There was a guy, I believe it was in The New Yorker or some ar-...some magazine. He wrote this article about how everyone's first thing that they would do with time travel is go back in time and kill Hitler. But he said -

Dick: (interjects) What??

Maddox: Yeah! That's what...that's what most people say.

Dick: (scoffing) Ah, whate-...those are liars.

Maddox: Yeah, they're liars.

Dick: No they wouldn't!

Maddox: Buncha idiots. They'd be...no, like people are that altruistic. (cynical) And also, he made the case that...first of all, the majority of people aren't murderers. You don't have it in you to murder someone. If you went back in time -

Dick: (interjects) Even if it was Hitler.

Maddox: Even if it's Hitler!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If you went back in time and you...and you were tasked with having to strangle Hitler, could you do that? Could you really fucking do that? I mean, not ME or YOU, but I'm saying in general, the listener. Could you strangle Hitler to death?

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: I know I fucking could! But, like, the majority of people can't! They don't even have the strength, they don't even have the fortitude! They can't hold down a man to strangle him!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Are you kidding me?! And then he said...there's that argu-...I think it's a comedian, I forget who said this, but he said, "If you went back in time and killed Hitler as a BABY, then that means you're just a baby killer!" Because no one at that time would've known that Hitler was gonna grow up to be this dictator. To them, you just went back in time and murdered a baby! "Here comes a time-traveling dickhead, just...BOOM."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "You know, zapping into our time and then just murdering a baby and then leaving."

Dick: You'd have a lot of explaining to do.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You'd be known...you'd be known throughout history as that one guy who killed a baby. (chuckling)

Maddox: And could you live -

Dick: (interjects) And that's it.

Maddox: Could you live with that on your conscience? Like, actually having...imagine strangling a baby, or holding its head down under...underwater. Like in a bathtub, or a sink, or a toilet...

Dick: I don't wanna do that!

Maddox: Exactly! So you're not gonna kill Hitler.

Dick: Alright, well, this -

Maddox: (interjects) So, you can't -

Dick: (interjects) This solution's got alotta problems stacking up. (sighing)

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Paradoxes, not killing Hitler...

Maddox: And also, I saw a webcomic, Dick...everyone imagines time travel as this nice, neat thing that happens where you just hop in a machine and you just...zap to some time! Right? But I saw this webcomic a while back that showed the...the actuality of time travel that nobody really considers. If you zap out of Earth at a certain time, Earth is going to keep spinning. And if you zap into another time, Earth isn't going to be in the same location that you left from. (cracking up) You're going to zap into space somewhere.

Dick: Yeah...well, I was talkin' about the kind of time machine where you could just go back and, like, steal a bunch of famous songs. (Maddox laughs; background laughter) And pretend that you wrote them.

Maddox: Dick, that's what we're gettin' at, some bullshit. Alright, what's your...what do you wanna steal, Dick? (smiling)

Dick: Whatever!

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: "Happy Birthday"! I'll steal that. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: I wrote it! (background laughter) I'll go back, I'll make up a bunch of, like, fake names, and then steal famous songs.

Maddox: Is that what you would steal? You wouldn't...you wouldn't invest in the stock market?

Dick: No, I'll do like...I'd do Beatles stuff, probably!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I'd be...I'd just show up like a couple minutes before John Lennon and say like, "Hey, what's up, guys? I'm your new...I'm your new guitar player."

Maddox: You would get kicked off, Dick.

Dick: No, 'cause I know all the songs! I know all the hits! I'm not a pain in the ass.

Maddox: Yeah, but they'd...they would change it.

Dick: And they'd be like, "Here's a little song. Here's a little ditty I wrote called 'Imagine.'" Chicks would love it.

Maddox: Yeah, they'd be like, "I don't know, I'm not...I'm not feelin' it." What if they said that?

Dick: And I'd say, like..."I'm not feelin' it?"

Maddox: Yeah. What if I go...what if you go back...? So in every era that you go back to, Dick, there's ME. Except I'm a different person. I'm in The Beatles! You go back tryin' to be in The Beatles? I'm there, right there!

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Stickin', uh, stickin' my finger in your eye...in your pudding.

Dick: I'd go over to The Beach Boys then. I know more bands than you.

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: You don't know a lot about bands.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm still there, though. I'd be there like, "I don't know! I don't know what I'm doin' here. I put the veto on whatever you wanted." (both laugh)

Dick: Alright, it's...again, another...another problem with this solution, goddammit.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah. Okay, Dick, uh, what...what's a thing that...what is *one* thing you would change in history if you had a time machine that you...that would make the biggest positive impact in the world?

Dick: No, I would just use it to get, like, money for myself.

Maddox: Okay. (sighs loudly)

Dick: Like, popular...a positive impact?

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly)

Dick: On the world? Oh, GOD.

Maddox: Why don't you just rob a bank, Dick? That's feasible. That's at least something that people have done.

Dick: Like in the past?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. Um...I don't know, lemme...

Maddox: (talking over Dick) No, or in the future, yeah!

Dick: A positive...a positive impact for the whole world?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: (inhales thoughtfully) Huh. Something that went wrong...

Maddox: So killing Hitler's one...people often point to killing Hitler. You know who you could probably kill and nobody would really notice, is Genghis Khan. Uh, that's...that's a big one. Because Genghis Khan -- you go back in the time... (stammers) ...in the era of Genghis Khan...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...people were dying from all sorts of things all the time. You could poison a baby; get in, get out, no problem. Put in some, uh, some...some formula, whatever? Feed it to Genghis Khan?

Dick: No, I know what I would do.

Maddox: What?

Dick: I would go back in time to when I thought of this solution and think of a better solution. (Maddox bursts out laughing) Alright. You wanna go?

Maddox: Okay, Dick. Let's get to a real solution this week.

Dick: Does that count as Dick VS. Dick? I got that square on here.

Maddox: That is a Dick VS....okay, here we go.

Dick: Is anyone close??

Maddox: I'm one away from winning! We just need a voicemail in a foreign accent, which I don't think we're gonna get since we've passed voicemail.

Dick: Oooh.

Maddox: You have any more voicemails?

Dick: Yeah, but now that I know you're close, I'm not gonna play it.

Maddox: I'm just kidding. I actually just need a zinger about Sean deleting the podcast.

Dick: 'Kay.

Sean: Oh, fuck you. (Maddox and Dick laugh) I...

Maddox: There we go!

Dick: That's it!! Dammit! (giggling)

Sean: I can't believe "a story about Dick being really drunk" hasn't been said yet. Or a video game reference outta you, Maddox.

Maddox: Well, yeah, we'll see.

Sean: That's what I...

Maddox: We got a lot more show comin'! Anyway, guys, let's get to another big SOLUTION.

Dick: 'Kay.

Maddox: The biggest solution in the universe, maybe, is abortion!! (Dick laughs; background laughter) Huh?? Yeah! (cocky) (**clapping sound effect**) THERE'S a fuckin' solution!

Dick: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Maddox: Abortion! Killing babies. Speaking of killing babies, I feel like we're just continuing the last segment!

Dick: Well, killing fetuses. (smiles)

Maddox: Killing fetuses, sure. U.S. abortion rates...so first of all, abortion rates are the lowest level since 1973.

Dick: I read that.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's troubling.

Maddox: It IS troubling. (chuckling)

Dick: It's a troubling statistic.

Maddox: It is troubling. Why aren't people aborting more babies?

Dick: I dunno!

Maddox: You know what, Dick? Have you read the book "Freakonomics"?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: One of the opening chapters of that book talked about this effect that abortion has caused. So, they...they mentioned that since the '70s, crime has PLUMMETED in America. It's also plummeted in different countries, and no politicians have come out to take credit for this. The Left hasn't taken credit because they've been trying to pass gun control legislation so they could argue that, "Yeah, it's gun control! We passed this legislation and therefore crime has lowered."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: That's not happened. And the Right hasn't taken credit for this, 'cause they've done jack shit, essentially.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: So why has crime dropped? Well, these two...these two, uh, researchers: Steven Levitt of the University of Chicago and John Donohue of Yale University wrote a 2001 paper called "The Impact of Legalized Abortion on Crime," and they pointed to the fact that males age 18 to 24 are most likely to commit crimes! So they looked at the data and they found that crime started to decline in 1992, and they suggested that the absence of unwanted children, following the legalization of abortion, led to a reduction in crime 18 years later, starting around 1992 and dropping sharply in 1995. These would've been the peak crime-committing years of those unborn children who were aborted! Now, who are the type of people who abort children? Well, they're mostly single moms who get knocked up. They're people who are unwilling and unable to raise

their kids. A lot of times they might be...they might be delinquents, or they just might not be in the right point of time in their life to have a child.

Dick: I assume that's true, but I don't know if it is.

Maddox: Well, I went to some -

Dick: (interjects) Quite honestly.

Maddox: I went to some anti-abortion website, which...I don't even wanna mention or link to, but they mentioned that. They did a bunch of research and they found that it's mostly single moms.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Well, of course! Yeah, of course it's single moms!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're generally gonna abort a child because you can't raise it and you're not...you're unwilling to raise it. If you're unwilling to raise a child, guess what? If you're FORCED to, you're not going to necessarily be a good parent! You're gonna be a shitty parent, because you've probably made a bunch of bad decisions, and you've -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, statistically.

Maddox: And you've...like, say, unprotected sex, or whatever it was that caused you to have that. Right?

Dick: Well...yeah.

Maddox: So these are the...these are the parents who are aborting children, and studies in Canada and Australia claim to have established a correlation between legalized abortion and overall crime reduction.

Dick: Yeah.. Um, but you know what? We don't get good movies anymore! Like in...back when they thought super criminals were gonna be running rampant today?

Maddox: Yeah. Like RoboCop? (amused)

Dick: RoboCop, yeah! We can't have RoboCop anymore, 'cause all this abortion killed all these future criminals!

Maddox: Yeah, that's a bummer, man.

Dick: It's a bummer!

Maddox: It does...it does depress me that there aren't crime lords. (cracks up; background laughter)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That there aren't more crime lords, Dick. (giggling)

Dick: Think about that! (smiles)

Maddox: That could be -

Dick: (interjects) Cram that up your solution. (wryly)

Maddox: See, why didn't you mention that as your time travel solution? Go back in time and make more crime -

Dick: (talking over Maddox) What, go back in time and unabort everybody? (amused)

Maddox: Just make sure that Roe versus Wade doesn't pass. Huh?? THAT could make more good movies in the future, Dick!

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: We'd have RoboCop 3 right now that wasn't total dog shit!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And -

Dick: (interjects) No!! You thought that was dog shit?!?

Maddox: RoboCop 3?

Dick: No, the remake!

Maddox: The remake was total dog shit.

Dick: I'm...okay, I -- ohh, you're outta your mind!

Maddox: Oh, my GOSH. (exasperated)

Dick: That remake was great!!

Maddox: It was SO tame. You don't even like gore!

Dick: It was PG-13, though!

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, PG-13, sorry! I...

Dick: Yeah... (disdainful)

Maddox: ...I forgot, I'm a fucking adult!

Dick: No, I'm against the PG-13 movie, but...er, thing, but that RoboCop remake was very good.

Maddox: Very piece-of-shit.

Dick: I can't believe you think that! With all, like, the techno garbage that they had in it? Like the man-machine thing?

Maddox: (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom yelling "How DARE you!"**) (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom saying "You SUCK."**) It's garbage.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah. (**sound clip of Angelo's Mom saying "Crazy!"**) It was...the whole movie was just like a...watching a video game! Everyone was killed...was a ro-...was a robot, essentially!

Dick: Video game reference! That's a video game reference. You didn't like RoboCop fighting all those other robots, though? That was cool!

Maddox: That was a video ga-...it was boring, man! It... (stammers) He was just destroying a bunch of machines! Machines that you don't care about! In the original RoboCop, you saw someone get blasted and then fall out a window, you saw acid get poured on someone's face; it was gory, it was gritty, it was...disgusting, it was everything a RoboCop movie shoulda been! It really felt like Detroit TODAY.

Dick: Well, it was...it was the first RoboCop movie, so yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah! It was amazing!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So...and that was probably catching the abortion trend *just* at the right time. Right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Before it really had that huge impact?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So crime was still high from the unaborted fetuses that were criminals.

Dick: Just like Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, the first movie!

Maddox: Yeah!!

Dick: 'Lotta crime!

Maddox: Gritty movie!

Dick: Kids with no parents?

Maddox: Yeah! Now we're people who...now who are our...who are are superheroes even fighting? They have to fight supervillains! We have to INVENT criminals for them, because there aren't that many.

Dick: There are none.

Maddox: Okay, fine, Dick. (Dick laughs) That's....GREAT. Sorry your movies aren't as exciting for you. (sarcastic)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But for the rest of the world, it's a good thing that abortion is happening! Also, it's...it's a form of population control which is, uh, keepin' our population in check. It's these kids...these people who are committing these crimes? Who are probably keepin' the population in check by homicide!

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Which would you rather have? Homicide in the womb or homicide outside, hm?

Dick: Or in the room. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Homicide in the womb or homicide in the room?? THAT'S what it is!

Dick: You gotta rhyme...rhyme slogans so they stick.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: More people listen...think slogans are true if they rhyme.

Maddox: That's true!

Dick: Yeah. Um -

Maddox: (interjects) Like, uh, what's his name, Herman Cain's 999 plan? "Nine" does rhyme with "nine," Dick. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, that...that guy was cool.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: 'Lotta good ideas.

Maddox: Oh, yeah! Brilliant, that moron. (still laughing)

Dick: No, I...that's a good...that's a good solution. What do you think about abortion anyway? Murder? You wanna call that murder?

Maddox: (inhales thoughtfully) I'm -

Dick: (interjects) You wanna call it "killin'...killin' a person"? Would you go that far?

Maddox: No, of course not.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: My official stance on abortion is that I'm against it, but I am for killing babies.

Dick: Why are you...are you serious? I know that saying that you have.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Are you really against abortion?

Maddox: Uh...I mean, insofar as it's the woman's right, *I* want to have the right to say. But in a...you know, that's an ideal world, that I'm in control of all the abortions. I would have a button I could press, like, whoever was gonna get aborted. Right?

Dick: More jokes. Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: I'd have this... (cracks up; background laughter)

Dick: More jokes.

Maddox: I'd have this big, like, telecaster. You know, like uh...Sean, you know, with your audio engineer bullshit. With all the blinking lights, which nobody...I don't know. You can't possibly know what those fuckin' do. No one knows what they do! There's too many buttons.

Dick: They're sliders. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah, they're sliders. Whatever! I would have a -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. They control the volume.

Maddox: Yeah, I'd have a giant switchboard like that.

Dick: And all...the ones above them have, like, the balance. (grinning) And they... (cracks up)

Maddox: Dick, don't show off! (background laughter) Is that a fuckin' humblebrag?! Fuck you!! Is that a story from Burning Man? I don't know. It might be.

Dick: No. (smiling)

Maddox: It COULD be. (laughs)

Dick: No, um...

Maddox: Anyway, yeah. I would abort...look, look, man. No. I'm all for abortion. Abortion's cool. Abortion's just cool. It's a cool thing!

Dick: Have you ever done...have you ever, uh, had to do the morning-after pill? That's a pretty good solution.

Maddox: I've had....I've never taken a morning-after pill, but uh -

Dick: (interjects) I take one after every time just to make sure. (Maddox chuckles) Like, just in case.

Maddox: It doesn't do anything to YOU! It's a hormonal thing for chicks, dude! What are you doin'?? That's what...what are you, growin' tits over there? What are you doin' takin' the after...morning-after pill? (cracking up)

Dick: Hm. It's just, like, a...like a sympathy thing.

Sean: I think that was a joke. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean!! I don't need your...your lip. Where was that? There's gotta be a "Sean" thing on here.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, Dick. Uh, no, I've...yeah, a few of my dates have had to take morning-after pills. You know, I... (cracks up) It's a precaution! Sure, why not? Just take it. Just pop one anyway!! It's like a Tic-Tac, just take one!

Dick: I don't think it is. She didn't...uh, she didn't describe it like it was a Tic-Tac.

Maddox: Well, yeah, it flushes your system! It clears it of toxins, AKA your eggs in your ovaries!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Right?? That's a good thing! (Dick laughs) Just flush that shit, man!

Dick: Gross! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, well, I don't...I don't know, man. What would you rather have, a couple of eggs come out, er, prematurely, or...an unwanted baby?

Dick: Just...just the one. (background laughter) Sorry, let me... (cracks up) Let me stop you right there!

Maddox: Is it just one??

Dick: Yeah, they're not chickens! (laughs)

Maddox: I don't know, man! (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, one o-...they have one egg a month! (grinning)

Maddox: What?!?

Dick: Yes! That's how... (Randy and Sean laugh in background) See, when a man loves a woman... (Maddox laughs) No! They have one egg that descends into, like, their womb that's ready to get impregnated.

Maddox: Is that...? But -

Dick: And then the egg makes down...

Maddox: - which side does it come from? Look, I don't know...

Dick: What SIDE?! What... (both crack up) What do you mean, the dark side or the light side??

Maddox: No! Isn't there, like, two sides where they make little eggs and spiders and shit? And all that...you know? (background laughter)

Dick: Yeah! (amused) (Maddox guffaws) The ovaries!

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: I dunno, maybe they have a zipper system! Like when you get on the freeway, where one...one month one comes out, and the next month the other one comes out. (smiling)

Maddox: Great. Whatever.

Dick: It's definitely one egg!

Maddox: It's just one? Okay, fine! Whatever. (Dick laughs hysterically) Who cares? A dozen? One?? If it's just one egg, how can they fuckin' bleed for four days?? (yelling)

Dick: I don't know!! (squeaking through giggles)

Maddox: It just should be, like, one fuckin'...BOOM! You know? Like a big turd! You just dump it out!! (cracking up) (Dick still laughing) Let's go! Back in the sack, let's do this. What's your problem? (grinning)

Dick: Did anyone win bingo?

Jessica: Bingo! (from background)

Dick: No way!!

Maddox: Oh, get outta here! (yelling)

Dick: No way!

Jessica: (from background) Well, is that last story a story about... [someone hands Jessica a mic] Is that last story a story about Dick hooking up with a girl?

Dick: I...I banged a girl before she had to get the...

Jessica: The morning-after pill?

Dick: ...uh, morning-after pill, yeah.

Jessica: Okay, yeah! I have it then. Yeah!

Dick: Read...read them.

Jessica: I have "voicemail in a foreign accent"...

Dick: Did we have that??

Maddox: No, we didn't have that!

Jessica: Yes, we DID!

Maddox: Cheater!! (yelling) (Jessica stammers in protest)

Dick: Which one?

Jessica: You marked it here! [to Sean]

Sean: That came from a voicemail. The uh, the...you know, the crazy lady? The mom?

Dick: YOU'RE RIGHT!!

Sean: "What are you, GAAAY?" (imitating Angelo's mom)

Dick: YOU'RE RIGHT!!!

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Dick: OH my...GOD!! (screaming)

Maddox: Wooooow.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: You are right! You are DEAD right.

Jessica: Can I continue, please? Okay, "a story about Dick hooking up with a girl," "Dick VS. Dick," "you can hear Sean laughing in the background," and "a nonchalant humblebrag."

Dick: Unbelievable! I woulda won. I woulda got -

Sean: (interjects) I don't remember Dick VS....oh, Dick VS. Dick was -

Dick: (interjects) Time traveling thing.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, I woulda won too! I have it here!! (yelling)

Dick: I woulda won. (smiles)

Maddox: No! You pointed it out...I should win! I think I win!

Dick: No, she called "bingo"!

Maddox: No!! I think you guys should compliment me. (cracking up)

Dick: Tie...

Jessica: The whole point of bingo is yelling "bingo"! (from background)

Maddox: Yeah, I'm editing these episodes, guys! Bingo! (laughs; Jessica laughs in background)

Dick: She said the whole point of bingo is yelling "bingo," which is...which is right, Maddox. (chuckling)

Maddox: It's fuckin' bullshit. (Dick laughs) GREAT.

Dick: You understand bingo about as much as you understand fallopian tubes. (grinning) (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah!! (Dick giggles) I don't give a shit! I don't have one, I don't care! (shouting) You don't understand KNEES! I'm not bustin' YOUR balls about it!

Dick: I...I guess everyone's gotta give you a compliment then, darlin'! (laughs)

Maddox: Okay -- oh, great. Here we go! It's gonna get real CREEPY.

Dick: I'll start! I'll start.

Maddox: Great. (dryly)

Dick: You are the most beautiful guest we've ever had on this show. You've upped the classiness of...of this show, several...several magnitudes...several orders of magnitude. Your laughter is infectious...

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, my...SHUT UP!! (everyone bursts out laughing)

Dick: And...what is...what is your relationship with your father? (everyone else laughs)

Maddox: DICK...

Dick: I would like to... (breaks down laughing)

Maddox: Okay, move on! Randy? Sean, you wanna go next? (Dick still cackling) This fuckin' bullshit.

Sean: I'm so bad at compliments. (Dick laughs harder)

Maddox: Okay. You wanna leave it at that? Is that your compliment?

Dick: You want some tips? (smiling)

Sean: It probably is...best left that way.

Maddox: Okay, great. Randy? (Jessica laughs in background)

Dick: Very smart, also, for noticing the bingo.

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic) That was my...AWESOME.

Dick: (talking over Maddox) That's what you want: looks and brains. (smiles)

Maddox: Oh alright, Dick.

Dick: The perfect package, really. (Jessica laughs harder)

Maddox: Ugh. (Dick laughs) I'm ge-...like, I'm getting...I'm breaking out in sweat and hives right now. (Jessica still giggling) Okay. Randy? What...Randy's our other -

Dick: (interjects) If you think lesbians are sensual, you should see me. (laughs more)

Maddox: Oh my god, Dick.

Dick: Go ahead, Randy. Please. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. We see you, the Lesbian Whisperer. Who can't even tell his friend to just pipe down while you're hitting on this chick. Your 'Q' friend.

Dick: I was so...I was shocked by -- Randy!

Maddox: Yeah. (surly)

Dick: Go.

Randy: (into mic) You have excellent taste in comedy. (chuckles)

Jessica: Oh, thank you! (in background)

Maddox: Great! Heyyy! Oh, awesome, great! You guys took all my compliments. Great. (Dick, Jessica, and Randy laugh) Uh...

Dick: Alright, Maddox. What's your sincere compliment out of you? (grinning)

Sean: Don't get all gushy, now.

Maddox: Here's one: um, you're not totally shitty at bingo! There you go. (everyone laughs)

Dick: Well done.

Maddox: You're welcome! You're welcome. I meant that sincerely. Okay. Uh, do we have...is that it, Dick? Do you have any more solutions? You have any other, um...horseshit? (cracking up) You know what? We do have one last solution we wanted to bring in, Dick!

Dick: No, let's bring it in next time. I really wanna sit down with you and plan this out.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Do you wanna tease it?

Maddox: Alright. We will tease it, sure.

Dick: Porn savers?

Maddox: Porn savers.

Dick: Porn savers.

Maddox: We're gonna bring it in next time.

Dick: That's our product.

Maddox: Yeah...yeah. (cracks up) I think you guys'll really like that. (Dick laughs) This is a joint solution that Dick and I have been brainstorming.

Dick: Yeah! The first ever. (grinning)

Maddox: We sat...before the show even started, we brainstormed this for what, 15-20 minutes? Really our whole lives.

Dick: Yeah! It really was a culmination of a lot of things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That came up organically.

Maddox: And...AND, it goes...it proves my point that the show's not a contest because if you vote for that, literally NEITHER of us could win 'cause it's a joint solution!

Dick: Yeah, but I came up with the name.

Maddox: Oh, fuck you!! (everyone else laughs)

Dick: Oho, "Fuck you Dick"! That's a...oh no, that's a voicemail. Alright!

Maddox: Alright. Well, my solutions this week, Dick, were Lesbians and Abortion.

Dick: And my solutions were Time Traveling and Encrypt-...ING Everything. (smiles)

Maddox: Yes, ENCRYPTING Everything, Dick. Gerunds...they're you're friends. Anyway guys, thanks again for supporting this show, supporting this podcast. It's really helping a lot. We got

alotta cool shit comin' down the pipes. (cracks up) Uh, the live show will be out probably by the time you listen to -- no, it WON'T be. You'll...

Dick: No, it'll be after this.

Maddox: It'll still be about 5 days...yeah, after this. (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah. Thursday.

Maddox: Uh, but it's coming! Yeah. It's coming. We're still, uh, we're still editing those. It's really comin' along great!

Dick: Yeah! **(heavy metal theme riff starts)** And congratulations to our winner!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, my GOODNESS. Let's go celebrate.

Maddox: Real good job. (teasing)

Dick: Just you and me. (suggestively)

Maddox: Okay. (background laughter) (yells) Fuckin'...DICK, I'M GONNA THROW MY FUCKIN' BEER AT YOU! (Dick giggles) Piece of SHIT! Biggest Solution in the Universe, guys. Thanks for listening.

(heavy metal theme riff)

Biggest Solution in the Universe - Episode 05

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(Heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Solution In The Universe! I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson…

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy? (grinning)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello.

Dick: Sean, we barely caught you on this one. I thought you were gonna be farming ass again. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But you're here. Thank God.

Sean: I stayed in the country.

Maddox: Digging that asshole. (Dick cracks up loudly)

Sean: Jesus. Right out of the gate. (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: That is what he'd be doing if he was farming ass. (cracking up)

Maddox: What else would you be doing?

Dick: I don't know!! (still laughing)

Maddox: I mean, there's no more…there's no body part more appointment for mining than an asshole, um. Except for maybe nose holes. Anyway, either way. You're diggin' it. Um, okay. Let's just…let's just get this out of the way, Dick.

Dick: What? (grins)

Maddox: The biggest solutions in the universe from last time.

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Can we just talk about this, alright? Encrypting Everything. Way to go for phrasing it correctly after getting beat over the head.

Dick: Hey, can I put some background music while you're reading off the solutions from last time?

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: What's the…what's the background…

(Sound clip starts, "Titanic" theme starts)

Dick guffaws

Maddox: You motherfucker! (Dick laughs) This is…okay. This is not…you better. I'm gonna delete this.

Dick: What?! Why!?

Maddox: Sean. Delete this track.

Dick: WHY?!?! WHY?!

Maddox: Start over.

Dick: Why not?!!

Maddox: This is bullshit!

Dick: What's bullshit about it!?

(Theme still playing)

Maddox: Because it's…first of all, it's illegal. This isn't fair use.

Sean: Dick is mixing this one.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fuck you! Fuck both of you! This is collusion. Oh, this…

(Singing starts, it's the parody version: "Maddox is an asshole…")

Maddox: Okay, this is the parody. Fine, fuck you. (Dick laughs)

Dick: It's the parody.

Maddox: And then Lesbians got trounced. You guys are idiots! You think Encrypting Everything's a solution? (Dick cracks up) I can't even think!!!!!

Dick: Go ahead, tell me, what?!

Maddox: No! I'm getting pissed off!! (Dick laughing) This fuckin' song.

Dick: I'm surprised lesbians didn't win, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

(Song continues in the background)

Maddox: Yeah. It's hard for lesbians to win over your bullshit! Your little gimmicks. And then Abortion?!!? You guys didn't think Abortion was a solution?!!? Fuck you!!! (Dick cracks up laughing) You know, I bet they didn't use protection in the fucking Titanic. Abortion would have saved their ass if they didn't sink and die!

Dick: That's true. They didn't have enough protection on the Titanic. 'Cause there weren't enough lifeboats. Right? That was a big deal.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So everybody died.

Maddox: Good. Good. I'm glad everyone died on the Titanic. You know what? I wish the Titanic were resurrected today so it could crash again. That'd make me fucking happy. I would celebrate.

Dick: Sounds like you need time travelling.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) Dead last. In fact, Dick, Time Travel got -170 votes as of this recording.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Which means it's a problem!

Dick: No, I thought about that, 'cause I brought it in thinking it'd be a great solution and then during the episode, you…you know, you proved that wrong pretty quickly. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Within one word! (laughing)

Dick: And then reading people's comments. Yeah. Reading people's comments, I realized I brought it in as a solution because I would just use it to do bad things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm like yeah, that's a great solution for me, but…

Maddox: Solutions to you, Dick, are just ways in which you can fuck other people over. That's what I've learned to realize. Also, last bonus episode, Dick, I don't know if you remember, but I'm sure our fans do. We played Biggest Problem Bingo.

Dick: Oh yeah, that was fun.

Maddox: Which a fan sent in, but the problem was that it wasn't randomized and…here, in fact, I got a comment from **Taylor Leeland.** He says, **"Since you idiots only posted one Bingo card, there's no variation and everyone playing Bingo is going to win at the same time. Way to go, morons."**

Dick: (laughing) Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, Taylor. Dickhead. Uh, I get it. Obviously, this wasn't a mass consumption product. (Dick cracks up) However…

Dick: How do you play Bingo by yourself, anyway? (grins)

Maddox: I don't know.

Dick: Like, even if it's…

Maddox: I guess you would have to post your results on the Comments board. And then **Ryan Sutherland** replied to him and says, **"Way to point out something they immediately say in the video when it's brought up, Sherlock."**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, dickhead. Then one of our other fans came to our rescue. This guy named **Nathaniel Cagel**. He sent me a…he wrote a randomized version of the Bingo scorecard.

Dick: Oh, that's cool.

Maddox: Yeah. We're gonna link to it on this episode and if you guys wanna play along at home, you can finally play a randomized Bingo card. So that's…yeah. That's really cool. And it'll be specific to this episode, too. We can update the cards.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway, yeah. So…

Dick: All the excitement of Bingo with the…with the fun of Solitaire. (grins) Right? (Maddox laughs) You can play Bingo by yourself. We've cracked it.

Maddox: Whoa, Dick. Whoa.

Dick: It's a huge solution.

Maddox: Whoa, whoa. Let's not oversell it. (laughing)

Dick: Yeah. Oh, yeah. We already got in trouble for overselling things, didn't we.

Maddox: Oh….

Dick: This month. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Ahhh, these fucking idiots. These knuckleheads. Um…

Dick: I got a comment for you from **Christian Finch.** I thought this was pretty interesting. **"Maddox, you're a pretty funny dude, but even you have to admit that you're a chode. Lol"**

Maddox: Thanks. (laughs)

Dick: I mean…he's got you there. Right?

Maddox: Well, he makes a compelling argument, in that it's just calling me a name.

Dick: Yeah. Uhh, let's see. I got one from…oh! Oh, god. This one made me laugh a lot. **Andrew Johnwinopalooski**…okay, buddy. Enough with the names.

Maddox: Yeah, one name, dude.

Dick: Uh, he…you remember we talked about having a time machine and you specifically brought up people going back in time and killing Hitler as a baby.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, would you be able to kill Hitler as a baby.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That was what you were saying.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And you were saying that most people would not be able to do that.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Just 'cause it's still murdering a baby.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So he says, **"If people have reservations about killing Hitler, then why not just kidnap him when he's a youth, bring him to the future, and leave him somewhere fun for kids and less anti-Semitic, like Disney World."** That made me laugh because, like, this whole debate we got into about killing Hitler as a baby. We have a time machine, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So we're faced with killing Hitler as a baby. We wanna kill a baby so bad…(Maddox laughs) it never occurred to either of us that we could just, you know, kidnap him, or like, give him to other people to raise so he wouldn't be Hitler.

Maddox: Well, okay. If we're just like…(Dick guffaws) transporting people back into the future and we can bring people with us. How many people can we bring on this time machine? Can we bring families? Can we bring entire nations? Like how…where's the limit? Can we just keep going back and forth and bring in people to the future?

Dick: We could literally just walk baby Hitler to another village and say, "Here you go! Here's a baby." (grinning) (Maddox chuckles) There's an orphanage! Take him. Like, they don't have DNA back then. They don't know.

Maddox: There's no guarantee Hitler wouldn't be Hitler in another village or a theme park. Guys…

Dick: (laughing) I guess.

Maddox: It's the happiest place on Earth. And it won't be for long if Hitler's there.

Dick: Baby Hitler. You're saying.

Maddox: Yeah, baby Hitler's gotta grow up…look, the first thing that's gonna happen if you let him loose at Disneyland. Child Protective Services is gonna come.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And put him in an orphanage somewhere. He's gonna grow resentful. Yeah, he has one happy day at Disneyland. Then, he's an abandoned…he's a child without parents! You think Hitler needed any more negative influences in his youth? He's still gonna grow up hating the Jews and thinking they're a problem!

Dick: Gotta kill the baby then, I guess. Solid argument.

Maddox: You know what, though. You could bring him back to the future. Take him to Disneyland, and drown him in the "It's a Small World" ride.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Right? That river's pretty…that river's deep enough to down a baby. I've test… I've seen it. Um, I have another comment. This one's from **Caleb Derwad.** (Dick chuckles) He says, **"If #freethenipple…"** (Sean and Dick crack up) Yeah.

Sean: That's almost as good as Fuckrumpus. (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Maddox: Caleb Derwad.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: He says, " **If #freethenipple results in an inordinate amount of boners, just mention time travel and the hordes of nerds that collect to argue paradoxes and alternate universes should settle things down."**

Dick: Yeah, that's true. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You throw time travel out there and everybody's all of a sudden, like, debating the finer points of time travel and what it would be in this universe, and "Oh, it's also gotta be a distance machine!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And…"In a multiverse theory…" blabla…like, a lot of armchair physicists in the comments on that one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For an impossible fantasy idea.

Maddox: Even physicists are not qualified to discuss this. (Dick guffaws) And then we have people less qualified than anyone that could potentially be qualified discussing it.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: I have a comment from **Jessica Strathkoeter.** She says, **"The lesbian porn point is spot on. I think a lot of it has to do with simply being able to relate to what you see."** And then it gets sexy here. **She says, "As a woman, seeing a woman enjoy sex and knowing how she must feel and wanting that as well is very arousing, but I don't think sexuality is as linear as people think. Sex in general is sexual. Arousing."** That's how its…

Dick: (laughing) That's just jibberish, now.

Maddox: (laughing) That's how it's…yeah. Anyway. She just goes on for about, like, two paragraphs, and then somehow ends on "big cock". (Sean laughs)

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: Yeah. I'm not gonna read the whole thing. I'll leave that to your imagination.

Dick: Well, someone left an erotic voicemail, I guess. I think this is having to do with my time travelling solution.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "This is Dick from 2030. (Maddox chuckles) **Sorry to tell you, but I'm dying from a lifetime of drinking too much semen.** (Maddox laughs) **You gotta stop now, man! You're killin' us! Also, Maddox was right. Monkeys are ruining the world! Vote it up. Peace out, Girl Scout.")**

Dick: Vote it up. There you go. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I knew it! I called it! Monkeys are the biggest problem in the universe.

(Sound clip: Monkeys grunting)

Dick: Uh…let's see. Oh, I got this one. I don't know if you wanna talk about this, but I brought it in, because a couple people have mentioned it. And I like to bring in stuff like this on bonus episodes, you know.

Maddox: Alright.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Hey guys, this is Clay Aiken." (They all crack up) **I think this might be a good question for the bonus episode. I know a long time ago on the podcast, Maddox said he was going to talk about the Penn and Teller Bullshit Episode.** (**Maddox:** Oh yeah.) **And hasn't yet. Actually, like, the third or fourth result on Google for that clip is the Facebook post from Maddox in 2011 saying "I'll probably address this in the future." So I guess now is probably as good a time as any. What's the story behind that clip? Also, Dick, you have some pretty cool hair.** (**Dick:** Oh.) **Everyone can go fuck themselves.")**

Maddox: Oh, alright. This guy's into your hair.

Dick: This guy's been waiting three years for you to respond to that.

Maddox: (laughing) You know what's sad about that is, that's not even close to the longest I've responded to a fan. I responded to a fan six years after he emailed me one time. And it was a one-word response. (laughs)

Dick: What was it?

Maddox: Uh, I think I mentioned this in an earlier episode. But it was a guy who sent me an email right before he was about to be deployed in Iraq. (Dick cracks up) And it was like…it was in, like, 2004, I think?

Sean: You're a terrible person.

Dick: Jesus. Yeah. You are a terrible person. (grinning)

Maddox: (chuckles) He sent me an email, and he was like, "Hey…"

Sean: He could have died like every day of the year and you respond to him six years later.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. Six years later.

Sean: That's fantastic.

Dick: Ahhh, I hope he had his email forwarded to his wife or something. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: He said, "Hey Maddox, I'm a real big fan. I've been reading your webpage forever…" bla bla bla. "And I was just wondering if I had your permission to print up some of your articles to take with me to Iraq so I can post them around the barracks. To cheer me up."

Dick: (scoffs) Oh, my God.

Maddox: And, you know, I don't want to do it if I don't have your permission, bla, bla bla, Big fan. Thanks." Anyway, didn't reply to him until, like, yeah. Six years later, I believe. And it was a one-word response. And I said, "Sure." (laughing) He may have actually…that's

how long it takes for me to reply sometimes. You may actually die before you get a response from me.

Dick: What if…what if he printed them all up, right? Like, he printed out your whole website.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Into, like, a 500-page stack of stuff and he took it with him to Iraq. And then, like, he got shot while he was carrying it, and the bullet got stopped by your stack of articles. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Mhmm. Protected by righteous satire, buddy!

Dick: That'd be pretty cool. That's probably what happened.

Maddox: Yeah. I tell that to myself. Uh, so Dick. We've mentioned this on the show before that we recorded six long-lost episodes.

Dick: Wait a minute, wait a minute. Are you gonna talk about the Penn and Teller thing from that guy's voice mail?

Maddox: No. No.

Dick: Not even a little tease?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Not even a little bit?

Maddox: No. No. Because the Penn and Teller thing…I was going to create an actual episode about this.

Dick: An episode of what? Your show?

Maddox: Yeah. The Best Show in The Universe.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I was gonna create an entire episode about it. Because it's better….look. Certain things are best done in written form. Certain things are best done in audio form. And certain things are best done in audio-video. That's best done in audio-video, because it's an episode, and I'm going to use clips from the episode to comment about it.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah. So it's…I wouldn't be able to do it justice talking about it here…but I… okay. Here's a tease. I'll give you this much.

Dick: Okay, that's what I want.

Maddox: Uh, Penn and Teller…

Dick: Just the tip. Just gimme the tip. (grinning)

Maddox: Here's the tip, Dick. Uh, Penn and Teller don't do anything for that show. They just send producers around. So I didn't meet Penn and Teller.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They send people around to interview their guests, their subjects, and then they edit all the clips out of context and make one big fuckup that fits their narrative.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So, that's the tease. A lot of people wondered if I met Penn and Teller. No, of course not. They're just sitting in their mansions in Vegas, raking…counting their cash. So.

Dick: Yeah. They probably do all those episodes in, like, one day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, just sitting in front of those big, dumb letters.

Maddox: They do those episodes in a voiceover booth. We probably put more effort into setting up for this show than they do for Penn and Teller's bullshit.

Dick: Oh, yeah. Oh, I'm sure.

Maddox: Anyway guys. So, I was gonna mention that a long time ago, Dick. We have those long-lost episodes that we recorded.

Dick: Oh, great.

Maddox: Of the Biggest Problem in the Universe.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Remember those? (grins)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No one's ever heard these. Very few people. In fact, maybe, what, three-four people counting us. So I brought in a supercut.

Dick: Oh, cool.

Maddox: Yeah. During our first bonus episode, I brought in a supercut of Episode #1. And during this one, I'm bringing in a supercut of episode #2.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: From our long-lost episode.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Here it is.

(Ritzy theme music starts…

Dick: "Oh, great. Here comes Maddox with another load of crap to dump right in my face." (Maddox and Dick laugh)

Dick: "My biggest problem absolutely in the universe. Yeah, I like productivity, whatever. But it's people workin'. Who cares.")

Dick: Why is it all me? (Dick and Maddox crack up)

(Dick: "I feel like I'm not an idiot. This is indicative of a bigger problem that's going on." (Dick laughs)

Maddox: "Oh wow, I didn't realize your butt was so hurt."

Dick: "I notice immediately upon grasping it that something feels wrong."

Dick: "He effed me over last time with bums ejaculating." (Maddox laughs)

Dick: "It feels like the same weight, but something about it feels cheap."

Maddox: "It's too crinkly."

Dick: "It's a little too crinkly.")

Dick: Oh, I know what I'm talking about.

(Dick: "And shooting all over my hands." (Dick and Maddox laugh)**)**

Dick: Oooookay.

(Maddox: "And I know for the majority of you out there, you couldn't give less of a shit about that, because you're idiots."

Maddox: "I have conceded that most people are morons." (Dick laughs)

Maddox: "Okay, my other problem is Apple Turnovers with Rock Sugar on Top." (Dick cracks up)

Dick: "Why do you always have food problems?"

Maddox: "Dishwashers are stupid."

Dick: "I do wanna compliment you, because I thought your apple turnovers with rock sugar was retarded.)

Dick: Are we on Valium?!

(Maddox: "Mhmm."

Dick: "When you first brought it up. I thought, 'Here comes Maddox again with another trick. Another of his crazy fantasies. But I totally agree, because eating the rock sugar ruins the dessert. It's all about show.")

Dick: It's true.

(Dick: "It's about showing off. And I feel like I'm eating my own teeth.")

Dick: (laughing) It's true!

(Maddox: "I was a fat kid. Like, all I ever did was eat and write. I was a fat kid most of my life, and then I got fatter. This is my reward for eating all my veggies."

Dick: (laughing) "Okay."

Dick: "You're not wrong, but you are wrong.")

Maddox: Dick Versus Dick!! (Dick and Maddox crack up)

(Maddox: "Have to make a new show called the Biggest Solutions in the Universe."

Dick: "It would be…yeah."

Maddox: "These transitions are superfluous…")

Maddox: Hey, did you hear that?

Dick: What? What did it say?

(Maddox: "They waste your time. They waste your resources. We'd have to create a new show called the Biggest Solutions in the Universe.")

Dick: Oh, really!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

(Maddox: "These transitions are superfluous… They waste your time. They waste your resources."

Dick: "Tweetering around…texting people."

Maddox: "Did you not pick up in the last episode when I mentioned Tweetering? Do you think the website's called Tweeter? Why do you keep saying 'tweetering'?"

Dick: "Because that's what…what are you, 'twittering' to people? ")

(Maddox chuckles)

(Maddox: "You're tweeting."

Dick: "Oh, sh…stop!! Shut the hell up."

Maddox: "You're not 'tweetering'!"

Dick: "I'm not 'tweeting'."

Maddox: "I flush low-flow toilets twice out of spite."

Ritzy theme winds down and stops)

(Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: I like how you doubled down in that episode, too. (grins)

Dick: On what?

Maddox: On 'tweetering'.

Dick: Yeah. It is 'tweetering'.

Maddox: No. (laughs)

Dick: Um, did it…why do we…why were we talking with that weird affect? And like, it sounded like two people in bed who had just gotten done humping.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did it sound like that to you?

Maddox: It's…

Dick: Like, that weird, slow drawl?

Maddox: Yeah. It was really slow. The entire episode. I listened to it and I went back and there was SO much dead air. I mean, I edit all these episodes, and now, when I edit these episodes, I don't have to cut a lot of dead airs, or 'um's and 'uh's from these episodes, because we've trained and we've practiced, and this is how we deliver.

Dick: I should hope not.

Maddox: Yeah, but those old episodes were pretty awful in terms of the editing and the quality. That's why a lot of times, people, when they start doing podcasts, they record all their podcasts and they just put 'em right out. What you should do is throw away at least the first six. They're garbage.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: For the most part.

Dick: Yeah. Uh…

Maddox: And that still was better than most podcasts I hear today.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That old…yeah.

Dick: Yeah. I agree. You wanna get to a problem?

Maddox: No, I wanna get to a SOLUTION, Dick!

Dick: Oh yeah, sorry. Get to a solution.

Maddox: Let's get to the first solution! (laughing) And possibly the biggest solution. Oculus Rift.

Dick: Oh!!!!! The video games.

Maddox: (laughing) Yes dad, the video games.

Dick: (laughs) Alright.

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Dick: You got one of those? You got one of them Oculus Rift things?

Maddox: I don't have one, but I want one. Dick, have you ever tried one?

Dick: No. No.

Maddox: Okay, I heard a lot of hype from people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: For, I don't know, the better part of the last year, about people who've tried the Oculus Rift. They said, "Yeah, it's pretty cool." Cool doesn't cut it, buddy. I'm gonna… here's something I'm gonna say without a single ounce…

Dick: Wait, have you tried one?

Maddox: Yes, absolutely.

Dick: Okay. I didn't know that.

Maddox: I spent some good time with an Oculus Rift. My friend has one and I spent about 45 minutes with one. And I can say this with absolute…without an ounce of irony or sarcasm.

Dick: Or hyperbole.

Maddox: Or hyperbole. There is life before and life after Oculus Rift.

Dick: Whaaaat?! Really?

Maddox: Yeah. And I will go one step further and I will say that the Oculus Rift will make bodies irrelevant.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: And that's the most powerful statement I can make about this new technology.

Dick: Okay, I have one question. How many times did you jerk off while you were using your friend's Oculus Rift?

Maddox: Uh, none yet.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: 'Cause he was in the room. I imagine. I supposed. But mentally, millions of times. This thing is such amazing technology. So, when I say it's gonna make bodies irrelevant, I mean that in every sense of the word. You don't need your body anymore. The Oculus Rift can transport you to any place you want to go.

Dick: Are they a sponsor?

Maddox: (laughing) No, not yet! But they should be.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Cause I'm gonna fuckin…oh, man. I am all about Oculus Rift. I am all in. I'm cashing in all my chips. This is it. Oculus Rift, baby. I don't…look. As soon as the technology gets perfected, I think in the next 5 to 10 years, all I need is a tube into my brain.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: To feed me nutrients. And then synapses. My synapses hooked up to…directly to my brain so it simulates, like, touch and feel, and that's it, man. That's all I ever want to do. That's all I ever want to become. And there will be two classes of people. This is my prediction…

Dick: (interjects) I was just gonna say.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was just gonna say what you were about to say. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause I can't wait for this.

Maddox: Uh-huh. There's gonna be two classes of people, 'kay? There are going to be the Controllers, those are people who manipulate and control things through the Oculus Rift interface.

Dick: Okay. (grins)

Maddox: And there will be the dummy slave people. Okay?

Sean: Okay, Manson. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Fuck you. (Maddox laughs) You're the fuckin' Morlocks underground, asshole.

Maddox: That's exactly it.

Dick: No. You fat losers with your VR goggles are gonna be shoved into coffins that we stack six high while guys like me and Sean enjoy the real world. (Maddox laughs) It's gonna be perfect! You guys can just opt out of the human race!

Maddox: You know what, Dick?

Dick: We'll be done with you.

Maddox: Fuck you, and fuck the real world. Because I wanna stay in Oculus Rift forever.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I never wanna leave it! I spent 45 minutes in this thing, and I've been thinking about it every day since. All I want to do is be inside Oculus Rift.

Dick: Have you really?! (incredulous)

Maddox: It is absolutely…by the way, you think Internet is addictive now? You think video games are addictive now? You haven't seen anything. I never want to leave this thing, ever. It's a better experience than life. You can sit down. You can go to a theater if you want.

Dick: (laughing) He's talking about heroin.

Maddox: No!

Dick: It sounds like he's talking about heroin! (Maddox guffaws) Have you ever heard a heroin addict talk about heroin? This is how they sound! I swear to God! That's exactly how they sound.

Maddox: Oh, I believe it, and I never want to quit! (Dick laughs) It's not a problem! It's not a problem. It's a solution! That's why I brought in. Listen, Dick. (Dick giggles) You have no idea the experience you can have in this thing. Okay? You wanna go to a movie? You wanna go to a movie with…

Dick: Yeah, I'd go to the movie. That's a horrible example to start with!

Maddox: No! No. Because that's one of the examples that they had in the Oculus Rift. They said "If you want to watch a movie…"

Dick: Going to a movie?! (laughing)

Maddox: Yes. It sounds ridiculous, 'kay? Until you try it. You will have a better experience watching a movie inside the Oculus Rift. (Dick cracking up) You laugh now, asshole!

Dick: I'm sorry!

Maddox: You're gonna be a slave! You're gonna be one of my slaves!!!

Dick: You're describing your ultimate fantasy of virtual reality, is going to a fake virtual movie by yourself!! (laughing) It's going and sitting in a theater by your fucking self and watching a movie!!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: That's not actually a movie. That's your takeaway. (still laughing)

Sean: It's like when our buddy dreamed that he was taking a nap.

Dick: Yeah, exactly. You mean, with this technology, I can go to a movie by myself?!?! Whoaaaaa!!!!

(Sound effect: "Wrong" buzzer)

Maddox: You know what?! Fuck you, Dick! I don't need you belittling my enthusiasm for this new technology! (Dick still giggling) You don't even understand! This is a lesser mind, you dullard! You dopes! You and Sean laughing it up! Having a good old time at my expense!! (Dick cracking up) Listen to this. You don't even understand. This is how much of a lesser mind you guys are.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You don't even realize that everything you experience in life is a perception that occurs inside your mind.

Dick: Yeah, I realize that.

Maddox: Oh, do you?!

Dick: Yeah. (cracking up)

Maddox: Well then why is it so absurd that you could have a better moviegoing experience inside an Oculus Rift?

Dick: Wait, what?! Why is it…why is it better that you had a better experience inside the Oculus Rift?

Maddox: Why is it so absurd? You think it's absurd that you could have a better moviegoing experience inside the Oculus Rift?!

Dick: Oh, I don't think it's absurd. I just think it's funny that that's what you latched onto. (Maddox giggles) Like, that your fantasy…your moviegoing experience was profoundly different going in, like, a virtual reality movie than…

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, man.

Dick: …like, the minor annoyances that haunt an average, real movie theater.

Maddox: There are no annoyances in the Oculus Rift. (Dick snorts) Everything is perfect, all the time. You sit where you want to sit. Nobody sits in front of you if you don't want them to. You can be on a date with whoever you want. You can be on a date with multiple people and they can be real people in real life hooked up someplace else, but they don't have to look like their ugly faces in real life.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: You can date whoever you want! They can have the bodies that you want. You can do whatever you want inside the Oculus Rift.

Dick: You can take a piss while you're watching the movie and you don't have to get up and go!

Maddox: Oh, sure. You can do whatever you want.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah. You can take a piss…

Sean: But you get…you get whatever you want.

Maddox: Essentially, Sean. That's it. That's why this is better…

Sean: That sounds terrible.

Maddox: (interjects) This is better than real life.

Dick: Can't you just, like, close your eyes and imagine that, though? Like, does going to a fake movie? Is that that much better than just pretending that you're going to a movie, like a five-year-old? (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. You can't imagine watching an entire film you've never seen.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I mean, you can, but you have to then be the creator of the film as well. It's interesting to see other people's visions come to life, right? So inside the Oculus Rift, I've already thought about this. I've thought about the workflow. I've thought about how I can stay inside the Oculus Rift and never have to leave again.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Okay? So the Oculus Rift creates a virtual world around you. And you can change rooms, you can change sceneries whenever you want, at any time you want. There's a demo of the Oculus Rift that transports you, I think, to Tuscany, Italy. Or some beautiful villa or something on the Italian countryside.

Dick: Sure. Yeah.

Maddox: The graphics are pretty rudimentary. I'd say it's…32…64 bit, probably…Super Nintendo, er, Nintendo 64 graphics.

Dick: So the boobs are like triangles?

Maddox: No. You know, it's better than that.

Dick: Squares?

Maddox: I'll say it's probably…probably, like, 2010 computer graphics. That's what this looks like so far.

Dick: In terms of, like, computer graphics boobs. What are we talking about? Like, the first Dead or Alive, or Dead or Alive Beach Volleyball?

Maddox: No. In terms…in terms…look. The models you can have in there can be as complex as you want. It just depends on your processor power.

Dick: Oh, I got processor power over here, buddy.

Maddox: Oookay. Have you played the game Dead Space, Dick?

Dick: No. No.

Maddox: Of course not. You're a pussy. (laughs) Um, Dead Space has pretty complex mod…you know what? Any modern fighting game. The characters that you can have inside the Oculus Rift…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Look like they're about as complex as any modern fighting game.

Dick: Wow, that's pretty cool.

Maddox: But there is no limitation. The only limitation is your hardware. Okay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So I've already thought about this. So, you can transport to this Italian countryside, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And you can walk inside this house, and you can look up and down, and you can see the ceiling. You can see the floor. The only thing that's unsettling about the Oculus Rift experience is you still cannot see your limbs. If you could see your limbs, that's it, man. This is a game-changer. That's enough for me. I wanna be in this forever.

Dick: But you wanna see someone else's limbs, right?

Maddox: I…I'll…(stammers) Look, buddy. (Dick guffaws) My limbs are more than enough!

Dick: If this is a fantasy…

Maddox: Everybody wants to see my limbs.

Sean: Wait, limbs are the reason it would take for you to stay in there forever?

Maddox: Yes, Sean.

Sean: If you could see your own arms, you would stay?

Maddox: I would stay. (Dick laughing) I wouldn't be here right now. If I could see my limbs…

Dick: (interjects) Yeah. You'd be in your mom's basement banging on the ceiling for more soup!! (Maddox and Sean crack up) So you don't have to leave your computer goggles!!! (cracks up) While me and Sean…

Maddox: (interjects) You guys are such assholes!

Dick: …The lesser minds, are out, you know, enjoying real life.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. You guys are gonna be the slave race. There will be a slave race.

Dick: Why sl…what do you mean, slave race?!?! (incredulous)

Maddox: Okay, it's not slave race…

Dick: Because you sit there on a computer, you're, like, a mastermind?!?!

Maddox: There will be masterminds and there will be worker minds. Okay? People who maybe are slower thinkers, if they were just born…maybe they have a learning deficiency, something…I dunno what it is.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I don't know what it is. Maybe it's a poverty class. I'm telling you. This is a dire prediction I'm making right now.

Dick: (scoffs) Well, yeah.

Maddox: But I'm telling you right now, when Oculus Rift becomes mainstream, people are going to be addicted like you've never seen. People will never want to leave the Oculus Rift. It is a better experience than life.

Dick: (inhales) Well, okay. My first thought is…it's gonna be the same people who are addicted to computers now.

Maddox: No! This is a next-level thing, Dick. I'm telling you. This is more addictive than anything I've ever tried. Any video game I've ever played. Because, Dick, I can play any video game I want inside the Oculus Rift and it's a better experience inside the Oculus Rift than sitting in my own living room and playing it on my TV, because I can flip the channel to whatever I want. I can make the TV bigger if I want. I can make my couch bigger if I want. Anything your mind can imagine can happen inside the Oculus Rift. And, you can control things by looking at them. So if you want to lift a cup up from a shelf and bring it over to you…

Dick: Like you can do in real life.

Maddox: No, see, you can't.

Dick: Oh, you mean with your mind.

Maddox: With your mind. Yeah.

Dick: Okay. Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. You can do it entirely with your mind. Now, here's the workflow. I've already thought about this, okay?

Dick: Okay, yeah. (grins)

Maddox: This is also going to make monitors irrelevant. You only need a tiny little monitor to launch the Oculus Rift, and then inside the Oculus Rift itself, you create virtual monitors. So if you want to be coding, right? If you're gonna be coding, you can have code on three different screens. Have a fourth screen just for compiling. (Dick cracks up) And just look up, down, whenever you want. Compile. You can code wherever you want. Anyplace you look, you're instantly typing. That is going to increase productivity in workflow like we've NEVER seen before!

Dick: I don't think the bottleneck on coding is the amount of screens that programmers have, though.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Like, it's not that much…but I'm way more interested in…okay. Your benefits of the Oculus Rift so far is you can see a movie by yourself. (Maddox chuckles) Number one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you can sit at your computer programming, lifting cups around.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Well, not just that.

Dick: And you can see a Tuscan villa that has Super Nintendo graphics.

Maddox: No, it's better than that, Dick.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: It's modern graphics. Dick, you don't even understand…(Dick guffaws)

Dick: (interjects) Well, okay. Lemme ask you this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're saying it's gonna be crazy addictive, right?

Maddox: Yes. Yes.

Dick: If I spent an hour in this Oculus Rift, would I trade two beers for that?

Maddox: I would. I absolutely would.

Dick: You would. But…

Maddox: Ye…Yeah, Dick. You know, it's hard to say, because you're kind of a jackass. But, like…(Dick cracks up)

Dick: (Maddox chuckles) That's the nicest thing you've ever said to me. (Maddox cracks up) The "kinda".

Maddox: Kinda. (laughing) Right? I qualified it.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: I honestly think, Dick, that once they get us…look. All they need to do is put some tubes in my brain and then feed nutrients into my brain. Just a mush…just put me into the Matrix. I never wanna leave. I'm the first fucking advocate of this thing. I'm gonna be the biggest…what…

Dick: Loser!

Maddox: Proselytizer? No! (laughing) (Sean cracks up) No, asshole! The Oculus Rift is the future. I'm telling you. Anything…any experience you want in life. If you want to travel, you want to go see Paris? Guess what? You can see Paris better inside the Oculus Rift than you can in real lift.

Dick: Yeah, but where's the experience part!? Like, where's the person you're with?!

Maddox: Dick, that's my point! Therein lies the entire rub here, is that the experience that you have in real life is only happening inside your brain. So, if you can create that same exact experience without leaving, then what difference is there between the virtual experience and the real one!

Dick: I'll tell you. Because I…when I was 22…what was it, Sean? I was 22, you were 23, and we went on a big car trip around Europe. Right? Remember that?

Sean: Oh, yeah. Yep.

Dick: And what I remember most about that trip. We started in Nice. We went down to… what did we go through, Trinquetero, Venice, uh, Munich. We went…we did a big loop, right? And the two things I remember most about that trip are Sean and I both throwing up in urinals at a local bar that, like, we met some locals and they took us to?

Sean: Yeah, in Munich.

Dick: In Munich. And Sean almost getting hit by, like, a semi truck while we were trying to make the slowest left turn ever. You remember that?

Sean: Oh, yeah, yeah. Pulling into the gas station.

Dick: That's what I remember.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it had, like, a big emotional impact.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Does that happen on the Oculus Rift?

Maddox: Yeah, except it's even better. Because instead of almost getting hit by the semi, how about actually getting hit by the semi. Wouldn't that be fucking cool?

Dick: But you don't feel anything!

Maddox: You can, because you can have it simulate touch and feel inside your mind!

Dick: What, like….

Maddox: (interjects) If it's connected to your synapses, that's all…all they need to do is fire off certain neutrons…

Dick: D'oh!!! (cracks up)

Maddox: Look, they're already doing this…this technology exists, Dick.

Sean: Wait, neutrons?

Dick: Neutrons or neurons?

Maddox: No, neurons. I meant to say neurons.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They can…they've already created some technology where they're creating an electronic interface with your spine so that you can…so people who are paralyzed are able to feel again…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: …because they're sending electronic impulses. It's very low resolution right now, but it's getting better. Look, we are probably 10 to 20 years away from a Matrix-style event where we are all going to be plugged into this thing, and I'm telling you. You wanna be drunk inside the Oculus Rift? You can have it programmed so that if you go to a bar, pick up an alcoholic drink that registers as being alcoholic?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: They can pump some alcohol into your mind. (Dick giggles) Or they can…they can tell your mind to act drunk just like you would in real life. It's all bullshit. It's all perception. It's all smoke and mirrors! Reality is smoke and mirrors, Dick!

Dick: Oh, man. (sighs)

Maddox: We might be in an Oculus Rift right now!

Dick: Ugh, no, no, no.

Maddox: You don't fucking know.

Dick: I…I hate the …well, I like the idea, 'cause all of you guys can just go do it.

Maddox: What do you mean, you guys?

Dick: You fucking guys. You techno-fetishes.

Maddox: Ohhhh. Careful what you say, buddy. 'Cause I'm gonna be one of the master race. You don't even see it coming.

Dick: Why do you think you're gonna be a master race?!? So far, you have no new abilities in the Oculus Rift that you have in real life. Like, you have a computer in real life. You have a movie theater in real life! You're gonna do the same things in the Oculus Rift that you do in the real world, which is fuck around on Facebook and play video games! How does that make you a master race?!

Maddox: Dick, I'll tell you why. Because you can go from India to Paris to France to Germany to Greece, all within an hour. You can't do that in real life.

Dick: Yeah. Get one of those stupid red binocular toys that kids have!

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: (Sean laughs) It's just a higher resolution! What is that called?!?! (yelling)

Maddox: No, it's not. No, it's not. That's two-dimensional. This is the…the perception is like you're there. It is no different than being there in real life. You could even simulate wind blowing in your face and sense and whatever you want. You can trigger randomized events and then you can interact with other people who are visiting these places with you. And not only that, but you can visit places that don't even exist. Alien worlds that people create and you can explore them! It's unbelievable. This technology is going to change everything.

Dick: Well, uhh…you know what we should say? You know one of our guests on an upcoming live show. Is working on porno for the Oculus Rift.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you experiment with that at all? Because that is the first thing I wanna do when I get virtual reality binoculars.

Maddox: Sean's nodding like a hyena.

Dick: Yeah! Of course. (they all crack up)

Maddox: Yeah, Dick. Because…

Dick: Did you?! Did you look at any porno on this thing?!

Maddox: No, it didn't exist for the demos. The demos are very family-friendly.

Dick: What?!?!! (incredulous)

Maddox: Yeah, of course.

Dick: Why?!?!!?

Sean: Jesus, you wanna get people addicted to this, or not?

Dick: Yeah!!!

Maddox: Look, all they need to do is hook some little gadget up to your genitals and then it's going to be better than real life sex. Because you can have any virtual experience you want with anyone you want. I'm telling you, this is going to be a game changer. It's going to change morality. We're gonna have to think about what it means to cheat, because if you're having sex in the Oculus Rift with a virtual person, that's cheating, essentially, right?

Dick: I guess, but who would do that? I mean, that's…

Maddox: (interjects) Creeps.

Dick: It's the same as porn, isn't it?

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: Like you're jerking off to porn.

Maddox: No, it absolutely isn't. Because, if…

Dick: And there's some guilt there.

Maddox: No, no, no. Guilt with porn, absolutely not.

Dick: Isn't there?

Maddox: No, of course not.

Dick: No!?!? (incredulous)

Maddox: Because you're just…no. Because you're looking at a static image that somebody recorded at some point.

Dick: Yeah, but I feel like I'm robbing…if I've been dating a girl for a long time, right? And I rope one out when I know I'm gonna hang out with her later…(Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Rope…did you mean to say rub?

Dick: Yeah. No!! Rope…

Maddox: Alright. Okay.

Dick: Is it…is that not a term?

Maddox: I like it. Go for it.

Dick: Sorry, do you want me to be more clinical?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Do you want me to use these euphemisms?! (grins)

Maddox: No, please.

Dick: When I'm stimulating my penis…

Maddox: Gross. (laughs)

Dick: I feel like I rob her a little bit of, like, some sexual attraction in the future. You know what I'm sayin'?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like…and there's a noticeable loss of desire when I see her later. In that way, there is some guilt involved with porn, I think.

Maddox: Dick, this is…

Dick: Do you know what I'm saying? Does that make any sense?

Maddox: Uh, no, because I don't feel that. I don't feel that. If you're…if you're using porn as a substitute for sex with the person you're dating, then yes. That could be a problem. There is porn addiction, and that's…you know, we're going down different paths, here.

Dick: She wants you to be, like, charged up though, man. Like, I haven't seen a woman in 10 years. That's what she wants.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then when you're sitting there at 3:30 in the afternoon 'cause she's gotta go to work…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Poppin' a couple off…(Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Couple.

Dick: It's like, you know..

Maddox: What are you, rapid fire?

Dick: It's like hey, it's nice to see you, I like to see you, but I'm not humping you at the door like a golden retriever. Right?

Maddox: Dick, the difference here is that if somebody on the other end is…look. If there's some kind of device on your genitals that stimulates touch. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: In every area that you need it to. And someone remotely is controlling that.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: What's the difference between somebody there…it's like, a long time ago… what's the difference between somebody manipulating it remotely versus somebody in the same room manipulating you?! Is there any difference?

Dick: No.

Maddox: It's just a remote…exactly. It's a remote control.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I actually had this argument a long time ago. I thought about condoms.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And condoms are very thin layers of, say, latex, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Less than a millimeter thick, right?

Dick: Sure.

Sean: Dick's heard of condoms.

Dick: (laughing) Yeah. Is that what they are? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Hear me out. This is kind of a long path you have to get here, but if you…

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: If you have sex with a woman with a condom, that's cheating, right?

Dick: Uh, yeah.

Maddox: Even though your penis technically never touches her vagina.

Dick: Correct. Uhh, yeah.

Maddox: What if that condom was thicker, say, an inch thick?

Dick: (scoffs) Whoa.

Maddox: And say this woman's vagina wouldn't tear up, right? But you could still put it inside. Is that still cheating?

Dick: Yeah, of course. Yeah.

Maddox: Well, what if that condom was thicker and thicker, so that it was like a foot thick, like a block of rubber with a hole on one end, and then a dildo peg on the other and you put it inside the woman, is that still cheating?!

Dick: Yes, it's cheating.

Maddox: It's cheating, right?

Dick: Yes. Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. What if it was 25 feet long? Is that still cheating?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. So here's what I'm getting at. If you…if what counts is that you are connected to an object that is inside a woman, couldn't you then put your dick in the Earth and then a woman sitting on a strap-on anywhere else in the world is technically being fucked by you? Just by you having your penis inside the Earth. The Earth being the conduit as your condom. You're using the Earth as your condom.

Dick: I mean, if you're on Skype with her at the same time, then yes. That's cheating. If you're just randomly walking around sticking your dick in holes, then I would say no, that's not cheating. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's not cheating?

Dick: No. You need to get back on your Oculus Rift if you're doing that. (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: Phew!!! Alright, dodged a bullet.

Dick: Why, are you saying that is cheating, or that's not cheating?

Maddox: Well, if you're sticking your dick in a hole in the Earth and that's not cheating, then at what point is the plastic block between you and the woman so big and so long that it no longer is cheating. Like, if you can't see her, if she's a mile away and she's out of your line of sight, but you know at the other end, she's still got it inside her vagina, that's still cheating, you're saying.

Dick: It's the emotional connection. That's the cheating part.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, then that takes sex out of the equation. You can cheat emotionally.

Dick: No, it's also the sex. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay, Dick. (skeptical)

Dick: When it feels like cheating, it's cheating.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: That's when it's cheating.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? In the Oculus Rift…I mean, this is going to change everything. This is gonna change human morality, and you know what's gonna happen? You're going to be able to control…the master race, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: The master people who are controlling…

Dick: The master people who are…who have mechanical cock massagers on all day?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: While programming on six computers?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sean: I love how he keeps talking about the master race. (Dick laughs) And also said that he would take Hitler to Disneyland. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: I would drown Hitler at Disneyland, buddy. Don't forget.

Dick: I wanna know what all your master race guys are gonna be doing in there while me and Sean, us poor schlubs, are gonna be out here in the real world.

Maddox: You know what you're gonna be doing? Here's the future…

Dick: We're gonna be talking to all the broads that don't wanna use this dumb thing.

Maddox: Here's the future of humanity. I swear. This is what's gonna…this is what's coming. Development, architectural landscape developments are going to stop. The Earth is going to be much more plain, much cleaner, and all you're going to do is mine resources to create material for 3D printers to print objects and other robots to create other robots to create buildings and to create spaceships. That's the future of humanity. We're going to go to Mars, but we're not gonna send bodies, we're gonna send brains hooked up to an Oculus Rift.

Dick: Why do we even need to go to Mars if we've got all these dumb alien worlds on our virtual reality goggles?

Maddox: Because our Earth is doomed, Dick.

Dick: (scoffs) Ohhhhh, alright.

Maddox: It is. It's…I mean, we have a limited time…NASA estimated at most 1.6 billion years. And…

Dick: That's because they want funding. Every time they want funding they say, "Oh, we're all in danger of a comet, or an asteroid."

Maddox: Well, it's fucking true. We are. That is…that is the biggest problem in the universe I'm gonna bring in at some point.

Dick: I'm gonna bring in Asteroid Alarmists as a problem.

Maddox: Asteroid Alarmists?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fuck you! You know…you're an anti-vaxxer…you're an anti-steroider. That's what you are.

Dick: Yeah. Bring it on.

Maddox: Great. Anyway, Dick. That's my solution. Oculus Rift.

Dick: It's a pretty good solution, but it went to a weird place. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, it always does. That's my solution. I can't wait, man. These 3D printers are gonna create robots everywhere. We're gonna go to fucking Mars. It's gonna be amazing. We're gonna Terraform Mars and I'm never gonna leave the Oculus Rift. I don't care. As soon as I land on Mars, I'm still gonna be plugged into my Oculus Rift playing games and watching movies with virtual people.

Dick: Why would you want to go to Mars then?

Maddox: Because we have to, Dick. It's not that I want to. It's that we have to.

Dick: But why is going to another planet safer than just sitting on this planet?

Maddox: Because, Dick, the sun is expanding. We're running out of hydrogen inside the sun! Hydrogen fusion…

Dick: That's like BILLIONS of years from now, though.

Maddox: Yeah, 4 billion. But guess what? Earth is still doomed. We have to create colonies on other planets. It increases our chances of the survival of the human race. The more colonies we have on different planets, the less likely it is that one colony can be completely wiped out by an asteroid like the dinosaurs did.

Dick: Yeah, who cares, though?

Maddox: Okay, Dick. (annoyed)

Dick: Like, no. That's a serious question! Why do you want the human race to, like, survive whatever? The destruction of Earth? Why is that important to you?

Maddox: Because that's our purpose, Dick! It's encoded in our genetics to be able to reproduce and to colonize the world! Every animal on Earth reproduces! Even fucking bacteria and microbes reproduce! Don't you think that there's a reason for that?! Of course there is! It's because we're SUPPOSED to! And we're supposed to get off this planet!

Dick: Myeah.

Maddox: That's the next step.

Dick: So you're…so the same reason…that sounds like the same reason I brought in for families. Why it wasn't a problem. 'Cause you're genetically coded to do it.

Maddox: Families? (confused)

Dick: You're saying we're also genetically encoded to go into outer space.

Maddox: Yeah, absolutely. Families, though, are shitty.

Dick: Alright. Are you ready for my problem?

Maddox: No. What's your solution?

Dick: Are you ready for my solution? (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Soap.

Maddox: (cracks up) Garbage! You don't need soap in the Oculus Rift, buddy!

Dick: Uh, you guys are gonna need a LOT of soap, because you are gonna be some smelly motherfuckers with your bodies sitting in chairs all day and your brains off in Neptune or Tuscany.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or whatever other things you think you are.

Maddox: Not…(sighs)

Sean: What about bedsores?

Dick: Yeah, you guys are gonna have bedsores, too. How about that?

Maddox: Sean, you and Dick have such small minds. You can't even see into the future, where we get rid of our bodies. We don't need bodies anymore. Just a brain in a jar, buddy.

Dick: I don't want that, either!!! I like having a body!

Maddox: That's…yeah, you can have a super body in the Oculus Rift! You can be Goro! That's what I'm gonna be. Goro! With four arms. I'm gonna be punching suckers left and right! It's gonna be amazing! I'm gonna break all the laws. It's gonna be awesome! I'm gonna rob a bank. I'm gonna be a criminal. It's gonna be FUCKING amazing. I'm gonna be flexing, like, all four of my arms like Goro. RRRRRRRRRRRR!! And then I'm gonna have a fucking Mortal Kombat championship where everyone dies. It's gonna be fucking great!

Dick: But won't it wear off, 'cause it's not real? Like, won't the thrill wear off immediately?

Maddox: Dick, there is no difference between perception and reality. That's what I'm telling you! Oculus Rift is the bridge between reality and virtual reality!

Dick: But I'm saying with your greater mind, you know, you.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: And your greater mind. Aren't you sitting there going, "Um, I don't really have four arms and I'm not really robbing a bank, so why do I care about this?"

Maddox: No, Dick. That's what I keep saying, the Oculus Rift is such a powerful experience. There is no difference between perception and reality! You don't feel like you're in a video game. You feel like you're in reality. That's what I keep saying. This is a different thing. We're on the next level, here.

Dick: Yeah, but it's like…it's like watching someone perform a magic trick! Like, yeah, I guess you made the lady disappear, but I know she didn't disappear. Like, I'm not like, "Oh my God! Where did that lady go?!!?" "Where did these tigers come from!?!?" I'm not, like, really feeling that, and that's just as lifelike as the Oculus Rift.

Maddox: Dick, this is not an illusion. This is taking over your ocular senses, your hearing senses. Your touch and taste senses. Everything is going to be replaced with an equal experience inside a virtual world, so that you cannot tell the difference between life and virtual life. There will be no difference.

Dick: Well. (scoffs) I won't be there. That's the difference.

Maddox: So. That's right. You'll be mining materials for my 3D printers.

Dick: Yeah. I'll be using soap. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Soap!! (laughing) So passé. Go on, tell me about your soap.

Dick: (laughs) You wanna know about soap?

Maddox: Human.

Dick: Uh, so…(Maddox and Sean crack up) I went on the CDC site to try to find, some, like, you know, stats for you?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: About soap.

(Sound clip: Dick: "I got a stats for you.")

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. (grins) (Maddox chuckles) 'Cause it's…you know. It's very important. I…it's like…it stops diseases from spreading, right?! Like before they used this in hospitals, everyone died all the time!

Maddox: I'll give you that.

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So I went to the CDC, right? To see, like, surely they're gonna tell me exactly how many people die every year from, like, you know, filth, and not using soap, or whatever.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Here's what I found at the CDC. (grins) Uh, "When Should You Wash Your Hands?"

Maddox: All the time.

Dick: "Before eating food." Oh no, there's a list.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: This is what they have for soap.

Maddox: This is a real list.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: "Before eating food." "After using the toilet."

Maddox: (giggles) Okay. Is that it?

Dick: Oh, no, no! It's a huge list.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. These people made this list…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And put it on the Internet.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they got paid. And they congratulated each other.

Maddox: Before eating food and after using the toilet.

Dick: "After touching garbage."

Maddox: (giggles) Okay. Fair. Those are fair points.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, Dick, this sounds like…

Dick: (interjects) Is this your…are these people gonna be in the Oculus Rift with you? People who need to be told when to wash their hands?

Maddox: No, no. They'll be mining materials for my 3D printers.

Dick: (cracks up) You got a big problem right there, then, buddy, 'cause these people are not gonna be able to mine materials correctly.

Maddox: Dick, that's the point. They're expendable. If they don't do a good job, pff! Put, like, one of those cow bolts right in the back of their neck! (laughs)

Dick: Who's gonna do that?

Maddox: The robots.

Dick: The robots!!!

Maddox: The robots that I'm programming with my six screens and four arms! (laughing)

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: It's gonna be a fucking terrible universe! I can predict the hellish future that I'm creating! But it's coming, buddy!

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause we'll just lock you in the closet. All your robots will break, 'cause they're all garbage and everything always just breaks.

Maddox: I make fixer robots. And guess what?! (Dick cracks up) I'll have a few…you have tiers of societies, right? You have the slave race, which is gonna be you and Sean mining materials…

Dick: Oh, my god.

Maddox: For my 3D printers. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: Oh. You're gonna need a bigger fuckin' robot if you think me and Sean are gonna be your slaves. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay? And then you have the second tier, which is like the supervisor race. They're a little bit smarter. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: Who? Who's the supervisor race? You? (laughing)

Maddox: Okay, maybe you and Sean. You guys are…you guys are pretty smart, right?

Sean: Middle management race.

Dick: Yeah, middle management race! That's us, Sean!

Maddox: For blaspheming the Oculus Rift…(Dick cracks up laughing) you don't get to use it! But, you can…

Sean: What are the HR robots?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: HR…no. (laughs) Sean, you don't need HR. Everything's virtual. Oh man, I can't wait, guys. And all I'm gonna eat is mush!

Dick: Who's above us?

Maddox: I'm above you.

Dick: Who's above me and Sean? Oh! Wow. There's only…

Maddox: The Oculus race.

Dick: There's only three levels to this? Man, Sean. We can get up to the top level like nothing in this corporation!

Maddox: No, no, no. Because there's gonna be power structure. Don't worry. Uh…I've got it all figured out. (Sean and Dick laugh) It's gonna be a brain core and the brain core is where all of humanity lives, it's just a bunch of…just rows and rows of brains with no bodies with just nutrients being fed into us and we're controlling all the robots, and then the supervisors…(Dick laughs) The supervisors go fix the robots that fall apart.

Dick: No! I don't wanna do any of this. (laughing)

Maddox: See, that's 'cause you're too smart. (Dick guffaws) I need someone who's smart, but not too smart. That way…basically, an office worker.

Dick: Maddox! This…

Maddox: (interjects) A modern office worker is just smart enough.

Dick: This utopia is fucked, like…

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You're describing a nightmare!

Maddox: Hey, you know what, man? There's sweatshops. What's the different between sweatshops and this reality?! At least in this reality, people are just mining materials in good, clean jobs. It's good paying work. They don't have to create shoes for us. Anyway, so.

Dick: This is getting crazy. (Maddox laughs) You might be surprised to learn…so. I gave up on the CDC, right? 'Cause I know to wash my hands when they're covered in shit.

Maddox: Dick, that sounds like it was written for three-year-olds, though.

Dick: Yeah. Doesn't it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's their…that's their site.

Maddox: Is it…does it have, like, crayons and stuff on it?

Dick: No. It was just a…the regular site.

Maddox: For adults.

Dick: This is when you should wash your hands.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I dunno who it's for, but that's what it was.

Maddox: Well, probably for people Googling on "When to use Soap", to be fair. (laughing)

Dick: I Googled "Soap Statistics".

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And it said this is what you gotta do to wash your hands.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Yeah, what else do they…"After Touching an Animal or Animal Waste".

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Dick: Or animal waste.

Maddox: Or animal waste. Sure.

Dick: So if you thought it was…that's okay, 'cause it just came out of the animal, you're incorrect. You still gotta go wash your hands. Okay.

Maddox: They have to specify.

Dick: So I found a legit site that wasn't run by the government.

Maddox: Okay. (giggles)

Dick: It's called globalsoap.org. (Maddox cracks up) Funny, but it's interesting.

Maddox: What are they selling, Dick?

Dick: They're not selling anything. It's an interesting thing that they do. So, hotels. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They throw away billions of soaps. A year.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, you go to a hotel. You maybe use it once, right? That bar of soap.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Then you chuck it.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: They're not gonna give it to somebody else, it's got pubes all over it.

Maddox: It's gross, yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right. It's got pubes and chlamydia.

Dick: Right, Sean?

Maddox: Why are you saying "Right, Sean?"

Dick: You can't…'cause he's laughing.

Maddox: Oh. Have you used Dick's shower before, Sean?

Dick: Yeah, we used to share a shower.

Maddox: Gross. Oh yeah, you guys were roommates a long time ago, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. So they throw all this soap away.

Dick: So you might be surprised to learn…I'm reading this off their site. That the leading causes of death for children in developing countries are hygiene-related illnesses that take 1.7 lives every year.

Maddox: Well, you may be surprised to learn…

Dick: I was surprised to learn that!

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: Wait, every year?!

Dick: Uh…yeah.

Maddox: 1.7?

Dick: Almost 2 million kids a year die 'cause they don't have soap.

Sean: Oh, I thought you said 1.7 kids.

Dick: No, 1.7 million.

Maddox: 1.7 million.

Sean: Okay.

Dick: 2 million kids.

Sean: That's a lot of kids.

Dick: That's a lot of kids!

Maddox: Is that globally?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I dunno, man. What are these…what are these kids' personalities like?

Dick: Um, they're all big fans of your website, it says.

Maddox: (laughing) That's a big problem!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: We need to save 'em.

Dick: And they don't have any T-shirts, so they really need T-shirts.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: And they love you.

Maddox: Hey, spreadshirt.com...http://www.maddoxstore.spreadshirt.com! (laughing)

Dick: It's one third of all child deaths.

Maddox: No, get outta here! A third?! (incredulous)

Dick: That's what this globalsoap.org says!!! And they've got better stats than the CDC, apparently, about soap!

Maddox: I bet their stats are coming from the CDC.

Dick: I dunno. Uh, handwashing with soap is the single most effective way to prevent those deaths. So what they do is they take all the old hotel soap, and they, like, squish it and recycle it into new soap.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: For kids.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't have a problem with that. That's a good idea.

Dick: I should hope you don't have a problem with it!

Maddox: Yeah, use soap…

Dick: I'm saying it's a solution!

Maddox: Well, okay. I agree, that is a solution to that problem. If you think that kids dying is a problem.

Dick: (scoffs) Of course.

Maddox: But soap, with soap being mashed together. Some people are really weird about soap. They won't use soap other people have used. Here's the thing. It's soap. So when your hands are dirty, you use soap to wash it. So soap should always be clean, right? But I don't think that's always the case because you know those bars of soap? Sometimes, bacteria can grow on bars of soap. But I don't think it's AS bad…

Dick: I mean, you can just give it a lather up, then it's fine.

Maddox: Yeah, you just lather it up. I don't see what the problem is. Everyone's so finicky about soap.

Dick: What do you mean, everyone is…people don't use other peoples' soap? Is that a real thing??! (incredulous)

Maddox: No. People are really weird about soap.

Dick: Even if there's no hair on it or anything?

Maddox: Uh, yeah. You know that Dave Chappelle episode. He kinda jokes about it with his writer. What's his name? Neil Brennan. His writer on the show? I think during one episode he turns to him and goes, "Hey, did you know white people don't use loofahs?" It was during a sketch. And it's because people are really weird about their soap. They want you to use a loofah so that the soap never touches your body. But it's soap!

Dick: The loofah would be grosser, I think!

Maddox: Yeah, I would think.

Dick: Because it's plastic that's been on them.

Maddox: Yeah, and it's just a big sponge.

Dick: Instead of just your hands.

Maddox: Yeah, but everybody has their own loofah. So they're saying you shouldn't ever use the soap on your body and then multiple people use it. But I don't see a problem with that.

Dick: No, of course not. That's insane.

Maddox: Yeah. That's insane.

Dick: Uh, anyway.

Maddox: I also heard that soap doesn't kill bacteria. I haven't checked this, but I heard that soap, if it's not antibacterial, it doesn't kill bacteria, it simply rinses it away. Is that true? Did you find out anything about that?

Dick: No. Because I'm dealing with crayon websites over here. Like the CDC telling me to wash my hands after I've played with dog shit.

Maddox: Ahhh, hands. (sighs) (giggles)

Dick: Right? (Sean laughs) Wash your hands after you touch animal waste.

Sean: It's the new Play-Doh, to be fair.

Dick: Oh, God. So, um. Lemme see here.

Maddox: Hands are so irrelevant in my future. (Sean chuckles)

Dick: "An estimated 2.6 million bars of soap are discarded every day from hotels in the US. A third of the world's soap is used in the US." How about that?

Maddox: So what are these guys looking for. Donations?

Dick: Soap. They're just grabbing garbage soap, man.

Maddox: And is this legitimate? I mean, you know what, Dick? If this is a legitimate organization, they're actually sending soap to places in the world that need it, we could link to it on our website. We could give 'em a plug. Why not?

Dick: Oh I don't…yeah. I don't know if they give a shit about that, but that's…

Maddox: Of course they do. They're a charity. They're looking for soap? I'll send them some fucking soap.

Dick: Well, that's what they're doing. That's what's going on with the soap. Uh, I also brought in a guy called "Ignaz Philip Semelweiss". Have you ever heard of this guy?

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: Have you really?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Because somebody told me this story, and I found the story fascinating, and I don't remember who it was, which is weird. It might have been my dad or it might have been my life coach. (Maddox chuckles) So this is what happened with this guy, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll summarize it, 'cause I don't wanna read this whole thing. Somewhere in the…in 1846, alright? In Vienna.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There's two delivery hospitals. For having a baby.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: One staffed by midwives and the other one staffed by, like, student surgeons, basically. So surgeons.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: The other one midwives. The number of deaths from puerperal fever, which is some kind of, like, birthing fever, right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: The number of deaths of mothers in the surgeon hospital was, like, 12%.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: A TON of people dying from that. A ton of mothers dying from that. The percentage in the midwife hospital. 2%.

Maddox: Huh. What was the difference? The midwives used soap?

Dick: No, the surgeons were doing gross stuff in bodies and then going to deliver babies. They were, like, performing autopsies…

Maddox: Ohhhhhhhhhhh.

Dick: And, like, playing with a bunch of shit and internal organs, and then going, "Well, let's get that baby outta there!." Waaaaaah. Fever.

Maddox: This is…when did this happen? What era?

Dick: 1846.

Maddox: Oh, 1846.

Dick: So, this guy. This guy says, "Hey, wash your hands, shitheads."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? This poor bastard. He gets laughed out of medicine. Like, literally. (Maddox chuckles) Writes papers on it. People turn his life into a mockery. He ends up in an insane asylum where he's beaten to death. (Maddox cracks up) He dedicates the rest of his life to try to get surgeons to WASH THEIR FUCKING HANDS!! And he ends up in an insane asylum getting beat to death at, like, 46 or something. Like something absurd.

Maddox: You know, people always like to jump down religion's neck for killing, like, scientists, like Gallileo. Was this a religious initiative that killed this guy?

Dick: No! (laughing)

Maddox: No, it's just a bunch of people who are like, "We don't like change."

Dick: "We don't like washing our hands!" (laughs)

Maddox: You know, Dick, it sounds like…I wish I had a harp sound effect right now, but it sounds a lot like, I don't know, 20 minutes ago when I was telling you guys about the Oculus Rift (Dick cracks up) And you guys were LAUGHING at me!! LAUGHING!!! Well, I'll be laughing, buddy. You won't hear it, 'cause it'll be virtual.

Dick: Do you realize that your version of paradise is indistinguishable from insanity?

Maddox: What are you talking about?

Dick: Like, if you were to just go insane and start seeing this virtual world you're talking about?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You would not be able to tell the difference.

Maddox: Dick…

Dick: (interjects) You could just do that.

Maddox: Who's to say we're not already. I know this is, like, Philosophy 101 stuff…

Dick: Oh, it's not even that high. Don't compliment yourself. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: I know. You know, people philosophize about this. But we are there, man. Anyway, um. Yeah, I don't wanna keep bringing it back to the Oculus Rift. But it is going to change everything. Uh, yeah. That's fascinating. What's that guy's name?

Dick: Ignaz.

Maddox: Ignaz?

Dick: Ignaz Semelweiss. That's probably why they were making fun of him. He has a stupid name.

Maddox: Stupid, stupid name. He can be a commenter on our website.

Dick: Yeah. You know what else soap fixes? BO.

Maddox: That's fuckin' true!!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'll give you that. Alright, Dick.

(Sound effect: Ding!)

Maddox: Now I'm on board.

Dick: Or else everyone in the world, all the time, would stink. Without soap.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You ever been stuck in a car with somebody that made your eyes water, where you couldn't breathe?

Sean: You ever been to France?

Maddox: (laughs) You know, Sean, I've been to France, and that's a stereotype. I didn't experience a lot of smelly people.

Sean: In August. In the subway?

Maddox: No. Uhh, don't most people leave in France in August because there's a big national holiday, a lot of people just, like, fucking take the month off? In France?

Sean: Well, a lot of 'em go for, like, a month or six weeks.

Dick: Well, this does say a third of the world's soap is used in the US. So…if there's anything that ever says we don't stink as much over here, it's that stat.

Maddox: You know, Dick, there should be a caveat for that. Because it should be real soap. And not this fucking natural soap that hippies use, because that shit never fucking works.

Dick: What do you mean? (grins) Oh, yeah.

Maddox: You know, it's like beeswax and fuckin' pollen, and filler, and flowers, and all this other bullshit. And it never works! It just…they just smell, like, muskier than before.

Dick: You know, I don't know if that's true. 'Cause I made soap for a little bit. (Maddox scoffs) After, like, Fight Club came out and I was one of those losers that's like, "Yeah, I'm gonna do that now." 'Cause it looked fun!

Maddox: Did you kiss your hand and give yourself a lye scar?

Dick: No. I didn't do that.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Um, part of making it…there's, like, an ingredient that you add in just to make it foam up. You know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That, like, seeing it work…that psychological effect of seeing the soap actually work.

Maddox: It's surprisingly easy to make soap. It's just a fat, any kind of fat, essentially, and then, what, lye, and that'll make soap. Or they use…instead of lye, too, you can use bile combined with olive oil, that's your fat, and then some kind of acid, I think, will make soap as well. I learned that because when I brought in the juice cleanse as a problem, you know, a couple episodes back? I learned that people who were doing this juice cleanse were creating soap inside their bodies and they were excreting it thinking that those were toxins. Those aren't toxins, you're just secreting soap.

Dick: Is that true? They're really shitting out soap? I remember you saying that.

Maddox: Yeah. You can make soap. You can make soap with your own bile if you ingest large enough amounts of olive oil and lemon, I believe. You know, from one of these stupid cleanses.

Dick: Well, um. You want a bunch of stinky people? It sounds like your biggest solution IS a bunch of stinky people. Like, a future of people who stink and are sitting in fake movie theaters by themselves.

Maddox: Won't have bodies to smell, Dick. It'll just be brains.

Dick: Like what…do they just cram corks up your nose, then, when you're sitting on the Oculus Rift? How do they shut the rest of you down?

Maddox: You won't need a nose, Dick. All you need is a brain. That's all you need is your CPU. It's an interface. That's it. You don't need a nose. You don't need eyes. You don't need a body! I'm telling you. Bodies are irrelevant.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Anyway. Do you wanna do more? I mean, we're outta time, but do you wanna do?

Maddox: Yeah. Let's…let's bust these out real quick, cause…

Dick: Alright. Go ahead.

Maddox: This one…now that I've created this new futurescape where Oculus Rift rules us all. Right? (Dick giggles) I dunno how much more relevant this is going to be, but, Addresses. That's my biggest solution in the universe. Addresses.

Dick: Okay. (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. You know, Dick, where would you be without an address?

Dick: You'd be in Mexico.

Maddox: You'd be nowhere, that's where.

Dick: Yeah. Where you just have to, like, describe the house.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Did you know what?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Um, I once had a fan try to order a shirt from Kuwait. And he was…he was over there…I think he was in some reconnaissance type of position. I don't remember what exactly it was, but he was stationed in Kuwait and he said, "Look, my address is really weird. It's about a sentence long and it's all just one sentence." And it's literally…he sent it to me and he said, "Do you think we can mail a shirt to this address?" and I said, "I dunno man, we'll try. If you're okay with the risk of it getting lost, then let's go for it." (Dick laughs) And it was something like…the first word was Kuwait, comma, and then the precinct. And then it said "Building # 9, fourth door down, hallway 2, and the red door." And that was the address.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And so I put this on the package thinking, "Okay, goodbye. I'll never see this shirt again." And then a month later, he emailed me, he said, "Hey Maddox. Got the shirt." Unbelievable.

Dick: I…I always said…whenever I send postcards back to the US, like when I'm travelling? I don't know anybody's address, 'cause, you know. Why would I have that information? So I pretty much do that. Like, I'll write their name.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then the town that they're in.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And kind of, like, things that they're by, like oh, by a Gelson's. Like, in Hollywood. Like, I hope it gets there. And they always end up there.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Everyone's always shocked that they get these weird postcards from the 1700s.

Maddox: To the credit of the Postal Service. They're really good at tracking people down and delivering the mail where it's supposed to go. They don't appreciate it and they won't always do it; however, it's an unspoken rule that if you write down mail and there's enough information on that envelope for it to get to its destination, they're supposed to deliver it, no matter what. Even if it's not the standard format of an address.

Dick: Ohhh.

Maddox: We kinda take for granted the standard format of an address. But it was…it's a relatively recent invention.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. The standard address. I have this from Wikipedia. It says, "In most English-speaking countries, the standard is an alternating number scheme, progressing in one direction along the street, with odd numbers on one side, usually the left, and even numbers on the other side, usually the right."

Dick: Wait, even numbers on the right of the street?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How the fuck is there a right of a street?

Maddox: So if you're heading…it's usually the north or east, right-hand side, leading away from the main road. So if you're coming off the main road and you're heading north, the right-hand side will be even numbered.

Dick: Oh, okay. So whatever way you're driving.

Maddox: No. If you're heading north. So if you're facing north.

Dick: What? Okay.

Maddox: The right-hand side? So the east side is going to be even numbered.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: And that's pretty much universal in most English-speaking countries.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then addresses in…I believe Hong Kong, are pretty standard. France is pretty standard. The UK is easy to send stuff to.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, it starts to become a pain in the ass to Greece and where else? I've had packages returned from Greece, and Lithuania a few times. But yeah. Addresses we kinda

take for granted. But the address system is really clever and you can tell a lot about somebody just from a zip code.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. What?

Dick: Would you like to…explain that? Like whether they're poor or not? Or what?

Maddox: I'll give you…YES, actually!

Dick: Whether they're assholes? (grins)

Maddox: So, one time I got an email from this guy who was being a real big prick and he started bragging about how rich he was, he goes, "Oh, I could buy your website. I have three yachts." And I thought, "This guys sounds like he's full of shit." So I looked up his IP address. And his IP address resolved to his zip code. I found his zip code and I found the town that he lived in.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And it was a very small zip code and it was part of a city inside a state that had a very affluent neighborhood. And he lived in that neighborhood. So I plugged that into City Data and I looked up the average person who lived there, and their average income was over 120,000$. Mostly upper class, white, surgeons, lawyers, and dentists.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I thought, "Wow, this guy might actually…"

Dick: (interjects) It ain't quite yacht money, but, I mean…three yacht money, but…

Maddox: Well that's the average, is 120,000$. In this neighborhood.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So I thought, "You know, this guy's probably telling the truth. He's a real piece of shit, but he's probably telling the truth." But I found out a lot of information just based on that guy's IP address. And you know what? I could probably find out the exact street and house number if I looked deep enough. If I really got a…just one more bit of information.

Dick: Is this the kind of stuff that the master race does on the Oculus Rift?

Maddox: You know, don't worry about what we're doing in our Oculus Rift, buddy. You just keep mining.

Dick: (grins) Looking up assholes' houses?

Maddox: Yeah. Anyway, um. Here's something useful that without addresses, we couldn't do. Get food delivered. Huh?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Pizzas? That's what I'm doing right after the show. I'm ordering a fucking pizza. I'm hungry.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And then what about pedophiles? Remember I brought that in as a big problem? Well, we have sexual offender registries where you can look up their addresses.

Dick: Mmmm.

Maddox: Isn't that a useful thing to know, Dick? Don't you wanna know if you're sitting next to a pedophile?

Dick: I just assume I always am. (Sean and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Have you ever looked up someone on a sexual offender…

Dick: (interjects) Dude, I…I did and it kinda creeped me out. Like, they have a site where you can go…plus, I live in the middle of Hollywood, so it's like the most crime-ridden part of, like…

Maddox: It's awful. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. Like within 10 miles, all the crime happens right where I live. And it's…seeing the mugshots of these dudes was unsettling for me.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, not because of the danger, 'cause, like, I'm…you know. I'm not a kid. Um, but just, like, the look in their eyes, knowing that these guys are, like, living so close to me? I did it a couple times and it was a mistake every time and I vowed not to do it again.

Maddox: Yeah, it creeps me out. Especially when I see the ones…look, a lot of people are on the sexual offender registry and I think they shouldn't be. I think a lot of people who have committed so-called "sex crimes" shouldn't be on there. Because they consider exposure as a sex crime.

Dick: Oh, like peeing in the street and stuff?

Maddox: Yeah, if you pee in the street sometimes, or if you expose yourself to somebody, like, if you flash somebody?

Dick: Oh, alright. Ehhh. Okay.

Maddox: Oh, it's a totally different offense if a guy does it versus a girl.

Dick: Well, yeah.

Maddox: If a girl flashes her tits, uh, everyone's celebrating and throwing beads around her neck. If a guy takes his dong out, like, five people are calling the police and you're getting beat.

Dick: I don't…do you disagree with that?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: You think you should just have, like, dong license around the city? Like, carte blanche to wiggle your schlong around?

Maddox: Yes, I absolutely think…I think the more nudity we have in society, the better. Because it makes it more mundane and the people will stop freaking out every time they see a penis or a vagina.

Dick: I don't think that's gonna happen! It's…it's threatening! It's a threatening thing!

Maddox: What's threatening about a penis? I mean, if it's you're about to get bludgeoned with it, but so what? Some guy's got a boner, so what? Boners are awesome!

Dick: Alright. You wanna see more dicks on the street, I guess. (giggles)

Maddox: No, I don't. I don't want to see more dicks, but I don't think it should be a crime. Look, if you're threatening someone…if you just take your dick out…I'm just hanging out here with my dick out. What's the problem?

Dick: Well, that your dick is out. (Maddox cracks up) That's the problem.

Maddox: Why?

Dick: What's your dick doing out? Put it away.

Maddox: It's just breathing a little bit. Don't worry about my dick!

Dick: No, I got a dick. It doesn't need to breathe. That's not what the hole's for.

Maddox: Oh, says Manspreading Dick Masterson! A couple episodes ago. Saying Manspreading was a problem!

Dick: No, I wanna keep my pants on while I'm sitting comfortable. I don't need my balls wobbling around all over the place.

Maddox: Yeah, why don't you go to Saudi Arabia, buddy? (Dick giggles) Sounds like some backwards thinking! If I wanna take my dick out, I shouldn't be on a sexual offender database. If I'm threatening someone with it or making lewd remarks or gesturing towards them, sure. But a dick is just like any other body part.

Dick: No, it isn't! It's a dick!

Maddox: (laughing) What are you talking about?!

Dick: It's a…private part. That's what makes it different from the rest of the body. What are you talking about?!

Maddox: I understand that, Dick, but I'm trying to remove the word "private" from the part. So it's just a part.

Dick: Yeah, but you fuck with it. That's why it's lewd to have…that's why it's obscene to just have out.

Maddox: Some people fuck with their fists.

Dick: (scoffs) I guess.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You got me there!

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Solid logic!

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: In the age of logic!

Maddox: What about…what about fingerblasting? Should we wear gloves in public?

Dick: No, but you can't be out there fingerblasting in public, can you? Is that okay?!? Do you wanna see that on the street?!

Maddox: No!!! I'm not saying we should go around fingerblasting everyone!!!!

Dick: What's the difference? (sighs)

Maddox: The difference is, Dick, that if I just have my dick out and I'm not doing anything, then mind your own business! It's my dick, it's my property!!

Dick: What if it's erect?

Maddox: Well, okay. Depends on if…if you're erect and you're pointing towards somebody, or if you're just erect…you're sitting there on a bus and it happens, like, what can you do? Yeah, I got a boner. Sorry. Don't look at it. Don't sit on it. Don't look at it. Don't put your mouth on it. If it offends you, don't touch it! But if I get it erect and I'm like, you know, chasing someone down, or I'm, like, gesturing towards them, that's creepy!

Dick: Yeah. Like at the Pirates of the Caribbean ride!? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: What are you talkin' about?

Dick: The guys…the pirates who chase the fat women around in circles.

Maddox: Yeah, but they didn't have erections, did they?

Dick: They were wearing clothes, but I assume they were DTF.

Maddox: Yeah, but I mean, pirates are always DTF.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, Dick, if you're not doing anything offensive or vulgar or obscene, if you're not threatening anyone with it. If you're not making any gestures toward anyone with it…sure. Why not? Take your dick out.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Anyway, um. Addresses. That's my biggest solution in the universe.

Dick: Okay. (guffaws)

Maddox: You couldn't get packages delivered! People take addressed for granted, and I think it's high time people upvoted Addresses just below Oculus Rift for the biggest solution in the universe.

Dick: I agree that it should be right below Oculus Rift. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That's a loaded statement.

Dick: Here's my solution. Um, Anonymous Comments. We don't have enough time for this Anonymous Comments, but here's…here's my point with anonymous comments, alright? Everyone hates on them. Everyone hates them. Right? They're vile. They're horrible. They're disgusting.

Maddox: I think there's a place for 'em, but yeah, go on.

Dick: Yeah, but I think there's…I think there's creativity in them. I like them because I know where I stand, as I've mentioned on the free episode. I think they're…I think people are free to speak their minds more when they're completely obvious. And I found this interesting study that these guys did, where they measured a group of students who were learning anonymously, like, over the Internet, you know?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Versus face to face in a lab. And they found that creativity and risk taking increased when they were anonymous. When they don't have to sit there and embarrass themselves by saying something stupid. When it's just like, "Oh, I'm just an anonymous guy. Yeah, I'll ask…I'll say whatever I want. I'll ask whatever I want."

Maddox: Ohh, that's interesting, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: Well, this could potentially increase the amount of participation that women have in classrooms, because there's this argument that women are more timid in classrooms, because they don't want to speak up, or so on. If they were anonymous, if everyone was anonymous and able to comment how they wanted to, they may participate more.

Dick: Yeah. And I was thinking, like, what if when people were writing letters? Like, people have to be just as big of assholes on letter writing as they are with anonymous commenting. Like, there has to be a scale. Person to person, least amount of asshole. Right?

Maddox: Yeah. 'Cause you could get punched.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah! And you are aware that you are you, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Right.

Dick: Very bottom of that. Totally anonymous tweet from Mike Penisberg, like @Mikepenisberg, saying whatever you want on the Internet, right?

Maddox: Right. Right.

Dick: There's gotta be like, letters in there. Like, in the 1800's, where they're like trolls, like, letter trolls, where they would go around town, like hammering anonymous posts on the wall?

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Yeah, of course.

Dick: Yeah. Well, that's my point on Anonymous Comments. There's creativity in it. I think it's interesting.

Maddox: Okay, well, you're not addressing the big problem here with the anonymity, which is the assholes. How do you…how do you…

Dick: (interjects) You know what I think about that? I think to survive as a modern person, you have to be able to take those assholes. Like, I think it's a way to make you smarter. You know what I'm saying?

Maddox: Mmmm. (skeptical)

Dick: Because your gut reaction when you're a kid or if you're immature is to immediately be offended by everything.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: What are you doing? Oh, you're fucking doing something. Yeah. There's a big middle finger?

Maddox: I drew a big middle finger for Dick.

Dick: Is that an anonymous thing that you're doing?

Maddox: (laughing) Well, I'm holding it.

Dick: Anonymous comment thing?

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know where it came from.

Dick: No, I think it's a way to make you smarter. Like, you can see how people think, what they are.

Maddox: Yeah…(sighs)

Dick: It trains you to rise above it.

Maddox: Here's what I like about anonymity. Is that Facebook has caused everybody to do one of two things. First of all, to look for validation constantly.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: They don't want to post anything that doesn't get a lot of likes. They don't wanna post anything that's not popular. And the second thing is that it has caused self-censorship. Remember my website, I said I would never have ads on my website because I don't want self-censorship.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: But a couple episodes ago, we had Casper as a client, right?

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: And they advertised on our episode, and then literally, the episode right after the Casper one, I shat all over people who love to sleep. (laughs)

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: I said people who love to sleep too much is a big problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: There was that moment…

Dick: (interjects) Which was nothing to do with beds.

Maddox: Of course not. And the Casper mattress one, by the way, is super comfortable. I cannot stress that enough. I've had such good sleep in that thing. But, um, there was that moment of hesitation where I thought, "Well, this is hitting kinda close to home with the client." And that's why I don't have advertisements on my website, is so I have a platform to say what I want. Facebook has caused us to censor ourselves, because we know that our friends and our family, and our colleagues are reading what we're saying. Without anonymity, I think that we wouldn't have true, free, expression.

Dick: Yeah. I totally agree with that.

Maddox: Wow. I just…

Dick: (interjects) You take bigger risks.

Maddox: I just made a big case for your solution.

Dick: There you go. So, I'm done. Your honor. The prosecution rests.

Maddox: Alright, Dick.

Dick: Alright, what were your solutions? (grins)

Maddox: My solutions were the Oculus Rift.

Dick: (laughing) Oculus Rift Dystopia. (Maddox laughs) The stinky Oculus Rift future.

Maddox: No bodies, buddy. I'm just a mind in a jar! I don't give a shit! Say what you want!

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but that's not what the Oculus Rift is! It's not a mind in a jar! It's just…goofy goggles that have a computer on them.

Maddox: You have no idea, my friend. (Dick giggles) You know, if I was in the Oculus Rift right now? Poof! You'd be gone. It'd be a whole new podcast, new audience! I don't have to listen to any criticism! See ya! I'm GORO!!! Oh, man. I'm gonna kill everybody! It's gonna be amazing. I can't wait. And Addresses.

Dick: And Addresses.

Maddox: What are your solutions?

Dick: My solutions are Soap and Anonymous Comments.

Maddox: Uh, good solutions this week.

(Closing riff starts)

Maddox: Guys, don't forget to vote on these. http://www.thebiggestproblemintheuniverse.com. We have a lot more coming. Thanks for supporting the show!

Biggest Solution in the Universe - Episode 06

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(Heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Solution In The Universe! I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson…

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy? (grinning)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello.

Maddox: Welcome back, people.

Dick: Wooo!

Maddox: Bonus Episode Number Six.

Dick: Halfway through the season.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true.

Dick: We're halfway through the season.

Maddox: Yeah, we are halfway through the season. And thanks again for supporting the show, guys. It really, really helps out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: By the way, Dick, so…one of the big reasons we started doing these bonus episodes and had ads on the regular shows is to help pay for certain things like pay for people to produce bits for us or transcribers.

Dick: Asterios.

Maddox: Yeah, Asterios.

Dick: Boisterous Coconuts.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Gotta pay that guy, because you don't believe in having people work for free.

Maddox: No, of course not.

Dick: I do, you don't. (Maddox cracks up) I would chop that fucking guy's comedy up with nothing!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, "Asterios, you put your comedy out there, and you like it!!" (Maddox laughs) Not Maddox, 'cause you're a good person.

Maddox: Yeah, uh…

Dick: Is that accurate?

Maddox: That's accurate.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm the best person. The best person in the universe. Uh, yeah. So, all the transcriptions are up for every single episode, including the bonus episodes. Guys, if you haven't checked those out, really look through them, 'cause there's some…there's some subtle intonations they add in there. They pick up on things that we were saying.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In between the things we were saying. You know what I mean? So sometimes they'll be writing something and in parentheses, they'll say "with a wink", or "nodding", or "smiling", or whatever. (grins) Even though they can't see us, they hear it.

Dick: They…they take liberties. (Maddox laughs) They take too many liberties every once in a while.

Maddox: Oh, too many, huh?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, so all the transcriptions are up.

Dick: I'm doing a lot of winking in those transcriptions. I don't know if I'm comfortable with that.

Maddox: Yeah, you're always winking, buddy. Um, alright. Well, let's get this out of the way. (sighs) Biggest solutions from last time. Huge upset! Soap.

Dick: Soap, really?! (incredulous) (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) You fucker. Oh, you're acting all surprised, like you didn't know look! (angry)

Dick: I didn't know that!

Maddox: You didn't look?

Dick: No!

Maddox: Yeah, fuck…fuck you! Soap!

Dick: Ohohoho!!! Great!! (grinning)

Maddox: Your fucking bullshit. You know what? And then Anonymous Comments. That was a solution…how is that a solution to anything? You were the…

(Sound clip: Titanic theme starts)

Maddox: Oh, you motherfucker!!! (Dick and Sean crack up) (Maddox gives in and laughs) You piece of shit! You mother…you…

Dick: (interjects) I got a sweep! Clean sweep. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. I'm so happy for you, Dick. (dripping with sarcasm)

Dick: Yeah!! (big grin)

Maddox: I'm so happy for the…

Dick: (interjects) Well, soap is a big…stinkiness is a big problem, filth is a big problem. It's haunted our…species.

(Song continues: "Maaadddox is an asshole…"

Dick: For thousands of years. (laughs) Oh, soap is a great solution, man! You need it every day. What else do you need every day? It turns you from a savage into a human being. You go for three days without soap, you feel like a fucking animal! You get some soap on your body, you feel like a human! It's the basis of civilization! (rants)

(Song continues in the background)

Maddox: Dick Masterson.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sounds like a Dove campaign over here! (disgusted) Love your body. (Dick cracks up) THIS BULLSHIT SONG!! (angry) I fucking hate this song! I hate, hate, hate, this fucking song! (Dick is still laughing) Making me so mad! Oh, I just wanna eat my own dick off! UGH! (Dick cracks up) This fucking bullshit ass song!

Dick: Aaaahhh. (satisfied)

Maddox: I hate it! I hate the voice. I hate the singing. I hate everything. Go fuck YOURSELF!!

(Song trails off)

Maddox: Fuck you.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You know what? I got a comment. That was…the person who made that song, his name's Grant Mooney, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The first comment I wanna bring in is from **Grant Mooney**. (Dick giggles) Uh… he said, **"Looking forward to the Penn & Teller Best Show in the Universe episode in another 6 years. Can't wait!"** sarcastically. (annoyed) Okay, Grant? I picked up on your sarcasm. Then he followed up with, **"Uh, hey man, I'm just happy to be a part of the process, even if the process I'm being a part of is Maddox withholding content for another year to spite his fans."**

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: Well, congratulations, Grant Mooney, you're getting' spited. So, fuck you. Everyone…you can send your thanks to Grant for de…

Dick: (interjects) What do you mean, he's getting spited? What are you doing? (grins)

Maddox: Well, so he wanted me to talk about…I think in the last…

Dick: About Penn & Teller.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He wanted me to talk about that Penn & Teller episode I was on.

Dick: Uh-huh. (grins)

Maddox: And I mentioned how it was going to be a Best Show in the Universe episode.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Rather than a podcast episode.

Dick: Right, sure.

Maddox: Because it's a visual medium, right? And he said…and then I mentioned at some point that sometimes I spite my fans?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. So you're delaying it on account of him?

Maddox: On account of him!

Dick: For how long?!

Maddox: Yeah! I…(sputters) We'll see!

Dick: Ohoho!! Man. (laughs)

Maddox: It depends on his behavior, doesn't it? (Dick cracks up) It depends on his behavior and how often I hear that fucking bullshit-ass song.

Dick: It depends on his behavior. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah. And then Addresses. And then…and THEN, dead last, Oculus Rift! At least it was in the positive territory, though.

Dick: Yeah, barely, man! (grins)

Maddox: You guys are idiots. Everyone's an idiot except for me. I have said that from day one, and I firmly, staunchly, believe it. I want that on my tombstone. "Everyone's An Idiot Except For Me."

Dick: I got some voice…oh, um. This ones from **Tim Prowant. "Maddox, aren't you even just a little afraid that Sean might accidentally delete you while you are in the Oculus Rift?"** (Maddox cracks up) That's a good point.

Maddox: Sean. Sean rolled his eyes so hard just now. (laughing) Yeah. Um…

Dick: A couple taps of the finger. You're like Ray Charles over there. BLOOP! There goes Maddox.

Sean: I do everything very efficiently. (deadpan)

Maddox: (laughing) Including deleting…efficiently. (cracking up)

Sean: You should have seen…you would have been in awe how fast I did that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And then also how quickly I spent 300 bucks on a couple recovery programs. (laughs)

Maddox: Ohhhh, yeah. Oh, you bought recovery pro…

Sean: (interjects) You've never seen somebody spend 300 bucks faster on recovery programs.

Maddox: Oh, man. I got some malware on my fucking computer 'cause I was trying to find a recovery program for your Mac. Your bullshit-ass Mac?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Well, then we found…I think it was ProTools just immediately, like, overwrites it.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: It doesn't go through the norm…whatever. We talked about it enough.

Maddox: Alright, nerds.

Sean: Later.

Maddox: So I got a comment from **Laurie Foster**, speaking of transcribers. Laurie's one of our transcribers. Thank you, Laurie. Laurie and Megan. They do an excellent job transcribing each episode. Uh, Laurie said…this was one of the top comments. She said, **"I like how the Oculus Rift could have potentially been a very good and philosophically interesting solution, but instead, Maddox spent most of his time talking about using it for TV…"**

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "…which then devolved into a very weird discussion about cheating on your girlfriend by sticking your dick into the Earth." (they all crack up) And she said, **"What about using the Oculus Rift for education? Bring children on field trips to various locations and teach them about flora and fauna without ever leaving the classroom. What about using the Oculus Rift for surgeries and medical procedures, or 3D movies?"** she just went on, and on, and on.

Dick: Yeah, yeah. Can you stick your dick in any of that stuff?!!?

Maddox: Yeah. You know what, guys…

Sean: Or as you said, more efficient programming.

Maddox: Yeah, and she's like…

Sean: (interjects) He uses the Oculus Rift…

Dick: Oculus Rift to write code. (Sean cracks up)

Sean: More efficiently.

Maddox: You guys laugh now. (Dick laughs) You're so behind, man. You guys are so… look, I would've gotten to that stuff if we had, like, a 5-hour long episode, 'cause the potential here is limitless.

Dick: Oh. You just wanted to get to the important stuff, first. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. (scoffs)

Maddox: You know what, man? I just…I was enthusiastic because I had just used it and I just wanted to share my enthusiasm with you guys.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I'm sorry it was lost on you apes. You…you…(Sean laughs)

Dick: You were recently enlightened!

(Sound clip: Monkey hooting)

Dick: You were a recently enlightened person and you wanted to share your experience! (grins)

Maddox: That's…that's not my problem. That's not my problem. I don't give a shit! That's not mine. That was Whitney's. That's not me. I don't care. Whatever. Buncha apes.

(Voice mail: (male voice) "Funny that a few weeks ago, Maddox defended Nerd Culture as being a problem, because on the last solutions episode, he claimed he was gonna use this special virtual reality video game to enslave all those he finds to be inferior and force them to do nothing (Maddox giggles in the background) **but mine resources so that he never has to get up off the couch."**

Maddox: Yep.

"That's the nerdiest shit I've ever heard in my life." (Maddox and Dick crack up) **"Probably one good thing about that virtual reality video game is maybe Dick can use it to go fuck himself."**

Dick: Awwwwwwwww. (Maddox laughs) Oooh.

Maddox: Yeah. It's not just video games, you idiots. Like, you don't understand. Yeah, you can do surgeries in this thing. You can go to places you've never been in this thing. You can do…

Dick: You can do surgeries on what, fake people?

Maddox: No, you can actually have a surgeon. Like, let's say there's a world class surgeon.

Dick: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Maddox: Who lives in Dubai. And somebody in America has a really rare procedure that needs to be done. And this guy's the best of the best. And rather than fly him out and wait 24 hours or 17 hours or however long it takes for him to be there physically, they can just

put him with this machine that he controls his limbs remotely and then does the surgery remotely.

Dick: Yeah. Alright.

Maddox: Don't you think that's amazing technology?

Dick: Not really. Just put him on a plane.

Maddox: Oh. (sighs, disgusted)

Dick: Like, all these applications of your video games are such a stretch. I get it. He can… yeah, he could do it in bed. He could just sit there being in bed, doing surgeries all around the world…but I just…I'd rather him be there.

Maddox: Well, who…

Dick: (interjects) I'd rather fly the guy there.

Maddox: Well, who wouldn't, Dick, but say there is a surgery that he has to do in Ohio, and then one in Germany, and then one in Spain. You're just gonna put him on a plane and he's gonna be fatigued? He's gonna show up and do a shitty job? Are you kidding me? There's not enough time! What…how do you treat time?

Dick: What kind of surgeries is this guy doing?

Maddox: All…the best kinds.

Dick: Alright, alright, look. I don't wanna get lost in the weeds, here. I…it was…I got something special for you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In light of all this Oculus Rift stuff, alright?

Maddox: Uh-huh. Okay.

Dick: I've been…I've been kinda beating you up with the winning recently.

Maddox: Mhmm. (annoyed)

Dick: So I wanted to make that up to you.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: So I got you a special present.

Maddox: Oh, you got me a present.

Dick: This was not easy to find.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: This was not easy to get a hold of.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Alright? I know how much you…I know how much the Oculus Rift means to you. (Maddox laughs) Alright? So…

Maddox: Whoaaaaaaa!! I'm getting excited here. Wait a second. So, first of all, uh… Dick…

Dick: Hold on, it's heavy.

Maddox: Dick is handing me this giant box with Christmas wrapping on it. (giggles)

Dick: That's all I had. And I only had enough to cover part of the box. (giggles)

Maddox: He only covered the top…hold on, let's…I gotta take a picture of this.

Dick: Alright, go ahead.

Maddox: We're gonna post a picture of this on the website.

Dick: Now, it took me awhile to track this thing down.

Maddox: Alright. Here we go. I'm gonna open this up. (crumples) Oh my…this is a heavy box.

Dick: This is als…yeah, it's heavy! It surprised me how heavy it was, actually. You can just open it from there. (tearing sounds) I think you…I think you'll really….(Maddox cracks up laughing)

Maddox: You motherfucker.

Dick: I think you'll really appreciate this. (Sean dies of laughter in the background) It's basically the same thing as an Oculus Rift.

Maddox: Piece of shit! He got me a Viewmaster. Those 3D Viewmasters. Those red things that you put the little slides in and you click. (Sean still cracking up)

Dick: Maddox. You can go anywhere you want with this device. (Maddox chuckles) And at a fraction of the price. You can go to Dinosaur Land. You can try it in the box! It says "Try Me" right now. You can put your eyeballs in it.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? I…I was about to bitch you out, and I turned it around, and the first thing on the back says, "Age of the Dinosaurs" and it shows dinosaurs, and I thought, "Ooh, that's cool." (they all crack up)

Dick: I don't know if you could perform surgery with that thing…

Maddox: No, you CAN'T perform surgery…you don't understand that the virtual reality is going to be better…is a better experience than real…actual reality.

Dick: Alright. (grins)

Maddox: You don't understand it.

Dick: No, I know, I know. (grins)

Maddox: You can't comprehend.

Dick: Simon…Simon Kempthorne says, **"With Oculus Rift, Asterios Kokkinos can really become a digital cyberdemon."**

Maddox: Oh, that's a scary thought.

Dick: It's true. Uh…**John White** asks, **"Maddox, how do you program with your forearms?"**

Maddox: Is that a pun? Is that a Goro pun joke because I said I was gonna become Goro and have four arms.

Dick: I dunno.

Maddox: Is he saying "four", eff oh ewe arr? Or eff oh arr ee?

Dick: He's saying it like the body part.

Maddox: Like forearms!

Dick: I think he's saying your forearms are gigantic. How do you program with those things?

Maddox: Oh, yeah.

Dick: Like Popeye.

Maddox: They get in the way.

Dick: Alright. Let's, um…now that all the fun is over with, let's watch some Titanic.

Maddox: Is there anything else in there?

Dick: Oh, just some books, so it felt heavier than it was.

Maddox: Ohhhh, you motherfucker! I thought you were gonna give me an Oculus Rift! You made me all happy! (Dick cracks up) I'm so pissed off! This is bullshit. (upset)

Dick: Maddox, look. You can go to a wild animal park…

Maddox: Yeah that's…that is kinda cool. And there's, uh…let's see. Images from Discovery Kids. Marine life, French angel fish love to eat sea sponges.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I didn't know that. I just learned something.

Dick: Try it out! Look in it. What do you see?

Maddox: Oh, great. Safari adventures! Gorillas are the largest primates and are similar to humans in many ways. Oh, I see dinosaurs! This is pretty cool. (laughs) Oh, wow! This is actually pretty…you guys are idiots! You don't think this is cool?

Dick: Well, yeah. I think that's cool. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. I just see dinosaurs in this. This is the b…this is better than I expected. Backfire, dickhead! (Dick laughs) Yeah. I'm happy!

Dick: I…I WANT you to enjoy it! (Maddox laughs) I want it to tide you over until science can remove your brainstem and plug in a bunch of electrodes.

Maddox: I can't…I can't wait, you asshole. I can't wait.

Dick: Alright. So when we last left Titanic…(Maddox growls) a guy with an Oculus Rift-type headset was navigating a submarine deep in the wreckage of the Titanic. On the search for something interesting.

Maddox: Yeah, well. They're not gonna find it in that movie. (Dick chuckles)

(Dick starts playing video clip from Titanic)

Dick: Oh, Maddox. Look at that.

Maddox: I'm not gonna look, Dick. I've not seen a single frame of this movie.

Dick: What is it? It looks like a safe. Or a mantle.

Maddox: Except for the boobs. I'm not gonna look!

Dick: There might be boobs, though.

Maddox: It's not…

Dick: Lookit, this robot has some boobs.

Maddox: You know how I know it's not boobs? I have the boob formula for movies. I made that when I was 16 years old.

Dick: What is that?

Maddox: I'll tell you right after this bullshit ends.

Dick: Look, it's a piano.

(Clip continues in background as the team on Titanic searches through the ship)

Maddox: I'm not gonna look.

Dick: Where was that piano used?

Maddox: Probably up someone's ass.

Dick: Maybe a ghost. (Maddox scoffs) Maybe a ghost is gonna start playing it.

Maddox: I wish. If there were ghosts on the Titanic…

(They start muttering in the clip about finding something)

Dick: They found something. There's the guy with the Oculus Rift.

Maddox: I…am looking at my crotch.

Dick: Isn't that music suspenseful, at least?

Maddox: I dunno, is…(burps) this suspenseful, Dick? (laughs)

Dick: They're in! They got something.

(Clip ends)

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: What could it be?!

Maddox: Well, I'm gonna guess it's a ship full of dead people, 'cause they're morons who were obsessed with this one shipwreck. That's what it is! It's a literal shipwreck.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fucking bullshit-ass movie. (irritated) About adultery. That's what it is. Celebration of adultery. Yeah, so I have the boob formula.

Dick: What is it?

Maddox: A long time ago, my friends and I would rent a whole bunch of softcore porn and action movies that we knew had boobs in them, and generally, within the first 15 minutes, the first quarter of the movie, about 6 to 8 minutes in, there was a boob scene. If it's past the 11-minute mark, it's gonna be at the 14-minute mark. Around the 14-minute mark. And then, after that, around the middle of the movie, there's another sex scene, and then, depending on how suspenseful the movie is…first of all, if anyone gets killed…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: …after the three-quarters mark in the movie, you're not gonna see any more boobs. Just turn it off.

Dick: Oh, that's interesting.

Maddox: That's a guarantee. Yeah. Because it changes…

Dick: (interjects) Like, what movie can you think of that did that? Or just all of 'em?

Maddox: All of 'em, yeah.

Dick: 'Cause all those 80's action movies had gratuitous tits leading up the action, and then it…once…I think you're right. I don't remember any afterwards.

Maddox: Well, there's a series called Night Trap. And it was a Shannon Tweed series. You know who Shannon Tweed is?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, famous softcore pornstar actress.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: And most of her movies…I based the formula on her movies. If someone died near the three-quarters mark, it changed the tone of the movie, and you were…like, people who are jerking off aren't gonna be into it anymore.

Dick: Hmm.

Maddox: So it changed the tone of the movie, made it darker. And you never saw any more boobs after that. Uh…if you did, it would be a shower scene right before the murder, but that's it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, the best sex scene is usually in the middle of the movie. It's the longest one. It's usually, you know, the climax. So, anyway. That's my boob theory.

Dick: Yeah, like Demolition Man sticks to that formula. Tits right up front.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then nothing. Under Siege.

Maddox: Mhmm.

Dick: Girl pops out of the cake.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then nothing.

Maddox: I wouldn't know anymore, because they don't make softcore porn movies anymore.

Dick: These kids today!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are so spoiled.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We had to make up formulas to find boobs in movies. We had to watch scrambly spice channels, and like, try to identify areolas in the static.

Maddox: It was fun. That was fun!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I would sit up all night…and then, it was perfect, too, because if my parents came in the room and they saw the scrambled porn, of course, it was not part of their generation, so they had no idea what I was doing.

Dick: No idea.

Maddox: I would just hit mute and it'd just look like scrambly bullshit. But every now and then, there was that magic moment.

Dick: Yep!

Maddox: Where you'd have a second or two of unscrambled porn.

Dick: Yeah, it was, like…something, like synced up in the static.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it would, like…for a moment, it would rotate at the same speed, like, watching, like…a tape.

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Like, for a moment it would be in sync and it would just…it would wash the screen in green pornography.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you would go, "Oh my god, I'm burning this into my brain."

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Uh…for those who've never seen this effect, it's kind of hard to explain, but there was a…you know the vertical hold on old TVs, they would be, like, kind of a vertical hold out of sync, and a horizontal hold out of sync.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So it was kind of both, like, X and Y axes were kind of wiggly and wobbly.

Dick: Uh-huh. (giggles)

Maddox: And every now and then, it just…you know. It just straightened up. And you could see uncensored boobs.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was…it was a magical moment.

Dick: We had it rough.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, you wanna get to a…solution?

Maddox: Yeah, I do wanna get to a solution, Dick. (exhales) But before I get to my solution, I have a story to tell. Leading up to it.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So, you remember a couple of episodes back, during the regular show. I talked about hippies. And specifically, my neighbor, who is a hippie.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Who sprayed water inside my car windows! (angry) You remember that, Dick? You remember that, Sean?

Dick: Yeah. Unbelievable.

Maddox: Like, crazy, crazy neighbor.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Well, she's at it again.

Dick: Oh. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Good.

Maddox: She's at it again, except, this time, I have a recording of her. (Dick cracks up)

Dick: Okay. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah. I'm bringing in, for the first time ever in Biggest Problem in the Universe history…or Biggest Solution. A recording of my crazy hippie neighbor yelling and berating the neighborhood. And now, she has a new toy, Dick. She's running around the neighborhood with a megaphone!

Dick: Oh, my god.

Maddox: So I was sitting in my apartment working…and I kept hearing this car alarm going off. Or what I thought was a car alarm. It just went off, and then it would start and stop, and start and stop, in an interval that was too fast for a car alarm, and I thought, "What the fuck is this noise?"

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Eventually, I went outside to investigate. And I saw this…this poor lady, who was trying to deliver a package from Amazon to the apartment next door to the crazy hippie neighbor.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the lady was scared because the crazy hippie was chasing her around with a megaphone, screaming at her and blasting her with a siren!

Dick: At the delivery girl?

Maddox: At the delivery girl.

Dick: Oh, my god.

Maddox: So I went over and tried…

Dick: (interjects) You live in a mad house.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. It's insane. So I went over and tried to distract the hippie lady and here's…here's the first clip I wanna play for you guys. Listen…this is her using the megaphone. Listen to this.

(Clip starts: Siren wails…Maddox muttering)

Maddox: That's me.

Dick: Are you hiding yourself taping, or?

Maddox: No, I'm just standing outside.

Dick: Doing it surreptitiously? Or just right in her face?

(Clip ends, siren still going)

Maddox: No, I'm beh…I'm standing off to the side, watching her chase this poor lady around her delivery truck.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So, I felt bad and I thought, you know, this poor lady has no idea what she's in for. So I better go over there and disarm her. 'Cause this woman, this hippie, is violent!

She has proclivity towards violence, 'cause she's punched me in the chest, you remember?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, so…

Dick: Call the cops. That's assault, brother.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, it is assault. It is assault.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh…and so, I walked up to her and I thought, "Well, I better rescue this poor lady, because she's gonna get punched. She doesn't know what's coming from this crazy, unstable, mean, belligerent, piece of shit hippie." So I walked up to the hippie, and this was my first interaction with her.

(Sound clip starts:

Hippie: (whining) Beh beh beh beh beh!! (taunting)

(Sean and Maddox laugh)

(Siren starts again)

Maddox: She's blasting me in the face with it.

Dick: Right in your face.

Hippie: Goodbye! Goodbye. And you…you kind of look like…like, you know…some like…a tall thing. (cackles)

(Clip ends)

Dick: A what? (creeped out)

Maddox: A tall…a tall thing. And then she just cackled. She's so…she's almost unintelligible.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, she reeks. She smells like shit. Maybe she could use some soap, Dick. Maybe your solution is a big solution. So…so then I confronted her and I said, "Hey, leave this lady alone. What's going on here?" And I…I think I told her she was just trying to make a delivery, leave her alone. And here's what she said.

(Sound clip starts again:

Maddox: Yeah? Can I help you?

Delivery woman: (unintelligible)…I'm trying to deliver and she's getting crazy.

Maddox: Yeah, I know.

Hippie: She's delivering a baby! And you…at the same time. (whispers)

(Clip ends)

Dick: Ohohohoho!!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: So…so, and that was the poor Amazon lady in the background. She said, "I'm just trying to deliver a package", and I was trying to comfort her. I said, "I know, I know. She's crazy. I'm trying to lure her away from you so you can deliver your package."

Dick: Which she thought was a baby?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, I guess. She said, "She's delivering a baby." I dunno, she's out of her fucking mind! She's an asshole. And, you know what? It's too generous to say that she's out of her mind, because that…that alleviates her of culpability, but I'll tell you in a minute why she is culpable. I'll tell you why. Um, so, here's when she started to really confront me, because uh…I lured her away from the lady. The poor lady was sitting in her car trying to call the police.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And…and here's what happened. Here's when the hippie lady came up to me.

(Sound clip:

Hippie: Right? What are you doing now? What?

Maddox: (censored), are you bored?

Hippie: Well, what? What did you just say?

Maddox: Are you…

(**Maddox:** I bleeped her name. I didn't want to play her name.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah. Here.)

Hippie: No, before that, you said a name.

Maddox: Your name, (censored)?

Hippie: Yeah, who the fuck is…

(**Dick:** You're not just calling her a cunt and you're bleeping that out? (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No, I wish.)

Maddox: I've introduced myself several times to you.

Hippie: Wait a minute. Are you over there?

Maddox: No.

Hippie: Well, where are you?

Maddox: I'm not gonna tell.

Hippie: Well, you know what? You know what? (unintelligible) I just wanna take my fist and just fucking pound it into your head.

(Dick cackles maniacally)

Hippie: (unintelligible)…fucking shit motherfucker! And you can't, like…you can't…

(Clip ends)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Dude. She sounds like the crazy chick from Pulp Fiction. At the beginning of Pulp Fiction?

Maddox: Ohh, yeah!!

Dick: "I'll execute every one of you last motherfuckers!" (crazy voice) That chick.

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: Amanda Plummer?

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: And she has that…

Sean: (interjects) I like how she gets totally coherent when she wants to insult you.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. When she's violent.

Dick: When violence is involved.

Maddox: And she's threatening me. And she started to clench her fist at this point, by the way, guys. And I know she's…I know she's capable of punching people, 'cause I've been punched by this bitch before! Of course. And I can't do ANYTHING in self defense, because I'm always gonna be the victim here!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ALWAYS! Unless I have absolute evidence! That's why I'm recording everything. You always record interactions like this.

Dick: I'll vouch for ya!

Maddox: (giggles) Thanks, Dick.

Dick: Just knock her out. (Maddox laughs) Nah, Maddox was over at my house!

Maddox: So she kept…(laughs) She kept insisting.

Dick: You can do it. (grins)

Maddox: She kept insisting at this point. She said, uh…

Dick: (interjects) There's no way one man ran up a bar tab this big! He was clearly with me! Right?

Maddox: Oh, that's a good alibi.

Dick: That's a good alibi!

Maddox: Yeah. I'm with ya. So, she kept insisting to try to find out what my name was. And here's what I told her.

(Sound clip:

Hippie: You can't reveal yourself.

Maddox: Okay.

Hippie: 'Cause you don't have the fucking balls. Don't tell me 'okay'!!

(Dick laughs)

Hippie: I'm asking you who the fuck you are that you know me and I'm seeing you, like, "Who are you?" And you…you have no politeness.

Maddox: I'm being polite.

Hippie: Aaaaaaah, deh deh deh deh deh!! (taunting)

(Maddox and Dick crack up)

Hippie: (unintelligible) …I don't know who the fuck you are and you know my name…you dickless fuck."

(Maddox and Dick laugh again)

Hippie: Who are you? Who are you? Who the FUCK are you?!

Maddox: Have a good night.

Hippie: You know what?! Don't tell me good night. Tell me who the fuck you are.

(Dick laughs)

Maddox: I'm Jeff.

Clip ends)

(Maddox laughs)

Dick: Jeff! Nice to meet you, Jeff.

Maddox: Jeff. (laughing) Yeah, so uh…so I'm Jeff. And she just goes on. Like, she just loses it at this point. 'Cause I think she suspects. I've told…I've int…she knows who I am! I've introduced myself multiple times.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And she's playing dumb here. Listen to this.

(Sound clip:

Hippie: Jeff?

Maddox: Yep.

Hippie: Hello, Jeff!!!! And may I ask where you live?

Maddox: I'm up the street.

Hippie: Oh, up the street. On (censored). Where are you?

Maddox: I'm not gonna tell you.

Hippie: What?!?! I just told you who I…

Maddox: Yeah. Goodnight, (censored).

Hippie: You see? You see how ball-less…ball-less you are?

Maddox: Yeah.

(**Dick:** Ball-less.

Maddox: Ball-less.)

Hippie! No! You're a fuckin' dick.

Clip ends)

Maddox: (laughing) So I'm standing here, and meanwhile, the poor Amazon lady is sitting there, cowering in her car.

Dick: Awww.

Maddox: 'Cause she's belligerent. She smells drunk. And she's got the megaphone and she's cursing me out. And her fists are clenched! And by this time, the neighborhood is outside. My neighbor across the street and the neighbor next door. The…the girl who lives up the street from me. Everyone's outside, watching this exchange go on.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And I'm telling everyone, "Don't worry. I got this. I'm just trying to get her back inside her house." I just don't want her to see where I live, because she's batshit crazy.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: She's the reason I installed security cameras around me…

Dick: (interjects) I like that you're kind of also winding her up a little bit in the video with your tone. (Maddox laughs) Like "Ugh. I won't tell you where I live." (quiet voice) Like, that's how you drive people like that insane.

Maddox: Yep. (grins) So, at this point, she realizes I've been recording her. I mean, I'm not hiding my camera. I'm just holding it right in her face.

Dick: Okay. Yeah.

Maddox: Here's what she says.

(Sound clip starts:

Hippie: I don't know who the fuck you are, and I know you're jealous. Hey. HEY!! Oh, are we recording, dickless?

Maddox: Yeah, we are. (whispers)

(Dick guffaws)

Hippie: Dickless slash ball-less. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah! Put that on your fucking video scope.

Clip ends)

Dick: You got it. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You got it, dumb bitch! I got it on my video scope, you fucking asshole! Um, so then, this is the final clip. She started blasting me for, like, a solid minute. Yeah, what… what were you gonna say, Sean?

Sean: A video scope. It sounds like she just got back from the proctologist.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles)

Sean: She's a little confused. (grins)

Maddox: Well, they didn't find all that sand up her ass. (Sean laughs) So, she…at this point, she blasted me for, like, a minute with that stupid fucking siren. (Dick groans) And for the mercy of our listeners, I edited most of that out, but here's just a little hint of that, and it's the last clip I'll play before I tell you what my solution is.

(Sound clip:

(Siren wailing)

(**Dick:** Oh, god.)

Hippie: Hey, I thought you were going the other way! I thought you lived over here! (shrill) Why you going over here?

Maddox: Stop following me, (censored)!

(Dick cracks up, Maddox laughs)

(Clip ends)

Dick: "Stop following me!!" (wails)

Maddox: Yeah. She just followed me up and down the street. I was trying to walk away from her and she was following me, trying to punch me and blast me with that fucking megaphone1

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Listen to this.

(Sound clip:

Hippie: (whispers) Bitch.

Maddox: I'm gonna call…(censored)

Hippie: Oh! You want some more, you motherfucker!

(Dick cracks up)

Maddox: I'm gonna call the police. I'm calling the police.

Hippie: What are you calling the police for?

(**Dick:** Is she inside you at that point? You want some more, you little bitch!? (laughs)

Maddox: Because you're harassing the neighborhood.

Hippie: I'm harassing the neighborhood?

Maddox: Yep. And I got it on video.

Hippie: Ahh, deh deh deh deh deh! (taunts)

Maddox: I'm just trying to …(censored)

(Siren starts again)

Clip ends)

Dick: Oh my God, dude. This woman's a menace.

Maddox: Yeah. She's a menace. Can you imagine having to deal with that every day?

Dick: No!!!

Maddox: And then, the other day, she woke up at 5 AM and just started cussing and yelling and screaming, nonstop, for four hours! I have a tape of that at 5 in the morning! Everybody in the neighborhood's tired of her. The police eventually showed up and came up and took a report from the Amazon lady, but of course, it didn't…a single thing out.

Dick: Yeah, what are they gonna do?

Maddox: They didn't do anything! They walked up to her, and they said, "Ma'am, please go back inside the house." And she started playing…this is why I'm not going to give her the benefit of crazy. She…you can't just dismiss what she's doing as crazy, because as soon as the cop arrived, she played nice old lady with two cats. She said, "Oh officer, I just live here with two cats. I don't understand what's going on!"

Dick: Oh, man.

Maddox: "These people are harassing me!" And, and…of course, like, just absolutely fucking lied. Bald-faced lie.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If she was irrational, she wouldn't be that put together.

Dick: No.

Maddox: To lie to the officer. And then the officer said, "Okay, I understand, ma'am. I'll go talk to him and make sure he doesn't harass you anymore." And then, um…

Dick: Did they?

Maddox: N…well, the officer turned his back to her, and as soon as his back was turned to her, she looked at me and flipped me off! And I'm like "Ohhhh, this fucking bitch!" (Dick groans) Because I was thinking about doing the same thing, but I thought, "You know what? I'm gonna keep it clean this time."

Dick: That's where you fucked up!

Maddox: Yeah. And, uh…and so the officer came by and he was like, "Uh…" I tried to show him the video. He didn't give a shit!

Dick: No.

Maddox: He didn't give a shit! And then the Amazon lady's like, "Well, are you gonna do anything?" And he goes, "Uh, I'll just stand here and watch you deliver the package." And she did. She delivered it. And they did nothing.

Dick: Great. (scoffs)

Maddox: And this guy…

Dick: How much is the shipping on this fucking package with two cop escorts to go 20 feet?

Maddox: Yeah. And it took 45 minutes for her to just deliver that one package. (Dick groans) And the police didn't even file a report. So there's no case! There's no record of this occurring!

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So…and no matter how many noise complaints. No matter how many..how many…you know what, Dick? I got the solution to this.

Dick: What's the solution?

Maddox: The solution is Euthanasia.

(Sound clip: Clapping)

Dick: Oh, good.

Maddox: Euthanasia. Yeah!!!

Dick: Is that a person killing themselves, or you're just talking about society euthanizing her?

Sean: I was gonna ask the same thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: 'Cause I think it's the latter. (laughs)

Dick: I think it's the latter as well. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well, uh…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, it might be the final solution, I think. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: (laughs) Well…careful talking about final solutions, buddy. (grins)

Dick: You're the one that brought it in! (Maddox chuckles) Go ahead. What is…what's…

Maddox: So, euthanasia. Dick, that's an important distinction. Whether or not they choose to do it or you choose to do it. (giggles)

Dick: Yeah, well. (laughs)

Maddox: Euthanasia comes from the Greek words "eu" and "Thanatos", which means literally, good death. It's the good death. It's the practice of intentionally ending lives to relieve pain or suffering. It's a mercy killing. And I would extend that definition to include

relief for the person or people who are suffering because of the person being euthanized. So I would say…I would extend that definition to include me.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So I…I think that's fair. I think if other people are suffering because of someone's existence, maybe you could make a case for euthanasia for that person.

Dick: You don't even need to make the case…we already…we do it all the time.

Maddox: Like what?

Dick: Criminals. Kill 'em. They're causing suffering.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, I guess.

Dick: Uh…soldiers in other countries. Well, we gotta kill those guys, too.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They don't wanna do what we wanna do.

Maddox: So we involuntarily euthanize them.

Dick: We voluntarily euthanize them. That's called "war"!

Maddox: Yeah, well. They're not choosing, I guess. They're not choosing.

Dick: Well, that's up to…I dunno. We don't care about that.

Maddox: No. Of course not. (grins)

Dick: No.

Maddox: Wikipedia has that distinction, though. They talk about the three different types of euthanasia. There is voluntary, non-voluntary, and involuntary. Now, those last two kind of sound similar, so I was looking this up to see what exactly it means by non-voluntary and involuntary. Voluntary is legal in some countries. So, obviously, if someone wants to be euthanized…

Dick: Like cancer patients.

Maddox: Yeah, like cancer patients. They're able to be euthanized. Uh, non-voluntary is illegal in all countries, according to Wikipedia. And that counts for children and comas. Like, people who are in comas? (giggles)

Dick: Ohhh, like DNRs?

Maddox: Eehhh, yeah.

Dick: People without a Do not Resuscitate order?

Maddox: Yeah, correct. Or people in persistent vegetative state, like that Terry Schiavo cause a long time ago in the United States. There was a woman named Terry Schiavo who went into a coma and her brain was essentially liquefied.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: They did MRIs, they did CAT scans. They looked inside her skull. And they said, "Look, man. She's living in the sense that she has a pulse. But she's not alive. There's no hope of consciousness ever returning to her, because her brain is gone."

Dick: Right.

Maddox: She has no brain. She's in a persistent vegetative state. So I believe her husband wanted to…I don't remember which party was which. I believe her husband wanted to pull the plug as per her wish.

Dick: Probably.

Maddox: Yeah. And the family wanted to keep her on life support.

Dick: Sounds reasonable.

Maddox: Yeah. And so, there was this big, uh…last…you know, 11th hour effort. A whole bunch of evangelicals went down to the hospital, made a big song and dance about trying to save her life.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, you know. Supposedly. And eventually the court ordered…they said, "No, you idiots. The husband has the right to pull the plug. You can't choose to make the husband suffer any more than he has."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And this was also in her will. Her dying wish was, "Yes, pull the plug if there's no hope." And there was no hope, so that's what happened.

Dick: So you would like that to apply to you killing your neighbor. If I'm reading this solution correctly. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well, no, no, no. Not killing. Euthanizing, Dick.

Dick: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

Maddox: It's out of mercy and compassion.

'**Dick:** Okay.

Maddox: And then, finally, involuntary euthanasia is just called murder, uh…so…(laughs)

Dick: Yeah. I know that one.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckles) You know that one, yeah.

Sean: But before she goes, you get to spray her with a hose a couple times, first, right? At least that.

Dick: Yeah. Would it be good enough, just to euthanize her?

Maddox: I'll spray her with my hose. (Dick guffaws) (Maddox laughs) Before and after.

Sean: Didn't she turn the hose on you, too? Besides your car?

Maddox: Yeah, she did. She did.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Yeah.

Maddox: She drenched me with her hose. Which, by the way, if she had gotten closer to my apartment…I didn't want to show her where I lived, but if she had gotten closer enough, I would have drenched her for the hose. Shoved it right down her fucking throat, that bitch. (Dick snorts) Uh, yeah. It's not real compassionate, but this is prompted out of compassion, Dick.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And Sean. I do want to euthanize her. I feel like it's best for her and best for everybody if she was buried with two or three hundred pounds of dirt on top of her.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: I think that would make everybody feel better. Especially her.

Dick: Sounds like it. She doesn't sound happy.

Maddox: No. Uh…"Euthanasia is legal in the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Estonia, Albania, and in some US states, in Washington, Oregon, and Montana." And starting in 2015, Quebec, from Canada, is joining this list of winners.

Dick: Now we're talking about suicide, though. With those people.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Not murder.

Maddox: (laughs) This isn't murder, Dick! It's euthanasia. (giggles)

Dick: Okay. I'm just trying to keep it in the context of your introduction.

Maddox: It's non-voluntary euthanasia. That's what I…

Dick: Oh. Oh, I'm sorry. Ohh. That's very smart.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Rebranding some types of murder as…(Maddox laughs) non-voluntary euthanasia, 'cause no one would look it up.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Like women's suffrage. End women's suffrage. They don't look it up.

Maddox: No. No one knows.

Dick: Yeah. Okay.

Maddox: It sounds bad. Yeah.

Dick: Pro-non-voluntary euthanasia.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I like it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I like it.

Maddox: Thanks.

Dick: I'm on board.

Maddox: It's got a nice ring to it.

Dick: I'll do it! I got free time. You call me, when you get this through.

Maddox: Hey, Dick, what are you doing this afternoon? You got anything going on?

Dick: No!

Maddox: Ehh, wanna come buy and non-voluntary euthanize someone? (giggles)

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: They're suffering, but more importantly, I'm suffering.

Dick: Lemme get a buzz on first.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs) (Sean laughs) We'll fuck it up. Um, so there's a philosopher. Francis Bacon. Is that how it's pronounced?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Francis Bacon. 17th century philosopher…

Dick: (laughs) Yeah, that's how Bacon is pro…oh, like it would be something weird, like Ba-kon or something?

Maddox: Yeah, Francois Ba-kon or something like that.

Dick: No, no, no, It's "bacon".

Maddox: Some bullshit. Okay. He called euthanasia an easy, painless, and happy death.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I…I couldn't agree more. Francis, thank you. Thank you for writing in from the 17th century. Um, so here's..

Dick: (giggles) Not talking about murder in that sentence. (grins)

Maddox: Dick! It's not murder. (Dick guffaws) I'm talking specifically about non-voluntary euthanasia, not involuntary euthanasia. (Dick still laughing)

Dick: You are sick! (Maddox cracks up) Alright, what else did he say?

Maddox: Yeah. Well, you know, there's an important distinction. I…here's some arguments.

Dick: (laughing so hard he can't talk)

Maddox: Here's some arguments for euthanasia. It's awesome. Right? (Sean cracks up) There's the first argument, it's awesome.

Dick: Yeah. Sure. (sarcastic)

Maddox: If we want more people to embrace euthanasia as a solution, we have to sex it up! Don't you think? We have to gin it up a little bit.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Sex it up, sure.

Maddox: Put up some billboards around town. Euthanasia! Consider it!

Dick: It's cool. Like a guy with a leather jacket going, like, "Euthanasia, why not?"

Maddox: (cracking up) The Fonz.

Dick: I'd do it. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: I euthanized my mom this morning! (laughing)

Dick: Once is enough! What else could you say that about?! (Maddox and Sean crack up)

Maddox: One and done.

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: It's a good solution.

Dick: Boom!

Maddox: Right. What other solutions are so permanent, Dick? Huh?

Dick: I don't know. Just that one!

Maddox: This could be…this could be the biggest solution in the universe! (Dick giggles)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's why I brought this in. It's a good solution.

Dick: It will fix all problems! (Maddox laughs) That's for sure!

Maddox: I'll get a…I'll get a good night's rest if she was euthanized.

Dick: If you euthanize yourself? Oh.

Maddox: No...

Dick: If your neighbor's euthanized.

Maddox: I mean, either way I'd get a good nights' rest.

Dick: Right, right.

Maddox: But especially if she was euthanized.

Dick: Can't lose.

Maddox: You know, Dick, ever since she did that, I have been fantasizing about her dying. And I…she's never gonna die, 'cause she's…she's spry and…she looks like she's 180 years old, but she looks like she's never gonna die. Um, but sometimes I just sit there,

when I can't sleep at night, and I think about her falling and breaking her hip. Did I talk about this before?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah, I…I sometimes imagine her falling and breaking her hip, and then nobody coming to her house, and then she just starves to death and her cats eat her face off. And then I roll over, and I sleep just like an angel. I feel all cozy and I curl up in my blankets and it feels so good thinking about that. (Dick giggles) Makes me happy.

Dick: Confessions of a non-voluntary euthanizer. (Maddox laughs) You would say.

Maddox: Confession!? Biography!

Dick: The dreams…the dreams of a non-voluntary euthanizer.

Maddox: Hey, I may get a Nobel Peace Prize for this!

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: This is…

Dick: Why not?

Maddox: I am going good work here.

Dick: Obama's done a lot of non-voluntary euthanizing. (Maddox cracks up) And he got one. Right?

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not as much as Bush, but that's true.

Dick: Well…

Maddox: Uh…(laughing) Bush should get a Nobel Peace Prize. If Obama got one, why no…fuck it, why not?

Dick: I think they should just give every US president one. As soon as he gets in.

Maddox: (laughing) Here you go…here's…just like as one of their swag bags?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Here you go. Here's a Nobel for you.

Dick: Here's a booklet of all the Area 51 stuff, and your Nobel Peace Prize…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Make sure it fits.

Maddox: Yeah. (exhales) Um, it's something…it's a talking piece in the room, right?

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Um, I think we need to raise euthanasia awareness, Dick. I…I'm going to suggest…I'm proposing that everyone on Facebook change their profile pictures to a

spooky skeleton. (Dick cracks up) For 10 years. (Maddox laughs) That's my solution to raise awareness for euthanasia.

Dick: Oh, god. (laughing)

Maddox: I think it'll catch on. I think it's a pretty good campaign, don't you think?

Dick: I would love that. (laughs) Yeah, it's real great.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: A little bit slacktivisty, but I think…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The time involved makes it work.

Maddox: Dick, we don't have time for problems on this episode.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: We're talking about solutions.

Dick: Sorry.

Maddox: And slacktivism is a solution in this universe, isn't it? (Dick cracks up) Isn't it, huh, you fucking morons. You want your raise awareness campaigns. Here's a raising awareness for you! Anyway, Dick, um. Here's another argument. It helps end the kind of suffering from terminal disease. Right? I mean, that's a real argument.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: That, uh…people who are suffering…you know the movie Million Dollar Baby?

Dick: I do.

Maddox: Yeah. That movie was about euthanasia. The movie is about this boxer…

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Who had a really promising career, and she fought everybody that she could in her class, and she had to fight one last person, who was…who had a reputation for being a dirty fighter.

Dick: Ohh, no.

Maddox: And during the last round of the last fight, she was about to win, and the bell rang for the round to end.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, uh…the protagonist in the movie turned around and got sucker punched in the back of the head. And she fell over and she hit her neck on a stool and essentially broke her neck, and she became paralyzed.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And she was in lots of pain, lots of suffering, and there's a long, weepy ending where Clint Eastwood just sits by her bedside and just cries for, like, 45 minutes. Um…

Dick: Yeesh. And you won't watch Titanic, but you'll watch this shit?

Maddox: Well, I didn't know that shit was happening!!!

Dick: Mmmm. (unconvinced)

Maddox: So anyway, she got euthanized. Um, that's the ending of that movie. Good movie. Uh…(laughs)

Dick: Did you…lemme ask you something. Like…I don't know if…is your solution Euthanasia, like all the types of euthanasia? 'Cause it is funny what you're saying, but the actual…the right to die, like, not letting people kill themselves is kind of absurd.

Maddox: It is.

Dick: That that exists.

Maddox: It is.

Dick: That we live…we live in a world that is so oppressive and controlling, the idea that you cannot kill yourself is up for debate!

Sean: Look…only you have the right to decide what your life is worth.

Dick: Yeah. Sure.

Maddox: Right.

Sean: And it's up to you. It's not up to anybody else.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: If your life is not worth living to you, you should be able to end it.

Maddox: You know, the fact that we're debating this so much is endemic of this…of the problem that we're talking about here, is whether or not we're allowing people the agency to live or not live.

Dick: Did you ever read Scott Adams' diatribe about this?

Maddox: No.

Dick: By the way, he's the creator of Dilbert.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the guy that draws Dilbert.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Uh…his dad had some kind of horrible cancer.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And he was trying to kill himself, but it was illegal for him to do so. Where he lived. And, you know, what I've learned on the TV show House, is that doctors will leave the morphine thing…they'll leave the lock off of it and kind of say, "Well you know, I'm gonna go for a little bit…I left the lock off of the thing, and if you were to hit this button, it would kill you." Like, it would load you up with morphine and then you would die.

Maddox: Ohhhhhhh.

Dick: Like, as painlessly as it gets.

Maddox: Does that really happen? Or is that just a fictional thing from House?

Dick: Aahhhhhhhh…I think it is a real thing. They…like, House had crazy things…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But then, when they…they dealt seriously with some things and I…I took away from it that it was a serious thing that they were saying.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it seems reasonable, because no doctor…no learned man is just gonna sit there and go, "Derp, I can't figure out a way to get around this law!" (dorky voice) (Maddox chuckles) You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they're gonna go, like, "Uh, yeah. You know…the lock's off. Just take yourself out. There's nothing we can do."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "There's nothing we can do and a bunch of Bible-thumping assholes who like lording power over people's lives are not gonna tell me, a fucking doctor, what to do.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Right? So Scott Adams…this happened to his dad. He wrote this invective piece on his blog, which gets millions of hits. God knows how many hits it gets. About how he hopes that every single person who's against euthanasia, voluntary euthanasia, um…(Maddox giggles) he didn't mention specifically voluntary euthanasia, but I think it was implied.

Maddox: You sure he wasn't talking about non-voluntary? Yeah?

Dick: Pretty sure!!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That he wishes them, like, a violent and horrible, torturous death. It was…it was really jarring.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: To read, like, someone who's just not an asshole on Tumblr write this…um, vitriolic-laced piece on their personal website! Like, it was crazy.

Maddox: And then was there…

Dick: (Interjects) It was a good…

Maddox: And then was there a panel of Dilbert at the end that said, "Mondays, am I right?" (All three of them crack up, Dick the loudest)

Dick: Yeah. (grins)

Maddox: Oh, man. (Dick cracks up again) Ahh, Dick. I'm…I'm going over on my time on this. I'll just end it real quick with this…this is from the Telegraph. You know one of the first groups of state-sponsored euthanasia.

Dick: What?

Maddox: Were the Nazis. (Dick and Maddox crack up)

Dick: I mean, I guess.

Maddox: Making a good case for the final solution, buddy! (laughs) They started…it's not what you think, though. It's not what you think. "Nazis started killing disabled infants in 1939 as the first state-sponsored euthanasia. Hitler's office condoned euthanasia for serious and congenital illnesses." There was a child named Gerhardt Krechtmer, born blind with missing limbs. They called him an idiot. (laughs)

Dick: (snorts) Alright.

Maddox: Poor kid has no limbs! (laughing) (Dick laughs) Literally can't defend himself!

Dick: You idiot.

Maddox: Can't even se…(laughing) (unintelligible) Idiot.

Dick: Like…like the fourth stooge.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Larry, Moe, Curly, and Stumpy. (laughing)

Maddox: This is a quote from the article. It says, "In his testimony, Dr. Brandt said, "The father of a deformed child wrote to the Fuhrer with a request to be allowed to take the life of his child or this creature."

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: "Hitler ordered me to…"(laughs) yeah. Real compassionate, the Nazis.

Dick: Doesn't…doesn't translate well. German.

Maddox: No. Uh-uh. "Hitler ordered me to take care of this case. The child had been born blind, seemed to be idiotic, and a leg and parts of the arm were missing." So they euthanized this kid. (exhales) I guess…yeah. I guess the Nazis were ahead of their time. They..they found the solution. The final solution.

Dick: It seems like we are in an interesting time. And it has always seemed like we're in an interesting time period to me, because we don't have the technology to fix that stuff.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like in vitro.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yet, we're a progressive culture who understands human life and values it, so we can't just knock these people off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Like a blind guy with no limbs is not gonna have a good life.

Maddox: No.

Dick: In my opinion.

Maddox: Probably not.

Dick: However, the idea of ending it prematurely, we cannot stomach. Yet we can't fix it. It's…it's a gap in, you know. Morals and technology. You understand what I'm saying?

Maddox: Uh, yeah. It is…it is…

Dick: It's unfortunate.

Maddox: It is one of the most hotly debated philosophical points in bioethics today. Uh… people are constantly debating…(stammers) and I wrote…I have a whole bunch of arguments here, but we don't have time to go into those.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But I'll just end on this quick stat, here. 84% of males support euthanasia, and only 64% of females.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: And…physicians surveyed said that 45% would actually consider euthanasia. So that's…that's hopeful.

Dick: And this is non-voluntary euthanasia that…or did they not specify?

Maddox: You know, let's not get lost in the woods here, Dick. (Dick guffaws) Let's not… let's not worry about the semantics here. They're probably talking about all types of euthanasia, except for involuntary. I'm not condoning murder, here. I'm just saying non-voluntary and voluntary euthanasia, I'm okay with.

Dick: How would the non-voluntary be carried out?

Maddox: Well, if we can…

Dick: (interjects) To further distinguish it from murder.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How would you carry out non-voluntary euthanasia?

Maddox: Well, non-voluntary euthanasia. Like the Tarry Schiavo case. You overflow 'em with…whatever. The morphine. Like you said, right?

Dick: Uh…okay. In the case of your neighbor.

Maddox: Oh, in the case of my neighbor? Um…you know, just seal up her windows. Seal up her doors and just pump gas into her…

Dick: Carbon monoxide.

Maddox: Carbon Monoxide.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a nice way…I think it's a nice way.

Dick: Okay. Yeah, that's the same.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's the same thing.

Maddox: It's a good, peaceful way to go. It's a happy death.

Dick: Uh, yeah.

Maddox: And her cats'll get one last meal. (Dick cracks up) Anyway, uh…that's my solution, Dick.

Dick: Wow. (laughs)

Maddox: Euthanasia.

Dick: Alright. I don't know…we are….we are running out of time. I don't know which one to go with. I've got…hey, you know what? I'm gonna go with this one. Uh…guns. Guns guns guns.

Maddox: Guns.

Dick: Guns. Big solution.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Big solution. Yeah. Uh, actually, I would say it's integral to your solution.

Maddox: Could be.

Dick: Could be!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Could be. Not in the case all those learned men we're talking about…(Maddox laughs) But I think in your version of euthanasia, it is!

Maddox: Yeah. Don't put words in my mouth, Dick.

Dick: Yeah. Uh…here's something for you. Gunpowder was discovered in 850 AD, because Chinese alchemists were trying to find a life elixir.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah. They were trying to extend life. They were trying to find a powder to extend lives.

Maddox: Oh, the irony!

Dick: Yeah. (laughs) And they invented gunpowder.

Maddox: Oho!! That is the KING of irony right there. That's amazing.

Dick: Yeah. Isn't it? I'd never heard that before.

Maddox: That's so funny. Yeah.

Dick: And I'm a huge…I mean, I'm a gun guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm not a gun fanatic.

Maddox: You're a gun…let's just say you're a gun. You are a gun.

Dick: I'm a gun. (Maddox chuckles) Lock me up.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Yeah. Uh…lemme see, here.

Maddox: Guns don't kill people, Dick kills people. (tries not to laugh)

Dick: Well, I mean, we could just skip to that.

Maddox: So, yeah. So, what is the argument here?

Dick: I…I think that guns are dangerous.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: But that they give people agency in their own lives. It's basically the…like, it's the only reason a person is able to defend themselves against any oppressive force.

Maddox: I disagree. But go on.

Dick: Why do you disagree?

Maddox: Because…guns are irrelevant in a world where we have nuclear weapons.

Dick: Um…

Maddox: Guns…guns are irrelevant in a world where we have F16s with Sidewinders. We have SCUD missiles. We have railguns. We have laser-guided missiles. We have all sorts of technology…cluster bombs. We have all sorts of munitions. Guns are irrelevant, I think. I think that if an oppressive military wanted to overthrow our government. Say, our military. And wipe out a large swath of civilization? Our little peashooters aren't gonna do anything.

Sean: Why does everybody use guns in war?

Dick: Hold…yeah…Okay. Go ahead.

Sean: No, that's it.

Dick: Yeah. Why is that, then?

Maddox: People use…people use guns because of the Geneva Conflict, and they're afraid of the repercussion from other governments if they don't play along. (stammers)

Sean: No, I know the political argument.

Maddox: Right, right, right.

Dick: Hold o….

Maddox: (interjects) That's…that's why we're using guns.

Dick: I'm talking about just you, a guy, in a house.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: A gun's protecting you from other guys taking your shit.

Maddox: Eeehhh…

Dick: Whoever's holding the gun is protecting you from getting your shit taken. Whether it's you or whether it's a cop. Your shit is not getting taken constantly because everyone's afraid of getting shot.

Maddox: You…you know, Dick, I don't disagree entirely with that argument. However, just to play Devil's advocate, how do you explain the low crime rates, like say, in gun-free countries, or cities like Hong Kong?

Dick: What?

Maddox: They're…it's a gun-free city, and yet, crime is incredibly low. So, uh…the police…the police don't carry around guns. There aren't guns in the populace. In society.

Dick: There are no guns anywhere?

Maddox: Very, very few. The military has them. And then some…their version of SWAT, the SWAT force that they have? Have them, and you see them at the airports and things like that, to kind of dissuade terrorists. Uh, but…in the civil population, I don't believe the police…I don't believe their civil force has guns, no.

Dick: And there's no crime?

Maddox: It's very low.

Dick: Well, I don't know. I guess I would say their culture's different than ours.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's an argument. Yeah, that's an argument. Sometimes, guns are used in protection, and sometimes…

Dick: So I have…I have stats on that.

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: Yeah. And they're all over the place, of COURSE.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they're…there's got, um…lemme see, lemme find 'em. Estimates as low as 65,000 per year, as high as crackpot websites that have, like, designs on the background, like little bricks?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Quote as high as 2.5 million, but Clinton, and the Department of Justice, conducted a survey in 1994 that placed the usage of guns used in personal defense at 1.5 million times per year.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: That's a shitload, man!

Maddox: I know that stat is true, because I've done a lot of research on this. Dick, I used to be…so, I've always owned guns, like, ever since I was a kid, my dad gave me a gun.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And I've had guns, but I was never really a gun guy. And I was a little bit against guns. I was more for gun control for a long time.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Until I started…why? Because it's…it's easy to make the case that if there were no guns, there would be no gun deaths, right? I mean, you can't argue that.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Right? If there were no guns, there would be no gun deaths. However, I started doing research into this, and I thought, "Well, there's gotta be a rational reason." I…I'd like to believe that people who are in a large majority…like, the other half of the debate? And it is, pretty much, like, the other half of the debate, right?

Dick: Yeah. In fact, half of people in America own guns. You know?

Maddox: Uh…is it…is it that high?

Dick: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Lemme double check that. But it is…

Maddox: You're probably right.

Dick: Yeah. 192 million firearms. Um…yeah, yeah, yeah. I'm sorry. 44 million gun owners in the United States, 192…so it's not half.

Maddox: So, this is…this was important enough to explicitly state in the Constitution.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Uh, the second amendment of the United States Constitution. And people make a…uh, you know, they raise a lot of stink about the exception for…what's it…uh, militias.

Dick: Militia. Militia. Regulated militia.

Maddox: Regulated militia.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Which has not held up to scrutiny at the Supreme Court numerous times throughout history.

Dick: Mhmm.

Maddox: Because it's not the narrow definition that the gun opponents want to pin it with.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: So, I started looking into this, Dick. And you're right. The 1.5 million times for defense is correct. And you know how many times…you probably know the stat, but you know how many people die per year from guns?

Dick: I…yeah. I know how many people die, and half of it is suicides. It's like, 20…

Maddox: Uh, more than half.

Dick: It's like 60%.

Maddox: Yeah. It's about two-thirds.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which, uh…

Maddox: What's the number? What's the exact number? I believe it's around 33,000.

Dick: Yes. It's around there.

Maddox: Yeah

Dick: It's somewhere around there.

Maddox: It's around 33,000, and I believe about 22,000 of those are suicides. So, if you remove…you know, what does that leave, like, 10? 10 to 11,000 people dying from guns. It's…

Dick: Not a lot.

Maddox: It's not that much.

Dick: And, by the way, accidental deaths?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, um…between, like…their…what are we over here? 1.8% of all the deaths are from accidental gun deaths.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Kids. Um…347…er, I'm sorry. About…lemme see here. About 700 to 800 accidental deaths per year.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: From guns.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…you know what causes 347 accidental deaths per year?

Maddox: Swimming pools?

Dick: Drowning in a boat accident.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So, using a boat is almost as likely to kill you by drowning! As a gun.

Maddox: Yeah, that's…that's true, Dick. Well, what…I'm gonna make a case. I'm gonna play the other side. The Devil's advocate here.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: What about people who say, "Well, guns make murderers more lethal." Like, like, for example…

Dick: I think they do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I think they're dangerous.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah. In…in fact, and this is the point that I never hear being made about guns.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Is I feel that they're in some way self-regulating. Like, if people feel that they could not responsibly handle a gun? They won't get one.

Maddox: I…I disagree.

Dick: There's just something…

Maddox: (interjects) No, I disagree.

Dick: You disagree?

Maddox: I totally disagree. Because look at Adam Lanza. Adam Lanza was a kid who shot up Sandy Hook Elementary, right? Was that the guy's name? Adam Lan…I think it was Adam Lanza. We…he's one of the killers. He shot up…he was a mass shooter.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, whether or not it was Sandy Hook Elementary, it may have been the Colorado shooting, it may have been the Ter…Terry Gibbons…who was the senator who got shot in Arizona?

Dick: Gifford?

Maddox: Gifford. Yeah, Kathy Gifford. That was her name, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Uh…whether, like, these people are mentally ill. If you go to their YouTube channels, like, the guy who shot up Kathy Gifford?

Dick: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Maddox: I went to his YouTube channel the day of. It was before the media had really glommed onto it.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I was still able to access it. It wasn't taken down. He'd posted all sorts of crazy, nonsensical videos that he was talking in code and talking about conspiracies and was just…

Dick: Good, good, good.

Maddox: Out of his fucking mind. So I don't…I don't buy that, Dick. I don't buy that people who…it's self-regulating in that way.

Dick: I'm talking about accidental deaths. Like, just people. Regular people. Not crazy people. Now, if you're gonna make the argument that crazy people are more dangerous 'cause they have a gun? I absolutely agree with that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And…it's…I think it's sad that no one can just say that. You know? Like if you…if you bring that up…if you hear that argument on TV…you're gonna hear some weird, like, backwards Rube Goldberg argument from the NRA…

Maddox: Rube Goldberg…(giggles)

Dick: About why that doesn't hold up. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, yeah. Uh, guns make bad people more dangerous. Sorry, but they're still more important than that.

Maddox: (inhales) Yeah, uh…so, I …(stammers) awhile back, Dick. I don't wanna derail this whole thing, but awhile back, I…

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: …started doing research. I've done a LOT of research on this. I have 10 pages of notes I've written about the gun issue. Because I wanted to look at both sides of the debate.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And there's a lot of arguments for. A lot of shitty arguments for and against gun control. And, uh…the shittiest argument I've heard against gun control, is that…it comes from the NRA, and they say that the only thing that can stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. That's absolutely, patently not true. There's countless videos on YouTube where people are confronted with guns and they disarm them without a gun.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: So, that's absolutely not true. However, that 1.5 million times statistic is pretty conservative. Some people put it…you know, the 1.5 million people who defend themselves with guns is pretty conservative.

Dick: Isn't it shocking?

Maddox: Yeah. It's pretty high.

Dick: That's one every couple of seconds, isn't it? How many seconds are there in a year?

Maddox: 1.5 million. (laughs) I don't know.

Dick: That's gotta be one every minute, at least.

Maddox: Yeah, well, it's…

Dick: (interjects) 187…yeah, I don't know.

Maddox: It's up there. You can make the case that there is a legitimate use for guns. However, you can't deny if there were no guns, there would be no gun violence.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah. So, what…what…

Dick: (interjects) I mean, that's impossible, though.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can make a gun.

Maddox: Well, the reason I started to look into this debate is because I started reading some cop forums. And the cops were talking about gun control as a potential…like, as an actual thing. 'Cause cops don't want guns on the street. It would make their jobs a lot easier.

Dick: Oh, they hate them.

Maddox: They hate them, yeah. The cops would love there to be no guns except in their hands, so they can be more lethal.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: And p…and wield more control over everyone. So, I read a cop saying…when they were talking about the Sandy Hook Elementary and they were talking about gun legislation, and they said, "Well, what if we actually had to go around collecting guns?" Can you imagine being a police officer going door to door asking people for guns?! (Dick laughs)

Dick: 192 million of them, you gotta round up.

Maddox: Yeah. And…and…

Dick: That's a lot.

Maddox: And you think that people are just gonna voluntarily…"Here you go, here's my gun!" Of course not. The cops are gonna get shot at!

Dick: Well, no. And that's my biggest reason for why I'm glad we have them in America. Because the cops are afraid of them.

Maddox: Yeah, I guess that's good. I mean, it's bad that we have to have that as a thing that cops fear. To do their jobs. But, uh…I guess that's an argument, yeah.

Dick: Yeah. So…the reason I brought this in is a bunch of people emailed and commented on, asking how I changed gun law.

Maddox: Oh, yeah, you mentioned that.

Dick: And uh…me and my life coach changed gun law.

Maddox: That's a good story, yeah.

Dick: Yeah, so I wanted to tell that. So people stop asking. So, my life coach is a huge guns rights supporter.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Like, he's nuts over guns. When his wife travels away, he gets all of his guns out and lines them up on the table like he's playing with his dolls. Then he sends me pictures of it. Like, he cleans them, he goes through them. This guy knows every single in and out of the gun laws. Right?

Maddox: I…I mean, if he's playing with his guns, it sounds kinda…it sounds stupid. It sounds like that's a good way to get accidentally shot.

Dick: Well, they're not loa…(stammers) is it?!

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: That's just…

Maddox: That's the classic way people get shot with their guns, is they're…they think that the chamber was empty and there was one last bullet in there, and they fucking shot their wife. Like, I've read so many stories when I was doing research, where accidental deaths happen like that.

Dick: Well, his wife is away. (Maddox guffaws)

Maddox: Okay. (laughing) Phew! Good thing there's no risk.

Dick: I don't think it's so crazy just to, like, have a weapon and take it out and clean it and be familiar with it.

Maddox: Cleaning it is fine, but you don't leave it around the house.

Dick: Well, what is that…what do you mean, you don't leave it around the house?

Maddox: He's just leaving them on the counter?

Dick: He's taking them out and inspecting them.

Maddox: Admiring them.

Dick: Admiring them, yeah.

Maddox: He's probably naked…he probably takes his pants off, doesn't he?

Dick: Don't…aren't you supposed to? (Maddox laughs) Isn't that a gun safety rule?

Maddox: Well, you gotta clean that pipe somehow.

Dick: Okay, so…we used to go to these things called "open carry events".

Maddox: Yeah. What is an open carry event?

Dick: An open carry event is…in America…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You are allowed to op…in California specifically, you are NOT allowed to carry a gun hidden. You are not allowed to conceal a gun, but you're allowed to walk around with it open.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, on your hip in a holster.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And there are rules governing that, but you are allowed to have a gun on your person, as long as you display it.

Maddox: And for people who don't know, why would you wanna do that?

Dick: Well, what do you mean, why would you want to do that?

Maddox: Why would you want to have an open carry event? Like, why is that a thing? Why does that exist?

Dick: Oh. To raise awareness that this is a thing!

Maddox: (grins) To raise awareness!

Dick: Yeah! Right?

Maddox: Ohoho.

Dick: Now you're gonna say…(Maddox laughs) Right, what a slacktivist I am that we… now, I…I do it…I would do it with him because I think it's funny.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You're walking around with all these people having guns on their hips.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh…it's a spectacle, man! Like, people…some people are freaked out. They won't let you come into their restaurant, because other people complain to the restaurant that they don't feel comfortable around guns.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: For whatever reason. Or they don't support there being guns, or whatever, so you'll get kicked out from restaurant to restaurant…eventually you'll find a restaurant that will take you in. You know, like Mary and Joseph at the inn.

Maddox: (chuckles) Yeah…Don't liken this to Jesus!

Dick: And there'll be a bunch of people…it'll be dozens of people of various backgrounds.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, it always surprises me where these people came from.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Who are passionate about gun rights. Sitting in a restaurant with guns on their hips. Not loaded, of course, because that's illegal.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Eating dinner. And I thought that was fascinating.

Maddox: It does sound fascinating, and it would make me nervous to be around that, because…of course. The businesses are right to kick these people out, and customers are right to complain, because I'm not gonna feel safe if some dipshit has a gun. I don't know you, I don't trust you. I don't trust that you have the safety on. I don't trust that you don't have a bullet in the chamber. Your gun might fucking go off, whereas if it wasn't out there, it might not.

Dick: What you're saying is not crazy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I will say…it's…it's interesting..

Maddox: Yeah

Dick: That you'd be more afraid of that then getting hit by a drunk driver on the way home.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When one is way more likely. However, I don't think you're crazy for saying that.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: You know what I'm saying? I also felt nervous.

Maddox: Yeah, okay.

Dick: Because I know these guys. I'm looking at 'em. I'm hearing them make jokes. And I know they're itching to bust out these guns and use them for what they're designed for.

Maddox: Oh, I'm sure.

Dick: Murdering bad guys!

Maddox: I'm sure they're fantasizing about that.

Dick: Oh! It…it was crazy! Like, it made me uncomfortable listening and being a part of the thing…hearing them, like, just feeling it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You could just feel it. I'm like…I fucking know you guys..

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Are just itching for somebody to come in and rob this place.

Maddox: Oh, they are. They have that Wild West fantasy where they're gonna stop… they're gonna save the day.

Dick: Some of them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Some of them definitely do. Not all of them.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, there's just some…there's just normal Americans there.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Doing this thing, right? So. But they're all doing it for purposes of raising awareness for gun rights.

Maddox: (giggles) Okay.

Dick: Because the idea is, if you get people more familiar with guns, they won't be so afraid of them. Right?

Maddox: Mhmm. Bunch of slacktivists.

Dick: Pure slacktivism.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Pure slacktivism, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay. So slacktivist…and this is where it gets into changing the law. Uh…in San Diego, they got this shit banned. So they said, "You know what?"

Maddox: They got the open carry events banned?

Dick: They got open carrying banned.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: So they said, "You know what? You're no longer allowed to do that. You guys did this so much, and you pissed so many people off, and you got so many people afraid, that they rallied the forces against us and got it illegalized."

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: And got it verboten. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You guys are no longer allowed, legally, to open carry.

Maddox: Here you go, idiot. Yeah.

Dick: Idiot, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You guys won, right? (Maddox chuckles) Well, guess what. The constitution says you gotta be able to have either closed or open carry. So if we can't open carry, we're fucking closed carrying!

Maddox: Uh…huh.

Dick: So they got the…the decision came in. I don't know if you're aware of this, but in LA recently, the law was changed so that you could conceal carry. Because they had to give you one.

Maddox: Ohhhhh.

Dick: And they had just stopped open carry, so they're like, "Well, what the fuck are we gonna do, then? We can't remove their amendment rights! We gotta give 'em one or the other!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they…concealed carry went through and they could no longer just reject your application to conceal carry.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Of course, it got all fucked up, and a bunch of legal mumbo-jumbo political stuff is getting it deferred…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And for, like, 10 years..that just came through. But that's what happened. That's what happened.

Maddox: So you guy…you dickheads were the reason that California law changed.

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Us and our stupid open carry events…our stupid slacktivism…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everyone hated SO MUCH, that they overreached so far to shut our fund down that they fucked up the whole law!

Maddox: Made it even worse.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Now everyone's carrying concealed. You don't know who's carrying a gun.

Dick: Exactly.

Maddox: Yeah. I…you know what? I think I actually prefer that. I think I prefer concealed. You know, and these, like, gun slacktivists are saying, "Well, we gotta have open carry, 'cause if we don't have that, we gotta have closed carry, 'cause those are the only two options. We can't just, like, fucking go to a place and chill the fuck out and order a taco and shut the fuck up and go home!!" (angry) (Dick chuckles) And live your fucking life like you're not a fucking supercop!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Gonna save the fucking day! By the way, the instances of crime are so low that the odds of that even occurring…that fantasy scenario, is so low that you're more likely to

get struck by lightning, I think. Maybe not lightning, but…you know, like you said, get hit by a drunk driver. There was a video awhile back where an old man was inside this casino. I believe in Nevada or someplace, uh…maybe California in an Indian Reservation.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He was in a casino. And this guy came in to…a couple of thugs came in to rob the place, right? This old man pulled his gun out and starting shooting like crazy, these two guys, and they got scared and they scrambled and they ran out of the place, and the guy was like "Oh, big hero!"

Dick: Yeah. Oh, no…

Maddox: Big hero! However, he didn't hit a single one of the criminals.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So those are over six shots that are just going out in public! (Dick laughs) Just going out. Stray shots!

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: Thank God he didn't kill somebody!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But you know who did kill somebody? Cops in New York. There was a guy who was there to do, like, a mass shooting. He was there with a gun. He was threatening people. Uh, this was about two years ago.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, uh…NYPD showed up. Nine people got shot. Not a single one was from the terrorists. All of them from NYPD.

Dick: What did they do? They just opened up on…

Maddox: Yeah. They tried to shoot this guy…(Dick laughs) and all these stray bullets are flying around in New York, in like, Times Fucking Square!! And shooting just random pedestrians and visitors, and tourists! They're the one…I believe, like, two people died and nine people got shot by NYPD, zero from the terrorists.

Dick: Shouldn't they be having rubber bullets if they're gonna be popping them off like that?

Maddox: I mean, I don't know!

Dick: That's a pretty easy fix.

Maddox: Yeah, but they're…

Dick: (interjects) Those things'll knock you over.

Maddox: Yeah, but they're also shooting at an actual criminal who may be wearing body armor.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, yeah.

Dick: I dunno. That's what I got.

Maddox: I don't know that guns are a great solution for crime. You know what, Dick? You were actually one of the people who persuaded me for the gun debate argument. Because…

Dick: Well, 'cause it's military police.

Maddox: No, not…no.

Dick: That's the only thing…what…what did I persuade you on?

Maddox: No, not that. I…I always thought that trying to shoot a criminal was a stupid thing to do, especially if you live in a populated city, because there's a higher probability that you'll hit someone else with a stray bullet, which would just be awful.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's worse to kill an innocent person than to let a guilty man go, I think. But, uh… you told me that guns aren't meant to be shot in self defense at the actual criminal. You fire off a warning shot in the ceiling and the floor, and you know, hopefully you're not in an apartment building with lots of people around.

Dick: Oh, if you're, like, protecting your house?

Maddox: Yeah. You fire off a warning shot.

Dick: Yeah. It's…yeah. The idea of…you're executing someone for breaking into your house is a little bit…(stammers) I dunno if that's the best way to go about it.

Maddox: That's involuntary euthanasia. That's murder. Uh…yeah. That's not what I think that guns are designed to do, but I think the majority of people who are gun owners who have that fantasy of being, you know, the good guy who shoots the bad guy…that's what they're fantasizing about.

Dick: You know, I…I hesitate to agree with you, because I think you're right, 'cause it's, like, very project-y.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I don't wanna assume that that's what all of these people are looking to do.

Maddox: No, not all of them.

Dick: A lot of them. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, a lot of them probably.

Dick: Too many. Uh, "Guns replaced old guard weapons, because they were more economical, rather than more lethal." How about that? Did you know that?

Maddox: Old guard…what is an old guard weapon?

Dick: Old guards…this is like, um…swords, crossbows…shit like that.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Melee weapons.

Dick: Yeah. Uh, "Lifelong devotion was required to become a highly skilled swordsman or archer, but a few weeks or months of training could turn any lower-class soldier into a skilled gunner. Guns de-horsed the aristocrats." Pretty important.

Maddox: "De-horsed the aristocrats".

Dick: Yep. Power to the people, buddy. That's what guns give you.

Maddox: Well…

Dick: Instant power.

Maddox: I guess. You know, back in a time before we had nuclear weapons. And thermal weapons.

Dick: Yeah, but those aren't gonna be used on…that's, like, a bargaining chip for governments. Nuclear weapons.

Maddox: Yeah, you say that, but Sean, back to your point at the top of the show with Dick's problem. You said that why do they use rifles in military? I mean, we don't, for the most part. Like, especially the US government. We've been just dropping bombs. The Shock and Awe Campaign was almost entirely Air Force when it started, right?

Sean: But that's for terrorist cells. We use drones and stuff like that.

Maddox: Drones, yeah.

Sean: I'm talking about, like, an actual war. If you go to war with each other, you are… guns are far more prevalent than anything else.

Dick: And soldiers have to go in and lace the targets. They don't just shoot bombs willy-nilly. We gotta have ground troops down there checking things out, first.

Maddox: It helps. It helps. But, lately, we haven't been…especially Pakistan. Are you kidding me? We've just been drone bombing those guys nonstop.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: It's insane.

Sean: And we're killing civilians doing it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And Obama upped that campaign. That's one of the things that a lot of the Liberals are really pissed off at him about, was he took the Bush program and took it much further.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: And people are like, "Hey, they've killed like a husband and wife on their wedding day."

Maddox: But Sean, he got a…

Dick: (interjects) Ohhh, that sucks.

Maddox: He got a Nobel Prize.

Dick: Well, it sucks for one of them.

Maddox: He got a Nobel Prize, what are you talking about? Sounds like a peaceful president.

Sean: Yeah, perfect.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I got one…what, go ahead?

Maddox: No, you go ahead.

Dick: I got one more story.

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: About my life coach.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So they have these, uh…they have these, like, safety commissions at City Hall.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Once every, like, six years. It's very rare that you're allowed to go in and speak as a citizen of a city in LA on what you think gun rights and safety should be about in the city.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right. Uh, so he's big on having his voice heard.

Maddox: Of course.

Dick: And participating in politics!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which…I…(stammers) you scoff at, somewhat?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You have disdain for that. I would never go to a City Hall meeting and give my voice on anything, right? 'Cause I feel like I'm talking to a bunch of soulless robots. I've no faith in the process.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But he does.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: So he spent…he spent all night putting together, like, all these detailed stats on gun safety and gun ownership.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And he's…you've never seen this guy put so much work and passion into something, right?

Maddox: (giggles) I imagine he was using glue and glitter…

Dick: Yeah! Like a child…like, constructing this beautiful diorama for the Science Fair the next day.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He pours his whole…like, all of his knowledge and concentration, his heart and soul into this thing. Uh…next day, the Safety Council thing happens at City Hall…sleeps through it. (Maddox cracks up) See ya in six years!

Maddox: That is the most slacktivist thing…(Dick laughs) that I've ever heard a slacktivist do. That is insane.

Dick: Well, we did it once.

Maddox: Yeeeeeeeeah. (sighs) Well, good job, buddy.

Dick: Uh, do we have…I mean, we don't have any time. Do you wanna do solutions? Do you wanna do any more solutions? You got a lightning round?

Maddox: Yeeeah, we can do a lightning round. We'll do a real quick.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: 'Cause this…my next solution is related to my first solution, buddy.

Dick: Oh, good.

Maddox: Retirement Homes.

Dick: Oh!

(Sound effect: Clapping)

Maddox: Yeah. That's my solution. Retirement homes. Yeah.

Dick: Is that what you're calling gas chambers in your weird…(Maddox laughs) society?

Maddox: No, man. Hey, Hitler did that…for…to put them out of his misery, supposedly. Um, no, no. Gas chambers are not a solution, Dick. Retirement homes. Actual retirement homes.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: These are…these are ones where you drop off old people who can't care for themselves. Or are insane and belligerent assholes who terrorize the neighborhood with a megaphone and punch people in the face, er, the chest.

Sean: And they're what you threaten your parents with.

Maddox: Yeah, uh…(giggles) you know, it's funny you mention that, Sean, 'cause my brother actually does that, vocally, with my parents. Uh…yeah. My brother always come in. He comes in the house, like "Ohh, I can't wait til you guys die or I put you in a retirement home. I'm gonna knock this wall down. I'm gonna turn this into my office. I'm gonna put a Jacuzzi here."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And…I'm not even sure…he's not saying it with a wink and a nod. He's not saying it tongue-in-cheek. I think he's just that deranged. He wants to take my parents to an old folks home. Uh, it's pretty fucked. But anyway, people who can't care for themselves, Dick. Old…retirement homes are a potential solution. Um…however, (giggles) while I was doing research, all I kept finding were negative stories about retirement homes.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But I think it's because people are trying to find some controversy there.

Dick: I think retirement homes get you laid!

Maddox: (cracks up) Yeah.

Dick: Yeah! Where else are those people gonna…you take all these old timers…

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Who know they have limited time left and put 'em together, man?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's like…STDs shoot up, it's like 16 and 65.

Maddox: Really?

Sean: That's exactly right?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Sean: It's…it's a really sharp curve among old people.

Dick: Yeah. 'Cause they don't give a fuck anymore.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: And they get packed together in these homes.

Sean: And there's Viagra.

Dick: Yep. And they're big shots again. Like, they're back in high school, man.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they're like "Oh, I'm doing this up right now. I'm fucking everything that moves."

Maddox: That sounds amazing. Uh…

Dick: Get old people laid.

Maddox: Yeah. Getting old people laid. That's pretty cool.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And also, they can't get pregnant, right? Everyone's past menopause. No condoms.

Dick: Men can. I don't think the women can after 65.

Maddox: Man can get pregnant?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: (laughs) So it reverses?

Dick: Yeah. (giggles)

Maddox: Men get ovaries. Would you stop having sex if you could get pregnant at 65? Or would you use condoms?

Dick: Pssssh. I don't… I don't know. Um…

Maddox: Ahh, tables have turned.

Dick: 65. I've never thought of being that old.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Let's see, what did I say 30 episodes back about condoms? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. (giggles) His mind's racing back. So, um…

Dick: Do I have a dick still?

Maddox: (stammers) Do you ever? (laughs)

Dick: I can get pregnant, though? Over 65?

Maddox: Yeah, you can get pregnant.

Dick: Oof. I dunno, I'd have to think about it.

Maddox: Yeah. Every time you shoot, man. You get a…there's a chance it could just, like, I dunno. The sperm could go backwards, right into your ovaries. Your testicles turn into ovaries.

Dick: Hah! Right.

Maddox: Yeah. There's a hypothetical for you. Um, "seven out of ten Americans over the age of 65 will need long-term care, and 55% of surveyed oldies…" that's my word.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Said that they were afraid of being a burden on their family. So the…more people…more old people are afraid of burdening their family than they are of going to retirement homes. And there's a lot of stigma associated with retirement homes, but the ones I've been to and the ones I keep…I've read about sound…sound pretty good. They do offer pretty good care. And a lot of 'em are for profit, and I think the for-profit ones are probably a better way to go than government-run ones. Those are the…

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. Those are ones that are…that come through with Medicare. I believe that there are provisions in Medicare…um, do you know the difference between Medicare and Medicaid?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Do you know, Sean?

Sean: Yeah. Medicare is for old people. Medicaid is for poor people.

Maddox: Correct, yeah.

Dick: Mmm.

Maddox: And I…I remember that, because I took a class called Society…I dunno, some Civics class, or whatever. I just found it interesting. I was walking through the course…the bookstore, and I picked up the syllabus for this class, and it sounded interesting, so I signed up for it. Um, but they were…the professor said, "You can remember that because people in America care about old people and they don't about poor people." So, uh..that's why Medicare is so much more funded than Medicaid. (Dick chuckles) Um, yeah. So there's 15,000 nursing homes. Most of 'em are for profit, I think that's a good thing. But I did see this on http://www.abcnews.go.com. They said, "Elderly abused in one in three nursing homes" that they searched.

Dick: Ugggggggggh.

Maddox: And they said here, "In one case, attendants bribed a brain-damaged patient with cigarettes to attack another resident, then watched the two fight. (grins)

Dick: Oh, Jesus Christ.

Maddox: That's rough! However, um…

Dick: Non-voluntary euthanasia for those guys!

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah. For everybody involved. Just put…put everyone down. Put everyone down. Um, however. Uh, they did say that the number's inflated, 'cause they count any amount…any kind of injury that happens to an old person in a retirement home as abuse, whether or not it was caused by another person there. So, sometimes people fight, and they slap each other, and they get hurt. And they count that as abuse.

Dick: They count them beating each other up as abuse?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Oh, that's stupid.

Maddox: They blame it on the retirement home.

Dick: Why do they…why do they do that to stats?!?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why did they just aggressively ruin them? Who's doing that?!

Sean: Well, here's going back to what we said, or, what you were talking about on the last episode, I think, or the episode before, about life expectancy. Where I believe the United States is the only country in the world, and this was true last I checked, that counts murder into the life expectancy.

Dick: I've heard that.

Sean: Yeah, where it's…so it brings the average down a little bit. Not that there's, like, millions of people killed per year, but…

Dick: But they're, like, young people. They're like 19…most, you know, most murdering happens…

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, they can be. It definitely hurts the average.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's weird. Good job, America.

Dick: Is that your solution?

Maddox: Yeah, anyway, Dick. Retirement Homes. That's my solution.

Dick: It's a pretty good one. Hey, I forgot some stuff for guns. You couldn't have Die Hard without guns.

Maddox: Oh, that's true. That'd be a big problem.

Dick: Or Rambo.

Maddox: Oh, I fuckin' love Rambo!

Dick: Or finger-shooting guns.

Maddox: That's hilarious.

Dick: That wouldn't make any sense.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Alright. I got a last solution for you.

Maddox: Couldn't have Contra, either. Yeah, what's your final solution, Dick?

Dick: Well, you've been really excited recently about your campaign to elevate Monkeys as a problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But you know what? Monkeys are a big solution, Maddox.

Maddox: What?! (incredulous)

Dick: I'm not gonna sit here and listen to you bad-mouth monkeys when monkeys are… number one, um…the only reason we're in space.

Maddox: That's…that's…

Dick: How about that?

Maddox: That's not fucking true! Monkeys didn't invent rockets, dickhead! That's not the only reason we're in space!

Dick: They got us up there!

Maddox: No, they didn't!

Dick: Without their contribution, we would just be, like, "I don't know, maybe it's safe, maybe it's not."

Maddox: Dick, I'm not gonna let you defend monkeys when they could've been replaced with a fucking spotted pig or a dandelion!! (angry)

Dick: Are you saying you know more than NASA? They obviously used monkeys for a reason.

Maddox: They used monkeys because they're the most similar to certain people.

Dick: Uh-huh. (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Sean: Certain people! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, you caught that, Sean.

Dick: The first ever monkey astronaut was named Albert. (Maddox laughs) Who rode over 63 km in a V2 rocket. Albert died of suffocation during the flight.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Albert was followed by Albert 2 (Maddox laughs), who survived the V2 flight, but died on impact after a parachute failure.

Maddox: Yeah. This is…

Dick: Albert 2 became the first monkey in space. How about that?

Maddox: Are you sure NASA's not the solution, man? They're wiping out monkeys left and right in capsules. (grins)

Dick: Albert 3 died at 35,000 feet in an explosion of his V2 rocket. (Maddox cracks up) Albert 4, on the last monkey V2 flight, died on impact on December 8 th that year after another parachute failure.

Sean: So nobody made it? None of them made it?

Dick: None of these monkeys made it.

Sean: Why did we shoot people into space given that the monkeys all died?!

Dick: They gave…they were testing the V2 rocket, Sean. They made sacrifices… invaluable sacrifices for our species as a whole! Invaluable! This didn't help monkeykind at all! It only helped humankind!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're only giving! They're our retarded genetic ancestors and they only wanna help us!! (yells) And I'll be damned if you're gonna call them a problem for that.

Maddox: Dick -

Dick: They got us into space! Look at this! Look at this chimp!! You see this chimp?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Ham?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: He's done more for us getting into space than you could even imagine!!! (yells)

Maddox: That's bullshit!

Dick: Than you've ever done!!

Maddox: That's bullshit, Dick!

Dick: You have not done as much as this monkey for us!

Maddox: That is involuntary! That's what that is! That…that monkey did not consent to going into space. That dumbass monkey probably thought he was being shot to a playground.

Dick: You know what? (Sean giggles) One of the monkeys…one of the monkeys that they shot up, so they're testing 'em on, like, pressing buttons.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: To see the effects on your brain of space travel.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Like, legitimately, they wanna test how a human mind will work in space.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Before we send one up there. Right? So you test it on monkeys, because they're similar.

Maddox: I guess.

Dick: That's why they…(stammers) you can't hook a POTATO up to a brain scan machine and see how it affects…and see the effects of space on a POTATO! Alright, you fucker?! (Maddox cracks up) So they send the monkey up there. They train the monkey to press buttons at a certain time during the mission, right?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Dick: And they reward him…they reward him with treats, and they punish him with shocks before they send him up. (Maddox laughs evilly at the thought of monkeys in pain) They sent one monkey up to do this after training him, and they fucked up the wiring…

Maddox: Oh, no….(grinning)

Dick: So it shocked him when he did the RIGHT thing, but he kept doing the right thing because that's what he was trained to do!!! (yells) And he wanted to get humans into space ahead of the Russians! (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Oh, man! That monkey sounds like he was smarter than the dipshit who crossed the wiring for this simple…it was like a…(stammers) 50% chance of getting it right.

Dick: (scoffs) Yeah.

Maddox: That moron…whoever set up that machine, they didn't test it before they launched this monkey into space?!

Dick: I dunno. They got a lot of other things to do.

Maddox: You know what? Maybe it was a monkey who designed the system! Go vote up Monkeys, people!

Dick: Um, testing. (Maddox laughs) Testing. Scientific testing. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: We gotta do it on monkeys. We're trying to fix…man, we're trying to fix real human problems, like schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, depression…(excited)…we're performing these tests on monkey brains!

Sean: Two words. In-mates. (Maddox and Dick crack up)

Maddox: Wait Sean, are you sure it wasn't…

(Sound clip: Dick: "Three little words.") (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Well, I tried.

Maddox: Yeah, close enough.

Dick: Sean, shut up. (Sean and Maddox crack up) No monkeys ever deleted a podcast!

Maddox: Ohohoho!!!!

Sean: Hey!!

Maddox: Uh…that's debatable. (laughing)

Sean: Monkeys can't work keyboards as efficiently.

Dick: Worldwide, between 100,000 and 200,000 non-human primates are used in monkey research every year to save human lives, Maddox!! (upset)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Monkeys are SACRIFICING themselves hand over fist!

Maddox: Dick, it's not a …

Dick: (interjects) By the…by the hundreds of thousands!!

Maddox: It's not a sacrifice if they don't know they're sacrificing themselves. That doesn't fucking count.

Dick: Testing disease prevention. Like HPIV. Monkeys are being tested. Cures are being tested on monkeys with that. For us!! FOR US!!

Maddox: Yeah. I'm all for it!

Dick: It's like practice us-es to practice things on!

Maddox: Yeah, practice us-es. (laughs condescendingly)

Dick: It applies to us!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: You see?!!

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Things we don't have to care about, really.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can just buy new ones!

Maddox: Dick, because we have such low regard for monkeys, is…is the solution. It's not monkeys themselves, it's HUMANS who have no regard for monkeys! It's humans who choose non-voluntary testing on animals! I like that. I'm all for it. And people who are against animal testing? Fuck off!

Dick: Oh, seriously, fuck off, yeah.

Maddox: Don't use…don't use…the benefits of animal testing. If you really strongly believe in that, don't take drugs. Don't take pills. Don't use…don't use anything…don't use your precious iPhone that you use to Tweet at.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And check…uh, PITA's website. Don't use GPS, because all this shit, all this technology came from animal testing, right?

Dick: Monkeys!

Maddox: Animal testing helped us with the space race. I'll…

Dick: (interjects) Monkeys did.

Maddox: I'm not…no…

Dick: (interjects) Monkey testing!

Maddox: Stop with your agenda, Dick! This isn't about…this isn't about that agenda!

Dick: Well, what other animal did? Chickens didn't help us get into space!!!

Maddox: I bet they did. The astronauts probably ate something…the engineers probably ate something and it was probably a chicken sandwich. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Satire. Monkeys are also good at satire. (giggles)

Maddox: (shudders) Oh, you motherfucker!!

Dick: Pierre…Pierre Brassau was a chimp who this other guy…lemme see. Alexson…Ake Axelsson, I can't even pronounce it. He got this monkey to paint a bunch of paintings and put 'em up at an art show.

Maddox: Oh, that's hilarious.

Dick: Yeah. And they were called, uh…lemme try to find this. Brassau, he named the monkey Pierre Brassau, and the critics said, "Brassau paints with powerful strokes, but also with clear determination. His brush strokes twist with a furious fastidiousness. Pierre

is an artist who performs with the delicacy of a ballet dancer." And then the guy said, "Yeah, that was a monkey, idiots. So fuck you!" (Maddox laughs) Without monkeys, he couldn't have made that important point about the hypocrisy of the art world! And I know you hate phonies!!!

(Sound clip: Dick: "That's ridiculous!")

Maddox: They could've done it with elephants, Dick! They taught elephants how to paint in fucking…wherever. Africa, Thailand, some place like that. They taught elephants…they could have done it with elephants!

Dick: Helper monkeys. A helper monkey can assist you with turning pages, scratching itches, retrieving…this is from http://www.monkeyhelpers.org.

Maddox: Are there any…

Dick: (interjects) I already checked it. Not anyone could apply for a helper monkey.

Maddox: Are there…are there any…I'm just curious, are there any helper monkeys that help not spread Ebola and other communicable diseases that could potentially wipe out the human race? I'm just curious.

Dick: What are you talking about?

Maddox: I'm talking about the problem with monkeys, Dick, is that they're disease carriers, that are the closest relatives to humans, and the potential undoing for mankind.

Sean: But you Ebola wasn't a problem.

Dick: That's right, Maddox, you did say that.

Maddox: Not Ebola. Not…no, no. Ebola…Ebola specifically is not; however, the types of diseases that mutate…AIDS, the origin of AIDS came from monkeys. Ebola came from monkeys. All these, like, really scary diseases. And I believe the bubonic plague…you know, you can probably trace every disease back to monkeys.

Dick: Bubonic plague came from rats, you fucker! You…you know what, Maddox? In 50 years, when you're in your dumb Oculus Rift…

Maddox: Dumb?!

Dick: In a coffin, getting shot to Mars. I want you to think, and thank a monkey for getting you there. A monkey who's gonna be the first one to test your dumb virtual reality with shit plugged into their brains.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're gonna test that on a monkey. 'Cause they're close to us. Biologically.

Maddox: They don't have to, Dick, 'cause I volunteer. And you know what, Dick? I…(stammers) you know what? I invite monkeys onto my rocket ship to Mars. I need monkeys around to rest my feet on. I…I would love for there to be monkeys around to sit on, to..to sleep on. I'll just make a bed full of monkeys and I'll sleep on 'em. I'll put 'em in a big box…a big box with, like, glass on top so I can just, like stare at the monkeys underneath me the

entire time while I'm, like, restfully sleeping, thinking of my crazy hippie neighbor dying with the cats eating her face off. That's my solution, buddy.

Dick: That's a big solution.

Maddox: Monkeys are a big problem. Go vote it up, you fucker ! (giggles)

Dick: A monkey saves your life every day.

Maddox: Uhh, no they don't!

Dick: And you don't even know it.

Maddox: No, they don't. No, they don't. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, they do.

Maddox: No, monkeys…monkeys are disease carriers. And they may be our potential undoing. I…you know, I keep hinting at it, because I don't wanna so…I don't wanna say I'm a prophet, but…(cracks up)

Dick: Okay. (scoffs)

Maddox: This is a little bit prophetic.

Dick: Uh-huh. (skeptical)

Maddox: Because I think that monk…the next great disease. The next big disease is gonna come from monkeys. And it's gonna be something we've never seen before. And it's gonna be something awful that kills millions of people. We're long overdue for the next pandemic. And it's gonna come from monkeys.

Dick: Alright. Thank you, Nostra-dumbass. (Maddox cracks up) What are your solutions?

Maddox: Euthanasia, asshole. And Retirement Homes.

Dick: Alright. Mine are Guns and Monkeys. GO VOTE UP MONKEYS, people!!!

Maddox: Go vote up…(cracks up) vote down monkeys as the solution, but up as a problem!

(Heavy closing riff starts)

Maddox: Fuck! You fucked up everything, Dick!!! (Dick and Sean crack up) Go to hell.

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Uhhh, regarding Maddox's Oculus Rift solution. Uh, there's one glaring problem in that entire thing, namely, computer viruses. I guarantee that the minute that Maddox and your master race of disembodied brains are hooked up to your Matrix of the Oculus Rift, some idiot will put a computer virus on it and turn your paradise into some hellscape full of Apple stands and monkeys.")

Dick: Yeah, that's true.

Maddox: Wow. So, uh…what he's essentially saying is our current existence is a hellscape.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. You know, I'm not too worried about viruses, man. In the virtual world, you could probably combat viruses with your fists. (Dick cracks up)

(Voice mail: (male voice): "Hey Dick, I got a Maddox Versus Maddox for you."

Maddox: Fuck. (Dick laughs)

"Fucking Maddox wants to talk about Oculus Rift?"

Dick: They're ALL Oculus Rift.

"And fucking not sleeping and dreaming and all that shit? It's the same fucking thing! You fucking sleep!"

Maddox: What?

Dick: It's like dreaming.

"You fucking dream. Lucid dreaming."

Maddox: No!!!

"You control your dreams. You control the fucking Oculus Rift. (Maddox groans and sighs) **He wants to say that you fucking go out and you do shit instead of sleeping? You're not doing shit in an Oculus Rift! You're sitting there, rotting away! Nutrients being fed into your brain. Fucking bullshit!"**

Maddox: Wro…wrong! (Dick laughs)

"Fucking go out and fucking do something instead of playing your fucking shitty video games and your stupid Oculus Rift, Maddox. And by the way, go fuck yourself.")

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: You know what, fuckhead? Listen. I'm gonna tell you exactly why you're a dildo. Okay? First of all…(Dick cracks up laughing loudly) You don't fucking understand anything about the Oculus Rift. You've never tried it! You don't understand. This is an experience. It's not like dreaming, because in dreams, people can't curate the adventure for you, can they, asshole? (angry) You can't go to Spain or Paris. You can't have somebody curate an adventure and show you places you've never seen that they created themselves. In dreams, you can't watch movies that you've never seen, unless it's been scripted! And here's why it's different from a dream, Dick. If you were in a mansion that had 100 rooms in a dream. In order for that to be real, you would have to remember the details of every single room, every single time, to consistently go in and have that same consistent experience, don't you? And in the Oculus Rift, or in the virtual world? You don't have to remember shit, because it's all programmed and it's all there, and it's all…"

(Recording cuts off)

The Biggest Solution in the Universe - Episode 7

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(heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Solution in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey!! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Sean: Hello!

Maddox: Welcome back, bonus episode #7.

Dick: Yeyuh!

Maddox: Thanks for the continued strong support of these, guys. By the way Dick, we haven't really mentioned this on the air I don't think, maybe once, but every single episode is now transcribed all the way back to Episode #1. So if you're ever at the office or someplace where you can't download the MP3 but you do happen to have Internet access you can download the transcript, there's that. Or if you're deaf. That's really the purpose.

Dick: Or if you wanna reenact them! If you wanna get the friends over and everybody...if someone is Maddox, someone is me, someone can be Sean! You can do like LARPing, but of this show. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: We can license the rights for a very low, very competitive rate.

Dick: Yeah! So you get those for the bonus episode by using the same download link that you use when you buy the show.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The season pass. And by the way, if you're having trouble with the downloads, email ME. Right?

Maddox: Yeah, I don't check shit.

Dick: Maddox gets enough emails. He's working on big things, big projects. I'll respond, I'm on my phone all day. I'll respond right away and fix your stupid download problem.

Maddox: Hey, speaking of big projects I'm workin' on, Dick, I have a big, big announcement to make. I'm gonna tease it this episode and the one following, but you'll see it on my website within the next 1 or 2 weeks.

Dick: Really?

Maddox: I'm gonna have a countdown, yeah. There's a big announcement, big surprise...

Dick: Can I guess what it is? Is it, like, a Bruce Jenner-style announcement? (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Dick, you're gonna spoil it! Spoiler crybabies. Yeah, I'm a woman.

Dick: Speaking of spoiling good times, what was the voting from last show?

Maddox: Yeah! Euthanasia, Dick, came in #1! The biggest solution from last time, Euthanasia.

Dick: Ahhh.

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah, big solution! And followed by -

Dick: (interjects) Congratulations.

Maddox: Followed by your horseshit Monkeys, your little... (Dick laughs) ...your shenanigans you tried to pull.

Dick: Oh, wait a minute! Wait a minute, there is a point of contention on that!

Maddox: What?

Dick: Because someone in the comments...lemme see if I brought it in, if I remember the guy's name. Um, I don't think I did, but chimpanzees are not monkeys! Right? So the chimps that got us into space that I was talking about and the chimps that are participa-...that we're doing animal testing on to fix us, they're not technically monkeys.

Maddox: They come from the monkey universe! That's real nitpicky. However, there is a torpedo in your shit Titanic that I'm about to sink.

Dick: Okay, what?

Maddox: That torpedo is that the first animal in space was a DOG. It wasn't even a fuckin' monkey.

Dick: Well yeah, but the -

Maddox: (interjects) The Russi-...yeah!

Dick: Yeah, that was the Russians.

Maddox: Yeah, so your entire horseshit premise was exactly that: horseshit!

Dick: Monkeys did more for us than dogs do.

Maddox: Monkeys have done shit for us!! They throw their shit AT us.

Dick: Uh, and Monkeys beat Guns? Is that right?

Maddox: Monkeys beat Guns and Retirement Homes, which I'm okay with.

Dick: Yeah. (scoffing)

Maddox: I think monkeys are a bigger solution than retirement homes because push comes to shove, you can eat a monkey. You can't eat a retirement home. So I agree with that, guys. Good job on that voting for the solutions. Um, I got a comment from Charles Jackson Fairchild. You remember last episode, Dick, the last bonus episode I brought in that voicemail from my crazy-ass neighbor, right?

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: He says, "Maddox, it's funny how your neighbor calls you impolite and you say, 'I'm not being impol- ' and she interrupts with NENENENENENENENENENENENE.'" (laughs) Man, what a crazy-ass bitch.

Dick: What a bitch.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs more)

Dick: I got a comment from Richard Watkins. You know we had Guns in the last bonus episode.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He says, "This is the first time I've heard a reasonable discussion on gun control."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Referring to us.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Absolutely true. Gun control we can talk about in a civilized way with rational arguments founded on logic. (Maddox laughs) However, gourmet dog food we will tear each other's throats out over.

Maddox: Yeah...yeah, we went on for like 2 episodes about that, ad nauseam. To the point where our fans were pissed off. (laughs)

Dick: Gun control though, no problem. Civilized discussion all day long about gun control. (smiles)

Maddox: You know what I think the reason is, Dick, is that both and you I have researched it at such length. You came in with some stats that I knew exactly line for line what you were reading it from, 'cause I read the exact same sources and I read the same stats and we were both really well versed in that. And it's something that you really have to think about in order to have an informed opinion. That's why we have the "Uninformed Opinions" section on our website.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: I got a comment from Chael Greer...whatever. Why don't you guys get simpler names?? (Dick giggles) Huh? "Chael"? How the fuck...anyway. You remember last episode, Dick, I said we should raise euthanasia awareness by everybody changing their profile pictures on Facebook to skeletons?

Dick: Oh, yeah!

Maddox: For the rest of their lives?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, um...he says, "I have legalized euthanasia of all types in every jurisdiction due to my spooky skeleton profile. Thank you for the non-slacktivism movement, Maddox. We have made the world pure." And his... (cracks up) His profile picture does look like a spooky, spooky skeleton. (laughs) Help raise awareness for euthanasia, guys. It's really important.

Dick: Evan Wiebe said...

Maddox: I think it's "Wee-bee."

Dick: "Wee-bee." Evan Wiebe says -

Sean: (interjects) Has anybody ever pronounced a name on this show without a hitch?

Dick: No. (chuckling)

Sean: No!

Dick: "Hey Dick, there's no boobs in Demolition Man, asshole. Unless you mean Stallone's." This guy...you remember I was talking about boobs in Demolition Man and they were great boobs.

Maddox: What? I don't remember that.

Dick: Okay. (annoyed)

Maddox: You said there were boobs in Demolition Man?

Dick: In Demolition Man, 'cause remember you had the theory about action movies? How there's boobs up front...

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: ...and then there's violence and there's no more boobs?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And I said, "Like Demolition Man." 'Cause movies were great back in the day, '80s and '90s, 'cause you could get free tits with every movie.

Maddox: That had boobs in it?

Dick: Abs-...okay, so I looked up the scr-...I brought in the script.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Would you like me to read from the Demolition Man script?

Maddox: I mean, no, I would like to see the boobs, but... (chuckles) I guess this is the second-best thing. What a treat.(giggles)

Dick: I probably should've printed out the boobs and brought 'em in here.

Maddox: Yeah! Where are the boobs, man??

Dick: I didn't bring 'em in. Uh, "'Demolition Man.' Int. Spartan's Apartment - Night." John Spartan...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...was Stallone's name in Demolition Man.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Cool, right? (smiling)

Maddox: Pretty cool.

Dick: "In the darkness, Spartan loudly bangs into something. Spartan: Ahh. Lights." (Maddox chuckles) "Lights come up. The place is, well, spartan." This is in the actual script.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Jokes. "Exact same size and shape as Huxley's, but stunningly sterile and unwarm. Spartan tragically takes in the place, pokes his head into a clinical bathroom, a bathroom with no toilet paper and a strange shelf with three seashells. Shakes his head." Now if you remember the movie, at this point Stallone I think ad-libbed a, "Oh, he doesn't know how to use the three seashells." (dumb voice)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Remember that?

Maddox: Yeah, one of the great improvised lines from the silver screen. (laughs)

Dick: It's not in the script though, so I assume he must've improvised it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Spartan's hands start to quiver towards a knitting needle and a ball of red yarn. Curiously furrowing his brow, Spartan plops into a strenuously uncomfortable futuristic chair and begins almost unconsciously knitting the red yarn. He stops himself in a perplexed surprise. Suddenly a loud bopping noise fills the air. A beautiful..." and in all caps, "...NUDE WOMAN casually brushing her teeth appears in a vidscreen before Spartan. Nude Woman: Hi Martin, I was think-...oh my god! I'm sorry, wrong number!" Remember that??

Maddox: I don't remember that at all, Dick. Thank you for the refresher.

Dick: That was some of the greatest tits...

Maddox: That was so worth...

Dick: ...in movies!

Maddox: Big payoff. (Dick laughs) By the way, if I was going to fill in the sentence "casually brushing her *blank*" and I was trying to think of something...the least erotic word, "teeth" would be on probably my top 10 list.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Casually..." (cracks up) "Casually brushing her teeth." I thought it was gonna say her nipples or her ass or, um...I don't know. Even her elbows! I would take elbows.

Dick: Uh, it was Brandy Ledford. Turns out she's got a sex tape, a threesome sex tape with, uh...with Vince Neil.

Maddox: Dick, it's -

Dick: (interjects) That I also watched today and didn't bring in. (giggles)

Maddox: Is this all the fuckin' research you did?!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: This is the most research I've ever seen Dick do! He's got, like, scripts and stats and all this shit! He's got the script for Demolition Man and he watched a porno. Good job, Dick.

Dick: Alright. (amused)

Maddox: AWESOME. I got a comment from Laurie Foster. So last episode I think we mentioned that China has a really low crime rate. I was specifically talking about Hong Kong, which is a different province. Like, it's a different, um...Hong Kong has a different culture than mainland China. But Laurie said, "I'm going to wager that the lower crime rate in China is because of an imposition of the death penalty for just about anything. To quote a few..." Here's some crazy Chinese laws you can get the death penalty for. "'Intruding into a residence for the purpose of robbery is punishable by death.' 'Robbery is punishable by death if it involves intrusion into public transportation, or a bank or a banking institution.' 'Graft and bribery are punishable by death if particularly large sums of money or property value are involved.' 'A city official of Chengdu was executed in May 2008 for seeking and receiving bribes.'" Selling tainted food, death; endangering public safety, death...

Dick: So what's she saying, euthanasia is the reason that there's not a lot of crime and shooting over there?

Maddox: No, we were talkin' about gun control and we talked about how China, in spite of not having guns, has a really low crime rate. However, Hong Kong is kind of governed differently than mainland China. Hong Kong is still kind of its own thing because they were under British rule for a long time. There you go, dickheads! You learned something. You learned something by listening to the podcast.

Dick: I don't know what I learned. What did I just learn?

Maddox: That Hong Kong was under British rule for 100 years and therefore it has a different culture than mainland China!

Dick: Oh, I...I knew that.

Maddox: Okay. (laughing)

Dick: I learned it in Rush Hour 2.

Maddox: Oh, great. I bet you did. Anyway Dick, should we get to the p-...solutions? (cracks up)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Not problems.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: I'll go -

Dick: (interjects) I got some stuff from Asterios Kokkinos that I'm gonna play a little later in the episode too.

Maddox: Oh, great! Alright. Love that guy, and this is the first episode we're recording since our Sneaky Greek came to visit us last time. (Dick laughs) But Dick, let's get to the solutions. Let's get to the real solutions here.

Dick: I do have one more good comment.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it.

Dick: Okay. So you brought in Euthanasia, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I said that I think doctors somehow give you the unlock codes to the morphine machine.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because you know, they're in your room there, the morphine box...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and you have cancer; it's plugged into your body and it will release a dose of morphine on a timer.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? And the easiest way to kill yourself is to just crank up the morphine.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Right? So in an episode of House where I learned this, Dr. Wilson, House's buddy, tells the nurse the code to the machine but he says it very loudly so the dying guy overhears.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: So that's...I assumed that's what doctors did.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Because they're learned men; they don't take advice on how to care for the human body from hillbilly car salesman politicians. Right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: Whose only job is to sell...is to screw people over.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: They're like professional hucksters. These are learned men! Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So this guy comments, Adrian Cade. "Dick, doctors do not just 'leave the lock off the morphine.'"

Maddox: (chuckles) Okay.

Dick: "That shit gets examined every single shift for how many times the patient hit the button and how many times they got medication." That sounds legit, right?

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: "If they got way more medication than was prescribed for them there's going to be a massive investigation ending with licenses being revoked, people being fired, and likely jail time. Instead people just become a DNR, get hospice care, and have someone give them morphine per hospice's orders (usually every hour as needed)." Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe they don't! I don't know, I learned this watching House!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Maybe this guy's right.

Maddox: Maybe House is wrong! Who knows? I mean, who am I to doubt a TV show? But go on, yeah.

Dick: Very next comment...

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: ...John Adam, uh, Turcich. "My grandfather had terminal cancer and the doctor loudly told the nurse what the code for the morphine machine was, so yes, what Dick said is true." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, eat that, whatever the first guy's name was!

Dick: Yeah, well... (stammers) Do you know?! Do you work...are you a doctor?? Do you work at a hospital or are you just putting this theory together in your mind that there's gonna be a mass investigation and that they're gonna go through the morphine codes like they're a black book? What are you doing? Are you contributing to the discussion here or are you just making things up? (yelling)

Maddox: He's...you know what he is? He's just a big "no, no, no." Hey, speaking of "no," Dick...

Dick: Go ahead. (cracking up)

Maddox: Before we get on with the solutions, I just need to mention here the horseshit shenanigans we had to go through at the start of this episode to get this fuckin', uh, tombstone over here to run and start recording us -

Dick: (interjects) My computer.

Maddox: Yeah, your computer. (scoffing)

Dick: Right.

Maddox: You remember you brought in Encryption as a solution, Dick?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And we spent about 45 minutes to an hour gettin' this horseshit to get up and running because everything was encrypted on it, and the drive wouldn't work and programs were incompatible and it was freezing up!

Dick: I mean, I don't wanna get into the minutia of why the computer doesn't work, but I upgraded...this is the Solutions show. We're not talking about problems.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I upgraded my computer, and Apple has this stupid little box that says "encrypt your hard drive."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And not thinking, I assumed that was already on. Like, I was just kind of whizzing through the update wizard.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: I hit "yeah, sure," clicked "next" and it's like, "Okay, congratulations. Your computer will be encrypted in like 2 weeks."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'm like, "Oh, uh...I need my computer between now and Armageddon."

Maddox: Yeah, that's the general Apple experience. (Dick sighs) (Sean laughs in the background) Everyone I know who has an Apple, their shit is always bl-...you know what? You called me out on reveling in how much joy I got from you guys having computer problems even at my own expense.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And it's because -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause you value pride above anything else. (Maddox and Sean laugh) That's why! You value pride above time, friendships, relationships, people's health, your own health...

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: Look out, you're pullin' his covers! (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeeeah. Oh, what a...

Dick: That's why!

Maddox: ...what a winner! What a hero! (Dick laughs more) I feel SO good about myself.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And you know what? It's because of smug Apple users. And then you put...I -

Dick: (interjects) Is that me? Am I a smug...oh, you know what? I got a great present for you this episode, because you're gonna be able to rant about Apple a lot.

Maddox: Oh, really?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Great! Good! Alright, well then let's get to the solutions.

Dick: Go ahead, do your solution.

Maddox: Yeah, great. My first solution, Dick, is Riots! (Dick laughs) Yeeeah! That's a real fuckin'... (**clapping sound effect**) Thank you, Maddox. Riots!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Wow, what a cool fuckin' solution! And so timely with the Baltimore riots going on right now.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know Dick, our country...so I know everyone right now is gonna think, "Oh, here comes Maddox with some liberal screed about riots and he's going to shit on cops and..." (stupid voice) You know, whatever your stupid line of reasoning is to tune out and dismiss points of view that you don't necessarily agree with.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: However, our country does have a long history of riots! Way back...I mean, this isn't even the first riot, but this is just one I picked. In 1933...have you heard of the Wisconsin Milk Strike?

Dick: No.

Maddox: This is kinda interesting, I was lookin' into this. Sean's nodding "yes." Of course Sean would know. I don't know why Sean knows such weirdo information, but uh... (cracks up) This is the Wisconsin Milk Strike. So the price of evaporated milk dropped from $4.79 for every 100 pounds...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...to $3.48, so farmers saw a 16 percent drop in profit while manufacturers saw a 10 percent gain and merchants saw a 5 percent gain. So literally, the farmers lost 15 percent -

Dick: (interjects) Made a little bit less money?

Maddox: Yeah, and everyone else made -

Dick: Gained a little bit?

Maddox: - that exact 15 percent, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And these are, like, dumb farmers in the '30s. They don't know anything, so they're being, uh...you know, they're being...what's an expression for being suckered?

Dick: Conned?

Maddox: Conned, but you know, a fun idiom. Whatever, they're being, um...what's a...

Dick: A bunch of rubes?

Sean: Flimflammed?

Dick: Flimflammed!

Maddox: Nah, not flimflammed.

Dick: They're being sidewinded? What are they...let's get Asterios back in here and have him -

Sean: (interjects) Bamboozled?

Maddox: Bamboozled, that's fun.

Dick: That's a good one.

Maddox: Okay, they were being bamboozled. So basically merchants and manufacturers were strong-arming these farmers. These farmers who produced milk for bottling weren't hit as hard by the recession, but the farmers who produced milk for cheese and butter and cream were in poverty, so it kind of made this split in the milking community. So farmers who were making cheese were basically going out of business, and farmers who were bottling milk for some reason were makin' stacks of money!

Dick: Milk privilege. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, I guess!

Dick: That's what they had.

Maddox: Yeah, they had milk privilege.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: *White* privilege, you might wanna say.

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: You might call. So -

Sean: (interjects) Were those the 2 percenters? (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly)

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) (**rimshot sound effect**) Good job, Sean. That's pretty good. (**audience laugh sound effect**)

Dick: So what, they had a riot 'cause they didn't make money? They didn't have enough money?

Maddox: Well, so first they decided...these poor, dumb farmers decided to do it the nice way. They decided to be gentlemen. They said, "Well, we're gonna strike by not selling milk," but that didn't work because all these other farmers who were so fucking poor they were eating dirt, they said, "Well, we're gonna scab and we're gonna sell milk. We don't care, we're just gonna sell it at a low price even though we're not making a profit."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: So then they tried to put up roadblocks to stop the milk deliveries, and so if milk farmers refused to turn around, the ones who were delivering the bottles, they would dump their milk or taint it with kerosene or oil -

Dick: (interjects) Ew. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah, and the milk farms retaliated by bombing some creameries and blowing up a cheese factory with dynamite. (cracks up) Isn't that insane?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: These milk farmers are havin' this war amongst themselves.

Dick: It sounds like a cartoon.

Maddox: Yeah, so this was also one of the first documented cases of a drive-by shooting in America. Did you know this?

Dick: Over milk?

Maddox: Over...yeah, over this milk strike.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah, there was a 60-year-old farmer who was killed at a picket line. He wasn't even there picketing, he wasn't even one of the strikers. He was there delivering food for people who were hungry because this was during The Great Recession.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And, uh...The Great Depression, rather. And this 60-year-old farmer was killed; someone fired a shot into the crowd because his headlight got broken by someone striking. So this poor old guy got killed! Anyway, so how's riot a solution? How is rioting -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, and people are getting killed mindlessly. This is an old...a poor old man delivering food just got murdered.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: This is a horrible problem. It's not a solution.

Maddox: SOUNDS horrible. However, one of the people who witnessed this milk pouring was this guy named Norman Borlaug. Have you heard of him, Dick?

Dick: Yeah, I know who that is.

Maddox: Norman Borlaug, 'cause I almost brought him in as a solution. I will at some point, but Norman Borlaug is this guy, he's this, uh...he's a plant scientist. A plant...what is it? He -

Dick: (interjects) He's an agricultural engineer.

Maddox: He's an agricultural engineer, and he had a degree in plant pathology. That's what I was lookin' for, plant pathology. So this plant pathologist, he was so distraught by seeing these people fight over food and milk because these people were starving and they were clamoring for the milk that these farmers were pouring out because they were so...just hungry.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And he was so distraught by seeing that that he decided to go into agriculture, this field, to solve the problem of world hunger, and he basically prevented a...they're estimating up to a billion people from starvation.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Norman Borlaug saw this event, this riot, and was inspired to solve this problem because he was so distraught by what he saw. We might not have the strain of wheat that we have today because of, uh...if it weren't for that riot.

Dick: If it weren't for riots? So you're saying rioting inspires people to do good.

Maddox: Yeah, sometimes!

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Um...

Sean: Or one time.

Dick: Yeah, one time. So this one time, it inspired a guy. You got any other pieces of evidence why riots are not mindless mob violence and should be...stopped?

Maddox: Sure do, Dick. (smiling) (Dick laughs) The 1919 -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause that was a shitty one.

Maddox: Yeah, well I got more examples, buddy! Good thing you asked. I... (everyone laughs)

Dick: Well, I hope so!

Maddox: I have the 1919 race riots of Chicago. Do you remember this? This was, uh, I believe I got this...part of this from Wikipedia. It says, "...July 27, 1919. On that hot summer day on a segregated Chicago beach..." -- this is true -- "...a white man was throwing rocks at blacks in the water at a beach on the South Side which resulted in Eugene William's death." So tensions escalated when a white police officer showed up and "did not arrest the white man responsible for William's death but arrested a black man instead."

Dick: Well... (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, that'll happen. What year was that?

Maddox: That was, uh, 1919.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It could've sounded like 2015, couldn't it?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Really? Because objections by blacks were met with violence by whites! Listen to this, listen to this. This sounds like this happened last week: more than 36 fires were started by whites -- WHITES this time -- in the Black Belt. Whites also blocked fire trucks from putting out the fires in the Black Belt. Thousands of blacks were left homeless.

Dick: Yep, horrible. All horrible things that happened because of a riot.

Maddox: Horrible things, yeah! Um, so -

Dick: (interjects) Explosion of racism, race-related crimes, riots...

Maddox: Yeah, AND -

Dick: (interjects) Arson, riots, deaths, destruction...

Maddox: And this was actually one of the first...another early instance of a drive-by shooting, which was whites driving by black neighborhoods and just, uh, spraying them with bullets.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Um...so this is from Patch.com. It says, "No white raiders were arrested, and blacks began 'sniping' in retaliation." (Dick laughs in disbelief) "Chicago's police chief admitted to the commission: 'There is no doubt that a great many police officers were grossly unfair in making arrests. They shut their eyes to offenses committed by white men while they were very vigorous in getting all the colored men they get.' Twice as many blacks were arrested as whites."

Dick: Maddox, this is the wrong show! This is the Solutions show!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: All of these are problems!

Maddox: Well, here's the solution that came from those riots. Have you ever heard of the Haynes Report?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Nobody has, 'cause it's a fuckin'...it happened...

Dick: What is it?

Maddox: ...40-50 years ago. It's a report by Dr. George Edmund Haynes, and it called for national action against lynchings. So the undercurrent here, one of the things that caused all this racial tension, was that more than 3,000 people had been lynched in the year before the riots. 3,000!

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: In 1918. 2,472 were black and 50 were black women. Haynes said that the states had shown themselves unable or unwilling to put a stop to lynchings and seldom prosecuted the murderers. And then Governor Lowden -- governor of Illinois at the time -- he said...he appointed a state committee to study the psychological, social and economic causes underlying the conditions resulting in the present race riots. Well, good thing we solved that. Uh...

Dick: So what is the...what is the good thing that came out of that? They made lynching illegal?

Maddox: The Haynes Report! Yeah, that, uh...that helped put lynching on the radar for everybody and realized that it's still a huge, huge thing. Nobody was really paying attention to it back then. Nobody gave a shit.

Dick: So are you saying riots are good because they raise awareness?

Maddox: No, nonono. See, first of all, Dick...yeah, sometimes! Sometimes raising awareness is helpful. Sometimes it is. Like for example, you know how I hate slacktivism, right?

Dick: Well, 'cause I was gonna say it sounds like you're giving the same reason for riots being a solution as people posting pink ribbons on their Facebook profile.

Maddox: Yeah, posting pink ribbons...if you do something that doesn't take any action, that's slacktivism. That's a huge problem. However, this is when raising awareness matters. Right? You remember a while back when everybody -- and I said this during the slacktivism episode -- everybody changed their Facebook profile to the red equals sign, or the pink equals sign.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: To show solidarity with people who are in support of gay marriage.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: That's one of the few times when it actually matters to do...to raise awareness, because you are actually trying to change social perceptions in society.

Dick: So you're...you support slacktivism when it comes to gay rights?

Maddox: Uh, when it comes to gay rights it's not slacktivism, because there is no other...no better way to do that short of, say, buying a billboard and putting your message up there. That's not slacktivism.

Dick: How is that any different than any...raising awareness for anything? It's exactly the same!

Maddox: Well Dick, first of all, this is not slacktivism. 'Cause as you recall, these blacks rioted -

Dick: (interjects) It's throwing Molotov cocktails and bricks through the windows of small businesses.

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Yeah, it's horrible.

Maddox: ...which is the opposite of slacktivism.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But you're saying that slacktivism is good for gay marriage, but it's bad in general? Where is it bad then?

Maddox: Uh...yeah, yeah! Yeah, correct. It's bad when you do something that...that you think will help when it has done absolutely nothing. Like UNICEF had that advertisement a while back that said, "This..." It showed a starving child and it said, "This starving child has received 0 grains of rice because of your 'likes' on Facebook."

Dick: Right!

Maddox: That's slacktivism because when people think that 'liking' something on Facebook is accomplishing something instead of doing something that they actually need to do in real life, that's when it's bad. But when it's changing social perceptions, that's good.

Dick: I...I think you're way off here! There's no gay married...no people got gay married 'cause you posted a pink equals sign on your Facebook!

Maddox: Dick, it helped...every little bit helps change the tide in favor of equal rights.

Dick: Then that's exactly...that's EXACTLY the same thing as saying every little bit helps feeding kids in other countries.

Maddox: But it doesn't!

Dick: But it...by that logic, it totally does!

Maddox: No, it doesn't.

Dick: Overwhelming support for foreign aid going to feed the hungry or raise...like the ALS ice bucket challenge.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They made shitloads of money because of that just because of the marketing!

Maddox: Right! That's not slacktivism. That's why I didn't shit on it. Everybody came to me and they said, "Hey Maddox, why aren't you shitting on this ice bucket challenge?" And I sat there and I thought about it. I thought, "You know what? It's kinda slack-...it has every element of a slacktivist...of slacktivism."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "However, the difference is that it actually did raise a lot of money so it's not slacktivism." I don't think the ALS ice bucket challenge...I think that I would say 40 to 60 percent of the people who took part of it were slacktivists, but they still accomplished their goals.

Dick: More than that.

Maddox: It's not slacktivism. By definition, if you accomplish your goals it's not slacktivism.

Dick: Oh, but that's...you're making the proof, you're putting the burden of proof, um...you're making it very amorphous. Because someone cannot say...you can't say one way or the other that raising awareness of hunger has not lessened the negative effects of hunger. Like, you cannot say that it's done absolutely nothing.

Maddox: Well no, raising awareness of hunger does next to nothing if you don't actually donate. So the difference between the ALS ice bucket challenge and raising awareness for hunger, for example, is that if you just post something on Facebook and say, "Hey guys, don't forget some people are hungry somewhere!" GREAT, that does fucking nothing. But if you challenge somebody and say, "Look, do this silly thing and then donate to this cause." Yeah, it's stupid and it's infuriating and I'm fucking tired of seeing that shit. However, they accomplished their goals. I can't impugn them too much. I mean yeah, it's annoying, it's stupid, but...they accomplished their goals! They did something! And this isn't slacktivism either, Dick, because when they sent in the National Guard they had whites go down there and guard black hospitals. There were whites who were trying to attack black hospitals...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and they sent white National Guardsmen down there to protect them, and that kind of also sent a signal to the whites down there that "Hey, we're no longer living in a segregated South." I mean, they very much were, but legally they were trying to change that precedent and this Haynes Report really put lynching in the spotlight. Like, there was a huge drop after that...after 1919 of lynchings.

Dick: So commit as many crimes as you can to stop other crimes? Is that why it's a solution?

Maddox: No, not always. Well Dick, this brings us to -

Dick: (interjects) 1 billion dollars spent on the LA riots fixing it. 1 billion dollars of property destroyed.

Maddox: Yeah, that's a huge problem. But Dick, this brings us to the Baltimore riots, right?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: 'Cause you said...that's an important thing that you just brought up, and this is from an MSNBC report. This guy's interviewing a woman who's down there during the riots, and here's the first part of that interview. Listen to this. [**plays MSNBC clip**]

Male reporter: When you say that you want justice, what type of message do you think it sends to the world when we're waiting on that justice and due process from the police investigation that we see residents last night looting and rioting in the city? Does that represent the population of the city?

Maddox: [**pauses clip**] Okay, fair question, right?

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: He said, "Okay, well, you guys want this thing to change, you want this bad thing to stop. How does looting and rioting help that?" And here's what the woman answered, and I think this is really important. [**resumes clip**]

Female interviewee: No it doesn't, but my question to you is when we were out here protesting all last week for 6 days straight peacefully, there were no news cameras, there were no helicopters, there was no riot gear, and nobody heard us. So now that we've burned down buildings and set businesses on fire and looted buildings, now all of a sudden everybody wants to hear us. Why does it take a catastrophe like this in order for America to hear our cry? I mean, enough is enough. We've had too many lives lost at the hands of police officers. Enough is enough.

[clip ends]

Dick: Yeah, 'cause you're a fuckin' terrorist. That's why. You're terrorizing people into listening to you, so congratu-fuckin'-lations.

Maddox: Well, the majority -

Dick: (interjects) That's why they're listening.

Maddox: The major-...first of all Dick, who's the terrorist? The rioters?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Or the people who instigated it by breaking a man's spine when he was put in their trust and care for doing nothing more than carrying a switchblade? Meanwhile you and your merry band of idiots are running around California with guns, open carry laws, yet when a black person gets pulled over with a switchblade they throw him in the back of a van, give him a rough ride, strap him down, and then they severed his spinal cord in three different places, injured his larynx, he went into a coma and then died! And then Rand fuckin' Paul, that dipshit, came out with this news release and he was sayin', "Well, it's the breakdown of the family. That's the reason we have these problems." Well, you know what would help not break down the family? When your son isn't dead because his fuckin' spinal cord was broken. And people were peacefully protesting for 6 days; nobody gave a shit about it, nobody paid attention, there weren't helicopters flying around, so guess what? People got frustrated and fed up and they burnt a few things! They burnt down a few buildings.

Dick: Just burnt a couple buildings down, no big deal! No lives were ruined by that, were they? Sorry you lost your son, but going around and destroying other people's lives is not the way to deal with it!

Maddox: I agree, I agree. That is a huge problem, Dick.

Dick: That's what they're doing!

Maddox: However, what's a better solution? We're talkin' about solutions here, so how would you get your, uh...this problem, which is a huge problem. You don't think this police brutality is a huge problem?

Dick: I brought in Militarized Police in like the 12th episode! I think it's a HUGE fuckin' problem!

Maddox: Great, then we agree. So what's a better solution, Dick?

Dick: How to fix the police??

Maddox: Nononononono, I'm asking specifically about THIS. They're trying to get people...they're saying enough is enough. What this woman said is important, and I think she's very astute. She said, "When we were protesting peacefully, nobody paid attention to us. Nobody gave a shit." And by the way, this woman isn't violent and the majority of the people who are protesting are not violent. This is a very small contingent of people who are looting and robbing some stores. And the CVS? Really, their lives are ruined?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: That entire fuckin' store and that franchise is insured to high end.

Dick: You don't think any small businesses...first of all, so it's okay to be violent as long as someone has insurance?

Maddox: No, no.

Dick: 'Cause that applies to a lot of things. Is it okay to be violent just because it's a big corporation and you personally can't imagine people getting hurt by that?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Is it okay because it's spread out amongst...? Like, why is it okay to burn a CVS down but it's not okay to burn down Joe's Liquor?

Maddox: I'm not defending their...uh, the violence here, Dick. What they did is -

Dick: (interjects) Sounds like you were a little bit when it comes to CVS.

Maddox: No, what I'm doin' is I'm making the case that sometimes violence can be a solution in that it does...it does bring the national spotlight on something that people were ignoring. You know Dick, I've been working on a video about police deaths, and I just found this out today. There's this website, I think it's called Policedeaths.net.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: It's a really good website. They are...so the police departments around the nation are not keeping track of the number of people they kill. Did you know this?

Dick: They're not keeping track at all?

Maddox: No, they're not keeping track AT ALL.

Dick: What do you mean? They gotta file...don't they have to file a report every time they shoot a bullet?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In The Other Guys, they made Will Ferrell fill out a report when he fired a bullet at his desk.

Maddox: Well, sure. However, that's uh, that's not...that's not public knowledge. They don't rep-...they don't release that information.

Dick: Oh! Oh, ehh...yeah.

Maddox: They supposedly have this internally, but some departments say, "We don't even keep track of that."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So this website took initiative to start logging since I think 2013 every time a headline...a police officer kills a civilian, and just since this January alone, you know how many people have died?

Dick: No, tell me.

Maddox: Over 320! Over 320. Some of that...and I was lookin' at this thing and I'm thinkin' -

Dick: (interjects) That cops have killed? 320 people in America since January?

Maddox: Yeah, 320. 320 since January, and I was thinking, "Well - "

Dick: (interjects) Seems like a lot!

Maddox: Yeah. "I'm gonna start checking some of these headlines he's linking to. Surely these are...a lot of 'em are, you know, 'thugs.'" Other N-words, by the way. Go vote up Other N-Words, 'cause everyone's saying "thug" is the new N-word. Anyway, I was thinkin' that a lot of these people were just, you know, robbing liquor stores and robbing convenience stores and something happened and the police shot them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But that's not at all what I found. I found that people were getting killed left and right, like... (stammers) I saw a 17-year-old girl get killed...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...there was, uh, there was somethin' like a 12...there was that 12-year-old child who got killed for having a -

Dick: (interjects) I've had a cop pull a gun on me.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: How did you...oh, that's right, you told that story a couple episodes ago.

Dick: Did I? Where I had a toy gun in my car, like the full-on red cap and everything?

Maddox: Oh no, I didn't hear this story. Go on.

Dick: Oh yeah! No, somebody saw it, they called it in. I was dickin' around minding my own business, I was dropping off some helium tanks for, uh, for high school. I was in high school.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was dropping off some helium tanks from a function that we'd just done.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it was in, like, the industrial area of town so I don't know, maybe there is more...gun crimes there than there would otherwise be.

Maddox: Probably.

Dick: Maybe the cops are probably keyed up when they're in that area. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Somebody saw this gun in my car, called it in. I'm leaving the helium tank place, I look left and right, I turn right to see...you know, for traffic.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I turn right; there's a fuckin' cop with a pistol pointed at my face from 10 feet away, and I'm like, "Alright! Well, um..." What do you do? You're not prepared to react to that. I'm just kind of sitting there and I just put my hands up, 'cause that's what you see in the movies.

Maddox: Sure. (chuckling)

Dick: I'm like, "Welp, uh, here you go! I've gotta put the car in park so I can get out. Like, I understand that you're pissed off and that you would like to kill me."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I understand that some part of you as a human being hopes I'm a bad guy so that you can kill me now and be a hero."

Maddox: They wanna be a hero!

Dick: "I get that that's in you somewhere. I'm not saying that that's your primary motivation but I understand the possibility of getting executed right now is very real, so I really need to put this car in park. Like, I'm trying to communicate that to you through a sheet of glass."

Maddox: Were you saying this to him?

Dick: I just mouthed "park" over and over until I got a nod, because he's thinkin', "I have a gun."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? And this is now a suicide by cop. By the way, uh, I don't know why that was necessary! So now I'm seeing other cars. Now it's the swarm moment, right?

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Other cars pull in, dudes pop out with shotguns. They, um, they pull me out of the car and they're like, "Where is it?" and I'm like, "You know man, you're gonna have to be more specific. Like, I'm sorry. I get the whole cop talk thing, but you're gonna have to give me complete sentences." She's like, "Where's the gun? Where's the gun, where's the gun?" and I'm like, "I have a fake prop gun in the back seat. That might be what you're talking about. No real guns! I don't have any real guns."

Maddox: And even if you did though, why...what's the issue? You're allowed to carry guns.

Dick: I don't know, dude. To this day I don't know.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's what I tell them. They go find the gun immediately, the fake gun. Immediately. I spend the next 2 hours in handcuffs on the side of the road as they tear apart the rest of my car and mock my English textbooks. We were reading...required reading in like 11th grade was "Sons and Lovers." (Maddox laughs) Uh, yeah! It's a James Joyce book or something like that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like classic American literature, right? This fuckin' meathead cop pulls this out, he's like, "Huh, 'Sons and Lovers.' What's this all about?" (stupid voice) and I'm like, "Oh, it's like a..." You know, and they're laughing at each other like dumb...like retarded jocks.

Maddox: Yeah, jocks.

Dick: And I'm like, "First of all dude, it's...you pulled that out of my school backpack."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "Do you think that I'm...like, I bought that for FUN? Did you remember high school?! Did you enjoy reading everything? None of that's fun for me! That's not a fun book for me!" But I'm like, "Uh, I don't know, dude. It's like an exploration of the Oedipal complex around - "

Maddox: (interjects) Oedipus.

Dick: Yeah, the...Oedipal. "Oedipal."

Maddox: Oedipus. Oh, "Oedipal," okay.

Dick: No, it's Oedipal complex.

Maddox: I see what you're saying, yeah yeah yeah.

Dick: Yeah. "...around...in like the 1800s, in the late 1800s. I don't know what you want. Like, what do you want that to be? Do you want me to say, 'Oh yeah, you got me. You know why I have that book? 'Cause I'm gay.'" (Maddox laughs) "Like, make fun of me."

Maddox: Yeah!! That's a...

Dick: "Make fun of me, you fuckin' assholes."

Maddox: That's the subtext here!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They were makin' a gay joke, essentially.

Dick: They were making a gay joke at a KID.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And at the time I was like, "Well, I'm glad I got out of that." But now, not that specifically, but now I hate the cops for the rest of my life!

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: You know what I'm saying? That's what that experience showed me.

Maddox: So let's recap, Dick. You got pulled over as a white male who got -

Dick: (interjects) Half. Half white.

Maddox: Well yeah, but you look pretty white. So you got pulled over, the cops didn't shoot you...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and this experience where the cops DIDN'T shoot you and they kinda made a gay joke made you hate them for the rest of your life. Just imagine -

Dick: (interjects) I'm not a fan of cops!

Maddox: I know. But just imagine the amount of hatred you might have, you MIGHT have if, say, every few days you read a headline where another man was shot unarmed, a black man, and you were black. Can you understand the frustration that these people are feeling?

Dick: Of course!!

Maddox: Because based on a gay joke, you hated cops. Can you imagine the frustration -

Dick: (interjects) No, it's much more than that.

Maddox: Well, sure.

Dick: It's not a gay joke, it's much more than that. It's just the whole...their whole system, their whole deal.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But here's the problem. Here's why riots are not a solution. First of all, it's just violence against other citizens who also are in the same situation as you.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: First of all. You're destroying your own fuckin' neighborhood. Great job! It's fun, it's cool! I like breakin' shit, but you're just hurting other people who are just like you. #2: if that woman wants things to be fixed, she's gonna have to start hearing possible solutions, and that's where it breaks down because if I give you a solution on how to fix this, you're gonna IMMEDIATELY disagree with it.

Maddox: Dick -

Dick: (interjects) Immediately.

Maddox: Uh, I don't think what these people need are lectures. They don't need people sitting there coming down with solutions from up high, from people who don't understand what they're going through day to day. We can't -

Dick: (interjects) I'm talking about fixing the system that's racist against them! I'm not talking about lecturing them; I'm saying, "Okay, I have an idea of how to fix this. Let's do it." Immediately you're gonna get 99 people out of 100 saying "no." That's not the problem.

Maddox: Well, what's the sol-...well, I wanna hear your solution but before I do, Dick, I just wanna point out one other thing. You said that, you know, this is a horrible thing that's happening. The riots are hurting innocent people, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's true!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But where is the, uh, the righteous indignation when the Aggieville Riots happened? That was in Kansas. 6,000 to 8,000 people rioted after a game between Kansas State University and University of Kansas. People threw bottles and rocks at police, there was a riot -- and nobody was killed, by the way. People threw bottles and rocks at police; no righteous indignation, no fucking blowhards.

Dick: What, from me?

Maddox: No, not from you. I'm saying right now the people who are impugning the Baltimore rioters, they're saying, "Well, they're thugs and they're animals" and so on and so forth.

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: But there was no righteous indignation for a fucking riot after a football game. There was a riot just a few years ago in downtown LA...

Dick: There always is!

Maddox: ...when the Lakers WON!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: And then that same weekend of the Kansas riot there was a Detroit riot, when the Detroit Tigers won the World Series in 1986, I believe. They WON and people rioted, and almost every single window, EVERY single window in Aggieville was smashed and cars were set on fire. That's what happened after a football game, so let's back off the righteous indignation for a minute because at least these people have a cause. (Dick scoffs) At least these people are pushed and frustrated to the point. Now I wanna hear, Dick, what is your solution?

Dick: What you just said frustrates me even more than... (stammers) It's not justifiable to me. It's not justifiable to, if something bad happened to you, to just go ahead and pay it forward.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm not -

Dick: (interjects) And that's what a riot is to me.

Maddox: I'm not sure it is justifiable, Dick. Again, I'm not saying that it's justified and I'm not saying that violence is good. However, it is...it is one way that they are getting attention to this. They're trying to, um...wait no, I said it more eloquently before. I'm not gonna repeat it.

Dick: You want me to -

Maddox: (interjects) What's a solution, Dick? I wanna hear a solution.

Dick: You wanna hear something interesting first?

Maddox: What?

Dick: The first riot, first recorded riot? Happened because of sports.

Maddox: (laughs) Is it really?

Dick: It happened, I think...yeah, it happened in Rome or something. One of the emperors pushed back a chariot race?

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: People rioted. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Yeah! (Dick laughs) Yeah, people riot for sporting events WAY more often than people riot for racial events where there is some severe social problem going on with police, yet everybody gets high and mighty when this happens.

Dick: Well... (sighs) You know. Okay, here's...here's a solution.

Maddox: What's a solution?

Dick: Stop having laws that are not illegal.

Maddox: Okay. (muttering)

Dick: Stop...don't make laws that engender ill will between the people and the police.

Maddox: Dick, I'll tell you why that's not...I mean, I agree with that, but that is such a simplistic view of what's going on in Baltimore.

Dick: Make drugs legal!

Maddox: It's not just about drugs. It's such a simplistic view. Someone posted a picture on Twitter recently of some boarded-up housing in Baltimore, in west Baltimore, and they said, "This is why they're rioting." And I thought, "Well, that's cherry-picked. I should probably go look on Google Earth," and I found some nice neighborhoods over there, but I was blown away. I encourage everybody to do this: go to Google Maps right now, type in "west Baltimore," then go to Google Street View and just start looking at the neighborhoods. Look at what these people are living in. There is house after house after house of just boarded-up windows. If you're a homeless person or if you're somebody living in poverty and you walk around and you see all these boarded-up homes that some rich land owner is just sitting on because the property value hasn't increased enough for him to make a profit, and you think, "Well, why the fuck am I living on the street every day when there's this perfectly good home that's been sitting there boarded up for years and I can't get a fucking job? Meanwhile, the police are targeting us." And I'll tell you why that "useless law" solution isn't really a solution, **Dick:** because still, blacks are still pulled over 5 to 10 times more often than whites in these neighborhoods.

Dick: It's because of drug laws.

Maddox: It's not just drug laws!

Dick: I honestly think that...okay, first of all, what did I say? I'm gonna propose a solution; immediately shot down. Didn't I say that? That's why it's not as simple as "just fix it," 'cause anybody who has an idea on how to fix it gets shot down!

Maddox: Yeah. You know what -

Dick: (interjects) There's just...like, legalize drugs because that's what you get busted for in the ghetto! You have your life thrown away 'cause you've got some drugs on you. You're an affluent white person, you're never gonna get busted for drugs!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And everybody's doing drugs!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a huge problem to me that's obvious and easy to fix. That's not even getting into, like, education and shit that will proactively help them.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: This is just a solution that seems fuckin' obvious! Immediately shot down.

Maddox: Why are you thinkin' about this, Dick?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Why are you thinking about this solution right now?

Dick: Why am I thinking about the solution you just...my solution for drugs?

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah! Why are you thinkin' about the solution to this problem?

Dick: Because you are talking about the riots, and you said "propose - "

Maddox: (interjects) Why am I talking about the riots?

Dick: 'Cause you think it's a solution and they're happening.

Maddox: Because they're...

Dick: Just say what you want me to say! What?

Maddox: Because they're happening. You know what's ironic, Dick? We wouldn't be havin' this conversation if they demonstrated peacefully and continued to. Because it's obvious that I care about this a lot, right? And even me, somebody who cares about this -- I really do care about these social issues -- I didn't know about the demonstrations that were happening peacefully, but as soon

as somebody threw a rock through a window, as soon as a cop car got pelted, as soon as there was some smoke in the air, everybody's cameras were fixed on Baltimore. And yes, it's a small minority. A small, small percentage of the people down there are violent, but it's causing us to talk about it and you wouldn't be thinking of that solution. You wouldn't be dreaming up that solution.

Dick: First of all, that's...don't tell me what I would not be thinking.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: I'll talk about legalizing drugs all day. The amount of times I get called a libertarian in the fuckin' comments, you should at least give me that. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well that's fine, Dick, but I think that's a simplistic view because you're not addressing the poverty, you're not addressing the crime, you're not addressing the, uh, the fact that blacks are pulled over way more often than whites.

Dick: It's a simplistic view that I have because I offer ONE thing that I think can possibly help this massive fucking catastrophe. I'm not saying it will...you realize I'm not saying it will fix everything?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: There's like hundreds of things we could be doing.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: But not...but I can't do them!

Maddox: Yeah, I know. I agree, Dick, and you know what? I'm not disagreeing with that. I think it's an important step in the right direction to le-...you know, maybe not make so many drug violations because over 92 percent -- I think I read this statistic -- in Baltimore, 92 percent of the black people who were arrested were arrested for marijuana offenses.

Dick: Yeah! It's a totally racist law.

Maddox: Yeah, that's...I mean, that's pretty huge. Well, it's not necessarily that the law is racist but police are pulling over black people more often than whites, sometimes for doing nothing, for being DWB. You know what...uh, "driving while black."

Dick: "Driving while ballin'." (Maddox and Sean laugh) Yeah, I know THAT one. (smiling)

Maddox: "Driving while ballin'." Anyway Dick, we are talking about this now because they rioted. Had they not, we wouldn't be talkin' about it. And everybody who has so much righteous indignation, why don't you just step the fuck back for a minute and start bitching this strong and loudly next time there's a riot for a sporting event? Which should be, oh, I don't know, any fucking minute now, because every time a sporting team wins or loses people have a reason to riot. You know, they were talkin' about this Kansas City riot -- and I'll just end on this point. They were sayin' that there was one time where it was a really hot game, it was the same two teams, and it ended in a 17-17 tie...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...and everybody was just like, "Eh, let's just go home." Nobody gave a shit!

Dick: Nobody rioted. (amused)

Maddox: Nobody rioted! Because they weren't...they didn't have a reason to celebrate either w-...celebrate or they weren't angry either way.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's fuckin' stupid.

Dick: Hey, if nobody's payin' attention to you, just knock down a couple of their buildings. Then everybody will be talking about you all the time. Right?

Maddox: Dick, until I hear a better non-violent solution...and I think I have one. I think I know of one possible non-violent solution to this and it's potentially similar to how Gandhi demonstrated, which is huge hunger strikes. If that was happening on a large enough scale, maybe people would notice. But it's kinda hard when people are that frustrated and that up in arms, and I do believe the media may be...may be race baiting a little bit, because I was lookin' at the people who were killed by cops. It's not all blacks, but the majority of the ones who were killed for not being armed were definitely black.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it's really shitty. This is a problem that needs to stop. I mean, uh, this is -

Dick: (interjects) Problem?

Maddox: This is a problem that needs to be stopped and I think that rioting isn't necessarily always bad. We've seen some good things come from rioting. The Haynes Report -

Dick: (interjects) I think it's terrorism.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's completely terrorism, it's bad; if you do it you're a scumbag.

Maddox: Yeah, but some -

Dick: (interjects) The reasons don't matter.

Maddox: Right, but the Arabs view our bombings...our predator drones as terrorism and so they respond in kind, so this is I think the response in kind to the police supposedly terrorizing the civilians by throwing them in the back of a van and breaking your spine. That's a fucking awful way to go. I think...I can't think of many things I would rather not have done to me than having a broken spine. That sounds pretty awful.

Dick: I mean, it's... (sighs) Yeah, if you...if you wanna whip people up into a frenzy to commit violence, focusing on one heinous act is a great way to do it. And you know why -

Maddox: (interjects) It's not one heinous act, Dick.

Dick: You know why...yeah, but that's what...you're talking about it again and again to make it seem...what they're doing justifiable, to make it seem justifiable.

Maddox: It's not j-...I'm not saying that the violence is justified! That's not the goal here!

Dick: It sounds like...

Maddox: I'm saying that some good can come of rioting! I'm not saying that the violence is justified.

Dick: That's the definition of "justifying."

Maddox: No, just because something good comes from it doesn't mean the initial act was justified. Like for example, if a criminal was robbing a bank and on his way, you know, knocked someone over who, uh...who was about to commit a bigger crime? Yeah, he did some good but that doesn't justify his initial crime. I'm saying that some good can come of rioting. That's why I'm saying that -

Dick: (interjects) It justifies Robin Hood's crimes.

Maddox: What?

Dick: Robin Hood, the guy who stole from the rich and gave to the poor?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's justified because he gave it to the poor.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: That's the story. Still committing crimes!

Maddox: Um...yeah, but uh, but the scale of that crime is pretty low. The scale of the crimes they're doing in riots are pretty high. There's a lot of monetary damage done. Like you said earlier, there's a billion dollars worth of damage?

Dick: A billion bucks, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: In LA.

Maddox: That's huge. Anyway Dick, that's my solution.

Dick: We know our riots in LA. What's up, Sean?

Sean: No, I was just gonna say, didn't Martin Luther King usher in, like, huge social change through non-violent means?

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: That's a more recent example than Gandhi.

Dick: No shit! But you know what? It's not as fun. (cynical)

Sean: He had the sit-ins and stuff. I mean...

Dick: It's not as fun for people to do a sit-in as it is to throw a brick through a window.

Sean: People were definitely made aware of, you know, problems through that. It's still talked about to this day all the time!

Dick: Yeah. Uh, I wanna lighten the mood a little bit...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...by playing a bit. This is a...this is a deep cut from an Asterios Kokkinos bit. One of our favorites.

Maddox: Oh! Yeah, let's hear it. [**plays first Biggest Problem in History bit**]

(fanfare music)

Asterios: (old-timey voice) Welcome to The Biggest Problem in History! Taking the pisstory out of history. Examining the biggest problems in history to occur this week. (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: So these are...these are old.

Maddox: Yeah.

(telegraph machine beeping)

Asterios: April 14th, 1865: President Abraham Lincoln is shot in Ford's Theatre by attention-seeking actor John Wilkes Booth. (Dick and Maddox laugh) **Booth, a total diva who couldn't relinquish the spotlight for a single second, assassinated Lincoln and successfully cemented actors over presidents as our national heroes.** (Dick and Maddox laugh more) **Never again would we think of the president as cooler than some really handsome idiot who's good at pretending to punch people or cry. Great job, John Wilkes Booth! Actors: 1, Presidents: 0.**

[bit ends]

Dick: (laughs) Here, I got one more.

Maddox: Great! [**Dick plays next Biggest Problem in History bit**]

(fanfare music; telegraph machine beeping)

Asterios: (old-timey voice) April 20th, 2010: The Deepwater Horizon oil rig explodes in the Gulf of Mexico...

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Asterios: ...killing 11 workers, but more importantly spilling our precious, precious oil! That stuff ain't cheap! (Dick and Maddox laughing) **Don't act like you don't need it every day. It takes millions of years to create the magic black elixir that drives our economy, whereas new people can be banged out in a weekend if you're not too drunk and you swear to God you put on a condom.**

Dick: Good point!

Asterios: All in all 4.9 million barrels of oil were tragically lost at sea, as well as the environment or whatever. (everyone laughs)

[bit ends]

Dick: Alright. (amused) Um...you wanna get to my solution?

Maddox: Yeah, let's hear it.

Dick: I think there's gonna be a theme this episode where each other thinks that each other's solution is actually a huge fuckin' problem.

Maddox: Okay. (smiling)

Dick: The Apple Watch.

Maddox: Ohh, Apple Watch!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, well, well, the ripoff of ripoffs! (Dick and Sean laugh) Let's hear about this fuckin' bullshit-ass tech!

Dick: The ripoff of ripoffs?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay, I...when I saw the Apple Watch announced, that's the same thing that I thought.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I was like, "What a fuckin' joke."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "This is stupid. It's just...who is gonna wear this dumb thing? Why do I need to wear this thing?"

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: "Why do I need to rely on another gadget? You're gonna look like Inspector Gadget walking around with this. Like, it's gonna be stupid."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Why weren't you thinking that, oh, I don't know, fuckin' 6 months...a year ago when the Pebble came out before the Apple Watch?

Dick: I was!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah, I thought the same thing of the Pebble!

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: "What a stupid thing on Kickstarter. Everyone is just buying it for the idea, like a lot of things on Kickstarter. I think it's a joke." Right?

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Okay. BUT, my dad said somethin' very smart to me when I was gearing up for...I was home for dinner and I said, "The Apple Watch, what a stupid piece of crap." Dad's a very smart guy, very savvy guy. He says, "Yeah, but think about all the time you're gonna save when you don't have to pull your phone out to look to see if you got messages or emails."

Maddox: Ohhh. (groaning)

Dick: And I...what do you mean, "oh"? Are you oh-ing like, "Oh, what a smart thing to say?"

Maddox: NO.

Dick: Oh. Uh-oh. (Maddox laughs) Maddox, the average person checks their phone 150 times a day!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: That's every 6 minutes!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, can you imagine that movement? And you check your phone all the fuckin' time.

Maddox: Yeah, but only because I block Facebook and Twitter on my phone and I just check it...I just check it when I take shits now. That's all I do.

Dick: I don't believe you.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: 'Cause you check it when you're out as well. Like, you check it in bars and restaurants.

Maddox: Oh no, I've gotten way better at that. I have a...I have imposed -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I believe that.

Maddox: Yeah! I have imposed a "no cell phone" rule on myself on dates and when I'm out with friends. I don't touch it. I receive phone calls, I let it go to voicemail, unless I know I'm gettin'...I'm expecting something important, because it's rude.

Dick: And you're an exceptional, um...

Maddox: Guy.

Dick: A guy.

Maddox: An exceptional guy. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, you're an...and you're an exceptional guy, so surely you would say the average person does not do that!

Maddox: No.

Dick: In fact, they spend 144 minutes a day on their phone. You remember you said you had Facebook blocked, right?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: I think part of that is people check their phone to see if they have a message, and they get sucked...and they see the phone, they're like, "Oh, I could do other shit while I'm here too."

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: So if it's on a watch, not only do you not have to pull it outta your pocket 150 times a day, but you also aren't gonna sucked into all the other bullshit.

Maddox: Mmm.

Dick: You see what I'm saying?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: So I did some research...

Maddox: Great. (dryly)

Dick: ...on the reviews for this product?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's what these engineers are saying! That they don't look at their phones anymore. They don't take them out of their pocket.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And another thought occurred to me that I thought is weird, because Apple usually does a great job marketing. Surely you'll admit that.

Maddox: Yeah, mar-...Apple...

Dick: Very successful marketing.

Maddox: Apple is...I will definitely say that Apple is unimpeachable when it comes to marketing. They're one of the best.

Dick: Right! So when they started doin' this Apple Watch thing, I thought, "Why do I think this is a stupid thing?" Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I should not have that impression lookin' at it, and I think a lot of people do. Like, I don't think this ad campaign has been successful.

Maddox: No, it's stupid.

Dick: BUT, along with my theory that the watch is a huge solution...

Maddox: Mhm. (sarcastic)

Dick: ...is because the ad that they should be showing is the watch kills the phone! The ad should be, "The phone is rude, the phone is crass, the phone is bulky and outdated. The watch is the future." You're not gonna...all this walking around like a...like an iPhone zombie, staring at your phone while you're walking around, sitting on the bus staring at your phone, being out on a date staring at your phone? I think the watch is gonna kill all that.

Maddox: Yeah, great, Dick! Now instead of people lookin' at their phone, they're gonna be lookin' at their wrist! Awesome. Huge solution.

Dick: But they're just gonna glance at it!

Maddox: Glance at it, get outta here.

Dick: Glance at it!

Maddox: They're gonna sit there fuckin' fiddling around with it, installing bullshit-ass apps, and you can't type on those watches. Those watches are worthless. Have you seen the keyboards on those things?

Dick: No.

Maddox: They're awful.

Dick: No.

Maddox: The keyboards...it's just an exercise in frustration. I think they're going back. They're reverting our technology back to the...what was the, um, the dial pad lettering system? Something 9? Uh...QWERTY9 or something?

Dick: Oh, yeah. Yeah yeah yeah, I...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I know what you're saying. It's like 909, I think. Texting?

Maddox: No, it's somethin' like 409 or somethin'. Anyway, it's...it's T9! T9 prediction, that's what it is.

Dick: T9.

Maddox: T9 prediction.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they're reverting us back to T9 prediction. However, now we're one step below that because we don't even have fucking BUTTONS. So now we have no choice but to stare at the screen, whereas with T9 prediction you knew if you pressed the '6' button like 4 times, you'd get the letter 'O'.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Now you have to fuckin' stare at your screen like another fuckin' monkey! Go vote up monkeys, guys!! (yelling)

Dick: As a solution.

Maddox: No!! (both laugh) You motherfucker, as a problem! Piece of SHIT. Okay, so why specifically the Apple Watch, Dick? Over, say, the innovators of Pebble?

Dick: Because the Pebble looks like a toy.

Maddox: YOU look like a toy. (laughs)

Dick: That's why...that's why I hated it in the first place.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I said, "I don't care what this thing does because it looks like a fucking joke."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "I'm not gonna wear this around."

Maddox: Dick, every Apple iPhone user I know is an idiot, (Dick and Sean laugh) and they have nothing...NOTHING but time on their hands!

Dick: (interjects) I knew it. I knew this -

Maddox: (interjects) (yells) They have nothing but time on their...I do not want to free up their time to check, to be more productive! Are you fucking kidding me?! (Dick laughs more) What are these people gonna do with all that free time?

Dick: It's like -

Maddox: (interjects) They're gonna fuck off!

Dick: It's like 60 percent of the world, or of the US, is an iPhone user.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) Wrong.

Dick: This is like CEOs...what is it?

Maddox: No, wrong. Android users blow Apple users out of the water! There's way more Android users!

Dick: (sighs) Ugh.

Maddox: Like, by...it's like two-thirds of the market is Android! What are you talkin' about, iPhone users -

Dick: (interjects) So 30 percent? I mean, you're saying that they all...all their time is worthless, but this is like CEOs of major...this is...very important people use iPhones.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what -

Dick: (interjects) It's not little girls.

Maddox: These are a buncha hipsters standing around in coffee shops, twirling their mustache. (Dick scoffs and laughs)

Dick: Oh, stop!

Maddox: You're gonna free up their other hand to twirl their mustache while they check their stupid Twitter feed and more Instagram! Photos, photos, photos, photos! We're fuckin' tired of your photos! Anyway, that's what you're gonna free up their time to do, to post more photos on Instagram. FUCK.

Dick: That's not what most iPhone users are.

Maddox: That's all they do!! That's all they do!

Dick: You're describing a cartoon. A guy twirling a mustache like an evil villain in a fancy coffee shop? That's LA.

Maddox: Yeah. Yeah!

Dick: Specifically LA. That's not the rest of the world.

Maddox: That's every... (Dick guffaws) ...every major or medium-sized city! Go to Portland, go to any coffee shop. There's another fuckin' handlebar mustache dipshit in his jorts! (Dick laughs) His pulled-up jorts and his loafers with no fuckin' socks on! That dipshit -

Sean: (interjects) Well, Portland is this -

Dick: (interjects) I know. (laughs more)

Sean: Portland is a bigger hipster city than...LA!

Maddox: What about...go to Denver!

Sean: I mean, it's Silverlake over a huge area!

Dick: Denver is also another fuckin' hipster city!!

Maddox: That's my point! Go to Salt Lake City!

Dick: Not a hipster city.

Maddox: Go to fuckin' Austin! No, go to Salt Lake City!

Dick: Austin is a major hipster city. Go to Dallas. Go to Indiana.

Maddox: Yeah, go to Indiana!

Dick: Go to Indianapolis. You're not gonna see this.

Maddox: I've been to Indianapolis. Fuckin' hipsters everywhere. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Maddox... (laughs) So in your imagination, when the iPhone sells in China, does a little Chinese kid buy it and instantly transform into a white hipster with a shitty beard? Like a lumbersexual? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, that Chinese kid -

Dick: (interjects) Like a magic...? (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, that Chinese kid suddenly sees the world a little bit grayer, he goes home and buys flannel, he's smugger, he sits there parked at stop signs instead of turning right on red or turning right when he's supposed to because he's a fuckin' hipster. That's what you're gonna free up more time for these douchebags. That's what you are. You're enabling dou-...you're a douchebag enabler!

Dick: I'm enabling...I'm enabling people to return to life with the Apple Watch.

Maddox: Return to life? (disdainful)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: By making it easier for them to glance at their phone? That takes you more out of the moment! Do you realize, Dick, if you're glancing at your phone every few seconds, you're making it more easy for people to do that and not pay attention to their conversations. In fact, even during this very intro to your solution, I noticed...I caught myself looking at my computer because I was tryin' to look up a Martin Luther King quote that shit all over what Sean just said, but I thought, "You

know what? It's disrespectful to my good buddy Dick." (Dick scoffs) "I'm gonna pay attention." Yeah!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Sean: He didn't preach non-violence?

Dick: Of course he did. Yeah. (laughs)

Maddox: No no, um...he did, Sean, but there's a quote and I wanna quote it directly -

Dick: (interjects) There's a quote that says "Fuck it. Throw a bottle through a window. Who cares? Fuck 'em." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Essentially! No, he says that whatever they can't accomplish through non-violence sometimes has to be accomplished through violence. There is a Martin Luther King quote like that.

Sean: Yeah, but he got it done through non-violence.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, well, good on him! And so did Gandhi, but uh... (Dick laughs) Until we have another great leader...who is that leader, Reverend Al Sharpton? Anyway man, we're talkin' about your solution. (Dick laughs more)

Sean: NO.

Maddox: Yeah, exactly. It's not that guy. Jesse Jackson? Fuck...fuck that! We don't have a Martin Luther King. If we did, I would say, "Yeah, let's get that guy to do a non-...a non-violent demonstration to solve that solution."

Sean: I have it.

Dick: Do you think we could have a Martin Luther King with Twitter the way...what?

Sean: It's the "rent is too damn high" guy.

Dick: You're absolutely right.

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: That guy that wore the white gloves and had the big white beard and hair for the last...was it the last presidential election or was it the New York governor run?

Sean: Uh, I don't know. He was -

Dick: (interjects) I think it was the presidential election. He said "the rent is too damn high." That's all he said.

Maddox: Oh, I didn't see that. (chuckling)

Dick: He got...it was like a viral video, and they said like, "Oh fuck, he's famous. Let's let him run for president," or whatever it was. Whatever primary that he was in.

Maddox: Are you talkin' about Joe the Plumber?

Sean: You're thinking of Herman Cain, though.

Maddox: Herman Cain! (laughs)

Sean: Head of Godfather's Pizza.

Dick: Yeah, it was...it was definitely in New York.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: I think it was the...it was either the mayor or the governor.

Sean: It was around the same time.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: This guy has, like, a white...he's a black dude with a white beard. Really cool lookin'.

Dick: He's like the black Orville Redenbacher.

Sean: Uh...yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? I -

Dick: (interjects) Colonel Sanders.

Maddox: I'm about to -

Sean: (interjects) Yes!

Maddox: I'm about to shit all over your solution.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Because just imagine if those rioters had Apple iPhone watches, right? If they had those iWatches? (Dick chuckles) Just imagine the free time...the amount more damage they coulda done with all that free time they coulda spent not checkin' their iPhones! Throwin' more bricks through windows -

Dick: (interjects) 2 extra hours a day?

Maddox: Yeah, it woulda made... (cracks up) It woulda made those riots way more violent! If they... (laughs)

Dick: So you don't think anything that I'm saying might be a cause of it? Like that it...the immediacy, the need to fulfill if anyone's trying to contact you? That's satisfied by the watch, and yet it doesn't have the same...it doesn't pull you into other shit, the watch, because it's also hard to use for anything else.

Maddox: It's awful.

Dick: That's what I'm saying is a...is a feature! That's a GOOD thing! You can't get sucked into Facebook if you're just glancing to see if anybody emailed you.

Maddox: But the...why do you need to know? Like, who...did the entire world just become a super fuckin' important doctor and everyone needs to be contacted all the time? In movie theaters? You know, they're startin' to sell cell phone jamming devices, Dick, and they're startin' to try to pass laws to make 'em illegal?

Dick: Illegal, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! Well, I'm gonna fuckin' buy one, man. I'm gonna jam the shit out of everything all the time! I'm gonna jam my own fuckin' cell phone!

Dick: You shoulda brought that in as a solution.

Maddox: Yeah, well, sometime. Sometime, Dick. Sometime, buddy.

Dick: Alright, um...oh, and I also...the other thing that tipped me off that the Apple Watch specifically is good is because of that 17,000-dollar price tag. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: It's 17,000 dollars?! Fuck off! Buncha rich yahoos sittin' there checkin' their Facebook feed on their wrist? 17,000 dollars?? And meanwhile these poor people are rioting in Balt-...? Get outta here.

Dick: That's...the point!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Apple understands that it's jewelry.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: It's not...it's not something that a 13...they're not selling something that a 13-year-old boy puts on his Christmas list and then uses for 2 weeks! They're selling jewelry, which is what a watch is!

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: I'm not gonna trade my Omega for a 400-dollar piece of crap that I'm gonna have to replace in 2 years. You understand? But they get...they get it!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They get it! And that's what...all the other smart watches, the Pebble and, uh, Samsung's? They all look like a fuckin' toy! They all look like a joke, and they're being treated like a joke because of that.

Maddox: So you brought in a status symbol as your solution, Dick? Good job. Real, uh, real dichotomy of solutions this episode, Dick. A status symbol and people who are suffering because of police brutality. Real... (cracks up) Real, uh, real important solution there. And by the way, Dick, people are stealing people who wear...people are robbing people who wear Beats, Beats by Dre, because they're 300-dollar headphones.

Dick: Uh-huh, yeah.

Maddox: You don't think crime's gonna get an uptick when 17,000-dollar iPhone watches are walkin' around on people's wrists?

Dick: No, 'cause they're...that's already the case. There's already 17,000-dollar...100,000-dollar watches.

Maddox: Yeah, but they're not common. Apple...they're not being marketed. I've never seen a commercial for a...for some -

Dick: (interjects) Wait, wait, wait.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: You understand that not ALL of the Apple Watches are 17,000? There's just one that's also made out of gold like a watch.

Maddox: Ohh. Oh no, I didn't understand that.

Dick: Yeah, most...nonono. Mostly they're 200 dollars, 400 dollars, somewhere...they're mostly normal, like, smartphone prices.

Maddox: Okay! Point-counterpoint. You... (both laugh)

Dick: Did you think that they were selling a 17,000-dollar-only watch?

Maddox: I read somewhere that there was a 10,000-dollar...like, the main version is like 4,000-10,000 dollars.

Dick: No.

Maddox: I read somewhere about that, yeah.

Dick: The main...you read it in a dream.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: That's not the case.

Maddox: Ohoho! (Dick laughs) Oh, some dream, buddy! I woke up licking my lips, like, "I can't wait for this horseshit!"

Dick: Alright, we got...do you wanna go through the next one?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Dick: That's my solution.

Maddox: Okay. Good, uh, good...good problem, Dick. Good horse-...and you know that shit's not gonna work either, just like every fuckin' Apple product.

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Like, just the...like the fuckin' 45 minutes to an hour it took to start this episode because your horseshit laptop still freezes -

Dick: (interjects) Ah, that was user error.

Maddox: Oh, user error, huh? (chuckling)

Dick: I started an upgrade and I tried to stop it in the middle.

Maddox: Ohh. It's not Apple's fault, huh?

Dick: It's definitely my fault.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, so you... (giggles)

Dick: I take full responsibility for that.

Maddox: See?! This is...you're in such a cult that you're...this sounds like a classic abusive relationship. (Dick and Sean laugh) Where you get...you get hurt... (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, it does. Not the one you're talking about.

Sean: I thought he was gonna blame me!

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning)

Dick: Oh, you thought I was gonna blame you?

Sean: Yeah, I thought so.

Dick: No.

Maddox: Oh, Sativa Sean.

Sean: "Look what you made me do!" (angrily)

Maddox: Shifty Sean over here.

Dick: No Sean, I'm about personal responsibility.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (chuckling)

Sean: Very good.

Dick: Mhm!

Sean: Mhm.

Maddox: Yeah, great. Great.

Dick: What's your solution? (about to laugh)

Maddox: You haven't heard the end of this Apple problem. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: I can't wait to get a nice new Apple Watch and bring it in here. (smiling)

Maddox: Great. Shove it up your ass. Um... (Dick and Sean laugh) Okay, Dick. Speaking of Apple Watches, my next solution, real big solution, is Dumb People. (snorts and laughs)

Dick: Again, wrong episode. Wrong show. (Maddox giggling)

Maddox: Yeeeah. (**clapping sound effect**) Wooo! (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yeah, what a good solution. Good job, Maddox. Dumb people. (Dick laughs) Um, so I need to define them. Everybody is dumb compared to me, so...

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: I'm not talkin' about me compared to other people, 'cause everyone's dumb next to the...the tower of intellect that is me. (smiles)

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Right? But I'm talkin' about, like, the average dumb person. The average dummy. The dum-dum.

Dick: (stammers) I still don't know who you're talking about.

Maddox: Well -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, who's the average dumb person?

Maddox: I'll tell you!

Dick: Okay. Go ahead.

Maddox: You know, they're the, uh, they're the...they're the masses. Right? Dumb people will... (Sean laughs in the background) Here's -

Dick: (interjects) So condescending.

Maddox: I know. (laughing)

Sean: Talk about a 180!

Dick: Yeah! (Maddox laughs more) Yeah.

Sean: "Let's stick up for the little guy, the one that's shit on by the system. And oh, by the way, you're fuckin' idiots." (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Oh yeah, they're idiots, Sean, and I'll tell you why: 'cause dumb people...here's why I like them. Dumb people will do the jobs that smart people won't, and that's a really important thing! I

really sincerely am saying this. That's not to say that all people who do shitty jobs are dumb, but sometimes there are boring jobs out there that dumb people are good at and will happily do as a cog in the machine that smart people won't. Right? Dumb -

Dick: (interjects) This is more elitist than...you're talking about, it's...people are assholes for having a 17,000-dollar watch? At least they respect manual laborers.

Maddox: Oh, I do too, Dick! And -

Dick: (interjects) They're just dumb.

Maddox: Wait 'til you get... (both laugh)

Sean: But as Judge Smails says, "The world needs ditch diggers too."

Dick: Yeah, it does.

Maddox: Yeah! Exactly, Sean! I totally agree. Dumb people are easy to exploit by smart people and corporations, and without them the economy would come to a grinding halt. And if you think that it's below someone with a PhD to serve fries, you're right! That's why, generally speaking, people with PhDs do other things. Now, I respect greatly the jobs that people will do that I won't. It's dumb people who are the most content! They go to work, they come home, they eat dinner, they watch TV, they watch some stupid shit on TV, and they spend all their disposable income on disposable goods and crap. They're buyin'...they're the ones goin' to see Guardians of the Galaxy like 10 times in theaters. Dumb people... (cracks up) (Sean laughs in the background) Dumb people stimulate the economy, and smart people save and invest! This sounds condescending towards dumb people, I know! I know it does, but I really appreciate their existence. I sincerely do. That's my...that's my speech about dumb people. (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: You think they're a solution?

Maddox: Yeah, that's my -

Dick: (interjects) Even though they caused Guardians of the Galaxy, which you hate.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm...you know what, Dick? Don't throw the baby out with the bath water. Just like the, uh, the PS4 argument from a few episodes back. (Dick sighs exasperatedly) People could not wrap their heads around why I would choose the lesser of two evils. Nothing...everything is a choice, Dick. (Dick sighs again) Everything's a choice.

Dick: Maddox, first of all, I don't wanna get into it on this bonus episode.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: We can get into it on the regular episode.

Maddox: Yeah, regular episode. It's on.

Dick: Because everyone's gotta hear this.

Maddox: Great. Anyway Dick, yeah, dumb people. I have a few quotes. I just wanna say a few quotes about dumb people.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Um, this is...there's this really famous quote by Bukowski. He says, "The problem with the world is that intelligent people are full of doubts while the stupid ones are full of confidence." But did you know like two other people said that before him?

Dick: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: Charles Darwin was the first. He said, "Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge," and -

Dick: (interjects) You know what annoys me?

Maddox: Hm?

Dick: About quotes?

Maddox: What's that?

Dick: When they say shit like that that probably everyone in their life has said, and it's like, "Well, you know, Bukowski said it. What a smart thing to say." It's like, that's not that smart. Everyone says that.

Maddox: Nah.

Dick: Everyone since the beginning of fuckin' time has said that.

Maddox: No, I disagree, Dick. And that's your -

Dick: (interjects) But you think he, like, came up with that on his own?

Maddox: Someone did, dickhead! Someone uttered it for the first time!

Sean: Yeah, but it's...it's how eloquently it's stated.

Maddox: Yeah, exactly, Sean.

Dick: Oh, stop!

Maddox: Thank you. What's more eloquent to say?

Sean: No, that's what people remember.

Maddox: Yeah!

Sean: They say, "He said that because it was stated really eloquently."

Dick: Yeah, the content's the same though.

Sean: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's like, "Oh, fuck off..."

Sean: It is.

Dick: "...with your quote. Everyone thinks that."

Maddox: Yeah, everybody thinks it's important to have efficiency and, uh...efficiency with your words, right? But it's way more eloquent to say that "brevity is the soul of wit" than it is to say, "Everyone should have, uh, efficiency with their words!" (dumb voice) With those two stutters in there. Like... (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: It just annoys me! That's all.

Maddox: Yeah, I know. And then Bertrand Russell also said this. He said, "One of the painful things about our times is that those who feel certainty are stupid and those with any imagination and understanding are filled with doubt and indecision." So Bertrand Russell and Charles Darwin came up with that quote before Bukowski, and everyone's suckin' Bukowski's dead dick. Um, Courtney Love...I like this quote from Courtney Love. She says, "Only dumb people are happy," which I...I agree, man!

Dick: I don't. That's just...

Maddox: It's condescending, but, uh...

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Well, Hemingway said, "Intelligence with happiness is the rarest thing I know."

Maddox: "Intelligence with..." That's a good quote, yeah.

Sean: "Intelligence AND happiness is the rarest thing I know."

Dick: Oh, fuck... (annoyed)

Maddox: Maybe that's why I'm so miserable, 'cause I'm so smart! (laughs)

Dick: You know what? It's beca-...that's why. It's because people who want credit for being smart just get so mopey and emo and angsty, like, "You know why I'm so f-...you know why I'm such a pain in the ass to be around? 'Cause I'm sooo fuckin' smart. That's why." (Maddox laughs) "And even Hemingway said that smart people are never happy. Look at this cross that I have to bear all the time 'cause I'm SO smart."

Sean: Well, he was talking about himself, of course.

Dick: Of course, and everybody loves it 'cause they're fuckin' narcissists, and smart people are the worst ones.

Maddox: Yeah. Standing in line at a coffee shop with their iPhones, their iPhone watches. (Sean laughs in the background) Um, I have one last quote. This one's from Andy Rooney. Dick, you would appreciate this because he's actually making a case for too much swearing. (Dick laughs) Fuckin' crotchety old Andy Rooney. He says, "Obscenities...I think a lot of dumb people do it because they can't think of what they want to say..."

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: "...and they're frustrated. A lot of smart people do it to pretend they aren't very smart -- want to be just one of the boys."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's what... (cracks up) He thinks people swear because...see, he thinks smart people swear to fit in with dumb people.

Dick: I think that's...that's kind of true.

Maddox: I think that's fuckin' bullshit.

Sean: I think it's fun.

Dick: Yeah, it's fun.

Maddox: Oh, swearing is fun!

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: Yeah, it is fun!

Dick: It is fun.

Maddox: Sometimes I just come home and I just say "fuck."

Sean: I love to say "fuck" at work.

Dick: (chuckles) Whoa.

Sean: I'm gonna say it 300 times a day!

Maddox: Sean, you are at work and you better watch it, buddy. (laughs)

Sean: Fuck you.

Dick: He's a porno director. Sean.

Maddox: Whoooa!

Dick: That's what his day job is.

Maddox: Sativa Sean. What's another nickname we can come up with for him?

Sean: Oh, come on. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Leave it in the comments.

Dick: Uh, alright. Is that your solution? Dumb People?

Maddox: That's my solution, Dumb People. Sincerely, Dick, without dumb people who are content so easily with their boring lives, we would not have the economy. They stimulate the economy by

seeing Guardians of the Galaxy a billion times. And you know, I hate Guardians of the Galaxy, but if I have to swallow that bitter pill of Guardians of the Galaxy bein' a successful movie in order for the economy to flourish, okay! You know what? I'll swallow that pill.

Dick: Oh, you just don't care?

Maddox: No, it's not that I don't care! It just that, you know, it's a bitter pill you have to swallow sometimes to get something better.

Dick: I can't tell if this is satire or not. (Maddox laughs) But don't vote it up, 'cause it's a huge...dumb people are a huge problem.

Maddox: Well, dumb people are a huge problem too, Dick, but in certain contexts, sometimes dumb people are...I intend to bring in dumb people as a problem too at some point, and I'm curious to see whether or not people -

Dick: (interjects) You have. Anti-vaxxers.

Maddox: Well, that... (chuckles) That's one brand of dumb people, but dumb people in general. Um, I'm curious to see if people think that the benefit of dumb people outweighs the dumbness of dumb people.

Dick: (scoffs) Alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Celebrity Worship? Dumb also.

Maddox: Dumb, yeah. Yeah.

Dick: Female Genital Mutilation? Dumb.

Maddox: Dumb...eh, I don't know that that's dumb.

Sean: Or is it ignorant?

Maddox: It is ign-...well, that is ignorant...that is ignorant, and it's also culture.

Sean: They're different things, aren't they?

Maddox: Yeah, but it's also culture. I don't think that everybody who commits female genital mutilation necessarily is dumb. They are also...it's part tradition. Like, sometimes you do things out of tradition, not because you're a dumbass but because it's how you've been brought up and it's the culture you live in.

Dick: Alright. (dismissively)

Maddox: Oh! (scoffing) Sorry I blew your fuckin' minds. (Dick giggles) I'm sorry I'm so smart. Everyone's dumb compared to me. How's that?

Dick: You want my last solution?

Maddox: Yeah, what's your last solution?

Dick: Lemme find it. Um...

Maddox: (**crickets sound effect**)

Sean: Oh, man. (from background) (Maddox chuckles)

Dick: Oh, here it is. Here it is, here it is.

Sean: Organization, biggest solution!

Dick: Yeah. (Maddox laughs) My last solution: polio.

Maddox: Your solution is polio?!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick! (**buzzer sound effect**) (**clapping sound effect - cuts off halfway through)**

Dick: Polio...America was declared "polio free" in 1994. The disease only exists in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. We beat polio. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You know what they're usin' polio for now?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Curing brain cancer.

Maddox: Oh, that's cool!

Dick: Yeah! So they combined polio with, like, a...they shot it in a couple...a couple bits of DNA from the common cold?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They weakened it so it can't multiply and kill you and cripple you.

Maddox: Right, right. Right.

Dick: They inject it into cancerous tumors in your brain...uh, glioblastomas, which is like a death sentence cancer, and it takes people out in the prime of their lives. So it's a -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, I think...I think I read about this.

Dick: Yeah! They inject polio into the tumor, and not only does it blow up the cell -- it kills the cancer cells -- it makes...it calls your body's immune system in to fight the cancer!

Maddox: That's cool.

Dick: 'Cause cancer will turn off the immune response of the body. Like, your immune system won't fight it. It fights anything...any other disease.

Maddox: Right, right. This is somethin' they've done for a long time. They've been trying to do cancer research that gets your body's immune system to attack it.

Dick: This does that!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, what kind...specifically just brain cancer though, huh?

Dick: Well, glioblastomas.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Which...yeah, brain cancer.

Maddox: Well, that's good! Is that a particularly...

Dick: 14,000 cases of glioblastoma every year.

Maddox: Well, that answers my question.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's pretty...that's pretty significant!

Dick: It's pretty good, right?

Maddox: It's a drop in the bucket in the number of cancers that it cures, Dick. However, I'm not going to...

Sean: So fuck it. (laughs)

Dick: Yeah, so fuck it.

Maddox: No, no, no. (Dick laughs) No, I'm gonna...let me finish this sentence, asshole!

Dick: You so are! This is such a contest! You're such...you're so... (laughs)

Maddox: It is not a contest!

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Let me just f-...I was about to say, it's not -

Sean: (interjects) Nobody wins!

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: It's not... (Dick laughs) Fuckin' Sean!! Shifty..I don't need shit from Shifty Sean over here!

Dick: Yeah. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: You know what, Dick? It is not the biggest cancer, but it is a solution to *a* cancer, so it should...it deserves to be on the list! Bravo, Dick, you actually...you, uh, you pulled the rug out from underneath me. I was about to shit all over your polio horseshit shenanigans, but you snookered me into an actual good solution. I'm on board with this.

Dick: It's interesting. I saw a 60 Minutes...thing, whatever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Television show about it. Really fascinating.

(brief silence)

Maddox: Yeah, so what did they...what did they say on 60 Minutes? (cracks up) (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Well, I pretty much summed it all up.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: That's it. Um, two-thirds...what did I say, 14,000 cases a year? Uh, they've been workin' on this thing for 25 years, and um...it's...they didn't call it a miracle cure, but that's what it seems like. The median survival for glioblastoma is 14 months. 2 years survival is 30 percent, that's it.

Maddox: Ooh, 30 percent.

Dick: Kills everybody!

Maddox: Wow, that's pretty rough.

Dick: It's a cure for cancer!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That's, um...30 percent survival rate. I...so 30 percent of 14,000...uh, so you're saving, what, like 4,000 or 5,000 people? That's pretty significant.

Dick: A year.

Maddox: I mean, you know what? It's a step in the right direction. Also, because it could inspire doctors to try looking at other diseases that we've had in the past...because I think they're...the reason they started looking at viruses specifically, like polio...or is polio a bacteria? No, it's viral, right?

Dick: It's a virus.

Maddox: So the reason they looked at those is because viruses are really good at propagating in your body.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So if they can get a...they basically put a virus in the virus, so they tricked the virus into carrying this thing that attacks the cancer cells.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh, and I forget the gene specifically...the SR1 gene or somethin' like that? They found that the cancer cells...a lot of cancer cells in your body have this gene, and they're starting to breed, uh, viruses! They're trying to make viruses that attack this...uh, cells that have this gene, thereby eliminating cancer in your body. Not only big tumors, but benign tumors that you might not even be able to detect.

Dick: Uh, did you...so did you say that you think scientists could be inspired by this?

Maddox: I'm not saying it's slacktivism, Dick. (chuckling) I'm saying...I'm saying if it -

Dick: (interjects) Don't put words...! It is a...yes, you said that, right? So you don't need a riot to inspire people. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: No.

Dick: Like, Norman...Norman Borlaug might just have been a nice guy.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the riot...the milk riot, the milk wars, might not have been what inspired him to save a billion people.

Maddox: Dick, it's...that's a nice theory. (Dick giggles) However, what happened as a fact is that Norman Borlaug -

Dick: (interjects) It's a fact!! He was inspired factually?!

Maddox: As a fact, he...he was, as a fact, inspired by those milk riots. He's -

Dick: (interjects) Explain that. How is that a fact?

Maddox: Because it's documented history. Why didn't you just look it...like, he -

Dick: (interjects) Did he say that?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: He said, "Those riots, and only those riots, inspired me specifically..."?

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's a fact?

Maddox: He didn't say "only those riots." However, that's what got him...that was one of the big stepping stones that...that was one of the big triggers in his life, when he saw these riots. He wrote a letter to his wife, Dick, and said that "It's so depressing to see these hungry people everywhere. I need to find a solution for this. There has to be a better way. There has to be some solution to this global hunger epidemic."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So he went to Mexico and started...you know, I'm not gonna get into Norman Borlaug.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'm gonna bring that in as a solution some other time.

Dick: Oh. (exasperated)

Maddox: However, Dick, however, he was inspired by those riots. Those riots...because he saw so many people suffering, he thought, "There has to be a solution to this," and you know what, Dick? We're doing that -

Dick: (interjects) So there should be more suffering.

Maddox: Well, sometimes suffering brings about grand solutions that, uh, that are way better. It's like the H-bomb! Right?

Dick: You know...you know who says that?

Maddox: What?

Dick: Bad guys!

Maddox: Yeah! (chuckling)

Dick: Villains. Supervillains specifically...say that. They justify the bad stuff they do because of some amorphous, nebulous positive outcome somewhere off in the future.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: That's what villains say!

Maddox: Alright! Well, uh, you have...we have it on record here! Dick thinks the H-bomb was a bad thing. It end-...it killed lots of people -

Dick: (interjects) I absolutely do!

Maddox: Oh, r-...? Okay, great! So, we should've continued this long, drawn-out World War II for years and years.

Dick: Maddox, the atomic bomb did not stop World War II. That is a myth!

Maddox: It sure as shit seemed to.

Dick: That's...no, that is a propaganda myth told by the government to justify the military-industrial complex, which supported...which was built around the atomic bomb. The war was already over.

Maddox: So Japan didn't surrender shortly after the bomb was dropped?

Dick: They did! It doesn't mean that was the cause! They were already losing, and they were going to surrender.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then we dropped bombs on them for fun.

Maddox: Oho, we did that for fun!

Dick: Yeah, 'cause we -

Maddox: (interjects) And we didn't have to lie to them and tell them that we had 11 more bombs, right?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: That was just a...that was also just part of the joke. It was a big joke, it was a big hoax! We were like, "Hey Japan..." Because that was...that was one of the big sticks that we had. We dropped the bombs and we said, "Hey, we got 11 more! You got 11 more cities; you like what you see? No? Then cool the fuck down," and Japan surrendered.

Dick: No, that's a...that's a propaganda myth.

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: And you bought it hook, line and sinker.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It wasn't the bomb that won the war. First of all, Germany was already out.

Maddox: You know what that sounds like? You know what that sounds like, Dick? That sounds like one of those Cracked.com articles where it's like, 'Everything You Thought You Knew About World War II Is Wrong!" (dumb voice) (laughs)

Dick: Do you think Japan could have fought World War II on their own?? After Hit-

Maddox: (interjects) No! Japan had allies!

Dick: Hitler... (stammers) Germany was already done!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When we dropped the bomb. It was just them, and we did it 'cause we spent the money on it!

Maddox: Sure. So we were just -

Dick: (interjects) We wanted to show off!

Maddox: Yeah, but you don't...you know what, Dick? Those bombs were so powerful, the symbol of those bombs is so powerful, no country since has used them in war because they know the repercussions. They...it was such an awful thing that since then, no one has had to use them, and I'm glad that it was used back when it was because before -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you're not Japanese.

Maddox: No... (cracks up)

Dick: That's why.

Maddox: Well, that's true.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But also...but also -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause it wasn't done to you.

Maddox: Yeah, but al-...well, no shit, Dick. Although I do think I could probably survive an atomic bomb. Um...the thing is, that bomb happened at a time when those bombs were way less

destructive than we have now. Had we had the capability to create the type of bombs that we have today, who knows what would've happened to the world?

Dick: Eh.

Maddox: Especially if it came at a point where everybody was armed to the teeth with nuclear weapons. It was such a horrible weapon that it ended the use of that weapon. GREAT.

Dick: But it still had to be used twice, you're saying. Never...shouldn't be used again; definitely used twice. That was a good idea. Using it again? No, bad. Killing all those people? Bad. Using it once? Yeah, great.

Maddox: Dick, absolutely. (Dick laughs)

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Because the bomb was the stove that America put its hand in. The world put its hand in that stove, and we said, "Uh-oh, let's not do that again."

Dick: I find it very convenient when morality justifies things we already did. It's like, "Well, uh, we did it one time. That was okay. We don't have...no problems with that, but every other time is different."

Maddox: No, it's not that every other time -

Dick: (interjects) I find that very convenient.

Maddox: Dick, I...I think that you're a smart guy, smarter than you let on sometimes.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: 'Cause...and this is not one of those moments. You might be part of my solution today, as a dumb person, but uh... (laughs)

Dick: Oh, yeah. (cynical)

Maddox: But I think that...I think that you probably agree with me...

Dick: I don't.

Maddox: ...and you're hamming it up for this show.

Dick: I absolutely don't.

Maddox: You don't think that any good...you don't think that Robin Hood is morally righteous?

Dick: I think he is morally righteous. That's the nature of justification.

Maddox: Then you...okay!

Dick: That's why it's a...that's why it's called a justification! That's what I was trying to say. You're trying to justify bad actions, and that's called a justification.

Sean: You mean he's self-righteous?

Dick: Who?

Sean: Robin Hood.

Dick: No, I think he's morally righteous!

Sean: Oh, you do?

Dick: Well, by...by the definition of "morality," yes! He was doing acts of good...he was perpetrating acts of, like, not necessarily evil but...still malicious?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: But not as bad as the good he was doing. Morally, that's defensible.

Sean: Yeah, it's a net gain.

Dick: Yeah! I don't like it, but I'm saying it's morally justifiable.

Maddox: You know Dick, again, you are having such a tough time...and I really empathize with you, but you have a real tough time... (laughs) You have a real tough time wrapping your head around the difference between a justified action and an action that has a good outcome but wasn't justified. Like for example, when we went over after Osama bin Laden...by the way, everyone, happy Osama bin Laden Death Day! That was this weekend. I hope you baked some cookies. Um, when Obama went after Osama bin Laden, he had the information, he had good intelligence, and he said...the intelligence said, "We have an 80 percent shot of getting him."

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Based on that, he was justified in going after him. However...um, and something good came of it.

Dick: Morally.

Maddox: Right! Morally justified.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, no no. Uh, I'm not saying MORALLY justified.

Dick: Legally?

Maddox: Logically. He was logically justified.

Dick: Well, that's...but that doesn't make any sense.

Maddox: Well, he had the legal authority. No one's doubting that. But say for example...you know what a better example is, is when George Bush invaded Iraq. He...he was hoping that they would find those weapons, right? Had he found those weapons, people would argue, "Well, then that was justified." However, because we didn't have enough evidence to go in, regardless of whether or not he found those weapons, regardless of whether or not something good came of it, he wasn't justified in going in to begin with *logically.* You understand the difference?

Dick: Um, the...when you say "logic," all you mean is you're satisfied with it internally. But logically, there is...there needs to be...you need to define an outcome for there to be logic. Is it morally justifiably? Is it legally justifiable? Logically, it doesn't make any sense. Logically, it was...it was logical...logically, Saddam Hussein lied about having weapons of mass destruction. For him, that was logical 'cause it was self-preservation.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't understand how you're, um...how you're rebutting my point here.

Dick: I'm saying it...the way you're setting that up, the way you're saying it just doesn't make any sense.

Maddox: But you agree -

Dick: (interjects) "Logically justifiable," that doesn't make any sense.

Maddox: Well, if you're...look, if it's a 50-50 toss-up, then it's logically ambiguous whether or not you should. If your goal...if your goal is to have a certain outcome and you have good reason to believe that that outcome will happen, that reason is justification. However, if that reason is bad, if you don't have that justification, then you can still do the action that has a positive outcome that wasn't justified. That's the difference.

Dick: Alright. These are just nebulous words that you're using that aren't real. (Maddox laughs) Like, yeah, sure.

Maddox: They're real!

Dick: Sure. Yeah, if something is "good," doesn't mean anything. If something is "logically justifiable," there's no...if there's no context for them, they don't make any sense. But sure. I don't care.

Maddox: Dick, again, um...there might be some good that came out of the riots in Baltimore, but I don't think that the violence is justified. And I don't think that that's a contradictory statement, I really don't!

Dick: Then they're a huge problem.

Maddox: They're not a huge problem. (Dick laughs) They COULD be a huge problem! We don't know yet, Dick!

Dick: Alright. (smiling)

Maddox: If nothing good comes of this riot, then I will come back a year from now and I will cede the point and I'll say, "Hey Dick Masterson, you were right. Those, uh, those riots were awful." However, I suspect...I hope and I suspect that something good will come of this.

Dick: I'm sure you'll find it. You're lookin' for it.

Maddox: Well, uh...I mean, it's possible. It's possible that I'm susceptible to confirmation bias. I'm smart enough to know that!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Vote up Dumb People, guys. Uh, my problems this week, Dick, were Riots and Dumb People. (**closing riff starts**)

Dick: Mine were the Apple Watch and Polio.

Maddox: Great. Vote up Monkeys as a problem, guys. Don't forget to vote up Monkeys. Um, happy Osama bin Laden Death Day! Thanks for listening to the bonus episode!

Dick: See you next month.

(heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Not quite as catchy as "see you next Tuesday."

Dick: No, it's not. (Maddox laughs) I got, uh...I got some voicemails. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Dear Dick Masterson...

Dick: Yep? (Maddox laughs)

Voicemail: ...I guess that you don't think that monkeys are the biggest problem in the universe. I guess that you like looking at them at the zoo. That's fine. I respect those theories you have. (Maddox laughs) **You and I are free to like what we like. But bringing them in as one of the biggest solutions in the universe? That's where I draw the line.**

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: I probably have some special relationship, (Maddox chuckles) b**ut hearing you tout monkeys as a solution to our problems made me reconsider. You know what would be a real solution, Dick? You not jerking off to monkeys at the zoo anymore and going back to being the man I fell in love with.** (Maddox laughs loudly) **Come back to me, Dick. Maybe I'll treat you to a couple of 70-dollar steaks at the Pacific Dining Car.**

Maddox: Whoa!

Dick: They do have a good 70-dollar steak.

Voicemail: Signed, your girlfriend, Dick Masterson.

Dick: That's weird.

Voicemail: P.S. - You know what else I miss? The old "Maddox Lost" song. (Maddox laughs) **These 30-second clips of Titanic just aren't the same.**

[message ends]

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeeeah. Well, well, well, Dick. Oh, I'm sorry...I'm sorry to disappoint you dickhead, but um, I'm actually...the solutions I bring in make more sense, they're bigger solutions than the solutions that Dick brings in. (smiles)

Dick: You're gonna get your ass kicked this month. Those solutions are horrible. They're both enormous problems.

Maddox: Yeah, well... (scoffing) Says YOU. (Dick laughs) [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hello friends, this is Sex Bad. (Maddox and Dick laugh) **I'm calling in regard to Biggest Solution #...Episode 6.**

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: Maddox, I'm going to delve into a bit of armchair psychology for a bit.

Dick: He sounds like the Twilight Zone guy.

Maddox: Yeah, he does.

Voicemail: You say that your shitty neighbor can't hide behind a shield of insanity or anything like that, but I think that you've let your hatred of the elderly overshadow your hatred of children.

Maddox: What??

Voicemail: It seems very likely, and very obviously to me, that she's regressed back to the mental age of 5 or never progressed beyond that in the first place. She is doing exactly what many children do to their -

Dick: No, this is too long. [**cuts off message**] I can't listen to that one.

Maddox: Yeah man, that sounded like an episode of Twilight Zone (Dick laughs) where it was the voicemail that never fuckin' ended.

Dick: Alright, I'll try one more. [**plays last voicemail message**]

Maddox: I do hate kids, though.

Voicemail (automated female voice): This is what Maddox's future wife will sound like in his Oculus Rift world.

Maddox: Great. (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: Have fun fucking a robot, Maddox, 'cause it'll be the only pussy you will ever get. (Dick giggling)

Maddox: Fine with me!!

Voicemail: Dick, go fuck yourself.

[message ends]

Maddox: (**'sproing' [boner] sound effect**) Go fuck...go fuck yourse-...I'll fuck myself all day in the Oculus Rift!

Dick: Have fun fucking a robot. (still laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, you'll see. I'm gonna fuck myself day and night! It's gonna...it's gonna be incredible. I can't WAIT. I'm gonna...you know what my wife in the Oculus Rift is gonna look like? Um -

Dick: (interjects) You. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: Bingo.

Solution: **The Corporation** [00:16:49]

Solution: **Critical Thinking** [00:37:22]

Solution: **Cuteness** [00:55:59]

Solution: **Boxes** [01:04:14]

<u>The Biggest Solution in the Universe - Episode 8</u>

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(heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Solution in the Universe, I'm Maddox. With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey!! What's up, buddy? (smiling)

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Poor Sean, who nobody can spell his name correctly. Everyone in the comments is an idiot. You have misspelled Sean's name every possible misspelling that there is. S-H-A-W-N, S-H-A-U-N...

Dick: C-I-A-N. I saw that, I think.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: No. (scoffing)

Dick: No, I didn't.

Sean: You can spell it S-H-A-W-N. I mean, not MINE.

Maddox: Not yours! It's not your name! And you know what's weird too, is that we consistently spell it correctly. Dick, am I spelling it wrong in the posts in the...

Dick: No!

Maddox: ...the episode? I'm not, right?

Dick: No, I got an email though regarding "Maddox" spelled M-A-T-T-I-X? Or something like that?

Maddox: Ma-..."Mattix."

Dick: So it's catching on.

Maddox: Oh, he spe-...he misspelled MY name?

Dick: He spelled your name wrong.

Maddox: What a fuckin' idiot!!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You can't! It's in the URL for my website! (Dick laughs)

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: What are you goin' to, mattix.xmission.com?

Dick: I don't know!

Maddox: Douche.

Sean: I think people are getting less and less detail-oriented.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Sean: Like the...they don't pay attention to the little shit.

Dick: Is that a problem, Sean? (grins)

Maddox: It sounds like a big problem, Sean!

Dick: Are you bringing in another problem? (laughs with Maddox) Less and less detail-oriented?

Sean: Maybe!

Maddox: Ahhh, yes. (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Okay, so before we start, before we start with the "who won last month"...

Maddox: Nobody won.

Dick: ...uh, I've been teasing the Sean problem. I teased it last week, I think I teased it a little bit before that. (Sean exhales irritatedly)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But the Sean problem where Sean brought in a problem, he deleted it in post, and then I went back, I pulled it out of the garbage -- I pulled the audio files out of the backup -- and I had them...I transcribed them, and I had them read by another person. Because my theory is when you hear your own words read by someone else, your, uh...your filter, your judgment of those words will be different. That's my theory. Because Sean, you're a very hard judge on yourself. Is...would you say that's true?

Sean: Yeah, that's true!

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: For good reason!

Dick: Well, okay. (Maddox laughs) But we're gonna see! So I got another guy to read your words, almost seamlessly. Like, you can't even...you can barely tell it's another guy, which -

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, you played a sample of this for me, and I couldn't tell. I thought, "Well, what's the difference? What have you...what have you changed here?" (smiles)

Dick: Would you like to hear a samp-...another sample of it? I've got a new one.

Maddox: I would love to. Let's hear it.

Dick: Okay, here is the intro from the fateful show where Sean's problem was deleted.

Maddox: This was the anniversary episode, correct?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: I'm gonna play it right now, and you tell me where the real Sean ends and where the fake Sean begins.

Maddox: Alright. (chuckling) [**Dick plays altered clip from Episode 52**]

(regular theme riff)

Maddox: And this is "Shawn" with S-H-A-W-N, right?

Dick: Yeah. (laughing) Yes.

Maddox: The fake Sean, yeah.

Dick: Yes. (both laugh)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Problem in the Universe! With me is Dick Masterson.

Dick: Hey! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer.

Voice Actor as Sean: (extremely deep voice, sounds like Barry White) Hey, gentlemen. (Dick and Maddox laugh hysterically)

Maddox: We have made it...guys, gentlemen, we have made it one year old this episode! This show is one year old. (clapping sound effect)

[clip ends]

Dick: You can't even tell!! (Maddox still laughing) Sean, you can't even tell! (laughs more)

Sean: Sounds just like me.

Maddox: Wait, did you...did you play the clip, Dick? I'm confused! (both crack up again) What happened? What happened?

Dick: Alright, so I'm gonna play...I'm gonna play some more of that this bonus episode, and then we'll...Sean, I told you, if you want this madness to stop, you say "stop."

Sean: Stop. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: But I really...no, no, not... (cracks up) Lemme g-...lemme...

Maddox: He didn't say "Dick says."

Sean: Wait wait wait, wait, wait.

Dick: I wasn't done!

Sean: Wait wait, wait a minute. (clears throat) STOP. (Maddox laughs more)

Dick: No! You have to give it a chance, though! I want you to hear these words not said by you, because when I...like, I can't hear myself say anything. Every time I hear myself talk I'm like, "What a fuckin' idiot. Just stop. Stop talking."

Maddox: I...and that's exactly my thoughts every time I hear Dick talk too.

Dick: God dammit! (Maddox and Sean laugh loudly) I'm gonna replace both of you with cool black guys!

Maddox: Ohhh. Whoa!

Dick: What??

Maddox: Nothin'! I think that, uh... (Dick giggles)

Dick: What was that?!

Maddox: I think that'd be awe-...that wasn't a BAD thing! I think that that's awesome!

Dick: Yeah, alright! (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah! That would ma-...that would be a step up in this show, huh? Just a couple cool black guys talkin'. (both crack up) Uh, Dick, last episode Polio...the last bonus episode, Polio was the only solution that we brought in -- that you brought in, I guess -- that, uh, that ranked in the positive territory. Everybody thought that Riots, Dumb People and ESPECIALLY that horseshit Apple Watch...

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: ...were problems, voted in the negative territory. (Dick sighs) I got a comment from Charles Jackson Fairchild. He says, "It says solutions, but they look like problems. Especially the Apple Watch." And you know, Dick? I've been waiting a MONTH to bring in this shit...

Dick: Jesus Christ. (amused)

Maddox: ...because immediately after we recorded that episode, because that was the same...I believe, the same week where we talked about bachelor parties?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: I went to a bachelor party...

Dick: Ohh!

Maddox: ...and I would say about 4 or 5 of the guys there had the new Apple Watch, because they're all Apple fanboys. You know...

Dick: Well, alright.

Maddox: ...heads shoved FIRMLY up their asses, so they're -

Dick: (interjects) Up Steve Jobs' ass.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they can che-...and maybe...who knows, maybe they have Apple Watches up there too. Maybe that's what they were checkin', is the time.

Dick: Yeah. (sneering)

Maddox: All these fucking idiots were walking around like Dick Tracy all weekend, (Dick cackles) looking at their watch and trying to talk into their watch with that shitty speech recognition, which is worse than the iPhone!

Dick: Oh, it is.

Maddox: All day long, all I heard was, "Navigate to Sunset Cafe. Go to Sunset Cafe. Map of Sunset Cafe. SUNSET...CAFE. SUNSET..." It just, over and over!! And then finally out of frustration, people would take out their phones from their pocket and just type in "Sunset Cafe," just like a normal fucking person would.

Dick: Hey, look man, I...it was a theory! Alright? (Maddox laughs) I spelled out what my theory was.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I thought it would help, you know?

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: The good people at Apple, maybe they thought...

Maddox: Oho!

Dick: ...maybe they thought that was a...they were fixing a problem too...

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: ...and we'll see if it works out! Now we got -

Maddox: (interjects) Yeah, they're fixing a problem of not havin' enough funds in their bank account.

Dick: You throw it at the wall, you see what sticks, Maddox.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: That's how progress is made. Hey, speaking of Dick Tracy, somebody sent in a... (Maddox laughs) ...a picture of me. Apparently I was in Dick Tracy. Did you guys wanna see that?

Maddox: (still laughing) I saw this! This is the funniest thing. Uh, it... (laughs more)

Dick: Does that look like me?

Maddox: It looks exactly like you, Dick! It's a picture of, uh, what's his name? Tiny Face, from Dick Tracy?

Dick: I think it was...was it Tiny Face? I thought it was Big Balls Guy.

Maddox: Nope, Tiny Face.

Dick: Oh. (smiles)

Maddox: "Tiny Face, Small Pecker," I think is his name. Um... (both laugh)

Dick: Here's a voicemail about last month. [**plays first voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey guys, Samuel L. Jackson here. Big fan. (Maddox and Dick laugh hysterically) **Uh, I'd just like to say, uh...Maddox, you got the wrong show. You brought in, uh, two fuckin' really big problems.**

Dick: Yeah.

Voicemail: Thought this was a show for solutions. I look forward to hearing your solutions next month: uh, the Holocaust, 'cause it helped with overpopulation, and uh... (Maddox and Dick laugh) **...9/11, 'cause now we have a shitty museum in New York.** (Dick cackles) **Thanks!**

[message ends]

Dick: I think we got too cute last...last bonus episode.

Maddox: You think so?

Dick: Yeah, we brought in...

Maddox: Too cute?

Dick: You know? Like, when you have this idea you're like, "Oh, this'll be a real good twist." Like, "Look, we brought in all these things that seem like problems, and we're gonna try to flip the script and make them seem like solutions."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And we both did that independently, which is weird...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and then it kinda...I think it backfired a little bit.

Maddox: You know, I got some comments from that episode from people who have been longtime fans of this show, and they said that was our best Solutions episode yet.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: Believe it or...yeah! People really liked that episode. They said it wasn't as funny, and I...I think you and I, after we recorded that episode we both felt a little deflated because it wasn't one of our funnier episodes, but we...but uh, I had some people who commented. They said genuinely, they thought that we both made good points during that episode.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: I even got a comment from Alexander Canterbury. He says...at first he says, "Uh guys, you brought your problems to the wrong show."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Then he says, "Edit: Now having listened to it, Polio and Dumb People have good points but...I think maybe the cons might outweigh the pros." But uh, yeah! A lot of people went back and forth about that. They said that at a glance these look like problems, but then once they listened to the episode...

Dick: The biggest problem with that episode was that was where the whole broken window fallacy shit started.

Maddox: Mm.

Dick: And continued for a month.

Maddox: I think that, uh, that actually started in the 1800s, (Dick laughs) where it belongs. A relic of a theory.

Dick: Oh, SHUT UP!

Maddox: Archaic shithead. Bastiat..."Bastiat"? Basti-...? Bastard.

Dick: I got a comment from...remember we were talking about the, um, the atomic bomb? And how it did not end World War II? That was my position.

Maddox: That was your position, yes.

Dick: That was my crazy conspiracy position, right?

Maddox: And to your credit, Dick, I looked online...afterwards I thought, "Well, am I an idiot here? Am I wrong?" And I just looked online for, uh, historical -

Dick: (interjects) You don't have to be an idiot to be wrong, you could just be wrong! You could be a smart guy but you're totally wrong.

Maddox: Good point, I agree. So I looked online; I thought, "Am I...am I totally off base here? Is this one of those things that I'm just completely misinformed? Is it US government propaganda?" And I looked everywhere, and I couldn't find people corroborating -- other than, like, conspiracy theory websites...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ...people corroborating your point of view.

Dick: I got an email from, uh, Campbell Tyson. "Hey Dick, I was listening to the most recent Solutions episode with my Japanese wife. She agreed with you on how Japan was definitely gonna surrender before the bombs were dropped." (Maddox chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "The general belief across Japan is that Japan had already surrendered before the bombs were dropped."

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: "At the risk of sounding like Jesse Ventura, I'll say every nation rewrites history." (Maddox laughs) Uh, "But America had no..." No, people were saying that the only reason...uh, here we go. Ciaran Clark says, um...nononono, lemme find a good one...go ahead. Somebody was saying that -

Maddox: (interjects) I looked everywhere online for information that corroborated that point of view that, uh, that Japanese wife and you said, that Japan had already surrendered and that the bomb was dropped out of malice or whatever. I looked everywhere online! The only website I could find was a website that was on Anonymous. It was like anonymous.to or .cz or some, like, Czech website or somethin' like that.

Dick: Yeah. (sighing)

Maddox: And it was a quote that was taken...there's no source for it. It just says, "Japan had already surrendered!" But then every other history book and every other history text that I looked at said they hadn't, and that they, uh...that that was the catalyst for them surrendering.

Dick: Well, not that they were...had already surrendered, but they were GOING to.

Maddox: (chuckles) Well, "going to" and doing it are two different things! They DID it after the bomb was dropped!

Dick: Eh...do you -

Sean: (interjects) After the second one.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Publicly. Hirohito addressed the people after Nagasaki.

Maddox: Right. Yeah!

Sean: But I don't know if they had surrendered...you know, quote-unquote, "in private." You know, to the -

Maddox: (interjects) They hadn't. They hadn't...they hadn't surrendered in private.

Dick: No, they hadn't surrendered yet, but everybody else was gone. The Soviet Union turns around and says, "Hey Japan, now we're gonna fuck with you as well. What do you think about that?" They had lost all their territories in China.

Maddox: Yeah, but the thing you don't understand about, uh, about the...

Dick: I love when you start sentences like this.

Maddox: ...their culture... (cracks up) Bro, listen.

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: The thing that -

Dick: (interjects) The thing I don't und-...please, mansplain it to me.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (Dick laughs) Uh, have you ever been to an Asian country?

Dick: Uh...no!

Maddox: I have. I've spent a significant amount of time there.

Dick: Does Koreatown count?

Maddox: Koreatown does not count. I'm gonna give it...I'm gonna -

Dick: (interjects) Oh. Does Pasadena count? (Sean laughs in the background) I'm pretty sure that's...

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) NO.

Dick: ...predominantly Asian.

Maddox: No, dickhead. But the...in many Asian cultures, they -

Dick: (interjects) I've fucked a girl sideways! Does that count? (cracking up)

Maddox: Okay. (Dick and Sean laugh) DICK... (**'boo' sound effect**) Maybe you... (Dick snickers, loses it again) (Sean cackles in the background) Maybe you will be bringing the Holocaust in as a solution. You and Samuel L. Jackson.

Dick: Alright. (smiling)

Maddox: Uh, in many Asian cultures they believe in saving face, and saving face is more important than almost anything. They will...they will die rather than lose face.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: So without the atomic bomb being dropped on Japan, the emperor having conceded a loss...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...first of all, is unprecedented.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And the emperor at the time hadn't even been seen by most Japanese people.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So this was a HUGE thing, a huge thing he had to swallow, and he had to realize like, "Okay, we...if we believe what the Americans are saying, they have 11 more bombs they're gonna drop on our cities. We have to take a long hard look at ourselves and concede."

Dick: Okay, here's my...here's my "what if."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What if we wanted to strike fear into the hearts of our allies?

Maddox: Eh! Okay.

Dick: We looked at the Soviet Union and we said, "Hey, you guys better check yourselves, because after this is done we still got 11 more of these."

Sean: Well, I think that was part of it.

Dick: I think that's a BIG part of it.

Sean: I think that's been documented, where it was like, "Yeah, you show your military might to the rest of the world." It's a nice byproduct, I think, is how it's put.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's possible. Um, I got a comment from Lewis John. He says, "Maddox, did you edit this to make Dick sound like more of an imbecile than usual?" (chuckling)

Dick: What the fuck?

Maddox: "Like someone who consistently fails to comprehend that morality isn't a binary good-vs-bad system in which all bad things are of equal weight, like someone who can't even begin to grasp that the lesser of two evils is a concept that exists, or is he just a fucking moron?" Lewis John. What do you think, Dick?

Dick: Uh, I don't know. What did he, just get out of his first day at Philosophy 101? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: It sounded like you added that last part.

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Maddox: No! (laughs more)

Dick: What?

Sean: You read it that way.

Maddox: I add nothing! It's just a copy and paste!

Dick: "Morality isn't binary, wluh wluh buh-duh buh-duh." (dorky voice) (Maddox laughs) Okay!

Maddox: And by the way, he's, uh...this is his occupation: he says he's a "Goddamn sound wizard, worker of miracles, doer of the things at M.A.D."

Dick: I love, on the Facebook comments, reading what they do.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Reading what commenters do, 'cause there will be like a 2-page thing about how stupid I am and how I don't understand, and then it's like, "Freshman - Physics" at, like, SUNY University.

Maddox: Yep! (both laugh)

Dick: Like, why am I...I'm getting shit from an 18-year-old?! FUCK YOU, KID! (laughing)

Maddox: Um, I got another comment. Remember I was saying that a lot of people liked the last bonus episode?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: I got one from Alix Dubernard Miguel. She says, "I actually thought both of you made great arguments for all your solutions this week. I don't know, maybe most people commenting are part of the dumb people."

Dick: Could be! Uh, speaking of...well, I got an apology from Evan Wiebe. You remember how I busted that Demolition Man boob myth?

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Well, he sent an apology. "Hey Dick, I usually pride myself on my boob-related pop culture, but I have to give it to you this time. I think I watched it on TV and the boobs were cut out."

Maddox: Ohh, okay.

Dick: And that...that explains it.

Maddox: Yeah. Someone comm-...someone posted a link in the comments on the last Solutions episode to the boob shot from -

Dick: (interjects) I brought it.

Maddox: From...you brought it?

Dick: Yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Uh, great!

Dick: See?

Maddox: Oh, awesome! (Dick laughs) Oh my god, that was so worth the 2-minute setup, Dick. Thank you. (sarcastic)

Dick: Kinda disap-...like, I'm disappointed!

Maddox: Yeah, it is!

Dick: I remember these boobs being spectacular, man!

Maddox: That's because you were a fuckin' 14-year-old kid and you hadn't seen boobs before! It was exciting!

Dick: Oh, I had seen boobs before.

Maddox: Yeah! It's like high school sex. It SUCKS. Um... (cracks up) I just, I...I got more on the Apple Watch, Dick. I forgot to mention this. (both laugh)

Dick: Oho, god.

Maddox: I was doin' more research. It doesn't...did you know it doesn't work well with people with hairy arms? It doesn't work! The sensors don't work, and then it doesn't work -

Dick: (interjects) Good! Go back to the zoo, you gorillas.

Maddox: Ha hah. (sarcastic) (Dick laughs) Okay, I...that's hate! That's hate speech right there!

Dick: Yeah, sure is!

Maddox: Yeah! Um, it doesn't work with tattoos, doesn't work well with tattoos. Apple forces you to install an Apple Watch ad in iOS 8.2 that shows a bunch of videos showcasing what the Apple Watch can do that you can't delete! Did you know that??

Dick: I hate when they do that.

Maddox: Apple did that horseshit again! First a U2 song, and now you have Apple Watch ads in your iPhone! Garbage!

Dick: Well, I...you know, the fans have spoken. It's clearly a...a problem.

Maddox: And one of the biggest complaints I'm finding? People are saying that the battery keeps draining and dying immediately. It dies within...in under a day, which means you can't even use the...use it for a watch! You can't look at the time, and it takes 7 to 10 seconds to open up apps, including the weather.

Dick: Well, I'll be honest with you. I could never trade my Omega in for a computer. I just couldn't. I wouldn't do it.

Maddox: Your Omega?

Dick: My Omega watch.

Maddox: What is that?

Dick: It's my watch! It's a beautiful watch.

Maddox: Omega's the brand?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: It's James Bond's watch. Er, the new James Bond. It used to be Rolex.

Maddox: And what is it...what does it do, just tell the time?

Dick: Uh...no, it does two things. It tells the time, and it, uh, it lures bitches over.

Maddox: Oh, okay.

Dick: It's really a remarkable, uh, timepiece in that it can do both of those things

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: 'Cause they walk up to you and then they'll say like, "Oh, nice watch."

Maddox: Peacocking.

Dick: "I really like your watch."

Maddox: More peacocking.

Dick: Maddox, yeah, I'm a...I'm a man. (Maddox laughs) You gotta mix it up, baby.

Maddox: Okay! (laughs more)

Dick: You gotta get out there and show off that plumage, man!

Maddox: Uh-huh. (smiling)

Dick: Don't be ashamed of that!

Maddox: No!

Dick: You gotta spend money to make money!

Maddox: That's, uh, that's Pickup Artist 101, right?

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Yeah. Alright Dick, let's...should we get to the solutions?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Oh wait, I got one more comment that's pretty funny. Somebody sent in a picture of what your wife would look like in the Oculus Rift.

Maddox: Oh, great.

Dick: You wanna see it?

Maddox: Yeah. She better be hot.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: She better look like me!

Dick: It's a picture of Maddox in a wedding dress.

Maddox: Yeah. (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: I'll let you decide.

Maddox: Lemme see. (bursts out laughing)

Dick: What do you think?

Maddox: What a babe! Oh man, I'd do that babe sideways. It's m-

Dick: (interjects) For some reason. Why were you wearing a wedding dress?

Maddox: Oh, it's 'cause this bridal website sent me a...they sent me some spam a while back asking if I wanted to review some wedding gowns, and I said, "Have you seen my website?" and they said, "Yes, we love all your material on your website." (Dick laughs) And I said, "Okay! Send me the wedding veil, idiots!"

Dick: Ahhh.

Maddox: "I'll review it." So I bought a wedding dress. There's a whole to-do. I did a video about it.

Dick: Alright. Uh, do you wanna go first or do you want me to go first?

Maddox: Yeah, why don't you, uh...why don't you go ahead?

Dick: Alright! I'm gonna go first.

Maddox: Start us off.

Dick: My first solution -- and it's a real solution this time -- is...the corporation.

Maddox: The corp-

Dick: (interjects) The idea of the corporation. The invention of the corporation.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You know what a corporation is?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: It's a...it's an entity, a legal entity, that allows people to do amazing things, Maddox.

Maddox: I guess, sure!

Dick: It allows people to...to furnish the world with all these technological wonderments...

Maddox: Ohh. (amused)

Dick: ...that we take for granted.

Maddox: Sure!

Dick: It allows people to...to explore the world!

Maddox: Like, uh, like what would you say would...can we say thanks for corporations for?

Dick: Everything!! Everything around you! See, I was gonna bring in something like, you know, planes or -

Maddox: (interjects) Like penicillin, maybe.

Dick: Uh, yeah! (Maddox laughs) Sure!

Maddox: Nope!

Dick: That's what...

Maddox: Nope. (laughing)

Dick: Absolutely!!

Maddox: No, wrong.

Dick: It was...it was invented, but how do you get penicillin everywhere? A corporation brings it to you.

Maddox: Or NGOs.

Dick: MG-...what's an MGO?

Maddox: 'N', NGO. Non-government organizations. Non-profits. The guy who invented -

Dick: (interjects) A non-profit is a corporation!

Maddox: No.

Dick: Yes, it is! It's a 501(c)!

Maddox: That's...that's not...that's not a traditional corporation. It's not a profit, for-profit corporation.

Dick: That doesn't matter!

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: It's still a corporation! The point of -

Maddox: (interjects) So you're saying even charities are corporations?

Dick: Of course they are!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That's what I'm...that's what I'm saying! It's the IDEA...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...that you can engage in a business venture with your fellow man, and not be hanged if you screw up!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: That's a great thing!

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: It's responsible for ev-...for all of civilization.

Maddox: So you're saying limited liability that is entailed with corporations is a good thing.

Dick: Yes!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's essential!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's essential for progress. That's what I'm saying.

Maddox: I don't know if it's essential, but it's important. I'll give you that.

Dick: Well, without it...let's say you, uh, let's say you're doing a podcast.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And somebody says, like, a bunch of horrible, insensitive things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They could come over and say, "You know what? You're guilty too! Actually, we're gonna hang the both of you!"

Maddox: Let's not talk about this. (both laugh)

Dick: Yeah. Um, so I started doing this 'cause corporations get shit on a lot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Obviously.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Especially on the Internet, and I started typing in some stupid research, like "are corporations bad? are corporations good?" and I find these dumb polls online...

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: ...where people vote, "Are corporations bad or good?" They are all split right down the middle!

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: 50/50. 50/50 corporations are bad, or corporations are good. The things...the thing that lets...the things that are responsible for computers and the Internet, the thing that you're typing this on, planes, TVs, cell phones...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everything!

Maddox: But those aren't necessarily...those aren't...corporations aren't people, and they don't...and I'm not talkin' about the legal definition of a person for legal purposes of a corporation. They're not people. They are not innovators. They may...what they do a lot of times, they hire people and then they absorb their patents. They absorb their ingenuity and they take credit for those people's, uh, those people's hard work. Like for example -

Dick: (interjects) Well, they pay 'em for it.

Maddox: Apple's a great example!

Dick: Ohoho.

Maddox: Um, Steve Jobs? Steve Jobs hasn't invented jack shit. All Steve Jobs did...first of all, he's a great marketer, but he's also good at picking out devices that his underlings developed. When he died, they listed all these articles about Steve Jobs and all the different patents that he had his name on, but every single one of those patents has another name on it...

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: ...and it's the engineer who actually developed it.

Dick: So are you upset by that?

Maddox: Well, yeah! Because -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause otherwise, that engineer would have had...he woulda had to do that work for free with no funding!

Maddox: OR, or he could've done that work on his own and not been beholden to a corporation that took credit and...that corporation's name is valuable now. That engineer's name, I can't even fuckin' remember.

Dick: See, I knew bringing this in was a good idea precisely because of that 50/50 split.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I had a feeling you would be on the wrong side of this one.

Maddox: Well Dick, why do you think...I mean, 50% is a significant amount of our population. Why do you think that 50% of people think corporations are bad? Why do you think that is?

Dick: 'Cause they're dumb.

Maddox: They're dumb?

Dick: That's the dumb half of the bell curve.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Alright!

Dick: 50% of people are dumb!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: 50% are smart!

Maddox: No!

Dick: They're on the right side; 50% are dumb.

Maddox: Dick -

Dick: (interjects) That's ca-...that's a fuckin' curve! If you're in the middle, you're...uh, there's nobody in the middle. Everybody's either on the 50% dumb side or the 50% smart side.

Maddox: Dick, I'm gonna bring in... (Dick laughs) I have a comment from a fan. He says...it's Lewis John. He says, "Maddox, did you edit to make Dick sound like more of an imbecile than usual, because he thinks that there's some kind of, like, binary good versus bad system." I literally just read that comment at the start of this episode, Dick!

Dick: So what are you saying? What do you mean?

Maddox: You are saying that there's a binary "dumb or smart." It's not! There's less smart or less dumb, there's more dumb, more smart; it's not binary! It's not like 50% of people are dumb!! It's not...you -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it's pass/fail!

Maddox: No!

Dick: That's an 'F'!

Maddox: No!!

Dick: If you got an 'F', you failed the "smarts."

Maddox: No, there's degrees!

Dick: If you got a 'D' or above...

Maddox: There are degrees of 'F'! There's 'F+', there's 'F-'! Haven't you read my book? (both laugh)

Dick: The corporation limits your liability. It's also...it's a way for society to evolve!

Maddox: Oh, oho.

Dick: Think about this!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: A new corporation comes along with a better way of doing something, a more efficient way of doing something. The other entity dies off! It's great! We can...you can't do that without a corporation!

Maddox: I'm not sure that that's necessarily evolution, and I'm not sure that that's a good thing. You're assuming...you're assuming that just because a corporation exists, because a corporation outlasted another corporation, that the one who survived is necessarily the best. Sometimes the one who survives -

Dick: (interjects) More efficient! More efficient.

Maddox: Or brutal!

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Or inconsiderate of human rights!

Dick: Ehh...

Maddox: Hmm? Fox...what's that, Foxconn, whatever? The one that makes all the, uh, gadgets that we use in China?

Dick: Hey, so stop buyin' from them.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Who's the brutal one now?

Maddox: No, but I'm saying that their existence isn't because they're necessarily the best; it's just because they are the most brutal. They're the ones who are the most cutthroat.

Dick: Well, I'll...I'll give you this: it is in China.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they...there's a lot of jiggery-pokery going on there. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: That makes competition unfair.

Maddox: But -

Dick: (interjects) You know what I mean? Like, a startup can't make a better cell phone in China. The government will crush them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause Foxconn's just way too powerful.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: But you can do that here, like Uber! Uber's driven...in like 4 years, Uber has decimated taxi cabs! They're at like 40% of rides...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...done in the US now.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: That's a corporation!

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Thank a corporation for that, Maddox.

Maddox: M'kay. Yeah, 'cause corporations sat around thinking day and night, like, "How can I make this...how can I solve this problem?"

Dick: If you didn't have a corporation you couldn't do that, because everybody would be liable for everything!

Maddox: But they still are, Dick, and I think that liability ensures that people will not be fuck-ups and they will try to make the safest product, a product that's not gonna screw over the consumers. People are scared...I think lawsuits -

Dick: (interjects) So you think fear is a good motivator for safety?

Maddox: Yes, sometimes.

Dick: I don't, I disagree. I think it makes you panicky and jittery and MORE prone to error.

Maddox: Uh, well, that's al-...that can also possibly be the case, but I think that a lot of times fear of the bad repercussion, like that a customer's gonna come sue you, will make sure that someone working at the factory line isn't going to fuck up and he's going to put poison in your food or your baby formula or whatever it is. (Dick laughs) Right?

Dick: I don't know, I think they're already puttin' poison in that.

Maddox: Well maybe, but the guy on the factory line...like, what incentive is there other than lawsuits? If it protects -

Dick: (interjects) To what?

Maddox: If we...what incentive is there for people to not fuck up and not to take advantage and not to exploit the citizens and consumers if there weren't lawsuits?

Dick: That's a pessimistic way of looking at things, though. (Maddox scoffs) Don't you think?

Maddox: Well, I...pessimistic or optimistic is irrelevant!

Dick: But that's like, um...

Maddox: I'm asking you, what incentive do cor-...do people have to do the right thing without lawsuits?

Dick: Yeah, but you're framing it in a way that's pessimistic at its core.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, the...a -

Maddox: (interjects) I agree, it is. It is pessimistic.

Dick: Another...so that's like saying...like religious people always say, "What's the incentive not to kill and murder without God?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And an answer to that is like, "I didn't wanna do that in the first place."

Maddox: Right, but that's n-

Dick: (interjects) "'Cause I'm a human being." But what you're saying is what's to stop people from doing bad things without the threat of a lawsuit, and I'm saying, you know...um, doing bad things is rarely the way to maximize profits, in my opinion. Like, people don't always just wanna do bad things to squeeze out that last penny.

Maddox: Yeah, that's true, they don't always. But again, if you don't have that incentive there, if you don't have that club as a...you know, your example? We're gettin' into some heavy philosophical stuff.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: But that example that you gave about, uh...you know, Christians or people who are religious say, "Well, without the fear of God sending you to hell with eternal damnation, what's stopping anyone from doing anything?" Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, I think that's not necessarily a good argument, because I think that, uh...that evolutionarily speaking, we have...

Dick: Right.

Maddox: ...we have a benefit to doing things that are conducive towards society, right?

Dick: Yeah, we're all pussies. All the pussies evolved.

Maddox: Uh...

Dick: We all survived. We love each other.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's like...evolution.

Maddox: That's actually a good point.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: That is evolution.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's not survival of the fittest. Survival of the fittest is not evolution. You know that?

Dick: Well, the most...

Sean: No, that's the mechanism.

Maddox: That's the mechanism. Correct, Sean.

Dick: Yeah, right.

Maddox: It is not...but it is not the same thing because survival of the fittest is, uh, one mechanism with which evolution can occur, but evolution can also occur by people being cooperative and people being meek. Not necessarily the strongest, fittest or fastest...

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: ...but people who are social and people who engage in social behavior that is conducive to all of society. So that's another mechanism with which evolution can occur. Back to corporations -

Dick: (interjects) I think you're proving my point! Saying that's what...that's what a corporation's made out of, these people who evolved with this mindset and these sensibilities.

Maddox: No, I disagree.

Dick: So who do you think runs them?? YOU have a corporation!

Maddox: Right.

Dick: You run a corporation.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Are you a bad guy?

Maddox: No!

Dick: Well, then where's the switch? What happens?

Maddox: Well, some corporations are good, some corporations are bad! I think that the corporations that are bad...first of all, the larger they become, the more faceless they become, the less accountable people become, and the more harm that they can do, and they can just kind of...you know -

Dick: (interjects) So it's necessarily size. As it gets bigger, it gets more harmful, you think?

Maddox: No, not necessarily.

Dick: Well, okay. Is there some kind of correlation in your idea? Or in your mind?

Maddox: No.

Dick: No?

Maddox: No, I don't think so. I don't think so.

Dick: Alright! Alright.

Maddox: No, no. But Dick, I'm trying to...I know you like to sweep with a...paint with large-sweeping brushes.

Dick: I just wanna get an idea of what you're talking about!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, when do you think the switch is? You, good guy...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...too good, in my opinion...

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: ...uh, run a corporation. When does it go from being a good guy to a bad guy?

Maddox: It goes from being a good guy to a bad guy when they put profits above people. Um, I'll give you a perfect example.

Dick: I don't know what that means.

Maddox: I'll give you a perfect example. At my old job at the telemarketing company, that was a brutal -

Dick: (interjects) They're gonna get emails about that.

Maddox: Good! (Dick laughs) Good, 'cause it was a shit company and I'll tell you why. Even though I worked for them for years and years, I...you know, again, some good can come out of something bad or evil!

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Uh, but... (stammers) It helped fund my entire website for years and put me through college. Like, I worked and I wouldn't be the person I am today if I didn't have that job that supported me, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: There was some good there, and most of the people I worked there with were awesome. But the people at the very top, like the guy who owned the company and ran the company, ran it with an iron fist and he didn't give a fuck. He would fire people a week before Christmas.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He hired this guy...this guy was loved in our department and he had a family, and he planned this Christmas trip for his family and he was happy because they lured him from another job to come to work at this corporation, and what they did is they chopped him. They let him go a month...uh, a month before some bonus that they had to pay out because they thought, "Well, it's cheaper just to hire someone else" so they don't have to pay out that bonus.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: And he had already started digging a pool, right? This is Clark Griswold we're talking about? (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Um, another example... (stammers) Another corporation -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, are you giving examples of, like, dickhead bosses?

Maddox: No, it's not just dickhead bosses. I'm talkin' about the corporations themselves. Another one? Another call center opened up, this was in Canada...or actually, it was in Washington. They opened up a call center...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...they hired all these people, these telemarketers, right? They said...and customer service workers. They were, uh, they do call support, you know? Service calls. Any time you call tech support, you're...these are the people you're talkin' to.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They say, "We're gonna pay you a starting wage of 7 dollars an hour." This was, like, in the '90s. "7 dollars an hour, then after 3 months - "

Dick: (interjects) That's a lot.

Maddox: "After 3 months we're going to give everybody a new wage of $9.50 an hour," and everybody thought, "Well, that's great! We're gonna quit our jobs now and we're gonna hang on for 3 months." Guess what happened at 2 months and 2 weeks in? They shut down the facility, opened up in Canada, did the same con, did the same scam, and then once that was done they closed up shop there. They just open up shops and they lure people into -

Dick: (interjects) See, I think in your mind you associate that with a corporation.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: But in the real world, the entity...the legal entity, the purpose of this idea, has nothing to do with these people being scam artists and assholes, and that's what troubles me. It's that 50% of

people in these online surveys are associating bad behavior with this legal entity that is built to let them do business, to let them live their lives! That's...and that's what bugs me! These guys that you're talking about, this entity of a corporation lets you take them on in a marketplace and run them outta town! It's a great thing! Very powerful invention that we put together with the corporation.

Maddox: Yeah, I don't know about that, Dick. You haven't made the ca-...like, why are the things that you're sayin' we owe to corporations only due to corporations?

Dick: Well, what do you mean?

Maddox: Well, what are you saying is the benefit of a corporation?

Dick: I...what else, you mean? The liability, the sha-

Maddox: (interjects) What do you think is...

Dick: Efficiency...

Maddox: What would you say the two biggest benefits of a corporation are?

Dick: Um, limited liability...

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: ...efficiency, and evolution of, uh, of ideas.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Shareholder input? That's another big one.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like a voting system that's, uh, dependent on...on how much you're literally invested in something.

Maddox: Alright! Okay, let's stop there. So #1, you said that it was limited liability.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: #2, you said that it was the evolution of ideas.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's a big "maybe."

Dick: Maybe?!

Maddox: And then #3 is shareholders, right? Shareholder input?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'll tell you why, specifically starting with #3, it's a bad idea: because shareholders don't give a fuck about anything except their bottom line. They will...if you -

Dick: (interjects) But they're people like you and me!

Maddox: Yeah, I know, but people like you and me...again, when we're just looking at stocks, we're looking at a number and we just care whether it goes up or whether it goes down. We don't care -

Dick: (interjects) Not...that's a very big generalization!

Maddox: No, that's how...that's how shareholder...shareholders are huge swaths of people, Dick! And by the way, they're not people like you and me; they're people who are really affluent.

Dick: Although they're people like ME.

Maddox: Yeah, like you!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: People who are really affluent and have enough money to invest, and they're the people who just care about their bottom line! They're not...as a shareholder, Dick, you're not going to vote for something that's not going to...that's going to reduce the bottom line for the corporation, are you?

Dick: Maddox, the richest men in America are by huge margins the biggest philanthropists.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: There's groups...groups of shareholders at MAJOR companies have pushed and argued and lobbied for the company to do things that they think benefit the world. Uh, a small group of shareholders at Starbucks forced and argued the entire company to start a huge, like, recycling campaign. I don't give a shit...personally, I don't give a shit about recycling, but you can look at it and say, "Those guys had good intentions that only cost them money." Maybe they were doing it for some kind of, uh, abstract marketing angle to increase their bottom line in some way, but I can't say...I can't in good conscience say that they're purely cynical about it.

Maddox: Well, those are...

Dick: (interjects) That, like, they only are worried about their profits.

Maddox: You're talking about PEOPLE, Dick. You're not talkin' about corporations. Corporations have no conscience.

Dick: They're shareholders! They're...they run the company!!

Maddox: But they are NOT the company. There is a distinction there. The company does not have a soul, they don't have a conscience, they don't...they're not gonna do right and wrong! They don't have an ethical code. A corporation exists for one reason, and that's to make money, period! And I'm fuckin' tired of corporations tryin' to pretend like they're people and they have good will. Like Honda, there's a Honda ad on TV right now; it's called the "Helpful Honda Dealer," and what they do is they go around and do supposed random acts of altruism. They just show up at a baseball game and say, "Hey everyone, we're buyin' you new fuckin' uniforms!"

Dick: I hate those commercials too.

Maddox: "Oh, there you go! Congratulations!" Thank you, fuckin' Honda! Lemme suck your dick! Fuckin' Honda doesn't have a sh-...they're not altruistic, they're not people. It's just a corporation tryin' to do it for marketing! They have no conscience, they have no soul! That's why PEOPLE are the important part of that equation. People are the altruists. People are the philanthropists. Corporations are not! Never!

Dick: Their purpose is to sell cars.

Maddox: Right!

Dick: What do you want them to do?

Maddox: Well, they're...bu-

Dick: (interjects) Like, that's their goal!

Maddox: But they're doing it under...don't you think it's dishonest and misleading, doing it under the guise of altruism as if it's a corporate person? Coming along and saying, "You know what? We're gonna find a baseball game and we're gonna buy them new uniforms. We're gonna find this kid and give him a free car wash," or whatever. Like, it...it's bullshit!

Dick: It's just marketing!

Maddox: Right! It -

Dick: (interjects): It's just, like, EVERYBODY knows that they're doing it to sell cars. No -

Maddox: (interjects) But it's misleading!

Dick: I don't see how! They tag it all over: "This is a Honda sale, Honda super sale. Here's something we did, hopefully, that struck a chord with you guys and makes you think that you should be drivin' around in a Honda," when realistically you could buy any fuckin' car and it doesn't matter.

Maddox: Dick, that's irrelevant! You're not...whether or not it's marketing. We're not saying it's not marketing. We know it's marketing, but it's...they're doing it under the guise of altruism, which is misleading. They're not altruistic; they just care about their bottom lines. Like, that's

specifically...you have a problem with the Dove campaign specifically for this reason, because Dove is trying to pretend like -

Dick: (interjects) I don't like seein' fat girls on billboards!

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: That's why I have a problem with the Dove campaign.

Maddox: That's the only problem you have with Dove? Not that they are using beauty as some kind of virtue that they're tryin' to sell to these women?

Dick: Ohh!

Maddox: Not that they are pretending to care about these women?

Dick: Sure!

Maddox: They're not!! They don't care! They don't give a shit about anything but their bottom line. That's why Dove sucks, that's why Honda sucks, and that's why altruism is not part of this equation. Absolutely not.

Dick: I don't know...

Maddox: Corporations have no altruism.

Dick: SpaceX? Are they just lookin' out for the bottom line?

Maddox: Yes!

Dick: Google?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Google's lookin' out for the bottom line with self-driving cars?

Maddox: Absolutely.

Dick: So in your world...this is a serious question.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: In your world, what does anybody do then? What should Google and Honda and SpaceX be doing? SpaceX just comes out and says, "We're trying to make tons of money by bringing things into space, and there's no..." and it's all negative?? Like, it isn't...I'm struggling to imagine what you think it should be.

Maddox: Dick, lawsuits were created so that you can get some kind of reparation for harm done against you.

Dick: Correct.

Maddox: They're a good thing, right? And assuming that they are not done, uh...if you're not extremely litigious and you're trying to just sue and trying to make a profit and take advantage of somebody. Lawsuits, at their heart, are a good thing.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Right?

Dick: It's a good solution, law!

Maddox: Right!

Dick: Bring it in.

Maddox: Right, sure! Um, so when you limit that liability of a corporation...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Like, to answer your question about SpaceX, um...no, SpaceX doesn't care about anything. Elon -

Dick: (interjects) They killed people!

Maddox: Elon Musk does, the founder of SpaceX! He's the founder, right? Elon Musk?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is that him? So he may care! Or is it, uh, Virgin?

Dick: No no, it's, um...

Maddox: What's his name, uh...

Dick: No, it's not Branson. It's another guy. It's a guy...nonono, Elon Musk founded Tesla. Branson did Virgin Galactic. I don't think he...I think -

Maddox: (interjects) No, I think he's...Elon Musk is SpaceX.

Dick: Oh, I don't know. Maybe he is.

Maddox: Well, whatever the case, Elon Musk may be a good guy and he may be an altruist, but to say that the corporation is good for that reason is absolutely BULLSHIT. A corporation may be the mechanism...it's like saying roads are virtuous because you can drive to church or you can drive to donate something or whatever. Roads by themselves are not virtuous. That's the mechanism. If you wanna say corporations are the mechanism with which...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...huge charity and good things can come about, sure, but they are not the reason. They're not the cause.

Dick: Alright, well, for a guy who brought in addresses, (Maddox laughs) I think the corporation belongs on here, but that's enough. That's enough.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's enough outta me. Oh, here's something to dispel a myth!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh well, you know, I don't care. Go...go ahead.

Maddox: No no, what's up? I wanna hear it.

Dick: That they don't sit on that much cash!

Maddox: The corporations?

Dick: The corporations, yeah. They're only sitting on like 13% of, uh, of their annual revenue.

Maddox: What's that based on?

Dick: What do you mean? The books.

Maddox: Is that an average of some corporation, or...?

Dick: Yeah, yeah yeah yeah! Like...

Maddox: 'Cause some corporations have...

Dick: Nonono, like, in America.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Historically, it's around 10%; currently, it's around 13%. But there's this myth that they're, like, hoarding cash, and it's wrong. It's all these -

Maddox: (interjects) A lot of 'em are though, I believe.

Dick: Well, but that's the number! The number's 13%.

Maddox: Wait, where'd that number come from?

Dick: The Internet? I don't know. (Maddox laughs) Some fuckin' place.

Maddox: You don't have a s-...you don't have a...?

Dick: Probably Forbes.

Maddox: Yeah, Forbes? Do you have a site?

Dick: I didn't write it down.

Maddox: Yeah, I'm curious about that, because I think that some corporations do hoard a lot of their money. I don't think they spend nearly as much as they should. But you know, Dick? You know why I... (sighs) ...I, um, I presented such a fierce debate about your corporate problem?

Dick: 'Cause you're a dick? (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: No!! (**buzzer sound effect**) Asshole! It's because I'm a critical thinker! (Sean chuckles in the background)

Dick: Oh, god. (laughing)

Maddox: Critical thinking, that's my solution! (**'ding' sound effect**) Yeah! (**clapping sound effect**) Smart. (Sean laughs)

Dick: Why do so many of your problems and solutions...are you being so great? (Maddox laughs) Why are all of them, like, how smart you are?

Maddox: Ahhh. (smiling) Ahh, good-looking.

Dick: God dammit. (laughing)

Maddox: Here we go. Critical thinking, Dick. You know what critical thinking is?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah. (both laugh loudly) I wish I had a quote from you that just says, "Maybe I AM as smart as I think I am." (Dick laughs more) It's the first smart -

Dick: (interjects) What is it?

Maddox: That's the first honest thing you've said. Um... (both laugh more)

Dick: What's critical thinking? (grinning)

Maddox: Um, I like to s-...there are a lot of different definitions I read online. A lot of people say what critical thinking is. I'm gonna tell you my definition. Here's what I think it is. 'Kay?

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It's just very simple: it's always questioning everything. That's critical thinking.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Always questioning everything.

Dick: A.Q.E. That's your motto?

Maddox: A.Q.E.! "AQE." ('ache')

Dick: Always question everything. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah, always question everything. Dick, did you know I didn't learn critical thinking until college?

Dick: Uh...what?

Maddox: Yeah, uh-huh!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: I was never taught...I was never taught critical thinking. I never even heard of that expression!

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: And actually, I dated a teacher for a while who...

Dick: Whoa!

Maddox: ...decided to...yeah, she decided to teach critical thinking to her 5th graders, and it is -

Dick: (interjects) This was in college?

Maddox: No, this was in 5th grade.

Dick: You were in 5th grade dating a...?

Maddox: Nonono! (sighs) Dick... (Dick giggles)

Dick: You dated a teacher recently? It was...?

Maddox: No, a while ago. It was a while ago.

Dick: Oh, a while ago, a while ago. As an adult?

Maddox: As an adult, yes.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Yeah. Because I like good sex. Um...and that's what adults provide, is good sex. Not high schoolers.

Dick: Alright. (exasperated) Please...please go.

Maddox: Anyway. Uh... (cracks up) So this is something that they...that, uh, that teachers are starting to introduce more into the curriculum, especially through Common Core, which everybody shits on. Common Core is not bad. All these -

Dick: (interjects) It's awful.

Maddox: No, it's not. No, it's not! All these moron dullard parents who don't understand that their children are learning something that they don't know? Good! That's the fucking point of school! They're teaching your kids information and new ways of thinking that you don't understand. That's a GOOD thing. That you don't understand it is a good sign.

Dick: I can't wait to bring in Common Core and show you how wrong you are. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: Alright, bring it, buddy! Anyway Dick, assumptions are the foundation for fucking up, and that's what critical thinking is battling, is goin' against. When you assume something, you are coming to a conclusion about what that thing is without having considered the reason. Right? That's the problem with assumptions.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: The most important question to ask about something is "why?" Even what I'm saying should be questioned. Like, even the words that are coming out of my mouth right now should be questioned. If you don't question everything, that means you take conclusions for granted. But questioning everything isn't the same as disagreeing with everything. That's what a lot of people confuse critical thinking with, is just disagreeing. It's not! Nor is it the same as being a contrarian. So Dick, somethin' that I do on this show that annoys you a lot is when I play devil's advocate, right?

Dick: Yeah, I hate that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everyone hates that.

Maddox: No. (Sean laughs in the background) No, they don't! (Dick giggles) No they don't, Dick.

Dick: Even God hates that. He doesn't make popes do it anymore. (Maddox and Sean laugh) That's true!

Maddox: Great. Probably 'cause the word "devil" is in it. I don't even know what I'm saying! (Dick cackles) What are you...?! (sighs exasperatedly)

Dick: That used to be part of the papal selection process! A cardinal would play devil's advocate and say what a dick this other cardinal was. He was...

Maddox: Ohh, oh, oh.

Dick: And they said, "Eh, we're not doin' that anymore."

Maddox: Yeah. Okay!

Dick: It's too... (stammers) They were probably havin' too much fun with it.

Maddox: Too critical.

Dick: No, it was probably working too well. (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, it was probably workin' too well!

Dick: Like, "Oh, this guy molested 1,000 kids! Oyy, oy oy oy oy." (uneasily)

Maddox: Yeah!! Yeah, yeah! If you don't examine the reasons that you do something, you just start doing things for granted.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You start takin' things for granted and makin' assumptions. And the reason I do it, Dick, the reason I play devil's advocate so much is because I'm often doing so because I wanna see if you've reasoned through the criticisms of your position, not necessarily because I disagree with you. I've often debated issues that I agree with because the person defending them is doing so for the wrong reasons.

Dick: Oh, that's... (under his breath)

Maddox: And that includes -

Dick: ...very annoying.

Maddox: (scoffs) (Dick laughs) Oh, sorry that I want to get to the TRUTH. I want to understand if the person agreeing with me understands my position! I don't want somebody to just agree with me blindly!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why I think a lot of my fans are idiots! They agree with me because they like me, because I'm a charismatic person, because I'm personable, because I'm funny, or whatever. Whatever reason they like me for, that's not a reason to agree with me. You should agree with me because I'm right, not because you like me.

Dick: Yeah, but who's got time to do all this thinkin'?

Maddox: Everybody!

Dick: Well... (exhales) I don't know, man. It's hard work.

Maddox: Well, here's -

Dick: (interjects) I'll just take your word for it.

Maddox: Oh. (chuckling)

Dick: I'd would rather do that. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Like, "Oh, Maddox, he's usually right." (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Well, here's an example, Dick. I brought in a real-world example. Um...well, I don't know how real this is actually, but here's a... (Dick laughs) Here's a conclusion, 'kay? "Police brutality is bad." Would you agree with that?

Dick: Uh, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! Most people would, right? Most people would agree that police brutality is bad. However, someone could make the case that police brutality is bad because there isn't enough of it, so if someone sitting across from you in a room says police brutality is wrong and you simply just nod in agreement like an idiot, you might be agreeing with someone who's a jackass. That's the problem, when you don't -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, they're a jackass for talking about this in a group. (Maddox chuckles) Already.

Maddox: Well, we're talking about it! Are we jackasses?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. (both laugh)

Dick: I can critical think my way into that one. (smiling)

Maddox: Great. Anyway Dick, uh -

Dick: (interjects) So wait, wait. Why is there...why is it 'cause there's not enough brutality?

Maddox: You could make the case.

Dick: How is that critical thinking?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: So for example, Dick, you brought in a problem on this very show a long time ago where you said there's not enough Black Friday violence, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Which at the outset, anyone seeing that would disagree with you because they say, "Well, violence is bad..."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "...and if we have more violence, that's more bad."

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: "So therefore, more Black Friday violence is bad!" But you, by the way, made an argument for why violence...

Dick: Yeeeah! (grins)

Maddox: ...on Black Friday is good, because it takes these dumb people out of the population! Right?

Dick: Yeah, that's funny.

Maddox: Which is -

Dick: (interjects) I do think that, too.

Maddox: And yet argued against my riots solution last episode, last bonus episode. Well, well, well.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause I think that those people are real bad.

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: I really have a problem with those rioters.

Maddox: Ohoho, really?

Dick: I really have a problem with their sanctimonious attitudes too.

Maddox: Yeah? Well, why don't you guys start bein' sanctimonious next time supposedly white people go rioting after a fuckin' basketball game? I don't see all the fuckin' tweets -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but the problem is those usually end right away. Like, it's just a buncha drunk yayhoos...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...who, like, sober up or get tired or get their ass kicked and go home.

Maddox: Okay. (skeptical)

Dick: These rioters are fueled by, like, I think...like, dysfunction in their minds.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And they go for weeks and just destroy...

Maddox: Oh, weeks? How many weeks did the, uh, did the riots occur in Maryland most recently?

Dick: What do you mean? The Baltimore ones?

Maddox: Yeah, the Baltimore ones.

Dick: I have no idea. How long are they?

Maddox: Less than one.

Dick: Less than one week?

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: In fact, the majority -

Dick: (interjects) How long did the LA riots go?

Maddox: The LA riots went for a while, but they majority of the rioting...the majority of the rioting in, uh, in Baltimore occurred over the course of one or two nights and the damage really wasn't that high.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Compared to the rioting that was done after a fuckin' basketball game, or a hockey game in Canada.

Dick: They just flipped some cars over! What did they do at...what did they do in Canada?

Maddox: In Ohio, I think this was the 1986 riots after a Kansas...it was, like, a Kansas City game or something that happened in Ohio and after that, every single window in the city was dest-...was broken. (Dick cackles) Yeah! Laugh it up, dickhead! Where's the sanctimony there?

Dick: No, there's...

Maddox: No white people sayin' "Where are their fathers??"

Dick: No, them...I don't like that THEY'RE sanctimonious. I don't think sports fans think they're in the right by destroying buildings. I think they're just being assholes.

Maddox: Yeah, but the same people who are criticizing the rioters in Baltimore weren't sittin' there...they're not goin' to Twitter...in fact, just recently in Texas when they had that giant biker gang riot? Basically a giant fight?

Dick: Oh, I saw that!

Maddox: Yeah! 186 bikers, or 192 of 'em were arrested, some insane amount...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...and like 9 people were killed. Where were all the people...where were the white people comin' on the media sayin', "Well, where are their fathers? You know what those guys need? They need good father figures in their lives. Where are their fathers? Where...it's because they have low-income housing." Where was their sanctimony?

Dick: Well, I think what you're seeing here is people understand sports riots and, like, biker gang riots and...and honestly, people don't understand what's...like, what the deal is with, um...inner-city riots.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, they don't understand how to fix it, they don't understand where it comes from...

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: ...they got all these theories, and then the news just preaches to whatever their segment of people has preconceptions of why it's going on, but there's a confusion there that makes it interesting...

Maddox: I agree.

Dick: ...to us.

Maddox: I agree! And that's a problem that we should look at critically. (Dick laughs) Dick, you know what?

Dick: Alright. (laughing)

Maddox: You know what... (cracks up)

Dick: Where's the part where it's how great you are for being a critical thinker? How were you taught to be a critical thinker? I wanna hear that.

Maddox: It was in...

Dick: Like, in college.

Maddox: It was in college, I took a class. It was a writing class, and I've talked about this, I think, on book tour, but...

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: ...this, uh, this professor came into my class. First of all, I...when I was at the University of Utah, they made me take a writing placement test to see my writing proficiency, right? And they put me in the most remedial writing class that they had.

Dick: Have you taken that since?

Maddox: No, not since.

Dick: Ah, I really would like to see that. (smiles)

Maddox: However, I did... (both laugh) I did mention the University of Utah in my New York Times bestselling book.

Dick: Yeah. (smiling)

Maddox: I said that...I mentioned how I failed that writing test in that book as a big "fuck you" to them.

Dick: Yeah. I mean, the Twilight woman would probably fail that too, and she's a bestseller.

Maddox: Well, okay. Oh, that's a good point. (Dick laughs) Um...

Dick: I'm just thinking critically about...things.

Maddox: Yeah. Fuck you, Dick. (Dick and Sean laugh) (**buzzer sound effect**) Asshole. (muttering) (**baby laugh sound effect**) (Dick still giggling) Tired of this shit!

Dick: I hate that baby. (Maddox laughs loudly)

Maddox: I found that the first day we were recording and I'm like, "Ah, I'm gonna use this forever." Anyway Dick, uh -

Dick: (interjects) So he taught you...?

Maddox: Yeah, I took this class...so they put me in the most remedial writing class that they had.

Dick: Oh, god.

Maddox: And I'm sitting there in class waiting for the teacher to show up. He's like 5 minutes late.

Dick: There's, like, a kid with his jacket on backwards and one with a helmet. (Maddox laughs) Stabbing pencils into his head. (giggling) 'Cause it's, like, the remedial class.

Maddox: Why are you such an asshole?! (Dick cackles) Such a dick!

Dick: There's a kid eating a book. (laughs more)

Maddox: Such a fuckin' asshole. I don't need this shit, this abuse. Um, so this professor...the professor walks in; he's not wearing shoes. He's... (both laugh loudly)

Dick: Continue! (squeaking)

Maddox: And he sits on his desk...ON his desk. Not at his desk, on it.

Dick: Oh, Jesus. (still laughing)

Maddox: Cross-legged, with no shoes. Kind of a hippie. Kind of a hippie-lookin' dude.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He had this huge frazzly beard.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: It looked a little bit like Bob Ross, and, um...and the first thing he says -- he had kind of this Kermit the Frog kinda nasally voice -- he goes, "Oh, some of you may have noticed that I look like Karl Marx. That was not an accident." (everyone laughs)

Dick: "Cool, man!"

Maddox: Yeah, real cool. (Dick still laughing) And so -

Dick: (interjects) "Lemme just get back to eating my book over here."

Sean: Karl Marx, who just lived off his friend's father for most of his life.

Dick: Oh, is that true?

Sean: Yeah, Engels or whatever his name is. Yeah, he was just kind of a...he sat and thought a lot. Didn't do a whole -

Dick: (interjects) He was a bum?

Sean: Didn't do a whole lotta work.

Dick: He was a hippie?

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Huh!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: How 'bout that?

Maddox: Well, lemme tell you. This guy, this Karl Marx dude, was probably one of the best and only good professors I had at the University of Utah. I had a handful of good professors at the University of Utah. This guy was one of 'em. Another one was this other lady who taught me my final class that I ever took at the University of Utah. She taught it in such a good pedagogical way. She used the Socratic method, which is actually one of the tools of critical thinking that I'm gonna talk about. But this guy, this professor in my writing class, he taught me critical thinking! He brought in advertisements, and he showed us these advertisements and he just asked us in class, like, "What do you guys think of these ads?"

Dick: Right.

Maddox: And at first everybody in the class thought nothing of it. They were just ads for detergent and ads for, uh...you know, food and cars and things and we thought, "Well, nothin'. It's just a picture of a car. What is there to think about it?" And he said, "Well, that's the problem. You SHOULD be - "

Dick: (interjects) The new Mustang was comin' out around then.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It would've been the new Ford Mustang ad.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, so he taught us to look at these advertisements critically, and he said, "Everything in the advertisement is there for a reason. Nothing is there by accident, including the print, including the type, including the position relative to each other inside an advertisement." And then I started staring at these advertisements in a different way and I realized, "Oh my god, this is...what he's saying is correct! It's true! Everything in this advertisement has been meticulously crafted for a

reason. Nothing is there by accident." And so that's when I started thinking critically about pretty much everything, and then he taught me how to write critical papers, and I wrote a paper in that class that was...that is pretty much the template for every essay -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, you said that in the first...I think the first bonus episode.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I wanna see it, but you didn't wanna give away your secrets.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'll tell you the tools that you need to use. It's just the Socratic method. That's it.

Dick: Is that why you hate ads? 'Cause of this guy?

Maddox: No, I don't hate ads because of this guy. I hate ads because they're mostly dishonest and misleading.

Dick: Eh, I don't know. What do you think about art then? Like, when you go to a museum, do you look at a painting and say that it's dishonest and misleading?

Maddox: It depends! Depends on the, um...on -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, interesting!

Maddox: Yeah. It depends on the intent of the artist.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: 'Kay? If the artist -

Dick: (interjects) What if it was painting of you looking, like, really muscley and ripped?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Would you say that was dishonest and misleading?

Maddox: I'd say that's super honest.

Dick: Okay.

Sean: How can you honestly tell his intention?

Maddox: Well, you would have to read and you'd have to know what the artist says, and you'd also have to make a value judgment on whether or not the artist is being honest! Sometimes artists say one thing and they do another. Like for example, trolls online? A lot of people say they're trolls after they get caught doing something shitty.

Dick: That bugs me too, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. In fact -

Dick: (interjects) You're right.

Maddox: I'm crea-...I'm working on a project, Dick. This is a big project I've been workin' on for a long time, but it's going to solve this problem of unintentional trolling.

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Because trolling requires intent. Anyway, we're gettin' way off topic here.

Dick: Oh yeah, I know...I know somethin' about trolling.

Maddox: Oh yeah? (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah? Anyway Dick, we're gettin' way off topic here. I wanna talk about the Socratic method. This is a form of inquiry based on asking questions and answering them to stimulate critical thinking. This is what my...one of my good professors in college taught. Uh, she -

Sean: (interjects) It teaches you not to wear jackets. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: Sean! (annoyed) I REASONED my way into not wearing jackets. You know what, Dick? Why don't you play a fuckin' -

Dick: (interjects) And to fuck teenage boys, right? (Maddox laughs) Did you go all the way with your Socratic method or did you stop at just the thinking?

Maddox: No, dickhead.

Dick: And the jacket wearing? (grinning)

Maddox: Shut up. (Dick laughs) It involves a discussion in which the defense of an argument is questioned. If the person being questioned contradicts him or herself it may strengthen the inquirer's position, hence the reason I ask you so many questions, Dick, sometimes even when I agree with you. If he or she has a position, it could strengthen it, right? Or it may strengthen the defender's argument by demonstrating that all the loose ends are considered. And I just have a couple quotes, and I'll end this, uh, this solution here. This one's from Seneca, a Roman philosopher in 4 B.C. He says, "He who decides a case without hearing the other side, though he decided justly, cannot be considered just."

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: I totally agree with that, because you know when I brought in the problem of unint-...of well-intentioned idiots?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: The dancer, the big dancing guy who was made fun of supposedly?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: He had his big dance party, and a lot of -

Dick: (interjects) No, let's talk about that in the regular episode though.

Maddox: Okay. Well, I just wanna say -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause people want an update.

Maddox: Yeah, I'll just say this, that a lot of people sent it as kind of a "fuck you" in my face, right? I said, "Guys, the outcome is irrelevant, because they couldn't have known anything going in." And then one -

Dick: (interjects) Not in the real world, it's not.

Maddox: No, but it is.

Dick: It's relevant.

Maddox: No, it's not.

Dick: Yeah. (smiles)

Maddox: And there is another quote by Ben Franklin. He says, "When these difficult cases occur, they are difficult chiefly because while we have them under consideration, all the reasons pro and con are not present in the mind at the same time." That's why it's difficult to do critical thinking, 'cause you really have to look at both sides. And then...so I just wanna say that critical thinking is the ability to look at both sides of a debate, consider the pros and cons, weigh all of your options, and surface hidden assumptions made by the debater. It's a super important thing that we need to...that everybody needs to do. It can make you a smarter person, it can improve your life.

Dick: And like everything else, it should be done in moderation.

Maddox: No! (both laugh)

Dick: Do I have that right?

Maddox: Nope! (Dick keeps laughing) Ass!

Dick: Have you ever read...what's the...what is the Plato book where he, um...he writes out a fictional conversation between Socrates and, like, Th-...Thalmides or something? Some other Greek asshole. It's one of Plato's bigger books.

Maddox: Mmm, I don't know.

Dick: Where it's a demonstration of the Socratic method that supposedly happened between Socrates and, like, some other...

Maddox: Plato's Apology? It's not his Apology.

Dick: No. Uh, I don't know.

Maddox: The Republic or something?

Dick: I d-...no, it's not The Republic. I don't know but I read it, and it's, like...it's exactly what you're describing.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The way he's debating with this guy?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And when I got done with it I was like, "God, I never wanna be this asshole." Like, he's SO annoying. (Maddox laughs) The way he's pestering this guy?

Maddox: Oh man, that guy's so funny. Socrates is so fuckin' funny, dude.

Dick: So funny? (laughing) Alright.

Maddox: He's so witty. Anyway man, I really think that critical thinking may be the biggest solution in the universe.

Dick: Yeah?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Or we'll see if it beats out hemlock! Right? (Maddox laughs loudly) 'Cause that's on the list!

Maddox: You know, an antidote -

Dick: (interjects) Euthanasia! Isn't it?

Maddox: An antid-...yeah. It is.

Dick: Yeah! We'll see if Socrates' critical thinking beats out Socrates' suicide. (grins)

Maddox: That was not euthanasia, asshole. That was murder. He was murdered.

Dick: Nonono, he drank hemlock!

Maddox: Well, yeah, but he -

Sean: (interjects) No, they made him, didn't they?

Maddox: Yeah, they made him. He had no -

Sean: (interjects) He was convicted for, like, corruption of the youth.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Wasn't he?

Dick: No, they were...yes, but they wanted...I thought they wanted him to die a different way and he's like, "I'm dyin' my own way. Fuck you guys."

Sean: Eh, that could be true, but...

Dick: Like, he could've said "I'm innocent, and I just...hey guys, all that stuff I was sayin'? I was just trolling."

Maddox: Yeah. (laughs)

Dick: Like, "LOLZ, I'll see you guys later. I'm gonna get outta here." But he was like, "I'm totally guilty. I'm gonna martyr myself by drinking this hemlock."

Maddox: Yeah. I think that's what happened, but it was...he...it was kind of a false choice. He didn't really have a choice. He was gonna get killed in a brutal way.

Dick: He could've just said he was kidding. (Maddox giggles) Just...how's that for critical thinking? (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Yeah. I -

Dick: (interjects) I'm questioning...

Maddox: You know, Dick, it's hard for you to relate to somebody who would die for their principles.

Dick: Yeah!! (Maddox laughs more) It is, 'cause I would never, ever do that! (shouting)

Maddox: I know!

Dick: And I encourage everyone to not do that!!

Maddox: Hah.

Sean: He's just like the old Italian guy in Catch-22.

Dick: Yeah, whatever!

Sean: He was like, "Yeah, when we're winning - "

Dick: (interjects) Whosever in charge, I don't care!

Sean: "When we're winning, I'm for Italy. When we're losing, I'm for the winner." You know?

Dick: Whoever! I'm for the aliens! I DON'T CARE. (Sean laughing) Just leave me the fuck alone!

Maddox: Fair-weather debater, Dick Masterson. (Dick guffaws) What's your next solution, Dick?

Dick: Alright, my next solution is cuteness.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) (everyone laughs) Fuckin' bullshit! (**'boo' sound effect**) Get OUTTA here.

Dick: Okay, I'm -

Maddox: (interjects) Alright, that's our episode. We're... (everyone laughs more)

Dick: I'm sure everybody knows that cuteness is why we don't murder our babies.

Maddox: Wrong!!

Dick: What do you mean, "wrong"? (stammers) Cuteness, like a baby's features, seeing that as cute? The same thing we see in, like, animals and other shit? Cars sometimes? (cracking up)

Maddox: Dick, there are all sorts of ugly babies that don't get murdered.

Dick: No, nononono, but it evokes...their, like...their small jaws, their big foreheads and their oversized eyes evoke feelings of caring for them. (Maddox scoffs)

Maddox: Oh. Oh, s-... (laughs)

Dick: No, this is, like, a scientific thing! I didn't know you didn't...I thought this was widely accepted!

Maddox: I'm sorry Dick, can you repeat that? The size of your ovaries bursting was too loud. The sound of your ovaries -

Dick: (interjects) Oho, you're so manly...

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: ...you can't even imagine, like, a cute baby? Like, that's...

Maddox: No, I don't think babies are cute! I just don't! I think they're just obnoxious little things.

Dick: What about a baby you?

Maddox: A ba-

Dick: (interjects) Oh nonono, wait!! Nonono, that's my point!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They ARE obnoxious and horrible...

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: ...and they puke all over everything and they destroy things and they ruin your life!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: The reason we don't kill them is because of the "cute factor."

Maddox: Well, what -

Dick: (interjects) Like, the way they look...the way they look, even if it's someone else's baby.

Maddox: Dick, have you ever seen a baby with Harlequin's disease?

Dick: What... (laughs)

Sean: Oh yeah, don't Google "Harlequin babies." Yeah.

Maddox: Don't Google it. Do NOT Google it. I'm gonna explain it -

Dick: (interjects) Is that when they're turned inside out?

Sean: Those are awful.

Maddox: Basically, yeah. I'm going to explain it in as much detail as possible, in the hopes that you won't Google it. It's...it's awful. Their eyelids are peeled inside out. Their skin's, like, all throbby and red. They look basically like, uh...like abortions that weren't completed all the way. Their -

Sean: (interjects) No, their skin hardens into, like, plates and cracks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: They look like they have rhino skin, and if they move...

Maddox: Yeah, it's terrible.

Sean: ...it splits.

Dick: Why the fuck do you know so much about this?

Sean: Because somebody told me to Google it, and I wish I never had.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then you, like, read the entire Wikipedia about it and memorized it?

Sean: Well, I have to...you know me. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, you're curious. No, seriously, I saw this thing and it looked like an alien species! I'd never seen anything that looked so horrendous, and I thought, "Well, I gotta know what this is. I need to know if this is a prop from a sci-fi movie or if it's a real thing," and it turns out it's a real thing and it's so horrible. Why do we take care of babies like that, Dick?

Dick: Well, I wouldn't!

Maddox: Ohokay.

Dick: But so you're saying there's a difference between a cute baby and one that looks like a monster?

Maddox: Barely! (laughs)

Dick: And you don't wanna care for them. (cracks up)

Sean: Yeah, but those babies die in like 1 or 2 days.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Usually.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, like in the 300, that movie with the Spartans? They kicked that weird guy out, remember? At the village, 'cause he was deformed.

Maddox: Yeah, the hunchback. I remember.

Dick: Yeah. Alright, um...

Maddox: Cuteness! Cuteness -

Dick: (interjects) Cuteness is a subjective term describing a type of attractiveness commonly associated with youth and appearance, as well as a scientific concept first introduced by Konrad Lorenz. He proposed that it's a set of facial and body features that make a creature appear cute,

and that humans...here's another interesting part of it, 'cause humans, um...lemme see. We mature...our brain is like only 40% complete when our bodies are adult sized. A 10-year-old...or, like, a teenager can't fend for themselves.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So we lose our cuteness, we lose that baby cuteness much later in life so adults will still wanna take care of us as children and teenagers. How 'bout...that's interesting!

Maddox: That is interesting.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: If -

Dick: (interjects) So apparently we evolved into, like, men-looking things.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: There was a group of humans that evolved into men-looking 13-year-olds; killed them. (Maddox laughs) Nobody took care of them!

Maddox: No. (laughing)

Dick: They only took care of the ones that looked cute.

Maddox: No, it's kinda true. I guess a lot of times you will find...I've noticed that I have some friends who are short, (Dick giggles) and because they're short they kind of have more childlike features. You know, the shorter limbs and whatever, and people treat them differently. They treat them a little bit more protectively.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I don't know what it is. It's kinda...but it may be that you feel like somebody who's smaller than you may be weaker, even though whether or not that's the case is irrelevant. But you may feel like they may be weaker, which may kind of kick in some kind of, uh...

Dick: Logic, you're saying.

Maddox: ...paternalistic or maternalistic instinct.

Dick: Okay, here's something you might find interesting: a study found that cuteness improved performance. So they took a bunch of people and they made 'em do, um...like, a test with their fine motor skills. They made 'em manipulate a bunch of shit with their fingers. They showed them pictures of cute animals, like baby animals, and they showed them pictures of normal animals. And the people who saw pictures of cute animals did 45% better on the test, and the people who saw just pictures of normal animals did 15% better.

Maddox: That pisses me off, man.

Dick: So cute...looking at cute animals boosts your productivity! They did the same thing with a numbers test, like a thinking test?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then a...like, a "make sure you don't fuck this up" test.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: And the people who saw cute shit performed better on all the tests.

Maddox: Oh, wow!

Dick: Isn't that weird?

Maddox: Well, I guess women must be the most productive on Earth, huh? The most productive people on Earth, 'cause that's all they're fuckin' lookin' at is fuckin' pictures of dogs and cats. (Dick laughing) And every time I hop on Facebook I must be SUPER productive, because that's all I'm seeing. Snapchat? More dogs and horses!

Dick: I brought in some examples of cute baby animals, if you wanna look at them.

Maddox: No!! (both laugh) You fuckin' asshole! I will NOT! This is my new Titanic.

Dick: Just one, just one. Here.

Maddox: Well, okay. Let's see it.

Dick: Ahhhahahah. (smiles)

Maddox: What is that? Is that an elephant penis?

Dick: That is a rhinoceros's penis. (Maddox giggles) Fuck you.

Maddox: That look kinda cool, actually. (Dick laughs) It looks like a...it looks like an orchid.

Dick: Alright, that's my...that's my problem. Oh, and, um...they're making...they're finding that products that look like cute babies, like cars...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...are selling more, are more po-...have more of a positive response than cars that look normal.

Maddox: That's... (annoyed)

Dick: Like, incorporating this shit into products. So in the future, everything's gonna look like a baby. Like, your iPhone's gonna have eyeballs on it. (cracking up)

Maddox: They already do!! Everything already looks fuckin' cute and it's horrible! Dick, I can't stand things that are cute. (Dick laughs) I really d-...I CAN'T.

Dick: 'Cause they make you feel a loss of control! That was another thing!

Maddox: Is that what it is?

Dick: You know that impulse people have, like, "That's so cute I wanna squish it"?

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: So you know that response?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "Oh, that..." People get like, "Aghhh!"

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: "I see something so cute I wanna crush it!" They're saying...they're theorizing that that's because you feel a loss of control of your biological response...that seeing the cuteness makes you feel a loss of control, and that makes you, like, kind of angry.

Maddox: Makes me wanna shit my pants.

Dick: That you wanna crush it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, man!

Dick: Yeah, there you go! It's very powerful. Very powerful thing.

Maddox: You know, Dick? Um... (sighs) Things that are cute piss me off, and I can't... (Dick giggles) Maybe it's what you just said, it's a lack of control or something. I don't know what it is, but the colors I like to surround myself with are blacks and grays and reds and things that are...you know, like, kind of neutral colors.

Dick: Like the Nazis.

Maddox: No! (Sean laughs loudly in the background) Well, I guess. (Dick giggles) Yeah, you...okay!

Dick: "I guess, exactly like the..." (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah, like the color palette of the Nazis. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Hey, broken clocks w-... (cracks up) (Dick cackles) Even a broken clock's right twice a day, dickhead!

Dick: Yeah. (grinning)

Maddox: Nazis...Na-

Dick: (interjects) Unless it's an iWatch.

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling) Well, that can't...you can't even tell, 'cause the fuckin' battery's always dead. (Dick laughs) Every fuckin' iPhone user: "Oh, can I borrow an iPhone 5 charger? Huhh?" (stupid voice) So you can be tethered to a wall like a slave? Anyway Dick, cute things...cute things upset me, and you're tellin' me essentially that I have intentionally done 15% poorer on tests all my life because I look at monsters. I like monsters!

Dick: Yeah! So you're -

Maddox: (interjects) Monsters...I think monsters are awesome!

Dick: Nah, doesn't help your brain though. (Maddox stammers) That's not what the study...the study even put FOOD in there. It looked at pictures of food...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and people didn't do...people did...it was, like, close to the control group.

Maddox: Did they put pictures of monsters and tits in there to see what that would do for your productivity?

Dick: Let's do it. Let's...let's write a white paper on... (chuckles)

Maddox: Alright. (grins)

Dick: They didn't do that, no.

Maddox: Dick, cuteness is obnoxious. I think it's probably...I'm gonna bring it in as a problem. I think it's a horseshit -

Dick: (interjects) You should do it while you're working on your book! You should take a cute animal break.

Maddox: Ohh. (sarcastic) Yeah. That's every...

Dick: Cute Overload break every 15 minutes or so. According to the science, you'll write better!

Maddox: Uh-huh. Oh, that's every fuckin' time I open up my phone! Every time I pull up Snapchat, more fuckin' dogs and babies and cats and horses! (Dick laughing) Every time I look on Facebook, more fuckin' kittens!

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: Ohh my gosh, Cute Overload! Have you seen that website, Cute Overload?

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I know that site.

Maddox: Yeah. (muttering) I think I'm cute. Anyway Dick, are you done with your solution?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Your problem?

Dick: I'm done.

Maddox: Your problem? (Dick chuckles) Yeah.

Dick: We'll see.

Maddox: Dick, I got the real -

Dick: (interjects) I mean, it's no "Riots," but... (laughs)

Maddox: No, it's no-... (cracks up) It's no "Riots." Riots aren't cute. Riots are fuckin' cool.

Dick: Yeah. (dismissively)

Maddox: Um, here's... (chuckles) Here's a real solution, Dick: boxes! (Dick giggles) (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yeheheheeah! Boxes. (**clapping sound effect**) What a cool...what a cool problem. Boxes. Er, cool solution.

Dick: You have a conversation with yourself every time you bring in a problem about how great it is. (cracking up)

Maddox: A solution!

Dick: Yeah, a solution.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah, anything.

Maddox: 'Cause this one is a real good pro-...or good solution, Dick! Boxes are the containers used for storage... (Dick bursts out laughing) (Maddox giggles)

Dick: In case you don't know!! (both keep laughing)

Maddox: They're used for storage or for temporary carrying parcels to transport contents from one place to another! They're super useful! (more laughing)

Dick: Yeah...

Maddox: Right??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Sean! Sean has all this fuckin' gear that he hauls in every time for the studio. Our...what is this, a proc-...processor?

Sean: That's a r-...

Dick: That's a rack!

Sean: That's a rack.

Dick: That's not a box.

Maddox: I don't...

Sean: It holds the equipment.

Dick: It doesn't have a front or a back! How is it a box?

Maddox: (yells) I'm looking at a box! Boxes don't have to have...they only...you only need 4 sides. (Dick scoffs) You can have bowls in the boxes.

Dick: Here we go, immediately a problem! (Maddox laughs) Immediately some kind of impossible Loki's Wager problem! A box has to have 6 sides.

Maddox: No, it doesn't!

Dick: Well, then... (stammers) What's...is a piece of paper a box?

Maddox: No.

Dick: That has one side.

Maddox: Nope.

Dick: Yes, it does!

Maddox: Okay, yeah. (both laugh) No it doesn't, it has 2 sides!

Dick: THAT -

Maddox: (interjects) Fuck you, it has 2 sides!

Dick: 4 sides is a tube. What Sean has is a square tube. It's not a BOX.

Maddox: Okay, call it -

Dick: (interjects) It needs to be enclosed!

Maddox: Oh, okay. Potatoes, patatoes.

Dick: Read the Wikipedia thing again!

Maddox: Alright. Sure, dickhead. (Dick laughs) Dick, boxes are containers used for storage.

Dick: Containers!!

Maddox: Is that the part you...? (cracks up)

Dick: That thing doesn't contain anything, 'cause it's open on 2 sides!

Maddox: It DOES, but it...there...look man, I'm not gonna fuckin' debate what a box is -

Dick: (yells over Maddox) Define "contain"!

Maddox: - you fuckin' asshole! (Dick cackles) Piece of shit! Aw man, I'm so fuckin' mad!

Dick: This is so fucked!! This is so fucked up! (still laughing)

Maddox: How is this...how is this already a problem?! I'm just talkin' about boxes here! Shut up for a minute! (more giggling)

Sean: We haven't even properly defined a box yet.

Maddox: Do we know what a box is?

Dick: No!!

Maddox: A box with a hole in it is still a box! It's a box with a hole in it, shut up! Alright. Boxes can be made out of wood, (snickers) cardboard, metal, paper, plastic, or just about anything.

Dick: Oh, wow! (still laughing)

Maddox: Sizes may vary from small, like lunch boxes, to medium for toasters, or large for computers and TV screens. Boxes come in all shapes and sizes. Actually pretty much one shape, which is, like, rectangular. (Dick cracks up again) Um... (giggles)

Dick: Yeah! That's...where did you get this information?!

Maddox: I wrote it, dickhead.

Dick: "All shapes and sizes."

Maddox: It's just things I know! This came from my mind. You're welcome. (Dick cackles again)

Dick: "Some boxes are even envelopes." (Maddox laughs hysterically)

Maddox: Why are you such a dick??

Sean: "Some boxes are homes!" (Dick and Maddox lose it again)

Dick: Ahh.

Maddox: Alright, man. One of the biggest innovations to happen to boxes was the corrugated box, which is used primarily as shipping containers for pretty much everything you order! These boxes were engineered to be light and strong! (Dick snickering) They're resistant to crushing and can be stacked easily. That's...that's an innovation, right?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They're built with load sharing, which distributes the weight of a load along their surfaces. So cardboard is about half air, you know? Like, in...if you look in between a corrugated box, look at the cardboard, it's half air, which means that it's very light yet the strength comes from mini I-beams that are built inside layers of paper. They're just like trestles in construction sites.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Like, little I-beams. They've made thousands of mini I-beams inside the layers of the cardboard, which makes it really, really strong for its weight. Cardboard is an incredible invention! It really is. People take it for granted 'cause it's everywhere.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Did you know that 95% of all products in the US are shipped with corrugated boxes?

Dick: 95?

Maddox: 95%!

Dick: What's the 5...what's the other 5? Like, bags?

Maddox: No, I think the other 5% -- I was thinkin' about it -- is either...yeah, like Tyvek pouches.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Tyvek is also an innovation.

Dick: That's cool.

Maddox: Tyvek pouches or actual just, uh...not cardboard, but paper. Like paper boxes that say, for example, donuts come in.

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Anyway man, 95% of everything you order online comes to you in a box. You're welcome.

Dick: I'll tell you -

Maddox: (interjects) Boxes are our biggest solution.

Dick: I'll tell you why this is a bogus solution that you brought in. (Maddox sighs loudly)

Maddox: What?? (snapping)

Dick: Because a box is nothing without tape. (Sean chuckles in the background)

Maddox: Dick... (annoyed)

Dick: Without tape, you just got a big cardboard tube.

Maddox: That's wrong!

Dick: It's nothin', man.

Maddox: Have you ever seen a pizza box? No tape, no adhesives. Fuck you.

Dick: Well, okay.

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**)

Dick: You got me.

Maddox: Yep! (laughs loudly)

Dick: That was it. (smiles) That was the only objection I had.

Maddox: Boxes, big solution! Vote it up, people! (**'ding!' sound effect**) (Dick giggles) Oh man, I'm so smart. (Sean cracks up)

Dick: I saw you bringin' this in and I thought, "That is the weirdest thing." (grinning) (Maddox laughs) "I could think for a million years and would never come up with boxes as a solution to bring in to this show."

Maddox: Yeah, 'cause you take it for granted! You just see boxes everywhere and you never really think about the engineering that went into a box.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But they put a lot of engineering into those boxes, and they have testing facilities and they're constantly reevaluating how to make boxes engineered more strongly. The only downside to most corrugated boxes is that they are not waterproof, but you can get the, um, the plastic ones. Right?

Dick: Or barbecue sauce-proof.

Maddox: Pshyeah!

Dick: As we've learned.

Maddox: Yeah. Thank you, Butt Sanchez. (laughs) Anyway man, boxes: big solution.

Dick: That is a big solution. Um...

Maddox: Yeah. And Critical Thinking! Those are my solutions this week.

Dick: Okay, so what are we gonna do with this...what are we gonna do with the Sean problem? 'Cause we are at an hour-10 right now. We are significantly into the episode, and it's a long problem.

Maddox: Let's tease it a little bit more. Let's play a little bit more of the Sean solution.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: And, uh, let's bring it...I think that deserves its...a whole new bonus episode.

Dick: (excited) Well, I think so, because it's...I really think it's a good problem.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I've listened to this...Sean, it took me HOURS to splice in...I don't know if you know how much work audio engineering takes, (Maddox laughs) but it took me hours to splice in this cool fake Sean with the dialogue from that episode. So -

Sean: (interjects) You shoulda had me do it. I woulda treated it right. (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly)

Maddox: Deleted! (laughs more)

Dick: Alright, just listen for a little bit. Okay? Here is the new problem, just in case somebody's...sometimes people complain about when the show's ending and when the recordings are going.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So here is the show remastered. Here is Sean's problem. [**starts altered clip of Sean's problem from Episode 52**]

Dick: One year. (Maddox laughing) Go ahead, Sean!

Maddox: Sean, what's your problem? Our very -

Dick: [**pauses clip**] Oh wait, I've got some...I've got some encouraging voicemails that people left for you.

Maddox: Oh, let's hear it. [**Dick plays first voicemail message for Sean**]

Voicemail (male caller): Sean, shut the fuck up... (Maddox and Dick giggling)

Dick: Oh...

Voicemail: ...and let the real men talk.

[message ends]

Dick: ...shit. That was the wrong one. (Maddox still laughing)

Sean: I love Internet tough guys. That's gonna be a prob-...you know that guy's like 5 1/2 feet of stacked shit, right? (Dick laughs)

Dick: Wait wait, go ahead. What... (keeps laughing)

Sean: No, I was gonna say, the greater the degree of separation, the tougher people are.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: 'Cause most people are pussies!

Maddox: Well...

Sean: He might get a little softer over the phone...

Dick: Yeah? (amused)

Sean: ...but you get that guy in person, he's a bitch. Like most people.

Maddox: That guy really got under your skin, Sean! (giggles more)

Dick: Yeah, now who's bein' an Internet tough guy? (cracks up)

Sean: Dude, it's...come find me anytime. (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly and clap)

Dick: Yeheeeeah!! (keeps cackling)

Sean: Here's what that guy needs to do: he needs to...he needs to relax a little bit, he needs to get back on the couch in the middle of the day -

Dick: (interjects) The king of relaxing!! (more laughing)

Sean: Middle of the day, wait for the unemployment check...

Maddox: Ohoooh!

Sean: ...watch a telenovela...

Maddox: Woooow!

Sean: ...and try to rub one out before Mom gets home at 6 to cook him dinner and ask him if he looked for a job that day. (Dick and Maddox whooping and laughing loudly)

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Yeheheheah! (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Are... (guffaws) Are you done?

Sean: Uh, yeah!

Dick: Alright.

Sean: Thanks for listening.

Dick: No! (laughs) No, no, no. That wasn't too bad. [**plays next voicemail message for Sean**]

Voicemail (male caller): Hey Sean, if you're just gonna suck Dick's pecker (Maddox giggles) **about his opinions on Scotch...**

[Dick accidentally also plays altered clip of Sean's problem]

Voice Actor as Sean: (extremely deep voice, sounds like Barry White) What was that? (Dick and Maddox laugh more)

Voicemail: ...then you can just shut the fuck up.

[voicemail & altered Sean problem clip both stop]

Dick: Shit, I messed up again. (Maddox laughs more) I'm sorry.

Sean: Wait wait wait, stop that guy too.

Dick: Uh...well, those are the only two I brought in. I brought in the wrong ones. [**resumes altered clip of Sean's problem**]

Voice Actor as Sean: Ooo, damn.

Dick: Alright, go... (giggles with Maddox) You feel encouraged now?

Voice Actor as Sean: Sounds like a Fireball drinker.

Maddox: Sean... (irritated)

Dick: What's your...

[Dick stops clip]

Dick: (laughing) Okay! What?

Sean: I said have we passed a law yet that makes retroactive abortions legal? (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Uh... (laughs more)

Maddox: Yeah, it's... (cracks up)

Sean: He should be, like, a 40th-trimester abortion.

Maddox: Thank you, Sean! Go vote up Euthanasia!! (yelling) (Dick chuckles)

Dick: Alright. Alright, cool guys. Settle down. (Maddox laughs) [**Dick resumes Sean problem clip**]

Dick: ...problem?

Maddox: You need all the people on your side that you can get, buddy.

Voice Actor as Sean: Yeah, tell me about it! (Maddox laughing)

Maddox: Whose...yeah. So Sean, people have been asking you to bring in a problem all year long, basically since the first time they heard you laughin' in the background. (chuckling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And they said, "Who's that guy?"

Voice Actor as Sean: I should've never done that.

Dick: Big mistake. (Dick and Maddox laugh more)

Maddox: Nah, we love it.

Voice Actor as Sean: I should've kept my mouth shut the entire time.

Maddox: Well, it's too late, 'cause now you have to open your mouth and tell us what your problem is.

Voice Actor as Sean: I wasn't even gonna do a problem because last week was fuckin' insane. (Maddox and Dick still giggling) **I got an email from Dick in all caps, yelling at me that I better bring in a fuckin' problem. Yeah.**

Dick: Yeah, short email.

Voice Actor as Sean: Exactly.

Maddox: Was that entirely in the subject line?

Voice Actor as Sean: No, it was in the body. It was like, "When are we recording? You better bring in a fuckin' problem." (Dick and Maddox still laughing)

Maddox: So, short but inefficient. Go on.

Maddox: (cracks up at himself from clip) (**clapping sound effect**)

Voice Actor as Sean: So I thought rather than catch hell on this show the entire time, I would bring in a problem. And my problem is...the YouTube Generation.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: YouTube Generation, okay! (Maddox still laughing at himself) **I am completely on board. Why?**

Voice Actor as Sean: It's creating and attracting a bunch of narcissists.

Maddox: Ah-hah! This sounds... (Dick and Maddox giggle hysterically) **Sean, I agree! I agree, but it sounds an awful lot like Vine Stars. (smiles)**

Dick: Well, it also sounds a lot like Maddox.

Voice Actor as Sean: Well...

Maddox: DICK... (more laughing)

Voice Actor as Sean: These aren't stars.

Maddox: Yeah. (stammers) These aren't stars, Dick. Important distinction. Do you hear that?

Dick: Yeah, I heard that. (grinning)

Maddox: I'm a STAR. (Dick and Maddox crack up again)

Voice Actor as Sean: Why does this sound like Maddox?

Dick: Because he makes a lot...he makes money off YouTube.

Dick: Ha, correction. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: I mean, he's on YouTube.

Voice Actor as Sean: Ohh, oh, oh! (everyone laughs loudly) **I thought you were referencing in a video he did.**

Dick: No, no, no, no, no. It just sounds like him in general. A narcissist on YouTube.

Voice Actor as Sean: No! Look... (more laughing) **Hey -**

Dick: [**stops clip**] Alright. Okay, how bad is it so far?

Sean: Terrible!

Dick: What do you mean?!? (laughing)

Sean: It's terrible.

Dick: That's great!!

Maddox: No, let's...let's hear a little bit more.

Dick: Alright, alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: Let's...yeah. Play... (laughs)

Dick: Is that okay, Sean?

Maddox: Sean, I have a prediction. I have a predi-

Sean: (interjects) Nn-...no. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: I have a prediction.

Dick: Okay, not yet. (grinning)

Sean: I've never wavered on this. (Dick still laughing)

Maddox: I have a prediction for this episode. (**Homestar Runner sound clip: "Baleeted!"**) (laughs with Dick) Remember from Strong Bad?

Sean: Did he say it with a 'b'?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're making fun of retarded people.

Sean: Ohh! Oh oh, is that...?

Maddox: Yeah, Homestar Runner.

Sean: I remember that.

Maddox: Fron Strong Bad, yeah.

Sean: God, that's old.

Dick: Alright, here's more. [**continues altered clip of Sean's problem**]

Voice Actor as Sean: Hey, I like you YouTube.

Maddox: Yeah, I do too.

Dick: Yeah.

Voice Actor as Sean: I know people on YouTube.

Maddox: Fuck you, Dick.

Voice Actor as Sean: Some of my best friends are on YouTube.

Maddox: See?

Sean: That joke didn't go well. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Sean...

Maddox: Yeah, I'm gonna intercept that.

Voice Actor as Sean: No, it's hard not to intertwine the people, and the...and the YouTube...it's even more than YouTube. It's any of the video sites.

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect)

Maddox: (laughs) That was not me.

Dick: Yeah, it was!

Maddox: No, not now.

Dick: Oh, oh, yeah.

Voice Actor as Sean: Here's another one of the recently enlightened. It's a mother of a 2-month-old telling you everything you need to do to be a parent.

Dick: Is this a problem? On...is this what YouTube is?

Maddox: It is, yeah.

Voice Actor as Sean: This is what it is. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: So Sean has encapsulated so many different problems in this problem. It's really clever, 'cause he's...he's got the Vine Stars, he's got the narcissism of people who just need to be constantly heard, and he just also made a reference to First-Time Child Experts.

Dick: Oho, yeah. (snarky)

Maddox: I, uh, I agree, Sean!

Dick: Which is you. (smiles)

Maddox: No.

Dick: Also you.

Maddox: Not me!! (everyone laughs)

Sean: Yup!

Voice Actor as Sean: See, I texted Dick.

Maddox: Oh!

Voice Actor as Sean: I said, "Anybody done this?" He goes, "No." (more laughing)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a good problem, Sean.

[Dick stops clip]

(Dick and Maddox keep cracking up)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: My sides are...my sides hurt from laughing quietly over here.

Dick: Should we...should we break? Do you want a break? Do you wanna pause this problem for now?

Sean: Pause it? I wanna KILL it. (Dick cackles)

Dick: Maddox, what do you wanna do?

Maddox: Sean, what do you think? Honestly, do you think it is as bad...is it as bad?

Dick: Is it as bad as you remember?

Sean: Absolutely!

Dick: No! I can't...I don't believe that.

Maddox: No, get outta here. Sean, you now, I'm not gonna fuckin' blow sunshine up your ass if I disagree with you. I shit on you all the time!

Dick: Maddox doesn't even know what a BOX is. (laughs with Sean)

Maddox: FUCK YOU!! I know what a box is, you asshole! I brought it in as a solution, you fuck!

Dick: Um, a little bit more?

Maddox: Yeah, just a little bit more...

Dick: Little bit more.

Maddox: ...and then we gotta wrap up, yeah.

Dick: Alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: This is a loooong bonus episode.

Dick: Alright.

Sean: I swear to God, this is gettin' cut. You guys are gonna just... (Dick and Maddox laugh) [**Dick continues altered clip of Sean's problem**]

Voice Actor as Sean: It's amazing how few stats there are. Maybe it hasn't been studied long enough, since YouTube has only been around since...2005?

Maddox: I've got a lot of stats, so anything you need to -

Voice Actor as Sean: (interjects) Do you really?

Maddox: Yeah, I do. I do. (Dick and Maddox start laughing again) **It's all in the...it's all fresh in my mind too.**

Dick: Yeah, right.

Voice Actor as Sean: I had trouble finding them. No, it's social media.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But I think YouTube creates -

Maddox: Alright, alright, alright.

Dick: [**stops clip**] Alright, alright, alright, alright, alright.

Maddox: We got it.

Dick: We got it.

Maddox: We got a good flavor...we got a good flavor of that. Um...let's wrap this episode.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Okay, so my solutions this week were Critical Thinking and Boxes. Big solutions.

Dick: My solutions are The Corporation and Cuteness.

Maddox: GREAT. Cuteness is the biggest horseshit problem I've ever heard. (**closing riff starts**) It PISSES ME OFF.

Dick: We'll see!

Maddox: I like to think of monsters!

Dick: (chuckles) Cute monsters?

Maddox: NO!!!

Dick: Like Pokemon?

Maddox: Mean monsters. (cracking up) (Dick giggles) That's the biggest solution, guys. Thanks for listening.

Voicemail (male caller): (totally normal guy voice) Hey guys, this is Oprah. (Dick and Maddox laugh) **I just wanna say, uh, congratulations on your year of podcasts. I know I'm a little late but I'm too busy doin' Oprah stuff, and as a prize for getting to a year of podcasts I wanna say, uh, you get a free boat.** (more laughing) **And Dick, go fuck yourself.**

[message ends]

Dick: Ah, dammit. (muttering)

Maddox: That was a pretty good Oprah!

Dick: Yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: Sounds... (cracks up) Sounds like that guy maybe did Sean's voice too.

Dick: Uh, let's...lemme find one more. [**plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): Uh, hey guys. This is Rob from Nashville. I just wanted to give a shoutout to Maddox for wearing rubber gloves.

Maddox: Latex.

Voicemail: I find them especially useful when I'm cleaning my toilet or detailing my car. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: M'kay... (uneasily)

Voicemail: Or even when I'm at work at the hospital, when I'm wiping a D-Day veteran's asshole or...

Dick: Hm!

Voicemail: ...treating a stage 3 pressure ulcer.

Maddox: Hmm.

Voicemail: I wouldn't Google that, by the way. I wouldn't, however, brag about how dainty they keep your fucking hands (Dick laughs) **or how to use them to check your cat's butt for ghosts or whatever.**

Maddox: Okay! (annoyed) (Dick still laughing)

Voicemail: Or else I might have to send you a box of gloves with some nylons and lipstick to keep you from tearin' up about it on the show.

Maddox: You fuckin'...and there it is. (Dick laughs harder)

Voicemail: Anyway, Dick...

Maddox: Fuckin' asshole.

Voicemail: ...go find yourself a nice woman. (Dick guffaws) **Figure he needs one.**

Dick: Eh...

Maddox: Yeah.

Voicemail: And Sean may want to invest in something called an external hard drive. Just sayin'. (Maddox laughs)

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Voicemail: So that's all, guys. Now get outta here.

[message ends]

Maddox: Yeah man, that guy sounded like Angelo's mom! (**Angelo's mom sound clip: "You dumb shit!"**) (laughs to himself)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: "Find yourself a woman, Dick. A good woman." Remember? (chuckling)

Dick: Oh, wait a minute! Shit, I forgot this! [**starts playing "My Heart Will Go On" parody**]

Maddox: Ahh!! (stammers angrily) THIS IS BULLSHIT! (Dick laughs) Sean, just cut it! Delete this whole episode. (breaks down laughing)

Dick: I did win.

Maddox: You think he's going to? (giggles more)

Dick: Okay, you remember where we were last time?

Maddox: No!!

Dick: Yeah, Bill Paxton -

Maddox: (interjects) Why are you playing the song? Why are you playing the song, just to...?

Dick: 'Cause I have to catch you up on where we were in the last Titanic.

Maddox: I...it doesn't mat-...I'm takin' off my headphones.

(Male singer: Maddox is an asshole...)

Dick: Bill Paxton just...

Maddox: (interjects) I fuckin' hate this song!

Dick: ...pulled a safe out of the ocean that he found in the Titanic, while he's making a fake mock...

(Male singer: ...and he can go fuck himself...)

Dick: ...a fake documentary.

Maddox: I'm gonna cut my wrist.

Dick: You remember that? (cracking up)

Maddox: I'm cutting...I'm cutting myself. (Dick laughs)

(**Male singer: ...his problems all suck and he deseeeeeerves this.)**

Maddox: (**buzzer sound effect**) (Dick laughs loudly)

(Male singer: Keeeeep playing these Tiiiiitanic clips...)

Dick: And he was looking for a gem. Do you remember that?

Maddox: (**Angelo's mom sound clip: "You suck!"**)

(Male singer: ...and Dick, youuuu can go on and...)

Maddox: (**Angelo's mom sound clip: "You are a shit head!"**) (**Angelo's mom sound clip: "You dumb shit!"**)

(Male singer: ...go on and go fuuuuuuuuck yourself.)

Maddox: (**Angelo's mom sound clip: "Go to hell and stay there!"**)

[song ends]

Dick: Okay. You ready?

Maddox: No! I'm not...I... (laughing)

Dick: For your punishment?

Maddox: That's it! You don't get to play both. [**Dick starts next 30 seconds of Titanic**] That's bullshit.

(ocean sounds in background)

Maddox: I'm not watching.

Dick: Look!

Maddox: I'm not looking!

(Bill Paxton: Turn the camera off.)

Maddox: I'm looking...I'm looking down at my dick.

Dick: I think you're gonna get curious and look.

Maddox: I'm not gonna get curious!

Dick: Ahh, you looked right there!

Maddox: No I didn't! No I didn't.

Asterios: Ha ha, yeeeah! (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Is this Asterios again?

Dick: Yeah.

(Bill Paxton: Look, it wasn't in the safe.)

(Other guy: But hey hey, don't worry about it. There's still a billion places it could be.)

Asterios: Look at his face!

Dick: Look at his face. (smiling)

Maddox: Sean, are you timing this? I think it's longer than 30 seconds.

Asterios: He looks like a bottle of hot sauce!

Dick: There's tits in this one!

(Other guy: We have his briefcase...)

Maddox: No, there...no there isn't! I checked!

Dick: Yes there is! I swear to God there's tits.

Maddox: Nope! I'll listen.

Asterios: Yeah, he's got that bulging vein thing going on! Oho my god, is he gonna die?

(dreamy music in background)

Dick: There's about to be tits, Maddox!

Maddox: Nope!

Dick: There is 100% about to be tits.

Maddox: I've... (annoyed)

Dick: I would not lie about that.

Maddox: ...seen tits.

Dick: Right there!!

Maddox: Nope.

(Bill Paxton: Lemme see that.)

(Other guy: Uh, we might have somethin' here, guys.)

Maddox: I'm not looking!

Dick: Boom, tits!

Maddox: Garbage.

Asterios: Great joke, Dick! (Maddox giggles)

(Bill Paxton: Where's the photograph of the necklace?)

(Other guy: I'll call you right back.)

[Titanic clip ends]

(Maddox still laughing)

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Ahh man, I hate that bit so much.

Solution: **Ronald Reagan** [00:19:52]

Solution: **Satellites** [00:29:59]

Solution: **The Superhero Pose** [00:44:27]

Solution: **Temperance** [00:56:29]

<u>The Biggest Solution in the Universe - Episode 9</u>

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(heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Solution in the Universe, the show where we discuss every solution in the universe from abortion to soap. (Dick laughs loudly) With over 3.5 million downloads. This is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of solutions. I am Maddox, with me is Dick Masterson and Sean our audio engineer.

Dick: Heyyy! What's up?

Maddox: Welcome back, yeah.

Dick: Closer!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Abortion to soap! (grins)

Maddox: Abortion to soap.

Dick: We'll get a 'z' outta there someday.

Maddox: Yeah, well, I was gonna -

Dick: (interjects) Xenophobia. That's gonna be our next solution. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: That starts with an 'x', but that's so close. So close.

Dick: Closer, closer.

Maddox: Phonetically!

Dick: Zoophilia!

Maddox: Yeah. It doesn't have to be alphabetical! It could be in scope. "Scope" rhymes with "soap." Anyway guys, welcome back to Bonus Episode #...this is 9, right?

Dick: 9!

Maddox: Bonus Episode #9!

Dick: 9.

Maddox: Wow, 9 of these! Almost -

Dick: (interjects) Thanks for hangin' in there. Thanks for buying 'em.

Maddox: Almost...no, I'm gonna say "you're welcome." (Dick scoffs) You're welcome for the quality, the caliber of show that we do. Dick and I and Sean, we work our asses off.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I'm gonna...I'm going to say you're welcome, and I will take the thanks.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Thank you! Thank you, Maddox, for making this possible. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: You're welcome, Dick. Alright, let's get -

Dick: (interjects) We don't need to talk about last month, do we?

Maddox: We do!

Dick: Who cares? (Sean laughs)

Maddox: Let's talk about the solutions from last month, Dick.

Dick: Not a contest. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah, it's not...no, it's not a contest. That's true. Critical Thinking...okay, that was the solution that we brought...that *I* brought in.

Dick: That you brought in, yeah.

Maddox: Critical Thinking. The, uh, the...essentially I boiled it down to asking questions. Always asking questions, right?

Dick: Challenging assumptions.

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: Challenging any stat or fact that's given or any thought that's presented as obvious, challenging it. Breaking it down and being a total obnoxious prick all the time, basically.

Maddox: NO. No, you fucking anti-intellectual. You're already pushing it. (Dick laughs) Okay, and then Boxes. Boxes was my other solution. Boxes! People thought that was a solution!

Dick: Can I read you a comment about that?

Maddox: Well, hold on. Let's get through this list, Dick. Then Cuteness -

Dick: (interjects) It's a funny comment about boxes, though.

Maddox: Okay, what?

Dick: Joe Farrar: "Dick and Maddox arguing about the definition of a box is akin to that post from Bodybuilding.com where the gym rats argue about how many days are in a week."

Maddox: Yeah. Great. I got a follow-up to that, but I'll get through this list first. Cuteness! Cuteness was the other solution you brought in, Dick. That came in third as a solution.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In the positive territory!

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: So people thought that cuteness was a solution. Stupidly.

Dick: God dammit, here it comes.

Maddox: And then The Corporation...was a problem.

Dick: The greatest invention humans have ever conceived of...

Maddox: Yeah. (skeptical)

Dick: ...got in the...was it in the negatives?

Maddox: It was in the negatives, yeah.

Dick: Jeeesus Christ.

Maddox: So people thought it was a problem.

Dick: Cuteness beat out The Corporation?!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: CUTENESS?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You guys...that says something about you guys voting. Okay?

Maddox: Mm, yeah.

Dick: You think cute shit is more important, is a bigger solution than the legal entity of the corporation??

Maddox: Well, I got a comment from Adam James Osborne. He says, "Dick, bringing in Corporations as a solution could have been an outstanding choice..."

Dick: Oh, fuck. (under his breath)

Maddox: "...if you did some fucking research and brought in a cogent argument. You keep giving me intellectual blue balls by doing shit like this. It's like two tugs and out the door."

Dick: Look, look, look, look. Here's the thing about bringing in something like the corporation, as this...as exhibited by this show: 50% of people think that corporations are bad. I'm not pitching this to people who already know they're good. I'm tryin' to change minds here.

Maddox: Yeah. (dryly)

Dick: I'm trying to help you...anyone who voted down The Corporation? You gotta change your thinking, man.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: That kind of thinking is not gonna get you ahead in life.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You've gotta understand what a corporation IS.

Maddox: Yeah, and you are the best person to do that.

Dick: Clearly not.

Maddox: Clearly... (cracks up) Clearly not. Someone else made a comment...there were some really cogent defenses of corporations in the comments, and I thought, "Wow, these are actually really good points!" and I actually agreed with them.

Dick: Great.

Maddox: And I said, "Well, too bad Dick didn't bring any of that shit in." (Dick laughs)

Dick: Whatever.

Maddox: 'Cause I would've been more on your side, Dick!

Dick: What were they?

Maddox: Uh, I don't...I don't remember.

Dick: What were they about? Like, what was the nature of them?

Maddox: I think someone essentially said that corporations allow for the type of investment you get into new technology that you wouldn't get otherwise.

Dick: Oh, I said that!

Maddox: Mhm. (skeptical)

Dick: Basically.

Maddox: No.

Dick: I basically said that.

Maddox: You basically didn't. And then, uh... (chuckles) I got a comment here, Dick. This is from...this one's on Twitter from @Kelu777. He says, "Gun control? No problem. Boxes? Controversy time!!" (both laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because we argued so much about boxes. And Dick, I made these comics. I don't know if you remember these...these comics.

Dick: Take our boxes over our dead...out of our dead hands.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. I kept talkin' about boxes all weekend. Everyone was annoyed. But I really...I think boxes are awesome. Everything...there's so many boxes. There's metaphorical boxes, there's boxes we live in, there's boxes we shop in...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So I made these comics and I posted it. It's called "The Adventures of Dick in a Box," and... (both laugh) Sean, in the first panel...they're all 3-panel comics. The first panel shows a judge and he says, "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, please take your seat in the jury box."

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: The second panel shows Dick sittin' back sayin', "Actually your honor, it's not a box unless it has 6 sides." (smug voice) (laughs) And then the judge looks at you like an idiot.

Dick: (snorts) Oh wow, that's a great joke. (sarcastic) (laughs)

Maddox: Yeah, it's a great joke!

Dick: Watch out, Garfield! (Sean laughs loudly in the background)

Maddox: People loved it! (Dick giggles) Yeah. This is coming from a guy who defines a box -

Dick: (interjects) Watch out, Jim Davis! (laughs more)

Maddox: "All boxes must have 6 sides," right dickhead?

Dick: Here comes Maddox! (grinning)

Maddox: Yeah. The second "Adventures of Dick in a Box" shows a kid protesting with his parents...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...at some rally. It says "NO BIG BOX STORES." Then it shows Dick: "Uhh, there's no such thing as a big box store. Stores aren't boxes!" (smug voice) (laughs) And then the kid just staring off into the distance.

Dick: So your punchline on all these comics, are they people looking at me with a dumb look on their faces?

Maddox: Yeah, essentially. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That's the punchline for all of these. 'Cause you were calling a box without a lid...

Dick: (interjects) That's very zen.

Maddox: ...a tube! You said it's a square tube.

Dick: What Sean h-...Sean stores all of his audio equipment in a squ-...in a plastic metal tube.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: In a server rack.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's not a box.

Maddox: Server racks have lids. They have lids, dickhead. Just because the lids aren't on it right now doesn't mean it's not a box.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know, ask the expert! Ask the audio engineer. He...I assume you went to some kind of schooling for audio equipment. Would you consider that a sound box?

Sean: It's just called a rack.

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: Yeah, it's just called a rack?

Dick: There you go.

Maddox: (yells) You know what, dickhead? After that episode, I went and I Googled it. I checked Google Images. I typed in "server rack," and of course this exact server rack came up, this box.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But then I typed in "server box" and the exact same thing came up too! The same exact box! It's called a box or a rack. You guys are bein' pedantic as FUCK. (Dick and Sean laugh)

Dick: Alright. (Maddox laughs)

Sean: Yeah, WE'RE the pedantic ones. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Yep. (**'ding!' sound effect**) That's right, Sean! You said that sarcastically, but I took it literally. Fuck you. (Sean laughs) Yeah. Hero. Oh Dick, before we go on -

Dick: (interjects) I got a comment fr-...oh, you wanna do the...?

Maddox: Yeah, before we go on.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: We need to mention, we got this back in March. A fan of ours sent us a really good gift.

Dick: Anthony. Anthony aka @CallDaCopsIDGAF, which means "I don't give a fuck."

Maddox: Yep, @CallDa-

Dick: (interjects) On Twitter.

Maddox: @CallDaCopsIDGAF. He sent us a board game! A board game based on The Biggest Problem in the Universe, and Dick, I gotta say by far this is the most impressive, comprehensive, involved gift I think the show has ever received.

Dick: Well, it is, because...it's not the craftsmanship of the board per se, because it looks like it was made by a 5th grader.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Would you agree? It's the -

Maddox: (interjects) An advanced 5th grader.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like one of the kids in, like, an advanced studies, where they get to take an hour off every week and pretend that they're getting enriched in another class. One of those kids.

Maddox: Yeah. This kid is definitely a candidate for a satellite school. He didn't get in, but he's definitely a candidate.

Dick: Maybe he's at a Montessori school. (Maddox laughs) I'm not throwing that out. However, what impresses me incre-...the most about this game is the cards.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a...it's a curling track. The board game has spaces that curl around a...you know, the board, but it's driven by this stack of cards, and every one of these cards is a different reference to the show.

Maddox: Oh, it's insane! There's probably a stack of 200 of these cards, and we're gonna be playing this throughout the show. He even went to as much trouble as to make the chips. There's 4 playable chips.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: One with my face on it, one with Dick's, one with Sean's, and one with Boisterous Coconuts, our own Asterios Kokkinos.

Dick: Lemme read you one of the cards that he's got here.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Just for a taste.

Maddox: And we have 4 players in the studio today. We're joined by a guest today who's just, uh, who's just listening in, and we're gonna be playing this!

Dick: We do. Here's one of the cards: "You listen to the erotic lactation story and it brightens your day. Move forward 3 spaces." "You deliver a knockout punch to a pedo-priest. Move up 4 spaces." "You successfully talk your girlfriend into getting an abortion..." (laughs) "...saving you approximately $245,000." I hope that's true. It sounds true. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Alright, alright. Let's, uh, let's not spoil all these cards. These are some really good cards, good references to the game. So we're gonna be playing that. So the rules of the game essentially...I know you guys aren't playing along at home because there's only one of these in existence, unless he made an extra one for himself. But essentially we draw a card, it tells us the number of spaces to move, and then there's a drinking game involved, so we have...in the studio, we all have beers. Well, most of us have beers.

Dick: There's the three of us, and this episode we're joined by my brother-in-law.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Colin.

Maddox: Colin, welcome to the show!

Dick: Who's a big fan of the show.

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: I don't know if he could prove it.

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: I would like you to prove that, 'cause you would say you're a big fan of the show, correct?

Maddox: You know what? Let's...

Dick: Here's a...lemme have a trivia question for you: what's the stupidest thing Maddox has ever said on this show? (cracking up)

Maddox: Okay. (Dick and Sean laugh) That's bullshit. You know what? I'm so fuckin'... (**buzzer sound effect**) ...tired of this shit already! Already! Cancel this bonus episode. You know what? Cancel the season!!

Dick: Alright, who wants to be who? What piece do you wanna be?

Maddox: Alright, I'm going to be Maddox.

Dick: That means you get +4 strength and +4 stamina.

Maddox: Ha, just +4?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Is that 4 out of a total possible 2?

Dick: I don't know. Who wants to be me? The only qualification is that it cannot be played by a female.

Maddox: Mm... (laughs) Okay.

Dick: Sean, who do you wanna be?

Maddox: Well, that means you can't play it.

Dick: You wanna be you? You wanna be me? You wanna be Asterios?

Sean: Well, what kind of powers do I get?

Dick: There's...there's none.

Sean: Okay.

Maddox: You get no powers, Sean.

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: Fine.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs) Do you wanna be Sean, or...?

Sean: I'll be me.

Maddox: You'll be you.

Dick: You'll be you, okay.

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Colin, who do you wanna be?

Colin: Boisterous. (in background)

Maddox: Boisterous.

Dick: Okay, I guess I'll be me.

Maddox: Colin is Boisterous. Alright! So, uh, go -

Dick: (interjects) So the rules are...as stated by the rules, is Maddox goes first.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: Then me...

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: ...then Sean, then Asterios. "Why? Because fuck you, that's why." That's what @CallDaCopsIDGAF says.

Maddox: Alright, I drew the first card. It says, "You deliver a knockout punch to a pedo-priest."

Dick: I just read that one.

Maddox: "Move up 4 spaces." Well, why didn't you put it at the bottom, dickhead?!

Dick: I did! (laughs)

Maddox: You put this at the bottom?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Then why was it right on the fuckin' top?

Dick: Here, shuff-...shuffle them.

Maddox: Why was it right on the top of the s-...the... (cracks up) ...the deck here?

Dick: Wait a minute, wait a minute. What did I tell you before we started the game? That I think there's two decks of cards here.

Maddox: I...you said that.

Dick: Do you remember that?

Maddox: Yes.

Dick: And what did you say?

Maddox: I said...

Dick: No.

Maddox: ..."No, probably not."

Dick: And I said, "I think there are, because there's a community chest and a chance...uh, square where it looks like two distinctly different decks are supposed to go."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: And what did I just cut to?

Maddox: You cut to a different deck.

Dick: A card that looks exactly like what I was talking about.

Maddox: Alright dickhead, go ahead!

Dick: We gotta...there's a bunch of them though!

Maddox: Then put those in the other pile.

Dick: Alright.

Sean: Everybody hang on for 15 minutes while we sort this out. (Dick and Colin laugh)

Dick: I'm cutting this deck.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: I see you over there shadily shuffling cards.

Maddox: That wasn't shady, the way I was shuffling the cards! I shuffle cards like a PRO.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Alright, I'm drawing a card now. It says, "You and 3 friends remake Ghostbusters." (Dick laughs) "Each male player moves up 1 space." That's...

Dick: Alright, everybody.

Maddox: That's everybody. We're all on the same space.

Dick: I don't see mine. Oh, right there. (quietly)

Maddox: And we're all...here, I'm gonna put myself on top of all the other chips.

Dick: Here's mine: "You attend Burning Man and dodge getting an STD by using a condom." Oh, you fucked up.

Maddox: Aha, yeah.

Dick: Uh, "There is no net gain because condoms are terrible. Don't move." Welp, um, not a lot happening in this game so far. (Colin laughing in the background) Sean, here's yours. (Maddox belches)

Sean: "You just did a shot of Fireball Whiskey!" Oh, boy.

Maddox: Yeheheah, winner!

Sean: With an exclamation point. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Cool.

Sean: "If you're Maddox, stay right where you are. Otherwise move up 3 spaces."

Dick: Ohh! (grins)

Maddox: Oh, whatever Sean. This game's bullshit. (grumpy)

Dick: Sean, that means you're on a drinking space.

Maddox: You're on a drinking space, Sean! You have to pull a drinking card. Here's what it says: "Social! Everyone have a sip of beer. 'You won, but your dad is also the coach of the baseball team.' - Maddox." That was a quote from me!! I like that! Okay, we all take a sip of beer.

Dick: That's a quote from you saying what? You were talking about your dad being a coach of the baseball team?

Maddox: I remember it was during en episode where I talked about how...I forgot exactly, but it was some benefit, some advantage that a kid might have...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...for winning something, but it didn't count because it's essentially like having your dad be the coach of the baseball team.

Dick: Oh, you sip that beer. I'm gonna tell you how awful it is to have your dad be a coach of your baseball team.

Maddox: Hah, go on.

Dick: My dad...he was the coach of my baseball team, and he would run my ass harder than anybody else on the team.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Like, he was tryin' to pro-...oh, yeah. Like, he was tryin' to prove a point.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: It was brutal.

Maddox: That didn't work. (laughs)

Dick: So dads, if you're listening, don't...'cause I don't think my dad listens to the bonus episodes. Don't ever be a coach of your kid's baseball team, please.

Maddox: Alright. Well, let's, uh, let's move on with the show. I got -

Dick: (interjects) Colin didn't get to go. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: Oh yeah. (laughs more) Okay, Colin.

Dick: Here, I'll read it for ya. Uh, "Dick's Burning Man friend..." -- my man -- "...gets you involved in a drive-by shooting by a drug kingpin. You are dead."

Colin: Augh! (in background) (Maddox laughs loudly)

Dick: That's it. (laughs)

Sean: Wow. Talk about scratching on the eight ball right out of the gate.

Maddox: Colin's out of the game already!

Dick: Colin... (laughing)

Maddox: Ya blew it!

Dick: Well Colin, thanks for... (cracks up)

Maddox: You made it one space into the game, Colin, before dying. (everyone laughs more)

Dick: That's the game, man!

Maddox: Oh man, what a good game. (grinning)

Dick: Anything can happen!

Colin: Life or death.

Dick: I do have a man update. I'll save it for next time.

Maddox: Alright, cool.

Dick: It's a pretty spicy one.

Maddox: I got a comment from Phony Magee. Sounds like a real name. (Dick laughs) He says, "That you, Maddox, for a quick rant on Common..." Er, he says...oh, he says "that you, Maddox" instead of "thank you." That's why it's so confusing. He says, "That you, Maddox, for a quick rant on Common Core hating idiots. Dick, please bring in Common Core as a problem so I can hear you suck ass your way through it."

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Good! Bring it.

Dick: I will.

Maddox: I got another comment from Benjamin Sisko. He says, "Chauhn's..." He spelled your name C-H-A-U-H-N. (laughs) "Chauhn's burn at 1:10:37 is the funniest thing he's ever said. Now I want to hear it in cool-voice Shaan."

Sean: Wait, what was it?

Dick: You said...I'll bring it in next time. You told a guy who called in and told you to go fuck yourself...you said, "Here's what you gotta do."

Sean: Ohh.

Dick: "You gotta try to jerk o-...go back down to your basement, try to rub one out before your mom gets home to make you dinner at 6:30..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Right.

Dick: "...and you can tell her you've been lookin' for a job all day." It was pretty great.

Sean: I forgot it was on the bonus episode.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I'll get Cool Sean to read it next time.

Sean: Okay.

Maddox: That was angry Chauhn! Angry Chauhn chiming in in that, uh, in that episode. That was so g-...that was great!

Dick: I got another one for Sean from Justin Zerjav. "Sean's porn name: The Butterfingerer." (Maddox and Colin laugh)

Maddox: Gross. (giggling)

Sean: That's great. I love it.

Dick: Ed Stone says, "I listened to this earlier today and I had this really burning comment on my mind about why Dick is a moron, but I forgot why by now so fuck you, Dick."

Maddox: Hah! Yeah, that's a real "fuck you" to Dick, when you forgot.

Dick: Hey, here's a solution, uh, Ed.

Maddox: Yeah?

Dick: A pencil.

Maddox: Writing it down?

Dick: Go vote it up. (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: Dick, you...that doesn't count! You don't get to bring in a third sneaky weasel solution in this episode.

Dick: Justin Main says, "Maddox questions everything, and Dick questions Maddox. Guess that means Dick is the biggest critical thinker in the universe."

Maddox: Oho, yeah.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah. (laughing) That's what I would call Dick. A big critical thinker. I got a comment from Robert Wankya. Another real-sounding name.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: "I just had to look up Harlequin-type ichthyosis after being told not to. Holy shit!" Yeah, I t-...I'm not warn-...I mean, I told you guys!

Dick: I didn't look it up.

Maddox: I told you guys not to look it up specifically, and I described it specifically so you wouldn't have to look it up.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: It's awful. It's awful!

Dick: You fucked up.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: You want some voicemails?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I didn't bring in that many. The solutions episode is always a real crapshoot for voicemails 'cause I collect them as the month goes on, so now that I'm lookin' at them I have no way to tell what they are.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Except for what I've named them, and this one is named "Fart Box." (Maddox chuckles)

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: Could be anything.

Voicemail (male caller): (totally normal guy voice) Hey Maddox, this is Ann Coulter. (Maddox laughs) **Just wanna let you know you forgot the most important kind of box: the fart box.**

Maddox: (fart sound effect)

Voicemail: (fart noise)

[message ends]

(Maddox laughing loudly)

Dick: There you go. (amused)

Maddox: Oh man, there IS a fart box!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's what you do! Fart box. You tongue punch a fart box. (cracks up)

Dick: Oho. (grossed out) Maybe YOU do.

Maddox: Not me, man! [**Dick plays next voicemail message**]

Voicemail (male caller): (Hank Hill voice) Hi there! This is Hank from Texas callin'. I'm a longtime fan.

Maddox: Oh!

Dick: Pretty good!

Maddox: Hank Hill.

Voicemail: So Maddox, I know it was a while ago but I have to express my appreciation for you bringin' in Kicking Ass as a solution. I think you'd be hard pressed to find a problem that couldn't be solved with a good old ass kickin'. For example, I'm gonna kick your ass if I hear you talk about that god dang Oculus Rift one more time! (Maddox laughs) **What kinda grown man fantasizes about sittin' on his computer playin' a video game? And Dick...**

Dick: Oh. (grinning)

Voicemail: ...what's up with your problems lately?

Dick: Huh.

Voicemail: Netflix?? Why don't you try bringin' in a real problem like charcoal? Or that god dang bastard gas butane. (Maddox and Sean laugh) **And for cryin' out loud, go fuck yourself already!**

[message ends]

Dick: That doesn't...Hank Hill wouldn't say that.

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**) I like it. I'm gonna give him a pass, except for his hatred of the Oculus Rift.

Dick: Alright, you wanna do some solutions or you wanna take another spin on this board game?

Maddox: We'll take another spin on the board game, then we'll get to the solutions.

Dick: Go ahead. It's your turn.

Maddox: My card says, "You successfully make a shame shamer look like a fucking tool on Reddit. Move up 3 spaces." Yeeeah! Here we go. And that's a drinking card.

Dick: That's a drinking card.

Maddox: Here we go, I pulled a drinking card. The drinking card spaces, by the way, have my face on them.

Dick: I don't think there should be games that are not also drinking games.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: By the way.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Like Cards Against Humanity. I'll bring that in as a problem at some point, but I would be more excited about that game if it was part drinking.

Maddox: What about Russian roulette?

Dick: I thought that was ONLY a drinking game. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Okay, it says, "Waterfall! You start. Go counter-clockwise. 'Puffy clouds of meat, just bulgy. It's too much.' - Maddox." That was a quote from me again.

Dick: Oh, waterfall?

Maddox: Waterfall. So we'll just...I don't know.

Dick: I don't wanna get shitfaced this game.

Maddox: We're just takin' a drink, yeah. (takes sip) Okay, there we go. Gettin' real, uh, real shitfaced on this show, guys.

Dick: "You avoid getting type 2 diabetes by not eating so many fucking fries. Move up 3 spaces." Another...

Maddox: Another drinking.

Dick: God damn, there is a lot of drinking in this game.

Maddox: There you go!

Dick: "Social! Everyone have a sip of beer."

Maddox: Another one of these, huh? Alright.

Dick: "'They're like red Kryptonite. It's a different kind of Kryptonite. It makes Superman go horny as fuck." Apparently I said that.

Maddox: That was a you quote. I remember that, yeah.

Dick: Colin, you remember that?

Colin: That was one of my favorite quotes. (in background) (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright Sean, your turn.

Sean: You can read it.

Dick: "You save 15% on your car insurance by lying to your claims adjuster. If you're Dick, move up 5 spaces. If you're anyone else, move up 2 spaces." There you go.

Maddox: Sean, were you...are you Dick's chip? No, you're -

Dick: (interjects) No, he's Sean.

Sean: No, I'm me.

Maddox: You're Sean.

Dick: I moved up. You shoulda picked me.

Maddox: Yeah. Alright, let's get to the solutions.

Dick: Yeah, alright. Damn, lying to your insurance adjuster should be a solution on this show.

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Have you ever done that?

Maddox: Mmmm, no.

Dick: Many a year ago, I was applying for health insurance and I put on the form a surgery that I had had like 10 years before that.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: And the amount that I got quoted back was in the thousands. It was like r-...it was ridiculous. It was, like, COBRA ridiculous.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Where no one...a human couldn't afford it.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So I resubmitted it without that; boom, instant health insurance.

Maddox: Hm!

Dick: I resubmitted without the...listing, like, prior -

Maddox: (interjects) Without...so you just lied. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: So do it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, you don't have to anymore because of Obamacare.

Dick: Ohohoho. (quietly)

Maddox: You can't be denied pre-existing conditions.

Dick: I wasn't denied, but it...the price tag on it was exorbitant.

Maddox: Ahh.

Dick: That's...I love that about Obamacare.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It was...the problem wasn't getting denied; it was that they put a couple extra zeros on it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They could still do that!

Maddox: Okay!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: That's true. Alright!

Dick: Here's my first solution.

Maddox: So lie to your...yeah. What's your first solution?

Dick: GPS.

Maddox: GPS?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Alright, that's a good solution. What's, uh, what's up with that?

Dick: Originally designed for military and intelligence applications at the height of the Cold War in the '60s, with inspiration coming from the launch of the Soviet spacecraft Sputnik in 1957, the Global Positioning System is a network of satellites that orbit the earth at fixed points above the planet and beam down signals to anyone on Earth with a GPS receiver. You know how we got GPS?

Maddox: I do.

Dick: Do you really?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Do you know who we have to thank for GPS?

Maddox: Russia.

Dick: Ronald Reagan. (Maddox shouts out laughing)

Maddox: Ohoho, you fucker! No we don't!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It was Russia, dickhead!

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yes!!

Dick: It was Ronald Reagan.

Maddox: Wrong!

Dick: Why was it Russia?

Maddox: Because the first satellite that went up in space was Russian, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The Sputnik!

Dick: Sputnik, yeah.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So there were a bunch of students, I think they were at MIT or Berkeley or something, and they were sitting there tracking the, uh...the satellite, up in the sky.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: As it was goin' around.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And I think This American Life or Radiolab, one of these podcasts -

Dick: (interjects) Something on NPR.

Maddox: Something on NPR recently did.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's why I know this! So they were listening to this thing, this beacon, and they figured that, well, they can hear the pings from the satellite, they know the approximate distance that it's at, and they can...they figured they can calculate the speed at which it's going around the, um...around the earth.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Or maybe they had the speed and they calculated the distance somehow. If you have two of those variables, you can calculate the third. Well, they...the military was interested in this application. They said, "Well, you're able to calculate this. You're able to know...pinpoint exactly where the satellite is. Can you do it in reverse? Like, if you had a beacon on Earth that was pinging a satellite, could you tell where that position was?" And they said, "Well, theoretically we can," and so the first instance of it was on a submarine, because they had these really expensive submarines and they didn't know exactly where they were in the ocean.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: So that's why they invented GPS, was to track submarines. Not fuckin' Ronald Reagan, dickhead. (laughs)

Dick: Okay, let's take it...this is like...that's like the guy who discovered that round rocks roll down hills.

Maddox: Ah, h'okay. (chuckling)

Dick: The man who turned that into the wheel...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...Ronald Reagan. (Maddox laughs more) Alright? So when it started, yes, they could calculate their position every hour.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it works opposite. They get time codes from GPS and calculate their position based on that.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, the satellites just sit up there broadcasting their time all day. BUT, after the USSR -- your buddies, Communist Russia -- shot down a Korean passenger jet, Flight 007. Oo, interesting. In 1983, the Reagan administration opened up GPS for civilian use so that wouldn't happen again.

Maddox: Wow. Thank God for Reagan. (sarcastic)

Dick: How 'bout that? Ronald Reagan.

Maddox: Wow. He -

Dick: (interjects) Maybe I should've just brought him in as the solution.

Maddox: Maybe!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, he's as responsible for GPS as Al Gore is for the Internet.

Dick: No, no, no, no.

Maddox: I'll give you that. Yep!

Dick: You know what else Reagan did? Gay marriage.

Maddox: He got gay married?

Dick: Who appointed the swing vote on the Supreme Court?

Maddox: Yeah. (smiles)

Dick: That goes either way?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: He's channeling Reagan from beyond the grave! Kennedy!

Maddox: Wasn't it...wasn't the vote 6 to 3, Dick? So it wasn't a swing. It wasn't a split.

Dick: No, it was 5-4! It was 5-4.

Maddox: Was it 5-4?

Dick: Yes, and Kennedy is the one that swung it...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...to pass!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, not -

Dick: (interjects) Ronald Reagan!

Maddox: Not Reagan. Reagan didn't do that.

Dick: Who did?

Maddox: The... (stammers) The Supreme Court ruled based on, I think, the Constitution, so.

Dick: Well, 'kay.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You say "potatoes," I say "Ronald Reagan."

Maddox: Yeah, you say Ronald Reagan.

Dick: Yeah. Alright, that's my solution. GPS. (Maddox laughs) Where would we be without it?

Maddox: We don't...we actually don't know where we would be without it.

Dick: Yeah! There you... (both laugh) It is the most...it's the most useful thing there is. We literally don't need maps anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, hundreds of years of human evolution and exploring the planet were based on maps.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: We don't need them anymore.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Can you imagine a bigger leap? A bigger technological leap than we don't...we no longer need cartography?

Maddox: I can think of countless bigger technological leaps.

Dick: What is one bigger solution than GPS?

Maddox: Computers. Internet. Cell phones. Radio waves.

Dick: Cell phones...

Maddox: Electricity.

Dick: But GPS is only good! There's no downsides to GPS.

Maddox: Yes, there are!

Dick: It's a pure...what's a downside to GPS?

Maddox: You can be tracked and stalked! You can be harassed! You can be spied on! How's that, dickhead?

Dick: You can't be spied on just 'cause of GPS.

Maddox: Well, someone can put a tracker on your car! The FBI can, the CIA can. They can find out where you are at all times at all locations anywhere on Earth!

Dick: Hmm. Alright, that's a good point.

Maddox: H'okay. Anything else? What else you got for GPS?

Dick: I brought in mostly things about Reagan.

Maddox: Okay. (laughs with Sean)

Dick: To be honest. Tax reform?

Maddox: You're such a Reaganite.

Dick: Did you know that Reagan wanted reform taxes such that a return could be done on a postcard?

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Did you know that?

Maddox: I mean, I'm...I'm for that. That sounds...that sounds arbitrary. That sounds arbitrary, but I like the concept of trivializing tax returns.

Dick: Yeah. Um, he also...he ended the Cold War. Did you know that? It wasn't Rocky.

Maddox: It...okay. (chuckling)

Dick: As Rocky IV would have you believe.

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: It was Ronald Reagan.

Maddox: I didn't believe it was Rocky for a minute, Dick. (Dick laughs) But, uh...no, it -

Dick: (interjects) Star Wars?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You ever heard of that?

Maddox: It wasn't entirely Reagan either. It was actually because it was mutually beneficial to end the Cold War.

Dick: Earthquake research, climate studies, outdoor treasure hunting games known as "geocaching"?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: These are all things that you can do with GPS. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah, well, good...good solution. Yeah, you can play games, and...play grab-ass. And Ronald Reagan, I like that you ascribe this wonderful technology to a politician!

Dick: To Ronald Reagan!

Maddox: To a politician.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: An actor.

Dick: He was also an actor.

Maddox: An actor turned politician. Sorry.

Dick: Yeah. Two...the two best things you can be.

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic) (Colin laughs in the background)

Dick: Politician and an actor. The two most useful things you can be in our society. (smiling)

Maddox: Hey, why didn't Ronald Reagan use GPS in that Star Wars program? Remember the Star Wars missile defense system that we had? Whatever happened to that?

Dick: 'Cause they're in...they're in space!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: That's why.

Maddox: Oh. Oh, really?

Dick: The satellites, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They would be in space.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: You can't use GPS in space.

Maddox: Yeah. Do you think he used GPS to calculate the trajectory for the laser beams that he was shooting to shoot down missiles?

Dick: No.

Maddox: No. Probably not, huh?

Dick: I don't think that's possible. (laughing)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What...why? Why do you ask?

Maddox: Oh, just curious whatever happened to that Star Wars missile defense program. Was that -

Dick: (interjects) It worked!

Maddox: Oho, did...oh yeah?

Dick: It ended the Cold War!

Maddox: Oh, that's what ended the Cold War, huh?

Dick: It, um...it scared Russia into surrendering the Cold War.

Maddox: Ahhh, simple Dick and his simple mind...

Dick: It's true!!

Maddox: ...simple world.

Dick: That's absolutely true.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: What else do I got here? Oh, do you know how...do you know how time works? I'm gonna explain this to everybody listening, 'cause I know you're gonna say yes. (Maddox laughs) No matter what I ask about relativity and satellites and time. So this is what makes GPS awesome, right? The atomic clocks on the satellites work on a different time than the clocks on the earth.

Maddox: Okay, how specifically?

Dick: Do you know that, first of all?

Maddox: Well, I don't know what you're saying, "different time." I mean, nobody keeps track of time on Earth using an atomic clock.

Dick: They do.

Maddox: We use our own...well, we use our own 24-hour clock, or the 12-hour clock.

Dick: Nonono, our...the most accurate clocks on Earth are atomic powered. They're not crystal.

Maddox: Uh, that's no longer true. It's no longer atomic. They found something more accurate than the atomic clock.

Dick: What, you? (Maddox laughs) They just call you up every couple hours and ask you what time it is?

Maddox: No, there's a...there's something that's...I forgot. I just read about it, but there's something that's even more accurate than the atomic clock because they found that the atomic clock, once...er, there was...they calculated somethin' like a leap century or somethin' like that, or a leap, like, 400 years.

Dick: Leap second.

Colin: Second. (in background)

Dick: Leap second.

Maddox: No, it's more than a leap second, like every 400 years.

Dick: A leap 2 seconds. (Colin laughing in the background)

Maddox: No, atomic clocks are pretty accurate.

Dick: A leap 3 sec-... (cracks up)

Maddox: Ah, I'm gonna leap across this table in just a second, Dick. (sighing)

Dick: Okay, what's the clock that they found?

Maddox: But anyway, yeah. For all intents and purposes, an atomic clock is very accurate. So go on.

Dick: So time, time goes faster the farther away you get from gravity. Did you know that?

Maddox: What...

Dick: Time. If you're in space and you got a big old binoculars out...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and you're looking at a naked chick, right?

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Big cans!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And she happens to be wearing a watch.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you look at that watch, 'cause maybe you're gay, I don't know.

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling) (Colin laughing in the background)

Dick: You don't wanna see the naked chick.

Maddox: Sure.

Dick: That watch she's wearing will be ticking slower than the watch that you have on your wrist, 'cause it's closer to a gravity well.

Maddox: Uh...okay.

Dick: Yeah! So that means the cl-...if you're on a GPS satellite out in space, you're so far away from gravity that the clock on the GPS satellite is set to go slower...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...to compensate for the distance away from the earth it is.

Maddox: I think it's speed. I think speed has somethin' to do with it, Dick.

Dick: That's ANOTHER thing! So another aspect of these satellites...'cause they're going so fast 'cause they're in geosynchronous orbit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're going so fast compared to us that time for them goes faster, so when you subtract both...so when you compensate for both of those, um...they go faster than clocks on Earth's surface by 38 microseconds every day.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: If it wasn't for that 38 microseconds, the whole system would be fucked.

Maddox: What do you mean, "fucked"?

Dick: Well, because a GPS satellite sends its time code out at all times.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Like, they're sending out what time it is to them at all times, and your little GPS device grabs the time from 3 of those satellites, and based on the differences in the time it calculates where you are.

Maddox: Oh, right. Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. So if the time on those satellites was not sped up to compensate for relativistic effects?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It wouldn't work.

Maddox: Huh!

Dick: The whole system would be broken. Like, if they'd just taken a clock and sent it up into space, it'd be like, "Well, we have no fuckin' idea where we are."

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: "'Cause these clocks say they're like 2 weeks in the future."

Maddox: And R-

Dick: (interjects) Or two weeks in the past.

Maddox: And -

Dick: (interjects) And Ronald Reagan...

Maddox: And Ronald Reagan...

Dick: ...figured that out.

Maddox: And Ronald Reagan and not some scientist figured that out. Right?

Dick: Who paid the scientist? Ronald Reagan.

Maddox: A politician did, sure! Yeah, Ronald Reagan himself, and he wrote a check! He wrote a check. He emptied his pocketbooks. He says, "Guys, I feel very strongly about science." Ronald Reagan!

Dick: Yeah. They're a huge accomplishment.

Maddox: Yeah. Great.

Dick: GPS.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: Relativistic effects!

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: One of the...I don't know what else we've invented that has to obey relativistic effects.

Maddox: Well, lots of things. Rocket ships.

Dick: No they don't!

Maddox: Sure they do. You have to...the clocks on rocket ships are also...also account for relativistic effects.

Dick: Yeah, but this is a...this is something we use every day. We're not using rocket ships every day.

Maddox: Well, without the rocket ships you wouldn't be able to use GPS, would you Dick?

Dick: Oh, alright.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's my solution. Go ahead. What's yours?

Maddox: Good solution, Dick. (exhales) But, uh, I think I have a solution that's bigger. I think I have an actual solution...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: ...that is literally bigger than yours.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And makes yours impossible without it. Satellites! Yehehehehahahaaah. (laughing) (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: The noun satellites?

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**) Satellites! Yeah, satellites make GPS possible.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Bigger solution. (smiling)

Dick: You mean satellites, like a thing that rotates around a celestial body?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah, satellites. Like the ones that...make GPS possible.

Dick: Yeah. Do you mean man-made satellites?

Maddox: Well, I'm talking specifically about man-made satellites, but, uh...

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Or natu-...nature...natural satellites like moons could be a solution too. Actually they are, because without it our tidal forces would be out of whack.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Right? It's a very delicate balance!

Dick: Hah, what a bullshit problem. Or solution.

Maddox: YOU'RE a bullshit problem! Oh, really?!

Dick: Yeah. Go ahead.

Maddox: Yeah, well without satellites, dickhead, we wouldn't have GPS! Satellites are a significantly bigger solution than GPS because they are the inspiration for and the technology behind GPS.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But satellites are more useful than just GPS, dickhead, because we use them for communication. Every stupid text message you send or phone call you make with your cell phone uses satellites. Which, by the way, is the reason we should no longer have a distinction between long-distance and local calls, because it's all satellite communication anyway. It doesn't cost any extra to send a signal to...uh, say, France or Ohio. It doesn't fucking matter! It's all the same, like watching TV or li-...like, do you like to watch TV or listen to the radio?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Huh. Well, doesn't matter, 'cause... (Dick snickers) Regardless, the people who do use satellites, dickhead, and you're just bein' a DICK! (angrily) Many people get dish service, and guess what they use? Satellites!

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Even cable companies use satellites. Ever drive by a cable company and see that giant array of satellites out front?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Yeah! That's how you get your signal. That's how you get your TV stations. Oceanography! That's another thing that, uh, benefits from satellites.

Dick: 'Cause of GPS?

Maddox: No, not specif-...not just 'cause of GPS.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. A G-

Dick: (interjects) Phones and stuff? Satellite phones?

Maddox: No Dick, it's a way of exploring the ocean. The earth is covered roughly 71% by oceans; over 361 million kilometers of area to explore. Before satellites we used ships, buoys and tide gauges to explore the ocean.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: That's a real shitty way to explore anything. Buoys?? Barf. (Sean laughs in the background) Since satellites we've found lost treasure, meteor impact sites, new species of animals, current direction, optimized navigation routes, et cetera. You said, Dick...in the first solutions episode, you said that the biggest pollution...the biggest source of pollution in the world are those cargo ships, right?

Dick: Yeah, they are.

Maddox: The 15 biggest ships create more pollution than all the cars in the world.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And guess what helps cut down on that pollution? Optimized shipping routes due to oceanographers using satellites to figure that out.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! In addition to figuring out things like, oh, I don't know, rising sea levels? The path of tropical storms and hurricanes?

Dick: It's pretty useful.

Maddox: Very useful! Oh, and speaking of tropical storms and hurricanes: meteorology. Another thing that benefits from satellites. Satellites aid meteorologists in making weather forecasts. They're often wrong, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But... (chuckles) But at least we have an early warning system in place for tornado activity, which is usually pretty accurate.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I remember a couple years back in Salt Lake City...Salt Lake is known for being a really safe place from tornadoes because the entire city is surrounded by mountains, so when you land in Salt Lake City you're...there's just, like, mountains everywhere, and that protects you from tornadoes. It's REALLY rare if a tornado ever touches down, and I remember a couple years back we got a weather service warning saying that there was going to be a tornado in Salt Lake City. Nobody believed it, myself included. That's when I was, uh, downtown Salt Lake.

Dick: Were you wearing a jacket at that time?

Maddox: No.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: No jacket!

Dick: No jacket.

Maddox: So sure enough, a tornado touched down and hit our basketball stadium, the Delta Center.

Dick: Oh!

Maddox: It was called the Delta Center at the time. And my parents were freaking out. They were calling over and over again, and I didn't answer my phone 'cause I was watchin' the news, you know? Finally I answered the phone like this: "HELP MEEE!! HELP ME! OH MY GOD! AHH, HELP!" (both laugh) And then just hung up, and my mom freaked out. She called me back a few minutes later. Uh, she asked me why I did that. Anyway.

Dick: Satellites. (smiling)

Maddox: Satellites.

Dick: Man-made satellites.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Or any sat-...like the ones that killed the dinosaurs? Does that count too? Any satellites?

Maddox: That wasn't...a satellite didn't kill the dinosaurs, Dick.

Dick: I mean, it's a rotating object!

Maddox: That's not a satellite.

Dick: It's not man-made, but it's a satellite.

Maddox: No, that's not a satellite.

Dick: If it has an orbit, it's a satellite.

Maddox: It's not a satellite. It needs to...it needs to be in orbit.

Dick: If it has an orbit, it's a satellite!

Maddox: It has to have an orbit AROUND something. What was that meteor's orbit?

Dick: Let me ask you somethin'.

Maddox: You don't know.

Dick: So when I said GPS...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and you said you're doing satellites and I said, "I'll change my solution then, so we can talk about something different"?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And you said no, you had something special planned.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (smiles)

Dick: The something special was just making sure I don't win. Right?

Maddox: Dick, nobody wins on this show.

Dick: It was just...but it was CLEARLY just so you would bring in a solution that was superset of mine. You know what? Fuck you! (Maddox giggles) I'm changing it to Ronald Reagan! (Maddox laughs harder) Ronald Reagan is now my solution! Did you know that Reagan inherited a misery index -- the sum of the inflation and unemployment rates -- of 19.9%?

Maddox: Oh, my GOSH. Yeah.

Dick: And when he left office it was at 9.7%?

Maddox: Wow.

Dick: Ronald Reagan lowered the misery index of the US by 10%.

Maddox: Something that...that is -

Dick: (interjects) Take note, Obama.

Maddox: (cracks up) Something that is closely tracked, right? The misery index.

Dick: 16 million new jobs were created under Ronald Reagan.

Maddox: Huh! Pretty good!

Dick: Where is he when we need him? (Maddox snickers) Where is he now?

Maddox: Alzheimer's and in a grave. Essentially.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ronald Reagan.

Dick: Reaganomics! Have you heard of that?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Fucked poor people!

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: It made life way better for rich people.

Maddox: Yeah! Yeah. You can see a sharp increase in CEO salaries right around the time Reagan was in office and a sharp decline of the average person's income. And it's still never rebounded, by the way.

Dick: It never will!

Maddox: No. Thanks, Reagan.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Good solution.

Dick: You are SO petty. (Maddox and Sean laugh) "Oh, satellites..."

Maddox: (yells) Oh, says the person who brings in...says the person who brings in monkeys!! (**monkeys whooping sound effect**) Just for a fuckin' vote grab, to confuse our listeners! When I say "go vote up monkeys," they get confused and they vote up the solution, monkeys as a solution! Monkeys are a PROBLEM, buddy, and you brought that in just to fuck with me. So here we go, satellites! A superset of the prob-...look Dick, I think GPS is a solution just like oceanography is a solution...

Dick: Well, yeah, you clearly do!

Maddox: ...meteorology is a solution. All these things are solutions, right? But GPS is a lesser solution than satellites. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Yeah, which I said!! Which is why I said I'll bring in something different so we can talk about something different!

Maddox: We are!

Dick: You were like, "Oh, no, no, no, no. Bring it in! Bring it in. It'll be - "

Maddox: (interjects) Did you talk about oceanography?

Dick: No. (giggling)

Maddox: No!

Dick: Oh, you fuckin'...

Maddox: You didn't even talk about how -

Dick: (interjects) You shady fuck. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: You didn't even talk about how GPS was invented! You just said Ronald Reagan.

Dick: Ronald Reagan!

Maddox: No!! (laughs more) You fuckin' idiot! It wasn't Ronald Reagan. (grinning)

Dick: He decided to invent it after that plane crash. He opened it up for everybody.

Maddox: The 007 plane crash?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a real thing!

Maddox: Uh-huh? Oh! Thank you, Ronald Reagan. (sarcastic) Well, did Ronald Reagan discover astronomy? No!

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: And he doesn't bene-...he didn't... (cracks up)

Dick: I didn't read the whole Wikipedia page. (both laugh)

Maddox: He doesn't...he didn't benefit astronomy as much as satellites did! (Dick giggling) Satellites have allowed us to discover distant galaxies, solar systems, and even planets, Dick.

Dick: You know what? Who cares?! What do we...what do...who cares how many other stars and planets are...?

Maddox: You fffffucking...

Dick: They're just full of more petty assholes like you who fuck their friends over before podcasts. (Maddox laughs) That's what the Hubble Tele-...make the Hubble Telescope see all the way to the edge of the universe! You know what you're gonna see? A buncha assholes who drive like shit and think they drive awesome, and a bunch of assholes who fuck their friends over. (yelling)

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: That's what the universe is full of! We need to spend billions of dollars to figure that out? "Hey, look, we found another Earth planet! Guess what's on it? A bunch of people jerking off and wasting money looking right back at us!" Who fuckin' cares??

Maddox: There is two reasons Dick is upset here. (everyone else laughs) The first is he still, STILL, doesn't understand the podcast. He still doesn't understand that this podcast is not a competition. (Dick laughs loudly) There is no such thing as winning between two disparate topics, Dick. You don't...what wins between the flavor of apples and the flavor of oranges?

Dick: What wins between GPS satellites and satellites? (grinning)

Maddox: Neither one!

Dick: Satellites wins.

Maddox: No, neither one. Satellites is a bigger solution! We can say that!

Dick: Oh, you're such a fuck. (giggling)

Maddox: Bigger... (cracks up) Satellites is a bigger solution because GPS is a subset of satellites. Right? It's a -

Dick: (interjects) I know!!

Maddox: I brought in Lesser Minds and Anti-Intellectualism, right?

Dick: Uh-huh. (exasperated)

Maddox: Which are related, but one is a subset of the other, isn't it?

Dick: Yeah. Well, they're both the same note in your symphony.

Maddox: Okay. (dismissively)

Dick: In your one-note symphony. (smiles) Go ahead, Sean.

Sean: I hope these both end up in the negative. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: Fuck you, Sean! I'm gonna bring in Sean as a solution, and I want you guys to vote it down. (Sean laughs) Take that, Sean. Dick, we're on the verge of having satellites with enough precision to determine the atmospheric content of planets in other galaxies. Dick, do you know where helium was first discovered?

Dick: Up your ass.

Maddox: Hah. (Colin laughing in the background) NO. Incorrect. (**buzzer sound effect**) Not up my ass, Dick. On the sun!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They discovered heli-... (laughs) ...helium in the sun, not up my ass.

Dick: How?

Maddox: Why don't you tongue punch my fart box? (slyly)

Dick: With a stupid satellite?

Maddox: Actually, that was done with, um...just looking at the solar spectrum. They were looking at the light spectrum coming from the sun and they found that there were certain bands, because there's an absorption spectrum for different elements. Right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Different elements absorb different wavelengths of light, and if you look at that light coming from the sun you'll see a band, like a little narrow band, where helium is being absorbed.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So they know the absorption spectrum of hydrogen, because we have hydrogen on Earth, and...this is before we discovered helium, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: We know the absorption spectrum of oxygen and all these other different elements. So then when we saw this absorption spectrum of helium, we didn't know what it was, and we looked at the atomic elements and we saw...we thought that, "Okay, hydrogen is over here, oxygen is over here, so something in between the two..."

Dick: There was just a blank?

Maddox: Well, we didn't...we hadn't discovered all the elements at that time.

Dick: I would...when was this?

Maddox: 1800s!

Dick: But they didn't have satellites in the 1800s, so how did satellites figure this out?

Maddox: No, but by using satellites, we can tell the atmospheric content of distant planets. Like, we are working on satellites right now with precision to be able to determine the atmospheric contents of distant planets...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...using this same technology, looking at the absorption spectrum.

Dick: And if they have too much smoke in their atmosphere, we'll dispatch a committee to go make it illegal over there. (Maddox laughs loudly) You know what Ronald Reagan discovered?

Maddox: You're so salty. You're so salty! (laughs more)

Dick: That it's morning in America. That's what Ronald Reagan discovered.

Maddox: Oh. Oohoohoo. (both crack up) You fuckin' politician. Shill. Dick, we've measured cosmic background radiation and the average temperature of the UNIVERSE using satellites, and learned a lot about our own planet and solar system. We found visual proof of black holes in 2012! Did you know that?

Dick: Who cares?

Maddox: How's that for discovery? Did Ronald Reagan discover that? No!

Dick: But he discovered something more important. He discovered a reason for America to get to work (Maddox giggles) and pull itself up by its bootstraps.

Maddox: Idiot. (laughs more) Ahhh. You know what else we use satellites for, Dick? Navigation. As you mentioned, GPS.

Dick: Can we spot the edges of your ego with a satellite? (Maddox keeps giggling) Do we have satellites that powerful? (Sean laughing loudly in the background)

Maddox: Ahhh. Maybe Dick, but if you get lost in my ego, you know what you'll need? Search and rescue satellite operations. We have satellites that can help rescue teams and find stranded boats, planes, and hikers.

Dick: You know what I have? I have the ghost of Ronald Reagan that I can pray to if I get lost. (Maddox laughs) I don't need satellites. Don't look for me.

Maddox: Good, I won't! I won't. Oh man, what a refreshing thought. You being lost. Then... (cracks up) There are personal locator beacons, Dick, and satellite messengers. These things are so

powerful, if you get lost at sea you can press this button on this thing and a plane will show up and rescue you!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Fuckin' amazing, satellites! And then finally, Dick, you said that Ronald Reagan is responsible for ending the Cold War, dickhead? (yelling)

Dick: Yeah, he is.

Maddox: WRONG. Reconnaissance and surveillance satellites helped end that war.

Dick: Mm...

Maddox: Because they let us peer into dangerous countries and see where there's militarized activity, say, like when Cubans are stockpiling missiles from Russia. (still yelling)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! That's how we knew about that.

Dick: Yeah, but who is authorizing...who controls the satellites? These satellites are mere toys in the hands of Ronald Reagan, a powerful man who works them like a puppet master. (Maddox laughs and sighs) Seeing into the evil Soviet Empire. (grins)

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: Protecting us!

Maddox: Yeah. Protecting us. (sneering)

Dick: Yes, protecting us.

Maddox: "Oh, please!" (scared voice) The libertarian is lionizing Ronald Reagan for protecting us. "Oh please, government, protect me!"

Dick: He was a great man and a beautiful man, (Maddox giggles) and he deserves to be voted up above Maleelal Yousafzai or whatever her name was.

Maddox: Malala You-...Ma-...uhh...Malala Yousafzai, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. No, no he doesn't, Dick. The Cold War ended, by the way, because we also had missiles in Italy and Turkey that was pissin' off Russia. (Dick scoffs) And that's the whole reason Russia came to Cuba and said, "Well, let's put a...let's put a porcupine down America's pants."

Dick: (chuckling) I think the Cold War ended because, uh, Russia was poor as shit.

Maddox: Well, that has somethin' to do with it.

Dick: And they couldn't eat.

Maddox: Anyway Dick, satellites!

Dick: Ugh, you're such a fuck. Go.

Maddox: That's my solution.

Dick: It's your turn to move in the game.

Maddox: Oh, okay! Let's, uh...

Dick: You've moved on the game of life by stabbing me in the back.

Maddox: You're such a pussy! (laughing) You still don't understand the show. Okay. (Dick laughs) Spick...uh, Dick, speaking of being stabbed in the back: "Black income disparity decreases as urban areas recover from recession. Move up 3 spaces." Cool!

Dick: Cool.

Sean: I heard "spic."

Maddox: What? (laughs uneasily)

Colin: Oh, so did I. (in background)

Dick: What?

Colin: Yeah. (laughing)

Dick: What? In that card?

Sean: He said "Spick...Dick."

Dick: Oh, oh oh oh oh.

Maddox: (chuckles) That was an accident.

Dick: I'm reading from a card now. "Your rich aunt has the travel bug and offers to take you to Europe with her." Uh, no mention of how big her cans are, though.

Maddox: Dick, it's your AUNT.

Dick: That's okay!

Maddox: Gross.

Dick: You can have an aunt with big...it's not your mom! It's your aunt!

Maddox: Alright.

Sean: What if it's not -

Dick: (interjects) You can have a hot aunt.

Sean: It could be through marriage.

Dick: Yeah, Maddox! It could be your mom's brother's wife!

Maddox: Alright Dick, go bang your aunt.

Dick: I don't mind if I do, after I move up 4 spaces. (everyone else laughs)

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Here Sean, you read one.

Sean: Alright.

Dick: Does it say anything about Maddox screwing you over on your card? (Sean chuckles)

Sean: Oh shit, I'm goin' back 1 space. "An MPAA-style rating system comes to YouTube and your channel gets hit with an MA rating."

Dick: Mm.

Maddox: Hah!

Sean: I would never have a YouTube channel.

Dick: That's true.

Sean: But I'm still movin' back 1 space.

Dick: It counts, though.

Maddox: Yeah. You're back. Alright!

Dick: Colin, unfortunately you don't get to go.

Maddox: No.

Dick: 'Cause you got killed.

Maddox: Colin got killed the first... (laughs) ...on the first space in the game.

Dick: Alright, is it my turn now?

Maddox: Yeah, what's your solution, Dick?

Dick: My next solution is a superhero stance. (grins)

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Yeah! How 'bout this? (cracking up) So...

Maddox: I think I know this, yeah.

Dick: ...if you stand like an idiot, like if you stand with your hands on your hips posing like a superhero...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...they've determined that this, like, this increases your...not only your self-confidence, but also your testosterone levels.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: So if you're gonna do something that you need courage to do, go to the bathroom and stand like Superman.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: For like 5 seconds.

Maddox: 2 minutes.

Dick: 2 minutes?

Maddox: 2 minutes is the...they found the effect is the strongest when you do it for 2 minutes.

Dick: I alr-...I'm already almost full on testosterone though. I only need a couple seconds.

Maddox: Well...I don't know about that, Dick.

Dick: I brought in the whole...ugh. I brought in the whole, uh, the whole study. It's pretty funny. Uh, let's see. "The superhero stance projects power. It's an example of what psychologists refer to as an open posture, in which limbs are spread out in a way to take up more space, such as legs being apart." So it's basically saying that manspreading makes you a more powerful person.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It increases your testosterone and builds your confidence. There was a TED Talk about this, Dick. Well, I'll let you go on. Go on, yeah.

Dick: Oh, kill me. There was already a TED Talk about this?

Maddox: Oh yeah, of course. Yeah, it's not a new phenomenon. But yeah, did you bring in the TED Talk to talk about it?

Dick: No, I hate TED Talks.

Maddox: Okay. Well, there was a girl on there -

Dick: (interjects) I'd rather eat a buncha glass than listen to a TED Talk.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: I'd like to see that!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I'd pay...Sean, if you had a YouTube channel, you could put stuff like that on there!

Dick: Like, my opinion of people drops...whatever it was at first, it drops down into like the single percentage points if I hear they've done a TED Talk.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: You could Titanic him right back by showing him TED Talks.

Maddox: Ohhhohohohohohoooh! (loudly)

Dick: Oh, fuck you, Sean!

Maddox: (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Fuck you!!

Maddox: Yeeeeah! (**'ding!' sound effect**) Woooo! (**clapping sound effect**) Yeah, there we go! That's smart! That's what's comin' in, Dick.

Dick: Alright, let's...

Maddox: You're gettin' TED Talks!

Dick: Let's change the subject really fast here. (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, high power poses. High power poses were sitting in a chair, arms behind your head, elbows out, and feet up on a desk, like a boss relaxing. And standing in front of the table with your feet apart...blah blah blah blah blah. So they gave these people...they made these people stand in stupid positions. On one hand...on one side of the experiment you had power poses...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...where people had their feet kicked up, their arms crossed behind their backs. They're probably thinking about their yacht or something.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Acting like a big shot.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then the other people they had take up as little space as possible. Like, looking very demure...

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: ...putting their arms against their bodies, stuff like that.

Maddox: Right, right.

Dick: And then they gave them a, uh, a gambling task where they said the odds were 50/50. Alright?

Maddox: Right.

Dick: And they were each given 2 bucks, and they had the option to keep the money or to risk it and double...risk it on a die roll and double their money.

Maddox: 'Kay.

Dick: Where they would double it or lose it altogether.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? So what did they find? That the people who they made pose in that open posture superhero pose...

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: ...were more likely to risk the money.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: That's pretty cool.

Maddox: Where it makes 'em a little bit more confident. Little bit more aggressive, huh?

Dick: They tested their saliva, and they found that the hormone associated with stress...

Maddox: Cortisol, right? Isn't that...?

Dick: Yeah, cortisol.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: It's cortisol.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Sean: That's why you need sleep too.

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Dick: Uh, the testosterone levels would drop when...hold on.

Maddox: Good notes. (sneering)

Dick: I just printed out the article.

Maddox: I know. I know! (Dick laughs) I know how you bring in your notes. He brings in 8 pages, 9 pages of notes.

Dick: Yeah, well, while we're here setting up, you're typing up your shit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So...

Maddox: (yells) Oh, let's -

Dick: ...this is the best I could do.

Maddox: Yeah! It's way better to wait live during the show than before the show and get all your ducks in a row so the show goes smoothly! (irritated)

Dick: Alright, look. (Maddox laughs loudly) They had less stress.

Maddox: No no, what...?

Dick: They had less -

Maddox: (interjects) What...what did you find? Yeah.

Dick: Well, I could read the whole thing, but it's boring.

Maddox: Nah, I'm curious. I think it's interesting. What does it say?

Dick: Oh yeah, people who are powerful tend to have lower baseline levels of cortisol, and when they're stressed their cortisol levels didn't rise as much as people who were in the prone positions.

Maddox: Yeah, that's correct.

Dick: So if you're feelin' stressed out, get yourself in a power pose.

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, why are you shitting on your own solution?

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: It's like you don't even believe this! You don't even believe the words you're saying. You're saying, "Oh, look at this goofy pose. Look at this stupid pose. Look at these idiots. I hate TED Talks." (dumb voice)

Dick: Well, it is stupid!

Maddox: What's stupid about it?

Dick: Looking like a superhero?? That's embarrassing!

Maddox: It's not!

Dick: Posing like you're Superman? (cracking up)

Maddox: Dick, no joke, I stand like that a lot. I put my hands on hips often.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And even when I work, my legs are kicked up at my desk! You've seen my de-...I don't even have a desk, actually. It's just a chair, and I have a footrest.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And my legs are always kicked out, and I'm always leaning back, and I'm always putting my hands on my hips. It works! This is some-...I don't know if I...I don't know which came first, the chicken or the egg here; whether or not I was just, uh, really...full of testosterone and confident and powerful before.

Dick: That's a good question.

Maddox: Yeah. But no, it does work, Dick! So they talked about that in that TED Talk.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: A woman said that she was really not confident and demure and wanted to do some public speaking and she was always nervous about it, so she experimented with this and it gave her so much more confidence after the fact. I believe there's something to it. You know, Dick, there's another study. I saw...it's...this wasn't a study so much as a documentary, I think, on National Geographic. They were observing apes, male apes. The silverbacks. Silverback gorillas, rather. Yeah.

Dick: The big ones.

Maddox: Yeah. They were observing gorillas, and they were trying to determine which ones were the alpha gorillas, because in every gorilla pack there's always at least one alpha gorilla...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...who is defined by the most aggressive gorilla, the gorilla who gets laid the most, the gorilla who passes on his genes, and so on and so forth. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's the alpha gorilla. And they watched the posture of the gorillas and they tried to determine which one was the alpha gorilla just based on a photograph, and they could ALWAYS tell. Every single time, and it's because the alpha gorilla stood a different way. So then they thought, "Well, let's see if we can use this same test on humans," so they did an experiment where they brought a bunch of guys into...I think a mechanic shop or a waiting room or something.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Like 9 different guys, and then they brought in a woman, and then they looked at every...each guy's posture and his pose and tried to determine which one would be most aggressive with trying to flirt with the woman or pick her up. (Dick chuckles) They nailed it every single time. The guys who were the most ape-like...

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: ...the most gorilla-like, the ones who puffed up their chest and put their arms to the sides and they had that male...that really strong alpha pose, those were the guys who went up right to the woman and started to talkin' to them. But the other guys who were kinda shrunken in and trying to take up less space, feelin' like they didn't belong showed a lack of confidence, and they're the ones who didn't say anything. They were very...they got a little bit shy around the other guys.

Dick: Yeah, that's interesting, because this is...on the surface, this gambling test kinda seems pointless. Like, it's...a 50/50 gambling odds is, um...dumb! Like, saying that the power pose increased their odds of gambling on a coin toss is not really a complement. Right? Would you say?

Maddox: It's not necessarily.

Dick: It's not necessarily. However, it kinda makes it a wash, but when you're talking about approaching a woman, which is most of the questi-...almost all of the questions I get. Nobody wants to know my opinion on anything else but how to talk to women.

Maddox: Hah. (chuckles) YOU'RE the right guy to go to.

Dick: Yeah, I am!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And part of that is approaching...talking to a woman like a 50/50 gamble.

Maddox: No. Well Dick, if you -

Dick: (interjects) Did you say "no" or "yeah"?

Maddox: Well...no. I disagree with...I mean, that's your philosophy and you're allowed to have that, and I think it's broken. BUT, I... (cracks up)

Dick: She's either gonna like you or she's not!

Maddox: (chuckles) Okay, Dick!

Dick: That's it!

Maddox: I guess!

Dick: You can't make her like you.

Maddox: You can come across as more affable and charismatic! You can be more appealing to people based on what you do! Say for example, I don't know, you're a politician like...oh, I don't know, Ronald Reagan!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Ronald fucking Reagan was charismatic as fuck. Everybody liked him! He was a very popular president! *I* even liked his personality! Like, he was a likable president.

Dick: You're right.

Maddox: Because he had this warmth and charisma about him.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Right? And he was a great orator.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: BUT, that doesn't nece-...you ca-...so that goes to say that you can improve your likability with people. That's why I think it's a broken philosophy, yours. Real shitty advice. BUT Dick, what I want to specifically mention -

Dick: (interjects) How are you gonna improve whether a chick wants to fuck you or not?

Maddox: I'm not saying I -

Dick: (interjects) They either do or don't!

Maddox: I'm... (chuckles) Okay. Well Dick, sometimes chicks don't wanna fuck you and then they change their minds later. What happens between A and B?

Dick: Ohhh, that's a slippery slope.

Maddox: No, it's not!!

Dick: Eh, it's too much work!

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: You gotta convince them to like you?

Maddox: Go ahead, guys, ask Dick for advice. Listen to this though, Dick. You brought in as a solution the stupidly phrased "Ask For A Raise," right?

Dick: Yeah, that's a good idea.

Maddox: Okay. Asking for a raise!

Dick: It's a good solution.

Maddox: You know what, Dick? That study that you just mentioned, the gambling one...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...where you have a 50% chance of winning, and you said that people who have more testosterone and people who feel more confident are more likely to take that risk, right?

Dick: Right.

Maddox: To bet, right? That's exactly what you want when it comes to asking for a raise. Asking for a raise, that could be viewed as also a 50% probability, even though there may be other factors that play into it. But from your perspective, either you're gonna get it or you're not. Right?

Dick: Same with chicks!

Maddox: Oh, okay. (dismissively)

Dick: That's exactly the same! What do you, spend time, like, sweet-talking them into a used car?

Maddox: Dick, there are things that factor into picking up women, like for example, your hygiene and how you look and how you act! Like, if you show up to a party and you act like a big boisterous dumbass, and you -

Dick: (interjects) Some chicks are gonna love that!!

Maddox: Well, some chicks maybe, but in general, no!

Dick: Oh, that's total horseshit!

Maddox: Yeah. (sarcastic)

Dick: Chicks LOVE loud guys!

Maddox: Okay. And your...and -

Dick: (interjects) Loud jackasses. Don't change who you are.

Maddox: And your nail... (laughs) Yeah.

Dick: Be yourself, and then just say, "Hey, what's up? Do you wanna bone or what?"

Maddox: Great.

Dick: They either do or they don't.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's how they work!

Maddox: Dick, you have -

Dick: (interjects) Same as guys!!

Maddox: You have been slapped by more women than any other guy I know in life.

Dick: Yeah, and each one was a learning experience.

Maddox: For them or you?

Dick: For them, not me.

Maddox: Okay! (everyone laughing) Yeah, they learned what your face felt like. (laughs more) When they slapped it. Anyway Dick, um...

Dick: That's a reaction! I'll take that reaction.

Maddox: Dick, your solution Asking For A Raise could not be a solution without the confidence it takes. If more people had confidence -- say, for example, if more people took that power pose...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...and had more testosterone and had more confidence and asked for a raise, that would be a solution to...that's the solution that you're suggesting, asking for a raise!

Dick: You could do both!

Maddox: Great.

Dick: You could do one without the other!

Maddox: Alright, Dick. (sighs) Big jumbled mess of contradictions and confusing -

Dick: (interjects) How is any of that contradictory?!

Maddox: You think that the...you...why am I defending your fuckin' solution?? I don't care! Go ahead, shit on your own solution!

Dick: I think it's a great solution!

Maddox: Do you?

Dick: But it's a stupid, embarrassing pose -

Maddox: It's not!

Dick: - that you should do anyway!

Maddox: No, I do it all the time. Have you ever noticed me doing it?

Dick: Uh...looking like Superman?

Maddox: I...like, putting my arms out to the side.

Dick: Oh yeah, I've noticed that.

Maddox: Yeah! I do that a lot.

Dick: Old-fa-...it looks a little old-fashioned.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah. It's cool!

Maddox: Yeah. Old-fashioned like a 1920s boxer. Cool.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah. I like it. Anyway Dick, um...that's all I got. Or that's...that's all you... (cracks up)

Dick: You wanna move your piece?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: We're getting a little behind on the game board.

Maddox: Next card I got says, "On a road trip, your hot Asian passenger feeds you as you drive. Move up 3 spaces." Cool!

Dick: That's a good one. (Maddox belches) That's the Shitty Passengers episode. I remember that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, here's mine: "You see Jennifer Lawrence's tits. Awesome, she's hot! Move up 4 spaces." I think it's a sex crime, though. One, two, three, four. (moving chip) Sean? You want me to read yours?

Sean: Yeah, go for it.

Dick: Alright. "Your life coach gives you some great advice about investing. Move up 2 spaces." One, two.

Maddox: There you go.

Dick: My life coach recently got a "urinating in public" ticket. (Maddox laughs) Did I tell you about that?

Maddox: Yeah, you did.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You should bring that in for the next episode.

Dick: Eh, I don't wanna air his personal business on the...

Maddox: Okay. That's fair. Dick, we should get to the final solution here. We're runnin' outta time.

Dick: Alright. (laughing) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: What, you wanna talk about it or no?

Dick: The final solution? I know... (giggles)

Maddox: No...oh, not...okay. I see.

Sean: He just said "spic" and "final solution." (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Sean! (giggles more)

Sean: In the same episode.

Maddox: Shut your pie hole. That's not what I s-...that's not what I said!! That was an accident. I MISSPOKE.

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Colin: Hmmm. (in background)

Maddox: I always say it with more venom when I say it. (laughs with Sean) Guys, let's get to the real biggest solution in the world. In the universe, rather. Temperance! (**'ding!' sound effect**)

Dick: Oh, fuck OFF.

Maddox: (**clapping sound effect**)

Dick: Temperance?

Maddox: Temperance! Yeah!

Dick: Of liquor?

Maddox: Of everything, Dick.

Dick: In everything?

Maddox: Do you even know what temperance is? Do you know what temperance is? Have you ever heard of that word??

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: You're just saying "go ahead" 'cause you don't! You don't know what that is!

Dick: I don't know what temperance is?

Maddox: Well, you...no.

Dick: That's when you chop your dick off, right?

Maddox: Uh-huh. (smiling) Okay. There it is. There is the exact opposite of temperance. Temperance is the quality of avoiding excesses. That's it! In essence it's moderation, and moderation is a virtue. (grins)

Dick: You know what? Fuck your moderation. (Maddox giggles) Fuck you right up your ass.

Maddox: Ohh. (worn out from laughing)

Dick: Biggest..."Best Page in the Universe" telling us about moderation. Fuck you.

Maddox: Hey Dick, as we have already established, I am an exception to many rules on this show.

Dick: Go ahead. (amused)

Maddox: Too much alcohol! Too much alcohol and you're an alcoholic. Right?

Dick: No.

Maddox: Yeah. What do you mean, "no"?!

Dick: No! It's not about having too much alcohol that makes you an alcoholic. It's about needing it.

Maddox: Okay, it's about losing control. (stupid voice) Oh, it's about needing... (chuckling)

Dick: It's about needing it every day of your life. (cracking up)

Maddox: Yeah. Well, that's you for sure.

Dick: Because life is miserable.

Maddox: Yeah. Too many drugs and you're an addict, right? You do too many drugs, you're an addict. (Dick laughs quietly) Dick, any...there are so many excesses that you can do too much of that ruin your life, right? Even sex...sexual desire. It leads to cheating and infidelity if you can't get your dick under control.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Yeah! Vanity! Too much vanity leads to narcissism, self-absorption, and selfie sticks! Go vote up Selfie Sticks, people!! Right? Anger -

Dick: (interjects) Sometimes it ends in a bestseller, though.

Maddox: What, vanity?

Dick: A bestselling book, yeah!

Maddox: Well...I wouldn't say that that's what spawned my first book. It wasn't vanity.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: That was my...that was philanthropy. (Dick and Sean laugh loudly) Anger. Too much anger leads to violence and death, right? Too much eating leads to obesity; too much NOT eating, so not eating enough, leads to anorexia. Even too much exercise can lead to anorexia. Did you know that? That's a type of anorexia. When you exercise too much, it's called...uh, exercise anorexia.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That needs to catch on. (everyone else laughs) Too bad that's not contagious.

Maddox: Ohhh, boy. Too much sitting leads to numerous health problems.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Lack of exercise, so doing no exercise, leads to health problems. Too much talking gives you an immodest air, and gives others headaches.

Dick: Yeah. I'm gettin' one right now.

Maddox: (chuckles) Yeah, I was waitin' for it.

Dick: With this sanctimonious solution. (grinning)

Maddox: That was such a low-hanging fruit, I knew you'd take it. I knew you'd bite that apple. Too much listening to loud music leads to hearing loss; looking at ph-...looking at lights that are too bright leads to vision loss. Right? Too much reading and education...now you would think that too much reading and education, there's no such thing, right? But it can lead to having too high an opinion of one's self...

Dick: Uh-huh. (amused)

Maddox: ...pedantry, and the Dunning-Kruger effect. (Dick laughing quietly) What are you nodding at, Sean? Sean's looking at me and nodding.

Dick: 'Cause you are the smuggest fuck in the universe...

Maddox: Yeah, okay. (sarcastic)

Sean: Nonono!

Dick: ...and you're lecturing us about temperance? You dare to lecture ANYONE about temperance? (Maddox laughs)

Sean: I was agreeing!

Maddox: Oh, Sean's agreeing.

Dick: You know fucking nothing about temperance!

Maddox: I INVENTED temperance, my friend! (laughs)

Dick: (yells) Do you do a moderate amount of drugs? No! You do none! That's the opposite amount of moderation.

Maddox: Because drugs are risky, Dick! You know what part of temperance is? It's self-regulation, modesty and humility. Right?

Dick: Oh, you're such a fuckin' asshole. (giggling)

Maddox: And prudence! Prudence is an element of temperance. So pru-...it's not prudent to try drugs, is it? Because you know the risks, and the risks far outweigh the rewards.

Dick: No.

Maddox: So there is no moderation! (switches to stupid voice) "Oh, uh, Maddox, you call yourself a moderate? How come you don't cut one of your fingers off? You got 10 of 'em! Why don't you at least cut one off?" Dumbass argument. That's 'cause it's imprudent, Dick!

Dick: The risks of drugs do not outweigh the rewards.

Maddox: The risks are addiction and a life of defeat and destruction and destroyed family members.

Dick: Yeah, if you're a pussy!

Maddox: Okay. (laughs)

Dick: If you can handle your drugs, it's awesome! Just do them and get high!

Maddox: Cool.

Dick: And look cool!

Maddox: Yeah. Life advice from Dick Masterson. Take -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, instead of Emily Post over here.

Maddox: Uh-huh. (giggles) (Colin laughs in the background) Ahh. Dick, this concept of temperance transcends every major religion and philosophy in life.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: In Hinduism, the concept is called "dama." It's roughly equivalent to temperance. In Greek culture, it translates to moderation in action, thought, or feeling, or in one word, just "restraint." It's one of Plato's four core virtues. Aristotle called it a mean with regards to pleasure. So it's averaging all your pleasures, right? And I'll tell you why doing drugs and all this other bullshit is imprudent in just a minute, Dick. I'm gettin' to that. But Christianity considers temperance a virtue as well, and -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause it's how they control people. That's how all religions control people.

Maddox: Oho, sure.

Dick: By making them give up vices.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And giving 'em an inflated sense of self-worth because they're able to withhold things.

Maddox: Well, what about Native American spiritualism?

Dick: Same thing!

Maddox: No, they do drugs!

Dick: Just another religion.

Maddox: Drugs are a part of their religion, Dick!

Dick: Oh, their opium shit?

Maddox: Yeah! Opium!

Dick: Getting high?

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: Cool! What do you want me to...?

Maddox: (chuckles) Okay!

Dick: What about it?

Maddox: Well, you said that that's how religions...you said that temperance is the way religions control people, but some religions specifically have an element of drugs!

Dick: Nyeah, I'm talkin' about the big...the big bad three, though.

Maddox: The bi-... (cracks up)

Dick: You know.

Maddox: What are tho-...what are the big bad three?

Dick: Christianity, Islam, and Mormonism. (Maddox and Sean burst out laughing) Those are the big bad three.

Maddox: The common...the commonly known three. In more contemporary times -

Dick: (interjects) Those are the ones that are expanding. That's what you gotta watch out for in a religion, is the way it expands.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: Native Americans aren't expanding their, uh, teepee smokeouts.

Maddox: Yeah. (muttering) Dick, I'm done takin' advice. (Dick laughs) Um, Ben Franklin and the Boy Scouts of America consider temperance a virtue. The Boy Scouts! Would you say that's an evil organization, Dick?

Dick: Yeah! The Boy Scouts?

Maddox: I think Ronald Reagan was a Boy Scout! He was on...he was in favor of Boy Scouts.

Dick: Really? Was he in favor of their ban on gays too?

Maddox: Probably! He's conservative!

Dick: Ohh, fuck you.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Conser-...all conservatives are against gay rights?

Maddox: No!! No, they are not! But you are more likely to be against gay rights if you're conservative, just looking at statistics. Statistically speaking, you are more likely to be against gay rights if you're a conservative, you're more likely to drive a Prius if you're liberal, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

Dick: Hm!

Maddox: It's not...it's just a general rule of thumb if you look at statistics.

Dick: Is that what we're doin' now?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Who's more likely to commit female genital mutilation? What group?? Statistically.

Maddox: Statistically no one, because it's less than 99% of the population.

Dick: Oh, okay!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So there's no statistics for that number?

Maddox: Statistically, it's ZERO.

Dick: Okay!

Maddox: Statistically.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Yeah. From a psychological standpoint, Dick, temperance can be reduced to the following four traits. The first one is forgiveness or mercy, right? The second one is modesty and humility, the third one is prudence -- that's what you've never heard of -- and then the fourth one is self-regulation. That's the other thing you've never heard of. You've never heard of any of this shit, Dick.

Dick: Should we be doing signs of the cross while you're giving this fuckin' sermon? (Maddox laughs loudly) What the f-...where do you get off telling people about temperance? Fuck you, life is hard! Smoke 'em if you got 'em! Do drugs, they're awesome.

Maddox: Yeah. Any other -

Dick: (interjects) Temperance. (disdainful)

Maddox: Any other bumper stickers you wanna recite, Dick?

Dick: What the fuck is this temp-...so what, you're gonna die with, uh...what, a moderately regulated corpse? What is the point of temperance? You get nothing out of it.

Maddox: You... (laughs)

Dick: What do you get for this? What do I get in exchange for this?

Maddox: You get a longer and happier life. Lemme read this, Dick. So, forgiveness is the c-...this is from this website. I think this is, uh...oh, here. Oh, this is... (chuckling) This is from Berkeley.edu. 'Kay? It says forgiveness is the conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance towards a person or group who has harmed you, regardless of whether or not you think they deserve your forgiveness. Right? So there's a study from Science Direct that says...the name of the study is called "Failure to forgive self and others: a replication and extension of the relationship between forgiveness, personality, social desirability and general health." So they found a direct correlation between your health and likability and your personality and forgiveness. Failure...so -

Dick: (interjects) At Berkeley. What a surprise.

Maddox: They what?

Dick: At Berkeley, what a surprise.

Maddox: Berkeley. Yeah. (raises voice) Yeah, wha-...oh -

Dick: (interjects) Were healing crystals a part of this experiment at the scientists at Berkeley?

Maddox: Why? What's wrong with Berkeley, Dick? Are they too liberal? Would you say that that's a liberal school?

Dick: I don't even know...I don't even think they can SEE liberal anymore.

Maddox: Yeah. Oh, so you're sayin' that their...their -

Dick: (interjects) They went so far beyond it -

Maddox: (interjects) So you're saying their intemperance is a problem then? (yelling)

Dick: Their intemperance?

Maddox: Their lack...you're saying that they're so liberal that they're extreme, so by definition if they had temperance in their liberal views they wouldn't be so liberal, would they? And they wouldn't be a problem?

Dick: I guess, yeah. (chuckling)

Maddox: Well, well, well. 324 students, undergraduate students, were tested. They completed measures of forgiveness of one's self, forgiveness of others, and they found that failure to forgive one's self is accompanied by personality and general health scores that reflect individual psychopathology, with men and women scoring higher in neuroticism, depression, and anxiety for failing to forgive. A failure to forgive others is accompanied by personality and general health scores that reflect social introversion among men, and among women it shows that social pathology...uh, social dysfunction and psychoticism!

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: So women who are less likely to forgive makes them a little bit more psychotic, and men who are less likely to forgive are...makes them more introverted. Further, a failure to forgive others is accompanied by higher depression scores among men and women. The findings suggest that the concept of forgiveness can be related to an individual and social psychopathology. How 'bout that?

Dick: Well, there's the Jesus...uh, comparison.

Maddox: Great. Great. (irritated)

Dick: Temperance and forgiveness. Thank you Internet Jesus, for telling us -

Maddox: (interjects) Dick, I'm not saying I'm a temperate person! I'm just saying that temperance is a solution!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You understand that I can talk about things I am not?

Dick: I've...I'm bringing in Ronald Reagan!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I am not Ronald Reagan.

Maddox: Well... (amused)

Dick: I wish I was.

Maddox: Yeah! (chuckling) Well, yeah. Your desktop wallpaper is Ronald Reagan right now.

Dick: It is. It's always been.

Maddox: Humility, Dick! The accurate -

Dick: (interjects) Oho, my GOD.

Maddox: The accurate and not underestimated sense of one's own abilities and achievements. That's important, Dick, that second phrase I said: "not -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, 'cause it gets you off the hook.

Maddox: "Not underestimated." Yeah, it gets me off the hook, because I...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...I'm not underestimating my ability. The ability to acknowledge one's mistakes and gaps in knowledge is part of temperance. Openness to new ideas...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Empirical findings on humility are pretty sparse, so people look at the opposite. They look at people who are narcissistic, right? And people who are narcissistic tend to be more competitive, more dominant, more hostile, more angry, more aggressive, and feel more entitled and have low self-esteem and fail to express gratitude, and give or seek forgiveness less frequently!

Dick: Good.

Maddox: Oho, great.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Great.

Dick: 'Cause all you temperate nerds (Maddox laughs) are getting your milkshakes drunk. That's why you don't like it. Fuck temperance, fuck you.

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: You don't subscribe to any of that! I know you don't!

Maddox: Of course I do!

Dick: Ass-kicking and child-beating are part of your mo-...er, your credo!!

Maddox: (yells) That sculpts a child who's great! If you...if a child gets no ass beatings, he's gonna grow up to be a fuckup! He's gonna be a molester when he grows up. Guaranteed! Look it up! (background laughter) That's a FACT. Prudence! Prudence is another element of temperance. Being careful about one's choices, not taking undue risks, and not saying or doing things that you might later regret.

Dick: Be a pussy. All these can be summed up by "be a pussy." (Maddox sighs)

Maddox: Ahhh, what a fuckin' asshole. NO! Self-re-

Dick: (interjects) Don't take any risks.

Maddox: No, it's...they didn't say don't take ANY risks.

Dick: Don't take unnecessary risks. Only buy stocks that go up.

Maddox: It says don't take FOOLISH risks, Dick. (Dick guffaws)

Dick: Who's...?!

Maddox: A 50/50 bet on a gamble, like in your solution that you brought in, your, uh...your power pose solution? A 50% percent bet is not imprudent. Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The odds are just as likely in your favor as they are against.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: An imprudent bet would be to take a bet where the odds are vastly against you.

Dick: They're always against you!

Maddox: No they're not!

Dick: Yes, they are!!

Maddox: (yells) That study literally makes...that you cited...isn't against you!

Dick: No, but that's not a real-life s-...that's not a real-life situation. In re-...in life, in real life, the odds are always against you.

Maddox: That's not true.

Dick: (raises voice) Writing a book -- it's absolutely true. Writing a book; odds are against you. You're probably gonna fuck up. Starting a business; 80% of businesses fail. 90% of businesses fail. Every fuckin' single thing in life, the odds are against you. Marriage; it's over 50% end in divorce. So what do you do if you're temperate?? Don't take an-...be risk-averse? You're gonna end up in a van down by a river. You're gonna end up living with your parents your entire life 'cause you didn't take any fuckin' risks. (Maddox laughing) Take risks! Don't be temperate! Everything in society is encouraging you to do NOTHING! To not rock the boat and to not follow rules, and you should do the opposite at all times!!

Maddox: Wow, what a big old crybaby bitch. "Don't be temperate!" Dick, there is plenty of times in life where the risk that you take is proportional to the reward, or the reward is greater than the risk that you potentially take.

Dick: Acid is not as bad as they make it seem. (cracking up)

Maddox: Okay. (chuckling) Great.

Dick: That's all I'm saying.

Maddox: Well, that leads me to the last point here in temperance, Dick. Self-regulation is the capacity to override your natural desires, tendencies, or behaviors to pursue long-term goals at the expense of short-term happiness. Does that make sense, Dick? Determining the amount of food or alcohol you should consume. Right? Self-regulation. Determining not to flirt with a neighbor's wife or friend's girlfriend or giving in to carnal temptations, even though you may want to in the moment, because you know down the line that's gonna hurt you and it's gonna hurt THEM.

Dick: Yeah. (skeptical)

Maddox: People who have self-regulation have higher GPAs, report fewer pathological symptoms, they're less obsessive-compulsive, they're less depressed, they have less anxiety, less anger, less phobic anxiety, less paranoid ideation, and less psychoticism, as well as higher self-acceptance and higher self-esteem. The more cooperative and financially responsible you are, the more likely you are to self-regulate and less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol. Fuck you! There you go. Fuck...

Dick: No, no! Do it. (cynical)

Maddox: ...you.

Dick: It's a great solution.

Maddox: It is!

Dick: Because doing all those things will make you that much easier to be...to get taken advantage of by people who aren't doing that.

Maddox: Because the people who are taking advantage are so smart, right?

Dick: No, they're not smart, they're just vicious!

Maddox: That doesn't -

Dick: (interjects) They just take other people's things!

Maddox: You can be vicious but temperate too. You don't have to be...intemperance isn't necessarily being vicious, but you're more likely to be.

Dick: Well...alright! That's your solution?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I disagree with it.

Maddox: Temperance.

Dick: I think people get told that lesson way too much. I think people sit around trying to maximize their return on things so much that they end up doing nothing.

Maddox: Yeah. Dick, I'm not saying...here's the thing: you can't even think in any capacity in a temperate way, even when it comes to risk aversion! Your solution...your problem with this is that someone might take the extreme view of never taking a fucking risk, which is by definition intemperate, you fuck!! Listen to what I'm saying! (yelling) If people are temperate, then they will not be completely risk-averse, will they? They will look at the risk and calculate it, and then look at the benefit and say, "Okay, well, let's have a simple cost-versus-benefit analysis. Does the benefit outweigh the risks? Then we should take this risk, shouldn't we?" The way you think is entirely intemperate, Dick.

Dick: Too late, I already did it! (Maddox laughs) You missed your chance to do it, 'cause someone like me did it.

Maddox: Ahhh.

Dick: Way to go back to your lab and cook up a "how to live" formula. (sneering)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You wanna go?

Maddox: When...wh-... (cracks up) (both laugh) Yeah, lemme draw a card. When's the last time someone taught you a lesson in temperance, Dick?

Dick: What the hell does that mean?

Maddox: You said that this...because you said -

Dick: (interjects) What's that supposed to mean?!

Maddox: You s-... (cracks up)

Dick: You wanna fight ab-... (giggles)

Maddox: You said this is a message that's constantly being crammed down your throat. Where? Where...who's sending this message?

Dick: Um...gosh, I think all of society is sending this message. I think academia is sending this me-...like, the idea that you have to go to a 4-year university before you can even TRY to have a career, to me is...IS temperance. Like, it's the...it's an extreme version of what you're talking about.

Maddox: You think it's temperate to have to go to a 4-year degr-...? I would say the opposite. I would say that that's more extreme in terms of education. You get the basic education you need up through high school, and then specialized education in college.

Dick: Which is zero. Yeah.

Maddox: No, it's NOT zero.

Dick: Coming outta high school? I think you know absolutely dick coming outta high school.

Maddox: M'kay. Well, that's wrong.

Dick: I don't think reading...no, I don't think reading "The Stranger" and "Where the Red Fern Grows" teaches you anything about life.

Maddox: Well, that's cherry-picking, and also -

Dick: (interjects) What else in high school do they teach??

Maddox: They teach you math, they teach you trigonometry...

Dick: Math? (cynical)

Maddox: ...they teach you chemistry, they teach you biology!

Dick: Do you think a kid who graduates from...a normal kid who graduates from high school knows shit about math that they couldn't have, like...that they couldn't do on a calculator?

Maddox: No, because too many of these anti-intellectual fuckheads are sitting around...in fact, I just saw this tweet the other day, pissed me off.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The tweet said, "Yup, another day went by and I still haven't used algebra." This fuckin' asshole!

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Really, how many times in your day do you use haikus? How many times in your day do you use specific grammar rules that are so obscure that you had to learn on some test?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: How many times per day do you use biology or earthquakes or chemistry or social sciences? All these things that you learn in school make you a more well-rounded person and create neural pathways in your mind that help your mind think critically down the line! Yeah, we can't precisely say what it is, what combination of things you learn in school that help you do that.

Dick: But...

Maddox: But school, collectively, has that aggregate function.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It has that aggregate effect on you and makes you a better, more well-rounded person. That's why we have creationists, because they're homeschooled -

Dick: (interjects) They went to school too!

Maddox: Yeah, HOME! They got homeschooled. Their parents pull 'em outta school! They don't wanna teach 'em evolution!

Dick: (chuckles) Well, I think they had after-hours education.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: About...creationism.

Maddox: You don't...you think the majority of creationists just, uh...they're exposed to all the ideas, and they just choose creationism because it makes more sense to them?

Dick: No, 'cause it's what their parents told them to do.

Maddox: Hm. Do you think school is...people who get a traditional education are more likely or less likely to be creationists?

Dick: Who get a traditional...? Well, um...so that includes, what, people who were schooled in, like, a religious school?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I would say they are much more likely to be creationists.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Someone who went to, like, a religious...

Maddox: Right.

Dick: ...little...uh, elementary school. Yeah.

Maddox: Because when you're getting a religious education, that's intemperate. You are getting all your education from one source that has a theological motive...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...in their curriculum, whereas public education does not.

Dick: I don't really care about creationists though. There's not that many of them.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And they're stupid.

Maddox: Yeah, they are stupid, but there's enough of 'em to change the curriculum in Kansas.

Dick: Well, but that's...see, that's a...I think that's a separate issue. I think we've got a problem in this country of paying attention to extreme minority groups. Like, we can't just say "go fuck yourself."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: When they bring in...first of all, part of it is that they're hijacking school boards. Like, a group of 4 or 5 individuals should not be able to determine the, uh, the textbooks for the entire country. And because so many people pay attention to those textbooks in the South, the book people have to write them for them. They're not writing, like, a different textbook for every state. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause everybody buys 'em from the same place. They're like, "Welp, this is gonna be everybody's textbook 'cause we have to change it for them."

Maddox: Well, it's not 4 or 5 people on a committee somewhere in Kansas.

Dick: On a school board?! Yeah it is!

Maddox: No, but those people...those people represent their cons-...uh, constituents.

Dick: They represent some of their constituents, but it's still them making the decision.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's like the Supreme Court! They didn't get...they're just there; they're making the call however they see it.

Maddox: But Dick, the problem is once Kansas falls and then West Virginia falls, and then maybe Virginia's a whole fa-...these states, if they start falling in line with this broken, corrupt ideology of creationism -- be it creationism or anti-vaccinations, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a contagious idea. People start listening to other people and they start reading their materials and they're wrong. That's why it's a...I think it's so important. Well, we're gettin' off topic here.

Dick: Nonono, but you're wrong on one thing. It doesn't take a domi-...it doesn't take the dominoes to fall; it only takes ONE to fall. Because if one falls, all the textbooks have to get rewritten, 'cause everybody buys from the same place. Do you see the difference?

Maddox: Yeah, well...yeah, but the fact that the textbooks aren't...the textbooks, thankfully, are federally mandated. They're federally regulated.

Dick: See, you say "thankfully"; I say that's part of this problem.

Maddox: No, it's not a problem, because the federal curriculum is standard, and they're not going...it's much harder to change the federal curriculum than it is a state curriculum. A state curriculum can teach you ANY goofy nonsense and horseshit that you want.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Which is...again, this is a veiled attack on libertarianism, by the way. Which I know you pick up on. (smiling)

Dick: What you're doing?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I know you're picking up on it. Anyway Dick, my card says, "You accidentally deleted a podcast but you're able to recover it, saving the day! Don't do it again, Sean." (Sean smirks in the background) "Move up 2 spaces."

Dick: Alright. Uh, "You twist your ankle on the way home from a bar, but a nurse fixes it with a cold laser." (Maddox and Colin laugh) "Move up 2 spaces and draw again." Oh, yeeeah.

Maddox: Man, he put so much work into these.

Dick: "A deadly outbreak of measles strikes, but since you're not an anti-vaxxer dipshit you're safe. Move up 2 spaces." Alright, Sean...here you go.

Maddox: No, you...that was...wasn't that Se-...?

Sean: Yeah, that was -

Maddox: (interjects) Didn't you just read...?

Sean: He read 2 cards.

Maddox: That was Sean's, yeah. You just -

Dick: (interjects) No, I'm me. You're you, I'm me, and Sean is Sean.

Maddox: What about the cold laser thing?

Sean: Wait, did you read for him?

Dick: No!

Maddox: No, I read for me.

Dick: I read for...mine said "Draw Again" and then I drew again.

Sean: Oh! Oh, okay.

Maddox: Ohh, okay. That wasn't...

Dick: Have you guys ever played a board game before?

Maddox: No. (background laughter)

Dick: With all your critical thinking fuckin'... (Maddox laughs) ...temperance shit?

Sean: I didn't hear the -

Maddox: (interjects) Sorry Dick, too busy reading. (laughs more)

Dick: Yeah, you're too busy reading the works of Plato and Aristotle. (snooty pronunciation)

Maddox: Yeah. It bugs you so much! You hate it.

Sean: Okay. Maddox'll LOVE this: "The iPhone 6 outsells every other phone on the market. If you own an iPhone, move up 3 spaces." (Dick laughs loudly)

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering) Well, why don't you do some fact-sear-...you know what? Throw this fuckin' board game away. Burn it. Why don't you do some research? That's not true. The iPhone 6...

Dick: Alright. (muttering)

Maddox: The iPhone 6 model itself -- if you're just lookin' at phone models -- but Androids far outweigh every other phone on the market.

Sean: I think that was something Dick said.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: What?

Sean: That fact. Or that -

Maddox: (interjects) Oh, that was a quote from Dick?

Dick: Yeah.

Sean: I don't know...yeah, I think it was a quote.

Maddox: Oh, okay. Yeah. Oh yeah, that's right. That is what you said, yeah. That's funny. Anyway, Dick. **(closing riff starts)**

Dick: What are your solutions? (smiling)

Maddox: My solutions are Satellites and Temperance.

Dick: My solutions are Ronald Reagan and The Superhero Stance. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: What's the difference? (giggles)

Dick: Use 'em together.

Maddox: See you next month. (Dick laughs)

(heavy metal theme riff)

Dick: Who won this game? Me! I'm ahead!

Maddox: The game's on pause, man. (Dick cackles) No. I'm gonna win this game.

Dick: Do you wanna go one more round?

Maddox: One more round.

Dick: 'Cause see, I might go back.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Great. (sarcastic)

Dick: "Angelo's mom calls you gay and - "

Maddox: (interjects) Hey hey hey, it's my turn!

Dick: Oh, it's...okay. Here, that's yours then.

Maddox: Well, no, you already picked that. I'm gonna pick this one. Here we go: "Someone from the audience yells to you 'Zipper!' You look down and realize your fly is down. Move back 1 space." FUCK!

Dick: You got a drinking card.

Maddox: I got a drinking card, great. That's, uh, that was a reference to me in an improv show one time when I was doing a monologue onstage and someone from the audience yelled out the suggestion "zipper," and I didn't realize what they were talkin' about until a week afterwards.

Dick: Oh, god.

Maddox: Because the pants that I wore at the time were buttoned, and the buttons were really hard to put together so I never buttoned it. (reads from card) "Social! Everyone have a sip of beer."

Dick: I'm way ahead of you.

Maddox: And here's a quote from you, Dick. It says, "Maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I really am." (cracks up)

Dick: I was impers-...I was doing an impression of a guy when I said that. You -

Maddox: (interjects) **(Dick sound clip: "Maybe I think I'm a lot smarter than I am.")** (laughs)

Dick: "You put off Christmas shopping until it's too late. Move back a space because you had to go to the mall like a fuckin' idiot."

Maddox: Was that you or me?

Dick: Uhh, that was not a quote.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: But we did have Christmas presents.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: As a problem on the show.

Sean: Yeah, read mine.

Dick: Alright. "More girls become engineers to prove the neo-feminists wrong about sexism. Move up 2 spaces." Oh god, you know what THAT means, Maddox.

Maddox: Hate mail.

Dick: You are in dead last.

Maddox: No, on -

Dick: (interjects) In this game.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: You lose the game of The Biggest Problem.

Maddox: Well, here's the thing -

Dick: (interjects) Which is accurate, 'cause you are the lowest-ranking problem on the show. (Maddox sighs)

Maddox: Dick, here's the thing: we start...the "start" square on this board game is the bar, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And the end is the studio. So I'm closest to the bar...I think I win!

Dick: Well...

Maddox: Yeeeah! **(clapping sound effect) ('ding!' sound effect)** Cool. (laughs to himself)

Dick: Congratulations. (grins)

Sean: Wait, are we playing this game backwards?

Maddox: No, no. It says here, the start...uh, the bar is the start.

Sean: Oh.

Dick: We started at the start, I don't know!

Maddox: Yeah, it says here "start at the bar."

Sean: Alright.

Maddox: That's where we start, and we end at the studio. That's a huge fuckup, guys. We start at the studio and end at the bar.

Dick: That's true.

Maddox: Yeah. You need to reverse that on the next, uh, next version of this game.

Dick: Thanks, @CallTheCopsIDGAF. **[plays next voicemail message]**

Voicemail (male caller): This message is actually for Sean. Sean, you've ne-...you really don't like your, uh, your problem, and I hate to bring this up like a couple episodes later and I'm sure other people won't shut the fuck up about it, but really man, I have been li-...okay, this kinda goes to everybody. I've been listening to the podcast since, like, the first episode. It's been great, and honestly I have been heavily considering buying the bonus episodes.

Dick: Well... (shrugs)

Voicemail: And I think that you guys should add, like, an extra segment to bonus episodes and if you did, I would actually consider buying the bonus episodes, and I think Sean either bringing in a problem or a solution, even if it's like a...even if it is a shitty problem or a shitty solution, I would legit just go ahead and just buy one just because he...again, seems to be the voice of reason on the show. (Maddox groans) **Uh, added with your guys' energy and...and potential autism, then I'd totally consider buying that.** (Dick and Maddox laugh loudly)

[message ends]

Maddox: (buzzer sound effect) What an asshole. **('boo' sound effect)**

Dick: Sean, THAT'S how to poorly make a point. That's what a poorly-made point sounds like. Yours sounded great.

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: I hide my psychosis well.

Dick: Ohh.

Maddox: Well, not that well.

Dick: Well, well... (cracks up)

Maddox: (audience laugh sound effect) (laughs with Dick)

Solution: **Free Birth Control [00:10:06]**
Solution: **Refrigeration [00:19:23]**
Solution: **Legalized Prostitution [00:42:56]**
Solution: **Illustrated Condoms [01:02:25]**

The Biggest Solution in the Universe - Episode 10

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(heavy metal theme riff)

Maddox: Welcome to The Biggest Solution in the Universe, the show where we discuss every solution in the universe, from Beer to Lesbians.

Dick: Ahahahohoho, yeeeeah. (grins)

Maddox: With over 3.5 million downloads, this is the only show where you decide what should or shouldn't be on the big list of solutions. I'm Maddox, with me is Dick!

Dick: Hey!! What's up, buddy?

Maddox: And Sean, our audio engineer. Welcome back.

Dick: That's a great intro! That is...those are the solutions. Those should be on top. I would sacrifice even my own Nuclear Fuckin' Power solution to see Beer and Lesbians be on the top of the list.

Maddox: I'd sacrifice a CHILD to see those on the list. (Dick laughs)

Dick: You already got that on the list.

Maddox: Any child.

Dick: Abortion.

Maddox: Abor-... (cracks up) That's right! (Dick giggles) Abortion. That's an abortion of an intro. How 'bout that? (Sean laughs in the background) Um, Dick...

Dick: Who woooon?

Maddox: Nobody won, as usual. But... (drumroll sound effect)

Dick: Not...there's not even winners on THIS show?!

Maddox: NO!

Dick: Shit!!

Maddox: Satellites!

Dick: Oh, yeah.

Maddox: Satellites, from last -

Dick: (interjects) Big surprise. (chuckles)

Maddox: So the last bonus episode, the prob-...excuse me. The solutions we brought in were Satellites, The Superhero Pose...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...Temperance, which was also "moderation." Some people were confused. And then Ronald Reagan, your, uh, your mid-stream switch.

Dick: Yeah, 'cause you pulled shenanigans during that episode.

Maddox: Nooo, it wasn't shena-...

Dick: You told me to bring in GPS.

Maddox: Ohh... (growling)

Dick: Even though I said, "I'm not if you're bringing in satellites, 'cause I don't wanna talk about the same shit for a half hour."

Maddox: I wouldn't have brought in satellites if you didn't bring in GPS.

Dick: What do you mean?

Maddox: Well, I heard...you said...you told me you were bringing in GPS, and I thought, "Well, I'll bring in satellites."

Dick: Yeah! Why would you do that? (Maddox scoffs) 'Cause you're a shady fuck!

Maddox: To be a dick, I guess.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: I don't know. I...you know what, Dick? We're talking about solutions, and I think GPS is a fine solution.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It really is.

Dick: Uh-huh. Uh...

Maddox: Got totally trounced. Ronald Reagan got totally trounced.

Dick: I even got some hate mail on Ronald Reagan.

Maddox: Oh yeah?

Dick: Yeah. It was...

Maddox: Let's hear it.

Dick: Uh, Butt Sanchez sent me some hate mail for Ronald Reagan.

Maddox: Butt Sanchez?! He's I-... (Dick laughs) He's your...he's your -

Dick: (interjects) (laughs) I know!! He's my #1 fan!

Maddox: Yeah, he's your guy! You give him life advice. Bad life advice.

Dick: He sent me some hate mail.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He got real pissed off about Ronald Reagan. Uh, "You believe all drugs should be legal. You have a positive view on drugs, which is awesome, and I agree with you. And I can build a very strong case for why drugs have made me a better person." (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling) Oh, sure. I'm sure he can build a real solid, bulletproof case on how drugs have improved HIS life.

Dick: Uh, "If you ask me, Maddox could sure use an eighth of some..." uh, "...psilocybin mushrooms." That must...I've never...that must be the psychedelic kind.

Maddox: What is he, a fuckin' scientist all of a sudden?

Dick: (chuckles) You know, drug people are usually ve-...they have a lot of scientific knowledge about, like, that one part of science.

Maddox: Yeah. Uh-huh.

Dick: Um..."But then you go and suck Ronald Reagan's dick, literally the guy who spearheaded the war on drugs. Dick, you're full of shit." Oh, my goodness!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, you... (stammers) Ronald Reagan, which I think in another episode, Dick, you acknowledged that Ronald Reagan caused irreparable harm to this country with his war on drugs.

Dick: Oh, I don't...sure! People's lives are ruined because of the war on drugs. Absolutely.

Maddox: Yeah. Ronald Reagan.

Dick: I am glad that...I'm glad that, um...well, I will say on this show, I hope no politician is ever in the positives as a solution. You know what I mean?

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: Like, I love Ronald Reagan, but just because it's a conservative, like, fantasy.

Maddox: Yeah. (sneering)

Dick: Like, he represents a conservative...uh, politician that you can, like...that doesn't embarrass you with everything he says.

Maddox: Ooo.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Well, okay. He was a good speaker.

Dick: Right! Exactly.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that's all it comes down to, really, in politi-...it's not like, you don't...you're not waiting for him to fuck up. That's the...that's, like, the imaginary...you know, abstraction that Ronald Reagan is to conservatives, I think.

Maddox: Dick, I hope that a politician DOES make the list, and that politician is Teddy Roosevelt, which I'll bring in.

Dick: I thought you were gonna say Donald Trump.

Maddox: Don-... (laughs) Donald Trump. What a jackass.

Dick: Got another voicemail about Reagan.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean, before I play it, it was obvious that I brought in Ronald Reagan after the GPS, uh, fiasco. Right? That was obvious to you, at least.

Maddox: That...?

Dick: That I brought in Ronald Reagan because of the GPS/satellite shenanigans.

Maddox: No, you changed your an-...your solution to Ronald Reagan.

Dick: Right.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right, that was obvious to you. Right?

Maddox: Ye-...

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: Well, of course.

Dick: And to anybody... (chuckles)

Maddox: And I think the listeners. Anyone listening.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Okay, good. (plays first voicemail message)

Voicemail (male caller): Gentlemen, this is former president Ronald Reagan.

Dick: Oh, great. (Maddox laughs)

Voicemail: Well, uh...Dick, I wanted to thank you sincerely for fellating my genitals like a hungry calf desperate to receive sweet nourishment from its mother's teat. (Dick guffaws) Your zealous service to end the nation's problem of bad blowjobs is appreciated not just by me, but all of your fellow Americans.

Dick: This is what heaven sounds like.

Voicemail: Dick, I was overwhelmed with a feeling of great patriotism when you sucked my American load down your proud American throat.

Dick: Yup. Alright. (Maddox chuckles) Thank you, Ronald Reagan.

Voicemail: But, it is with much hesitation that I submit to the tradition established in this show, but I must join the ranks of presidents who have told Dick to go fuck himself.

Dick: Oookay. (Maddox laughs smugly) Terrific. Terrific.

Voicemail: Dick Masterson, go fuck yourself.

Dick: Good.

Maddox: Wow!

Voicemail: I'm Ronald Reagan... (Dick and Maddox laugh) ...and THIS is how I talk.

(message ends)

Dick: Good. (giggling)

Maddox: Man, I didn't know that was Ronald Reagan...

Dick: Classic Reagan, until the end.

Maddox: ...'til the end, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: 'Til the end.

Dick: No, I know.

Maddox: You know, Dick, so I've been doing a Twitch stream, and some people have joined the chat, and they say they're presidents in the Twitch stream.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And one of 'em was, uh, Martin Van Buren. And -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, #8!

Maddox: Yeah, #8.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: He said, "Hey, this is Martin Van Buren. This is how I type." (both laugh)

Dick: Great.

Maddox: Doubt it, since...I don't even think they had typewriters back then, did they?

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: That's why everyone's handwriting looked cool as shit back then, 'cause they had to learn calligraphy and all that fancy...what is it, cursive? I don't know.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: Is it cursive? Do they...? They don't teach cursive anymore in schools.

Dick: Well, I think it also has to do with, like, the pen. Like a fountain pen?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You can't write quickly with a fountain pen, or else it's like nails on a chalkboard. Like, it just fucks up when you write with it.

Maddox: Oh yeah, it just scratches...it rips right through the paper.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah. It's like a t-...it's like tryin' to write with a tattoo gun. (Dick chuckles) I know, I have a lot of experience with that. I got a comment from Sarah Hoffman. She says, "In those comic strips..." So I posted comic strips last time.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Your "Dick in a Box" comic strips. (grins)

Dick: Where the punchline was basically "Really?" Like, I don't know if you adm-...if you know that, but it was me sayin' something...it was the setup and then me saying something, and the punchline, the third frame, was a guy goin'...givin' me a weird look.

Maddox: The guy...the look on the judge's face was like, "You're an idiot."

Dick: "Really?"

Maddox: No!

Dick: It was like, "Really?" (cynical)

Maddox: That's...you're...that's the...see...

Dick: It was basically "Really?" (laughs)

Maddox: That's your mind writing the punchline to that, and that's where YOUR mind went, buddy.

Dick: Yeah, don't make me write the punchline!

Maddox: Yeah? (sneering)

Dick: Isn't that what you said??

Maddox: Yeah. You know what? The punchline is obvious to everyone else, Dick. You're just projecting your "Really?" joke there. Anyway! So I wrote these, uh, I made these "Dick in the Box"...uh, "Dick in a Box" comics.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And Sarah Hoffman says, "In those comic strips, it looks like Dick's left hand got cut off with a lightsaber." And then Andrew John Nguyen Opalewski says, "Actually, it was a boxcutter." I thought that was pretty funny. (Dick scoffs and laughs)

Dick: Oh, Jesus Christ.

Maddox: Very appropriate, yeah. Boxcutter.

Dick: "Really?"

Maddox: Hm? (giggles)

Dick: Do you have more?

Maddox: Yeah, I got a comment from Matt Tamasi. He says, "Reagan, the president who started trickle-down economics..." (Dick laughs)

Dick: Yeah! Yeah.

Maddox: "...the drug war, lowered taxes but inevitably had to raise them."

Dick: Yeah, well, you know?

Maddox: "Nice solution Dick, retard." (Dick laughs) He says, "You're just like every other dipshit who supports Reagan, impressionist idiots wooed by conservatives who prop him up as a god."

Dick: Oh my goodness. We should be so lucky. (both laugh)

Maddox: Reagan. And not to even mention the Contra Affair!

Dick: Eh, who cares?

Maddox: Oh my gosh.

Dick: Who cares?

Maddox: You know what? I care, because "Contra" is one of my favorite games, and for a brief time in the '80s, it was overshadowed by the Contra scandal.

Dick: Yeah, if it was...if "Contra" was out today, like, you know how they're kicking the, um...the Confederate flag? All Confederate flag games are now, like, banned from iTunes and video games?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Contra" would be gone. They'd have to rename it.

Maddox: Mm.

Dick: To, like, "Machine Gun Guys."

Maddox: "Machi-..."

Dick: "Machine Gun Brothers."

Maddox: Still...still probably just as fun.

Dick: I got one more email. This one's pretty cool. From, uh...Upton Wraung. (pronounced "rang")

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Accolades are in order," he says. "I'm keeping this short, as I hope Dick will read this, lest it be disregarded by Maddox." Uh, tip #1 when trying to make your emails short: don't tell me you're makin' it short. Just make it short. "The following attachment will be published in the prestigious JOV, Volume XX in the third quarter of 2015. I'm happy to announce it is direct proof of Maddox's logical infidelities as a direct result from Bonus Episode 9."

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's a...this is a real...you wanna see it?

Maddox: What is this?

Dick: This is a real paper. This is a scientific paper. It's formatted and typed like a real scientific paper. I don't know if that means that it is. I assume that it is.

Maddox: Okay, it says "Set Theoretic Constructions: Supersets and Degenerate Metrics for Solutions in..." Is that μ...? Subscript "s".

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay. Is he tryin' to say "U.S."? I don't know what...

Dick: All space, I think he's saying.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: So here's his...it's a full-on 3-page academic paper, and in it he covers...here's his main points: "Dick claims 'GPS' is a solution." "Maddox claims 'Satellites' is a better solution since it is a superset."

Maddox: Bigger.

Dick: Okay. "Dick claims 'things that fly in space' is a better solution since it is a superset." Uh, "Maddox claims that 'Physical Things' is a better solution since it is a super-..." It's very math-y.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, I don't know...I don't understand it.

Maddox: Wait, is this for real?? Is this a -

Dick: (interjects) This is a real paper!

Maddox: Is this guy not fuckin' around? Like, what...has this been published?

Dick: That's what he says. It's...

Maddox: You said "JOV." Hold on.

Dick: The JOV publishing... (smiles)

Maddox: The JOV? That sounds like one of those pay-for-print...pay-for-publication services, which...a lot of really shady, fly-by-night "scientists" publish their papers in it. It's not peer reviewed. This paper's not peer reviewed! This paper wouldn't stand up to muster!

Dick: It's...it's the Journal of Verisimilitude.

Maddox: Verisimilitude?

Dick: That sounds true. Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that sounds made up. (buzzer sound effect) Garbage. Garbage journal, garbage fans.

Dick: Well, I'm gonna put it on the site so you can read, uh, Dr. Upton Wraung's Ph.D. He's a Ph.D.

Maddox: Dr. Upton Wraung?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: You know what that spells? "U Rang." (Dick chuckles) Yeah. DUMB.

Dick: Well, I don't know. Jury's still out on that one.

Maddox: Yeah. (annoyed)

Dick: You got a solution? You wanna go first?

Maddox: Yeah! I do have a solution, Dick.

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: I have possibly the biggest solution in the universe.

Dick: Editing.

Maddox: Free birth control, baby!

Dick: Oh, yeah! (giggling)

Maddox: Yeeeah! Free...free birth control!

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: That's a real solution.

Dick: Alright, yeah. (smiles) It is.

Maddox: This is from the New York Times, Dick. They asked the...they posited the following question. "If teenagers and poor women were offered free intrauterine devices and implants that prevent pregnancy for years, state officials asked, would those women choose them? They did in a big way," according to the New York Times, "...and the results were startling. The birthrate among teenagers across the state plunged by 40% from 2009 to 2013, while their rate of abortions fell by 42%..."

Dick: Damn.

Maddox: "...according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. There was a similar decline in births for another group particularly vulnerable to unplanned pregnancies: unmarried women under the age 25 who have not finished high school."

Dick: So less teen pregnancies?

Maddox: Less teen pregnancies, and less abortions. So people who are abortion...anti-abortion, right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: They should start supporting free birth control! Because that reduces -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I don't know why it's not free.

Maddox: Birth control?

Dick: It seems crazy that that's not free. Like, that's the last thing we want, is more people.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Right?

Maddox: No, we want more GOOD people.

Dick: Ehh, y-... (scoffs)

Maddox: We want more responsible parents who are able to do a good job raising their kids. You know what, Dick?

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, but you can't look at all that. Like, you can't analyze it and decide it. You don't have that ability. Nobody has that ability, so let's just say "less people." Like, if you don't want a baby... (stammers) Here. We'll let you not have one.

Maddox: Yeah, well...

Sean: But the dumb ones always want the babies.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Apparently not, though!!

Sean: "Oh, it'll bring us...it'll bring us closer together!"

Dick: But look at this study! It's sayin' that these chicks are lining up to get free birth control.

Maddox: Well, it's not that they're necessarily dumb. They've not finished high school. Maybe uneducated. Uneducated and dumb are two different things.

Dick: Eh... (skeptical)

Maddox: And also, poor people -

Dick: (interjects) They're usually the same. Come on. (Maddox and Sean chuckle)

Maddox: No, they're saying...so, this...the article goes on. It says, "The changes were particularly pronounced in the poorest areas of the state, like Walsenburg, a small city in southern Colorado..."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "...where jobs are scarce and many young women have unplanned pregnancies. Taking advantage of the free program, Hope Martinez, a 20-year-old nursing home receptionist here, recently had a small rod implanted under the skin of her upper arm to prevent pregnancy for three years."

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: So Dick, you had a problem with condoms a long time ago.

Dick: Well, I...

Maddox: You brought it in.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everyone has a problem with condoms.

Maddox: That's...no. That's not true.

Dick: They're awful.

Maddox: I would rather use a condom than risk, uh, risk pregnancy. If I really thought...

Dick: Whatever.

Maddox: You know, if I really thought there was a chance...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...that, uh, the girl might ride me buck wild and not let me pull out, which can happen! (Dick guffaws)

Dick: What are you, thunder thighs?

Maddox: If I -

Dick: (interjects) Is it you're bangin' Thunder Thighs over here?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You're bangin' Lucy Lawless?

Maddox: Haven't you seen that James Bond villain? The, uh, the -

Dick: (interjects) Famke Janssen? Yeah. What was her name?

Maddox: Yeah, that's the one, yeah!

Dick: Yeah, she was hot.

Sean: She could rip your dick off if you're not careful. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: That's right, Sean! (Sean laughs) She could rip your dick off! You watch it, buddy. Get your dick ripped off in some woman's snatch!! And she could crush you with her power legs, with her thunder thighs. Yeah, man.

Dick: How do you keep it up with all these thoughts goin' around in your mind? (everyone laughs) Getting your dick ripped off in James Bond??

Maddox: Man, I'd get the biggest boner permanently. Having my dick ripped off in... (cracks up) In some thunder thigh woman. I'd be like, "Oh man, that's so hot!" Alright. Yeah, man. Um...but uh, no. But condoms aren't necessarily the free birth control they're offering here. It's intrauterine devices.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So that's...so that's a -

Dick: (interjects) So you can't fuck it up.

Maddox: No. And it's also good for 3 years. Um, the...you know, if I had to play devil's advocate here, I would say that the only downside I see to this is potentially more people having unprotected sex, which could spur a rise of STDs. However, that's a much lower healthcare cost than a child raised without both parents, or a child raised in a poor environment, because the mother would have to go...like, if a single mom had to raise her child, she -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, it's fucked.

Maddox: She may have to work...some single moms have to work two part-time jobs, or a full-time job AND a part-time job just to make ends meet, and they're not able to stay home

and supervise their children. Their children get into all sorts of stuff. In fact, Dick, here are the problems that this solves, that free birth control solves. It reduces abortions, as we mentioned, right?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: That's a huge...that's a...that should be a huge plus! Christian...the Christian right should be pounding down the doors...they should be petitioning D.C., Congress, to make this a federal mandate, I think!

Dick: You know...yeah, priests! If they would just say, "Hey, everybody calm down with birth control. It's good. Go do it."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "God invented it; use it."

Maddox: Yeah, you know, the Catholic Church gets a lot of flak because the official stance of the Catholic Church is that...they're opposed to condoms, because it's some form of birth control, right?

Dick: Ah, that's...SO weird.

Maddox: Yeah, but the...you know, the Catholic Church is also opposed to murder and stealing and adultery, and all these other things that people still do. And they're saying that Africa is really suffering because of the Catholic Church, because of their stance on abor-...on birth control, but here's the thing. People fuck all the time anyway, regardless of what the Church says. People still kill...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...people still drink, people still steal; they do all these things despite what the Church says. I mean, their guidelines are only going to influence people so far. I agree, they should definitely change their guidelines, but come on. You can only impugn them so much for that, because people are gonna still fuck anyway. Ch-...look at, uh, look at Africa. You know, mostly...I think they're mostly Christian, and they're still fuckin' like crazy!

Dick: I have no idea.

Maddox: It reduces STD rates. Right? That, uh, the free birth control?

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Well, if it's condoms, I guess. It reduces prison populations -

Dick: (interjects) It's not, though. It's IU-...it's...

Maddox: Intra-...

Dick: IUD...

Maddox: Intrauterine, yeah.

Dick: Intrauterine devices, yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, yeah.

Dick: IUDs.

Maddox: But, uh, I mean...I'm just saying in general, if they made condoms also more readily available, that could reduce STD rates. It reduces prison populations. Right? Because kids from single-mother families are 20% more likely to end up in prison. This is from VillageVoice.com.

Dick: That's it? Hm.

Maddox: 20%, yeah. You have a 1-in-5 chance of goin' to prison if you're fr-...if you come from a single-parent household.

Dick: Wait a minute. 20% of prisoners come from a single parent, or you're 20% more LIKELY to go to prison? There's a big difference.

Maddox: This study says 20% more likely.

Dick: Okay. Yeah. (shrugs)

Maddox: Yeah. To, uh, to end up in prison, coming from a single-mother family. That's from VillageVoice.com. It also reduces runaway populations, as kids...you're 32% more likely to run away from home if you come from a single-mother household. You're 14% less likely to commit rape, according to these statistics. I don't know how they figure that one out. You're 10% less like-...I guess they look at, uh, rape...people who have been convicted of rape.

Dick: Yeah, sure.

Maddox: And then find out whether or not they grew up in single households or a double-parent households. You're 14%...excuse me, you're 10% less likely to abuse chemical substances.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: That's pretty big. You're 10% less likely to commit suicide, and you're 9% less likely to drop out of high school. So the suicide one specifically...you know, a lot of people who are gun control advocates say, "Well, there's 33,000 deaths by guns every year."

Dick: Half of them are suicides.

Maddox: More than that. Two thirds.

Dick: Two thirds??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Jesus Christ.

Maddox: So you could reduce that rate by 10% with free birth control, potentially.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Because these kids who are growing in single-household families?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: If they weren't BORN, uh, that would reduce a suicide. By 10%.

Dick: Seems like it'd be pretty cheap, too.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: To just pay for these dumb IUDs, or whatever it is.

Maddox: Yeah, it...the net effect here is, I think, wholly positive for society.

Dick: Colorado! They got all the good initiatives.

Maddox: Trailblazers! (smiles)

Dick: They're trailblazing the...21st century.

Maddox: They're blazing like crazy in Color-... (cracks up) ...in Colorado.

Dick: So can we do the...can we do, instead of "Free Birth Control," can we do "Pay Birth Control"? Like, "Ah, you know what? We'll give ya...I'll give you a thousand bucks if you put one of these IUDs in." Right?

Sean: It's like the premium package. Oh no, but in reverse!

Dick: Yeah, the premium IUD. (laughs)

Maddox: Oh Dick, you're saying -

Sean: (interjects) They pay you?

Dick: Yeah!! We pay YOU to put the IUD in.

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) Correct!

Dick: Right?!

Maddox: That's a good solution!

Dick: More birth control!

Sean: I like this.

Dick: WAY more.

Maddox: Yeeeees.

Sean: Incentivize 'em.

Dick: And we call it...

Sean: Not to make that mistake.

Dick: ...eugenics! (Maddox laughs) Right? Are you guys still on board with this? (cracks up)

Sean: Okay, Charles Lindbergh.

Maddox: Ahhh, I like it.

Dick: Charles Lindbergh?

Maddox: I'm still on board with it.

Sean: Charles Lindbergh was a huge, uh, eugenics...

Dick: Oh, really?

Sean: ...proponent. Yeah.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: What w-...was he a German guy? What was his...

Dick: Lindbergh was the...he was, like...

Sean: The first person to fly transatlantic.

Dick: ...an American flying hero. Yeah.

Sean: "Spirit of St. Louis"?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I don't know. What was it... (stammers) What'd he do?

Dick: He was a hero of aviation. He flew across the Atlantic, and then his baby was murdered. It was a...

Sean: Mhm! (from background)

Dick: ...big story in, like, the '30s.

Sean: The Lindbergh baby.

Dick: I don't know.

Maddox: What w-...what was his baby wearing? What was his, uh...what happened?

Dick: You know, like, a little...he was askin' for it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: He was wearin' a s-... (cracks up)

Maddox: That's what I'm gettin' at.

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I know.

Sean: Little sailor outfit.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Well, look, man. If the baby...if his baby got murdered, maybe he shouldn't have been in a bar startin' trouble.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Pretty good solution!

Maddox: Oh, thanks, man!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You done?

Maddox: No, yeah. I...

Dick: You got more stats?

Maddox: Yeah, that's, uh...that's about all I have. But I agree, that's a good idea, to start paying people. You know what?

Dick: (interjects) Oh yeah!

Maddox: It's an inc-...it's an extra incentive. Why not? We pay people for eggs! Egg donors.

Dick: Yeah, a lot.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's like $20,000 for your eggs.

Dick: Yeah, that's what I hear.

Maddox: I got some eggs for ya. (both giggle)

Dick: You should go in. Put a wig on.

Maddox: "Heyyy!" (high-pitched)

Dick: And sell your eggs.

Maddox: "Hiiii! Check out my pussy!" (laughs to himself)

Dick: Oh, goodness.

Sean: It's too early for you to get this goofy. (Dick and Maddox laugh)

Maddox: Alright, that's my solution. What do you got?

Dick: It's pretty good. Uh, refrigeration.

Maddox: Refrigeration!

Dick: Yeah. You know it's coming up upon, uh, Burning Man time.

Maddox: Oh, yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: Again.

Maddox: Yep! Yep.

Dick: As it does every year.

Maddox: Burning Man's coming up in, what, 2 weeks now, right?

Dick: Uhhh, eh, it's...3. 3 or 4 weeks.

Maddox: 3 or 4 weeks. End of the month.

Dick: So I'm tryin' to cram in all the things I was...I thought I'd be doing all year. Since last year.

Maddox: All the solutions?

Dick: When I get home...I get home and I'm like, "You know what would be really great, is if I built, like, an Einstein refrigerator that I could take out there to make ice like Doc Brown in Back to the Future III?"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? "I'm gonna totally do this. I'm gonna start drawing up the plans..."

Maddox: M'kay. (grins)

Dick: "This is in September."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "And, uhh..."

Maddox: September of last year?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Uh-huh.

Dick: 2014.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And then, um...then July, mid-July rolls around and I'm like, "Oh shit!"

Maddox: Ahh. (smiling)

Dick: "Totally forgot about this."

Maddox: Yep. So -

Dick: (interjects) 'Cause you miss refrigeration when you're out there. You have nothing.

Maddox: So explain to people who aren't familiar with Burning Man -- which is no one, 'cause everyone who's listened to this show knows... (cracks up)

Dick: Aw, you just... (Maddox giggles) You go out in the desert and you...you hang out in the desert, and you have to bring all your own shit with you. There's nothing. There's no...there's no civilization out there.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: It's just a f-...alkali flats, or whatever.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: It's a...it's an ancient bed. Ancient lake bed.

Maddox: So what are the kind -

Dick: (interjects) There's nothing.

Maddox: What are the kinds of foods or drinks that you'd be bringing with you that refrigeration...as opposed to -

Dick: (interjects) Oh, it's a fuckin' nightmare, man!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ALL of them. Like, you gotta make all your stuff in advance...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...and put it in a cooler and basically cross your fingers. Put a buncha dry ice in there, and as the week goes on, you go from, uh...you know, modern times, the 20th century; you go slowly backwards in time with what you're eating until by the very end, you're just shoveling handfuls of beef jerky and tuna fish out of a can into your mouth.

Maddox: Ohh, man. That...

Dick: It sucks! And that's what refrigeration has fixed.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: For all of us.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's a b-...it's a big deal.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: I'll tell you HOW big of a solution it is. Way better than free birth control.

Maddox: Oh, really?? (cocky)

Dick: Alright? Who cares?

Maddox: What -

Dick: (interjects) About free birth control?

Maddox: (stammers) A lot of people care about free birth control!

Dick: So we all know that refrigeration used to be cutting blocks out of the ice, right? Like in Frozen.

Maddox: Is that...? What are you s-...? I don't know. Is that what it used to be?

Dick: The movie Frozen.

Maddox: Yeah, I've never seen Frozen!!

Dick: Yeah, yeah, yeah. You would cut out...eh, you should see it. So you can join the conversation that we're having about it.

Maddox: Oho, boy. (muttering)

Dick: You cut ice...they cut ice out of a lake bed. They fill up, you know, big shovels of snow and then take it back home. They bury it in clay pots or in ceramic pots or whatever.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And that would be your fridge.

Maddox: M'kay.

Dick: That would be your fridge. And you would spend...just imagine...imagine what a pain in the ass it is to go shopping. Alright?

Maddox: DONE. I'm thinkin' of it right now. Huge pain in the ass.

Dick: I m-... (stammers) How much does it take? How much time does it take? Couple hou-...

Maddox: (interjects) 20 minutes.

Dick: 20 minutes to go shopping for a week's worth of f-...? Imagine you're cooking for a whole family.

Maddox: 40 minutes.

Dick: 40 minutes?! Alright.

Maddox: I'm in and out, man! And I make no list! And I am ti-...I think people who make lists are WEAK. I think they're wea-...they're lesser minds. You can't remember a few things? What d-...you can't remember a list of 10 things that you need?? These are things that you NEED, idiot. These are...you're...what are you, going shopping recreationally? Why do you need to write down...make a grocery list of things that you need? Just fuckin' remember it!

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: Anyway.

Dick: Well...

Maddox: 40 minutes. DONE.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: But you... (laughs)

Dick: (guffaws) So...

Maddox: Okay, so you're sayin' 4-...yeah.

Dick: Imagine a world where you can't save any of that. You got no fridge!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What are you gonna do with it? Set a...set it out in the open?

Maddox: Hmm.

Dick: Pickle it? Brine it? Jar it? You're eating the same pickled shit every day? It's disgusting.

Maddox: That's what people used to do!

Dick: Yeah, it was ho-...it was awful!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Til refrigeration came along. Mid-1750s is when refrigeration started.

Maddox: Really? That long ago?

Dick: Well, that's when it, like, started as a thing.

Maddox: The concept.

Dick: As, like, a science.

Maddox: Okay.

Dick: Like, "Hey, we can...look at this. We can take a compr-...a system of compressed air..."

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "...and heat this side, and it sucks cold...it sucks heat out of the other side." Right?

Maddox: There's an...yeah. There's an engine based on that, right? There's an engine that uses that same principle.

Dick: Oh, is it a Stirling engine?

Maddox: Stirling engine, yeah!

Dick: Yeah. Probably that.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't know. 1834, the first vapor compression refr-...uh, fridge. Ice machine in 1854.

Maddox: 18-...?!

Dick: I'm sorry, that was 1834. 1854, we got ice machines.

Maddox: They had ice in 1854??

Dick: Yeah, when was Back to the Future III? 1885, wasn't it?

Maddox: Think so, yeah.

Dick: So they woulda had...that was the ice machine that they had then. That giant contraption that shoots out, like, a little bit of ice.

Maddox: I don't remember that.

Dick: 'Cause it's very ha-...well, that's...that's why I'm bringing in refrigeration, 'cause it's so fucking hard to build a machine that works reliably to make things cold!

Maddox: Mm.

Dick: Like, it...it's a tremendous effort. To, like...I believe...I think I could get a satellite up in space...

Maddox: Oh, yeah? (laughs)

Dick: ...more easily than I could make an ice-making machine for Burning Man.

Maddox: He's canvassing. There it is.

Dick: You know what I'm saying??

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: What's canvassing? What do you mean?

Maddox: Well, you're, uh, you're pote-...'cause you're makin' a case that -

Dick: Oh, no, no, I don't care about the...the contest or whatever.

Maddox: Okay, yeah.

Dick: I'm just saying, it's an incredible amount of work! Like, in your mind, you can imagine how a satellite works. Like, you take...I don't know, solid oxygen, throw it in a rocket, do...do some, uhh... (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Do some rocket sci-...

Dick: Light it on fire... (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Do some rocket science.

Dick: I could get there eventually. (everyone laughs)

Maddox: WAY easier!

Dick: Refrigeration science, though, how does that work?!

Maddox: What? (laughs)

Dick: You got ammonia and freo-...poisonous gases leaking all over the place, and it's gotta work all the time!!

Maddox: Hey, that's why it's an expression. "I'm not a refrigeration scientist." (giggles)

Dick: It should be. It should be that as the expression.

Maddox: It's n-... (scoffs)

Dick: Rocket science, piece o' ca-...you just go up.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Go away from where you are. You'll eventually get to space.

Maddox: Yeah. It's not that hard. It's no refrigeration science. It's not like tryin' to make something cool. (both laugh)

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, you know what though, Dick? That...I will give it to you; refrigerators do make things cool.

Dick: (scoffs) Great. (Maddox giggles to himself) Thank you. So before 1830, people's diets were bread and salted meat. (incredulous) Like, that's what they ate.

Maddox: Sounds kinda good. (laughs)

Dick: Once or twice! But all day? All week, every week??

Maddox: Bread and salted meat? What...that's like a beef jerky sandwich!

Dick: Yeah, every day.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Is your...this is your dream world, then.

Maddox: Sounds like heaven!

Dick: Before refrigerators.

Maddox: Yeah, man! (Dick guffaws)

Dick: That's dis-...

Maddox: Take me back to that time, baby.

Dick: Yeah. (laughing)

Maddox: What kinda...and what kinda bread? I bet it was, like, that real bread, too. The yeast-leavened shit? Yeah.

Dick: It says it was all French bread. (Maddox and Sean laugh)

Maddox: Get the fuck outta here!! It was NOT French bread.

Dick: Uh, the first couple of industries...I did like this. The first couple of industries that started using refrigeration was, uh, beer brewing, so they could brew consistent beer. Germans came in with their great beer, but they needed to use refrigeration so they could brew a consistent product all year round.

Maddox: Huh.

Dick: That's pretty good, right?

Maddox: Ahh.

Dick: Meat packing, too. Meat packers used, uh...refrigeration.

Maddox: Yeah, that makes sense. Okay. 'Cause without refrigerating your beef...here's the thing. Vegetarians and environmentalists should be kissing the dick of the family members who descended from the refrigerator inventors. 'Kay? Follow that line of reasoning there. Because -

Dick: (interjects) Okay. Oh, 'cause you kill less meat?

Maddox: You kill less meat! You kill less animals, because it rots less.

Dick: Huh. Yeah.

Maddox: It rots l-...it lasts longer. You can freeze it! That shit lasts for, what...

Dick: A year.

Maddox: Mon-...a year??

Dick: Well...

Maddox: That's it?!

Dick: Yeah. Frozen meat?

Maddox: Frozen meat?

Dick: Well, then it starts to get...eh, shitty. Then I...then you throw it away.

Maddox: You just shave it off, man!

Dick: Yeah, you could just shave it off.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: You're right, it's still good.

Maddox: It's still good.

Dick: It's not gonna kill you.

Maddox: So with...I wonder the impact on livestock and agriculture that refrigeration has had.

Dick: That's a good question. I didn't find that. I did find...here's some stats for you. Um...

Maddox: (Dick sound clip: "I got a stats for you.")

Dick: 1921...in 1921, there was 5,000 refrigerators manufactured. 1931, 10 years later, there's a million. And in 1950, it's in 90% of homes.

Maddox: Wait, how many years is that in between?

Dick: Uh, 10 years in between the f-...the million jump, and about 20 before the 90%. 20 years, 90%; that's a biiig solution!

Maddox: That is a big solution.

Dick: 90% of homes have it?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's a big-ass solution. How many homes have...satellites? (Maddox spits out laughing)

Maddox: (stammers) A LOT of homes have dishes! Satellite dishe-...

Dick: I don't know! Probably a lot! Probably a lot.

Maddox: No, they have a lot of DISHES, buddy. (Dick laughs) They...they probably have a lot. You know what?

Dick: (interjects) Dish and dish network sucks.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's satellite...there you go.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's satellite TV.

Maddox: Yeah. N-...you know what, though? I think that, uh, that a lot of modern refrigerators rely on satellites. I don't have the stat...

Dick: Really?

Maddox: N-...no. (giggles) I'm just bullshitting. Look, man.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Refrigeration is a big solution, and that is a big market penetration. And it is something that we can't do without.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: But you know what a refrigerator is? It's basically a box. (both laugh loudly) Haaaaa, yeah! Yeah. (applause sound effect)

Sean: Do we have to debate what a box is again on this show?

Maddox: No, 'cause we...

Dick: No, it's a box.

Maddox: It's settled! It's a b-... (cracks up)

Dick: I'll give him...I'll give him that one.

Sean: M'kay.

Dick: It's def-...it's an icebox.

Maddox: It's an icebox! And you know...you know what -

Dick: (interjects) It's definitely a box. You can't have a refrigerator without a box.

Maddox: No!

Dick: Right. (laughing)

Maddox: IT'S A BOX. Go vote up Boxes, people! (Dick giggles) That's what Dick's tryin' to say this episode, is that it's a BOX. And you know what's another kind of box? A vagina. Pussies are also boxes. That's true! That's a fact. Look it up. I -

Dick: (interjects) What does that have to do with this?

Maddox: I was just thinkin' about how great boxes are. (shouting)

Dick: Oh.

Maddox: I could talk about boxes all day! And then people in the comments...I'm goin' back to boxes. People in the comments are sayin', "Well, uh, boxes have to be square." No, they don't! There's round boxes, there's hexagonal boxes, triangle boxes you can put posters in, and refrigerators! Another type of box. Go vote up Boxes, people.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: If you think refrigeration is a solution, you better...you bet your ASS that boxes are solutions.

Dick: Yeah, alright. (Maddox cracks up)

Maddox: Except Dropboxes!

Dick: Yeah, but it -

Maddox: (interjects) Fuck those!! (giggles loudly)

Dick: Yeah, but you can get boxed in, also. You don't wanna get boxed in.

Maddox: No, you don't!!

Dick: No.

Maddox: Some boxes are problems. Like Dropboxes are problems, being boxed in is a problem...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You don't wanna be in a militarized zone, either. A militarized box? Right? If you're boxed in by tanks?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Like, say...what are those, howzers? What...no. What are the German -

Dick: (interjects) Howitzers? The giant guns?

Maddox: No, the ones with the guns.

Sean: Panzers.

Dick: Panzers?

Maddox: Panzers!

Sean: Panzers.

Maddox: You don't wanna be boxed in by Panzers. Then you're fucked.

Dick: That's a real...specific reference.

Maddox: Well, it's a real specific box! (laughs to himself)

Dick: Transporting food? That was made possible by refrigeration.

Maddox: Ohhh.

Dick: So imagine...all these wonder-...you like a variety of foods.

Maddox: I do.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's thanks to refrigeration. All your weird fruits that you eat?

Maddox: I do eat a lot of weird fruit. (Dick laughs) Y-...here's the thing though, Dick. 'Kay? You just brought up something that I just realized.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: I brought in, in...a couple of episodes ago on the I-...on the Problems show, I brought in Partially Hydrogenated Oils. And those were invented specifically to avoid the cost of transportation with refrigeration.

Dick: Oh yeah?

Maddox: Yeah! Because they didn't have to refrigerate that stuff, that oil that they were transporting? And the butters, and the Criscos, and...and margarines, and all these, like, weird...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...butters and things.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And it has contributed to a 20% increase in coronary heart disease. Therefore, refrigeration is a killer!

Dick: No, no, no.

Maddox: Vote it down. (laughs)

Dick: Refrigeration was a good solution, and they tried to make it better and they fucked up. 'Cause refrigeration is as perfect as it gets. You can't...you can't make it any better by getting hydrogenated oils in there, or whatever.

Maddox: Well, Dick, here's what I don't understand. Did they use refrigerators on space shuttles?

Dick: Uhh...yeah! (Maddox snorts and laughs) Sure.

Maddox: Get out...no they don't!! That's why they make -

Dick: (interjects) They gotta freeze all that oxygen, don't they?? How do you think they get oxygen to be a liquid?

Maddox: It's compressed!

Dick: No, they freeze it.

Maddox: Yes! No, that's... (chuckles) They do that by...through compression!

Dick: Ah, dammit.

Sean: They put it in a box.

Dick: Yeah. They put it in a big box. (smiles)

Maddox: Yeah, it's in another box! That's what space shuttles are, essentially. They're big boxes.

Dick: Alright. So what's your point?

Maddox: Vote up Boxes. (laughs with Sean) Hey, here's the thing, Dick.

Dick: (interjects) Food is cheaper. What?

Maddox: You know what? You don't need refrigeration in space, which is where we're headed. This earth is doomed. It's fucked! The sun's gonna blow up and envelop the entire earth.

Dick: In like 6 billion years!

Maddox: No, it...

Dick: Why do you care about that?

Maddox: In like 4 billions years. (Dick giggles) And it's gonna be uninhabitable long before that! About 1 billion years, and in fact, NASA estimates 50,000 years!! So here's the thing. We're goin' up to space.

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, then they hold their hands out.

Maddox: No.

Dick: Uh-huh. (Maddox giggles) "Yeah, 50,000 years! Let's have some more funding."

Maddox: Yeah, I'm readily...I'm ready to give it to NASA, 'cause they kick ass. They got us a fuckin', uh...a probe to...on Pluto! That's amazing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Another satellite, by the way. And here's the thing, Dick. Once we get into space, which is where we're headed, we no longer need refrigerators, don't we? We can just cart our food around trailing behind the space shuttle, because it's cold in space. You just leave your food outside.

Dick: At zero?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: At absolute zero?

Maddox: Absolute zero. (laughing)

Dick: You're gonna get a hell of a freezer burn on your steak at absolute zero kelvin.

Maddox: Ahh. I doubt it. I think that at absolute zero, steak's just fine, buddy. You just warm that thing up on the grill, you're good.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: No bacteria on your food in space!

Dick: We're not in space!! (Maddox giggles) This is not...this show is not predicated on being on Firefly. It's a real... (Maddox guffaws) Refrigeration is a real solution that happened.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And changed...changed society as we know it.

Maddox: Yeah. Well, space is the biggest refrigerator of all.

Dick: Ha, right. (sneering)

Maddox: Yeah. (about to laugh)

Dick: Made food cheaper. How 'bout that? It made pre-cut meat possible. Just walk in, grab a pack of meat. Before, you had to stand in line at a butcher.

Maddox: Oh...

Dick: Ugh.

Maddox: Man, that is...

Dick: What a disaster.

Maddox: That is a... ('ding!' sound effect) ...good point.

Dick: Less -

Maddox: (interjects) I hate lines.

Dick: Yeeeees, there we go. Less food waste! You're not wasting food. You can refrigerate it.

Maddox: Yeah. Um...yeah, that's a good point. It has brought down the cost of food. It is a big solution, Dick. I'll give you that.

Dick: How 'bout this? Vaccines.

Maddox: What about 'em?

Dick: You need refrigeration to keep your vaccines good.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: So you can take 'em into the middle of Africa, or wherever...

Maddox: Fuck, I...

Dick: Or to Beverly Hills, wherever you're taking your vaccines.

Maddox: I was hopin'...I was hopin' you wouldn't bring that up, 'cause that's a really good point. I thought about it and I was like, "Eh, I'm not gonna bring this up. Fuck...fuck Dick." And then... (laughs)

Dick: Not a contest.

Maddox: No!

Dick: (guffaws) Classic "not a contest."

Maddox: No, you know, 'cause I was waiting for it, 'cause I wanted to swoop in and save your problem from the clutches of defeat.

Dick: Ohhh, yeah. (sarcastic) (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Yeah. Because everyone right now listening right now is...they have their hand hovering over Boxes or Refrigeration. They're tryin' to decide what to vote for. I think it's Boxes. They...

Dick: Boxes is not your solution this episode. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: It's always my solution.

Dick: It was... (cracks up)

Maddox: Boxes are my "Monkeys" of problems.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Of solutions, yeah.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: Anyway, man. Yeah, that's a good -

Dick: (interjects) Refrigerators.

Maddox: That's a good...that's a good solution. Anything else on refrigeration?

Dick: So I didn't get my refrigerator ready for Burning Man. I'm gonna do it next year.

Maddox: No you're not. (Dick laughs) You're not g-... (stammers) Here's the thing. Unless you're one of those rich dickhead billionaires who fly in, from Facebook? Wach-...what are they, Wachowski brothers? No, the, um...the Vanderbilts. What are those guys?

Dick: Um...

Maddox: You know who I'm talkin' about? The Facebook twins?

Dick: The Winklevosses?

Maddox: Winklevoss! Those guys.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: The Winklevoss twins flew in last year.

Dick: Oh, they did?

Maddox: Yeah! They flew in on a private jet, and then they flew their chef from Nobu in to make sushi for them every day.

Dick: I don't... (stammers) So what? That's cool! (Maddox scoffs) Fly in? That's only like 600 bucks. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: That's completely contrary to the ethos of Burning Man.

Dick: What do you know?! You haven't been there!

Maddox: Yeah, but I read! I'm not an idiot.

Dick: Ha, you read. (sneering)

Maddox: What do you know about the...?!

Dick: You read people bitching about it.

Maddox: What do... (stammers angrily) What do you know about the 18th century? What do you know...you READ about refrigerators. You weren't there. You didn't know about these refrigerators they built.

Dick: Yeah, but in this case, I WAS in the 18th century!

Maddox: Yeah. Well, that's true.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Burning Man is essentially that.

Dick: It's just poor people bitching about somebody having a...having opportunities they don't.

Maddox: No, it's...

Dick: Like, it's just...you're just comparing yourself to these rich people. Like, s-...so what?! So what, they can fly in on a jet and you have to wait in line for 20 hours.

Maddox: Well...

Dick: So what? Like, s-...who cares?? That's their deal!

Maddox: Yeah, I TOLD you "so what?" The "so what" is that it's completely contrary to the experience. It's like going camping and saying, "Hey, um, so I'm...I went camping last week, and I brought in my contractor to build me a log cabin."

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: "Yeah, it was a really good camping experience." That's not camping, shithead!

Dick: I guess.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's your kinda camping. If you wanna do that...if you're next to this campground and you wanna bitch about Maddox's awesome, uh, casino/log cabin that he built in...off the river of a Ker-...off the Kern River, then you, you...oh... (stammering)

Maddox: WHAT?

Dick: It's always about this comparison. Like, it..the only reason it's a problem is because people are comparing themselves to the ultra rich. Like, that's...there's this ubiquitous sentiment that, like, you have any right to compare your life to theirs. Your life is fine. Just deal with your own shit. You want a jet? I don't know, be born as somebody who has a jet. Otherwise, you don't have a fuckin' jet. It's not a big deal. Like, why are...why is everyone so wrapped up in the advantages of the super rich? So they have jets and yachts! Who fuckin' cares?? You can have fun without a jet or a yacht!

Maddox: Nonono, Dick. I think the point was lost on you. I don't think that people have a problem with them being rich. I mean, some people definitely do.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: I personally do not, because...for example, a better example, another example of this that has nothin' to do with money...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...is...say, for example, in video game speedruns.

Dick: God dammit. (chuckling)

Maddox: In video game speedruns... (cracks up) I have video games on the mind, 'cause I've been watching -

Sean: (interjects) A real-world example. (Dick cackles)

Maddox: (shouts) It IS a real-world example, Sean!

Dick: Maddox, you don't know...

Maddox: Shifty Sean!!

Dick: ...the principles of video games.

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick laughs) Because in a video game speedrun, it's predicated upon your skill!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Your skill level is what matters.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: So if somebody comes in and says, "Hey guys, I have a tool-assisted speedrun. I wrote a script that blah blah blah blah blah."

Dick: So what?!

Maddox: It's not the same thing! It's NOT. The whole point -

Dick: (interjects) What, are you competing against them?

Maddox: In a video game speedrun, you are, actually. It's a competition.

Dick: But it...is their score allowed into the, whatever, n-...play? Is it allowed into sanctioned play?

Maddox: No! In that...in specific -

Dick: (interjects) No!!

Maddox: But it's also counter to the experience. Like, you could, say for example, train really hard and become a...a really strong bodybuilder, or you could get bionic exoskeletons that let you -

Dick: (interjects) You could do steroids. Let's say...

Maddox: Yeah, you could do steroids.

Dick: Let's keep it in the realm of reality, please.

Maddox: There you go. There...hey -

Dick: (interjects) You could do steroids. So I'm not pissed that some guys juice up! Like, that's their deal! They wanna look like that? The only reason I would be bitter and pissed about them looking like juiced-up monsters is because I'm envious of that. (Maddox snickers) You know what I mean? And that's...and envy is a bad thing. It's the same as, like, Burning Man when these billionaires come in and all the plebs and the normies like me bitch about it like, "Oh, where's MY yacht? I don't have...I don't have a jet! I'm pissed off! They shouldn't be able to bring their jet into MY party." (whiny voice) It's like, "Why do you care?! Why do you have to compare yourself to it?"

Maddox: It's not a comparison.

Dick: 'Cause you're fuckin' envious!

Maddox: No, because it's ruining the culture of Burning Man.

Dick: What do you kn-...?! You've never been there!!

Maddox: I READ.

Dick: And you've n-...you read WHAT?

Maddox: I read...

Dick: You read pissed off people...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...who bitch about it.

Maddox: Right.

Dick: Most people don't give a FUCK.

Maddox: Really?

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Then how come everyone's such a crybaby online about it?

Dick: 'Cause it's...that's what generates clicks!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: It's assholes...these people have enough free time to sit on Facebook and bitch about it.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't!! 'Cause I don't fuckin' care about their yachts.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Maybe I'll get...you know what? Maybe I'll get some scraps. Maybe hot chicks will go hang out at the billionaire camp. How many chicks could the Winklevosses...uh, bone, practically? You know? A couple dozen?

Maddox: A lot of 'em.

Dick: Hey, I'll get some runoff!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "Right over here, girls!"

Maddox: Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: "You like billionaires? I'm a big liar. You...you're gonna love me!"

Maddox: Yeah. I...you know what, Dick? I have...I have pride. I will not take the table scraps of billionaire...I will not pick up the... (Dick guffaws) ...pick up their leftover PUSSY.

Dick: Yeah, right.

Maddox: Their pou-...their secondhand pounded pussy. No, thanks!! No thanks, sir. Only fresh for me.

Dick: Ohh, I'll take it all day.

Maddox: Yeah! Fresh off the boat. That's what I want. (giggles)

Dick: Nothin' wrong with it. Nothin' wrong with it.

Maddox: Alright, Dick. Speaking of nothin'...speaking of not, uh, demonizing pussy, here's -

Dick: (interjects) Tell me more what Burning Man is. (grins)

Maddox: Here's...here... (Dick and Sean laugh) No, I don't need to! (Dick laughs harder) Because there's already...there's already a consensus. This isn't....these aren't MY opinions. These are the opinions of people who go there.

Dick: It's just people bitching, though! There's NO number to back that up. Like, what is the number of people who have a problem with billionaires there?

Maddox: I mean, if I had to be real here, I would guess...

Dick: Okay. (scoffing)

Maddox: ...I would guess that that number doesn't matter. Uh, because it's -

Dick: (interjects) Why does it not matter??

Maddox: Well... (stammers) For any practical reason. It's not a p-...it's not a scene that I'm part of. I don't really care. I'm just saying if I personally had a certain type of feel for an event, and somebody came in and totally stuck their finger in the ointment, right? If there was a fly in the ointment of my event, that would piss me off! If you...it's kind of like going to, um... (scoffs) I don't know, man. It's kinda like going to a weed convention, then just doing acid the entire time.

Dick: Why don't you do something you know about? Like, do...

Maddox: I did!!

Dick: Do something with video games.

Maddox: I did! I said the video game, yeah!

Dick: The speedruns, but that has to do with competi-...that's an unfair advantage in a competition. What about just...what about somebody just enjoying a video game differently than you? You know?

Maddox: I can't...

Dick: 'Cause that's what it is.

Maddox: I can't think of an analogy that works like that.

Dick: I don't know, then.

Maddox: Yeah. I guess it would be kind of like somebody going to a movie theater and enjoying the movie by talking really loud. Okay? That...

Dick: But that's totally disrupting you!

Maddox: ...ruins...that disrupts the -

Dick: (interjects) THEY'RE not disrupting you, at Burning Man!

Maddox: It disrupts the ambiance of the theater, doesn't it?

Dick: Oh, the ambiance. Please.

Sean: You guys know a lot about Comic Con, right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Everything. We know everything about everything.

Sean: You know ev-...yeah, exactly. (Dick chuckles)

Maddox: I've been goin' for 9 years. What's up, Sean?

Dick: Maddox knows a lot more than me.

Sean: Well, aren't people like the old school geeks pissed off?

Maddox: Yes, good...

Sean: Now that it's become kind of, like, celebrity-filled and...

Maddox: Correct.

Sean: It's kind of hip to be there now?

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) THAT is a good example. Comic Con! That's a perfect example of how the culture has completely shifted at Comic Con. And I hate to use the word "culture" here, but...the culture of Comic Con has shifted. It has become way more corporate and movie-driven and profit-driven. It is no longer about the exhibitors, it's no longer about comics; it's all about people going there to gawk about celebrities. It changes the focus of the event...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...into something else. Look man, I'm not s-...I'm...do what you want, believe what you want about Burning Man, but you run a risk of having this scene that you like shifting into something that it's not.

Dick: Yeah, but you also gotta remember that there's people there who are, uh, eco-activists? Like environmental activists, like hardcore vegetarians...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like, people that I hate WAY more than billionaires.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And I'm fine with them being there.

Maddox: Well... (shrugs)

Dick: Even though that, like...that annoys me!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the whole...the whole point is letting go of what annoys you. Like, just calm the fuck down.

Maddox: Oh. Whatever goes, man! (Dick scoffs) (both laugh) Hippie ethos. (giggles) I don't...you know what, Dick? It ba-...it boggles my mind that you of all people would appreciate and enjoy Burning Man. But I have a theory on...as to why.

Dick: Why?

Maddox: Well...

Dick: Don't tease! What is it??

Maddox: Nah, I don't wanna get into it. It's a h-...

Dick: Why, why, why, why, why?!

Maddox: Because it's a huge tangent. Let's talk about it on another show. Because right now -

Dick: (interjects) No!! I don't...I'm sick of teasing things for another show.

Maddox: No...

Dick: Gimme a hint!

Sean: You can't do that.

Dick: Yeah, you can't do that.

Maddox: Well, because at Burning Man, it's kind of, like, free-for-all and...uh, the stigmas about having sex is kind of dropped and you can get laid more easily.

Dick: That's why you think I go?!

Maddox: I think! I think that...it has -

Dick: (interjects) I don't think I get laid more often there.

Maddox: I think it has to do with that, and also drugs.

Dick: No. I, uh, I don't do any...well...

Maddox: Well, what do you like about it? I mean, here's the...that's why I didn't bring it up, because now we have to get into that, and it's a huge tangent.

Dick: Well, we don't...no, we don't have to... (stammers) We don't have to get...I don't think we have to go on THAT tangent.

Maddox: Well, if you had to say in a sentence what you like about it, what would you...what would it be?

Dick: Um, you're more connected to people. Like, people have, uh...people aren't rushing around in this dog-eat-dog rat race while they're out there.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're just out there to build...big shit. And -

Maddox: (interjects) Couldn't you say the same of, like, a cruise ship?

Dick: No, because that's, like, a manufactured event.

Maddox: Hmmm.

Dick: Like, a cruise ship is all...and I used to want to go on a cruise ship, but then I saw pictures of an actual cruise ship, and it's like people being crammed onto a s-...into a sardine can.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And it's all manufactured, and it's all...it's like a guided tour. Like, I don't do guided tours of places, 'cause I don't like to sit there and be lectured by some dude who's reading off a Wikipedia page about, like, what isn't...what I'm looking at in Florence.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right? Like, I'll just walk around on my own.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: And have a different experience.

Maddox: Well... (shrugs) Alright, man. You're entitled to enjoy Burning Man however you want.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Man. (snickers)

Dick: Um, I'll...fly my jet there one day.

Maddox: Great!

Dick: Really rub it...no, but it'll be all billionaires by then.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: 'Cause it will have...all the billionaires will have forced everybody out.

Maddox: Because there's nothing manufactured about a private jet. And flying in your own chefs from Nobu.

Dick: What's wrong with a fuckin' jet??

Maddox: It's just, it's not...it's...eh, well...

Dick: Go ahead.

Maddox: Whatever you explained.

Dick: What's your solution?

Maddox: Dick, the biggest solution in the universe, I think...is legalized prostitution.

Dick: I 100% agree with you.

Maddox: (applause sound effect) In fact, before the show started, we talked about our solutions, and Dick and I actually brought in the exact same solution. You, uh, you originally wanted to talk about.

Dick: Yeah, the free...the birth control one.

Maddox: Oh, the birth control one?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Okay, n-...oh, yeah, excuse me. You...it was the birth control one.

Dick: No, 'cause it was in the news.

Maddox: Yeah. So, it was in the news a couple weeks ago, yeah.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But legalized prostitution's actually in the news NOW, today.

Dick: Ahh.

Maddox: Because Amnesty International wants to legalize it.

Dick: Yesssss.

Maddox: They want to change their official stance into legalizing prostitution.

Dick: Yes!!

Maddox: This is from The New York Times. "In France, England and Ireland, lawmakers are considering new measures -- and in the cases of Northern Ireland and Canada, are enforcing new laws -- that decriminalize prostitution but impose penalties on clients, using a model adopted in Sweden in 1999."

Dick: Hold on, walk me through that.

Maddox: So in 1999 in Sweden, they decided to stop penalizing women for prostitution...

Dick: Good.

Maddox: ...and start penalizing just the men.

Dick: Ohhh, what?!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Why??

Maddox: Or the clients, because not all prostitutes are female. Because they thought that it's unfair because w-...they kind of view...Sweden is a very, um, pro-feminist, progressive culture.

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And they feel that if a woman is in prostitution, it must be because she has no other choices in life, and not because she might want to pursue that avenue as an additional source of income, or as her primary source of income, because there's nothing

wrong with sex. That's not Sweden's view. Sweden's view is that women who are doing prostitution or doing any kind of sex trade or sex work...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: ...must be forced into it, and therefore we shouldn't penalize them because they're already being penalized.

Dick: Oh, they're ALREADY being forced?

Maddox: They're already being forced!

Dick: Ohhh, my god.

Maddox: That's what...that is Sweden's view. (Dick sighs) And so to right that perceived wrong...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: ...they have started to penalize the clients. The customers. They think that that's the solution.

Dick: Which are mostly men.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Well, of course. Yeah.

Dick: Of course.

Maddox: "Amnesty..." This is, again, from The New York Times. It says, "Amnesty International is advocating a new course: decriminalizing all sex work, both for buyers and sellers. At an international conference next week in Dublin, they'll vote on whether or not to advocate the elimination of all penalties for sex work, on the grounds that it is a matter of privacy between consenting adults."

Dick: Yeah, no shit.

Maddox: (applause sound effect) Amen!! Because that's exactly what it fucking is! It's nobody's business!

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: If you wanna pay for sex or if you wanna prostitute yourself, what's the problem?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You're allowed to prostitute yourself in a corporation. You can go and trade your hours sitting in a cubicle, answering phone calls like a slave. You can go to a grocery store and ring up people's bologna all fucking day long. You can work in a post office like a slave, just handing...just picking up parcels and turning around and putting them in boxes.

Dick: I mean...

Maddox: But the second you do anything sexual for money? Oh, that's a huge fucking sin, isn't it?

Dick: You can also stay married to a huge lunatic, and have to tolerate that, to...live. You know?

Maddox: It's a different type of mental anguish to be in a...you're saying if somebody was, say...you're financially dependent upon someone in a marriage.

Dick: Let's say you're a housewife. Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I mean...you get money!

Maddox: OR, there's sugar mamas, too. I've seen...I have some -

Dick: (interjects) Sure, whatever...

Maddox: I have some friends who are in abusive, destructive relationships just because it's financially convenient for them.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: They put up with a LOT of shit. They have women or men in their lives who completely control them, manipulate them, make them feel little and small and broken, and they put up with abuse for years. Because -

Dick: (interjects) And THAT'S legal.

Maddox: Yeah. That's...of course it's legal.

Dick: We should make this as politically correct as possible and just only say that men are prostitutes. (Maddox laughs) So we can just talk about it without having to preface everything with, "Uhh, uh, it could also be men!"

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: "It could also be men." (smiles)

Maddox: So, Ireland and Canada recently started enforcing new regulations. In Ireland, it's a $1500 fine, or a th-...that's 1,000 pounds, and a prison term for clients.

Dick: God DAMN. (chuckling)

Maddox: Yeah. Sweden's "penalize the customer" law has caused a 50% decline in prostitution since 1995.

Dick: Well, no... (scoffs)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I don't even buy that.

Maddox: Well... (shrugs)

Dick: Like... (stammers)

Maddox: I do.

Dick: Who's reporting that?

Maddox: Well, in Sweden...I've been to Sweden, and it's a pretty clean culture. Like, I feel completely safe in Sweden. Anywhere I go is a...it's a r-...it's SO safe. In fact, at one point -

Dick: (interjects) Would you feel less safe if there was hookers...

Maddox: No.

Dick: ...walkin' the streets?

Maddox: No, no, no.

Dick: No.

Maddox: But just in general, Sweden's a very low-crime nation. In fact, if anyone gets murdered, it's the front page of their headlines. Their national newspaper. I -

Dick: (interjects) Outrage porn.

Maddox: At one point in, uh, in Sweden, I was walking by and I saw...I noticed that my shoelaces were untied, so I bent over to tie it next to this, um...this coffee shop, and I noticed this lady inside...babe! Total babe, by the way. Everyone in Sweden's a BABE. Even the guys. They're all babes. So... (cracks up) I noticed this lady inside the coffee shop kept peering over her shoulder at me, and I thought, "What's this, uh...? Hey baby, what's goin' on here? You checkin' me out?"

Sean: She thought you were a...she thought you were a terrorist.

Maddox: No, fuckhead! (Dick cackles) (buzzer sound effect) It's not funny, stop laughing.

Dick: Like in the IRA, you mean. Right? That kind of terrorist?

Maddox: Yeah. (Dick giggles)

Sean: (hesitates) Yeah.

Maddox: Oh, of course. That's what you mean, Sean.

Sean: Like the IRA. (Dick laughing)

Maddox: Assholes. (muttering) (Sean snickers) So anyway, this lady kept peering at me, 'cause I -

Dick: (interjects) You would be, like, an exotic man there, right?

Maddox: I am!!

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah! And she was like, "Heyyy!"

Dick: "Look at this spicy, uh..."

Maddox: Yeah, look at this spicy Armenian.

Dick: "This spicy..." (giggles)

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: "...Armenian meat."

Maddox: Uh-huh!

Dick: "I wonder...I want some extra garlic sauce with THIS guy."

Maddox: Yeeeah. I want MY sheep tended to. (Dick laughing) So... (cracks up) She wanted me to look at her flock. So anyway, man. This, uh, this lady turned around checkin' me out, right?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And I thought, "Ohh, hey, what's up, baby?" And then, I noticed she wasn't lookin' at me.

Dick: Ohh. (disappointed)

Maddox: She was watching her baby carriage, which was right next to me outside while I was bending over to tie my shoes. She left her baby outside in a carriage outside this coffee shop, because the crime rate is so low. It's just a thing in Sweden.

Dick: Were you in the south of Sweden?

Maddox: I was in, uh, an area called SoFo, I believe.

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: It's a very hipster-dense area. But no, it was in Stockholm. This was in Stockholm.

Dick: Well, that sounds like a...that sounds like a stupid thing to do even if it IS safe.

Maddox: It's...

Dick: Leaving your baby stroller outside?

Maddox: No, but people...it's...the crime is so low, nothing ever happens in Sweden. That's why they...you can leave your fuckin' baby anywhere you want. (Dick laughs) Sweden's a baby-safe country. Big problem.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: BABIES. Yeah. Anyway, man. Which ties into -

Dick: (interjects) So when did...do you have stuff on why prostitution started to be illegal?

Maddox: Yeah...

Dick: Do you have that anywhere in there?

Maddox: No -

Dick: (interjects) I don't wanna rush you, but...

Maddox: I mean, it's, uh... (exhales) I...it has to do with puritanical beliefs, but here's what I...why I w-... (scoffs) Here's what I wanted to read from The New York Times. They said, "Amnesty International argues that sexual desire is a fundamental need and that punishing buyers 'may amount to a violation of their right to privacy and undermine the rights to free expression and health.'" So, there's a lot of people in the world who have sexual

dysfunction, and sexual dysmorphia, and all sorts of, uh, sexual phobias and things because they...for a number of reasons.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It could be psychological, it could be...uh, environmental, it could be institutional. It could...for a number of reasons, people have sexual problems, and sometimes they go to sex workers to experiment with sex and try to come over their...overcome their fears. There was a movie about that, with, uh...

Dick: Oh, okay.

Maddox: What's her name, Sandra...? No, what's her name, from...Countdown? You know who I'm talkin' about?

Sean: Jack the Ripper.

Maddox: No, NOT... (Dick cackles) Fuck...Sean!! (buzzer sound effect) Shitting all over my problem!!

Dick: No, it was called SpongeBob 3D. I remember that movie.

Maddox: NO, ASSHOLE. Anyway, they said that "The group also cites the benefits for buyers with physical and psychological disabilities who feel safe to express their sexuality..."

Dick: Ahhh.

Maddox: "...and to develop a stronger sense of self with their relationships with sex workers, improving their lives to enjoyment and dignity."

Dick: I love when you can find, like, a real obscure reason where sex work should be allowed, and then you can...like, a real ultra-PC version of why it should be allowed, and then cram it in their face. Even though you know, like, most prostitution is not that.

Maddox: It doesn't have to be, but you know what? This is -

Dick: (interjects) Right!! That's what I love.

Maddox: That's all you need. Yep!

Dick: When it's, like, one little tiny bit.

Maddox: Yep.

Dick: You're like, "Oh, you see this? Ahh, you can't deny that, so we're gonna let everybody throooough." (grins)

Maddox: Because it's exactly like legalizing marijuana. The majority of the fuckheads just wanna smoke and get high, but there are a few people -

Dick: (interjects) Ohh, they're "fuckheads" now?

Maddox: There are a few...oh, they're fuckheads!

Dick: Why are they fuckheads? (laughing)

Maddox: (yells) You think they're fuckheads too! You...they annoy you!

Dick: What do you think about guys who go to prostitutes, then? Lemme ask you THAT.

Maddox: I don't have a problem with it. I've never gone...I've -

Dick: (interjects) Okay, interesting!

Maddox: I've never gone to a prostitute.

Dick: Me either. And -

Maddox: (interjects) And I wouldn't!

Dick: Every girlfriend I've ever had has asked me that, and then none of them believe that answer.

Maddox: I'm always shocked a little bit when I find out one of my friends has been with a prostitute.

Dick: Ohh, really?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Huh.

Maddox: Because every now and then, I'll be...it'll come up in a conversation. Oh, here's a funny story. So when I was on book tour for The Alphabet of Manliness, I believe the first time, I was in Austin, and I got in a taxi cab and I was goin' on my way to the airport, and, you know, the...sometimes the cab drivers are bored, and they wanna make a little small talk. This was in the springtime, I believe, and the cab driver turned around and goes, "Oh man, lotta pretty ladies out there." I'm like, "Yeah!", 'cause we just passed this flock of beautiful women, and he goes, "Yeah, I love...I love what they wear in the summertime." I'm like, "Yeah, man."

Dick: M'kay.

Maddox: And so then he goes, "Ain't no shame in payin' for it." (both crack up) And I, uh, I just kinda looked down and looked out the window, you know, rolling my eye...like, lookin' up at the ceiling, whatever, and just hoping that was the end of the conversation. He goes -

Dick: (interjects) Ohh no, you've just begun. (grins)

Maddox: Ohhhh, man. It...the WHOLE ride to the airport: "Yup, ain't no shame in payin' for it." And he just kept going on and on. He said, "You know what? It's better than the alternative!" And I thought, "Wh-...?"

Dick: What's the alternative?

Maddox: I don't know!! I didn't ask -

Dick: (interjects) NOT paying for it? And not getting it?

Maddox: I don't know what he was implying.

Dick: Being ashamed of paying for it?

Maddox: I don't know what he was implying.

Sean: No, think bigger and more aggressive.

Maddox: Yeah, that... (Dick laughs loudly) It COULD be.

Dick: I think you're right.

Maddox: Right? It could be...

Dick: Yeah. (amused)

Maddox: It could be that, but it also could be the alternative is dating. That's also awful.

Dick: I mean, yeah, that's awful. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Dating's the worst! The w-...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Here's the thing, man. Dating is the long game of prostitution, essent-...if you...if all you're going into a relationship is for sex, and you don't ever intend to date that person, then...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's this kind of, like, long dance that we do as a society, where...I know people...I know women in my life who will not put out until the third date, regardless of whether or not they end up continuing to date the person.

Dick: Yeah, they always do, though.

Maddox: And so -

Dick: (interjects) They have that rule, but they do.

Maddox: Yeah, well, of course. Yeah, of course they do.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: I mean, they're...when they're with ME, panties drop, baby. Yeah, they...they can't control themselves!! That's what I meant to... (giggles)

Dick: I didn't mean to turn this into a sandbox, but go a-... (laughs) Go ahead.

Sean: They get caught in the bicycle handlebars. (Dick giggles)

Maddox: SHUT...shut the fuck up, Sean!!! (buzzer sound effect) Sean, every single...I'm tired of this!!

Dick: These bicycle handlebars are ribbed for your pleasure. (grinning)

Maddox: Sean, edit yourself out of the episode! Every single thing you've said this episode's PISSED ME OFF. (Dick and Sean laugh) Alright. So anyway, man...uh, yeah, but a lot of times these women are disappointed, because after they put out the guy stops calling them, and they...blah blah blah blah blah.

Dick: Yeah!!

Maddox: Because you have built up so much of this pretension about sex and so much expectation, and when it doesn't pan out the way you want, then suddenly the guy's the bad guy and women are less likely to put out, blah blah blah. If everybody -

Dick: (interjects) Nyeah, a lot of times they're just, like, really selfish and shitty in bed, and you're like, "What am I doin' busting my hump tryin' to t-...tryin' to bang this girl when she's not any good at it?"

Maddox: Here's the thing, Dick. Everybody likes and enjoys sex.

Dick: Uhh... (skeptical)

Maddox: And it's something that everybody wants.

Dick: Alright.

Maddox: We all fucking want it.

Dick: We all want it.

Maddox: Right?

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Why don't we just get over this whole pretension, this huge hangup that we have about sex, and just admit that we all want it and just do it more often?

Dick: It's very weird that there's not outrage, that there isn't a moral outrage about prostitution being...illegal. Because it's definitely just a way to control what women do with their bodies. Right?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: It's 100% that.

Maddox: Yeah. So -

Dick: (interjects) The biggest, most ubiquitous way we control women and what they do with their bodies, and there's this...and I think most people see it as good, that it's illegal.

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: It's a huge shame. It's...

Dick: Crazy.

Maddox: It's kind of like male circumcision. We talked about female genital mutilation, but male circumcision is something that we see as kind of a positive, and...there's really not many benefits to it. But anyway, that's another discussion.

Dick: Yep.

Maddox: Um, they...this New York Times article goes on. It says, "Amnesty also sides with the argument, made recently by sex workers in France, that penalizing customers would drive prostitution further underground, making the workers more vulnerable to dangers." That's absolutely true. And Dick, you and I have friends who are porn stars, right?

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: One of my good friends is Ela Darling. She was a guest on the live show, and she'll probably be a guest on one of our future episodes. She is a porn star.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And she is a sex worker, and there is absolutely nothing wrong with that. And it...I have seen...I've been out there in public with her when she gets recognized, or when she tells people what she does.

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: And they...and it's a...it's the entire gamut of reactions to it, from shame to...uh, encouragement, to fascination, but -

Dick: (interjects) And weird fascination.

Maddox: Well, yeah.

Dick: Like, "Alright, calm down."

Maddox: Yeah, yeah. But yeah, there's absolutely nothin' wrong with it, and this demonization of it is appalling. But you know what, Dick? You know who IS opposed to this?

Dick: Who?

Maddox: This is from The New York Times, too. Excuse me, this is from ChristianPost.com.

Dick: Okay.

Maddox: But it's not who you think. A letter written by Anne Hathaway, Kate Winslet, Meryl Streep, Gloria Steinem, the Salvation Army, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and a ton of reverends denounced the push by Amnesty International to legalize prostitution.

Dick: Of course they do! Yeah. Are you surprised by th-...? All those actresses are saying prostitution should be illegal.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Right?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Nyeah.

Maddox: Those actresses think prostitution...they want to further control women's bodies. It says here in The New York Times, "'It really undermines the whole concept of human rights to call it the right of a man to buy another human being for sex,' said Jessica Neuwirth, a former Amnesty member and founder of the Equality Now group, an international women's rights group based in New York and London." Yeah, so these...these women, these celebrities, have come out denouncing Amnesty International, and they are completely opposed to legalizing prostitution, which is a huge problem. I think -

Dick: (interjects) Well, most of them trade on sex anyway.

Maddox: Oho, yeah, of course.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Kate Winslet??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Wasn't she in Titanic?

Dick: You'll see.

Maddox: Hah, I will NOT. I will fucking not see! (Dick laughs) But she showed her tits in Titanic!! That was a sexual scene, by the way.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: She got banged in the back of a car! I know that 'cause I saw...I watched it, and you don't have to play it anymore.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah! (Sean laughs in the background)

Dick: Uh...

Maddox: Kate Winslet!!

Dick: So lemme ask you something. Y-...

Maddox: (interjects) (yells) This woman! This woman has the balls...she has the audacity to criticize people for sex work when she appeared in a nude scene in Titanic?! A movie where she pretended to fornicate in the back of a car? Or maybe she did, who knows??

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: But she...she's having sex for money, on camera! Yet she has the balls, she has the audacity to criticize sex workers? Fuck you, Kate Winslet!

Dick: So what -

Maddox: (interjects) Fuck you and your gorgeous, perfect tits. FUCK you.

Dick: What would happen if it was legal? 'Cause there's a lot of human trafficking that goes on just getting these hookers into the country.

Maddox: You know what w-...

Dick: (interjects) A lot of human trafficking is...is that.

Sean: Refrigeration helps.

Dick: R-... (chuckles) Is that true, Sean?

Sean: (exhales) I don't know.

Maddox: What are you talkin' about, Sean?

Dick: Human trafficking.

Sean: You know, to transport them.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah, that's what I thought. That's what I was afraid you were talkin' about. Dead or alive?

Sean: No, alive!

Maddox: Oh. Of c-... (chuckles) Of course, alive.

Dick: How much you payin'? (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Not enough, you get a dead one. (laughs more)

Sean: Dead? That's perverse!

Maddox: Well actually, Sean...so what they're saying, these women who are opposed to...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And the reverends who are...well, the reverends and the Christian groups are opposed to prostitution, be-...on religious and moral grounds.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: Because they think that there's something inherently evil or bad about sex, and I think that...if I had to wager a guess, and I will because I'm a smart guy, I think that society...waaay way way back in the day, somebody got an STD or something from having sex, and it was a big problem, and they noticed that this problem that they had was warts on their dick or vaginas, and herpes and chlamydia and all these things that went around throughout civilization happened when they had sex. And so there was a stigma attached to it, and they thought, "Well, we better not have sex, because this bad thing can happen to you and it can kill you." And that has probably...

Dick: Oh, that's why you think...

Maddox: ...poisoned the well.

Dick: ...religious groups are anti-sex?

Maddox: I think that it comes...all these puritanical apprehensions to sex...

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: ...probably come from a long time ago people not understanding how disease was transferred, and they just associated act 'A' with consequence 'B.'

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Just like people who danced for rain. They had a big dance one day and it rained the next day, so they think that rain dances work!

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: That's my guess.

Dick: Do you think that those women think it just cheapens women? To have legalized prostitution?

Maddox: N-...

Dick: 'Cause I...I kinda think that most women who think it should be illegal just kinda think that it does.

Maddox: Well, it...

Dick: Like, a...they just kinda feel like that and they're just, like...they wrap up all the, uh, social consequences and the crime and this...they wrap all that around this little core feeling of -

Sean: (interjects) But it's really their problem.

Dick: It's really their problem.

Sean: Yeah.

Dick: Like, "Well, it makes me feel cheap, so I don't want it."

Maddox: It's not. I think it's...it, uh -

Dick: (interjects) You think there's no credit...there's no credence to that? You give no credence to that?

Maddox: Well, I...maybe some women do feel that way. But I think that it commodifies sex, which is a good thing, because...

Dick: Well...

Maddox: If women...beca-...well, here's the thing, man.

Dick: (interjects) YOU, though.

Maddox: Here...no, here's the thing. Here's the thing. If, as a man, all you are interested in doing is having sex...

Dick: Mhm.

Maddox: Which, there's nothing wrong with that. You're able to go onto Tinder and find a girl who's also willing to have sex, and vice versa!

Dick: Well, good luck.

Maddox: Hah.

Dick: Not on y-...not in your league.

Maddox: Uhh...

Dick: You can find 'em 3 or 4 leagues under you that are willing to bang right away, but... (Maddox laughs) ...fffuckin' Tinder. It's like shooting fish in a barrel. It's like shooting pigs in a barrel. That's Tinder.

Maddox: Ohhhh, wow. Ouch. Uh, I...no, I've, uh, I've had some, uh...some luck on Tinder. But... (Dick scoffs) Here's the thing, man. If you, as a woman, or man, if you go on Tinder and you just want to have sex, you can find that partner to do so. No strings attached, no...no apprehensions, no problem, nothing...there's no crime attached to it.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: But if you do that exact same thing and then say, "Plus, I'll give you 20 bucks," or "Plus, I'll...I'll give you 50 bucks," whatever.

Dick: Little somethin' for the ride home.

Maddox: R-... (laughs)

Dick: "So you gotta Uber over here. Here's a little somethin' for..."

Maddox: That then becomes illegal. That's the crime. (Dick guffaws) It's just the exchange of money.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: And I think it's probably because, uh, it's...if I had to also wager another guess, it may be because governments can't really find out how much money is being changed hands...is changing hands here, and they can't really tax that.

Dick: Nooo, 'cause the subcontractors have to report how much they make. Like, that...every...every tradesman works under that.

Maddox: Well yeah, but prostitutes don't do that, because it's illegal!

Dick: Well, sure.

Maddox: It's another one of these marijuana, uh...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...arguments.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: That if prostitution were legal, it could be taxed.

Dick: You know what should be illegal? Posting deceptive pictures of yourself on Tinder.

Maddox: That's true.

Dick: Like, if you block out a couple of those chins? That should be illegal. That should be a crime.

Maddox: You know what? There could...that could be addressed through better education of men to realize when you're dealing with a faker. And usually you can tell because it's a top-down photo and they're looking up, which makes everyone look really good.

Dick: You sayin' I'm askin' for it? 'Cause I don't have that...education?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Hey, so if you put up a camera, you can get away with it. Right? You flip your camera over, you record your, uh, prostitution session? Then it's shooting a porno.

Maddox: Then it's shooting porno...see, that's where the law gets fuzzy!

Dick: Is it?

Maddox: Why is prostitution illegal, but pornography is not??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Pornography is just fine, apparently. We all ha-...we all are okay with THAT.

Dick: Sure.

Maddox: But as soon as you pay a woman to have sex with you, and it's not being recorded, huge crime.

Dick: Hm.

Maddox: Maybe it's a way that judges get off. Maybe they just wanna see everyone bang, and so they...they keep it illegal because they wanna watch ya. "Hey hey hey hey, uh-uh-uh-uh-uh, you can't exchange hands! Money can't change hands unless I'm watchin' ya." There we go. (chuckling)

Dick: Maybe.

Maddox: So judges can jack off. That's why prostitution's illegal. Vote it up! Legalized prostitution, huge solution.

Dick: Alright. I got a sex-related solution. Lotta sex problems in this episode. Uh, illustrated condoms.

Maddox: Illu-...what?!?

Dick: Illustrated...this is my own solution.

Maddox: Oh.

Dick: Alright? This is one that I brought in that I invented.

Maddox: Oho, yeah?

Dick: Okay?

Maddox: Alright.

Dick: Check this out.

Sean: Like "this end up" or something?

Dick: Exactly right, Sean.

Sean: No way.

Dick: Yes! Exactly right. Because what do you pull...? You pull the condom out, and it's just a fuckin' circle. Right? How the hell do you know which end is...end goes on?? You know what I'm saying?

Sean: I do.

Dick: Everybody knows this, right? This is a problem for men AND women alike. You pull that fuckin' thing out, you're flipping...you try to put it on, it...it's not working, so you try to turn it over and put it on, only to find that the other way was the correct way.

Sean: I don't know if I've had THAT amount of trouble, but... (chuckling) But yes.

Dick: I've had so much trouble that I've thrown the condom away, and tried to not use one, and then had to go open another one.

Maddox: Sean, you're -

Dick: (interjects) That's how big of a problem this is.

Maddox: You're talking to the guy who has a problem putting on his bedsheets correctly.

Dick: Yeah! (background laughter)

Maddox: And that's not even on his dick. That's just onto the bed.

Dick: 40...40% of men say they've, uh, lost erections...

Maddox: Yup.

Dick: ...trying to use condoms.

Maddox: ('ding!' sound effect) Huge problem. That is -

Dick: (interjects) 40% of boners!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: Boners that are about to be USED, man!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: That's the most valuable t-...kind of boner there is.

Maddox: Mhm.

Dick: Right? 40%! So this is what I'm saying. Right? You got the condom, right? You pull it out of the wrapper; impossible to tell which way it goes on.

Maddox: Well... (shrugs)

Dick: What...how do you tell?

Maddox: Usually -

Dick: (interjects) Which way the reservoir is pointing?

Maddox: The reservoir, yeah.

Dick: That soggy little sh-...stupid thing that's...? Like, this is...and now I gotta look at this sad, soggy, wilting little thing? That's already...already a problem.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Already having to jump over this mental hurdle.

Maddox: And it could bounce a different way, too.

Dick: You mean the...the n-...

Maddox: (interjects) The reservoir, yeah.

Dick: The nip-...yeah!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Exactly!!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Exactly. So now you're solving a Rubik's Cube of a condom.

Maddox: Mm.

Dick: Trying to put it on. What if...what if it had, like, a little message written on it that could only be read one way? 'Cause it's kinda see-through! Right? Why don't they just print something on it? Like "Have a nice day!"

Maddox: Like the number 8. Like the number 8.

Dick: No. No, no, no, no. (Maddox and Sean laugh) Something that ca-...is the s-...is only one way.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Yeah, that's a great solution, man! 40% of erections!!

Maddox: Well, here's the thing, Dick. I think I know why they don't do that, and it's because it compromises the structural stability of the condom.

Dick: Who cares?!

Maddox: Tha-...that... (scoffs)

Dick: So they break more often! Even better!

Maddox: N-... (Sean snickers) Dick! No, man. That's even worse!! If you have a condom break in, uh, in use? Oh man, you're in Babyville!

Dick: What are you, like, a c-...a condom, uh, purveryor over here?? You know about structural integrity of condoms? They're makin' them ribbed and glow-in-the-dark, they're putting vibrating shit in them now.

Maddox: What??

Dick: They can't print...yeah! Which part of that do you not know about?

Maddox: They got...they got vibrating condoms now?

Dick: Yes, they have a whole vibrating condom system now. It's got, like, a w-...I've never used one. I just saw it in the store.

Maddox: Yeah. You know what, Dick? Just a real quick aside about condoms. My book was not carried in...I believe in Target, when it first came out? The, uh, The Alphabet of Manliness?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: Even though it was a New York Times bestseller, I...you know, they didn't carry that book. Walmart specifically ignored it, but, uh...you know what Target does carry? They have "Fifty Shades of Grey" branded cock rings. (Dick giggles) Yeah. (chuckling)

Dick: What?!?

Maddox: Oh, yeah! It was in the Tupperware aisle at the local Target. I have a picture of it. They just have a huge array of -

Dick: (interjects) Did it say "cock ring"?

Maddox: Oh yeah, they were cock rings!

Dick: Did it say "cock ring" on it?

Maddox: Uh, I think it said "penis rings." But yeah, they were...they were cock rings. They were selling vibrating cock rings. Fifty Shades of Grey.

Dick: Are you serious?!

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: At Target?

Maddox: I got pictures of it!

Dick: That wasn't a joke somebody put up there?

Maddox: No! It was right next...and it was there for weeks! While the movie was in theater.

Dick: Wow.

Maddox: Yeah, you wanna buy a crock pot? How 'bout a cock ring? Mhm.

Dick: Yeah, I didn't know about that.

Maddox: No, but yeah, I didn't know about the vibrating...so Dick, I really do worry about the structural integrity. Maybe that's a solution that the engineers can solve.

Dick: Ohh, come on. They're...yes, of course.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: They're engi-...if they're making virtual reality for you, where you can be a pretend superhero with six arms and fuck yourself, I'm...I think they could print on a condom.

Maddox: Yeah, okay. Um, yep, maybe!

Sean: It could be, like, some water-based ink or something that's like, uh...

Dick: Yeah, it doesn't even have to soak into the latex!

Sean: No, it -

Dick: (interjects) It could just sit there!

Sean: It can come off.

Dick: That would be even funnier if it did. That would make me even harder.

Maddox: Hm.

Dick: This is a great...I should patent this.

Maddox: Nyeah.

Dick: I think I've just come up with a condom revolutionary idea. On this show.

Maddox: A...condom-lution.

Dick: You seem very d-...uh, suspicious of this.

Maddox: Yeah, I -

Dick: (interjects) You're not on board at all.

Maddox: I'm really, really...look, I...I will agree to this solution with a little bit of trepidation, because I'm really worried about the structural integrity of that condom. 'Cause most -

Dick: (interjects) Maddox, obviously, we'll test it.

Maddox: Most of the time... (chuckles) Most of the time, when they...when any kind of, like, latex or balloons or anything, if you write on them, the place that they give, the weakest place, is where you wrote on it or wherever it's imprinted, or wherever there is that band or any kind of...uh, divot or whatever. I don't think the ribs are as much of a problem -- because some condoms are ribbed -- because they're on the side, not the part where...that's getting pounded.

Dick: Yeah, but it's...they're colored! They have colored condoms.

Maddox: Yeah, but that color is the dye of the latex. It's not, like, imprinted on top of the...the condom.

Dick: Then do that.

Maddox: I guess if they thickened...I don't know, man. This might be a manufacturing problem.

Dick: You are a real...you...man, you are a real naysayer.

Maddox: Yeah. (grins)

Dick: I...yeah. This is a real...this is a real innovation that I'm tryin' to get off the ground here.

Sean: How are we ever gonna live in space?

Dick: Yeah! With guys like you. "Ehhh, I don't know if you can write on a condom or not." (Maddox snickers) "Uh, seems unsafe."

Sean: So if they solve that, are you cool with it? (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Yes.

Sean: Alright.

Dick: GREAT.

Maddox: If they solve that problem, I'm totally on board. Because, you know, I...when you were talkin' about going to open the condom and trying to figure out what side...Dick, it's pointless. It's irrelevant, because by the time I've done all that, my boner's gone.

Dick: Right!!

Maddox: It kills boners!

Dick: That's what happens to these 40% of guys.

Maddox: Yeah. Every single time a chick's like, "Oh, uh, maybe you should get a condom." Yeah, alright.

Dick: No.

Maddox: "Hang on, lemme go to my...lemme go get my, uh, my condom r..." (both laugh) "Let me get my condom real quick, and..." (sad 'sproing' sound effect)

Dick: "Let me get the instruction manual out."

Maddox: Yeah.

Sean: Do you say "no" and hit her with a newspaper? (Dick and Maddox laugh) "NO!" (scolding)

Dick: No, I got a spray bottle. (Sean and Maddox laugh) Digital age. I'm not gonna hit her with an iPad. Get outta here.

Maddox: Yeah man, condoms are boner killers. I... (stammers) Countless boners of mine are GONE. Gone!!

Dick: Look, I invented this.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: I invented this right now.

Maddox: Yeah. (grinning) Uh-huh.

Dick: Okay? Have you ever seen it before?

Maddox: No.

Dick: No! It should be on every condom.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Every condom should say something, like, sexy on the front. Like, "Get ready for..." (chuckles) "One...next stop, Tuna Town!" or something like that.

Maddox: Augh.

Dick: So that, like, I open it up and I'm like...

Maddox: Barf.

Dick: "Oh, I can read it! Alright, that means it's...that goes on facing her. Done."

Maddox: Well Dick, here's a better solution that takes no engineering. Why would they have to roll up the condom? Can't they just, like, scrunch it up into a condom wrapper and just...and you take it out and it just flops the direction it's supposed to go?

Dick: You mean unrolled?

Maddox: Already unrolled!

Dick: Then you can't get it on!

Sean: Like, put a slinky in it. (Dick laughs)

Maddox: Ye-...no. No, Sean.

Sean: Oh, no? That's not what you're saying? (smiles)

Maddox: No!

Dick: Wait, what do you mean, have it...like a sock??

Maddox: N-...

Dick: Like a tube sock?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Then you can't get it on your dick!

Maddox: Why? Oh, yeah, no.

Dick: Uh, because it's too tight!

Maddox: Yeah, that's a good point. Okay.

Dick: Oh, your condom solutions are way worse than mine, buddy. (Maddox giggles)

Maddox: Okay. What about...oh, HERE'S the fuckin' solution.

Dick: You know what? No, here's the solution. (chuckling)

Maddox: What?

Dick: One si-...the...one side of the package looks like a brick wall?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Like when the Kool-Aid Man breaks through? So you just shove your dick through it. (everyone laughs) And then...then a Kool-Aid Man is on the tip of the condom, printed, and it says, "OH, YEAH!" Right? (background laughter)

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Oh, man. Never another lost erection. (laughs)

Maddox: I was gonna say something similar, actually. What if they just printed it right on the package, and then just, like, uh...you know, drew a little illustration? Like a UFO that's, like, landing on your dick?

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: And then you put that on the bottom side, so you rip...rip up the package, just take it right out, same dimensions. You just put it right on your dong.

Dick: Yeah. Also good. Not as good as the Kool-Aid Man con-...maybe I should just call it "Kool-Aid Man condom."

Maddox: The Kool-Aid Man condom. Yeah, eh, ok-...that could work.

Dick: Alright, anyway, those are my solutions.

Maddox: Okay. Um, good solutions. (hesitant) (Dick giggles)

Dick: You're the...this is the least enthused I've ever heard you about ANYTHING. (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Anything??

Dick: This is a revolutionary step in condom design.

Maddox: Well, Dick, I think you're... (stammers) I am so frickin' worried of somebody doing this.

Dick: Why are you so worried about this?!

Maddox: 'Cause it will...

Dick: Wait, who??

Maddox: ...weaken the structure of the condom, and next thing you know, you got a baby.

Dick: But wha-...who are you worried about doing this?

Maddox: Engineers fuckin' up!

Dick: Wha...?! They have to test this shit all the time!! They can't have, like, condoms breaking left and right. That'll ruin their name!

Maddox: Yeah, but how do you te-...

Sean: (interjects) Yeah, they don't want lawsuits.

Dick: Yeah!

Maddox: Yeah, but how do you test this thing? 'Cause condoms DO break all the time.

Dick: How do they test it?!?

Maddox: Yeah!

Dick: You got a fake squirting dildo, and you put a condom on it!!

Maddox: Oh yeah, okay. (everyone cracks up) Yeah, that's a good point. I didn't think -

Dick: (interjects) Get a couple whose, like, tubes are tied!

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: And have them test it and then, whatever. They got strips for residual...jizz. (guffaws) I don't know. (heavy metal theme riff starts)

Maddox: Well, alright, Dick. You thought of everything. (Dick giggles) Um...my solutions this week were Free Birth Control and Legalized Prostitution.

Dick: Mine are Refrigeration and the Kool-Aid Man Condom. (cracking up) (Maddox laughs)

Maddox: Thanks for listening. Vote up these solutions. Boxes!!

(heavy metal theme riff)

Voicemail (male caller): Temperance? You FUCKING asshole. (Dick and Maddox laugh) Maddox, this is Ben Franklin calling you.

Dick: Oh.

Voicemail: I'm pretty pissed off, because you gave a movie 100 stars out of 5, and you're gonna talk to people about temperance.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Yeah!

Voicemail: You want more examples of times that you have fucking been hyperbolic, that you have been intemperate? You fuck! (Maddox laughs) Dick, go fuck yourself.

(message ends)

Maddox: Hey, dickhead!! You know how many movies I've given 100 stars out of 5? Literally one! That's temperance. That's moderation, dickhead. I don't give EVERY movie 100 out of 5 stars, do I??

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: That's not temperance! And -

Dick: (interjects) You shoulda called it...oh, go ahead. Sorry.

Maddox: Yeah! No, you know what, Dick? Some people...someone mentioned this, too. Your problem with temperance last episode was...you were like, "Oh, euh, if people are temperate too much, then, uh, no one will ever experiment, and blah blah blah blah blah!" (dumb voice)

Dick: That's how I sound. (Maddox snickers)

Maddox: You said...you said that, uh, that people are always temperate. That's not temperance! Moderation in moderation. Everything in moderation, including moderation. And someone sent that to me in a quote, and I couldn't agree more. Because without -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, I hate that quote. Fuck that.

Maddox: Without moderation...no, because without moderation in moderation, that eliminates the possibility that sometimes you take risk, sometimes you take a gamble, and sometimes a good thing can come of that. So everything in moderation, including moderation. Fuck you, Ben Franklin. Fuck you in the grave.

Dick: That's such a...that's such a smug saying.

Maddox: Yeah. (muttering)

Dick: (obnoxious voice) "Everything in moderation, including moderation." I think...I think Dr. Phil might've said that TO me. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: What does that have to do with anything?? I'm no Dr. Phil, buddy! I'm Dr. Maddox.

Dick: I...why did you call it "temperance," though? Like, that has a very religious connotation to it.

Maddox: Yeah, it kinda does. I wish -

Dick: (interjects) You should've called it "moderation."

Maddox: I wish I would've called it "moderation." You know, I may go back. Maybe I'll just update the, uh, the problem. Er, the solution.

Dick: And then you were talkin' about, like, forgiving and shit?

Maddox: Yeah, because it has...temperance does have a religious connotation.

Dick: Fuck forgiving.

Maddox: Because every major religion and many philosophies in the world have that element of it. I explained it in the last episode, blah blah blah blah blah. But yeah, it's moderation, essentially.

Dick: Hmm. Well -

Maddox: (interjects) Someone had a problem in the comments. They said that temperance is specifically a word used with connotation...

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: ...in the Prohibition.

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Definitely. It was...

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: ...called the temperance movement.

Maddox: Was it really?

Dick: Yes.

Maddox: Garbage. (Dick plays next voicemail)

Voicemail (male caller): Listening to the most recent Solutions episode, and it's...Maddox, you're making me fucking crazy with this business with the corporation stuff.

Dick: Oh, no. (Maddox chuckles)

Voicemail: But I like this idea that if a corporation doesn't, uh, buy a baseball team uniforms, it has made what is obviously a PR move tryin' to sell cars, for example. You know, of Honda. (Maddox makes dumb noises mocking his voice) That somehow, right behind them in line to do the job would be, uh, just an anonymous...just an individual, like Mark Jones. "Hey everybody, it's Mark Jones! For no reason, I'm buying the local baseball team all their jerseys." The only fucking people who benefit, who have something in...who have some skin in the game, between marketing, advertising, PR, exposure, tax benefits, all that shit, are FUCKING COMPANIES!!

Dick: He goes on. Wanna hear the...?

Maddox: Nooo. (annoyed) (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: Corporations are just an entity that lets people have some security...

Maddox: I wish a c-...

Dick: That's true, though!

Maddox: I wish a corporation would sponsor a better phone for this dickhead. (Dick laughs)

Voicemail: ...and a level of risk in the world. So that if God for-fucking-bid somebody wants to create a job...

Maddox: Oh, my GOD. (Dick laughs more)

Voicemail: ...stick their neck out to the world and say, "I don't know, man, I think I can build a fucking company! I would LOVE it, if I fail, that I don't lose my house, my car, and my...and..."

Maddox: I would love it if this guy failed his phone call right now.

Voicemail: "...and everything else in my life, just because I had the audacity (Dick cracks up again) to try to make, uh, the world... (Maddox groans) ...a slightly better place by creating some employment in my community."

Dick: Moderation on voicemail.

Maddox: Oh, my gosh.

Voicemail: I don't think that (inaudible). And remember, ALL of this shit comes from, uh, the need for corporate infrastructure. It doesn't come from other corporations. It comes from the individual!

Dick: He's well-spoken.

Maddox: What the fuck is he talkin'...?!

Voicemail: The shitty, piece-o-shit individual...

Dick: Go ahead. What? (smiling)

Voicemail: ...who sues 'cause they fucking pretended to slip and fall. (Dick laughs) Because of this, because of that, because of all the malicious fucking lawsuits.

Dick: Oh.

Voicemail: THAT'S one of the biggest fuckin' problems in the universe.

(message ends)

Dick: Perfect...I mean, he wraps it up and then immediately hangs up.

Maddox: Hah. Well, great. Um, I...the...first of all, the thing I didn't like about that phone call was the quality.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: Right? And second, he didn't tell you to go fuck yourself at the end, 'cause he was too...he was too mad at me about the corporation thing.

Dick: Yeah.

Maddox: You know, some of those points aren't lost on me. I get it. But it's dishonest! You don't have to sell your product with an air of dishonesty. With a veneer of altruism. You're not altruistic, fuckhead! And all these people in the comments were like, "Hey Maddox, uh, everybody knows it's an ad and nobody takes it seriously!" (idiot voice) Yes -

Dick: (interjects) Yeah, everybody does know it's an ad.

Maddox: No, that's not fucking true! Ads have an effect on people. They have a cumulative effect on people, because people aren't watching ads critically, are they, fuckheads?? Because NOBODY'S listening to me; nobody thinks critical thinking is the biggest solution in the universe! Go vote it up, people!! It'd solve that problem. Ads work for a reason, and it's because people don't watch them critically.

Dick: Ah.

Maddox: They're just watching them tuned out and zoned out! A lot of people...I bet after doing that Honda ad...

Dick: Uh-huh.

Maddox: If they did market research, they would probably see that people have a better view of Honda.

Dick: That's the point.

Maddox: After.

Dick: That's the entire point of the ad.

Maddox: Well, then, it supports my argument, doesn't it, dickhead? When people have a better view of Honda after their altruistic-adjacent advertisement placement...

Dick: Oho, boy. (Sean laughs in the background)

Maddox: Right? (Dick giggles) Then it's done its work, hasn't it?

Dick: Yeah, well, they're being altruistic.

Maddox: They're NOT being altruistic!!

Dick: Oh, what a...what a shame if companies got into a race with each other of who could do the most good, right?

Maddox: Oho, yeah. (sneering)

Dick: That would be...how awful would that be?

Maddox: Yeah.

Dick: Uh, do you wanna plug your Twitch stream again?

Maddox: Yeah, fuck you, Dick!

Dick: Before we... (giggles)

Maddox: I don't give a shit! I'm d-...that is...THAT is altruism! That...I... (Dick cracks up again) Again, that is philanthropy! I'm doing you guys a favor!! I am teaching these suckers every night! Watching my stream...

Dick: Ohh, my god.

Maddox: ...how to play video games! (Dick laughs) (audio fades as Maddox keeps shouting) They're the ones who are benefiting, my friend! I'm doing this as a FAVOR. I get NO respect. Garbage.